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St Andrew's parish.

Rev^d. T. Wynne Jones. Minister of Prince of Wales Road Wesleyan Church. Seen at his residence: 39 Park Hill Road, Haverstock Hill. N.W.

Oct 24/1878/Glt

Mr Jones & I met at the entrance to his house. He was just returning from a Committee Mtg. He is middle-aged man - about 40; thin oval face, regular features & short beard & mustache. His voice is soft and musical & & combined with a good presence, should render him an attractive preacher. He was familiar with 'Life & Labour' and having only been 15 months here, he had consulted Mr W R. Rider, his circuit steward, who has lived in the district from boyhood & is a man of some influence in the neighbourhood - a guardian &c.

Glancing over the map, Mr J. agreed with the comparative colouring of the neighbourhood e.g. Preston St., Litcham St & the mews off Maldent Road (marked d.b) are the poorest parts; ~~then~~ the streets off Ferdinand Street (L.B) come next in point of poverty.

The congregation is representative of all classes. Have a leading West end physician, and a number of professional

"They are such a delightful people" said Mrs.

professional and business people, fairly well to do folk. but the bulk would be comfortable working class. A large number of poor also. The people are drawn from all round the chapel, Mrs J. specially mentioning the nest of streets in which our office is situate (St George's Sq)

Minister is the only paid worker. One lady gives all her time to church work & they have a very large number of voluntary workers including 72 S.S. teachers. The ~~warm~~ enthusiastic manner in which Mrs J. spoke of his church members & workers was specially noticeable. He had never been with a church were all worked so well. He came here from Oakley Place, Old Kent Road but the people there were nothing like these. All worked & gave. brought their friends. The Mission Band has a brass band & conducted two open air services, Sunday morning & evenings in Regents Park & Parliament Fields.

The Church as a membership of 630 people - is the largest in methodism working on circuit lines. All are trained to do something.

The chapel seats 1000 people & they have a large schoolroom & class rooms. Just spent £1200 in renovating & installing electric light.

Sunday services 11 & 6.30. Evening congregation is the better. Over 600 in the morning and 900 in the evening. A large proportion of young people.

Thursday. 7.45. Service

Friday 8 - Prayer meeting.

Twenty six class meetings are held weekly, one or more meeting every day of the week except Saturday.

Sunday School: 772 on books. Attendance Morn^{g} 235. Afternoon 474.

Social agencies are active. Wesley Guild (200 members) provides lectures &c. Large temperance meeting or entertainment on Saturday nights. Coffee & bun for 1^{d} provided. Mothers' Meeting, Dorcas Society, Maternal Society, Benevolent Society &c.

People are visited by leaders of classes, and by the visitors of the Benevolent & Maternal Societies. Mrs J. also visits. Tracts distributors also cover all the inner district once a week. No case that needed visitation could well be overlooked but they do not reckon to visit from house to house.

Relief given is fully £100 a year. The poor fund for the poor of the church amounted to £35 last year and the Benevolent Society expended £35

Does not see anything of the work of the other churches. Knows of their existence but never comes in contact with them in their work.

Relations with other ministers are cordial and in connection with the Free Church Council the local ministers exchange pulpits once a year.

Poor law administration is effective.
As to the Police, Mrs J. never sees a row in the neighbourhood and gives them credit for this.
Very little Prostitution. Reckons they are fairly free from this, which flourishes further south. Have no well-known houses.
Marry at the chapel. Young people settle down in the neighbourhood - take apartments. No strong tendency outward as in other neighbourhoods. When people go away, it is usually to follow their work.
Thrift. Has a large Slate club with 300-400 members.

The Church at Prince of Wales Road is evidently a vigorous body. It has reached its present size by a steady growth extending over the past

Agincourt Rd

30 years and judging by the increase of the annual income is still growing (See plan on next page for particulars). The work is not dependent on the minister so much as on the numerous laymen, who as class leaders, mission workers &c. sustain the numerous meetings centred at the Chapel. They give well & help support the Gospel Oak chapel & are now going to build a new chapel there.

The church is mainly recruited from the Sunday schools; Mrs W.J. received 20 from the Schools this quarter. These are ~~mostly~~ young people. The adults are people, who have been brought to the chapel by friends & have continued to worship at Prince of Wales Road.

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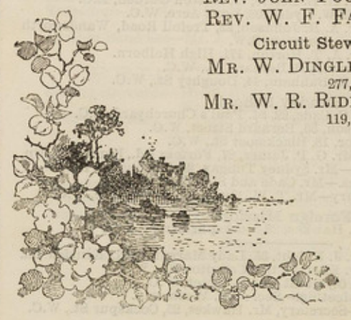

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are specially charged with the spiritual oversight of their respective classes. Besides giving suitable counsel at the weekly meeting, it is incumbent upon them to visit their members; to encourage them to contribute *weekly*, as a religious duty, to the support of the Work of God (1 Cor. ix. 7-12, and 1 Cor. xvii 1-14); and to pay the sums received punctually to the Society Stewards.

Persons wishing to join the Church, and those who are anxiously seeking salvation, are affectionately invited to speak to the Ministers, and will be heartily welcomed by any of the Leaders to their Society Classes.

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,, 12. Recognition Meeting. Great Queen Street.
,, 16. Children's Sunday.
Nov.27. Temperance Sunday.

Great Queen Street.

Chapel Anniversary, October
Foreign Missions Meeting.
Home Missions Meeting.

King's Cross

Harvest Festival, October 9th and 10th.
Local Home Mission, October 23rd and 25th.
Foreign Missions Meeting, November 15th.
Home Missions Meeting, December 13th.

Prince of Wales Road.

Annual Church Meeting, October 20th.
Rev. W. L. Watkinson, October 27th.
Foreign Missions Meeting, November 10th.
Temperance Demonstration, December 1st.

Gospel Oak.

Harvest Festival, October 2nd and 3rd.
Foreign Missions Meeting,
Temperance Demonstration, Nov. 29th.

Harrow.

Harvest Festival, October 2nd and 3rd.
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Wealdstone.

Foreign Missions Meeting.

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		17 af.Trin. Jer.5, 10-31 Eph. 3	18 af.Trin. Jer. 36 Phil. 3	Children's Sunday 1 Sam. 3 Mark 9, 33	20 af.Trin. Ezek. 34 2 Thes. 3	21 af.Trin. Dan. 3 2 Tim. 1	22 af.Trin. Dan. 6 Titus 3	23 af.Trin. Hos. 14 Heb. 7.	24 af.Trin. Eccl.11&12 Heb. 12	Temprce. Sunday Isa. 1 Luke. 5-36	2 S.in Adv. Isa. 5 2 Pet. 1	3 S.in Adv. Isa. 25 1 John 3,16 -4, 6	4 S.in Adv. Isa. 30-1-26 Rev. 2, 18-3, 6	Christms. Day Isa. 9-1-7 Luke 2-1-14
GREAT QUEEN ST. Lincoln's Inn Fields	11	Goodr'dge	Foster CA	Wy.Jones Goodr'dge	Goodr'dge	Goodr'dge	Johnson	Goodr'dge	Lowe T	Wy. Jones	Goodr'dge	Lowe HM	Foster	Goodr'dge
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	6½	Wy.Jones SS	Goodr'dge CA	Goodr'dge	Foster	Lowe	Goodr'dge S	Wy. Jones	Goodr'dge T	Goodr'dge	Foster S	Goodr'dge HM	Goodr'dge	Foster
Wednesday	8	Goodr'dge LM	Recogntn. Meeting	Goodr'dge	Goodr'dge	Goodr'dge LM	Lowe	Goodr'dge	Goodr'dge T	Goodr'dge	Goodr'dge	Goodr'dge LM	Goodr'dge	Goodr'dge
Saturday, P.M.	7	Goodr'dge	Taylor	Hawkes	Mead	Flather	Goodr'dge	Leathers	Taylor	Hawkes	Goodr'dge	Mead	Flather	Leathers
KING'S CROSS Liverpool Street	11	Foster	Goodr'dge HTS	Lowe Foster	Foster Foster	Tindall Foster	Wy.Jones Foster	Foster Foster	Goodr'dge T Foster	Lowe Foster	Foster Foster	Goodr'dge Fost'r HM	Wy. Jones Foster	Foster Foster
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	6½	Goodr'dge S	Foster HTS	Foster	Wy.Jones LHM	Foster	Foster S	Lowe	Foster T	Foster		Foster HM	Foster	Goodr'dge
Tuesday	8	Foster LM	Foster	Lowe	Wakerley LHM	Foster LM	Foster	F.Ms.Mtg. Rev. T. Little	Foster LM	Wells	Foster	Hom. Miss Meetg.	Foster LM	Foster
Saturday, Temperance Mtgs.	7.30													
PRINCE OF WALES RD., N.W.	11	Wy.Jones K	Wy.Jones Lowe	Goodr'dge Wy.Jones	Wy.Jones HM	Wy. Jones	Foster S	Wy. Jones	Foster T	Goodr'dge	Lowe	Wy. Jones	Goodr'dge	Wy. Jones
	3													
	6½	Foster KS	Wy. Jones	Wy.Jones	Lowe HM	Tindall S	Wy.Jones	Good'rdge LF	Wy. Jones T	Wy.Jones S	G. Clarke	G. Clarke	Wy. Jones	Lowe
Thursday	7.45	Wy.Jones LM	Wy. Jones	Wy.Jones	W.L.Wat-kinson	Foster	For. Miss Meetg. Dr. Wenyon	Wy.Jones LM	Wy. Jones T	Wy. Jones	Wy. Jones	Wy.Jones LM	Wy. Jones	Goodr'dge
Friday, P.M.	8													
GOSPEL OAK Agincourt Road	11	Lowe HT	Johnson Lowe FM	Foster Lowe	Lowe	Richard	Goodrd'ge S	Clarke	Rouse T	Foster	Dyson	Lawson HM	Lowe	Lowe
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	6½	Supply HT	Lowe	Lowe	Cuthbert-son	Hocken	Lowe	Dr. Smith	Lowe T	Lowe	Goodr'dge S	Lowe HM	Fox	Wy.Jones
Tuesday	8	Lowe LM	Lowe	Goodr'dge	Lowe	Lowe	Lowe LM	Lowe	Artiss	Lowe	Lowe	Lowe	Lowe LM	Lowe
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HARROW	11	Poulton HTS	Osborne	Clarke	Poulton	Lowe SSA Lowe SSA	Lawson	Draper Dennis	Wy. Jones T	Poulton	Peters	Foster	Wells	Poulton
	6½	Lowe HTS	Poulton S	Dr. Smith	Artiss	Goodr'dge SSA	Poulton S	Poulton	Clarke T	Richards	Lowe	Oglesby	Poulton	Heaving-ham
Wednesday	7.30		Foster		Lowe		Goodr'dge LM		Wy. Jones		Foster		Lowe	
WEALDSTONE	11	Richards	Lowe	Draper	Rowse	Osborne	Lowe	Lowe	Clarke	Firbanks	Wy.Jones	Tooley	Dr. Smith	Comben
	6½	Jacquest	Heaving-ham	Clarke	Goodr'dge S	Fox	Lawson	Foster S	Cuthbert-son	Artiss	Peters	Wy. Jones S	Lowe	J. Haw-kins
Thursday	7.30	Lowe		Goodr'dge LM		Wy. Jones		Foster		Lowe LM		Goodr'dge		Wy. Jones

References.

B.—Baptism. Both parents are expected to be present

B.S.—Benevolent Society Collection

C.—Collection for Circuit Funds

C.A.—Chapel Anniversary Collections on behalf of the Trust Funds

C.F.—General Chapel Fund Collection for the relief of burdened Trusts, and for building new Chapels throughout the Connexion

L.H.M.—Local Home Mission Anniversary

C.S.—Covenant Service

E.F.—Education Fund Collection is made for the maintenance of the Westminster and Battersea Training Colleges, and for the establishment of Day Schools throughout the Kingdom.

F.S.—Flower Service

G.F.—Good Friday Service

G.O.—Gospel Oak Trust Collection

H.F.—Hospital Sunday Collection

H.M.—Home Mission Collection. This important Fund, besides assisting largely dependent Circuits, employs Home Missionary Ministers, chiefly amongst the dense populations of Great Britain; in addition to Ministers who are labouring among Wesleyans in the Army and Royal Navy.

H.T.S.—Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Collection

K.—Schools' Fund Collection for the Education of the sons and daughters of Ministers.

L.—Lovefeast

L.M.—Leaders' Meeting

L.P.A.—Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association Collection

F.M.—Foreign Missions

M.B.—Mission Band Anniversary

M.B.P.—Mission Band Prayer Meeting.

M.C.—Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund Collection

M.P.—Missionary Prayer Meeting

Q.—Choir Collection

S.—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

S.A.—Sunday School Address

* —Christmas Day.

T.—Theological Institution.

References—(*continued*)

S.F.—Strangers' Friend Society Collection

S.M.—Society Meeting

S.S.—Sunday School Anniversary

T.—Renewal of Tickets

T.I.—Theological Institution Collection for the maintenance of the Colleges for Students for the Ministry

W.O.—Worn-out Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund Collections, to succour such as by age, infirmity, or bereavement, have been deprived of adequate means of support.

W.N.—Watch Night Service.

X.—Christmas Day Service.

GENERAL NOTICES

THE CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Great Queen St. Chapel, on Friday, Dec. 23rd, 1898. Tea at 6 o'clock. The circuit Stewards will meet the Society Stewards the same day at 5 p.m.

The Quarterly Meeting includes—1. All the Circuit Ministers and Supernumeraries. 2. The Circuit, Society, and Poor Stewards. 3. All the Leaders. 4. Every fully accredited Local Preacher. 5. All Trustees of Chapels named upon the Plan, being Members of Society in the Circuit. 6. Sunday School Representatives.

THE LOCAL PREACHERS' QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at King's Cross, on Friday, Dec. 9th, 1898. Tea at 6 o'clock.

ATTENTION TO APPOINTMENTS.—Every brother is expected to fulfil his own appointments, or himself provide an accredited substitute.

NOTICES FOR THE NEXT DIRECTORY.—Local Preachers having requests to make about their appointments will be kind enough to send them, in writing, to the Superintendent not later than Sept. 4th. The same direction applies to corrections of Names and Addresses by parties concerned, and to Local Collections and Anniversaries.

THE QUARTERLY FAST DAY is Friday, Dec. 30th, 1898.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS—Appointments for the LORD'S SUPPER Lovefeasts, Collections, and Week-night Services, should be announced on the preceeding Sunday; and no change made without consent of the Superintendent.

WORN-OUT MINISTERS AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.—The Leaders are requested to pay the amount received in their Classes to the Society Stewards not later than the 20th of November. The amount expected is at least 6d. per Member.

The Yearly Collection for Home Missions in Great Britain is made in the Classes at the March Visitation. The Leaders are requested to pay the amount received to the Society Stewards not later than the 20th of April.

MARRIAGES solemnized at Great Queen Street, King's Cross, Prince of Wales Road, and Harrow Chapels.

Leaders, Class Arrangements, and Quarterly Pastoral Visitation.

Great Queen Street.

LEADERS.		HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.	LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.
Dr. Carr ..	Sun.	10		G	Rev. Gooderidge	Wed.	3.30		G
Sister Sara ..	Sun.	3		G	Miss Merriman	Wed.	7.45		G
Rev. J. Banham..	Mon.	8.45		G	Mr. Leathers ..	Wed.	7.45		G
Mr. E. M. Hawkins	Mon.	8.30		G	Mrs. Swift ..	Thur.	3		G
Miss Rennie ..	Mon.	8.30		G	Mr. Mead ..	Thur.	8.30		G
Sister Sara ..	Mon.	7.45		G	Miss Cowley ..	Thur.	8.30		G
Mrs. Hyde ..	Tues.	8		G	Mr. Cade ..	Fri.	8.30		G
Sister Sara ..	Tues.	8.45		G	Junior Classes—				
Mrs. Tharratt ..	Tues.	8		G	Mr. Westaway..	Wed.	7.45		G
Mr. Garnham ..	Tues.	3.30		G	Mr. Watt ..	Wed.	9.30		G

King's Cross.

LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.
Mr. Hanson ..	Sun.	10		F
Dr. A. Dingley ..	Sun.	10.15		F
Mr. Tooley ..	Sun.	10.15		F
Mr. Dingley ..	Sun.	3		F
Mr. Artiss ..	Mon.	8		F
Mrs. Taverner ..	Mon.	7		F
Rev. W. Foster,B.A	Mon.	8.15		F
Rev. W. Foster.B.A	Tues	3.30		F
Mrs. Carpenter ..	Wed.	8.15		F
Mrs. Kingdon ..	Wed.	8		F
Mrs. A. Dingley ..	Wed.	8.15		F

Prince of Wales Road.

LEADERS.	DAY.	HOUR.	DATE.	MIN.
Mr. Beal ..	Sun.	10		J
Mr. Hall ..	Sun.	10		J
Mr. Morley ..	Sun.	3		J
Mr. Chessam ..	Sun.	3		J
Dr. Smith ..	Mon.	8.15		J
Mr. Jacquest ..	Mon.	8		J
Miss Stubbs ..	Mon.	8.15		J
Mr. Perkins ..	Mon.	8		J
Rev. T. W. Jones	Tues.	3.30		J

Mr. Thomas ..	Thur.	8.15		F
Mr. Thorpe ..	Thur.	8		F
Mr. Lawson ..	Thur.	8		F
Junior Classes ..				
Mrs. Carter ..	Wed.	7		F
Mr. Jones ..	,,	7		F
Miss Knight ..	,,	7		F
Mr. W. Merton ..	,,	7		

HARROW.

Mr. Page ..	Mon.	8.30		P
Mr. Oglesby ..	Thur.	8.30		P
Mrs. Poulton ..	Wed.	3		P
Mrs. Poulton ..	Wed.	6.30		P
Junior Class				
Mrs. Walford ..	Thur.	6.30		P

WEALDSTONE.

Mrs. Thorogood ..	Thur.	8.30		L
Mr. Cole	,,	,,		L
Mr. Comben ..	,,	,,		L
	,,	,,		
Junior Classes				
Mr. Cole	,,			L
Miss Hibbert	,,			

Mrs. J. Smith	Tues.	8		J
Mr. Short ..	Tues.	8		J
Mr. J. Smith ..	Tues.	8		J
Miss Wells ..	Wed.	8		J
Mr. Smit. ..	Wed.	8		J
Mrs. Edwards ..	Wed.	7		J
Miss Grimmette	Wed.	8		J
Mrs. Hall ..	Wed.	8.30		J
Mr. Brown ..	Wed.	8.30		J
Mrs. Grimmette	Thur.	3		J
Mrs. Vincent ..	Thur.	3		J
Mrs. R.T. Smith	Thur.	6.45		J
Junior Classes				
Miss Wells ..	Mon.	7		J
Miss Densham	Mon.	7		J
Miss Harbord	Mon.	7		J
Mr. Weston ..	Wed.	7		J
Mr. Jeauneux	Fri.	8		J

GOSPEL OAK

Mr. Timms ..	Sun.	3		L
Miss Green ..	Mon.	8.30		L
Mr. Heal ..	Mon.	8.30		L
Mr. Renshaw ..	Mon.	8.30		L
Mrs. Martin ..	Wed.	8		L
Mr. Morden ..	Wed.	8.30		L
Mrs. Bloodworth	Wed.	8		L
Rev. R. P. Lowe	Wed.	3		L
Junior Classes				
Miss Bush ..	Mon.	7.30		L
Mr. Jarvis ..	Wed.	8		L

Residences of Leaders and others not found elsewhere

ARTISS, J., 79, Hemingford Road, N.
BARLOW, Mr. THOS., M.D., 10, Wimpole Street, W.
BEAL, Mr., 20, Patshull Road, N.W.
BLOODWORTH, Mrs., 6, Roderick Road, N.W.
BROWN, Mr. F. J., 51, Nassington Road, Hampstead, N.W.
BURNAY, Mr., 1, Ingoldsby Road, Holloway.
CARPENTER, Mrs. 12, Burton Street, W.C.
Dr. J. W. CARR, 19, Cavendish Place, W.
CHESSAM, Mr., 28, Healey Street, N.W.
COWLEY, Miss, 9, Montague Place, W.C.
CREWDSON, Mr. 50, Roderick Road, N.W.
CROSS, Mrs., 4, Red Lion Street, W.C.
EDWARDS, Mrs., 19, Southampton Road, N.W.
GARNHAM, Mr., Chapel House, Great Queen Street, W.C.
GRIMMETTE, Mrs. and Miss, 10, Gaisford Road.
HALL, Mrs., Wear Gifford House, Ryland Road, N.W.
HANSON, Mr., 83, White Lion Street, N.
HARBORD, Miss, 197, Adelaide Road, N.W.
HYDE, Mrs., 108, Long Acre, W.C.
KINGDON, Mrs., 32, Hastings Street, W.C.
LEATHERS, Mr., 8, Adam Street, Strand.
LILE, Mr. J. H. 57, Russell Sq., W.C.
MARSHALL, Mr., 53, Torrington Square.
MARTIN, Mrs., 12, Estelle Road.
MEAD, Mr., 13, Burleigh Street, Strand.
MERRIMAN, Miss, William Street. Hampstead Road, N.W.
MORLEY, Mr., 13, Lisburn Road, Hampstead, N.W.
Mr. A. Perkins, 10, Crown Terrace, N.W.
POULTON, Mrs., The Manse, Harrow.
RENNIE, Miss, 138, High Holborn.
SIMS, Miss, 12, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, W.
SMITH, Mrs. R. T., 117, Haverstock Hill, N.W.
SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. J., 6, Parliament Hill Road, N.W.
STUBBS, Miss., 30, England Lane, Haverstock Hill.
SWIFT, Mrs., 69, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.
TAVERNER, Mrs., 43, Judd Street, W.C.
TERRY, Mr., 27, Fortess Road, Kentish Town, N.
THARRATT. Mrs., 101, New Oxford Street.
THOMAS Mr., 5, Chesterfield Street.
THOROGOOD, Mrs., London House, Wealdstone.
THORPE, Mr., 58, Aldenham Street.
TIMMS, Mr., 22, Estelle Road, N.W.
VINCENT, Mrs., 27, Fitzroy Road, N.W.
WALFORD, Mrs., West Street, Harrow
WELLS, Miss, 2, Grove Terrace, Highgate Road, N,W.
WESTAWAY, Mr. A., 11, Vere Street, W.
WESTON, Mr., 10, Makeson Rd., N.W.
WHITTLE, Miss, 12, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, W.

Women's Auxiliary of Foreign Missionary Society

Circuit Treasurer—Mrs. Carr, 40, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.
" Sec—Miss E. H. Shillington, 30, Fitzroy Square, W.C.

Annual Circuit Contributions to Connexional Funds.

	£	s.	d.
Schools' Fund	43	10	6
General Chapel Fund	24	19	6
General Education Fund	20	2	5
The Theological Institution	21	13	8
Worn-out Ministers and Widows' Fund	99	7	0
Home Missions	131	12	8
Foreign Missions	270	9	11
Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund	36	13	0

Number of Church Members in the Circuit.

	June Quarter
Great Queen St.,	232
King's Cross	220
Prince of Wales Road	623
Gospel Oak	113
Harrow	26
Wealdstone	41
	1,255
Number on trial for Membership	71
Number in Junior Classes	259
Number of Sunday Scholars	1,811
Number of Sunday School Officers and Teachers	203
Number in Bands of Hope	842
Number in Temperance Societies	582

Circuit Financial Statement, June Quarter, 1898.

Ordinary Income	£290	2	7
,, Expenditure	281	15	1
Balance in hand June quarter	37	9	4

June Quarter, 1897.

Great Queen Street	65	1	3
King's Cross	59	15	9
Prince of Wales Road	121	17	11
Gospel Oak	22	9	9
Harrow	13	2	8
Wealdstone	7	15	8

Annual Income from the Societies—June to June.

	1895-6,				1896-7,				1897-8,			
G.Q.S.	£284	15	4		£295	0	7		£283	11	1	
K. C.	243	7	3		261	7	2		271	7	2	
P. W. R.	497	8	7		501	13	8		527	14	2	
G. O.	52	0	3		63	4	10		78	2	6	
H.	43	6	3		43	4	0		48	16	2	
W.	19	11	3		20	17	4		25	4	7	
	£1,140	8	11		£1,185	7	7		£1,234	15	8	

St Michael's parish.

19/12

Rev^d W.B. Selbie M.A. 11 North Rd Highgate.
Minister of the Congregational Church, South Grove Highgate.

GA 25/10/98

W^m Selbie is a slightly built, fair man. Small oval, intellectual face. Was educated at Mansfield College, Oxford and settled in this, his first charge in 1890.

The Church in South Grove is just within the London (St Pancras) boundary and is the natural centre for Congregationalists resident on the Hill. It however attracts a considerable proportion from the southern slopes both from Upper Holloway & St Pancras, the walk up the hill ~~beings~~ away from the London being a pleasant one.

The Congregation is very mixed: a large number of the "upper ten" of Highgate as well as tradesmen, artisans and others, who come largely from the London area. The Sunday school is entirely tradesmens, & artizans, gardeners, & ~~children~~ servants children. They have special classes held in private houses at irregular intervals.

For

for the better class children who cannot be got to the S.S.

The Church holds 750 persons and has a good ~~set~~ school & class rooms attached. The Church Mission (+200 seats) is at North Hill (outside our area)

Minister, L.C.M (partly paid, attached to Mission Hall), 1 Biblewoman, 33 S.S. Teachers, 9 Deacons and about half a dozen lady visitors.

Services Sunday 11 am & 6.30 PM.

Wednesday 8 PM. Service.

Sunday School. 310 on books Average attendance: morning 106, afternoon 232. Children's service 2nd Sunday in month at 3 PM.

The morning congregation is the better, place nearly full, and about 2/3rd full in evening. More middle class people in morning and more tradesmen & servants in the evening, but Mr S. does not like to distinguish between the congregations. Told me that the collections were greater in the morning. Last Sunday, they had special collections

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and the amount received in the morning was £17; evening £4.

Have a number of societies, of which some particulars are given in the Year book of which Mr S. gave a copy. (See Material) The Guild, a sort of mutual improvement society, Christian Band &c.

Visitation in Highgate is done by the ministers and it pd practically resolves itself into a visit to new comers. The people would not receive ordinary visitors; they are well-known - most go & are known to go to one or other of the churches [Mr S. was here speaking of the well to do residents]. In the St Pancras district they visit from house to house. The Bible woman visits in connection with the mothers' meeting (large) but this is practically a Highgate institution.

The bible woman is also a nurse & visits local cases; even some where Mr S. thinks the people could afford to pay a nurse.

Works with the Kentish Town C.O.S. to which he sends any cases other than those connected with the church. Generally finds the people do not go. Have

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a great many beggars come. All their own poor are helped by the Church. The amount spend for charity appears to be about £200. e.g. Lord's Supper Fund £86. Dorcas Society £42. Juvenile clothing £35. Poor Relief Soc £46

Church of England & R. C's are very active

Highgate Dispensary - a very useful institution - supported by all the churches.

Drink is shocking. Highgate used to be the ~~first~~ last stopping place on the London Road in the old coaching days, hence large number of inns- eight within ~~2~~ a short distance of Mr S's house. The number is now far beyond the requirements of the place ~~and~~; leads to a good dealing of drinking, and brings in a number of betting men from Holloway.

Housing so far as the working people are concerned is very bad in Highgate. Small rickety cottages - some of wood. Has also noticed that when cottages are pulled down, ~~middle class~~ middle class dwellings

dwellings are erected on the sites cleared. The poor people are being driven down into Highgate New Town.

The church is growing now, as a result of the growth of population, consequent on the increase of building in Highgate. The membership had been stationary for many years previously.

Membership 331

Income

Summary of Contributions for the Year 1897.

	£	s.	d.
The Lord's Supper Offertory	86	11	9
The General Expenses Fund	315	11	0
The Fleaureau Trust Fund	31	18	0
The Sunday School	44	11	6
The Dorcas and Maternal Society	42	11	3
The Juvenile Clothing Society	35	4	10
The London Missionary Society	258	0	10½
The London City Mission	45	17	8
The Church Aid Society and The London Congregational Union	61	13	10
The Christian Instruction and Poor Relief Society	46	4	10
The North Hill Mission Hall and Working Men's Club	79	14	2
The Hospitals and Local Dispensary ...	31	11	0
The Guild	14	6	6½
The Canning Town Mission	9	12	0
The Bible and Domestic Mission	49	7	10
The British and Foreign Bible Society ...	16	12	4¾
Mansfield College	30	1	3
Milton Mount College	27	6	0
Indian Famine Fund	71	3	4
Santa Claus Home	1	9	9
Various (from Collection in September) ...	12	8	2
Total Contributions...	£1,311	17	11¾

CR 19/13

Revd James Stephens M.A. 46 Dartmouth Park Road. N.W.
Minister of Highgate Road Baptist Church.

Mr Stephens is a big, broad shouldered man of about 50, with a massive head, ~~a~~ iron grey hair & beard & a ~~fine~~ strong kindly face. He has been 20 years at Highgate Road, The church was formed in 1878.

The congregation is drawn from the district around the chapel but mostly from the east. Parliament Fields separate them from Hampstead whilst the railway is a barrier to the S.E. Draw a good many from the streets off Mansfield Road & from Kentish Town Road district, while a few come from Highgate New Town. Are by no means wealthy, altho' have sufficient for needs.

The people are clerks, tradesmen, mechanics, labourers & a few middle class. A good many railway men of all grades. Has about 50 domestic servants from Hampstead & Highgate.

Minister, a student of the Pastors' College (Mr L. Wilton Haffenden) is paid for conducting services at Falkland Hall. Large number of voluntary workers, 48 S.S. teachers, 20 visitors and a large band of mission workers.

St. Barnabas' parish

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Chapel &c) Schoolroom + classrooms. House used for the Y.W.C.A + classroom + a large room built as a kind of club - known as the 'Mens Room'.

Mission Hall (newly built) seats about 150 -
Falkland Road

SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

LORD'S DAY.—

Prayer Meeting		10 a.m.
Morning Service		11 ,,
Evening ,,		7 p.m.
Evangelistic Services on last Lord's Day Evening in month, when all sittings are free and unappropriated.		
Bible Class for Men		3 p.m.
,, ,, Women		3 ,,
,, ,, Young Women (Y.W.C.A.)	73	3.30 ,,
Sunday School, Teachers' Prayer Meeting		9.30a.m.
,, ,, Morning School		10 ,,
,, ,, Afternoon ,,		3 p.m.
,, ,, Morning Service		11 a.m.
WEDNESDAY.—Bible Exposition or Address		7.30p.m.
SATURDAY.—Prayer Meeting		7.30 ,,
3rd MONDAY in month.—Church Meeting		7.30 ,,

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Each THURSDAY	8 p.m.

YOUTH'S ASSOCIATION.

Each MONDAY	8 p.m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDAY	Bible Class	3.30 p.m.
1st THURSDAY in month.	Bible Reading	7.30 ,,
2nd ,, ,,	Working Meeting	7 ,,
3rd ,, ,,	Prayer Union	7.30 ,,
4th ,, ,,	Library & "At Home"	7.30 ,,
Each FRIDAY ,,	Junior Branch	7 ,,

LADIES' MEETINGS.

1st WEDNESDAY in month.	Dorcas Meeting	3 p.m.
3rd ,, ,,	Missionary Working Meeting	3 ,,

Evening service is better than morning. "Deacons say we get 800 in the morning + 900 in the evening" but Mrs S. thinks 700 in morning + 800 in evening is better." It is so easy to be mistaken in estimating a congregation.

Mens Bible class. Attendance 60 to 70.

150

120

590 Scholars on Books.
Average attendance: Morning 116
afternoon 417. Service 97.

32 member

230 members. Young women living at home, shop assistants + home servants.

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WEEK-DAY MEETINGS.

Monday, every	2.30 to 4.30	Mothers' Meeting.	Two. One at the Mission Hall has a membership of 70.
,, ,,	8 to 9	Youths' Association.	
,, 2nd & 4th	6 to 7.30	S.S. Dorcas.	
,, 2nd	8 to 9	Mission Band.	
,, 3rd	7.30 to 9	Church Meeting.	
,, 4th	8 to 9	S.S. Teachers' Meeting	
Tuesday, every	3 to 5	Home Missionary Working Meeting.	
,, 2nd & 4th	7 to 8	S.S. Band of Hope.	170
Wednesday, every	7.30 to 8.30	Service.	
,, 1st	3 to 7	Ladies' Dorcas.	
,, 3rd	3 to 7	Ladies' Missionary Working Meeting.	
Thursday, every	8 to 9	Y.M. Association.	
,, 1st	7.30 to 8.30	Y.W.C.A. Bible Reading.	
,, 2nd	7 to 9	,, Working Meeting.	
,, 3rd	7.30 to 8.30	,, Prayer Union.	
,, 4th	7 to 9	,, Library and "At Home."	
,, 2nd	7 to 9.15	Deacons' Meeting.	
Friday, every	7 to 8	Y.W.C.A. Junior Branch.	
Saturday, every	7.30 to 8.30	Prayer Meeting.	

Thursday. Theological Class.. Attendance over 100.

During the summer, three open air meetings are held on Sunday and one in the week. Special efforts are made to reach the outsiders. The sittings are open to all comers on Sunday evenings & during the winter months special subjects are announced by bill. [These bills I saw frequently in Kentish Town]. This effort has been fairly successful: they always have a considerable number of strangers and in this way Mr S. thinks they reach twice as many as of their own membership.

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The Falkland Hall Mission has not been so successful as Mr S. had wished. They have not got the men to attend in anything like large numbers. Mainly women & children. He also mentioned that the attendance of the people at the open air meetings has decreased & this not because the preaching has been inferior but he attributes it more to the indifference of the men.

Visit their own people. Done by minister, deacons and visitors.

No special arrangements as to nursing. Have a number of widows in the church & use these in any cases of need. In urgent cases, the people use the hospitals, for which they have letters.

Charitable relief is given from the Communion Fund (£90) to poor members. Relief is also given by the sick visitors & privately by members. £100 to £120 a year is given from the various funds.

Dorcas Society distributes clothing & helps poor married women. The sick visitors have divided the ~~district~~ neighbourhood into districts, each being in charge of certain visitors. They give relief in kind but

any cases needing monetary assistance - rent &c - are referred to the deacons.

Of the work of the other ministers & clergy, Mr. S. knew little. Asked about the Catholic Apostolic church (which is nearly opposite Highgate Road Chapel) Mr S. said he did not know the minister nor any particulars about the place. He thought the congregation was very small.

Mr Stephens' position is isolated. He does not work with the C.O.S. He is not actively opposed to it but is not in full sympathy with its methods. He is not on the Free Church Council, altho' a district has been assigned to his church. His chief objection being to the interchange of pulpits which adhesion to the council would involve. He could not agree to admit to the pulpit, teachers from whom he would differ.

On the special subject, Mr S. had little to say. No special drunkenness. . Had a number of marriages of people from outside as well as their own members.

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Church is growing slowly. Now numbers 760.

From the formation of the Church to the end of 1897, 1,760 Members have been admitted or re-admitted, of whom 376 were enrolled during the past five years. 259 have been in fellowship for ten years and upwards and 17 remain among us of the 67 who united to form the Church in 1878—twenty years ago.

Number on Church Roll, January 1st, 1897, (including Missionaries)			724
Additions during the year 1897—			
By transfer from other Churches	25		
On testimony as Believers	13		
On profession of Faith	43		
	—		81
			805
Losses during the year 1897—			
By transfer to other Churches	25		
By erasure from absence or removal ..	16		
By death	10		
	—		51
Number on Church Roll, January 1st, 1898 (including Missionaries).			754

64 Brethren and Sisters were Baptized during the year.

This Church has a distinct individuality, reflecting in part the sturdy independence of the minister, who so long has guided its fortunes. The ruling principle appeared to be that all work should be the outcome of the free will of the member. Thus sittings are appropriated to members or other applicants but no pew rents are charged; each person is supposed to give according to ability. The pastor has no stated stipend. A box at the door receives contributions for this purpose. At one time the amounts given were read out but now the money, uncounted, is handed over to the pastor. The individual responsibility of each person

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is enforced both as to ℔ service and gifts.

AS TO GIVING. The Church has no endowment of any kind nor grant in aid from any source. It is thought that we are able to "pay our own way" and ought to do it; that whatever expenses are necessary to the right and worthy maintenance of the work should be met by ourselves—**each Member bearing some share.** It has not been thought advisable to fix definitely what share each should bear, but this does not mean that anyone should consider himself relieved from responsibility to give. Even the poor should share with the better off; and the young believers among us, the juniors in Christian families, should not consider themselves relieved because their fathers and mothers give. This method of not fixing how much each should give is meant rather to provoke thoughtfulness on the subject, and to bring in a glad unconstraindness and willingness, and to make giving to be more definitely "to the Lord." We have no pew-rents—although many would pay these ungrudingly and a considerable sum would thereby be insured. The boxes fixed at the doors for the receiving of free-will offerings—the one set marked "For the Minister," the other "For General Expenses and Mission Hall"—are our chief, we might almost say our only, source of income for pastoral maintenance and for ordinary outlay for the Chapel and the Services. While this secures perfect freedom in giving, it makes our income variable, and gives room for absent or careless or thoughtless Members omitting to contribute their proper share; yet it helps to strengthen the right spirit of giving in those who are liberal, and as a Church. God has blessed us in it. At the same time there is occasionally concern lest some Member may take advangage of it; not only to the lowering of the Church's income, but also to their own loss, to the stifling in them of the spirit of regular, thoughtful, loving liberality, and therefore to the detriment of their own soul-health.

One result of this enforcement of the individual responsibility and the strong life of the church is a large proportion of the income that is given to Foreign & Home Missions. Thus of a £1705 raised in 1897, £666

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was for Foreign & £102 for Home Missions & only £936 for strictly church purposes.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR.

Per Pastor, Treasurer, Y.W.C.A., M.B.C, &c., but exclusive of Offerings for the Pastor's support.

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For the Expenses and Work of the Church.

	£	s.	d
Offerings for General Expenses and Mission Hall	475	6	10
,, ,, Sunday School Expenses & Dorcas Class	31	7	5
,, ,, Men's New Bible Class Room ..	186	10	1
,, ,, Electric Lighting (Balance)	1	15	0
,, ,, Poor and Holiday Funds	113	9	1
,, ,, Dorcas and Infants' Friend Society..	18	13	6
,, ,, Home & Foreign Missionary Working Society	3	1	0
,, ,, Mothers' Meeting	1	18	10
,, ,, Tract Fund	0	5	0
,, ,, Expenses of Men's Bible Class ..	3	7	5
,, ,, Expenses of Y.W.C.A. and Home and Institute	100	9	9
	£936	3	11

For other Home Missions.

	£	s.	d.
Offerings for London City Mission	37	19	0
,, ,, Hospital Sunday Fund	14	9	10
,, ,, Open Air Mission	12	12	10
,, ,, Mrs. Ginever's Orphanage	10	15	3
,, ,, East London Institute (Harley House)	6	12	2
,, ,, Bible League	4	5	1
,, ,, Strangers' Rest	1	3	4
Carried forward	£87	17	6

	£528	16 11
,, ,, Berlin Mission (Mr. Rohrbach) ..	5	3 3
,, ,, Jewish Mission (Mr. Baron)	1	11 5
,, ,, S.S.U. Continental Mission	41	7 1
,, ,, Young People's Missionary Association	1	10 0
,, ,, "At Pastor's Discretion"	0	11 10
,, ,, Miss Gill and other Missionaries per Y.W.C.A.	2	2 0
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Offerings for East London Tabernacle for the Poor	2	11	4
,, ,, Mr. Charrington's Mission at Whitechapel	3	7	0
,, ,, Miss Steer's Homes	2	2	0
,, ,, Flower Girls' Mission	0	10	0
,, ,, Stockwell Orphanage	6	0	2
,, ,, "Our Outlook"	0	15	0
	£102	16	7

FOR FOREIGN AND CONTINENTAL MISSIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Offerings for Baptist Missionary Society	154	2	1
,, ,, ,, Zenana Mission	14	15	9
,, ,, China Inland Mission	18	7	7
,, ,, Shensi Girls' Schools (Mr. Shorrock's)	18	14	1
,, ,, Mysore Mission (Mr. & Mrs. Patient)	69	18	11
,, ,, Indian Mission (Messrs. Savidge & Lorrain)	9	0	6
,, ,, Indian Famine Fund (Per B.M.S.) ..	63	14	0
,, ,, North Africa Mission	127	12	3
,, ,, Congo Balolo Mission	7	19	3
,, ,, Lower Zambezi Mission	7	14	9
,, ,, South American Mission	4	14	8
,, ,, Brazilian Mission	0	11	1
,, ,, Mr. Murray's Work (Hebron) ..	8	18	7
,, ,, Bulgaria (Pastor Keusseff)	5	12	9
,, ,, Germany (Mr. Beekman)	3	11	0
,, ,, Paris (Pastor Saillens)	10	17	0
,, ,, ,, (Miss Gibson)	1	12	8
,, ,, France (Miss Gelderd)	1	0	0
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My impression of Mrs Stephens work was that he & his church are strong factors in the district, affecting a large number of people very deeply ~~& his compared with people~~. He & is a man with strong convictions and great power of spirit & intellect and during his long pastorate he has imbued his people with much of his own spirit.

FALKLAND HALL.

MEETINGS.

Sunday	Sunday School	3	p.m.
,, ...	Prayer Meeting	6.15	p.m.
,, ...	Gospel Service	7	p.m.
Monday	Mothers' Meeting ..	2.30	p.m.
,, ...	Girls' Sewing Class (Senior)	7	p.m.
Tuesday	Children's Service ..	6	p.m.
,, ...	Girls' Sewing Class (Junior)	7	p.m.
Thursday ..	Gospel Service	8.30	p.m.

WORKERS.

Sunday School Teachers—

Miss Bastard,	Miss K. Parker,	Mr. Gamble,
,, Bomfield,	,, Quilter,	,, J. Hunter,
,, Gillman,	,, L. Stevens,	,, Shaw.
,, Isaacs,	,, Watts.	

Infants' Class—Miss Nunn, and Miss Schofield.

Children's Service—Miss Anderson, Miss Bastard, and Miss Turton.

Girls' Sewing Classes—Miss Anderson, and Miss Shaw.

Choir Leader—Mr. Elgar.

Mothers' Meeting—

Mrs. Gibson conducts these Meetings, assisted by Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Frost, Miss Kingston, and Miss Binnington. Clothing, Boot and Coal Clubs, and a Penny Bank are carried on. 107 members. Average attendance 61.

REPORT FOR 1897.—For the first eight months of the year the work was carried on under much discouragement, but in September, Mr. L. Wilson Haffenden, a student at the Pastors' College, undertook the Preaching Services, and a general oversight of the Mission. Miss Anderson undertook house visitation in the neighbourhood for three months.

St. Barnabas' parish

Rev.d J. Critchison.
Lady Margaret Road Wesleyan Church.

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Oct 26/98

Persons reached

Buildings Used

Persons Employed

Rev. J Critchison. Minister of Lady Margaret Road Wesleyan Church. Seen at the Parsonage, adjoining the Church. Oct

Mr C. is about 50 years of age. Tall, with a slight stoop. Sallow face, mustache. A careful methodical man and good organiser, judging from his manner and his scrupulous care in speaking of the Church. Has been 28 years in the Wesleyan Ministry & 2 years at Lady Margaret Road.

Draw the people from all sides; as far as Dartmouth Park on the north. Reach the poorest as well as the middle class folk resident north of the chapel. Too many poor, artizans and some professional people & tradesmen

The Church is a fine building (1025 sittings), tho' somewhat hidden from the main road. A parsonage & schools are attached. Mission Room in Hampshire Street

Minister and deaconess paid. About 20 local preachers. 58 S.S. teachers. "Our plan & is to give everybody something to do" & in this way they have a large staff of workers., connected with the Mission Band & other societies

Services

Social Agencies

Critchison - Wesleyan

Sunday Services. 11 am & 6.30. Evening congn is slightly better than the morning. Set the young people: gallery nearly full of them in the evening. Mrs C. did not state numbers but says that they are increasing & during the past 10 years the growth has been very large.

Thursday, 7.30. Service.

Friday 8 - Prayer meeting.

Sunday School. Mornt & Afternn 6 28 on books.

Men's Meeting. Sunday 3 PM.

Nineteen Class Meetings

The Social Agencies are numerous and appear to be well organized: They include Wesley Guild, Gymnasium (Young men & Young women), Rambling Club, Mutual Improvement Society, Mothers' Mtg Temperance Society & Band of Hope., Dorcas Society Slate Clubs for Men & Women. Much that Mrs C. said regarding these institutions is given in the Church Year book, which is attached to this interview. These organisations seem to be doing good work. Much attention is given to detail as witness the Handbook of Wesley Guild (attached)

Critchison Wesleyan

Wesleyan Church,

LADY MARGARET ROAD, N.W.

HANDBOOK

of the

WESLEY GUILD.

ONE HEART ONE WAY

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Handbook of the Wesley Guild.

Our Aim.

Comradeship in the highest ends of life.

The federation of the various Societies in which Young People are interested.

"O lift your natures up:
Embrace our aims; work out your freedom.
. . . . . Better not be at all
Than not be noble." —*Tennyson.*

Membership.

ACTIVE MEMBERS. Young People who are members of the Church and wishful to help others.

COMPANION MEMBERS. Young People of the Congregation or Sunday School who are in sympathy with its spirit of friendship and service.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. Older workers and friends who are in sympathy with the movement.

To become a Member it is only necessary to fill up a form provided for this purpose, and hand it to the Secretary.

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Guild Meetings.

It may not be possible for every Member to take part in all the sections of work, or to make use of all the educational and social advantages provided for the Young People of our Church, as enumerated in this Handbook ; but all are earnestly entreated to make a special effort to be present at the

Monthly Devotional Meetings,

which are held on Thursday, at 8 p.m. (see Calendar).

In addition to the meetings of the Mutual Improvement Association and the Temperance Society (see pp. 3-5), it has been arranged to hold a

Theological Class

twice a month, on Monday evenings (see Calendar). The special course of study taken at this class is *The New Testament and its Writers*, by the Rev. J. A. M'Clymont, D.D. (price 6d. net), and it will be conducted by our President. This course of study promises to afford great help to Sunday School workers, and to all of us in our daily

reading of that Book which, it has been said, contains "an ocean of thought in a drop of language."

How many must say with Tennyson :

> "Save for my daily range
> Among the pleasant fields of Holy Writ
> I might despair."

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet."

Literary Section.

The Mutual Improvement Association holds its meetings every Wednesday, in the Church Parlour, at 8 o'clock (see Calendar).

Members of the Guild are cordially invited to attend any of the meetings, which are open to all, and to become Members of the Association. The subscription is 1s. 6d. for the Session.

In connection with this section a Reading Course has been arranged, the subject being "England's Heroic Age." The following books have been selected for special study, and the Members are earnestly requested to read them beforehand :

Dowden's "Primer of Shakspere," price 1s.
Prof. Beesly's "Queen Elizabeth," price 2s. 6d.
Stopford Brooke's "Primer of English Literature," price 1s.

The Secretaries of this Section are Messrs. A. J. SMITH and F. L. NICHOLS.

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Foreign Section.

It has been suggested that a branch of the Young People's Auxiliary should be formed in connection with the Guild, and those who are willing to join are invited to give their names to the Secretary.

Temperance Section.

Our Temperance Society holds a Public Meeting on the second Monday in each month, in the Large Schoolroom (see Calendar). All Members of the Guild are invited to attend and to help.

All persons of fourteen years of age and upwards are eligible for membership, provided they are pledged abstainers.

Members are invited to subscribe 6d. (or more) per annum in aid of the funds.

VISITATION WORK.—The Committee recognise the necessity of going out into the highways to seek those who will not voluntarily come to share the benefits of total abstinence, and have therefore arranged for special visitation work. Full particulars of this can be obtained from Sister RUTH NORTHCROFT, who will be glad to receive the names of any who feel called to this work.

Officers of the Temperance Society.

President: Rev. JAMES CRITCHISON.

Treasurer: Mr. W. SCOLES.

Registrars: Miss MORRELL and Miss A. PAINTER.

Pianist and Musical Director: Mr. A. J. SEARLE.

Financial Secretary: Mr. R. PARSONS.

General Secretaries:

Mr. A. HANNIBAL, 22, Willingham Terrace.

Mr. P. J. TIGG, 17, Montpelier Road.

OUR BAND OF HOPE

for children meets each Monday, at 7 o'clock. This section is specially in need of helpers, and the necessity for the work is apparent to all. Anyone able to assist is requested to apply to either of the Secretaries—

Mr. R. T. MORRELL, 143, Huddleston Road.

Mr. A. J. BARNES, 3, Islip Street.

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CALENDAR.

1897—NOV.
Mon. 1. Theological Class.
Wed. 3. *Mutual Improvement Society. Parliamentary Evening.
Sun. 7. Chapel Anniversary. Rev. A. SARGENT.
Mon. 8. *Temperance Society. Concert and Address.
Wed. 10. Mutual Improvement Society. Short Papers. Miss HEALING and Miss G. SEARLE.
Thurs. 11. Foreign Missionary Meeting. Rev. W. T. A. BARBER; Mr. W. H. T. GAIRDNER.
Mon. 15. Theological Class.
Wed. 17. *Musical Evening. "Schubert."
Thurs. 18. Devotional Meeting. "My favourite Verse of my favourite Hymn."
Wed. 24. Mutual Improvement Society. "Idler, Farmer, Conqueror." Miss E. M. LAW.
Mon. 29. An Evening for Sunday School Workers.
DEC.
Wed. 1. Reading Course. Dowden's "Primer of Shakspere." Mr. W. H. ROBERTS.
Mon. 6. Theological Class.
Wed. 8. Mutual Improvement Society. "The Press." Mr. B. BALL.
Thurs. 9. *Guild Conversazione.
Mon. 13. Temperance Society. Ladies' Evening.
Wed. 15. Mutual Improvement Society. "Catherine of Siena." Mr. H. BRABROOK.
Thurs. 16. Devotional Meeting. "My favourite character in the New Testament, and two things about him."
Wed. 29. *Sunday School Party.
Fri. 31. Watchnight Service. 11 p.m.
1898—JAN.
Sun. 2. Covenant Sunday. 11 a.m. Rev. J. CRITCHISON. "Resolves for the New Year." 3 p.m., Covenant Service. 6.30 p.m., Mr. T. HEALING.
Mon. 3. Theological Class.
Wed. 12. Mutual Improvement Society. "The Methodist Revival of the 18th Century." Miss LEWIS.
Mon.-Fri. 10-14. Special Prayer Meetings. **Thurs., 13th,** specially for Guild Members.

Mon. 17. *Temperance Society.
Wed. 19. Mutual Improvement Society. "The Revival of the 19th Century" (the Oxford Movement). Mr. T. HEALING.
Thurs. 20. Devotional Meeting.
Mon. 24. Theological Class.
Wed. 26. Reading Course. Beesly's "Queen Elizabeth." Mr. E. ROSE.
FEB.
Wed. 2. Mutual Improvement Society. "Literary Olla Podrida."
Mon. 7. Theological Class.
Wed. 9. Mutual Improvement Society. Essay by Miss CLAYTON.
Mon. 14. *Temperance Society.
Wed. 16. *Lecture. "History of the English Bible." Rev. JAMES CRITCHISON.
Thurs. 17. Devotional Meeting.
Mon. 21. Theological Class.
Wed. 23. Reading Course. Stopford Brooke's "Primer of English Literature." Mr. E. G. LOOSLEY.
MARCH.
Wed. 2. *Essay. "A Visit to the Italian Lakes" (Limelight Illustrations). Mr. E. J. PAINTER.
Mon. 7. Theological Class.
Wed. 9. *Lecture. "The Russian Stundists." Rev. H. MARTIN, M.A.
Mon. 14. *Temperance Society.
Tues. 15. Home Missionary Meeting. Rev. G. DENTON.
Wed. 16. Essay. "The Garths and their Neighbours." Mr. JAS. PEARCE.
Thurs. 17. Devotional Meeting.
Mon. 21. Theological Class.
Wed. 23. *Reading. "As You Like It" (*Shakspere*). Arranged by Mr. F. T. LAW, F.R.M.S.
Wed. 30. *Mutual Improvement Society's Conversazione.
APRIL **4-7.** *Lenten Addresses, by Rev. JAMES CRITCHISON each evening, at 8 o'clock.
" **8.** Good Friday. Service for Meditation and Prayer, 10 a.m.; Public Service, 11 a.m.
" **10.** Easter Sunday. Special Announcement.
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Young People's Societies, &c.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Morning. 9.45; Afternoon, 2.45. *Superintendent:* Mr. T. HEALING.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASSES.—*Leaders:* (1) Messrs. A. G. SCOTT and H. PAINTER; (2) Messrs. G. PAINTER and H. G. TAYLOR.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASSES.—*Leaders:* Miss SCOTT, Miss LEWIS, Miss E. M. LAW, Mr. R. T. MORRELL.

SOCIETY CLASSES.

Leader.	*Day.*	*Hour.*
Mr. MORRELL ...	Tuesday ...	7 p.m.
Mrs. CORDEROY ...	,, ...	8.30 ,,
Mr. SCOTT	,, ...	8.30 ,,
Mr. H. PAINTER ...	,, ...	8.30 ,,
Sister RUTH	,, ...	8.30 ,,
,, ...	Wednesday ...	7 ,,
Miss PAINTER ...	,, ...	7 ,,
Miss SCOTT	,, ...	7.30 ,,
Mr. MORRELL ...	,, ...	8.30 ,,
Mr. TAYLOR ...	Thursday ...	8.30 ,,
Mr. HANNIBAL ...	Friday ...	8 ,,

Hampshire Street Mission.—Sunday: School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, 6.40 p.m.; Service, 7 p.m. Tuesday: 6.45 and 7.30 p.m., Band of Help.

Cottage Meeting.—Monday, at 8 p.m., at 4, Willingham Terrace. *Leader:* Sister RUTH NORTHCROFT.

Gymnasium.—Young Ladies, Saturday, 3 p.m.; *Secretary:* Miss LAW. Young Men, Saturday, 6.30-9.30 p.m.; Subscription, 3s.; *Secretary:* Mr. S. H. TIGG.

Rambling Club.—Alternate Saturdays, at 3.15 p.m.; Subscription, 6d.; *Secretary:* Mr. E. G. LOOSLEY.

Officers of the Guild.

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Vice-Presidents:
Mr. T. HEALING, Mr. B. OPIE, Mr. G. PAINTER.

General Secretary:
Mr. E. G. LOOSLEY.

Treasurer:
Mr. W. CORDEROY.

Secretaries for Guild Literature:
Miss PAINTER and Miss CRITCHISON.

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Mrs. F. MORRELL.
Sister RUTH NORTHCROFT.
Miss R. PAINTER.
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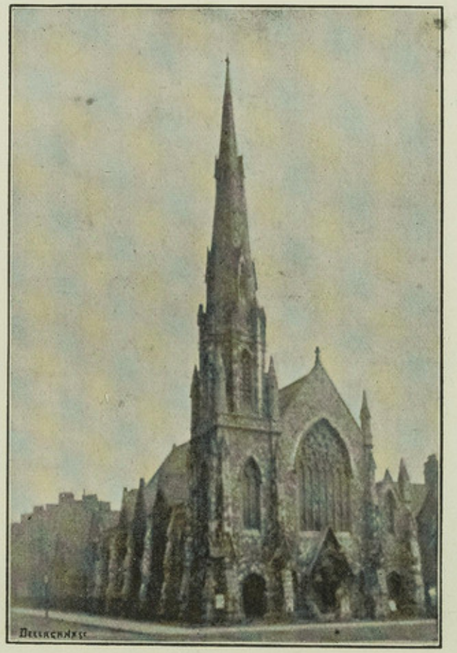

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SEPTEMBER, 1897.

Ministers—Rev. JAMES CRITCHISON, Parsonage, 4, Lady Margaret Road, N.W.
Rev. HENRY MARTIN, M.A., East Finchley, N.
Rev. W. J. TWEDDLE, 34, Croftdown Road, N.W.
Rev. J. H. CUMMINGS, 48, Lincoln Road, East Finchley, N.
Local Preachers—Messrs. F. T. LAW, B. OPIE, G. STUBBS, F. H. MUMMERY, C. CAMPBELL, E. S. HATCHARD, H. G. TAYLOR, A. NEATE, J. B. THORNLEY, and F. H. HATCHARD.
Circuit Stewards—Mr. E. K. BISHOP, 3, Dartmouth Park Avenue, N.W.
,, W. CORDEROY, 167, Camden Road, N.W.
Society Stewards—Mr. E. T. W. SEMMENS, 44, Carleton Road, N.
,, B. OPIE, 1, Lupton Street, N.W.
Poor Stewards—Messrs. G. CORDEROY, W. WHEATLEY, G. PAINTER, and A. ARDLEY.
Chapel Stewards—Mr. J. SEARLE, 54, Lady Margaret Road, N.W.
,, B. ELLSMOOR, 15, Mortimer Terrace, N.W.
Secretary to the Quarterly Meeting—Mr. W. BRABROOK, 73, Lady Margaret Road.
Secretary to the Local Preachers' Meeting—Mr. F. T. LAW, 254, Kentish Town Road, N.W.
Circuit Chapel Secretary—Mr. H. TAYLOR, 34, Lady Somerset Rd., N.W.
,, *Education* ,, Mr. O. J. HEALING, 53, Lady Margaret Road.
,, *Representative to the London Methodist Council*} Mr. J. H. T. CATLEY, Hurstlea, Dartmouth Park Avenue, N.W.
Deaconess—Sister RUTH NORTHCROFT, 82, Burghley Road, N.W.

Society Classes.

Mr. OPIE	Sunday,	10.0 a.m.	1, Lupton St.
,, SEMMENS	Monday,	8.0 p.m.	Church Parlour.
Rev. J. CRITCHISON ...	Tuesday,	11.0 a.m.	,,
Mr. F. T. LAW	,,	8.30 p.m.	School Vestry.
,, BISHOP	,,	8.15 p.m.	Church Parlour.
,, SCOTT	,,	8.30 p.m.	Vestry 1.
Mrs. CORDEROY	,,	8.0 p.m.	School Vestry.
Mr. H. PAINTER	,,	8.30 p.m.	Vestry 3.
Sister RUTH...	,,	8.30 p.m.	Infant School.
Mrs. TAYLOR	Wednesday,	3.0 p.m.	Church Parlour.
Sister RUTH...	,,	7.0 p.m.	,,
Miss SCOTT	,,	7.30 p.m.	School Vestry.
,, NUTT	,,	8.30 p.m.	,,
Mr. A. NEATE	,,	8.0 p.m.	Hampshire St.
,, H. G. TAYLOR	Thursday,	8.30 p.m.	Church Parlour.
Miss HARRISON	Friday,	7.0 p.m.	,,

JUNIOR SOCIETY CLASSES.

Sister RUTH...	Wednesday,	7.0 p.m.	Infant School.
Mr. MORRELL	,,	7.0 p.m.	Vestry 1.
Miss PAINTER	,,	7.0 p.m.	Church Parlour.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,

Lady Margaret Road, Kentish Town, N.W.

A Brief Record of the Year's Work,

1896-97.

It is our pleasant duty to record the result of a year's work which is full of happy associations, and which provides abundant cause for gratitude to Almighty God. We cannot chronicle any great advance, but we have experienced through the year much joy in a hallowed fellowship of Christian worship and work. The congregation has steadily increased in number, and the public services have been occasions of rich blessing. The weekly meetings for fellowship and prayer have been well sustained, and many times have been made special, by the more abundant outpouring of the Spirit of God. We record with satisfaction the increased interest that has been taken in the festivals of the Christian year, and recal with gratitude the services of the week preceding Easter-Day.

"The people have a mind to work," and there is a fine spirit of devotion to the Church to which they owe so much, and in which, under God, they are being used to extend the Master's Kingdom.

We shall pass in review the various branches of our Church Work further on, but we would at once acknowledge the services rendered in our public worship, and social meetings, by the choir. The simple service of our fathers does not meet the requirements of this musical age. Choral music has reached such a high state of efficiency, and is now brought within the hearing of all classes, that unless there is a union of musical art with devotion in the sanctuary, the service of God's house will lack the attraction it ought to possess. Under the efficient leadership of Mr. Healing, seconded by the skill on the organ of Mr. Sayers, the choir, who sing with spirit and the understanding, render us splendid service, and musical science and art continue to intensify devotion, and are never used to overshadow it.

During the year we have made special appeals to the congregation for financial help, and the response has been most gratifying. In December last a bazaar was held on behalf of the new church at East Finchley, and realized the noble sum of £585.

The trustees have decorated the Church and installed the electric light, the total cost will be about £300. We hope that in a few weeks this sum will be raised. It was expected that the ordinary finances of the church would suffer on account of extra efforts, and the diversion of some part of the offertories ordinarily available for the Circuit Board. We are glad to say that our fears have been groundless, as the Circuit Stewards' Balance Sheet will show.

We would, however, remind the members of the Church of the increased liability that will be imposed upon us at the Conference of 1898, when we shall be required to fulfil our pledge and furnish a second minister's house, and unless the amounts *contributed in the classes be considerably increased*, the stewards will not be able to make the income of the Circuit meet the expenditure.

The Church Meeting.

A special feature of our organization is the Quarterly Church Meeting ; it is greatly appreciated by the members of the Church. The opportunity which it offers to provoke one another to love and to good works is wisely used, and the general result is a deepening of the spiritual life, a keener sense of individual responsibility, and a general desire to put the personal question "Lord, what wilt Thou have *me to do.*" We devoutly thank God for times of refreshing from His presence, and for renewed consecration to His blessed service and work.

Thirty-three names have been added to the Church Roll—

New Members	9
From other Circuits	22
From other Churches	2

Thirty-two names have been removed—

Deaths	3
To other Circuits	15
Unknown	4
To other Churches	5
Ceased to Meet	5

The following are the names of the members who have died during the year. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Cooper. "These all died in faith." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord : even so, saith the Spirit ; for they rest from their labours." "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

A large number of young people are at present meeting in junior classes, who should be included amongst those in full membership, if these had been returned according to rule, the number of new members would have been considerably more ; we hope during next year to add them to the Church Roll.

Membership about 350 now

The Sunday School.

The Sunday School maintains its high pitch of excellence. There is in it a rare combination of intelligent

instruction with intense and vigorous Christian life. It is in every respect a nursery for the Church. It is not separate from, or loosely connected with, the Church, but is such an integral part of it that every effort of Church extension, or aggression, is earnestly supported, and in some cases wholly sustained, by workers from the Sunday School. We count ourselves very fortunate in having the services of Mr. Healing as superintendent, and no words of ours can overstate the high appreciation in which his work in the Sunday School and amongst the young people of the congregation is held. We note also, with gratitude, the number of trained teachers, who, though engaged in the work of elementary education during the week, yet ungrudgingly place their services at the disposal of the Church to instruct the young on the Lord's Day.

Our Sunday School attracts the most intelligent and zealous Christians which the congregation can supply. The problem of attaching the elder scholars to the Church has been solved.

The scholars of the Sunday School who attend the public services in the church are amongst our most devout worshippers; they hear the Word of God gladly. We give praise to our Heavenly Father for His blessing on this part of our work.

There are 58 Officers and Teachers, of whom 43 have been scholars in the school.

Number of scholars on the books: boys, 304; girls, 324; total, 628.

Average morning attendance of	Teachers	...	27
„ „ „	Scholars	...	281
„ afternoon „	Teachers	...	36
„ „ „	Scholars	...	430

At the Scripture Examination, conducted by the Sunday School Union in March, 1897, 72 scholars were presented, of whom 55 were successful in gaining certificates, and 5 obtained prizes.

The following are the prize winners—Mary Ligate, Ella Kootes, Bertram Luzmore, Harold Chalk and George Ellsmore.

The following sums have been raised in the school during the year—

	£	s.	d.
Home and Foreign Missions	115	13	9
Christmas Offerings	10	0	2
Children's Home	3	13	6
Country Holiday Fund	3	4	9
	£132	12	2

Cost of Christmas Parties £14 10s. 3d.

		£	s.	d.
INCOME—Subscriptions		18	3	6
Collections		50	3	8
Other sources		4	7	5
		£72	14	7

		£	s.	d.
EXPENDITURE—Rent, warming, light, etc.		40	0	0
Books and Periodicals		8	16	2
Subs. to S. S. Unions		0	10	0
Printing		10	16	9
New Forms		6	19	7
Subscription to Piano Fund ...		0	10	0
Balance		5	2	1
		£72	14	7

OFFICERS: *Superintendent*—Mr. Healing.
Secretaries—Mr. W. J. Brabrook, Mr. E. F. Rose.
Treasurer—Mr. A. G. Scott.
Librarians—Mr. H. Brake, Mr. O. J. Healing.
Missionary Sec. and Tr.—Mr. S. Cockram.
Asst. Missionary Secs.—Mr. C. Laughton, Mr. J. Pitcher.

Day Schools.

Mixed School: Head Master, Mr. JOSEPH J. B. THORNLEY.

The work of the year of this school has been very successful. The average attendance has increased considerably, and the scholars take great interest in their

work. The Head Master receives many expressions of appreciation of work done in the school from the parents of the scholars. Two scholars, Gertie Wildman and Louie Ager, have passed the Minor Scholarship Examination conducted by the joint Scholarship Board. The Head Master takes considerable interest in the scholars, and whilst paying special attention to the ordinary branches of elementary education, seeks to make the school attractive to the children.

Plant competitions have been held under the direction of the Horticultural Society, a School Band has been formed, and the usual out-door games have been encouraged, viz., cricket, lawn tennis and football. These are pleasant and "varied occupations" in school life.

Government Report.

"I consider that good work is being done in this school. The Record Books of Examination are very carefully kept. Discipline is easily yet effectively maintained."

Infant School: Head Mistress, Miss Ada Lewis.

This school maintains its high state of efficiency. The early part of the present school year was a time of special difficulty, the number in attendance fluctuated very much. This was due to causes which affect the neighbourhood and are well-known to school managers. The average attendance is, however, considerably higher than it was last year. The scholars are drawn from a better class, socially, than in former years. The parents are most hearty in their appreciation of the school, and the work of the year has been very gratifying both to the managers and to the Head Mistress.

Government Report.

"This school is in excellent order and the attainments of the scholars are thoroughly satisfactory."

Income.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Grant—		
Mixed School	167 17 0	
Infants	85 0 0	
		252 17 0
„ Fees—		
Mixed School	196 10 0	
Infants	102 5 9	
		298 15 9
„ Sale of Books, &c.		19 10 2½
„ Grant, Science and Art		7 7 6
„ Loss on Year's Working		29 7 2
		£607 17 7½

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.
By Salaries	450 13 10
„ Appliances	49 8 5
„ Rent, &c.	84 0 0
„ Repairs	2 0 6
„ Sundries	7 14 10½
„ Providing Additional Latrine Accommodation	14 0 0
	£607 17 7½

The Men's Meeting.

The following report has been supplied by the secretary, Mr. J. B. Thornley—

The Men's Meeting has been carried on with the accustomed zeal during the past year. Bright addresses of a religious and social character have been regularly given on Sunday afternoons, and there is reason to believe that men have been reached who do not attend the ordinary church services. At Eastertide, a tea was given in the schoolroom to the lonely of the congregation, and was well attended. By its work, real, if not great, the Meeting has fully justified its inauguration some years ago.

The Loan and Benevolent Fund continues to be helpful to many members of the Men's Meeting.

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash at Bank	21	17	11	Loans Advanced ...	11	0	0
Interest	0	13	1	Balance in hand ...	22	3	0
Subscriptions	0	5	6				
Repayments	10	6	6		£33	3	0
	£33	3	0				

Mothers' Meeting.

President—MRS. CATLEY.
Secretary and Registrar—MISS L. BRAKE.
Visitor—SISTER RUTH NORTHCROFT.

"This Meeting has been held regularly throughout the year, and while the character of its work has been 'quiet' we have good reason to hope that it has been permanent.

"Ten new members have joined us during the year, and six have had their names removed from the roll, so that we now have a membership of fifty and an average attendance of twenty-five weekly. We assemble at 2-30, and the first half-hour is given to the business of the Clothing Club. At 3 the Meeting begins, and the hour is usually divided between the reading of some interesting book and a brief Gospel address. For while many of the mothers are members of the Church there are others to whom this is the one opportunity for hearing God's Word."

MOTHERS' MEETING ACCOUNTS, 1896.

	£	s.	d		£	s.	d.
To Balance	2	8	9	To Stationery		2	6
„ Subscriptions ...	2	14	7	„ Expenses of Tea ...		2	10
„ Sale of Goods ...		18	8	„ Goods purchased	27	14	5
„ Members' Payments	23	12	11	„ Disct. allowd Mbrs.	4	7	5
„ Discount on goods	2	5	6	„ Amts. standing to credit of Members	4	6	3
„ Balance	4	13	0				
	£36	13	5		£36	13	5

The Deaconess.

Sister Ruth Northcroft's Report is as follows :—

"In presenting a report of my work I find a great difficulty facing me ; it is that there are a few who know my work very well, and many who know hardly anything about it. For these last I write, at a risk of being wearisome to the others.

"The visiting may be divided as follows :—1st. The sick and infirm. 2nd. Members of my classes. 3rd. Members of the Mothers' Meeting. 4th. Visits to strangers and casual addresses from many sources. 5th. Business calls. 6th. Members of the Slate Club.

"From a classified list made of the visits paid between March 1st and May 31st, which I quote as a sample of my regular work, I was able to find the following result :—

1st	Sick	...	...	...	...	...	...	93 visits.
2nd	Members	...	...	...	...	...	...	88 „
3rd	Mothers	...	...	...	...	...	...	104 „
4th	Strangers	...	...	...	...	...	...	26 „
5th	Business	...	...	...	...	...	...	60 „
6th	Slate Club	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 „

"During the year, 1557 visits have been paid, and 389 meetings attended. I have also given assistance by nursing nineteen cases of slight or more serious illness. Often when it is not necessary for me to do actual nursing I can by a few hints increase the comfort of the patient. This year I have been able to add, to the stores in a nursing cupboard that I have at my vestry, several articles of great service in sickness, but quite out of reach of the poor.

"One of the mothers appealed to me to visit a sick woman living in the same house. I found her very ill, and also learned that a bronchitis-kettle had been ordered, so I ventured to buy one and lend it to her, and quite believe that its use was an important factor in her recovery.

"But in some cases I offer to help in nursing because of the incomparable opportunity thus given for speaking

a word for Christ. Actions speak louder than words, and if you *do* nothing, in many cases, you had best *say* nothing; people will not listen to words only. If one can bring comparative ease in sickness by a little service one may often gain an influence not to be despised.

Such a case was one of a young girl who had lost much of her interest in spiritual things, and who was dying of consumption. She refused to hear of Christ, and clung to life with great tenacity. But by degrees the way was opened and at last the rebellion ceased, peace came, and in the end death wore the guise of the consoler.

"By God's blessing in another case I was able in the time of sickness to minister both to body and soul. A man suffering from acute bronchitis was raised up from the brink of the grave to newness of life in Christ. He tells me that for twelve years he had only ridiculed religion and was a professed Socialist, but now he says all that is changed, he enjoys the services and has become a member of the Church. I am sure if he sees this testimony he will unite his thanks to mine, to the praise of the Saviour who can lead from darkness to light.

"I had long felt I should like a class to which I could invite working women. Their needs and their struggles, often heroic in their unselfishness, are greatly impressed upon me. So I was glad when early in the year I was entrusted with a women's society class. We have had some additions that we hope will be useful to the Church; we hope to prove ourselves working women in another sense.

"A new departure has been made in the form of a cottage meeting in Willingham Terrace. We began on May 17th, and have held the meeting weekly. We sing a few hymns outside and then retire into the house of a member there. The meetings have been very helpful to those who attend, and while we have had an earnest of God's blessing in the salvation of one soul we are looking

for greater results when we resume in September. This work is chiefly supported by the girls of my Tuesday night class and a few of the mothers.

"There is always beside every story of success an untold story of failure; we might tell of hours spent for wanderers who would not come back, of efforts to save the children thwarted by the greed of parents, of kindness abused, and precious opportunity wasted. But we refrain—these stories are true also of the year just closed.

"We need your help and your sympathy; above all, we need your prayers; nothing can so strengthen us in the social work of the Church.

"To God be the glory of all that is done, and everlasting praise that He has called us to be 'workers together with Him.'"

Hampshire Street Mission.

During the past year the Mission Work in the street has been signally blessed of God.

It is carried on by the young men and women of our Church who, by means of indoor meetings, open-air services, and house to house visitation, seek to give the Gospel message to both young and old in the neighbourhood.

Services are held as follows:—

SUNDAY—Morning School, which the children attend in greater numbers than ever. Evening Service at 7 p.m. for adults, which is preceded by a prayer meeting. During the summer months an open-air service is also held.

TUESDAY—At 7 o'clock a meeting of the "Band of Help," which is very popular with the children.

WEDNESDAY—A Society Class conducted by Mr. Heate.

THURSDAY—A Sewing Class, after which is held a service for the older girls.

The cost of working the Mission during last year was £15 16s. This expenditure is met by means of weekly subscriptions from those engaged in the work. The amount collected in this way during the year was £17 12s. 5d.

Thanks to the kindness of some of our friends we were enabled again to give the children a Christmas party in our large schoolroom, a treat they thoroughly appreciated.

We ask more than ever the prayerful sympathy of the Church that the work may continue to prosper, and that a harvest may be reaped for the glory of God.

Tract Society and Open-Air Services.

Mr. Ardley, the secretary, reports :—

"During the past year the Tract Society has been carrying the glad news of salvation to the poorer districts of our neighbourhood. The value of such work cannot be overestimated ; many of the people will not, and some cannot attend a place of worship ; and though their Bibles are often unread, the attractive illustration and the well told incident of the tract frequently wins their attention, and the Word of God, which can make them wise unto salvation, gains an entrance into their hearts.

"We have endeavoured to keep all the eighteen districts supplied, but regret that some of our helpers have had to discontinue their work, and so several districts are at present unworked. We would earnestly appeal to those whose hearts God has touched, and who desire to extend His kingdom, to devote some of their leisure time to carrying on this useful work of spreading Gospel light in the dark places of our land.

"In considering the evangelistic work of the Church, we must not overlook that department which aims at taking the Gospel to those who will not enter the doors of our places of worship.

"From early in May until the end of September services were held in the open-air on Sunday evenings, and some of the listeners were induced to accompany us to the church service. Very little opportunity is given us of ascertaining what impression has been made upon the hearers, as the audience is constantly shifting, but He who has commanded us to sow beside all waters will not forget our labour of love, and in the great harvesting in the kingdom of Heaven, we who have sown will doubtless rejoice with those who reap over many who heard the message of salvation at the Open-Air Service."

St. Pancras Workhouse.

The following report is supplied by Mr. Ardley—

"The services held on Sunday evenings at the Workhouse have been successfully carried on during the past year. The congregations are large and attentive, and the interest awakened, and the expressions of gratitude by the inmates prove that our labour is not in vain.

"As the time is restricted to one hour no lengthened conversation can be had with the people, nor a prayer meeting held to strengthen the impression made by the service, but the serious hearing and fervent remarks on parting convince us that the good seed has fallen upon good ground and is bringing forth fruit to God's glory.

"Each Sunday several of the young men and women of our Church help to brighten the services there by giving sacred solos and anthems and by leading the singing ; a number of magazines are also distributed. Supplies of literature will be gratefully received by any member of the choir.

We trust that this work will be frequently remembered in your prayers, that the preachers may be successful winners of many precious souls."

The Dorcas Society.

The Dorcas Society continues to render help to the needy and deserving poor. Sewing meetings are regularly held, where suitable garments are made. In addition to parcels of material for family use 44 garments have been distributed, 32 at the Dorcas Meeting and 12 through the Mothers' Meeting.

		£	s.	d.
INCOME—31st March, 1896,	Balance in Hand ...	4	1	3½
" "	Subscriptions up to date	5	6	0
" "	Profit on Dorcas Teas ...	0	13	0
		£10	0	3½

		£	s.	d.
EXPENDITURE—Oct., 1896, to 31st March, 1897.	Material for Making Clothing	4	3	10
	Carriage of Goods	0	4	0
	Printing	0	4	6
	Subscription to Year Book	0	2	6
	Subscription for the Poor, per Deaconess	1	0	0
31st March, 1897,	Balance in hand ...	4	5	5½
		£10	0	3½

President: Mrs. CRITCHISON. *Vice-President:* Mrs. HEALING.
Treasurer: Mrs. CANNON. *Secretary:* Mrs. A. G. SCOTT.

We have great pleasure in acknowledging the generous gift by Mrs. Webster (wife of R. G. Webster, Esq., M.P., of the Borough of St. Pancras, East Division), of a large parcel of clothing, containing about fifty well-made garments, which we distributed amongst the poor last Christmas.

BAND OF HOPE.

			£	s.	d.
Dec. 31st, 1895.	By Balance due to Treasurer	...	6	7	7½
Dec. 31st, 1896.	" Expenditure for year	...	9	0	6
			15	8	1½
	To Income for year ...	...	12	19	3
Dec. 31st, 1896.	Balance due to Treasurer	...	2	8	10½

Temperance and Band of Hope.

The Temperance Society has held fortnightly, and the Band of Hope weekly meetings.

The numbers attending have been well maintained, especially in the case of the Band of Hope.

It is the aim of the conductors of the ordinary meetings not only to advocate the principles of total abstinence, but to enforce the teaching of St. Paul: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, think on these things."

We intend during the coming year to make a more vigorous attack upon the sin of intemperance, by instituting a system of regular visitation of those who are in danger of suffering from this terrible evil.

We note the resolution of the Conference as follows, and shall loyally observe it.

"The Conference urges our people to co-operate in the Jubilee Celebrations of the Band of Hope Movement in the Autumn, and recommends that on one of the three Sundays which have been selected for this purpose, viz., October 31st, November 7th and 14th, one service in all our chapels shall be observed as a Jubilee Service."

Number of members of the Temperance Society 127.
" " " Band of Hope 114.

Mutual Improvement Association.

Mr. A. J. Williams, the secretary, reports:—

Our Society, we are glad to report, is in a flourishing condition, and there is no doubt its influence is strong, and that it is of great value to those who attend, and more especially to those who take some active part in the meetings.

Lady Margaret Road Church Temperance Society.

COPY OF BALANCE SHEET FOR 1896-1897.

	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions	4	16	8
„ Collections	4	7	10
„ Proceeds of Conversazione	4	15	7½
„ Balance due to Treasurer, 1897 ...	3	11	4
	£17	11	5½

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer, 1896	2	10	1½
„ Printing and Postage	6	12	0
„ Expenses, Prize Competition	0	13	0
„ „ Public Meeting	0	2	5
„ „ Meeting, March 25th	0	16	6
„ „ Annual Meeting	2	11	3
„ „ Band	0	16	0
„ Subscription Band of Hope Union ...	0	5	0
„ Hire of Carpet	0	10	6
„ Piano Tuning	0	5	0
„ Distributing Invitations	0	2	6
„ Chapel Keeper	0	14	0
„ Rent	1	13	2
	£17	11	5½

"It supplies reading matter of all kinds, food for thought, opportunities for practising the art of composition as well as that of reading and of public speaking.

"The Society is of special use to young people, but may we point out to those who are older that by rendering practical support in attending the meetings, as well as gaining useful information for themselves, they can be of great use to their fellow members through their wider reading and experience.

"We want the object of the Society to be fully attained, viz., 'the mental, moral, and spiritual improvement of its members.'

"To some we already owe a deep debt of gratitude, whose names are to be found in the Minutes of the Association for many years past, and we hope that during the coming winter many others will lend their practical help and sympathy by becoming active members of our Mutual Improvement Association."

Average attendance 53.

Balance in Hand £1 10s. 2d.

The Slate Clubs.

MEN'S CLUB.

The Slate Clubs are intended to encourage thrift among the working classes, and are a practical exposition of the spirit of the words, "A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself." There is no part of our church work which requires more care, thoroughness, and constant attention, than the duties which fall week by week upon the secretaries of the Slate Clubs. This is an attempt at social work that we note with great satisfaction. Though we are not so successful as is desirable, in attaching the members of the Slate Club to the Church, yet we have good reason to believe that the disinterested work done by the secretaries for the working men and their wives, is a tie which binds them more or less to the Christian Church. Many instances might be quoted of the great blessing of the Slate Clubs to the members in sickness and bereavement. These institutions foster a spirit of Christian brotherhood, and illustrate the Divine rule "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Men's Club Cash Account,

DR. YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 22nd, 1896. CR.

RECEIPTS.

TO SUBSCRIPTIONS AS UNDER.

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MEMBERS FROM 50 to 60 YEARS OF AGE AT 7d. PER WEEK :—									
78 Members, 52 weeks at 30/4				£118	6	0			
MEMBERS UNDER 50 YEARS OF AGE AT 6d. PER WEEK :—									
892 Members, 52 weeks at	26/-			1159	12	0			
7 „	50 „	25/-		8	15	0			
2 „	49 „	24/6		2	9	0			
1 „	48 „	24/-		1	4	0			
2 „	46 „	23/-		2	6	0			
1 „	45 „	22/6		1	2	6			
1 „	40 „	20/-		1	0	0			
1 „	39 „	19/6		0	19	6			
985				1295	14	0			
10 „	withdrawn three-quarters' Subscription			7	0	2			
46 „	Subs. forfeited by arrears			14	16	8			
1014							1317	10	10
Fines							35	10	1
Books of Rules							8	13	4
Interest on Deposit							10	4	6
							£1371	18	9

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sick Relief	320	7	4			
„ Withdrawals	5	1	10			
„ Stamps	2	4	1			
„ Printing Books and Rules	4	10	0			
„ Printing, Stationery, etc.	4	3	7			
„ Advertisements..	1	1	0			
„ Rent of Room	6	0	0			
„ Registers..	2	0	0			
„ Base and Foreign Coin	0	3	0			
				345	10	10
BALANCE, BEING AMOUNT TO DISTRIBUTE :—						
970 Members, 52 weeks at 20/10	1010	8	4			
7 „ 50 „ 20/-	7	0	0			
2 „ 49 „ 19/7	1	19	2			
1 „ 48 „ 19/2	0	19	2			
2 „ 46 „ 18/5	1	16	10			
1 „ 45 „ 18/-	0	18	0			
1 „ 40 „ 16/-	0	16	0			
1 „ 39 „ 15/7	0	15	7			
985				1024	13	1
Balance				1	14	10
				£1371	18	9

I have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers, and hereby certify the same to be correct.
17th December, 1896
ALBERT G. SCOTT.

Women's Club, 1896.

At the commencement of the year there were 340 members, three withdrew their payments on account of removal from the neighbourhood, 14 during the year failed to keep up their subscriptions. At the end of the year 323 participated in the share out, each member receiving £1 2s. 2½d. out of £1 6s. paid in. The sick pay amounted to £66 13s. 9d., and our death levy to £8 2s. 6d. The radius has been altered from two miles to half-a-mile. This has been done in order to benefit the more immediate neighbourhood, and also to exercise a more careful supervision of the members by visits to their homes.

Short Summary.

The reports given in these pages do not adequately set forth the work done by this Church. We are pleased to note a deepening conviction that we should attempt more real aggressive work. The duties of the Deaconess, which have been done with such efficiency, are being re-organised. Much of the routine work in which she has been engaged will be assigned to the ladies of the congregation.

We report with satisfaction the enthusiasm of the young people in carrying on the Hampshire Street Mission, and in rendering such efficient help in the services at the Workhouse. A branch of the Wesley Guild has been formed, by which we hope to attach the young people more closely to the Church and to enlist their services in various schemes of Christian enterprise.

The zeal displayed and intelligent interest in Connexional Home and Foreign Missions continues. The Monthly Meetings for prayer on behalf of Foreign Missions are largely attended, and the interest taken in the readings from *Work and Workers* is unabated. The Foreign Mission Meeting continues to be one of our most

enthusiastic and largely attended meetings. The call to support this great work is loud, and our responsibilities in regard to it are great. May we have our share in that blessed consummation when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God."

We look back upon the past year with gratitude, and are full of hope for the future.

The circuit has taken leave of the Rev. W. H. Parkin with great regret, and many earnest prayers will follow him in his new sphere of work. We have already offered a very hearty welcome to the Rev. Henry Martin, M.A., and desire for him a year of blessed service.

"Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

Signed on behalf of the officers of the Lady Margaret Road Wesleyan Church.

JAMES CRITCHISON.

THE PARSONAGE,
4, LADY MARGARET ROAD, N.W.

October, 1897.

Circuit Stewards' Account.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1896.

Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1895							
Dec. 31.	To Balance in hand ...	17	11	2			
1896							
Dec. 31.	„ Lady Margaret Road—						
	Class and Ticket Money ...	160	17	3			
	Offertories ...	176	11	18			
	Trust Contribution	20	0	0			
		357	9	1			
	East Finchley—						
	Class and Ticket Money ...	53	11	6			
	Offertories ...	93	9	7			
	Trust Contributions	18	0	0			
		165	1	1			
					£540	1	4

Cr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1896.							
By Society Expenses, Lady Margaret Road ...			9	13	4		
„ „ East Finchley ...			1	15	6		
„ Ministerial Expenses ...		346	0	11			
„ Parsonage Rent, Rates and Taxes ...		84	3	11			
„ Children's Fund ...		17	8	0			
„ Plans		4	14	0			
„ Subscription to Church Year Book		1	0	0			
„ Subscription to Sustentation Fund		1	1	0			
„ Subscription to District Meeting Expenses ...		1	2	6			
„ Expenses of Reception Meeting		2	16	3			
„ Quarterly Meeting Teas ...		1	4	6			
„ Furniture Fund ...		63	0	0			
„ Schools Fund		5	10	0			
					539	9	11
„ Balance in hand					0	11	5
					540	1	4

Lady Margaret Road Church Trust Account.

Dr. YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1896. *Cr.*

RECEIPTS.

1895		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.	To Balance in hand ...	16	5	9			
	„ Rents	199	1	5			
	„ Pew Rents ...	207	9	0			
	„ Collections ...	16	0	2½			
	„ Debt Extinction Fund (see contra) ...	130	0	0			
					£568	16	4½

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Interest	20	0	0			
„ Debt Extension Fund on a/c Sinking Fund to pay off Debt ...	50	0	0			
„ Salaries	81	1	6			
„ Contribution to Circuit	20	0	0			
„ Contribns. to Connexional Funds	8	18	0			
„ Ground Rent	29	0	0			
„ Rates and Taxes	25	1	10			
„ Gas	71	18	3			
„ Coals	14	17	0			
„ Repairs	68	3	9			
„ Insurance	6	19	0			
„ Sundries for Cleaning Chapel	10	14	11½			
„ Tuning Organ	6	6	0			
„ Debt Extinction Fund (see contra) as under :—	130	0	0			
'General Chapel Fund £30 0 0						
9th and 10th Instalments off Loan (leaving balance of £150						
Theological Institn. £100 0 0						
off Loan (leaving Balc. of £400.						
„ Other Expenses	8	14	0			
„ Balance in hand				17	2	1
				£568	16	4½

Amounts raised by the Lady Margaret Road Church.

	£	s.	d.
CIRCUIT FUNDS	357	9	1
Incidental Fund	8	5	3
Evangelistic Fund	62	6	9
TRUST INCOME	568	16	4
LOCAL SOCIETIES—			
Sunday School	72	14	7
Christmas Party Fund	14	10	3
Temperance Society	17	11	5
Band of Hope	12	19	3
Hampshire Street Mission	17	2	5
Men's Meeting	10	16	0
Mothers' Meeting	36	13	5
Dorcas Society	10	0	3
Loan and Benevolent Fund	33	3	0
Mutual Improvement Society	14	13	4
CONNEXIONAL FUNDS—			
Foreign Missionary Society	118	6	11
Women's Auxiliary	44	8	2
Home Missions	63	1	11
Education Fund	6	5	1
General Chapel Fund	8	2	3
Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund	18	11	7
Theological Institution	6	10	7
Schools and Maintenance Fund	11	9	4
Worn out Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund ...	19	11	0
CHARITIES, &c.—			
Hospital Sunday Fund	8	10	2
Children's Home	3	13	6
Children's Holiday Fund	3	4	9
Christmas Gifts	9	5	10
Indian Famine Fund	20	10	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Homes	3	16	0
Sunday School Union Auxiliary	0	10	0
BAZAAR ON BEHALF OF EAST FINCHLEY CHURCH ...	585	0	0
Total	£2,167	18	5

Visitation

Nursing

Charitable Relief

Other Agencies

General Questions

The leaders look after sick cases and any difficult cases that are reported to him as needing visitation. (he visits) Has also a band of good workers "with clear heads and warm hearts" who visit the poor. & You can never get them to a meeting and must go to them.

Deaconess undertakes nursing cases.

Always look after their own poor. Deacons give about £10 & £20 from the poor fund. When ~~the pas~~ Mr. C. gives something when he visits if needed & this amount are ~~was~~ repaid by the officers of the church. Work with the C.O.S. Help to investigate their cases and they help us. . Also give £10 to £12 at Christmas time, not dinners

Mr. C. is on good terms with the Vicar (Mr. Cowd). Thinks there is a good deal of overlapping. Could not, or possibly preferred not, to say anything of the work of the other churches except who do a good deal of visiting but not on our lines.

On the general questions, Mr. C. had not much to say. A few had outrelief. Did not see much of the police, but

what he did was favorable to them. Most of their people were married at the chapel & did not go to church for that purpose. "They are well taught here".

There is evidently an active and a growing work centring at Lady Margaret Road. Like most of the Wesleyan places, it is well advertised. Large bills were posted in front of the chapel & also in Kentish Town Road, announcing the 'Men's Own' & the services. Choir, special singers. and instrumentalists &c. A week (or ten days) mission by the connexional evangelist (Rev Bennett) & was concluded on the Sunday previous to the interview. As I came away I asked whether they had got many outsiders to attend. "No" said Mr C. "some, but the chief effect is the deepening of the spiritual life of our members". Most of those who attended, & who were not already connected with the church appear to have been brought by the members of the church & congregation.

Rev. John B. Nichols.
Haverstock Congl. Church

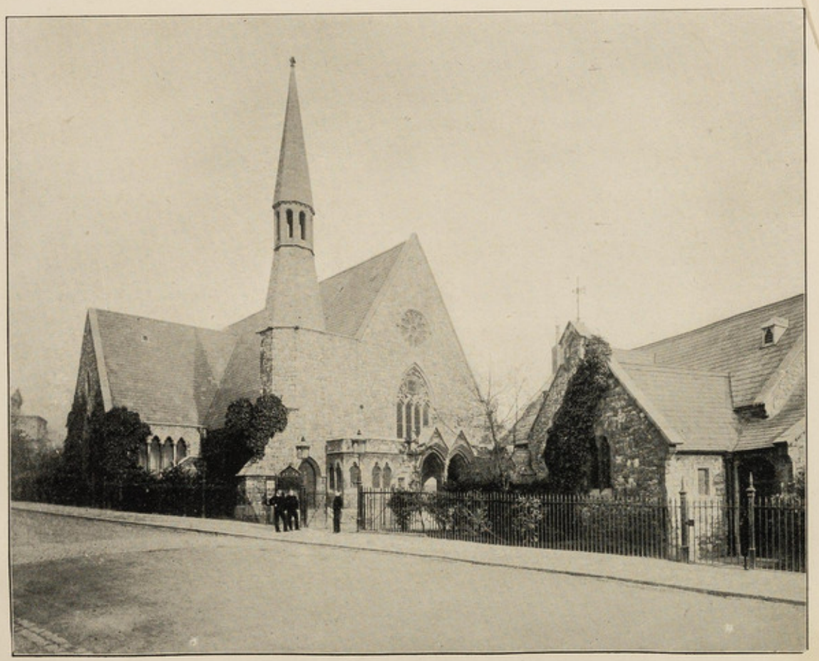
GA
Oct 28/98

Personal

The Congregation

Persons Employed

Buildings Used



HAVERSTOCK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

St Andrew's parish.

CD 19/9

Revd John B. Nicholls. Pastor of Haverstock Congregational Church, Maitland Park. N.W.

Seen at residence: 30 Maitland Park Villas NW

Mr Nicholls is a sturdy, middle-aged man; strong, intelligent face; hair and whiskers showing lines of grey. Well & neatly dressed, refined manners; a pleasant but not obtrusive talker. Has been here since 1894.

The Church is just on the borders of Hampstead & the conformation of the streets cut it off largely from Kentish Town. (see map) As a result of this, the congregation is drawn almost entirely from the roads on the west side of Haverstock Hill and with few exceptions is middle class. Get a few from the district east of Queens' Crescent but the Wesleyan (Wynne Jones) draws most from this neighbourhood.

Minister only one paid at present, but are advertising for an evangelist for the Mission room.
31 S. S. teachers and a number of visitors & other workers - 7 deacons etc.
Church: holds 700 (Yearbook says 900). Schoolroom and

Services Held

and class rooms. Mission premises at 37 Grafton Terrace, comprising a hall holding 350 persons and a number of rooms in the house used as class rooms.

Calendar.

SUNDAY— Divine Service, 11 a.m.
Do. 7 p.m.
Lord's Supper, 12.30 p.m. (first Sunday).
Do. 8.15 p.m. (second Sunday, alternate months).
Sunday School, 10.45 a.m. and 2.45 p m.
Bible Class (Mr. WILLIAMS), 3 p.m. (Deacons' Vestry).
Mission Hall, Service, 7 p.m.
Do. Sunday School, 11 a.m. and 2.50 p.m.
Teachers' Prayer Meeting (Second Sunday).
United Teachers' Prayer Meeting (Second Sunday of alternate months, at 4 p.m.).

MONDAY— Mothers' Meeting (Schoolroom), 2.30 p.m.
Do. (Mission Hall), 2.30 p.m.
Haverstock Society (Winter), 8 p.m.

TUESDAY— Band of Hope (Fortnightly), 6.45 p.m.
Christian Endeavour Society, 8.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Mission Hall), 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—Infants' Friend Committee (Monthly), 11 a.m.
Benevolent Committee (Monthly), 11 a.m.
Divine Service, 7.45 p.m. — Mixed . 50 - 60.
Church Meeting (Monthly), 7.45 p.m.

THURSDAY— Ladies' Working Meeting (Monthly), 3.30 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Reading (Fourth Thursday), 3.30 p.m.
Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
Scholars' Guild (Mission Hall), Fortnightly, 7.45 p.m.

FRIDAY— Gymnasium, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY— Temperance Meeting (Mission Hall), 8 p.m.

Have two distinct Sunday congregations, of which

the morning is the better. In the evening get some working class folk and a number of "religious vagrants", who come for special addresses or anthems [Mr N. issues bills announcing his subjects for Sunday evenings, choosing titles bearing on some subject of interest at the time]. The morning congregation does not vary much - place is fairly full. In the evening the variation is considerable. At present it is greater than in the morning but sometimes is only half as much.

Sunday School children are drawn from the immediate neighbourhood. Clean & well-dressed

STATISTICS.

Teachers.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.
Number on Books	13	14	4	31
Average Afternoon Attendance ...	11	12	2	25
Church Members	9	11	2	22
Formerly Scholars	8	8	1	17
Scholars.				
Number on Books	110	196	220	526
Average Morning Attendance† ...	40	70	96	206
,, Afternoon ,, ...	77	130	126	333
Above 15 years of age	27	31	—	58

†Exclusive of Senior Classes who attend Service in the Chapel.

Social Agencies

Social agencies include Gymnasium (Young Men & women). Medland Club (40 members) provides

opportunities for social intercourse, lectures &c. Mothers' Mtgs. Band of Hope (150), Christian Endeavour Society &c. Athletic Club for Lads. All these institutions are in working order & fairly well supported but present no special features. Some particulars are given in the Year Book (placed with other material)

Visitation

Have a number of visitors to visit the congregation. Have also visited the district allotted to them by the Free Church Council - house to house, leaving a copy of the following circular. (See next page). This forms part of a general visitation scheme of the Fr. Ch. C

Charitable Relief

The Church belongs to a Benevolent or Relief Society, which embraces most of the churches of the neighbourhood. A monthly conference is held at which the representatives compare lists and if any names are found on more than one list, arrangements are made as to which church shall undertake the work. Mr B Lockland (St Andrews) is the leading spirit in this combination.

For relief purposes they have the Sacramental Fund (£40 in 1897)

Free Church Council
Circular

Nichols- Congregational

(£40 in 1897); the Benevolent Society (£31); Infants Friend Society (£8) + the Clothing Society. The latter makes clothing + sells it cheaply to the poor. Also works for Bazaars. Relief is given by tickets, Supt of Benevolent Society first investigating the case.

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ST. PANCRAS PARISH COUNCIL
OF
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES,
WEST DIVISION.

DEAR FRIEND,

If you do not already attend a place of worship, we earnestly invite you to attend the Sunday Services of one or other of the Free Churches. A great blessing is promised in the Word of God to those who unite with others in prayer and praise. Thousands owe the peace of their homes and the happiness of their lives to the good they have received in the House of God. You owe it to the present and eternal welfare of yourself and family to share in the worship of the people of God.

Without disparaging the work of other churches, we would remind you of the great services the Free Churches have rendered to the people by their love of liberty, their freedom from State control, their brotherly equality, their trust in the Spirit of God and not in forms, their simple services, their earnest Gospel preaching. The Founders of the Free Churches of Great Britain, by their sufferings, their labours, their loyalty to Christ and His Cross, won for us the liberty we now enjoy. The Free Churches of to-day, by their friendliness, their efforts to elevate the people, their enthusiasm to save souls at home and abroad, and the changed lives of many worshippers, give sure proofs that God is with them. You will find our services bright and helpful, and you will receive a hearty welcome.

Allow us, therefore, for your soul's sake, and for the sake of all that are dear to you, to urge you to attend the House of God, and may its ministry and worship be a blessing to you.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

D. WILSON, M.A.,
Oxendon (Presbyterian), Haverstock Hill.
J. B. NICHOLS,
Haverstock (Congregational), Maitland Park.
T. WYNNE JONES,
Wesleyan Church, Prince of Wales Road.
E. PITCAIRN WRIGHT,
(Baptist), Berkeley Road Chapel, Chalk Farm.
HERWOOD ALLEN,
St. Paul's (Congregational), Hawley Road, Kentish Town Rd.
JOHN G. BINNEY,
Park Chapel (Congregational), Arlington Rd., Camden Town.
W. H. TINDALL,
(Wesleyan Methodist), Stanhope Street, Euston Road.
D. M. CONNAN, M.A.,
Trinity (Presbyterian), Kentish Town Road.

What do the Evangelical Free Churches Believe and Teach?

1. That the Holy Scriptures are a supreme and sufficient guide of faith and conduct.

2. That faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is the sole condition of salvation, and not penances, rites, or the absolution of priests.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only Head of His Church.

4. That the Church of Christ consists of all believers, each of whom should strive to bring in those that are without.

5. That the Lord's Supper is a rite of commemoration of the death of Christ, and that Jesus Christ is present spiritually in the hearts of believers who feed on Him by faith.

6. That true blessedness and well-being come only through union with Christ, and that His salvation is free for everyone who seeks it in faith.

7. That the Spirit of God is not limited to any sect or class, but dwells in all Churches that hold Christ as the Head and blesses all who meet together in the name of Christ.

8. That the progress of the Kingdom of God will bring not only blessing to souls, but health to the body, the sweetening of home life, the cleansing of society, the rescue of the submerged, the knitting together of all classes in mutual brotherhood and service as children of One Common Father.

The Evangelical Free Churches, federated in this District, are the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches.

Other Churches

Co-operation

Police

Drink

Church Membership

As to the other churches, Mr N. had a word of praise for St Andrews – "They work very well". Of the others he did not speak. Thinks the ground is completely covered and "in some cases covered by 3 or four".

Co-operation in Charitable work by the Local Comtee. & in Church work by the Free Church Council. The Congregational churches (5) of Hampstead have formed a Local Committee to arrange Fraternal Re-unions of the members of these churches. The first of these gatherings was held at Dr Horton's church & the second is to be held next week at Mr Nichols. Mr N's church is evidently regarded as a Hampstead Church.

Police do their work well. Has frequently noticed their kindly spirit and patience.
Drink a 'terrible factor'

Church membership was 269 in January. They are growing closely and more than hold their own.
Mr N. was rather surprised at the result of the visitation they recently undertook for the Free Church Council

The Mission House
39 Grafton Terrace

Opinion

Council. The proportion of non-church goers was much smaller than he expected. Supposes there is a considerable section of the people, who attend a church or chapel irregularly and reckon themselves as belonging to that place.

The Mission at Grafton Terrace is in a transitional state at present. Until a short time ago (1897) ~~the~~ a London City Missionary was stationed there and controlled the work. This did not prove satisfactory and the Church took over the work and are now about to appoint an evangelist. Meanwhile the work is sustained by the Church Members. Services are held on Sunday evening. The Sunday school has 21 teachers & 313 scholars on the books with an average attendance of 250. Mothers' meeting, Savings bank, a week night service and an Annual Flower show are amongst the other activities at this place.

Haverstock Chapel is a well to do middle class church, only touching the poor through the Mission. but amongst its own people its influence is no doubt very strong. But belonging rather to Hampstead than Kentish Town.

Wm R. Edgson
London City Mission

GHA
31/10/18

The Mission District

Character of the Streets

St. Stephen's parish.

Wm R. Edgson. L.C.M. 65 Moray Road Tollington Park N.

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Mission Room: 78 Kings Road, Camden Town.

Wm R. Edgson is a City Missionary. He has been 3 years in Camden Town and previously had a poor district, mainly block dwellings, ~~near~~ in Walworth near the Elephant & Castle, where I knew him. He is an active middle aged man; well educated & has a good presence; rather above the average of the City missionaries.

His district is a small, almost rectangular, block bounded by Pratt Strat, High St. Camden Town, Camden Road & Kings Road. It is a much more respectable district than his S. London one was, yet the people are "not too respectable to receive me". It includes 700 to 800 visitable houses and from 2 to 3 times as many families.

The poorest part of the district are Little Randolph Street, Caroline Street, Prebend Street & the court out of it. Greenland Street is also poor but it is nearly all gone now. Some of the people have migrated into Baynham Street

and

~~Character~~

Occupations of People

Rents

Building Used

and the portion of that street on the west between Hamilton & Greenland Streets is now very poor - a distinct contrast to the rest of the street. The West side of Little Randolph Street is very poor - 4 or 5 families in a houses (6 rms + washhouse). ~~West~~ East side is a little better 6 almshouses, each containing 3 old women, each of whom has a small allowance. Caroline Street is very bad at the angle (3 or 4 families in a 6 roomed house), other part of the street near Camden Street not more than 3 families. Prebend St & Court 4 rooms 2 families in each house.

The population is mainly regular working class - a very large proportion are railway men. These are often householders & then their lodgers are usually also employed on the railway.

Rents are high. £40 & rates & taxes for a 8 roomed house. Two rooms let for 7/6; might get two rms in Lit. Randolph Street for 7/- but Mr E. does not know a single person, who has two rooms for less than 7/- and only a few at that rate.

Mission Room at 78 Kings Road will hold 60 persons. It is one of the strangest places I have seen.

The

Edgson SCM.

Services held

The Grange Mission,

78, KING'S ROAD, CAMDEN ROAD.

Dear Friend,

You are affectionately invited to hear the Gospel at the above Mission every Sunday at 3 & 7 o'clock.

R. EDGSON, City Missionary.

Visitation

The house is a detached villa (pink bricked stud) & the lady (a Miss Cozar) has placed her back drawing room at the Missionary's disposal. It is approached from the side entrance by a covered way, & has been fitted with platform & chairs.

Sunday: 3 pm Bible Class. (Mixed)

" 7 pm. Gospel Service. 40 to 50 including 10 or 12 men. Nearly all come from the corner of the district near the Hall. A few from Wrotham Road.

Tuesday 8 - Service - 18 to 20.

Thursday at 8. Gospel Temperance Meeting (Average 25) and a Woman's Bible Class in alternate week.

Saturday 8. Prayer Meeting.

Wednesday 2.45. Mothers' Meeting.

Open Air Meetings on Sunday & Thursday at corner of Gt Randolph St.

Visits the district house to house & takes about 6 weeks to cover the ground. Also visits the factories, & stables & wharves in the neighbourhood. Has a weekly service (Friday dinner hour) at Idris's work and at an annual meeting for their employees only, the attendance is 250 (about 200 men & 50 women)

R. EDGSON
CITY MISSIONARY
78, KING'S ROAD, N.W.
SERVICES
Sunday 7
Tuesday 8
Wednesday (Mothers' Meeting) 2.45
Saturday (Prayer Meeting) 8

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Visitation

Nursing

Cases of sickness needing attendance he makes known to the nurse at Park Chapel and if charitable relief is needed he looks in that direction also.

Other Religious Agencies

Park Chapel is not doing so much as ~~it once~~ formerly. Depends too much on the Nurses.
St Thomas's Church visit a good deal in the district. It is the lowest church in the neighbourhood.
St Michaels is very high. Does not like the L.C.M.
Thinks they have no businness here.

Poor Relief

Poor Law Relief is given to several persons in Little Randolph Street & Prebend Street.

Police

Police have not much to do in the district. Sometimes called to Little Randolph Street.

Drink

Drink - one of the chief factors of crime. Not many cases of Prostitution. Used to be one or two houses in Kings Road but they have been cleared. The drinking habit is their greatest trouble. Housing fair.

As a rule Mrs E. is well received by the people, altho'

he

he does not see much definite result except that a number attend the Mission ~~Hall~~ regularly. Not much open infidelity but more indifference. The railway men as a class come from the country; they have had religious instruction and so are not opposed to religion.

Asked about the other City Missionaries working in the neighbourhood, Mrs E. mentioned the following as worth seeing: -

Mrs West, Leighton Hall - (Already seen)

Mrs Morrish. High Street district (171). Works west side of Highfield

Mrs Mills Pratt St district (172) East side of High Street.

Mrs Sutterby Albany St. district (164). Has a Mission Room in Bayham Place. Has a Mission Room in Lush's Bldgs, Drummond St. Connected with Regents Park Chapel.

Mrs Balaam. Drummond St district - Been here 10 years.

At the close of our interview, Mrs E. introduced me to Miss Cæsar. She is a bright cheerful middle aged woman. Replying to questions as to the women attending her mothers meeting, she said that no doubt some of them did attend more than one meeting, and she thought they might do so. The such women were mostly widows & elderly people with little or nothing to do - the working woman could not afford the time - It was better they should do so; gave an

Mothers Meetings

interest to their lives. They did not come for what they got.

St Andrew's parish.

19/10

Report of interview with the Rev. D. Wilson, Minister of the English Presbyterian Church, ("Oxenden") Haverstock Hill, at 28 Stanley Gardens. (E.A.) Oct. 27.98.

Mr. Wilson wrote the following post-card, thinking that its brief summary of the doings of his church would suffice.

Wilson's card - Oct. 18

Our Agencies are :—
2 Services and 2 Schools on Sunday
we have had out-door Services
in Summer but they have been
given up owing to the fact that
a Temperance Service of the same
kind is conducted close to
them every week and the
lies in the vicinity.
a Christian Endeavour Society
a Band of Hope
a Library Society
Lectures - Visitation
— & Monthly Tea
D. Wilson.

At the interview he proved to be a quiet Scotchman, of something under the average height, with a clean-shaven pale face, good profile, gray hair, and grave manner. He was very clerically dressed, and in the proper robes would have made an admirable and picturesque priest. He was a man about 45, and seemed to be living a quiet studious, min-

isterial life in his little house in Stanley Gardens.

He is not an aggressive man, and his church is not a centre of missionary activity. It has visited its area allot ted by the S. Pancras Church Council in its immediate n'hood. but fortherest appears to concentrate its energies on keeping its own flock together. It is to this end that all the socia agencies aredirected, and the object is fairly well attained. The status quo is maintained, the church is self-supporting, but there is no increase. The congregation consists of a few who are rather wealthy, and quite well-to-do; a majority of "respectable middle-class; and a small minority of working class. The greater proportion of the congregation he thinks would belong to a non-servant keeping class.

The church holds 500, and there is a lecture hall that takes 200. Attendances are not large -- perhaps 100 to 150 on Sunday morning, and from 200 to 300 in the evening. The church belongs to the North London Presbytery, the constituent centres of which, as of all others, are ~~some of them~~ "aid-giving", or "aid-receiving" or self-supporting, and, as stated, his belongs to the last class.

They have a membership of 160, and these include many of the younger generation, all ages ~~being~~, according to Mr. W., being represented in fair proportions. The congregation is hardly a family one, however, many families being repre-

Wilson - Presbyterian

sented by either the older or the younger members. According to him the households of thedistrict aredecidedly eclectic in their choices of places of worship. A certain number of people have always attended who have been diverted from the Church of England by ritualistic practices, but this contingent has had no particular increase in recent years. The church people who come rarely do morethanattend: they do not as a rule formally sever their connection with the Church.

The afternoon Sunday School has an average of perhaps from 150 to 200, and on all their registers, he thinks that they have a total of perhaps xx 250 individual children. The many of these are belonging to members of the congregation afternoon teachers number 16. The other helpers of all kinds xxxxx number perhaps 30. The whole of the visiting in the area allotted by the Free Church Council was visited by gentlemen. Apart from this visiting all the work has the pri xxxxxxxxxxx primary object of strengthening the church, and binding the members together: there is not-hing missionary about it, but many of their people are engaged elsewhere in social or political work.

Alms for the poor amount to but little -- perhaps from £10 to £12 per annum.

Asked as to other churches, which was the most important, the ready answer was "Oh! Dr. Horton's". (He has the Lyndhurst Hall in Rhyll St. by way of mission.) Altogether, Mr.W..

Wilson - Presbyterian

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reckons that there are about 20 churches and chapels within a radius of half a mile of his own.

Asked as to any co-operation between them to avoid over lapping, Mr. W. mentioned a Council for the relief of the Poor, which meets in the winter: the chaplain of the Tailors' Institute is the Sec. and should perhaps be seen.

Rev^d H. Le Pla
Gospel Oak Congregational Church.

GA
Nov 3/98

The District & People

The people go to Ilford!

All Hallow's parish.

CO 19/9 91

Rev^d. H. Le Pla. 28 South Hill Park, Hampstead.
Minister of Gospel Oak Congregational Church,
Southampton Road.

A ~~p~~ slightly built, pleasant faced man of about 40, Mr Le Pla is full of energy and reminds me strongly of the Sidney Webb of 7 years ago. High forehead, slight pointed beard + mustache. Speaks quietly but decidedly without any hesitation or reserve. I am inclined to think he has underestimated the influence + work of his church. Has been at Gospel Oak since 1882, when he commenced his ministry.

Draw the people almost entirely from the district, which is cut off by Parliament Fields on the north, the railway east & Southampton Road (Faston Terrace) to Walden Road on the south. Population has changed immensely since he came. (1890) Then the people - as in Carlton Road had a house; now in that road he knows houses with 6 families. Percefield Street is also crowded.

There has been a great exodus of the people going on. People have gone to Ilford, Muswell Hill, and Barnet, where they can get small houses and cheap

Buildings used

Persons employed

Services Held

X

cheap living. The movement is spreading to Hampstead. In his road, several of the houses have 2 and 3 families. Further up the district is becoming too de expensive for some & they are moving off to Wimbledon and Acton.

Church holds 750. Schoolrooms 400 & 200 respectively. Also class rooms.

Minister and certificated nurse only paid agents. 30 S.S. teachers & a number of others, about 50 give a great deal of time to the work.

Sunday Services. 11. & 6.30. Morning congregation is the best (400). Evening not so good (350) except when a lantern service is held. Almost entirely lower middle class & working people. A few from Hampstead & this neighbourhood. e.g. Lord Parkhill.
Sunday School. Morning & afternoon. Scholars on Books. . Attendance - Morn[g] Afternoon. Children entirely from the neighbourhood. Nicely dressed - very respectable.

Le Pla - Congregational

Wednesday service. About 35.

Monday afternoon. "Mission to the poor." mothers. About 120.
~~with an attendance of 20~~. About 30 belong to the Church. The
- meeting brings the people slowly to the church.

Band of Hope & Scripture Union Meeting (About 70) on alternate Monday evenings.

Literary Society on Thursday. Average 70. Mainly young people.

Gymnasium (Friday) for young men & lads

Penny Bank. Average deposit £350 a year. Oldest in district.

Visitation

No regular visitors. A Committee of 8 or 9 Ladies visit the mother. The nurse also visits & looks after them. Mrs Le Pla visits the members and the S.S. teachers visit the parents of scholars once a fortnight. Also visit district for Free Church Council

Nursing

Nurse visits sick. Also supply letters for Vernon Consumption Hospital & the Northolt Hospital in Kentish Town. At the latter they maintain a cot.

Charitable Relief

- Principle of their charitable relief (small) is not to give money. Visitors find out cases and the relief takes the form of coals, blankets &c. Try not to pauperize

pauperise. Belong to the local committee, which is very useful in preventing overlapping. Have found names on two lists again and again. Some churches still outside the chief being All Hallows. This is a constant grievance as All Hallows gives coals & blankets ad lib.

Has tried to work with C.O.S. but not succeeded. Take such a long time & write so many letters.

Relief is derived from Communion and Sick funds; also have Clothing Club & Convalescent fund. Total relief about £100 a year.

Other Religious Agencies

Roman Catholics are strong near Walden Rd but very few near Mr Le Pla's church. 2 Missions are doing well in the district. Think the people like them because they can drop in without being asked to help. Mr Crewdson at 2 C.H. Hall Lambe St has a good congregation.

Poor Relief

Not much poor relief in neighbourhood. Poverty is due to illness or want of employment. The people are a working folk.

Drink

Prostitution

Crime

Marriage

Thrift

Sunday excursion

Church Membership

Le Pla - Congregational

A great deal of drink but not open drunkenness. Thinks less heavy drinking but an increase amongst women. It is the regular thing for women to go in & have a drink while shopping. Also mentions the great increase of the Mansfield Tavern trade since the buses made it ~~one~~ their stopping point. Always a number of corner men standing about there now.

Not any appreciable prostitution - known to exist on Hampstead Heath.

Fairly free from Crime

Have 6 or 9 marriages a year: mainly their own people.

As to thrift - mentioned the bank. Noticed a tendency amongst men to spend a lot of money on Sunday, Sunday league excursions &c. and not save anything against a time of need, when they come for help. Thinks it worse as the men leave their wives & children at home. Go once a month or as often as they can.

The Church now has a membership of 200. They

are just holding their own and no more. Lose so many by removals. and there is also a tendency to go to the large church. Three of Dr Horton's elders were deacons at Gospel Oak. As the neighbourhood becomes more entirely working class, the churches tend to become mission centres and this is the future Mr Le Pla sees for his own church.

Camden Rd. Presbyterian Church
Rev R.M. Thornton B.A.

Camden Road Presbyterian Church. Camden Park Road.

The following postcard was received from the Minister: Rev R. M Thornton. B.A., D.D. He has been at Camden Road since 1883.

Presbyterian Ch of England Camden Rd

all
The Statistics of our Congn.
are all to be found at the Sug.
Office 7 East India Avenue E.C.
so that it is not necessary
for me to trouble you on
this head. With kind regards
Yours truly
14. Nov 98. R. M. Thornton

The Church is a fine building facing the New River Reservoir, & is seated for 650 people. Leighton Hall, Leighton Road is a branch mission of this church (See interview with the missionary Mr A. West p 137)

The Church is middleclass: has 417 communicants on the roll (1897) beside 200 at Leighton Hall.

A sunday school is carried on at York Road Board school as well as at the Church. Statistics of these

These schools are as under :

	Scholars on Books.	Average attendance Morning	Average attendance Afternoon	No of Teachers	Members of Band of Hope
Camden Park Road	256	70	183	33	210
Leighton Road	300 ~~316~~	155	207	36	
York Road Board School	258	—	214	25	287

The usual services are held : Sunday . 11 + 7 pm. Wed. 8.
and the usual agencies are carried on – Literary Society,
Total Abstinence Society &c.

Rev W. Herwood Allen
Congregational Minister.

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Persons employed

Holy Trinity parish.

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Revd Herwood Allen. Minister of St Pauls' Chapel Hawley Road: Seen at 49 St Augustine's Rd Camden Town N.W.

Mr Allen is a portly middle aged ~~or fair~~ man, verging toward the fifties. Heavy mustache, bald high forehead and coarse features. He was dressed carelessly & untidy & was not an ~~taking~~ attractive personality.
He has been at St Pauls since 1893, which would be soon after his secession from the Primitive Methodists (See Book LXXV. p 59.)

As secretary of the Free Church Council, he naturally works closely on its lines and when speaking of the district always referred to the area allotted to his church. This as a block east of Kentish Town Road between Hawley Crescent and Prince of Wales Road, bounded on the west by Chalk Farm & Hartland Roads.

Within this area the poorest streets are Leybourne & ~~Harben~~ Hawley Streets & the ~~west~~ of small houses adjoining the canal. The remainder is ordinary working class and has not changed much within recent years, although the tendency is toward a lower level, owing to the removal of those ~~who~~ are best off.

1 Minister and bibleswoman giving all time.

Twelve

Twelve lady visitors, 30 church helpers. 34 S.S. teachers. Altogether a good staff of workers.

Buildings used

Chapel seat 700. Schoolroom 300. House adjoining church used for classrooms & caretaker's residence.

Services held

Sunday Services. 11 am & 7 pm. Mr A. was careful to impress me with the respectability of the congregation. One or two deacons come from Dartmouth Park. The morning people keep servants. As to numbers & no hint was given except that at a monthly Sunday evening 'lecture to artizans" the place was 'nearly full'. A congregation of bona fide working men.

Thursday. Week night service.

Monday. Band of Hope. 112 members

"I think they have a Christian Endeavour Society on Tuesday" (Membership 39 given in S.S. Union Report)

Friday. Pentecostal League Branch. About half the members belong to the church, the others come from other churches.

Mothers Meeting 50 to 60 attendance

On Sunday morning a Mens' adult school is held (9 am) in connection with the Friends' movement. Get the intelligent workingman

Visitation

Nursing

Charitable Relief

Other Religious Influences

Sunday School - Scholars on books. 290. Average Attendance: Morning 98, Afternoon 150.

"Visiting – personally no" said Mrs A. Ladies visit 1000 houses regularly. The deacons visit the members and are assisted in this work by the 30 church helpers.

Have a few nurses in the congregation. They would arrange for cases needing assistance: Hospitals are much used: the most popular being the North western.

For the relief of the church poor they have the Communion Fund and a Benevolent Society for others. The latter gives money (rarely) but most relief ~~takes~~ consists of coal, soup tickets available at the Soup Kitchen, Grange Rd, Also have a fund (£20 or so) to provide loans to poor people to purchase sewing machines, mangles &c. These are lent free of interest. Have not lost much by it. Total relief £20 to £30. during the year

Does not see much of the Church of England. Sometimes they see Mr Penfold's visitors (St Michael); also those of Holy Trinity (Rev. Cutt?)

Allen - congregational

Holy Trinity
Very exclusive - get their people to sign a pledge no to enter a non-conformist place of worship as long as they live. The church however is alive & does a good deal of charitable work.
Unitarian (Clarence Road) also does good work
Presbyterian. Kentish Town Rd. (Rev J McCowan M.A) is not doing much. Sometimes not more than 25 on Sunday evening.
Salvation Army (Chalk Farm). Cannot grow much. Has been full for 6 years. Started an outpost in Kentish Town but had to give it up through want of accommodation.

The Free Church Council

The Free Church Council has been successful and is gaining ground. Only two of the free churches have stood out of it, one of these being Mr Stephens, Highgate Road Baptist. They have arranged and carried out a house to house visitation; united workhouse services; exchange of pulpits and held three demonstrations. A Mission by an evangelist (Geo Clarke) is now arranged; the a week to be held at the Congregational Church, Kentish Town Road; a second week will be held at the Wesleyan Church, Lady Margaret Road. They also act together for public purposes & in this direction, Mr A. expects greater success & will act in licencing & similar questions.

Poor Law

Drink.

New Places of Amusement.

Housing

Church membership

Like Mrs Woffendale, Mrs A would like more outrelief & for similar reasons. Numbers of respectable poor, who would die sooner than enter the house.

Drink is not so bad but Mrs A. fears that an increase may take place. Four places of amusement now being built in the district:- Stanley Hall, the Palace of Varieties, Bedford Hall & the new theatre opposite the St Pancras Station. Does not expect opposition to the licences will be successful: can only hope to stop the drink licences but even that would be only a temporary success.

Have more blocks of buildings than formerly. Favors this kind of building as the restrictions keep the people decent. Blocks are very much better than tenement houses.

The membership of the church is about 300 and is growing slowly. Lose many through removals & the congregation & membership tends to be more local than formerly..

During the interview, Mrs A. seems apathetic &

cautious. Everything had to be drawn from him
Towards the end of the interview he found that I knew
something of the Baptists & began to interview me as
to their peculiarities – This broke the ice somewhat &
he chatted confidentially about the other churches, generally
confirming the opinion that the older churches are
struggling against adverse circumstances.

The popularity of a place, he says depends
almost entirely on the preacher. There are a very
old people, deacons &c attached to a particular
building, who would stay so long as a brick
remained but the bulk of the people will not.
They will gather to the minister they like. This
applies to all denominations except the
Wesleyans, who are accustomed to change
of ministers.

Persons of local importance who might be
seen are:

Percy Bunting, President of Free Church Council
v 11 Endsleigh Terrace.

Robert White. 51 King Henry Road. N.W.
A great man among the Presbyterians and
connected with the Aldenham Institute.

Mrs C. W. Wannell
Treasurer. Chalk Farm Corps
of the Salvation Army

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The District worked

A working class folk

Holy Trinity parish.

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Mrs C. W. Wannell. 41 Camden Road. N.W.

Mrs Wannell is the Treasurer of the Chalk Farm Corps of the Salvation Army, which has its "Temple," behind Nos 81-2 Chalk Farm Road, & with entrance between Nos 80 & 81. Staff Capt. Pickering, the officer commanding the North London Division described this corps as the most typical working corps in the division & said that General Booth regarded it as "the" ideal of a model corps" (See Interview XXX. p 17). Mrs Wannell is a sturdy thickset man of 40 to 45; with keen eyes, closely cut beard; the face & bespeaking a mind as sturdy as the body. He has been connected with the corps for many years. With his wife, he carries on a School of Telegraphy at the above address

The district worked by the Corps is bounded by Kentish Town Road, Highgate Road, across Parliament Fields by Fleet Road to Haverstock Hill & then by Primrose Hill & Regents' Park to the Cobden Statue & Crowndale Road.

Their people come almost entirely from the labouring classes — railway men employed in the goods traffic, coalies bricklayers' labourers and their wives. Also have a large

number

Buildings Used

Persons Employed

Services Held

number of domestic servants, most of whom come from the district north of the Adelaide. - so large is the number of servants that employers come to them for servants.

Hall seat 650 but get 700 in every Sunday night; large room for Juniors (200 to 300), vestry & kitchen.
House & shop (1a Belmont St) used for classes etc.

Two paid officers (~~Ensign~~ Adjutant Harrison & wife) and 40 to 50 local officers. Brass band with 50 or 52 members.

Sunday. 7 am Knee drill 50 to 70
11 " Service 300 to 400
3 " Meeting. 300 to 600
8 " " 700. All Always packed.

Have open air meetings at 10 a.m. 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. occupying two or three stations at each time, the members dividing into three sections - "Brothers, sisters and Band" - for this purpose.

Week evening meetings every night at 8 PM, the attendance being from 200 to 250 on Monday & Wednesday night & smaller other evenings. Monday is usually a musical meeting & Wednesday a "soldiers' night.

Social Agencies

Membership of Corps

Visitation

Junior meetings on Sunday afternoon & evening. Classes in afternoon – attendance about 150; mainly children of their adherents. Other meetings on week evenings but mostly of a social character.

The Young People's Legion, started with the view of "Roping in" the young people just above school age has meetings of some sort nearly every night. Classes for music, drawing, fretcutting, shorthand, dressmaking &c: Try to get the young people, who are not already connected by the S. A & are fairly successful in this.

Band of Love – mostly children of members.

Corps numbers ~~about~~ just over 400 members including recruits. The Junior corps – 200. Usually fluctuate between 300 & 400 – a good many removals – servants &c.

Visit, but not systematically. District is divided into 11 wards with one or two sergeants in charge of each. ~~They~~ Each is supposed to see his or her soldiers once a week but as they may see them at the meetings it practically amounts to visiting the absentees. The paid officers visit the members regularly

Charitable Relief

Nursing

Organisation

Results of the work

All charitable relief is referred to the paid officers. Not many outsiders apply for help, nor indeed do their own people. They help their members and those who attend the meetings but generally get to know of cases needing help indirectly. Have no fund but a soldier will make a collection for the person. As an instance, he mentioned the case of a man who was hurt while at work. They collected enough to pay him his weekly wage while he was disabled. Give Children's Tree tea at Christmas.

Have a Sick Nursing Brigade (under Mrs Tallant). They see that no case of illness is neglected. Go in & do for the people.

The whole work of the Corps is organised on the Brigade system. Each member is enrolled in the Brigade, which he or she prefers or thinks the work most suited to his ability ~~or on~~ Thus there are Public houses visiting and Mercy selling Brigades &c.

Mrs Wannell speaks very warmly about the Corps. As long as he has known it "the work as never flagged". He had quite a string of cases of families which had been entirely changed by coming in contact with

with the S.A. Especially he mentioned the change that takes place in their temporal condition after conversion. They become respectable, dress decently & get a comfortable home. At Chalk Farm, they have a number of men, who were coalies. They when converted. They saved money to buy a horse & then started on their own account. Several now have 5 or 6 horses & employ men. One man now at Hammersmith began in this way and today he has 50 horses.

They started a small outpost at Pratt Mews, Camden Town but were obliged to discontinue it as the place was unsuitable for meetings & they could not get another place.

My impression from the interview is that the Chalk Farm Corps is a real spiritual force & the centre of much activity. The attendance at the meetings is the more remarkable as the Hall is quite hidden from the main street & there is not even a notice board to acquaint the ~~way~~ wayfarer with its existence. You might ~~as~~ pass up & down the Chalk Farm Road a dozen times ~~time~~ without noticing the entrance & even if ~~it were~~ you noticed it, might think it was simply a warehouse or yard

Impressions

× The change of officers does not affect the corps much but it changes the character of the meetings. One man will go in for lively musical meetings & not very 'deep' teaching while another will give "really good teaching"

Pastor W. J. Caterer
Baptist

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The A Working class people

Persons employed

Building Used

St. Stephen's parish. 159

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Pastor W. J. Caterer. Minister of the Old Baptist Union Chapel; 9t College Street. N.W. Seen at his residence: 64 Gaisford Street, Kentish Town. N.W.

Mr C. is a pale faced man of 30 to 35; regular features, small moustache. Dressed in a somewhat worn suit of black. Quiet unaffected manner and very methodical. Had made notes against each of the questions & so went through them without any deviation. Has been here two years.

The people they reach are entirely working class; mainly railway men, the greater number of their members being either directly or indirectly employed by the Rly. Cos.

The minister is the only paid officer & he gets no stated salary but whatever is left after expenses are paid [Not very much I think] "If it is small we put up with it & thank God for it. If it is larger we rejoice". Have the usual church officers, deacons, 13 S. S teachers &c.

Only the Chapel, which seats 250. Hold a Bible class in a friends house.

Services Held

Social Agencies

Caterer - Baptist

Sunday. Service at 11 + 6·30. A few at both services but as working people, they have special disadvantages on this point. The railway men have to work night or morning at least every other Sunday + a few go every Sunday; servants also only get out once a day. Average 90 adults at night + 30 to 40 adults + a large number of children in the morning.

Sunday School. About 150 on books. Average attendance Morning 70, afternoon 150. Children of members and also some from the better class streets - Kings Road and Rochester Road. Get some from Lit. Randolph Street who are very poor - "Mothers try to make the place a nursery".

Wednesday - Preaching service

Friday Prayer meeting.

Tuesday Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

Open air meetings on Sunday in various parts of the district

Have magic lantern ~~entertainments~~ lectures (free) during winter. Try to make them entertaining + instructive.

Industrial Exhibition yearly for the children. Very successful. Get 200 entries from the Sunday School.

Band of Hope. Attendance about 50.

Visitation

The Free Church visitation

Furnished Apartments

Charitable Relief

Co-operation & Influence of the Churches

Caterer - Baptist

Mrs & Mr C. visit the members systematically & Mr C. visits any cases ~~assigned~~ that he thinks may need visitation. They also visit their Free Church Council district, house to house with the circulars. The district is bounded by St Pauls Road, Murray St, Rochester Rd & ~~Ka~~ St College Street. Did not find very many attending a place of worship. They like you to think they are religiously inclined. A great many say they belong to the Church of England but except perhaps one-third of these, the adhesion is nominal.

The better class roads in the district are let in furnished apartments e.g. Kings Road, Rochester Road Wilmot ~~Terrace~~ Place. West of Kings Road apartments are let unfurnished.

Only communion fund — about £6. a year

Only co-operation is through the Free Church Council. Does not think the Church of England has so much influence in the district as the Non-Cons. Of these, the Wesleyans and Congregationalists are the most powerful. Mentioned specially Rev Wynn Jot Jones' church (Wesleyan) and Rev Vaughan (Congregational)

Workhouse Services

Police

Thrift

Housing

The President of the Old Baptist Union for the past 18 years is H. A Squires
13 Fordyce Hill
Lewisham
} could be seen if we wished information about these churches.

Caterer- Baptist

Mr C. has taken one of the Workhouse services organised by the Free Ch. Council. He took 16 workers with him and found a congregation of 200 assembled in the dining hall.

Police have some trouble with well-dressed roughs in this district and are 'pretty smart' with in dealing with it. Has not seen the police taking sly drinks here. Nothing like what he saw at Stockwell.

Many of our members think about the future. Thinks they are thrifty. Many are buying their houses and nearly all are insured for small sums.

District so overcrowded. Very difficult to get apartment especially if you have children. Mr C. is in this condition & wishes to move but cannot find a place. The Buildings are not very nice. Some of his members who live there, tell him that when they come out early in the morning, they stumble against people asleep on the stairs.

The church is growing slowly. Has been hindered in the past by frequent changes of pastor but now the Old Baptist Union is arranging for the pastor to stay longer.

DISTRICT MISSION HALL,

LEIGHTON ROAD, N.W.

MR. A. WEST

WILL SING

AND SPEAK

ON SUNDAY NEXT

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

You will be Heartily Welcomed.

St John Baptist parish

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Report of interview with Mr. A. West, of the District Mission Hall, Leighton Road. (N.A.)

The Mission is connected with, and financially dependent upon the Camden Road Presbyterian Church. Its present building was bought from the Wesleyans 16 years ago, the older mission cente in Harmood St. being then given up. Apart from the afternoon S.S. teachers, the supporting chapel gives little personal assistance to its mission: they are content for the most part with a cash nexus.

The Mission congregation consists of railway men and their wives, and of a respectable artisan class. The poorest who come hail from Peckwater St. but their poverty is not of an extreme type -- there is nothing in the n'hood like the poverty of Southwark or round King's Cross (probbaly this refers to Somers Town). The poorest streets are Peckwater and Hampshire Strrte; the only bad houses in his district arethe two in Bartholomew Road, (see police evidenc Rents in the district are high, and going up, but, if people can pay this charge, the houses as a rule are good enough. He mentioned a house in Leverton Road, with 6 rooms, bathroom and offices, rent £42 plus rates and taxes, £13 or £14. High rents make many peop e take in lodgers, who are often railway men -- "young country fellows; a rare lot round Kentish Town". He gave them a good character.

West - Presbyterian Mission (2)

The congregation is a separate affair, and differs in from many missions in being a permanent and completely organized body, with its own members and congregational machinery. There is no service on Sunday morning, and all that goes on is popularly managed, but, if the place were self-supporting, it would be described as an ordinary chapel, with a strong bias towards the adoption of mission procedure.

Mr. West is himself a missioner of a good type, and the following card gives a very good portrait of him. He is musical, and much of his power comes from his gift of song. After the interview, I went in with him to a short service he holds three times a week for the recipients of out-door relief while they are waiting for the relieving officer to come and begin the payments. It was a strange and melancholy congregation, but Mr. West was clearly a "persona grata" among them. He had a little box, containing a collapsible harmonium of a tiny build, very much likethese sometimes seen in the hands of itinerant musicians. The service consisted of a hymn, a solo and chorus, and a little talk on it --- all very simple and pleasnt likethe man. His own self-complacenc of a non-assertive kind, is imperturbable, and his intellect not very searching:he was admirably equipped for his work.

Details of the work: Afternoon S.S.: attendance, 200; register, 250. Teachers, 24. Twelve come in the morning from

West - Presbyterian Mission (3)

the congregation and the same number in the afternoon from the supporting church. The latter are better educated, better dressed etc. but do not keep better order in the school. There are Bible Classes etc. but the great service is in the evening -- Moody and Sankey; solos etc.; violin, cornet; and a crowded congregation. The place holds 4 00, and it is full. The children are not allowed to come, and special service is arranged for them in the basement of the building. There are 180 members, full communicants. The other branches of the work include Mothers' meetings, Penny Bank, Adult Temperance, with 50 members, men and women; Band of Hope; Gospel Meeting;; cricket club etc. etc. A gymnasium at the Church in Camden Sq. can be joined by the mission people.

He visits 5 hours a day, in xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx a definite area; sees his congregation and goes from house to house; has open air services; visits weekly at least (on Wednesdays) at the police station, and knows all the staff: "as a body a very nice set of men" including 30 young and unmarried, and in addition has the morning services at one of which I attended. These are not uninteresting, and are, he believes the only ones of the kind held in London.

Relief is not important, about £17 a year, sent them by Camden Sq., with occasional special help for special cases. The money he distributes himself is given at his discretion,

and there is no reason to think that he is particularly stri or particularly careless. It is not probablethat he bribes. The strength and independence of his congregation would make this both unnecessary and unwise. And, as he said, "I don't believe in pauperizing the people". It is probably the case that most of the money goes outside his regular flock. They get their religion nearly free, but there is no reason to think that they want any other solatium with it. The collections of all kinds average at about 23/- per Sunday, and this goes to general expenses, and is equivalent it appears from the accounts to about half of what has to be found for general up-keep including £40 that is paid to the London City Mission as part payment of the salary of the Missioner. Of other agencies in the n'hood, Mr. West mentioned the Falkland Road Mission, connected with the Highgate Rd. Baptist Chapel. "Not to be compared with our own, which is old-established, but increasing, and believed to be doing fairly well among a class of people very much like these who come to Leighton Road". The missioner, Mr. Heffenden, comes from Mr. Spurgeon's College. The Highgate Rd. Chapel itself has "a fine congregation". The Wesleyans at Lady Margaret's Road, have a Sister who covers in her visiting much the same district as himself. But there is no friction. At the Parish Church, Mr. Cowd's, "there ought to be a large

congregation than there is". At S. Benet's, "very High Churc a largg number go. Mr. West has a good opinion of the High Churchman, which is exceptional for a man more or less in the service of the L.C.M. He has often found them very sympathetic, and their evangelical brethren "rather narrow". In his own work what he finds is that people want a bright service and "straight talking". Especially is this the case in out-door work. "If you detect a sin, say so", and the man likes you all the better for it.

Mr. W. considers that drink is the worst thing in the district. There is not much co-habitation. The worst streets are Peckwater and Hampshire.

The general tendency is for the n'hood to get poorer, the well-to-do classes moving out more and more. But this does not mean that poverty is increasing. Like Mr. Covd, and others, Mr. West wd agree that the district is going both up and down, the worst streets improving.

Dec. 20th. 1895. St Andrew's parish 19/11

In connexion with Rev J. H. Stone, Sec. of the Kentish Town Mission of Agatha-rd. Road Church, Hampstead.

Mr Stone is a man of from 35 to 40: black hair and moustache: hooked nose: strong intelligent face: exceedingly friendly and cordial.

I saw him at his office in Bishopsgate St: his surroundings indicated that he was a prosperous and wealthy man of business. He is not actually one of the girls who came under the influence of Dr Horton (See Book 77 Page 112) he has been connected with the Church for many years, and has been working at the Mission for 15 years. He is now I gather more than any other one person responsible for the whole control of the Mission, but the branch of work in which he is most actively concerned is that among boys and lads, the Boys Brigade and the Boys Club.

The account given of the Mission work in

the Church 'manual' is so complete that it is unnecessary to add little to it.

Mr S. told me that the work in Kentish Town is almost contemporaneous with the tentative foundation of the Church: it is all an outcome of the Enthusiasm engendered by Horton's preaching and teaching, and was begun in a very small way in 1878. It has gradually grown and in 1891 they branched out into larger premises.

Asked as to the class of people who were touched Mr S. said that they were all sections of the working class, but not the lowest: round about Gospel Oak there is a large population of clerks who would like to take advantage of the Clubs Gymnasium etc, but they have been rigidly excluded: and a rule has been made that none shall be admitted but those who live within a radius of a mile, preference being always given to those who live nearest to the Mission buildings.

Both Horton and his workers look upon religious and social work as inextricably mixed: "you cannot ~~sep~~ separate them": and the whole

ultimate aim of the mission is religious "to bring the people into union with God through Christ.— and they know too that all our work is done with a religious motive": but the mission is run on broader and more liberal lines than is common: with the exception of the Boys' Brigade, whose members are expected to attend a Bible class, all the agencies are open without any religious test: there is a complete absence of evangelical methods, and evangelical cant: there is no bribery in or parade of "conversions" etc: all these things both Horton and Glover hate. The result of the attitude they have adopted is that they have failed to please either party among modern non-cons: they are not Evangelical enough for the evangelicals and they are too Spiritually religious for the Broad people.

But taking the work as a whole that which is primarily social is much ~~more~~ more successful than that which is primarily religious: Religious services and meetings of all kinds are poorly attended. The best work from the religious point of view is that in connection with the Adult School: but many of the

men who have joined this below to other churches and do not come to the services of the Mission Hall. Altogether about 20 to 30 from the Mission have become members of the Lyndhurst Road Church but Mr Sloan does not encourage them to do so: there are Benevolent and other funds in connection with the Church which "are not the sort of things for Kentish Town".

The voluntary workers connected with the Mission are 130 and "they are quite the best of those who do work for the Church" (i.e. Lyndhurst Road Church). Mr Sloan's main object and that of all the workers is "to cultivate personal friendships" among the people. Thus among the boys and lads Mr S. knows them all intimately, visits their homes, goes with them to camps etc.

The information in the Report as to Relief is very scanty: figures will be found on page 104. It is given in tickets through the visitors. We have had a very unfavourable report on this point from the C.O.S.: Mr Sloan is heinously strong, unwilling, but I feel that here he exercises no control

and does not know what goes on. Probably the figures in the Report only represent a small part of what is given. Though Mrs S. repudiated the assumption that there was "a rich church" yet in comparison with most non-conformist churches it certainly is.

Speaking of Dr Horton Mrs S. evidently has the greatest admiration for him, but in criticism said that he was too emotional and impressionable: as a result of his temperament he does too many things himself and thereby too many things upon the Church: something new is constantly being started, and the Church is overburdened with the result that some branches of the work suffer in workers and funds. The Kentish Town Mission is to some extent suffering in this way. The work of the Church would benefit by concentration.

Speaking of the district round the Mission Mrs S. thought that it had altered very little since the days of Fields. Litchams & Artisans much the same, but otherwise there is possibly a slight improve-

Dry curtains come across fewer cases of grave poverty than formerly

	Promised. £	s.	d.	Received. £	s.	d.
McKinley, Mr.	5	5	0	5	5	0
Meakin, Mr.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Member, A	5	0	0	5	0	0
Mills, Mr. W. S.	0	7	6	0	7	6
Minshall, Mr. T. E.	30	0	0	10	0	0
Moser, Mr. R. J.	150	0	0	150	0	0
Moser, Mr. R. J.	6	2	6	6	2	6
Mudie, Mrs.	10	10	0	10	10	0
Nicholson, Mr.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Palmer, Miss	1	0	0	1	0	0
Passmore, Mrs. and Miss Starkey	5	0	0	5	0	0
Phelan, Mrs.	2	2	0	2	2	0
Puzey. Mr. F.	2	2	0	2	2	0
Reed, Mr. E. P.-S.	100	0	0		—	
Reeve, Mr. and Mrs.	2	0	0	2	0	0
Richardson, Miss	2	2	0	2	2	0
Rocke, Mr. G.	15	0	0	5	0	0
Russell, Mr. and Mrs.	5	5	0	5	5	0
Sabin, Mr.	0	5	0	0	5	0
Sabin, Mrs.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Shepheard, Mr. A. J.	25	0	0	25	0	0
Shillito, Messrs. M. and J.	20	0	0	20	0	0
Slater, Miss	0	5	0	0	5	0
Spalding, Mr. H.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Stone, Mrs.	5	0	0	5	0	0
Stonhill, Mr.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sully, Mr.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Taylor, Miss	5	0	0	5	0	0
Thirlby, Mr.	15	0	0	10	0	0
Thomas, Mr. and Mrs.	0	10	0	0	10	0
Thompson, Rev. R. W.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Turner, Mr. G. H.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Weir, Miss	2	0	0	2	0	0
West, Mr.	2	2	0	2	2	0
Williams, Miss K.	0	5	0	0	5	0
Wilson, Mrs. C. C.	2	0	0	2	0	0
Windle, Miss	1	4	0	0	10	0
Wood, Mr. W.	20	0	0	20	0	0
Yeo, Mr. A. W.	20	0	0	10	0	0
Young, Miss	0	5	0	0	5	0
Youngman, The Misses	0	10	0	0	10	0
	£2625	11	0	2331	7	0

Making a total in cash and promises of £2625 11s.
It is estimated that a further £500 to £600 will be required.

Kentish Town Mission.

LYNDHURST HALL, WARDEN ROAD, N.W.

OFFICERS.

President—Mr. R. F. Horton, M.A.

Treasurer—Mr. W. E. Jones, 2, Lyndhurst Gardens, N.W.

MANAGERS.

Chairman of Committees—Mr. W. G. Snowdon Gard, LL.B.

Lady Secretary—Miss Harrison, 12, Carlingford Road.

General Secretaries—Mr. J. Howard Glover, Ettrick House, Steele's Road, and Mr. George Rocke, 2, Prince Arthur Road.

COMMITTEE.

Ex officio Members.

The Secretary of the Church—Mr. E. S. Curwen.

The Treasurer of the Church—Mr. D. F. Basden.

Chairman of the Men's Institute—Mr. W. G. S. Gard.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School—Mr. C. E. Roberts.

The Superintendent of the Lyndhurst Hall Institute—Mr. G. Rocke, 2, Prince Arthur Road.

The Secretary of the Girls' Club—Miss Andrew, 18, Adelaide Road.

A Representative from the following Branches.

Sunday Services .....Mr. E. E. Winterbotham.
Lady Visitors .....Miss E. M. May.
Sunday School ....Mr. Shillito.
Work-room .....Mrs. Christie.
Men's Institute .....Mr. W H. Painter.
Lyndhurst Hall Institute.....Mr. H. B. Curwen.
Boys' Brigade .....Dr. Henry Sharman.
Girls' Brigade ..... Miss E. Spalding.
Temperance Work .....Mr. A. E. Mence.

Mothers' Meeting.....Mrs. Alfred Davies.
Library .....Mr. H. F. Carter.
Men's Sunday Union .....Mr. J. S. Light.

Three Members elected by the Committee.

Miss Mudie. | Miss Stoddart.

Mr. C. Tinling.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

(*To whom communications should be addressed.*)

The Sunday Services.
Morning Children's Service—Mr. W. H. Morris.
Evening Services—Mr. Winterbotham.

The Sunday School.
Superintendent—Mr. C. E. Roberts.
Infants' Superintendent—Miss Cross.

The District Visiting.
Miss Harrison.

The Lyndhurst Hall Institute (Youths).
Superintendent—Mr. Geo. Rocke.

The Junior Club.
Captain—Dr. Henry Sharman.

The Girls' Club.
Secretary—Miss Andrew.

The Girls' Brigade.
Superintendent—Mrs. C. E. Roberts.

The Band of Hope.
Conductor—Mr. J. S. Light.

The Mothers' Meeting.
Mrs. Chaplin (*pro tem.*).

The Mothers' Union.
Mrs. Minshall.

THE WORK-ROOM.
Mrs. Christie.

LENDING LIBRARY.
Mr. H. F. Carter.

THE SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENTS.
Mr. Glover.

THE MEN'S SICK BENEFIT AND SHARING-OUT CLUB.
Secretary—Mr. T. Bradford.

THE WOMEN'S SICK BENEFIT AND SHARING-OUT CLUB.
Mrs. Finlay and Mrs. Minshall.

THE PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
Miss E. M. May.

THE SAVINGS BANK.
Managers—Mr. J. S. Light, Mr. H. Watkins and Mr. N. Cross.

MATERNITY SOCIETY.
Mrs. Spalding.

THE KENTISH TOWN ADULT SCHOOL.
Mr. W. G. S. Gard.
(Women's Side.) Miss Harrison.

THE LYNDHURST INSTITUTE AND CLUB FOR MEN.
Chairman—Mr. W. G. S. Gard.
Secretary—Mr. Walter Painter.

THE TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.
Dr. Taylor and Mr. Mence.

LIST OF MEETINGS.

Sunday—	9 a.m.	Men's Adult School.
	11 a.m.	Sunday School Service.
	3 p.m.	SundaySchool & BibleClasses.
	3 p.m.	Women's Adult School.
	3.30 p.m.	Open-air Service (summer [months).
	7 p.m.	Service.
Monday—	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants
	2.30 p.m.	Mothers' Meeting.
	7.30 p.m.	Boys', Girls' and Men's Clubs.
	8 p.m.	Girls' Brigade.
	8.30 p.m.	Library.
Tuesday—	10.20 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Meeting; last Tuesday in the month.
	11 a.m.	Work-room.
	11 a.m.	Visitors' Meeting.
	3 p.m.	Women's Sick Benefit and Sharing-out Society.
	(the first in the month)	Mothers' Union.
	4 p.m.	Library.
	6.15 to 7.30 p.m.	Band of Hope.
	7 p.m.	Men's Club.
	7.30 p.m.	Boys' Club.
	8 p.m.	Gymnasium; Girls' Club.
	8 p.m.	Girls' Brigade.
	8 30 p.m.	Miss Mudie's Class.
Wednesday—	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants.
	2.45 p.m.	Women's Adult School.
	7 p.m.	Sunday School Bible Class.

Wednesday—	7.30 p.m.	Boys', Girls' and Men's Clubs.
	7.30 p.m.	Men's Gymnasium.
	8 p.m.	Girls' Brigade.
	8 p.m.	Total Abstinence Society.
Thursday—	7.30 p.m.	Boys', Girls' and Men's Clubs.
	7.30 p.m.	Boys' Brigade, Gymnasium and Drill.
	8 p.m.	Wood Carving (men).
	8 p.m.	Girls' Brigade.
	8.30 p.m.	Men's Chess Club.
Friday—	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants.
	3 p.m.	Class for Ex-Members of the Girls' Club.
	7 to 8 p.m.	Girls' Gymnasium and Drill.
	7.30 p.m.	Evening Classes for Men.
	7.30 p.m.	Boys',Girls' and Men's Clubs.
	8 p.m.	Girls' Brigade.
	8 p.m.	Boys' Brigade.
	9 p.m.	Ambulance Class.
Saturday—	7.30 p.m.	Boys', Girls' and Men's Clubs.
	8 p.m.	(Concert, in winter months.)
	8.30 to 10 p.m.	Men's Sick Benefit and Sharing-out Club.
	8.30 to 9.30 p.m.	Savings Bank.
	8.30 p.m.	Men's Debating Society.

CONSTITUTION.

At the July Church Meeting, 1895, the new Constitution for the election of the General Committee was passed, and as amended at the August Church Meeting in 1897, is as follows :—

1. The officers of the Mission shall include a President, Vice-Presidents, a Chairman of Committees, a Treasurer and a Secretary. All officers shall be elected by the Church annually. Any vacancies in the interim may be filled up by the Committee.

2. The Mission shall be under the management of a Committee consisting of—

a. The Treasurer and the Secretary of the Church, the Superintendents of the Sunday School and of the Lyndhurst Hall Institute, the Chairman of the Committee of the Lyndhurst Institute and Men's Club, the Secretary of the Girls' Club, and the officers of the Mission, all *ex officio*.

b. One representative of each of the following Branches of the work to be approved by the Church, viz. :—1, the Sunday and Week-day Services ; 2, the Lady Visitors ; 3, the Sunday School ; 4, the Work-room ; 5, the Lyndhurst Institute and Men's Club ; 6, the Lyndhurst Hall Institute ; 7, the Boys' Brigade ; 8, the Girls' Club ; 9, the Girls' Brigade ; 10, the Temperance Work ; 11, the Mothers' Meeting ; 12, the Library ; 13, the Entertainments Committee ; 14, the Men's Sunday Union.

c. Six additional Members to be elected by the Church in July, provided that no such additional Member shall be eligible for re-election more than twice consecutively.

3. Subject to any direction of the Church ; Rule 2, Sections *a* and *b*, may at any time be amended by the Committee.

4. The Committee and officers shall be elected, or approved as the case may be, annually at the Church Meeting preceding the first Sunday in August.

5. The officers of the Mission shall be nominated by the outgoing Committee. Members to be elected under Rule 2, Section *c*, must be nominated in writing, and the nomination sent to the Secretary of the Church one week before the Church Meeting preceding the first Sunday in August.

6. The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter. They shall appoint the acting Superintendent of each Branch of the work, after consultation with the workers thereof. They shall make regulations for the carrying on of the work, and may appoint Sub-Committees, with such powers as they see fit to delegate to them.

7. Subject to the regulations and directions of the Committee, each Branch may carry on their work as they think best.

8. No part of the building shall be used for any purpose without the previous consent of the Committee or the Secretary, nor shall any new Branch of the work be established without the previous consent of the Committee.

9. The Committee may, if they think fit, add to their number not exceeding three Members to serve on the Committee.

KENTISH TOWN GENERAL REPORT.

Several important changes have occurred during 1897. First, we have lost Mr. Hamilton. This is not the place to pass a eulogy on our friend, but we cannot write a review of the year without saying how much we are indebted to him for his services. Consequent on his departure it became necessary to make a slight change in the management of the Mission. At the August Church Meeting a variation was made in the constitution of the Mission and the post of Chairman of Committees was substituted for that of General Superintendent. The direction of the Mission has now been placed in the hands of four Managers—the Chairman of Committees and the three Secretaries, acting under the Committee.

A second important change has been made in the direction of our Men's Work (also noticed further on). Our friends in the Adult School are doing such a good work, that it seemed undesirable to have any distinction between the work on Sunday among the men, and that during the week. Our Committee have therefore given over the management of the Men's Club to the Adult School. Care has been taken to fully provide for the welfare of those who are not Members of the School and also to reserve the right of our Committee to resume the direction if at any time they should consider it right so to do.

We have to welcome Mr. Tinling, and we are grateful for the work (his time being divided between Lyndhurst Hall and Cricklewood) which he is able to accomplish amongst us.

Our list of workers is a long and noble one, still we are very hardly pressed for suitable men and women with whom to carry on the work. We have a large undertaking in hand, capable of much expansion, but we are nearly at the limit of our powers owing to the lack of more leading workers. In the Men's Club several gentlemen who can give one or two evenings a week are urgently wanted. We require men who can discuss the topics of the day and enter into the difficulties of the lives of our London working men. We are also in need of an athlete who can lead in the Gymnasium and enthuse by his presence the younger men of the Club to whom gymnastic exercises are so beneficial.

In the Boys' Brigade Report it will be noticed that three of its leaders have been compelled for a time to withdraw from active service. Any men who are volunteers, have an opportunity here of using their military knowledge and taking part in one of the most important Branches of all our Mission, because the impression which can be made on boys of fourteen years of age is such as may easily influence the whole of their lives.

We do not look for much extension during 1898, because we have reached the extreme limit of our forces, and until the Church furnishes us with the men and women to do the work it cannot be extended; but what we hope to do, and that successfully, is to perfect

that which we now have in hand. Our space is also limited and the time does not yet seem to have come when we can further extend our buildings. Loud complaints are constantly made at the inability of the managers to find suitable accommodation for existing requirements; the best, however, is done in difficult circumstances.

A study of the Reports following will show the Members of the Church that a very large work is being done of an almost unique character, and if any of our supporters have a doubt as to its character, we would urge upon them to visit the Hall and see for themselves before forming an opinion.

A word of acknowledgment is due to that excellent charity the Kentish Town Medical Mission, which has rendered help to many of our people.

LYNDHURST HALL SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES.

The attendance at the services on Sunday evenings has been well maintained during the past year, and though we have not yet succeeded in getting the Hall full, the number of regular attendants has sensibly increased.

A Committee has lately been formed from 12 or 14 of the more regular attendants to consider the means by which the service may be rendered more attractive and the attendance increased; but, though much is expected from this, yet it is felt by some that, until the Visitors themselves take the matter more seriously to heart and make the Hall their regular place of worship on Sunday evenings, thus encouraging those whom they visit or amongst whom they work during the week to come too, any marked improvement must not be looked for.

One of the first efforts of the Committee was directed to making the Hall appear brighter by the display of plants upon the

platform, and in this, through the help of friends in Hampstead, they have succeeded.

A change has recently been made in the Choir, and we have supplemented the kindly efforts of the Guild Choir with those of some of the Members of the Girls' Club. We are hoping also shortly to secure the assistance of a few of the Members of the Boys' Club.

LYNDHURST HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Mr. C. E. Roberts.
Secretary—Mr. J. A. Johnston.
Assistant Secretary—Mr. J. Johnston.
Treasurer—Mr. W. H. Drake.
Librarian—Mr. M. Johnston.
Assistant Librarians—Mr. A. Johnston and Mr. Elder.
Pianist—Miss Mackay.

Teachers.

Mrs. Edgar Roberts.
Miss Alexander.
,, R. Cobb.
,, Cross.
,, F. Cross.
,, Agnes Elder.
,, Emery.
,, Farmer.
,, S. Farmer.
,, M. Foster.
,, E. Gard.
,, A. Gard.
,, J. Gordon.
,, M. Gordon.
,, Green.
,, Grigsby.
,, C. Houghton.
Miss M. Houghton.
,, Ives.
,, G. Jack.
,, D. Johnston.
,, C. Ledger.
,, Meikleham.
,, Sabin.
,, Wilkins.
Mr. C. Cross.
,, Grigsby.
,, Honeyman.
,, Morris.
,, O. A. Murray.
,, A. Reith.
,, G. Rocke.
,, Wells.

Probably very few of the Members are aware that owing to the growth of this School and the various branches that circle round it, we are compelled to meet in three different buildings. The main School meets in the Hall at Warden Road, the infants are accommodated at the Board School in Holmes Road,

whilst the Brigade and Choir meet at the Wilkin Street Schools. Only those who are associated with work of this kind know how awkward this is, but we gladly work on in the hope that we may some time have suitable buildings to meet our needs.

The infants number 150, with an average attendance of 100. During the year, 40 of the children have been transferred to the Upper School.

By kind permission of Basil Woodd, Esq., the little ones in June last had their summer treat in the beautiful meadow at Woodlands, Haverstock Hill.

Many of the children are prevented from attending regularly owing to lack of clothes, and for some time we have been trying in a small way to obviate this difficulty, and we hope, without trespassing on Mrs. Christie's work, that many of our friends who read this Report will be able to spare us a few children's garments, and so help to more completely meet this want. Boots appear to be most in request. Parcels may be left at the Hall addressed to Miss Helen Cross.

The Christmas treat held at Lyndhurst Hall was greatly enjoyed by the children. Two Christmas trees, well laden with toys, were provided by the kindness of the Young People's Guild and other friends.

The Upper School has now 365 children on the roll, with an average attendance of 290.

Every Sunday morning Mr. Morris holds a children's service in the Hall.

Our Choir, conducted by Mr. Harris, of Fleet Road School, is making splendid progress, and we hope at the next Festival to show the extent of the progress made. Besides the study of hymns the children are being perfected in the tonic sol-fa method.

The interest in the monthly service for parents of scholars conducted by some of the Sunday School Teachers has been well maintained. The children's choir leads the singing at those services.

The Wednesday Bible Class both for boys and girls, conducted by Miss Ada Houghton, is steadily increasing.

DISTRICT VISITING.

Superintendent—Miss HARRISON.

Registrar—Mr. E. E. WINTERBOTHAM.

Visitors.

Visitors marked with a * are Girls' Club Visitors only.

Mrs. BEDFORD.
,, BOURNE.
,, CHANDLER.
,, CHARLES EDWARDS.
,, EVANS.
,, GOOBY.
,, HAYCRAFT.
,, HOLLAND.
,, MEIKLEHAM.
,, H. PARRY.*
,, ROCKE.
Miss AITKEN.
,, ANDREW.*
,, CALLARD.
,, CHACE.
,, CUFF.
,, CURWEN.
Miss IVES.
,, LAMBDEN.
,, LAMBERT.*
,, LINNELL.
,, LITTLE.
,, A. MAY.
,, E. M. MAY.
,, NASH.
,, RICHARDSON.
,, SMYTHE.*
,, SPALDING.
,, WATT.
,, YEO.*
,, YOUNG.
Mr. LIGHT.
,, E. E. WINTERBOTHAM.

During 1897 the visiting has been entirely remodelled. When Litcham Street and the right side of Weedington Road were taken

up by Lyndhurst Hall, St. Martin's Church was doing nothing in those streets, though they are in her District. Very efficient visiting is now carried on by Mr. Russell and his curates and many cases of overlapping have been brought to light at the Monthly General Relief Committee. We have therefore withdrawn from homes already visited by several Missions that we may keep in closer touch with Members of the Hall living in neighbouring streets who have hitherto been neglected for lack of time. To carry this into effect a register has been made of all those attending the Mission (with the exception of the Sunday School and Men's Adult School, which have their own system of visiting); every Member receives a call once in three weeks. The personal interest shown in this way is much appreciated, and those who keep the register notice that where formerly but one of a family belonged to the Hall the names of others are gradually being added as the result of visits paid to the home and information given by the Visitor about different Branches of the work.

Cases of illness and distress are made known, the services of the District Nurse and other help obtained for those most entitled to it. Perhaps there has not been so much serious illness as usual, but Nurse Valery is constantly occupied, having paid 3316 visits during the year. Many have regained health and strength through her aid and the nourishment supplied from Lyndhurst Hall; others who had little chance of recovery at home have been persuaded to enter a hospital. We wish once more to express our thanks to those who send us letters for Hospitals and Convalescent Homes and to say how much they are needed.

None but those who have tried know how much work is involved in keeping the register of a continually shifting population; but it is much hoped that by this means not only will new

Members be added and old ones retained, but also a bond of union formed between all the Branches of our Mission.

LADIES' PRAYER MEETING.

A prayer meeting, conducted by Mrs. Christie, is held in the Work-room, behind Lyndhurst Hall, the last Tuesday in every month, at 10.20 a.m.

MEN'S EDUCATIONAL CLASS.

Conducted by the Misses A. and E. M. May.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. Blay.

The work carried on in this Class has been continued throughout the year, with the exception of the summer interval, it is believed with good results.

The Conductors have had to regret the loss of the valuable help of Miss J. Spence and Miss Little, who for various reasons have been obliged to retire. Miss Richardson and Miss Spalding are kindly taking their places on alternate Friday evenings.

Two or three lectures have been given which were greatly appreciated. The Annual Tea and Entertainment was held at the end of January, when several friends greatly contributed to the success of the evening. The Shakespearian readings have been continued at the house of the Misses May, and are felt to be of value not only for the readings themselves, but also for the opportunities they afford of friendly intercourse.

MISS MUDIE'S CLASS.

The past year has been a most enjoyable one, not only on account of the character of and interest in the lectures, but also on account of the many pleasant hours spent at various places with Miss Mudie, Miss Stoddart, and the leaders of the Class.

There are more Members than last year. Miss Stoddart has continued her course of lectures on "Constitutional History," and the interest of the Members is well sustained. Several Members of the Class have given lectures or technical expositions of their own trades, or accounts of their travels at home and abroad.

On the retirement of Mr. Hamilton the Class presented him with a testimonial signed by all the Members.

During the vacation the Class was entertained on Tuesday evenings at "Budleigh" for an open-air conversational meeting, which was much appreciated by the Members. Great enjoyment was experienced from a visit to Canterbury under the care of Miss Stoddart, and a delightful afternoon was spent at Miss Swindel's at Clapham.

In September an "At Home" was held, Lyndhurst Hall being kindly lent for the occasion. A very delightful evening was spent, the Class presenting an illuminated address to Miss Stoddart and a bouquet to Miss Mudie, as a very trifling recognition of their constant care and provision for the pleasure and instruction of the Class.

It should also be mentioned that a special loan Library is being formed.

LYNDHURST HALL INSTITUTE.

Superintendent—Mr. Geo. Rocke.

SENIOR CLUB.

(*For Youths from* 16 *to* 21 *years of age.*)

Mrs. Browning Dick.	Mr. Browning Dick.
,, J. H. Glover.	,, J. H. Glover.
Miss A. L. Berridge.	,, Wm. Hamilton.
,, F. Hughes.	,, Douglas Roberts.
Mr. H. B. Curwen.	,, C. H. Rocke.

Mr. Harold Shepheard.

The year 1897 has been a very eventful one in the history of the Club and has brought with it both encouragement and disappointment.

In the summer it was found advisable to abandon the week's holiday in the country, which had been held for seven successive years. This decision was an act of discipline and its necessity came as a great disappointment to the officers of the Club. It is hoped to resume the outing next year, as the value of these holidays to the Institute life is incalculable.

Before the new winter session, which commenced in October, the officers met all the older Members of the Institute and explained to them that in future 21 years would be the age limit for membership, and expressed a hope that those over age would join the Men's Institute. The old Members, though very sorry to leave the Youths' Club, elected to become Members of the Senior Branch. Their spokesman referred to the debt they owed to the Club for what it had been to them during many years, thanked the workers and expressed a wish that the Club in the future might be as successful as in the past.

On Christmas Eve, the old Members entertained the workers and presented to Mr. Geo. Rocke, as representing the managers of the Club, a beautiful album containing the photographs of nearly all of their number, with the following inscription :—

> "We, the old Members of the Lyndhurst Hall Institute, beg to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown and work done on our behalf ; and in order to more emphatically express our gratitude and regard, we tender you this spontaneous gift."

It is pleasant to note that the old Members since their retirement have been most ready to serve the Institute in any direction they could.

The links which should connect the Boys' Brigade to the Senior Club (youths), and that again to the Men's Institute, have now been forged, though much remains to make the connections more effectual.

When the Institute winter session commenced in October, it was found that about 25 of its older and more influential Members had left and joined the Men's Club, leaving the effective membership hardly more than 30, though to this should be added five boys who came up from the Boys' Brigade. At the end of the year the membership was 47, or about 20 below the average of recent years. Steps are being taken to enlarge the membership, but it is not thought advisable to admit new boys too fast, as it is important to consolidate and to maintain the *esprit de corps*.

The work done in the Gymnasium since October has been better than at any time in the history of the Club, whether judged by the number of Members at work or their earnestness and application.

No joint meetings of the Girls' Club and Youths' Institut have been held this winter, but the officers of the Institute still think such meetings of great advantage to the work.

The Sunday Class has been poorly attended since October, but the recent changes are partly accountable for this and there is reason to look for an improvement. There is no space to refer to other branches of the Club's activities.

The Choral Society is no longer a branch of the Institute, having been put on a broader basis, though its Members are still nearly all drawn from the Institute (past and present Members) and the Girls' Club. The Society is making marked progress.

Notwithstanding the length of this Report nearly everything has been left unsaid. The best work of the Institute must lie outside of

any Report. It is not possible to enumerate the friendships and comradeships which make up so much of the Institute life and nothing can be said of acts of unselfishness or efforts after right-doing. The Club motto for the year is the familiar passage, commencing "Whatsoever things are true," and the Club exists to make it easier for its Members to give effect to these words in their lives.

JUNIOR CLUB.

The 66th London Company of the Boys' Brigade.

Captain—Dr. HENRY SHARMAN.

Lieutenants—Mr. A. LETHAM, Mr. O. H. HANSON, Mr. F. M. B. CARTER and Mr. R. S. WATERS.

Miss W. FOSTER.	Miss HAYCRAFT.
Miss A. GARD.	Miss M. HAYCRAFT.

Mr. E. G. HAYCRAFT.

The Brigade Session (1896—97) closed on May 31st, 1897, and was the most successful one our Company has yet had. The Company at that date numbered 45 boys (viz., one Colour-Sergeant, one Sergeant, three Corporals, two Lance-Corporals and 38 Privates), with five officers (a Captain and four Lieutenants). Thirty-two drills were held on Friday evenings during the session, with an average attendance of 42 out of 45 boys, much the best average yet attained by the Company. Twenty-eight boys attended the two Bible Classes belonging to this division of the Brigade (Senior, Miss Sharman; Junior, Mr. Naish). Seven boys attended the Lyndhurst Hall Sunday School, eight boys went to other Sunday Schools, and one boy attended meetings of the Salvation Army. Altogether 44 out of the 45 boys of the Company were attending Bible Class, Sunday School, or other religious meeting on the Sunday afternoons all through the session, with an average attendance of over 36.

Monthly addresses were given on parade as usual throughout the Session. Captain Ellison again kindly inspected the Company on Friday, May 21st, 1897, and noticed considerable improvement in comparison with the previous session.

Successful Drawing, History, Science and Writing Classes, were held by Miss Foster and her brother, Miss Horton, the Misses Gard and Miss Edmunds.

Twenty-six boys out of the Company (as compared with *nine* during the previous session) won Efficiency Stars (not absent from drill more than twice in the session, and no black mark).

The Company attended three Church Parades during the session—at Lyndhurst Road Church, Hampstead; St. Cuthbert's Church, West Hampstead; and Trinity Presbyterian Church, North Kensington.

The Summer Camp of the Company was held from June 4th to June 12th, 1897, at Hayling Island, in Hampshire. Thirty-nine boys of the Company (a record Camp attendance) were present in Camp, together with eleven boys of the 1st Hendon Company of the B.B., making 50 in all. Cricket and sports, boating and bathing were indulged in, expeditions were made to Portsmouth and the *Victory*, and a steamer cruise took place in the Solent. The Sunday morning Church Parade was held at the South Hayling Congregational Church, where Mr. Hamilton took the service by kind permission of the minister. The evening service took place in the Camp mess tent, and Mr. George Rocke gave an address on "Nehemiah," which will be remembered by all who heard it. Mrs. Herbert Stead called on our Camp and gave away the prizes for the sports, etc.

The new session (1897—98) opened in October under somewhat adverse circumstances. Miss Sharman had to resign her position as Registrar, Treasurer and Visitor, and her charge of the Senior Bible Class; Mr. Naish had to give up his Lieutenancy

and his charge of the Junior Bible Class; and Mr. Hanson has had (owing to his reading for an important examination) to give up all connection with the week-day work of the Company for the present. He has, however, found it possible to take the Junior Bible Class on Sunday afternoons. In addition to the loss of three of our most important workers, we have lost (either from work preventing their attendance, or from their having reached the age-limit) the pick of our older boys, to whom we could look for an example and influence.

Under these circumstances we must concentrate our work this session, and not make it too ambitious in its scope. The workers left with us and new helpers are doing their best to fill the gaps, "each stepping where his comrade stood." Miss Horton took our Senior Bible Class for three months, and it has now been kindly undertaken by Miss Haycraft. The registration and Treasurer's work was undertaken by Miss Gard at the beginning of the session, and will for the future be looked after by Mr. Carter. Our new Lieutenant, Mr. Walters, has kindly interested himself in the athletics, especially the football. We have no Science, Writing or History Classes this session, but Miss Foster's Drawing Class and Miss A. Gard's Wood-carving Class are doing good work. *Advance* this session we can scarcely look for, and shall feel thankful if we are strengthened to prevent the Company's work from going *backwards*. Our motto for this session must be "Stand fast."

GIRLS' CLUB.

Hon. Secretary—Miss ANDREW.
Hon. Assistant Secretary—Miss FARMER.
Hon. Treasurer—Miss ARNHOLD.
Bible Class—Miss C. ANDREW.
Snowdrop Band—Miss CAMPBELL.

Workers.

Mrs. EDWARDS.	Miss LAMBERT.
,, HAYDN PARRY.	,, MINSHALL.
Miss CALLARD.	,, W. VAUGHAN PRYCE.
,, FINLAY.	,, E. SMYTH.
,, GOUGH.	,, WATT.
,, B. LAMBERT.	,, YEO.

The work in the Girls' Club has made steady progress during the past year. There is no large increase in the number of Members, but the average attendance has greatly improved. The Club is open every night in the week, and Classes are held for Singing, Musical Drill, Dressmaking and Needlework, both plain and fancy.

An entirely new feature in the weekly programme has been a course of lectures on "First Aid to the Injured," kindly given by Dr. Parry, which has been much appreciated by the girls. We have yet to learn how many have passed the examination held at the close of the course.

As there is no Class on Saturday we try to make that a social evening. Refreshments are provided and the girls spend the time in making garments and dressing dolls for some cripple children in Canning Town. It has been both pleasing and encouraging to the workers to see the girls taking such a sympathetic interest in their work.

The weekly attendances at the Bible Class held every Sunday afternoon have steadily increased during the year, but the list of Members is still far below what we wish to see it.

The meetings of the Snowdrop Band are held every month and have been very successful.

The Annual Display of Musical Drill, Singing and Needlework last June was a great success, this result being due in a large measure to the thoughtful interest of the girls themselves.

The Annual Summer Holidays spent at Clacton-on-Sea were very much enjoyed by both workers and girls. We much appreciate a week spent in this way, as it affords many an opportunity for friendly and helpful talk, which it is almost impossible to get in the rush of life and work in Kentish Town. Since then we have sent three of our more delicate girls to a Convalescent Home at Brighton.

During the summer, while the Club was closed, one or two very pleasant Saturday evenings were spent in walks and games on the Heath, the girls being first entertained by one or two kind friends who invited them to tea in their gardens.

One of the events of the year has been a very happy evening spent with the Members of the Girls' Club in Canning Town, when the two Clubs mutually entertained each other.

A long-felt want in our work has been met by Mrs. Edwards, who has recently formed a Class for our married Members, whom she meets on Friday afternoons from 3 to 4.30. One cannot over-estimate the usefulness of this Class, thus enabling us to keep in touch with those who have married and left the Club.

GIRLS' BRIGADE.

Workers.

Mrs. Edgar Roberts.
,, Percy Roberts.
Miss Dickson.
,, C. Houghton.
Miss M. Houghton.
,, S. Jack.
,, E. Spalding.

We have this winter been able to start a History Class on Wednesday evenings, in addition to our usual Thursday evening meeting, which is devoted chiefly to musical drill. The History Class is conducted by Mrs. Percy Roberts and has become one of the most popular branches of the Brigade with a certain

number of the girls. Otherwise the work has gone on much as usual, but we feel the lack of another evening which could be devoted largely to social intercourse and so enable us to get into closer touch with the girls than is possible at the drill. We much hope that some ladies will volunteer to join the Brigade next winter and thus make this possible.

LYNDHURST HALL BAND OF HOPE.

Conductor—Mr. J. S. Light.
Secretary—Mr. C. B. Cross.

It is a pleasure to be able to report increased and indeed eager interest in this work on the part of the Members; perhaps this may be accounted for to an extent by the fact that the meetings have been of a more varied character, and at these addresses have been given by Dr. Taylor, Mr. Geo. Rocke, Mr. Tinling, Miss Gard and Mr. Winterbotham, a lecture on "Life in a Pond," with dissolving views, by Mr. Rendle, of the R.S.P.C.A.; two simple lectures on "Physiology," by Dr. Lewis Glover; a most fascinating lecture (with experiments) by Mr. Stokes (public analyst of St. Pancras), on "A glass of water;" and last, but not least, a "Fairy Pantomime," given to the parents and friends in January of this year.

The number of members is now 150 and the average attendance for the whole year is 100.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING, KENTISH TOWN.

Conductors—Mrs. Alfred Davies and Mrs. Chaplin.

There is little that is fresh to report concerning this work which is continued and it is believed enjoyed by its Members. Mrs. Chaplin conducted the Class during Mrs. Davies' absence.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

President—Mrs. Minshall.

The Report of the Mothers' Union is necessarily a brief one, for its results are not such as can be tabulated; yet we believe it is having a useful and happy influence on the Members, helping some, at least, to strive after a higher ideal in life and home, more especially in the training of the little ones. Many speak with grateful appreciation of the monthly meetings and it is pleasant to note their successful endeavours to enlist new Members.

The usual summer gathering took place at 38, Parliament Hill in July, and it is intended to hold a special Women's Temperance Meeting for the Members of the Union, the Adult School and Mothers' Meetings, early in the year. The Lyndhurst Hall Branch meets on the first Tuesday in each month; the Gospel Oak Branch at the Mission Room, Lamble Street, on the last Friday.

On January 4th, the weekly meeting of the Club was the occasion of a pleasing incident in the form of a presentation by the Members of a handsome electro inkstand to their Secretary, as a token of their appreciation of and warm gratitude for her services.

THE WORK-ROOM.

Superintendent and Treasurer—Mrs. Christie,
21, Denning Road, N.W.

The Work-room presents no new features of interest from year to year, but it seems necessary for the sake of those who have only lately joined the Church at Lyndhurst Road and therefore do not know about it to explain its aim and method of working. It is intended to help the women visited in the Kentish Town

Districts or attending the meetings at Lyndhurst Hall by giving those who can sew very plain needlework and paying them for doing it. The garments made are sold at a trifle over the cost of materials to any one who likes to buy them and by this means a large number receive help for which they are very grateful. The work is given out and the clothes are sold every Tuesday morning from 11 to 12.30 in a room below the large Hall. No one can have needlework who does not bring a ticket signed by some one responsible for its value if lost. These tickets can be purchased by anyone, but the Lady Visitors and those who hold meetings at the Hall are supplied with them to use at their discretion. A small contribution is made from the general funds of the Mission to pay for the needlework, but a larger amount comes through the "Jumble Sales," which are held two or three times a year and to which all the people eagerly look forward. Last year the parcels of clothing, etc., received only allowed of two Sales being held instead of three as heretofore. This was not only disappointing to the people, but it made an appreciable difference to the funds, which were £5 behind at the close of the year. Mrs. Christie can always arrange to send for parcels of old clothes, carpets, or household oddments on receipt of a post card giving her some idea of what is to be fetched; or anything can go direct to Lyndhurst Hall, and if addressed to her and containing some intimation from whom the parcels come they will be duly acknowledged.

There are two or three women who can undertake fine needlework and orders for such are an advantage to the Mission. Ladies can send it ready prepared, or can have it cut out to pattern and material supplied as desired. There are between twenty and thirty ladies who give a considerable amount of time to this work—some attend on the Tuesday mornings and others cut out the garments required at their own homes, besides additional helpers at the Jumble Sales.

WORK-ROOM ACCOUNTS.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Tickets from Kentish Town General Mission Fund	10	0	0	By Balance due	0	4	7
,, Sale of Tickets ...	2	2	0	,, Materials	117	2	3
,, ,, New Clothes	147	4	11	,, Needlework	69	11	0
,, ,, Old Clothes	27	4	1	,, Order Work	1	0	11
,, Order Work	1	2	2	,, Printing, Postage and Attendance	3	10	6
,, Balance due.....	5	1	1	,, Expenses of Old Clothes Sales ...	1	5	0
	£192	14	3		£192	14	3

The stock in hand is valued at about £70.

R. Clarke Edwards, *Auditor.*

THE GIRLS' PARLOUR.

At 47, Litcham Street, Kentish Town.

Miss C. Andrews.	Miss Holmes.
Mrs. Brydon.	,, Houghton.
Miss Brydon.	,, Pridham.
,, Dearden.	,, Yeo.
,, Hall Dixon.	,, Young.

The useful work carried on in the little parlour in 47, Litcham Street is to provide evening recreation for working girls as a counter-attraction to the perilous amusements of the street. The Sunday evening attendances show this object is gained, and the gatherings on week-evenings are being utilized to teach needlework, singing, and even reading and writing. It is hoped that one result of the efforts made thus to help these girls, who are of the poorest and most ignorant class, will be to draft them into

the Girls' Club at Lyndhurst Hall, for which they are as yet hardly ready.

The "Girls' Parlour" is affiliated to the Sunday Evening Recreation Association, under whose auspices the work originally began.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

Librarian—Mr. H. F. Carter.

The Lending Library has remained in a fairly flourishing condition, although there has been a slight falling off since last year, when its cataloguing and rearrangement aroused considerable attention. The Boys' Club in particular has lost interest, and the Library is patronized by comparatively few of the men.

We have on our shelves, roughly, 800 volumes, classified under the headings of Fiction, Boys' Books, Travel, Geographical, Historical, Natural History, Essays, Prose Works, Social Science, Poetry, Biographical and Magazines.

Works of fiction (particularly of Mrs. Henry Wood, Edna Lyall, Charles Kingsley and Besant & Rice) and boys' books circulate very largely, and although we have an excellent selection of historical works, essays, and social science, they are rarely taken out; poetry, including most of our best known English Poets—never.

The Library is opened on Monday evenings from 8.15 to 9.15, also one other evening in the week. A charge is made of one penny a month to partially defray wear and tear, and to purchase new books.

We have 100 odd subscribers on our lists, and an average of from twenty to thirty volumes are exchanged on Monday evenings.

THE SATURDAY CONCERTS.

Director—Mr. J. Howard Glover.

Stewards—Messrs. Warren, Mence and Douglas.

This season twenty-four concerts are being given and so far it has been a most successful one. On nearly all occasions the Hall has been quite full, showing that the efforts of the many entertainers have been well appreciated. Our thanks are due to the ladies and gentlemen who have provided the concerts and thus given evenings of pure enjoyment to between 300 and 400 persons at a time. Our General Secretary, who acts as Director, only does so owing to the difficulty of finding a successor to Mr. Nutter Gray, so we should be glad to hear from any volunteer who would undertake the work.

SETTLEMENT, 49, WARDEN ROAD, KENTISH TOWN.

Mr. Carter and Mr. Light have resided at the Settlement throughout the greater part of the year, but in November Mr. Carter left, so that the only resident at present is Mr. Light.

The rooms in the house are being increasingly used for Classes, small social gatherings and other purposes of the Mission.

THE SETTLEMENT, 49, WARDEN ROAD.

Account for the Year ending 9th October, 1897.

1896-7. Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Subscription :—			
Mr. J. Howard Glover	5	0	0
Rent of rooms, attendance, firing, etc., per Messrs. H. F. Carter, J. S. Light, and Geo. Rocke (see below) ...	77	12	0
Balance due to Treasurer, carried down...	23	13	10
	£106	5	10

1896-7. Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1895-6 ...	5	3	5
Rent of 49, Warden Road (less income tax and plus fire insurance) ...	41	5	0
Gas ...	5	7	6
Water ...	1	17	8
Rates and Taxes...	11	11	5
Coal ...	4	6	0
Housekeeper's Salary	14	6	0
Sundries for House ...	3	13	10
Painting outside of Building, Coloring and White-washing three rooms, Repairs, etc. ...	18	15	0
	£106	5	10

Balance brought down £23 13 10

RENT OF ROOMS, etc. (see above).

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Carter, 52 weeks at 11s. ...	28	12	0
Mr. Light ,, at 15s. ...	39	0	0
Mr. Geo. Rocke ...	10	0	0
	£77	12	0

26th January, 1898.

R. Clarke Edwards, *Auditor*.

KENTISH TOWN SICK BENEFIT AND SHARING-OUT SOCIETY.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. Howard Glover.

Medical Officer—Dr. J. Collingwood Andrews.

Secretary—Mr. T. Bradford, 76, Marquis Road, Camden Square.

For the year 1897, this Society has done very well indeed. There was less sickness than in 1896, the average being 4·30 days per Member, against 6·2 for 1896; unfortunately, the mortality was just double that of the previous year. At the Annual General Meeting there was a complete change of officers, Mr. Bradford being elected Secretary, Mr. W. J. Young retiring. Any information respecting this Society will be gladly given by the Secretary on Saturday evenings between 8.30 and 10 o'clock.

KENTISH TOWN SICK BENEFIT AND SHARING-OUT CLUB.

Cash Statement for the Year 1897.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1896, viz. :—						
163 Members, at 2s.	16	6	0			
Balance for Sick Pay	2	19	8			
				19	5	8
Entrance Fees				1	15	0
Rules and Cards				1	9	2
Contributions, viz. :—						
155 Members, at 31s.	240	5	0			
4 Members, at 23s. 3d.	4	13	0			
4 ,, at 15s. 6d.	3	2	0			
1 Member, at 7s. 9d.	0	7	9			
				248	7	9
Members lapsed				2	6	6
Fines				8	18	10
Levies for Death Claims				31	5	0
Loans repaid				23	0	0
Interest on Loans				1	3	0
				£337	10	11
Balance (brought down)				£164	19	1

J. Howard Glover, *Treasurer.*

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sick Pay				66	19	2
Stewards				2	6	0
Auditors				0	4	0
Death Claims				31	5	0
Loans Granted				23	0	0
Printing, etc.				4	15	11
Dr. Andrews				33	1	0
Secretary				8	6	3
Postages, etc.				2	14	6
Balance (carried down)				164	19	1
				£337	10	11
Share out, viz. :—	£	s.	d.			
155 Members, at 18s. 4d.	142	1	8			
4 Members at 13s. 9d.	2	15	0			
4 ,, at 9s. 2d.	1	16	8			
1 Member at 4s. 7d.	0	4	7			
				146	17	11
10 Deposits returned				1	0	0
Carry forward, viz. :—						
154 Members, at 2s.	15	8	0			
Balance for Sick Pay	1	13	2			
				17	1	2
				£164	19	1

W. Painter,
T. Bradford, } *Auditors.*

LYNDHURST WOMEN'S SICK BENEFIT AND PROVIDENT CLUB.

President—Mrs. MINSHALL.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. FINLAY.

Assistant Secretary—Miss M. MINSHALL.

Committee.

Mrs. BAKER.
,, CLARKE.
,, HOBBS.
,, JENNER.
Mrs. KIRTLAND.
,, ROGERS.
,, L. SMITH.
Miss HARRISON.

Medical Officer—Dr. LONG.

This Club has continued its useful work during the past year, and although the amount for the Christmas sharing-out is not so large as in the preceding year, the Members have the pleasure of knowing that fifteen of their number have benefited by the receipt of eight shillings weekly for an aggregate term of forty-two and a half weeks.

The *patients* feel that the weekly penny for doctors' fees is a most prudent investment, and those who have needed *no* medical attention have been glad to share the burdens of others.

Summary of Accounts, 1896—97.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Payments.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1896	0	1	7	By Withdrawal or removal	0	3	11
,, 76 Entrance Fees, at 6d.	1	18	0	,, Postage	0	1	5
,, 78 Cards, at 1d.	0	6	6	,, Sick Benefit	17	1	4
,, Death Levies	3	3	6	,, Death Levies	3	10	6
,, Bank Interest	0	6	0	,, Balance to 1898	0	2	10
,, Doctor's Pence	15	0	0	,, Doctor's Fees	15	0	0
,, Weekly Contributions	57	3	1	,, Shared out Dec. 21, 1897:—			
,, Arrears and Fines	2	9	2	66 Members, at 13/2	43	9	0
				2 Short Term Members	0	18	10
	£80	7	10		£80	7	10

Accounts examined and found correct,
December 18th, 1897. RICHARD C. RAWLINS.

PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

Treasurer—Miss E. M. MAY.
Receivers—The LADY VISITORS.

The object of this Society is to encourage the women in the Districts visited and those in connection with the Mothers' Meetings, conducted by Mrs. Alfred Davies on Mondays, and by Miss Harrison on Wednesdays, to put by small sums weekly. The amount paid in last year rather decreased, but was still much in excess of former years.

PROVIDENT SOCIETY.

Treasurers' Account, 1897.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1, To Balance.....	3	2	4	By Cash withdrawn ...	30	15	0
,, Deposits received ...	30	12	0	,, Balance in hand ...	2	19	4
	£33	14	4		£33	14	4

R. Clarke Edwards,
William Edwards, Jr., } *Auditors.*

1897. Dr.	£	s.	d.	1897. Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	5	6	1	By Amounts withdrawn	18	6	0
,, Amounts received during 1897 from the Members of the Mothers' Meeting	19	18	4	,, Balance in hand ...	6	18	5
	£25	4	5		£25	4	5

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	2	0	8	By Amounts withdrawn	12	5	9
,, Amounts received during 1897 from the Members of the Women's Division of the Kentish Town Adult School	15	12	1	,, Balance	5	7	0
	£17	12	9		£17	12	9

LYNDHURST HALL SAVINGS BANK.

Secretary—Mr. Archibald A. Johnston.

Treasurer—Mr. J. S. Light.

The Bank has suffered loss this year, in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Henry Watkins, who had acted as a Joint-Secretary from the commencement. Mr. Johnston has kindly taken his place, but the Bank is still in need of a second Secretary, who could attend to receive moneys on Saturday evenings, from 8 to 9.30 p.m. The business of the Bank shows an increase on that of last year. The deposits of 1896 have been less than those of 1897 by £18 and the withdrawals by £21.

The actual figures are as follows :—

214 depositors who paid in	£123	5	2
Withdrawals amounting to	£112	8	5

COAL CLUB.

The Members of this Club deposit from 1d. to 1s. weekly throughout the year; and during the winter months are supplied with coal at 1d. below the trolley price. During 1897, 27 have paid in through the Lady Visitors and 38 through the Women's Classes, an increase over the number of depositors in 1896, of 13.

BALANCE SHEET.

1897. Dr.	£	s.	d.	1897. Cr.	£	s
To Balance from 1896	3	14	10	By Monthly Payments for Coals.....	17	
,, Deposits during 1897	18	2	8	,, Amounts paid out to Depositors in cash on their leaving the neighbourhood	0	11
				,, Balance in hand ...	3	7
	£21	17	6		£21	17

R. Clarke Edwards, *Auditor.*

12*th January*, 1898.

E. Ernest Winterbotham, *Treasurer.*

NURSING ACCOUNT.

1897. Dr.	£	s.	d.	1897. Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1896	10	0	0	By Nurse's Salary (one year and Holiday Gift)	53	0	0
Mrs. Mudie	28	0	0				
Mrs. Craven Jones	15	0	0				
	£53	0	0		£53	0	0

William Edwards, Jun., *Auditor.*

William E. Jones, *Treasurer.*

MATERNITY SOCIETY.

Visitor—Mrs. Rocke.

Cash Account from January 1st to December 31st, 1897.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1896	1	6	9	By Groceries	1	4	8
Mr. A. J. Malcolm (Jan. 1)	1	0	0	,, New Garments.....	1	19	11
Mrs. Craven Jones	0	10	0	,, Gratuities	2	10	0
General Fund (Mar.)	5	0	0	,, Milk	3	3	0
,, ,, ...	5	0	0	,, Balance in hand ...	3	19	2
	£12	16	9		£12	16	9

R. Clarke Edwards, *Auditor.*

FINANCE.

The expenditure appertaining to this Mission for the year 1897 was £18 less than for the year 1896, but this is a level which it would be folly to even wish to see maintained, because if it could be done (which, however, seems impossible) it would simply result in inefficiency. Cleaning and painting which has not been done in one year must be undertaken in another, and a building like Lyndhurst Hall which is used every night and much during the day suffers a great deal of wear and tear. An expenditure of £750 per annum is at a very moderate computation the lowest amount required to keep this Mission in an efficient state of work and the buildings in proper repair. The expenditure during 1897 amounted to some £610, but even at this figure the balance of £43 3s. 9d. was on the wrong side of the account. A special appeal was made last year and the deficiency was cheerfully met. We purposely made no extra effort at the end of this financial year, hoping that the extreme economy practised might have found the accounts balancing.

The subscription list fortunately has not varied to any important extent, as it is only about £3 less than the previous year. The general deficit, however, is accounted for in the quarterly collections made at the Church. A glance at the preceding Manuals shows a condition of things of which possibly the knowledge may alone prove to be the cure. The following are the particulars of the quarterly collections at the Church, commenced in 1891 :—

	£	s.	d.
1891	151	15	8
1892	138	7	0
1893	124	14	6
1894	102	15	8
1895	98	13	9
1896	56	10	3
1897	48	7	3

It is fair to add that the subscriptions and donations rapidly rose until 1894, at which date they began steadily to recede. The following are the particulars of subscriptions for the like period :--

	£	s.	d.
1891	294	1	8
1892	261	4	1
1893	449	7	4
1894	499	11	3
1895	494	13	8
1896	484	5	4
1897	481	0	1

and a sum of £71 16s. 11d. received from the special fund raised to extinguish the deficit of 1896 account and for other purposes.

To put the finances of the Mission on a satisfactory basis with a view to a continuance of the present work in an efficient state, it will be necessary to increase our subscription list by about £75 per annum, and that the Church collections for the Mission during the year should produce not less than £130. These amounts would leave a balance in hand with which to commence a fresh year, whilst at present the accounts are continually overdrawn.

Will the Church during this year, now that it has the knowledge, see to it, that this Mission work is not crippled for want of funds?

KENTISH TOWN MISSION GENERAL FUND.

Receipts, 1897.	£	s.	d.
To Donations towards Deficiency in 1896, as per list	71	16	11
,, Subscriptions and Donations, as per list	481	0	1
,, Collections, Lyndhurst Road Church, January, July and November	48	7	3
,, Concert by Church Choir, December 1st (net proceeds)	0	17	6
,, Collections, Lyndhurst Mission Hall	22	8	10
,, Profit on Refreshment Bar Sales	3	12	2
,, Saturday Evening Entertainments (sale of Programmes)	12	12	5
,, Balance due to Treasurer	43	3	9
	£683	18	11

KENTISH TOWN MISSION GENERAL FUND.

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Deficiency from 1896				71	16	11
,, Mission Housekeeper				80	0	0
,, Cleaning (Charwomen)	29	5	3			
,, Materials and Household Expenses	10	1	9			
,, Postages, Stationery and Newspapers	7	1	4			
,, Cash in hand carried to 1898	9	16	4			
	56	4	8			
Less— Sale of Bedding £1 2 9; Cash in hand, December 31st, 1896 14 15 1	15	17	10			
,, Taxes				40	6	10
,, Gas				44	14	7
,, Water				46	8	7
,, Coals				8	0	0
,, Fire Insurance on Buildings and Furniture				12	1	0
,, Sundry Repairs, Whitewashing and Notice Board				4	9	3
,, Infants' School, Holmes Road, Rent and Cleaning, per L.S.B.				40	9	8
,, Ministerial Supply				13	17	0
,, Work-room, per Mrs. Christie				0	10	6
,, Maternity Society, per Mrs. Spalding				10	0	0
,, Convalescent Home, Oxted, Contribution				10	0	0
,, Indian Famine Fund, Contribution per L.M.S.				13	0	0
,, Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, Contribution				1	10	0
,, Charity Organization Society, Subscription				0	12	0
,, Band of Hope, Contribution				2	2	0
,, Girls' Brigade, Contribution				2	0	0
,, Girls' Summer Outing				20	0	0
				5	0	0
Carried forward				£426	18	4

EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward		426 18 4
By Sunday School, Summer Outing and Christmas Treat		32 5 3
„ Sunday School, Hire of Hall for Choir Practice		4 0 0
„ Boys' Club and Institute Summer Outing		25 4 6
„ Oxygen Gas for Lantern		0 16 8
„ One 10 Gallon Tea Boiler.....		0 18 0
„ Men's Evening Class Books		1 0 0
„ 250 Hymn Books and Bibles		2 15 5
„ General Printing and Books.....		28 5 1
„ Sunday School Printing.....		9 13 6
„ Repairing, Tuning and Hire of Piano and Organ		12 2 6
„ Relief, per Relief Committee :—		
Milk	17 18 11	
Meat...	9 3 9	
Relief	15 19 5	
Relief, per Lady Visitors	22 18 1	
Special Relief, dispensed by Miss Harrison, as desired by Dr. and Mrs. Satchell	2 1 6	
Cash in hand carried to 1898.....	3 19 6	
	72 1 2	
Less—		
Cash in hand, Dec. 31st, 1896	£8 11 2	
Cash received from Charity Organization Society	1 6 0	
Cash received for Medicine.....	0 14 0	
Cash received from Country Holiday Fund	2 10 0	
	13 1 2	
		59 0 0
Carried forward.....		£602 19 3

EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward... ...		602 19 3
By Loans repaid during 1897...		2 19 6
Less Loans made during 1897		1 3 6
Cash in hand carried to 1898		1 16 0
„ LYNDHURST HALL INSTITUTE OR BOYS' CLUB :—		
„ Gymnastic Instructors, Drill Master, etc.		22 2 6
„ Doorkeeper		7 3 0
„ Printing	4 16 0	
Less Sale of Programmes for Display.....	0 12 0	
		4 4 0
„ Newspapers, Magazines, etc.		4 11 8
„ Club Teas, Entertainments, etc.		1 15 6
„ Prizes for Competitions in Gymnasium, Cricket, Games, etc.		4 8 6
„ Gymnastic Appliances and Repairs		2 8 11
„ Sundries, Postages, Stationery, etc.		1 4 9
„ Cricket Club :—		
Rent of Ground.....	7 7 0	
Other Expenses.....	5 17 5	
	13 4 5	
Less Subscriptions from Boys and Donations ...	2 6 0	
		10 18 5
„ Football Club :—		
Rent of Ground.....	7 1 0	
Other Expenses.....	3 1 10	
	10 2 10	
Less Subscriptions from Boys, etc.	1 6 10	
		8 16 0
Carried forward.....	£67 13 3	602 19 3

EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward.....			67 13 3	602 19 3
By Boys' Brigade :—				
Disbursements and Printing, per Dr. Sharman	17 8 3			
Less Boys' Payments.....£3 2 9				
Donations ... 2 11 1				
	5 13 10			
		11 14 5		
			79 7 8	
Less—				
Boys' Subscriptions for year (Senior Class) ...	10 10 6			
Donation, Mrs. Wilson	0 2 6			
		10 13 0		
				68 14 8
„ Tonic Sol-fa Class :—				
Instruction and Music ...	4 2 0			
Less Girls' Subscriptions	1 3 0			
		2 19 0		
„ Choral Society :—				
Instruction and Music ...	2 15 0			
Tea.....	0 9 6			
		3 4 6		
			6 3 6	
„ LYNDHURST HALL MEN'S INSTITUTE AND CLUB :—				
„ Newspapers and Magazines	8 8 10			
„ Printing, Postage, etc.....	3 5 10			
„ Gymnasium Instructor.....	8 14 4			
„ Iron for Billiard Table.....	0 4 6			
„ Notice Board.....	1 10 0			
„ Tea Expenses	1 10 10			
„ Rent of Cricket Ground ...	7 7 0			
		31 1 4		
Less Subscriptions		24 19 10		
			6 1 6	
			£683 18 11	

WILLIAM EDWARDS, Jun., *Auditor.*
WILLIAM E. JONES, *Treasurer.*

Donations towards Deficiency in 1896.

	£ s. d.
Bradshaw, Miss M. L.	0 2 6
Edwards, Mr. William	5 0 0
Edwards, Mrs. William.....	3 0 0
Lyndhurst Road Church Treasurer	59 12 5
Roberts, Mr. C. E.....	1 1 0
Roberts, Mr. Percy	1 1 0
Rocke, Mr. George	2 0 0
	£71 16 11

General Fund.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS, 1897.

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous	50	0	0
,,	5	0	0
,,	2	2	0
,,	3	3	0
Adeney, Rev. Prof.	1	1	0
Andrews, Dr.	5	5	0
Andrews, Miss M.	1	0	0
Anscombe, Mr. E.	0	10	0
Applin, Mr. and Mrs.	0	10	0
Ball, Mrs. W. F.	5	0	0
Banger, Miss	1	4	0
Bedford, Mr. J. B.	1	1	0
Beney, Mr. W. A.	5	5	0
Berridge, Mrs.	0	10	6
Bolton, Mr. Fred	10	0	0
Bottomley, Mrs.	1	10	0
Brice, Mr. W. H.	0	10	6
Brierley, Rev. and Mrs.	1	1	0
Brooks, Mrs. Henry	1	1	0
Brooks, Miss Constance	1	0	0
Burdett, Mr. W.	1	0	0
Butcher, Mr William	0	5	0
Buxton, Mrs. (The late)	3	3	0
Buxton, Mr. Travers	1	10	0
Callard, Miss Lottie	0	10	0
Carter, Mr. John	10	0	0
Carter, Miss Ruth	0	5	0
Chandler, Mr. P. W.	1	0	0
Chaplin, Mr. Samuel	1	0	0
Chaplin, Mrs.	2	0	0
Christie, Rev. Prof.	0	10	0
Claxton, Mr. and Mrs.	2	0	0
Clow, Miss A. E.	0	8	0
Cox, Miss	0	10	0
Craven, Mr. Joseph	2	2	0
Cropper, Mr. & Mrs. J. C.	2	2	0
Cropper, Miss	1	1	0
Cross, Mr. John	1	0	0
Cuff, Mr. W. S.	1	0	0
Curtis, Mr. A. H.	1	1	0
Curwen, Mr. & Mrs. E. S.	14	14	0
Curwen, Mr. T. C.	3	0	0
Curwen, Mr. H. B.	3	0	0
Curwen, Miss E. H.	0	10	0
Davies, Mr. Alfred	1	0	0
Day, Dr. Roberson	1	0	0
Dick, Mr. B.	0	10	0
Dixon, Mr. G. S.	2	2	0
Edwards, Mr. William	10	0	0
Edwards, Mr. R. C.	3	3	0
Edwards, Mrs. L. M.	2	2	0
England, Mrs. Ayrton	1	1	0
Farmer, Mr. A. J.	1	1	0
Field, Mr. W. H.	1	0	0
Figgis, Mr. Samuel	5	0	0
Fletcher, Mr. J. W.	1	1	0
Free, Mrs.	0	10	0
G. W., Mr. and Mrs.	5	0	0
Gard, Mr. W. G. Snowdon	1	1	0
Glanville, Mrs. C. T.	0	10	0
Glanville, Mr. and Mrs. H. J.	3	3	0
Glover, Mr. J. Howard	10	10	0
Glover, Mr. John	2	2	0
Glover, Mrs. John	1	1	0
Goddard, Mr. E.	1	1	0
Gooby, Mr. and Mrs.	1	1	0
Gordon, Mr. Andrew	2	2	0
Gourlay, Mr. W. H.	3	0	0
Greenlees, Mr. Samuel	2	0	0
Griffin, Mr. Hugh R.	5	0	0
Gwyther, Mr. J. H.	5	0	0
Hall, Mr. George	10	0	0
Harcourt, Miss Olive (Proceeds of Concert)	7	18	7
Harvey, Mr. Alfred S.	1	1	0
Haycraft, Mrs. Mary G.	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Holdsworth, Mr. Edw.	2	2	0
Holland, Mrs.	0	5	0
Holmes, Miss Lucy	1	1	0
Horton, Miss	0	5	0
Houghton, Mrs.	1	0	0
Houghton, The Misses	0	10	0
Howard, Miss Ellen	0	10	0
Hyslop, Mr. R. Murray	5	0	6
Jamieson, Mr. Henry	3	0	0
Johnson, Mr. P. E.	2	2	0
Johnson, Mrs Lindsay	1	1	0
Johnson, Rev. A. N.	0	5	0
Johnston, Mrs. Alex.	3	0	0
Jones, Mr. John	1	1	0
Jones, Mr. Edwin	10	0	0
Jones, Mrs. Craven	10	10	0
Jones, Miss E. Craven	0	5	0
Jones, Mr. William E.	10	10	0
,, (don.)	21	0	0
Kennedy, Mrs. James J.	0	10	0
Kennedy, Mrs. Dr.	0	10	0
King, Mrs., and the late Mr. Joseph	10	0	0
Lambert, Mr. Henry	5	0	0
Lewis, Miss, per Miss E. M. May	1	1	0
Lloyd, Mr. Herbert	2	2	0
Lown, Mr. R. D.	1	1	0
Lown, Mr. H. F.	2	2	0
Lown, Miss	0	10	0
Lyon, Mrs. B. A.	3	3	0
Malcolm, Mr. A. J.	10	0	0
Marks, Mr. C. E.	1	1	0
Maxwell, Mr. M. Y.	10	10	0
May, Miss	0	10	6
May, Miss E. M.	1	1	0
May, Miss Annie	1	1	0
Methwen, Mrs.	1	0	0
Metropolitan Association for befriending Young Servants	2	2	0
Minshall, Mr. T. E.	2	2	0
Moser, Mr. R. J.	1	1	0
Oesterley, Mrs. E.	0	10	0
O. P. M. I. J.	10	0	0
Page, Miss S. E.	0	10	0
Palfreman, Mr. F. H.	2	2	0
Passmore, Miss E. S.	2	0	0
Phelan, Mrs.	1	1	0
Phillips, Mr. Edward	0	10	0
Poole, Miss M.	0	5	0
Poulter, Mr. Thomas	2	2	0
Poulter, Mr. and Mrs. A. L.	2	2	0
Priestley, Mrs. W. E. B.	2	2	0
Purves, Mrs.	1	1	0
Pymont Mr. and Mrs. Albert	0	6	0
Radermacher, Miss Lydia	1	0	0
Reed, Mr. E. P.-S.	3	3	0
Richardson, Miss	2	12	0
Roberts, Mr. C. E.	3	3	0
Robertson, Miss Ann	0	5	0
Rocke, Mr. and Mrs. Charles	2	2	0
Rocke, Mr. George	5	0	0
Russell, Mr. A. B.	1	1	0
Sabin, Mrs.	1	0	0
Satchell, Dr. and Mrs.	20	0	0
Sharman, Mrs.	1	0	0
Shaw, Dr. John	1	1	0
Sheffield, Major	1	1	0
Shepheard, Mr. A. J.	2	0	0
Shoolbred & Co., Messrs. James	1	1	0
Shooter, Mrs.	0	2	6
Soden, Mr. James	1	1	0
Soden, Mrs. James	0	5	0
Spalding, Mr. Henry	1	1	0
Spence, Miss J. E.	0	5	0
Spence, Miss M. L.	0	2	6
Starkey, Miss	2	0	0
Sully, Mr. and Mrs.	2	0	0
Swann, Mrs.	1	1	0
T. A. G.	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Taylor, Mrs. A. G.....	2	2	0
Temple, Mrs. Agnes ...	2	0	0
Thompson, Rev. Ward-law	1	11	6
Thompson, Mrs. Henry	0	10	0
Thorburn, Mr. Archd.	2	2	0
Thorburn, Mr. John ...	2	2	0
Turner, Mr. G. H. ...	10	0	0
Voss, Miss	1	1	0
Warrack, Miss G. H....	0	5	0
Wightwick, Mrs.....	0	5	0
Winterbotham, Mr. E.	1	1	0
Woltmann, Mr. W. ...	0	10	0
Wood, Mr. William ...	2	0	0
Yeo, Mr. A. W.	3	0	0
Youngman, The Misses	0	10	0
	£481	0	1

Kentish Town Adult School.

MEN'S DIVISION.

Meeting at Lyndhurst Hall every Sunday morning, from 9 till 10.30.

School President—Mr. W. G. Snowdon Gard, LL.B. (President of London Adult School Union).

President of Class A—Dr. E. Claud Taylor.

President of Class B—Mr. W. G. Snowdon Gard, LL.B.

President of Class C—Mr. Travers Buxton.

President of Class D—Mr. H. Fuller Carter.

President of Class E—Mr. Jas. S. Light.

Treasurer—Mr. Henry A. Broadhurst.

Secretary—Mr. Edward C. Root.

Assistant Secretary—Mr. Henry A. Broadhurst.

It will be seen from the above list that there have been several changes in the Class officers since last year. Class A lost its President, Mr. Andrew Hamilton, to whom they were so much attached; he has been succeeded by Dr. E. C. Taylor. Class C has also a new President—Mr. Travers Buxton, who had for a long time served the Class in the capacity of Vice-President. It was a matter of keen regret not only to his own Class, but to the whole School, that Mr. James Lakeman was compelled by change of residence to resign his membership. Class D has elected Mr. Horace F. Carter to be its President in place of Mr. John Sanders, who was obliged to resign on account of other works he has in hand, although he remains an active Member of the School.

We have also to record the death of the four following Members:—In Class E, Mr. W. H. Hill, late Secretary to Miss Mudie's

Class, and Mr. T. Emmery, who was killed by a sad accident ; in Class A, Mr. W. Church, who was the Secretary of the Men's Sunday Union, Secretary of the Penny Bank, and a most efficient helper in much of the work at Lyndhurst Hall ; and Mr. W. Leeden, who died in the London Temperance Hospital.

Our attendances have been as follows :—

Quarters.	1896.	1897.
Jan. to March	86	96
April to June	87	85
July to Sept.	86	87
Oct. to Dec.	90	94

Our Samaritan work has been diligently carried on, and is beginning to be recognized by some of the other Schools as a necessary part of Adult School work. At a conference of Secretaries, held at Chalfont House Friends' Settlement, our Secretary, Mr. E. C. Root, read a paper on "Samaritan Work," which was considered of so much importance, that various Schools have since invited him to read it to them. As a practical outcome of the paper, a united Samaritan and Convalescent Committee has been formed to ensure hospital, convalescent home, and, if possible, surgical aid letters being promptly at the service of the Members of the London Schools when needed. Mr. T. Noblett (Class B) is the Secretary ; Mr. E. C. Root, Assistant Secretary ; and Mr. W. G. Snowdon Gard, Treasurer, of this "Central Samaritan Committee."

The services in the Lodging House in Litcham Street have been conducted every Sunday throughout the year ; but, for want of speakers, the Out-door Services (which are carried on by the same Committee) have been held monthly instead of every Sunday. It is intended to start the Open-air work again in May, and to hold services each Sunday if sufficient assistance

be forthcoming. All those able to assist either as speakers or in the singing are invited to communicate with the Secretary of the Lodging House and Open-air Work, Mr. Jas. Benny, of 5, Little Randolph Street, Camden Town. The Annual Tea to the Lodging House friends was held on July 28th. Mr. W. G. Snowdon Gard presiding, the Adult School and the Temperance Society on this occasion uniting as hosts. The third Christmas Afternoon Entertainment to the men was given at the Lodging House, sacred and secular music being provided, thus enabling the men and the Mission workers to spend a very happy afternoon together.

Probably the most important event of the year was the handing over by the Mission Committee to our School of the entire management of the Men's Club and Institute. The somewhat complicated negotiations and arrangements have been completed, and there are already signs of good results.

The School (Men's and Women's Divisions) have jointly undertaken the management of the Lyndhurst Hall Total Abstinence Society, and we give a cordial invitation to all total abstainers to attend our weekly meetings, which are held on Wednesday evenings at 8.30, and to give us all the help they can in this very difficult but urgently needed work.

All men over 17 years of age are eligible for membership in our School, and a very hearty reception will be given to any man visiting the School on a Sunday morning. We are earnestly trying to put into practice the motto of our Division, "Let brotherly love continue." We wish we could help friends who are unacquainted with our work to understand what splendid opportunities for usefulness the School abundantly supplies.

WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL.

Held at 3 p.m. every Sunday.

President—Miss HARRISON.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss JESSIE GLANVILLE.

The average attendance throughout the year has been 37, whilst the names on the books now number 65. Twenty Members pay into the Coal Club, £7 15s. 0d. having been deposited. Six also belong to the Doctor's Club.

This year a more regular system of visiting has been adopted, which we hope will strengthen the union existing between the Members of our Class. Eleven of our number have been appointed to look up absentees, each being responsible for those on her book and reporting cases of illness. A Samaritan Fund has lately been started, for which a collection is made every Sunday; the management is in the hands of a Committee elected from among the Members.

Wider interest is being shown in the Adult School Union, our delegates to the Council seldom fail to attend and bring back a report of the meeting. We have had a friendly interchange of visits with the Camden School and our attendance at the united meetings held at Lyndhurst Hall has increased. The Total Abstinence Society has been taken over by both divisions of the Kentish Town Adult School. By this means it is hoped a fresh stimulus will be given to the Wednesday Evening Meetings and more earnest temperance work done.

We are now studying the Life of St. Paul and though there is no regular discussion the subject is followed with great attention. Several visitors have addressed our Class during the year and been warmly welcomed.

LYNDHURST MEN'S INSTITUTE AND CLUB

(In connection with the Kentish Town Adult School).

President—Mr. R. F. HORTON, M.A.

Chairman of Committee—Mr. W. G. SNOWDON GARD, LL.B.

Vice-Chairmen—Mr. J. S. LIGHT and Dr. CLAUD E. TAYLOR.

Treasurer—Mr. H. F. LOWN.

Secretary—Mr. WALTER PAINTER.

Assistant Secretaries—Messrs. C. BAILEY, G. FRYER, C. STUART and H. WATKINS.

Committee.

Miss HARRISON.
,, E. M. MAY.
,, MUDIE.
,, STODDART.
Mr. J. BENNY.
,, J. BLAY.
,, H. BROADHURST.
,, H. F. CARTER.
,, H. W. FISKE.
,, J. H. GLOVER.
,, A. JOHNSON.
Mr. A. W. KEEN.
,, G. LIVERMORE.
,, S. NORMAN.
,, G. ROCKE.
,, F. A. ROGERS.
,, E. C. ROOT.
,, T. E. TAYLOR.
,, T. WAKEFIELD.
,, J. WARREN.
,, G. WELLS.
,, J. WINFIELD.
Mr. J. WINTER.

The membership of the Club has fluctuated in numbers each quarter, much as it did in past years. The Club commenced the year with 200, it fell to 120 at midsummer, and kept gradually falling till October, when it was increased by a contingent from the Lyndhurst Hall Institute. About the same time some Members of the Adult School also joined, making the total 211, and after deducting eleven as lapsed, the year ended with 200 Members.

It was thought desirable by the Lyndhurst Mission Committee to transfer the control of the Men's Club and Institute to the Kentish Town Adult School, so in October last this was formally effected. The Institute will, it is believed, prove of great service to the School in the character of its work, whilst the warm brotherly feeling of the School and its definite religious purpose cannot fail to give a higher tone to the Institute, if the School is faithful to its much enlarged responsibilities.

The Club has well fulfilled its function as a recreative centre in its best sense. The greatest interest has been taken in all the games, and various tournaments have been played. The interest in draughts from some cause rose to fever heat and a knowledge of draughts has induced many of the Members to learn chess.

The Wood-carving Class, under Mr. T. E. Taylor, commenced the year well, but stopped at midsummer. At the beginning of the winter session, some of the old Members recommenced with three new ones added. The work of the older Members is now past the elementary stage.

The Building Construction Class, which began in the spring of 1897, under the direction of Mr. Ibbetson, went on well till May, when it was suspended for the summer term; but it has not been resumed since as there has not been a sufficient number of applicants to warrant the continuance of the Class.

The Ambulance Class is now an established feature and its Members, old and new, meet every Friday evening for practice or lecture. Its First Aid Class opened in November, 1896, and continued to May 21st, 1897, under the direction of Dr. H. Cameron Gillies, who gave no less than fourteen lectures. The result of this was apparent at the examination which was held at Lyndhurst Hall, June 11th, when the whole of the candidates who attended the examination passed, and the Class was complimented on its "intelligence" by the examiner. The new First Aid Class was commenced in November last under the joint control of Drs. H. Cameron Gillies and Owst.

The Debating Class, which used to hold its meetings on Monday evenings, has transferred them to Saturday evenings. Popular subjects are chosen, having often a present day interest. Among other subjects the following have been debated:—"The Indian Famine and the Government." "Education and the School Board Election" and "The Engineers' Lock-out from the Employers' point of view."

The Gymnasium Class, which has been under the charge of Mr. H. F. Carter, has kept well to its work, so much so that it was able to give a special display on Saturday, June 12th. The Class was in October joined by a contingent leaving Lyndhurst Hall Institute, and this has increased the membership to nineteen, all of whom are in active preparation for the forthcoming displays at midsummer.

The Chess Club still holds its meetings in B Room on Thursday evenings, which is a special night for the Club Members; on other week-nights the Members play in other rooms. Tournaments are promoted and prizes awarded.

The Cricket Club, which numbers fifteen Members, secured a ground at Child's Hill for the season. The Club played eighteen matches, winning eight, losing eight and two were drawn.

Miss May's and Miss Mudie's Classes are reported on specially. Below is the present programme of work of the Institute:—

Monday,	7 to 10.30...	Billiards, Games, Reading. New Members and Subscriptions received.
Tuesday,	7 to 10.30...	Billiards. Games. Reading Room.

Tuesday,	8	Harriers.
	8.30 ...	Miss Mudie's Class.
Wednesday,	7 to 10.30...	Games in Reading Room.
	8 to 10 ...	Gymnasium in Hall.
	8	Temperance Meeting in Coffee Bar.
Thursday,	7 to 10.30...	Billiards. Reading Room.
	8	Chess Club in B Room.
	8	Wood-carving Class.
Friday,	7	The Misses May's Class.
	7	Reading Room and Games.
	9 to 10.30...	Ambulance and First Aid.
Saturday,	7 to 10.30...	Billiards. Games. Reading Room.
	8 to 9.30 ...	Penny Bank in Library.
	8.30 to 10...	Benefit Society in Basement.
	8.30 ...	Debating Class Meeting.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S CLASS.

Held at 3 p.m.

President—Miss HARRISON.
Secretary and Treasurer—Miss J. GLANVILLE.
Helpers—Miss TURNER and Miss CORNISH.

The number on our books has risen to 145 and the attendance is very good. Forty-five Members belong to the Provident Club (amount deposited £19 18s. 4d.) and 18 to the Coal Club (amount deposited £5 5s. 8d.).

Early in the year most interesting lectures on Sir Walter Scott, with extracts from his works, were given by Miss Stoddart, and we have had the pleasure of a visit and address from Miss Mead, on more than one occasion.

In June a large party from the Sunday and Wednesday Classes made an excursion to Chingford ; the weather was all that could be desired and it proved one of our most successful outings.

The meeting was closed as usual during July and August. Shortly after it re-opened, Miss Hobson, who has been trained at the Northampton Infirmary and Great Northern Hospital, gave an address on Nursing of a most useful and practical kind. The subject has been continued at our ordinary meetings and in October Dr. Taylor very kindly began a course of Ambulance Lectures ; unhappily these are discontinued for the present owing to his unexpected summons to Turkey, but we look forward to their completion on his return.

We cannot put into words the deep regret felt by all connected with our Sunday and Wednesday Classes at the retirement of Miss Jessie Glanville from the position she has held so long and so well. At our united Christmas Party, in the large Hall, on December 23rd, a tea-service, with an address expressing the warm wishes of both Classes, was presented to Miss J. Glanville. A very pleasant evening was spent with music and recitations, also addresses from Mr. Snowdon Gard and Mr. Tinling, who took Mr. Hamilton's usual place in presiding at the distribution of Christmas gifts.

LYNDHURST HALL TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

IN CONNECTION WITH KENTISH TOWN ADULT SCHOOL.

President—Dr. E. CLAUDE TAYLOR.
Vice-Presidents—Miss HARRISON, Mr. H. BROADHURST, Mr. W. G. SNOWDON GARD.
Treasurer—Mr. S. DAINTON.
Secretary—Mr. A. E. MENCE, 6, Southampton Road, N.W.
Assistant Secretary—Mr. G. SHEPHERD.
Auditor—Mr. H. ROUTLEDGE.

Committee.

Mrs. MILAN.	Mr. W. G. BAKER.
,, ROGERS.	,, J. W. BROGDEN.
,, A. R. SMITH.	,, J. S. LIGHT.
,, TIMMS.	,, E. C. ROOT.
Miss BURROUGHS.	,, F. A. ROGERS.
,, WELCHMAN.	,, J. SHILLITO.

This Society has held its meetings weekly throughout the year with three exceptions. The attendance at 49 meetings shows an average of 53. The actual results at meetings during the year have been small, 14 pledges only having been given. The loss of Mr. Hamilton who so regularly attended has been greatly felt. The programmes during the year have been of the usual character, songs, recitations, music and addresses. Three lantern lectures have been given and were much appreciated. The fourth Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 7th. The Report given at that meeting showed that the work had not increased but, in comparison with previous years, had decreased. The Annual Social Meeting was held on December 15th, when 58 were present. Miss Harrison presided and Mr. W. G. S. Gard gave the address; songs and recitations followed. This Society has recently become a Branch of the Kentish Town Adult School; a Joint Committee has been formed in conjunction with friends interested in the work, and it is hoped that this change will result in an increased activity and a more effective membership.

Rev^d D.W. Vaughan. M.A.
Congregational Ministers

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The People

The People reached

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Rev^d D.W. Vaughan M.A. Minister of Kentish Town Congregational Church: Victoria Road
Seen at his residence: 31 Dartmouth Park Avenue.

Mr Vaughan is a tall well built man of about 35. Dark hair and mustache. Keen and capable – strong face. Has been 10 years in the ministry + 4½ years at Kentish Town.

The population is artizan and working class, with some shopkeepers. Has almost entirely changed and the middleclass people have gone – not in his time but the old people talk of the change in the district – it is almost complete now. People are not poor except off the Prince of Wales's Road, where there are some very poor.

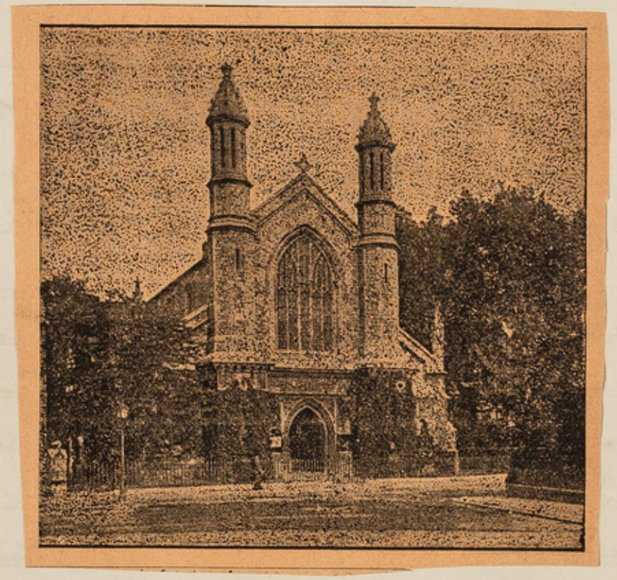
The Church has reached the better class working people, clerks, shop assistants and artizans but has not been very successful in reaching the working man e.g. the labouring class. Try to reach them thro' the P.S.A. but altho' they have got some 30 men of this type, Mr V. thinks the P.S.A. has failed in this respect at least of his ideal for it.

Persons Employed

Ministers and mural paid. Also an evangelist but he is old & has done nothing for a year. 40 Sunday School teachers; 18 deacons. Total number of workers is large but Mrs V. did not mention a number.

Buildings used

Church holds 1200 (Year book says 1000) Schoolroom 500 & have a number of smaller rooms.



Services Held

SUNDAY.

Public Worship in the Church :—Morning, 11; P. S. Afternoon Service at 3.15; Evening, 7 o'clock.

Sunday School, 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Children's Service 11. Attendance 80

Young Men's Bible Class in the Congregational Schools' Hall, 2.45 p.m.

Young Women's Bible Class, Committee Room of the same, 2.45 p.m.

Sunday School Prayer Meeting: Last Sunday in each month at 4 p.m. in the Girls' School Room, Kentish Town Road.

MONDAY.

Home Missionary Working Society, on alternate Mondays at 7 p.m., in the Vestry.

Cottage Service in the Lecture Hall, alternate Mondays at 6 p.m.

Penny Bank, School Room, 8 to 9 p.m.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, Lecture Hall, 8.15 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Literary Society (October to April), 8.15 p.m.

Dorcas Society—meets monthly at the house of a Member of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY.

Meeting for Prayer and Praise, with Address, 8 p.m. — About 50.

Church Meeting, the Wednesday before the first Sunday in each month.

THURSDAY.

Ladies' Sewing Society, Lecture Hall, 3 p.m., Tea at 6.

Choir Practice, 8 p.m.

Young Men's Social Club in the Congregational Schools' Hall, at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Band of Hope in the Congregational Schools' Hall, 6.45 p.m. — 166 members.

SATURDAY (alternate).

Ramblers' Outings (programme to be obtained from Mr. Harry Singer, the Secretary).

Services & Meetings as list. See also programme from Magazine on next page.

Sunday School.

On books — 532 children

Average Attendance: Morn^g 115

" Afternoon 341

Children all come from the locality. School is crowded.

Church Calendar
from Magazine

CHURCH ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY.

1 Sunday—The Feast of Good Resolutions. **Divine Service.** Morning at 11. (Holy Communion at the close of the Service). P.S.A. at 3.15. Evening at 7.

2 *Monday*—For weak-kneed people—the day of revocation of above good resolutions. **Cottage Service** at 6. **Home Missionary Working Party** at 7. **Christian Endeavour Society** at 8.15. Consecration Service.

4 *Wednesday*—**Medical Mission** at 3, Dr. John Goodchild in attendance. **Mid-Week Service** at 8.

5 *Thursday*—**Young Men's Club** in the Schools Hall at 8.15. **Choir Practice** at 8.

6 *Friday*—**Band of Hope** in Schools Hall at 6.45. Address "Our Start" Mr. Cantwell.

7 *Saturday*—**Christian Endeavour** Social Meeting.

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8 Sunday—**Divine Service.** Morning at 11. P.S.A. at 3.15. Evening at 7.

9 *Monday*—**Cottage Service** at 6. **Christian Endeavour Society** Annual Meeting at 8, in the Church. Speaker: Rev. J. H. Shirley, of Fulham Road.

10 *Tuesday*—**Literary Society** at 8.15. Lecture by Rev. Llewellyn Parsons, "The Wedding Ring."

11 *Wednesday*—**Medical Mission** at 3. Dr. John Goodchild in attendance. **Mid-Week Service** at 8.

12 *Thursday*—**Ladies Sewing Society** at 3, Tea at 6.30. **Young Men's Club** at 8.15. **Choir Practice** at 8.

13 *Friday*—**Band of Hope** at 6.45, Entertainment arranged by E. Chandler and J. Irving.

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15 Sunday—**Divine Service.** Morning at 11. P.S.A. at 3.15. Evening at 7.

16 *Monday*—**Cottage Service** at 6. **Home Missionary Working Party** at 7. **Christian Endeavour Society** at 8.15. Topic, "Where am I going?" Miss Caesar.

17 *Tuesday*—**Literary Society** at 8. Grand Evening Concert under the direction of Mr. R. J. Smerdon.

18 *Wednesday*—**Medical Mission** at 3. Dr. John Goodchild in attendance. **Mid-Week Service** at 8.

19 *Thursday*—**Ladies Sewing Society** at 3, Tea at 6.30. **Young Men's Club** at 8.15. **Choir Practice** at 8.

20 *Friday*—**Band of Hope** at 6.45. Deputation from Band of Hope Union.

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22 Sunday—**Divine Service.** Morning at 11. P.S.A. at 3.15. Evening at 7.

23 *Monday*—**Cottage Service** at 6. **Christian Endeavour Society** at 8.15. "A precious invitation," by Miss Hunt.

24 *Tuesday*—**Literary Society** at 8.15. "Social Salvation," Lecture by Mr. Bruce Wallace, M.A.

25 *Wednesday*—**Medical Mission** at 3, Dr. John Goodchild in attendance. **Mid-Week Service** at 8.

26 *Thursday*—**Ladies Sewing Society** at 3, Tea at 6.30. **Young Men's Club** at 8.15. **Choir Practice** at 8.

27 *Friday*—**Band of Hope.** Cantata by Choir (proceeds to Mrs. Ginever's Orphanage).

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29 Sunday—**Divine Service.** Morning at 11. P.S.A. at 3.15. Evening at 7.

30 *Monday*—**Cottage Service** at 6. **Home Missionary Working Party** at 7. **Christian Endeavour** at 8.15. Topic, "God's Army."

31 *Tuesday*—**Literary Society** at 8.15. "The Boyhood of Tom Sawyer," by Mr. Greig.

Notes on Services

Social Agencies

Vaughan - Congregational

The Congregation is mainly from the district so far as numbers go. The financial strength of the Church however is in this neighbourhood e.g. Dartmouth Park. The attendance is smaller in the morning than at night, the better people mostly coming in the morning & the poorer folk at night, the dinner, distance & other usual causes controlling this matter. Usually 600 to 700 at night; full now & again when anything special attractions.

The S.S. now reaches 150 but most are their own church people.

The Christian Endeavour Society has 130 to 140 members. "The strongest in North London" and from it Mrs V. gets much of the work done - distributes leaflets, visit &c. Indeed Mrs V. turns to the members if he wants anything done rather than to the deacons.

Social Agencies are active & Mr V. is evidently pushing this part of the Church's work vigorously and thus incurs the opposition of the old & conservative section of the church. The Medical Mission was started recently as a 3 months' experiment in deference to such opposition but was allowed to continue quietly

Visitation

Education

Charitable Relief

quietly. About 30-40 patients at each time - pay 1d for medicine &c. Nursing Society is a recent movement
Have also Young Men's Social Club, Literary Society - average attendance 50 to 60 with 150 at Concerts &c. Feels that the young people will not attend a lecture by a good 'thinker' but prefer 'concerts or something light'.
Penny Bank - about £1000 on deposit.
Rambling Club

"Visitation is our weakest point". Mr V. visits the member about twice a year and the nurse tells him about sick cases. They also visit the district assigned by the Free Church Council and do a certain amount of visiting amongst the poor by Lady visitors of the C. E.

British School with over 400 scholars. Fees 6d - to 2d. "Reckoned to be one of the best voluntary schools" See Church Year book p. 36.

For Charitable purposes, they have the Communion Fund for poor members (about £60); Poor Man's Friend Society for temporary relief (£10). Beside these, there is the
(£46 in 1897.

Infant

Vaughan - congregational

Infants' Friend Society, Dorcas Society &c which give a little relief in kind - garments: Managed by the Committees. As to the C.O.S. Mr Vaughan is ~~a~~ neutral. He has been asked to join the local committee but has not done so, but on the other hand he has guaranteed amounts toward cases they were relieving.

Church has about 400 members. So increasing.

The Free Church Council is about the only way in which the churches co-operate. So very hopeful of it & regards it as one of the significant things of the time[s]. + the most hopeful movement of non-conformity in the century. Have united communions &c

Recently the Free Churches had a fortnight's mission, conducted by a Mr G. Clarke. It was held for one week at Mr Vaughan's church and the second week at the Wesleyan Church, Lady Margaret R. In reply to questions respecting this, Mr V. said that they had large audiences on the week evenings and the chapel was crowded on Sunday evenings. The afternoon meetings were "pretty well" filled.

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Church Membership

Free Church Council

Evangelistic Mission by the Free Churches

Vaughan - congregational

As to the results, about 300 persons passed through the inquiry rooms or bore testimony by letter of the benefit they had received. Does not think they reached many who were outside some church influences; a number of cases of drunkard, people who were in despair & almost frantic and would clutch at any straw; families where the children were attending the Sunday schools.: these were the people attracted beyond the attenders at the churches. Mr V. agreed with previous witnesses that these missions were opportunities when for the young people & others attending the churches services attached themselves definitely to the church.

Looking at the question about the other religious agencies, Mr Vaughan said that he thought their own church was "more highly organised & more active than any other; adding in an apologetic tone "One cannot help somethow estimating sometimes the work of one's own church." This estimate is probably correct however as it agrees with the opinion expressed by other witnesses.

Could not speak about poor relief. They do not allow any of their people to go to the parish.

The Ministers opinion of the Church Work

Rev. Caterer p. 133.

General Questions

Vaughan - Congregational

Thinks the police keep themselves aloof from the publicans. Kentish Town he believes is becoming worse + worse as regards drunkenness, burglary and impunity. His opinion on the first point is based on the constant increase in the value of publichouses. He instanced a publichouse at the corner of Harewood St, which a few years ago was sold for £6000 + has since changed hands at £18000, £23000 + £30000 altho' only an ordinary trade. As to impunity "sometimes it looks as if there were not a pure woman in the street' said he, referring to Kentish Town Road. Also mentioned a house in Kelly street, nearly opposite the Church, which is said to be disorderly.

Marriages. Of their own people + others, who, he believes attend the church. "There are a great many people, who don't want to be too closely identified with the church. They are afraid of some financial burden".

Health not nearly so good as it might be. Overcrowding + foul air, bad drainage. Does not think the sanitary authorities are to blame as they do their best. It is the high rents &c

In the future, Mr Vaughan believes the church must

must become more socialistic. e.g. look after the poor and become a saving influence to all. He is evidently trying to work to his ideal in this direction as the new agencies started & the opposition of the older members prove. The Church is gradually moving in the direction he leads. Its attitude to the Temperance movement illustrates this. Asked whether there was any strong temperance feeling, he said "No, but there will be! The older deacons are moderate drinkers but the newer & younger men are total abstainers. The same is true of the Church members. [This seems to point to a similar movement in the church to that taking place in the ministry. The older ministers are mostly moderate drinkers but the younger ministers and over 95% of the ministerial students are abstainers HW]

Mr V. is an able and energetic man; full of enthusiasm altho' feeling the opposition of less ardent spirits perhaps a little too keenly. He has some good workers round him & with the possible exception of Rev Wynne Jones's church, Kentish Town Cong[l] is probably the most powerful Free Church in the district.

For other details see Yearbook & Magazine, which are placed with the material

Rev^d Joseph Pollard
Unitarian Minister

GHA
Jan 6/99

Personal.

The People of the district

St Andrew's parish.

Pollard - Unitarian Mission 19/9.

Rev^d Joseph Pollard, 21 Willes Road, Kentish Town N W
Minister in charge of Rhyll Street Domestic Mission.

M^r Pollard is a pleasant grey-bearded old man of 60 or thereabouts. Talked readily of the Mission & was full of anecdotes about the people. Has been working in Manchester and Belfast, coming here from the latter place 15 years ago. His wife died about 2 months ago & this interview was delayed in consequence.

The men of the neighbourhood are mostly unskilled labourers: the class that can do anything but nothing properly. Lounge about the street, go messages, many style themselves painters; he calls them "paint ozers" They are not capable of doing any but the simplest work. He had got employment for some of them with a builder but they could not do the work. The women work at the laundries and charing: there is plenty of work for them & he is chary of recommending a woman for work as there must be something wrong if a woman cannot get work. In Litcham Street some of the women keep their husbands at home while they go to work.

Pollard- Unitarian Mission

The Poorest Streets

Lidcham Street + Preston Street were the worst 10 years ago (D.13 on map) + are still the worst, while Weddington Road, St Leonards Square + Shipton Mews are almost as bad.

Buildings used

Have a Mission Room in Lidcham Street, holds about 100 adults; formed by knocking 3 rooms into one. At Rhyll Street, they have 18 rooms (3 houses) and the large hall, built on the gardens, seating 430 adults. Caretaker occupies two rooms

Persons Employed

Minister (only paid) and 46 S.S. teachers. All poor people trained at the mission by Mr P. The Hampstead people soon give up; there are about half a dozen who help "if I ask them".

Services + Meetings held

RHYL STREET.

SUNDAY.—*Occasional Service* at 7 A.M.
Sunday School, 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. Average 300 (nearly) + 530 in afternoon.
Savings Bank, 4.15 P.M.
Children's Service, 11 A.M. —— 300 children
Occasional Teachers' Devotional Class.
Religious Service for the People, 7 P.M. —— 150–200
Occasional Prayer Meeting, 8.30 P.M.
Sunday School Singing Practice (first Sunday afternoon in each month).

MONDAY.—*Mothers' Meeting*, 2.30 P.M. — Nearly 100.
Coal Club and Mothers' Provident Society, 3 to 4 P.M. —— Supplies coals at cost price. Nearly all money drawn out last winter. So much sickness and slack work.
Sunday School Library, 5.45 to 7.15 P.M.
Entertainments and Lectures, 8.15 P.M. — ½ to ⅔
TUESDAY.—*Lectures to Women* by Mrs. CASH, 8 P.M. —— At least 100. Lectures on Domestic Economy, nursing, Care of children &c
Reading Room and Games, and Free Lending Library, from 7.30 to 10 P.M. *Sons of Temperance* at 8 P.M.
Cadets of Temperance Benefit Society, 7 to 8 P.M.
Occasional Meetings of Teachers, &c.
Recreation Classes.
WEDNESDAY.—*Religious Service*, 8 P.M. — 50–80.
Choir Practice, 9.20 P.M.
Reading Rooms and Games, 7 P.M.

St Martin's parish.

Class distinctions
amongst the poor

Pollard - Unitarian Mission

THURSDAY.—Miss E. SHARPE'S *Bible and Prayer Meeting*, 3 P.M. (second Thursday in the month).
Girls' Sewing Classes, 7.30 P.M. — Junior and senior. 6 or 7 classes.
Reading Rooms, Games, and Free Lending Library, 7 to 8.30 P.M.
Mutual Improvement and Debating Society, 8.30 to 10.30 P.M. — Not doing much this year. Was one of the best. 50 & 60.
FRIDAY.—*Band of Hope*, 7 P.M. - 250 - 400 ~~[illegible]~~ — attendance. Over 1000 members
Band of Mercy (last Friday in each month), 7 P.M.
Occasional Gospel Blue Ribbon and Temperance Meetings.
Meetings of the Cricket Clubs (Senior and Junior), *and Lawn Tennis Clubs* (Senior and Junior).
SATURDAY.—*Free Kindergarten Class*, 10 A.M. — 80 & 100 children. Very regular. Nice & clean.
Bible Class and Teachers' Preparatory Class, 7 P.M.

LITCHAM STREET BRANCH.

SUNDAY.—*School*, 10 A.M., 3 P.M. — Only take children resident in Litcham St. 150 on the Books.
Services, ~~11 A.M. and~~ 8.30 P.M. — 20 & 40 adults.
MONDAY. - *Mothers' Meeting*, 2.30 P.M. — 30 members
Coal Club and Provident Society, 2.30 P.M.
TUESDAY.—*Band of Hope*, 7 to 8.15 P.M.
WEDNESDAY.—*Classes for Young People*, 7 P.M. *Choir Practice.*
THURSDAY.—*Band of Mercy*, 7 to 8.15 P.M.
SATURDAY.—*A Pleasant Evening for Adults*, 8 till 10.30 P.M.

Mr Pollard's report gives a brief description of all these meetings & the substance of much that he told me so I give it on the next page.

The only additions needed are:

The Reading room is open every night except Wednesday. They have a membership but no subscription.

He mentioned a curious caste distinction in the Mothers' Meeting. At one time they fused the two meetings and then the Litcham St mothers (the poorer) petitioned that their meeting might be return to Litcham St. Once a year the two meetings come together for the Annual tea & then they do not mix. "You come next Tuesday (the date of the re-union) & you will see the Litcham St mothers sitting at different tables from the Rhyll Street people".

Pleasant Saturday Evenings

Pollard- Unitarian Mission

Mr Pollard is not keen on Saturday night "Pleasant Evenings" altho' he has one. They were instituted to keep the men from the publichouses. The men get half drunk before they come home & before the P.S.E begins. You don't get the men that would go to the publichouse but the respectable men who would go home & go marketing with their wives. These men neglect their homes for the meeting & the wives neglect the home in consequence & Mr P. has known cases where the man has gone to drunk because his home was neglected. He has sometimes thought of opening the Mission on Saturday afternoon for the men instead of the evening.

THE REV. J. POLLARD'S REPORT
OF
RHYL STREET AND LITCHAM STREET (KENTISH TOWN) MISSIONS.

In reviewing our operations in Rhyl Street and Litcham Street for the past twelve months, I am conscious that the recurring attempts to describe the work of the Missions must in some degree be wearisome and monotonous to the readers. I can imagine also that to some it seems an easy thing to prepare a report, and yet I feel how difficult it is to give anything like an adequate representation of the great variety of duties, scenes and experiences peculiar to the homes of the poor and the degraded with which your missionary is brought into contact.

It would be impossible to estimate the amount of good done in the several branches of the Missions: visiting, preaching, lecturing, teaching, and many other kindred agencies, all of which bring forth rich and abundant fruits.

In visiting house after house, I have been both pleased and grieved: pleased to see, here and there, improvement in cleanliness, in virtue and goodness; and grieved to see so much vice, improvidence and drunkenness. During the winter I met with a great amount of suffering arising from long-continued sickness and unusual mortality. The misery and wretchedness confronting me have been more intense than I have known for years. It is here, therefore, that the sympathy and zeal of the Christian Missionary find their truest sphere. It is in this work that the homes under my care have demanded so much of my time. I can say, from my own knowledge, that I have known numbers of the poor who have never fully satisfied the cravings of hunger.

As a typical instance,—One Sunday morning a little girl came and said, "Please, Mr. Pollard, will you come and see mother and father?" On arriving at the home I found both parents ill in bed together, four little children in the room, and not a crust of bread or anything in the way of food in the house. The man had a letter to go into the Hampstead Consumptive Hospital, but was too weak to be moved. I could report on many

starvation homes like the above, and on much worse—homes in which not one of the inmates had broken their fast for a whole day.

Sickness, fevers of various kinds, such as typhoid and rheumatic, consumption, &c., have been more than usually severe. These diseases have carried away in a very short period some of my most useful helpers, five mothers, four fathers, and two widows, leaving thirty-one motherless or fatherless children, and eight orphans. Eight of these I have been the means of getting into various homes where they will be cared for. Mrs. B. writes, "Dear Mr. Pollard, I am extremely thankful to you for your many kindnesses to me. I am thankful I ever knew the Mission." Mr. H., "Dear Mr. Pollard, I am sure I cannot give enough thanks to you for being so good to me and my children. I might have been starving but for you. I am getting on very well now. God bless you!"

Many a burden has thus been lifted from sorrowing hearts, who in their poverty have keenly felt the need of some one to help them. If I could clearly set forth the real wants of the many poor around our Missions; if I could adequately draw the picture of the never-ending battle with misery, want and sin, what a great light would dawn upon the darkness which surrounds us! It is little use preaching to such people about their spiritual condition when their physical state is so deplorable. It is really terrible to think in what manner they are compelled to live and sleep, especially where there are big boys and girls. Abject poverty is an evil, and though I never regarded our Missions as designed to annihilate it, neither do I look upon our work as an alms-giving institution, yet I do feel that our Mission has its place in the amelioration of our social system. Our institution has other higher and nobler aims than mere giving, although this will sometimes help to bridge over the gulf of poverty. I will give two cases out of many:—

S.—I was sent for to baptize two children who were said to be dying. The day following the younger died, the other got better. The father was lying sick from a long wasting illness. Here there are eight children. The oldest one, a girl of fifteen, earns about seven or eight shillings per week; another is a messenger boy with part food and 1s. 6d. per week. The man was in no club, and I had to find boots and an old dress before the woman could go out, and the same for the girl, for she was almost naked; I have also given some clothing to the rest of the children. How could I say to such, "Be ye warmed and filled," and leave them in deep misery and want?

H.—I was always pleased to visit this man at home, in consumption; his wife—a little active, pleasant woman, with five little children—going away to work when he was unable, and never wanting any relief. One day I was sent for to come at

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Poor Relief.—The relief of the poor this winter has caused me more anxiety than usual, as sickness has been more prevalent than in previous years. The aged and sick have been helped and cared for. Boys and girls have been assisted with clothes, and in many other ways; but especially girls with clothes, to enable them to make a start, or to better their surroundings at home or in service. Thus the many kind friends who have sent clothing have helped to keep back from society a flood of poverty. A poor woman in W—s, who was deserted by her husband a little after her confinement (he is now dead), and who left her to struggle with four little children, blessed me many a time for my timely help in her deep distress. I took myself three parcels of clothes here, which have been most serviceable to the little ones.

I will now give a sketch of the work of the Missions.

In my many and varied duties, which are ever increasing amongst the neglected poor, I can truly say I am a minister at large, with this addition, that I have a most successful Sunday-school and Religious Service, with as many useful branches for good connected therewith as it is possible for a Christian Church to have.

June, 1896.—Rev. Henry Solly and Miss Solly invited twelve of our poor children from Litcham Street to spend a part of the Saturday afternoon at their house, and on the Saturday afternoon following they entertained twelve more. Both parties enjoyed themselves immensely, besides having a good tea and refreshments before leaving at night. Miss Solly and Miss Wicksteed gave them apples and oranges, for which the children were most thankful. I feel sure that the givers in this case received more than the recipients.

June 2nd.—On closing the Mothers' Meeting for the season there was a tea followed by a successful meeting, when Lady O'Hagan took the chair, and gave a most interesting and instructive address to the mothers. *June 8th*, 105 women enjoyed a delightful day at Chingford, with a good tea provided by Mrs. Cash, to whom the women expressed their thanks for her kindness to them each year, and especially for the great help they had received from attending her very useful lectures. *June 15th*, 54 of our elder people from the congregation went to Harrow Weald to spend the afternoon with Mrs. Parker, her family, and some friends. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in the gardens and the hay-field, and justice was done to a splendid tea, and before leaving, to another meal.

June 22nd.—By the invitation of Mr. Slatter, of Brighton, 41 women of the Mothers' Meeting went to Brighton. All enjoyed themselves greatly. In the Unitarian schoolroom they were provided for generously, and Mr. Slatter was heartily thanked, and also Rev. Mr. Hood and the Committee of the Brighton Chapel and School.

July 1st.—Rhyl Street Sunday-school children had their annual excursion to Chingford, when nearly 600 children and 127 adults enjoyed a delightful and happy time. *July 20th*, 121 children and 27 adults from Litcham Street spent a charming day at Southend-on-Sea. I trust our friends will send me sufficient funds to take these children to the same place this year. I can assure them that the children are much better for even this brief change to the seaside.

August Bank Holiday.—Thirty-one of our Teachers enjoyed a splendid day at Ascot, through the kind invitation of Miss J. D. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lawrence. For the first time I was prevented from enjoying this pleasant and refreshing event, which, I assure our kind friends, is talked about all through the year, and is a red-letter day to us all.

October 4th & 5th.—Our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held to overflowing congregations. The morning and afternoon services were conducted by myself, the Rev. W. E. George and Miss Anna Sharpe, and on Sunday evening by Rev. F. H. Jones, of Dr. Williams' Library, and on Monday evening by Rev. W. C. Bowie; the attendance at each service was about 450.

On Christmas Day I held the usual service, and there were more children and adults present than usual on these occasions.

Christmas Dinners.—Mrs. E. E. Mappin, as in previous years, gave me an invitation to send twenty-four poor families for a Christmas dinner. Each mother received a new flannel petticoat and a dinner, according to the number in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Mappin also sent three lots of rabbits, numbering in all sixty-one, which were thankfully received by the sick poor.

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Mrs. A. T. Webb also gave me an invitation to send ten poor families for dinners, and these received dinners in proportion to the number of their family. Another gentleman, a friend, knowing the state of our people, also sent me money to enable me to give a hundred people some relief.

Several friends have been most kind and helpful to me again this year. The sick have been unusually numerous and the work trying. Miss Gould has been most helpful and kind in visiting a portion of the sick. She has not only visited them, but has helped them from her purse, and has also given them nourishment all through their sickness until they have either recovered or gone to rest. I have also to mention here Mrs. Osler and Mrs. Baily, who have been ever ready to help in this work. To these and many others our thanks are due, and I sincerely assure them that I am grateful for their timely assistance.

On December 29 our elder scholars had their annual tea and meeting, when Mr. P. M. Martineau was in the chair. On the 30th our younger children had theirs, when Mr. F. S. Schwann for the fourteenth time took the chair; and on the 31st the Litcham Street Sunday-school children had theirs, when the Rev. S. Fletcher Williams took the chair. All these parties, as in previous years, were successful, and all passed off well and satisfactorily. The usual prizes were presented by these gentlemen to those who had won them by regular and punctual attendance and good conduct through the year.

On New Year's Eve I held the usual watch-night service, assisted by Rev. W. E. George, which was, as in previous years, a great success. At the close of the service a woman more than half-drunk asked to see me alone. I called her into the vestry, when she said, I had convinced her that she was wicked woman. I let her sign the Temperance pledge an then prayed with her. I am happy to report that this woman, like many others I could name, has kept her pledge, and is now doing well. Her children are better clad and better fed, and the home is happier.

Visits.—I have paid nearly 1,000 visits to the sick this year and over 2,000 ordinary visits to various families, beside Hospital and the Infirmary.

I have held Communion Service four times this year with fair attendance.

Band of Hope meetings both at Rhyl Street and Litchan Street are held once a week through the season, and they hav both been fairly well attended, as also has the Band of Mercy.

I have had thirty-five baptisms this year, thus bringing th number now registered in the baptismal book to 543. We hav had a greater number of deaths during the same period tha usual.

Sunday.—Sunday-school at 9.45 A.M., and at 2.45 P.M., Sunday School Savings Bank at 4.15. In this branch there are so many depositors that I am assisted by Miss Bland and Mr. Albert Bland. At 11 A.M. there is a Children's Service which is attended (according to the Secretary) by an average of 275 children and 20 teachers. The Evening Service for Parents and Adults is most encouraging, both in point of numbers and also in religious devotion. The numbers upon our Sunday-school books are: Rhyl Street Scholars, 733, and Litcham Street 121; total 854. These consist of: girls 481, boys 373, besides 23 teachers in the morning and 36 teachers in the afternoon. There is an occasional prayer meeting after the Sunday evening service.

Monday.—At 2.30 Mothers' Meeting, to which is joined the Litcham Street Mothers' Meeting. The attendance all through the year has been good and encouraging. These meetings have been carried on by Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Read and Mrs. Bland. From 2.30 until about 5.30 I have a Mothers' Provident Savings' Society and a Coal Club. From 6 to 7 P.M. Sunday-school Library, at 7 the Band of Hope Meeting at Litcham Street, which has been fairly well attended, and at 8.30 Entertainments and Lectures at Rhyl Street, which have been given by various ladies and gentlemen, including Mr. George and myself.

Tuesday.—At 7 P.M. Band of Hope Meeting at Rhyl Street: well attended. At the same time the Cadets of Temperance. At 8 Sick and Benefit Society and Sharing-out Club, and at 8.30 Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Sick and Burial Society, all in different rooms.

Wednesday Evening.—Religious Service. These services are fairly well attended and much appreciated. After this service there is a Choir practice, etc.

Thursday.—At 7 P.M. Band of Mercy Meeting at Litcham Street, and at 7.30 Rhyl Street Girls' Sewing Class, under the management of Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Bland, and Miss Baily, with their teachers, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Goslin, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Aston, Miss Bland and Miss Burnhill. At 8.30 Mutual Improvement and Debating Society.

Friday.—At 8 P.M. Mrs. Cash meets her women to give them her instructive, useful and interesting Lectures, which still continue to be well attended.

Saturday.—"The Lucy Summer Rogers' Free Kindergarten Class," which is carried on every Saturday at Rhyl Street from 10 to 12, with an attendance of from 60 to 80. This Class is entirely under my superintendence. The children have greatly benefited by this Class. This year they are better and tidier than in any previous year, under their present teacher, Miss Bland, who pays great attention to them. Miss Clara B.

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Rogers, who founded this class to the memory of her late sister, though she resides in America, still takes great interest in the Class, and makes all inquiries about it.

The Saturday Pleasant Evening for Adults at Litcham Street is still kept open from 8 to 10 or 10.30 P.M., but with very poor results this year.

I have been the means of getting nine children, who were either orphans or fatherless, into various Industrial Schools.

Savings' Bank.—During the year there have been over 6,000 deposits by over 400 depositors; amount deposited during the year 1896 was £108 18s. 9½. Balance from 1895 £78 8s. 8d.; total £187 7s. 5½d. Amount withdrawn during the year 1896, £146 10s. 9d. Balance for 1897 £40 16s. 8½d.

I can truly say I strive to keep the objects of the Mission ever before me, and I am by no means satisfied with a full school and church and the zeal of my helpers. I am constantly trying in various ways, direct and indirect, to carry out the aims of the Mission, and to show that religion is the source of all real happiness; indeed, to show that religion is best either for the rich in their gilded rooms, or for the poor shivering before a fireless grate, suffering from sickness, hunger, and want. During the year I have made special efforts to rouse the spirit of hope, and have persuaded some to try to make a change. My fervent desire is that those who read these yearly reports may all become more cheerful givers and helpers.

In return for all the kindness and help my wife and I have received, I can only most sincerely thank everyone, and press on, trying to be more useful in the service of God and man.

I wish here to express my hearty appreciation of the services of the Rev. W. E. George, B.A., who has been with me again this year, as the Missionary Fellow from Manchester College, Oxford. In the midst of many duties outside the Missions, Mr. George has done what he could to lighten my burden by his willingness to co-operate with me in the Mission work at both Rhyl Street and also at Litcham Street. I am thankful to him, and I wish him every blessing and success in the future.

The many calls I have outside the limits of our actual Mission nearly double my work.

As years go on duties increase, greater activity is required, applicants for almost every necessary of life, as well as to be admitted into our schools, are ever at the Mission door, and, conscious that I cannot entirely be a minister at large, I feel that the things accomplished have often been far less than those hoped for; that devotion itself has often been nearly in vain, and sin so often has proved too strong.

Convalescent Work.—Just a word for this useful and beneficent work. If every family of means would try the experiment of taking one poor sickly family to the seaside or country, when

they go for a change of air, and engage some little room for them for two or three weeks, they would then see such a benefit from the change in the recovery of health, and checking the progress of disease, and restoring the otherwise shattered frame, as would amply repay the cost and slight trouble it would be. The advantages would be at once so evident that it would become a universal desire to take some poor sick and ailing family, or pay someone else to do the charitable action for them. The advantages of these little changes to the weak and ailing, both to body and mind, are past the power of the pen to describe. The great good which is done cannot be realised.

In conclusion, I commend the Missions to their generous supporters. I appeal to all who would wish the Missions to do their duty in crowded and poor neighbourhoods, to assist them more and more in carrying out the active and warm sympathy of Christian love and help to the neglected poor.

I beg most thankfully to acknowledge the encouragement and help of the general Committee, also the aid of various needlework Guilds and working parties for the poor from whom I have received parcels of new and old clothes, and that of all individual helpers and sympathisers who have sent clothes, books, and magazines. My thanks are also due and are heartily tendered to all who have assisted me in any way, and also to the undermentioned contributors for their generous subscriptions and donations to the Poor's Purse, and the various parties in connection with the Missions.

JOSEPH POLLARD.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS TO THE POOR'S PURSE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Special for Litcham Street, J. Newton Mappin, Esq., £10 10s.		
DISBURSED.		
F. Nettlefold, Esq.	10 0 0	
Mrs. S. Flower	10 0 0	
The Magistrates of Marylebone Police Court (Poor's Box)	5 5 0	
Hugh Martineau, Esq.	5 0 0	
Per Treasurer, P. M. Martineau, Esq.	5 0 0	
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Mrs. Buckton (Oxford)	2 10 0	
The Misses White	2 10 0	
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Miss Mary Martineau	1 10 0	
J. R. Holland, Esq.	1 0 0	
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(Special)	Lady O'Hagan	2	10	0			
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,,	The Misses Field	1	0	0			
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	Income				71	1	6
	Disbursements						
					£8	11	7
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RECEIPTS FOR EXCURSIONS AND ALL OTHER PARTIES HELD AT RHYL STREET AND LITCHAM STREET DURING THE YEAR 1896.

	Rhyl Street. £	s.	d.	Litcham Street. £	s.	d.
F. Nettlefold, Esq.	10	0	0	... 10	0	0
Miss D. Smith	3	3	0	... 3	0	0
Lady O'Hagan	1	10	0	... 1	10	0
P. M. Martineau, Esq.				... 1	0	0
Hugh Martineau, Esq.	1	1	0	...		
Miss Swanwick				... 2	0	0
Miss L. Leigh				... 2	0	0
Courtney Kenny, Esq.	1	0	0	... 2	3	6
J. F. Schwann, Esq.	2	2	0	... 1	0	0
F. S. Schwann, Esq.	1	0	0	... 0	10	0
Mrs. Buckton (Oxford)	1	0	0	... 0	10	0
H. F. Jillard, Esq.	1	0	0	...		
Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe	1	0	0	...		
T. P. Young	1	0	0	...		
Mrs. S. Flower	1	0	0	...		
Miss Mills	1	0	0	... 0	10	0
Mrs. Enfield				... 1	0	0
Sir J. C. Lawrence, Bart.				... 1	1	0
F. E. Weiss, Esq.				... 1	1	0
Charles Weiss, Esq.	1	0	0	... 0	10	0
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T. G. L.	1	1	0	... 1	0	0
W. Scrivener, Esq.	0	10	6	...		
Robert Lang, Esq.	0	10	0	...		
S. W. Preston, Esq.	0	10	0	...		
Mrs. Palmer				... 0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Smith Osler				... 0	10	0
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Mrs. A. S. Worsley	0	10	0	...		
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John Warren, Esq.	0	10	0	...		
Miss S. S. Dawson	0	10	0	... 1	1	0
The Misses White	0	10	0	..		
Mr. Herford	0	5	0	...		
Mrs. Cooper	0	10	0	...		
Miss Rodick						

Charitable Relief.

Pollard- Unitarian Mission

"Not very much" charitable relief in the year. The amount spent from the 'Poor Purse' in 1897 was £71. Mr P. tries to make his help effectual. Has set up several in little businesses, at a cost sometimes of £12, retaining an over sight of them. Never acts "on the principle of keeping them poor." nor does he believe in the policy of sending a family into the workhouse & thus breaking up the home. It is far better to give a temporary ~~allowance~~ relief for a certain time; the allowance does not make them depend upon it.

A large number of children and adults are sent to country & convalescent homes & to this expenses of this the parents and others contributes. £130 was spent in this way in 1897-98. See Report on next page

Other Agencies

Many agencies are working in the district now. Of these Lyndhurst Hall is the chief. They give a great deal; have a nurse and lady visitors. ["I am not a great friend of lady visitors. They are worked upon too much".]. Have 6 or 7 societies, each with funds of its own for relieving the poor. Overlapping results.

Wesleyans do not do much here nor do the Primitive Methodists.

Convalescent Fund Report.

Pollard- Unitarian Mission

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RHYL STREET MISSION

CONVALESCENT FUND.

REPORT, 1897-98.

OWING to two special cases at the close of the financial year, the fund is not in so satisfactory a condition as hitherto, for whilst there has been a falling off in the subscriptions to the extent of £6 15s. 4d., and the amount realised from payments by parents and offertory was £1 3s. 2½d. less, the expenditure has increased by £3 14s. 5d., leaving a deficit of £10 2s. 5d. upon the year's working. This has, however, been reduced by a £3 donation from Mrs. Buckton. It will be necessary, therefore, unless new subscribers come to our assistance, to curtail the work during the year before us. We deeply regret that the death of Mrs. Frankau has taken from us one of our oldest subscribers, who from the first took great interest in the work. The total number assisted has been 507, of whom 102 were adults. These were sent as follows, railway expenses only being charged to the fund :—

By Major-General Brooke, 50 children for 3 weeks.
,, Sunday School Society, 53 ,, for 2 weeks.
,, Mrs. Webb . . 50 ,, and 4 adults } for 2 weeks.

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Of those sent at the Fund's expense entirely, 81 went to St. Albans, 87 to Enfield and Romford, 58 to Deal, 50 children were sent to Watford, Rickmansworth, and other places in the country; 27 adults and 4 children were sent to Convalescent Homes, and 43 adults were assisted to various places. It will be seen, therefore, that the money received is the means of doing great good, and we earnestly hope that in the year before us new helpers may come to our assistance. We desire to thank all those through whose interest and help the health of so many has been maintained.

Subscriptions or donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by

ROBERT MORLEY, *Treasurer*,
Tilford Farm House, Farnham, Surrey;

Or by

REV. J. POLLARD,
21, Willes Road, Kentish Town, N.W.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions as per List	72	0	6
Donation from Mrs. Buckton ..	3	0	0
From parents and offertory ..	47	8	7
Balance from 1896-97	1	4	4
Deficit on year ..	7	2	5
	£130	15	10

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Assisting and sending 405 children and 102 adults to seaside, country and Convalescent Homes	130	4	4
Printing & Postage	0	11	6
	£130	15	10

SUBSCRIPTION LIST, 1897-8.

	£	s.	d.
Buckton, Mrs.	3	0	0
Busk, Miss	1	0	0
Baines, Mrs.	0	10	0
Bayle Bernard, Mrs.	1	0	0
Bristow, G. L., Esq.	1	0	0
Bristow, Mrs.	0	10	0
Berman's Charity Trustees	10	10	0
Colfox, Mrs. (of Rax)	3	0	0
Colfox, W., Esq.	5	0	0
Cooper, Mrs.	0	5	0
Courtauld, Sydney, Esq.	1	0	0
Enfield, Mrs.	1	0	0
Frankau, Mrs. (the late)	0	10	0
Field, Rogers, Esq.	4	4	0
Grundy, E. F., Esq...	2	10	0
Gair, W. B. Gair, Esq. (for children)	5	0	0
Lister, Miss	1	1	0
Martineau, Hugh, Esq.	2	2	0
Martineau, Miss M. E.	1	1	0
Martineau, Miss Mary	1	0	0
Nettlefold, F., Esq.	5	0	0
Potter, Rupert, Esq.	3	0	0
Potter, Mrs. R.	1	0	0
Potter, Miss	1	0	0
Rathbone, W., Esq., M.P.	5	5	0
O'Hagan, Lady	3	0	0
Scott, Mrs. M. H.	0	10	0
Sharpe, Miss A.	0	10	6
Smith, Miss J. Durning	4	0	0
Smith, Miss L. Toulmin	0	5	0
Schüster, Dr. E.	1	1	0
Thompson, J., Esq.	0	5	0
Trust of the late Mrs. M. E. Tayler	1	1	0
Wurtzburg, Mrs. E. A.	1	0	0

SPECIAL DONATION.

Buckton, Mrs.	3	0	0

E. W. Langham, Printer, Herald Works, Farnham.

District has improved

Drink

Immorality

Crime

Overcrowding

Pollard - Unitarian Mission

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Mr P. thinks the "area of respectability" in the district is increasing. Attributes this result to the influence of the half dozen missions that are now working there. The people use their money better. Not quite so much drinking, altho' he does not think any more money is coming in.

The drink is still a great curse but has decreased very much. The women have changed and now drink more privately than formerly. This testimony being the exact opposite of nearly all previous witnesses.

He "sees so much of it" referring to prostitution said Mr Pollard, but from his subsequent talk I gathered that he meant rather the loose morality of the women and their want of self respect and respect for their children. An absence of the decencies of life.

Not very much crime; chiefly petty things; street stealing from stalls & shops. A few are "put away" occasionally, but nothing like Hoxton or St Lukes.

The great evil is the overcrowding, much of which he attributes to the increase after people come into the houses. A couple start with two rooms.

They

have to pay 4/6 a room if the rooms are good. The wife goes to the laundry. As the children come, they are less able to pay the rent & cannot afford extra room. If they are turned out they must go to a place where the people do not mind children. & if they leave a bad shed they must go to one equally bad.

Most of the houses are farmed & let in rooms, even in Rhyll Street. & the value of houses there has gone up £200 since he came, as a result of the increased rents.

As an example he of the crowding, he said that when the mission room at Lisbon St was enlarged, he had to turn a family out of one of the rooms. It consisted of a man & wife, two sons aged 27 & 21 and two daughters 21 & 18!

Mr Pollard has no doubt done a good work at Rhyll St & knows the district exceptionally well. His increasing years and the death of his wife have told upon him & altho' still in harness, he evidently feels the need of rest. & must have somewhat relaxed his efforts lately.