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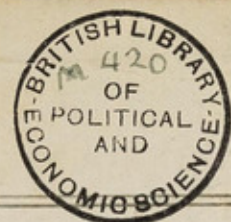
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South Bethnal Green
& North

District 9

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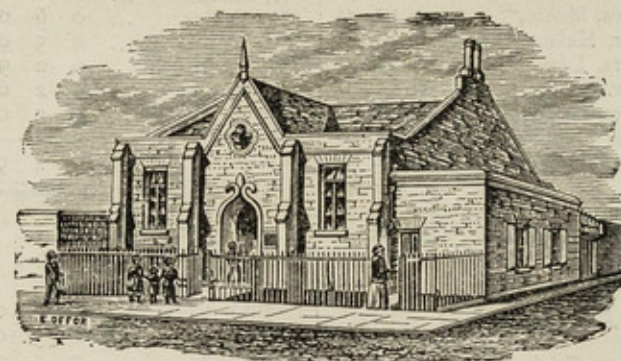
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St Stephen's parish.

Ann's Place Mission Hall, Pritchard's Road
Hackney Road.
Notes from interview with deputy of Rev J.E. Bennett
of Mare Street Baptist Church. F.S.A.

ANN'S PLACE MISSION HALL,
Pritchard's Road, Hackney Road.



This Mission is carried on by voluntary workers connected with Mare Street (Hackney) Baptist Church, the only person receiving payment being the caretaker, of a week. The following particulars are from the Church Manual for 1896.

The services under the auspices of the Chapel Mission Band (Supt. Mr Dyer, 21 Devonshire Road, Hackney) This organisation holds gospel services on Sunday & Tuesday evenings and a Mothers' Meeting here and at Mare Street. Over 100 mothers attend these meetings.

Soup Kitchen

Sunday School

Lads' Club

The Soup Kitchen is open every winter - December to March.
Following record is for Season 1895-96.

Season 1895-6.

The Kitchen was opened in December, 1895, and continued to the end of March, 1896. Over 1200 dinners were given every week, besides the distribution of soup and bread to the poor. On account of the mild weather, subscriptions were not so plentiful as in the previous year, and the season closed with a deficit. This beneficent work should not suffer for want of funds.

In 1896-7, conditions were similar. About 1200 dinners were given and difficulty was found in obtaining the funds. They give tickets to the poor people and also sell the soup. ^{Tickets} ~~Dinners~~ are given to the children through district visitors and the teachers of the Board School (Pritchards' Road). Expenditure in 1896 was £99.

Sunday School 2-45 PM

The Library still flourishes in our midst, by which we endeavour to circulate good reading among our scholars. No. of members, 119. No. of issues 1933. Average issues 44.

The following are the Statistics—Officers and Teachers on the books, 32, last year 31, average attendance 28, last year 21. Scholars on the books, 392, last year 366, average attendance 264, last year 269; 71 of our scholars are over 15 years of age.

International Bible Reading Assⁿ has 193 members.
Other meetings include

Sunday evening childrens service, Band of Hope, Christian Band, & Saturday night prayer meeting.

A Lads' Club also meets on Wednesdays at 8.30.

Started to stop the loss of lad at 15 or 16 years of age.

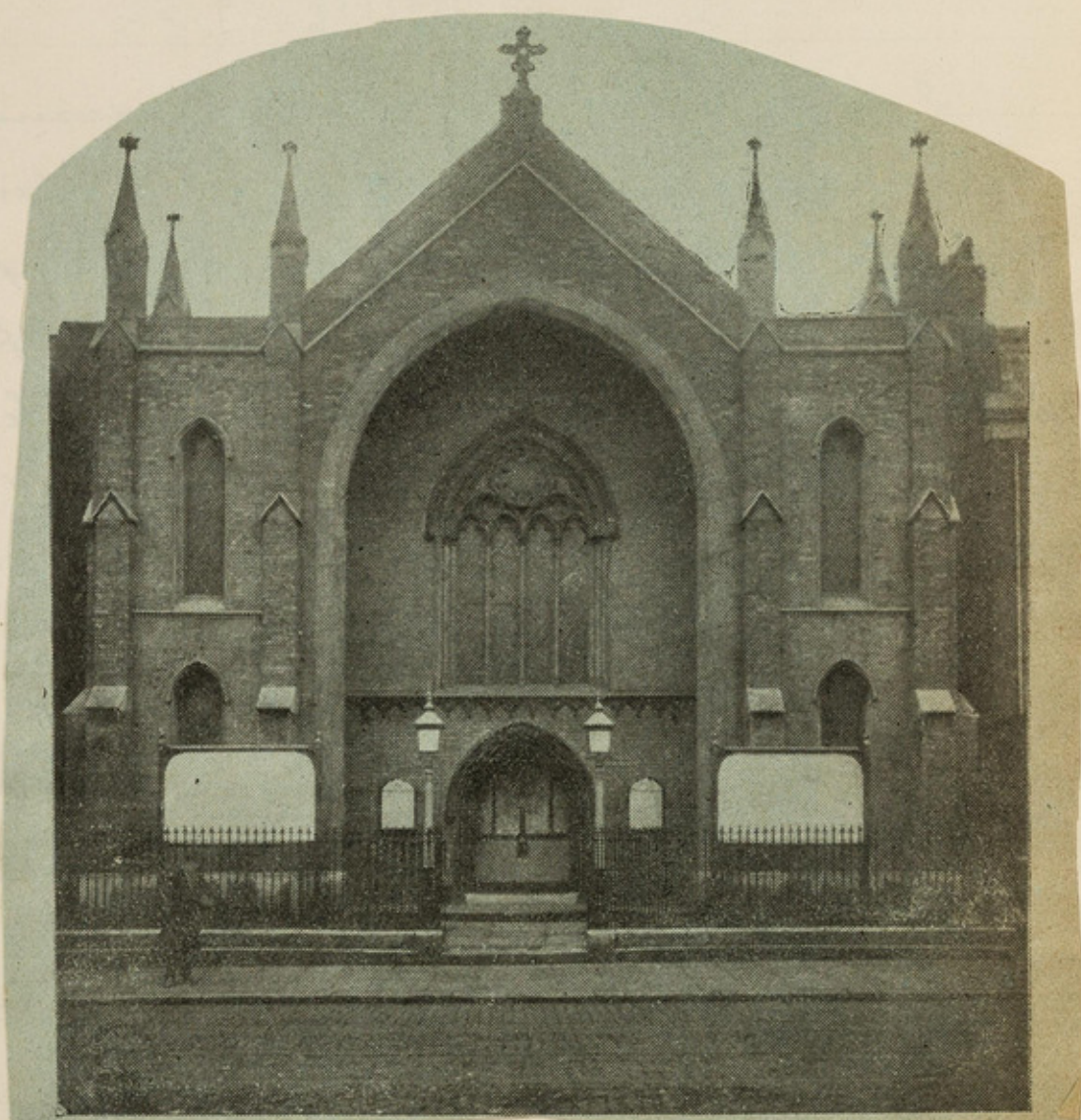
Have a gymnasium in connection. Membership is restricted to lads attending the Sunday School.

A Gospel Temperance Society is also thriving.

Rev. J. H. Maddock
Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission

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Historic Note



Buildings Used

St Thomas' parish.

Interview with Rev. J. H. Maddock, Minister in charge
of Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission, Hackney Road E.
at 4 Cambridge Lodge Villas, Mare Shed. NE

Mr Maddock is a youngish looking man, but
is probably over 40. Sharp featured, mustache
otherwise clean shaven. Has been here 3½ years.

Following from Annual Report gives ~~account of~~
the history of the place, which formerly was
a chapel on the City Road Circuit.

**History
of
Mission.**

It is now seven years ago that the Rev. SAMUEL
WILKES was appointed to commence a Mission
in the time-honoured but then almost deserted
Chapel at Hackney Road. At once the place as-
sumed a new name, pews were removed, pew
rents were abolished, an orchestra with rostrum
erected, and money spent in judicious decoration. Brightness
followed dinginess, whilst a new spirit and new life also com-
menced. After Mr. WILKES's three years of earnest work the
Rev. SAMUEL CHADWICK was appointed to the Mission with the
Rev. H. M. NEILD as his assistant. In twelve months all the
debts were successfully grappled with, and large congregations
were attracted. The people on the spot naturally and rightly
felt that this ministry was all too short. The last three
years, though with a reduced staff, have been marked with much
patient, vigorous toil, issuing in most cheering results. The
work of the past year alone has completely justified the wisdom
of the policy which turned this once sadly deserted Chapel into
a Mission.

The Chapel (seats 750) is in Hackney Road, (South
Side) & the Schools in Fellows St, Haggerston.
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Persons Employed

Character of Population

Portion Reached

Services Held

116
Minister, lay agent (Mr G. Stone, 168 Hackney Rd) & Sister of the People (Mrs Thorp, 53 Lavender Grove, Dalston) paid. The two latter spend most of their time visiting the people. 12 class leaders, 4 stewards, 39 teachers - "Nearly everybody is doing something".

The Hackney Road divides the people into two distinct sets. To the north (Haggerston) the people are working class, mostly in fairly regular work. To the south (Bethnal Green) the people are poorer and more casual. Became poorer in consequence of the clearance at Boundary Street. Many won't work south of H. Rd. & other side the workers. South is becoming more Jewish.

Until recently congregation was drawn almost entirely from Haggerston, but since the place was turned into a mission, they have concentrated on the south side and now have an equal proportion from either side.

Respecting the services, Mr M. had prepared a list of meetings - see next page.

S. S. U. Report

396 children on the Books.

Average attendance

Morning 49

Afternoon 319.

Evening 110.

Question

Sunday.

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L. S. U. Report

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Sunday.

7.30 A.M. Prayer Meeting, 15 present,
10 A.M. Ditto " about dozen.
10 " Sunday School, 50 or 60 present.
11 " Preaching Service, about 250 ^{about 40 children}
3 P.M. Sunday School, 330 "
3 " Adult mixed Bible Class in the Chapel, 100 "
5 " Service in Lodging House.
5.45 " Open Air Service.
6.0 " Mission Service for Girls only, 100 present.
6.30 " Preaching Service, 450 "
8.15 " Prayer Meeting, 150-200 "

Monday.

2.30 P.M. Mother's Meeting, Thrift & Clothing Club,
Membership 60 Present 40
7.30 " Religious Instruction for Young Boys & Girls 40 "
8.30 " Fellowship Meeting, 25 present.
8.30 " Young People's Guild, 40 " (Wesley Guild)
Devotion, Literary, Theology, & Social.

Tuesday.

12-1.0 Dinner hour Factory Service with Girls. Held by the Sister.
8.30 P.M. Fellowship Meetings, 50 to 60 present.

Wednesday.

Dorcas Meeting once a month - 15 "
garments made & given to poor.

Wednesday.

6.30 Children's Mission Service 130 "
8.0 P.M. Preaching Service, 40 "
9.0 " Choir Practice, 20 "

Thursday.

7.30 P.M. Sunday School Choir Practice, 30 "
8.30 " Brass Band Practice 12 "
8.30 " Fellowship Meetings, 55 "

Friday.

7.30 " Band of Hope, 100 "
8.30 " Prayer Meeting, 30 "

Saturday.

8.0 " Open Air with Band.
Gospel Temperance Concert
in the Chapel. 200 "
Cottage Services. Juvenile Missionary
Society at Sunday School..

Notes on Services

The Sunday late dinner interferes with attendance. Some children come at 2.30 and ask to go home to dinner soon after 3. At the service for girls, they get a low rough type, who will not come to S. School.

Congregation is purely working class. Only one man who could give a sovereign. Same in morning as evening e.g. all present in morning would be there in the evening. More women than men except in morning when about equal.

Mother's Meeting folk nearly all from poorest streets. About 30 of them attend the services occasionally.

Brass Band ~~has~~ takes an important part in their work: in open air and Saturday night meetings.

Has 5 cottage meetings going during the winter. Would have a dozen if he could get the rooms to hold them in. Get at the people in the bye streets in this way.

Had a Medical Mission until recently. Doctor could not attend and they are now trying to get another to take up the work.

A Solicitor attends at New North Road chapel and the Mission is allowed to send their cases to him.

Also have Maternal, Dorcas, Thrift & Clothing Societies.

Education

Visitation

Supreme difficulty is to get into the houses.
"Our own visitors go from door to door after door
& never get admittance"

Nursing

Mr Maddock evidently did not regard the week night attendances satisfactory as he explained that so many of the people were detained at business late: one result was that meetings seldom commenced until 8.30 or 9pm.

Have Day Schools in Fellows Street. Very successful. About 400 scholars: do well at examinations. Called a middle class school but only charged 1^d a week. Rather better class than those at Board Sch.

The two paid agents make about 200 visits a month. Issue a monthly magazine, "The Greetings" and 1000 copies are distributed by voluntary visitors. "The young people" visit the homes, each in an allotted district near the chapel. Try to take streets that are not visited much. The neighbourhood is being "visited enormously": always meeting other visitors "no matter which way we take". Class leaders visit meetings.

Good nursing assⁿ in Nichol Sq. "Deaconess" does a good deal but send worst cases to the Asⁿ. It is doing a very good work (Haggerston & Hoxton District Nursing Assⁿ Supt Miss Wells, 80 Nichol Sq.)

Charitable Relief

The Friendly Workers

The Stranger's Friend

The C.O.S.

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Charitable Relief amounts to about £50 a year. Most comes through the leaders' meeting and goes principally to church and congregations. Give bread & coal tickets; blankets and in winter soup & groceries. Have a "clothes cupboard" & give what they can.

A lot of old people just able to keep body & soul together, who when ill are practically dependent. Would not take up an out of work case, where there was a man unless one of their own. Transfer cases to the "Friendly workers" of which Mr M. is a committee man. They are doing a good work and we should see the Secretary. Miss Tucker or Mr Eden Hope. Gave me a copy of the "Guide & Information Pamphlet" see next page.

A branch of the "Stranger's Friend" ^{meets} ~~is~~ at the Chapel every week. Its offices are at Finsbury Pavement ^(Thursday) - Secretary: Gerrands. A society for relieving the poor. Never gives more than 1/- a week nor for more than 6 consecutive weeks. Spends about £26 a year in the district.

Naturally Mr M. has not a high opinion of the C.O.S. It is exceedingly unpopular in the district. Very rarely hears of it through other people. Would not touch a case if they knew we ~~of~~ ^{friendly workers} had anything to do with it. Always send them particulars of cases we assist.

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FRIENDLY WORKERS' SCHEME
OF THE
MANSION-HOUSE COMMITTEE.

HAGGERSTON AREA,
GUIDE AND INFORMATION PAMPHLET.

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IN CONNECTION WITH
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INTRODUCTION.

This Pamphlet is issued by the Haggerston Association of Friendly Workers amongst the Poor, and it is hoped that it will be of much service to many in the district by putting before them plainly and simply various ways and means by which they may help themselves to become independent. The Haggerston Committee is working in connection with the Mansion House Friendly Workers' Scheme and has opened an office at S. Mary's Institute, Mansfield Street.

The Committee will be very glad to receive visits at the office from any one in the district who at any time needs assistance or information, or who would be glad of friendly advice about any difficulty or trouble.

The Committee will also welcome any kindly disposed persons who would be willing to co-operate with them by visiting in the District as Friendly Workers. Men and women who would use sympathy and discretion in their dealings with those in distress, pointing out to them the best way of getting out of their present difficulties and of making use of those agencies which would be most likely to aid them in providing against such misfortunes in the future.

The Office is open daily from 10 to 1 and from 2.30 to 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is open from 10 to 12.

AREA INFORMATION.

BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, (Manchester Unity).

Loyal Haggerston Lodge, "Middleton Arms," 123 Queen's Road, Dalston.

Secretary—Mr. H. J. CHINN, 38 Broke Road, Dalston.

Meeting night, every alternate Tuesday, 8.30 to 10.30 p.m. Candidates must be over 18 and under 40 years of age.

Entrance fee—2/6 or 5/- according to age. Payments—5½d to 1/3½d per week according to age and scale chosen. Benefits—12/- 16/- or 20/-, (according to scale chosen), for 12 months, half pay for rest of sickness. £12, £16, or £20 on death of Free Member and half these amounts on death of Free Member's Wife.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, JUVENILE SOCIETY.

Holy Trinity Parish Room, Forest Road, Dalston.

Secretary—Mr. P. HONNSELL, 9 Gayhurst Road, Dalston.

Meeting night—last Thursday in each month, 8 to 9.30 p.m. Members must be over 6 and under 18 years of age. Entrance fee—1/ or 1/6, according to age. Payments—6d., 10d. or 1/2 per month, according to age. Benefits—4/- or 6/- weekly for 26 weeks during sickness, 2/- or 3/- weekly during remainder of sickness. Medical attendance and medicine free to all members. £2, £4 or £6, payable at death.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Court Kindness, Mission Hall, 11B Kingsland Road.

Secretary—Mr A. H. TYLER, 8 Penn Street, Hoxton.

Meeting night, first Monday in the month, 8.30 p.m.

Court "Fowler's Attempt," Brownlow Arms, Brownlow Street, Dalston.

Secretary—Mr. W. LLOYD, 524 Kingsland Road, N.E.

Meeting nights, first and Third Wednesdays in each month at 8.30. Members must be over 18 and under 40 years of age. Entrance fee 2/6. Payments from about 8/6 per quarter, upwards according to age. Benefits to Free Members—14/- weekly for 26 weeks during sickness, 7/- weekly for second period of 26 weeks. Medical attendance and medicine free. £12 on death of Free Member and £6 on death of Member's Wife.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS, JUVENILE SOCIETY.

St. Mary's Schoolroom, Weymouth Terrace.

Secretary—Mr. GEO. ALLEN, 94 Brougham Road, Dalston.

Meeting night—fourth Thursday in each month, 8.30 p.m. Entrance fees—from 3 to 12 years, 6d.; 12 and upwards, 1/. Payments—1d., 2d., 3d. or 4d. per week, according to age. Benefits to all over 8 years—3/6, 5/- or 7/- weekly during sickness. Medical attendance and medicine free to all members £1, £2, £3 or £4 payable at death.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS, JUVENILE SOCIETY.

All Saints' Schoolroom, Haggerston Road.

Secretary—Mr. W. LLOYD, 524 Kingsland Road, N.E.

Meeting Night—second Wednesday in each month, 7-8.30 p.m. Entrance fees—from 5 to 12 years, 6d.; 12 and upwards, 1/. Payments—1d., 2d., 3d. or 4d. per week, according to age. Benefits to all over 12 years—3/6, 7/- or 10/6 weekly during sickness. Medical attendance free to all members. £1 10/-, £2 10/-, £3 10/-, £4 10/- payable at death.

HEARTS OF OAK.

Secretary—Mr. T. W. GALLOWAY, 17 Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.

Payment nights—every evening, from 7.30 to 9.30 except Saturdays and 29th, 30th and 31st of the month. Candidates must be over 18 and under 30 years of age, and must be in receipt of an income of not less than 24/. Entrance fee, 2/6. Payments about 10/- per quarter. Benefits to Free Members—18/- weekly for 26 weeks during sickness, 9/- weekly for second period of 26 weeks. Small pensions according to time of membership. £20 on death of Free Member, and £10 on death of Free Member's Wife. Residence in Convalescent Homes. Various other benefits.

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Admission.—Class 1. Contributions, 2/6 per quarter; Sick pay 5/- per week; death money, £5. Class 2. Contributions, 5/- per quarter; sick pay 10/- per week; death money £10. Class 3. Contributions 7/6 per quarter; sick pay 15/- per week; death money £15.

LOYAL UNITED FRIENDS.

Secretary—Mr. SPEARING, 333 Hackney Road.

Members must be over 18 and under 38 years of age. Entrance fee 4/-. Payments—3/6, 4/-, or 4/6 per quarter according to age. Benefits—10/- weekly for 12 weeks during sickness, 5/- weekly for second period of 12 weeks. £10 on death of Member and £5 on death of Member's Wife.

THE ROYAL STANDARD.

Secretary—Mr. W. OSBORNE CROFT, 40 Great Ormond Street, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, W.C.

Office hours 10 to 7; Saturdays 10 to 2.

Candidates must be under 30 years of age and in receipt of an income of not less than 28/- per week. Entrance fee, 5/. Payments, 11/6 per quarter. Benefits—£1 weekly for 6 months during sickness, 10/- weekly for second period of 6 months. Special pensions according to time of membership. £20 at death of Member and £10 at death of Member's Wife.

PENNY BANKS.

All Saints' Schoolroom, Livermere Road. Monday 6 p.m.
St. Paul's Infants' School, Brougham Road. Saturday, 6 p.m.

Also for children attending the respective school:—

Congregational Church, Shrubland Road. Monday 7.30.
St. Paul's Schools, Broke Road. Monday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
St. Mary's Schools, Weymouth Terrace. Mondays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Haggerston Road Board School. Monday 12 to 1.

Sums, 1d. upwards may be deposited and interest allowed on each complete £1 at rate of 2½ per cent.

MUTUAL LOAN AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

St. Mary's Parish Room, Brunswick Street Saturday 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

President and Treasurer—REV. A. TANNER, M.A.

Secretary—Mr. IVESON, 50 Scawfell Street.

Shares, 6d. per share per week.

Advantages (1) Loans may be obtained at 5 per cent. interest;
(2) All moneys are shared out annually at Christmas; (3)
There is a Funeral Allowance of £5 at Member's death.

MOTHER'S MEETINGS AND CLOTHING CLUBS.

All Saints' Schoolroom, Livermere Road. Monday, 2.30 p.m.
All Saints' Mission Room, Haggerston Rd. Monday, 2.30 p.m.
Congregational Church, Shrubland Rd. Monday, 2.30 p.m.
St. Mary's Boys' Schoolroom, Mansfield St. Monday, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.
St. Paul's Mission Church, Duncan Street. Monday, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, 2 p.m.
Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission, Hackney Road. Monday, 3 p.m.

ADULTS TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

All Saints' Schoolroom, Livermere Road. Every alternate Monday at 8 p.m. during the winter months.
St. Mary's Girls' Schoolroom, Weymouth Terrace, every alternate Monday, 8.15 p.m.
St. Paul's Girls' School, Broke Road. Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission, Hackney Road. Saturday, 8 p.m.
Congregational Church, Shrubland Road. Bedford Lodge, Good Templars, Tuesday, 8.15 p.m.
Congregational Church, Pownall Road Monday, 8.30 p.m.

BANDS OF HOPE.

All Saints' Schoolroom, Livermere Rd. Thursday, 6.30 p.m.
All Saints' Mission Room, Haggerston Rd. Thursday, 6 p.m.
Congregational Church, Pownall Road. Monday, 6.45 p.m.
Queen's Road Baptist Church Schoolroom, Pownall Road. Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Congregational Church, Shrubland Road. Tuesday—Juniors 6.30, Seniors, 8 p.m. Juvenile Good Templars, Friday, 7.30.
St. Mary's Boys' Schoolroom, Mansfield Street. Wednesday—Juniors, 6.30 p.m.; Seniors, 8 p.m.
St. Paul's Girls' Schoolroom, Broke Rd. Monday, 6.30 p.m.
St. Paul's Mission Church, Infants' School. Thursday, 6.30.
Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission, Hackney Rd. Friday, 7 p.m.

PLACES OF WORSHIP WITHIN THE AREA.

- Church of England*—All Saints', Livermere Road.
 St. Mary's, Brunswick Street.
 St. Paul's, Broke Road.
 St. Paul's Mission Church, Duncan Street.
- Congregational*—Congregational Church, Shrubland Road.
 " " Pownall Road.
- Wesleyan*—Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission, Hackney Road.
 Hilcot Street Wesleyan Mission.
- Baptist*—Queen's Road Baptist Chapel.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

- Church of England*—All Saints' Schoolroom, Livermere Road—
 Morning, 10 a.m.; Afternoon, 3 p.m.
 All Saints' Mission Room, Haggerston Rd.
 Morning, 10; Afternoon, 3 p.m.
- St. Mary's—Boys in Schoolroom, Mansfield Street; Girls in Schoolroom, Weymouth Terrace; Infants in Schoolroom, Hows Street. Morning, 10 a.m.; Afternoon, 3 p.m.
- St. Paul's, Boys and Girls in Schools, Broke Road; Infants in Schoolroom, Brougham Road. Morning, 10; Afternoon, 3 p.m.
- St. Paul's Mission Church, Duncan Street.
 Morning, 10; Afternoon, 3 p.m.
- Congregational*—Congregational Church, Shrubland Road.—
 Afternoon 3 p.m.
 Congregational Church, Pownall Road. Morning 9.30; Afternoon 2.30 p.m.
- Wesleyan*—Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission, Fellow Street.
 Morning, 10; Afternoon, 3 p.m.
- Baptist*—Pownall Road Baptist Schoolroom. Afternoon 3 p.m.

SOCIAL CLUBS, &c.

Men's Clubs—St. Mary's Working Men's Club, Church Institute, Mansfield Street, every evening 7.30 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 6.0 to 11 p.m. Entrance fee, 6d. Subscription, 2d. per week. Billiards, Bagatelle, Gymnasium, etc.

Boys' and Girls' Clubs—All Saints' Boys' Club, Schoolroom, Livermere Road, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. during the winter months, also at All Saints' Mission Room, Haggerston Road.

All Saints' Girls' Friendly Society, Schoolroom, Livermere Road. Tuesday. Candidates 6 p.m.; Members 8 p.m.

St. Mary's Club for Lads and Young Men, Boys' Schoolroom, Mansfield Street, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday during the winter months. Subscription 4d. a month.

St. Mary's Girl's Friendly Society, Mission House, 32 Dunloe Street, every evening, 8 to 10 p.m.

St. Paul's Church Lads' Brigade, Boys' School, Broke Road, Thursday, 8.30 p.m.

St. Paul's Boys' Club, Mission Room, Duncan Street, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, 8.30 to 10 p.m.

St. Paul's Girls' Friendly Society, Monday and Thursday (except first Thursday in the month) at 8.30 p.m.

St. Paul's Red Cross Guild (elder boys), Boys' School, Broke Road, Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Guild of Hope (elder girls), in Girls' Schoolroom, Monday, 8.30 p.m.

Congregational Church, Shrubland Road. (1) Chess Class for Boys, Monday, 7.30 p.m. (2) Christian Endeavour Society, Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

Children's Guilds—St. Mary's Boys' Guild, Boys' School, Mansfield Street, Monday, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

St. Mary's Girls' Guild, Mission House, 32 Dunloe Street, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Shoreditch Wesleyan Mission, Hackney Road, Boys' Guild, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Girls' Guild, Monday, 8 p.m.

NURSES FOR THE SICK POOR.
(Haggerston and Hoxton District Nursing Association).

Superintendent, Miss WELLS, 80 Nichols Square, Hackney Road. Undenominational. Applications can be made by the poor themselves, or by Medical Men, Clergymen, or other workers on their behalf.

No charge for the Nurses' services, but voluntary contributions invited.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road.
Out-Patient Provident Department.

This Provident Department is intended for persons living in the Hospital District who are unable to pay the usual fees of medical men. Payments—Entrance fee, 6d.; subscriptions 4d per month (children 2d.), payable at the Hospital or to the Collectors. Benefits—Medical treatment (without further charge) at the Hospital every day (excepting Saturdays) at 1.30 and 7.30 p.m., and on Saturdays at 9 a.m. When necessary, Members will be visited at their own homes and will also be admitted as in-patients. All medicines will be provided by the Hospital, but 1d. will be charged for each prescription made-up.

DAY NURSERY.

St. Saviour's Priory, Great Cambridge Street.

This is intended for the children of poor parents (especially of widows) who have to go out to work. Open—8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Payment—3d. per day.

Sister in Charge—SISTER CLARA.

Temporary Home for Destitute Girls and Young Women.

Mission of The Good Shepherd, 31 Goldsmiths Row.

Sister in Charge—SISTER FLORENCE, St. Saviours Priory, Great Cambridge Street.

WOMEN'S HELP SOCIETY.

142 and 144 Lansdowne Road, London Fields.

This branch of the Society is for the purpose of giving employment at needlework at fair wages to a superior class of single working women.

Application to be made any morning between 9 and 1 o'clock.

HAGGERSTON HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

President—John Lowles, Esq., M.P.

Secretaries, { Mr. W. Lloyd, 524 Kingsland Road.
Mr. Geo. Sampson, 96 Great Cambridge St.

Members Subscription 1d per week (payable quarterly).

Hospital Letters for various London Hospitals available for deserving cases.

SHOREDITCH HEALTH COUNCIL.

Householders who suffer from insanitary dwellings, defective drains, or other nuisances, and are unable to obtain redress, should communicate with the Secretary, the Rev. C. E. Curtis, 25 Shrubland Road, Dalston. All communications are treated as confidential, and the name of the informant is not disclosed.

Cases of excessive overcrowding, or of disorderly houses, should also be reported to him. They will then be brought to the notice of the Shoreditch Vestry, and suitably dealt with.

STREETS IN HAGGERSTON AREA.

Appleby Street (Nos. 2-78).	Ivydene Road.
Albion Road (All even Nos).	Ipswich Road.
Acton Street.	Kent Street.
Angrave Street.	Kingsland Road (Nos. 242-369).
Brunswick Street.	Laburnum Street (Odd Nos. 15-23,
Brunswick Square.	Even Nos. 86-128).
Broke Road.	Lansdowne Road (Even Nos. 126-
Brownlow Road.	166).
Brownlow Street.	Lee Street.
Brougham Road.	Livermere Road.
Cambridge Court.	Loanda Street.
Clarence Terrace.	Mansfield Street (Odd Nos. 93-
Clarissa Street.	141, Even Nos. 92-128.
Cross Street.	Marlborough Road.
Dunloe Street (Odd Nos. 29-39),	Norwich Road.
Even Nos. 20-52).	Norman's Buildings.
Duncan Street.	Pearson Street.
Dunston Street.	Pownall Road.
Dunston Road.	Queen's Road (Odd Nos. 1-101,
Essex Place.	Even Nos. 2-72).
Fellow Street.	Regents Row (from Queen's Road
Francis Street.	Bridge to Broadway Bridge).
Gt. Cambridge Street (Odd Nos.	Suffolk Road.
1-173).	Scawfell Street.
Garden Place.	Shrubland Road.
Hows Street (Even Nos. 62-80).	Stean Street.
Hackney Road (Odd Nos. 193-243).	Trafalgar Road.
Hamburg Street.	Trederwen Road.
Haggerston Road.	Weymouth Terrace (Odd Nos. 13-
Hertford Street.	115, Even Nos. 2-142).
Hilcot Street.	Waterloo Street.

No co-operation in Religious work

Other Religious Influences

Poor Law Administration

Police

Drink

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No co-operation in religious work.

Mr. Cuff (Shoreditch Tabernacle) has a very large church & membership & several Mission centres. Has also captured the Board Schools for Sunday School purposes.

Rev Alfred Farmer (St Mary, Haggerston) is an exceedingly active worker. Work amongst the poor exceedingly good. Strong temperance man. Not so 'high' as St Augustine's which is rather near the Museum.

St Philip's (Rev Fawcett) works remarkably well.
(St Thomas) =

Room for improvement in the Poor law administration? Shoreditch guardians very rigid. Complaint of the difficulty in obtaining out relief for deserving cases. Instanced an old local preacher.

Police admirable but the old story of the drink round the corner.

Feels all work is hopeless until some controlling is obtained over the drink traffic. People need not be poor & would not be poor but for the drink. Nearly all the church members are pledged abstainers. They see the harm it has done. Others do not see the evil in it. They will engage in temperance work but whether because you ask them or a real interest?

Prostitution

Crime

Thrift

Prospects of Mission

Membership

Prostitution - not to any great extent.

Crime scattered. Sister was robbed in a street off Brick Lane.

Thrift improving. £20 drawn out of club last Christmas. Thinks that quite three fourths of this is spent in clothes & similar useful ~~expenditure~~ things. Comparatively little on feasting &c. or drink.

The drink & housing questions are the crying questions of the day. Where a street is decent the rents are very high & the people are crowded into one or two small rooms.

Prospects are hopeful since the work was converted to a Mission. At one time it was easy to get £20; gradually dwindled until 8 years ago it was not worth while to open the doors. Still increasing and work is far more solid than in the old days. Have a membership of 402 & 40 in junior classes.

One difficulty is that they cannot get voluntary workers to give sufficient time & thus the work becomes more expensive. Mission receives a grant of about £150 from Home Mission Fund.

Mr Maddock is an active earnest Christian and is no doubt making some impression on the district. His report (the first one printed) is written in a hopeful even optimistic tone. The following note as to methods gives his position:

Methods.

Much depends upon methods, and we have prayerfully sought the best and then adopted them, only in so far as they conduced to the social and spiritual well-being of the people. Christianity is not helped by sensationalism, but we are convinced that any method which produces unquestionable spiritual and ethical results, cannot be wrong.

Rev J. Gregory
Adelphi Chapel

GLA
Feb 18/98

Condition of People

St Peter's parish.

Rev J. Gregory, Minister of Adelphi Congregational Chapel,
Hackney Road. Seen at his residence, 38 Groombridge Road,
S. Hackney.

Adelphi Chapel was built by Rev. Woodhouse, the minister
of Adelphi Chapel, off the Strand in and the church was trans-
ferred to Hackney Road, then a comfortable suburban neighbourhood.

Mr Gregory has been here a little over 3 years, having
previously been pastor of a Leeds Church for 21 years.

He is about 45 years of age, middle height, strong clean
shaven face, except for mustache, massive high forehead and
a wealth of glossy hair. Was remarkably frank and
spoke readily of the place & people.

Near Adelphi Chapel the condition of the people on
either side of Hackney Road is exactly the reverse of that
near the Wesleyan Mission, the south side being the
better. St Peter's Street and immediate neighbourhood is
respectable poor. On the other side of the Road the people
are rougher. The police tell Mr G. that Gloucester Street is a
worse place for thieves than any other in London. The whole
district is gradually becoming poorer.

A great change has taken place in the congregation
even in Mr G's time. Better people go to Walthamstow.

Edford

Persons Employed

Buildings Used

Membership

Services

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Ilford, Stamford Hill and the tendency is to a dead level of poverty. Mr G. came here on the advice of Rev. a. a. Ramsey (now at East Dulwich) a former pastor but saw he had made a mistake after 9 months. Mr Ramsey told him subsequently that he ~~was~~ ^{did} not ~~was~~ know the decay of the district had been so rapid.

Minister only paid officer. 9 deacons, S. S. teachers and about 40 others.

Chapel seats 800 persons. Leasehold, p. r. £33. Little other accommodation there. A vestry for the deacons and a "small rabbit hutch" for the pastor. Cellars beneath chapel formerly let to wine merchants.

School in Gloucester Street. 3 large rooms formerly used as day school.

Membership of Church. 260.

Sunday. Service 11 and 6 30. 200 in morning. "Perhaps 450 in evening. Would not be more".

Monday & Wednesday at 8 PM. Service

Saturday. Prayer Meeting at 8 PM.

Congregation mostly working class; some clerks, a schoolmaster or 2. and some of the very poor.

Sunday School

Visitation

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Fear of ~~robbery~~ burglary keeps the better people at home in the evening. Mentioned a family living in the same road as himself. They started to go to church but meeting friends returned home to find burglars at work in the house.

Sunday School. Morning & afternoon. 460 scholars on books. Average attendance, afternoon 195. Children's service in evening. average 140. Decent class of children in afternoon but poor lot in evening.

Beside these services they have:

Christian Endeavour Society. Junior & Senior (Ju). One of their most successful meetings.

Mothers Meeting (Tu 7.30) 55 members. Come from immediate neighbourhood.

Dorcas Society - clothing for poor.

Maternity Society.

Open Air Meetings.

Tract Society with about 20 visitors visits the streets in the neighbourhood systematically.

Minister visits the members and is assisted by about

Charitable Relief

No co-operation

Other Religious Influences

35
about 6 lady visitors in this work. Deacons have no time for visitation. Visitors seldom get into the homes of the people. They do not like their poverty to be known and sometimes it is inconvenient as they live in such narrow quarters.

* Benevolent fund for relief of poor of church and congregation. Could not do anything outside owing to want of funds. In any special case goes to "my friend Mr Atkinson".

No co-operation - "it is isolation". Then thinking about the denominational connection, M. G. went on - "The church belongs to the London Congregational Union but for practical purposes it exists only on paper". Thinks a link is needed between the rich & poor churches but this can only come as a voluntary arrangement.

Mildmay Medical Mission in Austin Street is doing a good splendid work. Send cases to them.

St Peters. Knows a new curate here - a nice fellow.

"It is a church without a congregation"

Local Government
Police

Drink

Early Marriage

Social Condition generally

Shaftesbury Hall Gossett St (L.C.M.) and another Hall in Old Bethnal Green Road doing good work. Some of our young people go to help.

Abbey Street Schools. Mrs J Dollwood 265 Bethnal Green Road is Supt. One of our members; assisted by other in church. Not a church organisation.

Coming from Leeds to London he is impressed by the fact that London is badly governed. So far as Hackney Road is concerned, rowdyism and prostitution appear to be unrestrained. Ladies are robbed in broad daylight. ^(The supt was robbed of gold chain.) He has been surrounded by a number of women on leaving his chapel & has frequently been accosted altho' in clerical attire. Nothing of the kind in 21 years at Leeds.

Pubs crowded on Sunday evening. A strong feeling in favour of temperance in the church but it is difficult to get a temperance meeting for adults.

Early marriages a great curse - boys and girls. Almost entirely amongst the very poor.

Overcrowding is terrible and this is one reason for the

the low condition of health. Bad feeding also responsible for much. "How can people be ~~be~~ healthy on this London bread"?

As to the people & the conditions Mr G. was emphatic. The Leeds people are in every respect superior to the Londoners. Physically & mentally they are more robust and have more vigour. Yorkshire people very clean. Here dirt everywhere - "a god in the east end". He is "sick at heart". ~~The~~ conditions are not so much the people's fault as their misfortune. They are more sinned against than sinning. Many struggle hard to keep decent and some very beautiful flowers are growing in these slums.

They only touch the mere fringe. The people are sunk in indifferentism. Not the same desire for the gospel as exists in the north. The general attitude is "Gallicism".

As for any progress there is no prospect until the wealthy classes in the suburbs are stirred up to help the poor districts, or "until the Lord comes". If the rich play the part of the Pharisee

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then the poor man will die in the ditch". He is certainly there now.

Altho' Mr G. takes a somewhat pessimistic view, I could not help liking the man. Open frank & undoubtedly a good man, he is fighting amidst what must be very uncongenial surroundings. The financial difficulty evidently presses hard as unlike most of the neighbouring Congl Church they have no endowment & have to pay a £33 ground rent.

Mr L.J. Matcham
London City Mission

SLA
23/2/98

The Mission Hall

The District

Condition of People

St Thomas parish.

Mr L.J. Matcham. L.C. Missionary.
224 Hackney Road. E.

No 224 H.Rd is an old beerhouse which has been converted into a Mission Hall seating 120 persons. The glass in outer door still has the words "Jug entrance" engraved on it & the shutter is not taken down in consequence.

Mr Matcham is about 45; broadly built, black hair and rounded beard. Has been here 10 years.

The district is bounded by Haggard Street Hackney Rd, Don Sq, Bazendall St & Columbia Road. entirely a poor working class. "Very poor" Mr M said.

Has become poorer within last few years by the efflux of the better people & the inflow of some of the people from the "Mount" e.g. Boundary St area. The best streets are Haggard & Henrietta Street. Ravenscroft Street is like Horatio Street. Guinness Bldgs is very poor - quite as poor as those who lived in the small houses that were cleared away. Bldgs were opened about the time of the clearance and a great many families from the Mount went there. The new Supt of the Bldgs had to clear an entire ~~block~~ flat. so bad were the people. About 15 families from the

Watch snatching + Petty Theft

Visitation

Nichol Street came into Cadell Street.

This led to a talk about crime and Mr M. gave the district a bad name for stealing and street outrages. Watch snatching is carried on here "just as at Shoreditch. Had his own watch taken in the Hackney Road about 2 years ago between 8 & 9 at night. ^{An second case -} A man was working on the front of the Hall & noticed a young fellow at the corner. He moved his tools because he thought ~~some~~ the youth might take them. Immediately after a gentleman passed. The lad snatched his watch and was off ^{This was daylight}. Has seen the beggars practising watch lifting in the streets, one representing the gentleman, others the thieves, the tripper up to the police. They keep a watch at the corners for the police & have a system of signs. The people living in one house in Cadell St get most of their living by pilfering. He has seen their boy (about 13 or 14) trying to get his hand into his teacher's pocket. The lad has been locked up twice for stealing. Came from Mount Street.

District is visited from house to house. Has nearly 1400 families altho' for statistical purposes, he only

Church Attendance

Persons Employed

Services Held

47
only reckons 1000.. Covers the ground in about 6 or 7 weeks. People are continually moving - 'slope'. Move out at night to avoid payment of rent. Is fairly received by most of the people but some look upon him with suspicion.

Very few attend any place of worship. In Cadell Street (which is just outside his door) there are 37 houses and ~~be~~ nearly 300 people. About 4 or 5 attend his hall & does not think that more than one other person goes to any other place of worship e.g. to a service. Does not include the Sunday school in this estimate. Think that for the whole district not more than 2 in a 100 attend services.

Beside the missionary, there are 7 S.S. Teachers and about 12 other workers.

Sunday School 3 PM. About 140.. Attendance 100.

All come from district except a few, who have moved away and maintain their connection. Poorly dressed. Very rough at first. Came in whistling & shouting. Now have got them under control & they are well-behaved.

Service at 7.30. Vary from 35 to 70. Average about 50
to 60.

Charitable Relief

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Open Air meetings during summer in Columbia Road
at 11 am Sunday morning, when a flower market
is held; also in evening at 6.45.

Tuesday. Gospel service at 8.30. small.

Wed. Singing practice.

Thursday. Gospel Temperance. About the same
as Tuesday. Anything special get a good meeting
but not otherwise.

Has no mother's meeting. Does not believe
in them. The women only come for what they can
get. St Thomas's has a large one.

About Charitable relief Mr M. was reticent. Gets
hospital letters from Mr Atkinson and refers
bad cases to him. Usually get somebody to
go round to the people. Help out of work, poor
widows etc but make no distinction as to
creed; would help an atheist. Give 7 or 6 a
week towards rent. Money given about £5 a
year. Could not say as to goods. On this
point Mr M. was unsatisfactory. ~~Whatever~~ Relief
is given, ~~for~~ through others & he evidently did
not

Other Religious Influences

His views on Chapel & Church

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not wish to be identified with it. as the Mission does not allow the Missionaries to give relief. I do not think that he has much from M.A. be apart from the hospital letter.

St Thomas's has a scripture reader, nurse, visiting woman & some ladies from Hampstead working. St Peter's visits Guinness Bldg. but does not know much about the people.

Adelphi Chapel does not touch his district nor does Mr Guff.

Wesleyan (Shoreditch) Mission visit in the district but they do more on the other side (Haggerston). Band comes round on Sundays etc. Are the most active on the ground.

The Chapels want to get the middle class who can help to support the place. They don't want the very poor. Missionary recommended some poor folk to the chapel in Queen's Road and the minister as much as told him they wanted some who could support the church. The Churches (Anglican) are so lukewarm & formal that the poor would

not go even if they wished. I think the Wesleyans welcome the poor better than any others.

Drink very extensive amongst women. See 3 women to one man in nearly any publichouse not only in the day but at night.

People have not much chance of saving. Those in good work (a few cabinet makers) spend their money.

One or two houses in district but soon shift when they are suspected. Not much prostitution in Hackney Road except just by Adelphe Chapel [Probably the women from London Fields].

Young people marry at 17 or 18. Get into trouble, then marry and live with parents.

As to his work, Mr M. is hopeful. He has seen some of the worst characters transformed & become members of churches. People are friendly. His mission work is evidently, as in other cases, the outcome of his visitation. He is not a forceful man but a quiet steady worker. Hardly strong enough I should say for work in such a place.

Rev. Wm. G. Cadman
Unitarian Church, Mansford Street

GLA
Feb 24/98

Mr Cadman has sent the 9th
Annual Report e.g. for 1897. since
date of interview GLA

Origin of Church.

Character of People

St James the Great parish.

Rev. Wm. G. Cadman, Minister of Mansford Street
Unitarian Church, . Seen at the Parsonage, Mansford St.

Mr Cadman is a sharp featured man of
about 45 or 50. Short pointed beard, keen eyes, active
and wiry. Should judge him to be a vigorous
and restless personality.

This 'Church & Mission' ~~is~~ originated from the
Domestic Mission in Spicer St (now Bunton St) Spitalfields.
When that district became strongly Jewish the Mission
was transferred to Marylebone and some of its
supporters joined with another Mission at Cambridge
Heath and started this mission, buying the church
from the Congregationalists who built it. The Mission
is not self supporting & never can be. Rev Brooke
Herford's church at Hampstead is its chief support.

The people are fairly represented by the
light blue, but they are gradually becoming poorer.
Mansford Street is all model dwellings now.
Those on the west side belong to the East End
Dwellings Coy. & the inhabitants are rather better
than those on the East side (a private venture).

Buildings used

Persons Employed.

Memberships



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Chapel hold 500 people. Large school room below; smaller hall at back with entrance in Blythe Street. Church parlours & several other class rooms. Parsonage adjoins the Church. I communicate directly with Church & schools. "One of the best blocks of nonconformist bldgs in London" said Mr C. as he offered to take me round.

Minister is the only paid worker. 8 Lady visitors for Provident Society. 25 Sunday school teachers and about 12 other workers. Also morning of a nursing visitor (paid)

The Church is worked on what is so far as we have gone a new principle, the membership being based on a subscription & not a common belief, each subscriber being a member of the Society -

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

I.—That this Society be denominated "THE MANSFORD STREET CHURCH AND MISSION, Bethnal Green Road," its objects being the Promotion of the Moral and Religious Life of the People, and the amelioration of the condition of the poor, by employing a Minister to assemble them for the purpose of Worship and Instruction, and by such other agencies as the Minister, in consultation with the Congregation and with the Committee elected by the subscribers, may from time to time appoint.

MEMBERS.

II.—That the qualification for Membership in this Society be an Annual Subscription of not less than Five Shillings, to have been paid for two years, payable in advance, and to be considered as falling due on the 1st of January in every year, or a Life Donation of not less than Five Pounds in one sum, every congregational collection or subscription being considered for the purposes of this rule as having been made by the Minister for the time being, and constituting him an Annual or Life Member accordingly.

Present membership - 81.

Services etc

The Sunday Services have been well maintained during the year under the earnest ministry of the Rev. W. G. Cadman. The average number of adults present at the Evening Services was from 50 to 60, and it was encouraging to see a goodly number of both elder and junior scholars also present, and to observe how they carried into effect the Free Church Principle of each contributing to the support of the Church.

The income of the Church, as will be seen from Mr. Foster's report, has also been well maintained, and compares favourably with previous years. Your Committee ask your attention to the following table, which is of interest.

Table of Offertories, Collections, and Members' Donations and Subscriptions (including Collections for the Sunday School and Hospitals, in both School and Church, and other Special Collections).

Year.	No. of Members.	Amount.		
		£	s.	d.
1890	.. (not known)	30	14	11
1891	..	31	11	8
1892	.. 63	31	16	4
1893	.. 56	29	7	11
1894	.. 57	30	18	5
1895	.. 71	30	12	5
1896	.. 71	32	5	6
1897	.. 81	34	1	11

Encouraged as your Committee are by the support so given during the past year, they would still impress upon every member, and upon every generous supporter of the Church, that, as the Congregation grows from among the poorer folks, the offertories cannot be expected to be very large; but they believe all the members are desirous of doing their utmost. The Church is so situated, that if the poor people are drawn in (and gladly do your Committee recognise that some are attending the services) the more help from the outside will be needed.

MANSFORD STREET CHURCH

And Mission,

BETHNAL GREEN.

SUNDAY.

- 11 a.m. Morning Service (chiefly for young people).
- 7 p.m. Evening Service.
- 10 a.m. { School. (The Junior School, for Children under Nine years of age, is held in Blythe Street Hall, entrance from Blythe Street).
- 3 p.m. {
- 3.15 A Meeting for Women in the Church Parlour. — 34 members — Attendance 26.

MONDAY.

- 7—8 Savings Bank.
- 7—9 Provident Society Re-payments.
- 8.30—10 Meeting for Teachers and Elder Scholars (till Christmas). Entertainments after Christmas.

TUESDAY.

- 2.30—4 Mothers' Meeting in Blythe Street Hall.
- 7—8.15 Junior Girls' Sewing Class.
- 8.30—9.45* Social Meeting for Girls from 13 to 15 years of age.
- 8.30—9.45* Boys' Club. — 12 members
- 8.30—10 Literary and Social Union (on dates announced).

WEDNESDAY.

- 8—9.40 Gymnasium Class for Young Men.
- 8.15—10 Senior Girls' (over 15 years of age) Sewing Class, &c. — 20 members.

THURSDAY.

- 7—8.30 Mothers' Meeting in Blythe Street Hall.
- 7.30—9.30 Library.
- 7—8 Sunday School Singing Class. — 32 scholars joined. Number since reduced.
- 8—9.30 Choir Practice.

FRIDAY.

- 6.45—7.45 Children's Guild and Band of Hope.
- 8—9 Musical Drill for Junior Girls.

*Except on Literary and Social Nights.

Sunday School. About 350 on books + attendance of 270. Children come from the buildings.

Evening Service. Mostly respectable working class. A few from a distance but other wise natives of B. G. Congregation anything from 60 to 200 59 average for 10 weeks 7.1897.

Provident Club &c. See visitation.

Mothers Meeting. Tuesday afternoon about 30 members + Thursday evening about 70. Have Clothing Club + usual treat, which here takes the form of a visit to Hampstead, where a lady entertains the women.

Membership 31. Average attendance 20. Usually about 40 present. 40 to 50 attend. Alternate Tuesday nights.

Membership 15. Attendance 12.

Library 44 readers. Several hundred books. Add new books as they can.

Number since reduced.

Average attendance 50

Membership 20

At the Monday night entertainments they get 200 to 300. Announced by bill but no tickets. People look for them. Enjoy good musical entertainments, also farces etc. The platform of the schoolroom is fitted so that it can be used as a small stage.

Window Gardening Society

Visitation

Report of Mission

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Most of these meetings for young people were designed to retain the elder scholars. Mr B. only found 2, ^{boys} out of 15 when he came. Now they retain them & are growing their teachers.

If other social agencies the Window Gardening Society deserves mention. Buy plants & sell them cheaply. A committee goes round later in season and prizes are awarded. Sold about 400 plants last year.

Visitation is mainly in connection with the Bethnal Green Provident Society. This is well described in the "Minister's Report" for 1896 which is given on next page.

The Report ~~is~~ published is a curiosity, containing three reports: one by the General Committee; a second by the Chapel Committee & the third by the Minister. It gives elaborate detail as to meetings and the accounts are stated in much detail. Mr C will send ~~the~~ a copy for 1897 which is now passing through the press.

Minister's Report for 1896

Bethnal Green Provident Society

MINISTER'S REPORT. for year 1896

It is my duty, in the first place, to refer to those agencies of the Church and Mission which do not come directly within the scope of the Report of the Chapel Committee.

The first of these is the Bethnal Green Provident Society, Hon. Sec., Mr. Henry B. Lee. This Society does not limit its operations to the immediate neighbourhood of our School and Chapel premises. Our Visitors at present call at homes situated in five or six out of the fourteen Ecclesiastical parishes into which Bethnal Green is divided. The visits are made every Monday morning and savings, repayable at call, are collected. At the beginning of the year there were seven districts, but one of them becoming too large was divided, thus making eight. At least two other large districts might well be similarly divided. The small districts would rapidly grow. This is indeed the simplest way of extending our Provident work. The Visitors in 1896 were Miss E. J. Garrett, Miss Bartram, Miss Teschemacher, Miss Craighead, Mrs. Grundy, Miss Blyth, Mrs. Cadman, and Miss Ethel Cadman. Our thanks are due to these ladies for their continued interest in the work, as also to Miss E. Baily, Miss Howse, Miss F. Jones, Miss Bailey, and Mrs. Clark, for temporary help of longer or shorter duration. Our system of visiting from house to house not only encourages thrift, but taking the place of the tract distribution of a generation ago, brings us into direct contact and acquaintance with families of whom we should otherwise know nothing. Districts already formed can be found for two ladies in the immediate neighbourhood of the Chapel, where the work has special interest and advantage. Will any volunteer? Mr. Lee reports that the total amount collected last year was £303, and the number of depositors about 512. This

Over £400 collected in 1897

Convalescent
Work
(see back)

Money generally
with drawn about
Christmas & Bank
Holidays. Spent
largely on clothes.
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Minister's Report for

Bethnal Green Provident Society

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shows considerable increase. Meetings of the Committee of the C.O.S. "for the promotion of Savings," referred to in my last report, have been held regularly. Mr. Lee has attended most of these.

Sunday School Savings Bank, Hon. Sec., Miss Ethel Cadman. This also has continued its good work, and, like the Provident Society, shows an increase on the amount collected. £50 was received from about 50 depositors. These savings are placed in the P.O. Savings Bank.

The Convalescent Branch of our work has continued to be a special feature. It does not restrict its usefulness to those who attend our services, but frequently helps deserving cases known to us in other ways: 144 persons of various ages were helped, of these 51 were children, sent away by the C.C. Holiday Fund of the London S. School Society, and 5 were older children, sent independently; 2 children, after long illness, had a prolonged stay at Winifred House, and returned in health and strength; 32 teachers, elder scholars and others went to Bexhill-on-Sea, most of them for a fortnight. From the beginning of April till the end of Autumn our rooms at Hampstead were in constant use. About 40 persons were sent to them; these were mostly either old people, or mothers with young children; 13 adults, in feeble health, were helped wholly or in part to convalescence; they were sent into the country or to the seaside, generally to some Convalescent Home. Among the places to which these patients were sent are Lymington, Folkestone, Brighton, and Eastbourne. In two instances those helped were fathers of families recovering from long and severe illness. It is needless to say that in all cases the patients were most grateful.

In July about 70 persons connected with the Mothers' Meetings accepted the hospitality of Mrs. Holland, and enjoyed another visit to Hampstead.

During the Christmas vacation Mr. Alfred Hall, B.A., of Manchester College, Oxford, spent a month with us. He conducted one Service each Sunday, taught, visited, and took

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Convalescent
Work
(see back)

Money generally
with drawn about
Christmas & Bank
Holidays. Spent
largely on clothes.
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an active part in all our work. We much appreciate these visits, and I am personally very grateful to Mr. Hall for his able, conscientious, and hearty assistance.

Our thanks are due to many valued friends for help in various ways. To one for sending monthly to the library the *Century Magazine*; to another for coal tickets, a very welcome winter gift; to several for parcels of clothing; to some for cut flowers and evergreens; to others for generous contributions to our special funds; and still to others for hospital letters. With reference to the latter I may be permitted to mention two hospitals in our neighbourhood for which we do not receive letters. I refer to the London Hospital, and to the German Hospital, Dalston. Will any subscriber to these institutions remember us?

Turning next to the inner work of the Church and Mission, I am able to speak most hopefully. For the first time since my settlement every class in the afternoon school is provided with a teacher. Failing to find any help where there was most reason to expect it, we have had to wait till we could grow teachers from the elder classes. We have not waited in vain. During the year the teaching staff was strengthened by the accession of *six* teachers from the ranks of the scholars. Of the present staff I cannot speak too warmly. They are most regular in attendance, and are as devoted to their work as any band of teachers with whom it has been my privilege to act.

The attendance at the Morning Chapel Service has fluctuated with the weather. It has not fallen below thirty and occasionally has reached nearly sixty. The usual attendance has been nearly fifty. This service is specially adapted for young people.

The attendance at Evening Service has, through the greater part of the year, been about sixty, not counting those under fifteen or sixteen years of age. In the summer it was often much lower, but at special services it has been much higher. On one occasion, that of an aggregate gathering of teachers and Scholars of the Union of East London Unitarian Schools,

*Average attendance
at
Evening Service
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when the Rev. J. Page Hopps gave the address, we had the pleasure of seeing the Chapel crowded, both below and in the gallery. This is worth noting, though it was more than an ordinary, or even than a *local* occasion.

The following table gives the average attendance and offertory for the first ten *ordinary* Sunday Evening Services in each year since 1894. This period is selected as indicating the actual state of things at the time of presenting this report, and as showing how it compares with the years immediately preceding:—

				Average Attendance.		Average Offertory.	
						s.	d.
1894	...	...	...	45	—	6	10
1895	...	...	...	50	—	7	3
1896	...	...	...	58	—	7	7
1897	...	...	...	59	—	8	2

If the increase has not been rapid, it at least shows steady progress. It should also be mentioned that the total amount raised on the spot, by membership fees, offertories and collections, for all purposes, including Sunday School and Hospitals, is fully up to that raised in *any* previous year, since that of the opening services. It includes, of course, a special offertory at the re-opening service last October, but, on the other hand, the congregation and offertory were both unusually small during the period when the Chapel was closed. Moreover a very vigorous pecuniary effort was made in connection with the bazaar. This effort was liberally supported by the poorest members and cost its chief promoters considerable expense. Further, the improvement noted would undoubtedly have been greater, but for sickness and the removal from the neighbourhood of not a few who, though still remaining connected with us, find their attendance more contingent on the weather and other circumstances.

Since Christmas a series of four lantern services has been held in the school-room. These services were intended for, and were chiefly attended by, persons who do not yet come to the ordinary service. Mr. J. G. Foster took charge of the lime-light

*Average attendance
at
Evening Service
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lantern, and also very kindly saved considerable expense by photographing and preparing the slides for the hymns. The services were arranged exactly on the lines advocated by the Rev. J. J. Wright in his articles in the *Inquirer*, a year ago. All the subjects for the addresses were chosen from the list suggested by him. Disappointment was freely expressed when these services came to an end. They will probably be resumed next winter, and with the experience already gained some improvements will no doubt be effected.

The most encouraging feature to chronicle is the growing interest of the younger folk, their regular attendance at service, and their readiness to render a share of help. When I wrote my first report there were but two male scholars in the school who were more than fifteen years of age. These two and two others are now officers or teachers, and my afternoon class consists of thirteen youths, all of them between fifteen and seventeen years of age. They are among the most regular attenders, and most of them come to evening service. This young life, while it indicates growth, and is a ground for hope, is my constant support amid many difficulties and discouragements. I have no hesitation in saying that the prospects are more distinctly encouraging than at any time since my settlement.

Lastly as to our influence *outside* the Church and beyond its connected institutions, for the missionary minister has a duty to the whole neighbourhood in which he lives. When I call to mind the many parishes in Bethnal Green, each with its Vicar, Curates, "Sisters," Bible Readers, and array of lady visitors, I cannot help feeling that our efforts are small in comparison. And yet we have a distinct influence which, so far as it extends, is real and permanent. Instances sometimes occur which show that we can do work in which others fail. Our message will at times be welcome where another will be unheeded. The ministrations of the writer have been welcomed in sick chambers to which visitors from other centres have failed to gain admission. This is not said in

disparagement of the excellent work done by others in this crowded district; but simply as illustrating the fact that no one Church, that no one form of faith, can hope to reach and influence every heart and life. Very lately a young man in the last stages of consumption, declined to see any minister, or other religious visitor, though Curate and Bible Reader had sought admittance. A neighbour told me and mentioned that if the Minister from Mansford Street called the parents thought their son would see him. I went, saw him and stayed some time. I called again and was with him a few minutes before he died. It transpired that though I had not previously known the young fellow, a member of the family had been in one of our week night classes and knew us. We can never tell how far the influence extends of even the most secular agencies of the Mission. We work, therefore, in faith. Visiting as a friend and neighbour, without formality and clerical assumption, without the attempt to proselytize or to force theological conversation where the way is unprepared, one generally finds the wished for opportunity arrive when he is permitted to speak an acceptable word of comfort, and to declare that message of the Father's love, old but ever new, of which to be the Minister is one's highest privilege.

WILLIAM G. CADMAN.

Charitable Relief

Mr C. is an active member of the C.O.S. and works very much on their lines, altho not through the Society. Mostly cases of sickness relieved. Do a good deal of convalescent work. Have a place at Hampstead to which they send cases. Never fine to people attending the place service because they attend.

The following accounts from the 1897 proof sheet show the amount & character of relief given.

POOR'S PURSE.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Nursing Visitor	13	0	0
Special Nursing, Medical, etc.	3	6	0
Sick and Poor	16	17	10
Paid for Work and Material	2	11	3
Two Small Pensions	8	12	0
One Special Pension	5	9	6
Postage and Sundries	1	1	6
Balance in hand	54	15	9

£105.13.10

In both cases the income consists of donations & subscriptions.

CONVALESCENT FUND.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
40 Persons to Hampstead	9	18	10
16 Persons to other places	11	12	7
44 Children by C.C.H.			
34 Teachers, etc., to Bexhill	30	16	4
Printing, Postages, etc	1	15	3
Rent of Rooms at Hampstead	15	16	0
Housekeeper	5	0	0
Coals	1	2	0
Washing	1	1	2
Extras	0	15	7

£77 17. 9

Deficit £ 3.11.7

Other Religious Agencies

Drink

Crime

Housing

Opinion on Work

London's Youths & Mardens

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Would not say much about other churches. except that they were active. St Jude's especially. Does not come much into contact with them on the district.

Very great amount of drinking but not much drunkenness.

Nothing to say about crime.

Housing is one of the worst features. Want of accommodation is a great evil. People do not like the models; they cling to the little cottages. Hears that George's gardens is about to be cleared & models built. One of the things that he noticed most when coming from Lancashire. There the working man has his little cottage in the suburbs for less than he pays for rooms here.

As to the work, ~~it~~ it is making headway altho slowly. Retaining the elder scholars, they are building up a church. In London, the elder boys & girls leave S.S. just at the age, when they most need guidance - (about 13). In the north

Lax attendance at schools.

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worth the men come to the schools. Here the lads think it childish and assert their manhood by staying away. The parents are too easy going and do not retain control of their children. Before he came to London he had a class of 80 over 16 years of age. Is working up a class now.

Also notices that a school manager that the children are not sent to school. Parents keep them at home on any pretext. The constant changing of address also acts against the children. They remove & then are lost sight of until the next scheduling. [As I reached Mr B's door - 10.30 am - ^{Thursday} - I passed a little fellow about 8 years old dragging a quantity of wood, tied up in an old sack, along the street. He toiled painfully a few yards & then rested. It was too heavy for him to lift ^{it}].

Mr Howard Nicholson.
Friends' Hall, Hart's Lane

GLA
28/2/98

Character of Population

Buildings Used.

Persons Employed



Friends' Hall, Hart's Lane, Bethnal Green Road.

St James the Great parish.

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Mr Howard Nicholson 2 Grove Lane, Stamford Hill.
Evangelist in charge of Friends' Hall, Hart's Lane. B.G.

Mr Nicholson is a tall broad shouldered man of about 50. iron grey moustache & whiskers; firm strong features, keen eyes and kindly expression, making an attractive face. Speaks quietly and decisively. A strong man, who could not be made to do anything against his conscience. I can fancy him making such stands against authority as Fox & Penn did in their day.

People are mainly cabinet makers, french polishers and bootmakers. Looking at the map, he thought the comparative poverty of the street was as indicated except Hart's Lane. This has been rebuilt and is now occupied by a better class of tenant.

At Hart's Lane they have two halls, upper & lower. Each hold about 300. About 10 other rooms of various sizes.

Mr Nicholson. Had a paid Biblewoman. She gave up

Meetings Held

Notes on Meetings & 'Attendees'

through ill health & they have decided not to have another. as they find it is good for their workers to do the visiting. Have about 30 they can depend on for this. Have 46 Teachers.

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FRIENDS' HALL,

Hart's Lane, Bethnal Green Road, N.E.

Adult School for Men—First-day	- - -	9.30 a.m.
Religious Meeting—First-day	- - -	11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Children's Meeting—First-day	- - -	11 a.m.
First-day School—Boys and Girls	- - -	3 p.m.
Bible Classes—Men and Women—First-day	- - -	3 p.m.
Children's Meeting—First-day	- - -	6.30 p.m.
Mothers' Meeting—Second-day	- - -	2.30 p.m.
Coal Club—Second-day	- - -	8 to 9 p.m.
Temperance Meeting—Second-day	- - -	8.30 p.m.
Penny Bank—Second-day	- - -	8 p.m.
Young People's Onward Band—Third-day	- - -	8.30 p.m.
Women's Prayer Meeting—Third-day	- - -	7.30 p.m.
Religious Meeting—Fourth-day	- - -	8 p.m.
Preparation Class—Fourth-day	- - -	9 p.m.
Junior Band of Hope—Fifth-day	- - -	7.30 p.m.
Senior Band of Hope—Fifth-day	- - -	8.30 p.m.
Literary and Debating Society—Sixth-day	- - -	8.30 p.m.

Average attendance, Men 21.
Women - 25 to 28.

First day School. has an average attendance of 640 - Men 24. Boys 97. Girls 161. On books 860. This is a slight decrease on previous year. Children come from the immediate neighbourhood; some from Hart's Lane. Men are all workers & come longer distances. They do not get ^{or very few} any adults from Hart's Lane. The people do not like to go anywhere close to their homes. Neighbours will see them and talk

about

about them and the men get 'scattered' from the place. This is not a complete explanation, as Mr N. felt for he continued "They are not a church going people." Get up late on Sunday. See them wasting in their rooms at the morning service time.

Sunday morning service is largely composed of men from the Adult school. Essentially a 'friends meeting'. Evening meeting (160 to 200) is largely the centre of the spiritual ~~work~~ life of their work.

Wednesday service - Average 41. growing.

Inward Band (Tuesday) Average 21 weekly. Young Christians Open Air meeting are also held during the summer.

Band of Hope. Senior & Junior.

Temperance Meeting. Concerts, entertainments. Open air meetings in summer. Taken 150 pledges. Temperance sentiment is very slight except with the workers. Parents like their children to join Band of Hope but example is not good & they drift away.

Mothers Meeting. Attendance 80 to 90. One of the strongest points of their work. Make it a religious meeting. People are surprised at their meeting. At most Mr's & Mrs's.

Social Meetings & Agencies

Membership.

Visitation

81
you cannot talk religion to the people; they won't stand it. They have however made it the chief point & altho' resented at first, the mothers now prefer it. They had a L.C.C. lecturer come to give addresses on "Our Babies" and the mothers wanted to go back to the Bible Teaching Visits many mothers' meetings but thinks theirs is unique. 25% are Christians, & joined the church at the beginning of the year and now they are reaching the men thro' these women.

Literary Society - mostly young people. - About 30.

Library - 600 volumes - "fairly used"

Coals Club. supplied 68 3/4 tons of coal last year

Penny Bank. 236 depositors. £220 deposited during year. Amount of balance at end of year £460.

Have 100 members on Roll of Mission Church.

Mr. N. visits sick & members during afternoon. Overseers also visit church members. Follow those they come in contact with at meetings. Do not visit house to house. People don't want you unless you have something to give them. Mr. N. puts new workers to the test. Always become discouraged by it.

Charitable Relief

Other Religious Agencies

Co-operation

Drink

83
Give no indiscriminate relief and have got rid of the
tramps & vagrants from the Sunday evening meeting.
They used to come and sit in the front seats. Were,
he thought, more shut than any other free Friends' Mission.
Only helped church members & cases of sickness. Set them
to help each other. Women's Bible class has a self help fund.
formed by a Sunday collection, from which they help as
needed. Total relief shown in accounts is £12 of which
£10 food & coals.

Does not like C.O.S. much. Found them full
of red tape & made most rigorous enquiries.

Of other religious agencies mentioned were Abbey
Street Schools & Mrs Cuff's Mission (Fibralthorpe Walk). Used
to work with latter but co-operation was all in favour
of Mr.C.. Finds that where water & baptism is distinctly
preached, people are always drawn from them. The Friends
teach the non-necessity of it. The Friends are not aggressive & do not
proselytise. Mrs. C. thought they might do more
in this way with advantage to themselves.

Co-operation is limited to curate going over books to
see that women do not attend theirs & the church only.

Drink largely increasing in our district. Partly
by increased population. More apparent owing to the
shameless

Prostitution

Marriage

Thrift

Housing

85
shameless way women will now go into the front bars of the publichouse, where formerly they entered at the back door. Mostly young women. Has seen the places so crowded that men could not get in at 3 o'clock & were forced to go elsewhere.

No prostitution in the neighbourhood.

Encourage marriage amongst their young people & they generally pair off. Do not lose them at marriage as they settle down within a reasonable distance.

Thrift wanted - no idea of saving.

Housing is better than it was but it is almost impossible to get rooms otherwise more would more than do. Have little tiffs with landladies. Relations take a house & get on fairly for a time.

Looked at from a religious point of view, better housing rather closes the door to religion. People think themselves above going to missions and feel that they do not need to go to worship.

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As to the work Mr N. is confident. They could not be more happily placed. It is not slum work but they are in the midst of a respectable wage earning people. Believes their policy is raising the standard in the neighbourhood. They can say I get nothing for going - they are rather asked to support the work. They make the gospel the centre of the work "that is the cause of the blessing that has rested upon the work".

Was very favourably impressed with Mr N. He is evidently a good man and would be a power anywhere. In talking with him & reading their report, the steadiness & solidity of their work is as noticeable as the quiet, unostentatious way in which it is done. They may not & probably will not lead many to embrace the Friends' tenets but they will & do exert an elevating & strongly religious influence on the inhabitants of the district.

Rev^d J. T. Davies
Congregational Church

LLA
March 1/98.

Character of Population

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St Andrew's Bethnal Green, parish 9/2

Rev^d James Davies, Pastor of Bethnal Green Road
Congregational Church. (corner of Pott Street.)
Seen at his residence; 11 Shore Road, South Hackney.

Mrs Davies has been here 3 years. A sturdy, broad
shouldered man of about 35 to 40, Prominent forehead,
^{thick} ~~big~~ mustache but otherwise clean face. Rather under
middle height. Speaks with a slight burr and is
probably a Lancashire man. A vigorous man with
plenty of "go".

District is practically the same as when he
went there, except that the individuals are always
changing. Artizans (better class) move out to Forest
Gate etc. In the great blocks of dwellings, the
movement is quite as general as outside. People
are rather better there than in the small houses as
they have to go if rent is not paid. Some better
class artizans, policemen, postmen &c but also some
very poor. Worst parts of the district are
Gales Gardens & Pitt St. Latter (l. blue on map)
quite as bad as former. Can't touch either of
these. A large number of widows in the district.

Persons employed

Buildings Used

Services Held

with reference to Rev^d Eck's statement about congregation, I asked where people came from. 'The neighbourhood' was the reply - & it was further defined as between Old Bethpage Rd & the Railway & a little across Cambridge Rd.

Minister, only paid office. 7 deacons, 15 visitors, 32 Sunday school teachers

Chapel seats 1200; School hall (600), 4 other rooms

Services on Sunday. 11 & 6.30. Working class congregation. Majority are young people from 25 to 40. Morning 200 including children (several). Evening 600 mainly adults - qualified this say by saying that was the number, who attended but they would not be there all at once. Probably 400.

P. S. A 3 PM. Men & women. 300/400. Chiefly representative of the congregation. Not the class they hoped to get when P.S.A was started. Wanted the poorer working class. Some of this class came. They get changed and pass into higher grade.

Wednesday. Preaching Service. About 60 or 70.

Thursday. Christian Band. Well attended. Chiefly recruited from the Sunday school. 50 members.

Sunday school. M. & A. afternoon. On Books 435. Average Attendance. M^{rs} 54. Afterⁿ 272. Children's service in evening (95) Get the worst class here.

Social Agencies

Visitation

Charitable Relief

93
Mutual Improvement Soc. (In). Addresses lectures &c.

Mother's Meeting (Mong) Attendance about 100. "This is where we touch the lowest". Have a clothing club and give some clothing. A few come to the chapel but very few. Husbands would be out on Sunday mornings & only time they would have together is Sunday evening.

Band of Hope - 200 members.

Slate Club - but did not know about it.

P. S. A. has visitors for members. Young men's class has 2 visitors & they have about 15 to 20 visitors working in the district. All report special cases to Mrs D. P. S. A. & the Young men have funds (small) for relieving the sick. "Visit wherever the sick & poor are to be found."

Charitable Relief amounts to about £75 a year. This includes the funds of the local societies & an endowment. The societies never seldom give to members of the church: "that is left to me". Make enquiries and always try to take a case through.

Never heard of the C. O. S. Thought of it as a kind of spy on everybody.

Nursing

No co-operation

Other Agencies

Poor law

Police

Prostitution

95
Get someone to attend to bad cases that require nursing.

No co-operation either in charitable or religious work.

St Andrews doing good work. Meet them very often. Several London City Missionaries in neighbourhood but not in the immediate district. Wanted one but could not get sufficient help.

Queen Adelaide's Dispensary is one of the greatest boons to the people of B.G. Get free letters for it.

As usual, with other witnesses, regards the poor law administration as in a very bad way in B.G. Mentioned several cases of neglect of sick cases that he had brought before the Guardians..

Spoke very highly of the police in the immediate district. Some belong to the church. Worst of it is, that they are made sergeants and sent out of the district.

Almost free from prostitution.

Drunk

Housing &c

Church Membership

Seldom see a drunken man, altho there is a great deal of drinking.

Church crowding. Many families in one room. Pitt Street mainly one room tenements. I mentioned a case in Derbyshire Street of a family living in one room. A dead child was in the room, another child lying ill & the mother also ill. Father had got a some work & was out.

Church membership now is 187. Lost 30 by removals & 9 by death last year. and added 32 during the same period. Persons who had been brought in. Get no transfers from other churches.

As to the church work, Mr D. said that the only way they could get the people was by the ones. "I have to get them into the church by units." The S.A. does not help the congregation. The people attending regard it as a service & draw the line there. He is personally popular. People ^{applaud} ~~cheer~~ as he enters a L.C.C. meeting but those who cheer will not come to church. Speak to the men in the B.G. Road & many know him & ~~say~~ say 'good morning' etc but this does not bring them.

St Bartholomew's parish.

Report of interview with Mr. Dr. J. Neugewirtz, of the
London City Mission, at 26 British St., Bow Road. (E. A. 2)
(March 1.98.).

Mr. N. is a young Austrian, converted Jew. He was sent as a young man to some secular college at Hamburg, and while there was converted. In order to escape the conscription and the pressure to recant from his own family, he came to England to prepare for missionary work among his own people, and for the last 6 or 7 years has been working in St Stepney and Mile End. He is attached to the East London

Tabernacle and until Archibald Brown's departure, reported his work to him. It is, too, from the same church that he has drawn his additional helpers, at Marnham Hall. But his chief work is visiting, and thus most of his time goes in this kind of personal work. He goes from house to house armed with a card (see page 105) and if the occupier proves to be a Gentile, then he tells him of the meetings for them, which are also held at Marnham Hall, but for which Mr. N. is not himself responsible. If he secures a convert, he keeps him under his own eye for about 6 months, and would then hand him over to some church--generally, I imagine, to the E. L. Tabernacle. The work goes slowly, but there is less difficulty now than there used to be. The richer Jews are the most difficult to reach, but on the whole opposition and prejudice are beginning to die out. The difficulty is to

get people to inquire into Christian truth at all. It is more difficult to approach English than foreign Jews. The former are more inclined to infidelity, more careless of religion, and more indifferent. But the foreigner is very different, and his curiosity is more easily roused as he has hardly ever studied anything after the five books of Moses. So you begin with him with the Prophets and the Messianic prophecies. But though intellectually more curious the fear of consequences often arrests them. The material loss following on conversion is so great that it is nearly ^{always} ~~always~~ single men without wives and families dependent on them who openly accept the Christian Faith. In '97 four persons were baptized.

The Saturday afternoon meeting is the most important, and in the winter they have from 70 to 100 present; in the summer from 30 to 60. The school on Thurs. is a sort of Sunday school on a week-day, with a register of about 150 and an average of perhaps 80. No children are allowed to attend without the approval of their parents. The meetings on Sunday are for Gentiles and about 20 or 30 attend in the evenings.

In an ordinary year Mr. N. has about £50 or £60 to administer. It goes in relief and teas etc. No Jew is helped unless it is known that the J. B. G. will not on account

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of suspected leanings to Xtianity. All money that may be sent him direct is paid in to the L.C.M., but he would keep and use garments etc. that might reach him. (See appeal on p

For about 6 years Mr. N. has been ["]dead to his family["] but now, on the intervention of a friend who has explained that he is not a Roman Catholic and a ["]worshipper of idols["], but a man holding very much the same faith ^{that} they do themselves, excepting that he believes that the Messiah has come, they are relenting and recently his mother has written to him. At the present moment a brother is even staying with him, and he is looking forward to visiting his own people in the summer. For this purpose the L.C.M. is taking out letters of naturalization, and on the way home he will preach the Gospel at many places---Frankfort, Cassel etc. to his own past co-religionists. He is a dapper little man with weak eyes, and unprepossessing at first blush, but talks rather well and improves on acquaintance.

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פערזאמלונגען
געהאלטען ווערדען

דיענסטאג. אבענדס אום 8 אוהר איזט איינע

בייבעל שטונדע פאר מעננער.

דאנערסטאג. אום 3 אוהר איזט איינע נעה

שטונדע פאר פרויען.

אום 7 אוהר פערזאמלונג פאר

קינדער.

פרייטאג. אום 7 אוהר ענגלישער אונטער

ריכט אין לעזען אונד שרייבען.

THE FOLLOWING
Meetings
TAKE PLACE
DURING THE WEEK.

TUESDAY, Bible Class for Men, at 8, P.M.

THURSDAY. Sewing Class for Jewesses,
at 3, P.M.

Do. Meeting for Children, at 7, P.M.

FRIDAY. Instruction in English,
Reading and Writing at 7, P.M.

שאלו שלום ירושלם. PSALM. CXXii. 6.
CHRISTIAN WORK AMONG THE JEWS.
IN STEPNEY.

And Israel's progress in East London.

BY
D. J. NEUGEWIRTZ.
MISSIONARY.



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- "HOUSE TO HOUSE VISITATION"
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- "GOSPEL MEETINGS OF VARIOUS KINDS IN MARNHAM HALL."
- "SCHOOL FOR JEWISH CHILDREN"
- "SEWING CLASS FOR JEWISH WOMEN"
- "BIBLE CLASSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN"
- "DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES, TESTAMENTS, TRACTS,"
- "FOOD, CLOTHING. &c. &c."

*"Bretheren my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is,
that they might be saved." (Rom, x, i.)*

IT is with great pleasure and thankfulness to the God of Israel that we are again enabled to send forth some particulars of the work which God has put into our hands here, among the Jews of this district.

The past year has indeed been a year of hallowed toil and blessed service in the vineyard of our adorable master Jesus Christ.

Although surrounded by many difficulties and trials, nevertheless our service has been delightful and encouraging in every department of our mission.

The Jewish population in this district has greatly increased, during the past year, they come from all parts of the world to this country as to a city of refuge. It is largely with the poor and friendless we have to deal. In visiting these Jews from House to House, we speak to them about the Messiah, read to them from the Word of God and pray with them, when they allow us to do so. We are pleased to find that all prejudices are passing away, and where at one time we were looked upon as spies and enemies, many of them now receive us as brethren and friends, and give us a hearty welcome whenever we visit them. During the past year we have paid visits to over 5,000 Jewish families in their homes, and to about 200, sick Jews in the various Hospitals.

Our visits to the sick and afflicted in their homes and in the Hospitals have also been blessed of the Lord and appreciated by the people.

MARNHAM HALL, [150]

which is situated in the centre of the Jewish quarter, is still the important feature in our work, especially among Jews, who are not at liberty to invite missionaries to their homes, for fear of their relatives or their employers. To such the Hall has been a blessing and refuge; — a quiet retreat in which to study for themselves the claims of Jesus to be King of the Jews.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MEETINGS HELD;

Sunday, at 3, Bible Class for men. at 7, Evangelistic service.
Monday „ 2, Mothers' meeting. „ 8, Gospel Temp. meeting.
Tuesday „ 8, Bible Class for Jews.
Wed. „ 8, Evangelistic Service.
Thursday „ 3, Sewing Class for Jewesses.
„ „ 7, School for Jewish Children. — P. 50 A 10080
Friday „ 7, Band of Hope.
Saturday „ 5, Gospel meeting for Jews and Jewesses.
„ „ 8, Prayer meeting.

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All the meetings are attended by large numbers of Jews, many of whom are sincere seekers after the truth as it is in Jesus,

In addition to the various Gospel Meetings, Bible Classes and Evening Schools, held in the Mission Hall, OPEN AIR SERVICES are being held during the summer months, with happy results. Many Jews who otherwise would never have had an opportunity of hearing the glad tidings of a Saviour's love, have through such means been reached and have heard the Gospel of the Grace of God under the open sky.

“THE TOWERS” SEWING CLASS FOR JEWISH WOMEN, is a new branch in connection with our mission, recently started by a dear Christian Friend of Israel, who has also kindly consented to act as President. The chief object of this class is to bring the Jewesses of this district under the sound of the Gospel, which alone is “the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth to the Jew first and also to the Gentiles.” Mrs. Neugewirtz who by the help of God, is carrying on this work, has already had the pleasure of seeing some of the fruits from her labours in the past and in faith we are looking forward to a plentiful harvest in the future.

Contributions of Sewing Materials, parcels of clothing for women and children or money for this class, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Mrs. Neugewirtz. Please address: “The Towers” Sewing Class for Jewish Women. Marnham Hall, Darling Row, Cambridge Road, London, E.,

THE WORK AMONG THE CHILDREN,

though last mentioned has not been least in blessing. This work is very encouraging and hopeful, during the past year several thousand have been brought under the sound of the Gospel to which they listened with marked attention and in many instances most blessed results have followed.

Thus far we rejoice that some of our number have come forward and confessed the once despised Nazarene as their Messiah, and seeing such results, we feel constrained to take courage and say that our labours have not been in vain in the Lord.

The financial position of this mission also calls forth our praise to God and our sincere thanks to all those friends who have so kindly helped us in various ways to relieve distress, sickness, cold and hunger.

Through their generosity once again we have been enabled to take our poor Jews and their children to the usual summer excursion and to send some special cases for a fortnight into

...to give them free teas and entertainments during the cold winter months, closing with a distribution of bread, grocery, coals, warm garments and free shelter.

We are especially indebted to our dear friends at "The Towers" for the many tokens of their warm practical sympathy. We pray the Lord may reward them and all our Christian friends whose names are recorded in that report which shall be read in the hearing of men and angels, and unto whom it shall be said "Ye did it not unto them but unto Me."

May we ask our dear friends kindly to unite in prayer for us for greater blessings on our work for the Lord? Whilst we thank God for the mercy drops which round us are falling, may we plead for pentecostal showers of blessing in every department of our Mission.

"For Zion's sake will we not hold our peace, and for Jerusalem's sake we will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." (Is. 62, 1.)

The Lord speed that day: is the sincere prayer of,

D. J. NEUGEWITZ.
26, British Street, Bow Road, London, E.

"SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS."

(JOHN. 4, 22.)

Does JESUS love the Jews?
Yes, still His heart to them is love;
He lives to pray for them,
And pour His blessings from above.
Soon He comes, their Glory comes,
To bless the ancient race,
His promised mercy to fulfil,
To crown His work of grace.

Does JESUS love the Jews?
Then in every Christian's heart,
And prayers, and works, and glorious hopes,
Israel hath surely part.
Eternal life we owe to Him,
Who once was born a Jew;
Can they who love the SAVIOUR,
Fail to love His brethren too?

"Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved."

(Rom. xi, 25-26.)

שאלו שלום ירושלם. PSALM. CXXII. 6.

CHRISTIAN WORK AMONG THE JEWS IN STEPNEY.

And Israel's progress in East London.

BY

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MISSIONARY.



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- "SEWING CLASS FOR JEWISH WOMEN"
- "BIBLE CLASSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN"
- "DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES, TESTAMENTS, TRACTS,"
- "FOOD, CLOTHING. &c. &c."

Mr E King
L. C. M.

The Man

His District

Changes during 20 years

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St Matthew's parish.

Mr E. King. London City Missionary, Shaftesbury Hall,
Gossett Street, Bethnal Green.

Mr King is a stout jovial looking man of about 50. Bearded face with a few grey hairs here & there. Ready talker but desecutive and an apparently inexhaustible ~~for~~ store of anecdotes to illustrate his points. Ready wit & power of repartee which no doubt stands him in good stead when visiting workshops. Has been 22 years on the district. "next June."

His district adjoins the Nichol Street area. It is bounded by Brick Lane, Bethnal Green Road, Orange Street & Gossett Street. Nearly all dark & light blue on our map.

A great change has taken place since he came in the amount of religious work. When he came St Paul's was dead, now it has 4 volunteer agents working in the district. Mr Buff's Mission (Gibraltar Walk) was not in existence. Hoptown Hall, ("Jehovah Fire" that was) very feeble. Now it is in the hands of the Church - is worked by St Matthew's. It is the red brick building at the

corner

The People of the district

corner of Gibraltar Walk. The Friends' Mission, North Lane, was only a very little place - now they have a large Bldg. Then his own hall was not in existence - it was built about 10 yrs ago.

"Yet with all these agencies, if any difference the neighbourhood is worse - it is not better". In the matter "It seems a contradiction but the conditions are better than they were. Houses are better. Charnford Street was 'awful dirty little houses'. It has been rebuilt but partly flats & partly tenement houses but the new people are just as bad as the former lot. Has known no 'suicide' street. 6 or 7 suicides in 6 years."

People living in the district are costers, hawkers of all kinds, boot repairers & makers. A large number of widows. "The men drink so hard that they do not live out their natural life". Then he rattled off several stories of the people & their lives of which I reproduce one. Man of 40, wife & 12 children living in 4 rooms. Man has drunk heavily, is ^{now} not in consumption; eldest daughter (18) is a prostitute, a boy (12) a thief, other children are growing up in the same way. Man declares his children are devils & his home a hell. He is a dining table wagon maker but has not worked for 12 months.

So many costers & hawkers live here because the place is

The Workshops

Persons Employed

Building used

place is convenient for the markets &c but also because it suits them. They cannot live in a respectable building & are obliged to come to their own level. They prefer this place. This apply to others beside the ^{hawkers.} cabinet makers. Mentioned a cabinet^{maker} who had 3 rooms in house adjoining the hall. Family consisted of wife & 2 children. Last winter they moved the bed into the kitchen - lived & slept there, leaving the other rooms empty. Didn't like going to bed in the cold.

Beside the inhabitants there are some 1500 men working in the district, ~~who~~ These Mr K. visits in their shops. Respectable working class; most of them mechanics. Very few live in the neighbourhood. Come in by train.

Beside Mrs King, there is a paid bible woman, Mrs Thomas, whom I saw at the Hall - a tall sedate but cheerful looking woman. Middle class woman; much more refined than the ordinary district visitor. Beside 8 S. S. teachers there are 6 other workers. A Committee is responsible for the Hall & expenses.

Hall holds about 130. 3 class rooms above and a small soup kitchen.

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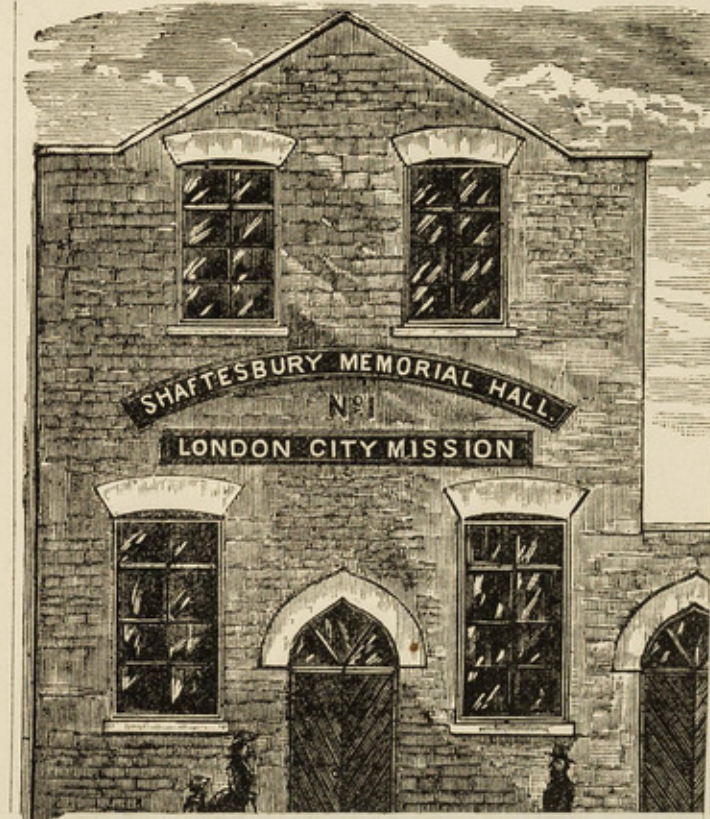
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The right to smooth the brow of care,
And whisper comfort in despair.

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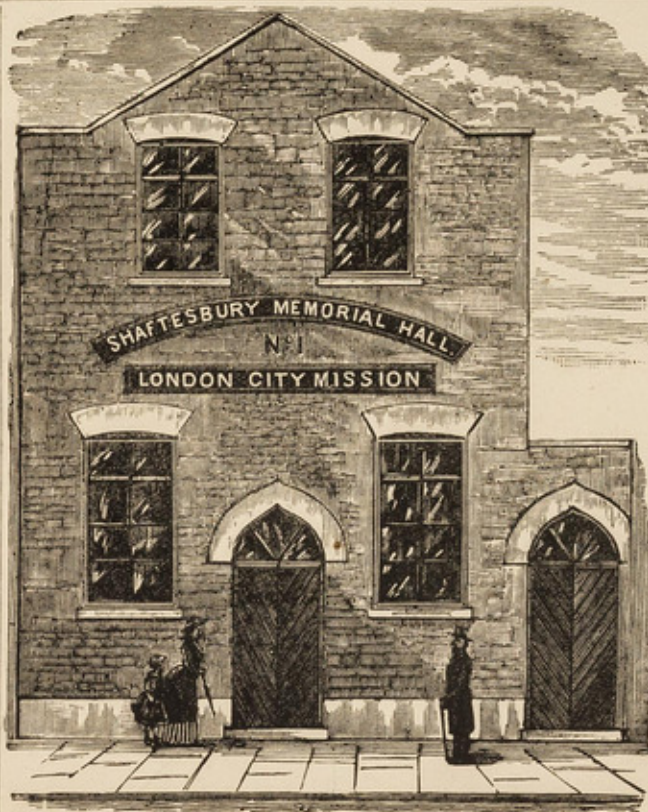
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The right the wanderer to reclaim,
And WIN the LOST from paths of shame;
The right to comfort and to bless
The widow and the fatherless.



The right the little ones to guide
In simple faith to Him who died;
With earnest love and gentle praise,
To bless and cheer their youthful days.

The right the intellect to train,
And guide the soul to noble aim;
Teach it to rise above earth's toys
And wing its flight to heavenly joys.

The right to live for those we love,
The right to die that love to prove,
The right to brighten earthly homes,
With pleasant smiles and gentle tones.

Are these thine, then murmur not,
That women's mission is thy lot;
Improve the talents God has given,
Life's duty done—then rest in Heaven.

A LIST OF OUR MEETINGS,

TO WHICH ALL—BOTH YOUNG AND OLD—HAVE A HEARTY WELCOME.

- Sunday** ... School at 3 o'clock and at 6.30. A Bible Class for Young People at 6.40. Gospel Meeting at 8 o'clock.
- Monday** ... Mothers' Meeting at 2.30, and when possible a Meeting for Men only.
- Tuesday** ... Factory Girls at 7.30. Gospel Meeting at 8.15.
- Wednesday** ... A Young People's Meeting, at 8.20.
- Thursday** ... Young Women's Sewing Class, 7.30. PRAYER MEETINGS at 8.15.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays** (during Winter), SOUP KITCHEN, open at 12 o'clock. SOUP, One Penny per Quart, with Bread.

Dear Friends,—Having proved for over 30 years that CHRIST IS ABLE TO SAVE AND KEEP FROM SIN and its power, I can say, with all my heart, COME, COME, and you shall prove the same.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

E. KING.

Will ALL God's people unite with us in prayer that great blessings may be given during 1898.

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Services see List on bill.

Sunday School (3) 150 on Books. Attendance about 120.

6.30 Meeting is a Ragged school.

Bible class is mainly factory girls. 26 on books. 17 to 20 attendance. Takes it himself. "It is very hard work. Nobody wants to take it more than once". Has a library in connection with this class. Over 100 volumes issued last year.

The Factory Girls meeting on Tuesday is in connection with the Class & is attended by 20 to 30 of the same class of girls. Started it with a free tea - jam cross, bread & butter - made a very good spread. Had hard work to stop the girls taking the things before grace was said but immediately after, they cleared the platters heaping everything up on their own plates. However they have tamed them & some of these girls are now trusted to cut bread & butter for other folks teas.

Gospel Meeting at 8. "poorest of the poor". principally from the district. 60 to 80.

Mothers Meeting Average 40 to 50. Savings bank, Coal & clothing clubs

Service (Tu 8.15) 60 to 70. Most of the girls come down to this.

Visitation

Charitable Relief

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Soup Kitchen. 2 days a week. Make Irish stew now.
So many places make soup & some people
cannot eat it. Many of the children in the district
go to Kay St Radical Club because they give the
dinners. Mr K. charges 1^d a quart. When I went
they had not sold out. The reason Mr King explained
being a ^{secret} change in the day from Tuesday & Thursday to
Wednesday & Friday, it had not become known.

Unlike other missionaries Mr K. does not visit
his district systematically, this being done by the
biblewoman, whilst he gives more attention to the
workshop visitation. Goes a little beyond his district but
not very far.

"What about Charitable relief"? EK. "I don't
think many men do more. Soup kitchen is supported
by three friends. Mr Buxton (his supt) also helps him. Gives
grocery tickets, assists sick and little children the
latter to food. It is mainly done by the biblewoman.
Very little use to make enquiry. He knows the majority
of the people & never helps casual cases. Cannot
do enough for those he knows & does not consider
wise. ^{to give to any one else} If those I know bite my fingers? & he
would leaving me to supply the remainder of the sentence."

Then he gave a number of casts of the people on the district. A man out of work, sitting in his duty room - offered him 2/6 and materials to whitewash it - refused. Another came begging, offered 1/- to sweep snow & make crossing to Hall. ~~who~~ Went off to tell his wife & never returned. &c. Total relief about £20. ^{a year.}

Co-operation

Finds it difficult to co-operate with the Church of Eng^d. A feeling "I belong to the Church & you don't," has been told it is his duty to bring the people to church - the hall being evidently a thorn to some of the clerics. They have started meetings for Factory girls &c at the same time as his. Works with the Non-cons.

Friends Hall,

The Friends (Harts Lane) are a splendid body of people & do a good work.

Police

Police - always favorable to him. Drink is an awful question. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday the publichouses are full.

Drink

Prostitution

Not a great deal of Prostitution but immorality consequent on crowding. Illustrated this by the case of a man, wife, 6 children and 16 rabbits living in one room. Man worked as cabinet maker, wife paper bags. Two of his girls were mothers before they reached 16.

Thrift

Crime

Housing

Could take you to one or two who save but they are very rare.

Lot of crime - boys thieving etc.

Does not like the buildings. Gunnness's are not much cheaper than others. Peabodys are the best. When I reached the Hall a woman was waiting for Mr. King to write ~~her~~ her a letter to some charity that starts hawkers with basket & stock. A talk ensued between her & the biblewoman ~~as to~~ ^{about} rents. She occupied a room in Gossett St, paying 7/9 a week. This was thought excessive & Mrs. ^{asked} if she could not get one cheaper. Suggested Gunnness's Bldgs, "but you have to wait so long". Woman said that plenty of people had rooms at 4/- but there were none to let at that price.

Mr. King evidently knows his district & people well & is also well known. The best part of the work is the visitation & the meeting for the factory girls & ~~men~~.

Messrs Lockyer & Robins
City Missionaries

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The Building

The Men

The District

S^t Jude's parish.

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Mr H. Lockyer & Mr Robins, London City
Missionaries working on the George's Gardens & Pendergast
Gardens districts. Met at Old Zion Chapel, Old Bethnal
Green Road.

Old Zion Chapel is a very dilapidated old
but picturesque building. It is used by these missionaries
for joint meetings in connection with the work on
their district. A large class room has been partitioned
off on each side and the central portion is seated for
about 300 people.

The men are as unlike as possible. Mr Lockyer,
who has been 18 years on his district, is a big, rough
unkempt man, of 50 to 60 years, greyish hair and
untrimmed beard, rather round shouldered & stoops
slightly. Very voluble. Mr Robins is a dapper
little man, well & neatly dressed, sharp features;
keen, and alert but quiet. Looks ~~about~~ under 40 but is
probably older as he has been 23 years on his district.
Mr L. took the lead in the conversation & I had to appeal
directly to Mr R. to elicit his opinions.

The districts are bounded by Mansford Street,
Old Bethnal Green Road, Cambridge Road & Bethnal Green
Road.

The Inhabitants of Mrs Lockyer's District

" Mrs Robin's district

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Road, Mrs Lockyer taking the portion west of Canrobert St. and Mrs Robin that to the east.

Mrs Lockyer says his district (all light blue except Canrobert Street) is "10 times poorer than it was" partly owing to a great influx from the Jago. In George Gardens & Middle Walk, houses are small with gardens in front - occupied by coasters &c. most do stay lunch making (2½ per gross) for Wall's. But for this work, in which all take part, many would be starving. Middle walk is the poorest part. The dwellings in Mansford Street (East side) are better now than they were. Cleared 6 months ago, lights on staircases are put out at 10 pm. & after that they ^{stairs} are used for immoral purposes. Canrobert Street is the best & even there, 4 families may be found in one house. Mrs Lockyer would be inclined to make district poorer than light blue but I do not think that it is so, except possibly Middle Row.

Mrs Robin's district appears to have altered considerably, even since the map was made. When Mr R. came, the people kept a house to themselves - many were weavers. More crowded & poorer. Worst parts are Hollybush Gardens (l. blue) & Poyser St (l. bl.). Peacock Street is about the same.

Meeting held

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Craven Bldg, Popper St is rather better than the street. Caretaker is a Salvationist and is very careful about tenants. Grove St, Jersey St (late Amey St) York St and Ponderosa Gardens are all poor & very much worse than they were. Best parts of the district are Myddleton St & Clarkson St. which are rather better than Canrobet St.

Sunday School 3 PM. About 150 on books, Average attendance about 120. Infants are not enrolled: their average attendance is 40 but at the infants tea they have about 200! (say 100 come fairly)
Bible class 3 PM. About 16 young people

At 4 PM. they go into the back street & hold open air services until 5 or there about. Then back to tea at hall. before meeting at 7 PM. Average attendance about 60 but ~~not~~ now John MacNeill is at St Assembly Hall, there has been a great falling off. Mostly poor people off from the district. Regard congregation as a result of the visitation. People promised to come and "do not like to break their word". 8 to 10 PM. Open air meeting at

corner of Cambridge Road - prayer meeting in winter.

"Had great blessing at this open air meeting". Mentioned two pastors of churches who were converted there.

Social Agencies

Visitation

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Tuesday (8 PM) - Christian Band. 30 to 40 members. Get an attendance of about 30. Young people. Mostly the workers of the hall.

Thursday (8 PM) . Bible Reading. 40 or more.

Saturday 8. Prayer meeting.

During summer, open air meeting on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday evening.

Juvenile Lodge of Sons of Phoenix. (Monday 7) 60 to 70 boys. Pay 1^d. a week & get £8 at death.

Senior Lodge of Sons of P. 31 members. One of three lodges in East London that open with prayer. They came out from another Lodge & formed this, because the other was "so low and degraded." Finds the temperance work helps them. It breaks down the prejudice against the Mission Hall.

Mothers' Meeting (Tuesday 2.30) . 89 on Books & 55 attendance. Pay 1^d a week & are allowed bonus of $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d for each attendance. Receive their money as clothing. Nearly all come from district.

Have a number of Tract distributors, who visit the houses on Sunday afternoons - chiefly between Mansford Street & Campbell Street.

Visitation (cont'd)

Charitable Relief

Other Religious Agencies

Mr Robins has over 1000 families and goes over his district once in 3 months. Is generally well received. Never received any harsh treatment. "Suppose it is because I am so little they won't touch me".

Mr Lockyer has about 800 families and gets round about 6 times a year. "Received alright". Only knows 2 R.C.'s on district. A few atheists - seldom oppose and confine opposition to "sniping" at the open air meeting. e.g. a running fire of interruptions.

Charitable Relief very little is given - "I cannot get it," said Mr Robins. Used to have a bundle of tickets from Worship Street Police Court but that is discontinued. Drunk is the great curse & causes most of the poverty.

St Jude's - low church. Has a scripture reader and biblewoman but only go to their own. "Mr Davies was the man - he used to get a good congregation", Had more go than any minister we have had. By implication the present curate in charge lacks in these particulars.

Unitarians (mansford St) go round & collect pence & that is nearly all the good they do.

Referred also to Mr Ditchfield - "doing the
best work in East London for some years. Wish we
had one or two more like him".

Drink

Red Church (St James the Great). Nobody there. Dead. "The
only thing ~~they did~~ ^{was} getting married". Only
see 10 or 12 old women and if the curate was there
you would find him reading one of Spurgeon's sermons
~~so~~ generally had a good sermon. Coke (the late vicar)
said "I ought to have a good congregation; I give
them all 14 lbs of coal.. Has a scripture reader and
~~but~~ bible women but they do nothing except take the
magazine round to 2 or 3 members.

People on this district that go anywhere go to
Charringtons. Mission Hall services are taking the
place of churches & chapels except where the minister
is a rousing preacher. Like Mr Nicholson, these
missionaries ^{girls} of the dislike of being seen go to a place
of worship as one of the reasons why people
went further off. -

Drinking increasing, especially amongst women.
White Hart corner of Manford Street is a particularly bad
house. Have balls and fights at the baths, which are
close to the publichouse. At such times 20 or 30
police are drafted into the district and the fighting &
swearing at 11 pm. !!

Prostitution & Immorality

Marriage

Thrift

Sanitary Conditions

Not a bad house in the district but much immorality. Case recently reported of a girl (13), who gave birth to a child by her father. Girls are frequently in the family way when married. When referring to this subject they mentioned the names of some dozen or more young women to each other, more to ensure being right in their answer than to enlighten me.

At the Red Church they have now taken to charging or rather begging at marriages. A. L. C. M. took a couple there to be married & just as the ceremony was to be performed a contribution bag was pushed under the bride & groom's nose. The minister protested as the Red Church has an endowment for marriages.

Thrift - none at all.

Sanitary conditions are bad; especially the blue patch between Blythe Street & Canrobet St. The little houses are constantly being condemned. The tenants go out; the place is patched up & new tenants come in. The owners want somebody to take the land on lease and

Had 100 converts last year. Joined
neighbouring churches. St Jude's, Adilphi, Congregational in
Bethnal Green Road, Charrington's but most went to the
East London Tabernacle.

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build block dwellings. They took Zion Chapel under
3 months notice & have had it for 18 years!

Messrs Lockyer & Robins are satisfied with
the results of their work. "Of course, one is never
contented" said Mr R. They have had people converted
and become better men and women. They then
improve their temporal condition and then move
out so that their work cannot grow but is
largely gaining new recruits to take the place
of those who leave. As Mr L. put it referring to
Middle Row - "They soon clear out of that".

Mr Robins impressed me as a quiet and
capable worker and he probably exerts a good influence
on his district. His colleague did not impress
me favorably. He may be a diamond but he is
very rough. How far this rough uncouth
exterior may help him in dealing with the
navvies, smiths & carters of Middle Row is doubtful,
certainly he would not be successful amongst a
better class population.

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SHOREDITCH + TABERNACLE,

HACKNEY ROAD.

Pastor - - - Rev. WILLIAM CUFF.



25 YEARS IN SHOREDITCH !

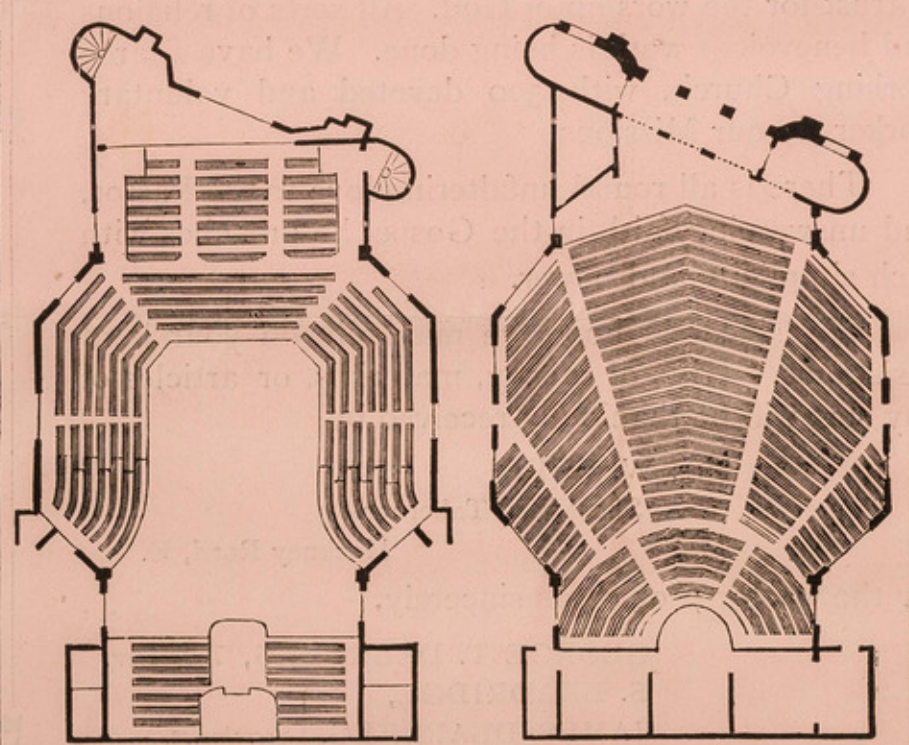
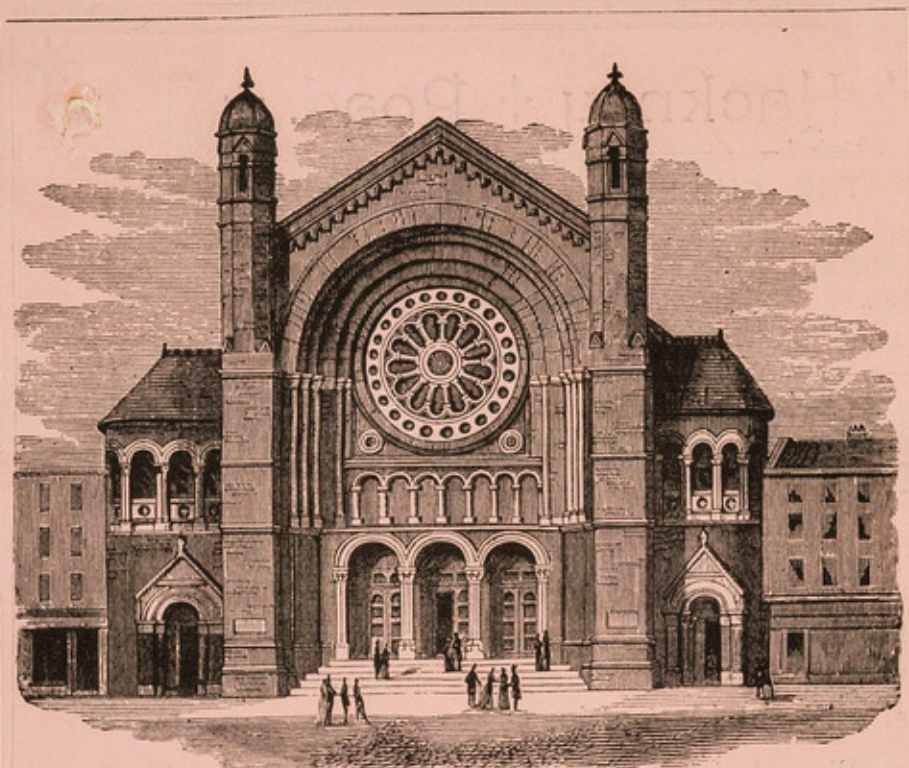
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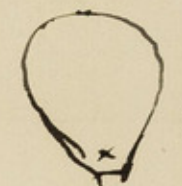
St Paul's parish.

Interview with Mr W Cuff at Shoreditch Tabernacle on 6 April.

Mr Cuff referred to his illness which had prevented him seeing me some. He is a very strong man un-
-used to illness & he told me all about it in a way which showed him very ready to give or claim sympathy & this with abounding energy is no doubt what gives him his power. He takes a kindly human view of things & talks excellent sense undisturbed altogether, I should suppose by intellectual difficulties. Of the three great Baptist ministers Spurgeon is dead & Archdall Brown has gone away - these two we only know by their reputations & the organizations they have created. Cuff remains & is I imagine the simplest character of the three. His face ^{is a very good likeness} which is pasted on the opposite page - is quite characteristic of the man. On the next page is an elevation & plan of the Tabernacle which is no less characteristic ~~of the man~~ in its way.



J. COX, PRINTER, 299, OLD STREET E.C.

He told me how he, being unable to draw,²
 struggled to explain his ideas to a young
 architect - has walking along & thinking of
 this he saw a cotten banno loaded with
 William pears & so found what he wanted
 cutting a pear in half  he showed it
 to the architect & said "this is what
 I want - & there in the middle of this part
 near the Hall will be my place". The
 Architect seized the idea & this building
 is the result. After our talk he took me
 into it - the room we were in opened onto
 the lower platform - & we climbed to the upper
 platform & standing there one could imagine
 what it would be when the place was filled
 & 3000 faces could turn towards the minister
 for there is not a corner of either the body
 of the hall or the large galleries that his
 eye does not reach - or where his voice comes
 not easily be heard. Perfect in its way - but
 that is not to be in any sense "a house of God".
 no sense of sacredness attaches to it at all.

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The Tabernacle is the centre of a great religious effort & is best represented by the special prayer meeting to which the band of workers - some 300 in all - gather. This is on one week day evening I think. These 300 workers are the kernel of the whole & all come under McCaff's personal influence. He says they are all of the working class & I suppose he knows. He however also claims that his whole congregation are of this class only which I find it difficult to believe. All wage earners he said - but admitted that many of them were skilled & well employed - as cabinet makers for instance or in City places. I told him of my visit & that I had thought his people the most genuine working class audience I had seen, but that I still had thought them mixed with the lower middle class. The truth is that it is very difficult to judge. McCaff said the men looked & were very intelligent & the girls looked & were exceedingly well dressed & that even if they were far from well off - with in but a little of want if work failed.

SHOREDITCH TABERNACLE, HACKNEY ROAD.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

February 3rd, 1898.

We did such great things last year that we can afford to rejoice and be glad. "The Lord hath been mindful of us, He will bless us." Let us all be confident, and prayerfully toil on. The end is not yet, neither is our work finished.

I shall never forget your love and enthusiasm at the 25th anniversary. Truly it knew no bounds, and my joy was great and sweet as I saw and felt your love after all the years we have been together. Moreover, the Lord raised up many generous friends who helped us right nobly. We actually paid £1,500 off the debt and we have the receipt. What remains will be paid off this year, and we shall be free from our long burden. For the first time, I can say this with confidence, because I can see the end. Your courage and faith will, I am sure, bear this last strain. We have many promises to come in, and as we are all unanimous and united to make the Bazaar a success, the rest of the debt will be gone. The end is now in sight, as March 28th, 29th, and 30th, are the days fixed for the Bazaar. Please hurry up with the things that we may know what we are likely to have. We are expecting to have a very large Bazaar, because we feel confident you are all at work for it, and determined to make it a big success. I plead for the utmost unanimity and good feeling for all the arrangements and details. In such a thing as a Bazaar there must be some difference of opinion as to details; but we have done our best to make such arrangements as will be good for the whole. Our object and aim are one, and we only need to be agreed and we shall gloriously attain it all. I am confident we shall.

Last year we had no deficit on the general accounts. I suppose that was too good; and you all thought you must not give so much every Sunday or there would be more than we needed. This was a mistake, and so there is a balance on the wrong side. If you look carefully at the facts and figures you will see it is easily and clearly accounted for. I am sorry there is any deficit, and hope we shall soon remove it. I can only repeat what I have so often said, namely, if our dear people would but take the weekly offering envelopes, get a seat of their own in the Tabernacle, and put something in the envelope every Sunday, we should never have a balance on the wrong side. Twopence or threepence a week does not seem much to give to God, and yet that given every Sunday would save us all anxiety and trouble. I beg you, my dear people, to try it this year, and see the result at the end.

Oh, for more and more of spiritual blessing and power! This is the secret of all true success. Let us pray for it more than ever. I lovingly urge you to come to our Prayer Meetings. We have most blessed seasons there. Come and join us, and may the Lord bless you all.

I am, my Dear Friends,

Your loving Pastor,

W. CUFF.

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CHURCH FUND, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bankers, 1896 ...	...	4	14 5
To Collections ...	...	323	12 7
" Weekly Offerings ...	...	420	5 11
" Pew Rents ...	...	115	9 6
" Rent of Property, Austin Street ...	...	69	15 7
" Rent of Property, Hackney Road ...	...	35	0 0
" Mr. Terry (Half Rent of Wellington Street School) ...	...	10	0 0
" Special Subscriptions, W. R. Fox and C. Fox, Esqs. ...	...	30	0 0
" Special Subscription, J. Carter, Esq. ...	...	20	0 0
" Special Donations per Mr. Hewitson, of Hampstead ...	...	70	0 0
" Hire of Tabernacle, Gas, Cleaning, etc. ...	...	6	12 6
" Collection re Excursion Fund for Poor ...	...	5	0 0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Pastor's Salary ...	...	600	0 0
" Chapel Keeper's Salary ...	...	91	0 0
" Ex Chapel Keeper's Salary ...	...	26	0 0
" Baptist Annuity Fund (Interest) ...	...	141	5 9
" Rent, Shap Street and Wellington Street Schools ...	...	47	8 4
" Rent, Shap Street Mission ...	...	10	0 0
" Donation to Rent, Gibraltar Mission ...	...	10	0 0
<i>Special Collections—</i>			
" Sunday School Anniversary ...	...	11	7 0
" Mission Schools ...	...	9	0 5
" Pastor's College (2 Collections) ...	...	17	12 0
" Baptist Missionary Society ...	...	7	7 0
" London Baptist Association ...	...	8	0 0

" Collection re Temperance Jubilee Fund ...	...	1	1 0
" Collection re Watch Night Service ...	...	2	5 0
" " Annual Tea ...	...	3	9 4
" " Pastor's College ...	...	5	8 0
" Donations to Baptist Home Mission Fund ...	...	5	10 0
" Sundries ...	...	0	10 0
" Overdrawn at Bank ...	...	104	10 11

£1,233 4 9

Examined and found correct.

J. CLAYSON,
G. H. FRASSINELLI, } Auditors.

G. T. DEARBURG, Treasurer.
G. CARTWRIGHT, Financial Secretary.

" Hospital Sunday Fund ...	...	9	0 0
" Excursion (Poor Fund) ...	...	5	0 0
" Jubilee Temperance Fund ...	...	1	1 0
" Fire Insurance ...	...	68	7 5
" Gas ...	...	11	14 9
" Supplies for Platform ...	...	84	14 3
" Mr. Baines (Architect) re Survey ...	...	14	3 0
" Baptist Home Mission Fund ...	...	3	3 0
" House to House Visiting Society, Tracts, &c. ...	...	10	0 0
" Rates and Taxes ...	...	14	2 6
" Coals and Coke ...	...	16	0 10
" Stationery, Stamps, Printing, &c. ...	...	20	2 0
" Annual Tea ...	...	24	4 0
" Petty Cash ...	...	2	17 1
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DEBT EXTINCTION FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash at Bank, January, 1897	150 16 11	Printing:—	
*Subscriptions per Pastor	1089 15 11	Mr. Cox	4 15 6
" " Treasurer	160 15 0	Mr. Forsaith	1 16 6
" " Secretary	134 6 9	Mr. Hillman	2 8 6
Collections on Pastor's Anniversary		Hymn Sheets	1 15 0
Sunday, Nov. 14/97	10 0 0	Tea Expenses:—	10 15 6
Monday afternoon, Nov. 15/97	15 5 1	Per Mrs. Frost	14 6 8
" evening, " "	18 0 6	Messrs. Earce and Co.	2 3 6
Tea Trays, per Mrs. Cuff	43 5 7	Messrs. Earce and Co.	32 0 0
Luncheon Tickets, Sold, for Anniversary	20 18 6	Floral Decorations:—	
Tea	11 5 0	Mr. Mansey	4 12 0
Collection at Tea Table, Dec. 6/97	21 13 6	Postage, Petty Cash, etc.	3 17 6
	1 6 8	Tea:—Per Mrs. Frost, December 6/97	3 5 6
		Paid Baptist Building Fund	1,500 0 0
		Balance at Bank, January 20/98	63 3 2
	£1,634 3 10		£1,634 3 10

*For List of Subscriptions see next Page.

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Total Debt, January, 1897	3,000 0 0
Paid off December 13/97	1,500 0 0
Total Debt, January, 1898	£1,500 0 0

G. T. DEARBURG, Treasurer.
S. BRADBRIDGE, Secretary.

Subscription List TO DEBT EXTINCTION FUND FOR THE YEAR 1897.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. H. A. Adams	0 10 0
" T. Armsby	0 10 0
W. J. Abraham, Esq.	5 0 0
Mr. Arnold	1 1 0
" E. Abbott	1 0 0
" W. E. Addis	2 2 0
" E. F. Barratt	0 10 0
B. F.	25 0 0
L. J. Baker, Esq.	2 2 0
Mrs. Billman	0 5 0
Rev. J. Bradford	2 2 0
B. B. Booth, Esq.	20 0 0
Mr. T. R. Bailey	1 0 0
" F. Burrell	1 0 0
Miss Brummell	0 5 0
" E. Brummell	0 5 0
Mrs. Bradridge	1 1 0
" Barnes	0 2 6
Mr. G. Bunn	0 5 0
J. Barnes, Esq.	5 0 0
Mr. Bellamy	1 1 0
Mr. Bradridge	12 10 0
Mr. and Mrs. Brodie	3 3 0
W. Berdoe, Esq.	2 2 0
Mr. Boswell	0 4 0
Miss Brumwell	1 1 0
Mr. Barnes (Collecting Box)	0 2 9
" F. Brook	1 0 0
" Geo. Barnes	1 1 0
" Bone	0 5 0
Miss Brown	1 0 0
Mrs. Brooks	0 1 0
W. C. Collins, Esq.	5 0 0
Mr. A. Collins	1 0 0
J. W. Clark, Esq.	25 0 0
Mrs. W. M. Chapman	1 1 0
Mr. S. Clayson	5 0 0
J. Clark, Esq.	10 0 0
Geo. Carter, Esq.	10 0 0
Mr. H. Carp	0 5 0
J. W. Cooper, Esq.	3 3 0
S. Chick, Esq.	2 2 0
Mr. T. W. Cook	1 0 0
Pastor and Mrs. Cuff	50 0 0
Mrs. Clift	0 5 0
" E. Clover	0 5 0
Mr. P. J. Cook	1 0 0
" J. Cook	0 10 0
" G. W. Chapman	0 10 0
" G. Crampton	0 5 0
" W. S. Cuff	1 1 0
" E. C. Cartwright	1 0 0
" Cooper	0 5 0
" H. Cole	20 0 0
W. M. Croft, Esq.	10 0 0
J. Carter, Esq.	100 0 0
Mr. J. W. Cook	1 1 0
Mrs. Campbell	1 1 0
Miss Crisp	1 1 0
Mrs. Collins	0 2 6
Mrs. Caffin	0 1 0
Mr. G. Cartwright	5 0 0
Mr. and Mrs. Croom	10 0 0
" J. Cooper (Collectg. Box)	0 2 10
Miss Clark	0 4 0
Mr. W. Cooper	0 9 0
Miss Cass	0 14 2
Miss W. Clarke	0 10 0
Mr. Cooper	1 1 0
" J. Cox	1 1 0
G. H. Dean, Esq.	5 0 0
J. T. Daintree, Esq.	5 0 0
Mr. Dilloway	0 10 0
" and Mrs. Alf. Dearberg	2 0 0
" G. T. Dearberg, Jun.	2 10 0
" E. Dearberg	1 0 0
" G. T. Dearberg	10 0 0
" Jas. Dearberg	2 10 0
Mr. Dilloway	2 2 0
Miss Dorling	0 10 0
Mr. W. Dennington	1 0 0
Master Dennington	0 3 9
Mrs. Doubleday	0 10 0
Mr. Durham	0 10 0
Mrs. Duke	0 10 0
Miss Elliott	0 14 0
Mr. J. R. Ewell	2 0 0
Misses E and A. Eyre	3 2 6
Mr. G. Eyre	1 0 0
Miss E. Errington	0 5 0
Mr. Emery	4 4 0
Messrs. J. E. Earce & Co	1 1 0

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Mrs. Eighteen	1	1	0	H. R. Kelsey, Esq.	5	5	0
Misses L. and C. Emery	2	2	0	Mr. and Mrs. Kevan	0	10	0
Ditto (Collecting Box)	0	1	10	W. E. Lilley, Esq.	10	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Elliott	3	0	0	G. Lewis, Esq.	5	0	0
Mr. and Miss Freutell	5	0	0	E. J. Lee, Esq.	2	2	0
W. R. Fox, Esq.	150	0	0	Mr. H. L. Lawrence	5	5	0
C. E. Fox, Esq.	100	0	0	H. Lawrence	1	1	0
C. F. Foster, Esq.	25	0	0	Mrs. W. Lawrence	1	1	0
A Friend, per E. Dearberg	1	0	0	Miss E. Lawrence	1	1	0
A Friend, per Miss Pitman	0	5	0	L. Lawrence	1	1	0
A Friend	0	2	0	Mr. and Mrs. Latham	0	4	0
"	0	5	0	Mr. Lyne	0	10	0
Mr. Farthing	0	19	6	Mr. Latham (Collecting Box)	0	12	8
Mrs. Forecastle	0	5	0	Mrs. Liquorish	0	1	0
Mr. G. Froud	1	0	0	Mr. W. H. Lang	0	5	0
Rev. T. Greenwood	1	1	0	E. Larter	2	0	0
W. H. Grace, Esq.	5	0	0	Miss Lilley	0	7	1
W. Grace, Esq.	2	2	0	Mr. Lightson	0	5	0
Mrs. Gildersleeve	1	0	0	S. Mansfield, Esq.	5	0	0
Mr. Grunieson	1	1	0	Mr. Mortimer	0	5	0
Mr. Gibbons	1	0	0	S. H. Morley, Esq.	25	0	0
Mrs. Gooding	0	5	0	C. A. Miner, Esq.	2	2	0
Mr. Groome	2	0	0	Mr. Mansfield, Jun.	1	0	0
Mr. T. W. Hood	10	0	0	Mountford	1	10	0
Mr. A. Hood	2	0	0	Mrs. E. E. Mitchell	2	2	0
H. Harvard	5	0	0	J. Marnham, Esq., J.P.	20	0	0
G. Harriss	1	1	0	Mr. Mutch	3	0	0
Booth Harriss, Esq.	3	3	0	S. Miller	5	0	0
Mrs. Hummerston	0	5	0	J. Marjoram	0	10	0
Mr. Harknett	4	0	5	J. Medder	0	10	0
Miss F. A. Hood	3	3	0	Marshall	0	10	0
Mr. G. W. Hayes	1	1	0	Rev. D. Mace	0	10	0
H. E. Hankin	0	5	0	Rev. Geo. P. McKay	1	0	0
Rev. E. Henderson	0	10	0	Mrs. McCall	1	1	0
Mr. W. Humphreys	2	2	0	Morris	0	12	0
Mr. W. F. Humphreys	2	2	0	Marsh	0	5	0
Mrs. L. Humphreys	1	1	0	Marjoram	0	5	0
Mr. J. Hickman	2	2	0	Miss Mears	0	5	0
Geo. Hicks	1	2	0	Mrs. Murton	0	10	0
Howson	1	1	0	A. J. Nash, Esq.	5	0	0
Mrs. Hart	1	0	0	Miss M. Nutt	0	5	0
Mr. Hood, Jun. (Coll. Card)	1	0	0	Number One	0	5	0
Miss Hill J. Suffield	0	10	0	Mr. N.	0	10	0
Humphreys	0	3	1	Mr. and Mrs. Norton	5	0	0
Hearne	0	2	6	No Name	1	0	0
Mr. Hobbs	0	10	0	"	0	10	0
W. Jones, Esq.	50	0	0	"	1	0	0
Mr. G. Jennings	2	2	0	New Year Offering	0	5	6
J. H. Jennings	3	3	0	W. Olney, Esq.	2	2	0
Miss Jackerman	0	5	0	T. H. Olney, Esq.	50	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Jacques	1	1	0	Mrs. Ossey	4	0	0
Mr. S. Iles	1	0	0	Miss W. Oliver	1	1	0
F. Iles	0	10	0	Dr. H. F. Oliver	15	15	0
Judd	3	3	0	Mrs. Osborn	0	5	0
Mrs. Judd	1	0	0	Old Friend	0	5	0
Mr. Jones	0	2	2	W. J. Orsman, Esq., J.P.	1	1	0

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W. C. Parkinson, Esq.	10	0	Mr. Smith	0	15	0
J. J. Priestley, Esq.	5	0	Mr. Slater	2	12	6
Miss Pitman	5	10	„ Smith (Crimean Hero) ..	0	13	6
Mrs. C. Stean Price	5	0	Mr., Mrs., and Miss Saw ..	1	0	0
Miss M. Perkins & Mr. Tee ..	2	2	Mrs. Sutton	0	10	0
G. Payne, Esq.	5	0	Miss S. Stanton	0	5	0
Sir R. Pullar	5	0	Mrs. Staples	3	0	0
G. Pedley, Esq.	5	0	„ Sills	0	10	0
Mrs. Potts	0	5	„ Sweet	0	15	9
Mr. T. Parry	5	5	Miss Smith (Collecting Box) ..	0	4	7
Miss Pitman	2	0	Miss Sansom	0	5	0
Mr. W. Perkins, Jun.	1	0	J. Toller, Esq.	5	0	0
Rev. J. W. Pope	0	10	Mr. W. Tallack	0	10	0
Mr. E. Penman	0	5	„ R. Thorn	1	1	0
W. Perkins, Esq.	5	0	„ H. J. Thomas	0	5	0
Rev. F. W. Piggott	0	10	Miss Thompson	0	10	0
Mr. Parker	0	5	Mr. W. Tavenor	0	2	0
„ Geo. Pears	1	0	Miss S. Thompson	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Potts	5	0	Mrs. Thomas	2	0	0
Mrs. G. Richardson	2	2	Miss S. Telling	0	5	0
W. R. Rickett, Esq.	50	2	„ M. Telling	0	5	0
Messrs. J. R. Rotherham ..			Mrs. Timms	0	2	6
and Co.	100	0	Mr. Thake	0	5	0
Mrs. Ridley	0	10	W. Vinson, Esq.	3	3	0
Mr. Richards	0	10	W. J. Walker, Esq.	2	2	0
Miss Robinson	0	1	Miss P. Wells	2	2	0
Miss Southgate	1	10	Sir George Williams	10	10	0
Mrs. Slack	5	0	Mr. R. R. West	1	1	0
Mrs. Jane Stevenson	2	0	Miss E. Wayman	1	10	0
Mr. J. J. Smith	5	0	Rev. G. W. White	1	1	0
„ J. Smith	2	1	Mr. J. Weston	0	2	6
„ E. Smith	5	0	Rev. R. Wood	0	5	0
„ E. H. Stockwell	2	2	Mr. W. W.	0	10	0
„ Geo. Smith	1	1	„ Woolman	0	19	0
Miss Smith	6	1	Miss Waterman	0	2	0
Mr. Sheet	0	2	Mr. G. White	0	2	0
Miss E. Slater	0	2	Mr. and Miss H. White	0	10	0
Mr. Sawyer	2	0	Mrs. Woollman	1	0	0
„ Shorey	0	5	Miss Watklns	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sawell ..	0	10	Widow's Mite	0	1	0
Mr. W. Stone	1	10	Mr. S. R. Young	0	5	0

Missions and Schools connected with the Church.

	£	s.	d.
Wellington Street Sunday School	..	..	4 4 0
Sunday School (moiety)	..	..	10 0 0
Young Ladies' Bible Class	..	..	7 15 0
House-to-House Visiting Society	..	..	11 18 6
Tabernacle Choir	..	..	13 10 0

Dalston Junction Chapel Collection	..	..	13 0 0
Devonshire Square Chapel Collection	..	..	12 12 0

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COMMUNION FUND (1897).

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, 1896	0	5	0	Widow and Orphan Fund Baptist Missionary Society	8	10	9
Collections at Lord's Table	96	2	0	Charity Organization Society	7	9	0
Special Donations	1	0	0	Wine for Lord's Table, Distributed by Elders, &c.	63	13	9
Received from Christmas Dinner Fund see Balance Sheet	10	0	0	Distributed re Elders, Christmas Gifts	20	0	0
	101	7	0	Balance in hand	1	13	0
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Examined and found correct.

J. CLAYSON,
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CHRISTMAS DINNER FUND (1897).

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Cards and Donations	48	12	6	Printing	2	13	0
" Lecture by Rev. W. Cuff	5	13	10	re Lantern &c., for Lecture	2	2	0
	54	6	4	Distributed by Elders as per Communion Fund Balance Sheet	10	0	0
	54	6	4	Bread	5	0	0
				Grocery, Bread and Coal Tickets	34	11	4
					54	6	4

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Besides the Tabernacle with 2000 numbered seats & accommodating another 1000 when crowded up. There is a large central school room - divided into class rooms by an ingenious arrangement of sliding shutters. This hall when opened out seats 1200 & there are in all 26 class rooms (no doubt this number includes the hall divided up). In these rooms there are 5 or 6 meetings of one kind or other every night. & on Sunday a huge Sunday School - about 7000 children - is held. There is also a small mission room in Kingland Rd (nearly) which is controlled under the railway (in an arch etc) this seats 150. & another in Shop St which is used as a soup kitchen but has a hall over with room for 100 persons - always filled on Sunday says Mr Cuff said. And there is a larger building in Gibraltar Walk formerly a Congregational Chapel - but which was shut up & is now run as a mission & Sunday school with 3/400 children. It seats 500 & Mr Cuff says it is full on Sunday. Here at Gibraltar Walk there is a large moral society which last year collected £1800

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This society is simply a bank - members pay in what they please weekly & draw out what they please of what ever sum is to their credit & as a rule draw out the balance every Christmas & begin afresh with the new year.

Besides these buildings they rent two Doora Schools - one in Wellington S. & one in Shap S. - for Sunday Schools. 400 children in the one - 1500 in the other. & in this latter (Shap S.) they have a library, as well as Band of Hope & Mothers meeting [I do not understand how they could run a mothers meeting at the school & think this must be at the Shap S. Mission]

All these are run from the Tabernacle - that is by the 300 workers who in addition have a "Lodging House Mission" which visits 3 lodges & also regularly conducting services in each & others carry on open air services in summer. Finally there is an elaborate system of visiting from house to house - about 42 visitors being allotted to various parts of the district surrounding the Tabernacle - all being working men & women. & their Superintendent a working man employed in a brewery who has been doing this all his life. They take

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round the publications of the Religious Tract Society "Friendly Greetings" - which are lent & exchanged week by week from house to house till a whole series is exhausted - and a new series begins. These tracts are nicely got up & covered in very tough brown paper so that they pass from hand to hand without becoming ragged - but when they have been the future mine they are of course worn out - (This is worked in the same way as by Mr Richardson of St. Dennis - of whom Mr Cuff spoke very highly by the way)

These visitors meet on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 & after a prayer service go out from 3 to 5 o'clock - they also go out in the evening on weekdays - at these hours they find every one at home. Mr Cuff looks upon systematic visiting as of the first importance - the basis of the whole work - but he says it is never used to whip up the attendance at Church - the visitors seek to recommend religion but make no sectarian business of it.

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Through them cases of distress are made known
& brought to Mr Cuffs attention - who thereupon
gives tickets for coal or what not - or in
his turn recommends the case to his deacons
who control the purse. He says they do
not relieve where they are not sure &
try to relieve adequately. I gather also
that other & richer Baptist Churches, such
as that at Hampstead, help with funds.
He promised to send me last years report
which includes a balance sheet.

It is probable that Mr Cuff sees
all in a rosy light - but it is evident that
we have here a very considerable centre
of religious influence & religious work.

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Holy Trinity parish

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Bethnal Green District 9

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Mr R. Allinson, 9/26 Albert Road, Dalston
London City Missionary at Old Nichol Street
Mission and Schools. Bethnal Green. E.
GLA 27/4/98.

The Mission was founded in 1836 in Fawcett
Street by one Jonathan Duthoit, of whom a large oil
portrait is suspended above the platform of the
present building in Nichol Street.

The premises consist of two distinct but com-
municating buildings. One is a hall holding 500
with small vestry & kitchen at back. The other con-
tains seven schoolrooms of various sizes, accom-
modating at least 1500 children. Some of these
rooms are still fitted with desks and other
appliances, the relics of a day school that existed
before the school board era. The two buildings are
managed by different committees; the schools being
worked by teachers from Union Chapel, Islington
(Rev W. H. Harwood), whilst the Hall in which the
services are held is worked by Mr Allinson as
a Mission, the distinction being made to maintain
Mr A's inter-denominational position as a London
City Missionary. The Communion Service of the Branch
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Church is held in the schools: not in the Hall.

Mr Allinson is a gentleman in appearance, neatly dressed in black frock coat & silk hat quite above the ordinary type of L. C. Missionary. About 45 years of age; thin intelligent face, scanty beard. Thoughtful & deliberate in speech and evidently a man of character & originality. Has been here 15 years.

The Missionary & caretaker are the only paid workers. A large number of workers come from Union Chapel for the Sunday evening school (See Report) Beside these, about 20 other workers.

The V Branch (of Union) Church has over 60 members, many of whom are the active workers.

The List of Services is given in the Circular on next page and additional information is given in the Report of the Schools as to attendance. In sending me the Report some days after the interview, Mr Allinson said that he had waited hoping to send the report for 1897 "which will present considerably higher figures in several departments of our work". The figures Mr A. gave were usually slightly above those printed in this Report.

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SCHOOLS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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Held in open air during summer.

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Old Nichol Street Mission & Schools

(OPPOSITE CLUB ROW, CHURCH STREET).

DEAR FRIENDS,—

Do you go to God's House on the Lord's Day?
If not, we very warmly invite you to join us here.
We meet on Sundays in the

- 1 Morning at 11.30 ... Prayer Meeting *Small. about 20.*
- 2 Afternoon at 3.15 ... Adults' Bible Class. *Men & Women. Average 40 now.*
- 3 Evening at 6.45 ... Gospel Service *80 to 100 attend. Have lost a great many through the clearances. But are beginning to regain their position.*

And on week days :—

- 4 Monday at 2.0 p.m. Mothers' Meeting *Average 60 to 70.*
- 5 " 8.30 " Temperance Society *Membership about 30 Attendance 40 or 50.*
- 6 Thursday 8.30 " Gospel Service *Come from neighbourhood*

Hymn Books are provided. All seats free. All visitors will be made welcome, and we shall be specially glad to see those who have come as new residents to this neighbourhood settle down amongst us. We can promise you a most kind and brotherly reception.

ROBERT ALLINSON,
Missionary.

JAMES POGSON,
Hon. Secretary.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
MORNING ..	..	Superintendent—Mr. H. SEABROOK.	Average attendance—Scholars, 65.	Teachers, 9.
AFTERNOON ..	..	Mr. W. ANDERSON.	" " 60.	" 8.
EVENING ..	..	Messrs. E. ERLEBACH & A. W. FINCH	(Winter Session, Oct., 1896, to Feb., 1897, inclusive)—Scholars, 574.	Teachers, 21.

BRANCH CHURCH MISSION DEPARTMENT.

(Funds separately provided).

Superintendent—Mr. W. ERLEBACH.

SUNDAY AND WEEK-NIGHT SERVICES FOR ADULTS, held in the Mission Room.

PRAYER MEETINGS, SINGING CLASS, and other MISSION AGENCIES.

Missionary—Mr. ALLINSON, 96, Albert Road, Dalston.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES.—Average attendance, about 75. THURSDAY SERVICES, about 30.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS, Average Attendance, 30.

WEEK EVENING SCHOOLS.

TUESDAY ..	(8.0 to 9.30) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Superintendent—Mr. C. G. COWARD.
WEDNESDAY	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr. W. ERLEBACH.
THURSDAY	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	Dr. S. WHITE.
FRIDAY	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mr. E. ERLEBACH.

Number of Scholars on Books (October, 1896, to February, 1897), about 350.

Average Attendance of Scholars each Evening during Winter Session, 124:—Teachers, 9.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Secretary—Mr. JAMES POGSON, 96, Albert Road, Dalston.

MONDAY EVENING Average Attendance, 31.

BAND OF HOPE.

Superintendent—Mr. JAMES E. GREENO, 31, Gayhurst Road, Dalston.

MONDAY EVENING Average Attendance, 58.

PENNY BANK.

Treasurer—Mr. JAMES F. BARNARD. Managers—Mr. ALLINSON and Mr. ALLINSON, Junr.

Amount received from Depositors, £170 19s. 0d.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

Secretary—Mr. A. W. FINCH, 120, Brooke Road, Stoke Newington.

Open EVERY WEEK EVENING (7.0 to 10.0). Total Paying Members, 71. Average Attendance, 35.

Chess, Draughts, Reading, Technical Classes, Gymnasium, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING DEBATING SOCIETY (in connection with Club), 8.15 to 9.30. Members, 9.

SEWING CLASSES.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS. About 60 Girls taught sewing in 1896.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Conducted by Misses MATTHEWMAN and NEWMAN, and Mrs. J. F. BARNARD.

MONDAY (at 2.0 p.m.) Average Attendance, 40.

LIBRARIES.

About 500 Volumes in the three Libraries—Sunday Afternoon, Week-Night, and Club.

Gifts of fresh suitable Books are earnestly requested.

FREE BREAKFASTS.

(Funds separately provided).

Treasurer—Mr. W. ERLEBACH, 23, Highbury Hill.

During the winter, 1895-6, 7,523 Breakfasts were given, at an average cost of about One Penny.

Number of Voluntary Teachers, about 95.

The "Boundary Street Scheme" of the London County Council during the last year has made some progress, but a large part of the area is still without houses, and the number of our Scholars necessarily continues to be much below the average of former years.

List of Subscribers for 1898. & appeared on page facing this.

The people of the district are poor; some extremely poor & of the latter a portion are in receipt of parish relief. The clearance of the district by the L.C.C. has made a great difference to them.

The people have gone away and very few of the old residents are in the L.C.C. buildings. Their congregation comes almost entirely from the older houses, partly because the bldgs. have not been built in Mr A's district (One block is nearly finished now) & partly because these people are better off & think themselves above missions.

The attendants at the services all mostly come from the neighbourhood. The children attending the evening (Sunday) school are the poorest & from poor working class homes. Many ~~were~~ are dressed as on week days but the majority continue to dress differently on Sunday.

Mr A's district is bounded north by Virginia Road & Calvert Avenue, west by Shoreditch High Street, east by Arnold Circus & Nichol Row & Club Row & south by Bethnal Green Road. It is practically Holy Trinity parish (Osborne Jay's) & a little to the north of it.

THE
NICHOL STREET RAGGED SCHOOLS,

OLD NICHOL STREET, BETHNAL GREEN ROAD, SHOREDITCH.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1896.

Issued May, 1897.

TREASURER

Mr. HENRY SPICER, 14 Aberdeen Park, Highbury.

HON. SECRETARIES

Mr. J. T. HENDERSON, 22, Aberdeen Park.
„ EUSTACE ERLEBACH, 11, Aberdeen Park.

COMMITTEE

REV. W. H. HARWOOD, 25, Aberdeen Park.
MR. WILLIAM ANDERSON, 67, Kingsland Road.
„ J. F. BARNARD, 36, Hamilton Road, Highbury.
„ ALFRED BARNARD, 320, Liverpool Road.
„ J. BISHOP, 110, Shoreditch.
„ W. T. BOLTON, 4, Cumberland Park, Acton.
„ C. B. BROOKE, 20, Aberdeen Park.
„ WALTER BRUCE, 44, Londesborough Road, Stoke Newington.
„ C. G. COWARD, 13, Lucerne Road, Highbury.

Mr. WOODLAND ERLEBACH, 23, Highbury Hill.
„ A. W. FINCH, 120, Brooke Road, Stoke Newington.
„ S. J. GLOVER, 24, Aberdeen Park.
„ HENRY LEE, J.P., Earlsam, Highbury Quadrant.
„ C. P. ROBERTSON, 190, Upper Street, Islington.
„ HENRY SEABROOK, 26, Albert Road, Dalston.
„ J. W. STANDERWICK, 9, Anson Road, Tufnell Park.
„ RICHARD STONE, 19, Compton Road, Canonbury.
„ J. ELLIOTT VINEY, 21, Highbury Crescent.

Dr. SIDNEY WHITE, 133, Lordship Road, Stoke Newington.

COLLECTORS

Mrs. B. D. MELLOR, 55, Highbury Hill. Miss BARNARD, 36, Hamilton Road, Highbury.
Miss DUTHOIT, 184, Highbury New Park. Miss WRIGHT, 33, Baulbec Road, Highbury.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE NICHOL STREET RAGGED SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

To Balance from 1895 Account	£59 9 3	By Wages	£54 12 0
Subscriptions and Donations	98 8 0	Gas, Water, Fuel, Cleaning and Insurance	66 19 9½
Collections at Union Chapel	43 19 1	Repairs (ordinary), Furniture and Sundries	20 0 9
Grant from Ragged School Union	40 0 0	School Materials, Rewards, Printing, &c.	27 8 0
Branch Church Mission, Nichol St.—Repayments	14 5 8	Magic Lantern Expenses	5 5 11
		Balance of Christmas (1895) Treat Expenses	0 2 9½
		Balance of Summer Excursion Expenses	26 2 7
		Balance in hand	35 10 2
	<u>£236 2 0</u>		<u>£236 2 0</u>
To Legacy from the late John Procter, Esq. (passed to Suspense Account)	£50 0 0		
Also Collected by Teachers for Christmas, 1895, Treats, given in January, 1896, to 893 children			£29 1 0
Special Donations to Summer Excursion Fund			£1 0 6

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The alterations & demolitions have affected Mr A's visitation greatly. He can now visit every tenement in a month, whilst in the old days it took 3 months. Here he entered into an account of the old Jago which he says was painted much too dark, simply on the word of one man (Osborne Jay). He declares it was no worse than several other poor places. He knew it well & visited from house to house, going from "cellar to ceiling". He admits it was bad but objects to the district being gibbeted as the bad spot.

Beside visiting the houses, Mr A. now "drops across people in the street". Have also a band of tract distributors, who cover a somewhat larger area than Mr A's district, visiting some 200 families weekly. Now being reorganised.

Give free breakfast to children four mornings a week. Tickets are distributed by the teachers of the Nichol Street & Newcastle Street Board Schools & also at the Sunday evening school. Bread & milk & bread & butter & cocoa. 200 to 250 a day. Sometimes help cases of distress but "we don't" encourage cadging".

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No arrangements for nursing. When sickness comes people are generally removed to the Infirmary, or Hospital. Bethnal Green infirmary is very popular. Mr A. has known people to come and live here one night in order to get into this Infirmary. [This may be one cause of the overcrowded state of B.G. infirmary]

The question of religious influences, naturally brought up Mr Jay, of whom Mr A. seemed very loathe to speak. However, after assuring him that we wished to know his opinions, & not for publication but to get at the facts, he began to talk somewhat freely.

Mr Jay's spiritual work was nil but he did something with the clubs, where he used to get a few ruffians. Used to get out bills "Boxing competitions" & have them displayed at the public houses. This influence he thinks has been evil: men trained in the club have gone out & figured as pugilists, whilst parents have had their sons, rather than be subject to parental control, go to Mr J's club & say they have no home.

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The Baptist Chapel (Bethnal Green Road) does not visit in the district nor does it do much work except in Huntingdon Bldgs (a block adjoining the Chapel) & these it works thoroughly.

The Home of Industry (Mrs Macpherson) visits special cases in the districts but its work is more on the Spitalfields side.

Passing to the General Questions, he said the Police used to avoid the district as much as possible and generally went in 2's. Crime. The criminals have gone. There was a considerable proportion but in this respect the district has been mis-represented. As many in other parts. To read "A child of the Jago" you might infer that murders were an every day occurrence but in fact there has not been a murder in Mr Jays parish since he set foot in it. There was one murder 6 years ago at a place opposite here (The part of Old Nichol Street in St Philips Parish) but that is the only one for 16 years.

A good many Prostitutes used to live in the district and you could never be sure about the marital relations of the people. Finds people living together for many years. Mentioned case of an old

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couple, who lived together 40 years. The fact came out when the man was ill. 'He would have married me again and again' said the woman 'but I could never see the good of it'.

Thrift. Penny bank sometimes takes £200 in a year. Depositors are not children as a rule.

Housing. Whilst admitting that the new dwellings are good, Mr A. does not think they are exactly the right thing. First, rents are too high; then the outer door open right into the best room and this is very much disliked by the people generally. There is no accommodation for washing except at the laundry for which an additional charge per hour is made.

Asked about the results of the work, Mr A. said they were once more increasing in attendance. As to the results on the people, while they do not see any marked spiritual good, we do see an effort to raise themselves in appearance. At first, ^{young people} they come to a service unwashed but a marked improvement is soon seen. The same with the women & the improvement extends to the home. They become more

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respectable & clean.

Mr A. seems to be a steady, persistent worker & his words about "the exaggerated statements" of Mr Jay have considerable force as he undoubtedly knows & has known the district well. ~~One~~ Force is added to them by the omission of any hint of any other worker, beside 'Father Sturt' being mentioned in the 'Jago' or in the magazine articles altho this mission ~~& other~~ has been there so many years & already half the district is in St Philip's parish.

As I was coming away, Mr Allinson pointed to a new red brick building near opposite the Hall, which has been opened by an Anglican Sisterhood - "something like the Kilburn Sisterhood". It is in Mr Loveridges' parish but the opening services &c were held at Holy Trinity & clergy &c walking in procession to the Church. Mr L. has protected ^{to the Bishop} against its establishment in his parish & there appears to be an amount of friction in consequence.

Miss Annie Nappherson, ⁹ The Home of Industry
29 Bethnal Green Road E.

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This Mission is the result of Miss M's work in the district over a period of nearly 40 years. It occupies a corner block of buildings originally erected as warehouses, and in connection with it there is a training home for children at Tower Street, London Fields. Whilst we were doing Hackney, a letter was sent to Tower Street, to which Miss M. replied saying that the work was entirely religious & did not come within the scope of our Inquiry. I called at Bethnal Green Road & found that Miss M. was unwell & could not see me - she had been ailing for some time. She is a stout woman of about 60.

When my name was taken up, an elderly lady came down to see me and said that Miss M. was unwell & did not care to have any accounts of the Home published. After a little talk she went back

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returning in about 7 minutes, she gave me the following card, which she said was a list of their operations:

HOME OF INDUSTRY,

29, Bethnal Green Road, E.

DEAR FRIEND,

We ask your prayers for the following Branches of work connected with our Home:—

Destitute Boys trained and started in life with farmers in Canada. Total emigrated 6,000. 400

Girls under ten years of age received for adoptions in Canada.

Widows helped as funds enable us, by weekly sewing class, &c.

Young Women's and Young Men's Classes.

Women's Sunday afternoon Bible Classes.

Girls' and Boys' Sunday Schools.

Mothers' meetings.

Family dispensary.

Visitation of Factories and Workrooms.

Hospitals visited by Ladies with flowers and text cards.

Policemen's Children's Classes.

Postmen's Classes.

Lodging Houses visited weekly.

Gospel Preached regularly in Bird Fair every Sunday morning. Gospel Service at 8 o'clock.

Bible Barrow and Colportage Work, daily.

Christian Workers' Monthly Meeting, 3rd Wednesday. Tea 6 p.m.

The above work carried on **Trusting Jesus.**

1896. J. Annie Macpherson.

She also gave me a booklet "Life Pictures" (in the latter pages of which, 17-19 some account of the mission work is given) and said that an article upon the Home was to be published in Pearson's Magazine for May or June, from which

we might obtain information. Miss M. had only given that reluctantly. With this meagre information I was obliged to be content.

I regret this, ^{result} rather as the Home is undoubtedly a centre of much Christian activity. They have a large Sunday evening school & a smaller one in the afternoon. Scholars on books number 837, whilst the average attendance in the evening is 423 & afternoon 126. Teachers 53, with average of 10 in the afternoon & 35 in the evening. Band of Hope has 60 members.

St Paul's parish

Interview with

District 9. Bethnal Green North

Mr Edward Smith, Supt of Gibraltar Walk Chapel
a branch mission of Shoreditch Tabernacle
24/9/95

Mr Smith is the manager of the Royal London Friendly Society & I met him at his office: 6 Paul Street, Finsbury. A well dressed vigorous man in the prime of life, strong face, square jaw, slight moustache, and massive head, Mr Smith is an ideal of the business man. Speaks clearly and readily and is evidently a man with his own opinions on most questions. Has been working about 23 years at this Mission.

Was familiar with 'Life & Labour' & the poverty classification & when asked about the people said they would mostly come under our classes B & C. Poor labouring class - bricklayers, costers, loafers &c. From this class of people living in the immediate neighbourhood, the congregation is drawn. Mr S. knows 20 widows, who are receiving parish relief in their congregation. Have also a number of

Persons employed

Buildings used

Services & Social Agencies

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of young fellows. Bright young men, who care for and can appreciate the People's Palace - yet they are drawn from the neighbourhood.

Well supported by workers. At least 50 fall are honorary "even the parson".

Chapel holds 600; schoolroom about 500; several classrooms communicating with the schoolroom.

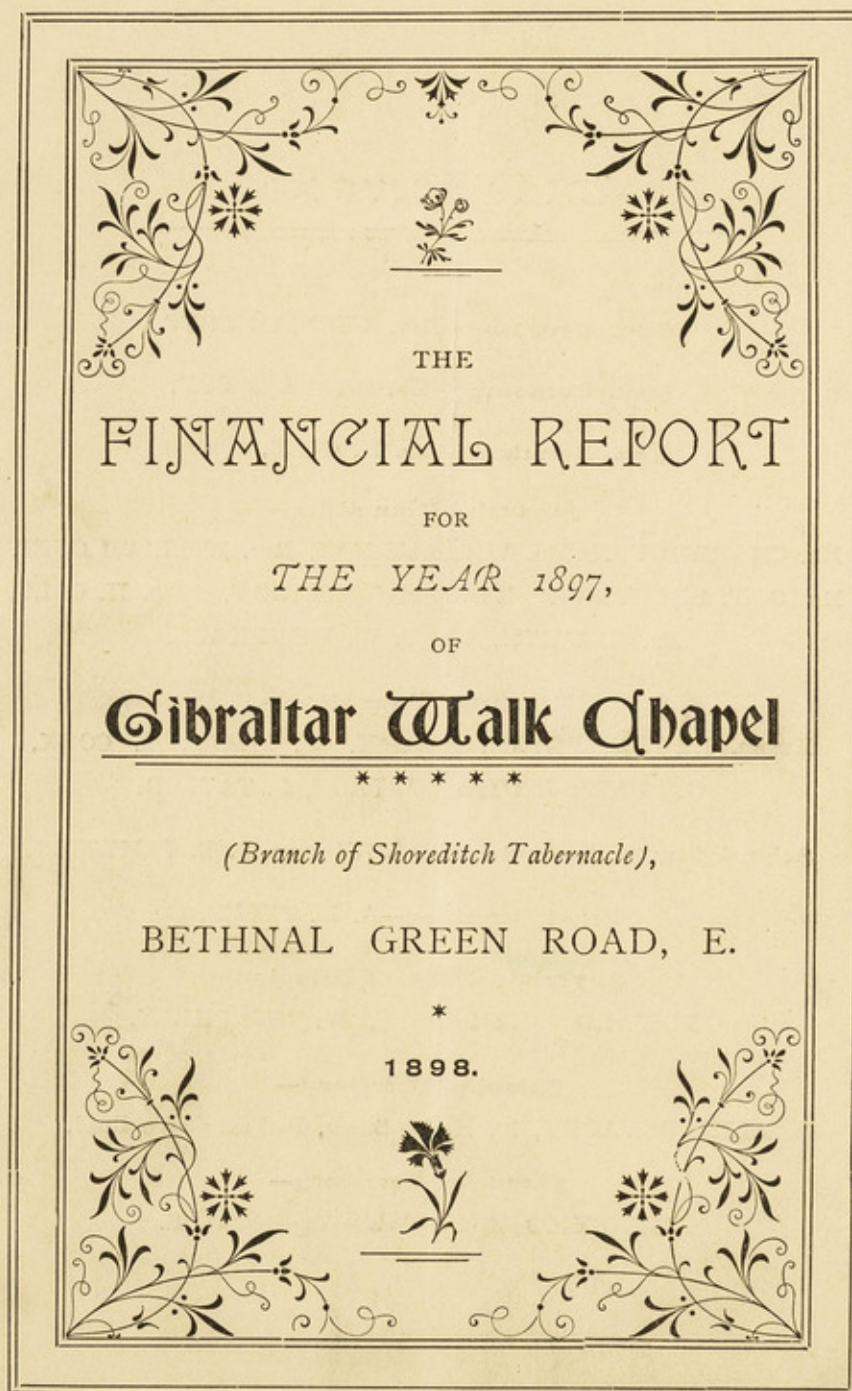
Sunday Services.

On Sunday morning they have a children's service fairly well attended & during summer an open air meeting out on waste ground by chapel. Men come regularly to this & stand just away from the meeting but within earshot.

Sunday School: Teachers 29. Scholars 300/400.

Statistics: On Book 350 Average attendance M^d 30. Afternoon 195
Evening 160

All are children of the ordinary decent working people. Many of them "awfully hard up" but "you touch them on the quick when you talk about their youngsters" & all are remarkably well dressed. People have gone to his school & expressed surprise at the manner in which the children are dressed - yet he knows the parents & the house.



J. S. FORSAITH & SON, 329 BETHNAL GREEN ROAD.

and people would be surprised to see the poor homes from which these children come "It is the pride of the mothers".

Gospel Service 7 PM. Over 300 adults. A children's service is going on at the same time in the schoolroom. Room packed. Could have a thousand if they could accommodate them. Some are in the afternoon school but the majority is a distinct class. Not so well dressed but yet not poorer. Less cared for is a more correct description - parents turn them out.

Beside this, they have meetings of one kind or another every evening in the week, and gives a prominent place to social work. Mothers Meeting, Busy Bess - a girls working meetings - make & purchase their own clothes, &c.

The Gibraltar Mission Provident Society (Sat 7.30. 9.30) now in its third year has been a great success & will turn over £3000 this year. (See Report attached)
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Don. President—REV. WILLIAM CUFF.

Don. Treasurer—MR. CHARLES FOX.

Don. Secretary—MR. H. COLE.

Financial Committee—

MR. CHARLES FOX, MR. WILLIAM FOX, REV. WILLIAM CUFF,
MR. G. T. DEARBURG, MR. G. CARTWRIGHT, MR. H. COLE,
MR. E. SMITH, MR. F. W. HUMPHREY.

Workers' Committee—

MESSRS. BROWN, BRYAN, PARISH, W. PEARS, G. COOK,
G. PEARS, J. DYER, H. PAGE, L. TAYLOR.

School Superintendents—G. FROUD AND R. E. PEHRSEN.

School Secretary—A. H. TYLER.

Superintendents of Mission—

EDWARD SMITH AND F. W. HUMPHREY.

Mission Secretary—

ALFRED WAGON, 12, Hague Street, Bethnal Green Road.

Financial Secretary—

HENRY COLE, 151, Whitechapel Road, E.

DEAR FRIENDS,

The Workers and Friends of Shoreditch Tabernacle attached for service to Gibraltar Chapel, record with thankfulness that the vigorous work of previous years is still carried on with success and blessing.

During the year our ranks have been broken by the promotion of our young sister, Amelia Nadal, from service here to reward and service before the King.

We thank God for her work amongst us, and also her faithful witness, especially in song, for her Master. She will long be remembered for what she has done.

It is worthy of record that this is the first active worker called home from our ranks during our nine years' work here.

Our Services are well attended, both Sundays and week days, indoors and outdoors. At the beginning of the year Mr. Edward Smith was joined in the leadership by our friend, Mr. F. W. Humphrey, who formerly worked amongst us, and who is ever ready to render what help he can.

Our Sunday Schools are still very active, and, as before, our Night School is still hampered for want of room, having Sunday by Sunday to turn children away because the place is packed.

Our Cripple Work continues to grow. It numbers upwards of 80 children who are bodily afflicted. Those that are able meet on Thursday evenings, whilst the helpless ones are visited from time to time, most valuable help being rendered by the Ragged School Union.

We most heartily thank the many friends who have helped us during the past year. Especially do we thank our Pastor, his wife, and the members of his family, for their practical help amongst us; also Messrs. W. R. Fox, C. E. Fox, Wm. Perkins, T. W. Hood; Mrs. A. Goodman, Mr. Kitchen, Mrs. Traish, Mrs. Pearce, and many others.

In our own names, and for the children, we gratefully thank the friends of the Leytonstone Congregational Church for their repeated treats to our Sunday School children and cripples.

Christmas trees, with gifts of toys, refreshments and entertainment, are appreciated by our children of Bethnal Green.

We are pleased to say that our new work (started in opposition to the public-house), the Provident Society, has been again successful, the year's turnover being £1,700, against £767 for the previous year, paying out a dividend of 2s. 4d. per share, against 1s. 11d. per share. Thus the people of Bethnal Green have an opportunity of saving their pence without the temptation attending a public-house must bring.

To our many friends we again say, come and see for yourselves the work carried on.

See also back cover.

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The many-sided work has but the one object in view—the extension of the kingdom of Jesus Christ by the preaching of His gospel.

Many have been saved and made new creatures in Christ Jesus.

We go forth in confidence, having proved during the past year the promise to be true, "Certainly I will be with Thee," and with that promise still ringing in our ears, we again join hands, consecrate ourselves afresh, and with all our failings and shortcomings, "Nailing them to His cross," we go forward as one man to give battle to the enemies of our God.

Thanks to the Pastor and Deacons, our Temperance Society was enabled to hold a Concert on behalf of the Welsh Quarrymen and their distressed families, the sum of £54 being realised for the Quarrymen's Fund; the expenses of printing for same being paid by the late Chas. Harrison, Esq., M.P.

Financially, we much regret to say that we are not in the position we could wish, as we find that we have a balance on the wrong side of £9 17s. 10d.

The main cause of this has been that we have had to pay a water rate which had not been collected in previous years. There have also been other extra items of expenditure which could not be avoided.

We trust, however, that old friends and new will give us such support as will enable us to clear off this deficit, and start the New Year free from debt. If everyone will make a little extra effort this will be done, and the workers will be much encouraged.

We are, dear friends,

On behalf of the Workers and the Finance Committee,

Yours sincerely,

A. WAGON,
H. COLE.

Shoreditch Tabernacle Mission Chapel.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, 1897.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
Mr. H. J. Bliss	1 1 0	Balance due to Treasurer	1 2 8
Mr. H. Cole	2 0 0	Rent	60 0 0
Mr. G. T. Dearberg	1 1 0	Chapel Keeper	15 12 0
Mr. J. Dyer	1 1 0	Gas (3 quarters)	12 11 3
Miss Letchworth, for Poor Fund	0 10 0	Coals and Coke	3 4 6
A Friend (an invalid)	2 0 0	Printing	5 7 0
Mr. T. W. Hood	0 5 0	Repairs	3 5 6
Miss Mounsey	5 0 0	Water Rate	8 2 6
Messrs. W. Fox & Sons	1 1 0	Brushes	0 14 8
Shoreditch Tabernacle Church Fund	52 0 0	Sundries	0 13 9
Thank Offerings at Chapel (less one-third)	20 0 7	Tea Account	4 9 0
Collection at Anniversary	3 8 6	Grant to Tract Fund	1 10 0
Tea Tickets	4 14 6	Paid to Poor Fund	0 10 0
Mr. W. Perkins	3 3 0		
Balance due to Treasurer	9 17 3		
	£117 2 10		£117 2 10

15th January, 1898.

Examined and found correct—BENJ. JOHNSON.

Tract Fund.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance brought forward	0 0 1	To Purchase and Carriage	2 5 7½
Grant—Finance Committee	1 10 0		
Grant—General Purposes Fund	0 6 0		
Thank Offerings	0 8 11½		
Deficit	0 0 7		
	£2 5 7½		£2 5 7½

H. EDWARDS, } Hon. Secs.
W. PECK, }

With thanks to Tabernacle Tract Society, Religious Tract Society, and Drummond's Tract Society, for grants of Tracts.

General Purposes Fund.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance brought forward	0 8 0½	To Books and Box	2 1 6
Members' Contributions	5 4 3	Baldwin	2 0 0
Special Collection	0 12 6	Postage	0 10 5
Due to Secretary	0 2 6½	Printing	0 6 3
		Tracts	0 6 0
		Chapel Keeper's Sundries	0 10 6½
		Repairs	0 12 7
	£6 7 3½		£6 7 3½

WM. PEARS, Hon. Sec.

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Mothers' Meeting Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Cash from Mothers	19 3 1	To Calicoes or Cash Returned....	12 13 4
Interest from Friend	0 17 0	Unclaimed by Mothers.....	0 6 2
£13 0 1		£13 0 1	

Mrs. CLEGG, Leader.

Busy Bees' Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance from 1896.....	4 9 11	To Materials Purchased	4 5 10
Box, per Miss S. Snell.....	0 7 4½	Bees' Tea	0 15 9½
Box, per S.N.S.	0 1 5		
Due to Treasurer	0 2 11½		
£5 1 7½		£5 1 7½	

Miss E. COOPER, Hon. Treas.

Choir Fund Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Loan Granted.....	1 12 10½	To Loan Repaid.....	1 12 10½
Tickets Sold	3 1 9	Music and Song Services	1 0 2
Collection	1 0 0	Music Stands	0 15 0
Goods Sold	0 1 1½	Music Covers	0 9 8½
Eighteen Books at 3d.	0 4 6	Modulator	0 2 7½
Donations, per Miss E. Cooper		Punch and Bolts for Covers..	0 3 9
and Miss Walters.....	0 2 6	Provision for Tea	2 0 5
Deficit due to Secretary.....	1 0 9½	Printing	0 13 0
		Chapel Keeper	0 6 0
£7 3 6½		£7 3 6½	

H. J. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

Piano Fund.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance from 1896.....	5 11 2	To Collecting Cards	0 3 0
Grant—School Account.....	2 10 0	Balance with Secretary	11 18 8
Donation, H. J. B.....	1 0 0		
Collecting Cards.....	3 0 6		
£12 1 8		£12 1 8	

R. E. PEHRSEN, Hon. Sec.

Holiday Home Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Scholars sent to—		To Deficit, January 1st, 1897....	0 4 8½
West Brighton, 8		R. S. U.—Part Payment.....	7 5 0
Redhill, 2		Special Cases.....	1 2 6
Takeley, 4			
Folkestone, 5			
Half profit of Flower Service	1 9 1		
Grant—Sunday School Funds	1 16 1½		
£3 12 2½		£3 12 2½	

A. H. TYLER, Hon. Sec.

Sunday School Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance, January 1st, 1897....	5 10 4	To Annual Subscription to	
Donation—Mr. Harverson....	0 10 0	E.L.A.S.S.U.	0 10 0
Scripture Examination Fees..	0 8 0	Examination Fees	0 8 0
Orphans' Aid Society	1 0 0	Grant—Piano Fund	2 10 0
One-third United School		Grant—Parents' Tea.....	2 15 4
Anniversary	4 8 11	Orphans' Dinner	1 2 3
Thank Offerings in School		Hire of Piano	0 12 6
Boxes	5 11 1	Framing Certificates	0 10 3
Excursion—Sale of Tickets ..	6 9 5½	Printing	1 2 0
Sunday School Anniversary ..	1 12 10	Excursion—Rail, £4 9s. 6d.;	
Sunday School Sale of Flowers	0 6 3	Tea, £4 8s. 9d.; Toys, 16s.	
Christmas Gift Fund	7 0 0	4½d.; Printing, 5s. 6d.....	10 0 1½
Due to Treasurer	1 1 6½	Anniversary—Printing, 6s.;	
		Music, 15s. 2d.; Flowers,	
		4s. 5d.	1 5 7
		United School Deficit.....	0 10 0
		Grant—Band of Hope	0 2 6
		Grant—Holiday Home	
		Account	1 16 1½
		Class Registers.....	0 4 6
		Postages.....	0 2 9
		Scholars' Treats	10 6 6
£33 18 5		£33 18 5	

A. H. TYLER, Hon. Sec.

Cripples' Work Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance brought forward	0 2 6½	To Donation to Bible Flower	
Donation—Leytonstone Friends	0 10 6	Mission	1 0 0
Ditto, Mr. H. Cole.....	3 0 0	Ditto, R.S.U.....	1 0 0
Ditto, Rev. W. Cuff	0 10 0	Toys, Flowers, Books, &c. ..	1 1 6
Ditto, R.S.U.	1 8 6	Teas	3 17 1
Ditto, Mr. F. Digby	0 11 0	Van Drivers	0 5 6
Ditto, Mrs. Hood	0 5 0	Printing and Music	0 6 4½
Ditto, Mrs. Traish	0 5 2½	Cripples' Fare to Country ..	0 19 6
Ditto, Mrs. Traish—Box.....	0 1 6½	Entertainers' Refreshments ..	0 2 10½
Ditto, Mrs. Pearce—Box	0 4 3½	Surgical Jacket	0 12 6
Ditto, Mr. C. Johnson	0 3 0	Surgical Boot	0 15 0
Ditto, Miss C. Cooper	0 2 7	For Helpless Cripples.....	0 8 0
Ditto, Mr. Bayliss	0 3 6	Piano Hire.....	0 7 6
Grant—Flower Committee.....	1 9 1	Sundries	0 2 6
Donation for Tea—Mrs. A.		Chapel Keeper	0 11 0
Goodman	2 0 11		
Ditto, Friend—per Miss Dalla-			
way.....	0 2 0		
Ditto, Mr. Geddes	0 5 0		
Deficit	0 4 8		
£11 9 4		£11 9 4	

Grateful thanks to Rev. W. Cuff and his family; also to Mr. Kitchen for loan of horses and vans.

Miss R. RISELY, Hon. Sec.

Library Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance, 1896	0 0 2½	To 100 Library Cards	0 1 6
Subscriptions	0 4 4	Balance	0 3 0½
£0 4 6½		£0 4 6½	

GEO. PEARS, Librarian.

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Chapel Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Thankofferings	30 10 10½	To Finance Committee	20 0 7
		Poor Fund	10 0 3½
		Sunday School Account	0 10 0
	£30 10 10½		£30 10 10½

ALFRED WAGON, Hon. Sec.

Christmas Gift Fund.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Provident Society's Balance and Donations	2 5 0	To Meat Account	7 0 0
Blanket Club Balance	1 14 7	Grocery Account	10 0 0
Donation—Mr. Plumstead ..	2 0 0	Bread and Flour Account ..	3 4 2
Donations and Cards	16 7 0	Carriage and Sundries	0 2 6
Donations—per E.S.	7 2 8½	Children's Teas	7 0 0
Special Donations—per E.S. ...	0 10 8½	Aged Folks' Tea	2 13 4
	£30 0 0		£30 0 0

With grateful thanks to Pastor and Deacons for grocery and meat tickets given.

A. WAGON, Hon. Sec.

Extension of Work Fund.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Grant from Sale of Work	42 18 4½	To Balance in hand	42 18 4½

Fellowship Band Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Members' Subscriptions	9 17 10	To Deficit from 1896	0 3 2½
Gifts for Greek Wounded	0 12 6	Greek Wounded Fund	0 12 6
Special for Poor Fund	0 15 0	Poor Fund	0 15 0
Deficit	0 0 4½	Goods Purchased	8 5 0
	£11 5 8½	Chapel Keeper	1 10 0
			£11 5 8½

A. WAGON, Hon. Sec.

Blanket Club Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Members' Contributions	30 6 7	To 60 Pairs of Blankets (less dis.) ..	28 12 0
		Christmas Gift Fund	1 14 7
	£30 6 7		£30 6 7

With thanks to donor of a pair of blankets for lending purposes.

H. J. BROWN, Hon. Sec.

Poor Fund Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance brought forward	0 8 10½	To Relief—Coals, Bread, Grocery, Rent, &c.	8 15 3½
One-third Thankofferings	10 0 3½	Lodging House Tea	1 5 0
Donations, Lodging House Tea ..	1 9 0	Washing Loan Blankets	0 6 0
Special Donations for Tools	0 10 0	Maternity Boxes	0 7 8½
Small Gifts	0 8 0	Tools Purchased	0 10 0
Donation—Miss Litchworth	0 10 0	Printing	0 1 6
Medical Account—		Medical Account—	
Donations—per E.S.	3 8 6	Attendance, Nursing, &c.	12 15 6
Special Gifts	9 2 0	Balance carried forward ..	1 15 8½
	£25 16 8½		£25 16 8½

R. E. PEHRSEN.

Temperance Society's Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Collections	3 12 0	To Deficit, 1896	0 2 10½
Sale of Programmes	1 11 6	Hire of Piano & Entertainers' Expenses	3 17 9
Towards Hire of Piano	0 18 6	Printing	1 15 6
Collection at Shoreditch Tabernacle for Welsh Quartermen	54 4 0	Postage	0 9 6
Mr. C. Harrison, M.P.—for Printing	4 4 0	Quartermen's Fund	£54 0 0
Band of Hope—		Expenses of Concert	4 8 6
From 1896	0 8 3	Band of Hope—	
Lantern Lecture	0 5 4	Printing	0 4 0
Members' Subscriptions	0 4 8	Socials	0 7 3
Grant from School	0 2 6	Pledge Cards	0 1 0
Deficit	0 4 1½	Subscriptions—B.O.H.U.	0 5 0
	£65 14 10½	Jubilee Fund Union	0 3 6
			£65 14 10½

With heartiest of thanks to Pastor and Deacons for the use of the Tabernacle for the Quartermen's Concert, and all the help rendered.

R. E. PEHRSEN, Hon. Sec.

Flower and Hospital Mission Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance brought forward	0 9 1½	To Donations to Children's Hospital	4 14 3½
Collecting Cards	0 15 0	Flowers, Texts, Books, &c.	1 0 9½
School Collections	2 0 3½	Plants for Competition	0 17 6
Donation—Tabernacle Girls' Social	0 3 0	Music for Choir	0 9 0
Flower Competition—for Plants ..	0 11 0	Printing Programmes	0 9 0
Ditto, Donation—Mr. H. Cole	2 0 0	Refreshments for Choir	0 5 6½
Ditto, Collection	1 7 8	Part Hire of Piano	0 4 0
Annual Concert—Programmes Sold	1 16 2	Competition extras	0 3 7
Ditto, Donation—Mr. H. Cole	2 0 0	Donation—Holiday Home Account	1 9 1
Ditto, ditto Mrs. Dearberg	0 2 6	Ditto, Cripples' Account	1 9 1
Ditto, ditto E. S.	0 2 6	Balance carried forward ..	0 16 1
Ditto, Collections	0 8 11		
Box—per Mrs. Waller	0 1 9½		
	£11 17 11½		£11 17 11½

Mrs. M. EDWARDS, Hon. Sec.

Have examined the foregoing Accounts, and found same correct,
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SECOND ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET.

Trustees - - - Mr. EDWARD SMITH and Mr. HENRY COLE.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Balance brought forward.....	0 4 2	To Loans Granted	780 0 0
Contributions received.....	816 15 3	Withdrawals	33 4 9
Loans repaid.....	777 18 6	Printing and Stationery.....	3 6 3
Fines	18 2 6	Salaries, as per Rule—	
Management.....	33 12 3	Secretary.....	£22 7 6
Interest on Loans	47 7 0	Treasurer.....	2 0 0
Contribution Books	3 12 0	Caretaker.....	1 10 0
Interest at Bank.....	3 12 5		
			25 17 6
		Salaries, as per Resolution..	1 11 6
		Banked, including interest..	856 14 5
		Balance to Xmas Gift Fund	0 9 8
	£1701 4 1		£1701 4 1

Profit and Loss Account.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
By Fines	18 2 6	To Salaries.....	27 9 0
Management.....	33 12 3	Printing and Stationery.....	3 6 3
Interest on Loans	47 7 0	Profit Dividend—	
Contribution Books	3 12 0	£87 at 2/4.....	£68 9 8
Interest at Bank.....	3 12 5	53 at 1/9.....	4 12 9
		21 at 1/2.....	1 4 6
			74 6 11
		Balance carried forward....	1 4 0
	£106 6 2		£106 6 2

ALFRED WAGON, Secretary.
H. J. BROWN, Treasurer.Examined and found correct,
CHAS. A. COOK,
F. W. HUMPHREY, } Auditors.

SHOREDITCH TABERNACLE.

DEAR FRIENDS,

This little Report refers to a many-sided work, carried on for fifteen years now, in one of our Missions, and has done a vast amount of good among the poor of Bethnal Green. Its centre is Gibraltar Chapel, which is a good structure, and holds about five hundred people. It is regularly full of all classes of the people, most of them of the very poor. There is a good Sunday School of nearly four hundred children, with Bands of Hope, and all kinds of good work amongst the young.

The work is done by Voluntary Workers, of whom there is a good, strong and devoted staff. This brings the cost down to nothing but rent, gas, &c., so that no money is wasted. This I regard as a vital principle in all such work. It means this, if any one send us a sovereign, the poor get the sovereign—there are no deductions. The rent, gas, &c., is paid out of another fund, and mainly by two generous friends on the spot. We badly need help for this good work, and feel sure that as soon as the work is known to God's people, help will come.

The Mission is managed by Messrs. E. Smith and F. W. Humphrey, who conduct the services, and are most devoted to the workers and the work. The Mission is in close connection with the Diaconate and Church at the Tabernacle, and the whole thing has our deepest sympathy.

I pray the Lord to move many to help such a large and successful work.

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Yours sincerely,

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Visitation

Charitable relief

Fellowship Band

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officers in a guarantee society & compels them by rule not to hold more than £20 & so thinks it is safe. Cripples' Meeting (Thursday) is attended by about 80 cripples. Flower & Hospital Mission supplies flowers to children in hospitals.

Visitation by the visiting band on Sundays. Visit the homes systematically but confine themselves to the immediate locality.

Mr S. thinks that indiscriminate relief is a curse and is strict in giving relief. Cases must be nominated by one & approved by 2 other members of the Band & passed by the superintendent. Mr S. is a guardian & the people "know" that if they tried the old soldier, it is no go". Mostly relieve temporary cases of distress or sickness but fight shy of chronic cases. In the Report attached the relief given is returned as under :- Poor Fund £24.

Christmas gift £30. £54.

In addition 19 scholars were sent to Holiday Homes at a cost of £8.

Have no Church Roll but a Fellowship Band, which Christians are invited to join and this society forms a bond of union between the workers. They do not

Other Influences
Mildmay

The Jago 9
Father Jay

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seek to attach the people to the Mission but like them to join a church when they become Christians. Most, of course, go to the Tabernacle, to which church the workers mostly belong. The Mission appears to be worked without any interference or control by the Tabernacle. All the responsibility for funds etc falls upon the workers. "We only get £10 a year toward the rent from the Tabernacle".

Of the other influences in the district, the first mentioned was the Mildmay Medical Mission in Austin Street. The medical branch of the work is a "very great help" but their relief overlaps with the poor law administration.

Father Jay's influence was not much. The 'Child of the Jago' was an exaggeration. He (Mr S) had known the district 20 years and had slept in it & walked through it at all times without any fear. It was very bad but not what it was made out; practically his opinion was that it had been used by Father Jay to get a 'big lot of puffs'. The father gives the men tea on Sunday evenings but

Co-operation

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but what is more important as an attraction, a "screw of tobacco". It is a godsend to them "meaning the loafer class.

Mr Loveridge (St Philip's) was a dear old gentleman but with more heart than head, whom cadgers of all kinds marked out as their prey. Had neglected the fabric of the church because he cared more for the people. Appears to be respected in the district as the Guardians took the unusual step of appointing two guardians to investigate a case that Mr L. advocated instead of leaving it to the R.O. In this case they found that altho' the man was not earning anything the family income was 35/- to 40/- a week.

Miss Macpherson (Home of Industry) gets women & children. Draws from the street to north of Bethnal Green Road.

No co-operation and considerable overlapping at Christmas. He exchanges lists with Mr King (L.C.M.) of Shaftesbury Hall.

Poor Law

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The Poor law administration Mr S. thinks is all wrong. Overcrowding due to lack of forethought in the past and now the L.G.B. has prevented them adding another floor to their new infirmary so that when it is opened it will only be sufficient for present needs. In 5 years time they will be as overcrowded as ever. The expensiveness of the present system is also bad - costing 6/- to give relief to the extent of 5/- . Also condemns the system whereby the applicants are brought before the board. On relief Tuesday, you get 400 to 600 people waiting in the Hall and telling each other how they got relief. Some of the women bring their growing girls and thus familiarise them with the relief offices. Then there was a want of continuity in policy, due in part to differences in chairmen. One example he quoted as a type. A widow comes up & after hearing the case the chairman says they will take one or two children into the schools. This the applicant does not want, so she thanks the chairman & asks for a fortnight to consider it. Returns in a fortnight; a fresh chairman is presiding. She tells her tale & sheds a few tears.

Police
Drink

Prostitution

Thrift

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and But relief is granted and she goes out to talk of her success. Efforts have been made to secure uniformity of action and rules adopted for the guidance of Relief Committees and R.O's, a copy of which ^{is} given on the next page. * On the whole the administration has improved and is improving. ~~for~~ Mr S. attributes this partly to an improvement in the composition of the Board - fewer of landlord's nominees + others interested with interested motives ~~and~~ elected.

Get on well with the Police. Always friendly.

Drink - the damnation of the locality. The East End the happy hunting ground for publicans. Worst feature is the increase amongst the young: see mere boys + girls drinking in the bars.

Not ~~open~~ much open prostitution but much looseness of living.

As to thrift, he should not call the people thrifty: too much is spent with the publicans, yet the existence of the Provident Club shows that some of the people are thrifty. Of the ~~the~~ money drawn out at Christmas, he ^{believes}

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believes that the bulk is spent on clothes; certainly the proportion spent in whiskey is much smaller than in the publicans clubs.

Health good - but we have the medical reports.

As to the prospects of the future - we are not being extinguished. Our prospects have never been better. The clearances took away a number of the people they used to get but now the models are being erected. I find that the people in the dwellings are more difficult to get but when they are got they are better than the other people. The great problem is to uplift the people - they get a lower stratum of the people than the chapels &c and even than they used to get at Gibraltar Walk and have the consequent greater difficulty in raising funds.

The Jews are also pressing into the neighbourhood across the Bethnal Green Road. He occupying the L.C.C. dwelling, whilst those better off are going to Loxe Road & Victoria Park district.

Mr Smith is a remarkably able man. Strong, virile, with a wide experience of things

Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green.

Out-Door Relief.

Rules for Relief Committees.

- I. That in all cases where outdoor relief is granted, a sufficient income be shewn upon the Application and Report Book.
- II. That out-door relief to widows be granted for a fixed period not to exceed three months from the date of their widowhood.
- III. That out-door relief be not granted to wives deserted by their husbands unless by an order of the whole Board.
- IV. That where out-relief is given to widows with families, special attention be paid to the question of school attendance. (39 & 40 Vic., Cap. 79, Sec. 40, and 43 & 44 Vic., Cap. 23, Sec. 5.)
- V. That out-relief be refused in all cases of confirmed drunkenness.
- VI. That any exceptions to the above be taken by the whole Board.

Instructions to Relieving Officers.

- I. To give medical and burial orders on loan in the first instance and summon applicants before the Committee, who shall decide whether they shall be granted free or no.
- II. In the event of an applicant who has received interim relief and has been summoned before the Committee failing to appear, without good reason, to offer the house upon any subsequent application within a month.
- III. To enter up *all* the sources of income, including earnings of grown-up children or other relatives living at home, and amounts, if any, received from charities or sick clubs or funds.
- IV. To obtain from the Clerk of the Board, lists of Parmiter and philanthropic and other pension funds, and the recipients of local charities.
- V. To refuse to give relief to children when parents could attend.
- VI. That in all cases where the homes of persons receiving Relief are found to be in a dirty or insanitary condition, the Relieving Officer shall report the same to the Sanitary Authority.
- VII. That an Attendance Book be kept for the Relieving Officers to sign the time of entering and leaving the Relief Offices in the same way as the Medical Officers do now.
- VIII. The general Relieving Officer to deal with all cases of mothers allowed to reside outside Bethnal Green.

Rules adopted by the Board of Guardians on the 18th February, 1896.



Clerk to the Board.

GUARDIANS' ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES,
BISHOP'S ROAD, VICTORIA PARK, N.E.

18th February, 1896.

in general and his own district in particular he seems to me peculiarly well fitted to guide the fortune of this Mission. If he only infuses some of his own spirit into the workers the Mission should increase the hold it undoubtedly has upon the district.

Mr Buff may not be a man of great ability or learning, but if the choice of the leaders at his Mission is his own, he has shown wisdom not only in the choice but also in allowing them a free hand. Mr Cook of Shap Street and Mr Smith of Gibraltar Walk are both men of character, altho' the latter is the better educated & has the wider outlook.

