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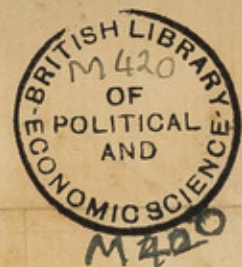
Pentonville, Clerkenwell,
Saffron Hill, St. Andrew Easton
& Gray's Inn Lane.

District 4. LXVIII
(2nd Book.)

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Shircliffe	Rev H W	Winchester Street Chapel	31 Richmond Crescent W.	15
Smith	Cpt H	✓ Salvation Army	93 Pentonville R. D.	27

Mr Edmund Davies
London City Missionary.

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8/7/90

The District

Greatly improved by demolition of Rookeries.

St Alban's parish

St Albans
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Mr. Edm. Davies. London City Missionary, working on
the Brooke's Market District: - Residence 42 Thornhill St.

Mr. Davies is a Welshman, about 50 years of
age. Has been on the district 14 years and works in
connection with Fox Court Mission, where he holds 2 meetings
weekly. See interview with Mr J. Fagg. LIX. 229.

The district is bounded by Gray's Inn Road, Holborn
Charterhouse St, Farringdon Road, Cross Street & Baldwin's
Gardens.

During the time Mr D. has been here the
district has been greatly changed, chiefly by the
demolition of the old rookeries. These have been
replaced by dwelling and business premises
The people inhabiting the dwelling are not the same
as the former residents on the spot. These cannot
afford the high rent and they are supplanted
by a better class. So this replacement is
mainly due the improvement in the district.
The change is a radical: Brooke's Market
is gone, Baldwin's Gardens practically gone; the

Electrical

Crowding, especially amongst Irish

An example: 12 Fox Court.

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Electrical Co^y. has acquired Dorrington Street. Leather Lane Buildings is now the worst spot - a comparatively new block, but badly lighted. Tradest Bldg is the best - several policemen there. Duncan Bldg is a shade better than St. Albans Bldg. In these dwellings a large number of trades are represented but artisans are few. Good many printers. Poor working class describes them altho' some are comfortable.

In Fox Court, the people are mainly Irish Catholics and these are very crowded as indeed are all the dwellers in the district. These are noisy, & rowdy & the caretaker at Fox Court complains that it is rarely possible to get to sleep before one or two in the morning.

As an example of the crowding, Mr D. gave me the following information respecting No 12 Fox Court, the house adjoining the Mission. All are one room people.

Ground Floor. Front parlour: Two men, a woman & two babes. Evidently a shady set, but would not or could not particularise.

Back Parlour. Man, woman, a grown up daughter & a grown up niece.

High Rents

Visitation

Royal Free Hospital

First Floor Front Room. Mother, two grown up daughters, a girl of 12 and a brother aged 22.

" Back room One old lady.

Second Floor Front Room. Mother, 2 daughters (15+17) & a youth 16.

" " Back room. Father, 2 girls (12+15) & a lad (16).

Garret (subdivided) Two men & two women.

Rents are high but does not know that they are higher than when he came. In St Albans Bldgs, the rates are $3/9$ for one, $7/6$ for two and $9/6$ for 3 rooms. 6^d less on top floor. In the private houses rates are higher - $4/6$ for a front room; back room slightly lower.

Mr D. visits consecutively from house to house, covering the district about 8 times in the year. Each round he finds fresh faces but not so many in the Bldgs as in the private houses. On the other hand large numbers remain for years. He also visits the Royal Free Hospital daily from 6 to 8 PM and on Sundays conducts services in 5 of the wards. The Hospital Chaplain conducts a service for the convalescents.

Meetings at Fox Court

Other Religious Influences

St. Alban's Church

convalescents and also services in 3 of the wards.

Mr D. holds meetings at Fox Court Mission on Wednesday & Sunday evening. Get about 30 on Wednesday & less on Sunday - the falling off being he attributes to the small room in which he holds the service, the chief rooms being occupied by the children. A large open air meeting is held on Sunday from 8.30 to 10 - & at this he gets the men. They will not come to the Mission however, the attendees there being mainly women.

St Alban's Church is in the district. Very active: the sisters are constantly visiting and have an influence in the neighbourhood with the women. Mr D. believes that their charity is the secret of it, as they give a good deal away. Replying to questions as to the congregation, he said it was fashionable. "In America if when you ask for Ward Beecher's Church you are told to follow the crowd. It is the same thing here. Stand in Brooke Street and see them stream along but they are all fashionable people." See the same thing in Baldwin's Gardens. The local

The Deaconesses

L. C. M.

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influence, so far as meetings are concerned, is small,
~~and~~ mostly at the mothers meetings.

Mr Wheatley does not do much mission work
at Brooke Street amongst the adults but has good
children's meetings. He is a good man & has
much ^{local} influence owing to the work amongst
the prisoners and boys.

The Baptist Deaconesses have a mission in Cross
Street & are doing good work - Visitation and
medical chiefly. "Excellent girls" Staff has been
increased & now numbers 10 or 12. Consider them
an acquisition to the district.

Mr Scrivens L. C. M. (district to north of Mr D.) has
been 30 years in neighbourhood. Should be seen.
Address: 6 Barnsbury Square, N.

Mr Nicholls L. C. M. 206 Copenhagen St. N.
has a mission hall in Dean Street, Fetter Lane EC.

Of the people in the district, very few attend places
of worship. The children are fairly well sent not
taken. Not merely from the selfish motive of getting
rid of them but mostly because the mothers feel

that they ought to be instructed. More of the women would attend service than at present but for the husbands. In support of this statement he quoted the case of a woman who said "I know what the consequence would be. My husband would be in the publichouse." So she remains at home & keeps her husband at home also. The men he are seldom met, except in the Hospital or at the open air meeting. They have plausible excuses for non-attendance - want of time &c. Most feel under obligation to go and so frame excuses; others will tell you they don't believe.

The women or rather a section of them, he gives a bad name. Cadgers in fact, who will do attend as many mothers' meetings as they can. St Albans, Fox Court, Mr Scrivens, Field Lane & Woodbridge Street.

Drink is better now than it was before the rookeries were pulled down.

Prostitution - very little. Fairly a doubtful house in Saffron Hill, close to Traded Bldg, but it is the only one he knows.

Drink

Prostitution

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Mr Daniels is a capable man; a little above the average of the City Missionary. He evidently feels a little hampered in his work amongst the ~~adults~~ by the relation to Fox Court Mission and would like to have a few meetings beside those he holds to consolidate his work, at least, I gathered this from his comparison of his own meetings with Mr Screens. Fox Court Mission, he says, is popular in the district & he is known in connection with the Mission more than the L.C.M.

Of St Albans he did not like to speak & everything was drawn out. As I was leaving however, he told me that the St A. people regard ~~them~~ Mr D & the mission somewhat bitterly. The sisters would not speak to him but turn their heads away when they see him. A few of the local people have imbibed the high church doctrines & can talk about them but most do not like them & only tolerate them on account of the relief.

Rev H. W. Shirlcliffe
Primitive Methodist

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July 19/98

Character of the People

St. James, Pentonville, parish

Rev. H. W. Shirlcliffe. Primitive Methodist Minister
in Charge of Winchester Street Chapel, Pentonville. Seen
at his residence: 31 Richmond Crescent, Barnsbury, N.

Mr S. has been 3 years at Winchester Street; his
previous charges were Canning Town and East Street,
Walworth. A thin fair man, looking about
25 but probably nearer 30. More refined and
intelligent face than the P. M.'s I have met
hitherto, but nervous and weak.

There is not much difference in the Pentonville
Streets. A poor working class neighbourhood,
but the people are poor, mainly because of their
drinking & improvident habits. No lack of money
amongst the people. Southampton Street is rather better
than the adjacent streets - not so much drinking.
North Avenue - immediately opposite the chapel is
still the worst place in the neighbourhood. They
are obliged to have a policeman there on Sundays, owing
to the annoyance in front of the chapel.

The people attending the chapel are drawn from

a considerable radius - Holborn on the one hand to Holloway on the other, with a fair sprinkling from the immediate locality. Most of those coming from a distance were former residents, who have left the district and retained their membership.

A steady efflux of the people towards the north is in progress and this prevents their growth but feeds the churches at Finsbury Park, Dartmouth Hill & Finchley, which are largely composed of people from Kings Cross. After they have been 12 months to 2 years under the influence of the church, they improve their condition & find the district too rough, so move out for their children's sake. Practically the church membership changes entirely in 3 years. It now numbers 115.

Chapel seats 670. Large vestry and a schoolroom seating 300. Use the Manchester Street Board School for the Sunday school.

Minister is the only paid worker. Have ^{at least} ~~about~~ 50 voluntary workers including 28 S.S. teachers

Church Membership

Buildings Used

Persons Employed

Services & Societies

Services & Societies see plan.

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'S CROSS BRANCH.

SEPTEMBER.					
	28	4	11	18	25
1	Blunden	Shirtcliffe	Blunden	Blunden	Smith
on	Vaughan	Shirtcliffe	Wilson	Rev. Gladwin, HT	Shirtcliffe
rou	G. Fawcett	Shirtcliffe, s.	Shirtcliffe	Rev. Gladwin, HT	Shirtcliffe
on	Blunden	Shirtcliffe	Allison	Tea & Mtg.	Blunden
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on	Blunden	ANNUAL MTG Allison	Blunden	Allison	Blunden

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ORGANIZATIONS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Meets every Lord's Day at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Superintendents...Messrs. HEALEY and BLUNDEN.
Secretaries...Messrs. F. J. LAWS and P. BRYANT.

BAND OF HOPE.

Meets every Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Subscription 1/4d. per week.
Conductor...Mr. W. J. BARKER. *250 members not more than*
Secretaries...Miss RIDGEWELL and Mrs. BARKER. *50 in the*
President...Rev. H. W. SHIRTCLIFFE. *Sunday School*

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

Every Wednesday. Juniors at 7.15. Seniors at 8.30.
Secretary...Miss RIDGEWELL. *Over 50 members*

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CLASS.

Meets every Thursday night at 8.30. Subscription: male, 1/- per term. Female, 6d.
Secretary...Mr. B. J. HOLLEY. *Closed July & August*

MOTHERS' MEETING

Is held every Monday at 3 o'clock. Bright, cheerful meetings of one hour. *About 50 mothers; all from district.*
Presidents...Mrs. MORGAN and Mrs. SHIRTCLIFFE.
Secretaries...Mrs. NEWMAN and Mrs. BARKER.

CHOIR.

Meets for practice every alternate Monday at 8.30. Subscriptions 1d. per week. Application for membership to be made to the Secretaries...Miss COOK and Miss JARY.
Conductor...Mr. W. J. BARKER.
Organist...Mr. S. GARRARD.

MISSION BAND.

Open Air Service is held Sunday and Friday evenings, at the corner of Winchester Street, Pentonville Road end.
Conductor...Mr. C. R. BLUNDEN.
Secretary...Mr. SELLOR
Harmonium...Miss GOUGH.



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CIRCUIT REGULATIONS.

SOCIETY STEWARDS.

Their duties are to have the services properly announced, furnish pulpit notices, provide for sacraments, and make all the necessary collections.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our Church consists of persons who have their names enrolled on the church books, each of whom holds a ticket of membership, renewed quarterly. A meeting is held quarterly for the purpose of receiving new members. Application to be made to the minister.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Are taken at each of our Sunday services, for the support of the Ministry. All our members are kindly desired to contribute regularly by the use of envelopes.

"According as God hath prospered you."

MARRIAGE.

The Chapel is licensed for marriage. For information apply to the Minister.

BAPTISM.

Children are baptised at any of our services except Sunday evenings. The baptism will be registered and a certificate made out, for which 7d. will be charged.

SITTINGS.

Persons desiring to have sittings allocated are requested to apply to the Stewards or Minister.

HYMN BOOKS.

Members are requested to purchase their own hymn books, which may be obtained of the minister, price 1/6 and upwards.

Services & Societies

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION—KING'S CROSS BRANCH.

Quarter Ending September 30th, 1898

PLACE OF SERVICE.	Time.	JULY.					AUGUST.				SEPTEMBER.				
		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Winchester Street, Pentonville, N.	Sunday Morning, Prayer Meeting ...	8	Shirtcliffe	Blunden	Shirtcliffe	Blunden	Shirtcliffe	Blunden	Shirtcliffe	Smith	Blunden	Shirtcliffe	Blunden	Blunden	Smith
	Sunday, Preaching Service ...	11	Shirtcliffe	Rev. Parkin	Rev. Healey	Shirtcliffe,	Sellor	Shirtcliffe	Shirtcliffe	Allison	Vaughan	Shirtcliffe	Wilson	Rev. Gladwin, M.T.	Shirtcliffe
	Sunday, Preaching Service ...	7	Shirtcliffe, s.	Rev. Parkin	Rev. Healey	Shirtcliffe	Shirtcliffe, s	Shirtcliffe, R	Shirtcliffe, R	T. Proud	G. Fawcett	Shirtcliffe, s.	Shirtcliffe	Rev. Gladwin, M.T.	Shirtcliffe
	Sunday, Open Air Mission ...	6	Blunden	Shirtcliffe,	Allison	Blunden	Shirtcliffe	Allison	Blunden	Allison	Blunden	Shirtcliffe	Allison	Tea & Mtg.	Blunden
	Monday, Tea Meetings and Specials ...	8		PUBLIC MTG.											
	Wednesday, Christian Endeavour ...	8.30	Miss Ridgwell	Junior Com.	G. Ridgwell	Social Com.	Blunden	H. Ridgwell	P. Bryant	Skinter	Look-Out	Allison	Temp. Com.	Healey	Miss Harwood
	Thursday, Mutual Improvement Class ...	8.30		CLOSED.								ANNUAL MTG			
Friday, Open Air Mission ...	8.30	Blunden	Allison	Blunden	Allison	Blunden	Allison	Blunden	Allison	Blunden	Allison	Blunden	Allison	Blunden	

PREACHERS' NAMES & ADDRESSES.

- Rev. H. W. SHIRTCLIFFE,
31, Richmond Crescent, Barnsbury.
- Mr. W. ALLISON,
3, Outram Street, Copenhagen Street, N.
- Mr. H. WILSON,
103, Bingfield Street, N.
- Mr. F. VAUGHAN,
97, King's Cross Road, W.C.
- Mr. G. SELLERS,
87, North Street, N.

REPRESENTATIVES TO QUARTERLY MEETING.

- Trustees...Mr. E. NEWBORN.
 Sunday School...Messrs. BARKER, LAWS, and PICKERING.
 Circuit School Committee...Messrs. NEWMAN and BLUNDEN.

CIRCUIT OFFICIALS, &c.

- Pastor...Rev. H. W. SHIRTCLIFFE.
 Circuit Steward...Mr. S. GARRARD.
 Society Stewards...Messrs. W. ALLISON and B. J. HOLLEY.
 Church Treasurer...Mr. E. NEWBORN.
 Church Secretary...Mr. S. GARRARD.
 Pew Stewards...Messrs. THORPE, BLUNDEN, LOFTS, RILEY, and PINCHBECK.

CIRCUIT FINANCE.

March 6	...	£2 19 11
" 13	...	2 10 9
" 20	...	2 6 8
" 27	...	2 6 0
April 3	...	2 19 9
" 10	...	3 2 5
" 17	...	2 13 2
" 24	...	2 7 3
May 1	...	1 16 5
" 8	...	3 3 8
" 15	...	2 13 9
" 29	...	6 0 0
		34 19 9
	Grant	7 10 0
		£42 9 9

Total Expenditure £47 8 10

COMMITTEES & MEMBERS' CLASSES.

- Circuit Quarterly Meeting, Sept. 1st, at 8.30.
 Circuit Committee (All members of Quarterly Mtng)
 Leaders' Meeting, Sept. 1st, at 8.0.
 Members' Classes and Leaders.
 Mr. QUARTERMAIN, Sundays at 5.45.
 Rev. H. W. SHIRTCLIFFE } Every Tuesday Night
 Mrs. MORGAN } at 8.15.
 Mr. HEALEY }

REFERENCES.

- C.A. Chapel Anniversary R.M. Revival Meeting
 S.A. School Anniversary R. Reception of Members
 C.S. Choir Special A. Leaders' Meeting
 S.S. School Sermons T. Trustees' Meeting
 H.T. Harvest Festival S. Sacrament
 B.H. Band of Hope B. Teachers' Meeting
 C. Song Service D. Lantern Service

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Visitation

Charitable Relief

Nursing

Co-operation

Drink

to the chapel.

Visit the parents of the children attending the schools, and people with whom they come in contact at the services. Have a staff of lady visitors for this purpose. Find that it pays better to visit in this way rather than from house to house.

Very little charitable relief. Have no fund for the purpose. Help their own people and also some cases of sickness. Mostly done by the C.E. Society and provision is made for each case as required. Not much need for help as the Midway Mission work the district and help "very extensively".

If they need a nurse, they send to the Nursing Institution at Holloway Road.

Belongs to the Free Church Council. Their work is mainly arranging fraternal meetings of ministers and for two special missions each year.

Co-operate in temperance work but in little else.

The Drink question is the problem in the locality: it makes the people poor. Has seen more drinking amongst women

Prostitution

Police

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here than anywhere else - Walworth was not so bad.

Prostitution is conspicuous in the Pentonville Road. Several of the women live in the Pentonville district. Mr S. however sees more of immorality amongst the young people. Sees it in his place (Richmond Crescent). They come up from Pentonville as the neighbourhood is quiet and he has often found them outside his own house. Recognises them as Pentonville people - Quite shameless.

Police do their work very well.

Of the work of the other churches, Mr S. knew little. Except the Mildmay sisters, (who really represent St James) little appears to be done.

⊗ Their own membership is not growing, altho they are constantly adding to their numbers, the loss by removals being so great. The recruits come from the Sunday school & Christian Endeavour Society and also from the open air meetings and Lantern services; these latter

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have been very successful: draw the people as being
a novelty. Have had a number of notorious
drunkards brought in & reformed by this means.

Mr S. appears to be working zealously: his chapel
is well advertised in the neighbourhood & I have no
doubt that he does, as he claims, get the local people
in. As I came away, he paid an eloquent
tribute to the members of his church for their self
denial. They give both their time & money & altho'
poor pay all the expenses of the place and
support him "nobly".

Capt. Geo. H. Smith.

Pentonville Corps of the Salvation Army

W.A.
July 20/98

The Building

The Officers

Services held

S^t. Philip's parish.

Captain Geo. H. Smith, ~~Pentonville Corps~~
of the Salvation Army, 93 Pentonville Road. N.

This Corps was only opened on May 21st.
by Capt Smith with the aid of a few soldiers from
the Grecian & Islington Corps. It has not yet
been organised with a separate roll, altho' the
borrowed soldiers have gone back to their corps
& Capt S. is left with his recruits.

The barrack is a shop built on the front
garden of the house & holds 130. The officers
(Captain & Lieutenant) live in a kitchen behind, it
is quite cut off from the remainder of the house,
which is let off in tenements. The Captain's quarters
tho' very small were clean, whilst the remainder
of the house, reached through the street door, was
extremely dirty. Two neglected children were playing on
the stairs.

They have the usual meetings for adults - four on
Sunday and one each week evening indoors and three
open air meetings on Sunday and four during the week

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The attendance on Sunday evening is about 70 now & the book in which these statistics are kept showed that it had gradually increased from 50. On week evenings the attendance varies from day to day but average is about 40 - the range being from 30 to 100.

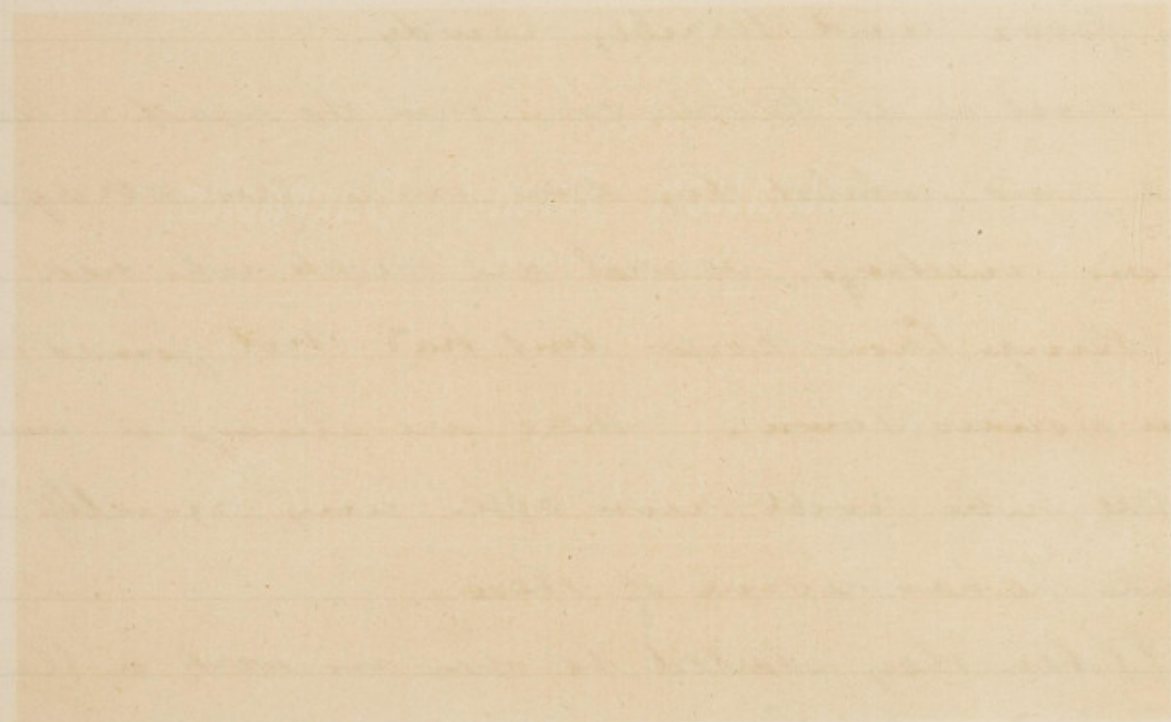
Have childrens meetings on Tuesday & Friday. Get 25 or thereabouts. Come from the neighbourhood - most are very poor and terribly rowdy.

Most of the people, come from the north of Pentonville Road and whilst they draw in a few stragglers by the open air meetings, several are people who had attended the King Cross corps but had not joined it. These come from Sowers Town. There are always a number of people, who will run after any novelty & Capt S. thinks he has some of these.

When they started the open air work in Risinghill Street & Cynthia Street, they were roughly used; pelted with rubbish. Now things are quiet. I think the Pentonville people are very rough & his experience with them accords with what others had told him of the district

The district includes Pentonville as far east as Penton Street & Clerkenwell as far south as Edmouth St. The western boundary being Kings Cross Road.


Visitation



Personal

Hether's work has been mainly in Pentonville, altho' Margaret Street has been visited.

Not having much visitation amongst members, they occupy themselves in distributing invitations to the meetings from house to house.



Salvation Army Barracks,
93, PENTONVILLE ROAD.

You are heartily invited to come to the
MEETINGS EVERY SUNDAY,
At 7 & 11 a.m., and at 3 & 6.45 p.m., and
Every Week-night at 8 o'clock.

P.S.—CHILDREN'S MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY and
FRIDAY at 6.30 p.m. Send the Children along!
SMITH & EVANS, C.O's.

Has a good prospect of forming a corps and thinks the outlook is very hopeful. Have 32 recruits on the roll of whom, 21 are really fresh, their own converts; the others coming from other corps.

Capt. Smith is a fresh looking, bright, north countryman of about 30, with plenty of energy. Like most of his comrades, he is full of enthusiasm in the work and his happy face & cheery manner, ^{are} ~~are~~ additional qualifications for such a trying enterprise as opening a corps.

The Home of the Salvation Army Prison Gate Mission, 30 Argyle Square, is in this district. The following account from the Social Gazette (March 5/98) gives some particulars of the work and probably is sufficient for our purpose.

HOW THE ARMY DEALS WITH EX-PRISONERS.

The Prison-Gate Home is 30 Argyle Square, but 30 Argyle Square is not the Prison-Gate Home. This a distinction drawn by the men themselves, and is the expression of a great



"DESPAIR."

difference. When they first come in they sleep on one side of the large house. After proving themselves trustworthy, they pass across the invisible dividing-line, and, whilst waiting for situations, occupy beds at 30 Argyle Square. A man who enters the Prison-Gate Home is an ex-prisoner, to whom most, or all, of the avenues of respectable employment are closed.

Out of No. 30

the same man emerges with a character and a chance to make a fresh position in life. From the Receiving Ward—a long apartment with whitewashed walls and "bunk" beds—to the topmost bedroom the house presents an exquisitely clean and very comfortable appearance. The floors are as white as the table of a well-kept

kitchen, and strips of old carpet define the little paths between the red-covered iron beds. One hundred men can be accommodated. There are ninety-one in at present, and thirty-one of them are saved. Fresh cases are admitted nearly every day. The Prison-Gate Brigade go to the prisons every morning to meet the discharged men. The entrance-book showed that, before their conviction the ex-prisoners who have

entered the Home since January followed the trades of:

Dustman, porter, gunmaker, engine-driver, stoker, carman, chair-carver, plumber, fireman, draughtsman, steward, hostler, gardener, traveller, compositor, basket-maker, pawnbroker, dispenser, painter, brass-finisher, labourer.

Among the crimes for which men had served terms of imprisonment were felony, drink, burglary, attempted suicide, on suspicion, task unfinished (workhouse case), fraudulent enlistment, false pretence, and disorderly conduct.

The Chaplains of Dartmoor, Parkhurst, and Portland frequently recommend men to the Prison-Gate Home and the Salvation Army, and occasionally

The Royal Society

for the Assistance of Discharged Prisoners sends ex-criminals. On January 18th a letter was received from the Secretary of the Society, asking that a man discharged from Parkhurst, after undergoing a sentence of three years' penal servitude, might be received into the Home. This man is now saved and going on well.

"How can you tell when a man is saved?" Ensign Barnard laughed at the question.

"Why, there are always signs that cannot be hid, and they are the same everywhere. The particular signs here? Well, the first change is in their appearance. A man who is not usually over particular about having

A Clean Neck and Boots

will nearly always turn up the first night after his conversion with a clean collar and well-polished boots. His eyes get bright, and instead of passing the Officer with downcast head, he looks up and expects a word of cheer."

"How do the men get clothes?"

"By buying them. We go on the Bible principle that if a man will not work neither shall he eat, and our fellows earn enough to pay for their board and lodging. Then, they get a weekly grant, according to the time they have been with us and the work they do. The grant varies from threepence to three or four shillings per week. Out of this they buy their clothes, which

we buy from the City Colony and sell at cost price. Here's an invoice:
Four pairs gent's boots, brads and tips, at 5s. 3d.
Six pairs gent's Balmorals, at 4s. 4d.
One pair Standard screws, at 5s. 6d.

"This book shows how they are bought

man bought a pair on the 8th and shillings, with one shilling on the 13th and shillings on the 19th. Another, who did as much, couldn't pay anything when five-and-threepenny pair, but he paid the 12th and sixpence on the 19th. "a man comes to us in rags, we give him a can to rig him out." "Which means," said Mrs. Barnard

"that when a poor fellow comes in, and nothing in the clothes cupboard, he comes

Takes His Own Shirt

and things. If I didn't look after him I wouldn't have anything."

"Oh, well," answered the Ensign seriously, "I wish people would see the clothes and shirts and boots. We're not enough."

"How do you feed them?" "Come and see. They're just at dinner."

On the kitchen-table were plates of meat-pie, haricot beans and potatoes. A man came a plateful of boiled tapioca and tea.

"To-morrow there will be roast beef, cabbage, and a pudding. For breakfast tea, corned beef, bread-and-butter. So instead of beef, there is bacon. We eat food as much as possible. At tea-time bread-and-butter, cheese, German sausages, jam-tart, etc., all in turn. For supper, who has a check can get what he chooses and see the store-room."

All the shelves were filled with packages of eatables, sacks of peas, rice, tapioca, flour.

"If a man won't work he can't eat, and if he works he has a right to eat," said the Ensign. "We soon find out the lazy ones and then we get them to work. It's a good plan. We might fill the Home with loafers who'd eat and do nothing else



THE PRISON-GATE MAN'S SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

Army way makes the lazy work and gives the man who *does* want to help himself a fair chance. Ah, I had something the other night made my heart jump for joy! In our meeting (we've the best Social corps in the Work) two men got saved, and these two between them represent sixty-three years of imprisonment. Made me feel like dancing

A Real Hallelujah Jig,

I can tell you!
 "You know, we transfer some of the men to the Farm. Some the friends help, after we have tried and proved the truth of their desire to do well; and we supply most of the Orderlies to the Shelters; and—we never send out an Orderly who isn't saved! Ah, the men who've been converted here! It's splendid! delightful! beautiful!"

The Ensign and his wife are enthusiasts over the Prison-Gate Work.

"I was never so happy in my life. I love the

Social Work," declared Mrs. Barnard, and her face bore testimony to her words.

"The Social Gazette" had called the previous Saturday afternoon, and the Ensign, with a little embarrassment intimated that it was

Not Quite Convenient

for visitors to inspect the Home that day.

"Why not?" asked the curious "Gazette."

"Well, this is the Saturday half-holiday. The men do as they like from one o'clock till 9.30. They're now up in their rooms. Some are mending their clothes, some writing, others lying down, some washing, some getting ready to go out. This is a Home—not a prison—and the men are entitled to use their rooms, and mightn't care to be stared at," answered Ensign Barnard, careful of the feelings of his brood.

Wherefore, the artist viewed the rooms alone, and "The Gazette" went on asking questions.

"Do the men always conduct themselves well?"

"We've only had one bother in fourteen months. Three men got a lot of drink given them when they were out, and they

Smashed the Windows,

etc. We had to refuse to admit them as police came. They assaulted the police, the station we were compelled to state, and police were called. The men got six weeks imprisonment, and we met them when they got out and all were readmitted. We had no trouble with them."

"We have no more trouble—not so much, perhaps, as we might have with gentleman-like men," said Mrs. Barnard. "The men are very good. They bring bits of toys for their children, to 'the Cadet,' as the call him, often ask me to 'let them kiss the baby,' especially if they are married and have children." "What do the wives of prisoners do?"

"Work, if they can get it. We have kept

Couples Reunited

and homes made happy again when the men have been converted here. They generally take cases up at '272,' and get the husband back again."

