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Feb. 18th. 1855

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Interview with Rev. W. D. Trenchard. St. Matthew's, Great Peter St., Westminster.

Mr Trenchard is a man of about 40: tall, thin, sallow; washed with asceticism, fasting and hard work. In appearance, manner, and tone of mind he is a less attractive type of the Holy Redeemer, Archbishop. He is one of the signatories of the famous Holborn letter.

Mr T. has been here for 14 years

The parish though wholly poor has ^{two} distinct populations, the one respectable living in Buildings, the other for the most part dissipated, consisting of cooks, cadgers, thieves and prostitutes: this latter portion however is distinctly smaller than it was ten years ago: not only have some of the worst places been demolished but there has been a slight improvement in the remaining rough element: especially is there a reduction in the number of prostitutes: 14 years ago every house in St. Ann's Court and most in St. Ann's

h. were brotels: how many of these have been cleared out. Chadwick h. remains as bad as it was, and "you cannot make it too black." There are still a number of common lodging houses in the parish, all of a low character, one for women being inhabited solely by prostitutes.

Of those who have been cleared out (demolitions) some have gone to Battersea and Fulham, others have crowded into the neighbouring parish of St. John, where Tufston St. and Romney St. are much worse than they were.

Particulars as to Walker, Philbrick, and Lewis will be found in the Report and Magazine.

Mr. T. is a modest and reticent man and like most of the advanced menaverse to talking about his work and had I not known of it before would probably not have mentioned the nature of the work which has given it a more than local reputation, and that is the music, in fact - I fear he was scarcely pleased on finding that the fame of his music had spread, as he evidently disliked

the thought that his work should be looked upon as other than strictly parochial or at best local. However Mr Croft, one of the clergy, devotes himself I believe entirely to the music and has ~~revised~~ revised and to some extent modernised the old 'Plainsong' music, and I was told only a few Sundays since by a member of my club who had just been at the church that the service was at the same time wonderfully simple and beautiful, and completely unlike anything else in London. Mr Croft is I believe something of a genius and an enthusiast on the question of church music.

Questioned on the subject Mr T. said he certainly thought that his people had got much attached to the music and that it was an undoubted attraction to the church.

The church, which when Mr T. came ^{was} ~~was~~ empty, is now full or nearly full on Sunday morning and evening. Mr T. says that the bulk of those who come are his own parishioners, mostly from the 'Buildings'; the inhabitants of the rough streets do not attend the church, but at the

Chapel of the Good Shepherd there is an evening congregation of about 150 all of the poorest and rougher class, though all people who are now living decent lives.

The total number of communicants is from 500 to 700

The social organisations are numerous and include a number which are not mentioned in the Report: anything is on much the same scale, and on exactly the same basis as at S. J. St. Augustine's Steyning: efforts are made by various graded institutions to get hold of all classes and all ages: there are I think - (Mr T. has promised to send me a list of clubs) - two men's clubs, two girls' clubs, and four boys' clubs, none 'large', attention to the individual soul being the great aim. But even with such numerous organisations there is a constant difficulty in touching the lowest stratum: there is a continual working up, and Mr T. finds that at the present moment there is no club which really gets the rougher boys, though

Mr T. spoke very warmly of the Mother's Union which he thought was really doing much to bring home to mothers their responsibility for their children.

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in all their clubs are members who have been originally ~~caught~~ caught in the rough stage and gradually elevated.

With the Temperance work as usual Mr T. is not satisfied: it is not sufficiently aggressive.

The Day Schools have about 750 children, nearly all of the respectable class. At one time the Schools were nearly killed by the Board School but they are now Mr T. thinks the most popular in the neighbourhood.

The Sunday Schools have about 500 children: there is a combination of the class and the Department System, by which alone Mr T. thinks can the older ladies be kept on at school: many of them stay on as Monitors.

Visitation is most systematic from room to room of Sisters and District Visitors, while at least once a year the boys too make a house to house visitation.

Figures and details as to Relief will be found in the Report. There is a Relief Committee and I think care is exercised: except in cases of sickness no relief is ever given in the Common Lodging Houses or in the rough streets. After many years experience Mr T. has come to the conclusion that the Common Lodging House population are hopeless, alike from the material and spiritual point of view. He used to have sermons in the Houses but gave them up as useless: he saw no effect and remembers other agencies hold sermons till the people are "gospel hardened".

The other agencies at work in the parish are numerous, Wesleyan, the Mission, Congregationalists, Salvation Army, London City Mission, and Roman Catholics. They are all excellent people but Mr T. thinks their influence is very small and that they give relief hilly and individual.

The Vestry is active and efficient: much more so than it was

St Matthews gives over £400 a year
in relief tickets &c. vide Report

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In the Police "nothing but praise" though not enough of them in the rough quarters.

Prostitution though greatly lessened is still rampant, and there is active Rescue work in connection with the church, two (I think) of the sisters devoting themselves entirely to look after the girls: a number of girls are taken off the streets every year and many pulled up on the brink of the Gulf. Divid. vigilance work Mr T. hands to the police and the ~~see~~ vestry: "after all" he said "these girls are my parishioners: and I feel that if the Church were to hang them, our chance of influencing them would be gone". Mr T. expressed a fear that the effect of the hangman's policy might merely be "to drive it in".

Of crime there is a great deal. "I seldom take up a Westminster paper without seeing that some of my parishioners are in trouble" said Mr T.

Marriage relations in the rough streets are

My boss, and I gather that Mr T. does not take the line of hoping marriage in my case. "The difficulty is" he said "that these people manage to live together fairly peacefully as long as they are not married: but if they marry it always seems to lead to blows and rows". In many cases too marriage is impossible owing to a prior marriage of one or both parties.

When marriage is desired by a couple who have been living together Mr T. urges them to go to the Registrar rather than to come to the church.

Health is fairly good and as a rule there is less sickness in the rough parts than in the Philosophy.

My impression of this parish is that it is not efficiently worked. It is a typical advanced High Church parish: celibate clergy all living together: Sisters: Endowed houses: asceticism; active social organisation etc.

Mr T. who of course looks at things about

starting from the spiritual side while thinking that the church has made some progress and done some real good among the people was far from surprising in his tone. "It is truly slow work" he said. He showed too the general cry of apathy and indifference.

Mr T. is of the saintly type but he is not so attractive as many of the High Churchmen. He is in very bad health and has more than once lately broken down completely.

R.D. Mr T. asked and I agreed that if anything is said about his parish based on his information he should be allowed to see it before publication. "You have" he said "such a reputation for accuracy that I know the public will believe anything you say". Personally I think he is desirous that the parish should not be mentioned as he does not court publicity and I think that like some others he only saw us out of deference to his Bishop.

Treats £ 54
Poor Relief 105
Sundry 78
Christmas 60
Holiday House 81
Food & shelter 40
£418

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ST. MATTHEW'S,
WESTMINSTER.

TREASURER'S REPORT,
1898.

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1899.

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Good Shepherd	40
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LETTER FROM THE VICAR.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Each year I feel less inclined to write an elaborate letter to accompany our Report,—and that for various reasons.

If one touches on the details of the works at all, or speaks of the individual workers, the task is almost endless, and having once begun it is very difficult to know where to stop.

Besides this there always remains the fact that the most real work of a parish is just that which cannot be spoken of. The truest test of progress is not the multiplicity of organizations, the size of the congregation, or the number of names on the communicants' roll, but something so much deeper down that no Report can ever possibly touch it—viz., the measure in which the souls of men and women are being given to God, and their lives becoming what God intended that they should become.

Now this is a thing that no one can test. Something that "the world's coarse thumb and finger" must "fail to plumb," and so it is best to say nothing about it.

I will merely therefore say that, in spite of some losses and difficulties in the past year, there is every reason to believe that God's blessing has been resting on our work, and that while real Mission work has been going on, the faithful have also been growing in knowledge and devotion.

Losses we have undeniably had: we are manifestly the poorer for losing Mr. Weston and Miss Johnson—the former having left us for Mission work in Zanzibar, the latter having been obliged, after her twelve years of devoted work here, to take a post in the country, which we all hoped would give her a rest. It is hard to estimate what we lost in two such workers, but I believe that their work was so good and genuine, and so much more than merely personal, that it has lived on and is still bearing fruit.

For the Mission work, when we lost Mr. Jervois two years ago, we were naturally anxious. We need have had no anxiety. The work at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd has

deepened and grown in a very remarkable way; and though it is full of difficulties, and not without its disappointments, one cannot doubt that the work is genuine, and that many who have never known anything at all of the Christian religion, and whose lives have been practically heathen, are being brought to know what true religion means.

Of the no less important work of the building-up of the faithful it is harder to speak, for it is less obvious than Mission work. I believe the list of communicants has increased, though I have not for a long time counted it; certainly there seems to be an increasing desire, both amongst men and women, for further instruction. And I have every reason to hope that the various agencies—such as the Mothers' Union, the Temperance Society, &c.—all doing what we wish them to do, and extending practical Christianity in the homes of the people.

In times like these, when the air is full of controversy and bitterness, and when, much as we dislike it, we have to contend for true principles which come to the surface in ways which look (to those who do not understand) petty or unimportant, it is a positive pleasure to fall back on these solid things—things which have to do directly with the precious souls of men and women, and of which therefore we can never get tired.

It only remains to thank you for your help, and to thank you very cordially. To do it through a Report is not the best way of doing it, and I should like to express in person to all our subscribers how truly we value their help; but that is impossible. Still even in a Report one's thanks need not be merely formal, and to those who go on year after year and never get tired of us, as well as to those who have lately begun to help us, I offer the most real gratitude, not forgetting to ask you to find a place sometimes in your prayers for St. Matthew's Parish, Church, Clergy, and Congregation.

I am,

Very faithfully and sincerely yours,

W. B. TREVELYAN.

January 20, 1899.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

As year after year goes by and the Annual Report has to be written, it is very difficult not to repeat in much the same words what one has already said many times over. The work is the same, and the need of funds to carry it on does not get less as time goes on. We may, however, congratulate ourselves that we have incurred no new debt in the past year, that there is in most of the Funds a small balance on the right side, and that we have been able to diminish the debt on the Mission Buildings somewhat.

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The Report is not intended in any way to be a summary of the work accomplished in the Parish during the past year, it is simply the "Treasurer's Report," and is intended to show what money has passed through his hands, and how it has been spent.

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In the following statement it will be found that the various Funds are taken in the order in which the Balance Sheets appear, so that it will be an easy matter to refer to them.

Pages 8 & 9. CHURCH COLLECTIONS AND EXPENSES.

There is a slight increase upon the total amount of collections last year, and consequently there is a somewhat larger balance, but not sufficient to enable us to put in hand any of the very necessary repairs to the outer fabric of the Church, of which mention was made in our last Report. We have, however, been able to keep in good condition those portions of the fabric which at one time were a constant source of worry and expense. We have the roof inspected every month, and this has saved us much trouble at very little expense. We are fortunate in having many things provided and much work done in the Church free of cost. If it were not so our Annual Balance Sheet would present a very different aspect. It may not be generally known that the music books for the Choir and Congregation are provided by Mr. Croft at his own expense, and that we are indebted to others for many gifts in kind and work which otherwise we should have to do without.

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THE SCHOOLS.

The Schools continue to maintain their high character, and although we have had many changes in the Teaching Staff, we may hope that the result of the year's work will be satisfactory to H. M. Inspector. Each year the cost of maintaining our Schools seems to increase, and although we get more help from

Government in the way of Grants. these increased Grants call for corresponding efforts on the part of the Managers in the way of obtaining increased voluntary subscriptions. In the past year we have had some large donations, which have helped us immensely, but we cannot hope that these will be always forthcoming, and we must ask our friends to give us all the help they can in the coming year, particularly as we shall be called upon to spend a large sum of money on structural improvements in the Boys' School, in order to obtain more light and air. We cannot hope to be allowed to keep our Schools unless we make them, in so far as we possibly can, as thoroughly efficient in every respect as the requirements of these times demand.

It may be well to point out that in each Department our Schools earn the highest possible Grant. We have introduced Cookery into the Girls' School, and Manual Instruction into the Boys' School, with most excellent results. The Reports from the Instructors of these classes are that the conduct of both boys and girls is "excellent."

If our Schools were not thoroughly efficient, and doing really good work, we should have no right to ask for help in maintaining them, but as they are we feel that we have a right to ask you to give us all the help you possibly can.

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The Summer Treats for both Day and Sunday Schools were a great success. For the one we went to Epsom Downs, and for the other to Ashted Woods. The plan of dividing the Treats proved to be successful in many ways, and we hope to continue to do so, although the expense is somewhat greater. Our best thanks are due to those who so kindly responded to our Appeal for these Treats.

Page 12. POOR RELIEF.

The Relief Committee has continued its work, and this third year of its existence proves that we have hit upon the right plan for dealing with the cases of poverty in the Parish. There is less money spent, with far better results than in former years, when there was much overlapping and indiscriminate giving in many cases. There is always need of money for this work, and those who give to us may feel sure that their money is not wasted. Cases of distress are thoroughly investigated, and relief is given in the way which seems most suitable to each particular case.

Page 13. NURSING, CONVALESCENT,
AND COUNTRY HOLIDAY FUND.

The amount of money received for these purposes has been somewhat less than usual, with the result that the balance in hand is a diminishing one. One source of income has been very much curtailed in the past year. There are so many Sales of Garments, both new and second-hand, that we find our supply of stock for our Sales is not forthcoming, while other Sales are

cropping up all round us, and reducing the supply of customers as well as of stock. However, as the object of all these Sales is the furtherance of various works in connection with St. Matthew's Parish—such as the Sisters' Work at the Mission of the Good Shepherd, Mr. Simpson's Working Boys' Home and Clubs, and the Parish Magazine—we do not really lose anything, although this particular Fund may suffer. May we ask our friends to remember that upwards of £100 is required annually for the carrying on of this most important branch of our work, and that although we may have a fair balance in hand at the present time, an outbreak of sickness may occur at any moment which may severely tax our resources.

Parcels of clothing, &c., for the Sales in connection with this Fund should be sent to Mrs. Thompson, St. Matthew's Schools, Great Peter Street, S.W.

Page 14. THE MISSION HOUSE.

This is in great need of support. It is an important institution, providing as it does a centre for District Visitors and other workers, as well as a room in which the Nurses can see and attend to the various needs of many of their Patients. There is also a large room which is used for Meetings, Entertainments, &c., and a really valuable Library for the use of Parishioners. The cost of maintenance is but small, about £50 being all that is needed for ordinary expenses. At the present time it is largely dependent upon other Funds. Will not some of our friends contribute towards its maintenance?

Page 15. THE GENERAL FUND.

A very great deal of the work at St. Matthew's is dependent upon the "General Fund," and the importance of keeping this well supplied cannot be overestimated. As we look through the balance sheet it is plain that without a "General Fund" to fall back upon many of the works must suffer, even if they did not collapse entirely. Then, too, there are so many expenses which are *general expenses*, and to have a well-supplied "General Fund" simplifies matters, when otherwise the various items would have to be divided between several other Funds, at a cost of time and trouble. About £200 is needed annually in order to save the Treasurer much trouble and anxiety.

Page 16. MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

There is still a large debt on the Buildings, as well as the Annual Ground Rent. The Treasurer is hoping that the debt on the Buildings may shortly be reduced to £1,000. If this could be cleared off there would still be £3,000 to be raised, if we are to be freed from the Ground Rent. Could this be accomplished, the relief to the Parochial finances would be immense. The interest of the Loan and also the Ground Rent is supplied through the Supplementary Fund, the Report of which will be found accompanying this Report. May we ask here simply for donations

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towards reducing the debt, and for subscriptions for carrying on the work of the Sisters at the Mission Chapel.

There appears to be but little need for drawing special attention to the smaller Funds as they speak for themselves.

Money received for Christmas festivities, &c., for 1898, will be acknowledged in our next Report.

My thanks are due to Mr. R. Taunton Raikes for the very great help he has given me in auditing the accounts, as well as to all those who have so very liberally helped in supplying funds for the many needs of St. Matthew's Parish throughout the past year.

H. B. THOMPSON,
Treasurer.

January 12th, 1899.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH.

RECEIPTS.			ALLOTTED.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
January	36	16 9½	Church Expenses	294	13 11½
February	19	15 2	Schools	30	3 2
March	21	5 8½	Bishop of London's		
April	35	6 3	Fund	17	12 6
May	58	9 6	Hospital Sunday Fund	16	12 2
June	76	0 6¼	Foreign Missions	22	18 6
July	26	18 2½	Diocesan School Association	2	17 6
August	9	0 2	Westminster School Association	2	17 6
September	39	11 6	Rescue Work in Westminster	16	0 2
October	36	15 8½	Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament	8	14 3
November	35	6 5½	English Church Union	22	9 11
December	43	13 8	Poor	4	0 0
	£438	19 7¾		£438	19 7¾

Examined and found correct,
R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
Churchwarden.

CHURCH EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand, Jan.		Assistant Clergy	165 0 0
1st, 1898	1 0 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	Organist. (part of	
Collections in Church	294 13 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	Stipend)	40 0 0
Westminster Spiritual		Verger	67 12 0
Aid Society	150 0 0	Outside Caretaker and	
St. Matthew's Church		Stoker	17 2 0
Fund	20 5 0	Fuel and Light	63 1 6
Fees	11 9 0	Repairs	43 3 1
Mr. Cunningham	5 5 0	Cleaning and Material	31 2 6
Anon.	5 0 0	Organ Blowing	12 17 6
Mr. Antony Gibbs ..	5 0 0	Washing	2 9 3
Miss Clarke	2 0 0	Bread and Wine for	
Miss Pleydell Bouverie	2 0 0	Communion	9 0 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Miss Walker	2 0 0	Choir Boys	7 10 6
Lady Crichton Browne	1 1 0	Stamps, Stationery and	
Sir Walter Phillimore.	1 1 0	Printing	3 4 9
Lenten Savings	1 0 0	Candles, Linen, and	
Major-General Trotter	1 0 0	Altar requisites.	4 6 5
Miss Collins	1 0 0	Railway Carriers, Mes-	
Mr. Randall	1 0 0	sengers, &c.	1 14 6
Anon.	0 10 0	Visitation Fee	0 18 0
Anon.	0 5 0	Baptism Cards	0 15 0
Girls at Vincent Square		Water Rate	1 16 0
Home	0 9 6	Balance in hand	34 16 10
Miss Skinner	0 10 0		
	£506 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$		£506 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

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R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
Churchwarden.

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MISSION HOUSE.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
St. Matthew's General Fund.....	14 0 0	Caretaker and Cleaning	33 5 0
St. Matthew's Church Fund.....	8 10 0	Fuel and Gas	7 10 0
Hon. Mrs. Jervoise-Smith	3 0 0	Apparatus, Repairs and Sundries	4 5 8
Mrs. Trevelyan	3 0 0	Washing	1 9 11
Miss Johnson	2 12 0	Balance in hand	0 4 5
M. S.	2 12 0		
Miss Pleydell Bouverie	2 0 0		
Miss Clarke	2 0 0		
St. Matthew's Needlework Society	2 0 0		
Miss J. Johnson	1 1 0		
General Trotter	1 0 0		
Miss Arbuthnot	1 0 0		
Miss Walker	1 0 0		
Miss Skinner	1 0 0		
Miss Fane	1 0 0		
Mrs. Furse	1 0 0		
	<u>£46 15 0</u>		<u>£46 15 0</u>

Examined and found correct,
R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
Churchwarden.

MISSION ROOM IN ROCHESTER BUILDINGS.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Parochial Mission Woman Association.....	35 0 0	Wages of Mission Woman	32 10 0
St. Matthew's General Fund	10 10 0	Rent of Room	13 0 0
Miss Elwes.....	5 0 0	Fuel and Cleaning	5 0 0
	<u>£50 10 0</u>		<u>£50 10 0</u>

GENERAL FUND.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand, Jan. 1st, 1898	25 2 3½	Grants to Boys' Institute	35 0 3
Mr. C. B. Trollope.....	25 0 0	„ Mission House.....	14 0 0
Miss P. Monk	25 0 0	„ Mission Room, Rochester Buildings	10 10 0
A Friend of St. Matthew's Parish	25 0 0	„ Schools	8 15 6
Miss Pleydell Bouverie	12 0 0	„ Parish Magazine.....	5 0 0
Miss Clarke	10 0 0	General Printing	42 1 0
Anon.	10 0 0	„ Repairs to Buildings	22 14 6
The Rev. Canon Newbolt	7 0 6	Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	27 0 10
Anon.	5 0 0	Extra Work, Meetings and Sundries.....	2 2 2
Captain Webbe	5 0 0	Stamps, Wrappers and Stationery.....	2 7 2½
Mr. Spencer Weston	5 0 0	Bank Expenses.....	1 5 0
Miss Arbuthnot	5 0 0	Carriage of Boxes and Parcels	0 11 5
Lady Penrose-Fitzgerald	5 0 0	Balance in hand	50 16 11
Mrs. Trevelyan	5 0 0		
Mr. Edgar Powell	5 0 0		
Thank-Offering	5 0 0		
Mrs. Gwyn	5 0 0		
Mr. Butcher	4 12 0		
Miss M. Collins	3 0 0		
Hon. Emma Douglas Pennant	3 0 0		
Sister Hallett	2 2 0		
			<u>£222 4 9½</u>

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MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
MISSION BUILDINGS.

		RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£ s. d.
St. Matthew's Supple- mentary Fund.....	149	0	0	From the Sisters' Sale of Work	5 5 0
Miss P. Monk	30	0	0	Miss Pleydell Bouverie	3 0 0
The Rev. W.B. Trevelyan	18	7	0	Miss Lees.	1 10 0
Miss Walker	10	0	0		
Mrs. Weir	5	5	0		£227 7 0
Miss Arbuthnot	5	0	0		

EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.
To Ground Rent	105	0 0
„ Interest on £1200 Loan	42	0 0
„ Reduction of Debt on Buildings	80	7 0
	<u>£227</u>	<u>7 0</u>

Examined and found correct.

R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
Churchwarden.

	£	s.	d.
Debt on Buildings, January 1st, 1898.....	1109	11	10
In hand for Reduction of Debt.....	80	7	0
Still required to clear off the debt on the Buildings....	£1029	4	10

MISSION CHAPEL MAINTENANCE.

		RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand, Jan.				Balance from Retreat	
1st, 1898	11	16	0	Collection	2 4 5
Miss P. Monk	20	0	0	From the Sisters' Sale	
Thank-Offering	10	0	0	of Work	1 15 0
Sir John Wolfe Barry	6	1	0	Miss Walker	2 0 0
St. Matthew's Church					
Fund	3	10	0		£57 6 5

	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Gas Company.....		37	16	8
Water Company.....		3	17	8
Insurance.....		3	5	8
Repairs.....		1	12	11
*Balance in hand.....		10	13	6
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		£57	6	5

*NOTE:—The Balance in hand will not be sufficient to pay the Gas Bill, which is due for the December Quarter.

Examined and found correct.

R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
Churchwarden.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS, ENTERTAINMENTS, AND
FESTIVITIES, 1897.

RECEIPTS.			
£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand, Jan.			
1897	11	17	9½
Mrs. Skinner	5	0	0
Mr. Knowles	5	0	0
Mr. Spencer Weston ..	5	0	0
Mr. Sangster	5	0	0
Sir John Wolfe Barry..	5	0	0
Mr. Walter Cocks	3	3	0
Mr. Athelstan Riley ..	3	0	0
Lucy, Countess of			
Egmont.....	2	2	0
Mr. Gorringe	2	2	0
Mrs. Simpson	2	2	0
Mrs. Hambro	2	0	0
Mr. H. H. Pleydell			
Bouverie	2	0	0
Mr. Shaw-Stewart	2	0	0
The Misses Walker.....	2	0	0
Lt.-Col. Welby, M.P..	1	1	0
Miss Hitchcock	1	1	0
The Hon. Mrs. Riley..	1	1	0
Mr. Leo Frank Schuster	1	1	0
Miss Arbuthnot	1	0	0
The Lady Wilfreda			
Biddulph	1	0	0
Sir Frederick and Lady			
Peel	1	0	0
Mrs. Morison	1	0	0
Miss Talbot	1	0	0
Miss Tatham	1	0	0
Miss C. G. Stuart	1	0	0
Miss Perceval	1	0	0
Mrs. Church	1	0	0
Miss Torrens	1	0	0
Sister Hallett	0	10	6
Lt.-Colonel Parr.....	0	10	0
Mrs. Singleton.....	0	10	0
Miss Thynne	0	10	0
The Rev. Dr. Troutbeck	0	5	0
Miss Wrigley	0	5	0
Mrs. Butcher	0	5	0
	£74	6	3½

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Teas and Suppers		29	2	1
Entertainments		8	8	0
At Homes		4	8	0
Hire of Town Hall		4	14	6
Dinners and Special Poor Relief		3	5	0
Coals and Grocery		2	5	0
Printing, Stamps and Stationery		2	0	6
Extra Work		1	10	6
Fuel and Gas		1	0	0
Police and Town Hall Porter		0	10	0
Decorations and Carriage of Hampers, &c.		0	15	6
St. Matthew's Day Festivities		1	0	0
Balance in hand		15	7	2½
		£74	6	3½

Examined and found correct.

R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
Churchwarden.

Treats £	54
Poor Relief	105
Warrange	78
Christmas	60
Holiday House	81
Food shipment	<u>40</u>
	£418

Treats £ 54
 Poor Relief 105
 Bazaar 78
 Christmas 60
 Holiday House 81
 Post shipment 40
£418

BOYS' INSTITUTE.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
St. Matthew's General Fund	35	0	3	Towards Rent of House	33	0	0
Miss Walker.....	1	0	0	Caretaker of old Rooms	0	10	0
Miss Arbuthnot.....	1	0	0	Gas, to end of Jan. 1898	3	10	3
	<u>£37</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£37</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

Examined and found correct,
 R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
 Churchwarden.

ORGAN.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Dyer Edwardes....	50	0	0	Paid to Mr. August			
Mrs. J. J. Gurney	10	0	0	Gern	50	0	0
Proceeds of Concert	6	0	0	Balance in hand	21	3	6
Sister Hallett.....	3	0	0				
Anon.	0	10	6				
Mrs. Joyce	0	10	0				
Miss Lees	0	10	0				
Miss Skinner	0	10	0				
Anon.	0	3	0				
	<u>£71</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£71</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

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 R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
 Churchwarden.

CHURCH FUND.

GRANTS.	£	s.	d.
To Church Expenses.....	20	5	0
„ School Maintenance	14	15	0
„ Mission House	8	10	0
„ Mission Chapel	3	10	0
„ General Fund	5	0	0
	<u>£52</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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 R. TAUNTON RAIKES,
 Churchwarden.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Jan. 1898.....	9	9	8	Part payment for printing School Lessons	5	0	0
Per Sale of "Christian's Handy Book"	2	17	5	Prizes	3	7	9
	<u>£12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	Apparatus	0	14	7
				Balance in hand.....	3	4	9
					<u>£12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>

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 Churchwarden.

The Treasurer is not responsible for the following
 Balance Sheets.

NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY.

Mid-Summer, 1898.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance	58	7	11	Women for Work....	33	18	10
Subscriptions.....	14	11	0	Materials	55	10	7
Sale of Garments	66	5	6	Rent of Room	2	0	0
Interest on Bank Account	1	2	8				
				Balance in hand 1 7 1			
				„ Bank 47 10 7			
					<u>48</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>£140</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£140</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Miss Arbuthnot	2	0	0	Miss Clarke	0	10	0
Miss E. Gregson	2	0	0	Miss Collins	0	10	0
Miss Raven	1	1	0	Miss V. Grey	0	10	0
Miss Elwes.....	1	0	0	Miss Torrens	0	10	0
Mrs. Furse.....	1	0	0	Miss Walker	0	10	0
Miss Molesworth	1	0	0	Mrs. Morison.....	0	5	0
The Sisters	1	0	0	The Lady Jessie Scott..	0	5	0
Mrs. Trevelyan	1	0	0				
Miss H. Skinner	1	0	0				
Miss H. Arbuthnot	0	10	0				
					£14	11	0

ST. MATTHEW'S HOLIDAY HOUSE,
HADLOW DOWN.
1898.

RECEIPTS.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Anonymous	10	0	Small Donations and		
Mrs. Currie (from Gift			Alms Box	0	9
to Mission)	7	0	Collected by:—		
Messrs. Mowlem & Son	2	2	Mrs. Hackett	3	14
Per Miss D. Clarke (for			Miss Talbot Carpenter	3	10
Boys)	2	0	Miss Oades	1	12
Rev. H. E. Simpson			Mrs. Sutherland	1	10
(for Boys)	2	0	Miss E. Morton	1	7
Mrs. Head (for Boys)	2	0	Miss Pullin	1	5
Mr. Higham	1	0	Mrs. Whyte	1	5
Mrs. Westray	1	0	Mrs. Lethbridge	1	0
Miss Hitchcock	1	0	Miss Roempke	1	0
Sir Walter Farquhar, Bt.	1	0	Miss M. St. John	1	0
Miss K. Bunney	1	0	Anonymous	1	0
Miss Adèle Hill	1	0	Mrs. Airy	0	16
Miss Cass	1	0	Miss M. P. Jackson	0	14
Mrs. Gourlay	1	0	Miss L. Grafton	0	14
Miss Rippon	1	0	Mrs. Parker	0	11
Miss Bayne	1	0	Miss Avid	0	11
Miss Ramsey	0	10	Nurse Darling	0	11
Miss H. Hills	0	10	Miss E. F. Paske	0	10
Miss Shawe	0	10	Miss Kendall	0	10
Miss Bourne	0	10	Miss Farrell	0	9
Mrs. Copeland	0	10	Miss E. Küch	0	8
A. A. G. W. & F. G. W.	0	10	Misses E. Taylor &		
Mrs. J. J. Gurney	0	10	H. Ward	0	7
Miss M. Savage	0	7	Miss L. Hawley	0	7
Miss Hope	0	7	Mrs. W. B. Bliss	0	7
Mrs. C. T. Wickham	0	7	Miss Swinburne	0	6
Miss Pullen	0	6	Miss Jones	0	6
Miss A. Brice	0	6	Miss E. Burton	0	6
Miss E. Castell	0	5	Lady Wolfe Barry	0	6
Miss Erskine	0	5	Miss G. Hornby	0	5
Per S. A. E.	0	5	Miss M. Hamilton	0	5
Mrs. Manly Hopkins	0	5	Mrs. A. Radcliffe	0	5
Mrs. Ashwood	0	5	Visitors' Payments, i.e.,		
Miss E. M. Simmonds	0	5	Members of Guild,		
Miss Meekings	0	5	Church Workers, &c.	12	2
Mrs. Lowinsky	0	5			
Rev. H. E. Simpson	0	5			
				£81	3
					9

111 persons, children and adults, obtained a Country Holiday
by this Fund.

EXPENDITURE.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Food:—					
Bread	5	10			
Milk and Butter	5	18			
Fruit and Vegetables	4	10			
Groceries	3	11			
Meat, Fish and Eggs	17	4			
Rail and Conveyances to and from Station			36	15	9
Drives and Excursions			7	18	9
Extra Bedrooms and Servant's help			7	1	6
Repairs			8	1	8
Laundry			1	3	8
Light and Coal			3	3	3
Printing and Postage			2	1	5
Sundries for Household and Children			1	7	3
Expenses of sending 17 Boys and 10 little Girls for Country			1	18	11
Holidays over and above those who came to Hadlow Down					
Holiday Cottage			11	10	0
			£81	2	2

ST. MATTHEW'S HOLIDAY HOUSE

was open from July 7th to September 24th. During that time 84 persons, adults and children, occupied it in turn. The married women had the first fortnight, the children the next month. The last month was chiefly occupied by our Church members in business, our workers, &c., who all contribute some little payment towards the expenses. Children and adults enjoyed themselves greatly, and derived much benefit from the air, which is most invigorating at Hadlow Down.

As the Cottage is not intended for boys, and the number of girls needing change exceeded our limits, we were able, through the generosity of our friends, to send 17 boys and 10 little girls for Country Holidays elsewhere.

Treats £ 54
Poor Relief 105
Insurance 78
Christmas 60
Holiday House 81
Foot shepherd 40
£418

Treats £ 54
 Poor Relief 105
 Warming 78
 Christmas 60
 Holiday House 81
 Good shepherd 40
 418

MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
 Account of Funds Expended during Year October 1st, 1897, to October 1st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Profits of November Sale, 1897	86 0 0	To "Debt on Buildings"	10 0 0
Spring Sale of old things	6 10 0	Towards Gas at Sale	1 0 0
Various things sold	5 3 6	Chapel Expenses	8 17 9
Donations: Mrs. Currie	10 0 0	100 A. & M. Hymn Books for Chapel	4 16 4
Colonel Copeland	2 2 0	Alterations to make room for Organ	5 19 0
Mrs. Copeland	2 2 0	Cleaning	8 2 11½
Various towards Sale	5 17 10	Warming	7 10 0
Friends to Mission and Poor	23 16 0	Repairs	6 3 10
Kirk Hammerton Offering	5 10 2	Postage, Parcels, Journeys	6 9 4½
Miss Murray for Christmas Breakfast	2 0 0	Sunday School Items	3 19 4½
Alms Box	0 6 9½	Treats, and Prizes	14 12 0½
		Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Drill, &c.	9 16 1
		Girl's payment in Orphan Home	6 0 0
		Sunday Children's Breakfasts and Men's Supper	10 19 4½
		People's Treats, Winter and Summer	18 7 7½
		Ward of Our Lady, Excursions	4 15 1
		Ward of Holy Family	1 0 0
		Needlework Society	2 12 0
		Soup Kitchen and Philanthropic Society	2 10 6½
		U. M. C. A.	1 2 0
		Pianoforte Tuning	1 1 0
		Parish Magazine and Books for Distribution	1 6 11
		Poor Relief	11 16 2½
Balance from last year	149 8 3½		148 17 4
	4 14 8½		
	£154 3 0		

ST. MATTHEW'S
 LODGING HOUSE FOR WORKING GIRLS,
 64, VINCENT SQUARE,
 provides Lodging at 2s. 3d. per week, for respectable day work-
 ers, laundresses, needlewomen, flower sellers, general servants.
 Besides the usual sum given by Mrs. Jervoise-Smith (£100),
 gifts of clothes, food, money, have been received from Lady
 Dalrymple White, Miss Dalrymple White, Lady Wolfe Barry,
 Mrs. C. Grantham Scott, Lady Miller, and Miss Margaret White.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mrs. C. G. Scott	1 0 0	Due to Treasurer from	
Miss Dalrymple White	8 0 0	1897	7 4 4½
Lady Jessie Scott	3 14 0	Rent, Firing, and Gas	7 0 0
Per Rev. W. B. Tre-		Matron	7 4 0
velyan	2 10 0	Linen, Journeys to see	
Anonymous	7 4 4½	Girls	1 0 0
	£22 8 4½		£22 8 4½

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SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Communion	7 a.m. and 8 a.m.
" (Sung Service, with Address)	9.30 a.m.
" (With Hymns, at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd)	9.30 a.m.
Morning Prayer	10.30 a.m.
Holy Communion (Sung Service, with Litany or other Procession, and Sermon)	11 a.m.
Baptisms	punctually at 3 p.m.
Catechism and Children's Evensong	3.30 p.m.
Evening Prayer (Sung Service, with Sermon)	7 p.m.
Mission Service (at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd)	7 p.m.

WEEK DAYS.

Holy Communion	7 a.m. and 8 a.m.
" Thursdays	7 a.m. and 8 a.m.: Sung at 9 a.m.
Morning Prayer	7.30 a.m.
Litany—Wednesdays and Fridays (except on Saints' Days)	7.50 a.m.
Evening Prayer (Sung Service)	8 p.m.

HOLY DAYS.

Holy Communion	7 a.m. and 8 a.m.: Sung at 9 a.m.
Morning Prayer	10.50 a.m.
Holy Communion (Sung Service)	11 a.m.
Evening Prayer	8 p.m.

Sermons.—Sundays at 11 and 7, and on special occasions at 8.30 p.m.

Lectures to Men.—Sundays, 8.30 p.m., in the Clergy House.

Instructions.—Thursdays, 8.30 p.m. in the Church.

Fridays, 9 p.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

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Confessions.—Fridays, 12 to 1, 5 to 6, and 7 to 8 p.m.

Saturdays, 5.30 to 6, 7 to 8, and after 8.30 p.m.; at special hours before the Great Festivals; and at other times by appointment.

Holy Matrimony.—Notice of Banns should be given to Mr. H. B. Thompson, at the School House.

Churchings.—Before or after any service.

Sunday Schools.—9.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.

For Infants in the School, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Mothers' Meetings.—At Orchard Street, at Rochester Buildings, and Mission of the Good Shepherd, Mondays, 2 to 4 p.m.

The Temperance Society.—Meetings on Tuesdays, 8.30 p.m., at the Mission House. First Tuesday at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

The Parish Library.—Open Tuesday and Thursday, 7.45 to 8.15 p.m.

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WESTMINSTER, FEBRUARY 1ST, 1899.

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NOTES FOR THE MONTH.

THE most important thing in the coming month is the fact that Lent begins on the 15th. It is a very early Lent, and seems to come very soon after Christmas; we must try during these next two weeks to be thinking how we can best spend it, and making some rule, however simple, that shall enable us to keep it well. Many can do very little, owing to pressure of work, or lack of strength, but we all can and must do something to get nearer God by better prayer and by rooting out of ourselves something that is displeasing to Him. If we want to spend it really well, and are prepared to persevere in whatever we undertake we need not be afraid that God will not bless us in it.

I am glad to be able to tell you that for the Tuesday afternoon addresses (5 p.m.) we have secured the Rev. H. P. Denison, Vicar of St. Michael's, North Kensington. Mr. Denison has not been very long in the London diocese, but is well known as the nephew of Archdeacon Denison, whose curate he was for many years at East Brent, in Somersetshire.

For Sunday evenings Prebendary H. Montagu Villiers, the Vicar of St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, is, I am thankful to say, coming to us, and the Parochial Retreat (the exact date of which we hope to be able to state in this magazine) will be held as in former years.

On Monday evenings there will be a short devotional service of the same kind as we have had in the last two years, and on Thursday evenings there will be no actual break in the regular parochial course (we shall not, I mean, have anyone from outside to speak to us), but there will be a special subject, and I hope that not only those who attend regularly will continue to do so, but that others also will take the opportunity of making a beginning. I think you will feel that in thus giving you the help of Lent preachers, whose voices you do not generally hear, and two other special subjects as well, we are properly supplying you with Lenten opportunities. It would be good if all our people could resolve to follow right through at least one (most of you will do more) of these courses.

ONE good resolution which I hope many will make for Lent is to attend as frequently as may be the daily Eucharist. Even if (over and above your Sunday attendance) you were able to come on one day in the week it would be a great thing. There is no more unselfish action than to come regularly, at the cost, it may be, of a little real inconvenience and self-denial, to

pray for others in union with the one Holy Sacrifice which we then offer. We, who know the power and the value of that offering, are surely doing wrong if we do not make an effort to be there. We give you two opportunities every day, and on Thursdays three; try and come. I am sure that you must often feel that there is so much to pray for—the needs of the church (especially at this time), your own friends and relations at home and abroad, your fellow churchpeople, the faithful, the sinful, the departed—that you never can do half of what you ought. What a cause for thankfulness it ought to be that we have the chance daily of coming to unite our weak prayers to the glory of our Divine Master. And we shall some day have to give account to Him for the way in which we have used the opportunity. Why may we not this Lent begin to use it better than we have done before?

It has been a great satisfaction to see how many people have lately regularly attended the Holy Communion Service at 9.30 on Sunday, and we hope that still more will do so. There must be many who for one cause or another find it difficult to come at 11 o'clock. We can well understand that mothers, *e.g.*, who have to get the Sunday dinner ready, often find 9.30 a more convenient hour than eleven, as they get home well before 10.30, and so really secure a longish morning. And there are probably some who prefer the somewhat simpler service as being more easy to follow. It is true that the children occupy the greater portion of the church, but it is by no means intended to be merely a "children's service." There is plenty of room at the sides as well as at the back, and the altar being, at that service, outside the chancel screen, is visible all over the church, and there is no difficulty in hearing. The sermon at that service is intended to be adapted to grown-up people as well as the children.

MAY I draw your attention to the statement in another part of this magazine about the library? Lately the parish library in the Mission House has been but little known to our parishioners—at any rate, it has been little used, and the number of subscribers has been ludicrously small. It really is a good and carefully-selected library of over 1,200 volumes, and contains a large quantity of books of the kind which are most popular as a rule in lending libraries, *viz.*, novels, although it is by no means confined to them. We have three librarians, who are thoroughly in earnest in their desire to make the library useful. They have arranged the books carefully, called in missing books, and have in view a scheme for a new and better arranged catalogue. Moreover, the hours at which the librarians are in attendance have been increased, as you will see, and have been varied. Once a week (*viz.*, on Mondays), the hour is 7.30 to 8; on Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.30 to 9. Moreover, we have become most lenient in the matter of fines. Hitherto, the fine has been 1d. a week for a book overdue. This, we thought, was rather excessive, so we have reduced the fine to 1d. a month, and no fine will be levied without previous warning being given that the book is overdue. A form of recommendation may, as you will see, be easily obtained. Will you, then, give the library a fair chance, and endeavour to overwork the librarians? They are full of vigour, and will be rather pleased. Donations towards the purchase of new books will be welcome.

WE regret that the Men's Retreat was attended this year by fewer men than usual, but fear that the fact was mainly owing to our having done so little to tell people of it. Sometimes there is rather a rush of work which makes it difficult to give proper attention to any such extra undertaking. We must try to remedy this next year. When we first started the Retreats for men, forty or more used to attend; this year there were only seventeen.

OUR Christmas entertainments, of which accounts will be found in another page, have gone with great vigour. In particular the "At Home" at the Clergy House, to which we invited all our senior communicants and our workers, seemed particularly successful, chiefly owing to the kindness of our friends who so ably conducted the musical portion of the entertainment, and of Mr. Frith, who for two hours devoted himself, in a room which must have been anything but cool, to the charge of the "gramophone." The parents' concert at the Town Hall, too, was a great pleasure to us; it was satisfactory to see the room full, and so sympathetic and responsive an audience always draws out the best there is in the performers. Personally, it has been a matter of no small regret to me, indeed, in one or two cases, of real disappointment, to miss some of the entertainments. But I know you will have understood that I have thought it wiser to miss a few things at which I should have liked to be present, than to run the risk of missing many things for perhaps many months.

W. B. TREVELYAN.

THE REV. ALFRED GURNEY. MR. WALTER CAREW COCKS.

St. Matthew's parish has lost a good friend by the death of Mr. Gurney, the Vicar of St. Barnabas, Pimlico. He was a man, as is well known, of remarkable liberality, and rejoiced to distribute his money to those who needed it. Some of our friends may not know, or may have forgotten, that when we were building our clergy house about eight years ago, Mr. Gurney was one of the largest subscribers. Again and again when we were getting on slowly he encouraged us by some large donation. So retiring a man was he that he was comparatively little known by many who had profited by his goodness.

And Mr. Walter Carew Cocks, who passed to his rest early in January, was for nearly fourteen years a member of our School Committee. Even when his health had greatly failed he used, at much inconvenience to himself, to attend our meetings, and although latterly he had been unable to come but seldom, he had written two days before his death to say that he hoped soon to come down and see the schools. Such old and faithful friends are a real loss, and we ask your prayers for both of them—they have a claim on us. *Requiescant in pace.*

An Explanation.—In our last number we printed a list of members, past and present, of the Universities Mission, for whom we asked your prayers. We fear that it was hardly explained with sufficient clearness that those names were selected out of so many belonging to the mission, as being personally known, more or less, to us. They were those who had either stayed with us, and so become well known (as *e.g.*, Mr. King) or who had preached or spoken for the mission at St. Matthew's.

PARISH NOTES.

St. Matthew's Church Temperance Society.—The arrangements for the February programme are: Tuesday, February 7th, 8.30 p.m., Devotional Address in St. Matthew's Church, Great Peter Street; Tuesday, February 14th, 8.30 p.m., Social Evening in the Schoolroom, Great Peter Street; Tuesday, February 21st, 8.30 p.m., Sacred Concert in the Schoolroom, Great Peter Street; Tuesday, February 28th, 8.30 p.m., Lecture in the Mission House. All parishioners and other adults who do not belong to the Temperance Society are gladly welcomed on February 7th, 21st, and 28th, but the Social Evening is eligible for members only.

Boxing Day Concert, 1898.—Our entertainment this year had several pleasing features to connect it with past years. First of all it was again undertaken by Miss Hitchcock, whose help we have so often enjoyed before. Among the performers, too, were several old friends whom we associate with Miss Hitchcock, especially Madame Lang and Mrs. Chambers, and further, we suspect that if the audience were examined it would be found that the crowded room contained quite a large number of visitors who are regular members of the Bank holiday audience. The first part of the programme consisted of music and songs, and concluded with a little farce entitled, "Too attentive by half," in which the characters were sustained by Mr. George Lynch as Marmaduke Mouser, Mr. Herbert Bird as Mr. Crummy, Miss Marjorie Chamberlain as Mrs. Monser, and Mrs. Chamberlain as Betsy Baker. The evening was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks for the delightful entertainment.

Gymnastic Display.—One of the Saturday afternoons about Christmas time is a date which we look forward to as an opportunity of meeting the supporters of the Home and Club, and on Saturday, January 14th at 4.30, we were "At home" to our friends, who kindly came in good numbers. This year the Instructor, Mr. Graham Cowan, has introduced the Sandow exercises, which form a new feature of the programme. About the individual merits of the two teams we shall hear more in March, when the competition will take place. The boys of the Home led off with dumb-bell and Indian club exercises, which received well-deserved applause. The seniors were represented by members who are now well known to those who honour us with their company, and showed considerable progress in their skilful performance of the exercises. There seems to be no difference in the opinion that both teams are well up to the mark, and we look for a keen contest at the next competition at the end of the season. Mr. Knowles again offers a "gold medal" for competition, and also a "bar" for competition among previous winners of the medal, provided they gain more marks than the winner of the medal.

Universities' Mission to Central Africa.—Departure of Missionaries, February 25th, 1899. Rev. Frederick W. Stokes, Nyasa; Rev. Herbert Barnes, Nyasa; Rev. Alexander G. De la Pryme, Nyasa; Rev. William G. Harrison, Zanzibar; Dr. Robert Howard, Nyasa; Mr. Edward M. de Jersey, Nyasa; Mr. John P. Clarke, Nyasa; Bro. Howard Freer, Zanzibar; Miss Emma Kenyon, Nyasa; Miss Mary Ram, Zanzibar; Miss Martha Schofield, Zanzibar; Miss Josephine Choveaux, Zanzibar.

ARRANGEMENTS.—February 24th. 8 p.m.—Evensong in St. Matthew's, Westminster, with Sermon by Rev. Canon Newbolt, and the Blessing of

Missionaries by Bishop Hornby. February 25th. 8 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion in St. Matthew's, Westminster (Bishop Hornby will celebrate). The *Itinerary* will be said after the Celebration. 9 a.m.—Breakfast at 9, Dartmouth Street, for *Missionaries and their Friends only*. 11 a.m.—Departure from Charing Cross.

Boys' Home.—In response to the appeal last month we have pleasure in gratefully acknowledging the receipt of twenty-four pillow-cases from Lady Wolfe Barry, together with a promise of night-shirts; six pillow-cases from Mrs. Malet, who also kindly promises a further supply; two pillow-cases from an anonymous friend at Sevenoaks; one night-shirt from the Sister Margaret Mary.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Lt.-Colonel Welby for his weekly illustrated papers, and of thanking the anonymous donor at Hampton for the weekly illustrated paper, which is much appreciated; if we only had the correct address we should like to send an invitation to our gymnastic display. Will the donor oblige?

Friends and visitors of the Boys' Home will have heard with sincere regret of the loss which has fallen to us by the death of Mrs. Edith Mary Gibson. She had been ill for some weeks, though the end came quite suddenly on 23rd December, 1898. During the time that Mrs. Gibson has been with us her kind sympathy and influence has been a real help to the Home. The funeral service was at St. Matthew's, on December 27th, after which some of the boys went down with the relations to Nunhead Cemetery, where the interment took place in grave No. 24,359, which is close to the chapel. R.I.P.

Country Holidays.—Parents who wish their children sent into the country in the summer holidays, are reminded that *now* is the time to begin making the necessary payments. Money can be received at the Mission House, on Mondays, at 12 o'clock. No child will be sent away whose money is not fully paid up.

All arrangements must be made through Miss Sheehy, who will be ready to receive payments on and after Monday, February 6th. Parents who wish to secure a holiday for their children should apply at once.

OLD ST. MATTHEW'S FOOTBALL CLUB. SENIOR DIVISION RESULTS.

Dec. 17. v Ladbroke, Won 4-0.	Jan. 7, 99. v St. James', Lost 2-1.
" 24. v St. Saviour's, Acton, Lost 5-1.	" 14. v St. Stephen's, Won 10-2.
" 26. v St. Saviour's, Luton, Lost 1-0.	

MATCHES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

1st. Team.	2nd. Team.
Jan. 21. v Chalfont House.	Jan. 21. v St. Saviour's, Acton.
" 28. v Craven Ramblers.	" 28. v Craven Ramblers.
Feb. 11. v Fulham, St. John's.	Feb. 4. v Old St. Mary's, R.
" 18. v St. Mary Abbott.	" 11. v Fulham, St. Andrew's
" 25. v Portman Chapel.	" 18. v St. Mary Abbotts, R.

There will be a Bohemian Concert in aid of the funds of the above Club; we hope it will be greatly patronised, in fact, "let 'em all come!"

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

These are so many and so various that it would be impossible within our limits to give anything like an adequate account of them, a mere record of the date of their occurrence must suffice in some cases, and it must be left to the imagination of the reader to fill this out by picturing the happiness and enjoyment felt in all cases by those who took part in them. The first in order was the distribution of children's clothes on Thursday, 22nd December; these very useful gifts are highly appreciated by all, not less, it may be guessed, by parents than by boys and girls. The Boxing Day concert at 8.30 on Monday, 26th, followed, and the same hour on the 27th, the members of the Temperance Society were entertained at an "At Home" in the school room. Dancing formed, as usual, a feature of the evening. The "At Home" for communicants was this year divided between juniors and seniors, the former having the precedence on Wednesday, 28th, in the schoolroom, where the large floor affords more space. The Seniors were in the Clergy House on Monday, the 2nd, and in the different rooms means of enjoyment were amply provided. A grammophone, which was the centre of attraction in room No. 6, delighted everybody who was lucky enough to get in, a matter of no little difficulty. In the Parish Room we had recitations and duets by Miss Buchanan Riddell and Mr. S. Holland, and Mr. Buchanan Riddell. Room No. 2 was lively with games, and some staid lovers of the weed met in No. 1. Next night saw the Parish Room filled with those who attend the Men's Lecture, and after tea and coffee a smoking concert followed. At the same time, the Men's Supper was going on in the Mission Room. Wednesday, 4th, was devoted to the Bible Class entertainment (Miss Torrens' girls), and Thursday, the 5th, to the entertainment of the Ward of Our Lady. The following week began with the Choir Supper on Monday, 9th, at 9.15, and the Boys' Tea on Wednesday, 11th, was preceded by singing of carols. The same order was observed next night, the 12th, when the girls sang carols at 5.30 and sat down to tea at 6. Those members of the police force of the parish whose duties permitted them were entertained at supper on Monday, 16th. The gathering of parents in Westminster Town Hall on Wednesday, 18th, is spoken of elsewhere. Thursday, 19th, was the date of the congregational tea in the Mission, and Monday, 23rd, and Wednesday, 25th, were marked by the gathering of mothers to tea from Rochester and Peabody Buildings.

Temperance Society.—The usual programme of social evenings that mark every month in this society was diversified by a concert by the members on the 24th January, and held in the schoolroom. It was, we believe, the first paying concert that has yet been undertaken by the Temperance Society, and the result fully justified the expectations that had been formed. A large and appreciative audience filled the room, and the selection and execution of the various songs, overtures, and sketches, left nothing to be desired. When it is said that there were no less than twenty numbers on the paper and that they were all gone through with skill and spirit, and received with zest by the audience, it will easily be imagined that a very pleasant evening was spent. The players and singers were Misses Brand, C. and E. Cook, Donaldson, E. Harvey, C. Oakeley, and Messrs. Braithwaite, Brand, Lanham, Morris, Mortimer, Phillips, W. Straffan and T. Walker.

Infants' Treats.—The treat for the Sunday School and Saturday Kindergarten Class took place as usual on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. There was the usual distribution of toys—dolls for the girls, and various kinds of toys for the boys. Instead of the usual tea, each child received a pretty muslin bag containing two buns, two oranges and a large bag of sweets.

The treat for the infants of the day school was again most kindly provided by the young ladies of Miss Wyatt's school. Tea was provided by Mr. Palfrey in the large room, while the baby room was turned into a miniature Gorrings' bazaar, where huge quantities of fascinating toys and warm garments were distributed to the little ones, who went home laden with more than they could, in some cases, conveniently carry. One little fellow was seen calmly walking along scattering his goods as he went. This is always a very successful treat, but each year it seems to be a greater success. Those who so kindly come year after year to help, get to know the children and their ways, and so things go more and more smoothly. The singing of the little ones met with considerable applause, and was, in the opinion of the writer, softer and sweeter than usual. Our very best thanks are due to Miss Wyatt and the other ladies who so kindly provided the funds and undertook the whole of the arrangements. We only hope that the removal of Miss Wyatt's school from London into the country will not deprive us of such very enjoyable treats in the future.

THE CHURCH FUND.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Church Fund was held on Wednesday, January 25th, when the following grants were made:—

	£	s.	d.
Church Expenses	...	...	...
School	...	...	...
Mission Chapel	...	...	...
Mission House	...	...	...
Total	£10	0	0

The amount to be allotted is unfortunately less each quarter, while the need of funds for the work of the parish certainly does not get less. There are plenty of cards waiting for those who may care to help in this way, and if our old friends who helped to swell the amount so much in the first years of the existence of the fund would only rally round us and take new cards, or better still, pay up arrears and also take a new card for 1899, the Fund would again be in a flourishing condition.

Payments may be made at any time at the School House, or to Mr. Thompson at the Clergy House on Monday between 8.30 and 9.30 p.m. It is well to remember that by the rules of the Fund the Treasurer is not allowed to ask for arrears, nor to remind subscribers individually that their payments have not been kept up.

MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The U. M. Central Africa.—The Ward of Our Lady will give an entertainment on behalf of the U.M.C.A. on February 6th, 7th, and 8th, consisting of a concert on the 6th, succeeded by an operetta, "The Enchanted Rose," on the 8th. Both will take place in the large room at the Mission of the Good Shepherd, 12, St. Matthew Street. Doors open 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s. for nights of 6th and 8th separately, 1s. 6d. ticket admits for nights of 6th and 7th, the night of the 7th being the rehearsal of the Operetta the admission is 6d. On the 6th and 8th, being the principal nights, there will be reserved seats for 2s. tickets each night.

It is earnestly hoped by the members of the Ward of Our Lady that they will have a crowded audience. Tickets are sold by the members of the Ward, or by the Sisters, 12, St. Matthew Street, or can be bought at Mission House, at St. Matthew's School Yard, Great Peter Street.

On January 4th, the Mission Bible Class women, over eighty in number, were treated to a most excellent tea by the kindness of Lady Wolfe Barry who arranged it on the tables herself, making it look so pretty and inviting with flowers and bright crackers, that the guests were delighted even before they sat down. Lady Wolfe Barry was joined by her sons and daughters, and the Rev. W. H. H. Jervois, who gave themselves up to amuse the women. Mr. Simpson also threw himself thoroughly into the spirit of fun and merriment which pervaded the whole evening. With much pleasure the company noticed that every one of our clergy "looked in" for a short time, and at the entrance of the Vicar there was a great clapping of hands in token of welcome and appreciation, this was also repeated when later on Sir John Wolfe Barry came in.

Musical chairs, the Swedish and other dances, were kept up with much zest. The comic and popular songs sung by Mr. Bliss and Mr. Gibbs met with great applause. All were sorry when eleven o'clock struck and it was time for "God Save the Queen," and departure. One and all expressed themselves as most grateful to the kind friend who provided this delightful evening and such a very good tea. It was also a great pleasure to again see the members of her family, and they were charmed with little Miss Sylvia Barry's performance on the piano. The sight of Mr. Jervois, his kindly greetings, and enquiries after their families, and his usual fun, completed the satisfaction of this thoroughly satisfactory treat.

BAPTISMS.

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Dec. 28th.—John Hastings.	6th.—Albert Victor Jubilee Leahy.
Jan. 1st.—Robert Thomas Danes.	11th.—Violet May McAuliffe.
1st.—Elizabeth Rose Leonard.	15th.—Florence Louisa Streat.
6th.—John Ferdinand Speicher.	18th.—Alexander Robert Cottrell.
6th.—Isaac William Thomas Robbins.	18th.—Florence Elizabeth Fuller.
6th.—Cornelius John Nunn.	22nd.—Joseph Henry Kinsman.

DEATHS.

Joseph Coulson, Dec. 14th, 1898.
Mary Edith Gibson, Dec. 23rd, 1898.

R.I.P.

CHURCH MUSIC AND HYMNS
FOR SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY, 1899.

Sexagesima (February 5th.)

MORNING:

Introit (*Ferial*) ... (page 4)
Mass No. iv. (*Gloria said*) ... (page 86)
Gradual, without Alleluia ... (page 11)
197 "The King of Love my Shepherd is."
C "See, Father, Thy beloved Son."

EVENING:

38 "Blest Creator." ... (tune 1)
291 "Oft in danger, oft in woe."
184 "Rock of Ages."

Quinquagesima (February 12th.)

MORNING:

Introit *Ferial* ... (page 4)
Mass No. iv. (*Gloria said*) ... (page 86)
182 "Jesu, grant me this, I pray."
193 "Jesu, Lover of my soul."
A "Father see Thy children."

EVENING:

38 "Blest Creator." ... (tune 1)
270 "Soldiers of Christ, arise."
363 "Almighty God, Whose only Son."

Lent i. (February 19th.)

MORNING:

Litany in procession.
Introit *Ferial* ... (page 4)
Kyrie IX. ... (page 123)
Tract "Like as the hart" ... (page 14)
Creed VII. (page 101) rest as
No. VIII. ... (page 115)
92 "Forty days and forty nights"
A "Father, see Thy children" (page 16)
Post Communion, "Hear us, O Lord." **

EVENING:

85 "By precepts taught" ... (tune 9)
94 "Lord, in this Thy mercy's day."
Psalm 51 (*Miserere*).

Lent ii. (Feb. 26th.)

MORNING:

Litany in procession.
Introit *Ferial* ... (page 4)
Kyrie IX. ... (page 123)
Tract "Like as the hart" ... (page 14)
Creed VII. (page 101) rest as
No. VIII. ... (page 115)
92 "Forty days and forty nights."
B "Wherefore, O Father" ... (page 16)
Post Communion, "Hear us, O
Lord" **

EVENING:

85 "By precepts taught" ... (tune 9)
91 "Christian, dost thou see them?"
Psalm 51 (*Miserere*).

** A LENTEN ANTHEM.

From an old Gothic Liturgy.

Cantors.—Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us; for we have sinned against Thee.

Choir.—Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us; for we have sinned against Thee.

Cantors.—Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us.

We have sinned with our fathers,

We have dealt wickedly.

Our sins are more in number than the hairs of our head.

Choir.—Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us; for we have sinned against Thee.

Cantors.—Return, return to the Lord Thy God, and

I will take away the yoke of thy captivity.

I will redeem thee and wash away thy sin in My blood;

And I will be thy Ransom,

And thy Redeemer.

Choir.—Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us; for we have sinned against Thee.

The pages refer to "Plain-song Masses in Modern Notation." (J. B. Croft.)

The tunes refer to "Melodies of the Evening Office Hymns." (J. B. Croft.)

The pointing and Tones of the Psalms and Canticles will be found in the "Evening Plain-song Psalter" and Special Psalter. (J. B. Croft.)

N.B.—Copies of the Psalter, Plain-song Masses, and other musical publications sold at "The Plain-song Depot," 3, Great Peter Street.

EVENING OFFICE HYMNS FOR WEEK-DAYS

FEBRUARY.

1 W 1st ev. Purification ... 449	14 T 38
2 Th Purification B.V.M. ... 449	15 W Ash Wednesday ... 85
3 F St. Blasius, Bp., M. (Paper) ... 38	16 Th 38
4 S 15	17 F 15
	18 S 38
6 M 15	20 M 85
7 T 38	21 T 85
8 W 15	22 W 85
9 Th 38	23 Th 1st. ev. St. Matthias, A.M. 430
10 F 15	24 F St. Matthias ... 430
11 S 14	25 S 85
13 M Eve of St. Valentine, Bp., M. (Paper) ... 85	27 M 85
	28 T 1st. ev. St. David, B.C. (Paper)

The Tunes of all these Hymns will be found in the "Melodies of the Evening Office Hymns." (J. B. Croft.)

THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION

The local branch of the English Church Union was founded in February, 1896, and received from the first the adherence of many who were present at the opening meeting. Since then there has been a steady increase in the numbers of the branch, though we believe that many who have not yet given in their adhesion to the Union would do so willingly were their attention directed to the objects and principles held by it. A very brief statement of these will, it is hoped, lead to further enquiry, and a greater increase in the numbers. And first, the objects of the Union are such as recommend it to all who hold with any degree of definiteness the principles of the Church. They are "to defend and maintain unimpaired the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England, to afford counsel, protection and assistance to all persons, lay or clerical, suffering under unjust aggression or hindrance in spiritual matters; and in general so to promote the interests of religion as to be, by God's help, a lasting witness for the advancement of His glory and the good of His Church." Its membership implies as a condition that all are communicants of the Church of England, with special reference to the Rubric that requires that "every parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one." The E.C.U. is in overwhelming numbers a society of lay people. Of its more than 33,000 members, some 29,000 are lay people, and it is very much alive and growing. The last quarter of the last year saw an increase in its numbers of more than 2,000. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd February, at 8.30, in the Schoolroom.

STORIES AND LEGENDS OF THE SAINTS.

XI.

St. Francis Xavier.

My God, I love Thee: not because
I hope for Heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
Are lost eternally.

* * *
Not from the hope of gaining aught
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me
O ever-loving Lord.

Hymn of St. Francis Xavier.

RARELY shall we find a life of such continuous self-sacrifice as that of St. Francis Xavier, the "Apostle of the Indies." Born at Xavier in Navarre in 1506 of pious parents, they implanted in his little heart a great fear of offending God and a remarkable modesty of manner which preserved his childish days from sin; and as he grew older, his strong desire for learning caused him to turn his whole mind to study. His progress in education was so rapid that he was early sent to the University of Paris, where he gained many honours, and at twenty-two years of age was teaching philosophy in the Schools.

God was not at that time his great, his only end. The glory that his talents had won for him, the flattery with which he was surrounded, had done their work, and his thoughts were full of the position he had already attained and the still higher place he beheld awaiting him in the future; but the time was coming when he would awake to see his true life-work, and just when he was enjoying the place he had gained by his abilities, Ignatius Loyola (the founder of the Society of Jesus) who had left home and friends and fortune, came to France. He soon heard of Francis Xavier, and believing that God had great purposes for him, Ignatius resolved to win him to use his gifts for a nobler and higher end than worldly approbation. It was not easy for Xavier to relinquish his ambitious desires, and become forgotten and despised for the love of Christ, but at length, in a retreat that Ignatius gave him, the love of God penetrated the long-closed heart, and Francis Xavier became a changed man, his only ambition to bear the cross and to give his life for the glory of his Creator and the good of his fellow-men.

Francis was one of the first members of the Company of Jesus, and when the King of Portugal made a request that some of the Fathers of the new society might be sent as missionaries to his possessions in the Indies, although Ignatius could only spare two of his followers, one of these was Francis Xavier. This mission to the Indies was not entirely a surprise to him, for once, in a dream, he had seen the miserable darkness of those heathen souls, as if his own lot was cast among them, with great toils, and cares and sufferings to undergo; therefore when he was chosen for this mission he felt that God had forewarned him of what was to come.

Francis Xavier set sail from Lisbon on April 7th, 1541, his thirty-fifth birthday, on his voyage to Goa in India. The ships were in those days only despatched once a year, and were crowded with merchants, soldiers and travellers of every kind. Fortunately, however, for Francis, the company he met with seemed unusually quiet and respectable. Yet it was a strange

life for one who had heretofore been only with students like himself, and one could scarcely feel surprised if he had shut himself up in the solitude of his cabin during the voyage; but it was during his time on ship-board that he really began his apostolic life, mixing freely with all, winning them gradually to give up their bad habit of swearing, and becoming a peace-maker in many quarrels. During the voyage illness broke out and there was no one to attend to the sick but Francis and his friends, who washed their linen, dressed their food and fed them with gentleness and care. Francis soon persuaded many to confession, and every Sunday preached on the deck of the ship.

When Francis reached Goa he found it full of vice and sin, but he was not cast down, and so vigorously did he work, that in a few months' time there was a remarkable improvement visible. God gave him grace to see how to deal with different characters; how some could be won by gentleness, and others by thoughts of hell, death and judgment. Going about the streets of Goa he would ask someone to give him a meal, and then whilst sitting at table, talk kindly and cheerfully to his host, ask for the children, and taking them up in his arms ask God to bless them. After a while great numbers of slaves and little children would run to him in the streets and follow as he led the way to the Church of our Blessed Lady, where he would teach them the catechism. Very often he would go up and down the town tinkling a little bell in his hand to attract notice, crying out, "Faithful Christians, for the love which you bear to Christ, send your servants and children to hear the Christian doctrine."

Francis next made a journey to some Christians who had been newly converted, dwelling on the Fishery Coast, where he preached, and taught, and administered the Sacraments. His greatest trial was to find so many souls needing care which they could not have, and in one of his letters Francis said he wished he could visit all the Universities in Europe, and get some of their learned men to come and work in those distant and neglected places, to gain souls to Christ; but while his days were passed in labour he gave the greater part of the night to prayer, begging God's blessing upon his work. In the villages he visited Francis spent much time in instructing the children, who then became his helpers, teaching the Creed and the Commandments to their parents. In Goa he established the College of St. Paul for training students for missionary work; then he went to labour in Travancore with the same success which always attended him.

From province to province throughout India this great missionary journeyed almost entirely on foot: his days a continual succession of prayer, labour and miracle, for by the mere touch of his hand, or by his blessing, many sick were immediately healed; so in the Molucca islands, in Ceylon, everywhere that his foot rested, he gained triumphs for Christ. Whilst he was visiting Molucca a native of Japan came there on board a Portuguese ship. He had lived a bad life, and having in a quarrel killed another man, had fled from punishment, and got on board this vessel. Francis met him and persuaded him to go to the missionary college at Goa, where he afterwards saw him again, and when Francis started on his mission to Japan, this man (now a Christian and named Paul Auger), was one of those who went with him, and, when they landed, he found out his own family, who provided the missionaries with a lodging.

After staying more than two years in Japan, Francis returned to India to visit his converts and inspect the College at Goa, and then returned to Malucca, for he longed to go thence on a mission to China, and in spite of many difficulties got as far as the island of Sansian; but though from this island Francis could see the land of his desire, it was made known to him that God accepted his intention, but that the work in the great Chinese Empire was to be done by his brother priests, not by himself. He had not been long upon the island when he was seized with fever, from which, for a time, he recovered. Then many sorrows and disappointments happened to him, for those who had promised to help in his design of going to China failed him for lack of courage. Very soon he was again struck with fever and felt sure that his death was approaching. There was a scarcity of provisions on the island, and during his illness he suffered real want, lying in a poor hut which scarcely sheltered him from the wind and rain, but with his crucifix in his hand all the time. When he was delirious he talked continually of his mission to China, or else murmured short prayers in Latin such as *Jesu, fili David, miserere mei* (Jesu, Son of David, have mercy upon me). So his illness went on, and at last on Friday, December 2nd, he fixed his eyes with a fond gaze upon his crucifix, and murmuring *In te, Domine, speravi: non confundar in aeternum* (O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded) breathed his last with a heavenly joy gleaming upon his face in death.

The remains of this great missionary were taken to Goa, where they rest even to this time amongst the people to whom he carried the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His was a life of self-sacrifice and his death was worthy of it. In suffering and desolation, amidst unfriendly hearts upon the island of Sansian, yet with the support of God's love all around him, an infinite confidence filled his heart, and there came faintly from his lips with his last breath "*In te Domine speravi.*"—(Adapted from "*Stories of the Saints,*" by M. F. S.)

MINOR SAINTS DAYS.

Feb. 3. St. Blasius.—Was born at Sebaste, in Armenia, a child of wealthy parents. He lived a solitary life in a cave on Mount Assus. He was elected bishop and suffered martyrdom in the year 316 A.D. One instrument of his torture was a sharp comb such as wool is carded with, and so he was afterwards the patron saint of woolcombers.

Feb. 5. St. Agatha.—Virgin and martyr. A native of Sicily. Her martyrdom was due to the special wickedness of the Governor Quintianus, and she died in the year 251 A.D.

Feb. 14. St. Valentine. was a priest in Rome in the reign of the Emperor Claudius II. He became widely known by his good life and works. The Emperor placed him under the charge of a judge called Asterius. Asterius had a little daughter, who had been blind for two years, and Valentine restored her sight by prayer, which led to Asterius and all his household being baptised. These Christians, together with St. Valentine, suffered martyrdom in the year 270 A.D. He is regarded as the patron for girls and boys, and a heathen festival to Juno was transformed by his patronage to St. Valentine's day.

NEWPORT MARKET SCHOOL.

The school in Cobourg Row was in full *fête* on the evening of the 10th January, on the occasion of the annual dinner, and presentation of prizes for progress and good conduct. These were distributed by Princess Adolphus of Teck, accompanied by Prince Adolphus, who acknowledged in behalf of the Princess and himself the hearty vote of thanks proposed by General Trotter.

The Princess distinguished Private Plumb, of the 21st Lancers, who was through the charge at Omdurman, by shaking hands with him and congratulating him on the medal he had gained.

Lady Bancroft was invited to say something to the boys, and made what was really a stirring speech, in which she expressed her admiration of the work done in the school, and advised her hearers to stick to the career which lay before them, and emulate the pluck of their comrade. Others who were present were Lady Colville, Lady Dorothy Nevill, Sir George Arthur, Sir Squire Bancroft, Colonel Rind, Captain Le Marchant, Colonel Benson, and Captain Robertson.

Acknowledged with best thanks: handsome gifts of books and pictures from Lady Wolfe Barry, and an anonymous donor.

For the boys' band, which has given its services so often to various social meetings in the parish, new instruments are required. To gain funds for this purpose, and for other necessary expenses, Miss Cooper Coles has kindly arranged to give a dramatic entertainment, which is to take place at the Royal Albert Hall Theatre, on Saturday, February 11th, at 3 p.m.

Tickets (10s. each, three for 25s.) may be obtained from the Hon. Mrs. Pascoe Glyn, 14, Eaton Square, Mrs. Hugh Arbuthnot, 76, Cadogan Square, and Miss S. Buchanan Riddell, 9, Sloane Gardens.

Thanks.—For turkey for dinners for the sick; for surgical aid letters from Miss Bunny; for a parcel of clothes from Miss Colville; for holly from Alfreton Park, evergreens and holly from Mrs. Bucknell, Miss Bouverie, Mrs. Glynn, Mrs. Treacher, Captain Torrens; for flowers, Miss Clarke, Sister Hallett, Nurse Hewett, Mrs. Hacket, Miss Monkhouse; for hospital letters Mrs. Sydney Rogers, Mrs. W. P. Trevelyan; clothes, Mrs. Hugh Elliot.

Names of Communicants.—Our communicants were very good in helping us before Christmas by sending in their names. We shall in all probability be asking them to do so again before Easter. To do it fairly frequently is the only way in which we can keep the list up to date and prevent ourselves from getting into arrears.

Christmas Decorations.—One word of special thanks to the many friends who sent us evergreen and flowers at Christmas. They enabled us by their kindness to make the Church look quite Christmasey and old fashioned as we wished to do.

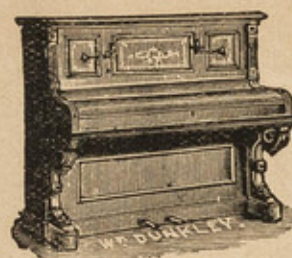
Guild of Perseverance.—It may be well to explain that members of the Ward of the Holy Childhood, when they are passed on into the Ward of Nazareth after their confirmation, do not at once become full members. They retain their badge, which has been already given them, but are only probationers of the Ward of Nazareth, for a period of not less than six months. During this period of probation they do not have the red ribbon of the Ward of Nazareth, but retain the ribbon they have worn as members of the Ward of the Holy Childhood. When admitted full members of the Ward of Nazareth the red ribbon is given to them.

Mr. Weston's latest letter has been crowded out this month.

X Calendar.

1899.				FEBRUARY.		2nd Month.	
1	W	Vigil.	Ward of Our Lady, 9.	17	F	Compline and Instruction (Chapel of the Good Shepherd), 9.	
2	Th	Purification of the B. V. Mary. H.C. 7, 8, 9, 11. Instruction, 8.30.		18	S	Needlework Society, 11—12.	
3	F	St. Blasius B.M., C.B.S., 8.30.	Compline and Instruction (Chapel of the Good Shepherd), 9.	19	S	Lent i. Service for Men, 4.30. Ward of St. Gabriel, 6. Lecture for Men, 8.30.	
4	S	Needlework Society, 11-12,		20	M	3.30. Service for Women. Intercession Service, 8.30. Ember Litany after E.P.	
5	S	Sexagesima.	Ward of Nazareth, 6. Lecture for Men, 8.30.	21	Tu	Address, 5 p.m., Rev. H. P. Denison. Temperance Society, 8.30. Ember Litany.	
6	M	Service for Mothers, 3.30. Intercession Service, 8.30.		22	W	Ember Day. Day of Intercession. Ember Litany after E.P. Ward of Our Lady, 9.	
7	Tu	Temperance Society, 8.30.		23	Th	Vigil. Ember Litany after E.P. Sermon, 8.30.	
8	W	District Visitors' Meeting, 12. Instruction, 8.30.		24	F	St. Matthias A.M. Ember Day. H.C., 7, 8, 9, 11. Special Service for Central African Mission, and Sermon by Canon Newbolt, 8. Compline and Instruction (Chapel of Good Shepherd), 9.	
9	Th	Compline and Instruction (Chapel of the Good Shepherd), 9.					
10	F	Needlework Society, 11—12.		25	S	Ember Day. H.C., 8. Farewell to U.M.C.A. Missionaries. Needlework Society, 11—12. Ember Litany after E.P.	
11	S						
12	S	Quinquagesima.	Lecture for Men, 8.30.	26	S	Lent ii. Ward of St. Joseph, 4.30. Lecture for Men, 8.30.	
13	M	Intercession Service, 8.30. Ward of the Holy Incarnation, 8.45.		27	M	3.30. Service for Women. Intercession Service, 8.30. Ward of the Holy Family, 8.30.	
14	Tu	Shrove Tuesday. St. Valentine. Temperance Society, 8.30.		28	T	Address, 5, Rev. H. P. Denison. Temperance Society, 8.30.	
15	W	Ash Wednesday. See Special Service Lists.					
16	Th	Sermon, 8.30.					

Meaning of Letters.—A. Apostle. B. Bishop. C. Confessor. D. Doctor. E. Evangelist. K. King. M. Martyr. P. Priest. H.C. Holy Communion. C.B.S. Confraternity of Blessed Sacrament. Ab. Abbot.



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St. Matthew's, Westminster.

Subjects for Prayer at the Daily Celebrations of the Holy Communion.—February, 1899.

1 Wednesday ...	For the Peace of the Church. Ward of Our Lady.	14 Shrove Tuesday, St. Valentin's ...	All Penitents.
2 Thursday, Purifi- cation of B.V.M.	Community of St. Mary the Virgin, Wantage.	15 Ash Wednesday ...	God's Blessing on our Observance of Lent.
3 Friday, St. Blasius	All Refugees and Peniten- taries.	16 Thursday ...	Those holding back from the Sacraments.
4 Saturday ...	The Choir and Servers.	17 Friday ...	The Parishes of West- minster.
5 Sexagesima Sunday ...	Foreign Missions.	18 Saturday ...	7, The Faithful Departed. 8, All in Trouble or Sorrow.
6 Monday ...	7, The Mothers' Meetings. 8, Mothers' Union.	19 Sunday, Lent i. ...	The Lectures for Men. Those to be ordained on Sunday next.
7 Tuesday ...	7, All engaged in Temper- ance Work. 8, The Sick and Suffering.	20 Monday ...	The Ward of the Holy Childhood.
8 Wednesday ...	The Parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Munster Square.	21 Tuesday ...	The Temperance Society and Band of Hope.
9 Thursday ...	Perseverance for those lately confirmed.	22 Wednesday, Ember Day ...	All Bishops.
10 Friday ...	Rescue Workers — Their Work.	23 Thursday ...	The Clergy of the Parish.
11 Saturday ...	7, Those in Chronic Illness. 8, The Dying.	24 Friday, St. Matthias, Ember Day ...	7, All Priests. 8, Central African Mission.
12 Quinquagesima Sunday ...	The Guild of Perseverance. God's Blessing on Our Observance of Lent.	25 Saturday, Ember Day ...	All Deacons.
13 Monday ...	Ward of the Holy Incarna- tion.	26 Sunday, Lent ii. ...	The Ward of St. Joseph.
		27 Monday ...	7, Ward of Holy Family. 8, Theological Colleges.
		28 Tuesday ...	The Day and Sunday Schools.

Rescue Work is always a subject for intercession on Fridays.

Feb. 19th. 1895

Visited St. Matthew's this morning at the 11 o'clock service. The church was not quite but nearly full; but 100 of the congregation were boys from some home. The rest of the people, though they showed no signs of poverty, showed equally few of wealth and I can quite believe that most of them were of the working class or just above it. Another sign of course is the proportion but there was a good sprinkling of rich and of them nearly all I thought were working men. The service began with the Litany, sung in Plainsong & a Procession which my family went round the Church: first came the Cross Bearer: then followed two acolytes: then the Priest in a cope: then three Cantors followed by the Choir. The portion of the Litany usually taken by the Priest was chanted by the Cantors, the responses being given by the choir, the organ accompanying throughout. The effect was exceedingly beautiful. The Litany was followed by the Communion service: the altar bread of course was a ~~basella~~ Chasuble and there was some wine, but as a whole the service

was much less ornate than at our High
 Celebrations: indeed in its essence nothing could
 have been simpler and more solemn. Truly, but
 the hymns & choruses were rather sing-like but
 the whole effect was interesting, religious and devotional.

Mr. Trueman ~~was~~ took no part in the
 service. The sermon on the Temptation of Christ was
 short and unimpressive but dull. It assumed the
 actual truth of the story not even suggesting as
 I imagine that our many High Church would think
 it is allegorical.

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St John, Westminster. Interview with Curate representing
 W N Willsforce. 27 Febury 1899.

We had had one post card from W N W to the Rector
 promising to do his best to fill up one form & another
 from W Nasil Willsforce (his son I suppose) regretting delay
 saying the Senior Curate was at work on it. I wrote
 that I should be passing & would call at 4 p.m. & did
 so. W N Willsforce's name is on the side of the door
 at 1011 Church St with other names which I did not study
 but which may be those of the unmarried Curates. The
 ground floor is occupied as business offices & the outer door
 opened on turning the handle. The Servant who responded
 said that W N was not there but invited me in & named
 I suppose the young Curate who I found in the room above
 dressed in the most regular priest's habit but without any
 clerical affectation. A simple straight forward hard working
 genuine representative of the Church. Clean shaven &
 spectacled. tall & thin. a man who found it impossible
 to sit down preferring to writhle himself about on the hearth
 rug while answering the questions I threw up at him from
 the low chair in which I lay back. for I had explained

Character of district

of population.

Influence of religion

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Curate at St. John Westminster

my mission telling him how glad I was to turn to him for information as the Rector was busy. & to begin with we spread out the map & traced his parish on it. By means of a few clearances & some consequent spread of poverty there seems no great change. He said others told him that the district had deteriorated. He has been working here 18 months having come from Portsmouth.

There are the regularly & well employed working class in some numbers as well as a few streets of middle class people but the larger part of the pop of 12000 consist of rather poor labouring people. Regularly or irregularly employed & including a proportion of loafers who depend on their wives earnings.

A very small proportion take any interest in religion. tho' they know all about it & recognise the Church as an institution to which they can turn when required. The Church is well attended - especially if the Rector is preaching when many strangers come. The congregation otherwise consists of middle class & the better of the working class & some poor coming for what they may get. The female element prevails. At the Mission Hall in Horseferry Rd which this Curate runs they do get full of Sunday School of the poor class but it is a little place.

Persons Employed

St. John Westminster (Curate at)

The Rector (who does little more than preach very very much taken up with outside work) & 3 Curates (who divide the district in 3 parts) - & a mission woman very hard worked. There are also some volunteer ladies & the S. School teachers.

Buildings

A very solid Church in Smith's Square - the little mission hall already mentioned - an 'institute' (containing gymnasium) being the upper part of a stable used for boys clubs - & some place where a girls club is run - & the schools where provision is made for a boys club of a better class.

Services

The services are numerous & I suppose rather high than otherwise but I am not sure for he spoke of the music as being congregational. The congregations at the regular morning & evening times are pretty good & sometimes full. At the mission service is a Sunday evening & the room may be full (holding 150).

Social Agencies

Social agencies - three boys clubs & one for girls - The quite rough & small boys - from the streets - have 2 nights & the older 'got into ones' boys meet on the other 4 nights. A letter since at Bible class on Sunday is obligatory - not

S. John Westminster (Curate at)

necessarily every Sunday but often enough to be recognised as the fulfilment of a duty. This is explained as the terms of the bargain. The boys must accept it as 'medicine' if in no other spirit. My friend the Curate runs all this & takes his boys on Saturday afternoon for cricket or foot ball to their ground somewhere near the Crystal Palace - a pretty hard worked young man. The clubs have no written rules - no committee - no authority except his own expressed as required.

There is a concert every Saturday, got up by different people as arranged beforehand - & there are temperance meetings which take the guise of smoking concerts. Mr. W. H. Price himself makes a nuisance of the Public houses & draws the men from them. My Curate has a doss house that he frequents for the same purpose. There is a large Mothers' meeting.

Educational. I think there are day schools as well as Sunday schools. The Sunday schools must be pretty large. & there is Band of Hope.

Visiting. The people move about so that it is hardly possible to maintain visiting books. My Curate found none & began

Education

hurry & change

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S. John Westminster (burial at)

systematically but I think finds it impossible. He says
he finds no difficulty in getting in but great difficulty
in getting to know the people - much more difficult
than at Portsmouth. He however knows of them - who
they are by name & so on. The numbers however are
very great 12000 or more a piece amongst the curates

hurry & I did not ask about this. Charitable assistance
is given so far as possible in harmony with COSO
COS principles. but it is not possible to refuse to
assist, if you are to get any hold at all. I suppose
a good deal of money is spent.

I did not push forward the general questions &
as another visitor was announced I left.

My impression is that we have here energetic
work - the Church taking her place.

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Interview with The Rev G. Miller - Holy Trinity, Nessbrook 9th
at 47 S. George's Square 27 Feb 1899

This house is not in the parish though not far off - the
real vicarage has been let with the Bishop. Permission
Mr Miller is an elderly middle aged man of grey hair &
quiet manners & has been vicar for 28 years - in this time
the population has decreased & conditions improved - less
crowding less poverty - He connects the change with the
removal of bridge tolls enabling people to live on the South
side -

Population

We looked over the map & could trace some main changes
but on the whole it seems to be correct - There are artisans
in good supply & mostly paid irregular weekly labourers - but on
the whole employment is good - there are also costers &
where there has been rebuilding a better class come in
there are some middle class but not church-going or very
particular of reputation - but there has been an im-
provement - bad houses having been cleared out to a
great extent - The congregation are chiefly the better
of the working class - not only many all tend to church

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Miller - Holy Trinity

Parsons Envelope - Near 12 Custer & 3 paid lady visitors
dividing the district into 3 districts - total pop. about 6500

Buildings - There is the Church a beautiful Pease & Saffie
built about 1850 with a tower-shire in the center - Rectory
600 - Clergy house - Schools - Parish room - & caretaker
house & guild room

Services are 8 am & 11 (with choral HC 1215) - Sat. 3.15 to
which no one else comes - Children 3.45 - Evening 7 - About
100/150 come in the morning & rather more in the evening -
On Holy days they have service at 8 am & 8 pm &
every day at 10 am - 5 or 6 attend - 220 Easter Communion

Social agencies - Guilds for adult women - for girls - & for boys
perhaps 30 in each - Mothers meeting 150/200 names & 30 or
40 regular attenders - Old Scholars Assoc. annual
gathering (about 60)

Education - Day Schools (Successful) - Boys Girls & Infants 600
& about same numbers for Sunday School with 30 or 40 teachers

Miller - Holy Trinity

Visiting District completely mapped out & listed & reported upon

Nursing I matter to Enquire - Relief is mainly in hand of "Parochial Council" meeting weekly to make grants on the visiting reports. Near also dispenses some - but the whole is not more than £50 or 60 according to the accounts & less is received than formerly - work with C.O.S. as far as possible. Mrs Miller on COS Committee

There is the Westminster Philanthropic Society which issues tickets of which some come to the clergy - this is better managed than it used to be. Mr Miller said he believed COS were better satisfied with it than they were

Other agencies - There is a Congreg mission run by Mr Selby Court is a man connected with his work. Others are nothing but COS - The Wesleyan Headquarters are known closely with schools & colleges - in St. Matthew's parish.

Local Gov - approves the Gov's proposals - don't know for enough men - Small trades people chiefly but Don't know is fair administrator - St. George's Union is linked with this district

Miller - Holy Trinity

Police Interfactory

Drink Have a Temperance asso. & a prope. B'g of hope
traces improvement as to men - not so with women -

Marriage not strikingly early - Girls work at Am. Cloth, Factory
at the Acander at Gas - as dress makers - & laundry work
Things Small core club & Provident Bank - & for Children
penny bank.

Health good

Some condition generally shows improvement

W. Miller must exercise a quiet wholesome influence
He is evidently inclined to let things alone if they are
going fairly well - not interfering with his Curator's
management of this or that - He is happy in his
place 28 years has not tired him out - He has no
wish to change. The result may perhaps be rather
sleepy.

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Report of interview with the Rev. W.H.G. Twining, V
Vicar of S. Stephen's, Wister, at the Vicarage. (E.A.)
Feb. 23.

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Mr. Twining was here with Archdeacon Sinclair and has stayed on, being preferred from the curacy to the living. He is a man of great energy and keenness, and my note during the interview was "a Scott Holland sort of man". ~~There~~ ^{He} has not as massive and striking a face, but shows much of the same eager spontaneity, perhaps some of the same tendency to exaggerated statement, the child, doubtless, of enthusiasm. Under Mr. Twining any parish would be alive, and at S. Stephen's a strenuous activity appears to prevail. The influence of the Church is thus widely felt, and, although he said that working in his parish was like twisting a rope of sand, so constant and rapid are the changes, much good appears to be done, in all sorts of ways.

Special Features: of the parish. The amount of clearances is the most salient fact, inaugurating change. The population that was 5647 in '91, is estimated at about 24000 now, so much ground is clear. So far as new building has taken place it is mainly in the shape of second-rate flats, ^(6 blocks) but of the 4000 left, 3500 are said to be of the same class as were found in the parish before the rebuilding and the preparations for re-building began. However,

the flats remain the great sign of change, and their occupants are found by Mr. T. as by so many others, an unsatisfactory class, migratory, and "wanting nothing," "neither church nor charity". In the north end of the parish the Army and Navy Stores is the great source of disturbance; they are steadily extending, and it is a grievance against the Ecclesiastical Commissioners that they are selling so much land for non-residential purposes, and a special grievance that the site all round the Pepys Club (see later) has been sold to the same Company. The Club will in fact be isolated from dwellings, and the Stores even want to buy it, thus adding insult to injury.

Special features of the work of the parish: Six hundred sermons and addresses are given in the church every year. Although the parish is being attenuated, it holds the sixteenth place in London, for the total number of those sent up for confirmation, and in percentage to population, the first place. Pepys House and Club focusses most of the social work (see list). Weekly subscription, 2d.; the whole thing started "with a flourish" and has gone well ever since, though some things have had to be dropped; the difficulty has been want of accommodation; the day club is important and largely used, the day population of the district being large. This is chiefly

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through the Stores, most of the employees of which live away, the chief classes of exceptions being the early workers, some of the older men, and some of the boys and girls living in their homes in the n'hood.

The Thrift agencies of the parish are note-worthy (see table). The big thing is "The Self-Help Club", a form of trading that I have not come across before. Strict co-operators disapprove of it, but it secures ^{working} of the advantage of the ordinary store, mainly the adoption of a cash system. The "bonus" may be said to take the place of the "dividend". The retail dealer is not eliminated, but is the pivot of the whole business. Any reputable tradesman is put on the list; "cheques" of ~~xxxxx~~ purchases are handed in to the Society, and on them the tradesman pays a commission. It is these commissions that make the fund out of which the bonus is declared. The tradesman are said to like the plan and to find it answer their purpose to pay the commission, because it means no credit. Most of the shops dealt with are out of the parish. The extract from the magazine will explain the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ drop in the amount of business done in '94. The whole thing grew out ~~xxxxxMxxxxxxxxxxxxfxxxx~~ of a kind of Xmas Club -- a Goose Club -- formed 12 years ago, to rival the clubs of

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the publicans; the next year they arranged for the purchase of furniture, and by degrees the present system was evolved. Its main interest lies perhaps in its practical attack on the credit system, but it has other points of interest, and in London, where ordinary distributive co-operation is so weak, it is worth considering whether this plan of S. Stephen's has not much to commend it, fitting in, as it does, to a system in which the play of retail competition is so strong and so effective.

(holds 800) -

Miscellaneous facts: Parish buildings: Church; Mission House (Pepys Club etc.) ^{Two} Schools (very large; 1800 scholars). Attendances: (taken from a census a few yrs ago; not so large now, but no great change); Sunday morning, Adults, 283, choir, 30, children, 241; Sunday evening, adults, 392, children, 67. Some well-to-do, non-parochial, the rest poor and parochial. Communicants' Roll, 5 to 600 (tables promised). Sunday School, Register, 1200; Afternoon average, 800; they come from all (except the flats) parishes. Visiting, nearly the whole of the parish every week, in a thorough fashion. Education: in addition to two schools, there is the Technical Institute, 600 students, very good, but days perhaps numbered, through competition of Polytechniques. It was founded by Baroness Burdett Coutts. Nursing: from the Westminster Nurses,

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(Home in Bessborough Gardens). Relief: On C.O.S. lines; nothing given either by clergy or district visitors; all by grant made by Committee. Last year total amount, about £125; £10 in pensions.

Miscellaneous opinions: Except the flats the whole parish in touch, either through religious, social, or educational agencies. General response satisfactory on the whole; the people friendly and confident; the religious people more elastic; all sorts of things, week-end absences, etc. etc. have "knocked the bottom out of Sunday in London"; a "change of habit" has come about; cited an outside instance in the ^{small} number of men now seen on Sunday, at S. Peter's, Eaton Square. Does not exactly condemn many of the phases of all this, but does condemn and regret the influence on his people of service with the wealthy; Sunday dinner parties etc. etc. Said a good deal about Ashley Gardens, and the character of many of its people, which he believed was often of the worst. While the religious are more elastic, the non-religious are distinctly more friendly, due to greater activity generally. and "to all that Pepys House implies". But although it may be gaining, the Church is trying to do too much; "Sunday is child's play now".

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Artillery Mansions, not good; many shady people. Buck-
ingham Cottages, very bad, fever etc. Birth-rate

going down; "people in flats don't have children"; the use
of checks by the artisan class suspected; not by the poor.

A frightful amount of unsuspected immorality about;
thinks very hardly of the authorities; ~~thinks~~ suspects
fear on the part of the Home Office and the Police in
dealing with Massage establishments, because of the num-
ber of influential names on the lists of the implicated.

Mentioned some, and in another connection, referred to

"the shocking affair" of Canon Eyton, and the action, or
rather inaction, in connection with it. Has the worst

opinion of the police, and of their standard; took me ~~re~~
round his parish, and showed me, in passing, a newsagents
next door to the police-station in Rochester Row which he
said was a betting den of the most open kind, and was al-
most entirely supported by the police. The number of
public houses has gone down; the amount of drunkenness
has gone up, especially among women. No prostitu-

tion in his parish. Crime better, though the Parks
still lead to a number of charges. Marriage rela-

tionships in his parish good on the whole; illegitimacy
the exception; "in the next parish nobody gets married!"

The character of both ends of Vauxhall Bridge Road bad.

Health in the parish pretty good, save for fever in the

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slummy parts. Some of the housing very bad, and, as the worst specimen, he afterwards showed me the court out of Willow St.

Dissent hardly known in Westminster.

Doubts usefulness of the Westminster Philanthropic Soc.; managed by tradesmen; no reference to clergy; must be overlapping; has left it. Thinks badly also of the Board of Guardians as now constituted; has left them; could not stand it after the last election; such a rowdy lot got in; "the last political change has knocked the bottom out of political life; you can't expect decent people to stand, certainly not any one with nerves.

Note: In the Spring of '97, the Vestry complained to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of the amount of their property that was vacant, and of the loss of rating involved. Eighteen properties were cited, with a total area of 5½ acres, and a rateable value of about £4000. The Commissioners gave a detailed answer, in a considerable number of cases the reply to the complaint of the Vestry being that the property had been already sold, and several times that the site in question is "intermixed with other property" the leases of which have not yet run out. The Commissioners also defend their policy as regards the provision of working-class dwellings, saying that they have already erected "37 cottages in Garden St. and Dorset St" and that they propose to reserve other sites for the erection of additional cottages. Mr. Twining lent me the return in question; his own attitude is decidedly critical of the action of the Commissioners.

The Parish was Founded in 1847.

The First Service held in the New School (during the building of the Church) was on Advent Sunday, 1849.

The Baptismal Registers begin in 1847.

The Foundation Stone of the Church was laid on July 20th, 1847, and the Church Consecrated on June 24th (S. John Baptist Day), 1850.

The Marriage Registers begin in 1850.

The First Census of the Parish was taken in 1851. Population, 6,387.

Missions were held in the Parish in 1874, 1882, and 1885.

Since 1861 the population has decreased.

In 1861 the population was 7,127.

In 1871 „ „ „ 6,421.

In 1881 „ „ „ 6,080.

In 1891 „ „ „ 5,647.

The population since 1892 has very greatly changed. It is estimated that more than one half of the population has removed since.

At present about one third of the Parish remains unbuilt upon.

The following streets have been removed:—Francis Street Coburg Row, Carpenter's Buildings, Emery Hill Street, Windsor Place, Willow Street, Pond Court, Kine Court, Phillips' Cottages, Old Rochester Row, Grey Coat Place, Union Court, Bond Court, Mills' Yard, Rochester Street, Grey Coat Street, Bell Street, Ship Court, and part of Rochester Row.

The effect of these changes may be partly seen in an analysis of the figures of returns.

In 1889 the Marriages reached the highest point, viz., 72; in 1898 they fell to the lowest, viz., 26.

The highest number of Baptisms was in 1874, viz., 318; and the lowest since, in 1897, viz. 106, a third of this number, was the result of a special enquiry.

The Baptisms, Commnions, and Confirmations are no guide to the condition of the Parish. For instance, take the Baptisms for the last three years:—

In 1896, out of 126 Baptisms, only 57 were Parishioners.

In 1897, „ 106 „ „ 45 „ „

In 1898, „ 188 „ „ 61 „ „

It is gratifying to find that, notwithstanding the great changes passing over the Parish, that the Communion and Confirmations have increased.

4. The Guards are now met at fee.

Church Services.

Sundays.

Holy Communion	...	...	8.0 a.m.
Holy Communion	...	...	12.0 noon.
Holy Communion (also on the 1st Sunday in the month)	...	...	7.15 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon	...	...	11.0 "
Children's Service	...	...	3.30 p.m.
Evening Prayer and Sermon	...	...	7.0 "

Holy Days.

Holy Communion	...	...	8.0 a.m.
Children's Service	...	...	9.0 "
Evening Prayer	...	...	6.0 p.m.

Week Days.

Morning Prayer (except Thursday and Friday)	...	...	10.0 a.m.
Evening Prayer	...	...	6.0 p.m.
Wednesday: Choral Service and Sermon	...	...	8.0 a.m.
Thursday: Children's Service	...	...	9.15 "
Friday: Children's Service	...	...	9.0 "

Occasional Services.

HOLY BAPTISM—

Sundays	4.0 p.m.
Fridays	6.0 "

CHURCHING—

Sundays	4.0 p.m.
Week-days	6.0 "

MARRIAGES—

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The Guild of S. Stephen.

FOR COMMUNICANTS.

Woman's Ward—			
First Monday in the month...	8.0 p.m.
Men's Ward—			
Last Monday in the month...	...	...	8.30 "
Young Men's Ward—			
Last Friday in the month...	...	...	8.30 "
Girl's Ward—			
Second Monday in the month	...	...	8.15 "

Bible Classes.

Men's—Pepys House, Sundays	...	...	3.0 p.m.
Women's—Pepys House, Mondays	...	...	3.0 "
Young Men's—Pepys House, Sundays	...	...	3.30 "
Young Women's—	Sundays	3.30	"

Girl's Friendly Society.

Devotional Meeting, last Thursday in the month...	8.15 p.m.
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Sunday Schools.

Boys	10.0 a.m., 2.30 p.m.
Girls	10.0 " 2.45 "
Infants	10.0 " 2.45 "

Day Schools.

Higher Grade—Rochester Street.
Elementary (No Fees)—Vincent Square.

Day and Evening Clubs.

PEPYS HOUSE, ROCHESTER ROW.

1. Day Club for Men.
2. Evening Club for Men.
3. Day Club for Young Men.
4. Evening Club for Young Men.

Mothers' Meetings.

Mondays and Tuesdays.

Mothers' Union.

Quarterly Meeting.

Temperance.

Women's Union.—See Magazine.

Thrift Societies.

Self Help Club—Saturdays	...	...	7 to 9 p.m.
Slate Club—Tuesdays	...	...	9.0. to 10 "
Working Men's Sick Benefit Fund—			
Sundays	...	...	3. p.m.
Women's Sick Benefit Fund—Mondays	...	...	3. "
Women's Provident Fund—Mondays	...	...	2.30 "

Charities.

District Visitors' Meeting—			
Wednesday—Pepys House	...	...	10.15 a.m.
Needlework Society—			
Friday	...	...	10.15 "

WESTMINSTER.

The City of Westminster consists of the Parishes of S. Margaret's and S. John's. The Liberties of Westminster are what is outside the City.

The Parliamentary Borough of Westminster, which comprises the united Parishes and the Close of S. Peter's, contain 824 acres, 5,781 inhabited houses, with a population on the last census of 53,234.

The Parish of S. Margaret's consists of the Parish Church and four Ecclesiastical Districts, viz., Christ Church, S. Andrew, All Saints', Ennismore Gardens, and Holy Trinity, Knightsbridge.

The Parish of S. John's consists of the Parish Church and five Ecclesiastical Districts, viz., S. Mary, Tothill Fields, Holy Trinity, S. Matthew, S. James-the-Less, and S. Stephen.

	Population.	Church Accommodation		Population.	Church Accommodation
S. Margaret's	3511	1200	Holy Trinity	6324	700
All Saints'	6142	1200	S. James-the-Less	3139	600
Holy Trinity, Knightsbridge	738	250	S. Mary	5523	560
Christ Church	4421		S. Matthew	7218	850
S. Andrew	3907	1200	S. Stephen	5647	800
S. John	9187	1400			

The Parish of S. Stephen was founded in 1847. The Church, Schools and Vicarage were built by the munificence of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, as a Memorial to her father, Sir Francis Burdett, M.P. for Westminster for more than thirty years.

The foundation stone was laid on July 20th, 1847, and the Church was consecrated on June 24th, S. John the Baptist Day, 1850. The architect was B. Ferry, Esq. Style of architecture Fourteenth Century, decorated. The Nave is 97 feet long, and 20½ feet wide. North Aisle 11 feet 8 inches wide, and South Aisle 13 feet wide. The Chancel is 47 feet long and 20½ feet wide. Organ by Hill, 1850, rebuilt and enlarged by A. Gern, 1890. Bells, 8, by Mears. The Church was restored in 1890 at a cost of £3,000. The steeple was struck by lightning in the great storm in January, 1895, and was repaired and re-pointed at a cost of £600.

Sittings may be appropriated on application to the Churchwardens. There are no pew rents. The Church depends entirely upon the offertories and voluntary contributions for the maintenance of the Services, &c.

Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury—RIGHT HON. AND MOST REV. FREDERICK TEMPLE, D.D.

Bishop of London—RIGHT HON. AND RIGHT REV. MANDELL CREIGHTON, D.D.

Archdeacon of Middlesex—VEN. ROBINSON THORNTON, D.D.

Archdeacon of Westminster—VEN. C. W. FURSE.

Rural Dean of Westminster—REV. AND HON. J. S. NORTHCOTE.

Proctor for Archdeanery of Middlesex in the Lower House of the Convention of Canterbury—

REV. H. MONTAGUE VILLIERS.

Representatives of the Rural Deanery of the City of Westminster in the Diocesan Council—

REV. W. B. TREVELYAN.

REV. W. H. G. TWINING.

Representatives of the Rural Deanery of the City of Westminster on the Governing Body of the London Diocesan Church Association—

THE RIGHT HON. J. G. TALBOT, M.P.

MR. THOMPSON.

THE REV. W. H. G. TWINING.

S. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER.

Vicar of S. Stephen, Westminster—REV. WILLIAM HENRY G. TWINING.

Assistant Curates—REV. WILLIAM HENRY MANNING.

REV. CHARLES WILLIAM CORNISH.

Churchwardens—EDMUND J. LEVESON, ESQ.

MONTAGUE HERBERT, ESQ.

Sidesmen—MESSRS. J. MARSDEN, F. C. MORGAN, G. F. CHAPPLE, J. BARRETT, J. BADDERLEY, A. H. ROE, T. DAVIS, C. GRIFFITH, J. VENN.

LIST OF LAY HELPERS.

Choirmaster and Organist—Mr. T. E. Trotter.

Sub-Organists—Mr. Thomas, Mr. Willis.

S. Stephen's Choir—Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Bartlett. Trebles: H. Robinson, H. Green, H. Goodfellow, H. Cook, G. Edwards, R. Ellis, V. Gillies, G. Pfisterer, P. Morris, F. Thomas, A. Sandilands, S. Hall, T. Cook, G. Wilson, A. Jarrett, P. Revell, W. Robinson, A. Hayman, R. Brue. Altos: F. Moon, B. Johnson, S. Budd, S. Johnson, F. Stevens. Tenors: Messrs. G. Bartlett, G. M. Johnson, A. B. Thomas, H. G. Murray, F. W. Lake. Basses: W. J. Jones, W. Lake, A. Marsden, F. Davey, G. S. Chapple, J. Revell, P. Franklin. Alto: Mr. H. Fraser.

Sunday Afternoon Choir—F. Townsend, F. Collins, A. Cherry, P. Walters, Jenkins, J. Morris, G. Tidbury, G. Wilson.

Librarian—Mr. P. Franklin.

S. Stephen's Ringers' Guild—Master: Henry R. Newton; Secretary: John N. Oxborrow; Committee: Frank Buck, Henry S. Ellis, Samuel E. Andrews, Chas. T. Brice, Arthur G. Ellis, George Langford, Jas. Willshire, John Fryer. To be ratified: George W. Mulley, Fredk. Dench. Probationary: Alf. Spurles.

Organ Blowers—Mr. Truss and Mr. Parsons.

Verger—Mr. Lamb.

Parochial Mission Woman—

Guild of S. Stephen—Warden: The Vicar.

1. General Ward—Chaplain: Rev. W. H. Manning. Hon. Sec.: Mr. Coombes.

2. Men's Ward—Chaplain: Rev. C. W. Cornish.

3. Boys' Ward—Chaplain: Rev. W. H. Manning.

4. Girls' Ward—Chaplain: Rev. C. W. Cornish.

Missionary Guild—Treasurer and Secretary: Miss Whigham.

Penny Association—Secretary: Rev. W. H. Manning. Treasurer: Mr. Coombes.

Men's Bible Class—The Vicar.

Young Men's Bible Class—Mr. J. Marsden.

Women's Bible Class—The Vicar.

Young Women's Bible Class—Rev. C. W. Cornish.

Sunday School Teachers—

Boys—Chaplain and Superintendent: Rev. W. H. Manning, Miss Peel, Miss Edith Budd, Mr. E. R. F. Julian, Mr. Dyer, Mr. E. Waldoek, Mr. W. Morris, Mr. Hart, Miss Bryant, Miss Evans, Mr. H. Stephens, Miss Morgan, Mr. P. Drane, Miss M. Drane, Mr. W. Payne, Mr. F. Erlam, Mr. J. Kirby, Mr. B. West, Mr. S. Codd, Miss E. Lynden, Mr. G. Copping.

Girls—Chaplain: Rev. C. W. Cornish. Superintendent: Miss Scovell. Miss M. Tennant, Miss Champion Jones, Miss Budd, Miss Barnard, Miss A. Harper, Miss Desmore, Miss Macintyre, Miss Ethel Davis, Miss E. Rembges, Miss A. Patterson, Miss E. Macdonald, Miss Lyndon, Miss Gertrude Barratt, Miss Mabel Scovell, Miss Sarah Barratt.

Infants—Superintendent: Miss Tennant. Miss Bridgeman, Miss Mitchell, Miss C. Mitchell, Miss F. Lucas, Miss Bannochie, Miss Hutchins, Miss Norris, Miss Hopkins, Miss Green, Miss Jeffs, Miss Grealey, Miss Florence Goodbody, Miss Kallan, Miss J. Howard, Miss Florence Castle, Miss Mather, Miss Williams, Miss N. Howard, Miss F. Bilbe, Miss O'Peel, Miss Edith Bilbe, Miss Fanny Howard, Miss Helen Williams.

S. Stephen's Higher Grade Schools—

Boys—Messrs. Davey, Oxborrow, Willis, Muirhead, Palmer, Tucker.

Girls—Mrs. Murray, Misses Souter, Godley, Shackelford, Riley, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Horley.

Infants—Mrs. Walters, Misses Wells, Pink, May, Hills, Box.

S. Stephen's Elementary Schools—

Girls and Infants—Miss Mandron, Misses Pine, Stewart, Latveille, Cowen, May Carling, Maud Smith, Mary McCabe, Mary Remges.

District Visitors—Mrs. Gerald Goodlake, Mrs. Ludlow Handcock, Lady Russell, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Howard Gilliatt, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Morgan, Miss M. Tennant, Miss Scovell, Miss S. Phipps, Miss Champion Jones, Miss Joyce, Miss Peel.

Young Men's Friendly Society—Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. J. Marsden.

Girls Friendly Society—Branch Secretary: Miss Champion Jones, Associates: Working Associates—Miss Barnard, Miss Blacker, Miss Dale, Miss Elliott, Miss Palgrave, Miss G. Peel, Miss S. Phipps, Miss Russell, Miss Tennant, Miss M. Tennant, Mrs. W. Twining. Honorary Associates—Mrs. Avant, Miss Day, Mrs. Goodlake, Miss Munday, Miss Mandron, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Ranking, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Scovell.

Trustees of the Pepys House.—The Vicar of S. Stephen, W. Burdett-Coutts, Esq., M.P., The Hon. W. Courtenay Pepys, R. W. Granville-Smith, Esq., James Marsden, Esq., Montague B. Herbert, Esq.

The Council.—The Rev. W. H. G. Twining, The Rev. W. J. Tait, The Rev. W. H. Manning, The Rev. C. W. Cornish, E. J. Leveson, Esq., J. Avant, Esq., The Hon. W. Courtenay Pepys, R. W. Granville-Smith, Esq., James Marsden, Esq., F. C. Morgan, Esq.

Building Fund Committee.—The Rev. W. H. G. Twining, The Hon. W. Courtenay Pepys, R. W. Granville-Smith, Esq., James Marsden, Esq., John Avant, Esq.

Bankers for the Building Fund—Messrs. Childs.

Treasurers of the Pepys House.—R. W. Granville-Smith, Esq., F. C. Morgan, Esq.

Bankers.—London and Joint Stock.

Sub-Committee for Woman's Work.—Hon. Secretary: Miss B. Jackson, Miss Troutbeck, Miss Bedford, Miss Scovell.

Church Services.

Sundays.

Holy Communion	8.0 a.m.
Holy Communion	12.0 noon.
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Fridays	6.0 "

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Second Monday in the month	8.15 "

Bible Classes.

Men's—Pepys House, Sundays	8.0 p.m.
Women's—Pepys House, Mondays	...	...	8.0 "
Young Men's—Pepys House, Sundays	...	...	8.30 "
Young Women's—	Sundays	...	8.30 "

Girl's Friendly Society.

Devotional Meeting, last Thursday in the month...	8.15 p.m.
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Sunday Schools.

Boys	10.0 a.m., 2.30 p.m.
Girls	10.0 " 2.45 "
Infants	10.0 " 2.45 "

Day Schools.

Higher Grade—Rochester Street.	2-8.15 p.m.
Elementary (No Fees)—Vincent Square.	

Day and Evening Clubs.

PEPYS HOUSE, ROCHESTER ROW.

1. Day Club for Men.
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Mothers' Meetings.

Mondays and Tuesdays.

Mothers' Union.

Quarterly Meeting.

Temperance.

Women's Union.—See Magazine.

Thrift Societies.

Self Help Club—Saturdays	...	...	7 to 9 p.m.
Slate Club—Tuesdays	...	...	9.0. to 10 "
Working Men's Sick Benefit Fund—			
Sundays	...	...	3. p.m.
Women's Sick Benefit Fund—Mondays	...	...	3. "
Women's Provident Fund—Mondays	...	...	2.30 "

Charities.

District Visitors' Meeting—	
Wednesday—Pepys House	10.15 a.m.
Needlework Society—	
Friday	10.15 "

S. Stephen's, Westminster. Pepys House and Clubs.

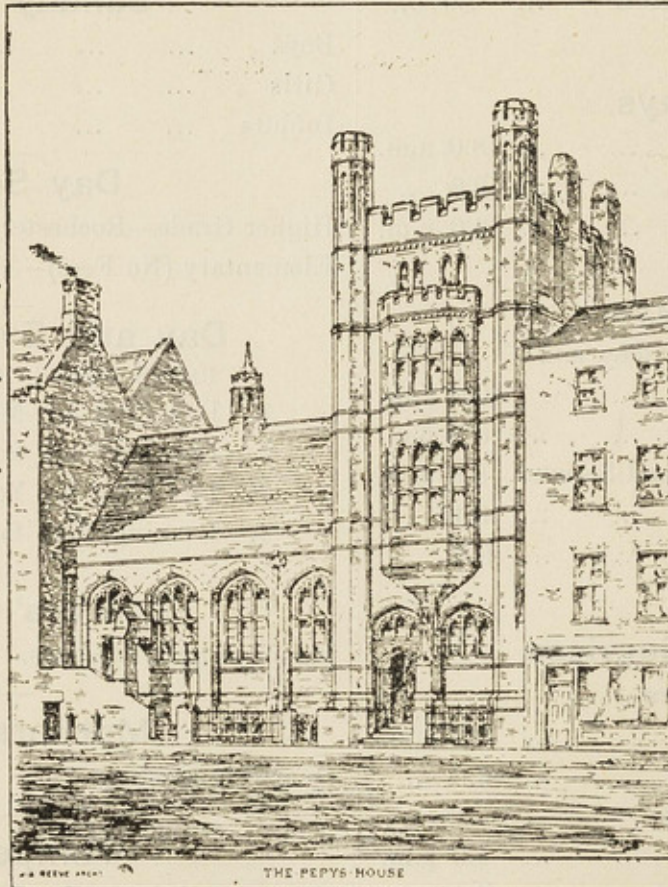
SUNDAYS.

Lectures to Men	-	-	-	-	3 p.m.
Bible Class for Young Men	-	-	-	-	3.30 p.m.
Services, with Pictures	-	-	-	-	See Magazine.

WEEK DAYS.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

- 1. Clubs, &c.
- 2. Lectures to Women every Monday at 3 p.m. Religion. Church Defence. Christian Education. Mothers' Union. Temperance. Health. Thrift. Social. Clubs. Co-operation.



WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

- 3. Women's Bible Class.
- 4. Women's Sick Benefit Fund.
- 5. Mothers' Union.
- 6. Women's Union.
- 7. Social Meetings.
- 8. Clothing Club.

The S. Stephen's Schools, Parish and Clubs Magazine may be obtained at the Pepys House.

1. Day Club for Men, open from 12 to 5 p.m.
2. Evening " " open from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturdays, from 4 to 11 p.m.
3. Day Club for Young Men and Youths, open from 12 to 5 p.m.
4. Young Men's Friendly Society Club, open from 7 to 10 p.m.
5. Day Club for Women, open from 12 to 5 p.m.
6. Quarterly Concerts, &c., in the Large Hall. for Members of all Clubs.
7. Athletic Association for Football, Cricket, Harriers and Swimming.
8. Cycling Club.
9. Chess, Draughts, Cards, and Halma Clubs.
10. Social Evenings.
11. Men's Sick Benefit Fund.
12. Slate Club.
13. Self-Help Club.
14. Registry for Employment.

For further particulars
Apply to the House.

Slate Club.—Treasurer : The VICAR. Trustees: MR. CLARKE and MR. ROE. Secretary : MR. T. BELLINGHAM. Sub-Sec.: MR. COLE. Auditors : MR. G. GRAY and MR. ROBINSON.

Bible Class Committee.—Hon. Sec.: MR. A. ROE. Hon. Librarian :
MR. H. ELLIS, MR. DAVIS, MR. G. ARGENT, MR. SIGGERS, MR. C. GRIFFITH, MR. R. CLARK, MR. T. BELLINGHAM, MR. F. COLE, MR. G. DEAN, MR. W. HODGE, MR. SEWELL, MR. W. ROBINSON.

Men's Sick Benefit Fund.—Trustees : MR. T. BELLINGHAM, MR. DEAN. Treasurer : MR. R. W. CLARK. Committee : MR. CLARK, MR. T. BELLINGHAM, MR. A. ROE, MR. G. DEAN, MR. H. HODGE.

Mothers' Meeting.—Hon. Superintendent : MISS M. TENNANT.

Committee of Women's Sick Benefit Fund.—Trustees : MISS M. TENNANT, MISS S. PHIPPS. Mrs. BROOKS, Mrs. DAVIS, Mrs. IVY, Mrs. CLARKE, Mrs. GOODBODY, Mrs. MASON, Mrs. ROE.

Clothing Club.—Hon. Treasurer : MISS M. TENNANT.

Tuesday's Mothers' Meeting.—Hon. Superintendent : MRS. HOWARD GILLIAT.

Mother's Union.—Hon. Secretary : MRS. W. TWINING.

Needlework Society.—Hon. Treasurer and Secretary : MRS. W. TWINING. Committee : Mrs. MORGAN, Mrs. VENN, Mrs. BARRETT, Mrs. DUNBAR, Mrs. FRASER, Miss MANDRON.

Thrift.

	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Provident Fund ...	178 12 0	146 15 10	119 16 11	48 19 0	36 19 8	215 18 3	358 14 2	394 9 3	290 8 5	275 0
2. School Provident Fund ...	284 2 2	241 1 6	221 13 5½	161 19 10	150 11 7	215 18 3	358 14 2	394 9 3	290 8 5	275 0
3. Boot Club ...	43 17 8	42 2 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Mothers' Meeting ...	70 16 4½	79 7 7½	78 19 9½	19 15 7½	24 14 9	31 2 9	28 10 4	31 5 3	35 0 2	77 4 6
5. Self-Help Club ...	1202 14 2	2624 11 6	3399 9 1	4483 14 5	6058 4 3	3240 17 5	3156 6 3	3852 5 4	3632 14 9	4220 16 9
6. Working Men's Sick Benefit Fund ...	—	21 10 10	24 0 8	27 4 7	37 9 11	44 9 2	54 16 8	46 0 0	44 14 3	53 7 6
7. School Savings Bank ...	—	—	46 5 11	141 0 4	70 18 6	67 13 1	51 11 11	49 13 4	35 9 2	27 2 0
8. Slate Club ...	—	—	—	73 18 5	137 10 5	178 9 3	232 0 1	257 18 10	381 3 9	412 7 6
9. Women's Sick Benefit Fund ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	21 5 10	20 18 9	22 3 10	32 1 2
	1785 2 4½	3155 9 7½	3890 5 10½	4956 12 2½	6156 9 1½	3778 10 4	3903 5 10	4662 10 9	4444 14 4	5097 19 9

From a glance at the tabulated statement of the last eight years, we may truly say that S. Stephen's is a Parish where thrift is taught and practised. It may be asked, Why have so many Thrift Clubs? Our answer is, that each one supplies a demand.

No. 1.—The Provident Fund was started in 1850, and in years gone by the amount paid into this Club amounted to £2,000 or more a year. On the opening of the Post Office Savings' Bank and the Penny Banks, the members transferred their deposits to these Banks. In 1893 this Fund was closed, after doing a most useful educational work.

No. 2.—The S. Stephen Higher Grade School Provident Fund was founded in 1850, and supplied a need for the S. Stephen's Schools. This Fund has gradually decreased for some reason.

No. 3.—The Boot Club was given up in 1890, in consequence of abuse.

No. 4.—The Mothers' Meeting Clothing Club has fallen to a very small amount. This may be accounted for in the change of collecting this Fund, and the operations of the Self-Help Club.

No. 5.—The Self-Help Club continues to grow, notwithstanding the great changes made in 1893, and the limitation of membership to all persons in the Parish or connected with S. Stephen's. Had these changes not been made, the Club would have been quite beyond the work of a parochial effort.

When we say that the Self-Help Club cheques numbered 24,970 in 1891, and in 1893 would have numbered 50,000 cheques under this system, it will be understood how necessary it was to limit the operations of this Club. Without the able help of our untiring Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. C. Morgan, who has kept the elaborate accounts of the Club from the

beginning, it would have been impossible to have kept the Club going. When we say that the large sum of £1,627 4s. 10d. has been given to the members as bonus during the last eleven years it will be seen how much careful management was necessary.

	Bonus.
	£ s. d.
1889	46 18 2
1890	113 15 0
1891	157 19 0
1892	217 11 4
1893	236 2 11
1894	162 1 10
1895	157 16 3
1896	160 10 2
1897	151 7 4
1898	175 17 6

The Self Help Club, since its commencement, at the end of 1887, has sold goods as under:—

	£ s. d.	Bonus paid at rate of
1888	435 4 2	1s. in £ —
1889	962 11 11	1s. „
1890	2,274 14 5	1s. „
1891	3,159 11 2	1s. „
1892	4,483 14 5	1s. „
1893	6,058 4 3	9d. „
1894	3,240 17 5	10d. „
1895	3,158 6 3	10d. „
1896	3,852 6 4	10d. „
1897	3,632 14 9	10d. „
1898	4,220 16 9	10d. „
	35,479 1 10 av.	11d. „

Total amount paid in Bonuses, £1,627 4s. 7d.
Present number of members, 400.

No. 6.—The Working Men's Sick Benefit Fund is a worthy effort made by the members of the S. Stephen's Working Men's Bible Class to help their members in sickness. Each member gives a penny a week towards the Fund, which is administered by a Visiting Committee of seven.

No. 7.—The S. Stephen's Elementary Schools Savings' Bank was formed in order to help the children to save their pence.

No. 8.—The S. Stephen's Slate Club, founded in 1892 by the S. Stephen's Working Men's Bible Class, supplies a means of providing for sickness and burial. The members pay a small weekly subscription, and after deducting grants for sickness

and burial, and expenses of management, the balance is shared out at the end of the year.

Slate Club.—T In case of sickness, members receive 10s. per week for four weeks, and 5s. per week for four

BELLINGHAM
Bible Class Co
Mr. H. E Bellingham weeks. If sick again after four months, members

Men's Sick Ben
Committee receive 10s. for two weeks, 5s. for two weeks. In case of the death of a member, with a membership

Mothers' Meeti
Committee of of 200, £15 is paid for burial, and £5 in event of the death of a member's wife,

Brooks, M
Clothing Club. Last year, with a membership of 202 after paying £143 9s. 10d. for sickness, and all expenses of management, the members shared out £1 7s. 3d.

Tuesday's Mot
Mother's Unio
Needlework So
Mrs. Venn Their advantages may be secured for a few pence per week; 200 members have joined the new Club.

No. 9.—The Women's Sick Benefit Fund was started by the S. Stephen's Women's Bible Class upon the lines of the Men's Sick Benefit Fund, and has made a very successful beginning.

Hospital Sunday Fund.

The collections made in London for the Hospital Sunday Fund last year show a falling off from those made in 1897. The contributions in Church are less by £529, while the Chapel contributions have decreased by £313. The Church now finds nearly four-fifths of the whole amount collected. The *National Church* publishes the following particulars:—

	£	s.	d.
Church of England	29,106	4	2
Congregationalists	1,526	0	5
Jews	1,150	2	9
Presbyterians	1,128	7	7
Wesleyans	896	6	0
Baptists	878	12	0
Roman Catholics	443	15	4
Unitarians	354	9	5
Church of Scotland	133	0	6
German Lutherans	108	4	9
Foreign Protestants	106	4	2
Society of Friends	97	14	2
Greek Church	85	9	0
Catholic Apostolic	72	2	7
Reformed Episcopal Church ...	32	14	1
Swedenborgians	31	1	7
Methodists, United Free Church	29	0	8
Methodists, Welsh Calvinistic...	22	9	5
Methodists, Primitive	15	4	2
Free Church of England	10	13	0
Moravians	4	10	0
Methodists, New Connexion ...	1	5	6
Various	280	6	5
	£36,513	17	8

Offeratories.

	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.—1st Sunday after Christmas ...	4	7	7
6.—Epiphany	0	3	3
8.—1st Sunday after Epiphany	4	0	0
15.—2nd Sunday after Epiphany	2	4	6
22.—3rd Sunday after Epiphany	3	15	5
25.—Conversion of S. Paul	0	1	0½
29.—Septuagesima	2	14	9½
	£17	6	7

Marriages.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."—St. Matthew, xix., 6.
Jan. 21.—William James Murray and Magdalene McRee.

Interview with the Rev. G. Napier, Vicar of S. Mary's,
 Vincent Square, W'ster, at the Vicarage, Vincent Square.
 (E.A.) 3 Feb. 27.99.

Mr. N. has been at S. Mary's for 7 years. He is a man of perhaps 45; round-faced, quiet-voiced, average height, xxxxxxchubby; rather a dormouse. Nothing in the parish scheme to distinguish it from a hundred others.

Miscellaneous facts (local): change beginning in the erection of block dwellings and second class flats; of the latter there are 3, but blocks are mainly contemplated. Total displacement so far, from 9 to 1000; eventually expected that things will be pretty much as they are, numerically.

No trade in the district; no marked trend, his people mainly respectable labouring class; a good many costers. Six houses in which servants are kept. Clark's Gardens, Haigh Place, and Carey Place are at the bottom of the local scale.

Miscellaneous facts (parochial): Staff: Vicar and I curate; 4 Clewer Sisters, of whom Miss Hoare is the head. She has been in the parish for many years. Ten District Visitors; (ladies from outside). For others see list. Help from Westminster School for a Boys' Club, but so far financial only; £70 a year; future of the club doubtful; personal help wanted. Their best helpers come from the Suburbs -- Fulham etc. (A Fulham vicar was once at S. Mary's.) But hard work to get enough help. Attendances:

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Sunday morning, 100 adults (a good many non-parochial); Sunday evening, 4 to 500, "our own people". Sunday Sch. Registers, 450; average, 380, plus Bible Classes.

Regular Communicants, monthly, "200 at least"; Easter, 320; the weak point in attendances, the small number of adult men; young men tend to drop away, but when they do come they mean it; in that lies some compensation for their fewness.

Buildings: Church (600); Schools; Mission Room. Visiting, thorough. Charity mainly in the hands of the Sisters, (total '97.8 about £175.)

Social agencies unimportant; a Girls' Club, in hands of Sisters; a Band of Hope; Football Club etc mentioned.

Opinions: The Ecclesiastical Commissioners not as considerate owners of property as they might be, as regards the poor. They plead the difficulty of leases if asked to deal with insanitary property or with that which has got into undesirable hands. But they might do more to overcome such difficulties. The displacement of people when they ^{Commissioners} do deal with their estates one of the great local difficulties; to the man in the street the Commissioners are the same as the Church, and the Church shares their censure. Napier's own stipend comes from the Commissioners and he is not at all happy about it; has spoken to Gore on the xi subject. Thinks that the Church ought to take action; gently satirical at the speakers a

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the C.S.U. who abuse the landlords and private ownership in land, and are often drawing their own stipends from the revenues of the Commissioners. Locally the Commissioners "stink in the nostrils of the people"; The poor dislike them because they are shunted; the Vestry dislikes them because they leave sites clear and lower the rates; and the shop-keepers because their clearances denude them of their customers. In addition to the Commissioners; two other points that tend to make the work of the Church exceptionally difficult in W'ster: (1) there are too many churches; and (2) they are very close to the area of the better off classes, and this tends to make the poor discontented and indifferent.

Too many public houses; the Westminster Liberal Club not a good influence; he would welcome it otherwise and would like to co-operate with it; but it is not respectable. Not much prostitution; "only an occasional house in Vincent Square now". A good deal of gambling in the n'hood; lots of bookies about.

The only other religious agencies are the Wesleyan Training College and Chapel; and a small Salvation Army place in Regency Street.

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Services at the Church:

SUNDAYS . . . 8 a.m., Holy Communion. (7 a.m. as well on 11 a.m., Mattins. [1st Sunday in month.]
 . . . 11.40 a.m., Holy Communion (Choral) and 3.30 p.m., Children's Service. [Sermon.]
 . . . 4.15 p.m., Baptisms and Churchings.
 . . . 7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS . . . 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
 . . . 8.10 a.m., Mattins.
 . . . 9.15 a.m., Children's Service (except during holidays).
 . . . 8 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

WEEKDAYS . . . Holy Communion, daily at 7.30 a.m.
 . . . Mattins daily at 8.10 a.m.
 . . . Wednesday, 7 p.m. Baptisms and Churchings.
 . . . " 8 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Clergy . . . Rev. G. NAPIER, The Vicarage, Vincent Square.
 . . . Rev. H. M. TYRWHITT, 36, St. George's Sq.
 . . . Rev. R. S. LOVELL, 144, Vauxhall Bridge Road.

Churchwardens . . . Mr. L. HAYNES, 3, Horseferry Road.
 . . . Mr. D. GOODBOURN, 25, Vincent Square.

Sidesmen. . . . Mr. HANCE, Mr. FOREMAN, Mr. GARDENER,
 . . . Mr. REDGRAVE, Mr. SPEAR, Mr. CARTER,
 . . . Mr. WHITE, Mr. CLEMONSON, Mr. WALLMAN.

Hon. Treasurer of Schools . . . Mr. HANCE, 54, Bessborough St.

The Sisters . . . 2, Chapter Chambers—each day, 10.30 and 6.30

Organist and Choirmaster . . . Mr. C. C. BYERS, A.C.O., Christ Church
 . . . Vicarage, Croydon.

Mission Woman . . . Mrs. BRUMHEAD, 119, Vauxhall Bridge Road.

Verger . . . Mr. CHARLES TREVETT, 7, Stanford Street

National Schools, Hide Place . . . Boys—Head Master, Mr. T. KENDRICK
 . . . Girls—Head Mistress, Miss SWEENEY No Fees
 . . . Infants " Mrs. ELLIS.

Sunday Schools, Hide Place . . . Morning, 10 to 10.45 a.m.
 . . . Afternoon, 3 p.m.

Nurses—The Westminster Nursing Committee provides Nurses for the Sick Poor upon application to the Clergy, or to the Lady Superintendent, 27, Bessborough Gardens.

*Notices of Banns and Weddings to be sent to Mr. TREVETT.
 The Clergy may be seen after any Service.*

The Magazine may be had from Mrs. CANNON, 47, Regency Street.

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PAROCHIAL CLASSES.

Day.	Time.	Object.	Superintendent, &c.	Place.
SUNDAY ...	10	Sunday School ... Boys	Mr. G. Spear ...	Schools
	and	" ... Girls	Sister Kath. Elizth.	"
	3	" ... Infants	Sister Mary Bridget	"
	2.30	Young Men's Bible Class	Rev. R. S. Lovell...	Vicarage, 21, Vincent Sq.
	4.15	Men's Bible Class ...	Rev. G. Napier ...	Girls' School
	4	Senior Girls' Bible Class...	Sister Emily Elizth.	Parish Room
	6	Junior Girls' Bible Class...	Sister Mary Bridget	"
MONDAY ...	6.30	Junior Girls' Band of Hope	Sister Kath. Elizth.	Girls' School
	7.30	Women's Bible Class ... (This Class is held in Church on the Monday before the First Sunday in the month by the Rev. G. Napier.)	Sister Mary Bridget	Parish Room
	8.15	Senior Girls' Club ...	Sister Emily Elizth.	Girls' School
TUESDAY ...	2-4	Mothers' Meeting ...	Mrs. Woolsey ...	Vicarage, 21, Vincent Sq.
	6	Junior Boys' Band of Hope	Rev. R. S. Lovell ..	Girls' School
	6.45	Senior " " "	" " "	Institute
	7.30	Junior Girls' Club " "	Sister Mary Bridget	Parish Room
WEDNESDAY	6.30	Library Books lent out ...	Sister Emily Elizth.	Parish Room
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THURSDAY...	7	Junior Girls' Club ...	Sister Mary Bridget	Girls' School
	7	Senior Girls' Band of Hope	Sister Kath. Elizth.	"
	8.15	Senior Girls' Club ..	Sister Emily Elizth.	Parish Room
FRIDAY ...	7	Working Party for Foreign Missions	Sister Kath. Elizth.	Parish Room

