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Revd Gls. Davies
Baptist Minister

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Character of Population

St John's parish.

Westminster 24/3 Work 1

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Rev. George Davies, Minister of Romney Street Baptist Chapel. Westminster. Seen at his residence: 164 Grosvenor Road. SW.

Mr D. is a burly little man of about 45. ~~~~ ~~There~~ Fair, small mustachio, hair thinning in front & bald at back. Genial homely man, speaks rather quickly and is evidently an active worker. Has been at Romney Street 15 years, this coming here from the Metropolitan College (Mr Spurgeon's) where he was trained for the ministry. He is a vestryman & guardian and takes a great interest in social question. Was acquainted with "Life & Labour" & wanted to know when the volumes would come out. "The Inquiry would take a great many vols. if we did it on the same scale as the other inquiry." Is also Secretary of the Westminster & Strand Free Church Council

He had prepared some notes in reply to the questions & these are embodied in the interview.

"The immediate neighbourhood is poor but on each side of us, we have a wealthy population - Grosvenor Road and

The Westminster Lodging houses

Persons reached

and Victoria Street - the various mansions, Ashley Gardens & Close by are several lodging houses: one with in Peter St with 500 beds for men and on the opposite side of the street is a woman's lodging house of considerable size". There were 37 lodging houses in Westminster but the number has been reduced by the clearances and the lodging house population is decreasing. The poorer people are being driven out of Westminster by the demolition of their houses & the erection of 'mansions' on the sites. Some of the dispossessed have gone to Battersea & Chelsea but the ~~mat~~ greater number to Lambeth & some of the latter are waiting for the L.C.C buildings at Millbank to be opened for opportunity to return to Westminster. Romney Street & Tufton Street are poor & some of the courts should be dark blue. Some crime & vice in these streets & always has been. Believes ~~the~~ Tufton Street is soon coming down in connection with an improvement scheme.

"Some of the poorest but most of my congregation is composed of small tradesmen & people of that class. Have a goodly number of respectable working men and clerks". A few come from

Persons employed

Buildings used

Services Held

from Lambeth & others from Pimlico

Only minister & caretaker are paid. 25 S.S. teachers. Some open air workers & visitors.

The Chapel holds 600; schoolroom over 200; lecture room 150; another room (200) used for physical exercises, infants class room & 2 vestries.

Sunday Services: 11 & 6·30. Between 300 & 400 in the evening. Little difference in the class of people in the morning & evening

Sunday School 10 am & 3 pm. About 200 children.

S.S.U. report for 1897 gives 157 children on book & attendance 42 & 123.

Monday: Pleasant afternoon for women. 50 to 60 attend.

Provident clubs in connection.

Prayer meeting 50 to 100

Tuesday. Band of Hope 120. Poorest class. Do not go to Sunday school.

Wednesday Service about 100.

Thursday. Y.P.S. of C. Endeavour. Juniors 20; Seniors 60

Saturday Prayer meeting. About 30.

Open air meetings. once or twice a week during fine weather.

Social Agencies

Visitation

Nursing & Aid in Sickness

Charitable Relief

Saturday Pleasant Evening for the people. Always full; sometimes crammed. Get some who do not come near at other times. Temperance, entertainment, lectures &c.

Football club & Physical Exercise class.

Mutual Improvement Class.

Mrs D. visits 3 afternoons a week. ~~No gratuity~~

A band of over 20 visitors call at about 700 dwellings each Sunday or during the week.

Church is connected with the Western Dispensary, Rochester Row. (Secretary. J. C. Morgan, 45 Vincent Sq. SW) This dispensary attended 6691 patients in 1895. & 12574 home visits were paid. Also connected with the Westminster branch of the Metro^n & National Nursing Asso^n. of which Miss Stone 27 Bessboro' Gardens. is the Lead. Mr Morgan is also secretary of this. In cases of sickness a nurse is asked to attend.

Only funds are collections at communion service & one or two special collections during the year, amounting to £15 to £20 a year. This is mostly disbursed by Mr D., who makes a point of seeing the recipients

Other Religious Influences

Also uses the Westminster Philanthropic Society to which they contribute.

St Johns does a great deal of work and gives a large amount of charity. Canon Wilberforce the present rector is very broad & very friendly. Told Mr D. that if he had any special cases needing relief, he (the Canon) would help them if he would write to him. The previous incumbent, Canon Furse, was high & his sisters waged active war against Mr D. Threatened the parents of the S.S. children &c. Mr D. had a flourishing Sunday school at the Board school. They were using the infant school; the sisters took the boys dept & established an opposition school. Both are now given up.

St Matthews is rather high but friendly.

The neighbouring churches are all run by former curates of St Johns, out of whose area their parishes were originally carved. We should see Rev. G. Millar, Holy Trinity, Vauxhall, who has been in the parish many years & knows the history.

Pear Street Mission. Two sisters, Mrs & Miss Bedford live

Free Church Council

Local Government

Police

live on the spot & there is a L.C.M. Mr Thomas there. Has succeeded Mr Owen, who was there a long time. Also a L.C.M. in Peter Street, who has been there many years.

R.C.s are not strong. Father Beale is friendly.

All the Free Churches are connected with the Westminster, St George's & Strand Evangelical F.C. Council of which Mr D. is secretary. Districts are allotted to each & these are visited for special occasions. (He gave me a map showing these districts - never in the office) United Communion Services have been held & an exchange of pulpits was arranged on Jan 22. Little else appears to have been done as yet.

The Guardians are progressive. Tendency of the Relief Committee is to give out relief to cases where the recipients have sufficient to pay their rent. The Vestry is also active, especially in sanitary matters.

District was formerly neglected by the police. Thinks he can detect an improvement both in number and character. Don't think they are so intimate with the publicans.

Drink

Prostitution

Crime

Marriage

Thrift

Health

Housing & Social Condition

Drunk bad. 3 pubs. in Romney Street. The publichouse element in this district is very low.

Prostitution bad, but better than formerly. Much secret vice; especially in Tufton, Chadwick and Peter Streets.

Crime. not remarkable for the neighbourhood.

Marriage. Ideas very lax. Many living together unmarried. Mr D. sent out an offer to many cases of this kind free of all charge. Has had quite a number of cases. Marries some of his own people but some of these still prefer to be married at Church.

Not much thrift. A lot of lazy men kept by their wives. Improvement in this respect by the clearances.

Health moderate. Sanitary condition is not satisfactory. The houses should be forcibly entered and inspected regularly.

The Houses are shamefully overcrowded. In many cases because the people are too poor; in others because they spend the money in drink. Tufton St, Romney Street & the courts should be swept away. Is afraid there will be a 'revolution' one day owing to the filth & wretchedness in this ~~old~~ places.

Church Membership

Davies - Baptist

The church membership is 150. and they are growing now, altho' they suffered a loss owing to the King Street clearance. Thinks the prospects are good, both by the influx of a better class and the change of the old.

Revd. Allen Rees

Westminster Wesleyan Church

G.A.
28/7/99

Personal Note

The Westminster Circuit

Buildings Used

St Matthew's parish. Westminster 24/5 Work 2

Revd. Allen Rees. Minister of Westminster Wesleyan Church, Horseferry Road and Supt of the Westminster Circuit. Seen at the Wesleyan Training College, Horseferry Road.

Revd Allen Rees is a smart, sharp featured man, well in the fifties, but looking little over 40. Prompt, business like manner, indeed but for his clerical collar he might easily pass as a successful business man. He has been 30 years in the Wesleyan Ministry and has a reputation as a popular preacher. Has been two years at Westminster. Was previously at City Road (Wesley's Chapel) which he found nearly empty & left full.

The Circuit includes two chapels: Westminster in District 24 and Pimlico in Claverton St. (District 25) and is worked on ordinary circuit lines, with a minister attached to each chapel & is worked on ordinary circuit lines.

Westminster chapel holds 1400 people and has a large schoolroom below holding 400. It is however largely overshadowed by the Wesleyan Training College and schools, which altho' having a small frontage to Horseferry Road, form a huge block of buildings occupying nearly all the land between Chadwick

Street

Persons Employed

Services

Notes on Meetings

Street & Mersey Street & stretching back to the gas works. Indeed the barrier formed by these buildings may have facilitated the formation of the neighbouring black spots.

Beside the two ministers, there are two paid sisters, both being attached to Westminster Chapel. 30 S. S. teachers, 10 class leaders and about half a dozen others. The students do not take part in the work.

For List of Services, see cover of Magazine on next page.

The Congregation is from 400 to 500 on Sunday evenings. It includes the students (124) and some of the College Staff. The people will not come out in the morning and apart from the students the congregation ~~would~~ is only about 120. The bulk consist of young people in shops, 'placemen' i.e. persons in regular employment, and a fair sprinkling (about one-third) of labouring people. Only three tradesmen.

The Sunday School has 284 on the books and an average attendance of 75 in the morning and 188 in the afternoon. A mixed class of children, not the poorest;

List of Services

THE WESTMINSTER

Wesleyan Circuit Magazine

"The friends of all; the enemies of none."

No. 137.—[1,000 Copies]. JANUARY 1st, 1899. Price One Halfpenny.

SUNDAY:—

Divine Service:
Morning . 11. 0
Evening . 6.30

Sunday School:
Morning . 10. 0
Afternoon . 2.30

Bible Class:
Afternoon . 2.45

Children's Mission Service:
Evening . 6.30

Prayer Meetings:
Morning . 7.30
Evening . 5.45
Open-air Service at close of Evening Service. (See Plan).

Class Meeting:
Mr. Young . 10. 0
Mr. Edwards . 3. 0

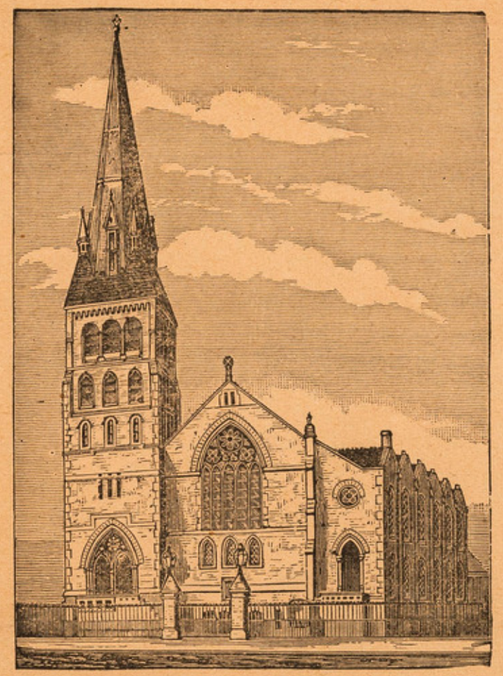
Sacraments:

The Lord's Supper—on the first Sunday in the month.

Baptism—on application to the Ministers.

Sittings:

May be obtained from 1/- to 2/6 per quarter. Apply to the Stewards or the Chapel-keeper.



WESTMINSTER WESLEYAN CHURCH

HORSEFERRY ROAD, S.W.

Ministers:—

Rev. ALLEN REES, 68, Cambridge Street, Pimlico,

Rev. H. J. CUNDY, 63, Claverton Street, S.W.

either of whom will be glad:

1—To direct to suitable classes any who are seeking Christian fellowship.

2—To receive the names of any who need pastoral help in sickness or trouble.

3—To welcome strangers, especially any young men or young women who are away from home.

4—To find employment in the church for every Christian who is willing to work.

Deaconess:—Sister Effie.

Monday:—

Class Meetings—
Mrs. Griffen . 8. 0
Mrs. Lowe . 8.30
Boys' Junior Society Class . 7.15

Tuesday:—

Class Meetings—
Mr. J. Hill . 7.30
Mr. Elderkin . 7.30
Mr. Curtis . 7.30
Girls' Junior Society Class . 7.30

Wednesday:—

Class Meeting—
Mr. Heppell . 8.30
Women's Meeting, Clothing Club, & Savings Bank . 2.30
Divine Service . 7.30

Thursday:—

Strangers' Friend Society . 7.30
Class Meeting—
Sister Effie . 8.30
Mutual Improvement Society . 8.15

Friday:—

Class Meeting . 7.15
Band of Hope . 7. 0
Prayer Meeting . 8. 0

Day Schools:—

In connection with the Training College (for information see Advertisement), and at Pimlico Rooms.

Social Agencies

Visitation

poorest; these are reached at the Childrens Service on Sunday evening in the schoolroom. Get about 150, who would be in the streets if not there.

Social Agencies include the Mothers' Meeting with its provident clubs. About 70 women come. Give them a cup of tea & bread & butter. Band of Hope has about 150 members. The Mutual Improvement Society, 50. but the meeting of which Mr Rees thinks most is the Saturday night Entertainment. It is mostly musical & he gets some of the best singers. Get ~~about~~ quite 200 people every Saturday many of whom ~~who~~ would be in the publichouse if not there.

The deaconesses visit systematically, going to the parents of the scholars, the mothers or others who come into connection with the chapel. Mr Rees visits the members but I did not gather that he did much of this work. In connection with the Free Church Council, they have not visited. The work is only just started, but Mr R. evidently does not expect much visitation will be done in connection with it. "Visiting if it is to be done, must be done by the individual churches".

Church Membership

The Schools

Charitable Relief

Rees - Wesleyan

The membership consists of 124 Students.
about 150 adults in 10 classes
and 50 in Junior classes.
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and is about 3 times what it was.

The middle class school contains about 600 day scholars. Students assist. ~~and~~ Following abst from magazine gives particulars :-

WESTMINSTER WESLEYAN CIRCUIT MAGAZINE.

These SCHOOLS will RE-OPEN on Monday, January 9th, 1899.

WESLEYAN ✦ COLLEGE ✦ SCHOOLS.

These superior and select Schools provide a complete Course of Instruction in all Subjects included in the Government requirements. Special attention is given to **Kinder-Garten Exercises, Needlework, Domestic Economy, Cookery, Music, Violin, French, Physical Sciences, Use of Tools, Drawing, Modelling, Book-keeping,** and **Commercial Letter Writing.**

NEW EDUCATION ACT, 1891. The FULL ADVANTAGE of this Act will be given to the children attending these Schools by the

REDUCTION OF FEES.

Infants	1d. per week or	1/- per quarter.
Standards I. & II. ..	2d. „ „ „	2/- „ „
Standard III...	3d. „ „ „	2/9 „ „
Standards IV. & V. ..	4d. „ „ „	3/6 „ „
Standards VI. & VII. ..	6d. „ „ „	5/6 „ „

Fees will not be charged for more than two Children from the same family.

Boys' School—Head Master: Mr. S. BROOK, B. Sc. (*Int. Lond.*)
Model School—Head Master: Mr. B. ELDERKIN.
Girls' School—Head Mistress: Miss COULTAS.
Infants' School—Head Mistress: Miss GRACE.

In each School there are certificated, and other well qualified Assistants.

A PROSPECTUS OF EACH SCHOOL MAY BE HAD ON APPLICATION.

PUPILS MAY BE ADMITTED AT ANY TIME.

PRINCIPAL ENTRANCE IN MEDWAY STREET, HORSEFERRY ROAD.

Have a little for the poor of the church from the Communion and Love feast collections - about £20 in the course of the year. Also give Christmas

A changing district

Drink

Other Religious Influences

Christmas dinners to the poor, to the mission school & to the aged poor. The schools & band of hope have the usual outing in the summer.

The district is in a state of unrest and will soon be altered. People are uncertain about the future. Several schemes are in embryo for improving the district. One scheme took a street through their property. One takes a street through Broadwood's pianoforte works but in any case they are leaving Westmenster as lease expires in a few years. The changes in the district so far, have been all in the direction of improvement. People are being cleared out. Many have gone to Battersea.

Drink is bad. The low parts of the district are simply sodden. ~~Thinks~~ Thinks it is as bad as any part of London. Has been in Bow & Hoxton & reckons the poor streets as bad as Nile Street.

The Church of England gives a good deal away. The churches are rich. St Stephen's is supplied

Claverton St Church

The Students Influence

by the Baroness Burdett Coutts. The R. C's are strong in the poor streets - Tufton etc. Have processions

Mr Rees also gave some information respecting the Claverton Street Church. This has been placed in the Book for district 25. (LXXXVIII)

Mr Rees appears to be attracting some fresh people to Westminster. The Quarterly Meeting in December reported an increase of membership for the fifth time in succession.

The presence of the Training College leads to some disadvantages as well as advantages. The students voices are so strong that they would drown any choir, so the singing must be placed in their hands. Then as the holidays recur they are away for 3 to 6 weeks in succession. Not only does the singing suffer but their absence makes a very noticeable blank, which is increased by the absence of others, who knowing they will be away, take the opportunity to visit other churches, so that you may find a fair congregation one Sunday & the next the place will appear empty.

St Matthew's parish.

Interview with Father Scoles, at the Presbytery, 12 Earle St., Westminster. (E.A.) Feb.17. 24

The Fathers here are Jesuits, but, differing from their common practice, they have a parish. Father Scoles is a man of perhaps 60, spare in figure, fine in feature, but impressing most by his buoyant and sympathetic manner. He was a great contrast to a bony colleague who was with us most of the time, good and uncouth.

Their district contains about 2700 Catholics; there used to be more before the recent demolitions of poor property. They can be split up into "the cream", about 300, who mostly go elsewhere; the boarding house keeping class, with a "slavey" perhaps, about 600; regular and decent wage-earning class, from 24/- a week or thereabouts, 700; costers, charwomen, in and out of works, "submerged"; mainly Irish and Cockney Irish, 1000 to1100. The absence of the skilled artisan class was noted. In trying to make up the figures of the above analysis the number of their people in Chadwick St was mentioned, 250; and in the poor part of Great Peter St, 60. Poverty is decreasing, because poverty is being driven out; demolitions lead to displacement rather than to overcrowding, although the difficulty of getting rooms is acutely felt. On the whole a better class is coming in to the district. The removal of Millbank and Tothill Fields has made for improvement,

prisoners on discharge, not invading it as they used to. Father Scoles attached a good deal of importance to this. He emphasised the amount of hidden poverty that existed, mainly at the tops and bottoms of houses in comparatively well-to-do streets. Lillington St. and Ponsonby Place were mentioned as illustrating this point.

STAFF: 3 clergy; a good deal of lay help, both ladies and gentlemen; 2 Sisters of Charity come from Carlisle Place; other Sisters help in the Schools; there is a branch of the Soc. of S. Vincent de Paul. Altogether they command a good deal of help, some of it coming from Farm St.

BUILDINGS:-- the Church (450) and the Schools.

SERVICES:-- Sundays at 8, 9.30, and 11. Altogether 6 to 700 plus children. Numbers not large, but the absentees who go elsewhere must be remembered, and those who go to the Sisters' Shapel in Carlisle Place. On Sunday ~~xxxxx xxxx

they are confronted by the leaden indifference of many. That of the poor is he thinks increasing.

CHARITABLE RELIEF:-- a good deal is given away, and the bony man, who had worked previously in Glasgow, and who was chaffed by Father Scoles for having had to put up there with the "bawbees", clearly thought that the giving was somewhat lavish. The Sisters are generous, and appear to be well off. Many clothes are given; dinners etc. Altogether the total was put down at £300. The method of giving is largely personal, very much as at Farm St, doing here as there doubtless both good and harm. To Farm St. Father Scoles said that "all the respectable poor and the respectable imposters went".

Father Scoles spoke well of his people and of the district from some points of view, saying that, in spite of all the roughness, they behaved well on the whole; there was little violence; ladies were safe; there was little open vice. Twenty years ago the number of cases of assault and injury made it necessary for the doctors to make special provision for the night work of this kind. But the people are "awful beggars"; very much is given by all sorts of people, in visiting etc. Great danger of the people coming to look upon the priest as a person who may be expectedto give.

For PROSTITUTION the worst possible name was given

to Chadwick St. and to the block of houses on the S. side of Great Peter St. immediately W. of Chadwick St. Nos. 57, 59, 61, 63 and 65 being especially mentioned. The men from Glasgow had this part of the parish. It appears that the only house that the neighbours tell a priest not to go to is one occupied by prostitutes; "It is no use going there, Father". And the number of rooms of this kind that he finds here in his rounds is very large. The whole block is a very bad one. Much DRUNKENNESS.

CO-HABITATION is, he thinks, not increasing, althoug the character of Pimlico generally for immorality is bad. Mixed marriages he also thinks are not becoming more numerous. They are always to be deplored, leading as they so often do to indifference and carelessness.

St Matthew's parish.

Westminster 24 / West 3.

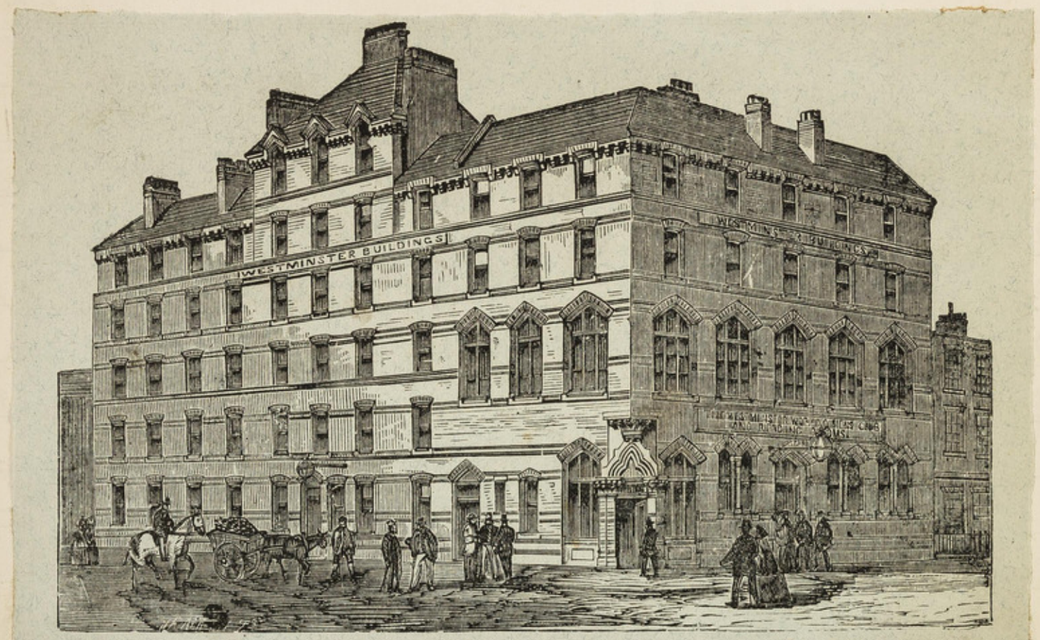
Interview with Mr A. J. Woodhouse, hon. secy & treasurer of the 'One Tun' Ragged School & Mission, Old Pye St Westminster.

March 29th 1899 – J. A.

Mr Woodhouse is quite an old gentleman, very, grey and polite. He was, for 40 years, a fashionable dentist in Hanover Square, and in his younger days probably devoted a good deal of spare time to the mission. But he has now retired, and lives at West Hampstead, and of late years has acted rather as the business and benevolent friend of the mission, taking no active part in its spiritual life.

So that what he had to tell was largely historical, but the mission is evidently small, and its scope is sufficiently indicated by the printed report herewith. Its history is of interest from the fact that a block of workmen's dwellings is run in connection with it & that, as Mr W. said, they have always looked as much after the people's social welfare, as their spiritual.

The Mission was started 40 years ago as the result of a split from the Duck St and Pear St mission. A disreputable public house called the "One Tun" had bn



Mission Premises and Dwelling House for Sixty-one Poor Families.

closed up and was taken on lease for the Mission premises. Lord Shaftesbury helping at the start. The main object, at that time, was to educate the children, but a Mrs Cook, who was very active in the work, then wished to get hold of the mothers and induce them to take the pledge: so the work was successfully extended to them. Then an effort was made to get the men also. They decided to form a working mens club, and for this purpose, built a large room. This, in time, proved inadequate, and the need of more room was very much felt, as well as of better dwellings and accommodation for the people there:- costers, hawkers and others of casual class, who were, at that time, very badly housed and cared for. The place was called "The Devils Acre." So they took a piece of land which was used as carpet-beating ground, raised £1400 by subscription, borrowed £7500 from the Marquis of Westminster at 3%, and with this money built the block of dwellings in which the Mission is now carried on (See opposite)

These provide dwellings for sixty one families, and

are very strongly and excellently built. The arrangements are very good, and the Government inspector says they are the healthiest houses he knows. The dwellings were let very cheaply to poor people in the immediate neighbourhood, and have been conducted on liberal lines towards the tenants, who, if known, are allowed to get into arrears in times of distress. But they nearly always pay up a little at a time as soon as they can. He used often to urge that the rents were too low, and should be raised, because the profits barely paid the 3% interest on the money borrowed, and left no margin to repay the principal, but a Mrs Harrison, who was then Lady Superintendent of the Mission, strongly objected to this, and he gave way. Mrs Harrison and he appeared to have had several little disagreements, for she was busy, headstrong & very impulsive: sometimes spending considerable sums on some particular case, while he is naturally thrifty and economically inclined. But he always seems to have given way to her, though he thinks she wasted money a good deal. She would issue bulky reports, go in for a lot of printing etc. As soon as

she died, he introduced several economies, as the report attached shows, and at once raised the rents 25%, and they are now steadily paying off the money borrowed. Even now the rents are very low, as the following scale will show:-

The West Minster building contains

		s	d
5	3-room tenements at a weekly rental of	5	4
7	2 ———	4	4
1	2 ———	4	1
26	2 ———	3	9
4	2 ———	3	0
2	1 ———	3	0
5	1 ———	2	6
10	1 ———	2	2

The caretaker of this building - a lady - says she could fill them 4 times over. Tenants are chosen without regard to their connection with the Mission.

The Working Men's Club went on for 14 years. The men managed it for themselves, and 3 secretaries in succession misappropriated money. They then felt they had had enough of it. They also started a

Youth's Institute, which Mrs Harrison used to look after, and she used to bribe a good deal. The Institute died with her. The One Tun public house had been taken on a 21 years lease, and when that fell in, the Mission was removed to the present building, of which they occupy rooms at one end. The part taken by the Mission, he considers to be represented by the £1400 voluntarily subscribed, so that these rooms are used for the various purposes of the Mission or otherwise, free of charge.

They used to carry on a day school, but this was closed on the passing of the Education act. They now have a Sunday School.

Although the people are not so abjectly poor as they used to be, and several clearances have been made, he considers there is still great need for the mission. But it does not flourish greatly. The old subscribers are all dying out, ~~and~~ he being the last of the original founders, and the only trustee of the building remaining. They rarely get a new subscriber. His own bounty to the Mission seems mainly to

take the form of treats and excursions, which he gives to the children and mothers. The Supt of the Sunday School is Mr Robertson, a very good man, and the Mother's Meeting is in charge of Mrs Prevost, who is an admirable manageress, and has great influence over the women: gets them to be clean & tidy and has quite gained their hearts.

Mr Barnett, the City Missionary, holds services in the rooms, but, he believes, gets small attendances. He is not much liked in the locality. He thinks a popular man could do much better. Mr Barnett's address is 17 Ethelburga Street, Battersea.

A little charity is given thro' the sick club connected with the Mission. He himself subscribes to the Ham Yard soup kitchen and to some other free food agency and gets tickets, which are distributed among the people who attend the Mission.

Speaking of the great Peabody Buildings which have been erected since their own building, he thinks they are not properly managed. He believes the rents charged are too high, and that the Trustees are wrong

in failing to devote the entire proceeds to erecting dwellings within the reach of the poorest classes. He hears that they have voted £10,000 to the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund. He thinks this is not the right thing to do with the money, especially in view of the fact that they are raising the rents. Looks upon their own dwellings as an example of what really ought to be done to house the poor.

They get in the quite poor, and are sufficiently lenient to encourage them to make an effort for themselves.

Regarding the district now, Mr Woodhouse acknowledges considerable improvement: says there is less vice and drink than there used to be.

See report on next page.

Forty-first Annual Report of

The "One Tun" Ragged School Mission,

FORMERLY THE

"ONE TUN" PUBLIC-HOUSE, PERKINS' RENTS,

For nearly 200 years a Thieves' Public-house,

AFFILIATED TO THE RAGGED SCHOOL UNION.

(Opened July, 1856.)

OLD PYE STREET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.

1897.

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1897.

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THE LATE MARQUIS OF WESTMINSTER, K.G.
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MRS. ADMIRAL PREVOST.
MRS. A. J. WOODHOUSE.
MR. A. J. WOODHOUSE.

With power to add to their number.

Cheques should be drawn to order of MR. A. J. WOODHOUSE, Union Bank of London, Argyll Branch, W.

FORTY-FIRST

Annual Report, 1897.

COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT.

ONCE more the Committee of the One Tun Mission have the privilege of sending the report of another year's work among the poor brought under their influence, to the subscribers and friends of the Mission.

They are thankful to be able to say that they believe the spiritual work done meets a great need in that part of Westminster. That about 200 children each Sunday receive faithful instruction in God's word must have a beneficial, and they hope, a saving influence on the future lives of the pupils. The attendance at the Mothers' Meeting weekly averages 66, and they are lovingly taught not only how to fulfil their duties to their children, but also brought under the influence of the Gospel. The largeness of their attendance is a good indication of their appreciation of what is done for them. The Bible-woman, too, visits the

mothers in their homes, and in addition to the help such visits are to them, she brings any serious cases of need to the attention of the superintendent, Mrs. Prevost.

Fuller particulars of these efforts are given by the heads of each branch of the work in the following pages.

They still have the valuable present of useful clothes from the "London Needlework Guild," for which they give the ladies who thus help them their hearty thanks.

Miss Rixon who has for a great many years helped in the Mission, they greatly regret to say is in very weak health, and is no longer able to assist in any way.

Many of the old subscribers will be sorry to hear that Mr. Edis, who for more than twenty years was the master of the boys' day school, has quite recently been called home after a long and painful illness.

The Committee would, in conclusion, urge those who are interested in this good work to ask God to bless the efforts made to advance His Kingdom, for it is thus alone that a blessing can follow their efforts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent's (Mr. E. F. Robertson) Report.

In submitting the report of work carried on among the "little ones" to our many helpers, we desire to express our deep sense of thankfulness to God for the never-failing grace He has granted to us during the past twelve months.

Our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse, have continued during the past year the many inducements to encourage and stimulate the children to regular attendance, as will be seen in the accounts which follow, and we believe that our large school each Sunday is greatly due to this cause.

Our school commences at 3 o'clock, when we have a very efficient band of teachers to receive and instruct the children. Many of the teachers come from long distances on this their only day of rest. Among others we are much indebted to the students of the Wesleyan Training College for the kind help they have rendered, and we pray that much blessing may result to them and the other teachers for their labours amongst us.

We have to regret the loss of the services of Miss Bullen, who has so efficiently conducted the class for the elder girls. She has removed to such a distance that she can no longer come to us. We shall be very thankful if someone, filled with the Spirit of God and love for the children, will take her place.

Besides the school, we have on Sunday a Children's Service at 11 a.m., and another, to which all are welcome, at 7. On Tuesday a Sewing Class from 8 to 9.30, and at 8.15 a Teachers' Meeting. On Wednesday, at 8, a Bible Class, and on Thursday, at 8, the Band of Hope.

Through the kindness of Mr. Kirk, forty-eight of our children were sent for a fortnight to Folkestone, the Ragged School Union (now the Shaftesbury Society) arranging for the railway fares, board and lodging for 6*s* for the fortnight. The parents of the children contributed what they could and the deficiency was made up by the teachers and some friends. Five of the teachers were at Folkestone during the time the children were there and sought to brighten their holiday by joining in their games and taking them to places of interest. We were blessed with glorious weather, and we felt that God's watchful care was over us in all our arrangements.

The Band of Hope on Thursday evenings is still well attended and the Savings Bank in connection with it, is well

patronized. Mr. Woodhouse again giving the children who have "Deposit" accounts the grand interest of twopence in the shilling for money that is kept in the bank till Christmas. The number of accounts on the books was 28 and the amount at the end of the year £8. 14*s* 9*d*, a considerable increase on last year's amount.

The Wednesday evening Bible Class held in the lower room has been continued throughout the year, many happy and profitable gatherings have been enjoyed.

On Tuesday evening from 8 to 9.30 there is a Sewing Class for the girls. We are glad to see so many attending and learning the art of making and mending their clothes, and trust that the instruction given may prove very useful in their own homes.

The Teachers' Meeting is held also on Tuesday evenings in an adjoining room, and although we cannot boast of numbers, many happy and instructive evenings have been spent in the study of the Word of Life.

January 20th.—Annual Tea. Provided by Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse; over 200 present. Special gifts presented by Mrs. and Mr. Woodhouse after tea for 50 attendances and over for 1896, 28 girls and 21 boys being successful. Girls received material for dresses and boys a pair of boots. Addresses by Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse. School was decorated for occasion by the teachers.

February 3rd.—Annual Book Prize Distribution. Prizes presented by Mrs. Woodhouse. 102 children obtained the 45 marks for attendances on as many Sundays requisite to entitle them to a book. After the distribution of the prizes an entertainment was given by teachers, friends, and children. Mothers were invited. Short addresses were given by Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse. A bun and orange were given to each child as they left for home.

July 14th.—Annual Treat was again provided by our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse. The children were delighted at being invited to Helenslea. 170 children had cards for admission as well as 100 mothers. The party left the school in 10 breaks at about 10.30, arriving at Helenslea about noon. Dinner and tea were provided by the kind host and hostess, and served in a tent erected for occasion. Addresses during the day were given by the Rev. Newman Hall, the Rev. W. D. H. Petter and the Rev. A. E. Deacon, Mr. J. Kirk, and Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse. There was a Brass Band in attendance during afternoon and evening; there were also races, donkey rides, swings, &c., to contribute to their enjoyment. Children and mothers all arrived home safely about 9.30, after having had a most delightful day's outing.

September 7th to 21st.—Holiday to Folkestone.

December 14th.—Service of Song, entitled "Molly and Mike," given by members of Band of Hope, illustrated by lime-light views. Lantern kindly lent by the Regent Street Polytechnic Christian Workers' Lantern Society. Mothers invited. Very enjoyable evening.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

The Mothers' Meeting continues to take place weekly under Mrs. Prevost, and failing her from illness some earnest substitute. The average attendance is between 60 and 70 and apparently the interest remains undiminished in listening to the Scripture. One can see a kindlier feeling actuating them in their behaviour to each other, and it is a nice feature that the mothers often bring their young, often too young, married daughters to join the meeting.

THE BIBLE WOMAN.

It is a cause for thankfulness amongst many others connected with the work that Mrs. Twynam, the Bible Woman of so many years standing, is still going in and out amongst the women, and that she is looked upon as their friend who will spare no pains to help and cheer them.

WATERCRESS AND FLOWER GIRLS' CHRISTIAN MISSION.

Mr. Groom writes: — In reply to your letter I beg to inform you that our Branch, carried on in the One Tun Schoolroom, is working exceedingly well; at the present time there are between 140 and 150 members. Many avail themselves of the Penny Bank, and also the Clothing Club, and when without the means of getting a stock gladly take advantage of the Emily Loan by borrowing a few shillings and repaying same in small amounts without any interest or expense whatever. In cases of illness the women are visited and assisted. With many we see a great improvement, they enter very heartily into the meetings and listen attentively to the reading the Word, and also to short Gospel addresses. I think I may say that the Lord is blessing our work both temporally and spiritually.

"ONE TUN" MISSION SERVICES.

These Services have been carried on during another year on the same line as heretofore.

Sunday Evening - - - 7 o'clock.
Tuesday ,, - - - 8 ,,

And an additional Meeting for Girls the last Friday in each month, which has proved a great blessing in dealing with this particular class of girls.

The need of such work increases, for the migrating character of the people is such that the moral condition of the people to an outsider would not seem to improve, but the fact is, that in every case during the past year where real definite good has been done the parties have left the neighbourhood, and that I notice is going on continually, so that the district remains in a normal condition. The homes from which many of these people come are enough to sicken the heart and starve the hope of every one who is trying to influence and brighten their lives. They are, indeed, sepulchres of morals, religion, and respectability, but the greater the darkness the more need of the light; hence we have sought to carry on these meetings with vigour and regularity, and a case may be given to show the character of the work done.

A. S. had drifted into bad company and was hiding away in this district because of the shame she had brought upon herself and friends. She was induced to attend the services, and it resulted in her being brought to a condition of true repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and so satisfactory was her behaviour that I wrote to a lady, a former mistress of A. S., and after some correspondence the lady agreed to take her back into her service. This occurred June, 1897. At the request of the lady I have visited A. S., and am thankful to say she has proved herself worthy of the confidence reposed in her, while the lady is glad indeed to have such a valuable servant back again into her family.

EDWARD BARNETT, *City Missionary.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

For the Year 1897.

	£	s.	d.
Ragged School Union (Shaftesbury Society) ...	10	0	0
Lady Henrietta Pelham ...	5	0	0
Mrs. McGarel	5	0	0
Mrs. Harden	5	0	0
A. J. Woodhouse, Esq. ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Campbell Newington	2	2	0
Mr. Harrison Hayter ...	2	2	0
Mrs. Coope	2	2	0
Mrs. Fielder	2	0	0
Miss J. Sanders	2	0	0
Mr. Charles Huntley Brown (N. Z.)	2	0	0
Mrs. W. H. Burgess ...	1	1	0
Mr. S. Dunn	1	1	0
Dr. Roome	1	1	0
Mr. H. Nicoll	1	1	0
Miss Letchworth (per C. O. S.)	1	0	0
Lt.-General Stewart ...	1	0	0
Miss Proby	1	0	0
Mrs. Thrupp	1	0	0
Lord Wynford	0	10	0
Miss Roe	0	10	0
Mr. L. J. Berry	0	10	0
C. E. W.	0	10	0
Mrs. Holden (per Mr. J. Hill)	0	10	0
Miss J. Kemble	0	5	0
Mr. T. Grimston (per Mr. J. Hill)	0	3	0
	£53	8	0

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS

From January 1*st to December* 31*st*, 1897.

"ONE TUN" MISSION—GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions and Donations received during 1897	53	8	0
Due to Treasurer	10	19	2
	£64	7	2

Payments.	£	s.	d.
By Cleaning Rooms ...	26	0	0
,, Gas	10	9	0
,, Coals and Wood ...	3	15	2
,, New Chairs	0	13	6
,, Repairing Building ...	18	2	6
,, ,, Clocks ...	0	15	0
,, Parish Rates	1	2	0
,, Printing Report ...	3	10	0
	£64	7	2

BIBLE WOMAN.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Thomas Hughes ...	10	0	0
The Misses Spottiswoode...	1	0	0
Due to Treasurer	15	0	0
	£26	0	0

Payment.	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Twynam, 52 weeks at 10*s* per week	26	0	0
	£26	0	0

EXCURSION FUND.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Thomas Hughes ...	2	0	0
Mrs. Tawse...	2	0	0
Mrs. McGarel	1	1	0
Mr. R. M. Bland	1	0	0
Due to Treasurer	11	4	0
	£17	5	0

Payments.	£	s.	d.
Due to Treasurer, 1896 ...	1	5	0
Vans to Helenslea ...	16	0	0
	£17	5	0

MOTHERS' MEETING AND SICK FUND.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from 1896	5	16	0
Mr. R. M. Bland	2	0	0
Mr. Thomas Hughes ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Langley	0	5	0
	£9	1	0

Payments.	£	s.	d.
Sick Fund Expenditure ...	1	14	3
Discount on Coals... ...	1	10	5
,, Work... ...	0	3	8
Sundries	0	6	11
Balance in hand	5	5	9
	£9	1	0

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Mr. R. M. Bland	2	0	0
Mr. Thomas Hughes ...	2	0	0
Due to Treasurer	6	7	2
	£10	7	2

Payments.	£	s.	d
Due to Treasurer, 1896 ...	2	9	6
Subscription to Sunday School Union	0	5	0
Magazines	1	6	6
Prizes	5	16	2
Motto Cards	0	10	0
	£10	7	2

BAND OF HOPE BANK.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Paid in by Children ...	8	14	9
2*d* in 1*s* by A. J. Woodhouse	1	9	0
	£10	3	9

Payments.	£	s.	d.
Withdrawn by Children at Various Dates	8	14	9
2*d* in 1*s* to Children ...	1	9	0
	£10	3	9

I have examined the foregoing Accounts with the Vouchers, and hereby certify the same to be correct,

F. G. Gray, *Auditor.*

March 28th, 1898.

Mr J Saunders L.C.M
London C. M. Hall.
Chadwick Street

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24/3/99

The District

The Streets

St Matthew's parish.

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Mr J Saunders. City Mission Hall, Chadwick Street.
Westminster. S.W.

Mr Saunders has been 25 years in the L.C.M. and has served the whole time in Westminster. He is a sturdy, active man still; a big rough looking fellow with a good fund of information; a ready talker, who improves on acquaintance.

At first he was stationed north of St Peter Street but for many years he has visited in an irregular district, bounded by Great Peter Street, Marsham Street, Horseferry Road, Vauxhall Bridge Road & Francis Street, which includes a large part of the bad pieces of Westminster.

Chadwick Street is mostly one room people; costers &c. Many of them are honest hard working people. There are some bad women but not so many as there were. Fewer young girl professional prostitutes. Street better than it was 5 years ago.

Blue Anchor Court - Mostly hard working people. Nearly all costers and R. C's.

Great Peter Street he thinks worse than Chadwick Street. The women's lodging house is an "awful den". Most of the houses are let in single rooms. Furnished rooms let by the ~~week or night~~.

Building Used

Services Held

Visitation

Saunders L.C.M.

Shutton Ground contains a large lodging house (200 men). Has held services there for 24 yrs.

Hall in Chadwick street holds 120 people. Looks like a transformed loft over a yard.

Sunday Service at 7 pm. Does not get so many as formerly & scarcely any from the street itself.
Tuesday evening. Meeting - Average about 30.
Thursday " " Not quite so many. - 20 or so.
Sunday School 3 PM. 100 on book & average attendance about 60. Get the very poorest from the street.

Also holds a children's service (Tuesday 6 to 7). 70 or 80 attend. fairly regular. Some without shoes. Occasionally give them a piece of bread & jam as they go away.
Mothers' Meeting (Monday) taken by 2 ladies. About 40 to 50 woma.
Also holds services in Lodging houses. The Lodging house in Shutton Ground receives special attention and very friendly relations have been established with its habitues. Take the men out occasionally; arrange a cricket match between 11 missionaries & a team selected by the men &c.

Covers the whole of his district in 6 weeks. Visits some

cases

Charitable Relief

St Matthews Church

People Indifferent

General Questions

cases much more frequently, especially cases of sickness.

Mrs Saunders has not much to give as relief and he goes more to the respectable streets as he does not like to visit these streets (of Charity) because he cannot cope with the misery he sees.

St Matthews church will give to the people if they go to church and confession and many go for this reason. Told of a woman, who came to his hall. After a long absence he met her and she told him "It is not that I don't like the services. I like them but they helped me. What was I to do?".

Concerning the peoples attitude to religion, Mrs S. confirms other witnesses that there is no real opposition; simply indifference. "They don't care".

Not a great deal of poor relief given in the neighbourhood. The Police are round the district a good deal; especially needed in St Peter Street, where daylight robberies have taken place recently. Still this street is better than it was. Has seen lady cyclists going through, a thing they could not have ~~dowe~~ ventured to do a few years ago. Drink is about the same. Publichouses are very rough in the back streets

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The Worst street in Westminster

HOLY WEEK

— AT —

DARTMOUTH HALL.

You are earnestly invited to come to Dartmouth Hall at 8 o'clock on TUESDAY EVENING next, for Service and Address by Rev. C. A. ROBINS.

On WEDNESDAY EVENING for Service, when the London City Mission Choir will sing Sacred Solos and Hymns, and Addresses will be given by the Members.

On **Thursday Evening**, at 8, there will be Service and an Address by the RECTOR,

CANON J. ARMITAGE ROBINSON.

On **Good Friday Evening**, at 8, there will be a Lantern Service, and Addresses will be given by MR. C. ARCHER.

" Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by? "

streets but there is not much to choose between one and another. The clearances have reduced the number of prostitutes in the district considerably. Crime is bad. Cases continually occurring.

Whilst I was with Mr Saunders two other City Missionaries came in - Mr Archer, a middle aged vigorous man, attached to St Margaret's Westminster and Mr Clarke, whose district is near Vincent Square. They appear to use the Hall as a rendezvous for the mid day meal.

In the course of a general talk about the district, Mr Archer said that he considered Lewisham Street the worst street in Westminster & with this the others agreed. He also said that the Vicar had signed an agreement to take over the whole street. The intention was to clear out the present tenants; renovate the houses and then let to ~~a~~ good working class people. A Committee was being formed to undertake this work. Probably by the time the map is published - Lewisham Street, now dark blue will be pink.

(P.S. E end, 7 lines incorrect - of interview = Mr Robins & St. Margaret's) A

Mrs Bedford.
Pear Street Mission

GHA
20/3/99

Personal Note

Historical

The People

Their occupation

Westminster 24 / Wnt 2

Interview with Mrs Bedford, Pear Street Mission
Shutton Ground,.

Mrs Bedford is a thin, elderly woman; refined, good face, quiet, self possessed manner. Has been here several years, living with her daughter at the Mission house.

The Pear Tree Mission has for 67 years occupied ~~the~~ premises originally used as a publichouse – the Green Man; ~~& the~~ a somewhat notorious house in the old Westminster days. The rooms have been altered somewhat but the structure is generally the same. The beer cellar is now a gymnasium. A hall upstairs holds about 300 people, beside this, there is a infant schoolroom, classroom, gymnasium and the rooms occupied by Mrs Bedford.

The population appears to be divided into two classes, the larger and increasing section being working people as contrasted with the less reputable inhabitants of St Peter Street &c. Steady hard working people in the Peabody dwellings. A good many brewers' men, policemen, postmen, and railway men; many

waiters

Persons Engaged

Services Held

Bedford - Pear Street Mission

waiters engaged at the clubs; also men working at the Army + Navy stores and several kinds of mechanics. Nearly all the women work. Have a large number of widows, who live here because there are so many places where they can obtain work. Many are office cleaners, flower sellers, some carpet ~~sellers~~ sewers at House of Lord; others go to Covent Garden in the early morning to mind whips!

A City Missionary is attached to the Hall & Mrs Bedford & her daughter are also paid visitors. Have also 22 S.S. teachers + about 30 voluntary workers. Two ladies take the women's meetings.

	SUNDAY.	
11 o'clock a.m.	Service for Children.	About 90. Very respectable little children. Like the biggest children to go to church or chapel.
3 o'clock p.m.	Sunday School.	333 on books. Average attendance 310.
7 ,,	Service in the Mission Hall.	About 140. Mostly come from neighbourhood.
7 ,,	Service for Children in Lower Hall.	
8.15 ,,	Open-air Preaching during Summer.	
	MONDAY.	
7.30 ,,	Girls' Sewing Class. About 90	on the books. Attendance about 60. Gymnastic class in connection, led by Miss Bedford.
	TUESDAY.	
7.30 ,,	Prayer Meeting. — 28 or 30	
8 ,,	Evangelistic Service in Mission Hall.	
	WEDNESDAY.	
7 ,,	Mothers' Meeting.	Mothers' meetings have a total membership of over 400. The younger women come to the afternoon meeting. Attendance about 100 at each. Sell material at cost price + allow 2½ 2° in £ on savings.
	THURSDAY.	
2.30 ,,	Mothers' Meeting.	
6.30 ,,	Band of Hope. — About 100	
8 ,,	Temperance Meeting.	Attendance varies with programme. Average about 60. Last week 107.
	FRIDAY.	
8 ,,	Lads' Bible Class.	Gymnastic class in connection in two sections. Senior + Junior.
8 ,,	Men's ,, ,, small	

Bedford - Pear Street Mission

Visitation

Much systematic visitation is done. The Missionary visits the Buildings and Mrs B. & her daughter the members of the Mothers meeting. Have really more than they can do without going beyond their bounds. ~~They~~ Mrs B. also visits the fallen women in the women's lodging houses 4 or 5 times a year in connection with meetings held at the Mission by the Midnight Meeting movement.

Charitable Relief

Not much Charitable relief is given. £12 is given as "Medical Comforts" in the Report. In mild winters ~~there~~ much help is not wanted but an hard winter means distress in the buildings. Mrs B. is a visitor for the "Strangers Friend" and gets ~~receives~~ a little help thro' this; also clothing from the R.S.V & the Bible woman's Society. Never gives anything at the door. Visits the homes and must know a case before giving relief. Westminster Philanthropic Society gives tickets (coals bread &c)

Other Religious Influence

The Churches (Anglican) are very active. Have a good many visitors - ladies and others. St Matthews not very friendly "wish we were out of it". Christchurch is rather quiet.

Poor Relief

Police

Drink

Crime and

Prostitution

Bedford - Pear Street Mission

The Wesleyans (Horsefery Road) have two or three sisters and & all sorts of things going on.

A good many people have Poor relief. The Guardians are favourable but are very careful. An old woman must have a separate room to sleep in, if she has out relief "&c.

Police dont trouble us much in this quarter.

Drunk is "frightful amongst women". Alway was bad but if any difference it has increased. Respectable women will ~~taken~~ talk about their glass of beer openly. Indeed Mr B. thinks that all kinds of sin are committed more openly than before. Sense of shame has gone. If the women become christians they also become abstainers

Very little crime in the Buildings. It is mainly in Gt Peter Street & Chadwick Street. In these streets also prostitution has a home. One lodging house in Great Peter Street is entirely occupied by unfortunates. Gospel Mission & others efforts are made to save them. Some are taken away to homes but it is very rare ~~for~~ that anyone is rescued who has been long on the streets.

The Mother's Meeting

Bedford - Pear Street Mission

The work of the Mission appears to be vigorous and centres ~~lar~~ chiefly th with the women & children, the mother's meetings being the largest organization. I called at the Mission one evening whilst this meeting was in progress. The Hall was comfortably filled with the women sitting in groups with plenty of elbow room. Around the back of the platform were rolls of calico, flannelette &c. A lady was reading some story with considerable emphasis, whilst a young woman (I afterwards recognised as Miss Bedford) was moving about the room taking money from the women, whilst now & again the reading was punctuated with ~~the~~ a sharp 'slit' 'slit' as a piece of calico was torn off one of the rolls. The women were clean & tidy but all evidently poor working women. The Report of the Mission gives considerable detail. It is placed with the material.

Mrs Bedford has an extremely good knowledge of the district & at the close of the talk about the work the conversation became general.

To her the most discouraging part of the work is

Most women but few
men attend Public Worship.

so that so many people go away and altho' their places are immediately filled up, the work has to be done over again. They have many cases of conversions and of families improved. Told me of two in one court - Little Scots Rents. Amongst those who are christians there is scarcely any poverty except occasionally distress caused by sickness - never any squalid poverty. One other remark that opened a new train of thought to me was that you scarcely ever get a lazy person converted. She had never 'known a really lazy person brought to the Lord'.

The men of the district attend places of worship less and less. It is very difficult to get men to attend. Most of the women go somewhere, but on the other hand a great many are obliged to stop at home to keep their husbands at home.

PEAR STREET MISSION.

Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions and Donations	247	19	0
,, Clothing Club Deposits	253	15	10
,, Excursion Fund	4	11	0
,, Holiday Home Fund...	22	15	5
,, Blind Account, per White, F. A.	15	0	0
,, Sunday School Missionary Account Receipts ...	12	2	11
,, Printing, Books Account.—Sunday School Teachers' contributions	0	15	3
,, Repairs (Upkeep).—Grant from Ragged School Union	4	4	0
,, Tea Meetings.—Mrs. Heward, Half-hire of Town Hall	2	0	0
,, Balance on 31st December, 1898, due to Treasurer	17	1	11
	£580	5	4

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Balance on 31st December, 1897	15	18	9
,, Rent, Rates, and Taxes	25	11	4
,, Female Missionaries...	48	0	0
,, Repairs (Upkeep)	12	2	6
,, Gas, Coal, and Wood	19	18	9
,, Cleaning	8	17	0
,, Clothing Club Expenses	290	6	8
,, Tea Meetings	23	16	8
,, Medical Comforts	12	7	0
,, Holiday Homes	47	17	9
,, Printing, Books, &c....	17	14	5
,, Special Items	4	1	7
,, Annual Excursion	26	10	0
,, Blind Disbursements	15	0	0
,, Sunday School Missionary Disbursements ...	12	2	11
	£580	5	4

1898. Dec. 31.—Bank Balance, debit...				56	11	0
Outstanding Cheque ...				7	2	11
				£63	13	11
Less Paid in since, as per Bank Book	23	10	0			
	16	2	0			
	2	0	0			
	5	0	0			
				46	12	0
Due to Treasurer as above ...				£17	1	11

Examined and found correct,
ROBERT S. CROSSFIELD, *Accountant*,
44, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

January 18th, 1899.

PEAR STREET MISSION HALL

STRUTTON GROUND, WESTMINSTER.

Superintendent - - R. C. HART-DYKE, Esq.

MEETINGS for the PEOPLE

AND THEIR

CHILDREN

WEEKLY, AS FOLLOWS—

SUNDAY.

11.0 a.m.—CHILDREN'S SERVICE.
3.0 p.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.
4.0 p.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' PRAYER MEETING, first Sunday in Month.
6.30 p.m.—PRAYER MEETING.
~~6.30 p.m.~~—PRAYER MEETING FOR CHILDREN.
7.0 p.m.—SERVICE FOR ADULTS.
7.0 p.m.—SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.
8.0 p.m.—PRAYER MEETING.
8.15 p.m.—OPEN-AIR SERVICES during Summer, outside the Abbey and the Mission Hall.

MONDAY.

5.45 p.m.—GIRLS' DRILL CLASS.
7.30 p.m.—GIRLS' SEWING CLASS.
9.0 p.m.—YOUNG WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLASS.

TUESDAY.

3.0 p.m.—WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING, first Tuesday in each Month.
7.30 p.m.—PRAYER MEETING.
8.0 p.m.—GOSPEL SERVICE.
9.0 p.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' PREPARATION CLASS.

WEDNESDAY.

7.0 p.m.—MOTHERS' MEETING.

THURSDAY.

2.30 p.m.—MOTHERS' MEETING.
6.30 p.m.—BAND OF HOPE.
8.0 p.m.—GOSPEL TEMPERANCE MEETING.

FRIDAY.

6.0 p.m.—LADS' MEETING.
6.0 p.m.—PHYSICAL EXERCISES FOR JUNIORS.
7.30 p.m.—BIBLE CLASS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS.
8.0 p.m.—DRILL FOR SENIORS.
8.0 p.m.—BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN ONLY.

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL.

G. OWEN, Missionary.

W. Davis, Printer and Stationer, 48, Rochester Row, Westminster, S.W.