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Nonconformists

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Rev. J. C. Leake. Canon & Rural Dean.

His parish.

Oct 13. 1900.

Order of the day
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S.H.D.

Interview with the Rev. J. C. Leake. Rector of
Kidbrooke at the Rectory. Kidbrook Park Rd.

Mr. Leake is over 50. dean shaven. attractive. full
face & voice, does not look physically strong
& his ^{side} face runs away from his nose to his
chin. A pleasant person of no particular
character whose lot has been cast in
an easy parish: anxious to do what is right
& has succeeded I should say. He is a canon & a
rural dean.

Kidbrook Parish is an anomaly in London in that
5th of the parish ^{might be} is not built over. It is the
last parish within the London Boundary on

Kidbrook Parish population

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in its S.E. edge. It is bounded by Blackheath²
& Shooter's Hill on the N: by Eltham on the
E. Lee Rd on S & W. The line on the W
runs along St James's Place, Morden Rd, & Manor
way to the Tiger's Head at Lee.

On the East side there is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of open
country reaching to Eltham, half of which
belongs to Kidbrook & half to Eltham parish.

The population is 2400; or including the Hotel
& ^{Morden College} Cottage Hospitals 3500.

The bulk of the pop lives on the Western side of
the Parish: nearly all are well to do. Business-
men, stockbrokers, merchants, clerks, officers-
men, & navy working at Greenwich or
Woolwich, or retired officers. 'There are only 200

poor! who are gardeners, coachmen, farm labour-
ers

Church attendance.

Church Service.

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-ers. living on Shooters Hill near the Hospital³
or dotted about in the lanes near the large
houses.

The Church holds 900 :

In the morning ^{at 11} it looks full. 'But appearances are
so deceptive: say there are 750 to 800.'

In the afternoon at 3.30 there ~~are~~ is a childrens
service 'nicely attended'.

At 6.30: there are about 400.

At 3: there is Sunday school for 110 children
in the books: average attendance of 90.

The Service is simple, musical, with a white-
robed priest & choir. 'Oh no not a black
gown: nor confession: everything is
strictly moderate.' 'Some of my people
would like rather less music but they
are a small minority: others w! like rather
more'

Other influences.

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more. They are also a minority." They like a⁴
short sermon, they w^d not stand a long one;
& on the whole are well contented with what
they get. They come as families & both old
& young. Churchgoing is usual in the n^e 'hood.
Not a family in this street (Kidbrooke Park
Rd. Gellus) does not come here: but we
are not strictly parochial: it is impossible
in a wealthy parish.

The Established church is the great influence
in the district 'only natural that it should
be'. The Baptists have a chapel facing the
Common but its influence is not so great
as the Church. The other religious influences
are the Proprietary Chapel in St. Germans
Rd.

road. The Herbert Hospital has its own chapel &
& chaplain, so has the Norden College for
deceased merchants.

The Church also has a mission hall on Shooters
hill: ~~held~~^{here} out of door services are given in
the Summer on Sunday which attract good
audiences from passers by not far a Sunday
walk, or on their way to visit graves in

the Greenwich cemetery.

Persons employed. Self & two licensed curates.

Societies. There is a mens discussion society
for the well to do of which the Rector
is President.

School. no church school.

Visiting. 5 dist visitors for the poor: the rector
visits the rich.

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Importance of foreign missions

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Nurse. Share one with S. Johns. Blackheath. 6

Money collected. Just over £1000 for the year end.

- up March 31. 1900 -

for the Church missionary society they collect

£260 for Prop. of Gospel in foreign parts
48 - promoting X'tianity among the Jews.
150. - Rochester Diocesan Soc.
20 - Ministering children's league.

Mothers meeting: a few ^{mothers} in the Mission Room on
Shorters Hill.

Buildings used. Church - Parish room opposite
Church where service on Monday evening
is held, Sunday school - Mission room
on Shorters Hill.

Cooperation: with women for special things
eg. for a general prayer of intercession as
to the war: at the Polytechnic: on Board
for

Police & prostitutes

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for preventive work. He is quite friendly but Church & Traders don't meet except for special things.

Police. very good. have to be moved but always respond. Prostitution used to be very bad on the Heath. Complaints were made to LCC & police. Women have been driven from the Heath to Kidbrooke Common which is now the same scandal that the Heath used to be: complaints have been made to police & they are doing their duty. This is one of the many questions of the school. Mr. Seeke is on a new board of public morality for Greenwich & Woolwich which is going to work in connection with the new vestry elections. Their plan is to drive prostitution from the streets & commons & to set

Houses rents.

Rich vagrants.

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Set up homes for the young. A lady has just⁸
been engaged to work on the Heath.

Very healthy school: no crime: marriage 'notably'.

Thrifty people: Housing good but houses too big:

Increase of 20% in rent in the last 20 years:

Two weeks ago house has 9 bed & 3 sitting

rooms, as well as Kitchen & the usual office

a garden at the back, fair size. Carriage

sleep in front: & is rented at £90. Houses

in Kidbrooke PK Rd. run from £45 to £90:

The demand is for smaller houses & these will

come in time.

Population is $\frac{2}{3}$ migratory: $\frac{1}{3}$ stationary

by migratory he means that they come

for 3 to 5 years & then leave: much is doubt
being

Prospects of the church
in Woolwich & Plumstead

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being due to engagements at the Arsenal &
at the Dockyard. Many too are business
men from the country who come up as
managers for the London Branch & prefer
to live in a suburb.

As to church work in Woolwich & Plumstead
Mr Leeke is very hopeful. "The church is far
ahead of any other body in point of influence."
Wilson is the only great nonconformist worker
"but he is only one & we are so many."
Wilson is 'good & able'. Ogle, particularly
'good' & has maintained the numbers drawn
by the great personal charm of Albert Bailey
the former vicar. Hughes draws great con-
gregations. All Saints ^{Plumstead} is quite full of the

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the Plumstead working class morning & eve. ¹⁰
-ing - [it was not iⁿ full & had no working class
the morning I was there]. St. Marks mission
(Staples) wants a church to hold its con-
-gregation: so does St. Paul's -
Society is a successful man - And on the other
side there is only Wilson -
Plumstead used to be left out in the cold
but now the Church has captured it.

Mr. Leeke like his congregation is contented &
hopeful.

ST. JAMES', KIDBROOK.

Motto for 1900:

"FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH."—1 Tim. vi, 12.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE.

1	F	8 a.m., Litany. 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Intercession. 8 p.m., Choir Practice.
2	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
3	S	Whit Sunday. Services: 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion. 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., with Holy Communion. 3.30 p.m., Children's Service. 6.30 p.m. 3 p.m., Sunday School. 6.30 p.m., Mission House Service.
4	M	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
5	Tu	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
6	W	8 a.m., Litany. 11 a.m., Holy Communion.
7	Th	8 a.m., Morning Prayer. 3 p.m., Working Guild.
8	F	8 a.m., Litany. 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Intercession.
9	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
10	S	Trinity Sunday. Services: 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion. 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m. 3.30 p.m., Children's Service. 6.30 p.m. 10.10 a.m., Boys' Bible Class. 3 p.m., Sunday School. 6.30 p.m., Mission House Service.
11	M	St. Barnabas. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer with Short Address. 8 p.m., Young Women's Bible Class.
12	Tu	8 a.m., Morning Prayer. 3 p.m., Missionary Working Party.
13	W	8 a.m., Litany.
14	Th	8 a.m., Morning Prayer. 3 p.m., Working Guild.
15	F	8 a.m., Litany. 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Intercession. 8 p.m., Choir Practice.
16	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
17	S	1st Sunday after Trinity. Services: 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., with Holy Communion. 3.30 p.m., Children's Service. 6.30 p.m. 10.10 a.m., Boys' Bible Class. 3 p.m., Sunday School. 6.30 p.m., Mission House Service.
18	M	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
19	Tu	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
20	W	8 a.m., Litany.
21	Th	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
22	F	8 a.m., Litany. 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Intercession. 8 p.m., Choir Practice.
23	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
24	S	2nd Sunday after Trinity, St. John the Baptist, HOSPITAL SUNDAY. Services: 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m. 3.30 p.m., Children's Service. 6.30 p.m. 10.10 a.m., Boys' Bible Class. 3 p.m., Sunday School. 6.30 p.m., Mission House Service.
25	M	8 a.m., Morning Prayer. 8 p.m., Young Women's Bible Class.
26	Tu	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
27	W	8 a.m., Litany.
28	Th	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.
29	F	St. Peter. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Short Address.
30	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer.

Statement of Accounts

OF THE

CHURCHWARDENS

OF

KIDBROOK,

AND ALSO OF

THE PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

AND ASSOCIATIONS.

EASTER, + 1900.

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1900.

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"FIGHT THE GOOD

CALENDAR

1	F	8 a.m., Litany. 5.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
2	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
3	S	Whit Sunday. Service. Holy Communion. Children's Service. Mission House Service.
4	M	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
5	Tu	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
6	W	8 a.m., Litany. 11 a.m.
7	Th	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
8	F	8 a.m., Litany. 5.30 p.m.
9	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
10	S	Trinity Sunday. Service. Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. 10.10 a.m. 6.30 p.m., Mission
11	M	St. Barnabas. 8 a.m. Prayer with Short Service.
12	Tu	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
13	W	8 a.m., Litany.
14	Th	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
15	F	8 a.m., Litany. 5.30 p.m. 8 p.m., Choir Practice.
16	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
17	S	1st Sunday after Trinity. 11 a.m., with Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m. 10.10 a.m. 6.30 p.m., Mission
18	M	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
19	Tu	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
20	W	8 a.m., Litany.
21	Th	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
22	F	8 a.m., Litany. 5.30 p.m. 8 p.m., Choir Practice.
23	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
24	S	2nd Sunday after Trinity. SUNDAY. Service. 3.30 p.m., Children's Bible Class. 3 p.m. Service.
25	M	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
26	Tu	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
27	W	8 a.m., Litany.
28	Th	8 a.m., Morning Prayer
29	F	St. Peter. 8 a.m., Morning Prayer and Short Address
30	S	8 a.m., Morning Prayer

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1	F	8 a.m., Litany. Choir Pract
2	S	8 a.m., Mornin
3	S	1st Sunday Holy Comm Children's S Mission Ho
4	M	8 a.m., Mornin
5	Tu	8 a.m., Mornin
6	W	8 a.m., Litany.
7	Th	8 a.m., Mornin
8	F	8 a.m., Litany
9	S	8 a.m., Mornin
10	S	Trinity Sund Holy Com 6.30 p.m., 6.30 p.m.,
11	M	St. Barnabas. Prayer with
12	Tu	8 a.m., Mornin
13	W	8 a.m., Litany.
14	Th	8 a.m., Mornin
15	F	8 a.m., Litan 8 p.m., Ch
16	S	8 a.m., Mornin
17	S	1st Sunday at 11 a.m., wi 6.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.,
18	M	8 a.m., Mornin
19	Tu	8 a.m., Mornin
20	W	8 a.m., Litany
21	Th	8 a.m., Mornin
22	F	8 a.m., Litan 8 p.m., Ch
23	S	8 a.m., Mornin
24	S	2nd Sunday SUNDAY. 3.30 p.m., Bible Class. Service.
25	M	8 a.m., Mornin
26	Tu	8 a.m., Mornin
27	W	8 a.m., Litany.
28	Th	8 a.m., Mornin
29	F	St. Peter. 8 and Short
30	S	8 a.m., Mornin

Churchwardens' Account for the

Dr	£ s d
TO BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR	2 18 2
Special Offertories	602 14 10
General Offertories	282 13 3
Charge on Sitings	117 14 5
Dividend on Repair Fund	4 4 2
Church Boxes	0 18 10
Use of Parish Room	1 1 0

£1012 4 8

Year ending 31st March, 1900.

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By SPECIAL OFFERTORIES—		
Assistant Clergy Fund	£21 0 9	42 17 9
Kidbrook Home for Girls	29 19 10	
" " " "		51 0 7
Church Missionary Society		30 17 11
Hospital Sunday Fund		16 7 5
Convalescent Homes		5 11 1
Choir Fund	£13 4 7	
" " " "	13 17 2	
" " " "		27 1 9
Rochester Diocesan Society		48 17 5
Church of England Temperance Society		18 1 7
Christmas Collection for Poor		32 12 1
Churchworkers' Association		10 3 3
Charlton National Schools		15 14 3
St. John's National Schools		14 3 3
St. Paul's Mission, Plumstead		11 11 5
Sunday School	£11 2 1	
" " " "	8 17 7	
" " " "		19 19 8
Ministering Children's League		2 7 0
Kidbrook Provident Fund		7 12 5
Woolwich Rural Decanal Church Extension Association		35 10 3
Mission to Seamen		20 0 0
Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association—		
Woolwich	£40 4 6	
Charlton	20 0 0	
Mansion House	18 0 6	
" " " "		78 5 0
Army Scripture Readers and Soldiers' Friend Society		17 1 4
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel		15 19 5
" " " "		602 14 10
By Publications for the Poor		2 15 8
Mission House Services		12 5 0
District Nurse		2 2 0
Woolwich Temporary Refuge		1 1 0
Miller Hospital and Royal Kent Dispensary		2 2 0
Deaconesses Institution		5 5 0
School Treat—Deptford Medical Mission		1 0 0
Holy Trinity Mission, Charlton		8 0 0
Choir and Organist Balance		90 13 8
Rector, for Poor		28 4 2
" " " "		153 8 6
By CHURCH EXPENSES—		
Verger		18 0 0
Sexton		26 5 0
Mrs. Rodgers—Cleaning, &c.		29 1 0
Washing Surplices		1 12 3
Coal and Coke		12 18 4
Gas		27 10 3
Water Rate		2 0 0
Fire Insurance		11 12 2
Tuning Organ		8 0 0
Communion Wine		3 16 0
Church Decorations		2 11 2
Visitation Fees		18 0
Repairs to Building and Furniture		48 18 3
Faculty		1 5 0
Gate-keeper, Morden College		1 0 0
Printing and Stamps		19 8 3
" " " "		214 15 8
By PARISH ROOM—		
Rates and Taxes		7 15 6
Insurance		0 12 0
Cleaning		8 3 5
Repairs		14 11 10
Coal and Wood		3 4 9
Gardener		1 6 0
" " " "		35 13 6
By Balance		5 12 2
" " " "		£1012 4 8

JOHN C. LEEKE, Rector.

M. N. BUTTANSHAW } Churchwardens.
D. CHRISTOPHERSON }

W. H. BERNAU, Esq., Treasurer.

Account for Year ending 31st March, 1900.

"Our Own Missionaries"—Miss M. E. MILLETT and Dr. URANIA LATHAM.

			DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
1	F	8 a.m., Litany.	Balance in hands of				Remitted to C.M.S.	260	14	1
		Choir Pract	Treasurer ...	2	5	10				
2	S	8 a.m., Mornin	Sale of Work ...	47	0	0				
3	S	Whit Sunda	Sale of Jam ...		15	0				
		Holy Comm	Collections after Ser-							
		Children's S	mons ...	30	17	11				
		Mission Ho	Subscriptions and Dona-							
4	M	8 a.m., Mornin	tions ...	156	18	0				
5	Tu	8 a.m., Mornin	Collecting Boxes and							
6	W	8 a.m., Litany.	Cards ...	22	17	4				
7	Th	8 a.m., Mornin								
8	F	8 a.m., Litany								
9	S	8 a.m., Mornin								
				£260	14	1				
								£260	14	1

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adam, J., Esq. ....	...	10	0	Cooper, Mrs. (Bickley) ..	1	1	0
Allsupp, Mrs. ....	...	10	0	Cousins, Mrs. ....	...	2	6
A. N. ....	...	2	0	Crookenden, I. A., Esq. ..	1	1	0
Anonymous	4	0	0	Cutter, Mrs. ....	...	2	6
"	1	1	0	Davidson, Mrs. ....	...	10	0
Arnold, Mrs. ....	...	10	0	De Peyer, Mrs. ....	...	10	0
Aveling, Rev. F. W. ....	...	2	6	Despard, Mrs. ....	...	2	6
Baird, A., Esq. ....	...	5	0	Edwards, Edward, Esq. ....	...	2	6
Baird, Mrs. ....	...	2	6	Edwards, Miss... ..	...	10	6
Baker, Mrs. ....	...	5	0	Edwards, F. C., Esq.	1	1	0
Barron, W. J., Esq.	1	1	0	E. H. (In Memoriam)... ..	12	0	0
Bateman, Col. ....	...	2	6	Ellis, Miss ....	...	5	0
Baylay, Col. ....	...	2	6	Foster, Mrs.	1	1	0
Baylav, Mrs. ....	...	3	0	Foster, The Misses	15	0	0
Bell, Dr.	3	3	0	Friend, A. ....	...	1	0
Benn, Mrs. Hamilton... ..	...	5	0	" ....	...	2	6
Bernau, W. H., Esq.	2	2	0	Fry, Mrs. Meaburn ..	...	2	6
Birt, D., Esq.	3	3	0	Gabbett, Mrs. ....	...	2	0
Boustred, The Misses... ..	...	5	0	Gandell, Miss (don.) ....	...	2	6
Bowcher, Miss... ..	1	0	0	Geipel, Mrs. ....	...	5	0
Boys, Mrs. ....	...	2	6	Gibson, Mrs. ....	...	5	0
Buchanan, Mrs.	1	0	0	Giles, Mrs. ....	...	5	0
Buttanshaw, M. N., Esq.	2	2	0	Gleaner ....	...	5	0
Chauncy, Mrs. J. ....	...	2	6	Gleaner, No. 40,337(don.) ..	1	0	0
C. H. L. ....	...	5	0	Gordon, Mrs. ....	...	10	0
Christopherson, M., Esq.	10	6	0	Gordon, Mrs. ....	...	5	0
Cobb, The Misses	3	0	0	Gracey, Mrs. ....	...	2	6
Cobb, Miss (don.)	1	0	0	Gulland, Miss ....	...	5	0
Cooley, Mrs. (don.) ....	...	2	6	Gurney, Mrs. ....	...	2	6
Cooper, J., Esq. (1899) ..	1	1	0	Harrison, Mrs. C. ....	...	2	6
" (1900)	1	1	0	Harrison, W. G., Esq. ....	...	5	0
Cooper, Mrs.	1	1	0	Haxell, Mrs. ....	...	5	0

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—*Continued.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Help	...	2	0	Sturdee, A. F. B., Esq.	10	6	0
Higham, Miss M.	...	10	0	Swinton, R. B., Esq.	1	0	0
Hillier, Miss	...	10	0	Thompson, Mrs. J. (don.)	10	6	0
Hubbard, Mrs. G.	...	5	0	Thompson, Miss	1	1	0
Hutchinson, Mrs. G.	...	10	0	Twist, Mrs.	...	2	6
Jackson, Mrs.	...	2	6	Uphill, Mrs.	...	10	0
James, Mrs.	...	1	5	Walters, Mrs.	...	5	0
James, Miss H.	...	2	6	Watney, F., Esq.	...	5	0
Jermain, Mrs.	...	2	6	Watt, Mrs.	...	1	5
Jones, Mrs. E.	...	5	0	Watt, Miss	...	1	0
Kennedy, Mrs.	...	10	0	Waugh, Mrs.	...	1	1
Last, Mrs.	...	10	0	Waymouth, Mrs.	...	2	6
Latham, Mrs.	...	5	0	Webster, Mrs.	...	5	0
Latham, Miss S. E.	...	5	0	White, E. F., Esq.	1	1	0
Latham, Miss U.	...	5	0	White, Captain	...	2	6
Leeke, Rev. Canon	...	2	2	White, Miss	...	1	1
Leeke, Mrs.	...	10	6	Wilkinson, Mrs. G. A.	...	5	0
Leeke, S., Esq.	...	1	1	Willis, Mrs. Cooper	...	2	6
Little, Miss	...	5	0	Wilson, Colonel	...	1	0
L.M.G.	...	1	11	Winser, Mrs.	...	5	0
L.M.G. (don.)	...	1	1	Winser, The Misses	...	9	0
Lock, Mrs.	...	1	0	W. J. S. (don.)	...	1	0
Lovegrove, The Misses	...	15	0	Wragge, Miss	...	2	0
Marshall, Mrs.	...	5	0	Wright, Mrs.	...	2	6
Miller, Mrs. Gordon	...	5	0				
Millett, Miss	...	10	0		£156	18	0
Millett, Miss M. H.	...	5	0				
Milnes, Mrs.	...	5	0				
Mocatta, Mrs.	...	10	0				
Möller, Mrs.	...	2	6				
Morgan, Mrs.	...	2	6				
Morris, Miss	...	1	5				
Moule, H. F., Esq.	...	1	1				
Newman, Major	...	10	0				
Ommanney, Mrs.	...	2	6				
Parsons, Mrs.	...	1	1				
Parsons, Miss	...	1	1				
Parsons, Miss A. L.	...	1	1				
Piper, Mrs.	...	3	6				
Rigby, W., Esq.	...	1	0				
Rigby, Miss	...	10	0				
Shaw, Miss (don.)	...	50	0				
"	...	10	0				
"	...	5	5				
Shaw, Miss A. J.	...	2	2				
Sillar, Mrs.	...	1	0				
Sillar, Miss	...	10	6				
Sillar, Miss	...	6	0				
Simms, J., Esq.	...	10	0				
Simms, Mrs.	...	1	0				
Simons, Mrs.	...	2	6				
Simpson, Miss (1899 don.)	...	2	6				
Simson, Mrs.	...	2	6				
Smith, Mrs. S.	...	10	0				
Smith, Miss Wickings	...	10	0				
Storrar, Mrs.	...	10	6				

1	F	8 a.m., Litany. Choir Pract
2	S	8 a.m., Mornir
3	S	8 a.m., Litany. Holy Comm Children's S Mission Ho
4	M	8 a.m., Mornir
5	Tu	8 a.m., Mornir
6	W	8 a.m., Litany.
7	Th	8 a.m., Mornir
8	F	8 a.m., Litany
9	S	8 a.m., Mornir
10	S	Trinity Sund Holy Com 6.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m., St. Barnabas Prayer with
11	M	8 a.m., Mornir
12	Tu	8 a.m., Mornir
13	W	8 a.m., Litany.
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15	F	8 a.m., Lita 8 p.m., Ch
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Rochester Diocesan Society.

D. CHRISTOPHERSON, Esq., Treasurer.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adam, J., Esq.	1	1	0	Möller, Mrs.	1	1	0
Ballance, A. W., Esq.	3	3	0	Morris, Miss S. E.	10	6	
Bell, Dr.	1	1	0	Robins, Mrs.	1	0	0
Benn, I. H., Esq.	1	1	0	Shaw, Miss	1	1	0
Blaker, H. C., Esq.	1	1	0	Shaw, Miss A. J.	1	0	0
Boustred, Miss	1	1	0	Simms, J., Esq.	2	2	0
Bowcher, Miss C.	1	1	0	Smith, Miss Wickings	1	1	0
Boys, Mrs.	10	0		Thompson, Miss E.	1	1	0
Buchanan, J., Esq.	1	1	0	Watt, Mrs.	1	1	0
Buchanan, Mrs.	1	1	0	White, Miss	5	5	0
Burness, J. A., Esq.	2	2	0	Winch, R., Esq.	10	10	0
Buttanshaw, M. N., Esq.	10	10	0	" " (don.)	25	0	0
Christopherson, D., Esq.	10	0	0	M. H. H.	5	0	
Christopherson, M., Esq.	1	1	0	Offertory, Kidbrook			
Cobb, Miss	1	0	0	Church... £48 17 5			
Crookenden, I. A., Esq.	1	1	0	Received			
Dawson, Miss	1	1	0	Afterwards	1	5	0
Draper, G., Esq.	1	1	0		50	2	5
Edwards, Miss L.	10	6					
Ferrey, H. B., Esq.	10	6		BOXES—			
Kennedy, Col.	5	0		Brown, Mrs.	10	4	
Knight, A., Esq.	1	1	0	Leeke, Miss W. C.	7	9	
Lawford, Mrs. R.	5	0		Thackeray, Miss I.	3	6	
Leeke, Rev. Canon	1	1	0	Rodgers, Mrs.	2	8	
Lefroy, G. B. A., Esq.	1	0	0		1	4	3
Mackern, Mrs.	1	1	0		150	18	2
Marsh, Rev. H. A.	1	1	0				
Marten, F. C., Esq.	2	2	0				

British and Foreign Bible Society.

Miss MILLETT, Treasurer.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adam, J., Esq.	10	0		Millett, Miss	10	0	
Adam, Miss	10	0		Rigby, Miss	2	6	
A. W. B., per H. F. M.	5	0		Shaw, Miss	1	1	0
Barron, W. J., Esq.	5	0		Shaw, Miss A.	1	0	0
Cheshire, Mrs.	5	0		Simpson, Miss	5	0	
Cobb, The Misses	1	10	0	Storror, Mrs.	5	0	
Cooper, J., Esq.	1	1	0	Watney, T. J., Esq.	10	0	
Gulland, Miss	5	0		White, Miss	1	1	0
Hillier, Miss	10	0		Winser, Mrs.	5	0	
In Memoriam, E. H.	10	0					
Last, Mrs.	1	0	0				
Latham, Mrs.	10	0		Box—			
Latham, Miss U.	2	6		Moule, H. F., Esq.	1	0	0
Leeke, Rev. Canon	1	1	0				
Livingston, Mrs.	5	0					
Lovegrove, Miss	5	0					

Provident Club.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	1	9	1	Bonus to Depositors at			
Offertory	7	12	5	2d. in 1/-	4	0	2
				Ditto, Sunday School	3	7	8
				Balance in hand	1	13	8
	£9	1	6		£9	1	6

Sunday School.

Miss SHAW, Treasurer and Superintendent.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Offertories, Kidbrook				Balance due to Treas-			
Church	19	19	8	urer	6	2½	
				C.M.S. Magazines	7	7	
				Printing	5	6	
				Registers and Conduct			
				Cards	18	2½	
				Labels and Certificates	5	6	
				Hymn Books	5	6	
				Prizes	4	16	4
				Winter Treat	4	11	0
				Mrs. Rodgers	2	0	0
				Balance in hand	6	3	10
	£19	19	8		£19	19	8

Ministering Children's League.

Miss S. M. COBB, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	2	17	8½	Materials for work	8	3	9½
Offertories	2	7	0	Patterns	7	8	
Deficit	3	10	2	Periodicals	4		
				Badges	3	1	
	£8	14	10½		£8	14	10½

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Kidbrook Working Guild.

President—Mrs. LEEKE.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss GULLAND.

Committee:

Mrs. ALDRIDGE	Mrs. J. COOPER	Mrs. JAMES
Mrs. BUTTANSHAW	Mrs. COUSINS	Mrs. ROBINS
Miss CHRISTOPHERSON	Mrs. E. JACKSON	

Balance Sheet for Year ending December, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from '98	1	10	6	By Materials	17	12	8
„ Subscriptions	18	10	6	„ Post-cards, Sundries	17	3	
„ Small sums taken...	9	0		„ Mrs. Rodgers	10	0	
				„ Balance	1	10	1
	£20	10	0		£20	10	0

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adam, Miss		5	0	Lethbridge, Mrs.	10	0	
Aldridge, Mrs.		5	0	Little, Miss		2	6
Arnold, Mrs.	1	0	0	Loch, Mrs.		2	6
Auld, Mrs.		2	6	Möller, Mrs.		5	0
Boys, Mrs.		5	0	Morris, Miss		10	0
Brown, Mrs.		10	6	Norman, Miss		7	6
Buttanshaw, Mrs.		10	0	Parsons, Mrs.		5	0
Charles, Mrs.		5	0	Parsons, The Misses		10	0
Christopherson, Miss		10	0	Puget, Mrs.		2	6
Cooper, Mrs. J.		10	0	Rigby, Mrs.		5	0
Cousins, Mrs.		5	0	Rigby, Miss		3	0
Dealy, Miss		2	6	Robins, Mrs.		5	0
Dixon, Miss		5	0	Rolls, Mrs.		5	0
Edwards, Miss...		10	6	Shaw, Miss		10	0
Ellis, Miss	1	0	0	Sillar, Mrs.		6	0
Gulland, Miss		10	6	Simms, Mrs. J....	1	10	0
Hillier, Miss M. A.		10	0	Terry, Mrs. J.		2	6
Irvine, Miss		5	0	Thompson, Miss		5	0
Jackson, Miss		10	0	Uphill, Mrs.		5	0
Jackson, Mrs. E.		5	0	Watt, Mrs.	1	0	0
James, Mrs.		5	0	Webb, Mrs. H.		10	0
Last, Mrs.		10	0	White, Miss		10	0
Lawford, Miss		2	6				
Leach, Miss		5	0				
Leeke, Mrs.		10	0				
					£18	10	6

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Church Workers' Association.

Miss SHAW, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	3	12	2	Printing	1	0	6
Offerory (Kidbrook Church)	10	3	3	Postage & Stationery	7	5	½
				Mrs. Foster (Union Work)	2	0	0
				Travelling Expenses of Members	1	19	0
				Expenses, "Conversa-zione"	4	9	0
				Balance in hand	3	19	5½
	£13	15	5		£13	15	5

Harvest Festival and Winter Entertainment Fund.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	18	3		Coates' Account for Tea	6	13	2
Donations (as per list)	11	17	6	Hire of Pianos	2	10	0
				Collector	10	0	
				Tickets and Printing	9	0	
				Tea for Drivers	12	0	
				Balance in hand	2	1	7
	£12	15	9		£12	15	9

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bell, Dr.		5	0	Leeke, Rev. Canon ...	10	0	
Birt, D., Esq.	10	0		Lovegrove, The Misses	5	0	
Boys, Admiral		5	0	Shaw, Mrs. and Miss...	10	0	
Buttanshaw, M. N., Esq.	10	0		Spurling, The Misses...	5	0	
Christopherson, D., Esq.	10	0		Thompson, Miss ...	5	0	
Cobb, The Misses ...		5	0	Twist, C. J., Esq. ...	10	0	
Cooper, J., Esq.		5	0	Waugh, F. G., Esq. ...	10	0	
Crookenden, I. A., Esq.		5	0	Winch, R., Esq. ...	10	0	
Gracey, Mrs.		5	0	Sums under 5s....	5	2	6
Hutchinson, General &							
Mrs.		5	0				
Edwards, Miss... ..		5	0		£11	17	6

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Church of England Zenana Missionary Society.

Miss COBB, Treasurer.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Barron, W. J., Esq. ...	10	0		Leeke, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Bernau, Mrs. ...	5	0		Miller, Mrs. Gordon ...	5	0	
Boustred, Miss Isabel...	5	0		Robins, Mrs. ...	10	0	
Christopherson, Miss...	5	0		Rothney, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Cobb, The Misses ...	3	3	0	Rothney, Miss Eva ...	5	0	
Harrison, Mrs.	2	6		Shaw, Miss ...	1	1	0
" " (don.) ...	2	6		Watt, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Haxell, Mrs. ...	5	0		Watt, Miss ...	5	0	
Last, Mrs. ...	10	0		Box (Santa Croce) ...	1	6	
Latham, Mrs. ...	10	6					
Latham, The Misses U. and S.	5	0					
					£10	1	0

"Kidbrook Scholarship" (£10 per Annum) for Support of a Female
Student in St. Catherine's Hospital, Amritsar.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adam, Mrs. ...	5	0		Miller, Mrs. Gordon ...	2	6	
Bell, Miss ...	5	0		Millett, Miss ...	1	6	
Benn, Mrs. Hamilton...	2	6		Rivers, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Birt, Mrs. ...	5	0		Rolls, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Boys, Mrs. ...	2	6		Rothney, Miss ...	1	0	
Boys, Miss ...	2	6		Shaw, Miss ...	10	6	
Buttanshaw, Mrs. ...	2	6		Smith, The Misses (Bath)	10	0	
Christopherson, Miss...	1	0		Smith, Mrs. Wickings	5	0	
Cobb, The Misses ...	1	0	0	Smith, Miss Maud ...	5	0	
Foster, Mrs. ...	5	0		Smith, Miss Janet ...	5	0	
Goodhart, Mrs. ...	5	0		Sturdee, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Gulland, Miss ...	2	6		Trotter, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Harmer, Miss ...	1	0		Watt, Mrs. ...	3	0	
Hunt, Miss ...	2	6		Watt, Miss ...	5	0	
Hutchinson, Miss ...	5	0		White, Miss ...	2	6	
Jackson, Miss ..	10	0		Wilson, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Latham, Mrs. ...	2	6		Wilson, Miss Muriel ...	2	0	
Latham, The Misses ...	3	0		Winser, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Leeke, Miss W. C. ...	2	6		Offertory ...	19	6	
Lovegrove, The Misses	5	0					
Marten, Miss ...	5	0					
Marten, Miss A. R. ...	2	6					
Mason, Mrs. ...	5	0					
					£10	0	0

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Report of interview with the Rev. O.N. Leale, ~~Mission~~
Diocesan Missionary Clergyman, at the Ascension Mis-
sion House, The Slade, Plumstead. (E.A.) Oct. 8.00. 48/28

Mr. Leale is a man of about 30; dark complexion; clean-shaven; short; with a tussy head of hair. He reminded me of Clem Edwards in appearance; looked pale and tired. A good man, but perhaps not quite up to his task, which ought to be primarily to deal with a parish of sturdy artisans and mechanics.

The Mission District is near the outskirts of London, and is a parish in the making. At present they ~~do~~ have no church, but a block of temporary Mission buildings;—church (holding 200) and two rooms, for Sunday School etc. and Club. He is struggling to raise £6000 for the Church, and finds it "a job" to get it.

Mr. L. has been here only a year, but estimates that the population is now about 4000, and that it has gone up about 1000 since his arrival. Houses are rapidly springing up, and are occupied as soon as finished—almost before they are finished, one of the complaints with regard to the houses being that they are entered before they are dry and healthy. In this respect at the extreme ^{East.} east, the conditions of the extreme west, at Fulham, are being reproduced, except that in Plumstead there is less complaint of shoddy building. The situation is splendid, high, open, breezy. Houses are mostly six roomed. The people are practically all connected with the

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Arsenal, and include all grades of the workers there, except the highest. There are only three houses in which a servant is kept, and two of these are occupied by clergymen. The other is a publican's. Most of the householders have a lodger, and the lodger, like the main occupier, is almost invariably an Arsenal hand. There are only six small shops in the whole parish, and these only exist because they are able to tempt a certain amount of custom by offering credit. The bulk of the trade of the neighbourhood is in the hands of the Co-operative Society, which, with its head-quarters at Woolwich, has a very strong branch at Plumstead.

(Note: I passed the building on my return to the Station, large, conspicuous, with a clock tower, and many departments. It looked very flourishing, and included a reading-room. Near it, but ~~outside~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ like the Stores, outside Mr. L's district, are a great many shops at which many of his parishioners doubtlessly deal. But the fact remains that here, as in Woolwich and the districts lying ~~xxx~~ the west of Woolwich, cooperation plays an important part in the life of the district. In this respect Woolwich is unique in London. The nearest approach to it in Greater London is Stratford, where the local society draws a great part of its clientele from the men at the G.E.R. works. But the Woolwich Society with its various branches is by far the larger.)

Mr. Leale described the men as being "shy, until when won, known" and then "first-rate". "But they take a lot of winning". They are friendly enough, but a little inclined to patronise: "very pleased to see you: say they'll

come some day to your church". But the fact is that ~~by~~ "very few of these people do go to church". In the evening on Sundays the place is well filled; on Sunday morning, there are perhaps 50 adults there. Altogether with the 200 or so who come to the church, and 300 Sunday School children, he reckoned that the church might be said to "touch" some 500 persons, say one in eight. They have 60 on the Communicants' Roll, but they "want looking after". Mr. L. called himself a moderate High Churchman. A card of the services etc. is inserted at page 35, and this card is the only thing that is printed so far. They have no Magazine "yet".

Mr. Leale works alone, but has two or three district visitors, and 20 Sunday School teachers.

Among the few Social Agencies, he mentioned his Club, with 40 men and 20 young men in membership; a boys' club; cricket club, girls sewing club, and one or two others are mentioned on the card.

Asked as to how he worked with most effect, and to what kind of effort the people were most responsive, this courageous, well-meaning, but not very forcible pioneer of the Church, replied that ~~xxx~~ he "baited his hook in various ways", adding that, "as in fishing, there were many disappointments".

Drinking is the great difficulty, and "the curse

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no belief in tickets.

For nursing, a Jubilee Nurse is available.

They attempt no educational work, Why should they?
"It is so well done in the night schools".

The sanitary administration of the district he considered was very fair; health is good, and the chief complaint was the one already mentioned -- the too speedy occupation of new houses.

The district is practically free from prostitution, and marriage relations are fairly good. There are three public houses in the parish, and his complaint of the police is that they wink a little at irregularities in management. But there is not much to be said on this score, save to emphasise the fact that there is "a lot of drinking".

Mr. L. mentioned ~~mentioned~~ two very small noncon. missions in his district. These, with the Church Mission, appear to make up the whole of the religious agencies of the neighbourhood, but it is probable that in the adjoining parishes there are ~~stronger~~ stronger centres than here. Dr. Hughes appears to be a strong man, and was mentioned as being a good man to go to for information. Among other things, he has taken an active part in local administration. —

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As regards Thrift, perhaps Mr. Leale's remark will suffice for a summary verdict on the district. After mentioning their own small Provident Club, and saying that this by no ~~means reflected the~~ means indicated the amounts saved, much more, for instance, going into the Post Office or being automatically saved through the instrumentality of the Co-operative Store, he added with reference to the parishioners generally, "Many of them are thrifty, and the rest drink".



The Ascension + Mission Church,
THE SLADE, PLUMSTEAD COMMON.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

THE INVITATION.

"Come unto Me all ye that travail and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

THE PROMISE.

"Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them."

THE REWARD.

"If any man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him and We will come unto him and make Our abode with him."

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS—Holy Communion	-	-	8 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon	-	-	11 a.m.
Holy Communion, First Sunday in Month	-	-	12.15 p.m.
Children's Service, Last Sunday in Month	-	-	3 p.m.
Evening Prayer and Sermon	-	-	6.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS—Holy Baptism	-	-	7.30 p.m.
Evening Prayer and Address	-	-	8 p.m.
Communicants' Union, Last Wednesday in the Month	-	-	8 p.m.
CHURCHINGS—Before or after any Service.	-	-	
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Boys, Girls, Infants	-	-	3 p.m.
BIBLE CLASSES—Young Women 3 p.m. Young Men	-	-	3 p.m.

MEETINGS, CLUBS, Etc.

MONDAYS—Mothers' Meeting and Provident Club	-	2.30 p.m.
Band of Hope	-	6.45 p.m.
THURSDAYS—Working Party	-	2.30 p.m.
Sunday School Teachers' Preparation	-	8.15 p.m.
SATURDAYS—Young Men's Bible Class Club	-	7—9.30 p.m.
MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB—Every Week Night (Subscriptions 6d. per month)	-	7—10.30 p.m.

NOTE.—Kindly report cases of Sickness where a visit would be acceptable.

REV. GEORGE N. LEALE,
Diocesan Missionary Clergyman,
Ascension Mission House, The Slade.

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Note on S. Luke's, Charlton. (E.A.) Oct. 16. 00. 48

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The above is the old Parish and Parish Church of Charlton, and I called at the Rectory to try and make an appointment with Mr. Swainson, who had sent no reply to the office letter. The rector was in, but also indisposed, and Miss Swainson regretted his inability to see me. But was not Mr. Booth's letter "something about the poor?" to which query I replied "Yes" and was told, as I had rather expected, "There are no poor in our parish". Miss Swainson was willing, so it seemed best to get what facts there might be at once, without troubling ~~xxxxxx~~ her father any further. To a great extent it is a parish of negations :- no Sunday School, "they have the Sunday School at S. Paul's"; no poor; no district visitors, for who could they visit; no magazine: "There would be nothing to say in it"; no report; none, apparently of the ordinary things, save the Sunday services, and two in the week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, "which my father takes"; not even a curate, except "a Sunday curate" who comes on that day to help with the Sunday duty.

Miss Swainson gave me the parish boundaries, getting them verified by her father, and a very queer parish it appears to be. The Rector has been there for 25 years, but his daughter, who has probably lived about

the same number of years in all, thinks that so far as the parish area itself is concerned, there has been little social change. A good many houses have been built in the neighbourhood, largely for "one servant people" but the parish remains much the same. The houses are mostly occupied by military men who hold appointments either at the War Office or at Woolwich, and, although individual occupants are apt to change every three or four years, some one of the same class, often to take up the vacated post, follows. There is much open ground in the parish, and the Rectory itself has a very large garden, and the rectory field.

The Church is a small one, a picturesque red-brick building, occupying a conspicuous position in Old Charlton. But it stands at one end of the boundaries of the present parish, with the result that the great majority of the "seat-holders" are non-parishioners. To a great extent the congregation is made up of Army people. "In the village there is the butcher, the grocer, ~~the~~ etc. "of course they come". Thus, the congregation, although well-to-do is not wealthy. "Is the church at Kidbrooke the richer of the two? I asked, and got an exclamation for reply: "Oh yes! ~~the~~ far richer; they have any amount of money there".

Miss Swainson was arranging flowers, for the table

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I think and not for the altar, when I was shown in, in a dining-room which had plenty of carved black oak furniture and which overlooked a garden that I could not see to the end of. Altogether, the interview was much more picturesque than most, but I think that it suffices, although my informant spoke with diffidence and with some tremor at the idea of a book! She consulted her father once or twice, and I could hear his voice from a room near by, I think the voice of an old man in feeble health. I left the address, and if necessary Mr. Swainson will write on any matter that he thinks his daughter has omitted. But nothing is likely to come.

THE Parish of Holy Trinity, New Charlton, was formed in 1886 out of the Parish of S. Paul, Old Charlton. It is situated on the riverside between Greenwich and Woolwich (about six miles from London Bridge) and has a population of 6,000, mostly labourers at the Royal Arsenal, Siemens' Electrical Works, and the Dockyard. The S.E. Railway forms the southern boundary of the Parish, and makes a very clear dividing line between it and its richer neighbours. NEARLY ALL THE POOR OF CHARLTON AND NONE OF THE RICH LIVE IN THIS PARISH, and without help from outside it would be impossible to carry on the work.

Report of interview with the Rev. E.C. Evans ⁴⁸
Vicar of Holy Trinity, New Charlton. (E.A.) Oct. 16.00

I saw Mr. Evans at the Vicarage. He is married, keeps four dogs, and appears to live comfortably in a small way. His wife is a tall ~~xxxxxx~~ woman, active in the parish, and possesses probably a stronger will than her husband. The latter is a man of about 40, something under medium height; dark complexion, pale face, shaven, projecting under-lip, but not an unpleasant expression. Appeared honest, rather mild, of fair capacity, and moderate strength of character. Like Mr. Leale, at the Ascension Mission District, he appeared to be hardly a strong enough man for his work.

(See opposite page)
The following cutting from the Report gives the general features of the parish, which includes the whole of "New Charlton", and, as Miss Swainson told me afterwards, the poorest of the whole of Charlton, New and Old, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ and, for that matter, the greater proportion of the poor of every grade. The population is steadily increasing, and is now put down at ~~xx~~ nearly 7000, but the limit of expansion has now been almost reached. The map appears to show a great deal of available building land, but this is ^{either} over the main sewer ~~and~~ under high water level, and the L.C.C. forbids any building on it. The worst part of the parish is the

eastern bit, especially the southern ends of East and West St. Here a thoroughly degraded population is found; the houses are badly built on ~~xxx~~ soil that is not suitable for dwellings at all, and the district, especially the south end of East St. is locally the notorious, bad bit. Not that there is much crime. It is rather a centre of degraded life, of drinking, and of brutalized life. The people living at the other end of the parish are quite distinct, and the new houses are being occupied by very decent working class folk. Mr. Evans was formerly at Watney St. and later at the Parish Church, Stepney, with Hoskins, and compares the East End. er favourably with the people of Charlton. The latter have, he says, less gox ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ It was interesting to notice that one of the things complained of, and mentioned as "one of our difficulties" was the factories. In Stepney every one nearly works at a distance, and anyone who is got hold of can act as a unit, practically isolated from the neighbourhood in which he is living. Not so at Charlton. ~~xxxxx~~ Here the people among whom a man is working are also his neighbours. "Everybody knows" the private life and the Sunday practices of a man. It follows, therefore, since the tone of the Arsenal and of the various factories is adverse to religion, that a man has to fight against an opposing

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environment if he attaches himself to the church. Mr. Evans detects the effects of this adverse influence in many ways, but mentioned especially the way in which the boys broke away from him. "Choir boys whom I have known for years, when they go to the Arsenal, cut me if I happen to meet them in the street". ~~xxx~~ This estrangement has been noticed many times, and although it is probably to some extent a reflexion on Mr. Evans himself, it no doubt indicates to some extent local feeling. General conditions in the parish are, he thinks, about stationary, save that numbers have increased, and that East St. is said to be less rough than of old.

They have a considerable number of Germans working at Siemens'. In spite of what was said about the active bias against the Church, here as elsewhere, ~~xxx~~ the complaint is rather of slackness than of ~~xxxxxx~~ antagonism. ~~W~~ is a High Churchman, and on Good Fridays has a procession round the parish, ~~and~~ ^{and meets with little or no hostility.} ~~the~~ ^{in the} certain amount of "Protestant" feeling has been stirred, mainly through Mr. John Wilson, the influential Baptist minister at Woolwich. This feeling of antagonism was greatly stimulated by the School Board election of six years ago which was fought, and fought bitterly, on the religious question. To a great extent this feeling has died

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out, but it smoulders still, and found some expression, for instance, at the last Parliamentary election, when Lord Hugh Cecil was the local Unionist candidate.

For STAFF see cutting from the Report. In addition, there are about 50 Sunday School teachers, a good many of whom come from Blackheath.

They are well off for BUILDINGS: Church (500); Mission Room, (in the west end of the parish); Institute (in East St; originally for the Siemens' employees; now bought for the parish). In addition, the Charlton National Schools are in the parish, and are available for Sunday Schools etc.

Attendances are small, save for the Sunday Schools of which there are three, with an aggregate ~~xxx~~ roll of 600, and an average attendance of from 480 to 500. On Sunday morning, the average is about 100 at the Church, and in the evening about 200. There is also a small mission service in the evening. The Easter communicants numbered 165, and this is about the number on the roll. Regular communicants were put down at about 70 or 80. 500 Magazines are said to be sold every month.

A list of the SOCIAL AGENCIES is given on the cover of the Magazine, but there is nothing that calls for

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RELIEF FUND. *2 years 1897-*

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance shewn in last Report ..	5	0	10½	Relief Tickets - Milk ..	22	5	10
Subscriptions—				Meat, Grocery, Coals and Bread ..	39	4	10½
To Easter, 1898 ..	15	13	0	Pensions to Aged Poor ..	18	18	0
" " 1899 ..	15	1	0	Work given ..	5	4	0
Offerories—				Cash Relief ..	2	1	6
S. German's, Blackheath, 1898 ..	5	5	0	Boots for Child ..		6	8
S. James', Kidbrooke, 1899 ..	3	0	0	Nursing requisites ..		4	2
Early Offerories at Holy Trinity Church ..	15	16	4½	Rent ..		10	0
Charlton Annual Charity: 1898 ..	15	0	0	Fares to Hospitals, &c. ..		17	6
1899 <i>for Coal & Bread</i> ..	15	0	0	Wine ..		10	0
Poor Box in the Church ..	1	16	2½	Sanitary Laundry, Cleaning Blankets ..		19	0
Payments for Blankets ..	19	0		Printing Tickets ..		4	3
				Balance ..	1	5	8
	£92	11	5½		£92	11	5½

Audited and found correct,
June 2nd, 1899. Wm. J. WIDGERY.

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special comment. There are some 40 members in the Mens' Club! The tendency for young people who marry to move further east to Plumstead was mentioned.

It is claimed that the parish is visited from house to house. Relief is given by the visitors, "on the ~~auth~~ authority of the vicar". It goes mostly to the sick, ~~and~~ and comes in an ordinary year to from £30 to £40. Every winter a grant of £15 comes to them from S. Luke's, on account of a Trust Fund that has to be expended in ~~xx~~ coals and bread. They are practically obliged to take the grant, but it is "a great grief" to them, very difficult to administer, and "the ill-feeling", "the strife and bitterness", roused are apt to last almost through the year.

In its ordinary work, both financial and personal, Holy Trinity is a good deal helped by S. German's, Blackheath, and S. James' Kidbrooke.

On the GENERAL QUESTIONS not very much was said. Mr. E. appeared to think that a good deal of out-door relief was given by the Guardians, whose Infirmary, however, he warmly praised. Sanitary administration is very fair, but the task is a difficult one, owing largely to exceptional difficulty of draining the low-lying parts of the parish, and to the faulty houses that have been put up in the East St. area.

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He did not speak very warmly of the POLICE, whose laxity was thought to be especially shown by the amount of gambling that was allowed on the river banks. On Sunday mornings small knots of lads can be seen dotted along the river side. It is, however, very difficult to check, unless an adequate patrol is told off for the duty, as the ground is flat and open, and any stranger, constable or otherwise, can always be seen for a long distance.

The health of the district is very fair, but there is a good deal of consumption and rheumatism. Strangely enough, however, the bad east bit, is said to be more free from epidemic diseases than the better built and better off west end. Asked as ^{to} how the people amused ^{themselves}, gardening was especially mentioned as a local pursuit, the open low land providing much ground for allotments. Doubtless many dig, when Mr. Evans would have them pray. *the Clubs were discontinued.*

In one of his Reports Mr. Evans remarks that "whatever the difficulties, it is our duty who are placed here by the Church to go on with our work without being discouraged". At times, however, there is no doubt but that he is discouraged, and he spoke to me of the depths of despondency into which a good deal of the work was apt to send him. He pegs away, however, trying to follow the advice that Hoskins used to give, to care for the in-

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dividual. and make sure of him or her, letting the mass go by. Probably he finds the unit as elusive as the ex crowd. He seemd honest, but is not a strong man, and it is almost certain that his grasp even of the individuals that he catches is a weak one.

List of Services.

SUNDAYS.

- 8 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST, also at 7 a.m. on 1st Sunday in month.
 10.45 a.m. Mattins.
 11.15 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (Choral) and Sermon.
 3.30 p.m. Children's Service (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays in month).
 4 p.m. HOLY BAPTISM.
 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS & THURSDAYS.

- 7 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST.
 7.30 a.m. Mattins.
 7.30 p.m. Evensong. Address on Holy Days.

DAILY.

- 8 a.m. Mattins.
 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
 On Wednesday—Evensong and Sermon, 8 p.m. (Mission Service during Winter).
 HOLY BAPTISM on Tuesday at Evensong.
 COMMUNICANTS' GUILD SERVICE on Thursday before 1st Sunday in month, 8 p.m.
 MISSION SERVICES are held in the Woolwich Road Mission Room during Advent and Lent.

BIBLE CLASSES. *Young Women.* Sundays, 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Evans at the Vicarage.

Lads. Sundays, 2.30 p.m., at the Vestry.
 „ 6 p.m., at the Vicarage.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS. *Monday*, 2.30 p.m., at the Institute & Mission Room.
Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., at the Institute.

WORKING PARTY. At Vicarage, Monday, 2.30 p.m.

G. F. S. CLASSES. *Members.* Monday, 7 p.m., at the Vicarage.
Candidates. Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the Vicarage and Mission Room.

Monday & Wednesday, 6 p.m., at the Institute.

BAND OF HOPE. *Tuesday*, 6 p.m., at the Institute.

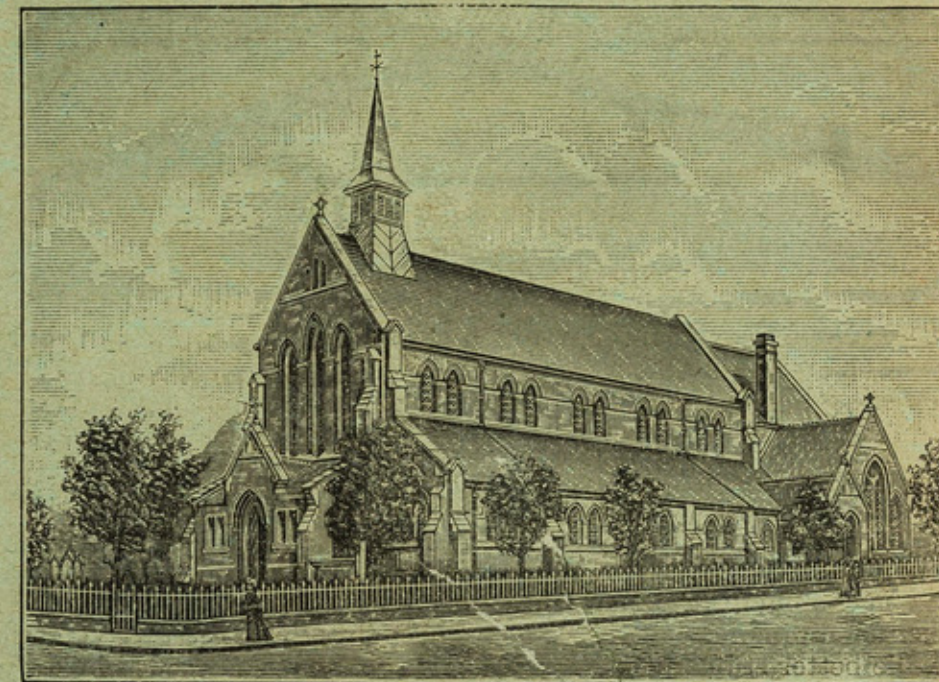
Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Mission Room.

MEN'S CLUB. 7 to 10 p.m., at the Institute.

LADS' CLUB. 7 to 10 p.m., at the Institute.

PARISH LIBRARY. Wednesday, 4 p.m., at the Institute.

Holy Trinity, New Charlton, Parish Magazine.



REV. ERNEST C. EVANS, M.A., Vicar, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Charlton Lane.
 REV. ALFRED C. GOLDFINCH, Assistant Priest, 137, Church Lane.

List of Services.

SUNDAYS.

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
 Also 7 a.m. 1st Sunday in month.
 10.45 a.m. Mattins.
 11.15 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Choral) and Sermon.
 3.30 p.m. Children's Service (2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays in month)
 4 p.m. Holy Baptism.
 7 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS AND THURSDAYS.

- 7.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.
 8 a.m. Mattins.
 7.30 p.m. Evensong. Address on Holy Days.
 DAILY.
 8 a.m. Mattins. Wednesday & Friday, 10 a.m.
 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
 Wednesday, 8 p.m. with Sermon.

Holy Baptism on Tuesday at Evensong.
 Churchings before any Week-day Service.
 Banns of Marriage may be given in at the Vestry after any Service, or at the Vicarage.
 Notices of Sickness, &c., may be given at the Vestry after any Service, or at the Vicarage.
 Communicants' Guild Service.—Thursday before 1st Sunday in Month, 8 p.m.

Sunday Schools.—
 National Schools and Institute } 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 and Mission Room }

Bible Classes.—
 YOUNG WOMEN: Sunday, 3.30 p.m. Mrs. Evans at the Vicarage.

LADS: Sunday, 2.30 p.m., at the Vicarage.
 6.0 p.m., at the Vicarage.

Mothers' Meetings.—

Monday, 2.30 p.m., at the Institute.
 Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., at the Institute.

Working Party.—At Mission Room, Monday, 2.30 p.m.
 At Vicarage, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.

G.F.S. Classes.—

MEMBERS: Monday, 7 p.m. at the Vicarage.
 CANDIDATES: Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the Vicarage.
 Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Institute.

Band of Hope.—Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the Institute.
 Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Mission Room.

Men's Club.—7 to 10 p.m., at the Institute.

Lads' Club.—7 to 10 p.m., at the Institute.

Parish Library.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., at the Institute.

Holy Trinity, New Charlton.

Clergy—

Rev. ERNEST C. EVANS, M.A., Vicar.

Rev. ALFRED C. GOLDFINCH.

Churchwardens—Mr. W. BIDEN and Mr. E. FULLAGAR.

Sidesmen—Messrs. BERRY, N. BOWLES, COOPER, KENNY, W. SMITH,
and TENCH.

Choirmaster—Mr. GRAHAM.

Organist—Mr. GEORGE GRAHAM.

Choirmen (*Voluntary*)—Messrs. KENNY, SOMERS, TICKNER, STANBRIDGE,
S. GRAHAM, E. FRAZIER, J. SCRIVENER, E. BRYANT.

Verger—Mr. BOWLES.

Mission Woman—Miss GOLDRING.

Maternity Nurse—Mrs. CARLETON.

(Provided by DOWAGER LADY MARYON WILSON.)

District Visitors—Mrs. BAIRD, Miss H. LANKESTER, Miss GURNEY,
Miss ROWAN, Miss BURNETT.

Magazine Distributors—Mrs. BOWLES, Mrs. MAXWELL, Miss DOVER,
Miss READ, Miss SMITH.

Mothers' Meeting Superintendents—Mrs. EVANS,
Mrs. PANTIN, Miss FINCH.

Assisted by Mrs. BOWLES, Mrs. COPPEARD, Mrs. MAXWELL.

Sunday School Superintendents—

(*Girls*) Miss M. CROOKENDEN (National Schools), Miss BAKER (Institute),
Miss ROWAN (Mission Room). (*Boys*) Vacant.

(*Infants*) Miss TAYLOR (National Schools), Mrs. BOWLES, (Mission Room),
Miss G. BAKER (Institute).

Mothers' Union Secretary—Mrs. EVANS.

Girls' Friendly Society, Branch Secretary—Miss H. LANKESTER.

Band of Hope, Secretary—Miss E. KILMASTER.

Oct. 4th. 1800.

Interview with Adjutant. Whitley 8.34
Salvation Army, Plumstead.

Adjutant. Whitley has only been in control of this corps for three months. He is a tall, long, angular man of about 40 with a good head of coal black hair: unkempt and intensely illiterate, one of those whom the Army has taken almost literally from the gutter. He was converted in East London something over 20 years ago, and is still full of fervour and earnestness.

The Corps here has been in rather low water lately: and Adj. W. claims to have doubled the number. There are now 107 soldiers and 14 Probationers. With the exception of 5- all are actual men or connected with actual men. There is another corps in Plumstead with 50 members, also almost entirely recruited

from the Arsenal.

There are four widows senior on Sunday
and three out door with a senior for
Juniors at which there are about 170 children.

Adj. Webb spends about 10 hours a
week in visiting. He gave me the following
extract from the "Field Officer" (a private paper
for officers) which he says gives a very
true picture of an officer's work. Men as
well as women, if unmarried as he is, have
to do house duties.

Adj. Webb says that there is much
poverty and crowding in Rotherham Road and
other streets in the neighbourhood of Cress
St. when he lives, and that the drinking
here is very great.

A Week's Work.

We are sure that the accompanying story, told in simple language, of how two godly and successful lassie-Officers spend their week will be read with interest by their comrades in the Field. While the special circumstances of some Corps may render portions of this plan inadvisable, we still think that the sketch given will help Field Officers to realise the importance of properly dividing their time and arranging the work in systematic manner.

MY DEAR EDITOR,—I have tried to make out an account of how we spent our time, but there are a lot of things to be done that one cannot possibly put down on paper.

Once a fortnight the week has to be broken into for washing-day, which comes on Wednesday. I always help with the washing; but Lieutenant does the ironing on Thursday while I visit. We have a great many people to visit, so that we seldom visit together. We should never get round if we did.

It has been my habit for some time to rise at 6 or 6.15 a.m. and spend the one and a-half hours of the day with the Lord, as it is the only time in the day one can make sure of. It makes all my work go on better to get well hold of God at the beginning of the day.

Lieutenant and I always read together after breakfast, verse by verse, and have gone straight through the Bible, and pray together. This we find a great source of blessing to our souls. We talk over what we read, and so we help one another, and get fresh light.

MONDAY.

7.30 a.m., rise; 8.30 a.m., breakfast; 9 to 9.30 a.m., reading and prayers.

Morning.—Spent usually in finishing reports, counting coppers, correspondence, etc.

Afternoon.—Sewing and sundries.

Evening.—6.45, J.S. and Converts' Meeting, followed by Open-Air; 8, inside.

TUESDAY

6 a.m., rise; 8 a.m., breakfast; 8.30 a.m., prayers; from 9 until 10 a.m., house duties, or correspondence, answering letters, sending off *War Cry* money.

From 10 or 10.30 a.m. until 1 p.m., visit;

home to dinner; from 2 p.m. until 5 or 5.30 p.m., visit again; 6.30 p.m., B.O.L.; 8 p.m., Soldiers' Meeting.

WEDNESDAY.

6 a.m., rise; 8 a.m., breakfast; 8.30 a.m., reading and prayers; 9 till 10 a.m., house duty and correspondence, or sundry duties, of which there are many; 10 a.m., visit; 1 p.m., dinner; 2 p.m., visit until 5 or 5.30 p.m.; 5.30 until Open-Air time, resting, personal duties, folding *War Cry*s, and sometimes J.S. practice for demonstration; 8 p.m., inside meeting.

THURSDAY.

6 a.m., rise; 8 a.m., breakfast; 8.30 a.m., reading and prayers; 9 a.m., correspondence, house duties, etc.; 10 a.m., sometimes visit all day at Outpost until 6.45 p.m., J.S. meeting, followed by Open-Air at Outpost; 8 p.m., inside meeting; returning home about 10 p.m. very tired and ready for bed.

FRIDAY.

6 a.m., rise; 8 a.m., breakfast; 8.30 a.m., reading and prayers; 9 a.m., making up books, changing coppers, etc.; 10 a.m., visit and serve *War Cry* customers; 1 p.m., dinner; 2 p.m., visit until 5.30, then have tea and rest and prepare for meeting; 6.45 p.m., J.S. Meeting; 8 p.m., Holiness; 9.30 p.m., Corps books; 11 p.m., retire to rest.

SATURDAY.

6.30 a.m., rise; house work; 8.30 a.m., breakfast; 9 a.m., prayers and reading

Morning spent in cleaning and shopping, after that is finished, an hour or two with the Lord preparing for week-end meetings; 1 p.m., dinner.

Afternoon spent in correspondence or *War Cry* selling, as occasion requires; 7.15, Open-Air; 8, inside meeting.

SUNDAY.

6 a.m., rise; knee-drill and breakfast;
9 a.m., prepare for Open-Air; 10.15 a.m.,
Open-Air; 11 a.m. Holiness Meeting; 12.30
p.m., dinner; 1 to 2 p.m., rest and prepare

for afternoon meeting; 2.15 Open-Air;
3, inside; 4, J.S. Company Meeting; 5.30,
tea; 6.15, Open-Air; 7, inside.

Of course this account only deals with
the main events; a thousand things crop
up in connection with them.

Five Things Needful.

By BRIGADIER PUGMIRE.

I AM more than ever convinced that
Corps in The Salvation Army which may
be hard and cold can have a "resurrection"
or a "revival," if the right means are
adopted to bring this about. Dry bones
can be raised to life, backsliders restored,
drunkards reclaimed, and sinners saved, if
we run on the right revival lines.

DIRECTIONS.

1. PRAYER. Officers and Soldiers who
are anxious for a soul-saving time MUST
pray. Pray in secret. Pray in public. Pray
until your soul weeps in sympathy with
Gethsemane and Calvary. Pray until the
depths of your very being are stirred with
compassion for the perishing. Pray as did
Abraham for the cities of the plains.

2. You must not only pray but WORK.
Be desperately in earnest for their salva-
tion. You must visit them, care for them,
watch over them, pour out your soul upon
them, and toil in their interest almost
unceasingly.

3. You must have the co-operation of the
Holy Ghost. You may talk until the
perspiration stands like beads upon your
brow, but if you have not the Holy Ghost
you will accomplish but little. And re-
member, He will not be a co-worker with
you unless you are clean. Your hands,
lips, mind, and heart must be purged, and
you must be "filled with the Spirit" and

He (the Holy Ghost) through you will con-
vince the world of sin, of righteousness,
and of a judgment to come.

4. You must use plain language. We
call a spade a spade, and you must call sin
by its proper name. Warn them of their
approaching doom, of the coming judgment
—the Great White Throne—of the eternal
punishment of the wicked, and don't say,
"Peace, where there is no peace." And
then, as tenderly as you know how, tell of
Jesus, remind them of Gethsemane's blood-
drops, and of Calvary's sufferings, and
implore them to come to His Cross.

5. FAITH. You must believe that God
is going to do what you have asked Him to
do. If Abraham had gone on believing he
might have saved the cities of the plains.
God did not stop till he did, and you must
go on believing and encourage your people
to do the same.

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone,
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries 'It shall be done!'"

If there is an Officer suffering a spiritual
famine, the Soldiers cold, and everything
dry and dead, try the above prescription,
and if God be true (and He is) you will
have a

RESURRECTION.

Oct. 18th 1850

Interview with Rev. H. E. Allen, ⁴⁰Rectory
New (Congregational) Church, Woolwich.

Mr Allen is a man of about 40 who has been Pastor of this church for 3 years. He is a fairly able man with a good deal of energy and vivacity, with added tincture a considerable strain of vulgarity. He is not, I think quite happily placed here, his aims and desires not quite falling in with the views of a highly respectable middle class congregation of conventional tendencies, at all events in matters of religion. Mr A. is anxious to evangelize the masses: his people and to do so in the churches as they stand: his people, even if they share his anxiety, are not prepared to put themselves to any great trouble in the process, and distinctly prefer that the masses should keep to missions rather than invade the churches. They object.

to new or sensational methods: to advertising
bills and so on: "Learn that sort of thing"
the Deacons say "to Mr Wilson" with, & I get them
something of a sniff.

I had a long interview with Mr A. who
is generous and chatty: but it was all
rather drifting.

The main details of the work will be
found in the Report. The church as the membership
shows is at best fairly successful. Its adherents
are almost exclusively middle class, mainly persons
shopkeepers, builders etc. Two of them live in the
immediate neighbourhood of the church: "they
have moved out" and now live in the higher
parts of Woodwich, Plumstead, and Blackheath.
The church is "full or very well filled" when
the beggars come: but there is an increasing
tendency among Christians to be respectful of public
worship and many of them "are glad of an

Excess to keep away."

Notable features of the work are the Sunday Prayer Meeting and Lecture which is much better attended than at most churches (60 to 70) : and the very very successful Literary and Debating Society.

The Mission in Pelham Road is fairly successful in getting hold of women and children, but "the men - not they". Indeed the main stream of Mr H's talk was as to the complete failure of the churches to touch the great mass of the people. How such new members as join this church "are not conversions - they are the children of Christian people". The only man who has a large numerical following is Mr Wilson, and Mr H. evidently thinks that with him it is largely a mass of "viclams" and that there is a good deal of froth about him and his methods : he is a tremendous pro-stant-

and pushing man "the who" has a finger in
my pie", is incessantly running missions, and
is full of vivacity & optimism as to results.
Mr. H. believes that though his plan is full
it is mainly due to a constant stream of
new ~~comers~~ comers, and that there is "a tremendous
leakage". He draws an amusing picture of
Wilson's method with men: he constantly
goes up to them: opens his Bible: points
to a text with "Look here my friend that's
all right is it?" or "You ~~can't~~ can't deny
that can you?" The reply may be "I
suppose it's all true, Governor." Wilson then
takes his Bible with a snap, claps the man on
the back and comes to Mr. H. with "I say
that that's a hopeful case: follow that man
up". Mr. H. follows him up, and so far
from finding it "hopeful" finds it the very

seems and "probably the next time I see him he's rolling out of a public house."

Apart from Wilson the only thing which draws is the P. S. H. at the Polytechnic. A little class of Wilson's formed the nucleus of this and Mr H. thinks it is mainly "a substitute for an addition to other religious observance."

Further east beyond Woolwich and Plumstead towards Rother and Dartford large working class populations are springing up. "At present if this adds to their competition: the up is 'hot-one'."

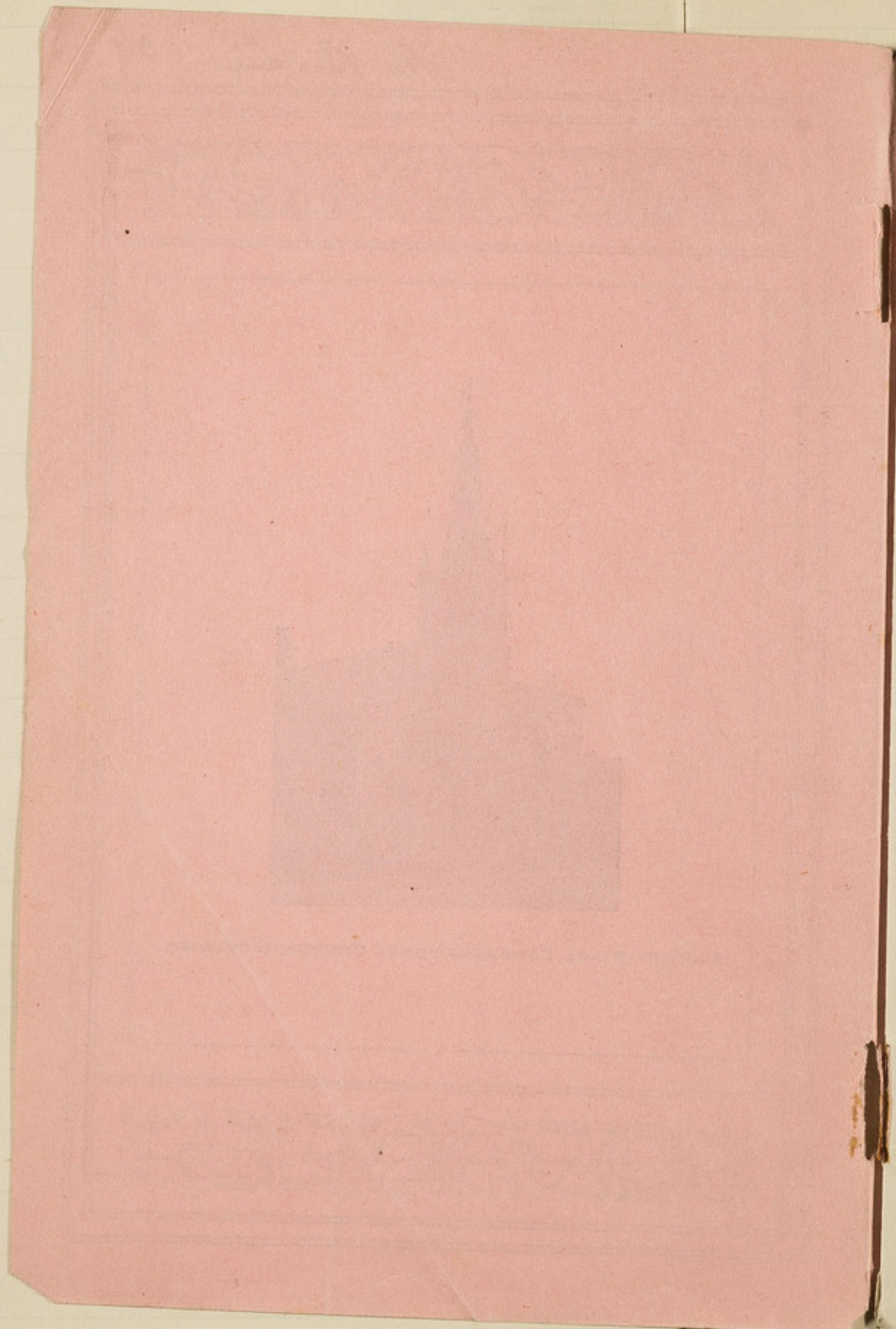
The failure to touch the masses Mr H. attributes partly to the apathy and indifference of the bulk of so called Christians, partly to a faulty method of appeal: the services are "too formal" "too dull": sermons are "too conventional": the working man feels out of place in a church: it is all

too stiff. Something too is due to the fear of
chaff: in the Annual a whippersnapper is "a
marked man" for setting up to be & better than
others. Mr H. said that he believed the Annual
to be "a sink of iniquity": full of filthy
talk, trick and jangling. The chief interest
of the man is in sport, and the bulk of the
increased wages of the last year have gone to
the publican.

Mr Brodie 39



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WOOLWICH.

MANUAL
OF
Church Order, Public Services,
AND
Religious and Charitable Societies,
FOR
1899.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:
"I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."
Matt. xxviii., 20.

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The Church of Christ

AT

RECTORY PLACE, WOOLWICH.

FORMED, 1852.

PASTOR:

REV. A. E. ABEL.

138, Herbert Road, Plumstead.

DEACONS:

MR. THOS. R. RICHARDSON, 42, Hanover Road,
Plumstead.

MR. R. S. HEARN, 73, Whitworth Road, Plumstead.

MR. J. B. VICARS, 64, Church Hill, Woolwich.

MR. JAMES LAWSON, 1, Wrottesley Road, Plumstead.

MR. GEORGE BISHOP, 106, Eglinton Road, Plumstead.

MR. N. J. WALTER, Anglesea Road, Woolwich.

MR. SILAS COLEBROOK, Hare Street, Woolwich.

Members in full Communion, 317.

HISTORICAL MEMORIALS.

The early records of Nonconformity in Woolwich are few and brief. In the year 1662, the Rev. John Hawkes was ejected from the Parish Church by the Act of Uniformity. Whether he ministered to any of his flock who followed him in this forced retirement is not known.

After the Act of Toleration was passed in 1629, a small building was erected in Meeting House Lane for public worship. Among the ministers who officiated there we find the name of the Rev. Samuel Oldfield, whose ordination took place on April the 14th, 1698. Following him were the Revs. George Jacombe, Emanuel Ellerke, and Joseph and Benjamin Stokes. On the death of the latter in 1772, the congregation was dispersed.

This had been the only place of worship in the town, except the Parish Church, until the year 1756, when a small Meeting House was erected in Hog Lane for the Baptists.

Upon the revival of religion under Whitfield and Wesley, at the close of the last century, some of the devoted Ministers sent forth by the Countess of Huntingdon visited Woolwich. Among those were the Revs. R. Shrubsole and Cross. Mr. Shrubsole was invited by the "Countess of Huntingdon to preach in her chapel in the Plumstead Road, and to superintend its spiritual concerns." This he did for seven months, in the year 1773.

In 1782 the Rev. William Percy, another of the Countess's Ministers, visited Woolwich, "and filled the chapel with a fine congregation." He was assisted by his brother, the Rev. J. Wilcox Percy, who was the first pastor of the Church

then formed in Salem Chapel. That Sanctuary was erected in 1798-9. Mr. Percy's ministry extended over a period of twenty-four years, from 1796 to 1820. He left behind him a fragrant memory of unaffected piety and devotion, and his unwearied zeal in doing good."

He was succeeded by the Rev. Thomas James in 1821, whose pastorate continued until 1843, when he resigned. The Rev. J. S. Bright, of Luton, Bedfordshire, followed, who remained at Woolwich until 1847, when he removed to Dorking, Surrey. His successor was the Rev. Dr. Carlile.

On April 5th, 1852, *Eight Sunday School Teachers*, in connection with the Church at Salem, met together and unanimously passed the following resolution:—"That by the strength and grace of God, we resolve to establish another Sabbath School, and, if practicable, another Christian interest, upon Congregational principles."

On Monday, August 23rd, 1852, this resolution was carried into effect, and the Church was formed, numbering 42 members.

On September 7th, 1852, the temporary Sanctuary in William Street, was opened for divine worship.

On Sunday, April 24th, 1853, the Rev. Samuel Hebditch, of Ashburton, Devon, commenced his ministry as the first pastor of the new interest. He was publicly recognised as such on October 5th, following.

On October 22nd, 1855, Mr. Hebditch resigned the pastorate, and removed to Bristol. He was succeeded, on October 5th, 1856, by the Rev. W. Gill, formerly Missionary at Raratonga, South Sea Islands.

The Congregation increasing, it was decided to erect a more commodious sanctuary, and the memorial stone of the new building was laid on November the 3rd, 1858, by G. A. Lloyd, Esq., of Sydney.

On the 28th June, 1859, the opening services were held, and the beautiful edifice in Rectory Place publicly set apart for the worship of God; the Rev. Samuel Martin, of Westminster, preaching in the morning, and the Rev. John Stoughton, of Kensington, in the evening.

The building, which with the freehold land, involved an expenditure of about £7,000, was entirely paid for by January the 16th, 1866, on the evening of which day, at the New Year's Tea Meeting, the members of the Church and Congregation were able to congratulate themselves on the final extinction of the annually decreasing debt.

On June 22nd, 1868, the Rev. William Gill resigned the pastorate, after a successful ministry of nearly 12 years. He died at Blackheath on August 14th, 1878. A tablet to his memory has been erected in the Church.

Mr. Gill was succeeded on July 18th, 1869, by the Rev. R. W. Carpenter, previously at Devonport, whose public recognition took place on September 9th, following.

On December 19th, 1870, the Rev. R. W. Carpenter, in consequence of ill-health, and much to the sincere sorrow and regret both of himself and people, resigned the pastorate. (He went to his rest and reward on May 16th, 1871.)

Mr. Carpenter was succeeded on the 3rd March, 1871, by the Rev. Thomas Sissons, formerly co-pastor of Bishopsgate Street Chapel, London, whose public recognition took place on the 19th of June, 1871.

On March 18th, 1884, the Rev. Thomas Sissons resigned the pastorate, after a happy and successful ministry of exactly thirteen years, and removed to Beckenham, Kent, having accepted the pastorate of the Church worshipping there.

Mr. Sissons was succeeded on July the 31st, 1884, by Mr. Albert James Viner, of New College, London, whose ordination took place on December 11th, 1884, when the Revs. Dr. Newth, Dr. Evans, A. Rowland, L.L.B., B.A., and Thomas Sissons took part.

On September 3rd, 1896, the Rev. A. J. Viner resigned the pastorate, after a very happy and successful ministry of twelve years, and removed to Oldham in Lancashire, having accepted the pastorate of the Church, worshipping in Hope Chapel. Mr. Viner was succeeded on 20th of February, 1897, by the Rev. Arthur Edward Abel, of Hull, who commenced his ministry on Sunday, 2nd of May, 1897.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
RECTORY PLACE,
WOOLWICH.

DEAR FRIEND,

In issuing our Church Manual for 1899 we feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father for so many tokens of His presence and blessings during another year. While on our part there has been much weakness and imperfection, yet our gracious Saviour has many times given us encouragement and joy in His service. We do more than labour for Him; we labour with Him, and we read of Him that "He shall not fail nor be discouraged." Surely it is the Loving Master's will that His servants shall share something of His hope and victory.

In desiring success of the highest possible kind, let us remember that there are certain clearly defined conditions of blessing laid before us in God's Holy Word. We may be doing God's work and praying for the salvation of men, and yet all the time unconsciously placing hindrances in the way of the Gospel. Let us study much the history of the Early Church, let us see how the first preachers and converts sought and obtained God's Holy Spirit, let us be prepared at all costs to become vessels meet for the Master's use.

We most heartily wish every success to our friends who have gone to the new Church at Plumstead. We pray that their labours may be owned and blessed of God, and we believe that the blessing of one Church will be the means of strength and encouragement to the other.

With every good wish,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

ARTHUR E. ABEL.

Rectory Place Congregational Church.

Sabbath Services.

MORNING 11.0 | EVENING 6.30

The Congregation are earnestly and affectionately reminded of the desirability of a *punctual* attendance at the Sanctuary.

The Ordinance of Baptism

Is observed after the Morning Service, as previously announced from the Pulpit.

The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

Is observed on the first Sabbath of every Month, at the close of the Evening Service.

Week Day Services.

MONDAY.—Christian Endeavour Meeting, Junior Members at 6.15 ; Senior Members at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY.—At 6.30 p.m., the Girls' Branch of the Young People's Guild.

A Literary and Debating Society is held during the Winter Months. The Meetings commence at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

A Band of Hope meets at 7 p.m.

The Youths' Branch of the Young People's Guild also at 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY.—Prayer Meeting and Lecture at 7.30 p.m. On the Thursday evening preceding the First Sunday in each month a Church Meeting is held.

The Church Choir meets for practice each Thursday at 8.30 p.m.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."

A Service for Adults.

Is held every Sunday evening at the Mission Hall, Pellipar Road, at half-past Six o'clock, also a Children's Service is held every Tuesday evening at Seven.

The Pastor is in the Vestry to see Candidates for Church Fellowship, and Inquirers, at such times as are announced from the pulpit.

Marriages are Solemnized.

Application to be made to the Minister.

Mode of Supporting the House of God in its Ministry and Worship.

FIRST.—By quarterly payments for Pews and Sittings. These subscriptions are payable 1st March, 1st June, 1st September, and 1st December, when the Deacons attend to receive the same, as announced from the desk. Persons requiring accommodation in the Sanctuary should apply in the Deacons' Vestry after any service.

SECOND.—By the Weekly Offering. Boxes are held at the doors to receive weekly contributions from the Worshippers on leaving the Sanctuary. The proceeds of this Weekly Offering are applied to the payment of the incidental expenses, such as cleaning, lighting, insurance, &c. This plan of providing for these necessary expenses is commended to the congregation as a very easy and effectual one, if attended to by *all*.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

"They made a chest and set it without, at the gate of the House of the Lord ; and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS, RECTORY PLACE.

<i>President</i>	The PASTOR.
<i>Hon. Superintendent</i> ...	Mr. RICHARDSON.
<i>Superintendents</i>	{ Mr. HEARN. Mrs. HEARN.
<i>Secretary</i>	Mr. ERNEST G. H. BISHOP.
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mr. HUGH REED.
<i>Librarian</i>	Mr. A. BISHOP.
<i>Collector</i>	Mrs. HEARN.

Hour of Opening	Morning, 10.0.
" "	Afternoon, 2.45.

Number of Teachers	28
" Scholars	280

A Teachers' Prayer Meeting

Is held on the First Sabbath Afternoon in the month, at the close of the School.

Meetings for Business,

At which the Pastor or the Superintendent presides, are held in March, June, September and December.

Pellipar Road Branch School.

<i>Superintendent</i>	Mr. G. BISHOP.
<i>Secretary</i>	Mr. JAMES GLOVER.
<i>Collector</i>	Mrs. HEARN.

Number of Teachers	26
" Scholars	350

SUBSCRIBERS—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bishop, Mr. Geo.	2	13	0	Brought forward	13	4	4
Vicars, Mr. J. B.	1	6	0	Ellen, Mrs.	0	2	6
De Rusett, Mr.	0	10	0	Ellercamp, Mr.	0	2	6
Davis, Mrs. W.	0	10	0	Gittings, Mr.	0	2	6
Driver, Mr.	0	10	0	Hercus, Miss	0	2	6
Griffiths, Mr.	0	10	0	Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	0	2	6
Howard, Mr.	0	10	0	Jackson, Mrs. C. M.	0	2	6
Kemp, Mr.	0	10	0	Jackson, A. H. W.	0	2	6
Lewis, Mr.	0	10	0	Lawson, Mrs.	0	2	6
Messent, Mr.	0	10	0	Martin, Mrs.	0	2	6
Wheeler, Mr. A.	0	6	0	Martin, Miss	0	2	6
Duke, Mr.	0	5	0	Harrison, Mr.	0	2	6
Bishop, Mr. W.	0	5	0	Oakley, Mr. Geo.	0	2	6
Bishop, Mr. E.	0	5	0	Oakley, Mr. T.	0	2	6
Canham, Mr.	0	5	0	Reed, Mr. H.	0	2	6
Ellis, Mr.	0	5	0	Reed, Mr. W.	0	2	6
Glover, Mr. H.	0	5	0	Startup, Mr.	0	2	6
Glover, Mr. T.	0	5	0	Sykes, Miss	0	2	6
Hearn, Mr.	0	5	0	Vicars, Mr. Hedley	0	2	6
Hunter, Mrs.	0	5	0	Walter, Mr.	0	2	6
Hunter, Mr. J. D. C.	0	5	0	Wheeler, Mr.	0	2	6
Joslin, Mr.	0	5	0	Price, Miss	0	2	6
Mavity, Mr. F.	0	5	0	Quick, Mr.	0	2	6
Richardson, Mr.	0	5	0	Bayly, Mrs. E.	0	2	0
Sackett, Mr. J.	0	5	0	El ercamp, Mr. J.	0	2	0
Tees, Mrs.	0	5	0	Glover, Mr. F.	0	2	0
Turton, Mr. H.	0	5	0	Isaacson, Mr.	0	2	0
Walter, Mr. A. E.	0	5	0	McMullen, Mrs.	0	2	0
Walter, Mr. E.	0	5	0	Saunders, Mr. D.	0	2	0
Studd, Miss	0	4	4	Vicars, Mrs. H.	0	2	0
Crone, Mrs.	0	2	6	Clark, Mrs.	0	1	0
Davis, Mrs. E.	0	2	6	Dymond, Mr.	0	1	0
Carried forward	£13	4	4		£16	15	4

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Subscriptions and Donations will be thankfully received by the Treasurers of the different Societies hereafter mentioned. It is hoped that during the ensuing year the incomes will increase, so that their means of usefulness may be considerably extended.

"Pure Religion, and undefiled before God and the Father, is this: To visit the Fatherless and the Widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Christian Instruction Society.

For Distributing Tracts, Visiting the Sick, and Relieving the Destitute in the several districts of the Town.

President	...	...	...	The PASTOR.
Vice-Presidents	...	...	...	{ Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. HEARN.
Treasurer and Secretary	...	...	...	Mr. J. B. VICARS.
Collector	...	...	...	MISS HERCUS.

Number of Visitors	...	...	...	...	22
Families systematically visited	...	...	...	...	465
Visits made	...	...	...	...	6,077
Number of Persons relieved in Sickness	...	...	...	...	41

SUBSCRIBERS.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Lawson, Mr.	...	0 5 0	Brought forward	1	12	6
Arsden, Mr.	...	0 2 6	Oakley, Mrs. Geo.	...	0 2 6	
Bishop, Mrs. G.	...	0 2 6	Oakley, Mrs. T.	...	0 2 6	
Bishop, Mrs. W.	...	0 2 6	Phillips, Mr.	...	0 2 6	
Griffiths, Mrs. J.	...	0 2 6	Price, Miss	...	0 2 6	
Hearn, Mr.	...	0 2 6	Quick, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	
Hercus, Miss	...	0 2 6	Reed, Mr.	...	0 2 6	
Hunter, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	Richardson, Mr.	...	0 2 6	
Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	...	0 2 6	Tees, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	
King, Mr.	...	0 2 6	Thornton, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	
Masters, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	Vicars, Mrs. J. B.	...	0 2 6	
Lee, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	Vicars, Mrs. H.	...	0 2 6	
Carried forward	£1	12 6		£3	0 0	

Benevolent Society.

In connection with the Christian Instruction Society.

President	...	...	...	The PASTOR.
Vice-Presidents	...	...	...	{ Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. HEARN.
Treasurer and Secretary	...	...	...	Mr. J. B. VICARS.
Collector	...	...	...	Mrs. J. GRIFFITHS.

SUBSCRIBERS.

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Abel, Rev. A. E.	...	0 10 0	Brought forward	5	17	6
Driver, Mr.	...	0 10 0	Dawson, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	
Ellen, Mrs.	...	0 10 0	De Rusett, Mr.	...	0 2 6	
Griffiths, Mrs. J.	...	0 10 0	Glover, Mrs. T.	...	0 2 6	
Griffiths, Mr. J.	...	0 10 0	Hercus, Miss	...	0 2 6	
Hearn, Mr.	...	0 10 0	Hunter, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	
Richardson, Mr.	...	0 10 0	Irwin, Miss	...	0 2 6	
Vicars, Mr. J. B.	...	0 10 0	Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	...	0 2 6	
Davis, Mrs. E.	...	0 5 0	Martin, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	
Ellis, Mr.	...	0 5 0	Phillips, Mr.	...	0 2 6	
Lawson, Mr.	...	0 5 0	Quick, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	
Maynard, Miss	...	0 5 0	Walter, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	
Reed, Mr.	...	0 5 0	Wates, Miss N.	...	0 2 6	
Vicars, Mrs. H.	...	0 5 0	Browning, Mrs.	...	0 2 0	
Bewglass, Miss	...	0 2 6	Waller, Mr. T.	...	0 2 0	
Bishop, Mrs.	...	0 2 6	Thornton, Mrs.	...	0 1 0	
Canham, Mr.	...	0 2 6				
Carried forward	£5	17 6		£7	12 6	

Dorcas and Clothing Society.

For Making Winter Clothing for the Poor.

<i>President</i>	...	...	The PASTOR.
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	...	Mrs. ABEL.
<i>Secretary</i>	...	...	Mrs. HEARN.
<i>Manager</i>	...	...	Mrs. H. VICARS.
<i>Collectors</i>	...Mrs. C. M. JACKSON & Miss MAYNARD.		

COMMITTEE—

Mrs. BISHOP.	Mrs. GRIFFITHS.	Mrs. R. MARTIN.
„ BROWNING.	„ JACKSON.	„ MESSENT.
„ COLEBROOK.	„ LAWSON.	„ QUICK.
„ HARMAN.	Miss HERCUS.	„ DE RUSSETT.

The Ladies who form this Society meet for working in the Dorcas Room on the Second Thursday in the Month at Three o'clock, p.m., when they will be glad to see any friends disposed to help them. The garments are distributed at the end of the year. The last distribution took place on the 15th of November, when one hundred and seventy-two garments were given away.

SUBSCRIBERS—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Jackson, Mrs. A.W....	1	0	0	Brought forward	6	7	6
Vicars, Mrs. H.	0	10	0	Martin, Mrs. R.	0	5	0
Abel, Mrs.	0	10	0	Maynard, Miss	0	5	0
Watts, Mrs.	0	10	0	Messent, Mrs.	0	5	0
Sykes, Miss	0	6	6	Peckitt, Mrs.	0	5	0
Turton, Mrs.	0	6	0	Reed, Mr.	0	5	0
Bayly, Mrs. E.	0	5	0	Richardson, Mrs. (late)	0	5	0
Bishop, Mrs. W.	0	5	0	Roberts, Mrs.	0	5	0
Davis, Mrs. Edward...	0	5	0	Vicars, Mrs. J. B.	0	5	0
Davis, Mrs. W. C.	0	5	0	Whale, Mrs. G.	0	5	0
Donkin, Mrs.	0	5	0	Sykes, Miss K.	0	4	0
Driver, Mrs.	0	5	0	Bishop, Mrs. G.	0	3	6
Ellen, Mrs.	0	5	0	Browning, Mrs.	0	3	6
Griffiths, Mrs.	0	5	0	Quick, Mrs.	0	3	6
Hearn, Mrs.	0	5	0	Wheeler, Mrs.	0	3	6
Hunter, Mrs.	0	5	0	Colebrook, Mrs.	0	3	0
Hercus, Miss	0	5	0	Harman, Mrs.	0	3	0
Lawson, Mrs.	0	5	0				
Lewis, Mrs.	0	5	0				
Carried forward	£6	7	6	Carried forward	£9	16	6

SUBSCRIBERS (continued)—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	9	16	6	Brought forward	11	0	0
Jackson, Mrs. C. M. ...	0	3	0	Glover, Mrs. T. ...	0	2	6
Price, Miss ...	0	3	0	Hollaway, Miss ...	0	2	6
Ashcroft, Mrs. ...	0	2	6	Jackson, Mrs. A. H. W.	0	2	6
Churchill, Mrs. ...	0	2	6	Kemp, Mrs. James ...	0	2	6
Dawson, Mrs. ...	0	2	6	Oakley, Mrs. G. ...	0	2	6
De Rusett, Mrs. ...	0	2	6	Thornton, Mrs. ...	0	2	6
Ellercamp, Mrs. ...	0	2	6	Walter, Mrs. ...	0	2	6
Eminton, Miss ...	0	2	6	Wates, Miss N. ...	0	2	6
Gamble, Mrs. ...	0	2	6				
Carried forward	£11	0	0	Carried forward	£12	0	0

A Mothers' Meeting

Is held in the Library every Monday Afternoon, from Three to Half-past Four o'clock.

<i>Superintendent and Treasurer</i>	...	Mrs. LAWSON.
<i>Secretary</i>	...	Mrs. KEMP.

SUBSCRIBERS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bishop, Mrs.	0	5	0	Brought forward	2	19	0
Driver, Mrs.	0	5	0	Colebrook, Mrs.	0	2	6
De Rusett, Mrs.	0	5	0	Hunter, Mrs.	0	2	6
Hearn, Mrs.	0	5	0	Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	0	2	6
Lawson, Mrs.	0	5	0	Lewis, Mrs.	0	2	6
Messent, Mrs.	0	5	0	Martin, Mrs. R.	0	2	6
Peckitt, Mrs.	0	5	0	Sykes, Misses	0	2	6
Reed, Mr....	0	5	0	Bishop, Mrs. W.	0	2	0
Vicars, Mrs. H.	0	5	0	Browning, Mrs.	0	2	0
Whale, Mrs. G., jun.	0	5	0	Eminton, Miss	0	2	0
Richardson, Mrs.(late)	0	4	0	Hercus, Miss	0	2	0
Ashcroft, Mrs.	0	2	6	Quick, Mrs.	0	2	0
Bayly, Mrs. F.	0	2	6	Ellercamp, Mrs.	0	1	0
Carried forward	£2	19	0		£4	5	0

Maternal Society.

For assisting poor and deserving Women in time of need, in connection with the Dorcas Society.

Collector—Mrs. HEARN. Treasurer—Mrs. A. W. JACKSON.
Visitors—Mrs. ABEL & Mrs. DE RUSSETT.

SUBSCRIBERS—

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Vicars, Mrs. H.	0	10	0	Brought forward	2 5 0
Abel, Mrs.	0	5	0	Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	0 5 0
Bishop, Mrs.	0	5	0	Jackson, Mrs. C. M.	0 5 0
De Russett, Mrs.	0	5	0	Lewis, Mrs.	0 5 0
Driver, Mrs.	0	5	0	Martin, Mrs. R.	0 5 0
Griffiths, Mrs.	0	5	0	Messent, Mrs.	0 5 0
Hearn, Mrs.	0	5	0	Richardson, Mrs. (late)	0 5 0
Hunter, Mrs.	0	5	0	Vicars, Mrs. J. B.	0 5 0
Carried forward	£2	5	0		£4 0 0

Rectory Place Flower Mission.

The Ladies conducting this Mission meet once a week in the Dorcas Room, to tie up and take bunches of flowers accompanied with texts of scripture to the sick and infirm in various districts of the Town, during the season, from June to October.

Superintendent and Treasurer - Miss A. M. STONE.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To balance from last year	0	0	6	By cost of Flowers and			
„ Subscriptions—				Texts of Scripture	1	15	2
Canham, Mr.	0	5	0	Balance	0	0	10
Abel, Rev A. E.	0	2	6	Number of Bunches taken			
Bishop, Mrs. G.	0	2	6	out during the season,			
Hearn, Mrs.	0	2	6	1899—420.			
G.K.	0	2	6				
Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	0	2	6				
Richardson, Mr.	0	2	6				
Vicars, Mr. Hedley	0	2	6				
Walter, Mr. A. E.	0	2	6				
Turner, Miss	0	1	6				
Abel, Mrs.	0	1	0				
Bayly, Miss	0	1	0				
Griffiths, Mrs.	0	1	0				
Glover, Mr. H. J.	0	1	0				
Glover, Mr. T.	0	1	0				
Glover, Miss	0	1	0				
Hercus, Miss	0	1	0				
Walter, Mr.	0	1	0				
Walter, Mr. E.	0	1	0				
	£1	16	0		£1	16	0

“Excelsior” Band of Hope, connected with the Sunday School.

President ... THE PASTOR.

Secretary, Mr. J. H. HARDING. Treasurer, Mr. G. W. OAKLEY.

Collectors, Misses N. WATES and E. H. HARDING.

Delegates ... MESSRS. A. TUCKER and KEMP.

Visitor, Mr. J. B. VICARS. Registrar, Mr. H. TURTON.

Musical Director ...

Organist ... MISS M. MAYNARD.

The meetings are held on Wednesday Evenings at 7 o'clock.
All young people and friends are cordially invited.

SUBSCRIBERS—

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bishop, Mr. Geo.	0	10	0	Brought forward	3 1 6
Driver, Mr.	0	10	0	Leech, Mr.	0 2 6
Davis, Mrs. W.	0	5	0	Oakley, Mr. G. W.	0 2 6
Hearn, Mr.	0	5	0	Reed, Mr. H.	0 2 6
Walden, Mr.	0	5	0	Russell, Mr. A.	0 2 6
Richardson, Mr.	0	5	0	Tucker, Mr. A. E.	0 2 6
Bishop, Mrs. Geo.	0	4	0	Vicars, Mr. H.	0 2 6
Abel, Mrs.	0	2	6	Vicars, Mr. J. B.	0 2 6
Gittings, Mr.	0	2	6	Walter, Mr., sen.	0 2 6
Humphreys, Mr.	0	2	6	Wates, Miss N.	0 2 6
Hunter, Mr.	0	2	6	Davis, Mrs.	0 2 0
Hunter, Mrs.	0	2	6	Friend, A.	0 2 0
Griffiths, Mrs.	0	2	6	Joslin, Mr.	0 1 0
Kemp, Mr.	0	2	6	Dodd, Mrs.	0 0 6
Carried forward	£3	1	6		£4 9 6

Organist and Choir Fund.

Treasurer, Mr. JAMES LAWSON.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last				By One year's Salary			
year	3	0	11½	to Organist	25	0	0
To Subscriptions	20	8	0	„ Balance	5	18	11
„ Collections after							
Sermons	5	19	2½				
„ Balance from Musi-							
cal Evening	1	10	9				
	£30	18	11		£30	18	11

Organist and Church Choir.

Organist Mr. W. LAWSON.

Treasurer - Mr. J. LAWSON. Secretary - Mr. T. B. COMBES.

Committee - Misses WENDLER, Mabel BISHOP, Mr. LEACH,
and Mr. COLING.

Librarian Mr. BROWN.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ORGANIST'S FUND.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bishop, Mr.	1	0	0	Brought forward	15 4 0
Lawson, Mr. J.	1	0	0	Arsden, Mr.	0 6 0
Messent, Mr.	1	0	0	Barrett, Mr.	0 6 0
Richardson, Mr.	1	0	0	Ellercamp, Mr., Sen.	0 6 0
Vicars, Mr. H., sen. ...	1	0	0	Browning, Mr.	0 5 0
Canham, Mr.	0	10	6	De Rusett, Mr.	0 5 0
Bayly, Mr. E.	0	10	0	Ellercamp, Mr. J. ...	0 5 0
Crone, Mr.	0	10	0	Gittings, Mr.	0 5 0
Davis, Mr. E.	0	10	0	Jones, Mr. J. E.	0 5 0
Driver, Mr.	0	10	0	Leach, Mr.	0 5 0
Ellis, Mr.	0	10	0	Oakley, Mr. G. W. ...	0 5 0
Gillanders, Mrs.	0	10	0	Oakley, Mr. T.	0 5 0
Griffiths, Mrs.	0	10	0	Penver, Mr.	0 5 0
Hearn, Mr.	0	10	0	Phillips, Mr.	0 5 0
Hercus, Miss	0	10	0	Quick, Mr.	0 5 0
Hunter, Mr.	0	10	0	Smith, Mr. A.	0 5 0
Martin, Mrs. R.	0	10	0	Smith, Mr. T.	0 5 0
Mavity, Mr.	0	10	0	Green, Miss	0 4 0
Peckitt, Mr.	0	10	0	Joslin, Mr.	0 4 0
Reed, Mr.	0	10	0	Russell, Mr. A.	0 4 0
Sykes, The Misses	0	10	0	Smith, Mr. E.	0 4 0
Vicars, Mr. H., jun. ...	0	10	0	Gamble, Mrs.	0 2 6
Vicars, Mr. J. B.	0	10	0	Walter, Mr. N.	0 2 6
Glover, Mr. J.	0	8	0		
Glover, Mr. T.	0	8	0		
Ashcroft, Mr. & Mrs. ...	0	7	6		
Carried forward	£15	4	0		

£ 20 8 0

Rectory Place Auxiliary to the London Missionary Society.

Formed the 2nd of March, 1853.

President The PASTOR.
 Treasurer and Secretary Mr. HEARN.
 Collector Mrs. MESSENT.

Missionary Meeting in April.

Missionary Sermons Second Sunday in May.

A Collection at the Lord's Table is made at the beginning of the year for the Widows and Orphans of Missionaries.

AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1899.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Collections after Sermons	11	17	2		
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	7	7	6		
Sunday Schools	23	2	7		
Ditto for Native Girl, Bangalore, India (Elizabeth Gill)	5	0	0		
Girl's Guild—Sale of Work for Miss Miller, Bangalore ...	20	0	0		
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour	0	10	0		
Collected by Mrs. Messent—					
Abel, Rev., & Mrs.	1	1	0	Brought forward	5 8 6
Hearn, Mr. R. S.	1	1	0	Hercus, Miss	0 5 0
Richardson, Mr. T. R. ...	1	1	0	Hunter, Mrs. J.	0 5 0
Driver, Mr.	0	10	0	Lawson, Mrs. J.	0 5 0
Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	0	10	6	Turton, Mrs. T.	0 5 0
Messent, Mrs. J.	0	10	0	Vicars, Mrs. H.	0 5 0
Bayly, Mr. E.	0	5	0	Vicars, Mrs. J. B. ...	0 5 0
Bishop, Mrs. G.	0	5	0	Wates, Miss N.	0 5 0
Ellis, Mr. A.	0	5	0	Colebrook, Mr.	0 2 6
Carried forward	£5	8	6	Collings, Mrs.	0 2 6
				Walter, Mr.	0 2 6

Collected by the late Mr. Dallen, for Madagascar 0 10 10
 Legacy from the Executors of the late Mr. Dallen 5 0 0
 The Watcher's Band (Secretary, Mr. Harding) 2 3 1

Contents of Collecting Boxes—

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jackson, Miss Mildred ...	1	18	1	Brought forward	3 18 9½
Russell, Mrs.	0	19	11	Abel, Master L.	0 7 3
Bishop, Mrs. G.	0	12	11½	Lawson, Mr. J.	0 6 9½
Eminton, Miss	0	7	10	Marsh, Mrs.	0 6 4
Carried forward	£3	18	9½	Bishop, Miss Mabel ...	0 4 8
				Lawson, Master Vernon	0 1 7

Amount paid to Society £88 7 7

Rectory Place Auxiliary to London City Mission.

<i>President</i>	...	...	...	The PASTOR.
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	...	...	MR. RICHARDSON.
<i>Collector</i>	...	...	...	MRS. J. B. VICARS.

Collection after Sermons in January	...	...	...	£ s. d.
Contribution by Sunday Schools	...	...	...	6 17 0
	...	...	...	2 0 0

SUBSCRIBERS—

Richardson, Mr.	...	...	...	1 0 0
Abel, Rev. A. E.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Griffiths, Mrs.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Hearn, Mr.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Lawson, Mr. J.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Vicars, Mr. J. B.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Canham, Mr.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Davis Mrs. E.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Driver, Mr.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Harrison, Mr.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Hunter, Mrs.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Jackson, Mr. C. Mitchell	...	...	...	0 5 0
Messent, Mr. J. J.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Peckitt, Mr.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Reed, Mr.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Walter, Mr.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Hercus, Miss	...	...	...	0 3 6
Bayly, Mr. E.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Bishop, Mr. Geo.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Colebrook, Mr.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Davis, Mrs. W.	...	...	...	0 2 6
De Rusett, Mr.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Irwin, Miss	...	...	...	0 2 6
Masters, Mrs.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Quick, Mrs.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Vicars, Mrs. H.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Wates, Miss	...	...	...	0 2 6
Wates, Miss N.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Glover, Mr. T.	...	...	...	0 2 0
Paid City Mission	...	...	...	£16 15 0

Kent Congregational Association.

<i>President</i>	...	...	...	The PASTOR.
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	...	...	MR. RICHARDSON
<i>Collector</i>	...	...	...	MISS RICHARDSON.

To Collections after Sermons	...	...	...	£ s. d.
	...	...	...	8 6 11

SUBSCRIBERS.

Richardson, Mr.	...	...	...	1 1 0
Vicars, Mr. J. B.	...	...	...	1 1 0
Abel, Rev. A. E.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Driver, Mr.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Hearn, Mr.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Lawson, Mr.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Mavity, Mr.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Messent, Mr.	...	...	...	0 10 0
Bayly, Mr. E.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Canham, Mr.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Hunter, Mrs.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Walter, Mr.	...	...	...	0 5 0
Bishop, Mr. G.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Davis, Mrs. W.	...	...	...	0 2 6
De Rusett, Mr.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Ellis, Mr.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Griffiths, Mrs.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Jackson, Mrs. A. W.	...	...	...	0 2 6
Quick, Mrs.	0 2 6
Wheeler, Mr. H., sen.	0 2 6
Vicars, Mrs. H.	0 2 0

Amount paid to Association £15 10 11

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General Expenses Fund.—*Treasurer*, MR. RICHARDSON.

Dr.	Cr.
£	s.
d.	d.
To Balance from last year	36 0 0
Twelve Months' Weekly Offerings	22 3 9
Anniversary Collections	12 0 0
Proportion of Expenses for Printing	2 0 0
Annual Reports, Gas, Etc.	2 18 0
London Missionary Society	4 0 0
Benevolent Society	1 1 0
Sunday Schools	1 16 1
Dorcas Society	6 6 6
Mothers' Meeting	13 6 6
Maternal Society	1 1 0
Band of Hope	1 1 0
Literary and Debating Society	0 6 6
Band of Hope, per Gas	1 10 0
Literary and Debating Society, ditto	2 0 0
Poor Children's Dinner Fund, ditto	0 0 0
Youths' Guild, ditto and per Manual	2 5 0
Girls' Guild, ditto	1 6 0
Balance of Annual Church and Congregational Tea Meetings	1 3 2
Christian Endeavour Society	0 10 0
London City Mission	0 5 0
London Congregational Union	0 5 0
By Church Caretaker, 12 months	36 0 0
Gas Account, 12 months	22 3 9
Organ Tuning and Blowing, 12 months	12 0 0
Water Rate, 12 months	2 0 0
Insurance	2 18 0
Coals and firewood	4 0 0
Winding Clock, Etc.	1 1 0
Mr. G. M. Smith (sundries)	1 16 1
Pulpit supplies	6 6 6
Subscription to Congregational of England and Wales	13 6 6
Sundry small accounts	1 1 0
Pastors' Retiring Fund	0 6 6
Printing, Etc. (Mr. C. M. Jackson)	1 10 0
N.K.L. Association for Teas	9 7 6
Mr. Colebrook's Account	0 0 0
Protestant Deputies Subscription	6 6 2
Free Church Council Subscription	0 2 6
Pew Subscriptions, per Senior Scholars	0 10 0
Mr. Hunter, repairing Piano	4 0 0
Bill Posting	1 1 0
Our Colleges to make up Subscriptions	0 5 0
Balance	2 19 9½
	2 10 10½

Sunday Schools Account.—*Treasurer, Mr. HUGH REED.*

DR.		£	s.	d.	CR.		£	s.	d.
To Anniversary Collections	...	15	4	10	By Books and Periodicals	...	12	18	6
" Sale of Books and Periodicals	...	9	14	8½	" Expenses of Annual Treat	...	37	0	9
" Subscriptions for Annual Treat, per Mrs. Hearn and Miss Julia Hunter	...	15	9	0	" Printing Annual Reports	...	0	7	6
" Sale of Tickets and Payments by Scholars	...	24	8	8	" Annual Sub. to Sunday School Union	...	1	0	0
" Sale of Tickets, per Annual Tea Meeting	...	5	4	10	" Mr. Jackson, Printing Hymns and Bills	...	1	11	6
" Proceeds of Concert	...	8	16	0	" Donation to Pellipar Rd. S' day S. Fund	...	6	15	4
" Donation to Sunday School	...	2	9	0	" Expenses of Annual Tea Meeting	...	3	3	10½
" Donation from Normal Class	...	0	19	0	" Purchase of New Hymn Books	...	8	4	3
					" Expenses of Concert	...	2	17	6½
					" Expenses of Normal Class	...	1	9	10½
					" Stationery and Postage	...	1	11	7
					" Mr. Colebrook's account, bookcases	...	3	10	0
					" Balance	...	1	15	4
							£82	6	0½

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Sacramental Account.—*Treasurer, Mr. HEARN.*

DR.		£	s.	d.	CR.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	...	2	11	7½	By amount to widows & other poor members	...	29	8	0
" Twelve Months' Offerings at the Lord's Table	...	45	0	6	" Widows and Orphans, L.M. Society	...	7	7	6
" United Communion Service	...	0	6	0	" Wine and Bread, &c.	...	1	15	0
					" Sons and Orphans of L.M.S. School	...	1	0	0
					" Communion Cards	...	0	13	6
					" Benevolent Society	...	2	0	0
					" Colonial Missionary Society	...	3	0	0
					" Balance	...	2	14	1½
							£47	18	1½

Church Repairs Account.—*Treasurer, Mr. GEO. BISHOP.*

DR.		£	s.	d.	CR.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	...	5	14	7	By Mr. Hodgkin's Account	...	0	9	2
" Dividends per late Mr. Josiah Smith's bequest	...	31	6	8	" Mr. Tuppenney's Account	...	0	7	6
					" Mr. Colebrook's Account	...	23	17	9
					" Balance	...	12	6	10
							£37	1	3

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Christian Instruction Society.—*Treasurer, Mr. J. B. VICARS.*

DR.		£	s.	d.	CR.		£	s.	d.
To Bequest, Late Mr. Dallen	...	0	8	1	By Purchase of Tracts, Magazines, &c.	...	4	7	11½
" Subscriptions, per Miss Hercus	...	3	0	0	" Balance	...	0	0	1½
" Part Collection after Sermons	...	1	0	0			£4	8	1

Benevolent Society.—Treasurer, Mr. J. B. VICARS.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last year	£ s. d.	By Amount given to Sick Poor Persons	£ s. d.
" Part of Collection after Sermons	... 9 4 0	" Printing Annual Report	... 17 0 0
" Subscriptions, per Mrs. Griffiths	... 4 13 3½	" Contribution to Soup Society	... 0 5 0
" Donation from Sacramental Fund	... 7 12 6	" Temporary Home for Women	... 1 0 0
" Legacy by late Mr. Dallen	... 2 0 0	" Balance	... 1 1 0
	£24 9 9½		£24 9 9½

Dorcas Society.—Treasurer, Mrs. ABEL.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last year	£ s. d.	By Amount expended in garments for the poor	£ s. d.
" Annual Subscriptions, by Mrs. C.	... 2 3 7	" Printing Annual Report	... 14 3 10
" Mitchell Jackson and Miss Maynard	... 12 0 0	" Mrs. Tuppenney	... 0 5 0
" Part of Collections after Sermons	... 1 1 0	" Receipt Book	... 0 7 0
	£15 4 7	" Balance	... 0 8 6
			£15 4 7

Maternal Society.—Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. JACKSON.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last year	£ s. d.	By Amount expended in relieving 10 cases	£ s. d.
" Annual Subscriptions by Mrs. Hearn	... 0 16 4	" Printing Annual Report	... 3 3 2
	£4 16 4	" Printing Cards	... 0 2 6
		" Balance	... 0 3 0
			£4 16 4

Mothers' Meeting.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last year	£ s. d.	By Cost of Materials	£ s. d.
" Weekly Subscriptions by Mothers	... 0 13 2½	" Discount to Mothers (Clothing)	... 5 7 7
" Subscriptions, per Mrs. Lawson	... 5 17 4	" Mrs. Tuppenney	... 0 8 9½
" Discount off goods purchased (Clothing)	... 4 5 0	" Cash returned to Mothers (Clothing)	... 0 5 0
" Weekly Subscriptions by Mothers for Coals	... 0 5 4½	" Presentations to ditto	... 0 15 6
" Discount off Coals	... 7 2 1	" Printing Manual	... 1 18 0
" Donation by Mr. DeRussett	... 0 5 6	" Coals (cost)	... 0 5 0
	£18 14 0½	" Cash returned to Mothers, per Coals	... 7 5 6
		" Interest to Mothers (coals)	... 1 6 9
		" Stamps, etc.	... 0 15 11
		" Balance	... 0 1 0
			£18 14 0½

British Society for the propagation of the Gospel among the Jews.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Subscriptions, per Miss Stone	£ s. d.	By amount paid to Society	£ s. d.
	... 4 7 0		... 4 7 0
	£4 7 0		£4 7 0

Youths' Guild.

President, THE PASTOR.		Treasurer, Mr. J. B. VICARS.	
DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Balance from last year	1 4 0	By Stationery and Periodicals	0 10 10½
„ Members' Subscriptions	10 4 9	„ Expenses incurred at Lectures, Entertainments, Etc.	3 7 1½
„ Sale of periodicals	0 19 2½	„ Donation to Church General Expenses Fund	2 0 0
„ Pew Subscriptions	0 6 0	„ Printing Ann. Report	0 5 0
		„ Mrs. Tuppenney	1 10 0
		„ Printing	0 16 0
		„ Pew Subscriptions	0 12 0
		„ Balance	3 12 11½
	£12 13 11½		£12 13 11½

Pellipar Road Adult Mission.

President-Rev. A. E. ABEL.		Treasurer Mr. J. B. VICARS.	
Superintendent-Mr. G. H. HARRISON.		Secretary-Mr. S. DYMOND.	
DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Balance from last year	0 9 8½	By Lantern Lecture	0 14 11
„ Collections at Bible Class	0 4 7	„ Rummage Sale Expenses	1 5 9
„ Collect'n for Nursing Association	0 8 1	„ Caretaker	1 0 0
„ Proceeds of Lantern Lecture	0 5 6	„ Donation to Pellipar Road Sunday School	4 0 0
„ Proceeds of Rummage Sale	14 7 1	„ Printing	1 15 3
„ Weekly Offerings	2 17 10	„ Stationery & Stamps	0 3 0
		„ Contribution to Nursing Association	0 8 1
		„ Books for Service of Song	0 8 4
		„ Tea—Cups & Saucers &c.	0 15 0
		„ New Lamp	0 2 0
		„ Donation to New Mission Hall, etc., Fund	7 0 0
		„ Balance	1 0 5½
	£18 12 9½		£18 12 9½

London Congregational Union.

To Collections after Sermons		£ s. d.
SUBSCRIBERS.		8 7 6
Richardson, Mr.	1 1 0	
Hearn, Mr.	1 1 0	
Amount paid to the Union	£10 9 6	

Girls' Guild.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. JACKSON.		Secretary-Mrs. HEARN. Assist. Secretary-Miss MABEL BISHOP.	
DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Balance from last year	1 6 1	By Materials for Mission Working Meeting	1 14 0
„ Subscriptions from Members per Miss Mabel Bishop	6 17 8	„ Miss Campbell's Travelling Expenses	0 5 0
„ Proceeds of Sale of Work	20 16 4	„ Donation to Mansfield House	0 5 0
		„ Expenses of Social	0 4 7½
		„ Printing	1 7 0
		„ Contribution for Gas and Manual	1 6 0
		„ Mrs. Tuppenney	1 6 0
		„ Dr. Barnado's Home	0 5 0
		„ "Sunshine"	0 6 4
		„ Donation to Miss Müller's Indian Orphanage	20 0 0
		„ Balance	2 1 1½
	£29 0 1		£29 0 1

Pellipar Road Mission Hall Clothing Club.

Manager, Miss BAYLY.			
DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Balance from last year	0 3 5½	By Materials	7 3 5
„ Weekly payments	6 12 8	„ Balance	0 5 9½
„ Subscriptions—			
Mr. Reed	0 5 0		
Mrs. Hearn	0 2 0		
Mrs. Griffiths	0 2 0		
Mrs. Jackson	0 2 0		
Mrs. H. Vicars	0 1 0		
Interest	0 1 1		
	£7 9 2½		£7 9 2½

Pellipar Road Tuesday Evening Mission Services.

<i>President</i>	...	...	...	The PASTOR.
<i>Secretary & Treasurer</i>	...	...	...	Mr. W. DONKIN.
<i>Collector</i>	...	...	...	Miss STONE.

The Mission Band conducts Evangelistic Services at the following stations:—

1. WELLING—Services are conducted at Welling, morning and evening, every Sunday.
2. PELLIPAR ROAD—Services every Sunday evening and during the Winter months a Children's Service is held on Tuesday evenings.
3. OPEN AIR SERVICES—During the Summer an Open Air Service is held at the corner of Francis-street and Artillery-place on Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last year	0	1	1½	By Balance from last year	0	0	0
„ Proceeds of Tea at Annual Meeting	1	14	10½	By Cost of Annual Tea Meeting...	0	16	11½
„ Collection at Annual Meeting	0	14	0	„ Printing Plans and Magazines for three quarters	2	13	3
„ Subscriptions, by Miss Stone ...	3	2	0	„ Cost of Lamp Lantern	1	15	2
„ Collection at Pellipar Road for Lamp...	0	2	0	„ Cost of Stand and Platform	0	11	0
„ Donations—				„ Cost of Lamp	0	9	0
Mr. Clark... ..	0	5	0	„ Cost of Hymn Books	0	4	8
Mr. Harris	0	5	0				
Mr. Donkin	0	6	0½				
	£6	10	0½		£6	10	0½

<i>President</i> ... ..	...	...	THE PASTOR.		
<i>Superintendent</i> ... ..	...	...	Mr. J. D. C. HUNTER.		
<i>Collector</i> ... ..	...	...	Miss J. E. HUNTER.		
DR.	£	s. d.	CR.	£	s. d.
To Balance... ..	0	4 4	By Expenses of Child-		
„ Subscriptions—			ren's Tea and		
Driver, Mr.	0	5 0	Entertainment ...	0	17 0
Hunter, Mrs.	0	5 0	„ Hire of Lantern		
Hunter, Mr. J.D.C. ...	0	5 0	Slides	0	13 7
Jackson, Mrs.	0	5 0	„ Receipt Book ...	0	0 6
Hearn, Mrs.	0	2 6	„ Balance	0	2 9
Bishop, Mrs. G.	0	2 6			
Griffiths, Mrs.	0	2 6			
Vicars, Mrs. H.	0	2 0			
	£1	13 10		£1	13 10

<i>President</i> ...		<i>THE PASTOR.</i>	
This Society meets in the Dorcas Room every Monday at 8 p.m.			
DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
To Balance...	1 10 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	By Expenses of Annual Meeting ...	0 18 7
„ Members' Subscriptions ...	2 11 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	„ Printing Handbills and Topic Cards...	1 10 0
„ Special Collections	1 18 4	„ Subscription to Local C. E. Union...	5/-
„ „ Donations	0 8 6	World's Convention Fund ...	5/-
„ Donation from Guild Sale of Work ...	0 6 4	C. E. Union G. Brit. and Ireland...	3/-
„ Sunshine Box ...	0 5 1 $\frac{1}{2}$		— 0 13 0
„ Donations for Xmas gifts ...	0 4 6	„ C. E. Hymn Books	0 12 1
		„ Expenses of Special Meeting in June ...	0 10 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
		„ Donation to L. M. S.	0 10 0
		„ Caretaker ...	0 10 0
		„ Church Expenses ...	0 10 0
		„ Expended by Sunshine Committee...	0 18 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
		„ Balance ...	0 12 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
	<hr/> £7 5 0 $\frac{3}{4}$		<hr/> £7 5 0 $\frac{3}{4}$

Rectory Place "Excelsior" Band of Hope.

Secretary, Mr. J. H. HARDING.

Treasurer, Mr. G. W. OAKLEY.

Dr.				Cr.			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Balance from last year	...	...	1 6 3	By Printing, Stationery, Medals, and Books as Prizes	...	...	3 0 4
" Members' Subscriptions	...	...	13 19 5	" Expenses of Dissolving Views, Entertainments, etc.	...	...	1 12 11½
" Subscriptions, per Collectors	...	...	4 9 6	" Expenses of Annual Free Tea and Christmas Tree	...	...	4 18 0
" Proceeds of Lectures, Dissolving Views, Etc.	...	...	0 15 8	" Mrs. Tuppenney	...	...	1 0 0
" Sale of Tickets Annual Treat	...	...	3 5 0	" Donation to Band of Hope Union	...	...	0 10 0
" Sale of Hymn Books, and Entrance Fees	1	2	6½	" Donation to Temperance Hospital	...	...	0 5 0
" Legacy, Late Mr. Dallen	1 0 0	" Printing Manual	0 5 0
				" Contribution for Gas	1 10 0
				" Members' Annual Treat	9 0 10½
				" Balance	3 16 2½

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Pellipar Road Mission Hall Sunday School Account.

Treasurer, Mr. J. B. VICARS.

DR.				CR.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Annual Subscriptions, per Mrs. Hearn...	16	15	4	By Balance from last year	...	7	10	0
" Donation from Parent School	...	6	15	" Gas and Coals	...	2	16	8
" Ditto from Mr. Morris	...	1	0	" Fire Insurance	...	0	3	9
" Collected in School	...	1	10	" Ground Rent	...	2	18	0
" Subscription by a Friend to the Mission	...	1	0	" Water Rate	...	0	10	0
" Subscriptions for Prizes & Entertainment	9	10	8	" Income Tax	...	0	2	0
" Donation from Pellipar Road Adult Mission...	...	4	0	" School Board Rent	...	20	12	0
" Collections after Sermons	...	8	3	" Caretaker's Services	...	2	0	0
			10	" Printing	...	0	5	6
				" Repairs	...	1	19	5
				" Cost of Prizes and Entertainment	...	9	10	4½
				" Balance...	...	0	7	5½
					£48	15	2	

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Special Fund for Sunday School Requisites.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.		
To Balance from last year	13	3	7½	By purchase of Hymn Books, &c....	...	3	12	10
					" Balance ...	...	9	10	9½
	£13	3	7½				£13	3	7½

Rectory Place Literary and Debating Society. 1898-1899.

President, The Pastor.

Assist. Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. C. JACKSON. Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, Mr. WALTER BISHOP.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance from last Session	1 7 1	By Entertainer's Fees and Expenses	18 9 6
" Members' Subscriptions	13 14 0	" Gratuities to Caretaker	2 5 0
" Sale of Tickets and Programmes	10 7 6	" Printing and Stationery, &c.	3 11 0
" Collections	1 12 10	" Hire of Piano, Slides, etc.	1 1 6
" Special Contributions	2 3 6	" Church Expenses Fund	2 5 0
" Balance	0 3 6	" Bill-posting and Postages etc.	0 15 11
		" Refreshments	0 12 6
		" Bazaar Programmes	0 8 0
			£29 8 5

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Examined and found correct—
H. G. DE RUSSETT, {
D. SAUNDERS, { Auditors.

To Poor Children's Dinners' Fund—		By Expenditure—	
Balance from 1898-99.	35 1 5½	John Sackett's Account	0 4 6
Donation, per J. F. Kelley	1 10 0	" Balance	36 6 11½
	£36 11 5½		£36 11 5½

* NOTE—A large part of this Fund was subscribed by friends outside the Congregation.

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Metropolitan Kent Church Extension Fund.

Secretary & Treasurer, Mr N. J. WALTER.

Covering Three Years.

NAME.	Promises.	Paid, 1898.		Paid, 1899.		Paid, 1900.	
	£ s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Rev. A. E. Abel	6 6 0						
Mr. T. R. Richardson	30 0 0	10 0 0		4 0 0			
Mr. R. S. Hearn	21 0 0			10 0 0			
Mr. J. B. Vicars...	9 9 0			20 0 0			
Mr. J. Lawson	3 3 0			6 6 0			
Mr. G. Bishop	3 3 0			1 1 0			
Mr. N. J. Walter	3 0 0	1 0 0		1 0 0			
Mr. S. Colebrook	3 0 0			1 0 0			
Mr. A. Russell, sen.	1 0 0	1 0 0					
Mr. H. C. Walter	1 1 0	0 7 0		0 7 0			
Mr. W. B. Barrett	1 11 6	0 10 6		0 10 6			
Mrs. Butroyd	0 2 0	0 2 0					
Mrs. Brown...	0 2 6	0 2 6					
Miss A. Bewglass	0 15 0	0 15 0					
Mr. A. Thornton	3 3 0	1 1 0		1 1 0			
Miss S. Martin	3 0 0	1 0 0		1 0 0			
Mrs. R. Marsh	0 3 0	0 1 0		0 1 0			
Mr. Alfred Russell	0 10 0	0 10 0					
Mr. C. D. Dodman	0 5 0	0 5 0					
Mr. E. H. Walter	1 10 0	0 10 0		0 10 0			
Mrs. E. Stittle	0 3 0	0 1 0		0 1 0			
Mrs. Peake	0 5 0	0 5 0					
Mr. & Mrs. Smith	3 0 0	1 0 0		1 0 0			
Mr. Canham	1 1 0	1 1 0					
Mr. M. Stapley	0 5 0	0 5 0					
Mr. D. Davis	3 3 0	1 1 0		1 1 0			
Mr. J. A. Pullen	0 15 0	0 5 0					
Miss Hercus	1 10 0	0 10 0		0 10 0			
Miss Appleby	0 5 0	0 2 6		0 5 0			
Mr. Peckitt	3 0 0	3 3 0					
Mr. W. Peckitt, jun.	0 15 0	0 5 0		0 5 0			
Mr. W. Norman...	1 10 0	0 10 0		0 10 0			
Mr. Gittings	2 2 0	2 2 0					
Mr. Harris	1 10 0	1 0 0		0 10 0			
Mr. A. E. Walter	2 0 0	1 0 0		1 0 0			
Mr. Wheeler, Sen.				2 0 0			
	113 8 0	29 14 6		53 18 6			
Extra Donations given to Welling				35 5 0			
Proceeds of Bazaar given to ditto				100 0 0			
				£189 3 6			

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Summary of Subscriptions and Collections for various objects during
the Year ended December 31st, 1899, exclusive of the Pew
Subscriptions, which constitute the minister's income.

	£	s.	d.
General Expenses Fund	113	1	1½
Sunday Schools (Rectory Place)	82	6	0½
Sacramental Account	45	6	6
Church Repairs Account	31	6	8
Organist and Choir Fund	29	8	2
Christian Instruction Society	4	8	1
Benevolent Society	13	5	9½
Dorcas Society	13	1	0
Maternal Society	4	0	0
Mothers' Meetings	18	0	9½
Youths' Guild Account	11	9	11½
Girls' ditto	27	14	0
Pellipar Road Children's Mission Services	1	9	6
Pellipar Road Mission Hall Clothing Club	7	5	9
Band of Hope (Rectory Place)	24	12	1½
Pellipar Road Mission Sunday Schools	37	19	10
Mission Band (Rectory Place)	6	8	11
Literary and Debating Society	27	17	10
Poor Children's Dinners' Fund	1	10	0
Kent Congregational Association, Etc.	15	10	11
London Missionary Society	88	7	7
London City Mission	16	15	0
Hospital Sunday	29	18	6
London Congregational Union and Church Aid Society	10	9	6
British and Foreign Bible Society, by Sunday School	1	0	0
Home for Little Boys at Farningham, ditto	2	12	6
Indian Mission Fund, ditto	1	0	0
Continental Fund, ditto	0	10	0
Kent Union, &c.	1	1	0
Our Colleges	6	5	2
Woolwich, Plumstead & Charlton Nursing Association	38	12	2
Flower Mission	1	15	6
Christian Endeavour Society	5	14	9
Pellipar Road Adult Mission	18	3	1
British Society for Propagation of Gospel among the Jews	4	7	0
Metropolitan Kent Church Extension Fund	189	3	6
Board School Teachers' Orphanage	5	0	2
	£936	18	5

EDWARD E. BAYLY, }
THOMAS GLOVER, } *Auditors.*

T. R. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

6th March, 1900.

IN ALL THY DISPUTATIONS LET TRUTH
BE THY AIM, NOT VICTORY."
Wm. Penn.

... Rectory Place ...

Literary & Debating Society,
Woolwich.

Sebenteenth ...
Session, 1900-1.

President.

Rev. Arthur E. Abel.

Vice-Presidents.

Mr. George Bishop.

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„ Alfred Ellis.

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„ J. Lawson.

„ J. J. Messent.

„ J. Quick.

Mr. T. R. Richardson.

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„ N. J. Walter.

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„ Jackson.

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„ H. G. De Russett.

Mr. D. Saunders.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Mr. Walter Bishop,
262 Burrage Road, Plumstead.

Assistant Hon. Sec.

Mr. Arthur Clacton Jackson.

PROGRAMME, 1900.

Oct. 9. SOCIAL MEETING.

Short Speeches by the PRESIDENT and HON. SECRETARY.

Exhibition of Microscopes, etc.

SONG "Caller Herrin'" *N. Gow.*
Miss MABEL BISHOP.

SONG "The Yeoman's Wedding Song" *Poniatowski.*
Mr. HERBERT TANSLEY.

RECITATION "The Swan's Nest" *Mrs. Browning.*
Miss FLORENCE HUNTER.

SONG "At the Concert" *Pontet.*
Mr. BERTRAM HAMMOND.

Refreshments by a Committee of Ladies.

SONG "The Forge and the Bell" *Stephen Adams.*
Miss MABEL BISHOP.

SONG "Beware, when Bright Eyes glance" *Hedgcock.*
Mr. HERBERT TANSLEY.

RECITATION "The Poets at Tea" *Barry Pain.*
Miss FLORENCE HUNTER.

SONG "Brother Ambrose" *Bevan.*
Mr. BERTRAM HAMMOND.

PROGRAMME, 1900—Continued.

Oct. 16. LECTURE—"The Queen and her Government."

M. BRETT, Esq. B.A.

Chairman—MR. GEORGE BISHOP.

.. 23. RECITALS from the Works of Charles Dickens.

MR. W. EDWARD KAYE.

Part I.

"Barbox Brothers" Christmas Stories.
 "An Hour on the Ice" Pickwick Papers.
 "Jo" Bleak House.
 "The Friendly Waiter" David Copperfield.

Part II.

"Dick Swiveller and the Marchioness" Old Curiosity Shop.
 "The Death of Sikes" Oliver Twist.
 "Boots at the Holly Tree Inn" Christmas Stories.

Admission by Ticket. Non-members, 1/-; Members, 6d.



PROGRAMME, 1900—Continued.

Oct. 30. LECTURE—"The Novels of Jane Austen."

Rev. WALTER WRAGGE, M.A. (*Vicar of Holy Trinity, Woolwich*).

Chairman—THE PRESIDENT.

Nov. 6. LECTURE—"The Life of William Shakespeare."

Rev. H. HARRIES, M.A., (*of Clapton*).

Chairman—MR. ALFRED ELLIS.

.. 13. DEBATE—"The Leading Article in to-day's Times."

Opened by MR. GEORGE BISHOP.

(Opener allowed 20 minutes; first speaker after, 15 minutes;
 other speakers 10 minutes).

Chairman—MR. C. R. DARLING.

.. 20. LECTURE—"Some of the Causes of the French Revolution."

Rev. Canon ESCRETT, M.A. (*Rector of Woolwich*).

Chairman—MR. T. R. RICHARDSON.

PROGRAMME, 1900—Continued.

Nov. 27. RECITALS—Dramatic and Humorous.

Mr. EDWARD MINSHALL.

Part I.

"The Merchant of Venice" Act iv., Scene 1 (The Trial Scene) *Shakespeare.*
 "The School Examination" *Manners.*

Part II.

"Stage Types" *Anon.*
 "The Spoken Word" *Carleton.*
 "Mr. Hawkins' Recitation" *Anon.*

Admission by Ticket. Non-members, 1/-; Members, 6d.

Dec. 4. LECTURE—"The Cities of Italy." (*Illustrated by Lime-light Views.*)

Miss LUCY CHATER.

Chairman—Mr. R. S. HEARN.

„ 11. MEMBER'S EVENING—"My favourite Novel, and the reason why."

(Five to ten minutes' Papers, or Speeches by Members, with discussion, time permitting.)

Chairman—Mr. H. G. DE RUSETT.

„ 18. LECTURE—"Among the Fisher Folk."

Rev. J. G. TRAIN, M.A. (*of Norwood*).

Chairman—THE PRESIDENT.

PROGRAMME, 1901.

Jan. 8. SOCIAL MEETING.

Exhibition of Microscopes, etc.

SOLO PIANO
 Miss ANNIE RILEY.

DUET.. .. .
 Mr. H. G. DE RUSETT and Mr. W. BISHOP.

SONG
 Miss JULIA HUNTER.

RECITATION
 Miss MARIAN BISHOP.

SONG
 Mr. H. G. DE RUSETT.

Refreshments by a Committee of Ladies.

SOLO PIANO
 Miss ANNIE RILEY.

SONG
 Miss JULIA HUNTER.

SONG
 Mr. H. G. DE RUSETT.

Dramatic Duologue—"Kitty" *Nella Parker.*

Major Delaney Mr. WALTER BISHOP.

Grace Mainwaring Miss MARIAN BISHOP.

Scene—A DRAWING-ROOM.

PROGRAMME, 1901—Continued.

Jan. 15. SCIENCE LECTURE—"Wireless Telegraphy." (*With Demonstrations*).

Mr. C. R. DARLING, A.R.C.S., F.C.S.

Chairman—Mr. J. B. VICARS.

„ 22. LECTURE—"The Struggle for Freedom in Russia."

J. FREDERICK GREEN, Esq.

Chairman—THE PRESIDENT.

„ 29. LITERARY DISCUSSION on Marie Corelli's Book "The Master Christian."

(Ten to fifteen minutes' Speeches, or Papers by members).

Chairman—Mr. ALFRED ELLIS.

Feb. 5. RECITALS from the Poets and Humorists.

Mr. ALEXANDER WATSON.

Part I.

"The Legend of Bregenz" Adelaide A. Proctor.

"A River Adventure" Theodore Hook.

"The Newsboy's Debt" Anon.

"A Holiday in Bed" T. M. Barrie.

Part II.

"Julius Caesar" Act iii., Scene 2 Shakespeare.

"Caleb's Courtship" E. T. Corbett.

"An Ocean Waif" Clark Russell.

"The Moral Umbrella" Anon.

Admission by Ticket. Non-members, 1/-; Members, 6d.

PROGRAMME, 1901—Continued.

Feb. 12. PAPER—"Shakespeare's Henry V." (*A Character Study*).

Mr. ALFRED ELLIS.

Chairman—Mr. GEORGE BISHOP.

„ 19. LECTURE—"Our Religious Liberties, and the Men to whom we owe them."

Rev. ARTHUR E. ABEL (*President of the Society*).

Chairman—Mr. T. R. RICHARDSON.

„ 26. LECTURE—"Russia and the Caucasus."

(*Illustrated by Limelight Views*).

GEORGE H. HUME, Esq., *Barrister-at-Law*.

Chairman—Mr. R. S. HEARN.

Mar. 5. SHORT PAPERS by Members.

Mr. A. G. DUCK—"Ultra Vires."

Mrs. STILL—

Mr. A. W. BRODIE—"The Incas of Peru."

(Brief criticism and discussion, time permitting).

Chairman—Mr. ALFRED BAYLY.

PROGRAMME, 1901—Continued.

Mar. 12. LECTURE—"The Functions of Government."

B. FOSSETT LOCK, Esq., M.A. (*King's College, Cambridge*).

Chairman—THE PRESIDENT.

„ 19. RECITALS—Dramatic and Humorous.

Mr. DAVID BEVERIDGE.

Part I.

"The Midnight Charge"	Clement Scott.
"Ellen McJones, Aberdeen"	W. S. Gilbert.
"If we only knew"	Spurr.
"A Voice from the Bush"	A. L. Gordon.
"After Dinner Speeches"	Anon.

Part II.

"Ballad of the Clapmherdown"	Rudyard Kipling.
"The Honeymoon" (3 Scenes)	Tobin.
"Henry V." (2 Speeches)	Shakespeare.
"The Rivals" (Selection from)	Sheridan.

Admission by Ticket. Non-members, 1/-; Members, 6d.

„ 26. MUSICAL EVENING.—"Gounod." (*With Illustrations*).

Mr. WALTER BISHOP assisted by several Musical Friends.

Chairman—Mr. LAWSON.

THE Meetings are held in the Lecture Hall of Rectory Place Congregational Church, Woolwich, on Tuesday Evenings, at Eight o'clock. The regular and punctual attendance of Members and Friends is earnestly requested.

Ladies and Gentlemen are eligible for membership. Fee for the Session, Two Shillings.

Our Programme for this Seventeenth Session should prove especially attractive; and it is hoped our friends will do all they can to introduce new Members.

N.B.—The fee is payable in advance.

October. 22. 1900.

Dist 48- $\frac{48}{518}$ SHD

Interview with W. Runacus. at 149 Burrage
Road. Local preacher, leader & Trustee.
for the 3 chapels of the Woolwich ^{Wesleyan} circuit.

Has been here 45 years. Is 77 years old & well
preserved. Has been married 54 years. Spectacles,
hooked nose, white fringe of beard from ear
to ear running under clean shaven chin & chest.
Pleasant quiet, narrow minded old man: enjoying
the authority given by church work. Was a carpenter
& has worked in the Arsenal, now retired, lives in
a two storied house in the pink part of Burrage
road, just ^{back} of Raglan Road. Two comfortable arm
chairs in the room where he saw me, large Bibles on the
side table, hideous religious lithographs on the walls, with family
photographs, good fire, 2 gas lights
hanging from ceiling.

Not a single Noncon Chapel when he came -²
 Has been in this house over 40 years. Was quite
 a new street then.

Character. Exceptional population. skilled labourers
 at permanent work, chiefly in arsenal;
 rents 2st. average £28 a year: higher up
 still rents are £40. rents not raised on old
 tenants, only one other living in this street
 that he knew when he came 'told a widow
 that he knew when he came' - middle & lower middle class.

Persons touched. middle & lower middle class.
 is foremen & artisans. Church members number 268

Buildings. Plumstead Common Church - red
 brick. towers at the end. the largest church
 of any denomination in Plumstead. Holds 1000
 about 400 in the morning & 600 in the eve.

St Margaret's parish

Evening. Hours 11 AM. 6.30 PM.

Weeknight ^{prayer} ~~preaching~~. Monday. 10 come.

Weeknight ^{prayer} ~~service~~. Wednesday 7.30. 15 come

men have been working night & day.
before work was so busy 20 or 30 used to
come.


Sunday service begins with singing, then
extempore prayer, ^{then} reading the scriptures from
the Old Testament, hymn, reading in the
new Testament, extempore prayer, another
hymn, sermon lasting 30 to 40 minutes
closing always at 12.30, ^{followed by} offertory, benediction.
Organ splendid choir led by a Christian
man with a good voice. Sermon the
chief part. Our MP said if he wanted
to hear a good sermon he wd. come to the

the Wesleyans.

Buildings : 1) The old Church called the Ebenezer near the new Chapel in the Plumstead Common Rd where they first started - 2) The Church. 3) The school room underneath the Church.

Wesley Guild.

Plumstead
Common
Branch.



OCT.-DEC.
1900.

Our Aim :—Comradeship in the highest aims of life.
Watchword :—COMBINATION.

OFFICERS:
President—Rev. H. J. HASLAM.
Vice-Presidents—
Messrs. BODDY, CODLING, DEMPSTER, FRETTER, HOARE,
MORRIS, NICHOLLS, RADFORD & RUNACUS.
Treasurer—Mr. S. W. DUNCAN.
Auditor—Mr. WARREN.
Roll Secretary—Mr. W. G. SANKRY.
General Secretary—
Mr. C. BLAKE, 7, Tuscan Road, Plumstead, S.E.
Assist. Gen. Secretary—
Mr. F. BODDY, 74, Plumstead Common Rd., Plumstead.

EXECUTIVE:
The above Officers and

Representatives from the
 Guild - Mrs. Boddy & Mr. H. Duncan.
 S. School Mrs. S. Duncan & Mr. CORSTORPHINE.
 Leaders' Meeting - Mrs. SQUIRES & Mr. LAMB.
 Band of Hope - Mr. KREBLE.
 Literary Society - Mr. E. WRIGHT.
 Junior Leaders - Miss DUNCAN & Mr. MORRIS.

Thorpe, Plumstead.

the books. 460 :

40 teachers officers.

at 10 AM - 2.30 PM.

Hope : on Thursdays : about 300

Seniors & juniors in the books.
If are seniors.

clung.
otball.
icket.
literary.
Flower service sick visiting

Each with a
separate sect.

Members Engage to observe all that is good & to conduct
them selves worthy of the church.

Programme—Oct.-Dec., 1900.

Date.	Time— p.m.	Meetings.	Leader, etc.
F. Oct. 5	7.45	Devotional Meeting	... Ladies' Evening
W. " 10	7.30	Gospel Service...	... Members
F. " 12	7.30	Literary Inaugural Social	...
M. " 15	7.0	Prayer Meeting	... Members
Th. " 18	7.30	Circuit Festival	... Rev. J. CRITCHISON
S. " 21	6.30	Children's Day Sermon to Young People.	... THE PRESIDENT
F. " 26	7.45	Literary ... Paper: "The Romance of Shooters' Hill."	... Mr. R. J. JACKSON
F. Nov. 2	7.45	Devotional Meeting	... Mr. MORRIS
S. " 4		Communion Service (Guild)	... THE PRESIDENT
W. " 7	7.30	Gospel Service ..	... Members
F. " 9	7.45	Literary ... Paper: "Books, and the study of them."	... THE PRESIDENT
W. " 14		Lecture: "People who are spoiled by small faults" ...	Rev. DINSDALE T. YOUNG
F. " 16	7.45	Literary: Impromptu Speaking	... Members
M. " 19	7.0	Prayer Meeting	... Rev. T. ROSS
F. " 23	7.45	Literary ... Paper: "An Evening with N. P. Willis."	...
Th. " 29	7.30	At Home and Conversation	...
F. " 30	7.45	Literary ... Papers: "Christianity and Athletics," Children's Home Choir at William St.	Messrs. H. EDWARDS & E. WRIGHT
Th. Dec. 6	7.30	Devotional Meeting (L.E.R.A. Evening) Subject: "Scriptural Study."	... Mr. G. DEMPSTER
F. " 7	7.45	Gospel Service...	... Members
W. " 12	7.30	Literary ... Paper: "Tennyson."	... Rev. S. SCOTT, M.A.
F. " 14	7.45	Prayer Meeting	... Members
M. " 17	7.0	Literary ...	Messrs. BODDY & DEMPSTER
F. " 21	7.45	An evening with the Gospel Cyclists. Coffee Supper	...
M. " 31	9.0	Watch Night Service	... THE PRESIDENT
	11.0		

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the Wesleyans.

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the books. 460:

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at 10 AM - 2.30 PM.

type: on Thursdays: about 300

seniors & juniors in the books. If are seniors.

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tball. separate seats.
icket.

Literary.

Flower service sick visiting

Members Engage to observe all that is good & to conduct them selves worthy of the church.

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Buildings : 1. The old Church called the Ebenezer near the new Chapel in the Plumstead Comm Rd where they first started - 2. The Church. 3. The School room underneath the Church.

Sunday School. On the books. 460 :

40 teachers & officers.

held at 10 AM - 2.30 PM.

Band of Hope : on Thursdays : about 300 including Seniors & juniors on the books. About half are Seniors.

Wesley Guild : Cycling. } Each with a
Football. } separate sect.
Cricket.
Literary.
Flower service sick visiting

Members Engage to observe all that is good & to conduct them selves worthy of the church.

Departments. Secretaries.

Worship and Devotion.

Chairman	-	Mr. J. HOARE.
Devotional Meeting	-	Mr. J. HOARE.
I.B.R.A. and Prayer Union	-	Mr. E. WRIGHT.
Sunday, 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting	-	Mr. H. EDWARDS.
Monthly Prayer Meeting	-	
Monthly Gospel Service	-	

Christian Service.

Chairman	-	Mr. W. MORRIS.
Look Out Committee	...	Mr. WARREN.
Mission Band	...	Mr. H. DUNCAN.
Band of Hope (affiliated)	...	Mr. W. G. SANKEY.
Temperance Roll	...	Mr. BEAVIN.
Busy Bee	...	Mrs. LANG.
Flower Mission	...	Miss PORTER.
Visitation Committee	...	Mrs. BODDY.

Mental Culture.

Chairman	-	Mr. G. DEMPSTER.
Literary and Debating Society (affiliated)	-	Messrs. WEST & E. WRIGHT.
Reading Circle	...	Mr. C. BLAKE.
Social and Musical	...	Mr. M. SMITH.
"Guild Magazine," Badges, etc.	-	Miss HILL & Mr. G. BLACKLER.

Recreation.

Chairman	-	Mr. W. G. SANKEY.
Rambling	...	Mr. J. PORTER.

NOTE.

The Band of Hope (affiliated) has Meetings every Thursday, Junior at 6.45, Senior, at 8.15.

The regular pledge for members of the Church is to 5
Live X'tian life

Daily read Scriptures.

Private Prayer.

Attendance at Class.

} Pledge taken them-
only standing &
publicly by members.

.. Devotional meetings & take an

active part in the proceedings if desired
Congregation. ^{1/2 a week & 1/4 a quarter is the lowest accepted ^{members} of class} very large proportion of young people.

Come to the Church. work with the Wesley guild

& in connection with mission work at the

Slade. Many families come. Almost all the

sittings are let especially in the body of

the Church. Sitting on Gallery costs 1/2 2/- to

2/6 for front seats - 3/6 under the gallery.

4/- in the centre: these are the quarterly

payments for sittings. No rich people. No

soldiers or officers come here: these go to the William
St

5th chapel.

Local Preachers: preach as they are appointed: rid the Circuit plan. The Superintendent appoints. They are not paid. The ministers are the only paid agents. Leaders, stewards etc all give their services free & pay as well as work. Mr. Runacus has had 3 or 4 appointments a quarter. This is the average. Local preachers meet every quarter to pass an examination. 'Do you know any thing against the morals or doctrine of Wilhem Runacus?' The ministers are examined every year in the same way by the Synods. Local preachers start first 'on trial'. He is given small appointments. After 12 months he has to

to pass an exam on Theology: he is called on to
read Wesley's sermons & notes: he is asked questions
this all happens at the local preachers meetings
Every minister has been a local preacher.

No Nurse: send for jubilee nurses to which they
subscribe.

Visiting. Flower service & Watch Department of the
guild visits & looks out for strangers in
church.

Charitable relief confined to members: sacramental
money goes to this. Raise about £140 for foreign
missions. raised in Sunday school & church.
Home missions. raised £30 or £40 of which
 $\frac{1}{3}$ is allocated to the Church's own local

missions

Western ministers. Have to be very careful about
their love affairs when young. It is the regular
question

put to them if bachelors. Are you engaged to be married? 8.
 Woe to the man who does not marry the woman he is en-
 gaged to? Dr. Dallinger had to leave Plumstead because he
 did not. (Dr. D. is the Wesleyan scientific great man: no scandal
 other Churches: have had Mr. Stanning & Mr. Ogle
 only Dr. D. changed his mind & had to suffer!)

to open bazaars & Mr. Morris - all very
 friendly: they are evangelical men:

Police. 'Have nothing to do here except to
 walk round'. Just a few get drunk.
 went over 20 public houses yesterday (Sunday)
 between 7 & 8 PM: about 7.30: saw very few
 in them: 'a most encouraging sign': a great
 number of the publican wd. shut the
 doors if asked: the 1-2 PM. for the dinner
 beer wd. cover all the trade they do!

Drink. Is strong against ^{children} fetching beer. Children
 taught to obey their parents but at the same
 time asked to sit leave off fetching the dinner

Dinner beer: great changes: young men take⁹
their young women to the pubs: 'it like smoking
in the streets, now so common but 50 years
ago you cd only smoke in the house or the
back garden'.

Key discharge about 30 aweek from the Arsenal
on account of drink: drink leads to lost time
only a certain amount of lost time is allowed
if this is exceeded the man is dismissed: the
men are not drunk at their work.

Gambling: betting forbidden in Arsenal:
Great improvement there since Rumanus was
employed there:

Health. very good: best water in London, supplied
by the Woolwich waterworks, not particularly
hard: much comes from Croyford: no crowding.
Small houses; fair gardens: drainage & sewage

Ascension Mission District

Rumacuo

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sewage being improved every day: great number
own own houses: few freeholds: but hold from
60 to 99 years leases: 'very few' 99!

Marriage.. large families: good earnings: many
young: 'never saw so many children as there
are here'.

Putcliffe Rd. Mission. run by the Wesley Guild
of the Planted ^{Common} Church. Rumacuo goes there
every Sunday. mostly labourers, a low lot.
visits house to house, want come to church.
service from rev. 'very few come: not
average more than 10'. There is also a city
mission in Putcliffe Rd.
Sunday school is the best part of the business there
30 come.

S^t Nicholas' parish

'Shooters Hill' Chapel is actually in Red Lion Lane. (P.C.)

Runacus

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High St. Plumstead. chapel going to be replaced " by a new one. W. Middleton is the lead.

~~Reverend~~ Protestant chapel holds 250. crowded at night: children turned away from Sunday school. Mr J. Peaman. 36 Miriam Rd. Plumstead

Chatham Vale: Mr. Pearson: 116 Heathwood Gardens. Chatham. will tell us about it.

There is no Wesleyan chapel in Red Lion Lane. Shooters Hill. is an iron chapel built by a private gentleman for religious work among the soldiers. When he left it was given over to the Wesleyans. A small work is done there.

Mr. Runacus gave me the following estimate he had made of religious attendance at chapel within a mile radius of his house

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Wesleyan.	The P. Common Rd.	600
"	Village	250.
"	Mission	20
Baptist	(Anglica Rd)	190
Presbyterian		400
Baptist	(Conduit Rd)	150
Particular Baptist	(Maxey Rd)	150
Baptist	(Elm St)	400
Brethren	(Vicarage Rd)	150
"	(Plum Lane)	112
Primitive Methodists	(Eglington Rd)	250
"	(Robert St)	400
Union Church	(Park Rd)	250
Peculiar	(Inverness Place)	50
"	(Brewer St)	60
Bible Christians	(Herbert Rd)	150
		<u>3582</u>

16 Places of Worship & 3582 attendants.

All Saints parish

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Note on the Primitive Methodist Churches, Woolwich
Circuit. (E.A.) Oct. 25. 00.

I called on Mr. Wilkinson, the head of the circuit, at 9 Nithdale Road, Plumstead, on the chance of seeing him. He was out, but Mrs. Wilkinson was at home, and, finding that the two chapels were carried on on a ~~xxxx~~ small scale, I thought it best to get the Plan, and any facts I could without further delay.

Of the two Chapels in the Circuit, (see Plan), that at Eglinton Road is "considerably the more important of the two". It is newer, comfortable, and has the larger membership. It is also a much smaller building, and doubtless fits in much better with the scale of things going on.

The membership is about 60; attendance on Sunday mornings is small, but on Sunday evenings they may have an average of about 120 or 130. The open-air service, the "Endeavour", and the Band of Hope are all signs of the relatively greater activity that prevails there. The children at the two Sunday Schools are mostly attended by the children of members, and their size may be to some extent estimated. Mrs. W. could not give me the numbers, At Eglinton Road, in addition to the Chapel, ^{which holds about 200} they have school-rooms built underneath.

*** At Eglinton Road, the impression given is that

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Prim. Meth. Sun St. & Eglinton R.

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of a small but flourishing church. The situation is, doubtlessly, a favourable one. At Sun St. in Woolwich a very different picture is given. Here they have a much larger chapel, ^(holding 4-500 people) but it is "old, dilapidated, and in a poor way". They have there "a very poor Society", and the 40 members or so are clearly stranded in a building that is now too big for them. Here, in addition to the Sunday services, "there is nothing but a Sunday School and a week-night service". Mrs. Wilkinson herself generally attends at Eglinton Road, and except for the comparison with ~~the~~ this, "considerably the more ~~important~~ important of the two," no figures were forthcoming.

At both chapels the people are of very much the same class, and were described as "rather poor", and as for the most part connected with the Arsenal. The congregations are clearly of much the same class as those attending at the Free Methodist Chapel, and, for that matter, it appears that Plumstead itself would have difficulty in furnishing any other. Among the Primitive ~~M~~ Methodists the Chapel at Robert St. is by far the most important in this immediate neighbourhood.

Mrs. Wilkinson lives in much the same kind of house as Mrs. Dunckley, but ~~in~~ with a less cheerful outlook, Nithdale St. being painfully new, with the roadway still

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unfinished. The children were having tea in the kitchen but I was shwon into the parlour, a rather cheerless little room. I hope it was not also Mr. Wilkinson's ~~st~~ study. They have been here for two years, having come to Plumstead from Brighton. Asked which they liked best, Mrs. Wilkinson said that she liked the people here better, "although the place was not so nice". Their church at Brighton was at Hove, and is not, apparently, the most flourishing of the Brighton circuits. At the Woolwich circuit, in spite of the ~~depression~~ sunlessness of Sun Street, they appear to feel that they are in the midst of a people who, so far as their own denomination is concerned, ~~are~~ ⁿfriendly and responsive. Mrs. W. is a rather dull person, and I thought at first that the door was being opened to me by the landlady of a house in which a young unmarried minister was living. It was somewhat a matter of surprise to find that she was his wife, but I dare say that she makes him a good one. She seemed a very respectable ~~person~~.

Primitive Methodist

The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Exeter on

OCTOBER			
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1st Sunday, October 1st	2nd Sunday, October 8th	3rd Sunday, October 15th	4th Sunday, October 22nd
5th Sunday, October 29th	6th Sunday, November 5th	7th Sunday, November 12th	8th Sunday, November 19th
9th Sunday, November 26th	10th Sunday, December 3rd	11th Sunday, December 10th	12th Sunday, December 17th
13th Sunday, December 24th	14th Sunday, January 7th	15th Sunday, January 14th	16th Sunday, January 21st
17th Sunday, January 28th	18th Sunday, February 4th	19th Sunday, February 11th	20th Sunday, February 18th
21st Sunday, February 25th	22nd Sunday, March 4th	23rd Sunday, March 11th	24th Sunday, March 18th
25th Sunday, March 25th	26th Sunday, April 1st	27th Sunday, April 8th	28th Sunday, April 15th
29th Sunday, April 22nd	30th Sunday, April 29th	31st Sunday, May 6th	1st Sunday, May 13th

NOTICES

Brotherly Love is the basis of all Christian life and action. It is the love that binds us together as members of the same body, and it is this love that should be the motive power of all our efforts for the glory of God and the good of our fellow-creatures.

The following are the names of the members of the congregation who have been added since the last meeting:

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The QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Eglinton Road, Dec. 3rd; Tea at 6-0 o'clock. Ministerial Invitation.

SERVICES.	OCTOBER.				NOVEMBER.				DECEMBER.				
	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
WOOLWICH, Union Chapel, (11 Sun Street... 6.30	T Polkinghnr Wilkinson s	Wilkinson Waller	J Hayes ss Wilkinson ss	Wilkinson ms Radford ms	Wilkinson Barker	Wilkinson CE Simmonds CE	Wilkinson Nicholls	Wilkinson TS Long	Knowles Wilkinson s	Wilkinson Radford	Giles Wilkinson	Wilkinson W Polkinghnr	Simmonds Waller
Thursday, Service and Class..... 7.0	Wilkinson	Wilkinson	Wilkinson	MM	Wilkinson	Tea	Nicholls	Wilkinson LM	Wilkinson	Wilkinson	Wilkinson	PM	Wilkinson
Sunday School, 10 a.m., 2.30 p.m.													
SHOOTER'S HILL, Upper Eglin- (11 0 ton Road... 6.30	Wilkinson Long	Barker Wilkinson	Wilkinson ss W Polkinghnr ss	Simmonds ms Wilkinson ms	T Polkinghnr Wilkinson	Simmonds Wilkinson	Nicholls Wilkinson	J Hayes TS Wilkinson	Wilkinson Long	Radford Wilkinson s	Wilkinson Giles	Miller Wilkinson	Barker Simmonds
Open-Air, Eglinton Road 7.45													
Tuesday, Service 7.0	Wilkinson	J. Hayes	Wilkinson	MM	Wilkinson	Wilkinson	Simmonds	Wilkinson LM	Wilkinson	Wilkinson	Barker	PM	Simmonds
Wednesday, Ch. Endeavour 6.30 & 7.45													
Thursday, Band of Hope 6.30													
„ Class Meeting 7.45													
Sunday School, 10 a.m., 2.45 p.m.													

NOTICES.

Preachers who cannot take their appointments must endeavour to obtain an accredited supply before they send notice to the Minister. No person is allowed to preach in our chapels unless authorized by the Circuit authorities.

Leaders should collect Class Moneys weekly, visit absent members, hold a Monthly Prayer Meeting, and apprise the Minister of members removing, in order that they may be credentialed.

Society Stewards provide for Sacraments and Lovefeasts; furnish pulpit announcements, and receive all Society moneys.

Circuit Committee—The Members of the Quarterly Meeting

School Committee—Messrs. J. Crisp, C. Henderson, C. Barker, E. J. Kelsey, J. T. Alderton, and J. G. Alderton, Secretary.

Weekly Offerings are taken at the Sunday Services for the support of the Ministry, unless planned otherwise.

Pew Rents are due March 25th, June 24th, September 29th, and December 25th.

Baptisms.—On Sunday mornings, and at the Week-Evening Services.

Marriages.—Sun Street Chapel is licensed—apply to the Minister.

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SPECIALS.

WOOLWICH, SUN STREET.—

Society Tea and Ticket Renewal, Nov. 8th, No. 1.
Monthly Sermons to Young People, Oct. 7th and Dec. 2nd.
Chapel Effort, Nov. 11th; Preachers, Rev. M. Simmonds and Rev. F. W. Wilkinson.
Tea and Public Meeting, Nov. 15th.
Missionary Sermons, Oct. 28th; Meeting, Nov. 1st.

SHOOTER'S HILL, EGLINTON ROAD.—

Society Tea and Ticket Renewal, Nov. 6th, No. 1.
Monthly Young People's Services, Oct. 28th, Nov. 25th, and Dec. 23rd.
Missionary Sermons, Oct. 28th; Meeting, Oct. 29th.
Sunday School Days, Oct. 21st and 22nd.
Temperance Sunday, Nov. 25th.

SOCIETY STEWARDS.

SUN STREET.—Mr. E. J. Kelsey, Herbert Road, Plumstead.
Assistant, W. Killingsworth.

SHOOTER'S HILL.—Mr. J. T. Alderton. Assistants, C. C. Wilson and J. Laverick.
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REFERENCES.

C.A. Chapel Anniversary.
C. Lighting and Cleaning.
C.E. Chapel Effort.
C.M. Camp Meeting.
H.T. Harvest Thanksgiving.
L. Lovefeast.
L.M. Leaders' Meeting.
M.M. Missionary Meeting.
M.S. Missionary Sermons.

P. Prayer Meeting or Provide.
R.M. Revival Meeting.
S.A. School Anniversary.
S. Sacrament.
T. Ticket Renewal.
T.S. Temperance Sermon.
X. Annl. Teachers' Meeting.
Y. Yearly Trustees' Meeting.
ED. Endeavour Anniversary.

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Sr Margaret's parish (Detached part)

Note on the Free Methodist Church at Plumstead.

(E.A.) Oct. 25.00.

We had the name of a Mr. Dempster, as minister, and a call at his address, 48 Ennis Road, explained why we had had no reply to our letter, for he had left the district some four months ago. The address of "one of the officers" of the church was given me, a Mr. Dunckley at 23 S. John's Road. He proved to be the Corresponding Sec. for the Chapel, and his wife, a particularly respectable woman, ~~and~~ an admirable specimen of the wife of the upper class working-man, and a member of the Chapel, ^{was} ~~proved to be~~ able and willing to give me all the information that seemed necessary.

The Chapel is a small affair, and appears to have been going through difficult times during Mr. Dempster's term of pastorate. He himself was not a success, and they had a section of members who gave a good deal of trouble, mainly on matters of finance. However, they ~~have~~ have now "got rid of the crothhety ones", Mr. Dempster's successor is clearly a great favourite, and things are looking much brighter. On Sunday evenings they sometimes have "as many as a hundred there" and in the mornings, when congregations are always smaller, they may have forty, when "in Mr. Dempster's time there would have been not more than twelve." There is a membership of

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about 60 or 70, and a Sunday School with 125 children. The new minister is very active as well as very popular, and such a good preacher! He is pushing on things, apparently on the old lines, ^(open in meetings, winter permitting, etc.) but with acceptability and this is making all the difference. Poor Mr. Dempster! They are all working class people, and practically all connected with the Arsenal.

Mr. Dunckley himself is a brass worker, and in the "experiments department". His wife mentioned that the amount of overtime that had been worked of late had interfered a good deal with the work of the Chapel, and said that ^{during} ~~at~~ one spell of fourteen weeks her husband had only a single Sunday off. Instead of a 48 hour week he worked for about 104 hours, and with overtime allowances his wages for a single week were as much as he would ordinarily earn in three. But the strain was too great for him; "it got on his nerves", and he is at present exempted by a doctor's certificate from working any overtime. Yes, there has been plenty of money, but "bother the money, I say; health is best", and good Mrs. Dunckley was evidently pleased that for her husband, at any rate for the moment, the time of exceptional pressure is over. She lived in a pleasant little six-roomed house; was vigorous and self-possessed; age 40 or so.

