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The Revd. Thos. Jackson
Primitive Methodist

Geo E. A. Sept 8/97

Buildings Used

Persons Employed.

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The Revd. Thomas Jackson, Primitive Methodist Minister. Private address: 8 Rushmore Road Clapton N.E.

Mr Jackson is the minister in charge of the Clapton Mission, which in addition to two chapels at Clapton (See Notebook XVII. p. 60-73) and the Working Boys Home at Whitechapel (See Notebook ,), has a chapel at Philip Street, Hoxton.

Jubilee Hall, Philip St, seats 300 persons, the schoolroom 200 persons & there are 4 class rooms seating 100.

In addition to the occassional services of the two ministers on the circuit & the local preachers, a missionary (Mr J Parkin) is stationed here and a nurse (Biblewoman) also works in the district

Sunday. 11 AM. Preaching Service. About 30 adults.
" . 6 PM Open Air Meeting (Summer); Prayer Meeting (Winter)
" 6.30 PM Preaching Service. About 140 persons, chiefly adults.
" 10 AM & 2.45 PM Sunday school. 151 scholars &
" 15 teachers on the books. Average attendance - morning 17, afternoon 73.

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Services Held (cont^d)

From Annual Report of Clapton Mission for 1896

As to the more important, the spiritual part of the work, much good has been done. Bright, hearty services, powerful prayer-meetings, and lively, helpful class meetings, have been held. During the summer months the Open Air work was conducted with so much vigour that our 8 o'clock Sunday nights open-air meeting became a recognized institution in the neighbourhood, and it was no unusual thing to find numbers of people, who would not enter any place of worship, awaiting our arrival at Whitmore Head, and we to-day rejoice in the fact that some who were saved through this agency are in Church fellowship with us.

Monday - Mothers' Meeting. Over 100 on the books. Average attendance about 50. Clubs, clothing etc as at Clapton chapel - Monies are credited to same a/c.

" 8.15. Prayer Meeting. Average about 30.

Tuesday. 7 - Band of Hope. 120 members. Adult temperance meetings are arranged occasionally. Have about 20 adult members paying to Band of Hope.

" 8.15. Class meeting

Thursday 8.15. Preaching service. About 30 attend

Friday 8.15. Class meeting.

Social Agencies

A branch of the Medical Mission is held here. the Doctor attending on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 11.30 to 12.30 PM. The charge is 2^d for attendance & medicine. In the quarter ending June 1897, the fees taken here amounted to £7.13, indicating an attendance of about 70 weekly. Probably somewhat greater as Mrs J. insisted that some could not pay.

Free breakfasts for the children attending Board Schools are provided during the winter months. The tickets are distributed by the teachers of the Canal Road and Hammond Square B^d Schools.

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Social Agencies (cont^d)

From Annual Report Dec 1896

The Soup Kitchen supplied a large quantity of soup and bread to needy families during the winter. It was amusing to see the different kinds of vessels brought to carry away the Soup, jam-jars, toilet jugs, tin biscuit boxes, &c, being requisitioned for this purpose. Many a child tasted of the soup almost before it was in its possession, one youngster remarking that "it was as good as "turtle" soup any day." There is no doubt that many a person was helped through this agency who would otherwise have had to go without a dinner, and much good by this means was rendered to the hungry.

A Soup Kitchen supplies soup and bread at a nominal charge or free according to the circumstances of the recipients. A Penny Bank also is carried on. The people also participate in the various social agencies that cluster around Blurton Road chapel. (See Book XVII p66 seq.) e.g. the Legal Bureau, Invalid carriages, cast off clothing, christmas dinners, summer excursion and the grocery, coal & other tickets. Mr J. thought at least £300 of the total spent on social agencies was expended at Philip St and possibly more but he would not, or could not, speak positively.

Church Membership

There are 74 church members at Philip St. In connection with the Sunday School there is a Bible Reading Union with 30 members.

Visitation

Sister Ashton reports having made 4063 visits in "the last 13 months"

Visitation is carried on systematically, but districts are not allotted to special visitors. In cases of necessity – sickness or destitution – frequently visit, otherwise about once a month.

Nursing

Nursing is also done in connection with the Medical Mission

For a fuller description of the work of this Circuit reference is made to the ~~table~~ more detailed record of interview with Mrs Jackson recorded in Book XVII.. Here as at Clapton, the Social agencies are the main feature or, at all events that portion of the churches work absorbing the energies of the people to a large extent.

Whether these activities are a means of bringing the people into the church services may well be doubted seeing that the attendance is so small. They undoubtedly do are the means of alleviating much of the misery incidental to the poverty existing in the immediate neighbourhood and yet at the same time there is grave danger that worked on such a large scale they may tend to render the people contented with their lot.

St Paul's parish.

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Interview with The Rev.T.C.Udall,Minister of the Congregational Chapel in Shrubland Road (Feb.22nd 1898).

Mr Udall is also secretary of the Society for"The Evangelisation of London, through the agency of the special ~~agency~~ religious servicesfor the people in theatres, halls, and mission rooms". For the 38th winter course the following buildings were engaged.

THIRTY-EIGHTH SERIES, 1896—1897.

The following buildings were engaged for the Thirty-eighth Winter Course :—

AGRICULTURAL HALL, Islington.
PAVILION THEATRE, Whitechapel Road.
QUEEN'S THEATRE OF VARIETIES, High Street, Poplar.
TOWN HALL, Shoreditch.
MORLEY HALL, Hackney.
HOMERTON HALL, High Street.
GRAND HALL OF VARIETIES, Clapham Junction.
PUBLIC HALL, East Ham.
STAR MUSIC HALL, Bermondsey.
KIMPTON HALL, Camberwell.
WASHINGTON THEATRE OF VARIETIES, York Road, Battersea.
SHAFTESBURY HALL, Ealing.
SHAFTESBURY MEMORIAL HALL, Gibraltar Walk, Bethnal Green.
SHAFTESBURY MEMORIAL HALL, Union Street, Borough.
SHAFTESBURY MEMORIAL HALL, Kerbey Street, Poplar.
SOUTH NORWOOD HALL.
RAILWAY ARCH, Bermondsey.

And also various smaller Halls and City Mission Rooms in the poorer districts.

The committee is very similar to that of the London City Mission, but management and finance are both distinct,although the office of Mr Udall's society is at three Bridewell Place. For further particulars of its work see the report.The following card refers to a building in which the society is just starting work.

This is the chapel, which was closed whilst we were at Hackney. I made several attempts to see the pastor. Rev J. Irving See Book XXII p 160. The Mission conducting this work is the same as that at working at High Street, Homerton (See Book XXII p 20). Probably WS U's society is only assisting financially.

S. John's parish

OLD GRAVEL PIT MISSION,

CHATHAM PLACE, HACKNEY.

HON. SUPERINTENDENT & TREASURER - MR. D. F. MATHESON.

The Superintendent and Committee cordially invite

to the Inaugural Meeting of the above Mission,

On MONDAY, MARCH 7th, 1898.

TEA AND COFFEE IN LOWER HALL AT 6.30 P.M.

PUBLIC MEETING IN CENTRAL HALL AT 7.45 P.M.

J. FYFE STEWART, ESQ., WILL PRESIDE.

Collection in aid of Renovation Fund.

The chapel in Shrubland Road was converted from a Presbyterian to a Congregational place, some thirty years ago. The congregation is mainly lower middle class and suffers from the tendency of the people to move further out of London. The people living in the neighbourhood of the chapel are poor, and there is a good deal of what Mr Udall calls "decayed poverty" about.

Besides Mr Udall there is a paid deaconess, who visits in the neighbourhood for "5 hours a day on 5 days a week". Seven deacons. Thirty Sunday school teachers.

The chapel holds 5 hundred. It is freehold. Hall at back 3 hundred and a smaller room.

Mr Udall had great difficulty in giving figures for average attendances, but about a hundred in the morning and two hundred in the evening seem near the mark. The building is not attractive, but this "does not matter in a poor neighbourhood, since, like pew rents, elaborate & imposing buildings are apt to frighten people".

About 110 members. A certain number generally communicate who are not members since the invitation to stay is an open one "to all who love Christ".

Sunday School - Average about 300, & percentage of attendance "good".

Mothers' meeting (5o) ; Band of Hope ; Temperance Society; Penny Banketc.but nothing goes on in a large scale, and Mr Udall hoped that Mr Booth "would emphasize the difficulty of the voluntary system in East London."

Charity amounts to about £2o a year; the Christmas dinner fund is "the largest thing" and food is then sent to about 15o families.

Other religious agencies in the neighbourhood are numerous-"very thick" as Mr Udall said, mentioning 2 or 3 C. of E. churches, the Morley hall etc. The Congregational chapel in Pownall Road, has a Mr Farwell at its head. Mr F is not recognised as a congregational minister , and there seems to be some scandal connected with him. His is one of the ten or twelve chapels in London endowed by the Dorset Fund. His chapel gets £6o for the minister, and £6o for the poor, and the suggestion is that the latter amount is not really distributed to the poor.

No complaint of the police. A great deal of drinking but objects much more to the drinking- clubs, than to the pubs. Prostitution in Dalston Lane. Knows of no centre of crime. Crowding is increasing.

His great complaint was of the growing indifference to religion-"to the claims of God". But the struggle for life absorbs peoples thoughts and he has a great deal of sympathy for them.

Mr Udall has no official connection with the London City mission, but thinks its management is most efficient. Like his own society it is absolutely undenominational, but the High Churchmen hold pretty much aloof.

Mr Udall is a queer looking little man of about 55 or 60; clerical in garb, face close shaven, and manner that would be a little bit pompous if his appearance were not rather comical. He is a man with a good deal of sympathy but without much energy.

Revd R. M. Snelgrove
Queen's Rd Baptist

GEA
Feb 26/98

Character of Population

Buildings Used

St Paul's parish. 6.13

Revd R. Maurice Snelgrove, 367 Evening Road Stoke Newington
Minister of Queen's Road Baptist Church, Haggerston.

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Mr Snelgrove is a manly young fellow, possibly 25 years old but looks even younger. Fine head of curly hair, brushed back from the forehead; frank intelligent face but manner & speech rather abrupt. A good & hard working man but rather conceited. I should say, as a result of his success in gathering a congregation. He has ~~only~~ been here not quite 2 years Had 13 persons on the first Sunday "with my own friends" and now the place is comfortably filled on Sunday evening - about 600.

The most of streets between Queens Road & the railway & to the south of Haggerston Road are all poor & none of the people come to the chapel. On the other side between Pownall & Richmond Roads are comfortable working & middle class people & it is from these roads that he draws his congregation. Between Pownall Road & the Canal people are poorer.

Chapel seats 800, large vestries. Schools in Pownall Road.

Persons Employed

Minister. no other paid worker. 6 deacons, 4 regular visitors, 18 Sunday Sch Teachers, and about 24 others.

Services Held

Sunday. Service at 11. & 6.30. Middle class and comfortable working people. More men than he has seen "anywhere that he has preached". Few in the morning & these come twice a day. A well dressed congregation.

" Men's Meeting 3 P.M. Subjects for discussion. Mr S. gives lectures on Church history. Mostly come from neighbourhood

Monday - Prayer meeting - average 100

Saturday " " " 100

These meetings the strength of the church.

Preaching service on Thursday. Average over 100.

Christian Band. (Wed.)

Gospel Temperance (Tu). Can't get a good audience.

General lethargy on subject. Enthusiasm amongst the workers but not ability.

Sunday School. Attn. On Books 256. Attendance. 175.

Children come from neighbourhood of canal. & the west side of Queen's Road. When he came the church was empty & they had a large school. Has drawn a congregation but the parents have not taken their children from the schools of the neighbouring churches.

Visitation

No mothers' meeting. Have no mothers connected with the church that need help.

Does not appear to be much visitation. Mrs S. visits "cases that are suggested to him" & members of the church. Also 4 visitors but they do not appear to do much.

Charitable Relief

Charitable Relief is small. Communion fund for the poor of the church. Mr L's line is that they have no poor & so do not need to give any

No- co-operation

No co-operations.

Other Religious Agencies

Generally speaking the neighbourhood is dead. St Mary's do a good deal by a system of bribes. Owen Thomas (Myddelton Rd Congl.) is also doing a good bit.

Prostitution

Prostitution is "terrific" round Dalston Junction. One street (Rosebery Place) (I think he means The Square) where it is not safe for a girl to go. Cannot walk round Rosebery Place, Forest Road, Kingsland Rd & Dalston Lane without being accosted.

Thrift

Police

Haggerston Wo Mens Club
Church Membership

The People attracted

People are very thrifty e.g. those with whom he comes in contact.

More Police are wanted. Youngsters from the back streets make a playground of Queens Road. Throw stones & have broken 20 small panes of glass in the church. Police never catch anybody.

Haggerston Working Mens Club. About 1000 members. Flourishing with Church now numbers 250. ~~Good~~ Added 157 during the year ending Sept/97.

Replying to a question as to where he got his congregation from, Mr S. said that he drew them from the neighbouring churches and also from the people who had been under church influences & had discontinued attendance at the services. Got some from the Church of England - the church by the Canal. Also from Mr Cuffs. Had transfers from the chapels - not caused by people moving but simply by them changing their church. On wet sundays he gets a number of Mr Cuff's people, who come from the north: stop at Queens Road on their way south. Does not get any from the poor streets. ~~His~~ The preaching would not suit them. If he tried to

Former prosperity

get them he would have to alter his style. He would have to preach as in the Mission Hall & then his people would not like it. Does not think you can get the two classes – middle class & working people – together.

At one time the chapel was very popular. To get in to the service, you had to come half an hour before the time for service. Thinks the decline was because the minister became too old for his work. and also that he held some unpopular doctrines.

Mr S. has undoubtedly succeeded in gaining a congregation and is evidently elated thereby. In the pulpit he is probably an attractive preacher & ~~is the~~ his eloquence would be aided by his extremely ~~than~~ youthful appearance. He is now at a critical part of his ministry & has to prove whether he can retain as well as attract the people. In spite of his brusque manner I liked him as he is evidently sincere & earnest. His unconcerned attitude toward the poor close to his church is remarkable & has given ground for the criticism expressed by Mrs Matcham (see Book XLIX p 51). He apparently does not want the poor or at all events does not try to gain them.

Rev^d. M. E. Farwell

Congregational Minister

GLA 9/3/97

The Population

Persons Employed

Building used

St Paul's parish

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Revd M. E. Farwell. Minister of Brownell Road Congregational Church. Seen at 138 Graham Road Dalston.

Mr Farwell was formerly a Wesleyan. He came from Manchester nearly 5 years ago and is apparently living in lodgings here as he mentioned that his wife & family were at Bournemouth. Nearly 50, stout, bald high forehead; pleasant manner and good presence. Earnest and energetic, with some of the old Methodist spirit.

People in the portion of Haggerston north of the Canal are comfortable working class. On the London Fields side of the boundary, they are very poor. Bulk of the houses ~~are~~ even on the better side are shared by two or 3 families.

Minister and deaconess paid. The latter visits constantly in the district "most earnestly & thoroughly". 4 deacons, 19 sunday school teachers and about 20 other voluntary workers - but number fluctuates.

Chapel seats 500, schoolroom over 200 & vestry. Have to use chapel for school purposes.

Services Held

Social Agencies

Sunday Services 11 & 6.30. Get 150 to 200 in the evening and about 50 in the morning. Latter members & workers – all come in evening. Principally young people growing up – employed in city warehouses & workshops. A few old people. Has had practically to get his own congregation

Sunday School. & 2 Bible classes at 3 PM. Vigorous. Mixed class of children – come from both sides of the chapel. Room crammed. On Books. 176 Av. attce 150

Tuesday Prayer & Praise Meeting. "Taken by our own people"

Thursday Preaching service.

Workers' Band. Once a month.

Band of Hope. (Mon) 66 members.

Temperance Society (Mon). – Regular attendants teetotalers. If you have niggers with black faces you can get the ~~of~~ outside people & fill the place but Mr F objects to that. Varies meeting with entertainment. Has a good choir and this draws some but without something special you are "beating a dead horse: talking temperance to old teetotalers". At the old temperance meetings they used to get "some dry old stick" to talk about anatomy &c. People don't want that. They know or think they know.

Church Membership.
Visitation

Charitable Relief

Nursing

Mothers Meeting conducted by deaconess. About 20 attendance.
Cricket Club. etc.
Choir - About 40. cornet - violins etc
Church membership - about 70.
Visitation constantly by deaconess. Mainly people from congregation, mothers etc. Also have a visiting band of about 20, who go out on Sunday to invite people to the church; have bills for the purpose, for which they pay.
Mr F. also visits members of congregation.
Charitable relief is given from a small fund (an endowment) - Help their own poor.
Mr F. does not think endowments are a good ~~thing~~ for a church. They relieve people of the responsibility they ought to bear - Makes them lazy and also brings a lot of "bad fish" to the church, who simply come for the loaves & fishes. Admitted that but for the endowment they could not go on.

Deaconess does a little nursing but is not a trained nurse.

Mr Goodhart (St Pauls) is doing a good work. Friendly with him.
So also is Dove Row Mission & the Harbour Light. As to latter see Mr Gee.

Co-operation

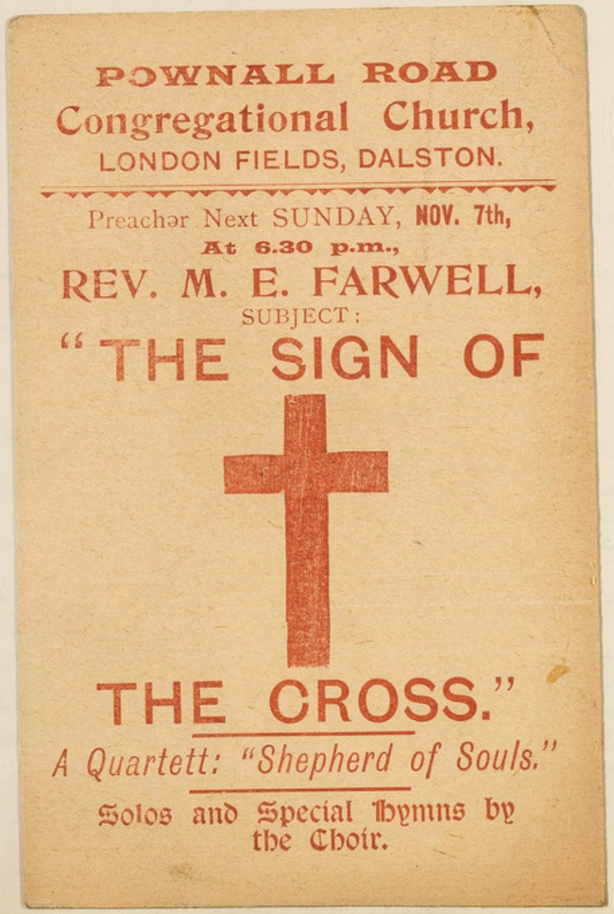
Drunk

Not much co-operation. Friendly feeling between the congregational churches. Speak at each others meetings but that is about all. In this connection he mentioned Mr Udall's name. Thinks him pessimistic: he is always complaining that there are too many churches and yet "there are people enough to fill them all".

Drink ~~the~~ "tremendous amongst women".

Mr Farwell did not care to speak about the general questions, saying that we knew far more about them than he could know. The talk however became general & although Mr F. had been perfectly frank hitherto, he rather let himself go.

~~Outdoor~~ His deaconess who came from Stepney Temple says that the people here are much harder than at Stepney, where she had worked for several years as unpaid agent. The conditions are so different from the north of England where there is a public opinion that a man should go to church or chapel & he is regarded as a bad fellow if he does not. Here no notice is taken & certainly not 10% go to a place of worship.


POWNALL ROAD
Congregational Church,
LONDON FIELDS, DALSTON.

Preacher Next SUNDAY, NOV. 7th,
At 6.30 p.m.,
REV. M. E. FARWELL,
SUBJECT:
"THE SIGN OF
THE CROSS."
A Quartett: "Shepherd of Souls."
Solos and Special Hymns by the Choir.

Outdoor preaching forms a great part of his ministry. Has two stands: one outside the Cat and Mutton London Fields & the other by the Canal Bridge. Both are in the midst of the great throngs of the market. People quite friendly: the publichouse people throw up their windows and if any interference were attempted he would be sure of the support of the people; yet he does not get the results he expected. A few come to the chapel & occasionally in visiting the hospitals he comes across men, who have ~~listened~~ listened at the meetings. The general attitude however is indifference.

Since he has been there he has tried to make the meetings bright & attractive: has had good singing, cornet, 4 or 5 violins etc. Has always made a point of writing his sermons and always preached a full gospel – "You can do no other if you believe it" ~~yet he~~ Takes advantage of anything that is in the public mind for his subject. (See side) and announced. yet the growth is very small.

On the other hand he spoke very highly of his own people: their devotion and disinterestedness.

They had built an orchestra with their own hands and raised 15/- or so a week for current expenses but they were so poor. To illustrate the poverty of the people he mentioned that new doors for the church had been sent from Bournemouth (presumably given by wife's friends etc) but they had not been able to raise £10 to hang them during the past 9 or 10 months.

Altogether Mr F. impressed me favourable, the impression deepening during the interview. A sincere and earnest christian, thoroughly believing the truths he preaches; somewhat disappointed at the results achieved & yet not discouraged or losing hope. As to the endowment for the poor, that I gathered from Mr F's allusions was partly used for the deaconess's support, the remainder being given away. Mr F. apparently only gets the £60 a year from the endowment and it to me his remaining at Pownall Road seems a instance of great self denial as he too is a man who could easily do much better for himself from a financial point of view.

Bethesda Gospel Hall, New North Rd.

Building.

Membership.

St. John Baptist parish 6/11 Mar. 17 - J.A 47

Mr. J. Garnham & another, of Bethesda Gospel Hall, New North Rd. (opposite Hoxton Church).

This hall was originally built for workshops, but was taken over & adapted for religious purposes about 20 years ago by a few Brethren of the "Open" Order who had a few pounds to spare, & it is still rented for the purpose ~~the~~ paid for by means of the weekly collection wh. the present Brethren make amongst themselves. They have never, said Mr. Garnham, asked for a penny for their work from outside sources, & make no collections amongst the outsiders who attend their services.

The building consists of a comfortable little hall (thin plain, & relieved only by large illuminated Gospel texts) capable of holding perhaps 200, & of 2 or 3 rooms upstairs, with accommodation for tea meetings & the business work of the place - quite plainly & even meagrely furnished.

The membership is between 80 & 90, about two-thirds of whom come from a distance of one to three miles. They, or their parents, formerly

Migration Difficulty

Services.

lived in the neighbourhood, but have got on a little & moved into more respectable quarters. They are all of good working class - not a tradesman amongst them - & largely consist of young women who hold situations in the City, &c.

This migration is the great difficulty they have to meet, & it has caused the membership to decline somewhat. They get help of the poor of Hoxton to a very small extent.

The work is entirely voluntary.

The subjoined invitation from gives the services. The Sunday morning "Breaking of Bread" is not thrown open to the public, but any friend of godly bearing is allowed to join in. Average attendance about 40. The gospel address in the evg is open, & draws about 60 persons. The afternoon Bible class, & the Monday & Wednesday evg meetings, each have a smaller attendance.

Open-air services are held in the summer on Sunday nights, but do not attract as they

formerly did. Meetings for secular purposes attract the largest crowds now.

They work back regretfully to the time when they ed. fill their hall. They have engaged special evangelists with this hope, but without much success. He wd. gather a large crowd at a preliminary open air meeting at the street corner, but very few wd. follow to the service inside. The fact is that people members are continually passing on the way to their homes further north; they will stop for a few minutes at an outdoor gathering, but cannot be got into the hall.

The same ill-success attends their tract distribution, of wh. they make a great feature. Hoxton is mapped out into 5 districts by them, & they have about 25 to 30 tract distributors. These, to the number of 15 to 20, meet each Sunday afternoon, & set out to distribute the invitation (the will already given) & the card herewith, from house to house, getting in a word with the inmates when they can. In a few houses they are

Visiting, &c.

"GOD IS LOVE."

Interesting Conversations on Bible Subjects take place every Sunday Afternoon at 3.15. Wednesday Evenings at 8.15. Gospel Addresses on Sunday Evenings at 7. Sunday Morning at 11, Breaking of Bread. Monday Evening, at 8.15, Meeting for Believers.

reproved because the people belong to other religious sects, but as a rule they are fairly well received. People receive the invitation kindly, but very few will come to the meetings.

This coldness & indifference has certainly grown of late years, & is the experience of others as well as themselves. In the largest dissenting place in the District (the Wesleyans) they believe 7/8 of the congregation come from other districts.

The only full night they have is at the Watchnight service, when the place is packed, many coming from the public-houses, & some the worse for drink & a bit troublesome. The stirring addresses given, however, have been known to effect some old topers to tears, but it is to be feared the effect is not lasting.

Save for the track distributing, no visiting is undertaken, nor is there any charity-giving, except to help a member in some exceptional instance. Neither time nor means allow of this, & they

Charity.

A Neglected District.

Sanitary Improvement.

Personal.

rather take the loin that as they ask for nothing from the public they shd. not be expected to give anything.

They believe the neighbourhood generally suffers from lack of workers, all being poor alike. The most active agency, probably, is Foster's Hall, where they seem to give a good deal away.

Great improvement is noticeable in sanitary matters - slums cleared & good dwellings built, but the people are quite as poor as ever, & drink seems to be on the increase.

My two informants were, I thought, very genuine & decent men, quite frank & reliable in their statements.

Mrs John Burtt.
Christian Institute, Hoxton Market

GBA
17/3/98

St Peter's parish

6/18

Honorary
Mrs John Burtt, Superintendent of the
Christian Institute, Hoxton Market. N.E.

When I called to make the appointment for interview, I found Mrs Burtt in a workshop at the top of the Institute. He was mending a pair of child's boots this being his mode of using the dinner hour. Four young women were also working there, of whom 2 at least were his daughters. The place was littered with bundles of various kinds & the staircase leading to the room was also stacked, leaving just sufficient space to get in. This confusion is meditated. Mrs B. explaining that its purpose was to get rid of visitors as quickly as possible, unemployed &c, who are constantly coming in at the ever open door. In this workshop, Mrs Burtt carries on his business, apparently that of making horse clothing, "as I must earn 40/- a week to keep the family". He is

He is a dark bearded man of 40- or thereabouts with a kindly face. Speaks readily about the Institute but with little regard to

grammatical

The People of the District

Hoxton Market

grammatical rules and is so full of this Institutes work that he bubbles over with cases & jumps from one phase of the work to another in a manner that rendered any ordered interview impossible, so I contented myself with going over the Report, and noting his, his brothers or his daughters' remarks about the various agencies.

His brother, the assistant supt, is a younger, smaller man, & rather better educated than John.

The immediate district has improved greatly during the past 10 years & Mr B. thinks the Square should be dark blue rather than black now. Rodney Residences have been cleared: the old tenants went, some to the workhouse & some to St Lukes; the place was renovated and a better class brought in. Hoxton Residences are also better. A Pitfield Street tradesman bought them and has enlarged the rooms by knocking two into one; put a new caretaker in. The Shoreditch Electrical Station &c has cleared a great part of Coronet Street. The prevailing characteristic now is a "very painful condition of poverty". To illustrate this he said that out of 150 children who came to the ½d dinner yesterday

Buildings Used

Persons Employed

132 came from Catherine Wheel School with "tin tickets": e.g. tickets given by the teachers to children would would not had a dinner otherwise. Paid for by a lady.

The Vinegar Ground is very poor and always has been poor. The Institute was situate there for 7 years before it came to Hoxton Market.

Have 4 Halls, the two largest of which holds 200 each. Also a number of class rooms, kitchen & Gymnasium etc. Have shortly to vacate the premises and a new site is being cleared for them in the Market.

No paid workers but about 90 voluntary helpers including the Sunday school teachers. Many of these come from a distance and some only take part in one meeting or society. Revd Fleming Williams is the President & from the Report I see that his Church at Rectory Road sends considerable assistance to the Institute & probably a large proportion of the workers are drawn from there also.

For services & social agencies - see Report next page

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CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE,

FOUNDED 1886 **Hoxton Market, N.E.** REBUILT 1892.

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THE NEW INSTITUTE.

10th Annual Report

1896.

OBJECTS:

SALVATION OF THE LOST.

RELIEF OF THE DESTITUTE.

RESCUE OF THE CHILDREN.

MINISTRY TO THE POOR.

The Christian Institute, Hoxton Market.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Labour Bureau
Workshop
Bath Rooms
Reading Room
Free Library
Evening School
Elocution Class
Working Lads' Guild
Gymnasium
Cricket Club
Pension Fund
Sewing Classes
Dressmaking Class
Mothers' Meetings
Medical Aid
Penny Bank
Holiday Home
Lodgings for Destitute
Clothes Distribution
Total Abstinence Society
Bands of Hope
Evangelists' Band
Singing Classes
Sunday Services
Bible Classes
Children's Services
Sunday School
Infants' Creche
Open Air Mission
Summer Excursion
Lodging House Services
Free Breakfasts
Soup Dinners
Boot Club
Workers' Union
Swimming Club

"THE MONTHLY RECORD."

Ten years have passed since the little "mustard seed" was planted in the impoverished soil of Hoxton Market, and the old perambulator shop was turned into a meeting place for those who lived in its dismal shades.

Ten years of constant effort—"ten years hard labor"—but differing from the Law's decrees in two very vital particulars. These have been years of *voluntary* labor, and labor prompted by *love*.

And may we not be pardoned for reviewing this period with a little modest pride, when we glance around the circle of our members and reflect upon the great changes, the new features, and the higher motives that have entered into the lives of many of those for and among whom we have labored.

Outwardly, indeed, these changes are very marked. The tenements, generally, are considerably worse for wear, and one "Residence" has become so serious a danger that, partly at our instigation, it has been summarily closed by a magisterial order as "unfit for human habitation." Another group has given place to a block of workshops, and a powerful lamp now sheds its rays from the centre of the once dismal market place.

And where is the old shop, in which we first found shelter, and the gruesome range of "shops" and tenements flanking us on either side? Gone! all gone, and in their place a series of massive brick barracks have risen, hemming in the new Institute on left and right, and overshadowed by the giant Chimney—the new wonder of Hoxton—whose lofty shaft will long serve to locate the site of our public spirited Vestry's new Electric Light Station, which enterprise will be combined with a Dust Desfructor, Public Free Library and Baths.

Alas, while we look with pride upon the Vestry's beneficent undertaking, we are chastened by the knowledge that it also involves our displacement and 'eviction,' for our new home stands in the centre of these works, and one of the sad but inevitable events of the past year has been an agreement entered into between our Trustees and the Shoreditch Vestry for the purchase by the latter of the Christian Institute, this agreement including the provision of a piece of waste land in the Market—thirty yards away—upon which we must erect another 'home' for our work.

When the time comes we shall present this matter in ampler detail to our friends. For the present we would convey the intimation that a big financial burden looms ahead, and we must very soon issue another Special Appeal for help. Meantime, it will be noticed on reference to our Financial Statement that we are already debtors to our Treasurer for the necessary funds to cover the preliminary stages of acquiring the freehold, in order to convey the property to the Vestry.

But returning to the perspective of the past ten years, we cannot but notice the marked growth in the *characters* of many of our people.

Lady Jeune, on her memorable visit in October, 1892, was very much struck with this fact and kindly remarked: "I cannot but notice the change which has come over this awful place—the hopeful change—due to your loving work."

And local evidence is not wanting, for our police officers and Vestry officials have volunteered their testimony to the growing sense of order and cleanliness resultant from the Institute's work in this one-time dangerous locality.

The young lads and lasses of ten years ago are—some of them—happy parents now, who bring their little ones into their old home and still renew the old associations, while the children of our early years are now robust and vigorous young men and maidens, filling our senior classes—several being helpers and teachers to the "children of the present" in our Schools and various Junior meetings.

From almost every point of view we have cause for devout gratitude that our Heavenly Father has been pleased to add so many seals to the ministry of the past ten years at Hoxton Market.

Mentally, physically, socially and spiritually, the years have been years of real and solid progress, and although necessarily many lessons have been and are being learned from negative experiences, before new developments become adapted to our peculiar environment, we can say with the old Hebrew patriarch: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

One of the features of this work, which has before been publicly mentioned, is that the "best fruits" soon disappear from the region of Hoxton Market—and hence it is impossible for the occasional visitor to form any estimate of the "battles won."

In other words, those people whom we help and who have sufficient self-reliance and success, soon leave this quarter of the "submerged tenth" for sweeter spots where London wears a brighter aspect, and only the social wrecks remain with us. Verily it may in truth be written of us, that "the poor ye have always with you," poor in pocket, health and knowledge, and it is a constant anxiety to find the daily bread, and minister to the daily wants of this community.

In this connection we cannot withhold a reference to our loyal and never sparing Hon. Superintendent, Mr. John Burtt, who, while earning his family's daily bread in his little work-room at the top of our building, is positively at the beck and call of every distressed man, woman and child in the Market, and has a personal welcome in every home and heart. Ten years of this constant strain have left visible traces behind them, but also a deeper tenderness for all those who suffer or are in want.

And this man—an unlettered Ragged School boy—who has never cared enough for worldly prosperity to forsake the work of ministry and relief and whose only reward is the grateful prayers of those poor ones, is a type—more or less—of the body of men and women who have so long worked under the Institute Council's direction.

And while conscious of many shortcomings and failures since the work originated, we may at least insist that the effort has been constant, and is prompted by brotherly love alone. No salary or emolument ever tempts a worker of the Christian Institute, nor have we ever needed aid from the Royal Bounty.

The detail of the past year's work has been variously presented in our little four paged "Monthly Record" and it is not possible, in this Report, to fully describe the operations of the year.

But the spiritual and material needs have been so providentially supplied that we feel sure an interest will be taken in the following summary.

EVANGELISTS' WORK:—This section we regard as the foundation upon which all other efforts rest.

The Sunday Evening Service has been regularly maintained throughout the year, and is largely attended by the local workers. A week of Special (Anniversary) Services was held in October, the Meetings being well attended, and several recruits came into our ranks.

Discontinued and a senior bible class started in its stead

The Open Air Services have been held from April to September, and the gospel sung and preached to those who cannot be persuaded to enter our doors. Held in Hoxton Market

The Lodging House men have been visited each week and generally offer a quiet attention to the short and simple services held. A party of the men were invited to an Evening Gathering and Supper early in the year, and showed lively appreciation of this unlooked for interest in their common lot.

Jubilee Lodging House

The House to House Visitation has been carried on single handed, by our good friend Mr. Edwards, who never tires in his weelky task, taking the printed page and speaking a cheery word to the poor and needy. We should be glad to welcome a volunteer to join our brother in this work.

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The Saturday Night Prayer Meetings have been the means of help and strength to many who take part in the Sunday work. Discontinued

The Wednesday Evening Service has been remodelled by the Assistant Superintendent, and the attendance bears testimony to the need and usefulness of a mid-weekly gathering for religious exercise and instruction. We hope this service will grow and become the training ground from which we may draw additional help.

Attendance about 25 to 30

Our **SUNDAY SCHOOL** has made considerable progress during the year—and fully maintains its average of 600 attendances for the day.

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The **Morning School** has been helped considerably by Senior Scholars, and has increasing attendances.

The **Afternoon School** still draws a larger number of Scholars than we can accommodate, and overflow meetings are the order of the day, every room in the building being occupied. The Teachers' staff is perhaps the best equipped branch at the Institute, and their attachment to the Scholars is a happy omen. But the Superintendent's cry is "Come over and help us," otherwise part of the work must be relinquished.

Of the Sunday school the average given above is the combined attendances. The S. S. U. statistics give 19 teachers. 430 scholars on books with an average of 400 attendance in the evening. Mr Burtt says the afternoon attendance is best: about 235 with 12 teachers.

The **Infants' Service** is also thronged every afternoon and the little ones' interest is always heightened by the pictorial accompaniments of the lessons. We should be happy to possess more picture sheets.

The **BIBLE CLASSES** are flourishing, the **Young Women's** taking the lead, as usual, in point of numbers, and showing a steady and continued interest in the efforts of the earnest teacher who has for so many years sustained this Class.

The **Young Men's Class** is also prospering under its new leader, Mr. Somerville, and has an average class of 10 or 12, who are quietly and regularly dealt with—one delightful feature being the unfailing courtesy and kindness of the members to each other. These lads are in turn assisting in many of the Agencies, and thus perhaps putting in circulation the benefit derived from their weekly study. The confidences of the members are now more freely given, and a good deal of sympathetic help and needful advice passes between the teacher and the members to their mutual advantage. The effort in social directions has also been very successful. Once a month this Class combines with the Young Women's, for a united study, resulting generally in a very happy meeting.

The Sunday Evening Girls' School has kept well to the front—the attendance falling off during the summer—but averaging about sixty during the winter. Fifty-nine tickets, based on attendances, were distributed for the Tea and Christmas Treat, and the Teacher, Miss Shelly, observes many signs of growth, and spiritual interest awakening among these girls of the Market.

The Sunday Evening Boys' Services have been generally crowded to inconvenience. The Assistant Superintendent and his helpers are well taxed, in maintaining discipline amongst these waifs, who are little used to any form of discipline during the week.

All things considered, their conduct is fairly good, and precocity abounding.

The **TEMPERANCE WORK** is not neglected, although

we regret to report the suspension of the adult Society—mainly through lack of helpers—our available staff being all too few for the number of operations now in progress.

We hope ere long to re-establish a strong adult Society, and volunteers for this purpose will be heartily welcomed.

The **BANDS OF HOPE** are some compensation for the absence of the adult work, as they have both largely increased

The **GIRLS' BAND OF HOPE** shows the most remarkable record, the register having been reduced early in the year to 198 subscribing members, while the year closed with a membership of 530, necessitating dual and simultaneous meetings each week. Two-hundred and six quarterly and 21 round O' medals were claimed for complete year's attendances. The New Year's Party, June excursion to Thorpe Coombe, September trip to Victoria Park, and closing "monster" Christmas party (when the local tradesmen so well acted the part of benevolent "Santa Claus,") are red lettered days, and the good conduct, constant attendance and cleanliness of the members is a subject of unconcealed envy to neighbouring co-workers. One of the happiest remembrances is that the majority of the present staff are old Band of Hope members.

The **BOYS' BAND OF HOPE** is also a most promising branch—and has an excellent record—being under the Superintendent's special care.

The Band exceeds 200, and, like the girls, the dignity of membership is conferred for a farthing weekly subscription, upwards of *nine thousand farthings* being taken during the year.

Drill and musical instruction are added to the weekly entertainments, and the recent New Year's gathering eclipsed all past efforts, an impromptu dialogue sketch by half-a-dozen young incorrigibles of the Market astonishing even those accustomed to the native talent and forwardness of the boys. The retiring Musical Instructor, Mr. Badams, who has spent so much time upon these youngsters, was presented

with a Silver Medal, and to the Indian Famine Fund and Metropolitan Drinking Fountains Association were donated sums of 2/6 each from this farthing fund.

WORKING LADS' GUILD.—During 1896, the Guild has numbered 100 members, for whose amusement chess, draughts, dominoes, bagatelle, and other parlour games are provided; there is also a refreshment bar at which tea, cake, biscuits, etc., may be obtained. When the fire and gas are alight and the boys at play, the scene is a bright and cheerful one.

The **Night School** has unfortunately been suspended since May last, owing to lack of accommodation, but its record of work done is an evidence of its usefulness and we hope shortly to re-open this important branch of the work. The average attendance on school nights was fifteen.

The **Cricket Club** has this year played twenty matches, winning eight, losing ten, and drawing two, which, considering the strength of its opponents, speaks well in its favour. Four prizes were offered for batting and bowling, and a writing desk was presented to the Secretary in recognition of his services.

The **Guild Gymnasium** comprises two sections—the Junior, whose ages range from seven to twelve years, and the Senior, from sixteen to twenty-five years. There are between thirty to forty boys belonging to the juvenile section, who receive weekly instruction in dumb-bells, Indian clubs, etc., and fourteen members of the senior section. Mr. C. C. Ford, the Instructor, is very proud of these men who represent the result of years of patient effort in developing the fine physique that always attracts the attention of visitors. The apparatus used are the horizontal bar, paralled bars, vaulting horse, climbing rope, dumb bells and clubs.

The **Chess Club** is a means of healthy mental exercise, and we have about fifteen or sixteen members, who are now well able to hold their own against the Clubs in the neighbourhood.

The **Lads' Bible Class** numbers thirty members and the total attendances last year numbered 1,300. This meeting is one of the strongest hopes of the Guild, and in it their Superintendent, Mr. Hubbard, delights to illustrate his vision of the Guild "ladder," up which his lads make progress from the first stage—the "Recreation" class—until they are drawn into this meeting, the ladder's summit, and the rough Hoxton boy is moulded into the upright, self-respecting citizen. The class is ably led and instructed by two lady-workers, in conjunction with our old colleague Mr Pears, and this meeting would repay any friend a visit.

The **Swimming Club** had a very brief existence but we hope to revive this useful auxiliary.

Our **MOTHERS' MEETING** pursues its useful work, and the Secretary, Miss Dickinson, reports a steady record of improvement. The last year's work has been marked by a constant attendance, and an earnest desire of the Mothers to better their condition and brighten their homes, by saving their pence for personal clothing, and articles for home use and decoration. The average attendance is from 40 to 45 every week. The meeting is quite self-supporting, and during the last three years we have been enabled, by a sale of garments (much under cost price) to the mothers, to pay the bonus allowed to them of 2d. in the shilling. We would take this opportunity of thanking those friends who so kindly sent us garments for the Sale, and we are glad to say that the interest taken in this good work is not confined to Hoxton or its neighbourhood.

We have a **Coal Club** in connection with the Mothers' Meeting, which has been a source of great helpfulness.

A short bright Bible talk is given at every meeting, and signs are not lacking of a spiritual interest and a desire to help one another bear the burden of life, which presses so heavily upon some of them. The meetings are held every Tuesday from 6.30 to 8.15, and any friends who will pay us a visit will be cordially welcomed.

The **Senior Girls' Sewing Class** has also to record a

All factory girls

very successful year of patient and quiet work among the elder girls, and the Secretary, Miss Kingston, reports a present membership of 30, with an average attendance of 20 girls. During the year about 200 garments have been made, and a very pleasant New Year's Party and Tea was recently given, when the full membership was present and a well earned grant from the Council was happily invested.

Held on Tuesday. Girls from the Sunday School and Band of Hope. Have to give £1. a year to keep it going.

The **Junior Girls' Sewing Class** is also growing, and the Secretary, Miss Stickland, reports that there are at present 50 names on the books, with new girls coming every evening, and a general attendance of between 30 to 40. The girls vary in age, from 7 to 14 years. We try to teach them to make some of their own clothes, and during last year we made about 150 garments of various kinds, for which they pay weekly any sum they can afford, and which is sometimes as little as a farthing. The garments are sold for a little less than the cost of material, as most of the children come from very poor homes. The girls are very anxious to finish the garments in hand and to take them home for their mother's approval, The deficit is made up by voluntary contributions.

There is a noticeable improvement in the manners and cleanliness of some of the girls, which is very encouraging to us; and as an inducement to persevere, we have this year offered a prize to the girl who throughout the year does her work best and behaves well. We hope by this means to make them interested in their sewing class and to know that we are glad when they do well.

In connection with the Boys' ~~Guild~~ Guild.

The **Reading Room and Library** are a useful adjunct to the various agencies, and we shall be glad to receive any wholesome literature or useful books which can be spared by friends. The public libraries in our district cater for a higher class than our people, and we have yet to learn how to persuade the majority here to cultivate their minds by good reading.

Our **Singing Classes** have enjoyed a happy but all too brief existence, and we hope to find some friends to revive the good work commenced by Mr. Badams.

The **Elocution Class** is just now indulging in an interval of rest, but early in the year the class gave public evidences of the careful instruction of its Teacher, Mr. Robey, in various representations, in which the members took part, and we are expecting some new pieces shortly.

The **Penny Bank** is quite a permanent institution, and affords weekly opportunities to our young people and some elder ones to practice the sound doctrine of saving spare pence, though, alas, this is a luxury that the majority cannot indulge in.

The **Old Age Pension Fund** still provides its modest weekly "helps" to the old people, whom our Almoner, Mrs. Roberts, has taken under her care. One old lady of "mangle" fame has, since the eviction, found shelter in the "house," and the number of old folks assisted by this fund is reduced to six.

Give 1/6 a week. Have sons or daughters, who assist. They mostly live with their children.

The **Country Holiday Fund** has enabled us to provide, with the usual kind help of the Ragged School Union, for upwards of 97 children and 65 adults, for periods of one to three weeks, the recruiting grounds ranging over Brighton, Worthing, Bognor, Bexhill, Herne Bay, Ramsagte, Folkestone, Caterham, Sissinghurst, Staines, Chesham, East Grinstead and Wilton, Wilts; while the day excursions were participated in by 1038 children and adults, and seven cripples.

Medical Aid has been rendered to over 100 cases, also various Chest, Children's, and Lying-In hospital and surgical aid letters, twenty in all, procured for special cases.

The **Soup Dinner and Breakfast Fund** enabled us to provide 8281 meals for poor children and adults, and under this heading we have also to record the provision of 128 families, numbering 651 persons, with Christmas Dinners; 331 ½-quartern loaves sent to poor homes; 7 parcels of groceries to poor widows; 69 portions of food; and 32 tapioca puddings supplied; also 64 ½-cwts. of coal to sick and fireless homes.

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11000 meals given in 1897

Dinners are provided two days a week. The tickets are all sold (12 for 6d). Mostly to City Missionaries, School Teachers etc, who are responsible for the payment. The Destitute ~~Din~~ Children's Dinner Society give £10 & are the backbone of these dinners.

Mrs Burtt sets apart two hours a day for the people to come, who need clothing & 2½ hours on Saturday. 1 to 3.30 pm. The rule is to make a charge for every article & this is enforced. The amounts varying from 1d upwards are carried forward in the Diary until paid

The **Clothing** of the poor has again been a most prominent necessity amongst our other relief operations, and this important work has been personally supervised by our Hon. Superintendent, from whose diaries we find that no less than 3601 garments and 489 pairs of boots (new, old and repaired) have been fitted on poor children and adults during the past year.

Among other interesting items in the diaries we find record ed the distribution of three quilts, three pillows, two sheets, two blankets, three bedsteads, four pair mattresses and two flock beds—these latter for families who were sleeping on the floor—eleven carpets, nine pieces of oil-cloth, one armchair for an aged pilgrim, fifty-nine kneeling mats for the mothers sixty-eight wooden blocks, nine pictures, three tablecloths a pair of clogs, thirty-six thimbles, ninety-six reels of cotton, two forms, eight pipes (sent by an anonymous friend) and eight certificates. Twelve dorcas bags were lent out, and table cutlery to the extent of forty-eight knives, 111 forks and fifty-five spoons were found good use for in the 761 homes that we have taken under our charge, particularly when several of the families migrated to the hop fields to earn a few pence by hop picking.

The **LABOUR BUREAU** has been a very useful institution this year, in providing work for many applicants, and we again quote our Superintendent's diary for the following summary:—

4125 hours' (occasional) work found for poor men women, youths and girls.
24 men, 19 widows, 11 youths, and 9 boys provided with a single day's work.
3 young girls clothed and sent into service.
3 men, 3 youths and 8 boys provided with permanent situations.
A youth provided with 3 months' and a boy with one month's work.
5 girls found permanent situations in the Superinten dent's private workshop.

The provision of work is one of *the* difficult tasks at Hoxton, but so well is the necessity of finding a task for every applicant understood by the Superintendent that we can truthfully say that *no one* has been sent empty away, but a job of some sort or other has been found, either chopping wood for the Baths, cooking dinners (for the Children), scrubbing floors, cleaning windows, paint and pictures, polishing urns and kettles, mending boots, fetching parcels, distributing circulars, etc., and with one or two exceptions, all have served *faithfully* for the pence that they have been thus able to *earn*, instead of receiving it as charity.

Friends can help considerably by notifying us of any casual or permanent situations vacant; for example, a Bill-posters' firm applied to us on New Year's day for some men and boys to distribute papers, and we were able to book nineteen out of two blocks of models, altho' when they came over, attired in their best (!) we found it needful to provide trousers for four, and boots and socks for five.

The Superintendent's workroom has been a means of great help—having besides Mr. Burtt and his brother, thirteen young people, including two cripples, all learning a good useful trade—and of those who have left this workroom, not one is out of work, but all have learnt a business which will enable them to earn a competence. In short our Labour Bureau and its conductor deserve every encourage-ment.

The **BATHS** are also worthy of mention, enabling 413 boys to be bathed, and a decided improvement is noticeable here, to such an extent that the continuance of a certain prescription is no longer necessary. Very little used. Cannot use them on the days the dinners are given

B Very Little.

The **CHILDREN'S CHEER** has included the distribution of 1148 empty cotton reels, plain and coloured, tied up in strings of a dozen, for the babies, also toys of various descriptions to the number of 1077; 236 bon-bons, 715 oranges, 350 motto cards, etc., and 100 pots of flowers were distributed among the children by our good friend Mr. Garford, for a special prize Flower cultivating competition:

Toys are given to children or even lent. Showed me a huge headless doll, which had been loaned out for months until it met its fate. Give sets of cricket things to boys as prizes, making a condition that they play in the market!

1148 bunches of flowers were distributed; 53 loans made to persons in distress; 18 money grants made to special cases, and 612 total abstinence pledges taken.

But we dare not give any more statistics—the list is too formidable. Enough, at least, has been stated to demonstrate the welcome uses to which almost every surplus household article can be put, from cotton reels to old boots, if sent on to the Institute.

Rummage sales are held at frequent intervals, when strange miscellanies are often exhibited, and the deserving ones who are not entirely destitute are supplied with various garments at a very nominal price.

We take the opportunity again of expressing our grateful and heartiest thanks to all the friends and well-wishers who have been prompted to help us during the past year, either by funds, clothing, gifts, speech, personal or other service, and we invoke God's blessing upon all who have in any way proffered the "cup of cold water" to these our brethren.

Foremost among the Societies we have to thank, are our old friends the Ragged School Union, for their constant help; also the Destitute Children's Dinner Society; the Sunday School and Band of Hope of our President's Church at Rectory Road; Junction Road Church Sunday School; Brotherhood Church Sunday School and Sewing Class; Barbican Chapel Young People's Society; Red Hill Congregational Church and Flower Mission, and many others.

Dr. Bryett, Shoreditch Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. H. M. Robinson, Clerk to the Shoreditch Vestry, have again lent their valuable help—for which we are under many obligations.

We have to mourn the loss of two most loyal and unsparing colleagues, by the retirement, quite recently, of Mr. C. B. Leighton (Finance Secretary), and Mr. W. H. Badams (Council and Assistant Secretary), Mr. Leighton

having laboured with us for six and Mr. Badams for four years, both men having literally abandoned themselves to the work. We feel very keenly the loss of these tried and proved colleagues, but hope still to retain them as members of our Council. We are happy to state that the Finance post has been taken up by Mr. Leslie R. King (the son of our genial friend and Vice-President, Mr. George King) and another friend, Mr. H. J. Saunders, already known to many Hoxtonians, will undertake the Assistant Secretaryship.

In conclusion, we would call special attention to the accompanying Financial Statement, which we regret does not bear favourable comparison with the finances of the previous year.

A lamentable falling off in donations of more than £100, with a stationary subscription list, amounting to the insignificant total of £36, is a cause of great anxiety to us, and although the most rigid economy has been practised, we have practically an empty treasury at the present moment, and the small Building Fund account is also overdrawn.

May we once more appeal to all who have come in contact with the work, to do what they can to lessen our anxiety, by promising an annual contribution, or joining the subscribers' list, without delay?

Great needs are before the public mind at the present moment, and amidst the sorrows of Armenia and India, and the Welsh labour struggle, we are likely, in this memorable commemoration year of our honoured Sovereign's reign, to suffer much discouragement, and curtailment of the work, unless all our friends resolve to do their part, and strengthen our hands in this service.

Workers are scarce, but money is scarcer, and, however unwilling, we are compelled to state the facts plainly, and to say that without an increase in means the work cannot continue.

Surely this cause, after the severe test of ten long years, has proved itself worthy of hearty support. May we quote the words of Professor James Stuart, M.P. for Hoxton, at our last Annual Meeting: "I hope it will be borne in mind how necessary it is that there should be personal devotion by *a large number of persons*, for the difficulties are apt to break the back of the willing horse. It is impossible for too heavy a burden to be borne by too few, and in closing I would appeal to those present to help to provide the means to carry out the noble aims of this Institution."

God grant that the New Year may be rich in blessing, both for those for whom we labour, and for the disciples who are banded together in the service of their brethren.

For the Institute Council,

W. A. PROCKTOR, *Hon. Gen. Sec.*

February, 1897.

Food, Clothing, Boots and Money, urgently needed.

The Superintendent will be pleased to arrange for the collection of parcels of clothes, and other gifts, on receipt of a post card.

Friends are cordially invited to visit the Institute which is open every day from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Donations should be sent direct to the Finance Secretary, and Cheques crossed "London and Provincial Bank, Limited."

The Christian Institute, Hoxton Market, N.E.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1896.

Dr. GENERAL FUND. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account	77	3	3½	By Rent	85	0	0
,, Subscriptions	36	11	6	,, Rates, Taxes and Gas...	29	7	4
,, Donations	144	3	4	,, Insurance	2	16	3
,, Brotherhood Sunday School	5	0	0	,, Printing, Postage, and Stationery including cost of Monthly Records"	46	19	8½
,, Destitute Children's Dinner Society ...	17	0	0	,, Furniture, Fittings, Utensils, etc.	8	11	4½
,, Ragged School Union	20	0	0	,, Sundry Expenses and Repairs	22	15	2
,, Rectory Road Social Guild	14	0	0	,, Work for Unemployed in lieu of Relief	44	16	6½
,, ,, Stafford House two days sale ...	2	2	0	,, Loans to the Destitute	15	1	6
,, Collecting Boxes	4	16	3	,, Carriage on Parcels of Clothing	13	15	9
,, Loans Returned...	2	5	9½	,, Newspapers for Labour Bureau	4	0	1½
,, Sale of Clothing	10	5	11	,, Loans and Grants to Agencies	1	8	3½
,, New Boots (Boot Club)	44	8	11	,, Boots for Boot Club	12	3	3
,, ,, Food and Soup Dinner Tickets ...	8	12	2½	,, Food, including Goods for Coffee Bar ...	10	0	3
,, ,, Goods at Coffee Bar	6	7	0½	,, Christmas Dinners and New Year's Cheer ...	10	16	8½
,, Loans, &c. returned by Agencies ...	5	3	7	,, Soup Dinners	16	7	0
,, Receipts from Messrs. J. & L. H. Burrt for Gas...	8	18	7½	,, Ragged School Union for Country Holidays ...	15	8	6½
,, Contributions from Children and Adults for Country Holidays	3	18	2	,, Day Excursions...	42	10	4
,, Receipts from Children towards Excursions ...	27	5	0½	,, Food for Excursions, Teas at Christmas Treats, &c.	13	17	10½
,, Sundry Receipts	7	0	10½	,, Fares, Holidays for Convalescent Cases, &c.	7	13	11
	11	8	8½	,, Clothing, Printing and Sundries (for Holidays) ...	8	16	8½
				,, Balance in Hand	47	0	6
	£456	19	1½		£456	19	1½

Audited and found correct, (ALBERT H. LEE,
(H. FITZHENRY, } *Auditors.*

LESLIE R. KING, *Finance Secretary.*

The Christian Institute, Hoxton Market, N.E.

Dr. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT. *Cr.*

BUILDING FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account	117	19	7½	By Deposit paid to Messrs. Holder & Wood *re* Purchase of New Building, 12th November, 1896	142	0	0
,, Donations	1	2	6				
,, Transfer from Piano Fund (now closed)	19	10	0				
Balance due to Treasurer	3	7	10½				
	£142	0	0		£142	0	0

PIANO FUND.

	£	s.	d		£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account	12	14	10	By Balance paid to the Building Fund..	19	10	0
,, Donations	1	9	0				
,, Collections (Sunday Evening Services)	5	6	2				
	£19	10	0		£19	10	0

Audited and found correct { ALBERT H. LEE, / H. FITZHENRY, } *Auditors.*

LESLIE R. KING,
Finance Secretary.

AGENCIES' ACCOUNTS.

PENNY BANK ACCOUNT.

Dr. *Secretary*:—Mr. W. H. BADAMS. *Assistant Secretary*:—Mr. H. V. HOPKINS. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Institute Council Loan	1	10	0	By Mr. Jas. Branch (Investment).. ..	23	6	10
,, Balance due to Depositors on 1st January, 1896	14	2	2	,, Withdrawals during 1896	66	6	4
,, Overdrafts in 1895 by Agencies repaid	5	7	4	,, Cash in hand	11	12	4½
,, Deposits during 1896	71	3	1½				
,, Balance (being Working Capital) ..	9	2	11				
	£101	5	6½		£101	5	6½

WORKING LADS' GUILD.

Dr. *Superintendent*:—Mr. E. J. HUBBARD. *Secretary*:—Mr. H. V. HOPKINS. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account	0	4	4	By Donations to Council (from Sons of Phœnix)	1	0	0
,, Donations from Sons of Phœnix ..	1	0	0	,, Provisions for Bar	9	5	7½
,, Other Donations	1	6	0	,, Cricketing Gear, etc.	6	5	9½
,, Subscriptions to Guild	5	10	5½	,, Expenses of Home Gathering ..	2	4	0
,, ,, to Cricket Club ..	4	6	6	,, ,, Excursion..	3	14	6
,, ,, to Chess Club	1	2	6	,, Boxes, Chess and Draughts	3	12	6
,, Refreshment Bar Receipts	10	11	2	,, Concert Expenses	1	13	0
,, Sale of Concert Tickets	8	3	6	,, Cupboard, Materials, etc.	1	16	2
,, Excursion Receipts	2	0	0	,, Postages and Sundries	3	16	6
,, Sundry Receipts	1	18	11	,, Balance in hand..	2	15	3½
	£36	3	4½		£36	3	4½

ELDER GIRLS' SEWING CLASS.

Sewing Mistress:—Miss MITCHELL.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last account	0	4	9¼	By Purchase of Material	8	17	6
,, Subscriptions	7	9	4½				
,, Material sold	0	5	6				
,, Balance	0	17	10¼				
	£8	17	6		£8	17	6

JUNIOR GIRLS' SEWING CLASS.

Sewing Mistress:—Miss STICKLAND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account	0	12	4¾	By Purchase of Material	2	6	1½
,, Subscriptions	2	8	0½	,, Balance in hand	1	4	3¾
,, Donation	0	10	0				
	£3	10	5¼		£3	10	5¼

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Teacher:—Mrs. HUGHES.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account	0	16	10	By Tea Meetings	1	9	9
,, Grant from Institute Council	0	10	0	,, Excursion to Loughton	2	19	0
,, Donations	0	8	6	,, Postage, etc.	0	0	7
,, Subscriptions	3	2	9	,, Balance in hand	0	8	0
	£4	17	4		£4	17	4

GIRLS' BAND OF HOPE.

Superintendent:—Mr. LEWIS BURTT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Grant from Institute Council	1	0	0	By Balance due to Treasurer last Account	0	4	0
,, Donations	5	17	9	,, Donation to Council	1	0	0
,, Subscriptions	6	17	0	,, ,, Piano Fund	0	4	0
,, Sale of Library Books to Boys' Band of Hope	0	15	0	,, Excursions	3	5	4
,, Sundry Receipts	0	2	8	,, Tea Meetings	3	0	0¾
				,, Music Books	0	19	1
				,, Photographs	0	14	0
				,, Subscription to H. & E.M.B.H.U. ..	0	5	0
				,, Medals	0	8	7
				,, Postage & Sundries (including Printing)	3	6	8
				,, Balance in hand	1	5	8¼
	£14	12	5		£14	12	5

BOYS' BAND OF HOPE.

Superintendent:—Mr. JNO. BURTT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Account	1	1	5¼	By Subscription to H. & E.M.B.H.U. ..	0	5	0
,, Subscriptions	8	0	0	,, Payment towards Harvest Festival Expenses	0	2	6
,, Donations	0	7	0	,, Medals, Song Books, etc.	0	15	7
,, Grant from Institute Council	1	0	0	,, Library Books	0	15	0
				,, Gear for Physical Training School ..	0	19	9
				,, Expenses *re* Demonstration at Opening of Public Library	1	3	7½
				,, Excursion to Potters Bar	1	0	0
				,, Tea Meetings	3	12	11
				,, Postage, Stationery & Printing ..	1	0	8
				,, Sundries	0	12	3¾
				,, Balance in hand	0	1	1
	£10	8	5¼		£10	8	5¼

General Fund.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Bagg, Mrs.	1	0	0
Bentley, Miss ..	0	7	0
Bishop, Mr. R. J. ..	1	0	0
Cakebread, Mr. C. H.	1	1	0
Chappell, Mr. (Dunstable)	0	4	0
Clarke, Mr. Jas. ..	2	2	0
Deeble, Miss.. ..	1	0	0
Deeble, Miss M. ..	1	0	0
Eastwood, Mr. E. ..	1	1	0
G. B. S.	2	2	0
Gill, Mr. R. H. ..	1	1	0
Hull, Mrs. H. E. ..	1	0	0
Inwards, Mr. ..	2	0	0
Jaye, Mrs.	1	0	0
King, Mr. Geo. ..	1	6	0
King, Mr. L... ..	1	0	0
Leighton, Mr. Jas. ..	0	10	0
Letchworth, Miss E.	1	0	0
Loader, Mr. J. ..	1	0	0
Manfield, Sir P., M.P.	2	2	0
Miller, Mr. W. ..	0	10	0
Mounsey, Miss ..	1	1	0
Junior Sons of Phœnix	0	10	0
Reid, Mrs.	0	6	6
Robey, Mr. A. E. ..	2	2	0
Robey, Mr. J. G. ..	0	10	0
Saunders, Mr. H. ..	1	10	0
Smith, Mr. T. R. ..	0	5	0
Smith, Mr. W. Sutton	0	5	0
Tough, Mrs.	0	5	0
Wallace, Mr. Downing	5	5	0
Williams, Rev. C. F.	1	6	0
	£36	11	6

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous	0	19	9
Ashby, Miss (Bible Class) ..	0	12	0
Austin, Mrs.	2	0	0
Baillie, Mrs.	0	10	0
Barclay, Miss ..	3	0	0
Batey & Co., Messrs.	0	5	0
Bond, Mr. W. F. ..	0	5	0
Butt, Miss L. ..	0	7	0
Calcutt, Mr. T. ..	1	0	0
Castle, Mr. E. H. ..	1	0	0
Clark, Mr. J... ..	2	2	0
Cleare & Collenette, Messrs.	4	4	0
Clifford, Mr... ..	0	5	0
Deeble, Miss.. ..	1	6	0
Deeble, Miss M. ..	0	12	6
Dickinson, Miss ..	1	7	6
Ditchman, Mr. ..	0	5	0
Ditchman, Miss ..	0	5	0
Ehrenfest, Mr. J. A.	0	10	0
Ellis, Mr.	2	2	0
Friend, A.	0	10	0
Friend, A, per Mr. Currer ..	0	5	0
Friend, A, per Mrs. Gordon ..	0	6	0
Friend, A, per Mr. Hubbard ..	0	5	0
Friend, A, per Mrs. Roberts ..	0	10	0
Friend, A, per Mr. Robey ..	0	5	0
G. B.	0	15	0
G. R.	2	5	0
G. M...	0	10	0

DONATIONS—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.
Gill, Miss	0	5	0
Gill, Mr. R. H. ..	1	1	0
Goodson, Mrs. M. ..	1	0	0
Gordon, Mrs. ..	0	14	0
Green, Miss H. .	0	5	0
Gymnastic Display (collection) ..	2	19	3
Harding, Mrs. ..	0	7	6
Harvey, Mr. & Friends	2	2	0
Haslett, Mr... ..	3	3	0
Hellman, the Misses.	3	10	0
Hellman, Miss ..	0	6	4
Hill, Mr.	2	2	0
Hill, Mr. F.	2	0	0
Hinton, Mr.	1	12	6
Hopkins, Mr. ..	0	10	0
J. E. L. per Mr. Loader	5	0	0
Jarvis, Miss	2	10	0
Josling, Mr. J. (Harts Lane Mission) ..	0	10	0
Jones, Mr. O. ..	0	10	0
Junior Y.W.C.A. (Ramsgate) ..	0	6	0
Karr, Miss Seton ..	1	0	0
Kemp, Mr. A. W. ..	0	6	0
Kennard, Mr. ..	0	5	0
King, Mr. L. ..	1	0	0
Ladies at the G.P.O. per Miss Morrison	4	0	0
Lambert, Miss & Friends	3	0	11
Leach, Mr.	0	10	0
Loader, Mr. E. ..	1	0	0
Loader, Mr. J. ..	2	2	0
Lord, Mr. J.	0	7	0
M.S. per Mrs. Roberts	0	15	0
McDonald, Mr. P. ..	0	5	0
Madgwick, Mrs. ..	2	0	0
Manfield, Sir P., M.P.	2	0	0
Martin, Mrs. ..	0	12	0
Martin, Mr. H. A. ..	1	10	0
Mathews, Mr. ..	1	0	0
Phœnix, Sons of, Father Matthew Lodge	0	5	0
Pride of City of London Lodge ..	1	10	0
Oliver Cromwell Lodge	3	13	6
Junior Phœnix Lodge	0	12	6
Phœnix, Sisters of, Grand Duchess Lodge	0	5	0
Pratt, Mr.	0	5	0
Pratt, Mr. E. C. ..	0	10	0
Reader of "The Christian" per Messrs. Morgan & Scott	1	10	0
Rectory Rd. Sunday Circle	0	10	0
Robey, Mr. A. E. ..	1	1	0
Robey, Mrs. (collected)	1	15	0
Robinson, Dr. H. M.	6	15	0
Rodwell, Misses E. & A.	0	5	0
Rogers, Mrs... ..	0	5	0
Salier, Miss	0	10	0
Saunders, Mr. ..	3	0	0
Seaward, Mr. W. ..	0	10	6
Smith, Mr. G. Brown	0	10	0
Smith, Mr. W. Sutton	0	5	0
Stoneham, Mrs. ..	1	1	0
Stoneham, Mr. E. J	2	0	0
T, Mr.	1	0	0
Tolcher, Miss ..	3	2	6
Tough, Mrs.	0	5	0
Trennent & Raven, Messrs.	0	7	0
Truscott, Mrs. ..	3	5	8
Turner, Mrs. E. ..	13	13	5
Two Sisters	0	10	0
W.L.O.	0	10	0
W. Mrs., per Mr. Rigden	1	0	0
Watson Mr.	1	0	0
Will & Adie ..	2	0	0
Wilcox, Mr.	1	7	6
Wilcox, Mr. (collected)	1	17	6
Winch, Miss.. ..	0	5	0
Winch, Mr. H. L. ..	1	0	0
Amounts under 5/- ..	5	6	0
	£144	3	4

COLLECTING BOXES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Curram, Mr... ..	0	1	1¾	Theobald, Mrs. ..	0	7	0
Gordon, Mrs. ..	0	7	5¼	Wright, Mrs. ..	0	3	2½
Goudge, Mr... ..	0	12	0				
Lambert, Miss ..	0	7	0		£2	5	9½
Salmon, Mrs. ..	0	8	0				

BUILDING FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Powell, Mr.	0	2	6
Girls' Band of Hope (Hoxton)	1	0	0
	£1	2	6

PIANO FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Girls' Band of Hope (Hoxton)	0	4	0
Rectory Road Sunday School	1	5	0
	£1	9	0

THE OLD INSTITUTE, 1886

Visitation

Have only one visitor, who confines his attention almost entirely to Hoxton Market, Boot & Coronet Street. He takes copies of the "Monthly Record" a 4 page sheet, whose main purpose appears to be for circulation amongst subscribers & potential ditto.

The Temperance Meetings

The Christian Institute is undoubtedly very vigorous on its social side. The Bands of Hope are large & well worked and the attendance maintained by giving medals for regular attendance – two years without a break gaining a silver medals, whilst a small medal is given for a quarters unbroken record. Thdee Phoenix Lodges also meet here; for men, boys & women respectively, the latter having 70 members & the others rather less.

The Religious Meetings

The religious meetings except the Sunday school are small & ill attended: the conversion of the Sunday evening service into a bible class is significant. Mrs Burtt says that the work amongst the children is growing: the children are becoming better & cleaner; they also retain the elder girls & youths by the classes & guilds "but it is

The Children & Young People influenced:
Elder folk but slightly touched

Charitable Relief

is difficult to get the fathers & mothers."

Charitable Relief in kind is given on a large scale, as per Report. (pages 11-12). Food, Clothing and Gifts to children being the usual form. The clothing is sold at nominal prices but some charge is invariably made, dependent on the circumstances of the recipient.

Christmas dinners mostly go to families in immediate neighbourhood. Of 110 given in 1897, 40 were given to families in Hoxton Market, 20 in Boot Street & 5 in Coronet Street. others being distributed by ones & twos in 30 other places, the most remote being Baronsss Road.

When possible, relief is given in the form of work. The cleaning of the Institute is done in this way.

The cost of relief in 1896 was as under:

Relief Grants	£ 15.
Loans	13. 15 -
Christmas Dinners	16. 7.
Country Holiday	42. 10
Children's Dinners	15. 8. -
	£ 103 -

A characteristic record

Mr Burtt lent me his diary in which he or one of his helpers records consecutively in day book style all the transactions concerning relief given, ~~&c~~ work done &c. ~~Each month~~ A few extracts are given to show the extraordinary character of some of the work done and also one day to give the ordinary routine:

Sept 27. "As we succeeded in getting Joseph Whitlick. work at the destructor and as he has been out of work for about 9 weeks, it was thought wise to see that he had a good dinner each day. He agreeing to pay for it at the end of the week". Cost of this is noted as 3/3. On October 3, a note is made in the Summary that Mr Whitlick has not paid for his dinners & on Oct 9th he pays "1/3 for 5 dinners"

Oct 7. A dressed doll was lent to Emily Beasley.

Jan 1. "200 poor children were taken by the Supt & Mrs Edwards, Misses Bawtree & Brooks to Barbican Chapel, where they gave them a good tea and a Grand Entertainment and as they were leaving them - they presented each child with a Grand bun and orange"

Jan 3. 1/- was given to 2 policemen for escorting 200 poor children to Barbecan chapel & back on Friday last.

Jan 4. "The Supt. visited Mrs Watkins, who was very ill so he sent her 1 cwt of coals and he visited Mrs Clark who was also ill - so he sent her 1 cwt of coals, then he visited Mrs Beard who he sent 2 quarts of soup & some bread that came from Carters."

"A messenger sent to Haggerston Soup Kitchen for 24 pints, to Commercial Road for 2 quarterns of bread, to Carter's Restaurants for broken food, — to Mrs Wyatt for receipts for potatoes." He appears to have received 2½d. for this work, of which 1½d is ~~marked~~ debited against the first item, ¾d against the second & ¼d against the third.

The bulk of the entries refer to articles of clothing supplied & work given, chiefly mission cleaning, the amounts being reckoned with scrupulous exactitude - £. s

A young woman was engaged				5hours	¾.	Dollie	1/5¼
—	—	—	—	5 "	¾	Mary	1/5¼
—	—	girl	—	5 "	¾	Annie	11½
—	—	—	—	5 "	¾	Carrie	11½d

3 pecks
2d. "

The following is an exact copy of a day's record – February 4th/98

25/- was Payed to Mr Pemberton for meat
2 Tins of boiled mutton was used for the dinner.
An appeal was sent to Mr Pemberton about the Boys Guild
— — — — Batey — — —
3½ quarterns of Bread was served to a family 6d
2d was spent for a knife opener & 1d for salt.
4/- Payed – Brose
a tin of mutton was served to Mrs Coles 1/-. Paid 6d
A maid was sent to clean the Committee Offices next door 2 hours.
Dustman 1d Hearthstone 1, Blacklead 1.
4/6 repairing Urns & Kettles.
A chest Hospital letter for Victoria Park Hospital.
Soup Dinner. 63 children brought tin tickets.
86 children & women paid ½ each 3/7 taken
20 dinners were given free – paid for by Mrs Scott 10d.
Milly Burtt cooked the dinner, Mrs Scott served
& superintended. Mrs Milton & Mrs Edwards helped.
Big girl Challis was fitted with Skirt, Bodice,
shoes for which Mrs Truscott will pay 2/6
A pair of boots was fitted to Boy Lampty.
A quartern loaf was served to a poor family 5d

8d pence & a loaf of bread was given to an unemployed man for doing some scrubbing for the Supt.
A Man brought a parcel of childrens' books, 3 being given to Hilton.
A letter was sent to Mrs Hubbard about a visit from Miss Burnett
A Mission Cleaner was engaged 9½ hours.

After days are similar except when dinners are not given, when the clothing is usually much more prominent. Thus on the following daly (Feb 5) 57 distinct entries are made of clothing supplied, the name of the recipient, the article & charge for same being always stated.

Mrs B. did not know any details as to arrangements for the new buildings & "Settlement". He had heard that Miss Honor Morton was coming. ~~And~~ "I am not a trustee" he explained. See paragraph on page 2 of Monthly Record, over leaf, which gives some information. I think Mrs Burtt does not care about the change altho' he acquiesces in it.

The success attained is due mainly to the intimate knowledge Mrs B. & his family have of the people, and their skilful adaptation of means to ends resulting therefrom. One instance of this amused me. Soles of old boots in all stages of delapidation are kept to repair childrens' boots. I was shown a sack half full. As to relief, the rule about payment is often relaxed by the lady helpers - Mrs Scott by the diary, appears to be a notorious sinner in this respect.

To Secretaries of Societies.—Will all Managers or Secretaries of Societies in connection with, or working in, the Christian Institute, kindly send a brief summary of what they are doing, and what they hope to do, to the Editor of THE MONTHLY RECORD at the Institute before Easter? Other articles and contributions will also be welcome. Please write on one side of the paper only.

Summary of Help.

JANUARY TO FEBRUARY, 1898.

(Compiled from the Hon. Superintendent's Diary).

To Feed the Hungry.

2,216 Meals served to poor Children and Adults.

SALVATION OF THE LOST. RESCUE OF THE CHILDREN. RELIEF OF TH

AGENCIES.

Labour Bureau.	*Elocution Class.*	*Mothers' Meetings.*	*Total Abstinence Soc*
Workshop.	*Working Lads' Guild.*	*Medical Aid.*	*Bands of Hope.*
Bath Rooms.	*Gymnasium.*	*Penny Bank.*	*Evangelists' Band.*
Reading Room.	*Cricket Club.*	*Holiday Home.*	*Singing Classes.*
Free Library.	*Sewing Classes.*	*Lodgings for Destitute.*	*Sunday Services.*
Evening School.	*Dressmaking Class.*	*Clothes Distribution.*	*Bible Classes.*

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Hellman, Miss
Herring, Miss
Hill, Mr. F. A.
Howard, Miss
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Maggs, Mrs.
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Wigg, Mr.
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Reading Room.	*Cricket Club.*	*Holiday Home.*	*Singing Classes.*	*Open Air Mission.*	*Workers' Union.*
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Boots, Clothing and Cash, most urgently needed.

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An Evening with the Girls.

"Our meeting commences at 7.15; nearest Railway Station, Shoreditch."

This intimation from the Secretary of the Christian Institute Girls' Band of Hope, reminded the writer of his appointment to address their meeting on the 2nd February. Accompanied by a friend, the pleasant northern suburb was soon exchanged for the hurry and bustle, also dirt and poverty of Shoreditch and Hoxton; a neighbourhood calculated to impress the most casual observer with the fact that *here* people have to work very very hard, for a very poor living.

A few inquiries soon brought us to the door of the Institute, and upon the very threshold the welcome was *hearty* and earnest. "You want the Girls' Band of Hope Sir, up the stairs, and please go straight on to the platform, they'll be pleased to see you, you are very welcome."

So up stairs we made our way and found ourselves in a long narrow room, crowded with girls whose ages ranged from three to thirteen; the workers near the door smiled a welcome, the children seemed intent upon enjoying the meeting and were already looking pleased, the "make yourselves at home" from the conductor, caused the visitors to feel that here were friends, not critics, fellow-workers on behalf of God's little ones, men and women whose hearts God has touched, and upon whom rested something of His own gracious Spirit.

There being no disorder to quell, we were soon singing the first hymn, and how those girls did sing to be sure! As hymn books would be too costly a luxury, the hymns are printed in large type and exhibited from the platform in sight of all the children. "Eyes closed while we pray," and little hands are used to assist in *keeping* closed eyes that are so used to being wide open; a few simple earnest words of prayer from the conductor and then we *all* unite in hymn No. 2.

Now the meeting is in full swing, something is being given to some of the children by the conductor, what it exactly was the writer never knew, being too busy with his own thoughts, and a vague wonder as to whether the "address" would hold the children and do them good.

Such order, attention, and intelligence, is rarely met with in children's meetings, and speaks volumes for the work done by these volunteer helpers.

The address is over and the children, with the help of the workers present have accorded to the speaker a hearty but orderly "clap" and now occurs one of the most interesting scenes possible to all true Temperance workers. During the whole of the evening some ten girls have had seats upon the platform, these are candidates for membership, recruits for this Junior Temperance Society secured by the energy and interest of some of the members Arranged to face all the children, and still upon the platform, these would-be members take the oath of the allegiance by repeating aloud the words that form the Band of Hope pledge "I promise by God's help, to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, as beverages."

The question is often asked by our critics "Do the children understand what it really means to sign the pledge" and for answer we shall be delighted to refer them to "a swearing in" at the Girls' Band of Hope, Christian Institute.

An effort is made to discover what the words "intoxicating liquors" mean to the children by questions put to them by members or the conductor, and the replies given show that even the youngest recruit understands the words aright and is making a free choice to abstain from that which the Duke of Albany declared was "the only terrible enemy whom Britain has to fear."

A last hymn beautifully sung, and a short prayer from the writer concluded a Band of Hope meeting that will live in some memories for many a long day; may the children never have friends and workers less kind, less courteous, less anxious for their present and eternal welfare.

THE DEPUTATION.

Our New Home.

The architect's plans for the new building to which the Institute must shortly move, have been inspected and approved by the Council. They show the usual kitchen and lavatory arrangements in the basement, a hall to seat 240 adults on the ground floor, class rooms on the first floor, and specially arranged rooms for the Hoxton Settlement on the second floor. Hope grows big within us when we think and dream of all the work that may be done within such a building—work that will go on through long years and far down into the future. Of course, the great question of expense is to the fore, but there are surely plenty who will consider it a privilege to give to our new home. The space on the west side of the Market where the building is to be erected is now cleared—the Shoreditch Vestry are patiently waiting to take over the present premises, and amalgamate them with the Dust Destructor—and Mr. Leslie King, in Kenninghall Road, looks eagerly for money aid.

Let the givers come forward then, and their great reward shall be to see the new building arise and the work increase, and to know that they have helped, not only to bless the present, but that their good deeds shall help

> "Thousands of throbbing hearts, when ours are at rest and for ever,
> Thousands of aching brains, when ours no longer are busy,
> Thousands of toiling hands, when ours have ceased from their labours,
> Thousands of weary feet, when ours have completed our journey."

Boys' Band of Hope.

The Band of Hope started the year 1897 with 247 boys. During the year we made 254 new members, bringing the total up to 501 ending the year.

The boys subscribe a ¼d. a week, which amounted to £7 6s. 1d., or which is 7,012 farthings.

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We give each new member a pledge card framed, and if they attend a quarter regularly we give them a small medal, and for one year we give them a larger one, and then if they attend two years without a break we give them a silver one.

Sewing Meeting.

This Class was re-formed last September, and is now under the management of Mrs. Coulson, with five lady helpers. The meetings are weekly, every Monday evening, 8 to 9.30.

The membership is now 38, with an average attendance of about 20 girls.

Nearly all the members are workers in factories, and seem to appreciate this opportunity of learning how to make garments, which become their own when paid for.

Occasional addresses are given, and a book is read to those present during the evening when the needles are being busily employed.

Country Holiday Fund.

Surely it is early to speak of holidays. True, but our children are very poor, and their weekly subscriptions are very small. So they must begin early to pay in their mites.

The books are now opened for this purpose.

If any of our readers anticipating the pleasure of an annual outing could spare a little to help these poor children to enjoy a few days in the country, we are certain they would receive solid satisfaction from their generosity.

Retirement of a Veteran.

It is with keen regret we have to announce the resignation of our able and courteous General Secretary, Mr. W. A. Procktor.

The increasing demands of business compelled him to sever his connection with the Institute; perhaps no one regrets this more than himself. The Council tried unsuccessfully to postpone the final decision, but eventually recognised that Mr. Procktor could neither do justice to himself or the Institute, and in fairness to both accepted the inevitable. Mr. Procktor carries with him the grateful thanks of all the workers for the years of splendid service he so ungrudgingly rendered.

The Council had considerable difficulty in finding a successor, but at last decided to appoint Mr. Robert Somerville to this post.

Our new Secretary is well known to all the Hoxton friends, and he invites the hearty co-operation of all interested in the work to make our Insttitute a greater power for good that it even has been.

Two-hundred Happy Children.

The Sunday School Annual Tea Party, is an eagerly looked for treat, by the Hoxton youngsters.

This year it was to be a special treat, for was it not to be held up at Rectory Road Lecture Hall and were they not to ride there and back in the trams?

Yes, thanks to the generosity of the North Metropolitan Tramway Company (whose General Manager has frequently helped us in like manner) nearly two-hundred children were conveyed free of expense.

Their teachers and the friends at Rectory Road, did their best to give them a happy evening; after a plentiful tea, a most delightful programme was presented, and at the close each child received a parcel to take home, containing a useful garment, toy, &c., all carefully selected by the teachers.

A painful episode came under the writer's notice; A family at Hoxton had only a scant supply of food that day and one member of the family elected to go without anything to eat during that day, as he was going to a tea party at night. Surely there is the making of a good man in that young boy.

Hoxton.

Those who have read Sir Walter Besant's story, "Children of Gibeon," know that Hoxton was originally called Hogs-den—a name that is not inappropriate to it even to this day. Surely of all dreary districts in the whole of this great, grimy London, Hoxton is the very dreariest and most poverty-stricken. It is certainly acknowledged to be the poorest part of London as regards open spaces—a fact our readers might remember in connection with country holidays. Surely if anything can brighten up our poor children it is to get away for a fortnight in the summer to where there is light and space and air and colour. For these four things are rare in Hoxton—light is dimmed by smoke and blacks, and filters through dirty and tiny windows; space is denied in this crowded quarter where street after street is full of mean houses filled by numerous families. It is true there is some space in Chatham Gardens at present, for the Vestry have just pulled down whole courts and streets there, but only that they may erect great dwellings in their places. Perhaps Hoxton Market offers as large an open space for the children to play in as any other part of Hoxton. But what a playground! An unpaved, muddy square, surrounded by dingy houses, and ornamented only with an iron convenience. No trees, no side walks even. Just this square of black-trodden ground, with water standing in the pools Go and see Hoxton Market if you wish to appreciate blackness of desolation, and go and visit Hoxton Market Residences if you wish to understand all the evils which want of space can cause. Then air! The air of Hoxton is thick with soot, and is palpable and noxious. We are glad when it rains in Hoxton for it washes the air and makes it less stifling to breathe. And when a big wind comes along, no matter how cold it is, we are grateful, for it blows away the millions of disease germs which linger ever in the stagnant streets. And as for colour—why, leaden greyness pervades the whole of Hoxton! Sometimes a girl comes by with violets in her bonnet, or a child appears in a nice red frock. But the dirt soon dims the violets and the frock soon grows dark with mud; when you are walking in Hoxton it is impossible to remember what a bed of tulips is like—or a country garden where pink May and yellow Laburnum bloom.

There was much talk some years ago about the effect of "environment" on the character: is it not, therefore, particularly necessary that good work should bloom and flourish in this dreary neighbourhood? Should not every effort be made to increase Christian service? Then perhaps we might in time forget that Hoxton was ever called "Hogsden." Then we might no longer dream of the terrible children, the gaunt women, and the undersized men in the mean streets about us. "Those who weep may be wise or foolish, it matters not; our endeavour must be to wipe away their tears and see they cry no more."

Junior Sewing Class.

The Junior Girls' Sewing Class meets every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. Last year there were 50 names on the books with an average attendance of about 30, the girls varying in age from 7 to 14 or 15 years. During the year more than 100 garments were completed and taken home by the girls, who paying for the cost of material by weekly payments. as much or little as they can afford to bring.

Last year a prize was offered for good behaviour and needlework, which certainly encouraged the girls to do their best, and the improvement in the behaviour generally has been marked during the year. The same offer has been made this year which it is hoped will result in a still further improvement.

Mr W H Evans. L.C.M.

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23/3/98

The District

St Andrew's parish.

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Mr W H Evans. London City Missionary of Nasmyth Hall, 23 Canal Road, Hoxton. Seen at his residence: 3 St Mark's Terrace, Dalston N.E.

Mr Evans is a pleasant little man of about ~~40~~ 35: Dark hair + heavy mustache, clean shaven chin. Intelligent + speaks freely. Has been 10 yrs. on the district.

Mr E's district is the poor patch of Hoxton immediately south of the Regent Canal. Its boundaries are the Canal, Kingsland Road, Wilmer Gardens, Hoxton Street to Hyde Road + Norris Street to the Canal.

The streets are relatively much the same as coloured on our map, altho Mr E. would make them generally a little poorer. Wilmer Gardens + Mill Row are still the poorest + the former the worst. People move from Wilmer Gardens to Mill Row to get quiet. During the past 10 years, most of the small houses that remained in Wilmer Gardens have been pulled down + replaced by tenement houses, hence considerably more crowded. The landlords let each flat to one tenant but in spite of evictions on discovery, many tenants sublet one or even two of their 3

or 4

The Occupations of the People

Building used

Services Held

or 4 rooms to others, usually relatives. One set - a man, wife & 6 children have just been turned out. Had let to two sets of people, one the woman's sister & her husband & I think two children. Have lady collectors now and "they are very sharp".

Men are hawkers and costers; men in the boot line finishers, lasters &c, many of these; also others supposed to be labourers - "fair" working men but drink a lot". Many dustmen & vestry labourers. Halcombe Place nearly all dustmen. 5 dustmen named "Allen" live here.

Hall at back of 23 Canal Road was formerly a workshop. Holds 90 people.

Holds no meetings for children. Considers the children are well looked after by the other missions &c. The other Mission in Canal Road is practically a children's mission but there is not much for grown up people.

Sunday. 3.15 PM Bible class. Mixed class. All over 16 or 18 years of age. Average 20 & 22

7.30 PM Gospel Service. Average 50. All adults.

Wednesday. 8.30 PM Service. About 40: chiefly adults.

Practically every one attending the services are working people living on the district.

Changes of Congregation

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Religious duties.

On Saturday evening a "kind of social meeting" is held, attended by about 20 young people. (18 to 21 yrs of age)

The numbers attending the services are increasing slowly but the congregation changes rather quickly, so that most of the new comers only fill gaps. "After the people have been to the meetings a little time, they get respectable, buy better clothes & then they want to go away "not I don't like this neighbourhood" they say". Most of them go to some place of worship, chiefly to Non-conformist churches. Mr E. always tries to find out about this to ensure church attendance if possible.

Visits the district from house to house and reckons he has 1000 "visitable" tenements. Gets round once in 3 months but visits sick and special cases as often as necessary.

If he finds any cases requiring relief he sends to the Vicar of St Andrews (Rev Moore) who will send them a little help. Rev Moore is his superintendent.

Talking of church attendance, he said it was very rare for any of the people in Wilmer Gardens

Other Religious Influences

to attend any place of worship. They will send their children to Sunday school &c & think this is doing their duty by them. "Look here, I have sent them to Sunday school and when they grow old they must choose for themselves". It is only the worst class of parents that say this. These remarks apply to the other streets but in a lesser degree. In all part of the district the church attendance is small.

St Andrews. Vicar a low churchman. Has a curate Church Army captain and nurse. Very few attend.

Jubilee Hall Philip St. (Prim. Methodist). Used to do a great deal of relief work but have had to drop it. Never meets their missionary in the district – he simply conducts meetings. Most of their people dont live round here.

Presbyterian Mission (Mrs Double). A little too far for this district. It is really a Mission Church.

Mission at 42 Canal Road in connection with Myddelton Road Congregational Church. See, Mrs Smith, 170 Sandringham Road.

A great deal of drinking amongst women. Attributes part of it to the tenement buildings – they bring the people together. Mrs A. is going to get her drink & Mrs B. goes with her. Admiral Keppel and the Kings Arms are women's bars.

Poor Law Relief

Housing

A great many people have parish relief. Mostly widows and a few very old people. It is difficult to gtt out relief

Great difficulty in getting decent lodging for families with children. Practically forced to Wilmer Gardens+ then cannot go anywhere else. Landlords will not take people from the Gardens. Ordinary houses usually refuse lodgers with 2 or 3 children.

The people from Wilmer Gardens, when the clearances were made went to Walthamstow+ South Tottenham. Those remaining in the district to Hamond Square + Canal Road (Kingsland Rd end, which is very poor).

Regarding the district as a whole, Mr E. thinks that a distinct moral improvement has taken place in the last 10 years, the evidence of which is a decrease in street disturbances +c. At one time, there used to be "tremendous brawls".

Mr Evans is a quiet conscientious worker+ and is doing good work in a small way.

Mr Charles D. Double

Harvey St. Presbyterian Mission

GBA 30/3/98

The District

Persons Employed

Buildings Used

MR. CHARLES D. DOUBLE, Missionary at Harvey Street Mission Hall, Hoxton, London (in connection with Park Church, Highbury). From a photo. by A. & G. TAYLOR. (Reprinted by special permission from the *Christian Globe*.)

St Saviour's parish.

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Mr Charles D. Double. Missionary at Harvey Street Mission Hall. Hoxton. Seen at 61 Buckingham Road Dalston N.E.

Harvey Street Mission is a branch Mission of Highbury Presbyterian Church (Dr P. Carmichael)

Mr Double is a grizzled veteran of 60. Has been 23 years at Harvey Street & before that was 7 years at Colchester & some years working in Bethnal Green in connection with Approach Road Congregational Church.

The work of the Mission is concentrated in the poor patch bounded by the Regents Canal on the north & between New North Road & Whitmore Road. Some of the congregation come from ~~beyond~~ these area but they have mostly been residents. I think the light blue well represent the people as altho' there are some artizans they are a minority.

Missionary & Colporteur. Latter does not confine himself to the district but visit & helps in open air etc. 50 S.S. teachers & about 30 other helpers. Hope to have a bible woman

Buildings was erected by Highbury Church. It comprises large upper Hall (350), smaller hall in basement and a number of classrooms & offices.

Services Held

Sunday 11. + 6.30. Service. 40 or 50 in morning. Service held in Small Hall. Evening 170. All adults. Congregation from the district mainly. Working people + a few tradesmen.

11. + 6.30. Children's Services. About 200 in morning and average 138 in evening.

Sunday School (aft) 648 names on Roll. Attendance average 501.

Tuesday. Women's Prayer meeting (fortnightly) 12 or 14

Children's Service. Average 60.

8.45 to 10 — Christian Endeavour Society. Average attendance 40.

Wednesday. Ordinary Service. About 40.

Saturday. Prayer meeting.

All these meetings commenced ~~late~~. 8.15. + often then numbers come in late. Would have to commence with very few if commenced at 8 PM. Even children's meetings do not close until 9. or 9.30. No complaint whilst in other districts parents would cry out. Fears all the people have got into very late habits.

A large number of social meetings are held. They include :—

Open air services are held on Sunday + Wednesday evenings. at corner of New North Road. Young people sing + attract large audiences. Average would be 150.

Social Agencies

Social Agencies. (cat.d)

Mothers' Meeting. 120 on book. About half attend the service.
Coal Club with 34 members; Clothing Club. 48.

Band of Hope. ~~100 on book~~. Attendance 166. Over 200 (7.45 to 9) on books. "Children not wanted at home."

Library 530 books.

Institute with gymnasium &c. just started

Cricket Club.

Singing Class. About 50. Are giving a selection from the Messiah on Good Friday.

Penny Bank. 620 depositors. £308 taken in 1897.

Sick & Provident Society — 1426 members See next page.
Report (p. 27) regrets "that spiritual work can only be carried on among them (members) to a comparatively limited extent"

Self Help & Investment Society. 180 members.
hold stock to £910 & with outstanding loans £523.

Temperance Society 150 to 160 members. Have concerts to draw the people. Get a few pledges but bulk are abstainers.

Visitation

Mr Double gives at least 20 hours a week to visiting. & spends a great part of his time on the district. Worthy special cases as these seldom leave time for house to

HARVEY STREET MISSION
Sick and Provident Society.

Report of the Committee of Management.

December 20th, 1897,

Gentlemen,

In presenting their 17th Report on the work of the past year. Your Committee feel that they have good reason to congratulate their brother members on the continued success attending the Society, and on the good work it has done and is doing.

The continued wet weather of the Spring and early Summer was responsible for the greater part of the Sick Claims during the past year; these claims amounted to £541. 16. 8. or £20. 12. 6. less than for the previous year and the same cause operated to the increase of the death claims, which amounted to £220, being for 21 Members and 2 Member's Wives, or £50 in excess of the previous year.

Your Committee would point out that the care exercised in the acceptance of Candidates for Membership has not been relaxed in the slightest degree, and this evidenced by the fact that the death claims are in respect of Members who have been in the Society for some years.

The total amount due from each member including Subscriptions, Levies and Quarterage was 34/9 and the amount to be paid out to each member to-night is **£1. 3. 7½**, *leaving the nett cost per member* **11/1½**, *and your Committee would specially direct attention to the fact that there is no Commercial Institution in England which would give like benefits at the same cost.*

In conclusion your Committee would urge upon the Members that in proposing New Candidates they should exercise care to Nominate only those of whom they have knowledge, and whom they know to be strong healthy men, and also to look for young men to become Members. If this care isexercised the Society has yet many years of prosperous life before it, to continue to assist those who are so far-seeing as to make the provision and Assurance which the Society affords, and to pay a good dividened at that season of the year when all look forward to a little rejoicing, when we may wish each other, as your Committee heartily wish you "A Merry Christmas with Peace on Earth Good will to men."

C. D. DOUBLE, President. WILLIAM IVES, Treasurer.

F. ROBINSON.	G. W. FLAXMAN.	B. T. CROUGHTON.	Committee of Management.
W. BOUGHTON.	J. BRADLEY.	J. C. THOMAS.	
T. COOPER.	F. J. SHEPHARD.	J. THREADKELL.	
A. T. MARSH.	W. T. HICKMAN.	S. MORRIS.	

HARVEY STREET MISSION

Sick and Provident Society.

BALANCE SHEET, Ending December 4th, 1897.

Trustees: C. D. DOUBLE, Esq., R. WALES, Esq., and JOHN MATHER, Esq.

President: Mr. C. D. DOUBLE.

Treasurer: Mr. WILLIAM IVES. **Secretaries:** Messrs. G. A. OGAN & H. J. CLACY.

Cash-Steward: Messrs. W. BECK & J. DEARMUN.

SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Amount Reserved, 1896 ...		72 2 0	By Sick Claims		541 16 8
,, Weekly Subscriptions ...		1885 10 0	,, Balance carried to Sharing a/c		1426 5 6
,, Arrears of Subscriptions to be deducted	11 2 4				
Less Amounts overpaid	0 12 2	10 10 2			
		£1968 2 2			£1968 2 2

LEVIES ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cash received		470 14 9	By Death Claims		
,, Arrears to be deducted ...	41 19 3		21 Members at £10 each	210 0 0	
Less overpayments ...	0 16 6	41 2 9	2 Members' Wives at £5	10 0 0	220 0 0
			,, Balance carried to Sharing a/c		291 17 6
		£511 17 6			£511 17 6

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Quarterage received		83 6 0	By Printing and Stationery ...	15 7 0	
,, Arrears of Quarterage to be deducted	11 10 4	11 8 6	,, Postages	6 12 8	
Less Amounts overpaid	0 1 10		,, Incidentals	1 10 0	
,, Entrance Fees		10 5 5	,, Secretaries' Salaries	73 9 0	
,, Fines received		26 4 0	,, Cash Stewards' Salaries ...	24 9 8	
,, Arrears of Fines to be deducted	15 7 10		,, Caretaker	1 0 0	
Less amounts overpaid	0 4 4	15 3 6	,, Auditors	0 10 0	122 18 4
,, Interest on Deposit		15 8 2	Balance to Sharing account		38 17 3
		£161 15 7			£161 15 7

SHARING ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
From Subscription Account ...	1426 5 6	By Reserve Fund, 1426 Members at 1/-	71 6 0
,, Levies Account	291 17 6	,, 1426 Members at £1 3s. 7½d. 300-713	1685 14 3
,, Management Acconnt ...	38 17 3		
	£1757 0 3		£1757 0 3

Deceased Members—E. J. Robinson, J. Waigh, H. Day, P. Jessop, W. Dennis, J. Wood, A. Lloyd, W. Dyer, C. Marsh, E. Wade, A. Judd, J. Lambert, T. E. A Johnstone, R. Price, G. Watts, J. Darville, G. Smith, J. Finney, T. Papworth, B. Draper, T. Winsbury.

Deceased Member's Wives—Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Nash.

We have compared the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Society, and find it to be Correct.

BENJAMIN T. CROUGHTON, Junr.
WILLIAM F. LAKIN } Auditors.

December 14th, 1897.

Nursing &c

Charitable Relief

The C.O.S.

house visitation. Ladies of the Mothers' Meeting occasionally visit and they have a band of 28 Tract distributors, who go from house to house in the district once a month. They take copies of two small localised magazines, one temperance and the other gospel. Issue 800 of each per month. These bring a few people to the services but regarded merely as advertisements the result is disappointing. The Colporteur ~~also~~ visits cases of sickness in connection with the Sick & Provident Society.

~~&~~ In cases of sickness, would send to Haggerston. Formerly ~~sent~~ to Holloway Road. Dr Gold of the Muldmay Hospital, Bethnal Green is a friend of the Mission & they send cases there; also to the Medical Mission in Windsor St. Islington. Convalescents are sent to the Muldmay Home at Barnet.

Members of the Church, of whom there are over 200 are relieved when necessary from the Sessions Fund. For others attending the services the Sick Relief Fund is intended. This fund relieved to the extent of £21 in 1897. Tickets for grocery, meat or coals: don't give money. Christmas dinners e.g. distribution of provision cost £22.

Seldom refers cases to C.O.S. Got disgusted with it, apparently on account of the time it takes for inquiries. Recommended a woman ~~they~~ took

Co-operation

Other Religious Influences

3 weeks to inquire into the case & then could do nothing for her. &c. Now communicates with the Hackney or Shoreditch guardians. Does not hear much of the 'Strangers Friend' society now, altho he ~~was~~ did formerly. It is Wesleyan & the Wesleyans are becoming more exclusive.

Friendly with the clergymen & with the other churches in the neighbourhood. They compare notes so as to avoid overlapping at Christmas. Spontaneous sort of thing: no organization.

Costers Hall people (Arsman) come into the district occasionally - visit & distribute tracts - mainly in connection with special effort.

The Church (St Saviours) has a good many workers - readers & curates but Mrs D. does not often come in contact with them.

Rosemary Mission (Islington) draws a few from the district. "You know there are a certain class who go where most is given".

Knew of the Myddelton Road Branch Mission in Canal Road but little of its work.

Drink

Crime & Prostitution

Marriage

Thrift

Mission is growing

Change of District

Drink the curse of the neighbourhood. "The one thing that mars & blights our work". "People saturated with drink and all we say and do fails to move them".

Crime & prostitution not noticeable.

Marriage usually about 23. Has had a great many young people and has never known of any connected with the Mission going wrong or that there had been any immorality.

Try to encourage thrift. If we get them to begin, ~~you~~ we create a desire to continue.

The work is growing. For a few years they appeared to be ~~only~~ merely holding their own but have had a large number of new comers brought in, chiefly by following them up.

During the years Mr D. has been here, the district has deteriorated in moral character & in wealth. People are not so well off. ~~and~~ You lay hold of a young man & he becomes better off.; grows dissatisfied with his surroundings and moves outward. As a rule when people go out, they attach themselves to some place of worship. Only knows one case

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waste of effort. In some parts of our neighbourhood as many as five different denominations are going for the same people."

"Of course," I said, as a final question, "you do not contemplate with favour the present divorce of the religious element from working class movements towards the realization of better social conditions?"

"I do not. Indeed, I go further, and say that, without the religious element, all such movements must fail. Unless men accept God as their father they will never treat their fellow-men as their brothers. Really and permanently, that is to say. Solid, stable progress, unless on religious lines, is impossible. I love the working men!" exclaimed Mr. Double, with almost apostolic fervour, "and could sacrifice myself to save them. I believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man,—in the Solidarity of the Human Race. My whole twenty-one years' work at Harvey Street (social as it has been, as well as religious) speaks for it that I am in sympathy with all that helps to improve,—with all that tends to uplift. But," added the speaker impressively, as he prepared to leave for his evening's service, "I despair of any permanent improvement being effected until men have become reconciled to God."

And thus our conversation ended. Mr. Double departed for the Hall, and I for home. But on my way thither, greatly struck with what the Prince Consort would have called the "enthusiasm of humanity" displayed by the man, I could only say to myself: "How different would be the feelings of the workers towards religion if every preacher had the same sympathy with the poor as this one so obviously has!" And the words of the Quaker poet ran persistently in my mind *:—

Now too oft the priesthood wait
At the threshold of the State,—
Waiting for the beck and nod
Of its power as law and God. . . .

Not on them the poor rely,
Not to them looks liberty,
Who with fawning falsehood cower
To the wrong, when clothed in power.

Oh, to see them meanly cling,
Round the master, round the king,
Sported with, and sold, and bought,—
Pitifuller sight is not!

Tell me not that this must be.
God's true priest is always free,—
Free, the needed truth to speak,
Right the wrong, and raise the weak.

Not to fawn on wealth and State,
Leaving Lazarus at the gate,—
Not to peddle creeds like wares,—
Not to mutter hireling prayers. . . .

Not for words and works like these,
Priest of God, thy mission is,
But to make earth's desert glad,
In its Eden greenness clad;

And to level mankind bring
Lord and peasant, serf and king;
And the Christ of God to find
In the humblest of thy kind!

* "The Curse of the Charter-Breakers."

in which the man lapsed - his wife now sorry they went.

Finds an increasing difficulty in laying hold of the people & moving them to a higher platform of living. Drink & indifference the great drawbacks. Come to the men in all sorts of difficulties - for hospital, convalescent letters &c.

Just as I was coming away Mr D. said that a little pamphlet had been issued in connection with his 21st anniversary, written by a young man, he had obtained employment for, with Dr Barnardo. Would I like a copy. In this I found an interview with Mrs D., which although probably the young man's periods, no doubt represents Mr D's views, so I give it on the opposite page.

Mr Double is evidently an earnest conscientious man & has a good band of helpers around him. The Mission is thoroughly alive & doing good work both spiritual & social.

The interviewer who would "bag" the "Bishop of Hoxton" has—in the words of the Yankee farmer—to "get up early and be pretty smart, I tell you!" In the first place, he has to contend against the prospective "victim's" modest reluctance to be made the object of the proposed publicity at all. (I can't understand such backwardness myself. I only wish some Pressman would interview *me!* Now, gentlemen of the Fourth Estate, don't all speak at once, *please!*) Then, again, the interviewer on the track of Mr. Double, owing to his (the "Bishop's") many duties in connection with his beloved Hall, has to watch for his prey even as the harmless, necessary feline lies in wait for the harmful, needless rodent. However, after three or four failures I eventually managed to "run my game to earth" one Sunday afternoon. The "interviewee" (patent word) had held his service in the morning, had conducted his Bible Class in the afternoon, had swallowed his tea, and was at my disposal—for a few minutes before departing again to the Hall for evening service. Making the most of the opportunity the gods had thus vouchsafed to me, I plunged *in medias res:*—

"I suppose, Mr. Double, that you are not wholly inclined to think our present social conditions the best possible ones?"

"No, indeed. I see, in my work, far too much of their worst side for that. By the hand-to-mouth existence the workers are compelled to lead they are terribly handicapped in the struggle to obtain a livelihood; and in any difficulty that may arise the pawnshop is their only refuge. I look forward to the time when more leisure and greater pleasure shall be secured to those who toil with their hands."

"How, in your opinion, is such a state of things to be brought about?"

"I believe in helping the working man to help himself. My great hope is in Co-operation. I think that if we could only get the workers to band together on Co-operative lines, we should soon see a better state of things. Hence our self-help societies, clubs, &c., at Harvey Street."

"Pending the arrival of the 'good time coming' (a 'Co-operative Commonwealth') how would you advise the workers to put to better use the means they possess already?"

"I wish they could make some effort to throw off the yoke of the pawnbroker and the tallyman. In too many cases, as things are now, the wages by the Monday are all bespoken; and the wife has to resort to the pawnshop. Once in the vortex of this blighting, deadening system it seems impossible for the poor to get out of it again. It cripples them. We are doing our best at the Hall, by the means I have mentioned, to show them the advantage of having a 'nest-egg' in these matters; and I believe that, once a working man has perceived the superiority of the plan we suggest to him, he will adopt and go through with it."

"Then, Mr. Double, with regard to the extensive Sunday trading which, I believe, is carried on in the immediate vicinity of your sphere of work."

"Yes," said Mr. Double. "Many of the poor get into the slovenly habit of putting off their shopping until Sunday morning—and with what results? They not only inflict wrong upon others (by compelling shopkeepers and their assistants to be working when they should be

resting), but they punish themselves by having to take what the Saturday night purchasers have left—the refuse."

"And these, I suppose, are not the only grounds on which you advocate Sunday Observance?"

"Oh, no. I contend, indeed, that by a greater regard for the Sabbath you would obtain a better state of affairs all round. I hold that Sunday Observance is as much obligatory upon us to-day as it was upon the Jews in Biblical times. At present the sacredness of the day is lost—with, as I think, dangerous consequences; for if you loosen one sanction of morality you loosen all. Moreover, Nature requires periodical rest and recouperation; but under our present system of partial non-observance of the day you add to the activity-burden of the week considerably. Worse than all, Sunday pleasure-seeking means spiritual deterioration—and to see what that can do for nations we only require to look at France and Germany, which have both had their fill of Sunday business and pleasure for many years past."

"Of course, Mr. Double, after what you have just said, I need not ask if you are in favour of the Sunday closing of public-houses."

"As a teetolater of many years' standing, I am most certainly in favour of that much-needed reform."

"At the same time, you do not, I suppose, regard total abstinence as a panacea for all the ills that flesh is heir to?"

"By no means. Still, I do say that if you could cure the drinking habits of the people you would immensely benefit their position. Drink is the demon that enslaves; and it is difficult to persuade the workers to give it up. I could cite remarkable cases of uplifting in social condition of those who have been persuaded to adopt total abstinence."

"As regards religious matters more particularly, Mr. Double, do you notice any difference between the attitude of the masses towards religion and religious agencies to-day and their attitude in regard to them when you began your work in Hoxton?"

"Yes, I do,—and a very great difference. Twenty-one years ago nearly all the churches round about here were full. To-day they are all nearly empty. What is the cause?" continued the speaker, anticipating a question I was about to put to him. "The truth has not altered; the method of salvation has not changed. It is in the *people* that the difference has come about. Many of the working men to-day have grown indifferent. The Church they regard as their enemy—whereas I look upon at any rate the Free Churches as their best friends."

"As regards the attitude of the Churches towards the people, Mr. Double——?"

"Of late the Churches have awakened, and are taking an interest—after a fashion. The old methods of saving men are, with many good people, at a discount. All sorts of schemes are being resorted to; but most of these are doomed to failure. Loaves and fishes may suffice for a time; but they tend, in many cases, to pauperise and to make hypocrites. When I first engaged in this work most of the churches left the working classes severely alone, or relegated the work to the City Missionary or the Bible Woman. Now the mistake is over-lapping and

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

[PRESCRIPT.—This is o be a "*characteristic*" Introductory Note; therefore please don't be surprised at anything you may come across in it. You don't know how nice it is to have the reputation of being a "characteristic" writer! You can say what you like, and *how* you like; and your readers are always interested in what you say, no matter how uninteresting it is, or how uninterestingly you say it. That's why I generally write characteristically myself.—Æ.]

RESPECTED READER,

I do not intend to trouble you with a lengthy "Introduction." Long prefaces are seldom read. The last preface of mine consisted of six pages of closely reasoned argument. I offer a reward of £0,000 0s. 3¾d. to any man, woman, or infant who can prove that he, she, or it *read* that preface.

The reviewer of a certain sixpenny hebdomadal is excluded from this competition. I know *he* read it; because, breaking his teeth over its hard arguments, he subsequently, in revenge, indulged in a futile and fatuous attempt to break my bones with hard words. That reviewer ought to have his salary raised. (Echo answers, "*Razed!*")

Ever since this episode, in order not to cast prefaces before—those constitutionally unable to appreciate the same, I have contented myself with writing "Prefatory," "Explanatory," and "Introductory *Notes*."

In the present case, even a short *note* will suffice. It will serve if I merely say something like the following:—

This world is principally postulated with manikins. In the following pages I show you a MAN.

Yours and welcome,

ÆGZAYCÆ.

[POSTSCRIPT.—Those two sentences in italics I *mean*. The preceding ones I *don't*—much. That's the worst of writing characteristically: you can hardly ever say what you mean. As, therefore, in this pamphlet I mean to mean *everything* I say, perhaps I had better stop writing characteristically and start writing seriously. I will. What follows, then, is "in sober earnest."—Æ.]

A MISSIONARY'S "MAJORITY."

IN May of this year Mr. Charles Dale Double attains his "Majority"—*i.e.*, completes his Twenty-First Year—as Missionary at Harvey Street Mission, Hoxton (in connection with Park Church, Highbury); and the occasion has been deemed a fitting one on which to place in the hands of his friends, his congregation, and the general public, as a "souvenir," some record of those years of honourable hard work in the service of God and man.

And this is as it should be. So often is all recognition of a man's worth delayed until after his death that one frequently feels inclined to ask, in the words of Browning:

> Do men only become good when they die?

To cull a flower from Greek anthology:

> Swift kindnesses are best. A long delay
> In kindness, takes the kindness all away.

Especially is this true of the "long delay" to which I have alluded. If, therefore (I would say) you purpose speaking of anyone a kind word, delay not until Death "takes the kindness all away." To quote some lines of Martial*:—

> While *living*
> Give him the fame thou wouldst be giving;
> So shall he hear, and feel, and know it.

But I am glad that the coming Anniversary is to be celebrated on account of the *Mission*, as well as on that of the *Missionary*. Occasions like this, rightly used, help to bind still closer to the work those already connected with it, and also to interest in it those who were before outside. I say, therefore—with one whose own good work Harvey Street Mission has for many years done its share towards supporting†—"I believe in anniversaries. They mark history; and they have a stimulating power which may well be utilized to raise the future to yet higher heights than the past."

I think that a good beginning will be made with the present "Compilation" if I reproduce the sketch of Mr. Double's life and labours that—together with the portrait reprinted elsewhere—appeared last year in the *Christian Globe*. The figures quoted I have ventured to bring up to date:—

> "Twenty years is a very considerable portion of a man's life; and when he has devoted them to work in connection with a particular organisation, it is fitting that the close of that period should be worthily celebrated. It is, therefore, not surprising that as, on the 7th inst, Mr. Charles Dale Double will complete his

* Address "To the Reader," in his first book of Epigrammata.
† Dr. Barnardo.

twentieth year of spiritual labour at Harvey Street Mission, Hoxton, the people there are preparing to observe the event in due form.

"Some thirty-five years have elapsed since Mr. Double first entered the Lord's service. This he did by undertaking work as a volunteer in connection with Salem Chapel, Bow Road, E.—a place of worship then associated with Congregationalism. He laboured there for some years, with so much acceptance and usefulness that he was urged by the minister of the chapel (the Rev. H. C. Adams), and by other friends, to devote himself wholly to the work. The Rev. Mr. Adams and the Rev. George Wilson McCree recommended him with much heartiness to the City Mission. He was at once accepted, and—in November, 1864—sent to labour in a new district, known as Globe Fields, in connection with the Victoria Park Congregational Church, Approach Road.

"At this time great interest was taken in the young Missionary by Sir Charles Reed (first Chairman of the London School Board), Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., Mr. J. D. Link, and other leaders of metropolitan Nonconformity. Soon the necessity for larger accommodation than was then at Mr. Double's disposal was found; and premises were taken in Wellington Street, Bonner Lane. Here numerous willing helpers (mostly converts) rallied to the support of the young preacher. In 1866 the cholera broke out in the neighbourhood; and many of the people became panic-stricken. Numbers flocked to the Mission, and seemed to hunger for the Bread of Life. Night and day Mr. Double went in and out among the people; and, despite all warnings to 'take care of himself,' he manfully stuck to his post. 'The Lord was mindful of His own'; and Mr. Double escaped the plague. His hard and incessant labours, however, on behalf of those not so fortunate, completely broke down his health; and he had to go away into the country for rest and recouperation.

"A little later it was again found that Mr. Double's meeting-place was too small to accommodate those desirous of hearing the popular young Missioner; and once more a move had to be made. This time Bonner Lane British School was taken; and there the work proceeded with renewed vigour. Early in 1868, however, Mr. Double's labours were interrupted—indeed, it may be said that they were almost nullified—by some internal dissensions that were just then taking place in the parent church. In the midst of these a strong and pressing invitation came to him to take up a work at Chelmsford similar to that which he was carrying on at Victoria Park. He gave the matter serious consideration, and, much to the regret of his Mission friends, was led to accept the call. For seven years Mr. Double carried on a most successful work in the county town of Essex; and even after the twenty years that have since elapsed, his name and his work are still remembered there with respect and esteem.

"Some years before this, the congregation at Park Church, Highbury, London, had established a Mission at Hoxton. Afterwards a site was purchased in Harvey Street, and a large and commodious hall erected, with numerous smaller rooms for classes, &c., the

building being opened in July, 1874. The new hall, however, did not seem to flourish; and at last the minister then at Park Church (the Rev. John Edmond, D.D.), and the congregation, invited the subject of this sketch to take up the work. This Mr. Double did; and—as has already been stated—he has continued to labour in that unpromising corner of the Lord's Vineyard for twenty years, with profit and blessing to many.

"Mr. Double's first sermon at Hoxton, in the large hall which seats 300, was preached to a congregation—not counting children—of *thirteen!* Undaunted by this ominous beginning, however, he set himself to work in characteristically vigorous fashion; and soon—by visitation, and by persevering efforts in numerous other directions—an improvement became preceptible in the Mission. Since the time when he first took up the work, 435 persons have been received as church members, the present membership numbering 194. In addition to the Sunday morning and evening services, one or more meetings of various sorts are held every evening during the week.

"As some evidence of the activity displayed at Harvey Street, we may mention that among the institutions connected with it are a Bible Reading Association (with 314 names on its roll); a Total Abstinence Society; a week-night service (indoor in winter, outdoor in summer); two prayer meetings a week; a Bible Class and a Choral Society (both conducted by Mr. Double); a Mothers' Meeting; a Sick and Provident Society (with a membership of 1,448, and an annual income averaging £2 500, about half of which sum is returned to the members); a Self-Help and Investment Society (with a membership of 154, and stock amounting to £699) a Sick Relief Society (for the distribution of money, food, clothing and letters for hospitals, convalescent homes, surgical aid societies &c.); a Coal and a Clothing Club; a Penny Bank (annual deposits about £300); a Christmas Distribution of meat, groceries, &c. and an annual excursion, with half of the tickets supplied gratuitously to those unable to pay. A colporteur is attached to the Mission; while volunteer lady visitors call upon the people at their own homes.

"All this is saying nothing of special Evangelistic and Missionary services; of bazaars (the last of which realised over £100); of entertainments; and of concerts. In the organisation of the last-named, the two Miss Doubles (who, it may be remarked, occupy high and distinguished positions in the musical world) have always taken a prominent part. Indeed, they, like Mrs. Double, have ever done their best to second their father's efforts to bring a little 'sweetness and light' into the sunless lives of those about them.

"Needless to say, the children are not neglected. The Sunday School has 687 members, divided into over forty classes, and officered by forty-seven staff-members. The average attendance reaches 482, or 70 per cent. Children's Sunday morning and evening services are also held; and there is a Children's Service on Tuesday evenings. There are, furthermore, other institutions and

agencies, for the young, including an annual Scripture Examination ; a Band of Hope ; a 'Christian Band' ; a Juvenile Sabbath Union ; a Library ; an 'Institute' for boys and one for girls ; and an annual Flower Show ; while last year thirty-five weak and ailing scholars were sent away to country homes.

"The work and the results which we have all too inadequately described would be creditable anywhere ; but in Hoxton (a district universally admitted to be one of the very blackest spots in all 'Darkest London') they are positively phenomenal. In face of many discouragements—indeed, against overwhelming odds—Mr. Double, invincible in his optimism, fights on year after year, 'holding the fort' of better things in the midst of a 'howling wilderness' of misery,—planting the flag of hope in the very Citadel of the Dominion of Despair, his endeavour being to place, in a torrent of troubles, a few stepping-stones of sympathy and helpfulness over which those for whom he labours may pass to brightness here and to joy hereafter."

Mr. Double's departure from his sphere of labour at Chelmsford (Townfield Chapel) to take up his work at Hoxton was—according to a local newspaper report now before me—made the occasion of the holding of a gala gathering. The church was decorated with flowers and flags, and with banners bearing suitable mottoes. After tea a densely crowded public meeting was held, the Rev. G. Wilkinson (the principal minister in the town) taking the chair. He had, he said, "a great deal of pleasure in presiding that evening, and in taking part in the expression of sympathy on losing their friend Mr. Double, and should have been sorry had he been absent. . . . Mr. Double had worked amongst them for seven years. He had been the right man in the right place ; and he would, he (the speaker) was sure, not have had 'notice to quit.' He expressed his sincere and best wishes for his future welfare. This [the Chairman went on to say] was a time of testimonials. It was not the value of them, but the feeling they indicated, that made them acceptable ; and he was glad that a testimonial of a substantial kind was to be given to Mr. Double that evening. (Applause.)" Eleven of Mr. Double's supporters having addressed the meeting, and Mr. Double, sen., having also spoken, Mr. Double was presented with a purse containing £23 odd. After returning thanks, Mr. Double "resumed his seat amid much applause."

The *Christian Globe* said that the Hoxton folks were "preparing to observe the event [Mr. Double's Twentieth Anniversary] in due form." As some account of that celebration is contained in the "Prefatory Note" I recently contributed to my friend the Rev. W. L. Maeers' sermon,* I cannot do better than reprint here what I said there :—

* "TOWERS AND TOWER BUILDERS." By Rev. Walter Lewis Maeers, minister, St. John's Church (Countess of Huntingdon's), Westcott, Surrey. Being a Sermon preached in commemoration of the completion, by Mr. Charles D. Double, of Twenty Years' Labours as Missionary at Harvey Street Mission Hall (in connection with Park Church. Highbury, London). With Prefatory Note by Edwin J. Cooper (Ægzaycæ). (Printed by special desire.) London : Office of the *Christian Herald*, Tudor Street, Fleet Street, E.C.

"In commemoration of the completion, by Mr. Charles Dale Double, of twenty years' labours as Missionary at that great centre of religious and social ministration modestly * known as Harvey Street Mission Hall, Hoxton, a 'Three Days' Festival' was held at the Mission.

"On Sunday, May 5th, 1895, special Anniversary Sermons were preached—in the morning by Mr. Double, and in the evening by the Rev. Walter Lewis Maeers.

"On Monday, 6th, a Sacred Concert was given. Chairman, Wm. Wood, Esq. (Park Church). Conductors, Mr. C. D. Double and G. Lloyd. Pianist and organist respectively, the Misses Double.

"On Tuesday, 7th, a Tea and Public Meeting was held. The Rev. Peter Carmichael, B.D. M.A. (Minister of the parent church) presided. . . . A telegram from that old friend of the Mission, Alfred Double, Esq., was read, apologising for non-attendance. During the evening's proceedings Mr. Double, amid loud and long-continued applause, was presented with a purse of money, subscribed entirely by his Mission friends.

"A portrait of Mr. Double, with an eulogistic Sketch of his Life and Labours, was published in the *Christian Globe* of May 2nd. An appreciative biographical notice, or a report of the 'Festival,' also appeared in the *Christian World*, the *Christian Commonwealth*, the *Christian* (two), the *Hackney and Kingsland Gazette*, the *North London Guardian*, the *Hackney Express and Shoreditch Observer*, the *Mercury*, and other journals.

"After the delivery of the Anniversary Sermons a widespread desire immediately and spontaneously sprang up among the congregation to possess two such exceptionably able efforts, commemorative of so auspicious an occasion, in the permanent form of print. Conformably with this desire, a *verbatim* report of Mr. Double's discourse ('The One Foundation') was published in the *Hackney and Kingsland Gazette ;* but it was found that the report of the sermon by Mr. Maeers was altogether too lengthy to appear in that journal in—as was desired—its entirety. Hence its publication in the present form."

The following is one of the newspaper reports of the public Anniversary Meeting referred to in the "Prefatory Note" above quoted :—

"As all East and North-East London knows by this time, Mr. Charles D. Double has just completed twenty years of work as Missionary at Harvey Street Mission Hall, Hoxton. To do honour to the occasion, a 'Three Days' Festival' was organized. . . . At the meeting on the third day the Chairman (the Rev. P. Carmichael, B.D., M.A.) referred sympathetically to what he described as the 'time of jubilation' the audience had met to recognize. The Rev. S. Hester said that it gave him great pleasure to play a part on the 'extraordinary occasion' which that 'great and delightful meeting'

"* Far *too* modestly, in my humble opinion. Might I venture to suggest that the institution—in memory of one who had much to do with its founding (the Rev. John Edmond, D.D.)—be re-named 'THE EDMOND MISSION CHURCH' ?"

was held to celebrate. The Rev. Dr. Veryman Trimming, as representing the Episcopal Church of the United States of America, expressed the great interest he felt in Mr. Double's work. Mr. W. Ives (Harvey Street) said that the size of that meeting showed how Mr. Double was respected and honoured in the neighbourhood. He (the speaker) could bear personal testimony as to the great spiritual comfort that Mr. Double's congregation derived from his ministry,—a testimony which, he knew, many others present could echo did time permit. Speaking on behalf of Mr. Double's co-workers, he begged to assure that gentleman of their continued prayerful interest in his welfare, and of their appreciation of his very able and kindly ministrations in that place. (Loud applause.) He (Mr. Double) had their heartiest support. They were proud of him. (Hear, hear; and cheers.) Quite spontaneously, members of the congregation had come to the officers of the Mission, asking whether some slight token of their devotion and love could not be presented to Mr. Double on that occasion; and it was now his (the speaker's) pleasant duty to beg Mr. Double's acceptance of a purse of money, which had been subscribed entirely by his (Mr. Double's) Hoxton friends. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

"Mr. Double, in a brief but eloquent speech, returned thanks, not only for the gift, but also for the sentiments that had been uttered regarding himself, and for the sympathy that had been shown for his work. He had lived, and he trusted to continue to live, in their (the congregation's) hearts and affections. (Hear, hear; and applause.) He was deeply indebted to them for all the tokens of love that he had received at their hands, and assured them of his heartfelt reciprocation of their good wishes.

"Mr. Double resumed his seat amid long-continued cheers.

"Messrs. Wales and Burn (Sec., Headquarters, Y.M.C.A.) having spoken for the parent church, and Mr. Lloyd for the Mission, Messrs. Marsh and Threadkell respectively moved and ecouded a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

"In reply, the rev. gentleman congratulated Mr. Double upon having been preserved to see his Twentieth Anniversary, and upon that splendid meeting: the number that had turned out, and the enthusiasm—the manifest, the exuberant feeling—with which they had received the references that had been made to him and to his work. (Loud cheers.)"

From Mr. Maeers' sermon I may quote the following passages, as containing—so to speak—the preacher's "message" to the Mission. Taking for texts Gen. xi., 4—8 and Jer. vi., 27, he said:—

> "According to our conviction of the reality of a thing, so is our action in regard to it. . . . You cannot do a great thing, you cannot do a good thing, unless you are permeated with the conviction of its necessity, its wisdom, its justice, *itself*. Mr. Double would not, to-day, be celebrating such grand results of twenty years' service if he had not been convinced that there was room and need for his testimony to the Gospel of Christ in this great, populous world. . . .

> "To be a Christian is to be a tower; and to be a tower is to be besieged. May I apply this to all those who have helped, and do help, in this great work here? God says to you: 'I have set thee for a tower.' Do you say, 'I shall never be able to speak in the open air, lest some one who knows me should hear'? 'I have set thee for a tower.' Do you say, 'I can never pray in the congregation'? 'I have set thee for a tower.' Do you fear? 'I have set thee for a tower.'
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> "A Missionary realises what it is to be a tower! It is to have the knocker always going. It is to be a target for shafts of detraction and of calumny. It is to be marked by Sennacherib's profane hosts as he marches round about the bulwarks.
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> "A man preaching, praying, visiting, comforting, helping, year in and year out; plodding on, weary in the work, but joying in it; months of labour crowned with one soul turned from error, brought into the path of light and peace—all this effort for one soul! What a small result for so much striving! Why all this precious ointment of toil over one poor soul? Why was not that ointment sold in the market, and the results given to the poor? But be not hasty in writing down '*Little*' concerning any work done for God. Where hot-headed, prejudiced man writes that word, methinks angelic hosts may have made heaven ring in a *Jubilate Deo* over a thing pronounced by God as '*Much*.' . . .
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> "May I, then, venture to give this text for your encouragement and inspiration for another year's work,—yea, for a life's work? Set amongst the faint-hearted on the one hand and the flint-hearted on the other,—set amongst these as a *tower*. Built up by God. Set by God. Dwelt in by God. A witness for the truth. An outpost of Immanuel's army. A living Church in which Christ officiates as priest. A King's palace in the slums. The wealth of heaven moving up and down, and spending itself amongst the poor and needy.
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> "Trouble not about results. They belong to eternity. They are God's."

However, I must refer the reader to the sermon itself (obtainable of any newsagent). By the way, I have received the following note:—

> "Dear Ægzaycæ,—I am glad that Mr. Double's 'Majority' is to be deservingly celebrated by the publication of a memento of his work. But may I not add: 'The rest of the acts of Mr. Double, and all that he did, and his labours of love—are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the King?'—Believe me to remain, sincerely yours,
>
> "W. L. Maeers."

Another outcome of last year's "Celebration" was the receipt by Mr. Double of the following letter:—

> "Nazarene College, Brixton, S.W.,
> "June 28th, 1895.
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> "Dear Mr. Double,—I have just been perusing the report of your Twentieth Anniversary Sermon ('The One Foundation'), published in the *Hackney and Kingsland Gazette*, and feel constrained to write and congratulate you upon what, in my humble

opinion, is—if you will allow me to say so—a very able performance. In manner, no less than in matter, it is wholly admirable. From exordium to peroration, point follows point in orderly sequence. Every idea is congruous with the general purport of the discourse; and the earnestness of the preacher, no less than his ability, shines conspicuously throughout. In short, the whole effort reflects credit of the highest kind upon both your head and your heart.

"The great religious need of the day is a presentation to the people of our glorious Gospel with the simple grandeur and nobleness I find characterising 'The One Foundation;' and my congratulations in the present connection are clearly due, not to you alone, but also to the body of God's people among whom you labour with so much self-sacrifice and enthusiasm.

"It gave me great pleasure to speak at your Twentieth Anniversary Meeting. I was much impressed with the evidences of really surprising activity I met with at your Mission, and considered myself honoured to make the personal acquaintance of a worker and of co-workers for Christ animated by such obvious single-mindedness and whole-heartedness. If at any future time I can be of assistance in the truly Christ-like work you and your colleagues are carrying on at Hoxton, pray command me.—Meanwhile, believe me to remain, yours in Christian fellowship, "VERYMAN TRIMMING.

"Charles D. Double, Esq."

But Mr. Double can use his pen as well as his tongue,—can write as well as speak. Some years ago he issued a 16 pp. tractate*—which, by the way, I hear is almost out of print. This fact—in view of how few really readable tracts there are in existence—is much to be regretted. I commend the booklet to the notice of the Religious Tract Society, who will find it, compared with the ordinary kind of tract, as refreshing as a breath of Highland air after the fetid atmosphere of a Belgravian ball-room.

The "token of loving esteem" (as the *Christian* called it) presented to Mr. Double by his congregation last year was not by any means the first of its kind. At all three of his spheres of labour Mr. Double has frequently (on the occasion of nearly every anniversary, in fact) been the recipient of often substantial evidences of his respective congregations' loyalty, sympathy, and affection.

But he is held in high esteem by a far larger section of the public than is comprised by his congregation. About the "two million, four hundred and sixty-three thousand, nine hundred and fifty-eight people," for instance, who will speak or bow to him in the couse of a single walk of his through the neighbourhood, I have often mildy joked him (in allusion to the fact that about every fifth person he meets he seems to know). The popularity of which this is an evidence must have suggested a certain happy inspiration of Mr. Baptie some years since. That gentleman (then the much-liked Chairman of the Harvey Street Sunday School) christened Mr. Double "The Bishop of Hoxton." The peculiarly appropriate title at once—as the phrase has it—"caught on;"

* "A STORY OF FOUR S.'s; or, Bread Cast upon the Waters Found after Many Days." Price 1d.

and by it Mr. Double has been known, thereabouts, more or less ever since.

Besides being Missionary and Visitor at Hoxton, Mr. Double is an Elder of Park Church; Founder, President, and Trustee of the Harvey Street Sick and Provident Society; President of the Loan and Investment Society, of the Temperance Society, and of the Association of Workers Amongst the Young; and Conductor of the Bible Class, of the Saturday Evening Prayer Meeting, and of the Choral Society. In addition, he finds (or makes) time to fulfil the duties of a Manager of the Wilton Road (Hackney) Group of Board Schools.

Another "outside duty" voluntarily undertaken by Mr. Double, and one that he has fulfilled during practically the whole of the twenty-one years covered by this narrative, is the holding of a monthly service at the Female Penitentiary, Stoke Newington; and than the "Bishop of Hoxton" no preacher on the list of the institution is more welcome, or is listened to—by inmates and matrons alike—with more respect.

On various occasions Mr. Double has lectured at the Mission, selecting such subjects as "The History of the English Bible;" "The Pilgrim Fathers;" "Moses;" "The Age We Live In;" "Oliver Cromwell;" "John Bunyan and His Times;" "The French Revolution;" "Cardinal Wolsey;" "John Ploughman's Pictures;" "An Hour with English Poets," &c. And speaking of Mr. Double's lecturing reminds me that he has always been an honoured speaker at various religious, temperance, social, and political gatherings. In order to make certain of his presence at a forthcoming meeting, his enthusiastic political friends have more than once put his name on the bills without informing him beforehand of their intention to do so, aware that his strict regard for the honour of public life would not allow him to fail to keep faith with the audience. During election times especially, it often happens that Mr. Double receives the first intimation of the fact that he is going to take the chair at a meeting in the evening by seeing, on a poster, an announcement to that effect while he is walking along the street during the day!

In this connection of "outside" speaking an anecdote may here be quoted. As those who know the man are aware, Mr. Double not only preaches, but *practises* what he preaches. For instance—and this is made very clear in the "Interview" reported in the Supplement—he preaches Sunday Observance; and as far as man may he practises it as well. This leads him to refuse to ride on the Sabbath (unless, of course, a matter of absolute life or death demands it). Except, I believe, once or twice, he has *never* ridden on a Sunday.

Well, some little time ago a large religious body at Woolwich wrote begging him to "come over and help them" one Sunday. Mr. Double, in response, sent the reply he usually forwards in such cases. He explained his conscientious scruples against Sunday travelling, and added that, as from Hoxton to Woolwich and back would be too long a journey for him to undertake on foot in one day, he would be happy to comply with his correspondents' desire if one of them could accommodate him over the Sunday. Apparently astounded at and disgusted with such a wretchedly literal interpretation of the Fourth Commandment, the Woolwich petitioners have maintained an unbroken silence from that day to this!

Mainly owing to Mr. Double's restless and resistless energy, Harvey Street Mission can show a programme of religious propaganada and social

"betterment" that would put to shame fully fledged churches without number. I append a list of the ordinary "events of the week" at Harvey Street:—

FOR ADULTS.—*Sunday:* Services at 11 and 6.30; Bible Class, 3.—*Monday:* Mothers' Meeting, 3; Sick and Provident Society and Total Abstinence Society, 8.15; Self-Help and Investment Society, 8.30.—*Tuesday:* Women's Prayer Meeting, 3.—*Wednesday:* Evangelistic Service, 8.15 (held in summer at South side of Rosemary Bridge, Southgate Road).—*Friday:* Choral Society, 8.30.—*Saturday:* Prayer Meeting, 7.30.

FOR THE YOUNG.—*Sunday:* Services at 11 and 6.30; Sunday School, 3.—*Tuesday:* Children's Service, 7.45; Library, Christian Band, and Boys' Institute, 8.45.—*Wednesday:* Girls' Institute, 7.30.—*Thursday:* Band of Hope, 7.45.—*Saturday:* Penny Bank, 8.—Also Cricket Club in summer and Football Club in winter.

As one paper said last year, "Harvey Street Mission is now a busy centre, housing all sorts of successful schemes for the encouragement of the surrounding residents and the amelioration of their lot. Amusement, thrift, and religion go hand-in-hand; and under Mr. Double's fostering care the movement promises to assume yet further dimensions, and to extend the area over which its blessings are indiscriminately shed." That result, I should say, is extremely probable. Mr. Double, happily, is, as yet, not past his prime. He is still with the sun in his face; and many years of usefulness and blessing are, humanly speaking, before him.

If my reader lives in the neighbourhood, and does not at present attend a place of worship, I would say to him or her: *Go and hear Mr. Double.* His frank, honest, manly personality will captivate you; his interesting subjects of discourse will keep your closest attention; and his soul-searching exhortations will "do thee good." Another thing I can promise is this: The cant and the claptrap too often associated with pulpit oratory will not be hurled at your head at Harvey Street; for from what Mr. Double would himself call "shallow reasoning and wildfire" his discourses are entirely free.

Let me respectfully suggest that anyone contemplating attending the Hall for the first time might do worse than choose for that visit the first Sunday in May, when special services will be held to celebrate Mr. Double's Twenty-First Anniversary. In the morning Dr. Trimming will preach, and in the evening Mr. Double. By the way, too, the hymn to be found in the Supplement will, I understand, be sung at each service.*

And here I should like to offer Dr. Masefield a public expression of my thanks for his kindness in "arranging" the hymn. I have also to thank my friend and the Mission's friend, the Rev. Dr. Trimming, for the Physiognomical and Phrenological Study of Mr. Double which he has kindly written, at my desire, expressly for this publication. *En passant*, I may mention that Mrs. Double and the members of the family unanimously declare the delineation to be in every respect accurate.

* By the way, speaking of the Supplement, I suppose I shall be expected to keep up my reputation as an "incorrigible" jokist by saying something about its being quite in the fitness of things that this publication should be a "*Double* Number" (!)

I ought not to omit to remark that by none is the memory of the late Dr. Edmond (the first minister of the parent church at Highbury) held in higher esteem than by the subject of this publication. Nineteen years of intercourse only served to strengthen yet more the bond of friendship that subsisted between them. To Mr. Double Dr. Edmond spoke of the Harvey Street Hall district as "*your corner*" of the mission field,—the corner of which God had placed him in charge. Mr. Double found in the Doctor not only a staunch, a loyal friend, but a wise, a helpful counsellor; and his decease was, to the subject of this record, a great blow and a heavy loss.

Dr. Edmond's worthy successor, too (the Rev. Peter Carmichael, B.D., M.A.) manifests a cordial and fraternal spirit whenever he (Mr. Double) comes in contact with him. At Mr. Double's Twentieth Anniversary Meeting Mr. Carmichael (who takes a warm interest in Hoxton) congratulated the Mission upon the great ability shown by its officers,—a compliment that the Mission returns by always much appreciating the friendly visits, not only of the reverend gentleman himself, but also of the various members of his congregation who come to Hoxton from time to time.

Like Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Double speaks in the highest possible terms of his able, energetic, and self-sacrificing co-workers. He has, too, always been loyally supported—within the measure of their respective opportunities—by the various members of his family. Of Mrs. Double, for instance, it may truly be said that—in her own quiet, modest, unassuming, but none the less effective way, and consistent with the faithful discharge of her innumerable home duties—"she hath done what she could," in every direction and at all times. She and her daughters well deserve the appreciative reference to them already quoted.

The work that Miss Double has ungrudgingly performed at the Mission, if described in full, would, I fancy, not a little astonish even those who have been most accustomed to seeing her, in various capacities, busy about the Hall. At a very early age she was responsible for the music at her father's Chelmsford chapel; and she has—except during a two years' absence from London—held the post she still adorns (that of honorary organist) at Harvey Street ever since he came to Hoxton. Like her sister, too, she, for a number of years, played at the open-air service. To her exceptionally great, but never-obtruded, musical talent the Mission in general, and the Choral Society in particular, owes much. That the society is able to "tackle" such difficult pieces as those it is in the habit of rendering with so much real credit, is mainly owing to the ability of its accompanist. Miss Double has also figured in a similar capacity (that of accompanist) at most of the concerts for which the Hall is so justly celebrated, besides doing her full share of work as collector for the Missionary Society, Sunday School teacher, &c., &c. Some of her quondam Sunday School scholars have recently developed into teachers themselves. On Miss Double's coming-of-age, the members of the congregation, to show their appreciation of her long and freely rendered services, presented her with a much-valued gold watch and chain.

Miss S. Double, also, has been one of the Mission's most prominent workers, especially among the young. For some years she had charge of the Sunday morning infant class; and she has been a teacher in the

Sunday afternoon school for twelve years. I believe she was the youngest teacher the school ever had. For several years she played for the Sunday evening service, as well as—for the Christian Band—after that service and on Tuesday evenings. On Mondays she played for the Temperance Society, and on Wednesdays for the Week-Night Service. She attended both the Children's Service on Tuesday evenings, and the Band of Hope on Thursdays, besides, on Fridays, assisting at the practice of the Choral Society. To complete the week, on Saturday afternoons she, for some time, conducted a Girls' Sewing Class, which had been started by Miss Maitland with a view to teaching and to helping the girls to make their own garments. For some years, too, she was a collector for the Missionary Society. Three years ago she accepted an engagement as leader of the singing and conductor of the Musical Association at Canonbury Presbyterian Church. This and her other professional engagements occupied practically all her time; but she still continued her class in the Sunday School (a post which, indeed—as mentioned above—she has never relinquished), unable to endure the thought of giving up *all* her Hoxton work, in which, she states, have been spent the happiest days of her life.

But to conclude.

I am not much of a hero-worshipper, I fear. I have studied the public men whom the world acclaims, too much for that; and what I say to others I act upon myself: *Never swallow your hero whole.*

"The kinship of pity to love," says Herbert Spencer, "is shown, amongst other ways, in this: that it idealizes its object." And that is just what is done by hero-worship. It idealizes. The watchword that "The king can do no wrong" is, to-day, under the influence of what I may call herolatry, exchanged for: "Our *leader* [political, religious, social] can do no wrong." In short, the hero is "swallowed whole." The man, however, who has "pierced through the outward seeming" of human action is, more often than not, compelled, standing among the ruins of many fallen idols, to, disillusionized and bitter, exclaim:

I've found a curst ambition at the root of noble needs.

What he thought was done solely for the good of humanity was, he discovers, ten times out of eleven, done only—or primarily—for the glorification of self. No; as I have said, I am not much of a herolater; and the advice I give I take: Never swallow your hero whole.

But exceptions, it is said, prove the rule; and if ever I felt inclined to "swallow my hero whole" it is in regard to the subject of this pamphlet. For me, the "common herd," with their "common sense," are a trifle *too* common. Very much "*out* of the common," I fear, am I in the present regard. I endorse not the crowd's judgments; I applaud not the crowd's heroes. Its "great men" are usually *very* great—in everything save greatness and manliness. For my part, I hold—with G. Chetwynd Griffith-Jones—that

Only he is great
Who helps his brother-man to mend his fate,—
Whose generous hand is stretched to give relief,—
Whose genial heart can feel another's grief.

Such a man is the subject of this narrative. *Chacon a son goût.* "Every one to his taste." Let the mob beslaver and bedeck the Stanleys and the

Jamesons; be it mine to panegyrise and halo the Livingstones and the Doubles.

I do not pretend that, with the "Bishop of Hoxton," I see, on all points, eye-to-eye. But is it for me to say that everyone who does not agree with me is necessarily in the wrong? As the author of "Rabbi Ben Ezra" puts it:

Now, who shall arbitrate?
Ten men love what I hate,
Shun what I follow, slight what I receive,—
Ten, who in ears and eyes
Match me: we all surmise,
They this thing, and I that. Whom shall my soul believe?

Personally, the longer I live the more convinced I become that the best answer to the question of Pilate, "What is truth?" is the *dictum* of Protagoras: "The truth is what thou trowest." And so, while, on certain points, I "differ to agree" with Mr. Double, I can also "agree to differ" with him. I can still recognise his great worth, and wish him "God-speed" in his good work, addressing him in the words of Matthew Arnold:

God knows it, I am with you. If to prize
Those virtues, prized and practised by too few,
But prized, but loved, but eminent in you . . .,—
If these are yours, if this is what you are,
Then am I yours; and what you feel I share.

It is permitted to me to call friends not a few whom the world properly delights to honour; but that Charles Dale Double, friend of my father before me, honours with his friendship that father's son, I count one of the privileges of my life. And—in the words used by Henry Ward Beecher in a somewhat similar case—as his friend I "hope to live and die." For—and to the young man especially—Mr. Double's character is an ideal, and his career an incentive. The better one knows him, the more one admires him. As I have before said, he not only preaches: he practises as well. He believes in the Creed of Deed. His religion is a work-a-day one. He does not leave it at the Hall from Sunday to Sunday, but carries it about with him all through the week.

The *Christian World*, in noticing the completion ot Mr. Double's twenty years' work at Hoxton, inadvertently printed his name as "Noble." Thereupon a correspondent facetiously wrote to me that the paper had "*confounded his name with his nature.*" And my correspondent was right. Mr. Double is one of "Nature's noblemen." He is one of the few public men whose "noble deeds" are unprompted by a "curst ambition." Indeed, a man more free from the sin (ambition) by which fell the angels, I have not heard of. His modesty is nothing short of extreme. "I have never blown my own trumpet," he once wrote, "nor inspired others to blow it for me." And it is true. He has certainly never inspired *me* in that direction. With originating the idea, for instance, of issuing this record he had nothing whatever to do.* In fact, only the thought that the *brochure* may possibly tend to help, in some slight measure, to arouse increased interest in the work with which his whole soul is so bound up (his ministry at Harvey Street) reconciles him to its being issued.

* And the fact may, perhaps, be added that neither the subject of the pamphlet nor the writer of it will be the gainer by its publication.

Mr. Double's selflessness, indeed, is as obvious as his sincerity. Preferment and promotion he has never sought. "Calls" to other—and, from a worldly point of view, more advantageous—spheres of labour (offering, as they did, more leisure and more *kudos*) have reached him on several occasions.

But in spite of all temptations
To belong to other

places, Mr. Double still remains at the laborious, albeit glorious, post he took up so many years ago. As for the increased *leisure* that might have been his elsewhere, he is a man to whom such an inducement is no inducement at all. For he is one who would rather *seek* than *shirk* hard work; while, as regards *fame*, he holds it in the small esteem it must ever receive at the hands of those who recognise that earthly existence is merely a probationary prelude to the real life that begins at death.

"We are plants, not of earth," says Plato, "but of heaven." Mr. Double is one of the few who try always to remember the fact. Hence, content to do the work he loves, he has left to others the grasping and grabbing after advertisement and advancement that is the curse of public men and the canker of public life. He has been content simply to "go about his Father's business"—as Browning says,

Doing the King's work all the dun day long,

and leaving worldly position to take care of itself.

And in adopting this course he has been wise (albeit not *worldly* wise). Let those of opposite character have their position and prospects in this world. In having them they have their reward. And of that reward they are worthy (for have they not earned it?) just as it is worthy of them. They live for this world; it is meet, therefore, that their *reward* should be of this world also. But men like Mr. Double (who serve, not themselves, but others, and who own as Master, not man, but God) can afford to look otherwhere for recompense than on earth,—can afford to disregard the things of Time for those of Eternity,—can afford to rely, not on man, but on One Who is mightier than man,—can afford to wait for the "Come up higher!" to be uttered, not *here*, but *hereafter*.

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Respectively Supt & Secretary of Dove Row Ragged School & Mission, Dove Road, Haggerston. Seen at 218 Richmond Rd Hackney E.

Dove Row Mission is one of the Branch Missions of Cambridge Heath Congregational Church. When interviewing the Pastor Rev J.R. Richards (Book XXII. page 92 seq.) he referred to Mr & Miss C. as to Dove Row.

Mr Cotsford is a well built elderly gentleman, probably on the wrong side of 60 but well preserved. Good head, and dignified presence. Has been Supt. since 1869 when Cambridge Heath Church took over the Mission.

His daughter is an energetic, little woman, probably 30, with clear, sharply defined features. Speaks rapidly, enforcing her words with a movement of the head or raised finger. Evidently a woman of decided opinions, and able to express them. She is a teacher at Maidstone Street Board School & thus is constantly in contact with the people.

After explaining the colours of the poverty map, Miss C. said she thought we had fairly represented the people. The people were poor, but for this high rents

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Sooner or later, therefore, something will have to be done to build suitable Schools upon the freehold site already possessed.

The present buildings are not only old, but inadequate, unsuitable, and inconvenient, necessitating multiplication of officers, and preventing the holding of any large meeting.

The friends at Cambridge Heath Church have already their hands full, the Teachers do not therefore appeal to them, but to the friends of Ragged Schools whose wealth wants an object; they confidently ask—Help us to start a new Building Fund?—and they humbly pray that the Disposer of all hearts, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, may so incline such that a hearty and liberal response will be made to this appeal.

There is another great want, which money cannot purchase—self-sacrificing men and women, with hearts to labour, who hear the Master say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." The Teachers earnestly pray such to come to their help, for the work is urgent.

In conclusion, the Teachers desire again to express their grateful thanks to their friends for all the generous help they have received in the past, and earnestly pray that under God's blessing this 21st Anniversary may prove to be a great and important crisis for good in the history of Dove Row Sunday and Ragged Schools.

Subscriptions may be sent to W. G. COTSFORD, *Hon. Superintendent and Treasurer,* 218, *Richmond Road, Hackney, N.E.; or* A. H. ROWAN, *Hon. Secretary,* 6, *Glaskin Road, Hackney.*

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mis-management, 'young' marriages and improvidence are responsible. Rents of the small houses in Dove Row are 16/- a week & the people as soon as they have money spend it all.

There are no paid workers. 30 S.S. teachers and about 20 others. Majority come from Cambridge Heath Church.

Accommodation is 'very poor' and insufficent. Mission contains hall on ground floor seating 120 & another slightly smaller hall above. Have a house next door used for infants & ~~classroom~~ bible classes and a second house in Audrey St for boys club etc. Have purchased freehold of the hall & adjoining house & are now raising a fund for building.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

CARRIED ON AT

DOVE ROW RAGGED SCHOOL AND MISSION.

The Lord's Day.	Average Attendance.
Children's Service at 11 a.m.	88
Sunday School at 2.45 p.m.	260
,, ,, ,, 6.15 ,, ...	171
*Young Men's Bible Class at 3 p.m. ...	35
Open Air Mission (Summer Months) at 6.30 p.m.	
Mission Service at 7.45 p.m. ...	78

Wednesday.	Average Attendance
Children's free Dinners during Winter Months.	
Mission Service at 8 p.m.	46
Choir Practice at 9 ,, ...	
Christian Band at 8 ,, ...	30
Thursday.	
*Senior Band of Hope at 8.30 p.m. ...	25
Drum and Fife Band at 8 p.m.	17

DEAR MR. RICHARDS,—I have known the useful Mission work at Dove Row from its commencement. I can honestly testify to the blessing it has been to the neighbourhood. I have mingled slightly in its various developments. It has been a centre of spiritual light and of social reform. I hope your endeavour to better house its manifold activities will be a complete success.

Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) FREDK. BROWN.

The scheme is also highly commended by the Revds. Owen Thomas, M.A., Dolfan Lewis, J. T. Davis, J. Gregory, G. Snashall, B.A., and T. Udall.

fruitful of the best results. The erection of a new building has become absolutely necessary, but the cost of it is a heavy tax upon the Church at Cambridge Heath; and the courage with which Mr. Richards and his people are facing it will, I trust, bring them the generous help of Christian friends at a distance. Such help is much needed.

(Signed) W. J. WOODS.

Stanford Hall, Congregational Church.

I am well acquainted with the work at Dove Row. The contemplated alterations are absolutely necessary, and I trust that the workers—among the most devoted in London—will be generously supported.

(Signed) J. M. GIBBON.

[Box 6: notebook 52 at fol. 109]

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STATEMENT

Presented on the occasion of the Twenty-First Anniversary,

27*th* *OCTOBER*, 1890.

President, The Right Hon. EARL COMPTON, M.P.

IN these days of sensational literature, the plain and unvarnished outline of 21 years voluntary Ragged School Work in Dove Row can hardly be expected to arrest attention; but the Officers and Teachers believe that the following statement will not only be interesting to their Friends and Supporters, but successful in obtaining lively sympathy and practical help.

The Officers and Teachers desire at the outset to recognise with grateful hearts the goodness and mercy which their Almighty Father has vouchsafed to them, in granting the joy of carrying on their work of faith and labour of love for so many years, in spite of many difficulties, with many tokens of Divine favour and blessing, and especially in permitting them to have at their head, as their leader and friend, their esteemed Superintendent during the whole period of the 21 years.

The Dove Row Ragged School was the result of earnest labours at the commencement of the great Ragged School enterprise, under the leadership of that noble Christian philanthropist and statesman, the late Earl of Shaftesbury. Of him well might the steadfast friend of Ragged Schools, Joseph Payne, write:

> Shout for the Ragged School leader, shout!
> The noble in heart and name;
> Who oft in the time of dismay and doubt,
> With strength to the rescue came.

In October, 1869, from a variety of causes which need not be mentioned, the operations of the School had been for a long time carried on very inefficiently, and this occasioned the Trustees of the School considerable anxiety as to the future.

At this juncture, the Trustees, Officers and Teachers of the School offered to surrender the management into the hands of Cambridge Heath Congregational Church, provided it would undertake to carry on the operations of the School efficiently; and to the honour of the gentlemen who conducted the negotiation on behalf of the Church, be it said, they, after due consideration, accepted the invitation to take possession of another field and work it for the Lord.

Mr. W. G. Cotsford was prevailed upon to undertake the superintendence, 5 ladies and 12 gentlemen voluntarily coming forward to help. Miss Matthews, one of the 5 ladies, and Mr. G. H. Simmons, one of the 12 gentlemen, are still engaged as Teachers in the School.

On taking possession of the School, it was found necessary to re-organise it, the result being that there were 23 Teachers and 189 Scholars on the books. The following figures from last year's report show how greatly the School has increased.

Scholars in Sunday School	345
Scholars in Sunday Night School	202
TOTAL..	547
Teachers in Sunday School	17
Teachers in Sunday Night School	13
TOTAL..	30

In consequence of the construction of the School Rooms, it became necessary as the number of Scholars increased, to appoint separate Superintendents for the Elementary Classes, and also for the Sunday Night Schools. Mr. Joseph Brewer, who has been connected with the School for 18 years, is the Superintendent of the Elementary Classes, and of the Children's Morning Service. Mr. N. D. Francis has been the Superintendent of the Boys' Sunday Night School for over 12 years; and Mr. A. J. Finch the Superintendent of the Girls' for over 13 years; and Mr. A. H. Rowan Secretary for 14 years, and all honour is due to them for their self-sacrificing labours.

Very many Societies in connection with the School were soon started and carried on vigorously. It will be only possible just to mention them :—

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS; YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS; THE CHILDREN'S MORNING SERVICE; A SICK FUND; LIBRARY; DRUM AND FIFE BAND; CHRISTIAN BAND; GIRLS' SEWING CLASS; BOYS' WEEK-NIGHT SCHOOL; CRICKET CLUB; GYMNASIUM; and last, but not least, the JUNIOR AND SENIOR BANDS OF HOPE, which, under the leadership of Mr. G. H. Simmons and Mr. Walter Simmons, have been most successful, the average attendance at the Junior Band last year being 172.

In addition to these Societies, there have been the Annual Excursions, Christmas Treats, Distribution of Free Dinners, and sending of weakly adults and children to Holiday Homes for a fortnight.

The work in connection with these operations has necessitated the appointment of Mr. James A. Hooker as Secretary, and Mr. A. H. Rowan, Mr. J. W. Roper, and Mr. F. Francis as Assistant Secretaries.

Early in 1874, the Superintendent felt the great need of a Mission in connection with the School, for the purpose of retaining, under good influences, the Scholars who had grown up to manhood and womanhood, and for the proclamation of the Gospel. On 5th June, of that year, the Dove Row Mission was instituted, Mr. Cotsford being elected Superintendent, and Mr. F. W. Brown Secretary.

The Services are held on Sunday evenings after the Night School, and on Wednesday evenings.

The average attendance at the Services on Sunday evenings for 1874 was 18. The average attendance now is about 70.

A Branch Church was, in 1878, formed by 11 Members of the Mission joining together for work and worship. Since that time continual additions have been made.

It is pleasing to note that out of the first 11 Members three still remain regular communicants.

A Mothers' Meeting was also commenced on January 10th, 1876, conducted by Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rowe, and others. This Meeting is now carried on by Miss Emily Massingham and Mrs. Willocks, and numbers over 100 Members.

A Soup Kitchen has also been carried on for years; last year 3862 quarts of Soup, at a cost of £25 18s. 5½d., were supplied to the deserving poor. The London Congregational Union kindly providing bread for distribution.

Tract distribution, visitation of the sick and dying, the Dove Row Clothing Society under the superintendence of Mrs. Francis, and gifts of Christmas dinners, have been carried on from year to year in connection with the Mission.

In 1876 a few Members of the Mission Committee wished to form a Temperance Society, to be held at Dove Row, and a Committee, consisting of the Officers of the Mission and certain Members of the Committee, was appointed. In the result the Dove Row Total Abstinence Society was formed, and its first meeting was held on the 19th June, 1876.

Mr. G. H. Simmons has been almost from the first the indefatigable Secretary of this Society, which has greatly prospered under his leadership.

In connection with this Society there is an Annual Christmas Club.

From the foregoing it will at once be perceived that a building of two floors 56-ft. deep by 20-ft. wide was quite inadequate for the operations carried on, and for some time prior to February, 1885, the Teachers had been on the look out for a site on which more commodious Schools might be built.

In February, 1885, the house next to the School was to let. Mr. Chas. Cox, who had previously rendered the Teachers good service, kindly undertook to make inquiries—it was ascertained that the house was freehold and could be obtained—the School being only leasehold, with an unexpired term of about 36 years; it was necessary to ascertain if the freeholder of the School would be willing also to sell. After consultation with the Rev. W. Marshall, who thoroughly approved of the proposed purchase, Mr. Chas. Cox accompanied the Superintendent to Twickenham to see the freeholder, who heartily entered into the matter, and promised to consider the proposal. Ultimately terms were arranged, which the Church at Cambridge Heath confirmed, Mr. Chas. Cox kindly advanced the deposits, and also the Balance of Purchase Moneys on completion, thereby the freeholds of the Schools and the adjoining house were obtained at a cost (including alterations and expenses) of £839 14s. 8d. Towards this sum the Rev. W. Marshall obtained from the late Mr. Samuel Morley £200, Mr. Chas. Cox gave £100, the Ragged School Union £55, Mr. N. D. Francis £50; a Concert given at the Morley Hall by the Misses Massingham produced £71 7s.

The Sunday School Union granted a Loan of £100 for 10 years, without interest, repayable by yearly instalments of £10. Very many other friends generously assisted, and the whole of the debt is now paid off, with the exception of a balance of £55 due to the Sunday School Union.

The additional accommodation thus obtained enabled the Teachers to form two separate Bible Classes for Adults, one for Young Women and the other for Young Men, and also a separate Class Room for the Infant Children.

The Young Men's Class, conducted by Mr. G. H. Simmons, has greatly prospered, so much so that although they have the first floor of the House, they are straitened for want of room, the average attendance on Sunday afternoons being 26.

Another Institution connected with Dove Row is the Penny Bank, which is open on Saturday evenings. As an indication of the extent of this work it is only necessary to mention that from last year's audit it appeared that during the year there had been 654 depositors, and the amount deposited for the year was £420 13s. 8d., and the payments out £457 0s. 9d., including balances brought forward from last year.

If time allowed it would have been interesting to have referred to the many friends who have laboured in connection with the work at Dove Row; suffice it to say that the names of Mr. Borland, Mr. F. W. Brown,

Mr. John Davis, Mr. R. L. Hills, Rev. J. N. Hooker, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mawbey, Mr. Mears, Mr. Main, Mr. Walter G. Smith, Mr. Spencer Wilson, and the Misses Brown, Cotsford, Fanny Davis, Earle, Francis, Hooker, Massingham, Rudduck, Ward, Mrs. Rowan, and Mrs. Willocks, will ever be remembered as long as the Schools exist.

The Teachers desire to record with grateful thanks the great help rendered to them at all times by the Rev. Wm. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall.

They also rejoice to find that in the Rev. E. D. Braimbridge and Mrs. Braimbridge they have the like sympathy and support.

The Teachers desire to acknowledge how greatly indebted they are to the Committee of the Ragged School Union, to which their School is affiliated, and to Mr. Kirk, the esteemed Secretary of that Union, and to Mr. Curtis, the late Organising Secretary, for all the pecuniary and other assistance received, without which it would have been impossible to have carried on their work.

They must also refer to Miss Pope, whose generous gifts will ever be remembered with gratitude.

The Teachers and Workers at Dove Row, in celebrating their 21st Anniversary, desire that the celebration should have a practical end.

As already stated there is a balance of £55 due to the Sunday School Union, in respect of the Loan kindly granted by it, and the School Committee owe their Treasurer nearly £20; these sums they trust their friends will enable them to liquidate.

Mr. Charles Cox has recently looked over the School premises, and finds them suffering from the incurable disease of old age.

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Thursday.	
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Drum and Fife Band at 8 p.m.	17

(Signed) W. J. WILLOCKS.

Stamford Hill Congregational Church.

I am well acquainted with the work at Dove Row. The contemplated alterations are absolutely necessary, and I trust that the workers—among the most devoted in London—will be generously supported.

(Signed) W. G. MAIN.

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Monday.	
Mothers' Meeting at 2.30 p.m.	95
Girls' Sewing Class at 8 ,,	45
Boys' Gospel Lantern Lecture at 8 p.m.	120
*Children's Service at 6.30 p.m.	100
Tuesday.	
Soup Kitchen during winter months.	
Junior Band of Hope at 7 p.m. (4 Meetings)	458
Adult Total Abstinence Society at 8.30 p.m.	107
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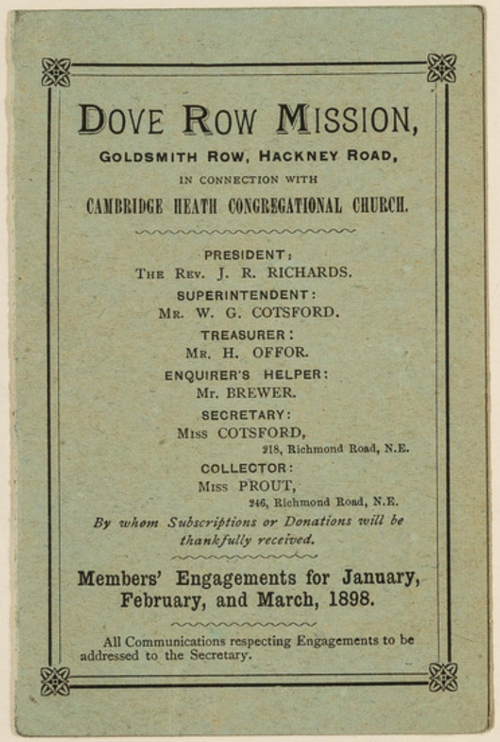
Friday.	
Soup Kitchen during Winter Months, 2678 quarts of Soup distributed last Season.	
Drift Mission and Guild Meetings at 8 p.m.	
Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society at 8.30.	
*Youths' Club at 8 p.m.	80
Saturday.	
Penny Bank at 6 p.m.	Depositors, 497.
Prayer Meeting at 8 p.m.	
*Youths' Club at 8 p.m.	80
Cricket and Football Clubs throughout the year.	

Last year many scholars were sent to the Holiday Homes of the Ragged School Union for a fortnight.

Tract Distribution—2,450 visits made last year.

* Carried on at No. 23, Audrey Street.

Notes on Services



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Members' Engagements for January, February, and March, 1898.

All Communications respecting Engagements to be addressed to the Secretary.

The children attending the school & band of hope &c are practically all local e.g. Dove Row & adjoining streets. They bring friends living at a distance but these soon drop off. Has just taken 3 names from register – lived at Approach Road, Old Ford & Bethnal Green. ~~Pro~~ To east of Pritchards Road the children go to Ann's Place Mission.

Attendance at Sunday evening service varied last year from 132 to 40. Falls off at Bank Holiday times. People go away. Good sprinkling of young people: in the Mission choir & that keeps them.

Mothers' Meeting 120 on books. A few that move away continue to attend, otherwise all from neighbourhood. Clothing Club, but dont give much as do not like to pauperise.

For the Band of Hope meetings every nook & corner is crammed. The largest in Hackney, said Mr C. London corrected Miss C. "Friend Simmonds is a very earnest fellow & no charge is made for membership" altho' they must attend regularly to retain membership. Good entertainments & treats. The Total Abstinence Society (adults) has packed meetings unless it is a religious sort of meeting: Only about 40 at quarterly prayer & praise meeting altho the average is 107 for the year. A strong temperance

sentiment

sentiment exists amongst the mission people. The Miss C. describing the workers as "most bigotted teetotalers". She evidently feels very strongly on the point but keeps a better balance as she digressed into a philippic on the Drink here. Says that the attendance at the Maidstone Street school is worst early in the week" and you have only to walk out a few steps & find the public houses full of women Children at home while mothers drink. Senior Band of Hope – those over 16. Pay 2d a week to make it pay. Remarkable as the people about there "are not given to pay much"

Penny Bank in connection with P.O. bank. Take £6 or £7 in small sums at each meeting.

Choir A with about 20 members.

Soup Kitchen, open 27 times in 1897. & distributed 3257 quarts of soup. Charge 1d for which they get a fourth part of a 2lb loaf & a quart of soup.

Church Membership

The Branch Church has 66 members. Monthly communion service held at which average attendance is 42. Contributed £5.14 - for poor last year

Visitation

One lady made 2410 visits in district last year. One or other of them are constantly visiting, sick cases. Then they have parents meetings, invitations to which are taken by the teachers. In this & other ways that try to get into personal relations with the people.

Charitable Relief

Beside the communion fund for poor members, they have a General poor fund for other folk. Only about £3 a year. Give Christmas dinners (cost £10.15 last year) — tickets are given to the butcher, greengrocer etc & not the goods. Used to give tickets for so many pounds of meat but the people used to choose the best joints & the butchers did not like it. Now they give tickets for 2/- or 3/- of meat & they ~~now~~ choose the cheaper joints so as to get as much as possible. A number of tickets (88 last year) for 1/3 or 1/6 are given by the visitors and they give the usual treats to the Mothers meeting etc. Also have a Sunday school fund from which 2/- twice a month may be given to parents of sick scholars. and 10/- at death. Two aged people get 5/- a month from the Church & one (blind) gets 10/- a month

Other Religious Agencies

The Harbour Light (Goldsmiths' Row) is the only mission that affects them. They had some sailors to speak, also the Miners and are "always having funny people" "In that neighbourhood it pleases". Work amicably: go to each others meetings &c.

The C.O.S.

St Augustines is very active. The Priory "gives a lot away" blankets &c.

St Stephens (corner of Whiston St) ~~does~~ not doing much mission work. Often see their children attending our school in the evening. Children do just as they like: the parents don't care what principles are instilled into them and they get a mixture.

Does not favour the C.O.S. Such a lot of rigmarole, so long before they do anything.

Thy Mission is growing. They had 7 new members last month. A certain number are constantly going away. Some come back but the great difficulty is to obtain lodging in the neighbourhood. ~~The~~ Work is usually the cause of the emmigration. The knipple work is vigorous, but they know little of it as it is under the charge of Mrs C. J Montague. "Always having the right"

At the close of the interview the conversation became desultory.

A good many children's dinners are given in the district. Dovetow provides a half penny dinner

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on Wednesdays. Issue tickets to their children on Sunday & after these have been admitted any child with ½d is admitted. Take about £7 a day.

St Augustines' also provide ½d dinner but did not know which days of the weeks. Had heard of the Kay Street Radical Club dinner last year but did not know they had gone on this winter.

Miss Cotsford in speaking of the improvement of the district noticed (like Mr Evans on the other side of Kingsland Road) the decrease of street brawls & violence. When their Boys Club was opened, there used to be "fearful street fights". The man at the door was nearly killed once. The Club has absorbed some of the energies of these ~~lawless~~ turbulent youths.

The condition of the houses altho' bad is not due to the hardness of the landlords ~~but~~ but to the destructive tendencies of the people. Even in the new houses, the passage walls have been pulled down to the rafters, whilst in many places all the windows are broken.

The neighbourhood is not so criminal as it was. Part of Dove Row was noted for thieves: they

have

gone & their place taken by working people.

The chief characteristic of the people now is poverty & indifference. Only one in 30 regularly attends any place of worship.

Dove Row is undoubtedly the centre of a vigorous work, the success of which is due to the retention of the young people as they grow up. Mr & Miss Cotsford are capable & intensely interested in their work, which is done in a most methodical manner. Miss C's book of statistics is beautifully kept & its neatness is an indication of the methodical manner in which all the work appears to be done.

St Saviour's parish.

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Bethel Baptist Chapel, Newton Street. Hoxton.
Pastor. Mr J. J. Bootle.

Mr B. was written twice but has not replied. The chapel is a small building occupying the former back gardens of two one or two houses in St John's Road.

A small notice board states. that services are held as under.

Sunday:	Prayer Meeting	10.15.
	Divine Service	11. —
	School	9. ~~30~~ & 2.30
	Evening Service	6.30
Monday	Praye Meting	7.30
Wednesday	Service or Lecture	7.30.

The Church is not in the Baptist Union nor is it connected with the Sunday School Union.

Small & un important as a local influence.

Jireh Baptist Chapel. — East Road.
(Corner of Mount Row)

A small building, which might hold 150 or 20. Two blank notice boards, one on ~~exit~~ each side of the door but not a single announcement of any kind: not even the name of the Chapel.

Mr J. H Adcock

Hamond Square Mission

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The Building

Relation to Harecourt Chapel

Persons employed

St Anne's parish. 6/2a CB(2) 47

Mr J. H. Adcock 7 Shacklewell Lane - N.E.

Conductor of Band of Hope & Secretary of Hamond Square Mission Hoxton Street.

Mr Adcock is a tall man of about 55 yrs. has been connected with the Mission for over 30 years.

The building contains two halls each of which would hold 150 adults comfortably but into which they occasionally get 300 children. An infant class room (small) & another class room. A freehold building; land given by a local landowner.

The Mission is attached to Harecourt Chapel. At one time Harecourt took an active interest in it and the committee now consists of 9 workers & 9 representatives of Harecourt - but the teachers & officers are left to do very much as they like, the Church contributing £60 a year toward the expense & the Ragged School Union another £20. The total expenditure is only about £100. (£94 in 1897).

Four of 5 of the workers belong to Harecourt; others to Highbury Quadrant, & others to various sects - Mr Adcock is a Baptist - whilst some have been trained in the school.

There are no paid workers: 27 S.S. teachers & some half dozen others.

Services & Social Agencies with Average attendance

Sunday.	11 am	Young People's Service.	Average attendance 32.
	3 "	School.	" 187.
	6.30	do	" 201
	7 -	Adult Service.	" 25.
Monday.	2.30	Mothers' Meeting	" 40
	7.30	Penny Bank.	£137 paid in during year.
		Coal Club	£12. do
		Clothing Club	£24 do
	8.30	Adult Temperance Society	Average 68
Tuesday	6.30	Band of Hope Junior Girls	Average 202
	6.31	do " Boys	" 252.
	8.30	do Seniors	" 218.
Wednesday.	8.30	Band of Hope Social Circle (Second Wednesday)	
		Reading Circle. 18 members. (Fourth "	
Thursday	6.15	Junior Sewing Class	74 attendance
Friday	8 -	Senior " "	12. "

Also have a Library with 340 volumes and a Gymnasium (girls), which meets on Friday. Flower growing competitions are organised in the spring.

Church Membership

Communion Service is held monthly and they have a Mission Church Roll with about 50 members, mostly parents of the children or those who have grown up in the school.

The Bands of Hope

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OF THE
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Motto Text for 1898. (*"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—Prov. xxiii., 31 & 32.*

SENIOR DIVISION.

(Over 10 Years of Age.)

MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAYS at 8 p.m.

BOYS and GIRLS.

1898
Jan. 4.—Address by Mr. A. J. Thompson ... ...
"Our Motto for 1898."
„ 11.—Address by Mr. J. H. Adcock... ... ...
"Taking care of No. 1."
„ 18.—**Lime-light Lecture** by Mr. E. Hooper,
"Temperance Entertainment."
(Members ½d. Non-Members 1d.)
„ 25.—Address by Mr. A. H. Barrett ... ...
"Robbers"

New Year's Party (By Special Invitation only)...

Feb. 8.—Lecture by Mr. A. J. Glasspool ... ...
"The Air we breathe"
(with numerous experiments).
„ 15.—Musical Drill ... ...
Conducted by Mrs. Read.
„ 22.—(No Meeting).
Mar. 1.—Musical Evening ... ...
By Mr. Paxton and Friends.
„ 8.—Members' Evening, arranged by Miss Hall ...
„ 15.—Lecture by Mr. A. J. Glasspool ... ...
"Alcohol, a Destroyer"
(With numerous experiments).
„ 22.—**Lime-light Lecture** by Mr. E. Hooper,
"Temperance Stories"
(Members ½d. Non-Members 1d).
„ 29.—Address by Miss Salmon.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

(Between 5 and 10 Years of Age.)

MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAYS at 6.30 p.m.

BOYS.	GIRLS.
Address...Mr. W.R Ryeland. "Our Motto for 1898."	Address...Miss L. Gunn. "Our Motto for 1898."
Musical Drill By Mrs. Read.	Singing Practice Conducted by Miss Biggs.
Lime-light Lecture by Mr. E. Hooper. (*Free to* Members.)	Address by Mr. W. R. Ryeland.
Address...Miss Davis.	Pictures and Stories.
(Seniors—Wednesday, Jan. 26th, at 7.45 p.m. (Juniors—Tues., Feb. 1st. or Wed., Feb. 2, at 7 p.m.	
Address...Miss Hall. "What causes a shadow."	Lecture...Mr. Glasspool. (with experiments).
Address...Mr. A. H. Barrett.	Musical Drill. Conducted by Mrs. Read.
(No Meeting).	(No Meeting).
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Seventeenth Annual Report.

January 1898.

IN presenting the report of another year's Total Abstinence Work at the Hamond Square Mission the Committee have great cause for thankfulness in the continued interest shown by the Members as indicated by a substantial increase in the average attendance at our meetings. At the same time we feel conscious that numbers do not form the highest standard by which to gauge the amonnt of success, but have faith to believe that God's blessing will follow our efferts and that this small army of abstainers will by His grace grow up a power and influence for good in our land.

The following are the statistics for the past session, (Oct. 1896 to June 1897), during which time we are glad to report that the average attendance has increased by 55 :—

Number of Members—Senior Branch		454
,, ,, Junior ,, ...		646
	Total	1100
Average Attendance—Senior Branch		191
,, ,, Junior ,, ...		333
	Total	524

The year's work commenced on Tuesday, 29th September, 1896, when we held our 16th Anniversary Meeting in the Wesleyan Chapel, New North Road, which the Rev. Arthur

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Wood again kindly placed at our disposal for the evening. Dr. Richard Paramore M.R.C.S. presided, and in the course of his remarks as chairman, encouraged the children in a way they will not soon forget to "aim high." Helpful addresses were given by Mrs Finlay, of the Hampstead Board of Guardians,and the Revs. J. T. Peace, of Ponders End, and Arthur Wood, B.A. The programme further consisted of Musical Drill, Recitations and Selections by a choir of our Members whfch we believe were thoroughly appreciated by the audience of over 1,000 persons.

The regular weekly meetings have apparently proved a source of helpful enjoyment to the Members. Addresses, Chemical Lectures, Entertainments by other Bands of Hope and Member's evenings have been arranged; and thus healthy education has been provided with plenty of pleasure. The Chemical Lectures (illustrated by experiments) were delivered by Mr. B. W. Burgess, who is a most interesting speaker, delighting the children with his homely, happy manner. In addition to these ordinary meetings we started the session with a tea meeting, and in the early part of the year a New Year's Party was held.

The Adult Total Abstinence Society has run its course satisfactorily, the programme week by week coming well up to the usual standard, and the attendance having materially improved. Still there is plenty of room; and we extend to all the parents of our Band of Hope Members, and any adults who do not belong to a similar institution, a most hearty invitation.

XX There has been a considerable increase in the number of periodicals sold in connection with our Publication Department, the quantity disposed of being 5,200. This result has been obtained by a few of our Senior Members delivering the papers at the houses of the purchasers. This branch of the work is under the direction of Miss Hall, and we hope that this introduction of wholesome literature into the homes of the people is productive of great good.

The Reading Circle still continues its meetings under the able presidency of Mr. Hayward, and the members thus become acquainted during the year with a number of good

books, which are calculated to inform their minds and to cultivate their literary tastes.

Thursday evening, 1st April, saw a busy mart within our building. Many anxious bargain-seekers rushing hither and thither purchasing necessaries from a heterogeneous store and paying ready cash—the most satisfactory way of marketing. We would offer our sincerest thanks to the many friends who again rendered us such substantial and valuable service by contributing goods to our Rummage Sale or personally assisting thereat. We may draw the attention of the friends who can thus help us in the future, to the fact that upon the proceeds of the Annual Rummage Sale, the income of our Society largely depends.

It is scarcely necessary to remind our friends that this year is one of exceptional interest to Temperance reformers, marking as it does the Jubilee of the Band of Hope movement, and therefore causing us to look back at its birth fifty years ago, and to trace its growth, in importance and influence, to the present time. We desire to do our part in honouring the memories of Mrs. Carlile and the Rev. Jabez Tunnicliffe who started the work, and also of all those faithful men and women whose names are unknown to us but are in God's book of remembrance, who, often under difficulties, which we, at this day, can scarcely understand, carried it forward with such conspicuous success.

We are now able to point not only to over 20,000 Societies for children, meeting under the happily chosen name of Band of Hope, and containing nearly three million members, but also to vast and increasing numbers of abstaining men and women, who are directly or indirectly the fruit of the Band of Hope work, and who form an element of our population, the presence of which constitutes a happy augury for the moral and material progress of the community.

Side by side with these more tangible results we note others of great significance and of an importance which is not easy to exaggerate. The Christian churches have learnt to recognize more and more fully the claims which this

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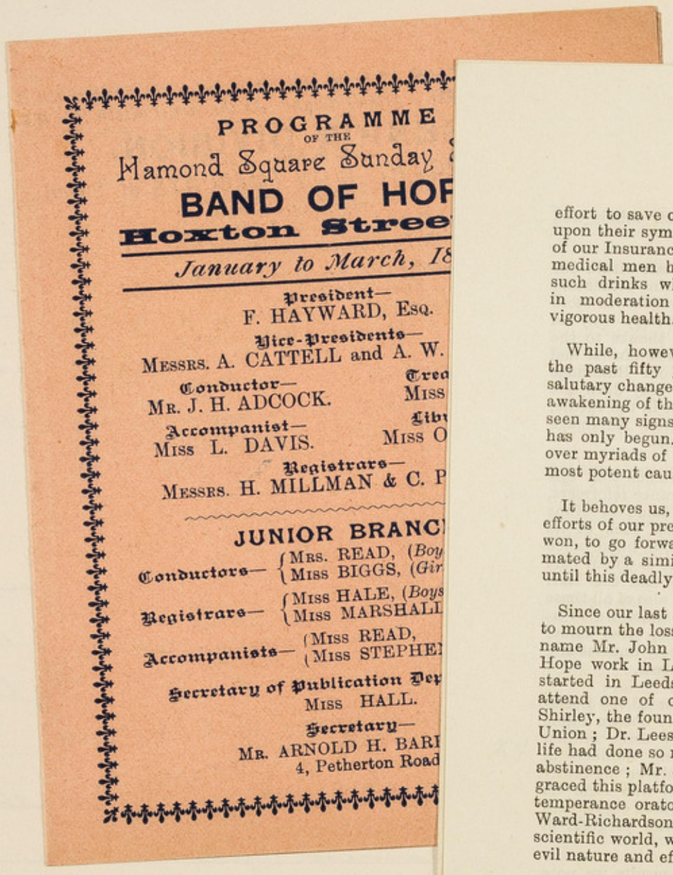

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effort to save our young people from the curse of drink, has upon their sympathy and help, while the statistical records of our Insurance Societies, and the testimony of our leading medical men have exploded the old-fashioned notion that such drinks while mischievous in excess are beneficial in moderation and even necessary for preservation of vigorous health.

While, however, we thank God for the progress which the past fifty years have witnessed, and rejoice at the salutary change of public opinion on this matter, and the awakening of the public conscience, of which lately we have seen many signs, we are still alive to the fact that our work has only begun. The drink-fiend still holds terrible sway over myriads of our fellow men and women, and is still the most potent cause of poverty, disease, crime and misery.

It behoves us, standing on the vantage ground which the efforts of our predecessors in this crusade against evil have won, to go forward, stimulated by their example, and animated by a similar faith in God and love for our fellows, until this deadly evil has ceased to afflict humanity.

Since our last Anniversary the Temperance Army has had to mourn the loss of many veterans. Among these we must name Mr. John H. Esterbrooke, who commenced Band of Hope work in London at nearly the same time as it was started in Leeds, and who had promised, if possible, to attend one of our meetings this winter. Mr. Stephen Shirley, the founder of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union; Dr. Lees, who by tongue and pen during his long life had done so much to set forth the arguments for total abstinence; Mr. John H. Raper, who only three years ago graced this platform, and who was unsurpassed as a popular temperance orator; and last, but not least, Sir Benjamin Ward-Richardson, who, occupying a foremost place in the scientific world, was able to demonstrate very effectively the evil nature and effects of alcohol.

Invigorated by this survey of past efforts, crowned with success, we press on to further victory, our rallying cry being, "God with us."

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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	£	s.	d.
Adcock, Mr. J. H.	1	1	0
Broome, Mr. R. J.	0	5	0
Davis. Miss	0	5	0
Delmar Trust, ...	5	5	0
Fitch Mr. F.	1	1	0
Foreaker, Mr.	0	10	0
Gunn, Mrs.	0	2	6
Gunn, Miss	0	5	0
Hall, Miss	0	4	0
Millman, Mr. H.	1	0	0
Mitchell, Mrs.	0	5	0
Strange, Mr.	0	10	6
Perkins, W. Mr.	0	5	0
Peters, Miss	0	5	0
Sleater, Miss	0	5	0
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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1897.

Hamond Square Sunday School Band of Hope and Adult Total Abstinence Society.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1896	1	10	10	By Printing	10	11	3½
,, Subscriptions, as per List	11	9	0	,, Hackney Band of Hope	0	10	0
,, Collection, Adult Temperance	1	1	5½	,, Motto Cards, Hymn Sheets, &c. ..	4	18	6
,, Cash for Entertainments	1	16	1	,, Tuning Piano and Repairs	0	11	6
,, Cash for Piano, Harcourt	0	15	0	,, Speakers and Entertainments	5	2	11
,, Cash for Membership Cards	2	1	3½	,, Treats, &c.	14	14	1½
,, Cash for Hymn Books, Leaflets, &c. ..	0	16	5	,, Prizes	2	2	10½
,, Rummage Sale Account	17	12	9¾	,, Band of Hope Jubilee Fund	2	0	0
,, Collection Mintern Street	2	10	4¾	,, Expenses, Mintern Street, 1896	0	10	0
,, ,, Mr. Shaw, Esq.	2	10	0	,, Expenses, Mintern Street, 1897	0	15	0
	5	0	4¾	,, Goods, Refreshment Stall	6	16	6
,, Cash Scholars' Jubilee Fund	0	6	8	,, Books and Balance, Reading Circle ..	1	16	0
,, Cash for Prizes	0	0	9	,, Goods, Canvassers	29	8	7
,, Cash Refreshment Stall	7	10	3	,, Prizes and Balance	6	8	10
,, Cash Reading Circle	1	16	0				
,, Cash Canvassers	35	17	5	,, Postage, Rubber Stamp, &c.	35	17	5
				,, Balance	0	18	4
				,, ,, ...	2	3	3
	£87	14	4¼		£87	14	4¼

Audited and found correct, 23rd *December*, 1897.—WM. PETERS.

Rummage Sale Account.

December, 1897.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash	21	16	2¼	By General Account	17	12	9¾
				,, Printing	0	18	0
				,, Gratuities and Workers' Tea ...	1	1	3½
				,, Van	1	15	0
				,, Postage and Cards	0	9	1
	£21	16	2¼		£21	16	2¼

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The Children attending

The children are mostly from Ivy Lane & Ivy Street. Have children from "quite 100 houses in those thoroughfares" i.e. nearly every house. Have children from every house in Ebenezer Cottages, a row of 8 small houses adjoining the School. Also get some from Wilmer Gardens, Nuttall & Ware Streets. The children are poor; they get the poorest but they are better dressed than in former years. Dont come now without boots or so ragged as formerly. Mrs Adcock attributes much of this improvement in dress to the Board Schools. The children are obliged to be dressed for school & hence improvement.

Visitation

Adult service is not flourishing, partly because they are close to Costers' Hall & there they have a nightly meeting. The attendants are senior scholars (over 15) & parents of children.

No systematic visitation but only for special purposes, with bills &c advertising meetings. Don't go in the immediate neighbourhood; so well known through the children that it is not necessary.

Charitable Relief

Relief is not given to any extent. A supper at New Years Eve - 270 children & 120 adults present on the last occasion. Also send some children to Holiday homes. (104 in 1887)

Other Religious Agencies

So far as attendance goes the chief religious influences in the neighbourhood are Costers Hall, Hoxton Hall and Harvey Street Mission (Mrs Doubles). These all good congregations. At Hoxton Hall, things have been in a transitional state for sometime, owing to the death of Mr Palmer. Between Hannond Square & Costers Hall, there appears to be an interchange of children. Some of those attending at Hannond Square in the evening, going to Costers Hall in the afternoon. At Hannond Square they have an abnormal proportion of infants in the school. Average attendance 78 in afternoon & 166 in evening. Thinks the reason is that Costers' Hall will not or cannot take them. The Churches do not get the poor people "except when they go for alms". At St Annes the congregation is "very limited"

Drink

Drink is the ruin of many of the people but is not worse than in former years. More open drinking amongst women. The Kings Arms 295 Hoxton Street is much used by women; the Unicorn 202 Hoxton St has a bad name - rough (quarrelsome) characters use it.

Mr A. Cattell
Supt of Mission

Toward the end of the end of the interview, Mr Cattell, the superintendent arrived. A lively little

The Changes in the district

As a whole, there is an improvement in the district. There are not the gangs of boys & girls standing at the street corners. Used to go out on a Sunday & could get 12 or 14 big lads in to the Hall. Now they are not to be seen in such numbers.

man of about 40. Had just left work (8.15pm). He now lives at 40 Navarino Road, Dalston N.E. but formerly lived in Ivy Lane & evidently knows the district well.

We went over the map of the district & the consensus of opinion as to poverty was that Ivy Lane & Sheet are poorer than they were. Very few of the little houses are now held by one family. The poorest parts now are Wilmer Gardens, Tuttall Street (L. blue), Reeves Place (L. blue) and the block formed by Ware Street, (purple) Nancy Street (D. Blue) & Dorset Place (D. Blue) Ivy Lane & Ivy Sheet are as poor but bear a better character & from a moral point of view have improved. Some of the bad characters that lived here have gone to the Ware Street area. [I agree with them verdict as to Ware Street, which is certainly not better than Light blue & may be dark. I went through these streets about 7 pm & the women I saw were a villainous lot. & the place swarmed with dirty, flabby pale faced children]

The Mission is doing a quiet work amongst the children. It reached its maximum so far as attendance is concerned 3 years ago, when the aggregate average attendance on Sunday was 600 as against 420 now.

Ap. 19. 98 - J.A. (2)

Mr. Devonshire has been headmaster of the Eastern St. higher grade schools, attached to New North Rd. Wesleyan Mission Church, for 43 years, & his memory thus goes back to the palmiest days of church & neighbourhood. He is a tallish, thin-faced man, with long grey Dundreary whiskers, & a pleasant, cheery temperament wh. sld. make him a great favorite with children. In the teaching world he is of some note, having bn president of the National Union & founder of its Orphan homes.

The school is managed by a Committee of leading members of the church, with Mr. Wood as chairman, but it is entirely supported by the children's fees & Govern^t grants, the fees having bn lately lowered from an average of 9^d to one of 6^d to 8^d, in order to obtain the fee grant. There are 500 children, belonging to tradespeople, clerks, &c., many coming from ~~distant localities~~, a distance, as Green Lanes, Stoke Newington, &c. These wd. be

chiefly the children of former scholars, who have grown up & married & settled down in these parts. Both sexes are taught, book-keeping, French, &c. being added to the elementary curriculum. Until 5 years ago Rev. D. used to live at the school house. (? now occupied by the sisters)

The Church was built in 1848, & the schools in 1856, Rev. D. being the first master. Half the cost of the schools was found by Govt.; rest by the congregation. In his earlier days here it was an eminently respectable locality & congregation. As a young man he remembers going to sit in the gallery of the church to admire the costly & beautiful dresses of the ladies. He would not do that now! He has seen both the rise & fall of Bridport Place & adjoining streets — saw them built, occupied by decent people earning their £150 to £300 a year, & gradually fall to their present status of 3 families to a house. But rents now are higher than they used to be.

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Just round the corner in New North Rd lived, ~~in~~ within his recollection, the Sheriff of London, & all along the road in N. North the houses were kept by one family. A butcher, said to him lately "When I came here Mr. Bowerbank, soon after you, there was only one family in each house, & they each took 3 or 4 joints a week." Now there are 3 or 4 families in each house & not one joint between 'em. They go to Pitfield St., &c., & buy the pieces." Concurrently with the decline of the ~~church~~ locality came the falling off of the church. Not suddenly, but steadily & regularly, at the rate of about 20 a year, the membership fell off, until a church of 600 or 700 was reduced to 70 or so, & it was a question of closing or no. In this condition, Mr. Wood found the work & consulted with him about it. Mr. D. advised a complete alteration of method as a first necessity, & Mr. Wood, falling in with this view, commenced by entirely abolishing

pew rents. Since 4/ then each regular attendant has [illegible] allotted a sitting, o it is left to the to put in an envelope, at the end of each quarter, whatever they choose to give, or not to give anything.

By the introduction of the various new agencies the church has grown again rapidly, until now there is a Sunday-[illegible] congregation of a thousand people of "the working or below the working class." The character of the congregation may be judged from the fact that in one collection there will be 1300 or 1400 coins - mainly pence. They have become a power in the neighbourhood because they have made the people feel that they want to benefit them in this life.

One some of the agencies introduced he admits that he, with his old-fashioned Conservative notions, has worked with some misgivings. He did not like, nor did some other members, having

secular concerts in the church, but they have proved a great success, whilst when first tried in the schools they were a failure [I am not much surprised. The schools stunck me as dark & old fashioned] To allow smoking in his schools rooms, was also not pleasant, but he gave way, as it was ~~thought~~ obviously necessary if the men were to come. If they wish to get the working class they must do what the workmen wish.

The medical mission he describes as a wonderful thing, but visits, like Mr. Wood, that only those in real need are helped.

Mr. D. is of opinion that altho' people do not come to church, they have no antipathy to religion. Judges this by their action in having their children taught religion. One of his assistants, without his knowledge, omitted to give the Scripture lesson, whereupon he received many letters of protest from 2 of the parents, neither of whom ever went to a place of worship.

There is a feeling amongst working men that the ordinary religious business is quite out of harmony with their surroundings. Make it free & easy for them & they will come. All unnecessary restraint must be avoided.

There seems to him a marked difference amongst young men nowadays – a defiance & all rule & lack of all reverence. Will not say this is all due to the School Board, but that perhaps it is because all children receiving nowadays an education, one may compare a lower class of today with a better-class of the past. There is certainly a great rebellion against authority.

He used to have a good deal of trouble with the children of a neighbouring Board School, who came with clubs & sticks to attack his children. Had to get police protection. Things are better now. He has a very high opinion of his fellow teachers in Bd. schools, who try hard, but

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St. John Baptist parish. 6/15.

Interview with Rev. arthur Wood, B.A, minister of North Central Wesleyan mission, New North Rd.
Sept. 19. 98 – J.A.

Rev. Wood had not answered my letter, so I called at his house in Pawsbury this morning, & found him just going out, to meet his working "sisters," whom, he said, he sees each morning at 10.30, before they commence their visiting. I walked with him thro' Pawsbury, Southgate Rd. & Bridport Place to his church at the corner of Hunters St., & we talked freely by the way.

He is of the younger school of Noncon. ministers - clean-shaven, clerical cut - about 35 to 40 perhaps - very active & energetic; & bent on success in whatever he undertakes, & I was almost going to say at all hazards. "Pushful" wd. perhaps be a very good word to describe his method, & egotism his characteristic. He fully believes in himself & is no doubt justified in so doing, & particularly prides himself. I fancy, on

his business capacity. Several times in referring to the results of his own or others' work he used the phrase "from a business point of view." or "as a business man would look at it."

He commenced conversation by referring in complimentary terms to such a our work, & apologised for not replying - he was ~~so~~ a very busy man. He has been at his present mission 7 years, & before that was at Hull, Manchester, &c. He came to a dwindling church of less than a hundred; has now 800 members, & a Sunday night congregation of 1000 or more. He packed in as many as 1250, but this was only done by having seats down the aisles.

His church & Pentecostal Hall are the only 2 successful religious places in Shoreditch, all the other places are empty, or nearly so. The others work & try, but don't succeed - do not go on the right lines. Griffis tabernacle is not really in Shoreditch, & he draws many from elsewhere.

He estimates that 95% of the people of Shoreditch do not attend any place of worship. Used to put it at 90%, but experience has led him to alter to 95%, & a leading local minister agrees with him.

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The big church of St. John, Hoxton, with sittings for 2000, gets 70 or 80 people in the morning & 100 or so at night. It is the same at Shoreditch Church – empty – in the sense that a business man wd speak of his warehouse – i.e., a hundred or so bales where there was rows for thousands. Some said if you had a man in sympathy with the people's views he wd succeed, yet Bass, Radical as he was, did not draw. It was a remarkable how few people attended a place of worship in London – there was no other part like it. As he spoke, we passed the Presbyterian Church, Southgate Rd (corner of Church Rd). "There", said he, "is a nice church with a good, respectable neighbourhood all round, yet sometimes their congregation is only 30" (outside this church was an immense poster, announcing a splendid dissolving view lecture on China, free to all). The people are not, he considers, hostile to religion, but their habits & the struggle they have

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Dear Sir

I am sorry I have no report
The little card I enclose
Contains all though it
looks so small.

You see what Social
work there is

Two Mothers mtgs
Clothing Club
Savings Bk
Slate Club
Wesley Guild ie Literary Soc
for young people

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His greatest lever, perhaps, for getting hold
of the people in the first place is the slate club, wh. has nearly
1200 members. As president of this, he has
all their names & addresses, & so gets the entry
into their homes & the possibility of touching 5 or
6 thousand people. If his time were not so
much taken up with money matters he cd. do
so much more with these people. But he must
attend to the business matters himself — no one
else can do it. The club is on usual lines, &
is so managed [illegible] or more
back at Xm[illegible]

Then the [illegible]'s meetings,
with coal & [illegible] contributions.
The mothers [illegible] — summer &
winter — towards [illegible]

A need[illegible] feature.

THURSDAY NIGHT
GUILD,
8.15 TO 9.15.

LEADER—
REV. ARTHUR WOOD, B.A

The Members of this Guild extend a hearty invitation to you to meet with them in the CHURCH PARLOUR.

The Meetings consist of Christian Conversation which is quite voluntary—Bible Study, Prayer, and Song.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting another."—
Heb x. 25.

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Girls Drill Club
(very popular)

Violin Classes

Legal Aid Bureau
A Lawyer gives advice free

Good Templars Lodge

Large Choir

Medical Mission & Orchestral Band

Higher Grade School.

& 16 Religious Guilds

Meeting weekly numbering 800

A Sisterhood of 4 Sisters

Any more information I shall
be glad to give
Yours v truly
Arthur Wood

Mine is a "Mission" Church
worked on Modern lines among masses

MONDAY.—

Mothers' Meetings, Clothing Club, Maternity, Savings Bank 2.30, and 6.15.
Slate Club 8.0.
Wesley Guild 8.15.

TUESDAY.—

Band of Hope 7.0.
Girls' Drill Guild 8.55.

WEDNESDAY.—

Violin Classes 7.30 and 8.30.
Legal Advice, Free, 8.0.
Good Templars' Lodge 8.0.
Choir Practice 8.30.

THURSDAY.—

Medical Mission 5.30.
Orchestral Band 8.30.

HIGHER GRADE DAY SCHOOL.

NORTH CENTRAL MISSION.

NEW NORTH ROAD
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SUNDAY SERVICES—

Church Parlour 10 & 3.
Church 11, 6.30, 8.
Sunday School 2.45.

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Slate Club 8.0.
Wesley Guild 8.15.

TUESDAY.—
Band of Hope 7.0.
Girls' Drill Guild 8.55.

WEDNESDAY.—
Violin Classes 7.30 and 8.30.
Legal Advice, Free, 8.0.
Good Templars' Lodge 8.0.
Choir Practice 8.30.

THURSDAY.—
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Orchestral Band 8.30.

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Church Parlour 10 & 3.
Church 11, 6.30, 8.
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141, Grosvenor Road,
Canonbury, N.

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Dear Sir

I am sorry I have no report

The little card I enclose contains all though it looks so small.

You see what Social work there is

Two Mothers mtgs
Clothing Club
Savings Bk
Slate Club
Wesley Guild & Literary Soc
for young people

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Advice, medicine, & nursing are given gratis, but only to the poorest - those actually out of work & in need. A room at the chapel is fitted out as a dispensary, & 2 doctors & a dispenser give their services, whilst the nursing is done by the sisters, of whom there are 4. These are paid (board, lodging & pocket money) & devote their time to visiting, nursing, &c.

Legal advice free is another device wh. is found useful to a number of poor people. A lawyer gives his services every Thursday eof, & advises in many difficulties between landlord & tenant, &c.

Temperance work is entrusted to Bands of Hope & a Good Templar lodge. The latter Mr. Wood finds the best means of sustaining interest in temperance work - there is plenty of social life in it - tea meetings, parties, &c., & the young people seem to have a pretty free hand.

Public entertainments, too, are not neglected.

Every Saturday night during the winter there is a good free concert, & draws crowds of people. This is held in the church.

All this work is thrown open to everybody. There is no sectarianism about it, & no question either of "sheep stealing," for the people attend anywhere. Everything is but a means to bring the people in & reward the ranks of the worshippers.

The backbone of it all is the church membership, or perhaps more strictly speaking the class work. Of these classes there are about a dozen, each with its leader, & each meeting one night a week. Every member of the church is attached to one of these classes. (Mr. W's own class has 140 members). Mr. Wood finds a good deal of reticence about London people in saying where they live. Many like to attend the services or meetings & go away leaving no trace. He does all he can to avoid this, & to get from the people, or find out, their name & address, in order that they may be looked up & got to join one of the classes.

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He considers this so important that he visits losing them altogether in order to obtain it, & generally gets it. He was carrying 2 books, one containing the list of members in their classes, & the other in their streets, & wh. apparently he uses in arranging the work with his visitors. To these books he takes much pride; they are written in a beautiful legal hand by a lawyer's clerk friend. Opening the street book at random, he pointed to the list of names. "There look! 2 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 9 names in that street — 9 members of my church, besides those who come to the congregation from that one street. And then he showed his knowledge of them by describing - that one a detective, this a cabinet maker, this young woman lives in the S. West, but comes up to a friend of mine; this old woman is nearly starving - my wife sees her clothing," & so on.

Mr. W. described his members as mainly working people, & many quite poor. To illustrate their position

we put his two open hands together (as in the attitude of prayer) as representing side by side (exactly parallel) income & expenditure – the least extra expense one week means arrears the next. Nos. of his congregation are young women who pass his church every day on their way to the City – who dress well, astonishingly well, on quite small means – the daughters, many of them, of former residents who have gone north.

His most heartbreaking experience is these removals. He has always a stream going thro' his church. Only to-day he has to find two workers to replace two who have just moved. This filling up of gaps takes a considerable amount of his time & effort.

Apart from the medical mission work, which is given, & then always in kind, & with strict discrimination. Had he the means, it wd. be easy to fill his church by means of gifts, but he doubts if ~~such~~ people obtained by such means wd.

stay.

I did not get much from Rev. Wood as to the financial side of the work, but he promised to send any printed matter he has on this & one or two other points. He does not spend much on printing. The mission has no official financial aid – the money has all to be raised by voluntary means. Collections are made amongst the congregation – nearly all in coppers – it averages about a penny a week per head – & there are pew offerings. [illegible]

On arriving at the church, Rev. Wood introduced me to Mr. Devonshire, master of the schools adjoining, & then left me to attend to his duties. (Something of my Talk with Mr. Devonshire ~~follows~~ precedes this.) So that the story is entirely set down from memory of what Mr. W. said as we walked along, Mr. accounts for it being rather out of our regular order.

Visit to Church
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G.E.A. St Andrew's parish. 6/9 CB (2) 183
22 April 1898

Mr W. J. Orsman J.P. Genl Supt of the Hoxton & Golden Lane Costermongers' Christian Mission Costers' Hall, 234-242 Hoxton Street. N.

I met Mr O. at his private residence, Milton House, Shacklewell Green, an old fashioned double fronted house. Mr Orsman is a genial old gentleman of 60 with a pleasant voice and manner. Was a Supervisor of the Mail Cart Service of the G.P.O, from which post he retired in 1889 after 33 years service. He has a thorough & minute knowledge of Hoxton & St Luke's and was simply bubbling over with information, my only regret was that time did not permit of a longer interview. He had just returned from a Comtee of the City Charities, where he had been detained longer than he expected, voting some £11,500 to various educational institutions & for the acquisition of open spaces.

Wilmer Gardens is much worse than it was, in fact a "little hell". When the small houses were there, some decent families lived there

there. Then the dwellings were put up and they got in all the riff-raff; some from Boundary Street &c. In 1881 when ~~the~~ Coster's Hall was built there was no thoroughfare. Gates erected in the centre divided the gardens into what was known as Wilmer Gardens East & West. One night however these gates disappeared & it has been a thoroughfare ever since. The models were put up by a man, who became bankrupt - were run up. They have passed into the hands of one or two other owners & nearly ruined them as they cannot get the rents ~~and~~ The tenements have been cleared & even the large lodging house had to be cleared last year and a new deputy appointed. The old one was nearly killed there as was also a policeman. As to give an idea of the population in the Gardens Mr B. said that he sent his visitors round one Sunday morning between 9 & 10 o'clock before the people are out to give tickets for a meal to all the children they found. They went from room to room & found over 600 children in the street.

Ware Street used to be regarded as the worst - it was a nest of brothels. ~~Bagdon~~ Watson's Place & Louisa Street (adjoining Ware St) are very bad as

Caretaker always has whistle ready to call police"

as is Bagstock Bldgs & the other houses facing the Canal. Ruttall Street is bad also - known as "Dirty Lane". The

The district as a whole has degenerated. The people from the centre are working out. At one time, there was 'at most' only two families in each house; now it is a common for each room to be let separately. The same tendency is working north of the Canal; in Del Beauvoir Town &c. Drunken brawls are frequent late at night. Had the windows broken at midnight by two women fighting &c.

The Mission was started in Golden Lane in 1861 by Mr D. & has been in the present building since 1881. They have a large hall holding 700 (into which they sometimes pack 800) & 25 other rooms. The building is leasehold (G.R £120) but they make £160 a year by subletting shops. The corner shop was intended for a coffee ~~palace~~ palace but finding it was not necessary it was converted into class rooms.

All workers are voluntary except the hall-keepers. Had 169 workers including the S.S. teachers at the last count. (This winter)

The Mission Church has a membership of 421. They make transfers to other churches of all sorts. Will do

The children attending the S.S. are better class in the afternoon. Children of their members &c. In the evening they get the roughest type.

not have many come to them in that way. As a rule the people leaving go to one of the large Missions that have a church membership, such as Charrington's or the Walworth & Bermondsey Settlement.

For list of Services & Social Agencies & statistics see pages 4 & 5 of Report appended to ~~next pages~~ page 193
Also pages 13-15 for financial statements.

Congregation is all working people. All have belonged to the very poor class that live around but some have improved their position yet all are still poor. Many of the men are used to be "my boys & girls at in Golden Lane". They have kept on as workers & now ~~we have~~ their children are with us as young men & women working in shops & factories; other are carmen, painters, washerwomen. "We have raised them". People come & say "What a nice decent respectable lot of people they are." There ought to be some improvement in these years. "I should be sorry if I only got a lot of there loafing people" (eg the lodging house folk). "I have set my face against the

the lodging house class. I was taken in by them at Golden Lane". This experience combined with several years as J.P. etc has led Mrs C. to take a strong view of these people. "I know they are hypocrites" he said and money spent for them is money thrown away". I liked much the modest manner in which Mrs C. affirmed the influence the Mission had had on the people. There was no doubt as to the result attained nor was it a matter of surprise yet in it all there was not the least note of self satisfaction nor any personal credit taken.

District around Mission is visited systematically by 21 district visitors. Go from house to house, distribute tracts & also 1000 copies a month of the Costers' Hall Evangelist(?). Beside this Mrs C. also issues an 'Occasional paper' 2 or 3 times a year, a volume of which he gave me. It contains some interesting side lights on the Mission. Has 100 cripples in the district regularly visited by a special staff of visitors. Of whom Mrs C said "They are my best helpers".

THIRTY-FIFTH

REPORT & BALANCE SHEET

OF THE

HOXTON COSTERS' MISSION

(Formerly known as THE COLDEN LANE & HOXTON COSTERMONGERS' CHRISTIAN MISSION).

Founded in Golden Lane, 1861, by W. J. ORSMAN, J.P., Hon. Supt.

First President . . . . THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY.

(*From 1866 until his death, October 1st, 1885*).

1896-7.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR 1896, OF THE

HOXTON AND GOLDEN LANE

Costermongers' Christian Mission,

(IN CONNECTION WITH THE RAGGED SCHOOL UNION,) and carried on at

COSTERS' HALL, 234-242, Hoxton Street, London, N.

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ASSISTED BY 127 VOLUNTARY HELPERS.

Bankers:
General Fund:—
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Hall Keepers ... ... Mr. and Mrs. D. QUARRY.

Yours Faithfully,
W. J. Orsman.

Very good likeness
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LIST OF OPERATIONS.

Religious.

1 **Evangelistic Services.**—Sunday Evening attendance, 500—600; *Speakers*—W. J. Orsman, J.P., and others.

2 **Prayer and Praise Meetings.**—Three every week.—40—180.

3 **Bible Readings** —150 Adults.—Thursday at 8.30.

4 **Mission Church.**—423 members; *Stewards*—Messrs. H. Berwick, G. Boyd, J. T. Franks, E. J. Hawes, J. Hughes, J. Neal, J. S. Ricketts, and R. Wheeler.

5 **Open-Air Singing Services.**—Four stations—during fine weather.

6 **Men's Bible Class.**—*Leader*, Mr. T. G. Lyus.

7 **Women's Bible Class.**—*Leader*, Miss Herring.

8 **Junior Bible Class** (50 lads).—*Teachers*, Messrs. J. T. Franks, E. J. Hawes, and J. R. Crutchfield.

9 **Junior Bible Classes** (120 girls).—*Teachers*, S. Goodman, A. Potter, and H. Young.

10 **Senior Girls' Week-Night Bible Class.**—*Leaders*, Misses A. Potter and H. Young.

11 **Sunday School.**—650 children; *Superintendents*, J. Neal and J. Hughes; *Registrar*, G. Boyd; 51 regular and 18 auxiliary teachers.

12 **Juvenile Services for 150 Children.**—*Conductors*, Messrs. J. S. Ricketts, A. Seabrook, and R. S. Walkden.

13 **International Bible-Reading Association.**—303 members; *Superintendent*, J. R. Crutchfield.

14 **Sacred Music Choir.**—35 members

15 **Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.**—103 Members.

16 **Scripture Examination Class.**

Social and Educational.

17 **Free Lending Library for Adults** 589 vols.; *Librarian*,

18 **Reference** ,, ,, 135 ,, ,, Jas. Phillips.

19 **School Library** 350 ,, ,, F. W. White.

20 **Band of Hope and Temperance Library** - 86 vols.; *Librarian*, J. F. Franks.

21 **Ambulance and First-Aid Classes.**—*Instructor*, J. R. Crutchfield.

22 **Mothers' Meeting.**—*Leader*, E. Olliff.

23 **Costers' Hall Temperance Brass Band.**—*Conductor*, F. McCarthy.

Social, &c.

24 "Northern Star" Cricket Club.

25 The "Monkswell" Swimming Class for Lads.

26 The "Compton" Swimming Class for Young Women.

27 Costers' Donkey and Pony Shows.

28 Poor Boys' Shoe-Mending Class.

29 Illustrated Lectures and Concerts.

30 Clothing and Jumble Sales.

Benevolent.

31 Seaside Homes Fund for Adults.

32 Convalescent Cottage for Poor Mothers.

33 Poor Women's Rent Aid and Housing Fund.

34 Maternity, Sick Visiting, and Medical Aid Fund.

35 Poor Children's Meals, and Irish-Stew Soup Kitchen.

36 "Robin" Dinners and Christmas Dinner Fund.

37 Mothers' Meeting—by Miss Olliff—Tuesday at 3.

38 Poor Crippled Children's Visiting Society.—*Superintendents*, Mr. and Mrs. G. Boyd, and Six Female Visitors.

39 Children's Country Holiday Homes.

40 Day in the Country Fund.

41 District Visitation and Tract Society.—*Superintendents*, Messrs. R. Lane and G. Norris.

42 "Sunshine" Visitors to Cripples, Sick, and Aged People.

Temperance and Thrift.

43 Costers' Hall Senior Band of Hope and Total Abstinence Soc.

44 Junior Band of Hope and Mercy.—160 members.

45 Costers' and General Dealers' Friendly Society.—*Balance*, £1,487.

46 Hoxton Street-Traders' Friendly Society.—*Balance*, £623.

47 Mutual Loan and Investment Fund.—*Share Capital &c.*, £3,560.

48 Costers' Provident Investment Society.—*Share Capital, &c.*, £535.

49 Fellowship and Sick Members Fund.—283 members.

50 U.O.T.A.S. Phœnix Lodge.—"W. J. Orsman," No. 89.

51 ,, ,, ,, No. 104.

52 ,, "Grand Duchesse" Juvenile Lodge.

53 ,, "Way of Prosperity" ,,

54 Foresters' Court, "Sanctuary Kindness," No. 722.

55 "Victoria" Friendly British Workman's Society.

"And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work."—2 KINGS xii. 11.

"Ask God to give thee skill
In comfort's art,
That thou mayst consecrated be
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy.
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart;
And comforters are needed much
Of Christ-like touch."

Motto for the "Diamond" Jubilee Year—

"HE must reign—King of kings and Lord of lords."

35TH REPORT.

THIRTY-SIX years ago the writer—full of youthful ardour and consecrated zeal—began his voluntary life-work in the slums of Cripplegate and St. Luke's in Central London. Many things and manners have changed since 1861. *Then* he was almost alone in such "lay" work,—*now* he has many imitators, good and bad. *Then* he was assailed for accepting the—not unscriptural—name of "Evangelist," and because he intruded into the neglected preserves of Parsondom. His answer to unfriendly critics was perseverance in well-doing, working for his daily bread and giving all his spare hours to ameliorate and brighten the hard lot of the poor. Then the late Lord Shaftesbury championed his cause, and dealt a crushing blow to the religious dog-in-the-manger critics*:—

"No one has ever asserted—at least there is no record of it—that the present "ecclesiastical machinery, whether of Church or Chapel, is comprehensive "enough to embrace the whole people. Were Conformists and Nonconformists "combined in harmonious action, they would leave much unaccomplished; but "actually their divisions are hostile to progress. Time may exhibit some better "mode of operation; but, until these beneficial discoveries shall have been made,

*Byeways of Two Cities.

"it will be well, nay, needful, to accept these voluntary agencies, and, with all "the hazards attending the system, wish them God speed in their admirable "purpose.

"No doubt the experience, regularity, and singleness of purpose acquired in "the Crimea and the Post Office, had trained the mind of Mr. W. J. Orsman to "his administrative work in the Golden Lane Mission, which, individualised by "his efforts, stands out at the present day as an admirable example of what, "under the blessing of God, can be done by the will and vigour of a simple "agent.

"Were it not for Missions such as Mr. Orsman's, tens of thousands would "never be taught the Word of God, never hear the language of sympathy or "enjoy a helping hand. Their founders and conductors are called 'self-"constituted,' and 'intruders' on the sacred office. For my own part I love the "text of our blessed Lord—'By their *fruits* ye shall know them.' And if suppli-"cation and thanksgiving, purity and peace, faith and assurance in many hearts "be *fruits* according to the Gospel, these 'intruders' require no other proof of "their real and effective ordination."—SHAFTESBURY.

These "fruits" have continued, and increase as the years roll on, and Costers' Hall to-day is a remarkable centre of light and Christian influence. A careful perusal of the List of Operations, on pages 4 and 5, will give a vivid impression of the great variety and far-reaching character of the Mission Work. Everything clusters around the Word of God, which radiates and inspires hundreds of once dreary sinful lives to holy activities.

We have out-lived most of our earliest friends and helpers, but some remain who believe that the best—because the most real and permanent—way to elevate the poor is to reveal to their hearts the *reality of eternal things*. The Gospel in the home soon chases away the darkness and degradation of former times, and the men and women thus influenced become capable citizens and a blessing to society.

As the Press, always on the look-out for pastures new, prefers to chronicle the vagaries of modern slumming, rather than notice the experienced, painstaking, and old-fashioned Mission, we do not expect much help in that direction: nor is it to our taste to spend large sums of charity money in advertisements. Would that the Lord's stewards thought of this, and sought out and helped unostentatious Christian work!

During the year a legacy of £100 was received under the Will of the late Miss Crease, and we now venture to express the hope that our surviving friends will find a place for the Mission in their Wills or by codicil thereto. (*See outside Cover, page 16, of Report.*)

To Miss L. for the monthly gift of 10s. for four invalid Christian women; to the R.S.U. and L.S.D.A. for their grants in aid, and to all Subscribers and Collectors we express sincere gratitude and ask for their generous continuance. They are assured that every shilling goes direct to the Mission Work without any deduction for commission, clerks, or office expenses. The 125 unpaid helpers enable us to conduct the Work in an economical manner, and *we never get into debt.*

Yours Faithfully,
W. J. Orsman, J.P.,

Hon. Superintendent.

Milton House, Shacklewell Green,
Hackney, N.E.

Thank You!

List of Donations, &c., received from January 1st, 1896, to December 31st, 1896.

Donors of Clothing, Hospital Letters, Books, Flowers, Cards, &c., are marked with an asterisk (*).

	General Fund. £ s. d.	Special Fund. £ s. d.
The Lord Blantyre ...	10 10 0	
,, Lord Monkswell ...	1 0 0	1 0 0
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Leopold de Rothschild ...		2 1 0
Viscountess Portman...	5 0 0	
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Lady Dorothy Nevill... ...		1 0 0
The Dowager Lady Shakerley	2 0 0	
*The Hon. Mrs. Spensley ...		
,, Hon. Mrs. E. N. C. Boyle		1 1 0
A Friend—Miss G. ...	5 0 0	
,, Anonymous ..	5 0 0	
,, A. J. C. ...	2 0 0	3 0 0
,, E. H. ...		2 2 0
,, Anonymous ...	10 0	
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Abraham, R. G. ...	10 6	
Albright, J. M.	1 0 0	10 0
Alexander, Mrs. ...	1 0 0	
Alexander, Miss ...	10 0	
Allen, E. & S. A. ...	1 1 0	
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Arlow, Mrs., per E. P.	10 0	
Askham, per L. ...		3 6
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Austin, Edwin, J.P. ...		2 2 0
Bagot, E. E. A.... ...		1 1 0
Baker, Mrs. H.... ...	1 0 0	
Barclay, Mrs. R. ...	2 0 0	
Barnes, Theodore ...	1 0 0	10 0
Bassett, Miss		10 0
Bassett, E. T.		10 0
Bawtree, S.	1 1 0	10 6
*Baxter, per E.		5 0
*Beal, Ed. W.		2 2 0
Beauclerk, Miss ...		5 0
*Beardsley, Mrs. E. ...		5 0
,, per Nora ...		15 0
*Bedborough, Miss, per ...		7 1 0
Beeching, A. H. ...	1 0 0	2 0 0
Bennett, M. E.... ...	5 5 0	
Billing, Joseph	10 0	
Bird, S., Miss	10 0	10 0
Biddulph, Lucy ...	1 0 0	
Biggs, Mary A.... ...	1 0 0	
Blunt, Mrs.	10 0	
Booth, Mrs. R.	1 0 0	
Booth, Dr. R. Baxter...	1 1 0	
,, Mr. Hague, per ...	1 0 0	
Boucher, C.		1 0 0
Blackden, M. S. ...	1 0 0	
Boyle, John	1 0 0	
Boys, Thomas		1 1 0
Braby, Mrs. Fred. ...	2 2 0	
Braby, Cyrus		10 0
Carried forward ...	£60 1 6	36 9 0

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Brought forward	60 1 6	36 9 0
Bragg, John		1 0 0
,, per Miss K. H. ...		10 0
Brain, Henry	5 0	
Braithwaite, Mrs. J. C. ...	5 0	
Brock, Miss		5 0
*Bromley Flower Mission ...		
Brown, Miss F. B.	3 3 0	
*Bullock, Rev. Chas., B.D. ...		
Bult, Mrs.	5 0	
Burton, Mrs. H.	1 0 0	10 0
C. E. M....		8 0
Calder, Mrs.	5 0 0	5 0 0
Chalk, Miss Jane		10 0
*Chippindale, Miss	3 0 0	
Church, F.	1 1 0	2 2 0
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Coles, S. C.		1 0 0
*Collier, M.	1 0 0	1 0 0
*Collins, C.		
*Collins, W. C.	5 0 0	
Collinson, Mr. & Mrs. E. C....		1 1 0
*Compton, E. C., J.P., & Mrs.	1 1 0	
Courtney, The Misses ...		1 0 0
Cory, R.	2 2 0	2 0 0
Crawshaw, A. E.		10 0
Crease, the late M. A., per T. W. Moore—legacy, *see p.* 14		
Crichton, A. M. M., per C.O.S.	10 0	
Cross, W. M., C.C.	2 2 0	
Cross, per Charles		6 5
Curtis, Miss M.		9 5 0
Dampier, E.	1 0 0	
Daubney, Miss...		5 0
Davies, Jane	1 0 0	
Davies, D. Thos.		10 0
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"Delta"	5 0 0	
Denny, T. A.	5 0 0	
Denny, Mott, & Dickson ...		2 2 0
Devenish, F.	5 0	5 0
Dixon, Miss		5 0
*Doggett, Mrs.		
Downing, M. A.	1 0 0	
Doyle, Mr. and Miss	15 0	15 0
*Drewitt, Mrs B.	10 0	
Duncan, H. W....	1 0 0	10 0
Duncombe-Eden, T.		1 0 0
Du Pré, Ursula	2 0 0	
E. C. W....	10 0	10 0
E. S., Surrey	10 0	
*E. G.		
*Edmondson, L. O.	5 0	
Fairbairn, Mrs.	2 2 0	1 0 0
*Farley, Mrs.		
Carried forward	£106 12 6	69 18 5

	GENERAL FUND. £ s. d.	SPECIAL FUND. £ s. d.
Brought forward	106 12 6	69 18 5
Farquhar, Alfred		5 0 0
Firbank, Mrs.		10 0
Ford, Emma, and Friends ...		4 17 4
*Fothringham, Miss		10 0
Freeman, Messrs. George ...	2 2 0	
Fremlin, Mrs. R. J.	2 0 0	
French, per Alice & Mr. W. Sales		7 18 0
Friend, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel ...	1 1 0	
,, Miss		5 0
*Friends at Gunnersbury, per K. E. M.		1 15 0
M. B. M., per K. E. M. ...	1 1 0	
Friends at Newton		1 6 0
FRIENDS AT COSTERS' HALL (*Donations and Collecting Cards*):—		
Andrews, C.		9 9
Band of Hope, Senior ...		1 1 0
Beacham, H. S.		8 5
,, W. J. Orsman Lodge ...		3 0
Bennett, per Mrs. J. ...	10 0	1 0 0
,, per Flor. ...		10 6
Berwick, Mr. & Mrs. H....		2 0 0
,, per dô. ...		1 14 6
Blackwell, Mrs.		1 13 0
Boor, Mrs.		15 0
*Boyd, Mr. & Mrs. ...		
Brand, Alice, *donation* ...	10 0	
Bruce, Miss H.		2 6
Christian Endeavour ...		1 0 0
,, per W. F. White		3 2 1
Cassidy, Mrs. A.		12 0
Church, F.		5 0
Coles, Mrs....		1 18 4
Clark, Alfred, *donation* ...	6 0	
Corpe, S., *donation* ...	5 0	18 0
Coventry, W.	10 0	
Darlison, per Mr. & Mrs.		1 11 8
Delasalle, Thos.	10 0	
Douglas, Florence ...		1 1 0
Drew, Mr. W.	2 0 0	
Drew, Mr. W., jun. ...	10 0	
Drewitt, Mr. and Miss ...		10 0
Eastill, Mrs.		1 3 0
Edwards, M. J.		2 6
Eldridge, Miss		1 3 4
Epworth, Mr., Mrs. and Miss	1 5 0	
Epworth, Mrs., per ...		1 7 5
Field, G. N.		2 6 0
Franks, J. T.		1 10 0
,, Archie		3 0
Furley, Mrs. E.		10 3
Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. *donation*	1 0 0	
Gould, Mrs.		12 6
Hallum, Mr. & Mrs., per		1 14 6
,, *donation*... ...	2 2 0	
Harrison, C., *donation* ...	10 6	
Herring, Julia, *donation*...	10 0	
,, from Bible Class		18 0
Hills, Mrs.		3 0
*Hobbs, Mrs. M. J. ...		
Jackson, Mr. A.		1 4 7
,, Mr. E. C. ...		14 0
Langan, Mr. J. R, *dona.*	1 1 0	
Lane, Mrs. A. C.... ...		7 6
,, Mrs. Robt. ...		10 2
Leary, Mr.		1 3 0
McCarthy, Mrs. E. ...		10 3
McFarlane, Miss		10 0
Marsh, Miss C.		1 0 6
Carried forward	£124 6 0	130 9 9

	GENERAL FUND. £ s. d.	SPECIAL FUND. £ s. d.
Brought forward	124 6 0	130 9 9
Mathers, Mr. & Mrs. S. J., *donation*	1 1 0	
Miller, Susan		16 2
,, T. W.		12 0
Morgan, H. G.		1 2 6
Mutual Loan Club, *dona.*	4 4 0	
,, per Mrs. Goodman		1 18 0
Neal, Mr. J., *donation* ...	2 2 0	
Orsman, Mr. & Mrs. W. J.	2 2 0	
* ,, Miss		1 1 0
Oulet. M. A., *donation* ...	10 0	
Paskall, per Frank ...		16 0
,, Mr. & Mrs., *don.*	5 0	
Pearson, G. & S. & family, *donation*	5 5 0	
Phillips, John		1 7 9
Phillip, Mrs. Devon ...		2 0
Potter, Florence		1 1 6
Pyke, Mr. H.		14 0
,, I.		7 6
,, Miss		5 0
,, E.		2 6
,, J. Wiltshire ...		2 6
,, Arthur & W. ...		2 6
Quarry, Mr. D., *donation*	10 0	
Rickitts, J. S., *donation* ...		
,, ,, jun. ...		
Sandall, Mr. E. C. ...		1 11 0
,, J. Everett ...		13 7
Sapsford, Mrs. D.... ...		7 0
,, Miss E., "Grand Duchess" Lodge		3 0
Shaw, Mrs.		5 3
Sharp, Mr. & Mrs. R., *donation*	1 1 0	
"Shepherds' Sanctuary Kindness"—No. 722 ...		10 0
Smith, Mary		12 0
Snow, Mrs....	5 0	
,, Miss...		6 6
Steele, Mr. & Mrs. J. ...		2 0 0
Stubbs, per Miss		5 0
"Three Teachers" ...		7 6
Turner, R....		1 10 6
Victoria British Workman, per C. J. Cunnings		1 0 0
*Wallis, Jane		
Walkden, R. S.		2 0 0
Willis, Mr. & Mrs., *don.*...	10 0	
Young, per Miss H. ...		5 0
Garratt, per J. S.		2 7 6
Garrett, R. W....	1 1 0	5 0
*Gayler, per Mrs. & Miss ...	10 0	12 6
*Gerard, D. E.		
Gibbins, John	1 1 0	
Goslwin, J. T.	2 0 0	
Goddard, Miss...		1 0 0
*Gould, A. J. & E., "In Memoriam"	2 0 0	4 0 0
*Gould, S.	10 0	
Grant, Louisa	5 0	
Gray, Mrs.		5 0
Greenway, H.		10 0
Gurney, M. A. H.	10 0	
Haddock, per E. Comyn ...		2 0 0
Hadfield, Mrs....	2 0 0	
Hanson, per M. E.		8 0
Harling, Mrs. E. P.		2 2 0
Harrison, Major-Gen. R. S...		5 0
Hart, Emily	3 0 0	2 0 0
*Hawkins, Mrs. C.		5 0
Hawley, H.	2 10 0	5 0 0
Hayter, W. G....	1 0 0	1 0 0
Hayward, J. F..	1 0 0	
Carried forward	£159 8 0	174 17 0

	GENERAL FUND. £ s. d.	SPECIAL FUND. £ s. d.
Brought forward	159 8 0	174 17 0
Higgs, Mrs. L. A. ...	...10 0 0	
*Highton, Mr. and Mrs.	... 1 0 0	
Hill, The Misses		5 0
Hobson, Lottie ...	... 1 1 0	10 0
Hockley, Annie		2 0 0
Hodgson, M. L. ...	... 2 2 0	2 2 0
*Holt, Miss A.		10 0
Horsecraft, Mrs. ...	... 5 0	15 0
Houghton, Mrs.		5 0
Hoxton Swimming Association, per H. Green ...	... 7 6	
Huett, Mrs. C.	5 0	
Hughes, per F. J.		10 0
*Hull, Mrs.	10 0	
,, Bosher, Mrs....	... 1 0 0	
Hunt, Miss L. G. ...	... 5 0 0	
J. A. N.		5 0
J. C. W.	... 2 0 0	
Jay, Miss		10 0
Jeeves, Thomas ...	... 1 0 0	
Jobbins, E. T.	... 2 2 0	
*Jobbins, S.		
Johnson, Richard ...	... 1 0 0	2 0 0
,, William ...	... 1 0 0	10 0
Johnston, Emily ...	... 10 0	5 0
Joicey, Miss		3 3 0
Joyce, E.	10 0	
Keiller, W.	... 1 0 0	
Kemp, Mrs. and Miss	... 8 0 0	
Knox, Capt. H., R.N.	... 1 0 0	
Knight, Hannah ...	...10 0 0	5 0 0
Lamont, Mr. & Mrs. P.	... 10 0	5 0
*Langton, Miss Maria	... 3 0 0	10 0
*Layton, per Miss C.—	...	2 0
Mrs. Griffin and Sister	...	1 0 6
Miss Close	...	1 3 0
,, E. Baker ...	...	1 0 6
Misses Shilcock & Fillingham		1 15 6
*Lee, John, "A Co-Worker of 31 years ago" ...	... 1 0 0	
,, Mr. Holbrow, per do. ...		5 0
,, Mrs. Keevil ,, ...	10 0	
*Letchworth, Miss, per C.O.S.	1 0 0	
(*See also page* 8)		
*Lewis, Agnes Smith ...	... 5 0 0	
Lloyd, Mrs. Mary ...	... 5 0 0	
Lloyd, M. A.	... 10 0	
Lloyd, F. W. Nelson...	... 1 0 0	
Locken, Miss		1 1 0
*Lockhart, Messrs. ...		
Lord, James		7 0
*Lyon, Mrs. B. A. (*birthday*)...		2 10 0
M. T.		5 0
*Mackinlay, Mrs. E. E. ...		
Marsh, Miss, and Sister	... 1 0 0	
Matthews, E.	... 2 0 0	
May, Raphael R.	15 0	
*Mead, J. B.	... 5 5 0	
Minns, per Mrs.		5 0
Morgan & Scott, Messrs., per *The Christian* ...	...23 10 0	29 12 6
Morris, per J. B.		3 18 6
Morley, Howard	5 0 0	
Moss-Cockle, C.	15 0	5 0
Moss, Mr. & Mrs. J. S K.	... 2 0 0	
Mounsey, Miss E. ...	... 1 1 0	1 1 0
Mulock, W. H....		5 0
Naylor, Mrs. E. ...	... 1 0 0	1 0 0
*Neill, Mrs. E.		
Nell the Misses ...	... 2 0 0	10 0
Newberry, Annie		1 0 0
Nicholls, Francis ...	... 10 0	
Oakes, S.	10 0	
Olney, T. H.	... 1 1 0	1 1 0
P. L.		2 10 0
Carried forward	£272 17 6	245 5 6

	GENERAL FUND. £ s. d.	SPECIAL FUND. £ s. d.
Brought forward	272 17 6	245 5 6
Parker, Robert		2 0 0
Parkinson, W. C. ...	... 5 0 0	5 0 0
Paterson, R.	10 0	
Pearson, F.		10 0
Phillips-Watts, E.		5 0
Pecover, Mrs.	... 1 1 0	
Penrose, A. W.	... 2 2 0	
Percival, Mrs.	10 0	
Petter, Miss	... 2 2 0	5 0 0
Pike, per Lucy....		5 0
Piprell, J. W.	10 0	
Pope, Maria	... 5 0 0	
Pope, Mrs.		5 0
Price, Thos.		2 0 0
Priestley, J. G.... ...	... 1 0 0	
Prout, S. G.	5 0	
Quincey, H.	... 3 0 0	
R. F.	... 2 0 0	
R. Y. and Eliza	10 6	5 0
*RAGGED SCHOOL UNION (*see page* 14)		
*Religious Tract Society ...		
Richard-Preston, Sophia ...		5 0
Richardson, J. C.	10 6	
Rivington, Miss	1 0 0	
Roberts, C. W.	... 2 2 0	2 0 0
Roberts, T. F.	5 0	
Robinson, J.		10 6
Rogers, Dawson, per ...		
Sadler, J.	10 0	15 0
Sands, John	5 0 0	
*Sapsworth, Mrs.		
Scott, A. S.		5 5 0
Scott, Mrs. E.		1 10 0
Sibthorpe, Miss Waldo ...	10 0	
Sloman, Mrs. M.	... 2 0 0	
Smith, Genl. J. W. S....	... 1 1 0	1 1 0
Smith, per M. C.		10 0
Smith, Mrs. G.		5 0
Sparrow, Mrs. N.	15 0	1 0 0
,, Miss M. Ward ...		4 7 6
*Spensley, Hon. Mrs.		
Spiller, Miss		10 0
Stephens, K. D.	... 1 0 0	
Stodart, M.	10 0	10 0
Stroud, F.	... 1 0 0	13 0
St. John's Road Board School, per W. G. Wells		2 0 0
Sulley, Edward	2 0 0	
"Sunbeam" Fund, per W. R. E.		1 0 0
Swallow, Mrs.		5 0
Swanston, Christian	... 1 1 0	
T. L. C.		1 1 0
Tate, H. M.		1 1 0
*Taylor, Mrs. F. R.		2 0 0
Thomas, Mrs. T., and Friends		6 15 0
Tildesley, E.	7 2 0	3 3 0
Tinsted, A. M.	... 1 0 0	
Tite, Mrs. Lydia	... 2 2 0	
Tracey, Mrs. A. C. W. ...		6 0
Tryon, Fredk.	... 1 0 0	1 0 0
Tyson, Mrs. E. H.		7 0
Vade-Walpole, Mrs. H. S. ...	1 1 0	
Valiant, F.	2 0 0	5 0
Vickers, F.	... 1 0 0	
Vickress, C. A., per		7 0 0
Vieweg, A. J.		1 0 0
Virtue, Mrs.	1 0 0	2 6
Voelcker, Mrs.		3 3 0
*Vowles, Mrs. E.	2 2 0	
*Wace, W. A.		10 6
Walters, Miss, per T. B. ...	1 0 0	
Walton, Elizabeth	10 6	
Walton, Emily...	10 0	
Carried forward	£336 0 0	310 13 6

	GENERAL FUND. £ s. d.	SPECIAL FUND. £ s. d.
Brought forward	336 0 0	310 16 6
*Warne, Elizabeth & Mary ...		
Webb, F. B.		10 0
*Webster, Charles, & Friends		3 0 0
Wells, F....	1 1 0	2 2 0
Wells, A. Collings ..	1 1 0	
Wells, H. C.	1 1 0	2 2 0
Wheeler, Robt.... ...	10 0	1 0 0
Wilson, Miss	5 0 0	
Wright, James — Ellington S.S., Ramsgate ...		1 1 0
Carried forward	£344 13 0	320 11 6

	GENERAL FUND. £ s. d.	SPECIAL FUND. £ s. d.
Brought forward	344 13 0	320 11 6
Sums under 5s.:— A Friend, Weymouth, Christian World; A.B.C., D. L., H. L. J. M., Jersey; M. H. K. M. T., Ella Lang, Misses Tarrant; J. S. Heathcote Smith, Tiddles, Emily Whelan, Mrs. Fordham, M. Barnett-Smith, H. Berwick		1 16 3
Totals	£344 13 0	322 7 9

P.S.—If any inaccuracy should be discovered in the above List, an early communication to Mr. W. J. ORSMAN, J.P., Milton House, Shacklewell Green, N.E., will be esteemed a favour.

SUMMARY OF SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.

Showing the Subscriptions of Members of the Mission Societies, Donations from the "General" and "Special" Funds (page 14), and Balances to 31st December, 1896.

Receipts and Expenses.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Balances. £ s. d.
COSTERS' SICK AND BURIAL SOCIETY—			
Balances from 1895	1,427 2 1		
Members' Subscriptions and Interest	212 12 5		
Donations—Special Fund, per W.J.O.	5 13 0	—1,645 7 6	
Sick, Death, & Management Expenses		158 4 3	1,487 3 3
HOXTON STREET-TRADERS' SICK AND BURIAL SOCIETY:—			
Balances from 1895	605 14 4		
Members' Subscriptions and Interest	98 19 11		
Donations—Special Fund, per W.J.O.	1 3 0	— 705 17 3	
Sick, Death, & Management Expenses		82 3 11	623 13 4
MUTUAL LOAN AND INVESTMENT FUND:—			
Members' Shares, Loans, &c.... ...		3,559 15 0	
Capital repaid to Members, Dec., 1896	3,187 8 2		
Interest Bonus ,, ,,	372 6 10	—3,559 15 0	
COSTERS' PROVIDENT INVESTMENT SOCIETY:—			
Members' Share Capital, &c.... ...		535 16 7	
Capital repaid, Dec., 1896	473 13 6		
Profits ,, ,, ,, ...	62 3 1	— 535 16 7	
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP FUND:—			
Balance from 1895	65 4 9		
Members' Subscriptions, Interest, &c.	45 9 6	— 110 14 3	
Expenses—Sickness, Deaths, &c. ...		32 5 7	78 8 8
CLOTHING SALES ACCOUNT:—			
Balance from 1895	10 0 1		
Receipts from Sales 1896 & Jan. 1897	31 18 10	— 41 18 11	
Purchase of Flannel, Clothing, and other expenses		17 5 0	24 13 11
SHAFTESBURY MEMORIAL FUND:—			
Balance from 1895, including investment	263 4 4		
Interest on Capital	8 0 10	— 271 5 2	
Donkey Show a/c, 1896, Balance of Expenses		18 0 4	253 4 10
CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAY HOMES:—			
Children's part payments, per G. Boyd	37 1 6		
Special Fund Donations, see page 14 ...	46 19 6	— 84 1 0	
Expenses—Ragged School Union, &c.		84 1 0	
EXCURSIONS—DAY IN THE COUNTRY FUND:—			
Receipts—A Friend, per J. Kirk	8 2 0		
,, Tickets and pence ...	3 17 11		
,, L. T. Fund	5 7 6		
,, Fellowship Fund	4 9 7		
,, *Special Benevolent Fund* ...	18 15 2	— 40 12 2	
Expenses—Hampstead Heath ...	35 5 7		
,, Forest Outings, &c. ...	5 6 7	— 40 12 2	

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

Receipts and Expenditure from January 1st to December 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Balance from 1895	11 2 10	Wages—Hall-Keepers	98 16 0
Grant from Ragged School Union	40 0 0	Gas, Firing, Oil, &c. (Moiety, *see p.* 15)	34 5 4
Hymn Books and Bibles sold	2 1 0	Renewals, Fittings, &c.	29 12 6
Subscriptions and Donations, 1896 £344 13 0		Special Payments for Extra Assistance	20 4 0
Less to Renovation Fund 100 0 0		Postage, Stationery, &c.	27 3 6
	244 13 0	Books for Teachers, Helpers and Libraries	34 10 7
Legacy—M. A. Crease	100 0 0	Parcels, Conveyance, and Sundry Small Accounts	20 8 4
		Printing, &c.	27 8 5
		Sunday Schools, Music and Evening Classes	9 8 6
		Cleansing Accounts, Disinfectants, &c.	21 14 7
		Reports, "Monthly Notes" and Appeals	21 7 2
		Bibles, Tracts, "Costers' Hall Evangelist," and Advts.	16 5 0
		Sundry Small Accounts	5 17 10
		Total Expenses, 1896	£376 1 9
		Balance, December 31st, 1896	21 15 7
	£397 17 4		£397 17 4

SPECIAL (BENEVOLENT) FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1895	89 18 4	Shaftesbury Memorial Fund	18 0 4
Subscriptions and Donations, 1896 322 7 9		Benevolent and Relief Fund	23 3 4
Less to Costers' Societies, &c. 29 7 9		Children's Country Holiday Homes, &c.	46 19 6
,, Christian Helpers' Fund 26 12 7		Maternity and Sick Fund	13 14 1
,, Donkey Show a/c 16 5 10		Summer Excursions—Adults and Children	18 15 2
,, Investment a/c 100 0 0		Midsummer Breakfast, Costers' and other Social Meetings	15 1 6
172 6 2	150 1 7	Poor Children's Meals—Balance of Expenses	25 10 8
Ragged School Union—Special for Meals	10 0 0	Christmas and New Year's Fund, &c.	26 19 4
Concert by Costers' Hall Band, per W. J. Price	9 17 3	Crippled Children's Holiday Home	5 0 0
,, ,, S.S. Choir, per W. Dent	2 11 7		£193 3 11
Phœnix Societies' Parade, February 16th, 1896	8 17 3	Balance, December 31st, 1896	87 7 3
,, ,, ,, October 18th, ,,	9 5 2		£280 11 2
	£280 11 2		

RENTALS' ACCOUNT.

Receipts and Expenditure from January 1st to December 31st, 1896.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Rents, 1896—(*less* Agent's Commission)	167 19 3	Ground Rents, &c.	122 13 4
Weekly Offerings, Costers' Hall	66 9 1	Taxes, Insurance, Rates, &c.	59 6 1
		Repairs—Ordinary	15 17 7
		,, —Special—Messrs. Griffith, Keene & Strutton	10 16 11
		Gas, Firing and Oil—(*Moiety*, see p. 14)	25 14 5
	£234 8 4		£234 8 4

CONVALESCENT & SEASIDE HOMES' FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1895	2,486 8 5	Payments for Adults to various Seaside Homes	67 13 0
Interest, 1896	61 10 2	Allowance to Mrs. E. V., 1896	25 0 0
Collecting Boxes at Costers' Hall, per H. Berwick	33 8 1	Balance, December 31st, 1896	2,488 13 8
	£2,581 6 8		£2,581 6 8

POOR WOMEN'S RENT-AID AND HOUSING FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1895	2,076 18 7	By Monthly Payments to 19 Poor Women	54 6 0
Additions by Interest, 1896	50 0 3	Balance, 31st December, 1896	2,072 12 10
	£2.126 18 10		£2,126 18 10

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the foregoing accounts, and found them to be correct. The Deeds and Fire Policies are held by the Bankers on behalf of the Trustees.

J. Sheridan Garratt (Messrs. Coutts & Co.). Harry Berwick, 106, Rectory Road, N., and by

Messrs. C. Boyd, Chas. Clough, P. Dent, Junr., F. Church, Thos. Wackett, F. J. Sillitoe, H. A. Legg, Junr., and H. Morgan.

On behalf of the Costers' and other Societies.

Charitable Relief is given principally to "those we know at the Mission Services. Help in time of sickness. The amount is comparatively small only £23 being set down under Benevolent Fund & 13 under Maternity. A good deal is done in feeding children - Cocoa breakfasts (a mug of cocoa & 3 slices of bread & butter) are given 3 mornings a week and dinners 3 days a week. Tickets are distributed by the teachers of the Board Schools. Hamond Square, Canal Road & St John's Road schools; the first named is much the poorest & sends most children. Never give tickets at Hall. Their own S.S. children do not need it. e.g. afternoon children.

Also send a good many children to Holiday Homes & for days in the country; the latter thro' Pearson's Fresh Air fund. Cost of this & other relief, see account on previous page... Pensions of 5/- a month are given to 22 old women from a Housing Fund, originally raised to build dwellings.

No co-operation except occasionally as at the Princess of Wales dinner, when all co-operated except Rev Puttock, of St Anne's Hemsworth St. Mr D. was chairman for the district & insisted every case being visited.

Other Religious Agencies

If the other religious influences Mrs B. was loathe to speak, as I gathered later lest he should appear to disparage other agencies. However after a little time he made the following observations:-

St Anne's (Ritualistic) very small, never heard of more than 33 being there. Was a bother between the vicar & churchwarden about a confessional box.

St Columba (Ritualist) "Have had great bothers with them about the children

Hoxton Hall (Friends) Good centre of temperance work but does not do much in gospel work.

Christian Institute Hoxton Market Mr Burtt is the best man there

St Saviours. Rev Dundas did a good work but he has gone & Mrs B. does not know what his successor is doing.

Hanbury St. Mission. Mr Double has got hold of the corner by the canal.

Drink

Drink is worse because we are getting a worse class of people — a public house drinking set as contrasted with people who fetch their beer home.

Prostitution

Not much prostitution in the district, altho. the people live there.

Police

Thrift

Police do their work under great difficulties, altho' the force has been doubled and a 'point' established at the Kingsland Road end of Wilmer Gardens.

Thrift. Yes amongst a certain hardworking class. The people form two distinct class. See accounts of the Societies on page 13.

~~That~~ As to the progress of the Mission; it is still growing. His difficulty is that the caretakers are overworked with so many meetings &c. Mr D. takes the service on alternate Sunday evenings, having an evangelist on the other Sunday. Mentioned as a proof of the interest that the people take in the Mission that while he was away at Nice for two months, the attendance did not decrease. On his return on the first Sunday in April, he was ~~surprised~~ surprised on entering the Hall to see the people rise from their seats & sing the Doxology. Mr D. is evidently very popular. On both occasions that he stood for the L.C.C. he headed the poll.