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Interview with Rev. J. Pullen Thompson,
Christ Church, Chelsea.

Mr Thompson is a man of about 45:
bony, bull-headed: solid and rather heavy in
appearance, manner, and mind.

He has been here for 5 years, coming from
St. Stephen's, Dover, where he preceded Mr. Mason.
The two previous vicars of this parish had been
inactive, the last one was delicate, rich and
lived away, leaving the work to a curate, who
used to denounce from the pulpit individual
parishioners for their sins: as a result the
church was almost empty.

The parish has about 7000 inhabitants
of whom 1200 are rich or well-to-do, the
rest of working class, all, with the exception of
Paradise Walk and ~~the~~ Flood St and the courts
off it, paying good wages. There is no downward
tendency: the working class stands remain as they
were when Mr T. came: whenever the trend is

upward: the whole parish is on the Cadogan estate, and the building of good cheap flats and houses is extending towards it. As soon as the Austin Court building is completed the work to the west of Austin Court, fronting on Queen's Road will be taken in hand. Mr T. reported the fact that the poor of Chelsea were rapidly being driven over to Battersea.

For Poulton, Wakarusa, Senior etc. the Magazine.

Mr T. has lately bought a Baptist Chapel, with the exception of a Welsh Chapel the only non-con place of worship in the parish.

As to numbers at the Senior Mr T. gave about 500 morning and evening: the body of the church is well filled, and one of the galleries which were closed when he came. The church is exceedingly ugly "just four bare walls", and not fashionable, the fashion of Chelsea being for the "Puritans", however it is the only

the large proportion of those who come are parishioners of the working class, and most of the people, Mr T. thinks, who were not in the habit of going to church when he came. However on the whole he finds the people here much less religious than in Boston, where for a large number "everything centered in the church which was almost a home to them". But Mr T. thought that the indifference of the poor was partly due here to the attitude of the rich, of whom a large large proportion, and especially the Fleet Builders, are utterly neglectful of religious observance; this he attributed partly to the liege, partly to the "higher criticism": he believes however that the influence of the latter is waning, and that orthodoxy is again making way among the educated.

The number of Communicants on last Sunday is about 400

The Social Agencies are rather numerous, none important - (see list). Mr T. is making

Experiments, apparently with no great success. Several clubs of an open character have been started and failed, and Mr. is now starting a new club confined to Communicants: he finds that the average man with out constant supervision is irresponsible as a club member.

There are Day Schools with about 500 children: nearly all the poor children in the parish attend the school, the poorer ones going to the Cook's Ground Road School. At the Sunday School there are from 500 to 600 children.

The visitation of Visitors and deacons is thorough: the whole parish is visited about four times a year. It is not easy to get Visitors "there is none of the glamour of shamming in visiting in a district like this" said Mr. T.

Nurses are obtained from the Jubilee Nurses

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in Tit. N.

Nov - £200 a year is given in Relief.
There is a Relief Committee meeting weekly and
working with and to some extent on C.O.S. lines,
though less strictly.

Mr T. mentioned the Chelsea Relief Society and
the Chelsea and South Kensington Friends of the Sick
as giving relief in the parish.

Of other religious agencies Mr T. said
there were none of any importance in the parish
or neighbourhood: "there is no one here" he said
"like Archibald Brown or Evans Howard in
Dorset".

Police excellent.

Drink increasing among women.

Prostitution none.

Crime none.

Household good: but Health bad: drains very
foul: chronic smells: constant diphtheria.

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typhoid and scarlet fever. The authorities
say that the smokes - (which I noticed while I
was walking with the police) - are not due to
any gas, but whatever the cause they are
not healthy.

Mr. T. is a kindly, courteous, conscientious
man, but stolid and dull. His work is of
little importance.

And stamp the Cross upon them ere they die.
MARCH, 1899.

Christ Church, Chelsea.

Clergy : { The Rev. JAMES PULLEIN THOMPSON, Vicar, The Vicarage, Tite Street, S.W.
The Rev. J. E. HAND, 57, Shawfield Street, S.W.

Churchwardens—Mr. H. C. SOTHERAN, 5, Cheyne Walk.
Mr. J. AUSTIN, 36, Beaufort Street.
Clerk—Mr. WELSH, The Schools.
Beadle—Mr. GREY, 34, Flood Street.
Vestry Woman—Mrs. RUFFY, 39, Christ Church Street.

Organist—Mr. W. E. BEAZLEY, F.R.C.O.,
13, Ilminster Gardens, Clapham Junction
Scripture Reader—Mr. G. T. WOOD, 6, Petworth St., S.W.
City Missionary—Mr. GEO. LORIMER, 27, Smith Terr.
Mission Worker—Miss ALEXANDER, 43, Rcsenau Road

Sidesmen—
Mr. A. H. BOYS, 66, Redesdale Street.
Mr. E. BUNCE, 28, Smith Terrace.
Mr. W. H. COLLEY, 88, Redesdale Street.
Mr. N. S. DAWSON, 28, Redesdale Street.
Mr. C. GRIFFITHS, 25, Oakley Street.
Mr. T. JACKSON, 2, Ormond Row, Smith Street.
Mr. S. LEE, 11, Redesdale Street.

Sidesmen—
Mr. C. F. LLOYD, 18, Rossetti Mansions.
Mr. D. MCGREGOR, 1, Cale Street.
Mr. R. J. MILLARD, 41, Redesdale Street.
CAPTAIN POWELL, R.N., 22, Carlyle Mansions
Mr. H. SCRIVENER, 52, Rossetti Mansions.
Mr. R. SNELLER, 172, King's Road, Chelsea.

Church Services.

Holy Communion is celebrated as follows :—

Every Sunday at 8 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.
On Great Festivals at 7 a.m.
On Holy Days at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Every Wednesday 8 a.m., and Friday 11.15 a.m.

Mattins.—Sundays at 11 a.m.

Evensong.—Sundays at 7 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m.,
followed by a Sermon.

Litany.—Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m.

Children's Service.—3.15 p.m.

Service for Men.—Every Sunday, 3.45 p.m.

Holy Baptism on Sundays at 4.30 p.m. and Wednesdays
7.30. Notice to be given to Mrs. Ruffy, 39, Christ
Church Street, the day before.

Churching of Women.—Before or after any Week-
day Service.

No Fees for Baptisms or Churchings; but Voluntary
Offerings should be made.

Fees for Banns, 1/6; for Marriage by Banns, 14/1 on
Sundays; 12/1 Week-days. Notice of Marriages and
Banns to be given to Mr. Welch at the School-house.

SITTINGS.

Application may be made to Churchwardens after any
Service, or Mr. Welch at the Schools

Organisations.

DAY SCHOOLS.

Accommodation for 550 Scholars.
Chairman of Managers : The Vicar.
Correspondent and Treasurer : Mr. J. Eldon Bankes.
Head Teachers :—Boys : Mr. Welsh.
Girls : Miss Andrew.
Infants : Miss Mines.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

In Church last Friday in the Month, 3 p.m., and 8 p.m.
in Mission Hall.

MEN'S CLUB GUILD.

In Mission Hall before Great Festivals, Friday, 9.15 p.m.

PENNY BANK.

Monday, 12.15, in Infants' Schools. Miss C. Bower.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

MORNING, 10 A.M. AFTERNOON, 2.45 P.M.
Boys' Superintendent : Mr. Welsh.
Girls' Superintendent : The Hon. Victoria Grosvenor.
Infants' Superintendent : Mr. T. Jackson.

Supernumerary School.

AFTERNOON ONLY, 3.15.

SUNDAY CLASSES.

Girls' Bible Class : Miss Alexander, 3.45.
Young Men's Class : Mr. Walde, 3.15.
Choir Boys' Class : Mr. S. Lee, 2.45.

CHELSEA & PIMLICO DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

Miss A. J. Franklin, 22, Tite Street.

CLUBS.

MEET AT MISSION HALL.

Men's Social Club.—Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Saturday, 7.30 to 10.30. Secretary : Mr. S. Lee.

Men's Slate Club.—Monday, 8 p.m. Secretary
Mr. G. T. Wood.

Sick and Benefit Club (Women).—Monday, 7.30.
Secretary : Miss Thornton. Treasurer : Mrs. Walker.

CHOIR PRACTICE.

Full Choir.—Friday, 8 p.m.

VARIOUS.

Bible Class for Women.—The Vicar. Thursday,
8.30., at the Vicarage.

Mothers' Meetings.—Monday. Mission Hall. Mrs.
Thompson, 3 p.m.; Miss Alexander, 6 p.m.

Girls' Friendly Society.—Mrs. Thompson.

Devotional Meeting.—Mission Hall, Friday, 8 p.m.

Band of Hope & Mercy.—Mr. Wood, Mrs. Gates,
Miss Gates, Friday, 6.

Charity Council.—Wednesday, in Vestry, 11.15 a.m.

Provident Club.—Treasurer : Mrs. Mortimer.

Collectors : The District Visitors.

C.E.T.S.—Secretary : Mr. Millard.

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× Rich Cakes, Iced to Order
Wedding Cakes, Iced to Order
Sponge Swiss Roll, about 1-lb. boxes, Apricot, Greengage, Raspberry, Strawberry
Chelsea Sponge Cake Sandwiches, 6 in box	Boxes
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THE VICARAGE,

27, TITE STREET, CHELSEA.

My dear Friends and Parishioners,

The season of Lent reminds us of the importance of Repentance, Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving, if our flesh is to be brought into subjection to the spirit; if every thought is to be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. May I affectionately urge upon you the importance of regular and simple lives; the avoidance of all but necessary expenses, so that we may have more to give to God and His cause. As Christ fasted forty days and forty nights *for our sake*, let us deny ourselves *for His sake*. Abstinence is good for the soul. Excess incapacitates man from glorifying God. It produces listlessness, prevents reading and meditation, weakens our sense of God's nearness. During Lent let each of us try to fix our attention on Christ, rather than on the doctrines of Christ. What we all want is more of Christ in our lives. Christianity is not merely a system of theology, but it is the religion for our every day life. It is not simply a religion of feelings, but a religion of principles. The standard of our Christianity is too low. Amongst professed Christians there is a growing carelessness about Sunday and public worship. The external ordinances of religion are disregarded; yet no reader of the Bible can be unfamiliar with the fact that God's favour is constantly connected in this Book with the Sanctuary and its acts of worship. It is in the Church that men are exhorted to appear before God, it is there that He specially reveals His power, glory, and goodness, and interprets the ways of His Providence. Has the Bible been abrogated? Has it been superseded? If so, by whom, and when? Does man need God's aid less to-day than he did in the times of the Psalmist? Have we not as much need to pray to-day as in the times of the Patriarchs? The world in which we live has made great strides scientifically, but human nature is the same to-day as it was 6,000 years ago; it is just as weak, just as helpless, and cannot stand without an Almighty God to lean upon. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Let me, then,

lovingly invite you to attend the Lenten services. It is with no desire to dictate that we urge you to present yourselves before God, but simply for the good of your own souls. And, if you come, as we hope that you will, may we be permitted to remind all worshippers that the fact of their coming will be of no benefit in itself. It is not sacrifice but obedience that God desires; it is not thank-offering, but a thankful heart which finds acceptance with Him; it is not sacrifice, but contrition which is the condition of forgiveness. Let each of us say with our whole heart, "Take what I cannot give: my heart, body, thoughts, time, abilities, money, health, strength, nights, days, youth, age, and spend them in Thy service, O my crucified Master, Redeemer, God. Oh let not these be mere words! Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison to Thee! My heart is athirst for God, for the living God! When shall I come and appear before God?"

The Parochial Tea was again a success, thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Borrer, who took the management of the catering, in place of Mrs. Bankes, whose health would not permit her to fulfil the duties she had hitherto performed with such satisfaction to all concerned. We deeply regret the cause of her absence, and earnestly congratulate her in providing so excellent a substitute in Mrs. Borrer. In providing tea for so large a number, the highest praise that can be bestowed upon the caterer is to say that all were pleased with the arrangements and expressed unqualified approval. The musical part of the entertainment was excellently cared for by Mrs. McClintock, who provided us with instrumental and vocal music and also a very entertaining Character-sketch by Mr. Smith Wright. Miss Bagwell, who acted as Treasurer, was prevented from being with us owing to sickness, but the financial statement, which we append, will testify to the zeal with which her duties were performed. Our hearty thanks are due to all these ladies; to those who gave trays, without whose help the tea would have been a financial failure; and to all those who spent hours in cutting up the provisions. We most heartily and sincerely tender our thanks to all who in any way contributed to the success of the evening.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,

J. PULLEIN-THOMPSON.

CHRIST CHURCH PAROCHIAL TEA.

The Annual Parochial Tea and Entertainment in connection with Christ Church, Chelsea, was held at the Town Hall, King's Road, on Friday evening. The tea tables were tastefully arranged in the large hall, and a company of lady friends, under the direction of Mrs. Borrer, served the visitors. We specially wish to thank most sincerely all the maids who gave such very efficient help in preparing the tea. Those ladies who presided at the tea tables included Mrs. J. Pullein-Thompson, Mrs. Sotheran, Mrs. McClintock, Miss Tait, Mrs. Clarke Hall, Mrs. Meinertzhagen, Misses Matthey, Miss Bull, Lady Wood, Mrs. Sartorius, Mrs. Brackenbury, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Clogstoun, Miss Clarke Hall, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Egerton, Mrs. Inderwick, Mrs. Dunn Gardener, Miss Skipwith, Miss Townley, Miss Alexander, Miss Bateson, and Miss Jupp. All the milk, butter, bread, tea and sugar were gifts from local tradespeople. One local firm sent 30 quarts of milk and 20 pounds of butter, 7 pounds of which were returned, being more than was required. The hall and tables had been deftly decorated with garlands and evergreens.

After the interval the musical part of the programme was entered upon. This was in charge of Mrs. McClintock, and consisted of selections by the Ladies' Guitar and Mandoline Band, under the direction of Miss Augusta Hervey. These items of highly classical music were received in a most appreciative way, and the unanimous verdict was the whole entertainment was a pronounced success. The first mandolines consisted of Lady Clayton, Mrs. Marson, Miss Godfrey Faussett, Miss Rolfe, Miss Abercrombie. Second mandolines, Miss E. Hecht, Mrs. George Heathcote, Mrs. Walker. Mandolas, Lady Mary Hervey, Miss L. Abercrombie. Guitars, Miss E. Thorold, Miss L. Wormald, Miss Bradford, Miss E. Fowler, Miss Warre, Miss Hecht, Miss Prendergast, Miss Ambrose, Miss B. Godfrey Faussett, Miss H. Godfrey Faussett. The symphonie concertante by Miss Muriel Pullein-Thompson, Mr. McClintock, and Mrs. McClintock, was rendered in a most able manner. The songs of Miss S. Buchanan Riddell deserve special mention, while Miss Ivy Colley's two songs showed that she possesses a sweet voice. Mr. Smith-Wright delighted the young, as well as those of more mature years, with his sketches—his herculean efforts with the pianoforte causing much hilarity.

The Vicar (Rev. J. Pullein-Thompson) in a short speech stated how pleased he was to see such a good attendance. The proceeds of the tea would be devoted to the Parish Hall fund. He, the Vicar, remarked that there was still a sum of £250 owing upon the building, and it was his wish that this amount should be cleared off. The parishioners were not to think that because they could not afford guineas, they might not send less sums. No amount was too small, and he asked his hearers to do their best to assist him and the churchwardens to free the hall from debt. The Vicar thanked those ladies who had kindly assisted in dispensing the tea, and also the artistes who had rendered such able services in entertaining them. He was sorry not to see any of the choir present, as the glees on the programme were always most acceptable. He understood that the absence of the organist, through illness, accounted for this part of the entertainment being omitted. In speaking of the subscription towards the present to the Rev. G. H. Nelson, who left the parish last November, the Vicar mentioned that he wanted to buy him a cycle as soon as subscriptions enabled him to do so. A vote of thanks to those taking part in the evening's entertainment, and cheers for Mr. Pullein-Thompson, ended a most enjoyable evening.

J. E. HAND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Gates
Mrs. Bankes
Lady and Miss Wood
Miss Bull
Miss Hogarth
Hon. Mrs. and Miss Bagwell
Mrs. Brackenbury
Mrs. Vizard
Hon. Victoria Grosvenor
Mrs. McClintock
Mrs. Tanner
Mrs. Egerton
Mrs. Stewart Helder
Mrs. Turner
Mrs. Sartorius
Mrs. Frolliott Powell
Mrs. Cely Trevilian
Miss Jupp
Mrs. Claudius Smith
Lady Scott Moncrieff
Mrs. Clarke Hall
Mrs. Dunn Gardner
Sale of Programmes, per Mrs. McClintock
Mrs. Allen
Mrs. Borrer
Mrs. Clog-toun
Mrs. Wright, Cadogan Gardens
Mrs. Menzies Clayhill
A Friend
Cloak Room
Miss Fraser

Parochial Tea Receipts—continued.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. and Mrs. Rawlinson
Mrs. D. Clayfield Ireland
Mrs. McBean
Mrs. Tait
Mrs. Tapling
Mrs. Charles P. Dawson
Mrs. Sotheran
Mrs. F. White
Mrs. Pole
Lady Lovelace
Mrs. Booker
Mrs. Meinertzhagen
Mrs. Meinertzhagen
Lady Duff Grant
Miss Wilbraham
Miss Rigby
Mrs. Thomson
Mrs. Prothero
Mrs. Johnson
Miss Graham
Mrs. Nesbitt
Mrs. Matthey
Miss F. Childers
Mrs. J. Pullein-Thompson
By Sale of Tickets

£40 16 11

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Hire of Town Hall
Debus, for Hire of Crockery, Tables, etc.
Women for Cloak Room
Debus, Men and Women
Caretaker at the Hall (Breeze)
W. Robertson, for Cakes
Celery
Printing

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BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
Receipts as per details
Expenditure as per details
Balance

£40 16 11

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

On February 2nd, a meeting of the above Society was held in the Parish Hall, when a well-arranged programme was gone through, in which the following kindly took part:—Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Miss Boys, Miss D. Alexander, Mr. Jolliffe, Miss Strahn, and Miss Crease. Mr. Hand gave the opening address and congratulated the members on starting again with their meetings.

In speaking of alcohol, he said that, taken in excess, it disturbed the brain, weakened the will, and made people more quarrelsome than Nansen's crew of thirteen on board the 'Fram,' in the terrible winter amidst the ice floes in the Polar regions.

For literary work of any kind men must have a sound mind in a healthy body.

The same applied to men in all situations of life; to the cabman on his box in the streets, the engine driver on his engine speeding through Clapham Junction, the mechanic amidst the whirl of machinery in the factory.

Secret drinking was, no doubt, in great increase among women in all ranks of life. A doctor had lately told him he had twelve to fourteen houses on his list, which he called at from time to time, to give drugs to women who took alcohol in excess.

The temperance cause was a good cause and the grace of "temperance" was one no one could afford to do without, because we wanted every grace in our life if we were to be effective workers with God in arguing with our fellow men on matters affecting the social life of our city. God will argue the temperance question through living men and women.

There was no disease so incurable as drunkenness, when once it obtained a hold on either man or woman. Intemperance transgressed the law of love, therefore the drunkard was to be pitied, loved, and prayed for. The principle of temperance was: "Love thy neighbour as thyself."

BAND OF HOPE.

On Thursday, February 9th, the Annual Tea was held in the Parish Hall. About 125 members sat down to a capital tea, which all seemed to enjoy. After the tables had been cleared and seats arranged, an excellent entertainment was given by a conjuror and ventriloquist, lasting for about an hour; this was followed by another hour's amusement, consisting of "Musical Clowns," who kept everyone in roars of laughter by their funny sayings and doings. At the close, each child was presented with an orange and a bag of sweets, thus ending a most enjoyable evening.

Will members please note that the weekly meeting will be held, as usual, every Friday, and subscriptions must be kept up or they will not be able to partake of the Summer Excursion.

J. E. G.

ROBINS' SUPPER.

On February 16th some 100 boys, many of whom spend their time during the day not over wisely, met for the evening at the Mission Hall. After supper was over, Miss Jupp and Miss D. Alexander gave some music and singing, and later on the Vicar and Mr. Hand addressed the boys, urging them to obtain work and stick to it, and so, in later life, by honest labour, take their ranks in the industrial army. Mr. Newman, of Oakley Street, then gave an exhibition of conjuring, which was highly appreciated. Some of the youngsters thought they could show him a trick or two had they been permitted to exhibit their skill. We quite believe it.

When we saw these boys we felt what a grand opportunity it was to urge them to join a Club.

If we knew of an old factory or empty coach-house in the district, we should feel tempted to appeal to our generous helpers to rent the same for the use of these boys, who are the very lads who need a room to spend their evenings in, when they can box and have their muscles strengthened by gymnastic exercises.

DISTRICT VISITORS.

The District Visitors and Provident Collectors met at the Vicarage on February 1st. Present: The Vicar, Mr. Hand, Mrs. Mortimer, Mrs. Sotheran, Mrs. Allen, Miss Bateson, Miss Matterface, Miss Alexander.

Various matters relating to the Parish having been discussed, it was resolved that the Magazine should, if possible, be issued by the first of the month, with a view to increasing its circulation.

The following districts in the Parish have now visitors:—

Christchurch Street (even numbers), Mrs. Alien.
Caversham Street, Mrs. Sharp Grew.
Wellington Street and Collingwood Street, Miss Matterface.
Smith Terrace, Miss K. Addison.
Christchurch Street (odd numbers), Miss M. Addison.
Christchurch Terrace and Durham Terrace, Miss N. King.
Rossetti Garden Mansions, Mrs. Sotheran.

Flood Street (even numbers), Miss Knott.
Flood Street (Provident Visitor only) Miss Home Purvis.
Flood Street (odd numbers) and Alpha Place, Miss Bateson.
Radnor Street, Ormond Row, Queen's Road, Miss Alexander.

Other ladies who assist in distributing Magazines, but who do not collect for Provident Club, except in emergency, are Miss Bull and Miss Fisher.

Miss Marshall and Miss Pedder have kindly undertaken the work of Miss Addison and Miss K. Addison during their absence in February, while Miss King has undertaken the district so well worked by Mrs. Nelson.

THE LADS' CLUB.

Messrs. Thurston & Co. have completed the conversion of the old bagatelle table into a cannon table, at a cost of £5 2s. 6d., including fittings.

The billiard table is a fruitful source of club income, at 4d. per game of half-an-hour. A tournament is just closing amongst the members, in which Mr. C. P. Walde gained first prize and Messrs. James and Pidgeon second and third prizes.

By March next the Club Committee hope to become self-supporting, and pay the cost of gas, which they have hitherto been unable to do through having to meet alterations such as the one mentioned above.

To February 18th, the Club income amounted to £6 8s. 6d., against expenses, £6 17s. 6d.

We cordially invite the attendance of any men of the parish who can join us. Honorary members can join on payment of 5/- per year.

THE CENTENARY OF THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The above takes place from April 10th to 15th, when delegates are coming up to London from all parts of the country. Hospitality is required for these delegates during their stay in London. If any of our readers would be willing to receive one or more visitor, we should be glad if they would send in their names without delay.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS

This Congress will be held in London next October, and we have been asked to approach our congregation with regard to the entertainment of these visitors. We shall be glad to hear of any who would be willing to provide hospitality for those hailing from the country during the Congress week.

THE PARISH HALL.

Gifts are still needed to make this room more comfortable and home-like, but we shall be glad if those who are intending to send such-like presents would consult with the Vicar before expending their money, so that he might advise them as to the kind of pictures required. He begs most thankfully to acknowledge the presents he has already received for the decoration of the Hall, and at the same time to recommend all future donors to visit the depot of the S.P.C.K., or The National Society, and examine their large wall pictures, as many of those already sent in are lost in the large Hall.

PARISH HALL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
J. Austin, Esq.	5	0	0
G. Booker, Esq.	5	0	0
N. S. Dawson, Esq.	5	0	0
Proceeds of Recital	3	1	0
Proceeds of Parish Tea	25	14	11
Already acknowledged	43	15	11
	252	0	7
	£295	16	6
Balance due to Vicar, as per last account in Magazine	£	s.	d.
Less Receipts as given above	304	3	11
	43	15	11
Balance now due to Vicar	£260	8	0

LENT, 1899.

Holy Communion Wednesday, 8 a.m.
Litany, with short Address ... Wednesday, 11 a.m.
Litany and Holy Communion Friday, 11 a.m.

SPECIAL PREACHERS.

SUNDAY, February 26th 11 a.m.
Rev. DR. GEE (*S. John's Hall*).
SUNDAY, March 19th 7 p.m.
Rev. A. E. BUCKLAND.
(*Morning Preacher at Foundling Hospital*).
SUNDAY, March 26th 11 a.m.
Rev. A. J. POYNTER.
(*Vicar, S. Michael's, Burleigh Street, Strand*).
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EVENING at 8 o'clock.

On FRIDAY AFTERNOONS at 3 o'clock,
Addresses by the VICAR.

February 24. God's Care of His Children.
March 3. Rest and Refreshment.
" 10. Restoration.
" 17. The Valley of the Shadow.
" 24. The Lord's Table.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Three Hours' Service

Rev. H. A. CUMBERLEGE.

(*Vicar of Halstead, Sevenoaks*).

SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICES.

Sunday, March 12th.—"The Cross of Christ," by T. Adams.
Sunday, March 26th.—"The Crucifixion," by Dr. Stainer.
Wednesday, March 29th.—"The Cross of Christ."

LECTURES ON WORKING WOMEN IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS & LAUNDRIES.

The Lectures which are being held at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Pavilion Road, Sloane Square, on Thursdays at 6 p.m. deserve notice. On March 2nd, Miss Paterson (H.M. Inspector of Factories) speaks on "The Laws relating to Factories and Workshops." On March 9th, Miss de Chaumont (Sanitary Inspector for Kensington), "The Laws relating to Public Health;" and on March 16th (the final Lecture) another Lady Lecturer will speak on "Compensation for Injuries. All district Visitors and others, and workers among the poor, should attend. The object is indeed a laudable one. These lectures will, undoubtedly, says *The Chelsea Mail*, "be of great value to ladies and gentlemen whose knowledge respecting sanitation is disproportionate to their sympathies."

We all wish to know how we can help our sisters who work in Factories and Workshops. These Lectures admirably serve such a purpose, and from the success of those held on February 16th and 23rd, we cordially invite attendance at the Lectures.

MELTON CRICKET CLUB. (Ninth Season)

The Committee of the above club met at the Schools on Monday, 11th instant, by kind permission of the Vicar, to discuss the business of the ensuing season.

Miss V. R. Charles having been reluctantly compelled to resign the Hon. Secretaryship, that lady's resignation was accepted with sincere regret. Mr. R. D. Garrard was then elected Hon. Sec.

The Rev. J. E. Hand was unanimously elected Hon. Treasurer in the place of H. Carter, resigned.

Funds are urgently required to carry on the club in an efficient manner. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive the names of those desirous of becoming Honorary Members. Subscriptions of half-a-guinea and upwards may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, 57, Shawfield Street, or to the Hon. Sec., 88, Redesdale Street.

OLD MELTONIANS' CRICKET CLUB.

The above mentioned Cricket Club, after a successful season in 1898, is arranging fixtures for the coming season. The Members, being anxious to purchase pitches at Raynes Park, will be glad to receive subscriptions or donations, which may be sent to J. Woodger (Treasurer), 16, Oakley Crescent, Chelsea, S.W.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In the List of the Vicar's prize winners for good examination papers, published in our last issue, the name of Gertrude Welch, who came first in the list, was unintentionally omitted. We regret our error.

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CHARITY COUNCIL.

Relief Tickets have been distributed as under :-

	Feb. 1.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 15.	Totals.
Coal	5	2	4	11
Grocery	3	4	-	7
Milk	1	1	9	11
Money	-	14/6	6/6	£1 1 0
Meat	1	2	-	3

HYMNS.

March 5th, Third Sunday in Lent.	Matins	88	90	315
March 12th, Fourth Sunday in Lent, and Sunday after the Parish Confirmation	Evensong	287	88	279 91 466
March 19th, Fifth Sunday in Lent, or Passion Sunday.	Matins	252	271*	317*
March 26th, Sunday next before Easter or Palm Sunday	Evensong	251	85	540* 95 466
April 2nd, Easter Day.	Matins	96	200	251
	Evensong	251	96	100 255 466
	Matins	98	409	99
	Evensong	98	99	403 106 466
	Matins	134	135	125
	Evensong	133	134	136 130

MARRIAGES.

"Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; the Lord do so to me and more also if ought but death shall part thee and me."

Jan. 29th.—Charles Elford and Florence Durrant.
Feb. 4th.—Henry Thomas Bailey and Matilda Powles.

BAPTISMS.

"I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord."

Feb. 2nd.—Helen Gladys, daughter of John Frederick and Jane Perfect Wright.
Feb. 2nd.—Mabel, daughter of Francis and Fanny Scammell.
Feb. 2nd.—Thomas Francis, son of Francis and Fanny Scammell.
Feb. 2nd.—Ernest Charles, son of Francis and Fanny Scammell.
Feb. 2nd.—William Frank, son of William Henry and Ada Jane Child.
Feb. 2nd.—Florence May, daughter of Charles and Lizzie Morgan.
Feb. 5th.—Esther Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Henry and Amy Slough.
Feb. 12th.—Harold Thomas, son of John and Florence Jane Blackmore.
Feb. 13th.—Lydia, daughter of John and Mary James.
Feb. 15th.—Horace, son of William and Alice Louisa Spackman.
Feb. 17th.—Frederick James, son of John and Ann Palmer.
Feb. 17th.—Grace Mabel, daughter of John and Ann Palmer.
Feb. 17th.—Doris Grace Wilson.
Feb. 19th.—Christian, son of Jacob and Louisa Lorenz.
Feb. 19th.—Fanny Sarah Maria, daughter of William and Elizabeth Child.

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Interview with the Rev. ^{Wm} ~~Bliss~~ ^{West} ~~26~~ ²⁶ ~~26~~ ²⁶ Rector of Chelsea. 13 March 1899

The Rectory is a beautiful old house looking out back + sides to a very large garden. The Rector is a no less charming old man who sustains a sort of youthfulness of ^{dress} figure + manner. He has been here 38 years.

The parish has been divided between the old church + the new + his portion going with the new church lies mostly north of the King's Road. Of the poor streets between the King's Rd + the River he did not pretend to know much but what he said of his own district (just north of Manor Rd + all round about his own church) seems to show deterioration due perhaps ^{among} to clearances. He did not think there was greater individual poverty but there was crowding. On the contrary there was less destitution + want - a general improvement of condition - very noticeable if he went a 1000 many years back. This is the more striking as it seems that the Church is the centre of a good deal of kindly relief untrammelled by any strict principles.

Within the parish boundaries there are no rich. There are shopkeepers + Publicans (some of these may be rich) Clerks + all grades of labour - a great many Builders labourers + other artisan labourers + casually employed people. There is laundry work for women + dressmaking + shoe work for girls.

The Church does not touch the middle class (shopkeepers) + the better off working men hold aloof as usual from all religious bodies - but they get a proportion of the poor. The congregation are swelled by the richer classes who come from just beyond the parish boundaries. The children of the working classes come to Sunday school - + to the day school.

Blunt - S. Lukes

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Besides the Rector there are 4 Curates but one of these is a volunteer (Mr Chapman) who takes special work only. The parish is divided into 3 portions by the other 2 in each section there is a lay worker (2 women & 1 man). The population is about 12000. There are of course Sunday School teachers - & a lady manages the mothers meeting - & Mrs Blunt & still more Miss Blunt are workers.

The church holds 1500 - it used to be called 2000 - & is more than half full both morning & evening. The services are simple & congregational but the choir is very good & organ. There is a mission hall in Pond Place where Sunday evening service is held to which some of the poor come. At the church a different service is held - the evening than in the morning. In the mission room the Wednesday Lent service has been well attended. There are 4 Sunday schools.

There is nothing much in the way of social agencies - no clubs or guilds - only Church League & Band of Hope Connection with the schools. But Mr Chapman has a singularly successful men's Bible Class with 200 members of whom about 100 are present on the average every Monday evening - working men mostly - but a mixture. This class has been slowly worked up during 10 years - & over these men Mr Chapman exercises great influence - being very much liked.

There is a mothers meeting with the usual coal & saving clubs - Maternity Society - Young Women's Sewing Class - & a sick kitchen is maintained all winter.

The district visiting seems to be active - & is connected with relief from the kitchen by tickets - the orders are from from the district visiting meeting.

The sick are nursed by the nurses of the Chelsea Hospital also ladies.

Mr Hastings the Congregationalist. Markham Sq. draws a middle class congregation. Blunt spoke in a friendly spirit of him - not much to say on other subjects.

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Mr. HINDES, School House.

DISTRICT VISITORS:

Name.	District.	Name.	District.
Miss A. MACKIE, Francis Street.		Miss LEVESON, Leader Street.	
Miss FORSSTEEN, Part of College Place.		Miss IDA INIGO JONES, Leader Street.	
Miss GUNNING, Blenheim Street.		Miss JEANS, Bedford Terrace.	
Miss BLUNT, Sick Cases.		Mrs. CHILD	
Miss A. WINTHROP, Brewer Street.		Mrs. KEMP-WELCH	
HON. CATHERINE } Marlboro' Place.		Mrs. DOUGLAS ARDEN	Special Cases.
SPRING-RICE, }		Miss MORGAN	
(Miss HOLT, Upper Manor Street.		Mrs. BOYD	
(Miss WORSSAM, Upper Manor Street.		Mrs. SCALTOCK.	

LADY NURSES:

(In connection with the Chelsea and Pimlico Nursing Association.)
Miss FRANKLIN, Miss WOOD, Miss BATTERSLEY, Miss BRASNET,
22, Tite Street.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

St. Luke's School—Boys. Superintendent: Mr. SPEED.
Miss Collins, Miss A. Collins, Miss Whiteoak, Miss Witter, Miss Thwaites,
Miss Gill, Miss Miller, Miss Purdon, Miss Esworthy, Mr. Aves.
Bible Class.—Rev. E. W. Chapman.
St. Luke's School—Girls. Superintendent: Miss MORGAN.
Miss Evans, Miss Worssam, Miss F. Ellis, Miss Prower, Miss Anderson,
Miss E. Rhind, Miss Jenkins, Miss Cane.
Bible Class.—Miss Peile.
Markham Street School.—Superintendent: Miss CLARK.
Miss Hughes, Miss Holt, Miss Hincks, Miss Atkinson, Miss Lethbridge,
Miss Metcalfe, Miss Peach.
Onslow Dwellings School.—Superintendent: Rev. A. C. NANSON.
Miss Robson, Miss Parker, Miss C. Jupp, Miss Woods, Miss Gronowski.

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH.

FEBRUARY, 1899.

		CHURCH NOTICES.	
1	W	Litany, 12 noon. District Visitors' Meeting, 12.15 p.m.	Sunday Services. 11 A.M. & 7 P.M. Full Choral Service every Sunday at 7 P.M. Children's Service last Sunday in Month, 3 P.M.
2	Th	<i>Feast of the Purification.</i> Tea in the Onslow Dwellings Hall, 7 P.M., and Lecture, 8 P.M.	
3	F	Litany, 12 noon. Prize Distribution in Boys' School.	
4	S	Choir Boys' Winter Treat in the Afternoon.	
5	S	<i>Sexagesima.</i> Holy Communion, 8.45 A.M.	Holy Communion. 1st and 3rd Sunday in Month, 8.45 A.M. 2nd and 4th Sunday after Morning Prayer. 5th Sunday after Evening Prayer. 2nd Sunday, 8.30 A.M.
6	M	Mothers' Meeting, 2 P.M. Band of Hope, 6 P.M. Men's Bible Class, 8 P.M. C.L.B., 8 P.M.	
7	Tu	Maternal Society, 33, Francis Street, 11 A.M.	
8	W	Litany, 12 noon. Women's Communicants' Class, 7 P.M. Men, 8 P.M., Vestry.	
9	Th	Litany, 12 noon.	Week-Day Services. Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saints' Days, 12 noon. During Lent and Advent Daily at noon.
10	F	Young Women's Communicants' Class, 6 P.M. Vestry.	
11	S		
12	S	<i>Quinquagesima.</i> Holy Communion, 8.30 A.M., and after Morning Prayer.	
13	M	Mothers' Meeting, 2 P.M. Band of Hope, 6 P.M. Men's Bible Class, 8 P.M. C.L.B., 8 P.M. Dramatic Entertainment at Institute, 8 P.M.	Sunday Schools. Onslow Dwellings School, King Street Schools, 3 P.M. Markham Street School, 3 P.M.
14	Tu	<i>Shrove Tuesday.</i> Maternal Society, 33, Francis Street, 11 A.M. Dramatic Entertainment at Institute, 8 P.M.	
15	W	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> Service, 12 noon, in Church; Onslow Dwellings Hall, 8.30 P.M.	
16	Th		
17	F	Litany, 12 noon.	Baptisms, Churchings. Sundays, 4 P.M. Wednesdays and Fridays, 12 noon.
18	S		
19	S	<i>1st Sunday in Lent.</i> Holy Communion, 8.45 A.M.	
20	M	Mothers' Meeting, 2 P.M. Band of Hope, 6 P.M. Men's Bible Class, 8 P.M. C.L.B., 8 P.M.	
21	Tu	Maternal Society, 33, Francis Street, 11 A.M.	Church Vestry. One of the Clergy is in attendance at the Vestry every Morning, from 11 to 12 o'clock.
22	W	<i>Ember Day.</i> Litany, 12 noon. Lent Meeting in Onslow Dwellings Hall, 8.30 P.M.	
23	Th	<i>St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr.</i> <i>Ember Day.</i> Service, 12 noon.	
24	F		
25	S	<i>Ember Day.</i> Service, 12 noon.	Seats. Applications and arrangements for Seats may be made at the Vestry on Fridays from 3 to 4 P.M., or any morning from 11 to 12, to Mr. ABBEY, Seat Rent Collector.
26	S	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent.</i> Holy Communion, after Morning Prayer. Mozart's Requiem, after Evening Service.	
27	M	Mothers' Meeting, 2 P.M. Band of Hope, 6 P.M. Men's Bible Class, 8 P.M. C.L.B., 8 P.M.	
28	Tu	Maternal Society, 33, Francis Street, 11 A.M.	

CHURCH OFFERTORIES.

JANUARY, 1899.

DATE.	EARLY.	11 A.M.	3 P.M.	7 P.M.	TOTAL.
1899.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1	A0 5 6	C5 0 0	E0 5 7	C2 0 0	7 11 1
" 8	A0 14 1	D4 6 7	....	C2 6 0	7 6 8
" 15	A1 19 9	B1 18 0	....	C2 3 0	6 0 9
" 22	....	D5 7 0	....	C2 8 0	7 15 0
" 29	....	B3 2 0	E0 7 0	C2 4 3	5 13 3

£34 6 9

Alms Boxes 1 1 4

Magazines 0 14 1

TOTAL £36 2 2

A—Sick Kitchen. B—Poor. C—Choir. D—Church Expenses.

E—Cot.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

Date.	Subject and Lesson to be Read.	Lesson to be Learnt.	Hymns to be Learnt.
1899.			
Feb. 5	"Melchizedek." Genesis xiv., 17—24.	Hebrews vii., 25.	No. 581, v. 1.
" 12	"The Child of Promise." Genesis xxi., 1—8, and xxii.	Genesis xxii., 7 and 8.	No. 581, v. 2.
" 19	"The Birthright and the Blessing." Genesis xxvii.	St. Matthew xvi., 26.	No. 581, v. 3.
" 26	Children's Service.		

The Hymn is taken from "Church Hymns." The Collect for the day should in all cases be learnt by the elder scholars. The Lessons for February are from Lessons vii., viii. and ix. in "Sunday School Lessons on the Gospel in the Old Testament," published by the National Society.

PAROCHIAL WORK.

Communicants' Classes are held at the Church Vestry during the second week in every month, as follows:—

Women's Class, Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

Men's Class, Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

Young Women's Class, Saturday, at 6 p.m.

The Rev. E. W. Chapman is glad to receive the names of new members.

Men's Bible Class is held at the Church Vestry every Monday evening at 8 p.m. New members must see the Rev. E. W. Chapman.

St. Luke's Institute.—The Club Rooms are in the Rectory Garden, open every evening except Sunday. For particulars of membership, apply to the Hon. Sec., Rev. A. C. Nanson, to whom annual subscriptions and donations should be sent.

Church Lads' Brigade.—Drill Hall, Onslow Dwellings. Recruits must apply to the Rev. H. V. Johnson.

Infantry Drill - Mondays at 8 p.m.

The Band of Hope (C.E.T.S.) meets every Monday evening at 6 o'clock, in the Onslow Dwellings Hall. New Members must apply to the Rev. H. Mitchell.

Mothers' Meeting is held every Monday afternoon at 2 p.m., from October to June, in the Onslow Dwellings Hall. New members must apply to Mrs. Rogers.

A Young Women's Sewing Class is held every Thursday evening, at 5.30 p.m., at the Onslow Dwellings Hall, for girls over 13 years of age, under the management of Miss Arden and Miss Robertson.

Maternal Society, 33, Francis Street, on Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. All subscriptions to be sent to Miss Blunt.

The Sick Kitchen is open from November to April. Orders are filled in by any of the District Visitors or Lay Helpers. Subscriptions must be sent to Miss Blunt, The Rectory.

District Visitors' Meetings are held on the first Wednesday in each month during the Winter, beginning in November, at the Church Vestry. Litany at 12 o'clock noon, in the Church.

A Mission Service at Onslow Dwellings Hall every Sunday evening at 7.30 p.m. Curate in charge, the Rev. H. V. Johnson.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Season of Lent, which, with its 40 days, may be said to occupy six weeks of the Church's year, begins in the middle of this month, Ash Wednesday falling on February 15th. Its seriousness is marked in the Churchman's Almanack by a black line, reaching from that day to Easter Even; and whatever may be felt as to the best method of its observance, there is a general agreement that it contains a call to careful consideration of our ways, with a view to making them more worthy of Him whose 40 days in the wilderness show the intense earnestness with which He entered on His mission for mankind.

There will be daily Service in our Church at noon, with the Litany on Wednesday and Friday. It would not be reasonable to expect many to come: but there are some whose leisure admits of it, and we hope all who can will avail themselves of this opportunity for quiet worship, so that, at least, the front seats may be filled.

On the Sundays in Lent, the Evening Service will begin half-an-hour earlier than the usual time—viz., at 6.30 instead of 7 p.m.; and on three Sunday evenings, after a short Service, our readers will be pleased to hear that Mozart's Requiem is to be rendered by the Choir, with full orchestral accompaniment. The three Sundays are February 26th, March 12th, and Palm Sunday, March 26th. St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, was, we believe, one of the first to introduce these renderings of the sacred works of the great masters of music, and will be, we trust, the last to forego them.

At the Onslow Dwellings Hall, a series of Six Meetings will be held on Wednesdays in Lent, at 8.30 p.m., commencing February 15th (Ash Wednesday). The Meetings are for adults only, of whom we shall be glad to see a goodly number. Cards, announcing the meeting, have been printed for distribution in the District, and we hope many will respond to the Rector's invitation to attend them. We should state that the object of these Meetings is to form a preparation for the Church Services of Good Friday and Easter Day.

FLOOD'S DAY.

The Annual Examination of the Children of our Parochial Schools, in the Church Catechism, in accordance with the Will of the late Luke Thomas Flood, was held in St. Luke's Church on Friday, January 13th, at 11 o'clock. The Examination was conducted and the Sermon preached by the Rev. A. C. Nanson. After the Service,

which includes the singing of Luther's Hymn, "Great God, what do I see and hear?" and the playing of the Dead March in Saul on the organ, the following gifts were distributed by the Rector:—

William Myall, aged 72, and Eliza Jones, aged 73, were chosen by the Church Trustees to receive £15 each.

William Knott and Sophie Pugh received £14 each as apprentice money.

Charles Coxall and Clara Scott, named by the Rev. A. C. Nanson as having answered best in the Church Catechism, received £1 each.

George Quelch and Ada Millatt, £1 each, chosen by the Master (Mr. Peach) and the Mistress (Miss Trotter) for good conduct and regularity during the year.

The following received 1s. each for singing Luther's Hymn:—

Boys—Archie Parsloe, Henry Knott, George Arnold, William Hayward, Arthur Cobbett, Bertie Talfourd, Frederick Miller, Thomas Turner.

Girls—Emily Robson, Carrie Austin, Annie Parsloe, Elsie Patrick, Bella Fraser, Alice Burbidge, Louie Lawrence.

A considerable quantity of bread was distributed amongst the poor, the recipients receiving orders upon a certain number of Chelsea Bakers from the Clergy, Churchwardens and Church Trustees.

On Tuesday, January 3rd, the Rector gave his Annual Christmas Dinner to the yard-men at the General Omnibus Company's Stables in Church Street. Some of the guests had just time to do justice to the bountiful warm repast of good Christmas fare, and then had to be off to work again. One or two were obliged to go after meat, but returned in time for plum pudding and mince pies. Packets of tobacco were distributed after dinner, and the Rector said a few words of hearty welcome, and spoke of the pleasure it was to him to see some of their number at the Institute on Sunday afternoons, only he should much like to see that number increased.

We have only space and time left to mention the fact that the Men's Bible Class Supper took place at the Onslow Dwellings Hall, on Monday night, January 30th, and passed off happily, 120 members being entertained, not only with an excellent supper, but also by a capital Concert, which fully occupied the rest of the night. We hope to give an account of this goodly gathering, over which Canon Chapman presided, in our March Magazine, keeping the programme meanwhile as a memento.

CHURCH CONGRESS.

Our readers, we doubt not, have been pleased to hear of the decision to hold the Church Congress this year in London. In view of the many and some vital subjects with which this annual gathering of Church people is concerned, it is indeed a matter to which no earnest minded citizen can be indifferent. But for an intelligent interest in such a coming event, it is well to know beforehand certain details, as for instance, when and where the opening and closing Services are to be, and the way in which a Parishioner may help in the arrangements which must be made in good time before October. Happily this knowledge is at hand, and the following circular Letter from the Bishop of London, which the Rector has received, will be the best introduction to an assembly always important, but more than ever so, in the capital of the Country. The Letter is inserted in the hope that it may have free course among our people, and lead some of us to do our best towards making the Congress a real help to Church life and work, not only in London, but also in the land at large.

FULHAM PALACE, S.W.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

The next Church Congress will be held in our Diocese in the Royal Albert Hall, on October 9th to 14th, 1899, and I trust that you will promote its success by frequently directing the attention of your Parishioners to it, in your Parochial Magazine, and in every other way you may deem desirable.

The Object of the Church Congress, it was officially announced at its inauguration in Cambridge in 1861, is "to bring together Members of the Church of England and of Churches in Communion with her, for free deliberation, and for the exchange of opinion and experience on subjects which affect the practical efficiency of the Church, and the means of defence and extension; and also for the encouragement of a general interest in these and kindred subjects, amongst the Clergy and Laity in different parts of the country."

In addition to the Opening Services in St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and St. Mary Abbot's, on October 10th, a Reception in the Imperial Institute, on the 12th, the Thanksgiving Service in St. Paul's, on October 13th, and the Daily Sessions in the Royal Albert Hall, on October 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, there will be in the same Hall a Mass Meeting for Women, and Girls over 16, on Monday, October 9th, for Men on Wednesday, the 11th, and for Senior Scholars in Sunday Schools, Pupil Teachers in Voluntary and other Schools, and Members of the Church and Diocesan Church Lads Brigades, on Saturday, the 14th.

I am particularly anxious that a Committee should be formed in every Parish in the Diocese, on which if possible there should be at least three Working Men, who are willing to help, in order that each Parish may be adequately represented in the Men's Meeting, which it is hoped may be attended by several thousands. I desire

also that a Committee of Ladies to work with the Women's Diocesan Association for the Meeting for Women and Girls be nominated. The aims of the Parochial Committees should be to arouse and sustain interest in the Congress, and to distribute shortly before the Meetings Free Tickets to those who desire to attend.

Admission to Sessional Meetings of the Congress will be by Tickets purchased previously at the Church House, the S. P. C. K., the National Society, and other places.

It is customary to provide hospitality for Members who live at a distance, and I shall be glad if you are able to furnish the names and addresses of any of your Parishioners or other friends who may be willing to entertain them during Congress week.

Will you kindly fill in the Form annexed and forward it *as soon as possible* to the Secretary of the Congress, the Rev. Prebendary GLENDINNING NASH, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W.?

I am, yours very truly,

M. LONDON, *President*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREATS.

January 18th will long be remembered as a very happy evening by the little folk of the King Street and Onslow Dwellings Sunday Schools. At 4 o'clock the young people began to assemble outside the doors of the Onslow Dwellings Hall, and by 4.30 they were all seated and enjoying a good tea of bread-and-butter and cake. Many kind helpers among the Teachers and other friends, helped to make the good things go round. Then after tea followed an Entertainment given by Miss Holt,—with shadows on a transparent sheet,—all the funny freaks of Barnum's Show seen in shadow! and then a curtain was drawn aside, and Miss Blunt's Christmas Tree glittered before the delighted eyes of our little guests. To every child a fine present, and after that a toy from the heavily laden Tree.

A whole year to wait for our next treat!!—but in the meanwhile we thank the kind friends who helped us to make merry by their presence or their presents.

H.V.J.

The Infants at Markham Street Sunday School had their Annual Tea and Entertainment in the Onslow Dwellings Hall, on the 19th inst., and heartily enjoyed every item provided for their amusement.

There were 132 little mouths to fill, and the same number of little tongues afterwards expressed approval of the exceedingly clever pantomime shown by our universal provider of amusements—Miss Holt. The gorgeous spectacle of a brilliantly lightly and heavily laden Xmas Tree arranged by Miss Blunt, hugely delighted the little ones, each one of whom had the pleasure of selecting a present from off it. Miss Clarke and her devoted band of Teachers are to be congratulated on the numbers in the Markham Street School and their efficiency. We wish them prosperity.

H.M.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

It is long since we have sent a report to the Magazine, and many changes have occurred in our Company.

Our original Captain (Mr. Gilder) has gone to South Africa, and the Company is now in the charge of Mr. Matthews, whose Lieutenant is Mr. R. V. Johnson—both keen Volunteers.

On January 20th, all efficient members were invited to a Tea at our Drill Hall. The attendance was small, but the enjoyment was great, and the boys greatly appreciated the kindness of Miss Blunt and Miss Holt, who helped at the Tea.

Some of our readers may be interested in the question of drill for boys. The columns of a morning paper are daily filled with articles and correspondence on Lord Meath's scheme for compulsory drill for all English boys between thirteen and eighteen. We hope it may be possible for some of our readers, who feel the great importance of these drill schemes, to interest themselves in the work of the "C.L.B." On Monday evening, February 6th, the London Diocesan C.L.B. may be seen at the Guildhall, where an interesting display of drill and physical exercises will be given.

Our own Company meets weekly on Mondays, at 8 o'clock, at the Onslow Dwellings Hall, at which time we are always glad to meet those who are interested in the welfare of the youth of Chelsea.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

On Friday afternoon, January 20th, the Girls of the Parochial Schools, to the number of over 300, assembled for their Annual Tea, which is provided for them by the kindness of a few friends in the Parish. This event and the amusements afterwards, are greatly looked forward to by the girls, and thoroughly enjoyed.

On the following Friday, January 27th, the girls entertained their parents, from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m., with a varied programme of plays, cantatas, action songs, &c., &c., which had been in preparation after School hours for weeks previously. Every item on the programme was well received by the audience, which quite filled our large room, and as the parents lingeringly said "good-night," they one and all expressed themselves as greatly pleased and delighted with the performances of the children.

M.T.

BAND OF HOPE.

We are all looking forward to the promised visit of Mr. W. R. Newman, the Head Secretary from Westminster. He is to visit and address our Band of Hope, on Monday, 6th February, at 6 p.m., when we hope all our children, and parents too, will come and hear him. Mr. Newman is a splendid speaker and knows exactly how to appeal to children.

We issue a free and hearty invitation to all.

H.M.

ST. LUKE'S INSTITUTE.

In the Reading room where members mostly meet, there has been a decided change for the better. The improvement began with the Rector's kindness in having a new grate put in to take the place of the old one worn out after many years. With winter coming on, this was like a welcome as you stepped inside. Then came the Billiard table. That was a large order; and as it lay in massive detail all around like some stern invading host, there were, it must be admitted, those who wondered what we should make of it. Even the skilled workmen, who first tried to tackle it, were puzzled at their task. It was a problem set on slate, like some stiff sum when we first went to School. There was an answer, but it wanted working out. Now we are glad to say the Billiard table has been built. No longer a speculative notion of what might be, Billiards at the Institute have become a concrete fact. Nor is there any lack of players ready to enjoy a "fifty up," so that during the first 3 weeks the takings in small payments for games averaged 9/- a week. At the same time an improved light has been obtained through the thorough cleansing and colouring of the walls: and the Committee has every reason to feel grateful to Mr. Churchwarden Picken, who, in joining the Institute as a member, has generously carried out the much needed work of cleaning and painting both the wood and brick-work, as well as whitewashing the ceiling. There is still however, a rather heavy balance on the wrong side of the Billiard table fund to be met. We wish therefore, to direct our readers attention to the following notice, in the hope that all, who can, will take tickets for one of the two nights mentioned. It will, we feel sure, be an enjoyable entertainment, and we are fortunate to be thus befriended.

A DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT

In aid of S. LUKE'S INSTITUTE, will be given in the HALL of the Institute, in the Rectory Garden, Chelsea, on *Monday Evening, February 13th*, and again on *Shrove Tuesday, February 14th*, at 8 o'clock, when a Company of Amateur Players will present the Farce—

"PETTICOAT PERFIDY,"

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"TAKEN AT THE FLOOD."

A POST-DILUVIAN EPISODE.

Scene—A private dining room in a comfortable Hostel not 100 miles from the Gloucester Road.

Time—10.30 p.m. on the night of the 13th of January. Round the remains of dessert upon a large dining table prettily arranged with flowers and electric lamps, nine gentlemen are sitting over their coffee and cigars, chatting.

Rector: I daresay the traditional attire—graves clothes and phosphorescence, has a good deal to do with our inherited dread of the poor ghosts.

The Club Secretary: For my part, I don't inherit any dread. I should be delighted to make the acquaintance of one, in any attire!

[Enter the Head Waiter. He says something to the Treasurer in an undertone.]

The Treasurer: Gentleman, a stranger,—an old resident of Chelsea, he says,—has just come into the Hostel, and asks if he may be allowed to join us for a few moments. What do you say?

[Various members say "How odd!" "What is his name?"

"Why not?" "By all means have him in."]

The Rector: Ask him in.

[The Waiter goes out, and ushers in a more than middle aged gentleman with a pleasant benignant face, high forehead, clean shaven chin and lip, and small mutton chop whiskers, dressed in a somewhat old fashioned surtout, with white stock and frilled shirt front.]

The Stranger: I hope you will pardon what must seem an intrusion. I am an old Parishioner, and was once very deeply interested in Chelsea affairs. But I have been long away; and coming back to-day and remembering the anniversary you keep to-night, I thought I might crave to join you a little while, and hear how our old Village fares.

The Treasurer: By all means. [to the Waiter] Another chair and a glass and some cigars for—[turning to the Visitor] I did not catch your name, Sir?

The Stranger: I did not drop it, Sir. Let me, if you will, be just "An Old Chelsean." Thank you, I never smoked, but I will join you in a glass of port.

The Rector's Warden: Well, Sir, and what can we tell you about Chelsea? It has advanced a little, these fifty years, eh?

The Stranger: It has changed amazingly, at any rate. You mustn't expect us old fogeys to be enthusiasts, you know.

The Cheyne-Courtier: No Free Libraries in your day, Sir?

The Stranger: No, Sir. We had to get our fiction and our betting news without the aid of the Rates.

The Clerk in Orders: Oh come, Sir, you're severe. Have you seen our Polytechnic? Education at least is easier and freer.

The Stranger: Sir, I'm not altogether an admirer of free and easy education. I've a suspicion that it was the surmounting of difficulties that helped to make our great men what they were. And as to Polytechnic freedom, why I'm told the "technics" after all are under the thumb of the Trades Unions, there.

The People's Warden: I'm afraid you're hard to please, Sir. But at least our streets, you admire our asphalt pavement—

The Stranger: Sir, I'm a lover of horses. How could I?

The Organist: Well then, our Embankment?

The Stranger: Fine in its way, no doubt, if one hadn't to hold one's nose so often. But eh! how one misses the dear old irregular river front, with its Swan and Magpie, its wharves and elms, its stairs and clustering red roofs.—Well, well, gentlemen, don't tempt a old grumbler! Tell me about St. Luke's; the Schools, the Church. Do our Parochial Schools still hold their own with the best in London? We thought great things of them when they were built, as friend Faulkner will tell you.

The Canon (laughing): Her Majesty's Inspector doesn't quite share your views, I'm afraid. He comes to us fresh from a palatial Board School, with its boundless funds, and his talk is all of Tobin Shafts and Sliding Screens, and hygienic appliances, and—

The Stranger: But what about the girls and boys. I'm more interested in the chickens than the incubator. Do the Hygienics and the Polytechnics and the rest of the "ics" turn out better stuff than ours?

The Clerk: I doubt it. To begin with, the class is a little different. Our children, many of them, would not go to the Board Schools if ours ceased to exist. Then our Master and Mistress are worth many Hygienics. They take an individual interest in the children, impossible in these enormous institutions; watch their progress, help them in a host of little friendly ways, follow their entry into life and work, when they leave us. Their personal influence, and that of the clergy associated with the schools, is worth a good deal, and unquestionably tells. The best proof of this is that the schools are full, and our numbers could be greatly added to if we had space and means.

The Stranger: Ah! there's the rub. I hope, Mr. Treasurer, your accounts show a substantial balance.

The Treasurer (resignedly): They do, Sir. A deficit balance, due to me, of £100 or so.

The Stranger: A deficit! But isn't Chelsea far richer than it was 60 years ago?

The Rector: Far. But not our part, unfortunately. Charity oversteppeth not the Ecclesiastical Boundaries!

The Stranger: And how are Church Funds?

The Rector: Our friends are staunch, but I wish we had a few more subscribers. I'm a bad begger, I'm afraid.

The Rector's Warden: There I'm with you, Rector. It's hard

that begging and praying should have so often to go hand in hand. In some churches one would come to think that putting one's hands in one's pockets was the only devotional attitude.

The Clerk: Yet congregations aren't often of the sort that knoweth our necessities before we ask, however conscious they may be of our ignorance in asking.

The Stranger: And our beautiful old organ? In my day it was one of the finest in London.

The Organist: And is still, Sir, by common consent; finer in tone and much enlarged since your day; but unluckily—

The Stranger: Heigh ho, another "but"!

The Organist: The centreings and much of the working parts are quite worn out. No one would believe the difficulty I have in working many of the stops. It seems a pity that so beautiful an instrument can't be put into proper order.

The Stranger: "Can't"? But are the Organ Builders all dead?

The Secretary: Four hundred pounds isn't to be raised by whistling in Chelsea, Sir.

The Stranger: It isn't to be raised by sitting still and keeping your mouth shut, Sir, I'm aware. I looked in at St. Luke's to hear my grand old "Dead March" this morning, and I confess I thought it magnificent.

The People's Warden: That is a well deserved tribute to the Organist, Sir; but I can testify to the worry and anxiety, the expense of energy, the dodging and humouring it requires to get the results you admire. The voice is there—finer and richer than ever, but the lungs are worn out and the muscles are suffering from "locomotor ataxy."

The Stranger: Is your electric light satisfactory in the Church?

The People's Warden: It hasn't got further than talk as yet, Sir. I suppose it would cost at least £500, and that—

The Stranger: And that, too, will be forthcoming, when it's tackled with a will—one will, mind you. [Pulling out a magnificent old chronometer] Gentlemen, my time is up. I thank you heartily for our chat. It isn't quite so roseate an account of things as one could wish, but at least it's something to know what we want. Indeed I've a shrewd suspicion that the Founder of the Feast had that in his mind when he made the bequest that brings you together to-night. Let me formulate it thus:—

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There, Gentlemen, and may 1900 find you in possession of some of it, at least!

And so I wish you all a very good night.

The Treasurer; Sir, we thank you, and should wish to drink your health before we part.

The Stranger (going): That must not be, Sirs.

All: Why not?

The Stranger (bowing low as he reaches the door): Because I fancy you have drunk it already,—in silence!

[He is gone.

[A somewhat eerie silence fills the room, which is at length broken by the Secretary, who looks chilly and pale.]

The Secretary: I—I think I'll say good night. I—I rather wish you'd walk home with me, Canon. I f-f-feel a little nervous and cold.

Exeunt omnes, talking in subdued tones.

The Treasurer is the last to leave the dining room. As he goes out he stoops near the door and picks up a finely embroidered handkerchief, which the stranger had dropped in his hurried departure. He looks at it, and sees initials worked in one corner.

The Treasurer: "L—T. F."! my honourable predecessor!

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MARRIAGES AND BAPTISMS.

MARRIAGES.

- Jan. 1.—George Arthur Plumb and Charlotte Jane Quelch.
 „ 11.—James Cast and Mary Jane Boltwood.
 „ 14.—Edward George Hickmott and Martha Hubble.
 „ 15.—James Skerman and Nellie Townsend; Charles Frederick Godden and Adelaide Lavinia White.
 „ 19.—William Gillingham Critchell and Annie Chapman.
 „ 21.—James Webster Ferguson and Zelia Barchonia Heard Bale.
 „ 23.—Frederick Mills and Mary Smith.
 „ 25.—Frederick William Morris and Marion Rowland.
 „ 28.—William Hartley Ford and Josephine Wilkinson.

BAPTISMS.

- Jan. 1.—Henrietta Sarah Butcher; Florence Annie Henderson; Dorothy Easter; Florence Emily Victoria Nicholls.
 „ 4.—Gertrude Ellen Jordan; John Nash Robins.
 „ 8.—Frederick George Bignell; Thomas Walter Carslake.
 „ 10.—Catherine Lily Edwards (privately).
 „ 11.—Ferdinand Nicholas Beiker.
 „ 13.—Evelyn Patience Willis.
 „ 15.—Margaret Marshall; Charles John Reeve; Minnie Louisa Wickens; Reginald Joe Steele; Florence Julia Purvis.
 „ 22.—George Edward Stevens Osborne; Una May Watts; John Uphill; Florence Caroline Richardson.
 „ 25.—Rose Eeles.
 „ 28.—Alice Ashdown (privately).
 „ 29.—Cecil Charles Edward Southorn; William Walden Smyth.

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- MRS. IDEN, 33, Upper Manor Street, as Charwoman. Recommended by Miss Holt.
- MISS ABBEY, School House, King Street, as Dressmaker for Skirts, or repairs; or would be willing to work at ladies' houses. Recommended by Miss Blunt, Chelsea Rectory.
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TO LET.

March 15th 1895

Intermission with Rev. H. E. J. Rosen,
Holy Trinity, Upper Chelsea. 25th

Mr. Rosen is a man of about 45:
tall, stout, massive, almost elephantine in
appearance (though less stout) and manner
exceedingly like the late Comyn Spavin: in
manner cordial, genial, almost unctuous.

Mr. R. has been here for two years,
succeeding the notorious Canon Euston to whom
in justice must be mainly attributed the
prominent position the church holds, and its
elaborate organisation.

Particulars as to his work, etc.
will be found in the Magazine and Report.

The actual parish is with the exception
of the men, the richest of the rich but
if encompassed with a neighbourhood a part of the
parish of St. Simon has been given to Holy
Trinity for working purposes and that parish
is now responsible for the whole of the

Spencer Milner's - Marlborough Road as
well as for other streets.

It is to be seen that there are two churches: and to reach the same place is perhaps less so at Stoke Newington: at Holy Trinity there is a magnificent choral service, one of the most famous in London: at St. Jude's everything is quick and old-fashioned. In the morning Trinity is crowded full (after camp starts in the air) with a mass of very healthy and fashionable congregation: the only time when there is a falling off is in the season: this is a point of much glory, and due entirely to the bicycle. The characteristic of the congregation is the large proportion of males: indeed on a wet morning the males outnumber the females - (Mr. P. has apparently succeeded, in spite of the fact that Sydenham some time back to St. Margaret's, in keeping up the Sydenham tradition: for I suppose Sydenham men of University education are more than any man in London) - among them a number of

judges, piers, M. P.'s etc. In the evening the church is entirely free and open and is nearly full with a different congregation, much poorer, mostly the middle class and poor of the neighbourhood. Mr. Jude's draws in the morning from 400 to 500, also mostly rich, the old-fashioned people who still like a simple service: in the evening there is a congregation almost exclusively poor, drawn from the business quarters and the numerous other poor ~~about~~ streets in the neighbourhood.

I had expected to find that the Holy Trinity was mainly congregational but Mr. D. says that ~~judges~~ of the list of real holders, those who attend are mostly parishioners.

The social agencies connected with the church are then found in all highly organized parishes, but they are I think both on a larger scale and worked in a more liberal spirit than usual. The Boys' Club and the Men's Club are both on a large scale, and quite free of any religious taint. The Men's Club has a large and expensive

luncheon with five William takes and on an average 100 men are there nightly: liquor is allowed and the accounts show that almost £50 has been paid for drink last year: but Mr D. said that only once has a member had to be turned out for drunkenness: many of the members drink nothing, and all drink much less than they would at a Public House: wives are said to look upon the club as a blessing, and to rejoice when their husbands are there.

The S.F.S. is also on a large scale, "a lodge rather than a club".

How far the members of the various clubs are brought to the church Mr D. could not say: not very much he thought, but they have a great willing influence, and engender the friendliness feeling for the church: "in fact" said Mr D. "we are quite a happy family here".

The Day Schools are large and efficient, about 700 children. About 400 are in the Sunday School.

The visitation of the Poor and the other streets outside the parish is thorough. There is no difficulty in getting District-Visitors of the best class: they are too kept in excellent order, and strictly forbidden to give any relief out of their own pockets: the amount spent in relief is large, a good deal more than is shown in the accounts, as a large part of the Doctor's Fund goes in this way. The chief item is pauperism. There is a Relief Committee meeting weekly, in the closest cooperation with the C.O.S.

In the actual parish there is no systematic visitation outside the doors: the rich are left alone unless they are members of the congregation or express a wish to be visited. Mr B. claims that any attempt at regular visitation among them would only injure the church.

Speaking of the spiritual condition of the rich Mr B. thought there was a much more kindly and less antagonistic attitude towards

the church and the faith there (say) ten years ago. "There is not so much shallow superstition as there was" he said "most of them are still apothecaries in the main, but they are no longer proud of it: indeed they are rather ashamed." It will be seen from Mr D's sermon in the magazine that he himself preaches the same broad doctrine as his predecessor.

Mr D. was obliged to curtail on our interview owing to an urgent summons to a sick bed, and I was unable to go into the general questions.

Mr D. does not strike me as a great force: pleasant and fairly capable: no doubt a good man of business, but I should have thought scarcely refined enough for his position. However he was as successful as his predecessor, and one may judge thence that refinement is not an essential quality in preaching the Gospel to the rich, rank and fashion of Polynesia.

The Report. I have put into the paper

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Services at Holy Trinity.

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FESTIVALS.—Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Children's Service, 9.15 (except on Saturdays). Matins, 11 a.m. Evensong (choral), 6 p.m.

DAILY.—Holy Communion, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8.30 a.m. Mondays, 11.30 a.m. (for aged and invalid persons). Matins, 11 a.m. (with Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays). Evensong, 6 p.m. (choral, except on Saturdays).

BAPTISMS AND CHURCHINGS.—Sundays, at 3.45 p.m., and daily (except Mondays & Saturdays) after the 11 a.m. Service.

Services at S. Jude's.

SUNDAYS.—Holy Communion, 8 a.m., and at 12.30 on the first Sunday (Choral), and on the third Sunday (plain). Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11.30 a.m. Litany, 12.45. Children's Service, 3 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7 p.m.

FESTIVALS.—Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.; Choral Evensong, 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS.—Evensong (Choral) 8.15 p.m.

THURSDAYS.—Holy Communion 7.15 a.m.

BAPTISMS AND CHURCHINGS.—Sundays, 3.30 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 8.30 p.m.

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X Monthly Calendar—March.

1. W. Children's Service, 9.15. Work Society, 10.15. Service and Address, 8.30.
2. Th. Address, Rev. A. L. Lilley, 11.30.
3. F. Sunday School Teachers' Class, 4.30. Address by Rev. E. S. Hilliard, 6.
4. Sat.
5. Sun. *Third Sunday in Lent.* Holy Communion, 7, 8.30 and 10.15.
6. M. Mothers' Meeting, 2.30; and at S. Jude's, 2.30. Relief Committee, 6. Entertainment in Parish Hall, 8.30.
7. Tu. District Visitors, 10.30. Address by Prof. Shuttleworth, 6.
8. W. Children's Service, 9.15. Work Society, 10.30. Service and Address, 8.30.
9. Th. Address by Rev. A. L. Lilley, 11.30.
10. F. Address by Rev. E. S. Hilliard, 6.
11. Sat.
12. Sun. *Fourth Sunday in Lent.* Holy Communion, 7.30, 8.30 and 10.15.
13. M. Mothers' Meeting, 2.30; and at S. Jude's, 2.30. Relief Committee, 6. Entertainment in Parish Hall, 8.30.
14. Tu. District Visitors, 10.30. Address by Prof. Shuttleworth, 6.
15. W. Children's Service, 9.15. Work Society, 10.15. Service and Address, 8.30.
16. Th. Address by Rev. A. L. Lilley, 11.30.
17. F. Address by Rev. E. S. Hilliard, 6.0.
18. Sat.
19. Sun. *Fifth Sunday in Lent.* Holy Communion, 7.30, 8.30, and 10.15.
20. M. Mothers' Meeting, 2.30; and at S. Jude's, 2.30. Relief Committee, 6. Entertainment in Parish Hall, 8.30.
21. Tu. District Visitors, 10.30. Address by Professor Shuttleworth, 6.
22. W. Children's Service, 9.15. Work Society, 10.15. Service and Address, 8.30. Confirmation at Holy Trinity, 11.30.
23. Th. Address by Rev. A. L. Lilley, 11.30.
24. F. Address by Rev. E. S. Hilliard, 6.
25. Sat. *Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.* Holy Communion 8.30 and 10.30.
26. Sun. *Palm Sunday* Holy Communion, 7.30, 8.30, 10.15 and 12.45.
27. M. *Monday before Easter.* Mothers' Meeting, 2.30; and at St. Jude's, 2.30. Relief Committee, 6.
28. Tu. *Tuesday before Easter.* District Visitors, 10.30.
29. W. *Wednesday before Easter.* Work Society, 10.15.
30. Th. *Thursday before Easter.*
31. F. *Good Friday.*

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See list of Services.

Holy Trinity and S. Jude.

X On account of the further demolition of houses in the Parishes of Holy Trinity and St. Jude, the following is the new list of the Districts, with the Clergy and District Visitors appointed to them:—

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I. REV. A. L. LILLEY, 14, Bloomfield Terrace.

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| 2. { Harriet Mews | ... | ... | ... | ... | { Mrs. Spottiswoode. |
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Clabon Mews (East Side) Miss Sotheby.

IV. REV. C. A. COMPTON, 11, Royal Avenue.

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| 1. D'Oyley Street (14-24) | ... | ... | ... | ... | Miss Julian Young. |
| 2. Pavilion Road | ... | ... | ... | ... | Miss Vernon Harcourt. |

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| 1. Woodfall Street (20-30) | ... | ... | ... | ... | Miss S. Olliffe. |
| 2. " " (1-18) | ... | ... | ... | ... | Miss Pendlebury. |
| 3. Smith Street | ... | ... | ... | ... | { Miss Donald. |
| | | | | | { Mrs. Oakes. |

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| | | { (163-180)... | Miss Eva Bacon | ... | |
| " F | ... | { (181-199)... | Miss Conybeare | ... | { Rev. W. M. Le Patourel. |
| | | { (200-216)... | Miss Donald | ... | |
| " G | ... | { (217-234)... | Misses B. & E. Montagu- | ... | { Rev. A. L. Lilley. |
| | | | Pollock | ... | |
| | ... | { (235-252)... | Mrs. Frame | ... | { Rev. H. J. Kitcat. |
| " H | ... | { (253-270)... | Hon. Miss Mostyn | ... | |
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Sundays in March, 1899.

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March 5—THE RECTOR.	THE REV. CANON BENHAM.	
" 12—THE BISHOP OF STEPNEY.	THE REV. H. BICKERSTETH OTTLEY. (Vicar of South Norwood.)	
	<i>Offertories for the East London Church Fund.</i>	
" 19—THE RECTOR.	THE REV. W. MURDOCH JOHNSTON. (Vicar of St. Stephen's, E. Twickenham.)	
" 26—THE RECTOR.	THE RECTOR.	

An Address to Children will be given each Sunday by the RECTOR,
at 3 p.m., on "The Boys and Girls of the Bible."

There will be a Lecture every Sunday Afternoon at 4 p.m., preceded
by the Litany.

4. Mar. 5th.—"St. Francis of Assisi and the Evangelical Orders."
REV. PROFESSOR SHUTTLEWORTH.
5. Mar. 12th.—"St. Thomas Aquinas and the Development of Christian
Philosophy." REV. H. RASHDALL.
6. Mar. 19th.—"Luther and the Religious Reform."
REV. A. J. CARLYLE.
7. Mar. 26th.—"Ignatius Loyola and Modern Romanism."
REV. A. ROBERTSON, D.D.

Additional Services on Week-days.

TUESDAYS.—6 p.m., Course of Addresses by the REV. PROFESSOR
SHUTTLEWORTH.

WEDNESDAYS.—9.15 a.m., Course of Addresses to Children on the
Litany by the RECTOR. 8.30 p.m., Service and
Sermons by the REV. H. J. KITCAT, the REV. W. M.
LE PATOUREL, and the REV. C. A. COMPTON.

THURSDAYS.—11.30 a.m. (in the Chapel), Course of Addresses by the
REV. A. L. LILLEY.

FRIDAYS.—6 p.m., Course of Addresses by the REV. E. S. HILLIARD,
Vicar of St. Andrew's, West Kensington.

A Course of Addresses will be given in Holy Week, at 6 p.m., by
the RIGHT REV. THE BISHOP OF STEPNEY, D.D. (Service at 5.30.)

The "THREE HOURS" Service on Good Friday will be conducted by
the REV. J. H. J. ELLISON, Vicar of Windsor, and Chaplain in Ordinary
to the Queen.

Further details will be announced later on.

WEEK-DAY OFFERTORIES.

TUESDAYS, 6 P.M.	FRIDAYS, 6 P.M.
March 7.—Holy Trinity Old Boys' Club.	March 3.—St. John's Clergy School.
" 14.—Shuttleworth Club.	" 10.—Girls' Friendly Society.
" 21.—Ditto.	" 17.—Soldiers' Institute.
	" 24.—Holy Trinity, Hoxton.

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Hymns and Anthems for March.

SUNDAY, March 5th (Third Sunday in Lent).

Holy Communion	Hummel in D
"	"	Kyrie	...	Prout
At the Communion—"O Saviour of the world"	...	...	...	Goss
"	"	Pater Noster	...	No. 1
"	"	Gloria—Monotone	...	...
"	"	Hymns	...	181, 105, 182
MATINS: Benedicite	...	...	...	Lemare
"	"	Benedictus	...	Stainer in B flat
"	"	Hymns	...	546, 545
EVENSONG: Psalms	...	...	...	2nd set
"	"	Service	...	Barnby in E flat
"	"	Hymns	...	290, 271
"	"	Anthem—"I wrestle and pray"	...	Bach
"	"	After the Sermon—"Miserere"	...	Stainer

SUNDAY, March 12th (Fourth Sunday in Lent).

Holy Communion—"Messe Solennelle"	...	...	...	Gounod
"	"	Kyrie	...	Gounod
At the Communion—"Ave verum"	...	...	...	Gounod
"	"	Pater Noster	...	No. 2
"	"	Gloria—Monotone	...	...
"	"	Hymns	...	183, 107, 250
MATINS: Benedicite	...	...	...	Martin No. 1
"	"	Benedictus	...	Garrett
"	"	Hymns	...	540, 367
EVENSONG: Psalms	...	...	...	1st set
"	"	Service	...	Hopkins in F
"	"	Hymns	...	269, 189 (33), 365
"	"	Anthem—"Stabat Mater"	...	Verdi
(After the Sermon).				

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SUNDAY, March 19th (Passion Sunday).

Holy Communion	Beethoven
"	"	Kyrie	...	No. 4
At the Communion {	"Lord, for Thy tender mercies sake" Farrant			
"	"	Hymn 188	...	...
"	"	Pater Noster	...	No. 1
"	"	Gloria—Monotone	...	...
"	"	Hymns	...	244, 184, 249
MATINS: (Venite occurs in the Psalms).				
"	"	Benedicite	...	Martin No. 3
"	"	Benedictus	...	Stainer in E flat
"	"	Hymns	...	96 (ii.), 263
EVENSONG: Psalms	...	...	...	2nd set
"	"	Service	...	Martin in G
"	"	Hymns	...	207, 274
"	"	Anthem—"Vexilla Regis"	...	Ireland
(After the Sermon).				

SUNDAY, March 26th (Palm Sunday).

Holy Communion	...	...	...	Beethoven
"	"	Kyrie	...	Stanford in B flat
At the Communion {	"O saving victim" (quartet) Gounod			
"	"	Hymn 94 (sung kneeling)	...	...
"	"	Pater Noster	...	No. 2
"	"	Gloria—Monotone	...	...
"	"	Hymns	...	279, 108, 280 (ii.)
MATINS: Benedicite	...	...	...	Best
"	"	Benedictus	...	Stanford in B flat
"	"	Hymns	...	99, 98
6.30 EVENSONG: Psalms	...	...	...	2nd set
"	"	Magnificat	...	Chant 212
"	"	Nunc Dimittis	...	Chant 308
"	"	Hymns	...	217, 252
7.30	"	Anthem—"Stabat Mater"	...	Dvorak
(After the Sermon).				

GOOD FRIDAY, March 31st.

11 a.m.	Litany	...	...	Mechlin
	Hymns	...	...	105, 110
7 p.m.	EVENSONG: Proper Psalms	...	...	...
	"	Magnificat	...	267
	"	Nunc Dimittis	...	263
	"	Hymns	...	124, 122, 13
	"	"Story of the Cross"	...	Woodward

The Report

The death of Mr. George Andrew Spottiswoode, after a very short illness, has been a grievous shock to his many friends throughout the country. He died in harness, as he always wished to do, after a long and well-spent life of seventy-one years, and all who ever had dealings with him will cherish his memory with affectionate regard. The first part of the funeral service took place at Holy Trinity Church on Monday, February 13th, at 11.15, the officiating clergy being Bishop Barry, the Rev. L. J. Towne, and the Rector.

On the previous day (Quinquagesima Sunday) the Rector closed a sermon on the relation between Love and Knowledge with the following words:—"I cannot finish, this morning, without referring to a loss which will be fresh in the minds of all here. There has passed away since last Sunday from this parish and from this Church, in which he always worshipped, one of whom it may be truly said that he was *a man full of Love*. His life and character exactly illustrate what I have been urging as the principle inculcated in the chapter before us (1 Cor. xiii.). He had strong views and strong principles—who that is worth anything has not?—and yet there was nothing in him of the narrow spirit of sectarianism. His love of his fellowmen was too Christ-like for that. He had a generous thought, an appreciative word, for all who honestly and conscientiously opposed him, because he recognised the many-sidedness of Truth.

A most loyal and energetic Churchman, always to the fore where he felt he could be of use, a well-known figure on public platforms and in that House of Laymen where he held high position, it may nevertheless be asserted, I think, with truth, that his best side was never before the world.

There are so many bitter partizans in the Church who are obviously strangers to the power of personal religion, even as there are so many politicians in the State who are in no sense patriots, that it is the best encouragement for us all, in times of storm and stress like these, when we are able to contemplate the unwonted spectacle of a busy public life behind which there lies the quiet strength of a pure unselfish character, of a steadfast childlike faith."

A Sermon

Preached at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, February 3, 1899,

BY

The REV. HENRY E. J. BEVAN, M.A., Rector.

"If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto Thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him."—*Genesis iv. 7.*

THIS obscure verse, which is closely connected with the teaching for to-day, has often been referred to as the earliest sanction in Holy Writ of the law of primogeniture. God is remonstrating with the angry, jealous Cain; and it has been commonly supposed that the last clause of the Divine utterance has reference to his younger brother Abel—as though God had said: "If you behave yourself as you should, and abstain from sin, you will have no difficulty in maintaining your position as elder brother. Unto you shall be Abel's desire, and you shall rule over him." Now, no doubt it is true that the right of primogeniture (with the justice or injustice of which we are not now concerned) finds strong support in some parts of the Old Testament, notably in the Mosaic Law, but it is

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rather contravened than otherwise in patriarchal times. Thus, *e.g.*, Abel, and even Seth, were preferred before Cain; Isaac before Ishmael, Jacob before Esau, Moses before Aaron, Abraham, Joseph and David before their elder brethren. Moreover, the reference in this particular clause with which we are dealing is not to Abel, whose name has not been mentioned in the verse, but rather to "sin, lying in wait at the door." This truer and better, because far more grammatical and intelligible, translation is suggested in the margin of the Revised Version. Jehovah is pleading with Cain against the murderous anger which was rising in his breast and hurrying him to a deed most foul and unnatural. The sense is perfectly clear: Cain is warned that while he is nursing his bitter jealous thoughts, Sin, like a ravening beast as crafty as it is cruel, is crouching outside the door of his heart, only waiting for the door to be opened by any touch of passion to spring in; and he is admonished to keep the door shut, lest he be "overcome of evil." He is warned that the "desire" of the sin, which looks so fair and tempting to the eye stained and jaundiced with passion, is against him; that his only safety consists in subduing and ruling over it. What Jehovah really says is this: "If thou doest well, shall not thou be accepted? But if thou doest not well, sin croucheth at the door, and its desire is against thee, but thou shouldest rule over it."

Now, these words suggest one answer to that question, which possesses such a strong fascination for the human mind:—*What is the true nature of sin?* We read—as we read this morning—the story of the Fall of Man in the Old Testament; and while we feel that it is a divinely true, a divinely beautiful, a divinely inspired allegory of the first entrance of sin into our

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world, we cannot help longing to know what is the actual truth it reveals, yet half conceals; and how it is to be reconciled with what Science has taught and is teaching us about man and his origin. There are many, no doubt, who do not feel this difficulty; they prefer to take the early chapters of Genesis literally. For them, Eden is an actual Garden; the Trees of Life and of the Knowledge of Good and Evil are mystical plants which grew there as prosaically as cedars or sycamores. The Serpent was a visible incarnation of the Spirit of Evil, endowed with a supernatural power of speech; and the Apple was some species of luscious fruit which proved too tempting to the carnal appetites of our first parents. There are many more who cannot feel satisfied with this simple exposition of the matter. In view of what they have learnt and read elsewhere, they cannot conscientiously allow a blind and therefore, as they conceive, unchristlike faith to override Reason. They believe fully and absolutely in the Bible as the inspired Revelation of God's Will and God's Truth. They believe in this very account of the Fall of Man; but they cannot accept it in a literal sense, because they feel that, underlying the language of metaphor, there is a sense, a meaning, which is in full harmonious accord with all that human science has discovered and verified; with all that the Saviour has taught us in His Gospel. Now, this attitude of mind should claim profoundest sympathy and respect, for it is one which is full of faith in the best sense of the word, since it declines to give up broad principles of belief in despair merely because there are details to be overcome which present difficulties. Moreover, it seems to me that such difficulties may be set at rest without what are called "new-fangled theories;" without explaining away the words of Scripture; without in any

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way interfering with the relation in which the Old Testament stands to the New.

First, let us note what the Book of Genesis says, and does not say, about man's origin and nature. It most distinctly does not say that Adam was called into being as a full-grown adult. It simply states that "man" was "created," or brought into being. There is nothing said about the process by which he reached his manhood. We may therefore suppose, on adequate scientific proof, that it was by evolution. If this be so, we are at liberty to believe the Darwinian theory as to the origin of the human species, so far as the Bible is concerned. I am not implying that that theory is true or false, but merely that it does not necessarily conflict with the Biblical account of man's origin. On the contrary, if we accept it, the record in Genesis explains what science has not explained. For science, while strongly asserting the hypothesis of man's evolution from some primitive animal ancestor, fails to bridge over the gulf which separates the animal from the human. There is a sort of hiatus, vacuum, or missing link between the two. The question is how, if pre-Adamite man were an animal, was the boundary line crossed which certainly separates the animal from the human? In this pre-Adamite ancestor of our race there must have been suddenly created, or else gradually evolved from an inherent and latent germ, those characteristic attributes, qualities and powers which constitute humanity and differentiate the human from the brute creation. Now it is this very change which is obviously referred to in the words that tell us how God said—"Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness;" and how God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," and "man became," in

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place of the mere animal he had been up to that period, "a living, an immortal soul." Now, if this be so, there must have been side by side in Adam's nature, even as there is in ours to-day, a two-fold element,—the human and the brute-like. The latter he had inherited from animal ancestors, the former was his by the special creative act of God. Neither science nor holy scripture have anything to urge against this explanation of the dualistic strain that belongs to man's nature. We see at once the consequence of the union of these two elements, the higher and the lower, the natural and the spiritual, in one soul. It must have been antagonism, conflict, a struggle for mastery between mere animal selfishness and that human conscience which recognises the will of God. Adam's experience was the same as St. Paul's, the same as yours and mine. "I find then this law," writes the great Gentile Apostle, "that to me who would do good, evil is present. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man; but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin, which is in my members." Here we have St. Paul's explanation and view of sin. It is animalism; the giving the rein to our lower natures. Animalism was not sinful in man so long as man remained an animal; but when his humanity was conferred upon him, when the spirit and breath of a diviner life was imparted to him, when his soul received these nobler attributes, faculties and moral perceptions which appertain to the nature of God Himself, then there entered into man's life that higher law which changed what was once mere bestial selfishness into wilful sin. It was Adam's ability, his newly or gradually acquired ability, to recognise God's will, to choose between

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good and evil, which made it possible for him to sin. You remember St. Paul's significant words, "I had not known sin except through the law, the law of God. I was alive apart from the law once, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment which was unto life, this I found to be unto death; for sin, finding occasion through the commandment, beguiled me, and through it slew me." Adam, who is the representative of our unredeemed race, experienced exactly this. The animal ancestor of our race could not sin, for he had not the capacity for sinning. We do not blame an ape or a tiger for being themselves and obeying their natural instincts. But when the animal became a man,—conscious of the distinction between right and wrong, able to respond to the dictates of a better nature, capable of understanding the will of God—then sin itself was born, the old nature, the old animal nature, became its seat, and the Fall was possible. It is unnecessary to follow out the metaphors of Gen. iii. in detail, or at any length. Eden is symbolical of the state in which man, through ignorance or through lack of temptation, is unconscious of wilful sin—the childlike state. The "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" typifies, with its tempting fruit, that personal acquaintance with vice and virtue which human curiosity insists on making, that experimenting with evil which seems so interesting, so fascinating, but which proves so often fatal. True, the "Tree of Knowledge" holds forth good fruit as well as bad, fruit for the higher nature as well as fruit for the lower, but the apple which tempts is the golden apple of sensual loveliness that appeals, not to that which is "likest God within the soul," but to that which is "akin to the brute," to our animal appetites,

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to our selfishness and greed, to our pride and love of indulgence and indifference to better things. To this lower inherited nature in Adam the Fall was due. It struggled with the higher nature and conquered it. And so would it have ever been, but for the grace and mercy of God. A "Second Adam" has come to our aid, that He may help the weaker side. And we, who have inherited that feebleness of will, that depravity of nature, that tendency to evil, which the first Adam bequeathed to us, stand in perpetual need of the redemption, the salvation, which are His gift. Still the animalism that is in our nature "crouches at the door," ready for its fatal spring. Still we must keep guard over that door, the door of our hearts and minds, the door of our thoughts and feelings; for if the threshold once be passed, the will will be quickly overcome. Let us never lose sight of this great psychological fact, which we must all have learnt from personal experience, that the only way to defy sin and keep it outside our lives, is to abstain, by the grace of God, from that dalliance with temptation (by thought word or imagination) which is certain, sooner or later, to weaken the fastening of the door. Then comes the fierce rush of passion, then the feeble fruitless struggle, then the helpless fall; and once again is re-enacted the tragedy of a Paradise Lost. What is the whole purpose of human life if not for this,—to get rid of the brute inheritance? It must needs be a work of time. Like our first parents, we are not allowed to snatch prematurely at the fruit of the Tree of Life. For us "Cherubim and a flaming sword" still guard it far beyond our reach and ken. We must go forth, too, into the wilderness of this world "to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling" among thorns and thistles, in the sweat of the brow, until we return

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to the dust out of which our bodies were formed. And here, in this world, in this life, we must learn more and more the nature of that human responsibility with regard to sin, of which it was said to Cain "Its desire is against thee: but thou shouldst rule over it!"

" Arise and fly,
The reeling fawn, the sensual feast;
Move upward, working out the beast,
And let the ape and tiger die!"

Baptisms.

HOLY TRINITY.

Jan. 28—Merriel Louise Ellen Bulkeley.
" 29—Cecil Robert Priddle.
Feb. 4—Alfred Edgar Vere Barker.
" 5—Dorothy Alice Mattock.
" 8—Archibald William Henry Grant.
" 12—Cyril John Clarke.

S. JUDE.

Feb. 19—Henry Enoch Martin, 22, Lumley Buildings.
" 22—Alfred Robert Bloomfield, 49, Little Cadogan Place.

Marriages at Holy Trinity.

Jan. 30—Edwin Herbert Holton to Martha Jane Cole.
Feb. 1—John Guerrier Marshall to Maria Cook.
" 13—John William Dumbleton to Florence Ada Mary Beckley
" 14—Herbert Henry Child to Alice Clara Blaine.
" 18—Cecil Henry Cobb to Alice Emily Chapman.

Services for Holy Week and Easter. X

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

Holy Communion	...	...	...	7.30 and 8.30
"	Monday	...	...	also at 12
"	Maundy Thursday	...	...	also at 11 (Choral)
Children's Service, with Address by the Rector	...	...	...	9.15
Matins (except Thursday, when it will be at 8)	...	...	...	11
Address by the Rev. A. L. LILLEY	...	...	...	11.30
Evensong and Sermon by the Lord Bishop of Stepney, D.D.	...	...	...	5.30
Service and Sermon	...	...	...	8.30

Monday, by THE Rector.

Tuesday, by the Rev. C. A. COMPTON.

Wednesday, by the Rev. H. J. KITCAT.

Thursday, by the Rev. W. M. LE PATOUREL.

OFFERTORIES:

Monday—East London Church Fund. Wednesday—East London Church Fund.
Tuesday—St. Jude's Maintenance Fund. Thursday—Holy Trinity Boys' Club.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Matins	...	...	...	8
Holy Communion	...	...	...	8.30
Children's Service	...	...	...	9.15
Litany and Sermon by THE Rector	...	...	...	11
THREE HOURS' SERVICE	...	...	...	12 to 3

Addresses by the Rev. J. H. J. ELLISON, Vicar of Windsor
and Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen.

Children's Service, with Lantern (in Parish Hall)	...	...	4
Evensong and Sermon	...	...	7

Offertories for the Sick and Poor.

EASTER EVE.

Matins and Ante-Communion Service	...	...	8.30
Evensong (<i>First Service of Easter</i>)	...	...	6

Offertory for the Altar Flowers Fund.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 2ND.

Holy Communion	...	6, 6.45, 7.30, 8.30, 10.15 and 12.45
Matins and Sermon by THE Rector	...	11.30
Evensong and Sermon by the Rector	...	7

(*Other Services as usual.*)

EASTER WEEK.

Holy Communion, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	...	8.30
" Monday	...	also at 11.30
Matins	...	11
Evensong daily (except Monday)	...	6

(Owing to the Choir Boys' Holiday, Evensong this week will be plain.)

Applications for Sittings in Holy Trinity Church for the half-year commencing Lady Day should be sent at once to the Churchwardens, or to the Vestry Clerk, Vestry, Upper George Street, Sloane Square, S.W.

We trust our readers will carefully study the Rector's Address which prefaces the Financial Report for 1898, just published.

In Repn

X Holy Trinity Offertories.

1899.	Celebrations.		Matins.	Evensong and Special Service.	Total.
	Plain.	Choral.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 22—3 S. aft. Epiph. (1)	3 7 1	7 7 7	27 2 10	5 17 9	43 15 3
„ 25—Conv. of S. Paul (4)	0 15 11	0 15 6	...	5 10 5	7 1 10
„ 29—Septuagesima ... (2)	3 13 9	3 18 7	16 5 10	5 1 6	28 19 8
„ 29— „ ... (7)	...	...	...	0 9 0	0 9 0
Feb. 5—Sexagesima (3)	3 2 10	3 16 4	16 2 5	4 10 0	27 11 7
„ 12—Quinquagesima (1)	3 18 0	6 12 8	29 7 1	5 11 9	45 9 6
„ 15—Ash Wednesday (5)	3 5 8	1 3 0	21 16 0	5 2 10	31 7 6
„ 17—Friday (6)	...	...	...	4 1 0	4 1 0
„ 19—1st Sun. in Lent (2)	4 2 3	4 19 1	27 8 10	5 5 7	41 15 9
Week Day Celebrations ... (8)	6 9 5	...	...	...	6 9 5
Totals	28 14 11	28 12 9	138 3 0	41 9 10	237 0 6

	£ s. d.
(1) Church Expenses	89 4 9
(2) Choir Fund	70 15 5
(3) Curates' Fund... ..	27 11 7
(4) Guild of St. Paul	7 1 10
(5) Pimlico Ladies' Association... ..	31 7 6
(6) Additional Curates' Society... ..	4 1 0
(7) Decoration Fund	0 9 0
(8) Sick and Poor... ..	6 9 5
	£237 0 6

X S. Jude's Offertories.

1899.	Holy Communion.	Matins.	Evensong.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 22—Sunday	1 1 3	3 3 4	1 2 0	5 6 7
„ 29—Sunday	1 1 10	1 13 9	1 2 2	3 17 9
Feb. 5—Sunday	1 11 2	3 4 0	0 16 9	5 11 11
„ 12—Sunday	0 17 3	3 15 3	1 0 7	5 13 1
„ 19—Sunday	1 6 6	2 3 6	1 5 10	4 15 10
Week Days	2 0 10	...	...	2 0 10
Total for Month.....	7 18 10	13 19 10	5 7 4	27 6 0

Bridgwater Testimonial Fund.

The Committee propose that this Testimonial shall take the form of a Silver Tea Service, with a purse covering the balance of the Fund. By Mr. Bridgwater's express desire, the presentation will be made privately; but the Tea Service and other gifts will be displayed in the Parish Hall on an evening to be fixed later on. The Fund will remain open until Saturday, March 4th.

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The New Organ, by Messrs. Walker, at St. Jude's Church, was opened on Sunday, February 26th, and is a beautiful instrument.

The Report

Holy Trinity Parochial Schools.

The following Report, which must be pronounced most satisfactory, has been made to the Education Department by H.M. Inspector:—

Boys.—The school is in a creditable state of efficiency. The boys are in good order, and the instruction generally is given with industry and zeal, and by good methods. The work of the upper Standards shows marked improvement. There might be rather less repetition and spelling in some Reading lessons, and the boys might be made to take a larger part in some oral lessons. The attainments in Mechanics are very fairly good. Algebra is good in the second and third stages. Singing, and Drawing in the first class, Excellent.

Girls.—The order and tone are excellent, and the instruction is highly creditable to the Head Mistress and her Assistants.

Infants.—The Head Mistress and her Assistants are doing excellent work in the training and teaching of the children.

Prize List.—Holy Trinity Boys' School.

CLASS PRIZES.—*Standard VII.* Class: 1, William Pelham; 2, Herbert Moffrey. Writing: A. Sullivan.

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CLASS PRIZES.—*Standard IV.* Class: 1, Aishen; 2, Stevens; 3, Salisbury. Writing: 1, Firman; 2, Robinson. Drawing: Williams. Scripture: Bath.

CLASS PRIZES.—*Standard III.* Class: 1, Herne; 2, Leeper; 3, (a) Sullivan, (b) Chamberlain. Writing: Burrell. Drawing: Swan. Scripture: Carrington.

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CLASS PRIZES.—*Standard I.* Class: 1, W. Humphreys; 2, F. Hughes. Scripture: W. Bates. Reading: W. Stone.

ATTENDANCE PRIZES.—Full Attendance (410): J. Hooker, S. T. Beck, Cockayne, A. Milligan, G. Gunthorne, G. Herne, E. Thurston, H. F. Roberts, R. Leeper, Welch, A. Chapman, Chantree. Not full: 409, A. Cox, W. Hill, A. Sullivan, R. Robinson, H. Phillips, Stone; 408, H. Moffrey, A. Hoppen, J. Williams; 407, H. Blatch, W. Hooker, W. Alcock, G. Tout, B. Milligan; 406, W. Joshua, J. Moore, R. Halsey, W. Bates, A. Houghton, H. Stenning, W. Salisbury. Others: H. Bardwell, W. Stone, J. Welch.

READING PRIZES (presented by Rev. A. L. Lilley).—*Standard VII.* 1, H. Moffrey; 2, C. Barbour. *Standard VI.* 1, H. Harvey; 2, T. Beck and A. Calfe. *Standard V.* 1, A. Goss; 2, W. Blatch.

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The Reporter

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April 15th. 1895

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Interview with Rev. H. J. Myers, St. Simon
2nd St. Chelms.

Mr. Myers is about 60 years of age: thin, shrunken, parched: forsaken & lost in appearance and manner. Like many of the forsaken Mr. M. was rather nervous and even to inquiring at first. But eventually he had the usual candour to admit his position. "I told the Bishop the other day" he said "that I had been here 26 years and that it was time I was moved: long before that time one gets groony: even if one does not notice it ^{oneself} other people do." Even however before Mr. M. got into a groove I doubt if there was any life in his work: though he calls himself a liberal evangelist he is essentially of the sleepy old evangelical school, and the scanty few ~~who~~ ^{who} he admits attend his church, are just the remnants of the evangelists who still live in the surrounding well-to-do ~~the~~ streets and squares.

Even if Mr. M. had exceptional qualities he

would probably have a difficulty in filling his church: he refused several times to the competition in the neighborhood. "It is hopeless," he said "to attempt to compete with the swagga parishes around us: Holy Trinity for instance spend \$1200 a year on their choir."

I went to Mr M. expecting to find him a person of no great importance: he was ~~not~~ only written to indeed as having been here a long time and having a good deal of property in his parish.

There is I think little to add to the Report.

Mr M's weakness and helplessness came out on the question of Relief. "I am afraid," he said "my visitors never go without giving away a ticket; I dislike it extremely but can do nothing."

The Day and Sunday Schools each have about 200 children in attendance.

On our general questions Mr M. was no use.

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TO THE CONGREGATION AND PARISHIONERS OF ST. SIMON'S, UPPER CHELSEA.

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Let me as usual at the commencement of a New Year present you with the various statements of accounts of our Church and Parish.

One pleasing feature in our work of last year was the cleaning and re-decoration of our Church. It was not an enterprise of luxury, for such things at St. Simon's, for obvious reasons, are unknown, but a simple duty we owed to the honour of God's House. I was thankful to find that it so readily commended itself to you, and that the money required for the work was so promptly provided.

It must, I feel, be a matter of regret to all who take an interest in the work of the Church in this parish that we are still without the services of a Curate. The Sunday duties in themselves are more than one clergyman can efficiently discharge. But there is also the important work during the week of holding Services and Meetings and Classes for religious instruction—to say nothing of the constant calls to visit the sick and the dying. Besides, now that we have a Mission Hall, a wider field of usefulness has been opened up to us amongst our poorer brethren. Our Parish is still

mainly composed of the working classes, many of whom, it is to be feared, know little of, and care less for, the things that are God's. There is, then, ample scope and real need for the services of a Curate; and I earnestly ask you to help me in providing the necessary stipend for one. The small amount entrusted to me for such a purpose I have, from time to time, disbursed in getting clerical assistance whenever I have found the strain of the work too much for me.

X I am not over fond of theological controversy, or of accentuating religious differences. There are times, however, when any aloofness might be misconstrued, and the present state of the Church is one of such exceptional gravity that I make no apology for referring to it. We are passing through a crisis, the outcome of which it is impossible to foresee. People no longer seek to minimize it. It is difficult to understand or respect the position of a Minister of the Reformed Church of England, who, under the shadow of that Church and in the pay of that Church, is doing his best to Romanise our worship, our doctrine, and our whole institution. Such a condition of things must come to an end, for there can be no real peace while our Church tolerates and fosters Popery. And if the Evangelical party is timid, supine and spiritless—if they are afraid either of loss of popularity or of loss of promotion, to take their part openly and strongly in this struggle—they will soon find that they have been digging the grave of the Establishment. We must repudiate Sacerdotalism, for the Church of England has no such system. The title clear and right of way with free and unimpeded access to our Father's presence has been purchased for us, once and for all, by the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus

Christ. We must be people of prayer, and we must be valiant for the truth of God. Have we not reason to pray that we may be kept steadfast, unmovable in the faith once delivered to the saints.

Let me very gratefully acknowledge all your kind assistance during the past year. Any moneys given to me to be distributed at my discretion, I have applied where I felt they were most needed. Let me also express my cordial appreciation of your goodness to me personally, in the matter of Easter Offerings. I can assure you they form a very welcome addition to the almost incredibly small income I derive from the Church.

You will see in the following pages that our Charities get very little support from those who live in the better class of house property in our parish. The west side of Cadogan Gardens, Draycott Place, and Culford Gardens belong to St. Simon's. The mere fact that, as is so often the case in London, people do not attend their own Church, seems scarcely sufficient reason for ignoring the claims of their own parish. I would, therefore, earnestly plead for a little more recognition and assistance from those who reside in the better part of the parish, for the many poor who live at their very doors.

I am, my dear friends,

Very faithfully yours,

ALFRED J. MYERS.

ST. SIMON'S VICARAGE,

January, 1899.

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	Mr. Pearce, Builder ...	4	16	0
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	Archdeaconry Court ...	0	18	0
	Mr. Saunders, Sweep...	0	8	0
	Insurance of Church and Vicarage ..	2	16	0
	Mr. Golding, Fuel ...	7	1	2
	Messrs. Whippell & Co., New Surplices ...	1	1	0
	Harvest Festival Expenses ...	0	18	6
	Repairs to Harmonium.	2	0	0
	Mr. Hardcastle, Organist	30	0	0
	Mr. Rogers, Clerk ...	20	0	0
	Mr. Jones, Beadle ...	14	0	0
	Choir Boys ...	16	19	0
	Organ Blower ...	3	15	6
	Music Choir Sheets, &c.	3	0	11
	Mrs. Taylor, Church Cleaning ...	8	13	6
	Balance in hand ...	0	1	4 1/2
£155	4	5		

St. Simon's Church Cleaning Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Catten	0	10	0
Mrs. Fitzroy	2	0	0
A. Sturrock, Esq.	2	0	0
Rev. A. J. Myers	3	3	0
C. Winterbottom, Esq.	3	3	0
Mr. C. Orsborn	0	10	0
Mrs. Horton	0	10	0
Mr. Cross	0	10	0
Mr. Golding	0	10	0
The Hon. Mrs. Grimston	1	0	0
Mrs. Grant	1	1	0
Miss Wheatley	1	0	0
Mrs. Layland Barratt	0	10	0
Mrs. Guest	1	0	0
Mrs. Barnard	0	5	0
Miss Morgan	0	5	0
Mrs. Cochrane	2	0	0
Admiral L. A. Beaumont	2	10	0
The Misses Haines	2	0	0
Mrs. Seymour	2	0	0
J. Foster Palmer, Esq.	2	2	0
Mr. G. Hannah	0	10	0
Church Offertories	8	9	0
Mrs. Murray	1	0	0
Mrs. Selby Bigge	0	10	0
Hon. Miss Spring Rice	0	10	0
Mr. E. Taylor	0	2	6
General J. H. Dunne	1	1	0
Gymnasium (Proceeds)	10	0	0
	50	11	6
Offertory	1	13	6
Total cost	£52	5	0

St. Simon's National Schools.

From 1st May, 1897, to 30th April, 1898.

TREASURER - - - MR. C. WINTERBOTTOM.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Government Grant ...	111	15 0	Adverse Balance ...	44	8 0
Additional Govern- ment Aid Grant ...	46	0 0	Salaries of Teachers ...	133	6 8
Earl Cadogan ...	10	0 0	„ Assistant „ ...	37	10 0
Admiral Sir G. Willes..	1	1 0	Salary of Candidate on Probation ...	3	2 0
Sir W. Farquhar ...	2	0 0	Salaries of Monitresses	5	0 6
C. Winterbottom, Esq.	5	0 0	Books, Apparatus, Sta- tionery and Furniture	14	5 6½
Hugh L. Arbuthnot, Esq.	2	2 0	Fuel, Light & Cleaning	29	17 0
J. Cator, Esq. ...	2	0 0	Replacements of Furni- ture and Repairs to		
J. Foster Palmer, Esq.	1	1 0	Buildings and Furni- ture ...	11	12 0
Rev. A. J. Myers ...	1	0 0	Rates, Taxes and In- surance ...	2	19 4
B. T. Hodgson, Esq...	1	0 0	Chelsea Water Co. ...	1	0 0
Mr. Golding ...	0	10 0			
Hon. Mrs. Beckett ...	1	0 0			
Mrs. Fitzroy ...	3	2 0			
Mrs. Seymour ...	2	2 0			
Mrs. Cochrane ...	2	0 0			
Mrs. Cumberbatch ...	1	0 0			
Miss Chamberlayne ...	1	0 0			
Donator ...	0	7 0			
Offertories, St. Simon's Church ...	2	19 2½			
School Pence ...	52	13 10			
Sales of Stationery, &c.	5	4 0			
Part Proceeds of Enter- tainment ...	1	1 0			
Gas and Fuel used at Meetings ...	4	15 0			
Adverse Balance	22	8 0			
	<u>£283</u>	<u>1 0½</u>		<u>£283</u>	<u>1 0½</u>

Examined and found correct,

R. B. W. M. KIDSON, A.C.A.

* * This School Account is only brought down to the 30th April, the close of the School year; any sums given since then appear on the following page.

St. Simon's National Schools.

From 1st May, to 31st December, 1898.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Government Grant ...	97	18 6	Adverse Balance ...	22	8 0
Additional Government Aid Grant ...	35	0 0	Salaries of Teachers ...	90	0 0
Hugh L. Arbuthnot, Esq.	2	2 0	„ Assistant „ ...	20	0 0
Mrs. Seymour ...	2	2 0	„ Articled Pupil do.	5	16 0
Sir W. Farquhar ...	1	0 0	„ Monitresses ...	3	6 6
Hon. Mrs. G. Beckett...	1	0 0	Books, Apparatus, Sta- tionery and Furniture	12	14 6
Mrs. Cochrane ...	1	0 0	Fuel, Light & Cleaning	15	1 11
Mrs. Cumberbatch ...	1	0 0	Repairs to Buildings and Furniture ...	3	5 6
Mrs. C. Fitzroy ...	1	0 0	Insurance ...	0	12 0
Miss Chamberlayne ...	1	0 0	Audit of Accounts ...	1	1 0
Miss Wheatley ...	1	0 0	Education Fees of Pupil Teachers ...	0	19 0
Offertory, St. Saviour's Church ...	12	0 6	Chelsea Water Company	0	10 0
School Pence ...	37	3 3	Balance in hand ...	20	1 6
Sales of Stationery, &c.	0	19 8			
Gas and Fuel used at Meetings ...	1	10 0			
	<u>£195</u>	<u>15 11</u>		<u>£195</u>	<u>15 11</u>

Clerical Assistance Fund.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Earl Cadogan, K.G. ...	10	0 0	Deficit last year ...	2	13 8
Admiral L. C. Beaumont	5	0 0	Paid to different Clergy- men for occasional help	18	17 5
Mrs. Fitzroy ...	3	0 0			
Jumble Sale ...	4	0 0			
			Balance in hand ...	21	11 1
				0	8 11
	<u>£22</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£22</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Relief of the Poor and Incidental Parochial Expenses Fund.

TREASURER - - - - - THE VICAR.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand from last year ...	9 12 5	Distributed in Coal, Meat, and Grocery ...	19 3 3
B. T. Hodgson, Esq. ...	1 1 0	Distributed in Money ...	2 17 6
Admiral Sir G. Wills ...	1 0 0	Maternity Linen ...	2 0 0
Mrs. Whitting ...	1 1 0	Woman in Charge of Blankets and Linen ...	2 0 0
Mrs. Cumberbatch ...	3 0 0	Contribution to Church Army Officer's Fund ...	5 0 0
Earl Cadogan, K.G. ...	15 0 0	Printing ...	3 13 6
J. Foster Palmer, Esq. ...	0 10 0	Beadle, for Attendance at Meetings ...	4 0 0
The Marquis of Dufferin ...	5 0 0	Gas and Fuel used in Schools ...	2 0 0
The Hon. Mrs. H. Beckett ...	3 0 0	Mission Hall Expenses, including Surveyor's Fee and Stove ...	3 1 9
Sir Walter Farquhar ...	2 0 0	Diocesan Inspection of Schools ...	0 10 0
Mrs. Agg Gardner ...	5 0 0	Contribution towards Sunday School Treat ...	0 14 0
Miss Wheatley ...	2 0 0	Sloane Square Dispensary ...	1 1 0
Mrs. Cochrane ...	2 0 0	Sunday School Institute ...	0 4 8
Miss Chamberlayne ...	1 0 0	Band of Hope ...	0 5 0
Mrs. Fitzroy ...	1 0 0	Voluntary Schools Assoc. ...	0 5 0
Proceeds of Jumble Sale (moiety) ...	6 0 0	Balance in hand, carried forward ...	13 16 1
Offertories ...	2 7 4		
	<u>£60 11 9</u>		<u>£60 11 9</u>

Special Contributions for Christmas Dinners.

	£ s. d.
Mrs. Layland Barratt ...	3 0 0
Miss Chamberlayne ...	1 0 0
Mrs. Cochrane ...	1 0 0
Miss E. Haines ...	1 0 0
Mrs. Beaumont ...	0 5 0
Christmas Day Offertory ...	3 9 3
	<u>*£9 14 3</u>

*Expended in providing dinners for 45 poor and deserving families.

Special contributions for the Sunday School Christmas Tree and Church Decoration.

	£ s. d.
Miss Wheatley ...	1 0 0
Mrs. Fitzroy ...	1 0 0
Mrs. Layland Barratt ...	1 0 0
Miss Chamberlayne ...	1 0 0
Mrs. Beaumont ...	0 15 0
Mrs. Cochrane ...	0 10 0
	<u>£5 5 0</u>

Church Army.

TREASURER - - - MISS MABEL MONTGOMERY.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand ..	7 14 0	Captain Hallas' Salary, 53 weeks, from Dec. 24th, 1897, to Dec. 31st, 1898 ...	50 7 0
Bishop of London Fund..	25 0 0	Balance in hand ...	9 7 0
Parochial Fund...	5 0 0		
Miss C. Sotheby ...	5 0 0		
Miss Sotheby ...	1 0 0		
Honble. Mrs. Hamilton Beckett ...	3 0 0		
Miss Mabel Montgomery ...	2 10 0		
Mrs. Hugh Seymour ...	2 10 0		
Mrs. Charles Balfour ...	2 0 0		
Miss MacDonald Moreton ...	1 0 0		
Lady Mary Farquhar ...	1 0 0		
Mrs. Cumberbatch ...	1 0 0		
Mrs. Chamberlayne ...	1 0 0		
Mrs. Layland-Barratt ...	1 0 0		
Mrs. Fitzroy ...	1 0 0		
	<u>£59 14 0</u>		<u>£59 14 0</u>

School Treat.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from last year ...	0	9	5	The Misses Smith ...	1	0	0
Collected by Miss E. Haines... ..	4	5	4	The Marchioness of Northampton ...	1	0	0
The Countess Cadogan... ..	2	0	0	Mr. Winterbottom ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Layland Barratt ...	1	0	0	Lady C. Hamilton ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Fitzroy ...	1	0	0	A. M. Simon, Esq. ...	0	10	0
Archibald Sturrock, Esq. ...	0	10	0	Anonymous ...	0	4	0
Rev. A. J. Myers ...	0	10	0	Lady Evelyn Goschen ...	0	5	0
Miss Chamberlayne ...	0	10	0	Miss Blacklock ...	0	3	0
Mrs. Seymour ...	0	5	0	Mr. Richardson ...	0	5	0
Miss Wheatley ...	1	0	0	Miss Rose ...	0	9	0
C. P. D....	0	5	0	Miss Gillingham ...	0	6	3
Mrs. Agg Gardner ...	0	10	0	Miss Lacey ...	0	2	6
Mr. Golding ...	0	5	0	Miss Smart ...	0	4	6
Mrs. Horton ...	0	5	0	Mrs. Cochrane ...	1	0	0
Mr. Pargiter ...	0	5	0				
Miss Weeks ...	0	2	6				
Mr. Cassels ...	0	2	6				
Adml. and Mrs. Beaumont ...	0	10	0	Deficit, paid out of	22	1	6
Miss Sotheby ...	0	2	6	Parochial Fund ...	0	14	0
Rev. J. Sumner... ..	0	5	0				
General J. H. Dunne ...	0	10	0		£22	15	6
The Misses Boteler ...	0	10	0				

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Donations	...	22	1 6	Railway	...	11	17 3
Deficit, paid out	of			Refreshment Contractor..		9	14 3
Parochial Fund	...	0	14 0	Toys	...	1	0 0
				Attendance	...	0	4 0
		£22	15 6			£22	15 6

St. Simon's Mission Ball.

Our Mission Hall has proved to be an immense acquisition to us, and I am most thankful to record much good work done here during the past year. It is here that our Church Army Officer gathers together many of our poorer brethren during the week and on the Sunday evening for religious purposes. Missionary Meetings, Mothers' Meetings, Temperance Meetings are also held here, and it is a cause for devout thankfulness that we have such a fresh centre of usefulness in our midst.

St. Simon's Mission Hall Organ Fund.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Guild "Busy Bee" ...	4	4 0	American Organ ...	16	16 0
Collections, Sale Profits..	3	1 0	Platform and Chair ...	1	5 0
Rev. A. J. Myers ...	1	1 0	Printing ...	1	0 0
Mrs. Agg Gardner ...	1	1 0	Drivers, Carriage, &c. ...	0	4 6
Miss Agg Gardner ...	1	1 0	Fares, Stamps, Postal		
Admiral Beaumont ...	1	0 0	Orders, Stationery, &c.	0	5 0
Mrs. Beaumont ...	0	10 0			
Miss Thomas ...	1	10 0			
Captain Dick, per Mrs.					
Keely ...	1	0 0			
Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode.	1	0 0			
Mrs. Layland Barratt ...	1	0 0			
Lady Belhaven ...	0	10 0			
Miss Julia Smith ...	0	10 0			
Lady Evelyn McDonnell	0	10 0			
Mr. Charles Winterbottom	0	10 6			
Per Mrs. Trebbett ...	0	6 6			
Mr. Golding ...	0	5 0			
Mrs. Watkins ...	0	5 0			
Per Miss Gillingham ...	0	3 0			
Captain Riley, C.A. ...	0	2 6			
	£19	10 6		£19	10 6

(Signed) CAPTAIN HALLAS, C.A.,
Evangelist-in-Charge, Dec. 20th, 1898.

Needlework Society.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY.

Miss E. HAINES, 3, Gilston Road, South Kensington.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
The Rt. Hon. Earl Cadogan	5	0	0
Mrs. Seymour	1	0	0
Mrs. Guest	0	5	0
Mrs. Fitzroy	1	0	0
Mrs. Layland-Barratt	1	0	0
Misses Haines	0	10	0
	<u>£8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in hand from			Drapery	9	6 2
1897	2	16 11	Cutting out	0	16 8
Subscriptions	8	15 0	Needlewomen's Tickets..	10	5 0
Work Sold	11	18 8	Balance in hand...	3	2 9
	<u>£23</u>	<u>10 7</u>		<u>£23</u>	<u>10 7</u>

Mothers' Meetings.

These meetings, I am glad to say, are appreciated by many of the mothers. I believe them to be a distinct source of help and blessing. They are now held in our Mission Hall, and are presided over by Miss M. Clare, whose kindly interest in the mothers, and influence over them, has made her a most valuable worker amongst us.

The Maternity and Loan Blanket Society.

On application to the Vicarage, bags of linen and extra bed-clothing for poor and deserving women are provided.

Choir Supper.

This Supper, at which the Vicar and the Churchwardens were present, was held in St. Simon's School-room, and was given to the Choirmen, who give their services voluntarily.

DONATIONS.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Colonel Cochrane	0	10 0	Mr. Cross	0	2 6
Mrs. Fitzroy	0	10 0	Mrs. Seymour	0	2 6
Rev. Alfred J. Myers	0	10 0	Mrs. Layland-Barratt	0	10 0
Miss Chamberlayne	0	5 0	Admiral Beaumont	0	10 0
J. Foster Palmer, Esq....	0	5 0	Miss Wheatley	0	10 0
C. Winterbottom, Esq....	0	10 0	Mr. Gore	0	10 0
Mr. Taylor	0	5 0			
Mr. Golding	0	5 0			
C. P. D....	0	2 6			
Mr. Bates	0	2 6			
				<u>£5</u>	<u>10 0</u>

Church Missionary Society.

A Meeting of our Auxiliary to the above Society was held in our Mission Hall towards the close of the year, when Admiral Beaumont was again kind enough to come and help us by taking the chair. The Rev. W. G. Watson, deputation from the Parent Society, gave an interesting address on the work of the Church Missionary Society in China and Japan.

MISSIONARY BOXES.

	£	s.	d.
Miss P. Horton	3	18	2½
Mrs. Beaumont	0	16	7½
Miss E. Taylor	0	3	0½
Miss Cross	0	17	3½
Offertory in Church	2	8	0
„ at Meeting	1	10	3
Sunday School Boxes	0	14	7½
Sent to Parent Society	<u>£10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1½</u>

The Lending Library.

This Library is kept in our Girls' School, and principally used by the children of our Schools. Under the able management of Miss Woodger, it is now in very good working order. May I again appeal for gifts of books suitable for such a library. There must be many who have such books, for which they have no further use, and which would be a real boon to us.

Girls' Friendly Society.

There is a branch of this Society at St. Simon's. Its headquarters are at 15, Halsey Street, where the Matron, Mrs. Rooke, receives applications for temporary lodgings. Miss Mabel Montgomery, the Secretary, 56, Cadogan Place, will be glad of any help, and to give any further information required.

St. Simon's Guild.

This Guild has been lately formed to give our young men an opportunity of meeting for recreation and social intercourse. It is open two evenings in the week in our School-room, from 8.0 to 10.0. Games of different kinds are played, and it is intended to vary the proceedings by an occasional lecture. A number of our young men already associated with us are taking keen interest in the Guild, and it is felt that such a movement will tend to band them together, and keep them in healthy touch with the work of the Church.

Jumble Sales.

Two such sales were held last year, realizing respectively £4 and £12. The balance sheets show how these sums were applied. We are indebted to Miss E. Haines for kindly presiding over these sales.

Church Services and Meetings.

Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 6 p.m., and on days appointed by the Church.

On the First Sunday in the Month the Afternoon Service is for Children.

The Holy Communion is administered on the First Sunday in the Month at the 11 o'clock Service; on the Second Sunday at 8 a.m.; on the Third Sunday at the 11 o'clock Service; and on the Fourth Sunday at Evening Service.

Baptisms and Churchings at 4 o'clock on Sundays, and after the Wednesday Evening Service, and other times by special appointment.

A Band of Hope Meeting is held in the Schoolroom on Friday Evenings at 6 o'clock.

A Meeting of Sunday School Teachers is held on the last Sunday Afternoon in the Month, at 4 o'clock.

A Visitors' Meeting is held at the Vicarage on the First Monday in the Month at 12 o'clock.

OUR PARISH COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING STREETS:

Moore Street, Halsey Street, Rawlings Street, Milner Street (South Side), Cadogan Street, Denyer Street (South Side), Wood Street, Orford Street, Little Orford Street, Leverett Street (South of Denyer Street), Marlborough Road (East Side, Nos. 10 to 62), Blacklands Terrace (East Side), Culford Gardens, King's Road (North Side, Nos. 34 to 70), Cadogan Gardens (West Side), Draycott Place.

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Interview with the Rev. F.W.A. Wilkinson, Vicar of S.
John's Church, Chelsea, at the Vicarage, Tadema Road.
(E.A. 19) Mar. 9. 99

The West 26
Mr. Wilkinson belongs to the church militant, but
he fights with genial friendliness. He is a man of perhaps
50 or more; red and bald and bearded, but with blue eyes
and a smile that must be invaluable to him. One is not
surprised to find that his church is the centre of many
activities and that he rollicks through them all. He is
a staunch evangelical of the modern school, with his solid
Prayer Book services, his magic lantern addresses, his
aggressive open air work, his clubs and societies. He is,
it may be, a little sensational, but although he may advertise
the size and poorness of his parish there is no reason
to think that he pauperizes it. On the contrary he
professes to be very much "down on cadgers", and his constant
aim is to make everything as far as possible self-supporting.
His influence must be a good one if only because he has clearly
made many men and women devoted to him and to the work. There
were signs of this in many directions, from the young fellows
who "scramble" to help him with the lantern, to the ways in which
people have given to the church. When we went round after the
interview he showed with pleasure the work that had been done
or given by parishioners -- the communion table and the
steps by the S.S. children and their collecting cards; t

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the chancel carpet by a tradesman; the mat at the chancel rails by the members of the mothers' meetings; and the design of the reredos that he ^{himself} had worked out in conjunction with a mason, and which the latter had executed (on payment). Very proud was the Vicar of the East End of his church, and of the good-will of his people, but his pride was like that ~~of~~ of a big boy. Much that is done is probably rather common-place and un-intellectual, but it appeared to be all so honest and straight-forward and simple that no thought of criticism entered.

He had prepared some notes himself and these give many particulars of the work. Other information is contained in the notes that one of his staff, I think the lay reader, had also written out at his request. Neither of these documents were intended for me, but I asked for them. (see pp. 44-5) The following are some additional notes from the conversation ~~etc.~~.

Facts (local): The population of the parish was 8000 in '81, and 15000 in '91. It is tending to get poorer, but more respectable. Much has been done in the last 3 or 4 years by a Vigilance Committee and the Vestry. Many ^{women} ~~women~~ still living in the parish, but not much solicitation, and very few disorderly houses. Thinks that the latter have been opened further north, and mentioned Pin

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Borough Road especially. There are a certain number of kept women living in the parish. Maude Grove has been quite cleared out as a centre of brothels, and Slaidburn St. which in the days of Cremorne was nothing but brothels is now bad enough but is mainly a centre of poverty and drunkenness. World's End Passage is one of the poor bit. The riverside near its end is a resort for bookies and their clients.

Facts (parochial): Congregations at the church: on Sundays at 8.30 (90 last Sunday); at 11 average 4 to 500 at 3.15, the men's service (well-attended); at 7, (6 to 700). Communicants' Roll 350 to 400; at Easter, nearly 400. Lantern services at S. John's Hall a great success. The church service is thrown on a sheet, and other things too. Mr. W. a great believer in the magic lantern. These services never given out in the church, and the people are indeed told that they are not wanted. Thinks that those who come are the right sort and mainly non-church goers. Room full, with 5 or 600 people, but "have to do it myself; there is a knack in it".

More than 200 workers in all, and all are members of his congregation. A few live outside the parish but most are really his own people. Four Sunday Schools; average 1000; register, 1300.

Opinions: Considers that there is an extensive thriving population in the district and finds one evidence of this in the strength of the local building societies.

The housing is not very bad, although there is some overcrowding and rents are high. A considerable influx of people from the eastern parts of Chelsea is noticeable.

Sanitary administration is good.

The police are

to be praised.

There is much drinking, and there

are many cases of women, but no increase is noticeable.

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The houses in the street lying just to the E. of Veitch's nurseries are said to let at a lower rent than those of the neighbourhood, on account of the trouble of the mosquitoes that are said to be brought into the district with the foreign plants imported by Veitch. We walked round part of the parish after our conversation and Mr. W. appeared to have no doubt either as to the nuisance that the mosquitoes are or as to the effect they had on the rentals of this immediate vicinity.

A certain amount of socialistic teaching is at present in vogue, but little or no secularism. He has never come across a declared infidel until the other week, when a woman who was dying at first refused to see him. But eventually she did, and was won over to friendliness if not to belief. In early days their open air meetings at the World's End were interfered with by the socialist meetings, and there was a good deal of disturbance. He withdrew for a time, and his tactics, combined with a considerable power of repartee that he has and, perhaps

General Character of Population

Portion reached by Church

Staff

Buildings Used

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the weakening of the opposing propaganda, has left him for years in possession of the field.

Remarks by Vicar

(a) Mixed, N. Lower middleclass, with few artists, clerks etc.
S.E. Very Poor Costers, stablemen, labourers.

SW Artisans, stablemen, labourers [Many work East]

(b) All. The Church congregations good, and consist of a fair sample of the Population.

The Mission Hall - attended by the poorer classes.

Open Air Service great feature in summer & reach great number of working men.

(c) 4 Clergy
3 Deaconesses } all paid
1 Lay Reader }

Nurses from Central Association for Bthelsea.

Voluntary workers: - SS Teachers, Visitors, Laymen, Secretaries etc. [200]

(d) Parish Church, (800) Three Mission Halls
Institute Buildings A number of classrooms.
Board School Buildings for Sunday School.

[Plenty of bricks & mortar but often difficult to know where to put the people.
In the winter 4000 weekly attendance at S. John Mission Hall block]

Services Held

Visitation

Nursing

Relief

Social Agencies

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(c) Church services, Mission service, Lantern service, B. E. Y. S., Band of Hope, Men's service, Lads Brigade, Mothers Meetings, Special service for Men & for Women, 4 Sunday Schools, Bible classes, Children's Scripture Union, Missionary meetings. Tracts.

(h) By clergy, House to House.

By Deaconesses ———

Lay Reader - in poorer districts.

District visitors with Parish magazine cover the district.

(i) Chelsea and Pimlico Nursing & Maternity Society

(j) Cases of necessity dealt with early. Hospital letters. Local relief societies [Chelsea Friendly Aid Society - well managed]

Social meetings, lectures, concerts, gymnasium, Boys club, Young Women's Institute.

Free Breakfast, Free Dinners. Soup Kitchen [not this year
no need]

Slate clubs and Penny Banks.

No Church school, but most excellent Board School. [One of the brightest spots in the neighbourhood - (Vide Chairman of Managers)]

Special Lecture in Band of Hope on Temperance. Library.

General Questions

Co-operation

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(k) Public Library. Town Hall &c. - 1 mile distant.
Edith Grove Cong^l Chapel visit only own people.
L.C. Mission, visit poor.
Friendly Aid and b. G.S. - bharitable work.

(l) On Friendly terms. In any unsectarian movement for this Parish, all unite. - Early closing.
Cong^l Chapel - invited to S.S festival. &c.

~~Out~~ Out door relief from Union is small.

Remarks by One of Staff

Large part of Parish S. of Kings Road working class.
general labourers earning from 18/- to 30/- per week: N district
more skilled labourers earning say 40/- per week, city clerks,
& a few professional men.

Sunday congregations are a fair sample of the population.

4 Clergy, 3 Deaconesses, 1 Scripture reader & Hall keepers - all paid.
About 150 honorary workers - SS teachers, visitors. &c.

New Choir Vestry, Mission Hall, Institute, Church room.

Relief

S. Johns

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No Church Day Schools.

Parish is covered by Magazine visitors. Clergy shd visit round in about 18 months.

- (j) From last annual report - Cash £2.10 In kind £40
- (k) Free Library, baths, Town Hall are 1 mile from parish. In the Parish itself. Church &c. is the only influence of this description
- (l) Lackland Hall, under L.C.M. does a good deal of visiting in a small part of the Parish. Cong^l Chapel appear to visit mostly own people. Relations between them are friendly, but co-operation is hardly possible, since the former bodies do little social work among the people.

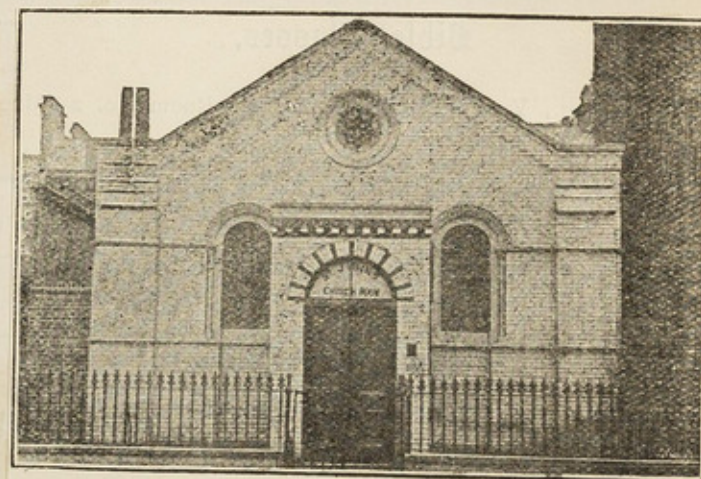
" I believe that the out door relief from the Union is small compared with other districts in London. In regard to crime, the charges are mostly common assaults drunk & disorderly. Not a district where thieves live. I cannot remember hearing of any arrests upon such charges as forgery, burglary &c. Formerly certain parts of the Parish contained a considerable number of disorderly houses, but the Shelsea Vestry have been active in putting these down. On the whole, this is rather a

district in which disorderly women live than where they solicit. I am not aware that the people are less thrifty than most. The church encourages thrift. Slate clubs. Building Societies &c.

The rents for a whole house would be from £35-£60 per annum. Nearly all are not let in tenements, 3 families in each house. Most families have some sort of sitting room, not ^{? certainly} a bed. There are no large workmen's model dwellings, but several blocks of flats let in 6 sets of 3 rooms each, rent about 7/- to 9/- weekly. The flats for middle class people are new and have not taken well."



MISSION HALL, INSTITUTE, & CLERGY HOUSE, WORLD'S END.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ROOM, GUNTER GROVE.

A page from the magazine.

THE RAIL, THE RIVER AND THE ROAD.

Chelsea to Kensington, Addison Road—

5.48, 6.45, 6.57, 7.6, 7.50, 8.1, 8.10, 8.16, 8.37, 8.56, 9.0, 9.19, 9.25, 9.39, 9.48, 9.53, 9.59, 10.16, 10.27, 10.31, 10.56, 11.2, 11.8, 11.17, 11.31, 11.42, 11.47, 11.52 a.m. 12.1, 12.24, 12.37, 12.48, 12.53, 1.8, 1.16, 1.26, 1.54, 1.59, 2.8, 2.19, s.e., 2.26, 2.29, s.o., 2.32, 2.38 s.o., 2.56, 3.16, 3.32, 3.40, 3.44, 3.49, 3.56, 4.37, 4.45, 4.49, 4.54, 5.5, 5.10, 5.26, 5.44, 5.48, 5.58, 6.2, 6.18, 6.30, 6.36, 6.46, 6.53, 6.57, 7.23, 7.46, 7.55, 8.2, 8.13, 8.23, 8.32, 8.37, 8.51, 8.57, 9.19, 9.28, 9.39, 9.56, 10.31, 10.44, 11.16, 11.57 p.m. Fares 4d., 3d., 1d. Return 6d., 4d., 3d. Usual time, 5 minutes.

Kensington to Chelsea—6.5, 6.58, 7.3, 7.20, 7.23, 7.37, 8.18, 8.25, 8.29, 8.40, 8.43, 8.55, 9.12, 9.24, 9.33, 9.38, 9.53, 10.4, 10.13, 10.34, 10.38, 10.40, 10.41, 10.56, 11.7, 11.10, 11.12, 11.22, 11.40, 11.52 a.m. 12.9, 12.37, 12.49, 12.53, 1.22, 1.26, 1.33, 1.50, 2.19, 2.24, 2.37, 2.40, 2.43, 2.51, 2.55, 3.21, 3.41, 3.49, 4.5, 4.8, 4.11, 4.21, 4.25, 4.39, 4.53, 5.5, 5.10, 5.19, 5.24, 5.40, 5.50, 6.10, 6.22, 6.40, 6.48, 6.53, 6.56, 7.7, 7.10, 7.15, 7.20, 7.37, 7.50, 8.5, 8.8, 8.50, 9.22, 9.34, 9.43, 10.16, 10.21, 10.57, 11.0, 11.5, 11.35 p.m.

New Croydon to Chelsea—8.12 A, 8.54 A, 9.5 A, 9.36 A, 10.37 A, 10.50 D a.m. 12.7 A, 12.30 D, 1.28 A, 2.9 A s.o., 3.37 A, 3.59 A s.o., 4.32 D, 4.45 A, 5.55 D, 6.25 A, 7.10 A, 7.53 D, 8.24 A, 9.9 A, 10.19 A p.m.

Chelsea to Brixton and Ludgate Hill—7.42, 8.23, 9.43, 10.39, 11.27 a.m. 12.42, 1.27, 2.24, 3.26, 4.26, 5.24, 6.28, 7.25 p.m. Fares, 8d., 6d., 4d. Return, 1s. 10d., 8d. Usual time, 35 minutes.

Ludgate Hill to Chelsea—8.29, 9.16, 10.30, 11.29 a.m. 12.20, 1.35, 2.25, 3.17, 4.23, 5.27, 6.25, 7.33, 8.55 p.m.

Chelsea to Southall (for G.W.R.)—9.53, 11.8 a.m. 12.37 s.o., 1.54, 3.32, 5.5 H, 6.30 K, 8.37 p.m.

Southall to Chelsea—8.28 G, 9.38 H, 10.38 a.m. 12.25, 2.15 s.o., 3.47 H, 4.52, 7.10 p.m.

Chelsea to Victoria—7.10, 8.48, 9.0, 10.9, 10.49, 11.12 a.m. 12.58, 1.3, 2.45 s.o., 3.1, 4.16, 5.17, 5.29, 7.10, 7.40 p.m.

Victoria to Chelsea—8.22, 9.27, 9.40, 10.55, 11.19 a.m. 12.25 s.o., 1.42, 2.7, 2.25 s.o., 3.20, 3.29, 4.23, 4.52, 4.53 H, 5.48, 6.18 K, 7.53, 8.0, 8.28 p.m.

Chelsea to Waterloo—7.32, 8.31, 9.30, 11.1, 11.57 a.m. 1.42, 2.49, 3.55, 4.45, 5.57, 7.1, 8.13, 9.39, 10.26, 11.3 p.m.

Waterloo to Chelsea—6.42, 7.55, 9.10, 10.12, 11.30 a.m. 1.12, 2.12 s.e., 2.15 s.o., 3.28, 4.30, 5.33, 6.32, 7.40, 8.40, 10.15, 11.42 p.m.

Chelsea to Kew and Richmond—6.57, 8.10, 9.0, 9.25, 9.48, 10.27, 11.2, 11.47 a.m. 12.1, 12.53, 1.26, 2.8, 2.26 s.e., 2.29 s.o., 2.56, 3.44, 3.49, 4.45, 4.54, 5.48, 5.58, 6.46, 6.57, 7.55, 8.2, 8.57, 9.28, 10.31, 11.57 p.m. Fares, 1s. 3d., 1s., 7d. Return, 1s. 9d., 1s. 4d., 1s. 2d. Usual time, 31 minutes.

Richmond to Chelsea—7.2, 7.16, 7.55, 8.2, 8.59, 9.16, 10.10, 10.35, 11.1, 11.30 a.m. 12.13, 1.0, 1.9, 1.54, 2.22, 2.59, 3.25, 4.0, 4.15, 4.58, 5.23, 6.2, 6.35, 7.0, 7.45, 9.12, 9.59, 10.34 p.m.

Chelsea to Willesden Junction—8.37, 9.39, 11.31, 11.42 a.m. 1.8, 2.19 s.e., 2.38 s.o., 3.40, 4.37, 5.10, 6.2, 6.36, 8.13, 8.32, 9.39 p.m. There is a half-hourly service of trains Willesden Junction from Addison Road; to catch these trains change at Addison Road. Fares, 1st Class, 10d.; 2nd Class, 6d.; 3rd Class, 4d., Single. Return, 1st Class, 1s. 3d.; 2nd Class, 10d.; 3rd Class, 7d.

Willesden Junction to Chelsea—6.55, 8.33, 9.44, 10.30, 11.3, 12.47 a.m. 2.15, 2.47, 3.29, 4.16, 5.3, 6.38, 6.44, 7.2 p.m.

A Change at Clapham Junction. B Brighton Platform at Clapham Junction. D Through trains to and from New Croydon and Crystal Palace. s.e. Saturdays excepted. Through trains from Uxbridge to Victoria. H Through trains from Windsor to Victoria. s.o. Saturdays only. s.w. South-Western Platform at Clapham Junction. w.t. Workmen's Train.

Chelsea to Herne Hill for L.C.D.R.—6.53 p.m.

Fares—Single, 1st Class, 11d., 2nd, 8d., 3rd, 4d. Return, 1st Class, 1s. 4d., 2nd, 1s. 1d., 3rd, 9d. Usual time, 19 minutes.

Herne Hill to Chelsea—11.25 a.m. 9.22 p.m.

Chelsea to Crystal Palace and new Croydon—7.2 A, 7.25 A, 8.34 A, 8.45 A, 9.17 A, 9.38 A, 9.58 D, 10.18 A, 10.54 A, 11.18 D, 11.45 A a.m. 12.14 A, 12.44 A, 1.30 A, 1.55 A, 2.29 D, 2.41 A, s.o., 2.55 A, 3.42 A, 4.12 A, 4.32 D, 4.58 A, 5.9 A, 5.44 A, 6.15 A, 6.45 A, 6.58 D, 7.20 A, 7.54 A, 8.10 A, 8.54 A, 9.27 A, 9.49, 10.24, 11.40 p.m. Fares, 1s. 3d., 1s., 7d. Return, 2s., 1s. 6d., 1s.

Crystal Palace to Chelsea—5.5 AWT, 5.56 AWT, 7.49, 8.24 A, 9.17 A, 9.46 A, 10.15 A, 10.47 A, 11.0 D a.m. 12.18 A, 12.40 D, 1.39 A, 3.48 A, 4.0 A s.o., 4.13 A s.o., 4.42 D, 4.56 A, 5.57 A s.e., 6.5 D, 6.25 AWT, 6.36 A, 7.45 A, 7.54, 8.3 D, 8.35 A, 9.20 A, 10.30 A p.m.

Chelsea to Clapham Junction—6.10 s.w., 7.3 s.w., 7.25 B, 8.34 s.w., 8.45 B, 9.17 s.w., 9.38 B, 9.58 B, 10.18 s.w., 10.45 B, 11.17 B, 11.45 B a.m. 12.14 s.w., 12.54 B, 1.31 s.w., 1.53 B, 2.29 B, 2.42 s.w., 2.56 B, 3.46 B, 4.13 s.w., 4.32 B, 4.58 B, 5.10 s.w., 5.45 B, 6.15 s.w., 6.45 B, 6.58 B, 7.20 s.w., 7.55 B, 8.10 s.w., 8.55 B, 9.27 s.w., 9.48 B, 10.21, 11.5 B, 11.10 s.w., 11.40 s.w. p.m. Fares, 5d., 3d., 2d. Return, 7d., 5d., 3d. Usual time, 6 minutes.

Clapham Junction to Chelsea—5.43 s.w., 6.39 s.w., 7.0 B, 7.55 s.w., 8.10 B, 8.50 s.w., 9.13 B, 9.53 s.w., 10.10 B, 10.50 s.w., 11.11 B, 11.46 s.w. a.m. 12.18 B, 12.42 s.w., 1.2 B, 1.10 B, 1.53 s.w., 2.26 B, 3.10 B, 3.50 s.w., 4.12 B, 4.43 s.w., 5.4 B, 5.20 B, 5.38 s.w., 5.40 s.w., 6.12 B, 6.28 B, 6.35 s.w., 6.47 s.w., 7.17 B, 7.40 s.w., 8.17 B, 8.26 B, 8.45 s.w., 9.13 B, 9.50 s.w., 10.38 B, 11.10 s.w. p.m.

Earl's Court to Hampstead Heath, High-bury and Broad St. (L. & N. W.)—Every half-hour from 7.35 a.m., at 5 and 35 minutes past each hour until 11.5 and 11.35 p.m. Fares to Hampstead: 1st Class, 1s.; 2nd Class, 7d.; 3rd Class, 5d. Single. Return, 1st Class, 1s. 6d.; 2nd Class, 1s.; 3rd Class, 9d.

Earl's Court to Ealing—6.14, 6.29, 7.29, 8.7, 8.29, 8.38, 9.8, 9.38, 10.8, 10.38, 11.8, 11.38 a.m. 12.8, 12.38, 1.8, 1.38, 1.55 s.o., 2.8, 2.22 s.o., 2.38, 2.52 s.o., 3.8, 3.22 s.o., 3.38, 4.8, 4.38, 5.8, 5.22 s.e., 5.38, 5.52 s.e., 6.8, 6.22 s.e., 6.38, 6.52 s.e., 7.8, 7.22 s.e., 7.38, 8.8, 8.38, 9.17, 9.38, 10.8, 10.38, 10.40, 11.8, 11.46, 11.59 p.m., 12.31 midnight. Fares, 11d., 8d., 5d. Return, 1s. 4d., 1s., 9d. Usual time, 22 minutes.

Omnibuses leave Walham Green every 2 minutes from 7.40 a.m. to 11.10 p.m., for Piccadilly, Strand, and City.

Omnibuses leave Putney every 3 or 4 minutes from 7.10 a.m. until 11.0 p.m., for Fulham Road and City.

Omnibuses leave "Redcliffe Arms," for Earl's Court, Westbourne Grove Park, Kilburn, and South Hampstead, every 4 minutes from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Omnibuses leave Putney Bridge (Middlesex side) for Sloane Street, Piccadilly, Tottenham Court Road, Holborn Town Hall, Islington, and Highbury, every 18 minutes, from 7.48 a.m. to 9.50 p.m.

Omnibuses leave the "Red Lion," Walham Green, for Baker Street, Euston, King's Cross, and Islington; also for Holborn Town Hall, Islington, and Highbury; also for Piccadilly, Oxford Circus, King's Cross, and Islington, every 2 minutes, from 7 a.m. to 10.50 p.m.

Omnibuses leave Walham Green for Victoria, Liverpool Street, and "Salmon and Ball," Old Ford, from 7 a.m. till 10.30 p.m.

Omnibuses leave Walham Green for Wandsworth from 8 a.m. till 10.30 p.m. Also to Shepherd's Bush. Also to Hammersmith.

Omnibuses leave Battersea Bridge Road for South Hackney, via Beaufort Street, every 18 minutes, from 8 a.m. till 11.30 p.m.

THE CENSUS, 1891.

From this we learn that the population of the Parishes in Chelsea are as follows:—

ST. LUKE'S 32,075.

The above includes:—

Chelsea Old Church District.

Park Chapel District.

St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, Mission District.

HOLY TRINITY 4,955

ST. SIMON'S 2,885

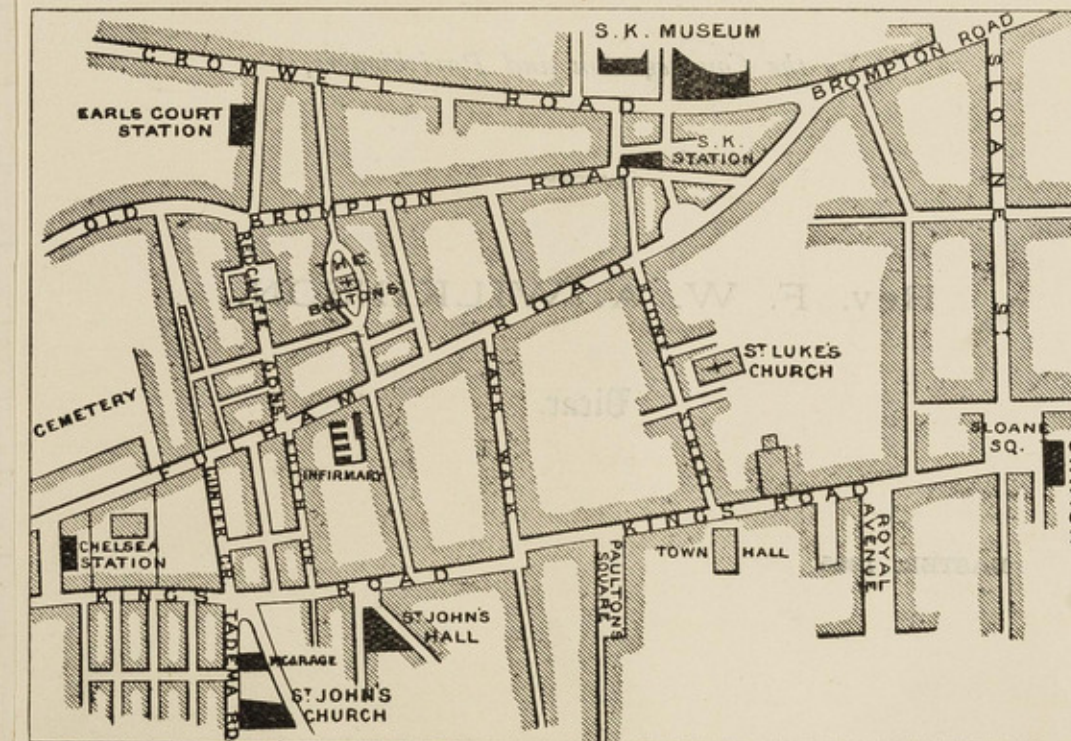
ST. SAVIOUR'S 8,624

ST. JUDE'S 4,052

CHRIST CHURCH 7,131

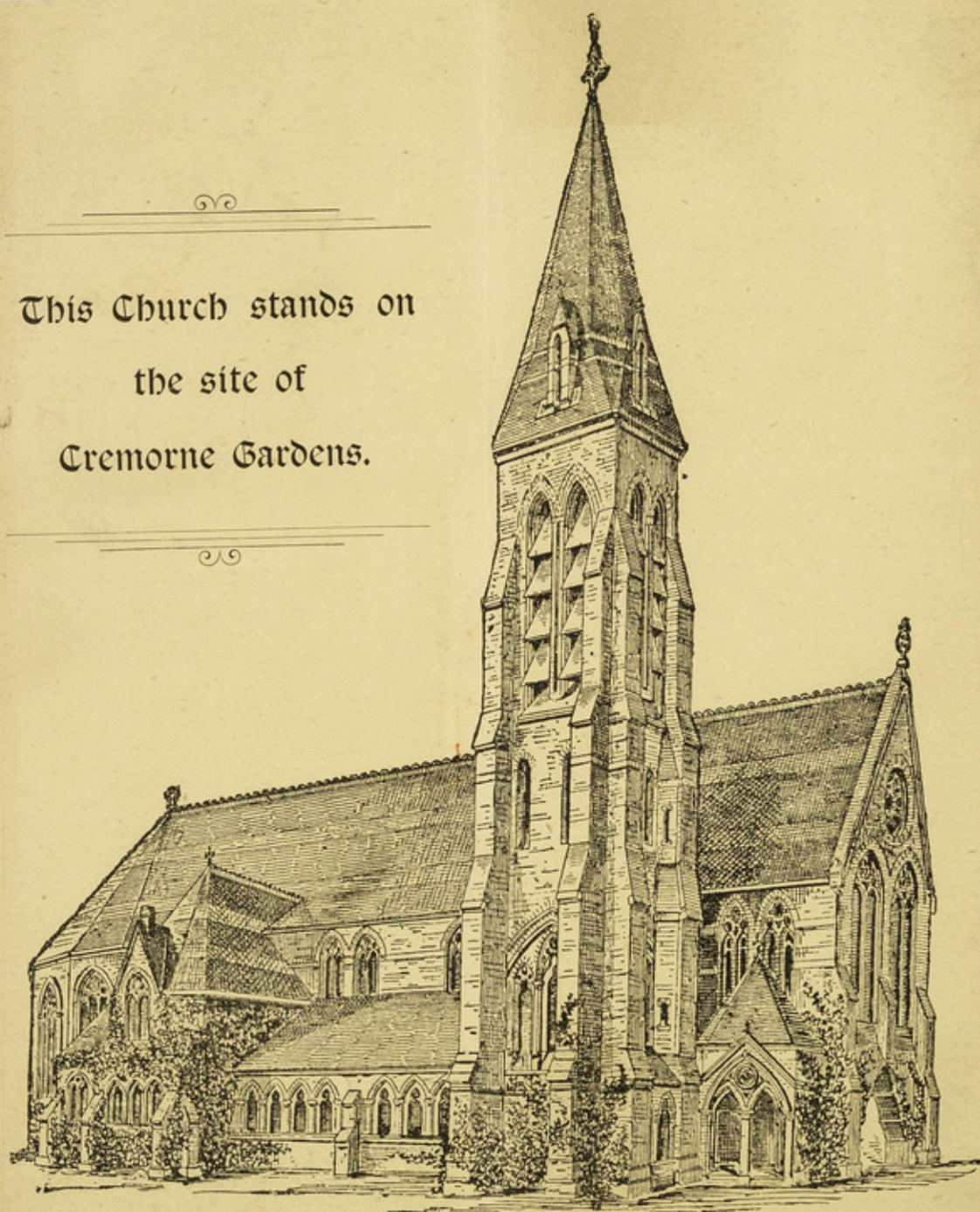
ST. JOHN'S - 14,756.

Thus it is seen St. John's has by far **THE LARGEST** and, we may add, **THE POOREST POPULATION**, of any Church in Chelsea.



THE PLAN OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

This Church stands on
the site of
Cremorne Gardens.



St. John's Parish Church, West Chelsea.



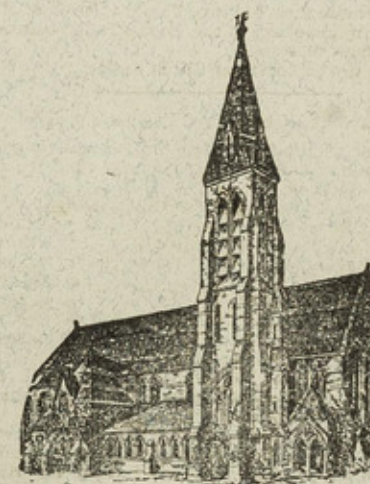
St. John's Ashburnham Institute, Young
Women's Club, &c.



INTERIOR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

To be kept with Bible for
Daily Use.

THE CHURCHMAN'S
Calendar & Remembrancer
For 1899.



"Peace be within Thy walls."

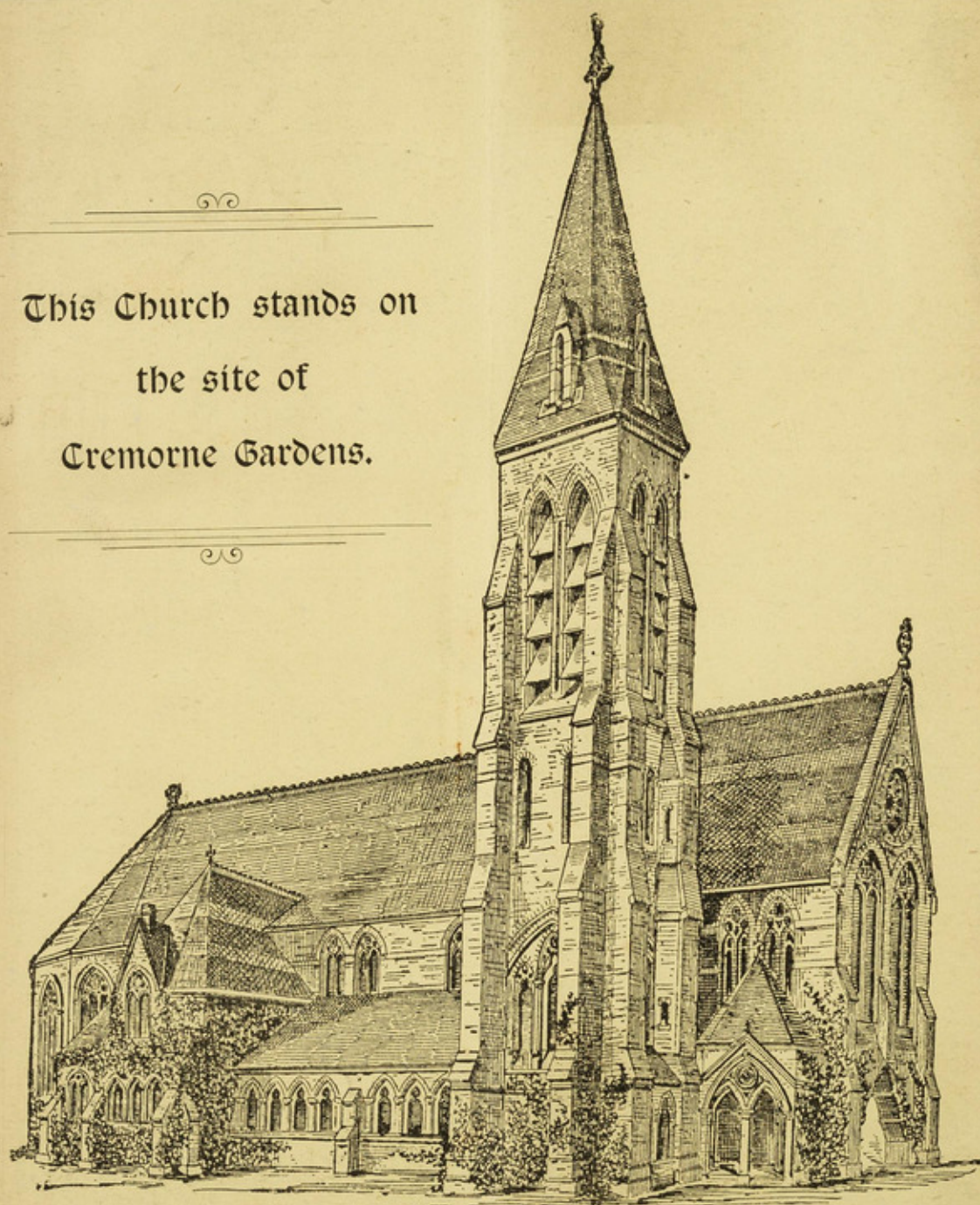
**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,
CHELSEA.**

Vicar - - REV. F. W. A. WILKINSON,
St. John's Vicarage, Tadema Road.

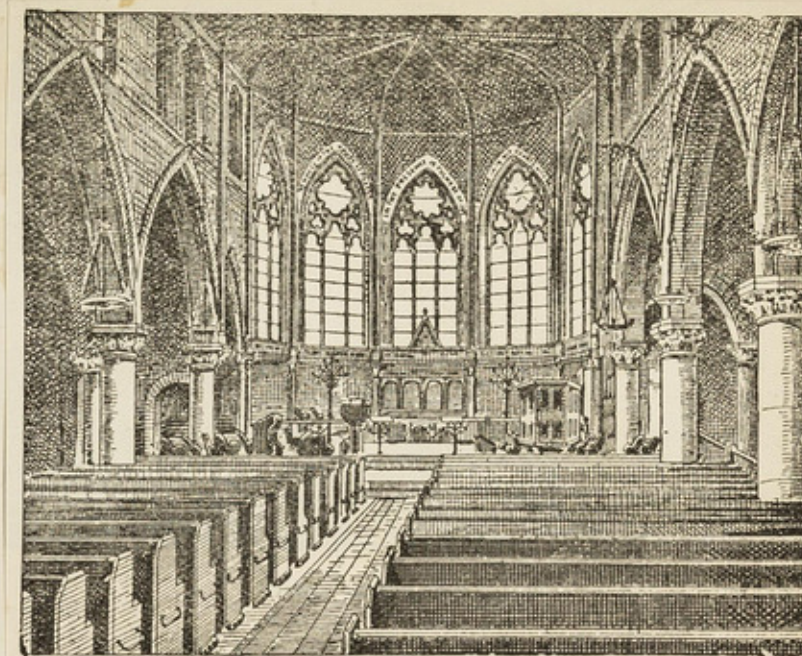
BOUNDARIES OF THE PARISH.—North, Fulham
Road; South, the River; East, Riley Street and
Limerston Street; West, the Railway.

Pateman & Co., Printers, Worlds End, Chelsea.

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St. John's Parish Church, West Chelsea.



INTERIOR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Daily Resolutions for 1899.

By the Grace of God—

- 1—I will live more for eternity, and less for this present world.
- 2—I will look up more simply to Christ, and depend more entirely upon Him.
- 3—I will endeavour to be a more bold, active, earnest, decided Christian.
- 4—I will give more time to Prayer, and to the Word of God.
- 5—I will go more often to the Lord's Table, because He so lovingly bids me.
- 6—I will love my brethren for Christ's sake.

Short Rules for the Christian Life.

- 1.—Never neglect daily private Prayer, and when you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayer.—Heb. xi. 6.
- 2.—Never neglect daily Bible reading, and when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says.—St. John v. 39.
- 3.—Reverence and observe the Lord's Day (Ex. xx. 8), and never neglect the House of God, except in case of sickness, or some other equally urgent cause (Heb. x. 25), and give regularly of your substance to the Lord.—1 Cor. xvi. 2.
- 4.—Make a practice of devoutly and regularly attending the Lord's Table.—St. Luke xxii. 19.
- 5.—Never despair of God's love.—Rom. viii. 38-39. Never be ashamed to confess Jesus as your Saviour and Friend.—St. Matt. x. 32.
- 6.—Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you, and then ask yourself, what am I doing for Him?—St. Matt. v. 1-16.
- 7.—If ever you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room, and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it.—Col. iii. 17. If you cannot do this, it is wrong.—Rom. xiv. 23.
- 8.—Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that because such and such people do so and so, that therefore you may.—2 Cor. x. 12. You are to ask yourself "What saith the Scripture," and "How would Jesus act in my place?" and strive to act accordingly.—St. John x. 17.
- 9.—Never believe what you feel if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself can what I feel be true if God's Word is true? And if both cannot be true, believe God's Word, and make your own heart the liar.—Rom. iii. 4; 1. John iv. 10-11.

II

Our Motto:

"Onward, Upward, Heavenward, Homeward."

Watchword for 1899.

"Do always those things that please Him."

St. John viii., 29.

Vicar—

REV. F. W. A. WILKINSON, The Vicarage, Tadema Rd.

Curates—

REV. J. C. F. WIMBERLEY, 17, Gunter Grove.
REV. A. W. BIRD JONES, 8, Shalcomb Street.
REV. E. H. CLEMENTS, 4, Fernshaw Road.

Churchwardens—

MR. W. W. SMITH, 16, Redcliffe Road.
MR. J. H. MILLMAN, 509, Kings Road.

Organist—MR. W. J. HACKER, 43, Hugh Street.

Choir Secretary—MR. G. WRIGHT, Park Walk Board School
Lay Reader—MR. A. A. TOWNLEY, 48A, Uverdale Road.

Deaconesses—Misses ULYETT, HOOR, CLANFIELD, Ashburnham Institute.

Sunday Schools Superintendents—

MR. HARVEY, 18, Cremorne Road.

MR. C. MELLISH, 22, Lots Road.

MRS. WILKINSON, The Vicarage.

MISS M. DASHWOOD, 50, Oakley Street.

MISS E. SEAR, 423, Fulham Road.

Hon. Secretaries—

MR. C. J. ANDREWS, 17, Manor Street.

MR. W. A. MELLISH, 22, Lots Road.

MR. C. E. SOWTON.

MR. A. H. W. C. CATTELL, 25, Gunter Grove.

SERVICES IN THE CHURCH.

Sundays at 8.30 a.m., 11 a.m., 3.15 p.m., 7 p.m.

Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Daily at 9.30 a.m. Saints'

Days, 11 a.m.

Service for Men only, in Church every Sunday 3.15 p.m.

Holy Communion.—Every Sunday at 8.30 a.m.; First

Sunday in the Month at 11 a.m.; Third and Fifth

Sundays in the month, at 7 p.m.

Baptisms and Churchings—Sunday at 4.30 p.m.;

Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 11 a.m.; and at

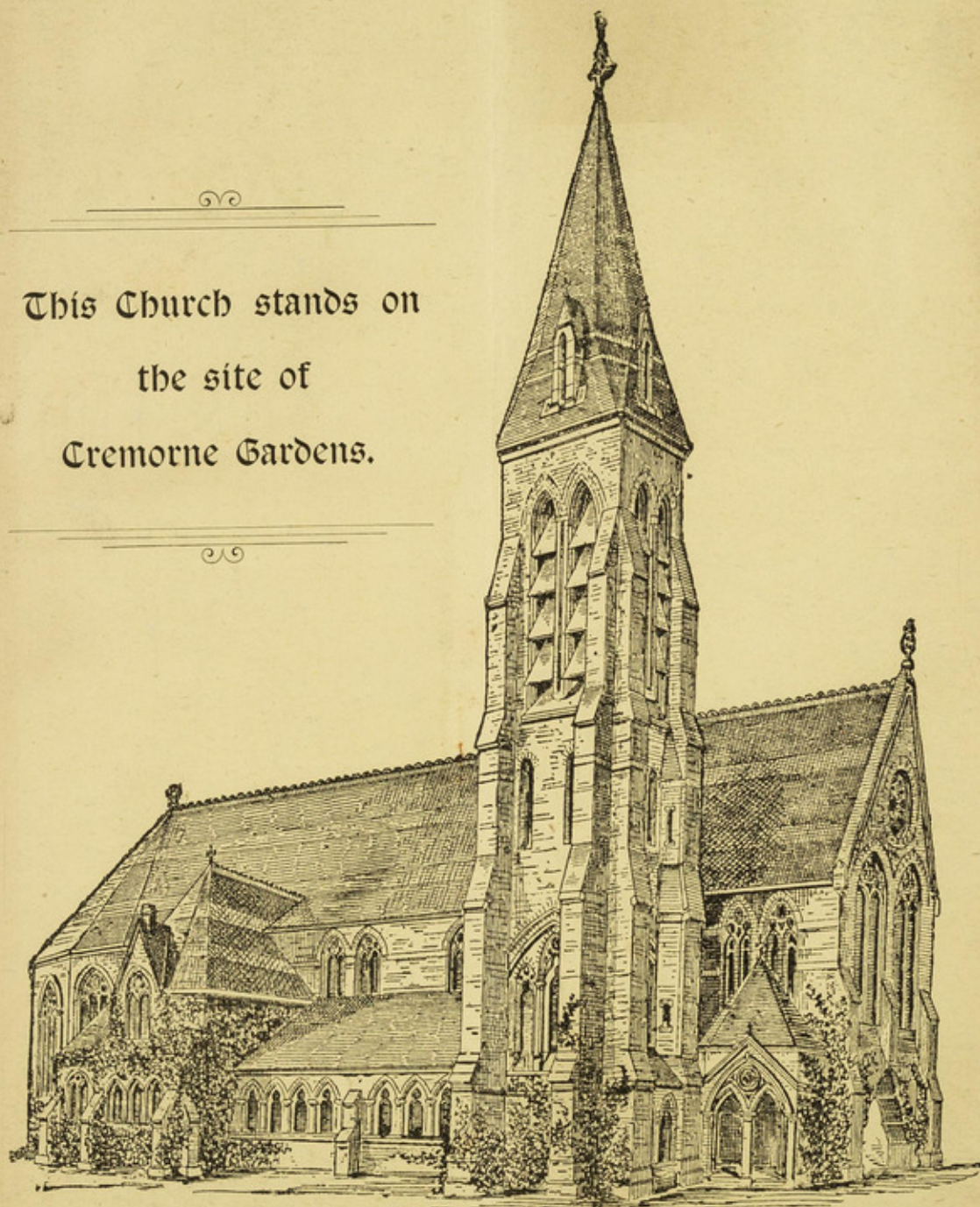
other times by arrangement.

Marriages—Any day at 10 a.m. or at any hour by

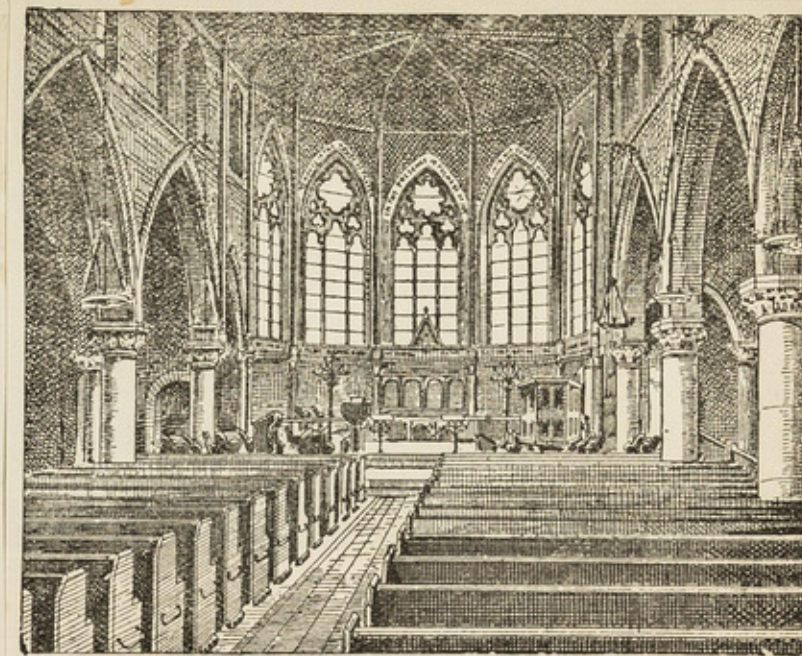
arrangement between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

III

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Cremorne Gardens.



St. John's Parish Church, West Chelsea.



INTERIOR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Sunday Schools, 3 p.m.

For Boys and Girls, St. John's Hall, Worlds End.
For Girls only, St. John's Church Room, Gunter Grove
For Boys, Girls, and Infants, Ashburnham Board
Schools, Upcerne Road
For Infants, Small Hall, St. John's Hall Buildings,
Worlds End

Bible Classes On Sundays—

For Young Men, 3 p.m., St. John's Hall, No 2 Class
Room. Mr. F. T. Walker
For Young Men, 3 p.m., Young Men's Institute,
Rev. A. W. Bird Jones
For Young Women, 3 p.m., St. John's Church Room,
Class Room, Miss Gregory
For Young Women, Ashburnham Institute, Deaconess
Ulyett

For Women, Ashburnham Institute, Miss Ashby
The Clergy will be pleased to visit the Sick, but it is
necessary that they be informed of cases of sickness;
also to administer privately the Holy Communion,
and to baptise Infants in cases of dangerous illness.

It is desired that requests for prayer for sick persons, and
subjects for thanksgiving be handed to the Clergy or
placed in the Box at the Church Door

The Clergy may be seen in the Vestry daily at 9.30 a.m.,
Sundays excepted, for signing of papers, hospital
letters, etc.

The Clergy will be glad to make the acquaintance of per-
sons attending the Church who are not already
personally known to them, if they will give their
names and addresses to the Verger.

We are always pleased to welcome Volunteers who are
able to assist in the Sunday Schools, the Mission,
the Church Choir, the Children's Church and Sunday
School Choir, and other Parochial Agencies.

Friends are invited to contribute to the Parochial Funds.
The Parish has an endowment of £200 per annum.
This is for the Vicar's stipend. All the funds needed
to pay salaries, maintain the Church Services, the
Mission Hall, Parochial Agencies, &c., have to be
raised.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

Contains particulars as to Special Services, Meetings, etc.
Also Parochial News. It may be had from the Church
Keeper, 1d. monthly.

At the daily service the 1st Evening Lesson in the
Calendar is read as our daily Scripture portion and is
printed in the Parish Magazine monthly. It is suggested
that it be read by all privately and at Family Prayer, &c.

IV

WEEKLY MEETINGS, etc. at St. John's Hall Buildings.

Sunday—10.45, Service for Children

3, Sunday School
7, Service for Children
8.30, Lantern Service or Open Air

Monday—2, Mothers Meeting

6.30, Band of Hope
8, Mission Service
8, Youth's Gymnasium

Tuesday—2 p.m. Mothers' Meeting

3.30, Women's Sick Club
7.30, Penny Bank
8, Building Society
8.15, Young Men's Literary Society

Wednesday—2, Institute Working Party

6.30, Band of Hope Gymnasium
8, Young Women's Musical Drill

Thursday—3, Gymnasium Class

3, Mothers' Quiet Hour
6.30 Children's Scripture Union
8, Temperance Society or Open Air

Friday—5.30, Band of Hope Study Class

6.30, Parochial Library
7.30, Boys' Gymnasium
8.30, Church Lads' Brigade
8, Teachers' Meeting

9, Evangelistic Choir Practice.

Saturday—8, Men's Sick Benefit Club

8, Devotional Meeting.

HOW TO GET GOOD BY COMING TO CHURCH.

1. "Go to Church regularly, and you won't like to
miss."

2.—Have "the heart in tune" for worship, as well as
the habit of attendance formed.

3. Try to understand the Prayer Book. Read it over
carefully at home, and get the right meaning and spirit of
the services.

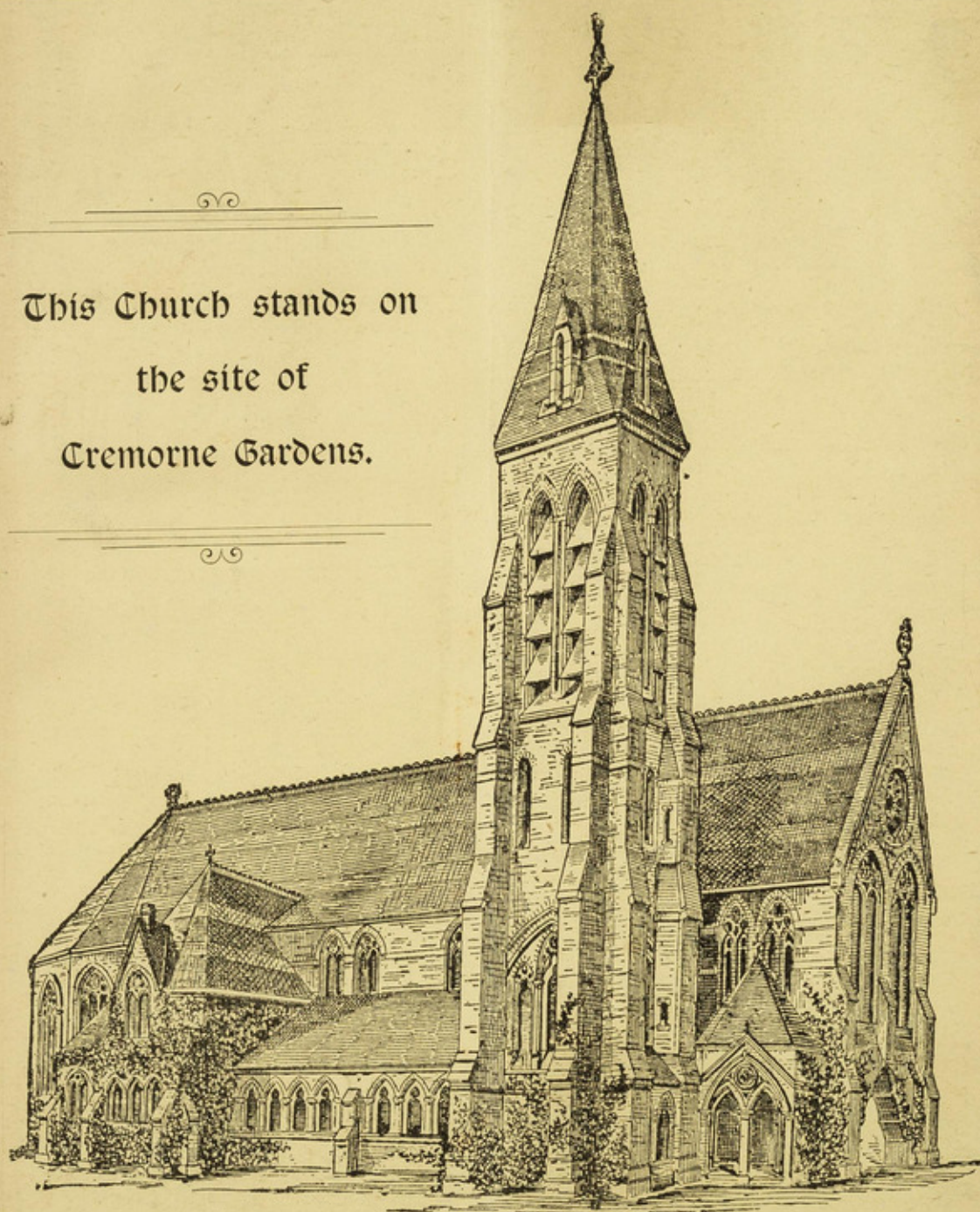
4. Join heartily and audibly in the responses.

5. Bring your Bible with you, and follow the reading
of the lessons.

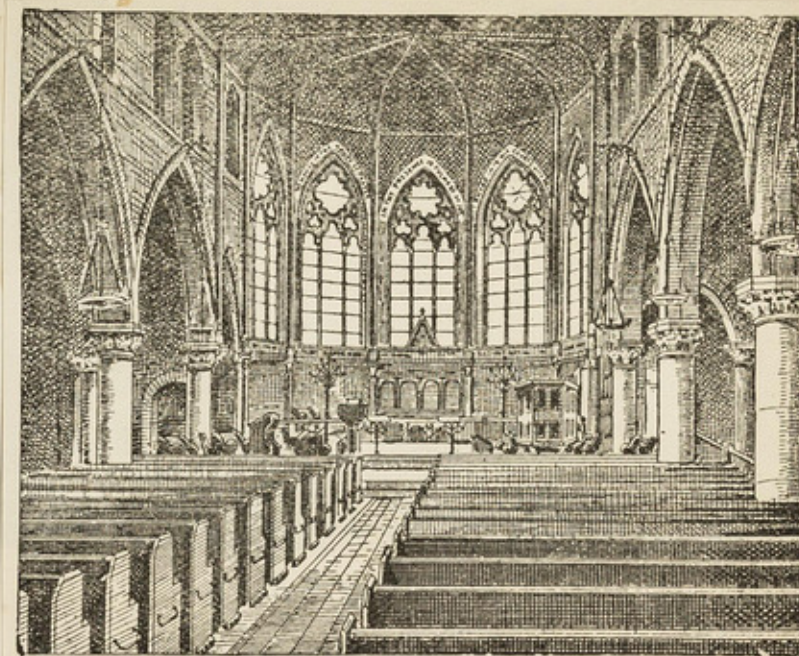
6. Take a warm and hearty part in the singing. "We
ought not to wait for 'the happier shore,' but here and
now sing out of the abundance of a simply believing heart."

7. Above all, come to Church in the spirit of prayer.
Come in a teachable frame of mind. Come anxious to
"appear before God." Come with all your sins and all
your troubles, and leave them all at the feet of Jesus.
You will never then be "sent empty away," but He will
give you "peace and joy in believing."

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St. John's Parish Church, West Chelsea.



INTERIOR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

PAROCHIAL INSTITUTIONS, &c.

Ashburnham Institute, Uverdale Road.—Sundays, 3 p.m., Young Women's Bible Classes; 6.15 p.m., Prayer Meeting. Monday, 8 p.m., Working Party; 8.30 to 9.30 p.m., Penny Bank; 7.30 p.m., Mission Service. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Bible Class. Wednesday, 2 p.m., Working Party; 8 p.m., Musical Evening; 9.15 p.m., Library. Thursday, 8 p.m., Social Gathering. Friday, 8 p.m., Literary Class. Saturday, 2 p.m., C.M.S. Junior Working Party. The Reading and Recreation Rooms are open every night to Members. Hon. Sec., Miss Saunders, 22, Gunter Grove.

Band of Hope.—Miss M. Dashwood, 50, Oakley Street.

Bible Women's Funds.—Mrs. Price, 32, Tregunter Road, S.W.; Mrs. W. W. Smith, 16, Redcliffe Road, S.W.

Boys' Club.—Miss Hook, Ashburnham Institute, Uverdale Road.

British and Foreign Bible Society.—Mr. M. Milton, 6, Burnaby Street.

Bible and Book Stall.—Miss Ulyett.

Church Lads' Brigade.—Mr. Hudson, 3, Caroline Street, Eaton Square.

Children's Scripture Union.—Deaconess Clanfield.

Children's Church.—Mr. C. Melliush, 22, Lots Road.

Children's C.M.S.—Working Party—Mrs. Harvey, 18, Cremorne Road.

Choral Society.—Miss Hacker, 43, Hugh Street, S.W.

Church Missionary Society.—Mr. W. W. Smith, 16, Redcliffe Road.

Church Missionary Band.—Amritsars—Mr. F. Hunter, 38, Uverdale Road.

Church Missionary Working Party.—Mrs. Harvey, 18, Cremorne Road.

Church of England Temperance Society.—Rev. A. W. Bird Jones, Secretary; Mr. Townley, Treasurer.

Church Pastoral Aid Society.—Mr. T. C. Fothergill, 4, Fernshaw Road.

Communicants' Union.—Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley, 17, Gunter Grove.

Curacy Fund.—The Vicar.

Gymnasium (Young Men's).—Mr. J. W. Clark, 10, Victoria Grove.

Gymnasium (Young Women's).—Miss S. Hacker, 43, Hugh Street, S.W.

Maternity Society.—Mrs. F. T. Walker, 24, Burnaby Street.

Men's Own Services.—Mr. Draper, 36, Lamont Road; Mr. C. King, 11, Tetcott Road.

Mission Hall and Mission House.—The Vicar.

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Mothers' Meeting.—Mrs. Wilkinson, The Vicarage
" Clothing Club—Miss Maitland, 7, Edith Ter.
" Coal Club—Mrs. King, 11, Tetcott Road.
" Bank—Mrs. Price, 32, Tregunter Road.

Mothers' Meeting, No. 2.—Mrs. Bridges, Charlville Mansions

" Bank—Miss Ulyett, Ashburnham Institute.

Mothers' Union.—Miss Andrews.

Open Air Services.—Mr. A. A. Townley.

Parochial Library.—Miss M. DeMaid and Miss Nott.

Parish Magazine.—Mr. Townley

Penny Association.—Mrs. Wilkinson, The Vicarage

Penny Savings Bank.—Mr. Rayner, 4, Hollywood Rd.

Scripture Reader's Fund.—Mr. W. G. Ullathorne, 538, Kings Road

Sick and Aged Relief Fund.—The Vicar

Soup Kitchen.—Mrs. Price, 32, Tregunter Road

Tract Distribution.—Miss Trigge, 30, Paultons Square.

Young Men's Society.—Mr. Sowton

Working Men's Slate Club.—Mr. Godbolt, 25, Meek Street

Working Party.—Mrs. Sherborn, 540, Kings Road

No. 2—Mrs. C. King, 11, Tetcott Road

Women's Sick Club.—Miss Dashwood, 50, Oakley Street

Young Women's Institute.—Miss Ulyett, Ashburnham Institute; Miss Saunders and Miss Ashby, 22, Gunter Grove

Young Women's Savings Bank.—Miss Ulyett

England's Sunday.

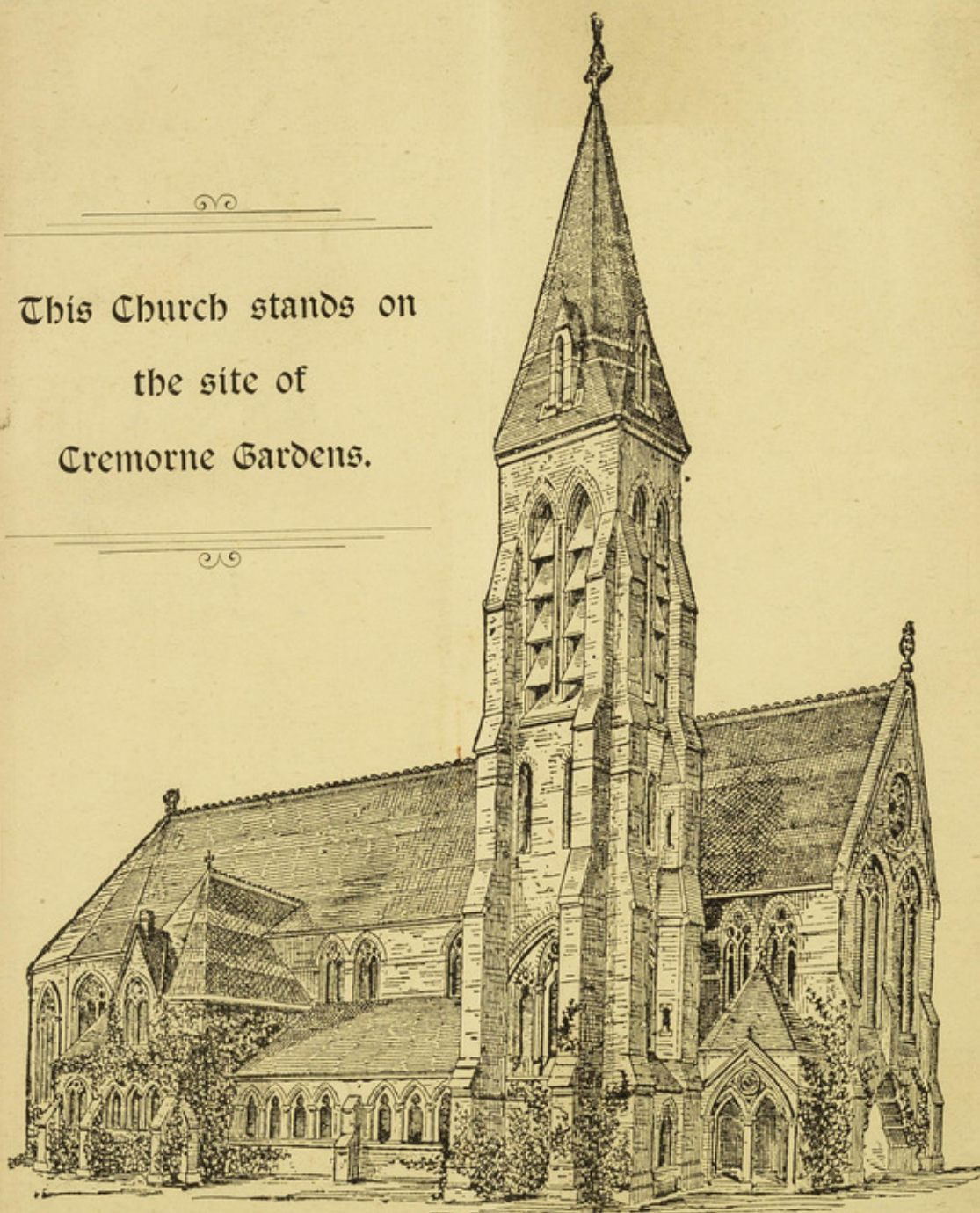
WE are not poorer, but richer, because we have through many ages rested one day in seven. That day is not lost.

While industry is suspended, while the plough lies in the furrow, while the exchange is silent, while no smoke ascends from the factory, a process is going on as important to the wealth of the nation as any process which is performed on more busy days. Man, the machine of machines, is repairing and winding up, so that he returns to his labours on Monday with clearer intellect, with livelier spirits, with renewed bodily vigour.

—LORD MACAULAY.

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St. John's Parish Church, West Chelsea.



INTERIOR OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Cycle of Praise & Prayer.

ALL are invited to unite in Daily Prayer according to the following Cycle, which is observed at our Daily Service in Church at 9.30 a.m.

MONDAY.—Praise and Thanksgiving for God's many mercies to our parish. For Sunday privileges, and blessings bestowed upon our parochial workers. For temporal mercies, etc.

TUESDAY.—For the Children and Young People, Parents, Teachers in Sunday and Day Schools, and Temperance Societies.

WEDNESDAY.—For the Bishops of the Diocese, our own Clergy and Parochial Workers, and agencies in the parish. For Funds to maintain the Parochial Work.

THURSDAY.—For all in the parish who are erring and straying from the ways of God like lost sheep, the careless, the Sabbath-breaker, the drunken and intemperate.

FRIDAY.—For the Heathen abroad, Missionary Societies and Missionaries. For the Jews and English Colonists.

SATURDAY.—For all who shall labour in the Lord's vineyard on the coming Lord's Day, that they may be endued with power from on high, and that the Holy Spirit will work mightily through every worker and agency.

Alabaster Boxes.

DO not keep the Alabaster Boxes of your love and sympathy sealed until your friends are no more. Pour them out into their lives with the sweetness of approving and cheering words, for refreshment in the weary and troubled hours when they need them. Better a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the comfort of love and sympathy. Let us anoint our friends beforehand for their burial.

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ANON.

TAKE TIME.

TAKE time to breathe a morning prayer, asking God to use you for His glory during the day. Take time to read a few verses from God's Word each day.

Take time to be pleasant. A bright smile and a pleasant word fall like sunbeams upon the hearts of those around us.

Take time to be polite. A gentle "I thank you," "If you please," "Excuse me," etc., is no compromise of dignity.

Take time to be patient with children. Patience and kindness will open a way for good influence over almost any child.

Take time to be thoughtful about the aged. Respect grey hairs, even if they crown the head of a beggar.

A PARISH PRAYER.

MERCIFUL Father, we pray Thee to bless our Parish. Unite us very closely in Christian love. Teach us by Thy Word, and by thy Holy Spirit, to know and love Thee more and more. Bless all in our Parish. Pardon all our sins and sanctify our lives. Help us to live in love, to do kind actions every day, to remember we are each our brother's keeper. May we win some to walk with us in the way of life and happiness. Bless our Clergy, Sunday School Teachers, Visitors, and all Workers. May Thy Holy Day be the best of days to us; and make Thy self known to us at the Table of Thy Love. Help us to lead the young in "paths of pleasantness and peace." Be the comforter of the sorrowful. Look with Thy tender mercy on all the sick and suffering. Send Thy Gospel abroad to "the habitation of cruelty," and make them happy in the Knowledge of Thy love. We ask all for our Redeemer's sake.—Amen.

PRAYER.

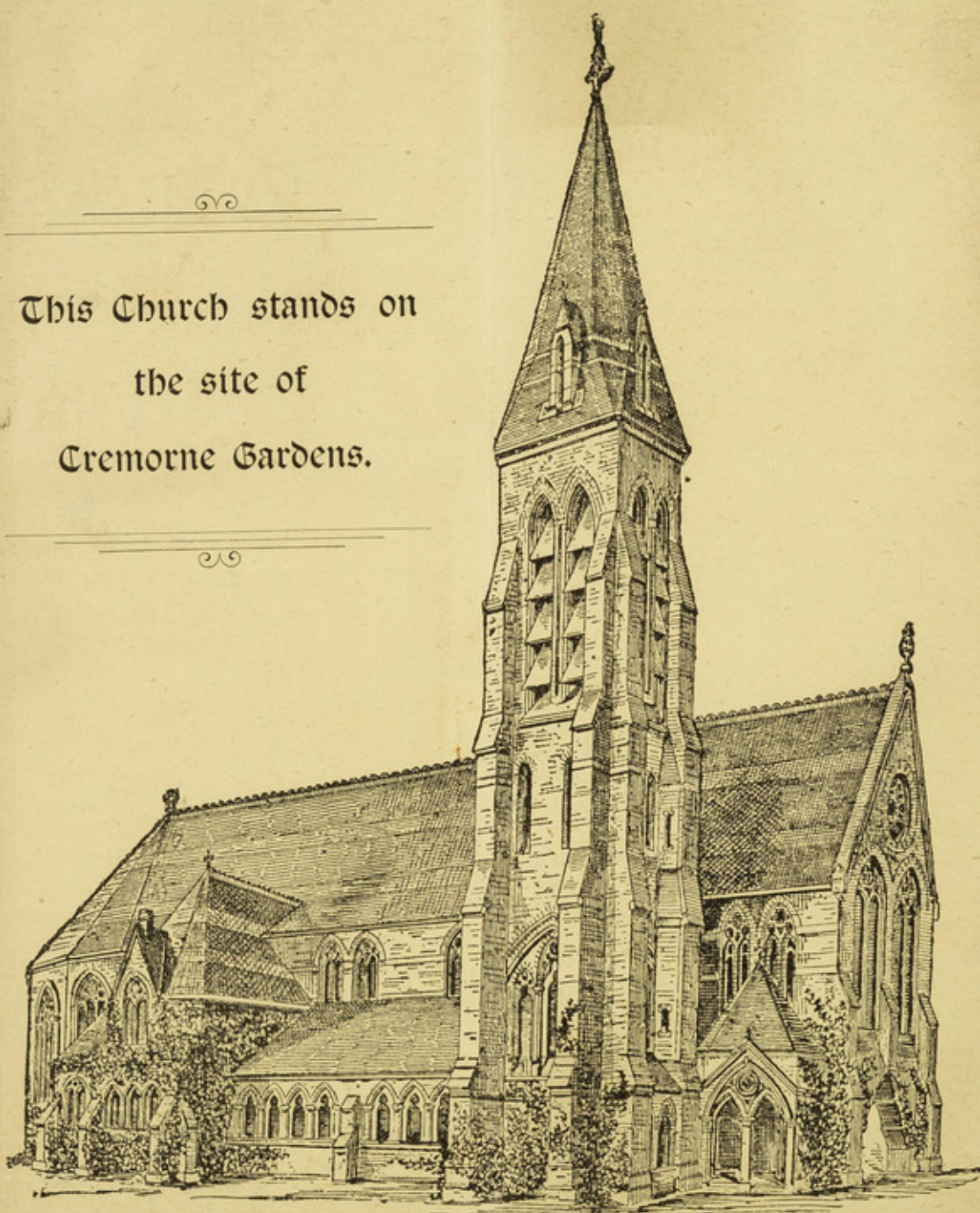
DEFEND, O Lord, me Thy servant, with Thy Heavenly Grace, that I may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until I come to Thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

Collect for Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

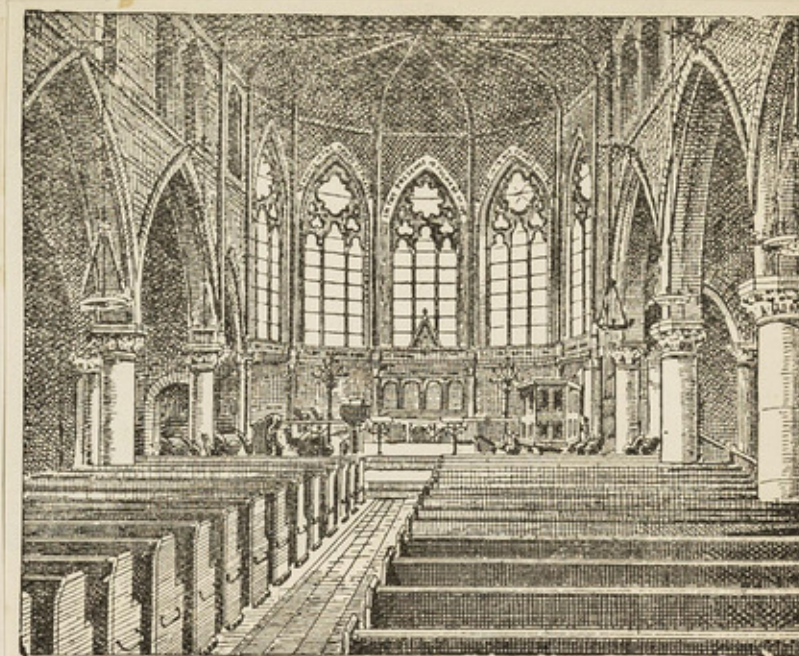
ORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Six Reasons for Prayer.

1. BECAUSE God promises to answer it.
"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me" (Psalm l. 15).
2. Because of our helplessness.
"Vain is the help of man" (Psalm lx).
"Without Me ye can do nothing" (John xv. 5).
3. Because of God's readiness to help.
"While they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah lxv. 24).
"In Me is thine help" (Hosea xiii. 9).
"And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (1 John v. 15).
4. Because of the answers received.
"And He blessed him (Jacob) there (Gen. xxxiii. 29)
"And God granted him (Jabez) that which he requested" (1 Chronicles iv. 10).
"This poor man (David) cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles" (Psalm xxxiv. 6).
5. Because prayer is essential to salvation.
"I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them" (Ezekiel xxxvi. 37).
6. Because of the advantages of prayer.
"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah xl. 31).

Did you ever know of an individual who faithfully fulfilled the conditions of acceptable prayer, and yet was turned empty away? Never! Numberless blessings have been bestowed in answer to prayer, and there are many in store for you, if you will only tarry and "ask in faith, nothing wavering."

F. A. E.

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COMMUNICANTS' UNION.

OBJECTS.

- 1.—To unite those who have given themselves to Christ in Common Fellowship, Christian Intercourse, and Bible Study, that they may be drawn nearer to God and nearer to each other.
- 2.—To stimulate to active Christian work.

RULES.

- 1.—The Members of the Union are expected to be regular communicants.
 - 2.—To read some portion of Holy Scripture daily. One of the appointed Daily Lessons in the Church Calendar is suggested.
 - 3.—To attend, if possible, one week-night Service or Devotional Meeting.
 - 4.—To engage, as far as circumstances will allow, in some Christian Work.
 - 5.—To pray for their fellow Communicants, and be ready to assist each other in every possible way.
 - 6.—To pray for God's blessing on their Ministers, Congregation, Parochial Agencies, and Foreign Missions.
 - 7.—To give systematically and regularly in the Church Offertory.
- Communicants may be enrolled at any time on sending names and addresses to the Clergy.
Members are requested to notify any change of residence and on leaving the Parish to apply for a letter of introduction to the Clergy of their new Parish.

The sermon at the Wednesday evening Service, preceding the 3rd Sunday in each month, will be addressed specially to Communicants. Due notice will be given of the half-yearly Social Gathering of Communicants.

Some Reasons for Going to Church

"We will not forsake the House of our God."

—Neh. x. 39.

- 1.—Because it is the place where He dwells.
- 2.—Because it is the place where He teaches.
- 3.—Because it is the place where He hears prayer.
- 4.—Because it is the place where He holds communion with his people.

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Mrs A. H. Selway
Manor Street Mission

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The Mission District.

Rents rising

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Mrs A. H. Selway, Scripture Reader at the Manor
Street Mission, 87 Manor Street, Chelsea. Sw.

This Mission is supported by Prebendary Webb Peplow's church (St Paul's) and has a district assigned to it from Christchurch Parish. It was written to as an independent mission. Mr Aves gives some account of it in his interview with Prebendary Webb Peplow. (Book XCV p 37) so that I will not give details here.

Mrs Selway is an earnest wing man of about 45 strongly evangelical views. Has been 2 yrs on the district, residing at the Mission House.

He has a remarkably good knowledge of the district, which consists practically of Manor Street & the streets & courts off it. Knows the number of houses in each; the people & their condition. The only really bad spot is Manor Gardens where the people are civil altho' very rough. (D.P.B. on map) Mostly costers and Irish Catholics. The rest of the courts are for the most part respectable but poor working people.

Rents are rising & the people move a good deal, the increased rents being the cause. Two roomed houses with a small scullery outside are 9/6 a week - were 6/-.

Selway Manor Street Mission

Visitation

Visitation appears to be very thorough by lady visitors & the scripture of reader, the sheets being mapped out. Mr S. visits every house at least once a month, whilst the ladies go oftener.

Charitable Relief

A good deal of relief is given, mostly by the district visitors. It is usually food and is given in cases of sickness and want of work. Where drink is the cause of poverty, they people are permitted to "seek help at the workhouse" altho' in such cases they would help the women & children.

The Mission Premises

The Mission premises are very complete. They consist of a house used as a Church Institute, a Coffee Palace adjoining and a large hall holding 500 people with several rooms beneath.

Services held

The list of services fills a large board, something going on nearly every night. The Sunday night service has an attendance of about 200 & the S. S. numbers 500. Children & people come from as far as the Worlds End; mostly people who have left the district & still keep up their connection with the Mission. The Brother's Meeting numbers 200 & all the agencies appear to thrive & are well looked after by the clergy. The Children's
Scripture

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Selway Manor Street Mission

Scripture Union has a large meeting this evening & Mr Webb-Peploe is billed to give an address. Open Air Meetings are held in the streets.

~~At~~ No other religious agencies working in the district except Mr Stacey a City Missionary.

The beerhouses in the street are a trouble to him but there is not so much noise as formerly. They are entirely supported by the local people.

Here as at St Paul's a keen interest is taken in Foreign Missions. The Church Missionary Banner, the organ of the Church Missionary Society, is localized as a Parish magazine. Beside the general matter 4 pages of local notes are given. A large pile of these papers ~~were~~ occupied a shelf by the window of the room where Mr S. received me.

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OAKLEY MISSION ROOM,
MANOR STREET,

Affiliated District of St. Paul's, Onslow Square.

To the Members of this Family.

FRIENDS,

We can recommend what is contained within this cover
as well worth being read with care.

In a short time, as soon as the Visitor can make it
convenient to call again, it may be exchanged for some other
Tract.

Believe us to be,

Your faithful servants, for Christ's sake,

The Clergy and Visitors

Of St. Paul's, Onslow Square.

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OAKLEY MISSION DISTRICT.

REGULAR MEETINGS

In the Oakley Mission Room (unless otherwise announced).

To any of these Services you or your children are heartily welcome.

SUNDAY—

- 9.30 a.m. Prayer Meeting at the Institute (85, Manor Street).
- 10.30 a.m. Children's Service.
- 2.55 p.m. Sunday School.
- 3.30 p.m. Bible Classes for Young Men and Women.
- 6.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting at the Institute.
- 7 p.m. Gospel Service (Hymn Books, &c., provided).

MONDAY—

- 10.30—12.30 a.m. Workroom open during Winter.
- 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Meeting.
- 4 p.m. Library open.
- 8 p.m. Fortnightly Temperance Meeting. (1st and 3rd Mondays).

TUESDAY—

- 6.20 p.m. Band of Hope Meeting for Children from 7 to 15 years of age.
- 8.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 8 p.m. Slate Club for Total Abstiners in the "Safety Lamp."

THURSDAY—

- 8 p.m. Gospel Service, with Scripture Union Reading.
- 9 p.m. Choir Practice for Open Air Service (during Summer months).

FRIDAY—

- 8 p.m. Conversational Bible Class for Men, conducted by Rev. R. F. PECHEY, at the Institute (85 Manor Street).

SATURDAY—

- 6.30—7.30 p.m. Penny Bank.
- 8 p.m. Slate Club.

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Interview with the Rev. L.C. Walford, Vicar of S. Saviour's, Walton Place, at the Vicarage 42 Egerton Crescent. (xH.A.) Mar. 29.99.

S. Saviour's is a rich man's church, and, if it were anything else, it would hardly thrive under the present Vicar's ministrations. He is a man of about 50; clean-shaven; florid. Precise in articulation; harrassed in manner. Unprepossessing; weak. The vicarage well-appointed; connexions aristocratic.

It is probably a sign of weakness that Mr. W. leaves the only considerable area of poverty remaining in his parish in the charge of Mr. Webb-Peploe, for, although it might ~~be~~ be an ungracious thing to re-assume responsibility for it, Mr. W. gave me to understand that if he could deal with it himself, he would. But it is "difficult to get helpers; swell West End people will not go in for this kind of thing". And so he goes on, perhaps contentedly, perhaps half ashamed of himself, with his rich congregation in the season, and ~~as~~ only a very small area of the poor to be looked after. There used to be many more, but the demolitions in the North St. area have displaced large numbers. ^{of poor} I think he said some 2000 in all. He thinks that the destiny of this part of London is to be entirely occupied by the well-to-do, but gave no sign of regretting the change ~~or~~ of thinking that it involved

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any particular hardship on the class that has to go. Perhaps it does not. The migration has been chiefly Fulham way, and he does not detect any increased overcrowding in the poor streets that still remain. The parish is thus now mainly upper-middle and wealthy. There has been a great deal of building in his own time -- twelve years -- including many flats, and the occupants of these he finds, as almost every parson appears to do, specially difficult to deal with.

Facts (parochial): Vicar, and two curates; ^{Mrs. Roman;} 11 Distr Visitors; and 22 S.S. teachers. These figures do not include those who are working in the corner of the parish taken over by Mr. Webb-Peploe. Attendances: Sunday Morning, full in the season, and pretty full at the date of the interview. In the summer, perhaps 30 or 40 people. Sunday evening, "never large; too much of a rich man's church". S.S. register, 225; average attendance good; a mixed class come, but not "the very low". The Church holds 800; in addition, there is an iron room, of great use, and in the Webb-Peploe corner there are a mission hall and drill hall. Mr. W. also has some use of the Board School which was originally a church school. The services were ^{once} regarded as being "high"; Eastward position, vestments etc. but now the standpoint is moderate.

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Communicants: Sunday average, 100. Social agencies appear to be unimportant. The Gymnasium mentioned in the Report has come to an end; the Provident Fund is small; the Senior Temperance Guild has collapsed, but the Band of Hope is getting along better. Relief is also not extensive. Fewer people are helped, but those who are helped are more adequately dealt with. Tickets are used. (For the number of the poor who have to be helped, the total ~~dx~~ dispensed is not small -- about £150, in '98, and nearly an additional £50 for a Bread and Coal Fund.) For nursing help, they send to the Institute. All are visited as far as possible.

Mr. W. mentioned the Scotch Presbyterian Church near in the parish, and said that it was a "great nuisance", because, although they have an eclectic congregation, they start all the ordinary parish machinery, with B. of Hope etc. etc. and overlapping is the inevitable result.

Mr. W. traces his chief difficulties in dealing with the poor to the drink! this is the fons et origo of poverty and other things. The parish is more free than formerly from disorderly houses; a few suspected; two or three kept women in Walton St. But Beauchamp Place, in Mr. Covington's parish much worse than anything they have in

Cairns.

As I write dark war clouds are gathering in the East. Surely the Eastern Question is nearing a solution. The Ottoman Empire is tottering and ready to fall. Prophecy is surely being fulfilled under our eyes. The Jews are returning to the Holy Land. Convulsions of many kinds are happening. Missionary energy grows apace. Inventions are nothing short of marvellous. All seems to point to the nearness of our returning King. The Lord make us ready against the day of His appearing. "The Lord keep thee."

Always believe me,

Your affectionate Friend and Minister,

49, Tregunter Road, *Easter, 1897.*

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Interview with the Rev. J. H. Brown, Curate of The Park Chapel, Chelsea, at his rooms, 38 Ferntham Road. (E.A.)
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Mr. B. has been here for 3½ years, and, on a change of incumbent, is just leaving. The Chapel ^{belongs to} is one of the Conventional Districts of Chelsea, and ~~it~~ has always been a centre of Evangelical teaching and practice of a pronounced type. The black gown has been only quite recently discarded. The late vicar has been there for about 10 years, and the following paragraph from the end of his Report issued at Easter '97, although preceded by several pages of common-place matter, throws light on his standpoint, and helps us to imagine the teaching that emanated from his pulpit. Mr. Brown is a man somewhat of the Ditchfield type, with less go, and, doubtless, less eloquence.

He described the parish as one of "an ordinary kind", and said that the people included some rich; some houses let in lodgings ~~and~~ let out in tenements; and a third class of quite poor. These live mostly in and E. and W. of Gillray Square. A lower class is said to be coming in and the poor parts are thus tending to get poorer. But many of the leases will be up in 16 years, and the downward social trend will probably be checked then.

Facts (parochial): Buildings, Church(1400); Church

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room (250); Schools (day); and Mission Room (used by the L.C.M.; holds 100). Workers; Vicar and one curate; L.C.M.; Bible Woman; some District Visitors, ("not as many as they could wish"); and 36 S.S teachers.

Attendances: Sunday Morning, 300; S. Evening, 500; "Not many poor". Monthly Communicants, 200. Very good Sunday School, (Average, 500). Relief given mainly by the L.C.M. and the Bible Woman; some by the District Visitors, Amount, something under £100.

It was claimed that good work was done with the Young Men, for whom there is what is called "The Half Hour Club"; and for Young Women, through the Y.W.C.A. Social agencies do not amount to much. Mr. B. was very busy in view of his approaching departure, and there were a good many things that we did not touch on. He mentioned, however, the amount of betting that there seemed to be, and the number of "bookies" that were about. There is a great deal of idleness among the men, for which there is no obvious economic cause; it appears to be a local habit. He expressed a decided opinion that the Church was not getting hold of the poor. This is mainly done by the London City Missionary. Too many meetings are arranged, and the Church is making the same mistake everywhere. Mr. Brown had a genuine admiration for the work of the L.C.M. eulogising

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its thoroughness and concentration. Is inclined to think sometimes, that, if their work is what the Church ought to set before itself, "I ought to be a City Missionary".

Park Chapel,

* * * Chelsea.



Rev. Sydenham L. Dixon, Incumbent.

1896.

The Park Chapel, Chelsea, PAROCHIAL MAGAZINE.

JANUARY, 1899.

Park Chapel, Park Walk, Chelsea.

(CHURCH OF ENGLAND.)

Incumbent :

Curate : Rev. H. Collander Brown, 38, Fernshaw Road, S.W.

Churchwardens { Mr. E. Blackman, 4, Redcliffe Square, S.W.
Mr. J. H. W. Wheeler, 14, Barclay Road, Walham Green, S.W.

Church Council.

Mr. Allen	Mr. H. Croft	Mr. T. Sarel
" S. Bethell	" F. Grigg	" W. James
" H. S. Buck	" G. Hine	" J. Sowden
" A. Burrell	" Hearnden	" G. Stevens
" W. Chapman	" H. H. Holland	" W. S. Thwaites
" T. Cheshire	" Japes	" S. Walden
" Chew	" V. Maslin	" D. Wakeford
" H. Coggin	" L. Moon	" E. Blackman, jun.

Hon. Sec. to the Church Council : Mr. F. Grigg, 57, Coniger Road, Parsons Green, S.W.

Organist : Mr. W. H. Sampson, B.A., B. Mus. (Lond.), 20, Ranelagh Mansions, Parson's Green.

PARK CHAPEL was originally built in 1718 ; since which time it has been frequently enlarged and altered, and the lease was purchased by the congregation and vested in Trustees.

THE SERVICES are conducted on simple Protestant and Evangelical lines, in accordance with the formularies of the Established Church of England.

THE CHURCH is unendowed, and the whole of the expenses incurred in supporting the clergy, maintaining the fabric, paying the officials, and all incidental expenses, have to be defrayed by the income derived from Pew Rents, Voluntary Subscriptions, and Contributions placed in the Church Boxes.

Sittings are let at various rates, from 3/- to 8/- per quarter, and arrangements for taking them may be made by application to the Churchwardens, or the Pew Openers, by whom information as to vacant sittings will also be gladly given. Worshippers are earnestly invited to take regular sittings, and thus bear a share of the burden of the expenses. Contributions to the Chapel Fund may be sent to the Curate in charge, the Churchwardens, or given through the Boxes at the Church doors.

N.B.—Weekly gifts in the boxes are most earnestly invited.

Church Services.

Sundays :—Morning at 11 ; Evening at 7 o'clock.

Holy Communion, first Sunday at noon ; second, 8 a.m. ; third and fifth at evening service ; and fourth 4.15 p.m.

Holy Baptisms, second Sunday at 4.30 p.m.

Quarterly Bible Class Service at 3.30 p.m., on the fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

Children's Service, second Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Thursdays :—Evening Prayer and Bible Reading, 7.30 p.m.

Additional Services in Lent and Advent.

Church Vestry.

Sundays :—Men's Bible Class, 3.15 p.m.

Mondays :—Third in month, Communicants' Class, 8 p.m.

Interview with the Rev. R.H. Dayles, Incumbent of
the Old Church, Chelsea. ^{written 26} At the Old Church (E.A.) Mar. 29. ^{written 26}

The incumbent of this church is like the building —
a survival. He has been there for 42 years, and appears
to have developed a greater affection for the structure
than for the district attached to it. I found him at 7
the church, and he is there for two or three hours in
the middle of almost ~~xxxxxxx~~ every day, spending the time
in the Vestry, with a litter of old books and papers
round him. He reads and writes there, and is always ready
to let visitors in to see the church. When he appeared
in answer to my knock, for the church is not open, I
thought it was the sexton. But I was misled by ap-
pearances, and the seedy black and snuffy look were ~~xxx~~
forgotten as soon as he began to speak. He talked like
an antiquarian who loved the building of his ~~xxxxxx~~ care,
his face lighting up in reply to questions about it. But
the "conventional district" attached seemed to remain
very much at the back of his mind, and, from a parochial
point of view, I suspect that the district is asleep.
The one fact upon which he was emphatic was the change
that had taken place, the poor having to a great extent
given way to the invasion of the middle-class people who
have come to fill the new ^{houses and} flats. And it appeared that
these new people had quite failed to win, either his af-

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fection or his interest. The displaced poor had, he thought, gone either to Fulham or to Battersea.

Facts (parochial): Workers: incumbent and one curate; mission woman; 3 or 4 district visitors; and "enough" teachers to serve the Sunday School. Buildings: the Church, holding 400; and a club house, close by. Attendances: S.M. "small; 200 very good"; S.E. 50 to 60. "The Church used to be full when I first came, and was a new broom; but now there are many new churches to attract them ^{congregation} away, and we go on as of old; we are very simple people here". Those who come, in any case in the morning, are chiefly the upper middle class. Monthly Communicants, 50 to 60. He does not push for attendance; mentioned the danger of people coming "to please the parson". Sunday School: 2 to 300, and "more girls than boys" was his only comment. As will be imagined the social agencies are not very vigorous; "a Band of Hope and that kind of thing", but everything is "on a small scale." Not much is given away in relief, but "it is not a needy population". He mentioned Sun Court, as being a place of shade; the two Common Lodging Houses in the parish as being the centres for the worst class of folk who found their way into the n'hood, and the hiding-place of any thieves and such like that might harbour near. But the whole district has altered since

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the days of Cremorne, and, although parts of Mr. Wilkins son's parish are still, he thinks, bad enough, in his own, he believes, ~~that~~ there are now no disorderly houses.

But, as I said at the outset, the parish really does not seem to interest Mr. Davies very much now. About his church, dating back to the Fourteenth Century, he was charming, but about his district I could only draw blanks. But although little was said, and though little is done, things seemed to have the right ring about them, and the old man to be manly and attractive. But he is none the less stranded in the whirl of an up-to-date parochialism.

