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Kitts	Rev. J. F.	St. Martin in the fields	6 St. Martin Lane	WT	1	
Coney	Rev. G. + Foster G.	St. Dunstons	Clergy House Red Lion Sq.		31	
Hillierdon	Rev. F. H.	St. Martin in the fields	2 Whitehall Ct	WT	53	
Lumberidge	Rev. G. F.	St. Paul Covent Garden	Red Lion House	WT	60	
Boyd-Carpenter	Rev. G. B.	St. Georges Bloomsbury	1 Montague Pl	WT	73	
Evans	Rev. J. L.	Holy Trinity St. Giles	75 St. Giles	WT	91	
Richards	Rev. G. F.	St. Martin in the fields	40 Bedford Square		103	
Latham	Rev. H. G. W.	St. Dunstons Mission	15 Broad Court	Flats 70 St	127	
Nash	Rev. G. G. W.	Christ Church	92 Gower St	WT	137	
Thorne	Rev. F.	Holy Trinity	27 John St	Bedford Row	WT	153
Craven	Rev. W. J. W.	St. George the Martyr	42 St. George St	WT	169	
Holthorpe	Rev. G. C.	St. Dunstons Mission	26 West St	WT	181	
Pennington	Rev. J. H. H. Septimus	S. Clement Danes			193	
Giffels	Rev.	Christchurch	Endell St		207	

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May 27th.

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Interview with Rev. J. F. Kitto ~~St. Martin~~
in the Fields.

Mr Kitto is in appearance about 70, but I fancy really 10 years younger. Though with a not unkindly expression he is exceedingly ugly, reminding one strongly of Sir William Jenner, the same sallow parchment-complexion, the small eyes peering through a narrow slit, strange protruding lips; a shock of white hair standing up on end: the face in fact reminds one of nothing so much as a Japanese mask. Nor is the general presence impressive, for Mr K. is small, awkward and ungainly.

Mr K. has been here for 12 years and was previously for some years in the East End, being successively Rector of Whitechapel and Stepney.

Mr K. said he could only spare me an hour, and though I poached an extra quarter of an hour the time was scarcely adequate for so important a parish.

Mr K. however gave me a Report for 1896, that for 1897 being only in proof. That for 1896 is unusually full and Mr K. added very little to what is contained in it.

Character of population.

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The parish contains literally every class from the Queen to the crossing sweeper, Buckingham Palace, ^{and} ~~and~~ being in it and the Royal Family contributing about £100 a year to the church funds. Mr K. has seen "a crossing ~~for~~ cabinet minister and a crossing sweeper kneeling side by side at the Communion table": but speaking of his wealthy parishioners generally Mr K. said that they had "no souls, only purses": if you call on them they always assume that ~~they~~ you want money, and to their credit be it said that they pay up well: there is never the smallest difficulty in getting funds for any purpose in connection with the church, but beyond this their support to the church is very lax: Mr K. does not know of more than one of his rich parishioners who is a regular attendant at the church; his ways are rather too old fashioned and the attractions of The Abbey and St. Margaret's are so great, while a very large number are never in London on Sunday.

So much of the parish as is not given up to Palace, Hotels, ^{clubs} and the houses of the Nobility is rapidly becoming non-residential, the courts and alleys being swept away for business premises. There is however

a considerable working class population left, probably
 some 3 or 4000, mostly of a poor class and in Turner's
 Court very rough. Except in the Peabody Buildings, the rents
 are terrific, no room for less than 5/-; the walls are
greatly crumbling. Mr K. emphasized the point
 which he makes in his Report, that the population is
 one peculiarly difficult to work among, owing to the fact
 that it lives in "the centre of pleasure seeking": many
of them find their living in the theatre, the children
act in the pantomimes, and all have a tendency to be
stage struck: "and apart from any question of the
 morality of theatre" said Mr K. "there is no doubt that
 the theatrical atmosphere is too exciting to be good, especially
 for young people." The population are rendered even
 more difficult to deal with by the fact that the district
 is "saturated with drink and prostitution": drinking shops
at every corner and bottles opening almost as fast as
they are closed.

Full particulars as to all these matters will be
 found in the Report, and statistics on all points except
 church attendance: as to this Mr K. would not give

Staff, Peabody, Amos.

figures, but he said that both morning and evening especially in winter the church is well filled or even full, but he said "as to my congregation, with a few exceptions of people who have pews allotted to them, I can't tell who they are: they are constantly shifting and changing." (The fact is no doubt that the church with its magnificent position and its beautiful chimes is a constant appeal to persons of religious temperament. "Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by?") Mr K. claims however that a very large number of the poorer parishioners are occasional if not habitual worshippers at the church, and thinks that they certainly attend here better than in the last. And: the evening congregation is very largely of poor people, and if Mr K.'s visiting book is to be believed the proportion attending places of worship and especially St. Martin's is enormous: he took down a Book dealing with the Parochial Work in Bedfordshire for 1897 and pointed out how many were entered as attending: I asked him to lend me the book and find that of the occupants of 91 tenements 32 are returned as attending St. Martin's, 5 as other churches of Bedford 5 as R.C.'s, and 12 as attending chapels, and 37

number: this of course means as a rule only the wife, but of the number attending there is no evidence beyond the word of the witness: but probably one explanation is, as Mr K. said, that there are a large number who attend occasionally.

The services at the Mission Church in Bedford are and always have been a failure, Mr K. saying like so many others "we have tried every imaginable thing to get them in but without avail: those who will go anywhere will go to church."

Very few particulars are given as to those in the Report: The only thing as to which any ^{thing} special was said was the Temperance work which Mr K. described as "temperance against the collar: simply a case of bringing one in here and there."

The church has a very great fault in this parish in the fact that it educates nearly all the children: the only Board School has been pulled down and though the schools are at the present moment not quite full this is due to the demand of the

Social Hygiene

Education

population and not to any competition. Mr K. has always said that he does not care how many Board Schools are built in his neighborhood as he can always beat them "by supplying a better article, that is an equally good education with the sympathy, interest, and moral and religious teaching which all parents value added". In this regard I imagine there is much truth: Mr K. evidently takes the greatest personal interest in the Schools, and is brought into constant contact with them by the daily catechising in the church (see Report, Page 8).

As to the Sunday Schools quite 2/3^d of those who attend the Day Schools come to them. Though in the Report Mr K. refers to the sparing of his teachers, in conversation he spoke of the difficulty of getting good ones, and for them he has to rely almost entirely on the lower middle class, though in the season a few ladies teach, notably two daughters of his Michael Hicks Beach.

The parish is systematically visited in the poorer parts: the sample book I have borrowed seems to show it is very thorough: it seems to show that in

visiting.

the Psalms, Hymns to which it applies not a tenement is missed, and that particulars are taken as far as possible as to place of worship, day school, Sunday school, Mothers' meeting, and temperance. It shows too that in the course of a year many people are visited several times and that there is a good deal of badgering to attend services and meetings. I give a few extracts:-

Block D 2.

2. Boston. French Politician. Bad tempered man: then an invalid: wife entirely under influence of the saints' sisters. Mrs Boston promised to go to evening services with her. Read and tell others of it. 3rd visit. Visitor saw Mr Boston alone and was asked to excuse him as he was busy, but would try to attend Mrs' services.

D 4. Motley. Man in bad health. Women monthly nurses: large family: rather inclined to lay: would be Church or Chapel whichever paid best. 2nd visit. Mr Motley unable to attend Missin's services. Mrs M. promised to come some evenings, elder daughter promised also and to get friends to go with them.

D 7. Dix. Politician: very good people and parochially minded. Boys in choir. Mrs Dix promised to go to Missin's

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a afraid husband too tired after his work. Same
on Sundays, being policeman. 2nd visit. Mrs Dix
surprised at second visit, told visitor not to worry:
if people wished to go, they would do so, and if
they did not would stay away.

Collier. Man lame: keeps cat's nest-barn on in
Pony. Mrs C. promised go to Mission some Sunday,
worked hard and too tired week days. Mrs C. would
not promise on Sundays (Note I notice throughout
the book that the women are very touch in promises the
men reticent and named: as to whether the promises
have been kept there is seldom any indication) Three
girls, 16, 12, and 7, do not go S.S.: eldest out with
her father and barnon, Sunday morning, next girl
cooks dinner. 9th visit. Mrs C. promised girls for S.S.
1st afternoon repeated: had forgotten. 2nd Sunday, the
youngest came, next Sunday eldest promised.

Fleming. A family who have come a good deal
under church notice: they are never long together at
the same place of worship.

Fisk. Poor man: in the robustness. She is
rather intelligent: at one time with the "the saints"

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distur, and another with the Quakers: likes a
fast over her but one cant. help liking her. 2^d visit.
Mrs F. promised to go to Mission and try to persuade
others.

Plana. Widow. Dissenter; belongs to Little M.
Mission. Daughter goes to work away at Mission. Miss
Sheffield promised to inform them: sure they would go
to some of the services

Pike. Market Porter. Mrs and Mrs P. attend
chapel: children S.S. own water somewhere. Mrs P.
said had not time to go to mens' service during hour
and too tired after work in evenings: promised go to
mens' service on Sundays.

Bennett. Large family: wife cleans at
Admiralty. Mrs B. promised to take turns with daughter
in going to evening service: not sure about son and
husband, would try and get them to go. 2^d visit
Oldest girl promised to coax her brother to go.

Smith. Postman: very devout and scientific
prentian views: wife the same: children not baptised
white. A pensioner: he and his wife
decline to be visited by me: they will be a charge

Jackman. Quite a Dissenting family but my
friends. Mrs J. at Mission House.

Johnson. Ullerman. Mrs J. goes about to
hear celebrated preachers. They are a worthy elderly
couple.

Harley. Tailor for West End firm: quite a
Mr. Martin's family.

~~Mrs K.~~ seemed to think that on the
whole the people were over-rated and mentioned
the Wesleyan West End Mission and the sister Christian
Mission as covering their ground.

Send to Bloomsbury Nurses. Charity Cross Hospital
also sends out Nurses for Maternity cases

The amount spent in Relief in 1896 was just
£220. "I am afraid" said Mrs K "that we
dispense relief, as Mrs Samp dispensed medicine,
judgmentally, that is without any very fixed principles."
In comparing his methods to those of Mrs Samp Mrs
K. was however rather hard on herself: for though
he does not work on strict C.O.S. lines there are

Nurses.

Relief.

signs that great care and thoroughness is shown in the relief. When Mr K. came he found that the clergy attended daily at the Mission Room to see applicants and doled out of tickets: this he at once stopped. Relief is now given as far as possible to all genuine cases of distress whether due to illness or lack of work: the best feature of it is that each case is thoroughly assisted: if necessary they will not hesitate to spend £20 on one case, and Mr K. mentioned one girl who had lately been sent on a voyage to South Africa and back.

Mr K. claims that the Church holds the field almost alone among the poor (in spite of his statement as to visitors): of chapels in the parish he mentioned only Orange St. Congregational which he described as "in a very small way"

Mr K. is chairman of the Vestry and attends regularly. He thinks the work is done thoroughly and efficiently.

Other religious influences.

Local forces.

Prostitution

Drink.

Housing.

Personal.

The work with reference to this question will be gathered from the Special Report which I have appended. Mr. K. said that he thought on the whole the Committee were well supported by the Police: but not in frequency there were instances in which they ~~refused~~ gave evidence that a house which the Committee well knew to be a brothel was well conducted. It should be noticed that the Report applies to a much larger area than the parish of St. Martin.

Rampant, but houses well conducted and no reason to expect collusion with police.

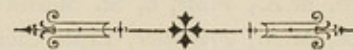
Good with exception of Turner's Court, which should be pulled down at once.

Though a man of no great personal attraction there is my indication that Mr. K. besides being a person of local importance has a thorough grip of his parish and its organisations. He is too I should say a man of much common sense and business capacity. Though that side of his character did not come out

In our conversation he is probably a man of genuine piety and is I think one of the shining lights of the Evangelical party in the Church.

In this parish I imagine the Rector's wife is a great help for good. Mrs K. came in while I was there: she is a very sweet looking lady and the Reports which Mrs K. gave me of Conventual and Cottage Homes show that her activity is not confined to a small area.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

AND

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS



FOR THE YEAR 1896,

WITH INTRODUCTION BY

THE REV. JOHN F. KITTO, M.A., Vicar.

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 Rev. J. GARTON, M.A., 9, Henrietta Street, W.C.
 Rev. J. O. MURRAY, B.A., 12, John Street, Adelphi, W.C.

Churchwardens.

Mr. THOMAS HILL, 4, Haymarket. THE EARL OF STAMFORD, 2, Whitehall Court.

Sidesmen.

Mr. W. CHALLICE. Mr. W. H. WARRINGTON. Mr. J. M'MASTER. Mr. TILLMAN.

Lay Reader (holding the Bishop's Licence).—Mr. J. J. COWIN, 47, Wood Street, E.C.

Deaconess—SISTER ANNA, 85, St. Martin's Lane.

Mission Woman—Miss NAYLOR, 8, Norris Street.

Organist—Mr. W. H. ADAMS, 13, Park Road, Forest Hill.

Verger—Mr. R. BENNETT, 30, St. Martin's Lane.

Vestry Keeper—Mrs. ZOLLER, Church Vestry Hall.

Steeple Keeper—Mr. J. W. MANSFIELD.

X	The total amount of contributions acknowledged in this Report is	...	£4,765
	" " endowments	... ..	1,130
	" " grants from Government and London County Council	...	3,025
	Total	... ..	<u>£8,920</u>

CHURCH STATISTICS.

	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Holy Communion.										
Celebrations	107	113	117	111	114	113	116	114	117	116
Total Attendances... ..	2,982	3,614	4,200	3,586	3,312	3,345	3,557	3,595	3,388	3,952
Highest on one day (Easter)	191	299	316	316	320	308	274	309	315	312
" at 8.30 a.m. "	110	167	178	162	168	155	116	132	137	131
" " 11 a.m. "	81	91	95	97	84	105	112	96	109	99
" " 7 p.m. "	—	41	55	57	56	48	46	81	69	82
" on Week Day ...	22	67	220	41	42	42	65	49	92	88
Baptisms	178	153	136	134	142	123	108	108	78	92
Marriages	136	154	142	150	150	122	115	99	96	119.
Confirmation. Male ...	21	22	16	17	17	20	13	22	12	18
Female	31	30	35	24	41	27	24	29	34	28
Collected in Church ...	£794	£869	£735	£728	£861	£781	£823	£775	£659	£920

Services at the Parish Church.

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ON SUNDAYS.—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8.30 a.m., and on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12.15, and on the last Sunday in each month at 8.15 p.m.

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11; Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7.

ON SAINTS' DAYS.—Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY.—Evening Prayer and Sermon at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY.—Short Half-Hour Service at 1.25 p.m. during Winter Months.

BAPTISMS or CHURCHINGS any day at noon; or on Sunday Afternoons at 4.30 p.m.

WEDDINGS by appointment. Notice of Weddings and notice of Publication of Banns to be left in the Vestry, or with Mr. BENNETT, 30, St. Martin's Lane.

The Sittings in the Church are ALL FREE. Regular worshippers may have seats appropriated to them on application to the Churchwardens.

Strangers are invited to occupy any seat which is vacant when the hour for Service has arrived.

The Church is open every day for private prayer from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m.

One of the Clergy is in attendance every morning at noon.

At the Mission Church in Bedfordbury.

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SUNDAY.—11 a.m., Children's Service. 7 p.m., Mission Service.

MONDAY.—8 p.m., Prayer Meeting.

WEDNESDAY.—8 p.m., Mission Service.

LIST OF STREETS IN THE PARISH.

Adelaide Street
 Agar Street
 Arundel Street
 Bear Street
 Blue Cross Street
 Bedford Street, No. 1
 Bedfordbury
 Buckingham Palace, part
 Buckingham Street
 Carlton Gardens
 Carlton House Terrace.
 Castle Street, Nos. 1-23
 Cecil Court
 Chandos Street, Nos. 16, 17, 39-49
 Chapel Place
 Charles Buildings
 Charing Cross
 Charing Cross Road, up to Nos. 37 and 46
 Cockspur Street
 Coventry Street, Nos. 21-28
 Conduit Court
 Cranbourne Street, Nos. 16-38
 Craig's Court
 Craven Street
 Craven Passage
 Duncannon Street
 Duke Street
 George Court
 Green Park
 Green Street
 Garrick Street
 Goodwins Court
 Great Newport Street, Newport House
 Harvey's Buildings
 Haymarket, Nos. 1-35
 Hop Gardens
 James Street, Haymarket
 James Street, Adelphi
 King William Street
 Langley Court
 Lemon Tree Yard
 Leicester Square, Nos. 19-36
 Long's Court

Long Acre, Nos. 1-34 and 116-142
 Lowther Arcade
 May's Buildings
 Mercer Street
 Monmouth Court
 Northumberland Avenue
 Northumberland Street
 New Street
 Orange Street
 Oxenden Street
 Pall Mall East
 Pantom Street
 Red Lion Court
 Red Lion Yard
 St. George's Barracks
 St. James's Palace
 St. James's Park
 St. Martin's Street
 St. Martin's Court
 St. Martin's Lane
 St. Martin's Mews
 St. Martin's Place
 Southampton Street, No. 39
 Strand, Nos. 1-59 and 426-455
 Station Yard
 Scotland Yard
 Spring Gardens
 Spur Street
 Suffolk Place
 Suffolk Street
 Trafalgar Square
 Turner's Court
 Upper St. Martin's Lane, Nos. 7-19
 Villiers Street
 Warwick Street, Nos. 8-19
 Whitcomb Street
 Whitehall Court
 Whitehall Place
 Whitehall Yard
 Whitehall
 York Buildings, Nos. 1-14
 York Place

REPORT.

IN any record, however meagre, of parochial work, the first place should be given to the workers. It is quite obvious that our Blessed Lord intended all His followers to be workers in His vineyard. It is very difficult to understand how anyone can be content to claim the name of Christian, if he is not prepared to do anything to advance His Master's cause. It is also clear that where the work is so varied, and the field to be covered is so vast, there is abundant opportunity for the co-operation of all who are ready to take their proper place in the great Spiritual army of their Lord.

We are very grateful for the willing services rendered by so many of our parishioners. There are some, we know, who can only give money, and if so, we accept it, and accept it gladly, as their contribution to the great enterprise of Christ's Church. There are many who can only give time and thought. But these are more valuable even than money, and we are most thankful for their help. There are some who can give neither money nor personal service, but who nevertheless can contribute their sympathy, their interest, and their prayers. And who shall say that these gifts are not equally acceptable in the sight of God. Happy they who are ready to offer all that they can to the work of the Lord.

The Parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields has had a long and eventful history, in the course of which it has passed through many changes. There was a time when our Parish Church justified its name, and looked out upon a wide and dreary expanse of fields extending from the river banks to the distant heights of Hampstead and Highgate. Later on, the mansions and palaces upon the road from Westminster to the City, with gardens stretching down to the river, began to increase, and to attract towards this neighbourhood the residences of the

noble and the wealthy, so that our parish became the most fashionable part of residential London. For a considerable period it maintained this supremacy, but it could not withstand the influences of the times. One by one the great historic houses disappeared to meet the ever increasing demand for places of business and commerce, under the pressure of the increasing population of the metropolis. No more striking example of this process can be seen than that of the Duke of Northumberland, who was compelled, against his will, to sell the house of his ancestors at Charing Cross, so that Sion House has given place, even in our own time, to the Grand Hotel. This event was in reality an epoch in the history of St. Martin's. From that time until now Charing Cross has become more and more the centre for great hotels; year after year the number increases, there seems to be absolutely no limit to the demand, and every available piece of ground is seized upon for a new hotel. Nor is there at present the slightest sign that this process is coming to an end. We should not be at all surprised if the Vicarage itself were to be taken in hand, and subjected to the same process of absorption.

Of course, this change produces many other changes in the character of the population, which leave their mark upon the parish. The persons who are collected in the great hotels are only temporary residents, and they have come to London for the most part in the pursuit of business or pleasure, or of both. From every part of England, from every quarter of the world, they come, and during their stay, they wish to have their share of any pleasures that London can provide. Hence it is that our parish has become the home of everything that ministers to pleasure. Not hotels only, but clubs, restaurants, theatres, music halls,

exhibitions, concerts, and whatever else there may be which ministers to pleasure, all find their natural home in this parish. The visitors, however, though they give the parish a peculiar tone and character, cannot be regarded as in any way its inhabitants. They themselves would repudiate the suggestion. They are here for a few days or a few weeks; they finish their business, they spend their money and their time, and then they give place to others who, like themselves, in their turn pass away. While our parish has thus become the

X centre of the pleasure seekers of this country, and indeed of the whole world, we fear also it must be confessed that the sin and wickedness which seem ever to follow in the train of pleasure, become every year more flagrant and conspicuous.

The effect of this condition of things upon the work and the influence of the Church it is not easy to measure, but however much we may deplore the facts to which we have referred, we have all the more reason to be grateful to Almighty God for whatever signs there are which He allows us to observe of the advancement of His cause in the hearts of His people.

X There are, moreover, two other peculiarities with regard to the inhabitants of this parish which are full of interest. The first of these is that in the census returns, there are registered more males than females, and the second is that the child population is smaller in proportion than in any other district in the metropolis. Both these peculiarities are probably traceable to the same causes. They are due, partly to the fact that so many of the population are the temporary residents in hotels and boarding houses, and bachelors' chambers, whom we have already mentioned, and partly to the fact that in many of the offices and shops there are no residents at all but the caretakers, and for these officers the first qualification is that they have no children. The extent to which our parish is affected by these changes in population will be apparent from the following figures.

The whole parish, including the three ecclesi-

astical districts into which the civil parish is divided, contained, according to the census returns—

in 1871	1881	1891	1896
21,238	17,508	14,569	13,077

From this it appears that not only has the population diminished by nearly 40 per cent. during the last quarter of a century, but that the rate of decrease has been fairly even during the whole period.

To calculate or even to estimate the number of different persons who live in the parish during the year is of course impossible, but the total number must be enormous. Almost as difficult is it to calculate the number of the actual residents, but it is obvious that they can be only a small portion of the whole.

We proceed to indicate some of the changes which have taken place in the parish during the last eleven years, during which we have been most familiar with its history.

(1.) Northumberland Avenue, Whitehall Court, Horse Guards Avenue, Charing Cross Road are all absolutely new streets, while Green Street, St. Martin's Place, St. Martin's Lane, Long Acre and many of the streets around Drury Lane, have been so much altered that the oldest inhabitant would not be likely to recognize them.

(2.) St. Martin's Town Hall, the Public Library, the National Portrait Gallery, the Garrick Theatre, the Duke of York's Theatre, the Tivoli Music Hall, and many other new buildings have been erected, and have completely altered the appearance of the parish.

(3.) We are still awaiting the two great improvements for which we have waited so many years, and for which, inasmuch as they are in the hands of the Government, we may have to wait a very long time. The first of these is the new entrance to St James's Park at Charing Cross in continuation of the Strand, and the second is the continuation of St. Martin's Street to Trafalgar Square, and the isolation of the block of buildings which contain the art treasures of the nation.

But our own personal interest is more concerned with

THE PARISH CHURCH,

which still maintains its position of commanding influence, unchanged by the years which have passed over it, or by the events which take place beneath its shadow.

To deal first with the material fabric we would point out what has been done during the past eleven years:—

- (a.) On the south side of the Church all the windows except one have been filled with stained glass, and there remains the north series of windows then to be undertaken.
- (b.) **The Electric Light** was introduced in the year 1888, and during the whole period since has been in constant use.
- (c.) The whole of the outside of the Church has been thoroughly repaired. The roof has been renewed throughout and up to the very top of the steeple the scaffolding was erected, so that no place should be overlooked. This work cost £4,500.
- (d.) The Organ has been thoroughly cleaned and repaired.
- (e.) The Seats have been altered, and have been made of such a shape that people can sit in them with comfort.
- (f.) The large Crypt has been lighted and cleaned, and made available for the use of the younger people amongst the parishioners.
- (g.) The Holy Table has been furnished with a very beautiful covering, in harmony with the architecture of the Church.
- (h.) The Churchyard has been thrown open to the public, and is now under the charge of the Vestry of the parish.

In addition to these improvements, which have been carried out gradually during the past eleven years, there are others to come which we hope may be completed during the current year, and before another Report is issued:—

- (a.) The erection of a Choir Vestry, the want of which has long been felt. This will be pro-

vided in the Crypt, where indeed Mr. James Gibbs, the Architect of the Church, originally intended it to be.

(b.) The decoration of the interior, to which nothing has been done for a considerable number of years. We had hardly dared to hope that we should have been able to undertake this work, but the Queen's Jubilee Procession is expected to produce so rich a harvest that we may now fairly look forward to seeing our Church actually finished during this year.

X If we turn to the work of the Church we find that there is very much to encourage us. Notwithstanding the difficulties in the nature of the population, to which reference has already been made, we do not find those signs of decadence which there would be fair reason to expect. During the same period of eleven years the sum of £8,595 has been collected in church, which is an increase from £640 in 1886 to £920 in 1896. In like manner the attendances at the Holy Communion, which have reached an aggregate number of 37,770, have advanced from 2,235 in 1886 to 3,952 in 1896, which is the highest number on record. The Candidates for Confirmation have been 527, of whom 46 were confirmed last year, being pretty evenly distributed over the whole period. The number of Baptisms has been 1,488 in all, of whom only 92 belong to last year; and the Marriages have amounted to 1,436 in the eleven years, 119 having been married in 1896.

In these figures there is certainly nothing to discourage, and we would fain hope that, underlying them, there is the record of many whose lives have been helped and strengthened by the ministrations connected with the Church. So far as the congregation is concerned, no statistics as to numbers would be of any real value; all that can be said is that the Sunday Services show no symptoms of decay, while the Week-day Services seem never to attract a satisfactory number.

In connection with the Church we should mention:—

(1.) **The Church Committee** for Instruction and Defence (*Chairman*, The EARL OF STAMFORD; *Hon. Sec.*, MR. McMASTER) has had an unusually successful commencement. Several most interesting meetings have been held, and a very large amount of useful information has been distributed throughout the Parish. The Bishop of Stepney, Lord Hugh Cecil, Lady Frederick Cavendish, Mr. P. V. Smith, and Mr. Eugene Stock are amongst those who have given their services to the cause.

(2.) **The Church Choir** which with its voluntary efforts aids in the conduct of Divine Service. The service at St. Martin's is very simple, because we desire that it should be congregational. We want the congregation to take its own part in the service, and not to be content to delegate its duties to the choir or any one else. But the best congregational singing will always be that which is most efficiently led, and it would be impossible to do without the assistance of the choir. We are very grateful to those gentleman who undertake this work, and we only wish that there was a larger number of persons with musical gifts and with the will to consecrate them to the service of the Lord.

(3.) **The Communicants' Guild** has been started in order to promote devotion and union amongst the communicants. There are nearly 100 members, who are invited to come to Church to the monthly devotional service and to attend at the Lord's Table on the first Sunday in each quarter. It is hoped that this Guild may have a larger influence amongst the communicants.

(4.) **The Bible Reading Union** (*Hon. Sec.*, Rev. J. A. GARTON), which numbers 115 members, is intended to encourage the systematic and regular study of the Bible by appointing a short portion to be read each day. Nothing can be more important than that the word of God should be made the subject of careful and thoughtful study.

Daily Prayer has been tried at every possible hour, with equally unsatisfactory results so far

as obtaining a congregation is concerned. We have now adopted the plan of holding a shortened Service at 9.15 a.m., and then catechizing the children of the Day Schools, who attend the Service in sections. We have reason to believe that the children themselves like to come, and their presence enables us to have a bright and pleasant service every day in the Church, to which other persons may come if they are so disposed.

St. Martin's Guild for Young Men (founded 1881). *Chaplain*—REV. J. O. MURRAY.
Hon. Sec.—MR. J. RORKE.

Number of members, 96; of whom 30 are members of the Cricket Club, 24 belong to the Gymnasium, 33 have joined the Swimming Club.

The Guild is intended to receive and to bind together in common interests those who have been confirmed. Its aim is distinctly spiritual, and it has been useful for setting before the younger men a high standard of Christian duty, and in encouraging them to seek strength and power from communion with God, and in the society of those who are trying to live a religious life. During the winter months the members are invited to meet once a week for social intercourse, and they are able to use the gymnasium which has been provided for the Church Lads' Brigade. In the summer they meet in the same way for swimming and cricket, in which many of the members have made themselves thoroughly proficient. There is a good library belonging to the members.

St. Martin's Guild for Girls (founded 1875). *Chaplain*—REV. J. F. KITTO. *Hon. Sec.*—MISS ELLEN HUMPHREY, 19, Sussex Gardens, W.
Number of members, 92.

What has been already said of the Guild for Young Men applies also to the Girls' Guild. The object is to help the younger communicants by bringing them into association with one another, and with those who are trying to lead a Christian life. There is a Social Meeting once a month, and other meetings are held to enable the members to contribute, by their needlework, to the cause of missions.

For each of the Guilds there is a Monthly Service, at which an address is given to the members by the Chaplain, and they are also invited to attend Holy Communion together once a month. Any young people wishing to join should apply to the Chaplain or to the Hon. Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL. SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Archbishop Tenison's (Boys)	224	223	206	204	211	193	207	185	176	174	176
Middle Girls' (Girls)	148	173	185	185	171	156	143	125	143	159	154
Adelaide Place, National (Boys)	160	168	166	178	208	213	231	213	200	189	185
" " " (Girls)	212	189	201	174	184	194	217	198	196	185	167
" " " (Infants)	249	249	258	243	256	240	240	240	240	243	223
Northern Schools, Castle Street (Boys)	128	117	110	105	107	109	124	134	173	170	184
" " " (Girls)	139	134	120	115	118	103	125	110	150	125	137
" " " (Infants)	163	136	120	148	140	130	115	135	154	160	165

There are few parishes, we believe, in which the educational equipment is more complete. We are educating in all nearly 1,400 children, and we have certainly no reason to be ashamed either of the machinery employed, or of the results produced. There is still needed indeed some means by which those who have passed through all the stages of education which are open to them here may be enabled to proceed to the Universities, there to obtain the highest education which can be given. But we hope that some means may be found by which the cleverest children, who alone are capable of taking advantage of the highest education, may not be stopped from availing themselves of it because they cannot afford it. Something is being done for girls by means of the Victoria Scholarship Fund, and we hope that a similar effort will be made for the boys.

(a.) **Tenison's School for Boys.**—*Head Master*, MR. J. F. ARNOLD. Fees, £1 15s. *od.* to £2 5s. *od.* per term. In addition to the ordinary subjects intended to fit boys for commercial life, a very complete equipment has been added with a view to Technical Education. In this department, great advances have already been made, and we have no doubt that the school will continue to produce those creditable results which have given to Tenison's School a foremost place amongst similar schools in the metropolis.

(b.) **The High School for Girls**, Charing Cross Road. *Head Mistress*, MISS PULLÉE. Fees, £4 10s. *od.* to £5 0s. *od.* per annum. This School does for girls what Tenison's School does for boys. The education given is the highest which can be given in such schools. The school is greatly indebted to LADY WANTAGE, who has established the first VICTORIA SCHOLARSHIP, and we trust that this step will be the means of enabling those who have been educated in our schools to pursue their education elsewhere. We are confident that there will not be lacking a sufficient supply of clever girls to take advantage of the opportunity. This school also obtains a grant as a secondary school from the London County Council.

(c.) **St. Martin's School of Art**, Castle Street, Long Acre (*Head Master*, MR. JOHN E. ALLEN), ought to be mentioned next, inasmuch as it also is recognised by the London County Council as engaged in giving Technical Education, and it has been subsidised to a very considerable extent by the Technical Education Board. We are glad to know that the Government report on its work is highly satisfactory, and while we look back to its distinguished record with considerable pride, we may look forward with every confidence to its future work. Amongst the classes recently started

is one on carriage-building, and this is a department of Technical Education which is peculiarly appropriate in the neighbourhood. In these days, when art and artistic designs enter so largely into every department of business, it is greatly to our advantage that this old-established Art School should have been placed on a firm and solid foundation.

(d.) **The National Schools**, in Adelaide Street. *Head Master*—MR. T. COSTIGAN. *Head Mistress*—MISS LLOYD. *Infants' Mistress*—MISS JONES.

Fees: Boys and Girls, 6d. a month; Infants, free. Number on the books, 575.

The teaching in these Schools is, we believe, as good as can be attained in the most successful Elementary Schools. We have always asserted that the only justification for the labour and cost involved in the support of Church of England Schools is to be found in the excellence of their teaching, both secular and religious. Unless the religious training is of such a character as to exercise the highest and best influence upon the hearts and consciences of the children, it would be impossible to regard it as worth the effort made in order to give it to the children. And on the other hand, if the secular instruction should be allowed to fall below the highest standard of excellence of which Elementary Schools are capable, there might be some ground for the suspicion that religious knowledge had been given at the expense of the secular teaching. In our own Schools no pains are spared by the teachers to secure the highest results. And so far as these results can be tested by inspection, we have every reason to be satisfied.

HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTOR'S REPORT
FOR 1896.

Boys' School.—"The state of the Boys' School, both as to discipline and instruction, reflects great credit upon the Head Master and his Staff. The general intelligence, the interest shown in the School work, and the excellent drill deserve high commendation."

Girls' School.—"The Girls' department is taught with great spirit and success. The girls answer with readiness; their written work is done with neatness and accuracy. The domestic economy is treated in a practical way, and is well known."

Infants' School.—"The Infants' department has been greatly improved by the introduction of modern furniture. The School is so well taught and disciplined that it deserves to get every advantage that may be obtained from the use of the best furniture and apparatus. The brightness of the children and their judicious management deserve high praise."

LONDON DIOCESAN BOARD REPORT
IN RELIGIOUS TEACHING.

Boys' Department.—"The teaching in Division I. has been valuable and effective, and the boys show interest in the work, and answer thoughtfully and with intelligence."

"In Division II. there seems to be an unusual number of dull boys; the teacher has worked hard, and some of the results were very creditable."

"In Division III. there is much sound and useful knowledge; the Scripture subjects might, in some points, have been treated more fully, but the general result is excellent."

"Full and spiritual teaching has been given in Division IV., and the answering was very fairly general."

Girls' Department.—"The School is again excellent."

"In Division I. the Religious Instruction is given with manifest ability and earnestness, and the girls have gained much knowledge of a definite and valuable character."

"Much successful and intelligent work has been done in Divisions II. and III. More attention might be given to the practical bearing of the New Testament lessons in Division III., but in both divisions the facts of each subject are very well known, and the answering was exceptionally bright and general."

Infants' Department.—"The excellent standard of Religious Knowledge which has prevailed for so many years in this School is fully maintained. In each division the teaching is intelligently and reverently given, and the answering of the children is accurate and pleasing."

Northern Schools, Castle Street, Long Acre. *Head Master*—MR. H. CHILDS. *Head Mistress*—MISS PARSONS. *Infants' Mistress*—MISS HILL.

These Schools are free in every department. Number on the books is 486.

Report of Her Majesty's Inspector:—

Boys' School.—"This School reaches a high rank for the regularity and punctuality of attendance, and for the excellence of the training given to the boys in habits of self-control, industry, and regard for the honour of their school."

Girls' School.—"The Girls' School is making progress, though there is some inequality in the attainments of the scholars. The good plans and earnest spirit of the teacher warrant the expectation of further improvement."

Infants' School.—"The infants are taught with conscientious care and much kindness. The School is doing well."

Report of the Diocesan Inspector:—

Boys' School.—"The Religious Instruction throughout the School is very skilfully and faithfully given, and a thoroughly excellent examination has been passed. In each Division the knowledge is accurate and useful, and I was much pleased with the spirit and intelligence of the answering."

Girls' School.—"There is considerable improvement on the result of last year. In Division I. much of the work is very good; the explanation of Catechism is correct, but might be deeper, and the Prayer Book knowledge more general; the girls broke down in the repetition of the Catechism. In Division II. the answering is correct, general, and eager; advanced knowledge is shown. Much useful and accurate work has been done in Division III., though rather a larger syllabus is presented than the girls are capable of mastering."

Infants' School.—"Great care and pains have been taken with the Religious Instruction in this School. The School is again excellent. Division I. answered intelligently and very correctly in the difficult subjects that were presented. Very good practical lessons have been drawn in all subjects. In Division II. the children show much eagerness in answering; the answering in Catechism and New Testament was particularly good."

The Sunday Schools in Adelaide Street contain, including the senior classes, 414 scholars and 40 teachers. Perhaps the special feature which is most encouraging in these Schools, is the fact that the elder scholars remain with us for so long a time. It is from these that the Communicants' Guilds are recruited, and it is to these that we look as the hope of the Church of Christ in the time to come. We have every reason to be grateful for the willing service rendered by our zealous band of teachers. During an experience of Sunday Schools which extends over more than forty years, we do not remember any period during which we had a more efficient band of regular teachers. And the effect upon the school is very marked, both in the regularity of the scholars, and in their behaviour in school and in church.

This is due, no doubt, in great measure to the **Sunday Morning Service at Bedfordbury**, which is a distinct and hopeful feature of our Sunday School work. To MR. J. J. COWIN, who for many years has undertaken the superintendence of this service, we are greatly indebted for its conspicuous success. To any one who is old enough to remember the time when the Sunday School children were relegated to the most uncomfortable seats in the most distant part of the church at the ordinary morning service, the improvement is greater than we know how to express.

In connection with the Sunday School, there is a well furnished Library open to the scholars. A Devotional Meeting for teachers is held once a month after afternoon school, and a Preparation Class every week. Occasional addresses on the cause of Missions are delivered in the School, and

working parties have been formed amongst the scholars in order to provide such articles as are found to be useful in the Mission Field. The Bible Reading Union also draws a large proportion of its members from the Sunday School. The scholars have contributed during the year the sum of £6 14s. 4d. to Foreign Missions, and £7 5s. 11d. has been contributed towards the support of a girl in the Orphanage at Reigate.

The Church Lads' Brigade, numbering 40 members, of whom 19 are in the Drum and Fife Band, is another off-shoot from the Sunday School. The condition of membership is that the lads should belong to the Sunday School or one of the Bible Classes. We are glad to know that the boys themselves take great interest in the brigade, and we notice the proficiency which they have already attained. We are greatly indebted to MR. DEAYTON, who acts as Captain. The drill ground is in the Crypt, where also gymnastic exercises are carried on, and whence the unusual and unwelcome sounds of drums and fifes issue at certain periods, and attract the amused attention of the passers by.

The Girls' Friendly Society.—*President*, THE MARCHIONESS OF DOWNSHIRE.

Number of Associates, 29. No. of Members and Candidates, 132.

This Society does for the girls what the Church Lads' Brigade does for boys. The rules of course are different, and the one aim is to get the girls into personal and friendly communication with some lady whose object will be to show that sympathy and interest, and practical assistance, which at some time or another every member is sure to need. This organization is so wide-spread that any girl who is a member may be commended to some branch which will befriend her, to whatever part of the country or of the world her lot may take her. In our own branch the members are accustomed to meet in Adelaide Street, on Tuesday evenings, for instruction and for intercourse.

The Gymnastic Classes for Girls, the members of which number 82 in all, meet regularly

in the Crypt of the Church, and pursue their physical training under the leadership of MISS PRESCOTT, to whom we are greatly indebted for the pains and care taken with the work. In this central part of London, where there are so few opportunities for growing boys or girls to find any regular exercise, it seems to be of the utmost importance that this physical training should be given. So impressed are we with the importance of this work, that we propose to effect many improvements in the Crypt to add to the comfort and convenience of our budding athletes.

The Class for Working Girls, held at Adelaide Street, on Monday evenings, under the direction of MISS WILLIAMS and MISS G. JAMESON meets a want which is greatly felt. There are many girls in this neighbourhood who will not join themselves to any of the parochial organizations described. We are thankful to know that they are not altogether beyond the reach of influence, and that they can be and are gathered, in this Monday evening class.

Mothers' Meetings.—These hardly need to be described. They are three in number, conducted respectively by the HON. MISS KINNAIRD, MRS. CARTER, and MRS. KITTO. These meetings have become, within the present generation, an indispensable part of the parochial organization and no parish would be considered complete without them. They appeal to the wants of a special class, and supply that kind of relationship between the well-to-do and the poor, which is of so great advantage to both classes, for if the poor learn to appreciate the kindly sympathy of their lady superintendents, these in their turn learn valuable lessons from their intercourse with the women who have to bear very heavy burdens with husbands and children in their daily life.

The Cause of Missions at Home and Abroad is one which, more than any other, is an index of the spiritual vitality of a Church and congregation. We dare not say that the result is quite equal to what we should have hoped. Nevertheless, our return is somewhat better than it used

to be, having reached in all £252 for Missions Abroad and about £100 for Missions at Home. But there are symptoms which appear to indicate that more interest is taken than used to be shown. Not only have we established an annual sale on behalf of Foreign Missions, in which many are interested, but amongst the Girls' Guild and amongst the girls and boys in the Sunday Schools there are parties established with the intention of advancing the cause, and we hope that by-and-by the effect of these efforts will be seen—it may be in the personal acceptance of the missionary call by some one or other of those who are thus being instructed upon the subject.

The Temperance Association has carried on its work as usual during the winter months. The Adult Branch has had occasional public meetings in the Town Hall, by the courtesy of the Vestry, and many of these have been very well attended. We cannot, however, flatter ourselves that we are making any very marked progress in this direction. The very conditions with which we are surrounded would, of themselves, make the work exceedingly difficult, and all that we dare hope is that here and there some of the victims of intemperance may be induced to make a strong and definite effort to overcome an evil habit.

In the Band of Hope, which is still carried on under the able guidance of Miss TODD, we have every encouragement. A large number of our young people are being educated in those principles and in those habits which may be of lasting benefit to them as they grow up to take their places in the battle of life.

The Convalescent Home and Orphanage at Reigate are well known to most of our subscribers. At the Convalescent Home we received 311 patients during the year, while the Orphanage keeps and trains 17 girls for service. During the year a most successful concert was held at Stafford House, by permission of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, by means of which the sum of £300 was added to the funds. The Orphanage obtains

the assistance of several friends who are willing to contribute the £15 required for the support of one child. Amongst these we would especially notice the generous help and warm interest of the High School for Girls, who give more than money to the orphan whom they support. The children's collection at the Bedfordbury service goes towards the support of another.

These Homes together require about £900 for their support, and we have every reason to be thankful to those who have so generously helped to maintain them.

Charing Cross Rescue and Vigilance.—*Hon. Sec.*—MR. S. BOURNE, The Church Vestry Hall. *Matron*—MISS KING, 8, Norris Street.

Income last year, £447 3s. 2d.; amount required, £498. The work carried on by this Committee is most difficult and most important, and yet it is one which we want to commend to the sympathy of our parishioners. Although this work is, unhappily, not peculiar to the neighbourhood of Charing Cross, yet it is here that the evil with which we have to cope is most flagrant and most difficult to meet. In our Shelter we provide a way of escape for all who may desire to avail themselves of it, whilst at the same time by putting in force the laws which exist, every endeavour is made to render vice more difficult and the pandering to it less lucrative. Of all the tasks which the philanthropic have undertaken, there is perhaps none more arduous than this; none in which we can better carry out the mission of our Divine Master, "to seek and to save that which was lost."

The Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants has its regular meetings in Bedfordbury Mission Rooms.

A Free Registry Office is held for girls, and every care is taken to befriend those girls who are brought into connection with this Association. A valuable work is done, and more might be accomplished if the Association were better known. MISS HUMPHRY is Hon. Sec.

The Country Holidays' Fund does a work which is now becoming fairly well known. From

all parts of London children are sent during the Summer holidays for a fortnight's run in the country. Whatever they are able to pay themselves is paid cheerfully, and whatever they are not able to provide is paid out of the Central Funds of the Association.

Many children went from our own Schools and Parish last Summer, in addition to the boys who went to the Seaside Camp of the Church Lads' Brigade.

The Provident and Savings Fund.— Number of depositors, 336; amount deposited, £620 17s. 4d. Small sums are collected from the Schools, the Mothers' Meetings, and other persons. Once a week, from 12 till 1, the payments are made, and at the close of the year the amount saved is paid out with a small bonus. To encourage the habit of saving is so important that no time or pains should be spared to teach this as one of the important duties of life.

The Juvenile Foresters' Friendly Society is intended to accomplish the same end for the young. A small subscription is paid monthly, and the members become thereby entitled to receive medical attendance and a weekly allowance during sickness, and, in case of death, a substantial contribution is made towards the funeral expenses. The night of meeting is the fourth Thursday in the month, from 7 to 9 p.m., and MR. T. C. WILKINS, 22, Colebrook Road, Walthamstow, is the Secretary.

The Wantage Club, 86, St. Martin's Lane.
Hon. Sec., MISS LOYD, 4, Lowndes Square.

ST. MARTIN'S VICARAGE,
W.C.

This Club is intended to meet the needs of the many young women who are employed in the Clubs and Hotels in the neighbourhood of Charing Cross.

Many of these young women are at a distance from their friends, and have no place in which they may obtain rest and recreation during the hours when they are off duty. Under such circumstances, there would be no resource open to them but the streets or places of public entertainment; and either of these would be extremely undesirable. Classes for instruction, and various entertainments are provided during the winter months, and there is a good library from which members may borrow books. The club thus supplies a want which, perhaps, is felt in scarcely any other parish in London.

The Rehearsal Club.— *President*, LADY LOUISA MAGENIS, Eaton Square.

The Club is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and is intended for the use of girls engaged in the ballet or chorus in the various Music Halls and places of entertainment in the neighbourhood. Refreshments are furnished to members at cost price, and the rooms are provided with writing paper, newspapers, &c., while one or other of the Ladies of the Committee is in attendance every day to make friends with the girls. Probably no other neighbourhood could furnish the opportunity for such a club as this, and we have reason to know that it is much appreciated by those members who have occasion to make use of it.

JOHN F. KITTO.

Charing Cross Vigilance & Rescue Committee.

FORMED 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1887.

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CHARING CROSS RESCUE AND
VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

THE Committee are thankfully able to open their report for 1897 with a grateful acknowledgment of the help they have received from Him in whose Name they labour and His servants who have supplied them with the necessary means.

The report of the Repression Committee will show that there has been more real work done in the prosecution of evil houses than in any one year since its formation. This, too, has been effected not so much by the direct action of the Committee as by the influence it has exercised and the help it has been enabled to afford to the constituted authorities, through whom it has always desired that the law should be put in motion.

This, however, is but one indication of the growing influence of public feeling on this painful subject. There are constantly recurring evidences of a deepening desire to devise measures for removing the open scandal which our streets present—to rescue and shelter the victims, and above all, to shield from temptation and provide for the safety of those who are in peril of being led astray. These desires will not be satisfied with the mere punishment of the offenders against decency and order but will demand from the Government further provision and action

towards the cessation of that which has hitherto seemed to defy any cleansing or restraining efforts. Whilst fully acknowledging that vice can be overcome and virtue fostered only by Spiritual power, your Committee would urge upon the Parochial Authorities an extended employment of the powers they possess and determined action to procure further means for removing this sore social evil.

In the higher direction your Committee would thankfully record the course of night lectures to men which were given in the early part of the year in the Church of St. James', Piccadilly. Considerable effort was put forth in visiting the streets and the delivery of invitations to men met with, in which the Hon. Secretary and others took an active share, and it is hoped that further opportunities may arise by the calling of other meetings and the delivery of other addresses.

It is probable that in the ensuing Session the Legislature will be asked to adopt measures for the punishment of those who make a living out of the earnings of the "unfortunate" class, and the removal from our midst of the foreigners who largely monopolize this abominable traffic. Too much support cannot be given to such a plan, but your Committee attach much more importance to dealing with the many landlords who, some from ignorance or inadvertence, but far more from wilful complicity and the greed of gain, let their premises to those who use them for this purpose. To this end much effort has been directed; some cases are now pending to which more definite notice may not be made, nor yet to the success which has already attended such endeavours.

The Committee would proffer their ardent thanks for the response which has been made to the several appeals for pecuniary aid, which are noticed under the head of Finance

and for the untiring effort which has been put forth by the ladies whose report on Rescue work here follows. They would also gratefully acknowledge the valuable gratuitous assistance afforded by Messrs. Fladgate and Messrs. Pilditch in carrying out the new lease of the Shelter and arranging for putting it in the condition of substantial repair in which it now stands.

Beyond all they would render devout thanks to Him who has cheered them in times of anxiety, helped them in seasons of difficulty, put it into the hearts of so many to give of their means, and now encourages the belief that with His blessing and through faith in His effectual aid, they may accomplish yet more towards the preservation of purity and the restraint of vice.

THE RESCUE WORK.

The Ladies' Committee have to report that since the opening of the Shelter 581 persons in all have been taken in, of these—

- 259 have been placed in homes.
- 90 have gone direct to situations.
- 41 were sent to Hospitals.
- 64 were restored to friends.
- 97 were unsatisfactory, or left of their own accord.
- 30 were assisted in various other ways.

581 Total.

Of this number only 50 were received during the past year. This is due to several causes which have tended to reduce the applications. First an epidemic of Influenza in the Home caused it to be practically shut up for several weeks; secondly, the Jubilee season which attracted so many people to London, created a sort of excitement of expectation amongst women of this class as to the amount of money they would be able to get, and so made the work amongst them almost impossible; and, thirdly, the Committee having taken a new lease of the premises were compelled to have repairs and painting carried out, which made the Shelter useless for another two months.

No one who has not been actually engaged in the work of Rescue can know how many are the difficulties to be encountered and how much work must be done before any single case can be brought to a successful issue.

The Ladies' Committee have acted always upon the conviction that no real reformation can be effected until first of all there is a real wish to reform; and in spite of all that tends to keep the victims of immorality within the

meshes of their sin, we firmly believe that at some time or other the voice of conscience speaks. If it is not heard in the days which are given over to idleness and gaiety and luxury, it may be listened to in the time of sickness or disappointment or misery. But unless the conscience is awakened and the will is reached, there is little hope that any effort will avail. What we have done is to provide a way of escape, and to make it widely known amongst those whom we desire to rescue, that as soon as ever they will they may come in and will find shelter and safety and welcome. In order to secure this end, cards of invitation are issued to women in the streets, and the police are enlisted in the work and become willing and active agents in distributing the information. Young girls have by this means been brought into our Home for shelter, who but for the timely aid afforded might have fallen victims to the dangers which beset them in the streets of London. During the closing weeks of the year we received valuable assistance in the work of visiting the public thoroughfares, and we hope that our Shelter may become more widely known, and that larger numbers may be inclined to seek admission.

When that first step has been taken, and a young woman has come under our care, no effort is spared to create or deepen the good impression, and to deal with each individual as the circumstances may seem to suggest. It must not be supposed that all difficulties have been overcome when a woman has been persuaded to take advantage of the Shelter. All cases cannot be treated according to a uniform system, and for this the utmost forbearance and patience are needed. Individual character must be carefully studied; the truth must by some means be elicited; the restless spirit produced by a life of excitement is sure to break out again and must be restrained, and when all this and more has been carefully considered, then it must be

determined in what way each particular case is to be disposed of so far as our Home is concerned. Is it a case for a longer stay in a Home for Penitents? and if so which of the Homes will be best adapted to deal with it? or is hospital treatment needed? or can the young woman be safely trusted in a situation, or be returned to friends? And even then when the case is so far clear, there remains the work which is often the most difficult of all, to persuade the girl to place herself so far in the hands of the Committee as to be willing to adopt the course which has been thought best for her.

Nor is our responsibility at an end when at last our penitent has been removed from our Shelter to some more permanent Home. She has to be written to and visited, and made to understand that there are those who really care, who are interested in her well doing, and are ready, for Christ's sake, to do all that can be done to help her.

But the influence of the Home and its work is much wider than any mere report of cases can give. Countless applications by letter as well as by word of mouth are made to our valuable Matron, Miss KING, whose long experience renders her advice of great value to other workers in the same cause; and this department seems to increase. Many are helped and advised who do not desire or need to enter the Home.

We give one or two cases as specimens of the work done during the year, quite apart from what is usually known as Rescue Work.

KATE, an Irish girl, answered an advertisement for a kitchen maid, and came to London, found she must wait a week or two, with no friends in London and nowhere to go. Was walking up and down the Haymarket wondering how to obtain a lodging. Inquired of a lady passing and was brought to us and remained until she went to her situation.

JANE, aged 15, brought by a policeman. Had run away from her home in the country, arrived in London, was taken to a hotel in the Borough where they refused to keep her more than two nights. Tried to find a situation, the person would take her if her character proved satisfactory. Called again and asked if she could be taken and was told not until her character arrived. Neither of these mothers seem to have remembered that for a girl of 15 turned adrift in London there was every chance of losing her character. Found by a policeman and brought to our shelter.

GIRL of 15, sent by her parents from the country to attend an examination in London. The friends who were asked to meet her at the station failed to do so. The girl went to their address in a London suburb, found they had gone away, then wandered down to Burlington House, hoping to find some place of refuge. Applied to a policeman, who brought her here. We need not attempt to describe the joy and gratitude of her parents for our care.

What the danger of London is to young and unprotected girls may be illustrated by the case which follows:—

EDITH was taking a walk and was accosted by a man who ultimately invited her to go and see the flat in which he lived. This led to her ruin, and ultimately being sent into the streets in order to get money for her seducer. One day she told a policeman of her position; she was brought to us, and the man having fortunately put himself within reach of the law by stealing a few shillings, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The girl has been sent to a Home. A curious and instructive feature in this case is that the girl's address having been given in the Police Reports, three men wrote inviting her to go and live with them, and one called at the house—for what purpose we know not.

We cannot doubt that we are doing what is right in using every effort to maintain our Shelter and carry on our work.

Whatever may be the results in individual cases or on the whole, we feel that we dare not shut the door in the face of any of those who are willing to be helped. For that willingness is surely the voice of God's Holy Spirit appealing to the sinner, and we believe that when God makes His presence felt we must do our very utmost to follow the leadings of His providence.

REPORT OF REPRESSION COMMITTEE.

The operations of this Committee during the past year have been of the same character as those reported a twelve months since. Instead of directly instituting prosecutions it has been the practice to put suspected houses under observation, collect evidence as to their use and character and then bring such places to the notice of the Parochial Authorities. This arrangement has long existed with the Parish of St. Martin's, where the matters are at once placed in the hands of the Parish Solicitor and further proceeded with or not at his discretion. In the Parish of St. Anne, Soho, a Special Committee of the Vestry is charged with the duty of dealing with disorderly houses, and free communication exists between this body and the Hon. Secretary. For St. James' the like reports are made to the Vestry Clerk, by whom they are brought before an existing Committee which controls further action. For St. Giles' similar representations are made to the Clerk of the Vestry, and also for St. Paul's, Covent Garden. With all these bodies there has been frequent intercourse with good effect.

Your Committee has always been anxious to stimulate and assist the proper authorities, rather than undertake the somewhat invidious course of voluntarily performing the work which properly belongs to those who are by law constituted the guardians of the morality of the parishes. Such method has this one great advantage, that the services of the Police are always granted on the requisition of the Vestries, but are not accorded to such a Committee as this. It likewise does not burden the Committee with the expense of much legal assistance, which, however moderately charged for, almost always exceeds the allowance awarded by the Courts. It does not, however, greatly lessen the cost

of observation and procuring evidence which the Committee has to bear, and it often happens that the cases which your Solicitor may deem suitable, and your Committee feel to be worthy of prosecution, are not viewed in the same light by those with whom it rests to proceed or otherwise.

The number of cases which have been brought to a final and successful issue has exceeded that of any previous year, and it is worthy of remark that in no instance where the recommendation of your Committee has been followed has there been a failure to convict the house or the person. In all there have been 54 prosecutions, involving the conviction and punishment of 103 persons, with penalties and costs in the aggregate of over £1,600, and 36 months of hard labour, whilst many others have been bound over to desist from illegal pursuits.

Besides procedure against immoral houses, your Committee has made efforts on behalf of the mothers of infants whose fathers have sought to evade contributing to their support.

Two other cases have also occasioned considerable anxiety and labour. In both of these weak and misguided girls, of previously respectable character, having fallen victims to the nefarious designs of men whom they have met in the railway or when walking out, had then been almost at once thrown upon the streets, followed by the wretches who kept them to places of resort, and deprived of the wages their sin had earned.

Your Committee have not thought it necessary to continue the list of convictions which it has hitherto published. The increasing number of these would have occupied too large a space in the setting forth information which can only be imperfectly stated, the more so in those cases which have not been conducted by its own officers. It may suffice to

say that of the number previously stated thirty-nine have been conducted by the Solicitors of the respective Parishes ; eight have been originated and carried out by the Police, some of them against Clubs for gambling, which are always frequented by immoral women and men whose purposes they largely serve, and seven by the Excise for evasion of the Revenue Laws. It mostly happens that the three classes of offences are combined and that whether the prosecution be for the one or the other, the interests which your Committee is formed to guard and promote are materially assisted when convictions are obtained.

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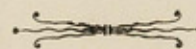
As will be seen from the annexed Balance Sheet, the receipts of the year exceeded the expenditure by £7 12s. 11d. The year opened with an overdrawn account of £66 18s. 11d. and closed with a debit of £59 6s. 6d.

The ordinary outgoings were rather less than in 1896, but there was a special expenditure on the renewal of the lease of the house in Norris Street, and the consequent outlay on repairs. These costs have all been discharged and the premises put into such a renewed condition that it will be some time before any recurring charge can arise. They are now held for a period of 16 years, at a lesser rental than before by £8, and are in every way made fit for the purpose they have to serve. The charge for legal expenditure, though barely more than before, has for a set off the balance over out of the £123 received for costs in the action brought by Mrs. Puzey, which the Committee were able successfully to resist. It is not easy to apportion the

expense for officers and enquiries, but a considerable portion of that appearing on the debit side of the account is due to this action, and it may altogether be that the cost of this attempt to subvert the Committee's proceedings was from £50 to £60.

The improved state of the funds is due to three special sources, namely : a meeting on behalf of Rescue Work held in the summer at London House ; an appeal for contributions sent by Mrs. Kitto to the *Times* ; and a letter signed by Bishop Barry, as Rector of St. James', and the three Incumbents of St. Martin's, St. Giles', and St. Anne's, to which insertion was given in many of the daily papers on the last days of the year. Consequently most of the responses to this latter appeal have come in since the period to which the Balance Sheet relates.

The amount now in hand, together with the forthcoming subscriptions and donations, will all be required for the Committee's work during the coming year, and they will gratefully receive and carefully use as much more as may be entrusted to them ; for, unhappily, there is room for the employment of much larger sums than have hitherto been received.



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Interview with Rev. E. C. Conroy and Rev. S. J. Foster. St. John the Evangelist. Red Lion Sq.

The circumstances of this church are to a great extent similar to that of the St. Peter's in our neighborhood St. Albans, in that the curate Mr. Foster is a person of equal or ~~of~~ greater importance than his Vicar Mr. Conroy. Whatever may be the case at St. Albans here the government is clearly to some extent in commission rather than in single hands.

Mr. Conroy has been here for 24 years and Mr. Foster for 15 and they were fellow curates during the incumbency of the first Vicar, the present Bishop of Brisbane.

Mr. C. had been twice written to without an answer and it was on calling to fix an interview that I first realized the position of Mr. Foster. I said to Mr. C. "Can you spare us a short time some day Mr. C.?" "We must" said Mr. C. "There is no make about it Mr. C." I replied. "The Bishop wishes it" said Mr. C. "besides I've spoken to Mr. Foster, and he says we will certainly see you and give you

all the help we can."

This spirit of rather gradual resignation to the will of his Bishop and the wishes of Mr F. ran way at our interview to the ~~for~~ friendly spirit and no one could have been more charming than Mr C.; but he left a large part of the talking to Mr F. who with much less sweetness and charm is the stronger and more practical of the two men.

Character of population.

The people are mainly of the poorest working class, but with few exceptions neither dissipated nor criminal. At the time when our map was made the Forts, who took much interest in it, protested against any track in Eagle St.; but whether track then or not the street is now much improved; but during the same time there has been a tendency for Fisher St and Red Lion St. to get poorer and rougher. Red Lion St. has risen socially; a large part of it is given up to business premises, but four sets of flats have been built at rentals of from £50 to £100 a year; but being in what is practically a slum they attract rather an undesirable lot including a good

Many theatrical or semi theatrical ladies of shady morals. The proximity to the centre is leading to the extension of business premises and a decrease of population; one side of Dean St has just been demolished.

The intensely migratory nature of the poorer people was noticed more than once in connection with the church work.

Three curates. Two Mission women. One paid Lady worker.

Some District visitors. 25 Sunday School teachers. 15 Temperance visitors.

As will be seen later this is a purely congregational church and few of the workers live in the parish.

Church. Mission House. Schools. Clergy House.

See over.

The church is one of the most beautiful built by Pearson: it has been vigorously worked from the start: the services and music are very fine: the result is that it has always drawn a large congregation: but

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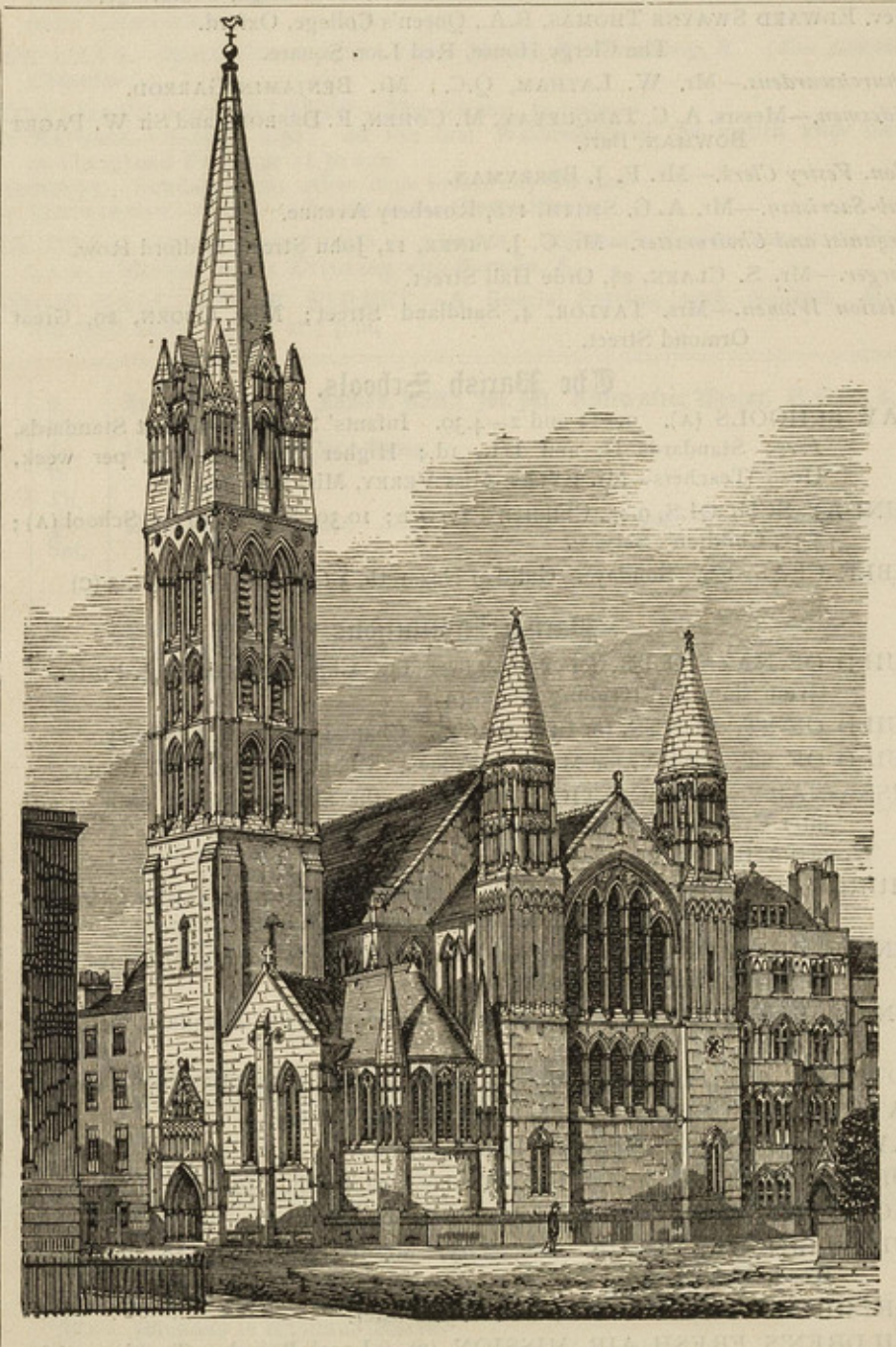
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Calendar for May, 1898.

The Clergy and Officers of the Church.

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 Rev. GERALD JOHN FOSTER, M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge.
 Rev. STANLEY BURFORD WELCH, M.A., Magdalene College, Cambridge.
 Rev. EDWARD SWAYNE THOMAS, B.A., Queen's College, Oxford.
 The Clergy House, Red Lion Square.

Churchwardens.—Mr. W. LATHAM, Q.C.; Mr. BENJAMIN GARROD.
Sidesmen.—Messrs. A. C. TANQUERAY, M. COHEN, E. DESBOIS, and Sir W. PAGET BOWMAN, Bart.
Hon. Vestry Clerk.—Mr. F. J. BERRYMAN.
Sub-Sacristan.—Mr. A. G. SMITH, 118, Rosebery Avenue.
Organist and Choirmaster.—Mr. C. J. VINER, 12, John Street, Bedford Row.
Verger.—Mr. S. CLARK, 28, Orde Hall Street.
Mission Women.—Mrs. TAYLOR, 4, Sandland Street; Miss OBORN, 29, Great Ormond Street.

The Parish Schools.

DAY SCHOOLS (A). 9—12 and 2—4.30. Infants' School and First Standards, *Free*; Standards II. and III., 1d.; Higher Standards, 2d. per week, Head Teachers—Mr. EYLES, Miss VEREY, Miss PULLEN.
 SUNDAY SCHOOLS, 9.45, Children's Service; 10.30, School (A); 3, School (A); 3.45, Children's Service.
 BIBLE CLASSES, Sundays. Guild of Nazareth, 3 (A). Choir Classes, 3 (C)

Parish Institutions.

GUILD OF NAZARETH, for Youths over 14. Chaplain, Rev. G. J. Foster. Gymnasium and Reading Room (A).
 GUILD OF ST. AGNES, for Girls over 13. Chaplain, Rev. E. C. Coney.
 GUILD OF ST. MARY, for Married Women. Chaplain, Rev. E. C. Coney.
 MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, meets on the Second Friday each month after Evensong, for Intercession.
 WORKING PARTY (B).—*See Calendar*.
 CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, meets alternate Mondays (A) (*see Calendar*). Chaplain, Rev. G. J. Foster. Library on Fridays, 8.45 (B).
 SENIOR BAND OF HOPE (A), for Boys and Girls, alternate Mondays, 7.30. Chaplain, Rev. S. B. Welch.
 JUNIOR BAND OF HOPE (A), alternate Tuesdays, 6.30. Chaplain, Rev. S. B. Welch.
 MOTHERS' MEETING (B). Monday, 2, Thursday, 6; by Miss Thompson.
 MATERNITY SOCIETY. Apply to the Mission Women.
 DAY NURSERY (B). 4d. per day, including food.
 DORCAS MEETINGS (B). First Thursday each month, 2.30.
 PROVIDENT CLUB for Savings (B). Monday, 5.
 GUILD CRICKET CLUB. Secretary, Mr. E. A. Read, 30, Pemberton Road, Harringay, N.
 PARISH MAGAZINE. Editor, Rev. G. J. Foster.
 CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR MISSION (B). Local Branch. Tuesday, 5, by Miss Scott.

(A) At the Schools, Kingsgate Street. (B) At the Mission House, 9, Fisher Street. (C) In the Vestry.

Church Services.

SUNDAYS.—HOLY COMMUNION at 7, 8, and (Choral) 12; Matins and Sermon at 11; Evensong and Sermon at 7. Children's Service at 9.45 (with Address), at 3.45 (with Catechising).
 WEEK DAYS.—HOLY COMMUNION, 7.30; Matins, 8; Evensong, 8. (*For exceptions, see Calendar*.)
 WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.—The Litany, 12 noon.
 HOLY BAPTISM.—Sunday, 4.30; on the first Wednesday in the month after Evensong; on the second Friday at 11.30 a.m.
 CHURCHINGS.—Sunday, 4.30; other days before any Service.
 HOLY MATRIMONY.—Banns to be left at the Clergy House.
 HOLY DAYS.—HOLY COMMUNION at 7 and 8; Children's Service, except on Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Matins, 10.30; Evensong with Sermon, 8.
 MISSION HALL, EAGLE STREET.—A Special Service, with Address, is held in this Hall every Sunday at 7 p.m.

1	S.	St. Philip and St. James, A.A., M.M. Third after Easter. H.C., 7, 8, and 12.
2	M.	
3	Tu.	Invention of the Holy Cross.
4	W.	
5	Th.	
6	F.	Dedication Festival. <i>St. John E., Ante Port. Lat.</i> H.C., 7 & (Choral), 8.
7	Sat.	
8	S.	Sunday after Dedication, Fourth after Easter. H.C., 7, 8, and 12.
9	M.	Temperance Society and Bands of Hope, 8.30, Festival Service.
10	Tu.	Conversazione of Church Workers, 8.45.
11	W.	
12	Th.	
13	F.	<i>Abst. Octave of the Dedication.</i>
14	Sat.	
15	S.	Fifth after Easter. H.C., 7, 8, and 12.
16	M.	<i>Abst. Rogation Day.</i>
17	Tu.	<i>Abst. Rogation Day.</i>
18	W.	<i>Abst. Rogation Day. Vigil of Ascension.</i>
19	Th.	The Ascension of our Lord. (<i>St. Dunstan, Abp.</i>) H.C., 6, 7, 8, & (Choral), 11.
20	F.	<i>Abst.</i>
21	Sat.	
22	S.	Sunday after Ascension. H.C., 7, 8, and 12.
23	M.	Temperance Society, 8.30—Concert.
24	Tu.	
25	W.	
26	Th.	<i>Octave of the Ascension. St. Augustin, First Abp. of Canterbury. Guild of</i>
27	F.	<i>Abst. Venerable Bede, Priest.</i> [St. Agnes, 8.45.
28	Sat.	<i>Fast. Vigil of Pentecost.</i>
29	S.	Whit-Sunday. <i>Ember Week.</i> H.C., 6, 7, 8, and 12.
30	M.	Monday in Whitsun Week.
31	Tu.	Tuesday in Whitsun Week. Guild of Nazareth, 8.45.

There is a daily Celebration of Holy Communion. Unless otherwise indicated in the Calendar, it is at 7.30 a.m.

The Church is open from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. Entrance in Red Lion Square. All the seats are Free and Unappropriated.

It differs from its more extreme neighbour St. Alban's in that it has drawn mainly from the neighbourhood; i.e. chiefly at St. Alban's "people come from all over London by bus, tram, and train" but here the congregation is chiefly from Bloomsbury, though many stick to the church after they have moved further away: of the churchwardens s.g. one of which is South Kensington.

The Sunday morning congregation is about 300: evening from 5 to 600. Of those who habitually make their communion in the church there are quite 500, the number present last Easter Sunday being 330.

Both in communicants and congregation females are largely in excess, but there is, owing to the strong guild of Hagareth, an unusually large sprinkling of young men of the working class, but of the poor parishioners generally few come to church: and to the Mission house at the Hall from 20 to 40. Both Mrs C. and Mrs F. however deprecated as so many others have done the idea that they should be judge altogether of the appearance of their congregation: people they said who came to meetings etc always expected to find the poor in rags, but said Mrs F. "among religious people it is only the

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To the Members and Associate Members

OF

The Guild of Nazareth.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Easter Communion furnishes a very plain test of a Churchman's loyalty to the Church's laws. The Guild Rule of Life quotes for our guidance the rubric from the Prayer Book, and says that confirmed members of the Guild of Nazareth are to "communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter shall be one."

If Associate Members would let the Chaplain hear from them as to when and where they propose to make their Easter Communion, any such communication would give considerable encouragement. Of the 36 Associates upon our List at Easter, 1897, 19 certainly made their Communions, one presumably did so, and of the 16 others nothing is known for certain. Twelve letters were received upon the subject.

It would be a help too, if every Member (whether Associate or not) who makes his Easter Communions at any other Church would write and say so. Indeed the Chaplain would welcome occasional letters from Members of the Guild. The post is

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With regard to the 70 Members on the Guild List at Easter, 1897, we must first deduct 17 persons who were then unconfirmed, and of the 53 confirmed Members left, 37 certainly made their Communion, and there are 16 others of whom nothing could be ascertained.

To sum up—we had a roll of 118 names, counting in the Honorary, Associate, and Ordinary Members, together with the Probationers. Of these, 101 were confirmed, 65 of them certainly made their Communion, three presumably did so, and of 33 nothing definite is known. But it is to be feared that in at least 15 of these cases, no attempt was made to keep the Church's rule.

The result of the test is far from satisfactory, and yet at the same time by no means discouraging. Pray we that we may do better this Easter. Our present Roll includes in all 123 names, of whom 101 are confirmed.

Good Friday is undoubtedly one of those "principal Holy Days" when every Member of the Guild should feel bound by the Rule of Life to attend Church at least once. We live in a time when the lines are not sharply drawn between the baptized and the unbaptized; but while we refrain from condemning others, our own conduct should

not be governed by the example of people who pay no attention to Church customs and Christian principles. Conduct which may well be considered both lawful and expedient for those who do not recognize their Christian obligations, becomes profane and irreverent in the case of those to whom Jesus is indeed the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Lord. The strain of the many Services on Good Friday may be quite beyond your powers of devotion, but at least you should try to keep the Three Hours from 12 to 3 sacred to the memory of your Saviour's Death, and to spend the whole day quietly. But if these Services are beyond your powers of attention, may not the reason be your want of practice?

On Easter Day nothing should hinder you from making your Communion. If you are going away anywhere, you will be sure to find a Church wherever you go, and even if you are on a holiday, that should not make it difficult for you to approach the Altar with due preparation. And if you make your Communion elsewhere, let the Chaplain know that you have done so; as has been mentioned above, the penny post is an inexpensive and convenient way of informing him on the subject. If you find that Easter Day has passed, and you have not made your Communion, because you have been on a seaside trip or a country excursion, do not fail to communicate on Low Sunday.

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Believe me always to be,
Very faithfully yours,
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V. Shew Thou me the way that I should walk in.

R. For I lift up my soul unto Thee.

O LORD JESU, Our Pattern and our Guide, give us grace, we beseech Thee, daily to endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of Thy most holy life in Nazareth: make us earnest and true, obedient and humble, kind and sober, and pure in heart. Bless our Guild, our Parish, our Clergy; and so unite us in Thy true faith and love, that we may attain to the end of our hope, and, after this life ended in peace, may come to see Thy Face, and with all Thy saints and angels serve and adore Thee for ever. Amen.

THE OFFICERS OF THE GUILD.

November, 1897.

The Warden.

The Rev. E. C. CONEY.

The Master.

C. B. BONE.

The Chaplain.

The Rev. G. J. FOSTER.

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*St. John's Clergy House,
Palm Sunday, 1898.*

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- The Rev. E. M. LANCE.
- The Rev. S. B. WELCH
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- * READ, A. W.
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- * CONEY, The Rev. H. T.
- * TOWNSEND, J. G.

- 1886 * CHILD, H. G.
- * READ, V. C.

- 1888 JONES, H. J.
- DANCASTER, J.
- * QUICK, S. F.
- * POTTS, W.
- * READ, P. W.

- 1889 HODD, P. C.
- * ELLIOT, H. S.
- * LACK, W. A.
- SMITH, A. G.
- * POTTS, C. A.

- 1890 * PRANGNELL, A. T.
- * UNDERWOOD, G. F.
- MANNING, W.
- PYNE, S. T.
- JONES, A. W.
- STEVENS, E.
- CHALLIS, F. W.

- 1891 * SCOTT, W. J. B.
- RALPH, C. S.
- ROBERTS, E. W.
- PARSONS, E. H.
- PARSONS, A. P.

- 1892 COOPER, E. W. T.
- KNOWLAND, P.
- BEMROSE, G. F.
- SMITH, H. D.
- REGLAR, E. J. H.
- CHUBB, J. B.

- 1893 GORDON, G.
- ROBERTS, R. E.
- STEVENS, B.
- BARTLETT, J. W. B.
- * READ, EDWIN A.
- * BENNETT, The Rev. A. W.

- 1894 COOLEY, A. H.
- AMS, A.
- * MANNING, H. S.
- JONES, S. C.
- DUHAMEL, G. F.
- UPTON, E.

- 1895 DREW, J. T. W.
- PARKER, T.
- * BOLDEN, J. W.
- SMITH, W. H.
- MIDDLETON, J. R.
- WEALD, W.
- BETTS, C. B.
- DELANEY, H.

- 1896 CLARK, C.
- RAE, P. W. J.
- WOODMAN, F.
- TIMEWELL, F. H.

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1885

1896 GRIFFITHS, A. E.
SMITH, H.
(Contd.) NISBET, J. G.
HOLT, R.
OWEN, A.
UPTON, F.
SAVILLE, B. C.

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1897 BODIEN, H.
DUHAMEL, R. H.
LAMBERT, W.
CHALLIS, A. G.
1889 L'ENFANT, W. A.
ROBERTSON, W.
WHITEHEAD, H. R.
TAYLOR, V. R.
THOMAS, Rev. E. S.

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1898 LISTER, W.

PROBATIONERS.

1891 *

CHANNING, A. C.
SANDROCK, W.
MILLS, F. E. W.
DAVIS, T. M.
HUDSON, W. J.
HILLIER, M.
RAE, L. H. W.
MILLER, J. W.

Social Hygiene.

See list.

The most vigorous work is that of the Temperance Societies of which the Union has 240 members of whom 15 ~~are~~ are visitors who go round the District once a fortnight with tickets for the entertainments; but Mr F. mentioned what he notices in his Report "the scanty attendance at the Devotional Meetings, and the consequent want of aggressiveness in rescue work".

The attendances at the Band of Hope are falling off rapidly owing to the meetings, in obedience to the wishes of the Central Society, having been made educational rather than recreative; the children tire of instruction as to the moral and material effects of alcohol.

The church has no clubs but there is a vigorous Boys' Club in Red Lion Sq run by a Miss Batt, a very successful lady, who is however in full sympathy with the church.

Mr F. mentioned the Crèche with some pride: there ^{are} 25 babies in average attendance.

Education.

Day School with about 600 or 700 and 500 in average attendance: their children come from tidien and more self respecting parents than the neighboring Board School in Princeton N. J. Mr C. is chairman of Managers for the local group of Board Schools, and said that practically the management of the school was inevitably in the hands of the clergy: there are laymen among their managers, but they never attend, and the meeting usually consists of five of the clergy.

The Sunday Schools here about 360 children, in view of the number at the Day School "unsatisfactory," and Mr C. found on going through the Day School list nearly that a large proportion of the children went to no Sunday School. There is much zeal but little efficiency in the teaching at the S. S.: the teachers would be tempted.

Visiting.

The visiting is very thorough: from room to room in the poor streets: but the population are too numerous to be well known. The the older inhabitants are well known and on them the church has a real influence, but the bulk of the people are

Nursing.

Relief.

Other Religious influences.

Personal.

Here to-day and gone to-morrow.

Send to Bloomsbury houses.

The Report shows an expenditure of about £70 in actual Relief (and the large sum of £170 for Treats and Examinations). As to the administration of Relief there is evidently a friendly difference of opinion between Mr C. and Mr F. Mr C. said he worked with the C.O.S.; Mr F. who is the Chairman of the Committee said "Oh! you don't" and described it as a "recalcitrant parish". The truth I imagine is that Mr C., though by no means a fool, is very tender hearted. Such relief as is given is through the District-Visitors who report such cases to the Vicar.

There is a small Baptist-Chapel in Kingsgate St. which is "rather stranded"; a more vigorous influence is the Bloomsbury Baptist-Chapel (Mr Wilson).

In this parish Mr Foster is the more 'judicial'

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of the two heads: he is a pleasant, gentlemanly
fellow but giving one the impression of being rather
unsympathetic. Mr Conroy on the other hand is a good
gentle man of the sweetest nature: and the combination
of the two makes this I imagine a strong parish.

RECREATION ROOM.

Balance Sheet for the Year ending November 7th, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from last year ..	7 17 0	Donation to Schools ..	2 0 0
Subscriptions and Games ..	8 10 8	School-keeper ..	3 18 0
		Newspapers ..	0 13 0
		Table Cover ..	0 1 3
		Repairs, Tips, Chalk, &c... ..	0 11 3
		Balance in hand ..	9 4 2
	<u>£16 7 8</u>		<u>£16 7 8</u>

H. MATHIE, *Treasurer.*

LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

For the Year ending November 7th, 1897.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1896.		1897.	
By Balance from last year ..	1 11 2	Paid for New Books and	
Subscriptions ..	0 11 5	Binding ..	1 7 6
		Balance carried down ..	0 15 1
	<u>£2 2 7</u>		<u>£2 2 7</u>
Nov.—By Balance brought			
down—Amount in hands			
of Librarian ..	0 15 1		

H. MATHIE, *Librarian.*

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BAND OF HOPE STATISTICS.

SENIOR. JUNIOR.

	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	TOTAL.
Members on Books, November, 1896 ..	40	53	44	61	198
New Members ..	16	19	13	18	66
Transferred to Senior Branch ..	4	3	7	9	23
Left the Neighbourhood ..	2	3	2	3	10
Retired still pledged ..	0	1	0	0	1
Struck off for Non-attendance ..	6	16	9	12	43
Members on Books, November, 1897 ..	44	49	39	55	187
Total Attendances ..	576	581	484	559	{ S 1157 J 1043 }
Average per Meeting ..	274	276	23	266	{ S 55 J 496 }

BAND OF HOPE ACCOUNTS.

	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Children's Payments—						
Senior Boys	1 1 6	..	Balance due to Chaplain ..	..	0 11 8
Senior Girls	0 18 11½	..	Teas—November, 1896 ..	..	3 1 9
Junior Boys	1 1 0	..	May, 1897 ..	..	2 3 9
Junior Girls	1 7 6	..	Printing—	..	5 5 6
By Sale of Tea Tickets—			4 8 11½	April ..	..	1 3 0
November, 1896	1 0 4	..	Pay Cards ..	..	0 18 0
May, 1897	1 4 6	..	Vicar, for Schools ..	..	2 1 0
Share of Offeratories—			2 4 10	Caretaker ..	..	1 1 0
November, 1896	0 5 9½	..	Badges and Ribbon ..	..	1 0 0
May, 1897	0 5 5	..	Affiliation Fee ..	..	0 9 6
Subscriptions—			0 11 2½	Incidental Expenses for Meetings ..	..	0 5 0
Miss Figgins	2 2 0	..	Balance in hand ..	..	0 6 0
Miss Cranham	0 10 0	..			0 2 4
A Member of the C.E.T.S.	0 2 6	..			
Anon., per S.B.W.	0 2 6	..			
The Chaplain	1 0 0	..			
			3 17 0			
			£11 2 0			£11 2 0

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STATISTICS OF TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Members on Books, November 17th, 1896	-	-	-	226
Admitted during the past year	-	-	-	28
Transferred from another Branch	-	-	-	1
			—	29
				—
				255
Retired, still Pledged	-	-	-	15
Left the Neighbourhood	-	-	-	8
Pledges broken	-	-	-	10
Transferred to another Branch	-	-	-	1
Entered into Rest	-	-	-	2
			—	36
Members on Books, November 17th, 1897	-	-	-	219
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Pledges taken from Nov. 18th, 1896, to Nov. 17th, 1897				82

Character of population.

May 31st

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Interview with Rev. F. H. Hillebrand, St. Mary
a strand.

Rev. Hillebrand is a man of about 45:
tall, thin, yellow; rather handsome and Italian
looking. He has been Rector of this parish for 7
years, succeeding an old man, who read the service in the
church to a congregation of some 40 outsiders and
others who left the parish alone.

The population of the parish in 1891 was
1550; it is now not more than 1200 and of these
a considerable number are in the Sarg Hotel; but
therefore for a few weeks the parish is of a city,
non-residential character, and of the counts that
remain nearly the whole have been scheduled as an
insanitary area, and with the exception of some
buildings in Dury, Lond. with probably fine way to
warehouses. The counts are colored on our maps dark
blue with a touch of black, and they look as repulsive
as possible; but except for drink Rev. H. says the
people the best of characters. "I like the people" he

said "they are wonderfully friendly and a very decent lot; distinctly above the average". In occupation they are generally either loam garden porters or printers, and many of them are with R.C.'s. Among the women there are a number of flower sellers. Though they count practically form part of the Clare market district. Mr. St. says that his people are much less degraded than those on the other side of Drury Lane: "those who come to me from Clare Market," he said "are a really bad lot". He thought however that Mr. Pennington of St. Vincent Dares ("who will have nothing to do with his brother clergy") spoils the people in Clare Market.

Persons employed.

Buildings.

One Curate. One District Visitor.
About 20 Sunday School teachers, members of the congregation but not as a rule parishioners.

Parish Hall.

Church and ~~Parish House~~. The latter is a massive and stately building in Drury Lane, as Mr. St. said "almost too good for the parish": ~~is it is~~ it is in fact more like a little town hall with its Board

Senior.

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Room hang with the portraits of past worthies of the parish, and the general atmosphere of the place is out of keeping with the city & surroundings; one feels that the inhabitants of the county would be more easily attracted to a building less spick and span and clean.

There on Sunday: fire in the week. When Mr H. came it was a black span church: he at once introduced moderate High Church practices, colored robes, eastward position, lights on the altar etc: no one in the parish raised the smallest objection, but the bulk of the regular congregation cleared out.

The congregations vary largely in size and are recruited largely by strangers owing to the position and associations of the church: the morning number may be 100: evening from 200 to 250: a good many poor people come in the evening, almost exclusively women. The curate has tried Mission Services for men in the Mission Hall, but "you have to lay them in."

Social Service.

Education.

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Very little is done: there is the vicar's
mother's meeting with Providence Club and interest of
\$2^d in the 1st.

During the winter concerts are given and well
attended.

Mr H. said that he had no suitable premises
for clubs, but mentioned that some of his parishioners
had ~~the~~ recently opened "House of Good Mission"
which I thought he spoke of rather proudly
as if its existence were to some extent a slight on
the activity of the clergy.

There is however an excellent Reading Room
in the ~~Parish~~ ^{Parish} ~~Building~~, ~~hall~~ open all day to Parishioners
and a still more valuable institution is some half
dozen baths and a large lavatory in the basement
open to all parishioners free and used to the extent
of about 100 baths a week.

Sunday School with about 210 children. Mr H.
found the S.S. empty, but thinks that now he has
swept in nearly all the children in the parish who are
not R.C.'s.

Visiting.

Relief.

Nursing.

Influence of Church.

61
The people are if anything "over visited": the parish is so small: you can go round it in 5 minutes. Mr H. claims to know everybody of whatever denomination: and they all come to him for relief. This is given on a large scale: actual figures I could not get. but Mr H. said "we have any amount of money and give a lot": he claimed however that he knew the people too well ever to be taken in. In addition to the considerable amount given in tickets 21 pensions of 4/ a week are given. Mr H. said that he worked with the C. O. S. but not I imagine very cordially.

Send to Bloomsbury nurses. Also spend quite £20 a year in Dispersing letters.

Mr H. was emphatic on the friendly attitude of the people to the church workers: he himself has only once been refused admittance to a room: but spiritually they are in the mass quite untouched; but no one touches any but the R.C.'s and they "go to Mess in the morning and get drunk for the rest of the day."

~~Other religious~~ Local government.

Police

Prostitution.

Crime

Health

Housing

Personal.

Mr. H. is on the Street Board of Works and attends the meetings regularly: the Board he thinks is a very efficient body.

He aims at being a guardian. The guardian is a good deal of inadequate out-let.

Very efficient.

Mr. H. said his parish was almost free of it: he had got rid of all the brothels, and as to the Street so much of it as is in his parish is scarcely used as a promenade.

None

Good

Very bad.

I have rather a poor opinion of Mr. Hillendon. There is no sign that his parish is respected but there is a complete absence of vigor and enthusiasm in the men and the work.

June 1st

This morning's Daily Chronicle contains the following which while showing Mr. H. in a favorable light leads one to suppose that his parish is less of a Paradise than he is disposed to paint it. Feathers Court is the Court immediately adjoining the Parish Hall.

SHOCKING SCENE IN DRURY LANE.—

A shocking scene occurred last night about half-past seven in Drury-lane. A man named Moran, residing in Feathers-court, became involved in a brawl with three women who got him down upon the pavement and attacked his face savagely with hat pins and hair pins. The man's face was scored almost beyond recognition, and was literally covered with blood. The Rev. F. H. Hillersdon, rector of St. Mary-le-Strand, appeared upon the scene, and in the absence of the police endeavored at great risk to himself to rescue Moran. Eventually he went off to look for the police. The ringleader of the women took refuge in her dwelling, also in Feathers-court, where, after a long delay, she was eventually captured, and was taken to Bow-street, where she was charged with assault. The police then looked for Moran with a view of taking him to the hospital, but he had disappeared.

June 1st

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Interview with Rev. S. F. Lumbly, 5th.
Paul's, Covent Garden.

Mr Lumbly has been ordained for 65-
years and is I suppose about 90: at any rate he
is really too old and feeble to stand the fatigue of
an interview: he is moreover exceedingly deaf, and as,
-though a courteous old gentleman - he was from mere debility
a little inclined to be testy, I thought it best practically
to give up any attempt at an interview.

The work of the parish I imagine is left to
the curate who was in the Vestry and whom I
should have liked to interview, but I could not suggest
this without discourtesy to Mr C.

I gathered however from the old gentleman that
except for hotels his parish is almost unvisited at
night. The few houses who dwell in it are "not
respected": they are regularly visited by the curate who
also runs a Sunday School with some 200 children
in attendance.

The services are very sparsely attended on Sunday;
but the curate has a Mission Service once a week at

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which then are from 40 to 60 poor people.
Mr C. gave me a Report which deals mainly
with the charities.

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ST. PAUL, COVENT GARDEN.

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TO THE
Parishioners of St. Paul, Covent Garden.

RECTORY, *March*, 1898.

DEAR FRIENDS,

The accounts of the Parochial Charities for the year ending Christmas, 1897, kindly audited by the Duke of Bedford's Churchwarden, are herewith submitted to you.

The Total Collections made at the Offertory for Church purposes—that is to say, for music, cleaning, warming and lighting, repairs, decorations at harvest-time and Christmas, with other expenses—amounted to £39 2s. 8d.

The Expenditure for the above purposes came

to £149 17s. 6d. This was partially met by the dividends of the Parochial Collections, by Yarwell's Legacy, and some other small gifts, leaving a Balance against the account of £33 7s. 1d.

The two Collections made in the church, diminishing so far the amount available for Church expenses, were for the Metropolitan Hospital Fund £4 14s. 10d., and the Church Missionary Society £4 2s. 4d.

The same amount as last year—namely, £20—was contributed to the relief of Sick and Poor Parishioners from the Rent of Burl's Farm. The Trustees receive no Rent from the Slough House Farm.

In accordance with Mr. H. Parker's Will, the Dividends on his Legacy, amounting to £26 0s. 8d., were given at Christmas, in sums of 10s. and in coals, to those who were judged to be most in need.

The Dividends of Pearkes and Eagles Legacies were distributed in March in sums of £1 and £2 to aged and needy residents.

The Collections for the Church Missionary Society, amounting to £16 12s. 4d., depend mainly on the Teachers and Children of the Sunday-

school. These are given willingly and in many cases with much self-denial.

The Holiday of the Schools, at the Crystal Palace, was much enjoyed, and, it is hoped, will be repeated this year.

The accounts of the Boot Club are given. And it may be seen that the children subscribed £28 14s. 0d.

The Domestic Mission is still in request and has been useful to many women, to whom it is difficult to make the needed provision.

I am, my dear Friends,

Yours truly,

S. F. CUMBERLEGE.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

On account of Offertory and other Charitable Funds.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Total Collections in 1897.....	39 2 8	Balance from 1897.....	16 7 8
Yarwell's Legacy	7 4 8	Music:—	
Parochial Collections...	69 2 4	Organist £52 10 0	
Churchings	0 8 3.	Choir.....	14 11 11
Donation by a Lady,		Music ...	1 2 0
Christmas Day	0 2 6	Tuning ...	10 0 0
Donation, Mr. Gamble	0 10 0	Blowing... 5 0 0	
The Rector, for Main-		Entertain-	
tenance of Divine		ment of	
Service	33 7 1	Choir ...	1 7 3
		Caretaker	1 0 0
			85 11 2
		Cleaning.....	2 9 3
		Fuel and Light	22 11 0
		Water Rent	1 1 0
		Decorations	7 0 6
		Repairs & other Expen.	14 16 11
			£149 17 6
	£149 17 6		£149 17 6

Receipts.		Payments.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1896 ...	9 14 9	Relief of Poor.....	39 13 0
Parochial Farms	20 0 0	Recipients of Pearke's	
Donation, Mr. Geake...	1 10 0	and Eagle's Legacies	14 13 4
Legacies:—		Printing	1 16 0
Hewson's.....	15 0 0	Metropolitan Hospital	
Pearke's	9 3 4	Fund	4 14 10
Eagle's.....	5 10 0	Church Missionary	
Margetson's	5 10 0	Society	4 2 4
Dickens'	2 19 8	Mission Service Enter-	
Collections:—		tainment	2 5 0
Metropolitan Hospital		Balance to 1898.....	11 0 5
Fund	4 14 10		
Church Missionary			
Society	4 2 4		
	£78 4 11		£78 4 11

Examined and found correct,

R. C. GAMBLE. Auditor.

February 12, 1898.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNT, 1897.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions, as below	13 16 0	Books	8 4 3
Paid by the Rector ...	10 15 6	Superintendent	10 0 0
		Caretaker	1 10 0
		Monitors	1 0 0
		Organist	1 0 0
		Subscription to Institute	0 10 6
		Registers	0 4 0
		Entertainment	2 2 9
	<u>£24 11 6</u>		<u>£24 11 6</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS, CHRISTMAS, 1897.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Messrs. Webber and Co.	1 1 0	Brought forward	9 18 0
Rev. S. F. Cumberlege	2 2 0	Messrs. Debenham and Storr	1 1 0
Messrs. Findlater and Co.	2 2 0	Mr. H. S. Hairsine ...	0 5 0
Rev. J. J. Scully	0 10 0	Messrs. Verity	1 1 0
Mr. W. C. Offley	0 5 0	Mr. R. G. Stocker	0 5 0
Mr. W. Coutts Fyffe ...	1 1 0	Messrs. Stevens	0 5 0
Mr. C. Hobbs	0 5 0	Mr. Button	1 1 0
Directors of Westminster Life Office	1 1 0		
Dr. Duncan	0 10 0		
Messrs. Barker and Co.	1 1 0		
Carried forward	<u>£9 18 0</u>		<u>£13 16 0</u>

SCHOOL EXCURSION TO CRYSTAL PALACE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1897.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions, as below	40 19 10	Children's Dinners and Teas	30 3 0
Paid by Rector	8 14 5	Vans	13 4 0
		Admission to Palace, &c.	5 11 0
		Printing and Incidentals	0 16 3
	<u>£49 14 3</u>		<u>£49 14 3</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from last year..	0 1 4	Brought forward	8 19 10
Mr. W. Odhams	0 10 0	Mr. Geake	2 0 0
Mr. J. C. Button	1 1 0	Messrs. Pratt and Son	0 5 0
Mr. A. J. L. Button ...	1 1 0	Messrs. Garcia and Jacobs	0 10 6
Rev. S. F. Cumberlege	1 1 0	Messrs. Chapman and Hall	0 10 6
Miss Cumberlege	0 10 0	Mr. and Mrs. Taylor ...	2 2 0
Mrs. Webber	1 1 0	Messrs. Coleman	2 2 0
Mr. F. Webber	0 2 6	Mr. W. N. White	0 10 6
Miss Webber	0 2 6	Mr. Woodard	1 1 0
Miss C. Webber	0 2 6	Messrs. Macmillan	1 1 0
Mrs. Clewett	0 10 0	Messrs. F. Smith & Co.	0 10 0
Messrs. Cazenove & Son	0 10 0	Three Parents	0 15 0
Mr. C. Arthur Pearson	2 2 0	London & County Bank	1 1 0
Mr. Stocker	0 5 0		
Carried forward	<u>£8 19 10</u>	Carried forward	<u>£21 8 4</u>

BOOT CLUB, 1897.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from last year	4 3 9	Withdrawn	0 4 1
From School Rent.....	10 0 0	Mr. Jackman's bill for	
Subscriptions—		147 pairs of boots...	35 10 4
Mr. Geake ...	£1 10 0	Balance to next year...	9 17 10
Mrs. Marshall..	0 10 0		
Mr. Gamble ...	0 10 6		
Miss Cumber-			
lege	0 5 0		
	<u>2 15 6</u>		
Payments by—			
Boys	£14 15 1		
Girls	8 7 5		
Infants	5 8 6		
	<u>28 11 0</u>		
Interest Savings Bank	0 2 0		
	<u>£45 12 3</u>		<u>£45 12 3</u>

DOMESTIC MISSION AND DORCAS SOCIETY.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from last year	6 13 7	Subscriptions to Soup	
Subscriptions, as below	5 1 0	Kitchen	2 1 0
		Care of Bags, &c.	1 5 0
		Relief to Poor Women	0 18 0
		Clothing for Poor	
		Women	1 17 6
		Groceries	0 17 0
		Balance to next year...	4 16 1
	<u>£11 14 7</u>		<u>£11 14 7</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

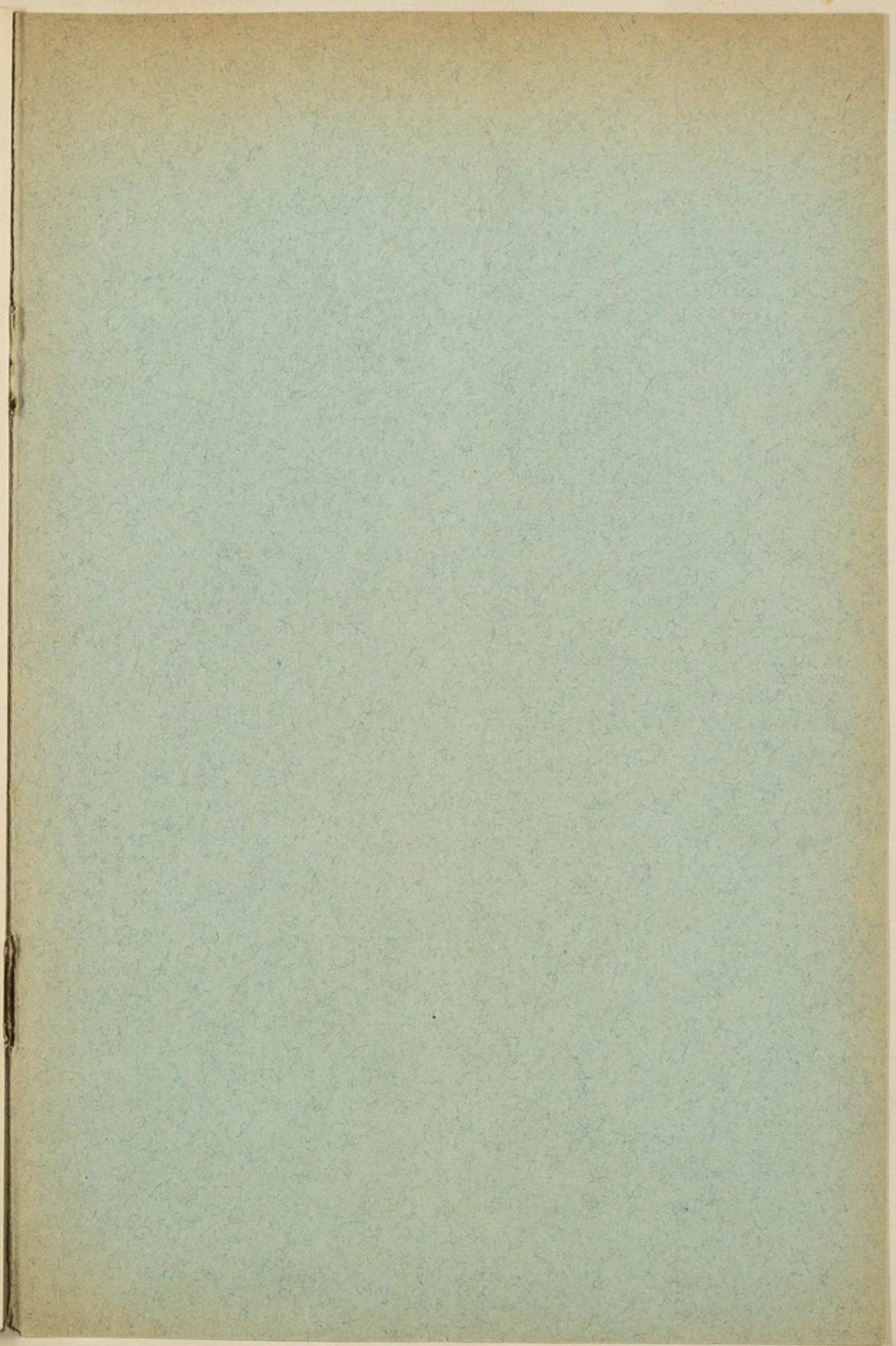
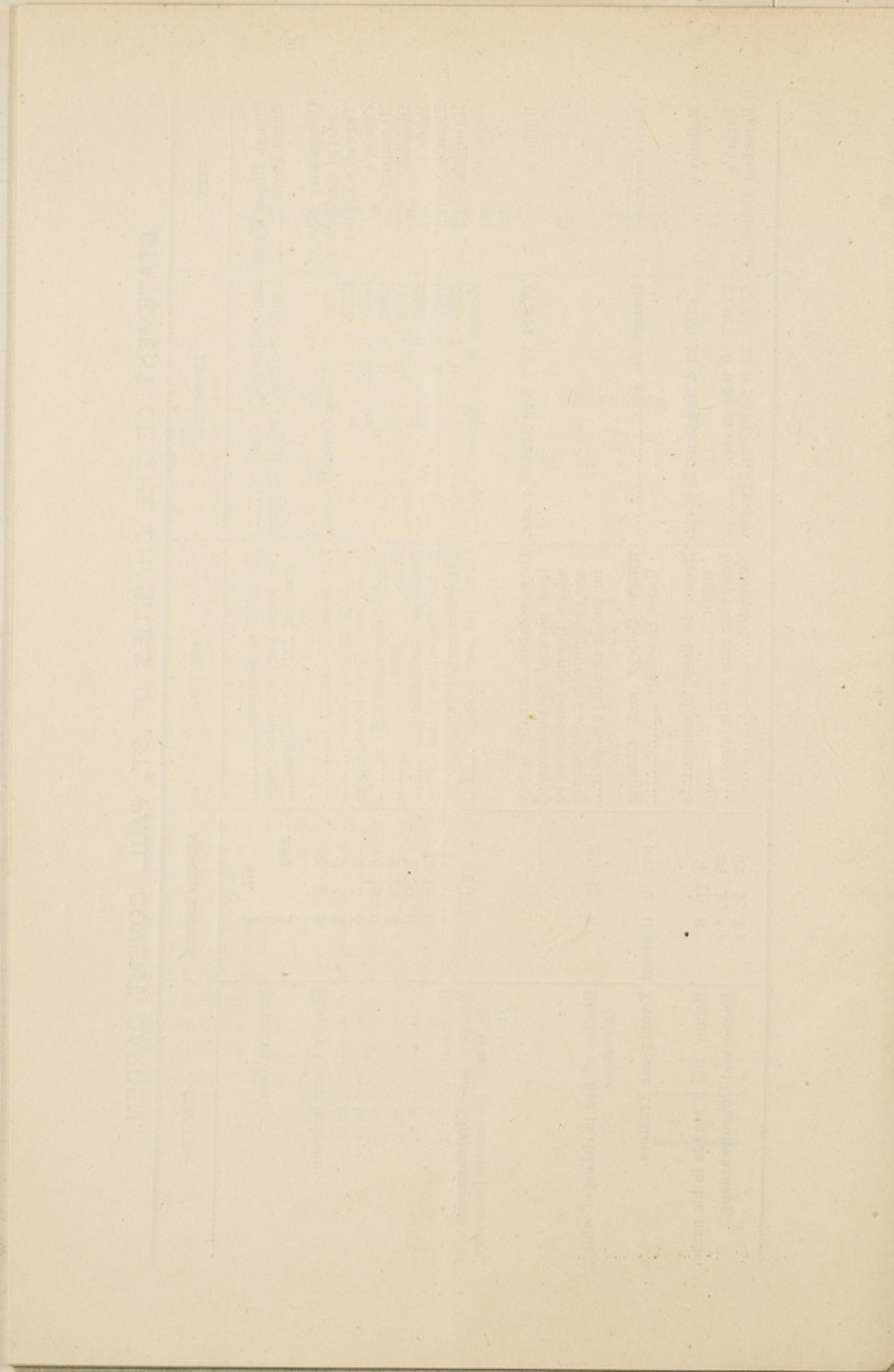
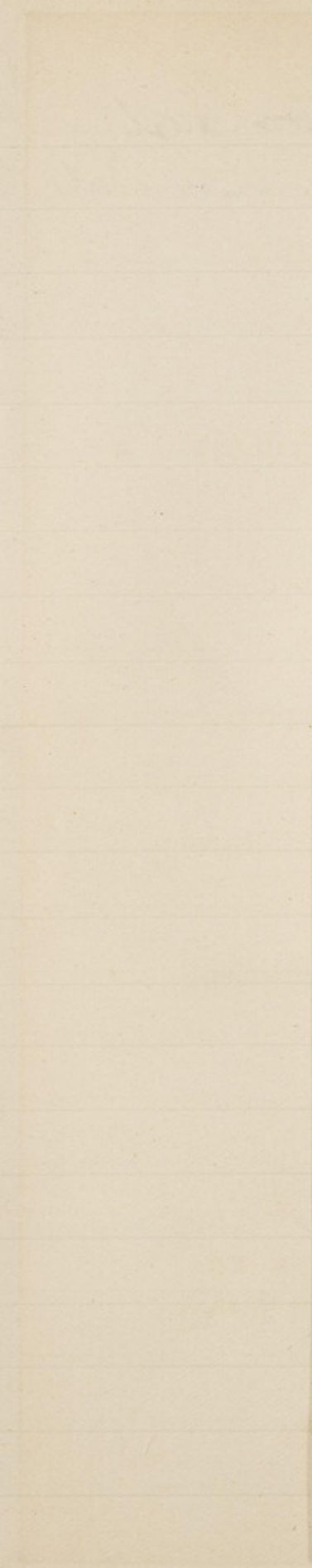
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Mrs. Duncan	0 10 0	Brought forward ...	4 1 0
Mrs. Cumberlege	2 0 0	Mrs. Gamble	0 5 0
Mrs. Fawcett	0 10 0	Mrs. Coleman.....	0 10 0
Messrs. Findlater	1 1 0	Mrs. G. Coleman	0 5 0
	<u>£4 1 0</u>		<u>£5 1 0</u>
Carried forward.....	<u>£4 1 0</u>		

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts.		Payments.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Subscriptions—		Paid to the Parent Society	
Rev. S. F. Cumberlege	1 1 0	16	12 4
Mrs. Cumberlege	0 10 0		
Messrs. Webber and Co.	1 1 0		
Boxes in Sunday Schools—			
Boys—			
Bible Class	1 3 0		
Mr. Grantham's Class	0 14 1½		
Mr. Tooke's	0 9 5		
Mr. W. Stocker's	0 7 8½		
Mr. H. Stocker's	0 6 9		
Girls—			
Rev. S. F. Cumberlege's Class	1 6 1		
Miss Cumberlege's Class	0 13 8		
Miss Leverton's Class	0 13 7		
Miss Boyce's	0 4 6		
Miss Powers'	0 8 10		
Miss Spurr's	0 6 7		
Miss Dredge's	0 7 7		
Miss Jarman's	0 6 4		
Miss Grantham's	0 4 6		
Miss Jarman's Box	0 12 4		
Church Collection	4 2 4		
Boys' Church Box.....	1 0 3		
Girls' Church Box.....	0 12 9		
	<u>£16 12 4</u>		<u>£16 12 4</u>

STATEMENT OF THE CHARITIES OF ST. PAUL, COVENT GARDEN.

NAME.	ENDOWMENTS.	OBJECTS.	ANNUAL INCOME.	OFFICERS.
Slough House Farm Burl's Farm	Land, 65 acres, 1 rood..... Land, 38 acres, 1 rood, 22 poles	The relief of the poor..... The same purpose, after payment of £20 to the Curate...	nil. £60	New Trustees.
Compulsory sale of part of Burl's Farm Yarwell's Legacy	£49 7 6 New Cons. 2½ p. cts. £263 5 0	The same objects	£1 6 9 7 4 8	Charity Commissioners.
Pearke's	£333 6 8	The Sacramental Fund	9 3 4	"
Margotson's	£200 0 0	Poor women, being householders The Sacramental Fund	5 10 0	"
Dickens'	£108 11 0	Ditto	2 19 8	"
Eagle's	£200 0 0	Resident householders.....	5 10 0	"
Pitter's	£507 15 2	At the disposition of the Vestry The Sacramental Fund	13 19 0	"
Hewson's	£564 7 0	Gowns for poor women	15 0 8	Paymaster-General. Minister and Churchwardens of St. Giles. No receipt for several years
Shelton's	Houses, &c., in Parker's Lane...		nil.	
Butler's	£7,344 13 9 New Cons. 2½ p. cts.	To apprentice annually a boy from each of 12 parishes, of which Covent Garden to be one, or to provide a scholarship for one or two boys or girls...	201 19 6	Rectors of five parishes, of which this is one.
Lord Craven's	Houses, &c. &c.....	King's College and Charing Cross Hospitals.....	690 0 0 about	Twenty-one Trustees.
Bellamy's	£166 13 4 New Cons. 2½ p. cts.	Rector to keep Monument in repair	4 11 8	Rector, and it stands in his name.
Parker's	£1,077 0 0 2½ p. cts.	Deserving poor at Christmas ..	26 1 8 ½	Rector and Churchwardens.
Parochial Collects.	£2,599 10 9 New Cons. 2½ p. cts.	No trust	69 5 2 ½	



June 6th.

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Interview with Dr. H. Boyd Carpenter, W. G. George's, Bloomsbury.

Mr Boyd Carpenter is a man between 60 and 70: bright, keen, intelligent face with prominent forehead and shaggy, sunken, eyebrows: hair quite white: healthy, florid complexion: very sign of mental and physical activity. Mr C. is dressed after the fashion of the Broad Churchman, in the coat and collar of a layman, and nothing to indicate his vocation beyond a white tie.

Mr C. (who is a brother of the Bishop of Ripon) has been here for 11 years.

Character of population.

Mr C. gives the population of his parish as about 17000: this includes a district containing about 5000 which is for ecclesiastical purposes worked by Christ Church Workers Socy, a Chapel of Ease to St George's. The vast bulk of the people are workers in Boarding Houses, Private Hotels, Lodging Houses, and (of recent years) Flats. The tendency is for the district to get poorer in the sense that more and more private

families living in houses tend to depart, and give way to Boarding houses: in Montagu Place s.p. there are now only two private residents besides Mr C. and it has become red instead of yellow. The Duke has the greatest difficulty even in keeping up the status of the two great squares Russell and Bedford, paying guests being introduced by various subterfuges: in the main however they remain residential, but largely given over to Jews. As to the Flats which are rising all over the Bedford Square Mr C. speaks very badly of them: he has gone so far as to suggest to the Duke's agent that before accepting tenants they should ask for the marriage certificate: so largely are they used by men for "a second establishment" or by high class prostitutes who have frequent callers that respectable people are beginning to fight shy of them. As to the Boarding houses many of them are most respectable, but even here it would be impudent to go to one without somewhat rigid enquiry, as they are not all conducted as they might be.

Though there is no great or squalid poverty since the demolition of the Colonnade, there is a considerable

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working class population, some thousands living
in the hamlet, a Millers in Strathairn St. and Coram
St. and in the streets about Coram St. they are
of the class who get along all right except when
sickness comes

With the exception of a small bit sold to
the nation for extending the British Museum the whole
parish belongs to the Duke of Bedford. He is a
better land lord than previous Dukes, and has a
conscience, but Mr. C. reports that he is never brought
into any personal relation with his tenants: the
estate is managed almost entirely by the officials at
the Estate Office and the Duke rarely ever hears
anything but the official view: the only object of the
officials is to get as much money out of the
estate as possible

Persons employed, Millers. Linnas &c.

Full particulars are given on all these points
in the Parochial Report a part of which I have
inserted at the end. The Report is interesting, as giving
the addresses of the workers, and showing that the bulk
of them are parishioners. The Sunday School teachers are

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mostly young women of the middle class, and in spite of a large congregation Mr C. complained that it was almost impossible to get people of leisure to do any work (and especially teaching) for their church: "they won't work" he said "they seem to think that their religious duties are adequately performed if they attend church on Sunday."

The church is supposed to hold only 750 but both morning and evening has a congregation of about 800: women in the ascendant but Mr C. is told "a much larger proportion of men than in most churches." Mr C. attributed his well filled church largely to good music: knowing that he was famous as a preacher I suggested that as another factor: he admitted that "he could not stand twaddle" and that perhaps his preaching drew. Mr C. could not give me the number of his communicants: but he thought that of his average congregation there was a fixed number of quite $3/4$ the. The congregations vary a good deal in morning and evening, that in the evening being much poorer as proved by the number of people in the Offertory: at this time the poorer inhabitants of the parish

Social Agencies.

Education.

attended largely.

be led.

It will be seen that the number of agencies is large and from the way Mr. C. spoke I imagine that they are all ^{rather} ~~very~~ ^{well} ~~worked~~ ^{worked}. The spoke of the work for men and boys is the most important: special efforts have been made to attract them: besides the usual club attractions, the boys have a cricket ground at Crown Rd. At the Social gatherings for men an effort is made with very fair success to mix the classes.

As to the Temperance Work Mr. C. spoke of his Band of Hope as the best in the District: the defect of the work is the ~~to~~ leakage between the Band of Hope and the Senior Society, and for this a third Society is about to be started.

All Social Agencies are open to pensioners irrespective of creed or attendance at church or Bible classes, but they feed both.

Day Schools.

Visiting.

Reading.

Sunday Schools with from 250 to 300 children.
With reference to the Sunday Schools he discussed
the question of the Church and the children: Mr C.
admitted that as far as numbers go the success of
the Church was greatest among the children, but
he regretted the growing tendency to insert dogma into
them: "for my own part," he said "I would much
rather dwell on the beautiful life" of Jesus: "still"
he said "the men who take the other view are such
wonderfully good people that one sometimes thinks
they must be right."

Mr C. claims that the whole parish is
systematically visited, the poor streets of the District.
Visitors and Mission Women, the richer parts of the
clergy. Mr C. himself visits largely in the Boarding
and Lodging Houses but unless Boarders or Lodgers
are members of his congregation he never sees any
but the lady who owns the house.

and to Bloomsbury House.

Relief

Other religious influences

Local society.

Police

Drunk.

Prostitution.

Crime

Drift.

Immigration.

A considerable amount is given, last year apparently about £230, but mainly to the sick, a large sum being spent on convalescent cases. Mr C. said that though not hostile to the C.O.S. they did not work with it "their own organisation being sufficiently thorough". He himself I think knows little of the actual administration which is left largely to the visitors.

There is a chapel in Keppel St., but Mr C. thinks the chief non-Con influence in the district is the Sisters of Bloomsby Chapel.

See Mr L.S. Willoughby, 4 Bedford Sq.
Efficient.

Not at all a drunken parish.

A great deal but not prominent in the streets:
see above.

None.

Fairly drifting: but rents high and "rate of wages low"

Immigration at Registry Office increasing greatly.

Health.
Housing.

Personal.

Very good except in Streatham St. Bldg.
Good except in some of the news, e.g. Montagu
news.

In this parish a great deal of thorough
parochial work seems to be combined with the
congregational system of church going.

The Revd. Curate is quite in the first class
of the clergy: intelligent, attractive, practical;
an elegant preacher I imagine of sermons distinguished
for common sense but mixed with much genuine
fervour and idealism. As an upholder of Sunday
Communion he would I suppose be looked on as an
Evangelical but his real personal leaning I
think is more to the Broad Church.

II.—CHURCH SERVICES AND PAROCHIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

I.—CHURCH SERVICES.

Holy Communion—Every Sunday at 8 a.m. On the First and Third Sundays in the month after Morning Prayer. On the Fourth Sunday in the month after Evening Prayer. On the Great Festivals after Morning Prayer. On Holy or Saints' Days, at 8.30.

Sunday—Service and Sermon at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Children's Service at 3.30 p.m., except the First Sunday in the month, when there is a Service for Men only at 3.30.

Daily—Morning Prayer at 8.30, with Litany on Wednesday and Friday.

Thursday—Evening Prayer and Sermon at 8.

Holy Baptism—Sunday at 4.15. Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

Churchings—Sunday at 4.15. Daily at 12.30 p.m.

Marriages—On Sundays, if necessary, at 9.30 a.m.; on Weekdays between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

One of the Clergy is in attendance at St. George's Church every Week-day morning, from 12.30 to 1, for Parish business.

II.—SPECIAL SERVICES AND CLASSES.

1. CHILDREN'S SERVICE. *Sunday*—Vestry Hall, at 11 a.m.

2. BIBLE CLASSES.

Sunday—In the Vestry Hall, for Young Men, at 2.40.

In the Vestry Hall, for Working Men, at 3.30., except the First Sunday in the month, when there is a Service in Church for Men only, at 3.30.

In the Vestry Hall (lower room), for Young Women, at 3.30.

Tuesday—In the Infants' School, for Women, at 8 p.m.

III.—SCHOOLS.

1. NATIONAL SCHOOLS, for Boys, Girls, and Infants, in Bury Street. The Schools are open from 9 to 12, and from 2 to 4.30. Fees—Boys and Girls 1d. per week; Infants above 5, 1d. per week; under 5, free.

Hon. Treasurer, Rev. H. S. STORK, 12A, Bloomsbury Street.

Head Master of Boys' School, Mr. J. W. ROLFE.

Assistant Teachers, Mr. T. H. WHITTINGTON and Miss M. L. ROGERSON.

Head Mistress of Girls' School, Miss E. L. RIORDEN.

Assistant Mistresses, Miss L. CADNEY and Miss A. M. FROST.

Pupil Teacher, Miss E. LEAMAN.

Head Mistress of Infants' School, Miss S. A. GOLDS.

Assistant Mistresses, Miss M. S. STEVENS and Miss L. MACROW.

Pupil Teacher, Miss E. BECKINGHAM.

Monitress, Miss A. PARKER.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOLS, for Boys, Girls, and Infants, in Bury Street. Opened at 10, and at 2.30.
3. PAROCHIAL CHARITY SCHOOLS, in Little Russell Street, for Girls belonging to the joint Parishes of St. Giles and St. George, who are boarded, clothed and educated. The education of the children is given at the National Schools. *Matron*, Miss HALL.

IV.—PAROCHIAL INSTITUTIONS,

With the names of Superintendents or Secretaries.

1. BIBLE CLASSES.

Young Men—Rev. H. S. STORK.*Working Men*—THE RECTOR.*Young Women*—Mrs. CARPENTER.*Women*—Mrs. CARPENTER.

2. CHURCH SOCIETY.—Open to all persons resident in the Parish, or attending the Church: under 16, *if previously Confirmed*. Meetings are held four times a year. *Secretary*, Mr. T. H. D. BERRIDGE.
3. YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD.—Meetings are held in the Vestry Hall (Lower Room) once a quarter, on Sunday, at 6 p.m. Also on the second and fourth Tuesday in the month, at the Rectory, at 7.30 p.m. *Superintendent*, Mrs. BOYD-CARPENTER.
4. BRANCH OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. Meetings are held in the Vestry Hall on the first Wednesday in the month, at 8 p.m. *Secretary*, Rev. H. H. WILFORD.
5. MOTHERS' MEETING.
Monday—Mission Hall, Little Russell Street, at 2 p.m.
Superintendent, Mrs. HAINES.
6. BAND OF HOPE.—In the Vestry Hall, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 5.45. *Superintendent*, Rev. H. S. STORK. *Secretary*, Mr. F. HUGHES.
7. BAND OF MERCY.—In the Vestry Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month, at 5.45. *Superintendent*, Rev. H. H. WILFORD. *Secretary*, Miss KEENE.
8. SOCIAL GATHERINGS FOR MEN.—The Monday after the first Sunday in the month, in the Vestry Hall, Little Russell Street, at 8 p.m.
9. YOUNG MEN'S CLUB AND GUILDS.—The Club every evening, in Little Russell Street, at 7.30. The Senior Guild, the first Saturday in the month, and the Junior Guild, the third Saturday, both at the Rectory, at 8 p.m.
10. CLUB FOR BOYS.—Little Russell Street, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8 p.m. *Superintendent*, Mr. G. T. LONGLEY. *Assistant Superintendent*, Mr. HOWELL.
11. CLUB FOR GIRLS.—Infants' School, Mondays 6.30 p.m. and Little Russell Street, Thursdays, 6.30 p.m. *Secretaries*, Miss LUCAS and Miss METCALFE.

12. LITTLE CORAM STREET CLUBS.

Young Women—Sunday, 6 p.m. Monday, 8.15 p.m.; and Friday, 8 p.m. (both Infants' School.)*Young Men and Lads*—Sunday, 6 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. (Little Russell Street.)*Superintendent*, Miss METCALFE. *Gymnastic Instructor*, Mr. FOX, assisted by Mr. Haxell.

13. SAVINGS' BANKS.

Vestry Hall, Monday, from 12 to 12.30 p.m.

Manager, Rev. H. H. WILFORD.

14. COAL CLUB.—Vestry Hall (Library), on Monday, from 12 to 1.

4A, Peabody Buildings, Little Coram Street, on Tuesday, 12 to 12.30.

Manager, Mrs. WILFORD.

15. MATERNITY SOCIETY AND PROVIDENT FUND.—Apply to the District Visitor; or at the Vestry Hall (Lower Room), on Tuesday, from 11 to 12.

Manager, Mrs. STUTFIELD.

16. CLOTHING CLUB.—Infants' School on Monday, from 12 to 12.45.

Manager, Mrs. SOMMERS.

4A, Peabody Buildings, Little Coram Street, on Tuesday, 12.

Manager, Miss BERKELEY.

17. WORK SOCIETY.—Mission Hall, on Monday, from 11.30 to 12.30, from November to April.

Superintendent, Miss ALDRIDGE.

18. CHILDREN'S LIBRARY.—Saturday, 12 to 1.

Librarian, Miss ALDRIDGE.19. CHURCH DECORATION FUND. *Treasurer & Secretary*, Mrs. BERRIDGE.20. FLOWER MISSION. *Managers*, Misses KEENE.

21. FOREIGN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Treasurer, Mr. J. F. POWNALL. *Secretary*, Miss POWNALL.

JUVENILE ASSOCIATION.—Meetings in Vestry Hall, last Saturday in the month, at 3 p.m.

22. LADIES' HOME MISSION ASSOCIATION.—Third Tuesday in the month at 3 p.m. at 77, Gt. Russell St. *Superintendent*, Mrs. STUTFIELD.23. LADIES' WORK PARTY.—Second and Fourth Fridays in the month at 2.30 p.m. at the Rectory. *Superintendent*, Mrs. BOYD-CARPENTER.24. PARISH MAGAZINE.—*Editor*, Rev. H. S. STORK, 12A, Bloomsbury Street. *Secretary*, Mrs. SOMMERS, 112, Great Russell Street.25. DEBATING SOCIETY.—Meets on alternate Friday evenings during the winter months, at 8.15 p.m. in the Vestry Hall. *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. E. E. WILD, 25, Great Russell Mansions. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive names of new members.

III.—CHURCH WORKERS.

I. CLERGY, &c.

Rector Rev. A. B. BOYD-CARPENTER, M.A., 1, Montague Place
Curates Rev. H. S. STORK, M.A., 12A, Bloomsbury Street.
 Rev. H. H. WILFORD, M.A., 4, Woburn Place, W.C.
Churchwardens Mr. W. HAZELL, M.P., 15, Russell Square.
 Mr. J. BATEMAN, 24, Bloomsbury Street, W.C.
Sidesmen Mr. E. GILBERTSON, 13, Bloomsbury Square.
 Mr. E. E. WILD, 25, Great Russell Mansions.
Lay Helper. .. Mr. J. R. BOURNE, 32, Aynhoe Road, Brook Green, W.
Organist Mr. W. A. G. ALLEN, 36, Pepys Road, S.E.

2. THE BLOOMSBURY CHURCH COUNCIL, 1897-8.

President, The Rev. A. B. BOYD-CARPENTER, 1, Montague Place.

Vice-Presidents.

Rev. H. S. STORK 12A, Bloomsbury Street.
 Rev. H. H. WILFORD 4, Woburn Place, W.C.
 Mr. W. HAZELL, M.P. 15, Russell Square.
 Mr. J. BATEMAN 24, Bloomsbury Street.
 Dr. WASHINGTON EPPS 89, Great Russell Street.
 Mr. T. H. D. BERRIDGE 49, Rutland Gate.
 Mr. E. GILBERTSON 13, Bloomsbury Square.
 Mr. J. R. BOURNE 32, Aynhoe Road, Brook Green, W.
 Mr. W. E. BROOKS 14, Great Queen Street.
 Mr. F. CLARKE Junior Constitutional Club, Piccadilly.
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 Mr. D. COLQUHOUN 10, Montague Street, W.C.
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 Mr. C. FITZROY DOLL 86, Gower Street.
 Mr. W. T. ELLIOTT 38, Upper Bedford Place.
 Mr. WALTER GURNER 14, Charterhouse Square, E.C.
 Mr. G. W. HAINES 64, Russell Square.
 Dr. HILL 2, Bedford Square.
 Mr. H. E. KEENE 212, High Holborn.
 Mr. G. T. LONGLEY 22, Little Russell Street.
 Mr. H. J. MOORE 113, Long Acre.
 Mr. D. D. PANKHURST 29, Bedford Square.
 Dr. TOM ROBINSON 9, Prince's Street, Cavendish Sq.
 Mr. W. SAYER 14, Gower Street.
 Mr. C. E. TURNER 20, Bury Street.
 Mr. G. P. WILLOUGHBY 4, Bedford Square, W.C.
 Mr. E. E. WILD 25, Great Russell Mansions, W.C.

Hon. Sec., Mr. W. HOWARD HAZELL, 15, Russell Square.

3. MISSION WOMEN.

Mrs. DUNMORE, 23, Little Russell Street.
 Mrs. HARRIS, 14, South Keppel Mews.

4. DISTRICT VISITORS.

DISTRICT.

Miss ALDRIDGE 3, Southampton Street..	} L. Russell Street 17-21 Bury Street 15 Gilbert Street 8 & 14
Mrs. BATEMAN 24, Bloomsbury Street	
Miss BERKELEY 18, Russell Square	} Pt. of Montague Mews Russell Mews Torrington Mews East Ditto West 1-8
Miss ELLIS 57, Torrington Square..	
Mrs. FURBER 63, Westbourne Ter. W.	} Peabody Bdgs. Blk. B Peabody Bdgs. Block F L. Russell Street 22-30 Galen Place
Miss A. GILBERTSON.. 13, Bloomsbury Square	
Miss F. GILBERTSON.. " "	} Barter Street Silver Street 16-20 Woburn Street Peabody Bdgs. E 1-12
Mrs. HAZELL 15, Russell Square	
Miss MARTIN 9, Montague Place	} Model Buildings, Streatham Street. Coptic Street L. Russell Street 1 & 2
Miss METCALFE 17, Steele's Road, N.W.	
Mrs. MUIR 47, Queensborough Ter., Bayswater	} Part of High Holborn Peabody Bdgs. Block A
Mrs. PULFORD 10, Montague Street ..	
Miss PULFORD " "	} Peabody Bdgs. Block C Peabody Buildings, Part of Block E
Miss RUSSELL 8, Mecklenburgh Square	
Mr. SEARLE 33, Percy Street, W. . .	} Southampton Mews North Keppel Mews 1-9, 54-58
Mrs. SOMMERS 112, Great Russell Street	
Miss THOMPSON 21, Woburn Square	} Museum Street, South of Oxford Street. Peabody Bdgs. Block D
Miss J. M. F. THOMPSON " "	
Mrs. TIMMINS 48, Woburn Place	} Woburn Mews, W. Peabody Bdgs. Block D
Miss SEMPLE 8, Torrington Square..	
Miss WALCH 34, Lewisham High Rd., New Cross, S.E.	} Part of Kingsgate St. South Keppel Mews Pt. of Montague Mews
Miss B. WINSTONE .53, Russell Square	
Miss J. WINSTONE " "	} Peabody Bdgs. Block H
Mrs. E. E. WILD 25, Great Russell Mans.	
Vacant.....	} Part of Kingsgate Street Red Lion Yard Peabody Bdgs., Block G Bloomsbury Court Kingsgate Street, 29 & 37 Silver Street 1-12
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5. SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Miss BATEMAN	24, Bloomsbury Street.
Miss BAYZAND	1, Mecklenburgh Square.
Mr. E. E. BROOKS	14, Great Queen Street.
Miss BROOKS	ditto
Miss GRANT	44, Hunter Street.
Mr. HOWELL	20, Arthur Road, Holloway, N.
Miss HUGHES	45, Doughty Street.
Mr. F. HUGHES	ditto
Miss HUNTER	32, Great Coram Street.
Miss KEENE	212, High Holborn.
Miss E. KEENE	ditto
Miss M. KEENE	ditto
Miss MACKAY	4, Brunswick Square.
Mr. MULLER	1, Mecklenburgh Square.
Mr. SAYER	14, Gower Street.
Mr. SEARLE	33, Percy Street.
Rev. H. H. WILFORD	4, Woburn Place.

Occasional Teacher.

Mr. G. T. LONGLEY 22, Little Russell Street, W.C.

Clerical Superintendent, Rev. H. S. STORK, 12A, Bloomsbury St.

Superintendent, Mr. W. E. BROOKS, 14, Great Queen Street.

Secretary, Miss KEENE, 212, High Holborn.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss BERTRAM	28, Newman Street, W.
Miss A. L. DEEY	63, Torrington Square.
Miss A. GILBERTSON	13, Bloomsbury Square.
Miss C. HAZELL	15, Russell Square.
Miss MANFIELD	2, Duke Street Chambers.
Miss L. MANFIELD	ditto
Miss MARTIN	9, Montague Place.
Miss METCALFE	92, Southampton Row
Miss A. METCALFE	ditto
Miss V. PARTINGTON	12A, Bloomsbury Street.
Miss PEARCE	20, Bury Street, W.C.
Miss PULFORD	10, Montague Street, W.C.
Miss B. SAYER	14, Gower Street, W.C.
Miss WARNE	8, Bedford Square.
Miss A. WINSTONE	53, Russell Square.

Superintendent, Mrs. BOYD-CARPENTER, The Rectory.

Assistant Superintendent, Miss ALDRIDGE, 3, Southampton Street.

INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Miss DUTTON	110, Great Russell Street, W.C.
Miss A. HICKMAN	21, Dyott Street, W.C.
Miss LEAVER	11, Gower Mews, W.C.
Miss A. POWELL	99, Long Acre.
Miss ETHEL RICHFORD	35, Russell Chambers.
Miss M. J. ROWORTH	53, Swinton St., Gray's Inn Rd.
Miss AGATHA SANDERSON	4, Canonbury Mansions, Canon- bury.
Miss THORPE	68, Long Acre, W.C.
Miss TOWNSEND	4, Brunswick Square.
Miss VAN WORT	47, Woburn Place.

Superintendent, Mrs. STORK, 12A, Bloomsbury Street.



IV. ABSTRACTS OF ACCOUNTS.

ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Balance	67	4	7	Stipends	461	5	0
Grant from A.C.S. ...	55	0	0	Printing & Poundage	0	19	0
Offerteries, Subscrip- tions, & Donations	380	7	8	Balance in hand ...	40	8	3
	£502	12	3		£502	12	3

PEW SUBSCRIPTION ACCOUNT.

From Easter 1895, to Easter 1897.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank	33	2	4	By General Church ex- penses—			
Pew Subscriptions ...	621	4	10	1895-6—£228	6	9	
Boys' Club for Gas ...	11	16	6	1896-7—£349	13	0	577 19 9
Rent for Fire Escape	0	4	0	Balance at Bank ...	88	7	11
	£666	7	8		£666	7	8

Particulars of this account may be seen at the Vestry Offices.
J. ROBINSON, Vestry Clerk.

CHOIR FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£	s.	d.
Offerteries	91	8	8	Choristers, including			
Subscriptions and Do- nations	25	17	6	Extra Voices, &c. ...	146	0	1
From Sale of Work ...	5	0	0	Washing Surplices ...	8	1	2
From Choir Stall, Sale of Work	8	0	0	Cassocks and Surplices	7	5	2
From G.Purposes Fund	42	13	11	Music, Printing, Sta- tionery, Sundries ...	10	13	8
				Use of Vestry Hall			
				Piano	1	0	0
	£173	0	1		£173	0	1

Report of interview with ~~the~~ Rev. J.L. Evans, Vicar of Holy Trinity, S. Giles. 6 6

The church is a dull structure, both inside and out, situated in Little Queen St. and it was there that I saw Mr. Evans. He had filled in the form very carefully and most of the parish detail is contained in his answers. His district is one that has undergone considerable alterations since the map was published, and indeed Mr. Evans ~~xxx~~ says that before it was out the great changes in Macklin and Shelton Streets had been made. Their colouring is therefore wrong, and both should be pink. The North-east end of Parker Street should be light or dark blue. On the other ^{hand,} parts are too favourably coloured. Great Wild Street, Queen's Court Place (out of Gt. Queen St.), and Twyford Buildings, (a court out of L. Queen St) should all be black. Mr. Evans takes his standard of colouring from the black of Macklin St. saying that the people of the streets ~~he~~ just mentioned correspond to the old inhabitants of Macklin and Shelton Streets. There is one house on the south side of Little Wild Street, just opposite the one on the other side already coloured black that ought to be the same. He also thinks that Drury Lane on the City side, as far as Macklin Street, should be blue, like the other side. (On walking down afterwards, I see that a great deal of this "other side" is being re-built.) The people all through are a migratory lot.

Particulars of the congregations, which consist of a few shopkeepers and poor people, and are almost entirely made^{up} of parishioners, are given on the form. But a point that Mr. Evans wished particularly to emphasize, and to which he returned again at the close of the interview, was that the most important part of the work of the church had to be done through the medium of individuals who could be induced to submit themselves to some sort of discipline through the medium of one or another of the church institutions. It is very difficult to get people to come in the first instance to church; they may perhaps go there after some other kind of membership, but in the great majority of cases the new person who is to be influenced will have to be held through some other channel than that of the church itself. People thus influenced become in their turn "little fortresses" and in their turn influences over a widening circle. It follows that Mr. Evans attaches great importance to the subsidiary parts of a parish organization. Like Ingram and others he makes a special effort to have all the links by which those of every age may be held. He regrets that there is no room for starting a branch of the Boys' Brigade. (cf. Report pages 11 and 12.)

Visiting is carefully organized, and is regarded as the basis of the work.

Charity is administered on the general lines of the

"Mansion House Rules" which are sent out with every grant they make by the Metropolitan Visiting Association.

On the GENERAL QUESTIONS Mr. Evans expressed the opinion that Women Guardians were badly wanted, especially to help in the supervision of the management of the Workhouse. Out-door relief is given in moderation. CRIME is on the whole sporadic, even in the black streets.

The L.C.C. has built a good deal in the parish, and Mr. Evans repeated a complaint on the lines of Father Jay that the provision made was too different from that which the inhabitants of the neighbourhood had any chance of being able to demand. Cf. p. 6 of the Report for an unfavourable comparison of the L.C.C. scale of rents with those of the Peabody Buildings close by.

Mr. E. is like so many others in finding, not opposition, but indifference. He detects a strong feeling in favour of the Sunday School and of religious education.

He described the competition of religious agencies as a feature of West Central London, but he excepted the Wesleyans, and his complaint was in reality directed to the mission work of the S. Giles' Mission. This body did excellent work for the prisoners, and if they would only keep to this there would be nothing to complain of. But in their mission work they are terrible poachers.

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Mr. Evans is an excellent man, a hard worker, and full of good common-sense. But he seems to be lacking in imagination, is a very serious person, and has no fire about him. He lives outside his parish, in Gt. Russell Street, but is of course very far from being one of the idle absentee incumbents. He is about 35 years of age.

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Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

QUESTIONS to be asked in each parish as to the work of the Church:—

- What is the general character of the population?
- What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?
- What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not)
- What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools, and clubs)
- What services or other religious meetings are held, and by whom and by how many attended?
- What Social Agencies are connected with the Church—institutes, societies, clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.
- What Educational Work is done?
- To what extent are the people visited? (by Clergy or District Visitors)
- What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?
- To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

General Questions —

- Under what other religious, charitable, or philanthropic influences do the people come?
- What co-operation is there between the Church and other bodies.

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

- Local Government (including Poor Law administration)
- Police
- Drink
- Prostitution
- Crime
- Marriage
- Thrift
- Health
- Housing and Social Condition generally

(1) Casual labourers of all kinds -
 Covent Garden porters, Caterers -
 Labourers in printing & building trades
 scene shifters and a few policemen
 postmen and artisans - Common lodging Houses
 (2) a certain number of men and young men,
 and a larger number of women schoolers
 belonging to all these classes -
 also the common lodging Houses - Deaf Society
 (3) 13 clergy - 4 mission workers - 1 lay reader
 9 unpaid district visitors, 6 keepers in clubs -
 4 in women meetings - 25 Sunday School teachers
 (4) Church - 100 Parish Room - 200 Mission & Institute rooms
 (5) Church - 30 on Sunday - Parish Room - 20 on Sunday
 Mission Room - 20 on Sunday - Church - ev. 200.
 week day - Church - 1 - mission room 1. mission room m. for
 (30) (15) children - 100 ev. 30
 (6) Temperance meetings - women meetings, father's
 meetings - Sunday School - Boys Club - Young Men's Club
 S.M. Club - Clothing Club - Provident Society - G.S. Club
 (7) Clergy teach in Day Industrial School - religious
 teaching, woodcarving club - music, sewing; symmetrical
 lectures - discussion classes -
 (8) careful home to home visitation -
 by clergy - mission houses - provident visitors &
 lay readers - nursing.
 (9) Metropolitan Visiting Association.
 & Theorem World Aid Society
 (10) By an alms Committee which meets
 weekly - tickets - money payment. V.P. 44
 (11) Nonconformist - Roman Church -
 C.O.S. S.R.D. C.C.H.F.
 (12) Wesleyans - C.O.S. S.R.D. C.C.H.F. I.A.C.
 (1) 11. S.D. 2000 P.L.
 (2) Y. good.
 (3) very bad
 (4) not much.
 (5) yes.
 (6) P. 2000 7. 10000 members.
 (7) not much - about £250 each year.
 (8) good
 (9) bad in certain street - look for structure &
 drainage.

Parish Holy Trinity S. Giles

[Where possible, a comparison should be made between Past and Present.]

NOTE.—It is not intended that this Form should be filled up, but it may be found useful for making notes preparatory to an interview.

Holy Trinity Church,
S. GILES',
LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, HIGH HOLBORN.



THE REV. J. L. EVANS, M.A.,
VICAR.
1896-7.

I.—GENERAL ADDRESS.

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS,

It seems hardly possible that I should be writing my sixth Annual Report, but so it is, one year has succeeded another year with such rapidity, that I can scarcely believe that I have been six years at work in St. Giles. I thank God from my heart that He has spared me for so long, and given me the opportunities of doing His service among you. As before, let me divide my Report into two parts:—

- I. A general review of the district.
- II. The account of the work.

I. This year has differed from its predecessors in this respect, that it has been a year of pulling down, whole streets have wanted this badly for years, and at last two streets have been condemned.

One is Wild-court, the other is the north side of Gardinia-street. The Bells, a block of buildings holding 80 families, have been closed by order of the Council. The sanitary and surveying authorities have keen eyes, and they are quick to notice any dangerous structure, and landlords receive summary

notice that they must repair, and sometimes to repair means to rebuild.

The effect of this is felt keenly by the inhabitants, for while they rightly look for better dwellings, with proper sanitary arrangement and appliances, yet till the repairs are done or the house rebuilt they are houseless, and a good many of our people are temporarily scattered, and too often they find that the erection of new or the rebuilding of the old, means higher rents than they can afford.

This is the case with the County Council dwellings in Parker-street, they are excellent, but they are too expensive, two rooms 7s., three rooms 12s., and it seemed a great pity that the Council did not fix the rents on the scale of those of the Peabody Buildings, which are one room 3s., two rooms 4s. to 4s. 6d., three rooms 6s. 3d. The result is, that the County Council dwellings are out of the reach of the majority of people who live in Drury-lane, and the market people are no better off than before. We hope that the owner of the Bells Buildings will be moderate in their demands, and we believe that the society which has bought Wild-court, is prepared to offer three rooms for 9s., two for 5s.

What will be the fate of Sardinia-street we do not know.

2. Another change has been the opening of the Free Library. I only wish that I could hear that this useful institution was more used by the poorer inhabitants of St. Giles.

3. I reprint again the list of trades in the parish, which shows the character of the population, and emphatically endorses the over long hours of the population, and the difficulties they have in attending God's House :—

Name of Trade.	Time of Labour.	Time for Dinner.	Time for Tea.
Covent Garden porters	3 a.m. to 6 p.m.	1 hour	None.
Errand boys	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	"	Half-an-hour.
Tailoress	8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.	"	Quarter-of-an-hour.
Factory girls	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	"	Half-an-hour.
Printers	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	"	"
Brass finishers	6.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	"	"
Blacksmiths	" " "	"	"
Gas-fitters	" " "	"	"
Ironmongers	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	"	"
Shop girls	" " "	"	"
District messengers	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	"	"
Carmen	3 a.m. to 7 p.m.	2 hours	"

4. The Mission :

The terrible state of house property in the parish has been felt by ourselves, for early in June last (1896) we received a Dangerous Structure notice from the County Council, stating, "that part of the side wall (which had been exposed owing to the pulling down of the next-door premises) was cracked and bulging, and must be shored up immediately, and ultimately rebuilt." There was no help for it, it had to be done; but here our troubles were only beginning, for before the shoring was finished, a second notice arrived, saying that one chimney stack was unsafe, and that the back wall was in need of shoring as much as the side one. Moreover, from private inquiries, we learned that even if we put these things right, the building was so old and so rotten,

that we should probably have to practically rebuild it before we were finished. This was out of the question, as we only held a lease for about eight years, and were liable to lose all the money we had spent at the end of that time. Meanwhile, we were still liable for a rent which would effectually prohibit our taking other premises. Under these circumstances we approached the Electric Light Company, whose works are at the back of our old Mission House, and after much negotiation, they agreed to buy our lease. For this happy result we are greatly indebted to our treasurer, Mr. B. Pemberton, for whose skill and kindness we can never be too grateful.

The next question was, where were we to go, we were tied down to a small district, property is very expensive, one house was prohibited by the district surveyor, another the rent was too high, in another, the drains were bad, and the landlord would not put them right.

At last, after much discussion, the Society for the Improvement of the Labouring Classes agreed to let us a house, No. 3, Wild-court, for a long lease at a moderate rent. By knocking two floors into one, we can get a fair sized mission room, with room above for our Young Men's Club, and the Superintendent and a workshop below.

The work of repairing has begun, and we hope in a few weeks that the new Mission House will be open.

The Effect :

The condemnation of our old mission premises has of course made itself felt ; our mission work has been

carried on amid great disadvantages, the service has been held in the Church Room, and for a short time in the Kemble-street Boys' Club by the kindness of Mr. Uphill, where the Sunday morning mission school is held still, and for three months in the upper room of 14 Sardinia-street. ✓

The boys' and young mens' club has been moved to temporary premises in Little Queen-street, and in spite of difficulties, the gymnasium, wood-carving, and bagatelle have gone on, and great credit is reflected on the members for so faithfully standing by the club, and determining that nothing shall induce them to leave it.

But none the less, the mission congregation has been greatly lessened, the money collected in this part of the parish has been less than last year by £. 10., while the work among the younger boys has been crippled for want of space and room.

All this will, I trust, get right when our new house is ready.

II. The Account of the Work done :

The aim of every clergyman is twofold ; it is based on the twofold aim of His Master ; this aim He pressed upon his disciples just before His Ascension "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, teaching them" ; which I take to mean—

1. To preach the Gospel, that Jesus Christ came to save men from their sins.
2. To build up a society, distinguished from any

ordinary society (a) by special institution, and (b) by the peculiar promise of the Presence of the Lord himself, "Lo, I am with you always."

This body of baptized men, women, and children, is to be a daily witness to the truth of the Gospel, and by the faithfulness of their lives, prove its reality; for, as a writer says, "if more christians led supernatural lives, more people would believe in the supernatural."

On the one hand we, "who labour among you," have to win new disciples, and on the other hand we have to instruct those who are already disciples. We have the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other; the sword to rescue those who are living a life of rebellion to God, and the trowel by which to build up the faith of those who are already disciples; a discipleship in all its various stages; some only just understanding forgiveness, others the severity of temptation; others, the most experienced, the power, the care, the love of the Father for them, the grandeur of the Eternal Life. This, I take to be our work, our aim.

But in a review of any special work, we must ever bear in mind one of Butler's first principles, that the "Divine government leaves its provisions open to abuse."

It is not fair to judge of institutions by what they actually do, but what they would do, if men and women did their part.

And, sad though it be to say so, we as Christian workers must face the fact, that a Christian institution may be abused by its members, and that Saint

John meant this when he said "He that is unjust let him be unjust still." Neither reason, neither Holy Scripture, will ever force men to obey their injunctions.

We can only "teach men to observe whatever the Lord has commanded" us.

We have, therefore, endeavoured to build up the Christian society on the truths of our good old Apostolic Church, by instructing them in the principles laid down by our Master.

We are confronted by new problems, new difficulties in the path of religion, arising from the indifference, the social iniquities, the reckless gambling spirit which surrounds the Church of this age.

(a.) Constructive :

1. There is a material side to our work; we have to teach the people the value of money, and that a penny saved is a penny gained. We do this in various ways.

The Superintendent of the Mothers' Meetings have collected through the Mission Women, £101 15s. 5d.; the Church Room Meeting, £47; the Mission Meeting, £50 5s.; Drury-lane Meeting, £4 10s. 5d.; the Penny Bank, £25 4s. 7d.; the Provident Society (through the Lady Collectors), £94 1s. 1d.; the Temperance Benefit Society, £17; Total £238 1s. 1d.

The children have a prominent place; 80 little girls are taught weekly to sew, and as they grow up and go out to work they are drafted into an older class where they have instruction in singing, cooking, musical drill, and other useful arts. The boys have a Club, open every night in the week, and not only

can pass their time pleasantly alone but have opportunities of learning wood carving, gymnastics, and other manly exercises; when they reach the age of 16 they can join an older club.

The bodies of the children are strengthened in other ways; a certain number of the poorest, carefully selected by Committee, on which the three Head Teachers of our Board School have consented to act, are provided with a dinner four times a week.

A large number are sent into the country through our Local Committee of the Children's Country Holiday Fund.

Careful instruction is given at the Band of Hope, and the children are not only amused but are taught something of the scientific side of the subject.

The Members who went in for the Diocesan Examination gave a good account of themselves, and reflected considerable credit on those who readily gave no little time and pains to this important work.

Much, too, is done for the mothers. There are three Mothers' Meetings held every week under the kindly care of Miss Goodchild, Mrs. Synge, and Miss Thorpe, who has allowed her Meeting, which is under London Biblewomen and Nurses' Missions, to join our Parochial Institution. Here they have opportunities of saving their money, of getting clothing, cooking, at a reasonable rate, and of gaining many a useful lesson from the experienced ladies who preside.

The Fathers:

We have pursued the same course as in last year by continuing our Meeting for Men only. We have

had a considerable amount of encouragement; at our monthly gathering we had an average attendance of between 40 and 45; we have had lectures and addresses of all kinds, some religious, some secular, which have been listened to with attention and profit.

(b.) Spiritual:

It is our endeavour while caring for the bodies of our people to give them definite religious instruction on the lines laid down by our Master, so as to show them that our work is not mainly physical but moral, not only philanthropic but spiritual, and that all our efforts would be nugatory and our institution would utterly fail in their object if we were not aiming at the production of character.

We begin with the Sunday School and try to take a boy or girl through the Sunday School, Sewing Class, Band of Hope, Girls' or Boys' Club; and aim through all these Institutions at building up a character for God, until they are ready to be prepared for Confirmation. If they are confirmed and become communicants, we ultimately hope they will have learnt under God's grace how to stand alone in the world, and to do their share in the Church in training others.

Doubtless there is a leakage, there are those of great promise who drift away into the indifference of the age, who are disloyal and leave the Church of their forefathers; but there are those who are not, who have passed through our institution, are communicants, and some in one way and some in another are doing their part here or elsewhere in strengthening the body of Christ.

But our work is not only among the young, we have to minister to a large population of adults.

The regular services have been maintained; we are glad to report a considerable increase in our number of communicants though our number confirmed was not as large as usual.

Great credit is due to the choir who are a mainstay of our services.

All this is further supplemented by a Service for Men; a Men's Bible Class; Mothers' Union; a Debating Society for Young Men on Religious Subjects; a fortnightly Prayer Meeting; Bible Classes.

Thereby we endeavour to give every opportunity to our people to be built up in the knowledge of the Lord.

(c.) Aggressive Work :—

The sword must be used as well as the trowel. In a parish like ours we have to go out to face the evil in all its forms.

We have nearly 1,000 persons living in Common Lodging Houses; a largely attended service is held by the lay reader in the Municipal Lodging House; one of the Clergy holds services in two others on Sunday afternoon. This is supplemented by careful visitation during the week.

We have found it absolutely necessary to hold a Temperance Meeting every week in the school room or in the open air, and though it is hard to make headway against the inroads of this terrible sin, yet we find that regular meetings, with careful house to house visiting, have proved effective in keeping steadfast those who have broken away from this sin.

Diligent house to house work is our motto in everything.

We are responsible for the religious instruction of over 100 Church of England children, belonging to the Drury-lane Industrial School, and the Report of the Diocesan Inspector shows that good work has been done.

Let me take this opportunity of warmly thanking all those who are in any way helping to build up character. To train up under God spiritually thinking men and women, or to rescue the tempted and fallen. There is no higher work that men and women can do for one another. There is no work which, if faithfully carried out, has greater promise of the Master's blessing.

But like all work done for an employer it is subject to his criticism, and must be carried out with much care and precaution. So this work done for the Divine Master Builder must be done with loyalty, with thoroughness, with faithfulness, with punctuality. "Take heed to the Ministry" was St. Paul's warning words to Archippus. We have each received at our confirmation the privilege of service. Let us see that we regard that as no light thing, but fulfil it right through.

It is not within the limit of my subject to thank by name all who are helping in our varied work that I always try to do in our monthly magazine. You who are so zealously doing your utmost for your Master in this difficult parish will have your reward.

But there are some whom I can only thank through these pages :

The Vicar and congregation of Holy Trinity, Brompton, to whom we are affiliated. The Additional Curates' Society, for again renewing their grant; the Scripture Readers' Society; the Church Pastoral Aid, for their valuable help towards the salary of Mr. Harris; the Parochial Mission Women's Society; the Biblewomen and Nursing Mission, for allowing their local Mission Woman to join our staff; to the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn; to the Haileybury Guild, for their help towards the Boys' Club; to three ladies, who give us most valuable assistance in money; to all our subscribers; to Mr. Thomas Curties, for continually lending us a lime-light lantern; to the Editors of the Report, Messrs. Burdon and Parish; and specially, and above all, to Messrs. Lee and Pembertons, and to Mr. Perryman, the Churchwardens, who have so carefully managed the accounts.

I am glad to say that the finances are in a satisfactory condition, and we cannot be too grateful to our subscribers for continuing their valuable support. With the strictest economy the expenses are very heavy. I am glad to think that our estimated expenditure for 1897-98 is £50 less.

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Rents of Church Room, Mission House, and Sunday Schools - - - -	148
Assistant Clergy - - - -	290
Four Lay Agents - - - -	180
Church Expenses - - - -	200
Sick Fund, Choir, Mission Work, Sunday School, and Temperance Work - -	380
	<u>£1,198</u>

The endowment is £200 a year from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; there is no vicarage house. Various societies give £250, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners give £120 for the Assistant Clergy Fund. This leaves the Vicar responsible for raising a little over £800. This is no slight task.

New Work:

1. The new mission in 3, Wild-court, is in course of completion.

2. At the Easter Vestry, it was the unanimous wish that we should commence a fund for building a new Church Room on our own land adjoining the Church, the lease of the present Church Room will expire in nine years. The new room would cost £500, and we should save nearly £70 a year.

In conclusion, let me urge on you all to continue the support you have given in the past year, and to help on to the utmost of your ability the work that lies before us.

The work is hard, but with God's Grace, wise counsel, and persevering effort, we need never fear.

Your sincere friend,

J. L. EVANS.

75, GREAT RUSSELL STREET, W.C.,
May 1897.

II.—CHURCH SERVICES AND PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—8.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Morning Service and Sermon. (Holy Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays.)
3.30 p.m., Children's Service, 4th Sunday.
4.15 p.m., Men's Service, 2nd Sunday.
7 p.m., Evening Service and Sermon. (Holy Communion, 2nd Sunday.)

WEDNESDAY.—8 p.m., Evening Service and Sermon.
8.45 p.m., Prayer Meeting (Clergy Vestry), 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

FRIDAY.—1.30 p.m., Litany.

HOLY DAYS AND SAINTS' DAYS.—8 a.m., Holy Communion.

BAPTISMS.—4.30 p.m. on Sundays, and at other times by notice.

MARRIAGES.—By special notice.

CHURCHINGS.—7.45 p.m., Wednesdays.
12.30 every day.

The Church is open for private prayer and meditation every day, from 12 to 3 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY MISSION ROOM.

SUNDAY SERVICES.—11 a.m., Children's Service.
7 p.m., Evening Service and Sermon. (Holy Communion, 4th Sunday.)

THURSDAY.—8 p.m., Mission Service and Address.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUNDAY.—11 a.m., Service in the Mission; 11 a.m., Service in Church Room.
3 p.m., in the Church Room.
3 p.m., for Boys, Girls, and Infants, in the Great Wild Street Board School.

BIBLE CLASSES.

SUNDAY.—3.30 p.m., for Girls, at the Mission; 3.30 p.m., for Girls, in the Church Vestry.

4 p.m., for Young Men, at the Mission.

6 p.m., for Girls and Women, in the Church Vestry.

TUESDAY.—8.30 p.m., for Men, at the Vestry.

FRIDAY.—9 p.m., for Sunday School Teachers, in the Clergy Vestry.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

1.—One of the Clergy attends in the **Church Vestry** every day at 12.30.

Notices of Banns, Marriages, and applications for Hospital and Dispensary letters, &c., should be made to the Clergy in the Vestry.

2.—**Maternity Charity** applications should be made to Mrs. Harris at the Church Room, on Wednesday evenings, 5 to 6 p.m., or to Mrs. Gibbs, 7F, Peabody Buildings, on Tuesday, 5 p.m.

CLOTHING DEPÔT.—Tickets can be obtained of the Clergy at the Vestry. Open from 5 to 6 on Wednesday evenings.

BLANKET CHARITY.—Matron, Mrs. Harris. The blankets are distributed in October, and returned in June.

3.—**Mothers' Meetings.**—6 p.m. on Mondays, in the Church Room. Lady Superintendent, Miss Goodchild; Mission Woman, Mrs. Harris. 2.15 p.m., Wednesday, at the Church Room, Lady Superintendent, Mrs. Syngé; Mission Women, Mrs. Gibbs and Miss Thompson. 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, 180, Drury Lane, Lady Superintendent, Miss Thorpe; Mission Woman, Miss Chambers.

4.—**Church of England Temperance Society.**—Meetings, every Monday in the month, in the Church Room, or open air, at 8.30 p.m. Devotional Meeting quarterly. The Rev. J. L. Evans, M.A., President; Ernest Tritton, Esq., Vice-President; Rev. H. Pope, Hon. Sec.; Messrs. Lee and Pembertons, Treasurers.

TEMPERANCE CHOIR.—Hon. Sec., Miss M. Barnes.

5.—Guilds and Clubs:

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.—Monthly Devotional Meetings on Friday before 4th Sunday, at 8.30 p.m., in the Church.

Young Men's Communicants' Guild, Friday before 4th Sunday, at 8.30 p.m., at the Boys' Club.

BIBLE READING UNION.—Meetings held 2nd Sunday in the Month, at 4.15 p.m. Hon. Sec., Miss Chapple.

BAND OF HOPE.—Wednesdays, 6.30 p.m., in the Church Room. Miss Hopper, Miss M. Goode, Miss Davies, Miss King, Miss Collins, Mr. Handley, Rev. H. Pope.

CLUB FOR BOYS.—Open every night (except Thursday), 8 to 9.30 p.m., 25, Little Queen Street. Gymnastics on Thursday, at 8 p.m., in Church Room. Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Parish. Cricket during summer in Regent's Park. Hon. Sec., Mr. Edward Scott.

CLUB FOR YOUNG MEN, open every night, except Thursday, 8 to 10. Hon. Sec., Mr. E. G. Parish.

CLUB FOR SENIOR GIRLS.—On Tuesday and Friday evenings, 8 p.m., in the Church Room. Hon. Sec., Miss Truman.

CLUB FOR JUNIOR GIRLS.—On Tuesday and Friday evenings, 8 p.m., in the Church Room. Hon. Sec., Miss Truman. Manager, Miss Wood.

SEWING CLASS FOR CHILDREN.—Tuesdays, 6 p.m., in the Church Room. Superintendent, Mrs. Harris.

PENNY BANK.—Tuesdays, at the Church Vestry, under a Committee of Gentlemen, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Hon. Sec., Mr. Perryman.

PROVIDENT AND FRIENDLY VISITING SOCIETY.—Collectors: Miss Birt, Mrs. Gill, Miss Chambers, Miss Costelloe, Miss Flower, Miss Lofts, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Martlew, Mrs. Stapleton, Miss Thompson, Miss Warne. Hon. Treasurer, W. Barnard, Esq. Hon. Sec., Miss Nichol.

HOLY TRINITY LODGE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE BENEFIT SOCIETY.—Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Perryman; Secretary, Mr. G. W. Handley. First Wednesday in each month, at 9 p.m., at the Church Vestry.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS WORKING PARTY.—Committee: Mrs. Joyce Evans, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Perryman, Mrs. Gill, Miss Cope, Miss Newton. Hon. Sec., Miss Goode.

HOLY TRINITY CHORAL SOCIETY.—Meetings in the winter months, Tuesday. Hon. Sec., Mr. Finlayson.

LONDON LAY HELPERS' ASSOCIATION—HOLY TRINITY BRANCH.—Members, 40. Correspondent, Mr. Parish.

MEN'S MEETING.—Second Wednesday at 8 p.m., in the Church Room. Hon. Sec., Rev. H. Pope, with a Committee of Management elected by the Members.

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Sick and Poor Fund.

PAYMENTS.			RECEIPTS.		
	£.	s. d.		£.	s. d.
To Food and milk	43	1 4	By Balance from last Report	16	11 10
„ Coals	5	19 1	„ Subscriptions and Donations	86	8 0
„ Money payments	5	19 2	„ Grant from Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Society	25	0 0
„ Christmas dinners	25	16 2	„ Offertory	1	4 9
„ Lodging House Supper	5	0 6	„ Loan repaid	1	0 0
„ Clothing	0	16 0			
„ Sundry School Fund for Christmas Teas	10	0 0			
„ Donation to Children's Dinner Fund	5	0 0			
„ Donation to Charity Organisation Society	1	11 0			
„ Share of printing General Report, 1895-6	1	0 0			
„ Printing	1	10 6			
„ Sundries	0	15 0			
„ Balance in hand	23	15 10			
	£130	4 7		£130	4 7

Report of interview with the Rev. Prebendary Richards
Rector of St. Giles in the Fields, at 40 Bedford Square.

12 (E.A.) June 2, 1981

Mr. Richards has only been at S. Giles' for four or five years. He found the church suffering from the social changes that had been taking place in the parish, and although he set himself to set things right, and to adapt them to the present, he has only very partially succeeded. Not many decades ago S. Giles was the only church for a population of some 30,000, and these included the then well-to-do and comparatively fashionable occupants of Bedford Sq. and its neighborhood. The consequence was that the whole of the church was filled with wealthy people, and all the seats were taken: it had a flourishing and wealthy connexion. There was no provision for the poor. Things changed, and Bloomsbury went down, with the result that the church was gradually deserted. But although left high and dry, the poor did not therefore come to it: they had been excluded and naturally did not come back, just because the doors were open for them. The arrangements of the church, sitting etc, have been altered and the building made very comfortable again, but the congregations are still very small. On all questions of numbers Mr. Richards was very chary of expressing an opinion, and could give no estimate of the average attendances. The regular communi-

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cants however, he says are over 300 in number.

Not only had the church lost its congregation, but there was very little parish organization of use for the purposes of a district that was for the most part poor, and this too Mr. Richards has set himself to do something to right. The great addition to the parish machinery that he has made has been the Mission House, which now provides a centre for most that is done, apart from the church. On paper in fact at the present time, the parish arrangements seem of rather a complete character, but Mr. R. gives the impression of a man who likes to do things in a thorough and somewhat magnificent way, without caring particularly for the individuals who it is intended shall use the various things that may be provided. I may be wrong and doing him an injustice, but he did not seem to me to have the sympathetic quality very highly developed.

Our interview in the room was somewhat curtailed, as he was summoned to attend at Bow Street to give evidence, in a disorderly house case, but most of the parish detail is given in the accompanying report. Among the things mentioned were the Club for old boys of the school. The accommodation for this is not first-rate, but the club is crowded. It meets under the school premises. In the Schools themselves there are some 700 children, and they are nearly full. There is a vigorous Church Lads' Brigade, with 70 or 80 mem

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At the ~~xxxxxxx~~ there are several things, including an
Mission House
Institute for young men, a Girls' Friendly, with some club
life of its own; and for these and almost every other organ-
ization there are Bible Classes.

In addition to the Church, ~~there~~ the Mission House and
the Schools, there is a room in the Mews in the north of
the parish, and a Chapel of Ease in Endeal St. The latter
is somewhat of a difficulty, as the incumbent, who was ap-
pointed by Mr. R's predecessor, starts a certain number of
things that compete unnecessarily with what is done from
the parish church. But Mr. R. would never think of inter-
fering. He adopts the same policy as regards the Missioner
at Seven Dials, who is ecclesiastically under his supervision.
In the latter case the missioner is felt to be more than worth
his salt, and is thus left with a free hand.

Exclusive of the Seven Dials staff, there are the Vicar,
3 curates, 2 paid lady visitors, and 2 scripture readers.
As already stated, Mr. R. could give no figures for the con-
gregations but said that both in the morning and evening
they were small. But they are also going up. No regular
mission services are held, but the rooms are used for Meth-
ers' Meetings, Clubs, and various other purposes.

There is a soup kitchen, an Employment Register, and
other charitable agencies. Charity is administered, gener-
ally, on C.O.S. lines. The total in '97 came to about £100.

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in addition to about £30 for Invalids' Dinners. The soup Kitchen only shows a deficit of about £14 on a total expenditure of £55, the payments for soup amounting to £41.

Mr Richards repeated the serious complaints made by Mr. Evans against the S. Giles Mission. No co-operation with them is possible, and they publish the most outrageously sensational and untrue appeals. He has challenged them to substantiate them, and written to the Times, and seen Mr. Loch. His complaint is that, having got a name, an ignorant public, by its large subscriptions, goes on supporting an agency that is from many points of view very badly managed. As illustrating their strong position, he mentioned that although they would furnish no names, they yet managed to secure a grant of 2000 of the Princess of Wales' dinners. This competition of Missions is one of the difficulties of the district. They libel the district in their appeals, they are sensational to a degree, and any attempt to avoid overlapping is made almost impossible by their exclusive and secret policy. There are 9 of these little pauperizing centres.

He feels that the district as a whole does not deserve to have the thing said about it that these missions publish, for the working-class population, taken as a whole, is respectable. He was born in the neighbourhood, and remembers when New Oxford Street had not been cut through,

and when a very bad rocky fl ourished on the site now cleared. Th ough (such) parts of the parish have improved, it has been far otherwise with the well-to-do parts, and the parish now "recusses the vice of London". The number of breth-els has greatly increased in recent years, hurried on per- haps, by the activity of vestries elsewhere, e.g. in S. Anne' Scho, but mainly from the convenience of its situation. He gave a bad name to many of the flats in the district, and said that in additio n to the brothels, there was a rapidly increasing number of kept women. In Ridgmount Mansions there are a lot, and several respectable families of his acquaint- ance had had to shift their quarters on account of undesir- able neighbours. In Bedford Sq. the great change has been the increase in the number of Jews, and in the decline among those who are not Jews, of the numbers of those who "seem ^{not} to care anything about religion".

The district is becoming a very dangerous one for young girls to live in, and he is especially pleased therefore that there should be some 160 on the books of their G.P.S.

Owing to the changes in the parish, the finances of the church are not in a very flourishing condition, and al- though improving, he has to spend about £500 a year himself towards keeping things going.

Mr. Richards is an elderly gentleman of perhaps 60 or 65 and it is a great piece of work ^{a man of his age} for ~~him~~ to have got the

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parish organizations up to their present standard of efficiency. He has a face of great determination, not I think, unlike the Dean Gregory type.

Before I left him he showed me the Mission House, with one or two excellent rooms, and the Schools, not so pleasing. He was on his way to Bow Street and we went there together. His own case did not come on, and he therefore had no evidence to give, but a whole batch of somewhat similar cases was being dealt with. They were nearly all of them the bogus hotels in Euston Road, and conviction (fine and costs) followed in all of these cases. The Palace Hotel and Restaurant in the Shaftesbury Avenue however, got off on the question of facts, and Sir John Bridge's opinion that the evidence was not quite conclusive. Morally, however, there was practically no doubt that the place deserved conviction. The fines never exceeded £10 or £15; the evidence was entirely that of the police, who had been told off to watch and report. Action seemed to have been initiated by the Vestry, and while there, Mr. Stephen Bourne ^{the clerk} came in.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

40, BEDFORD SQUARE,
May 1st, 1897.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Report of last year was published as usual in the month of May. At the close of my address I ventured to suggest the possibility of commencing the alterations proposed for the Parish Church in the course of the Autumn. It is with a feeling of thankfulness I remind you that the whole work was finished, and a special service held to mark its completion on November 15th, 1896. This is highly satisfactory and deeply encouraging: it shows what can be done in St. Giles' with a little effort. I cannot say how valuable the advice and assistance so kindly given by Mr. Butterfield of Bedford Square has been; setting aside the expense saved by his liberality, his judgment and very real interest have been of the utmost worth. I write this not to thank him, for his pleasure has consisted in offering his services in a good cause, but because you ought to know that the parishioners of St. Giles' are deeply indebted to him for the great pains he has taken to preserve the architectural beauties of the Church, and at the same time to make it more convenient for a mixed population. It seems to me that the building has a more handsome and brighter appearance than it had, that its aspect is much more devotional, and its whole surroundings wonderfully improved.

I fear some time must elapse before the remainder of the plan can be carried out, but I must remind you that the original design was to thrust the Eastern wall nine feet further back, thus giving to the Sanctuary exactly double its present depth, and adding greatly to the appearance and convenience of the Church, and this would not cost more than £2,000. Meanwhile there is every reason to feel very thankful that so much has been accomplished. The total expenditure up to the present time has been £973 14s., of which sum there is still nearly £100 to be collected. It would be very satisfactory if an effort could be made to discharge this debt at once.

I sometimes think that the inhabitants of St. Giles' hardly reflect that the maintenance of the Church and its services depend on their liberality. Years ago pews were readily let, and a large sum was raised by their rent, and if this was insufficient the Vestry could make a rate to cover all expenses; but it has come to pass that the Church Rate can no longer be levied, whilst the pew rents in St. Giles' have fallen very considerably in value. This is the same in all neighbouring parishes, and, in fact, all over London, except in some favoured parts of the Western districts. It is better that the seats should be open and as free from charge as possible, but, at the same time, money must come from some other source. Income is annually received by the Churchwardens from certain rents, and for pews, the remainder is now raised by Offertory. For the first time in my experience the Churchwardens carry over a balance from their last year's account, but this result has only been achieved by the Rector taking upon himself the responsibility for all musical expenses. The Report of 1896 states that the Organist, Choir, and Printing cost £153 8s.; the amount subscribed was £2 3s. 6d. paid by three people; the Offertories amounted to £14 1s. 9d. The charge would be less if the music were neglected, but it is desirable that this part of the service should be well managed, and nobody could wish to practise too rigid an economy in this respect, and I hope before long the fund for Church expenses will be able again to contribute towards this item. Great credit is due to Mr. Russell, the Organist, and to all the members of the Choir for the pains they take to render the service devotional, and I think I may say that I am much pleased on the whole with the conduct of the boys, and hope they will continue to merit a word of approbation.

A change was made last year in the Annual Report, by uniting certain expenditure under the head of the Parish Mission, which now includes all remunerated Lay agency, such as the Lady Visitors and Scripture Readers, and possibly may eventually include the expenses connected with the Mission House. It is satisfactory to be able to mention that some more Teachers have been added to the Sunday School Staff, and that five additional ladies have recently offered their services as District Visitors, which has made it possible for a Mothers' Meeting to be opened in Keppel Street Mews. It is too soon to judge whether it will be successful or not, but it has begun well, and at any rate proves that the work of the Church can be extended whenever more helpers offer their

service. A great kindness is done with but little trouble when ladies will undertake to visit a few old people, and set Miss Hose and Miss Harvey free to discharge other duties.

For information's sake I have written about the material arrangements in the parish, but I am most anxious that it should be understood they are only means to an end. The Church is charged to maintain a high tone of Christian excellency among her people, and all Services, Missions, and Institutions in the parish exist for that purpose. The most effective of all weapons which can be used is in the hand of everyone, but in London is apt to be forgotten; I mean the force of example. Living in the midst of a multitude, Londoners are tempted to believe that their lives are unobserved, and that it matters little to other people what they do; but it cannot be denied that the tone of Society is the reflection of the habits of the individuals who compose it. In such a simple instance as the observance of Lord's Day, the people who disregard it weaken its influence by their example; the people who observe it cause it to be respected. There is no escape from the effects of an example; each one has to answer for his own course of life and to bear the blame if it has lowered the character of other Christians. This simple weapon of example I pray you to use effectively: consider how each one of us affects his fellow, how naturally we may help one another if we are careful to lead godly and holy lives, how deeply many may be injured if our carelessness encourage them to be content with a faithless existence.

May God help us all to live in His presence continually, and to serve him with gladness and singleness of heart.

Yours sincerely,

HENRY W. P. RICHARDS.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS PARISH CHURCH.

Clergy :

Rev. PREBENDARY H. W. P. RICHARDS, M.A., *Rector*, 40 Bedford Square.
 Rev. J. A. BETTS, B.A., 35 Alfred Place.
 Rev. J. M. GAGEN, B.A., 8 Keppel Street.
 Rev. L. B. CURRIE, B.A., 64 Torrington Square.
 Seven Dials Mission District : Rev. A. C. HOLTHOUSE.

Churchwardens :

Mr. T. MATTHEWS, 6 High Street.
 Mr. J. J. WALL, 51 Endell Street.

Sidesmen :

Mr. W. A. JONES. Mr. PHIPPS,
 Mr. F. W. Alington. Mr. W. Eveleigh. Mr. Elms Lester.

Organist and Choirmaster :

Mr. W. A. B. RUSSELL, Mus. Bac., Littleington Tower, Cloisters, Westminster Abbey.

Choirmen :

MESSRS. CHAPMAN, CURTIS, CUTTING, GILBY, GOLLEDGE, GREEN, LACY, SHILSTON, SMITH, STEPHENS, UPTON, and WALLIS. 16 Boys and 4 Probationers.

Verger : Mr. COOPER.

Attends every day at the Church, from 10 to 4.

Sacristan :

Mr. WALLIS, 2 Lascelles Place.

Church Services :

SUNDAY. 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
 11.0 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
 12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays).
 7.0 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

On CHRISTMAS DAY, EASTER DAY, and WHITSUNDAY the Holy Communion is administered at 7.0 a.m. as well as at 8 o'clock.

DAILY MORNING PRAYER, 8.0 a.m.

WEDNESDAY. 12.0 noon. Morning Prayer.
 8.30 p.m. Evening Service and Sermon.

FRIDAY. ... 12.0 noon. Litany.

SAINTS' DAYS. 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion.
 12.0 noon. Morning Prayer.

A Children's Service is held in Church on the Second Sunday in the month at 3.15 p.m.

One of the Clergy attends every morning at the Vestry between 11 and 12 o'clock for Baptisms, Churchings, Notices, Banns or of Marriages, applications for Certificates, &c. Persons about to be married are requested to give at least 48 hours' notice before the celebration of the marriage.

Baptisms and Churchings take place every Sunday Afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Funeral Service will be read in the Church, previous to interment in the cemetery, on application being made at the Vestry; 48 hours' notice is required: no fee is demanded, but an offering may be made.

The Church is open every day from 10 to 4 for prayer and meditation.

Persons desirous of receiving a visit from any of the Clergy are requested to communicate with them, or to leave name and address in the box placed for that purpose in the entrance to the Church.

Many of the seats are free, but those who wish to take sittings should apply to Mr. COOPER, at the Church; or to Mr. MASON, 201 Shaftesbury Avenue.

Mission Ladies:

Miss HOSE, 5 Torrington Square.
Miss HARVEY, 15 Alfred Place.

District Visitors:

Hon. ALICE COLBORNE.	Miss GRIFFITH.
Miss DIBDIN.	Mrs. MORETON.
Miss EAST.	Miss J. E. RICHARDS.

Scripture Readers:

Mr. LOVELESS, 15 Drury Lane.
Mr. WALLIS, 2 Lascelles Place.

DAY SCHOOLS.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS, ENDELL STREET.

Chairman and Treasurer:

Rev. H. W. P. RICHARDS, 40 Bedford Square.

Hon. Secretary:

Rev. J. A. BETTS, 35 Alfred Place.

Committee:

Messrs. E. W. ALINGTON, G. E. COWER, T. W. MATTHEWS, Miss J. E. RICHARDS,
Miss F. WILSON.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Head Master—Mr. CUTTING. *Assistant Master*—Mr. SKERMAN.

Assistant Mistresses—Miss PALMER and Miss KUTTNER.
Number of Scholars, 229.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Head Mistress—Miss LINNELL. *Assistant Mistresses*—Miss MARTIN, Miss DOERY,
Miss BROOKMAN and Miss BEAR.
Number of Scholars, 242.

INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Head Mistress—Miss RUSSELL. *Assistant Mistresses*—Miss TURNER, Miss ARNOLD
and Miss OLIVER. *Pupil Teacher*—Miss M. CHART.
Number of Scholars, 267.

Total number of Scholars, 738.

The Report of the Diocesan Inspector of Religious Knowledge, is again highly satisfactory, and reflects great credit on the teachers of the schools.

Day Elementary Schools of a high class like the St. Giles' Schools no longer have a special day of inspection, but are visited occasionally by the Inspectors. The continuance of these chance visits is a sign of the approval of the Education Department.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

National School Rooms, Endell Street, on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Managers:

Rev. J. M. GAGEN, 8, Keppel Street—for boys. Rev. L. B. CURRIE, 64, Torrington Square—for girls and infants.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Mr. CUTTING, The Schools, Endell Street.

Teachers—The Misses G. BUCKNEY, FREEAR, HARVEY, PARKER, F. PARKER, STEWART and J. STEWART, Rev. J. M. GAGEN, MESSRS. EVELEIGH, LOVELESS, ROWEN and WALLIS.

Number in attendance 125.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Miss HOSE, 5, Torrington Square.

Teachers—The Misses DODMEAD, HAYES, IMS, ISTD, LAKE, MARLING, RICHARDS, SHIPWRIGHT, SHIN, M. WAY and WINTER.

Number in attendance, 106.

INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Miss DAVIS, 1, Caroline Street.

Teachers—The Misses BROWN, BUXTON and PHILP, Mr. E. RUSHWORTH.

Number in attendance 94.

More teachers will be welcomed in any of the schools.

BIBLE CLASSES.

For men, on Tuesday Evenings, at 8.30 in the Outer Vestry conducted by the Rev. J. A. BETTS.

For Steadfast Brothers, on Sundays, at 4 p.m., at 12, Bedford Square " " Miss SMART.

For Church Lads' Brigade, on Sundays, in the Outer Vestry at 4.30 p.m. " " Rev. J. M. GAGEN.

" Boys' Class Room at 3.30 p.m. " " Miss F. WILSON.

" " at 4.15 p.m. " " Rev. L. B. CURRIE.

For Lads, at Shaftesbury Home, on alternate Thursday Evenings, at 8.30 " " Rev. J. A. BETTS.

For Lads, at Fordham House, Shaftesbury Home, on alternate Monday Evenings, at 8.30 " " Rev. L. B. CURRIE.

For Young Women, on Sundays, at 3.30, in the Outer Vestry " " Miss ESTHER FRERE.

For Young Women, on Sundays, at 3 p.m., in the Girls' Class Room, Endell Street " " Miss A. F. RICHARDS.

For Children of the Upper and Middle Classes, on Sundays, at 3.30, at 40, Bedford Square " " Miss J. E. RICHARDS.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

Boys' Sunday School	125
Girls' Sunday School	106
Infants' Sunday School	94
Steadfast Brothers' Bible Class	12
Church Lads' Brigade	60
Young Women's " Miss E. FRERE	10
Young Women's " Miss A. F. RICHARDS	13
Shaftesbury Home and Fordham House	25
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MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

SHORT'S GARDENS, on Thursdays at 2.15, conducted by Miss HOSE, assisted by Miss BUCK. Number of Members, 50.

OUTER VESTRY, on Tuesdays, at 2.30, conducted by Mrs. LOVETT. Number of Members, 51.

A Room has been engaged at 37, North Keppel Mews, where a third Meeting is now held, conducted by Miss HARVEY, assisted by Miss EAST. Number of Members at the first Meeting 15.

MOTHERS' UNION MEETINGS are held Quarterly in the Outer Vestry, at 2.30 p.m., followed by a short Service in Church.

Secretary and Enrolling Associate of the St. Giles' Branch:

Mrs. RICHARDS, 40, Bedford Square.

*Number of Subscribing Members and Associates, 27, and of Members, 60 :—
Total 87.*

ST. GILES' GUILDS.

JUNIOR COMMUNICANTS' GUILD FOR YOUNG WOMEN, *Chaplain*, The Rev. H. W. P. RICHARDS. *Secretary*, Miss FRERE. *Treasurer for the Fund for providing the Altar Flowers for the First Sunday in the Month*, Miss E. LAKE..

THE SERVICES of the Guild are held in St. Giles' Church on the Friday before the 1st Sunday in the month at 9 p.m. Number of Members 41.

MEN'S COMMUNICANTS' GUILD, conducted by the Rev. J. A. BETTS. *Secretary* Mr. T. UPTON. Meetings are held in the Outer Vestry on Thursday Evenings before the 1st Sunday in the month. Number of Members, 31.

STEADEFAST BROTHERS' GUILD, conducted by Miss SMART. This Guild was established in 1879, and consists of a certain number of young men who have joined together for the purpose of helping one another to maintain a steady Christian course of life. A very successful Boys' Club at the Schools in Endell Street, is in connection with this Society. They have a Gymnasium and Reading Room, where they play games and have occasional Lectures. Average attendance, 56. Members, 140. Steadfast Brothers' Guild and Bible Class, 12. Volunteers in School, 10.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

(St. Giles-in-the-Fields Branch.)

Branch Secretary and Treasurer: Miss A. F. RICHARDS, 40, Bedford Square, W.C.

Working Associates:

Miss BUSSELL
Miss M. FRERE
Miss E. FRERE
Miss GRIFFITH
Miss K. JONES
Miss LINNELL

Miss HARVEY
Miss HOSE
Miss A. F. RICHARDS
Miss J. E. RICHARDS
Miss SHIPWRIGHT

Honorary Associates:

Mrs. R. TALBOT COX
Miss W. DAVIS
Mrs. BARTLE FRERE
Miss LINDSEY

Miss MARLING
Miss MASON
Mrs. RICHARDS
Mrs. SHAW

Number of Associates, 19; Members, 112; Candidates, 40; Probationers, 20.

Meetings for Members are held every Tuesday Evening at 8.15 p.m.; and for Candidates on the 1st and 3rd Friday in each month at 6.30 p.m. These are at present held in the Endell Street Schools, but it is hoped shortly to be able to meet in the New Misson House.

THE CLERGY FUND.

This is the only source from which assistance is derived by the Rector towards maintaining the staff of Clergy necessary for the proper working of the Parish. Subscriptions this year amounted to £8 5s., and the share of the Offertory to £9 14s. 9d., leaving a deficiency of £415 16s. 11d. to be supplied by the Rector.

THE PARISH IS DIVIDED INTO DISTRICTS.

The RECTOR takes the Central Portion—Bedford Square, Bayley Street, Bedford Court, Avenue and Mansions, Caroline Street, and Great Russell Street, with a portion of Tottenham Court Road, and also reserves to himself the right of visiting in any portion of the parish.

The Rev. J. A. BETTS—Endell Street, Short's Gardens, Betterton Street, Clarke's Buildings, Bucknall Street, across New Oxford Street to Great Russell Street, and the District between Chenies Street and Francis Street.

The Rev. J. M. GAGEN—North side of Shaftesbury Avenue, by Charing Cross Road to Denmark Street, the block between Bedford Square and Store Street, Gower Street and Ridgmount Street, as far as Chenies Street.

The Rev. L. B. CURRIE—Neal Street, Great St. Andrew's Street, Denmark Street, High Street, Arthur Street, the block between Store Street, Chenies Street and Ridgmount Street.

The Clergy are assisted by two Lady Visitors, one of whom is partly supported by Miss Jackson's Society, and by two Scripture Readers, a moiety of whose incomes is derived from the Scripture Readers' Society.

A few ladies kindly undertake small districts, and it is hoped that others will come forward and offer their services. A Meeting of Workers is held at 40, Bedford Square, on the first Friday in every month, at 3 p.m.

THE ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS ATHLETIC CLUB.

There are now three Sections of the Athletic Club; Cricket, Football and Lawn Tennis. An excellent ground is provided at Willesden Junction. Any parishioners willing to join can obtain all information from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Parkes, 138, Rucklidge Avenue, Harlesden, N.W.; or from the Rev. J. M. Gagen, 8, Keppel Street, W.C.

THE BLANKET CHARITY

Is managed by Mrs. TALBOT COX, who lends blankets to poor people during the winter months; 48 have been used this winter. Contributions of blankets or money will be thankfully received. The accounts are included in those of the District Visiting Society.

THE CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAYS FUND

Helps all parents, who have no other means of doing so, to give their children a fortnight's country holiday during the summer. They pay according to their "means," so that none are excluded on the score of poverty, but places are always secured first for the weakly or ailing children. The St. Giles' and St. George's, Bloomsbury Committee sent away 423 children last year. The local subscriptions amounted to £53 4s. 7d. Hon. Sec., Miss WILSON, 110, Long Acre, W.C.

LONDON DIOCESAN CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

Seeks to keep boys, after they have left school, in manly pursuits and christian fellowship. It provides occupation for idle hours, and the St. Giles' boys have shown by the proficiency of the Ambulance Squad, the Drum and Fife Band, and at drill competitions that they have made good use of their time. The Corps numbers upwards of 60 lads, and together with the St. Martin's, St. George the Martyr's, and St. Margaret's, Westminster, forms the 6th battalion of the Brigade. Captain—the Rev. J. M. Gagen, 8, Keppel Street, W.C.

THE DISTRICT VISITING SOCIETY

Assists poor people in sickness and distress, and relieves the Clergy from attending to their temporal wants, so that they are more free to exercise spiritual duties. One of the Mission Ladies attends daily at the Outer Vestry from 11 to 12 to keep the Register of Employment, and to see all who are in trouble and enquire into their needs. Thirty-two appliances for sickness have been lent out this year. The stores are at present as follows:—Twenty-two bags for sickness (two for men, four for women, two for children, two for babies, eight for lying-in, and four for hospitals), three feeding cups, one dressing gown, one air bed and five cushions, two water-beds, one bed rest, three waterproof sheets, nine woollen rugs, three leg rests, one couch, one bronchitis kettle, two hot water bottles, one bed table, two Nightingale capes, spare sheets, books and picture books, and many other comforts for illness. Any articles of this kind, and also any old clothes will be thankfully received by Mrs. RICHARDS, at 40, Bedford Square, or they may be sent to either of the Mission Ladies at the Outer Vestry. Clothing is in constant request, especially for girls going out to service, for men, women and children going to Convalescent Homes (for which they require a sufficient outfit), and for old people and babies in winter. The Rector begs to thank many Parishioners who have contributed parcels of old clothes during the past year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Missionary Association now numbers 213 members, who, by the rules, either subscribe not less than one penny a month or take a collecting box, and who are also invited to attend the Missionary Services and Meetings, and to pray for a blessing on Missionary work. The names of the Committee, from whom all information can be obtained, will be found below with the balance-sheet; the list of subscribers was published in the May number of the *Parish Magazine*. Lantern Lectures are given during the Winter, and there is an annual Service for members. A Missionary Lending Library has been started for the use of members, and books can be obtained from it on application to Miss RUSSELL at the Endell Street National Schools; magazines are also supplied or lent to those who wish for them. A packet of clothing, made by the working party at 40, Bedford Square, was sent to the C.M.S. Hospital at Nablús, Palestine.

GENERAL DONATION FUND.

Under this head all subscriptions are included, which are given to the Rector to distribute at his discretion. The fund has unfortunately much diminished, owing to the loss of many old inhabitants; but it is most valuable in providing assistance for any Parish Institution subject to unusual strain, and all persons will do well to support it who have no predilection for any special charity. The account stands at the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank, in the name of the Rev. HENRY H. W. P. RICHARDS.

THE INVALID KITCHEN

Provides dinners for sick people, either of meat and vegetables, or of beef tea and pudding, as preferred. The food is cooked at Noon's eating house, in High Street, where 1,115 dinners have been given out this year to poor people with subscribers' tickets.

LENDING LIBRARIES.

The Lending Library at the National Schools is kindly managed by Mrs. DUGALD CLERK and Miss M. STEWART. There are also Libraries for the members of each of the Mothers' Meetings, of the Girls' Friendly Society, of the Missionary Guild, and of the Boys' Club. Mr. STATHAM has supplied a large number of Magazines during the past year. Any gift of books or of money for repairing old ones will be gladly received.

NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY.

This Society, started in the year 1858, gives employment at their own homes to needy women during the winter, and also assists poor people by selling garments at the cost price of the material only. They are prepared by the ladies of the Committee and given out on Monday mornings from 11 to 12 o'clock at the Outer Vestry, where the clothes are sold, and all information can be obtained. The accounts could not be made up this year in time for publication.

ORGANIST AND CHOIR FUND.

The Choir is entirely maintained by voluntary contributions, and its efficiency must depend to a certain extent on the funds supplied by offertories and subscriptions. It will be seen by the accounts that these do not nearly balance the expenditure, and as it must be remembered that the music can only be improved at a certain cost, it is hoped that more members of the congregation will give their support. Volunteers will be gladly welcomed, and should communicate with the Rector, the Assistant Clergy, or the Organist.

THE PARISH MAGAZINE

Published once a month, is a means of communicating local information, advertising meetings, before they are held, giving a report of them afterwards, and enabling its readers to know what is going on in the parish. It requires a large sale to meet the expenses of printing, and it is hoped that many people will take copies. Apply to the Rev. J. M. Gagen, 8 Keppel Street, or to Mr. Mason, 201, Shaftesbury Avenue.

PARISH MISSION.

Under this heading is included all expenses connected with the Lady Visitors and Scripture Readers, together with the cost of engaging rooms for Special Services. These are partly met by a grant from Miss JACKSON'S Lady Visitors' Society and from the Scripture Readers' Society, and by contributions received from a few subscribers; but it is most important that more assistance should be given, for the growth of spiritual work in the parish greatly depends on the development of this Mission, and at present most of the expenses have to be defrayed by the Rector.

A REGISTER OF EMPLOYMENT

Is kept at the Outer Vestry, and can be seen every day between 11 and 12. So many people want charwomen, needlewomen, waitresses, carpenters and messengers as well as girls for service, and errand and boot boys, that they find it a great convenience to make use of the opportunity thus offered.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS POST OFFICE PENNY BANK.

Manager—Rev. L. B. CURRIE.

Mr. CURRIE or Mr LOVELESS attends at the Outer Vestry on Saturday evenings from 8 to 9, to receive deposits. The amount deposited last year was £21 19s 5d., and the amount withdrawn £16 15s. 5d. leaving a balance of £5 4s. They were 67 names on the books for 1896.

THE ANNUAL SALE OF WORK

Was held in the Infants' Schoolroom, Endell Street, on the 4th of April, and realized the sum of £57 13s. 3d. which is a considerable help to the Parish Charities. A list of those benefited by it will be found amongst the accounts.

THE SOUP KITCHEN

Is open during the winter months in the basement of the National Schools, and supplies good soup at 1d. a pint, which may either be taken home or eaten on the premises. It is exceedingly useful to the school children in cold weather, as well as to the aged poor, and any subscriptions towards the expenses of cooking will be thankfully received by the Treasurer. 10,255 pints of soup were sold this year. Miss GLENISTER kindly contributed Peas and other useful articles.

THE ST. GILES' BRANCH OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

Besides the Managing Committee, a Visiting Committee has been formed which, though at present small in numbers, will, it is hoped, form the nucleus of a large working body. Many of those whose names are on the books have left the Parish and are consequently out of touch with this branch, still the meetings average about 60 in attendance.

THE ST. GILES' WORKHOUSE GIRLS' AID FUND.

This Society has been joined to the District Visiting Society, and the money put into a common fund; but its account is kept separate, and the Committee still continue their work where it is necessary. Application may be made to Mrs. RICHARDS, 40, Bedford Square; Mrs. BUSSELL, 13, Gower Street; and Mrs. WALTER TYER, 4, Brunswick Gardens, Kensington.

OFFERTORIES.

May 1, 1896—April 30, 1897.

	£	s.	d.
Bishop of London's Fund	13	10	11
Christmas Dinners	5	18	7
Church Expenses	48	2	4
Church Renovation Fund	56	18	5
Church Missionary Society	8	2	2
Clergy Fund	14	11	10
Country Holiday Fund	3	16	5
G. F. S. Brabazon Home of Rest	0	12	6
Hospital Sunday	21	3	6
Indian Famine Fund	20	10	4
Metropolitan District Visiting Society	4	10	3
National Schools	5	15	0
Organist and Choir Fund	17	1	8
Parish Mission	17	15	11
School Treat	4	3	11
Sick and Poor	51	16	4
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel	8	4	5
Sunday School	3	9	7
Volunteers' Widow Fund	16	2	5
	£322	6	6

A third part is deducted from every Offertory and paid to the Churchwardens for the Church Expenses.

M. H. CLERK, Auditor.

ST. GILES' ATHLETIC CLUB.

President—Rev. H. W. P. RICHARDS.

Hon. Treasurer—Rev. N. C. W. RADCLIFFE.

Accounts from January, 1896, to January, 1897.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1895	12	17	6	Postage and Stationery	1	15	9
Members' Subscriptions	15	4	8	Umpire and Scorer	0	15	7
Subscription for Tent	1	0	0	Davenport for Goods	4	11	8
Donations—Mrs. Friday	0	10	0	Toley for Balls	0	9	0
Mr. C. F. Doll	0	10	0	Repairs	1	4	3
Mrs. Wilson	0	10	0	Score Book	0	1	6
Mr. A. Bainton	0	10	0	Flag Pole	1	7	6
Mr. A. Harbord, M.D.	0	5	0	Lounge Chairs	0	3	6
Rev. T. R. Hine-Haycock	0	10	0	Tent	1	10	0
Rummage Sale	11	0	6	Ground Men	0	10	0
Proceeds of Entertainment	21	0	0	Refreshments	0	8	9
				Barnard's Bill	0	7	0
				Exs. Lawn Tennis Club	2	17	5
				Rent of Ground	40	0	0
				Printing Circulars	0	16	0
	£63	17	8				
				Balance in hand	56	17	11
					6	19	9
					£63	17	8

JOHN M. GAGEN, Auditor.

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Report of interview with the Rev. H.G.D. Latham, Warden
of the Inns of Court Mission, at his residence, 10 Broad
Court Flats, Bow St. 17

This Mission is a Settlement in embryo -- at least
in the mind of the Warden. It may be regarded as the young-
est of all the Settlements and Mr. Latham is full of the
hopeful enthusiasm of '83 and '84, qualified by the exper-
ience of the last ten years or more. He knows of Oxford H
House, and that is his model, but he has learnt his lessons
in both detail and principle from two old Townbee Hall men
both persons. He is a good fellow, a little jumpy in ideas
and in their expression, but an excellent person to have
the initial work of this Mission to undertake. He regards
his work as being religious in character, but his first bus-
iness is to get to know and be trusted by those who come
to the Institute "The religious work will only grow as the
members of our Club will receive it". As opportunity offers
therefore, and after the friendship of working-men and boys
has been won, the final aim will be "to teach how exceed-
ingly practical a thing Christianity is, and how it does and
should influence conduct".

The accompanying report is interesting as showing
how the start has been made in this new centre of work. It
will be seen that from the first the wise policy has been
adopted of trying to establish a connexion with things al-

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ready started, and it indeed to the close association between the Mission and the Covent Garden Porters' Temperance Society that much of the success of the former is to be traced. Even the Boys' Club was, so Mr. Latham said, started unexpectedly owing to the glowing account of what was going to be done for the boys that was given at one of their meetings by an enthusiastic porter: the boys heard of it, and a body of them presented themselves on the following evening to join. They were taken by surprise, but a start was improvised, and the boys club has gone on ever since. In addition to the Porters, a home is provided for a Ledge of the Phoenix, and close relations are being established with a local Provident Society.

From the Club and social beginning that has thus been made, Mr. Latham hopes for an educational development, and dreams of a big Working-class Polytechnic, without strictly technical classes, but with educational work done of a kind suited to the neighbourhood. Behind this idea, and furnishing a kind of raison d'être for everything, is, as said, the hope of instilling the teachings of a practical Christianity.

The men who have joined so far are mostly unskilled workers, but the boys are of a somewhat better, or at least more mixed class. They must be earning decent wages as Mr. Latham ~~mentioned~~ mentioned that they were able to pay

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a sixpenny railway fare to get to the cricket ground that the Mission has provided at Shepherds' Bush. Things have been going smoothly and successfully so far, the greatest difficulty coming in from the cliques that are apt to be formed.

Six barristers are helping at present, one or two of them living in the Temple, but most West. He hopes that a set or two of rooms in the flats where he is living will be occupied before long by men who have come to settle and who will thus make the nucleus of the actual Settlement.

The religious work so far consists of a club service on Sunday evenings, at 8.30, to which their members are allowed to bring their lady friends. Some 40 or 50 come in all. After the meeting some of the members stay on and smoke and talk with the Warden. In the afternoon a Bible-class is held.

Mr. Latham was working in the neighborhood of the Old Kent Road before coming to the Mission, and finds the people of the Drury Lane district much more amenable and responsive. He is, in fact, agreeably surprised.

Mr. Latham holds the Bishop of Marlborough's license to preach in the diocese, but is attached to no particular church. When he came he found the people inclined to think that since he was a parson, his aim must therefore be to proselytise, but when they found that his aim was to get

to know them and to be their friend, suspicion vanished.
 "If I ^awere a vicar!" said Mr. Latham, "I should try to proselytise", but he regards his present duty as different.
 He is enthusiastic and hopeful, but is quite aware that only a very little has been achieved so far. He does, however, attach importance to the ideas underlying the formation of the Mission -- namely to the recognition that it gives to the social side of the work of the Church. He hopes that with this as its object, the Settlement movement will gradually spread over the whole of working-class London. The boundaries of his Mission he takes roughly as Holborn, The Strand, Chancery Lane, and Charing Cross Road. They give no relief---- this was Mr. Latham's last word, shouted to me as I was leaving. He would gladly welcome a visit in the evening at the clubs.

He has had a very friendly reception from the local clergy, and been ~~exce~~ especially helped by Mr. Kitto.

He is a Board School manager, and a member of the London Playing Fields Committee. In appearance he is a tall strapping fellow, standing well over six feet, with a pleasant expression and keen manner. He seemed fairly capable, but is of course learning his work. He is probably well under 40 years of age.

Inns of Court Mission.

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Warden—REV. H. G. D. LATHAM, 15, Broad Court Flats,
Bow Street, W.C.

WARDEN'S REPORT.

April, 1897—March, 1898.

The active work of the Inns of Court Mission may be said to have begun with the Meeting held in the Inner Temple Hall, on Wednesday, March 31st, 1897, under the presidency of THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

It was announced at this meeting that the ideas which had been occupying the spare time of many representatives of the Bench and Bar for some months, were now taking visible form. A Warden had been appointed to direct the carrying out of the work which the promoters of the Mission scheme proposed; and the speakers at this meeting, including the LORD CHANCELLOR, the ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. JUSTICE KENNEDY, MR. COZENS HARDY, Q.C., MR. CECIL CHAPMAN, and the WARDEN OF THE MISSION, appealed to Members of the Inns of Court to assist by contributions of money, and still more by personal service, to make the work of the Mission a practical success.

A few days later the Warden came into residence, and at once took up his new duties. The first thing to be done was to get into touch with the supporters and promised helpers of

the Mission, with the local clergy, and with those for whose benefit the Mission has been founded. It was necessary to maintain and increase the interest of those Members of the Inns of Court who already were, or might be expected to become, interested in its work, to find means of co-operation with the local Clergy, whereby the efforts of the Mission might be directed wisely and helpfully, and to win the sympathy and confidence of the working men connected by residence or labour with the large district, bounded by Chancery Lane, Holborn, Charing Cross Road, and the Strand.

In his communications with the subscribers to, and promised helpers of, the Mission, the Warden was materially assisted by the records of promises and expressions of goodwill, kept by the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. E. MALDEN, and he at once wrote to all those who had expressed their willingness to help, and in some cases received definite promises of personal assistance as soon as the proposed organization was in working order.

The Clergy were, almost without exception, kindly disposed towards the scheme, and unselfishly made the Warden's task much easier than could have possibly been the case, but for their help.

The Warden was able to get into touch with the market porters of Covent Garden, through the Covent Garden Porters' and General Total Abstinence Society. He communicated with the Secretary of that Society, and took the earliest opportunity of attending one of its meetings. A Scheme which he suggested for forming a Working Men's Club and Institute was warmly received, the Society heartily co-operating with the Warden.

During the Summer steps were taken to secure suitable premises for such an object. After a good deal of fruitless enquiry, the Mission Executive Committee were advised by the Duke of Bedford's Agent, Mr. Stutfield, to communicate with Messrs. Lambert & Butler, with a view to taking over the latter's former factory in Drury Lane. Eventually Messrs. Lambert & Butler agreed to transfer the remainder of their lease of Nos. 45 and 46, Drury Lane, to the Mission, on condition that the latter became responsible for all charges, ground rent, dilapidations, &c. This offer was accepted, and R. G. Hammond, Esq., Architect, of 16, Essex Street, Strand, was instructed to have the buildings thoroughly repaired, and fitted up as a Club and Institute House. This was done at a cost of some £500, and the work completed by the middle of October.

While these buildings were being adapted to meet our needs the work of the Mission had been progressing.

Thanks to the kindness of the Rev. Prebendary KITTO, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a large room in Bedfordbury was placed at the disposal of the Warden, who in August opened a temporary Institute for men there four evenings a week.

The meetings were small at first. On the opening night three working men came to meet the Warden, and for some time this seemed quite a large attendance; at times there would be one Member present, at other times the Warden spent the evening alone. But though the average attendance was poor, the membership was growing, and by the end of August we had fifteen paid up Members.

With September the work began to develop. On Tuesday evenings Temperance Meetings, both open air and indoor, were held, which did good in themselves and also assisted in the growth of the Institute; for several members of the Covent Garden Porters' Temperance Society (by whom the meetings were undertaken) joined the Club, and several of the boys of the neighbourhood who attended the meetings eagerly took up the idea of an Institute for themselves, and promptly came and formed a Club on the evening following the first meeting. From that time till the Mission moved from Bedfordbury, the men and boys clubbed together in the temporary premises.

By the end of September there were sixty-seven members, in October eighty-three more joined, and though, of course a certain number of the earlier members had dropped out, there were a hundred and twelve paid up members, men and boys, to take to Drury Lane.

Two more matters of importance should be mentioned before speaking of the removal from Bedfordbury. The first is the formation of the Mission Football Club—The Gainsford A.F.C.

About the middle of September this project was first discussed: a week or ten days later a good ground was secured at Wormwood Scrubs, thanks very largely to the energy of the captain of our first team, and things were soon in working order.

The second matter is the help afforded by Members of the Inns of Court. The work was growing so fast that the Warden felt the need of helpers in organisation, as well as of increased subscriptions, and wrote to some of those who earlier in the year had promised personal service. His appeal was at once responded to. At the end of September Messrs. BURROWS and DICKSON, of Lincoln's Inn, came to assist, followed a week or two later by Mr. JOHNSON of the Inner Temple, Mr. DODD, of Lincoln's Inn, and Messrs. MORRISON, of the Temple, and FELLOWES, of Lincoln's Inn.

Of these some were able to help regularly for a short time only, owing to other pressing engagements, but they helped the Warden to tide over a difficult time. The others are helping week by week. Mr. BURROWS specializes in the Boys' Division of the Institute, while Mr. DODD has kindly consented to act as Institute Treasurer. Messrs. WHITTAKER, HILLIARD, and the Hon. O. SKEFFINGTON have joined us in Drury Lane. Mr. WHITTAKER is our Musical Director, Messrs. HILLIARD and SKEFFINGTON give much needed help with the boys.

Tuesday, October 26th, is a red-letter day in the calendar of the Mission, for then the LORD CHANCELLOR, supported by three Judges, the BISHOP OF MARLBOROUGH, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, and several leaders of the Bar, including the majority of the Council of the Mission, opened the buildings 45 and 46, Drury Lane, for the service of God and the service of man.

Those who were present at the meeting—it was a cause of much regret that the small space available made it impossible to welcome all Subscribers and friends—will not soon forget it. From first to last it was a triumphant success, and marked by the most excellent good feeling between those who have founded the Mission and those who enjoy its benefits. It is worth recording that while Mr. Justice BRUCE, the LORD CHANCELLOR, and the ATTORNEY GENERAL, representing the Mission authorities, the Bench and the Bar, and the BISHOP OF MARLBOROUGH representing the Church, spoke of the ideals followed by those who are responsible for this great venture, a vote of thanks to the LORD CHANCELLOR was seconded, and well seconded, by Mr. T. HARRISON, one of our own working men.

We have now settled down to regular work. At the time of writing our Institute has over two hundred Members, men and boys, and signs are not wanting that this number will increase before the winter's work ends.

We try to do more than merely provide a place of amusement for our Club members. Billiards, bagatelle and cards are all very well in their way, but they are hardly the supreme things contemplated by the founders of the Mission.

Two first-rate Concerts, organised by LADY KENNEDY, and given on Dec. 6th and Feb. 21st, were the first of a series of efforts on more cultured lines, while, in another direction, a Series of Lectures, followed by discussion, has been begun. Our first Lecture, by Mr. BURROWS, on "The Licensing Laws and Proposed Reforms," was given on Dec 13th to a small but appreciative audience.

LORD ROBERT CECIL kindly opened the next discussion, taking as his subject "Vivisection," while in February Mr. HOWLAND ROBERTS, of the Inner Temple, set before us a historical retrospect of "The Growth of the Democratic Franchise," or, more popularly, "Our Votes, and how we got them."

On March 9th our Lecturer was Mr. G. W. BANISTER, of the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, his subject being "War and War Material." Mr. JUSTICE WILLS has promised a Lecture on "Alpine Climbing," and Mr. JUSTICE BRUCE on "St. Paul's Shipwreck."

The Warden would be glad to hear of, or from, any members of the Bar who would be willing to lecture on any not too controversial subject.

It must be frankly confessed that our audiences are not crowded. We invite our Club members to come, but we do not compel them, so that the lectures have to compete with the attractions offered by the other occupations and recreations of the Institute. In dealing with men who have done a long day's work, and have to be won, for the most part, to make the intellectual effort required for the intelligent enjoyment of a lecture, the inevitable result is that only a small section of the members actually avail themselves of the privileges offered. But this is more than compensated for by the great interest taken by those who do come. Our lectures are always closely attended to, and followed by questions and discussions, which are the best sign of their value.

Lectures on such subjects as "The American Civil War," "Astronomy," "Chemistry, with Experiments," "Travels in Foreign Lands," "The Making of Money in the Mint," and the like, are what we want at present. Later we hope to be educated up to systematic courses of lectures on given subjects.

This branch of our work will be immensely helped when we have a good magic lantern. The Warden constantly feels the need of this, and anyone who has had experience in teaching knows how great a help it is to be able to refer the learners to pictures, diagrams, and the like; by far the most convenient way of illustrating subjects being by means of lantern slides.

In connection with this educational side of our work we are arranging visits to places of interest.

On Saturday, Feb. 19th, the Warden took a party of half-a-dozen Club members to the British Museum to study some of the Chaldaean and Assyrian treasures there; this visit

was the sequel to a series of simple instructions on Babylon and the surrounding countries, given on Sunday evenings, and the first of what we hope will be a series of visits to interesting places. This particular visit was much enjoyed, but it must be acknowledged that we all felt the need of a more qualified guide. The Curator of the Assyrian and Egyptian Antiquities has kindly promised that one of his assistants shall escort our party through some of the galleries on March 12th.

All the above organisations, and opportunities, are open to all the senior members of the Institute. We have in addition Athletic and other Clubs, consisting exclusively of Institute members. Such are our Football Club, which has had on the whole a successful season; our Cricket and Swimming Clubs, which hope to be equally victorious; our Boxing Club, with its professional instructor; and our Minstrel Troupe, from which we hope to develop musical societies of a more classical nature.

The affairs of the Institute are managed by a Committee, two-thirds of the members of which are elected by the members, one-third being nominated by the Warden, who is *ex officio* Chairman. To this Committee is due no inconsiderable share of any success hitherto achieved. There is a great deal of dull work to be done night after night, in keeping order among the wilder spirits, and maintaining a high tone; and this tiresome work falls very largely upon the Committee. Nor is their usefulness confined to this administration of details. If there is any work to be done, a committeeman is sure to volunteer to do it. One of the Committee in particular has sacrificed night after night, week after week, in carpentering and gas fitting, so as to make our corporate home more comfortable, refusing to take any remuneration whatever for his labours.

The other Institute Societies mentioned are managed by Committees elected by themselves, the Warden being *ex-officio* Chairman of all such Committees and Societies.

The BOYS' CLUB, or Junior Division of the Institute, meets under the same roof as the Senior Division, but has rooms of its own. Mr. H. BURROWS is practically responsible for it, and its success is due to his efforts. At present it has about sixty members; before very long it would seem likely that we shall require a separate house for it, but our funds and our staff must increase first.

Besides the regular routine of our organisations we have special events from time to time. The most interesting of these has been our Children's Party, shortly after

Christmas. Thanks to Mr. JUSTICE BRUCE, LORD ROBERT CECIL, and Mr. J. F. P. RAWLINSON, Q.C., we were able to entertain a hundred children at tea, with a Punch and Judy show and a good conjurer to follow. Of these children, nearly all were relations of Institute members, but we also invited a few crippled children from the neighbourhood.

In addition to our own efforts we believe that we do wisely in trying to strengthen the hands of those Working Men's Societies, by means of which they are endeavouring to benefit themselves and their neighbours. With this end in view, we have made a head-quarters for the Beehive Lodge of the Original Grand Order of the Total Abstinence Sons of the Phoenix, for the Granby Lodge of the United Order of the Total Abstinence Sons of the Phoenix, and for the Covent Garden Porters' and General Total Abstinence Society. As will have been gathered from the early history of our work, we owe a great deal to this last-named Society; it is not too much to say that had it not been for the co-operation of its members at the beginning, and for their loyal support throughout, our success could not possibly be what it is to-day. During this spring we are to be joined by the Beehive Provident and Loan Club, which will become officially connected with the Inns of Court Mission Institute.

When, in a few years time, we build for ourselves, or take, larger or more commodious premises, we must hope to include representatives of other great and sound Friendly Societies; for it seems a right and wise thing to endeavour to make it possible for those who are helping themselves to do their good work more effectually; and such co-operation has been successful in other cases, as, for instance, at the Oxford House.

We are also able to offer a little help in organisation and shelter to the Invalid Children's Aid Association.

It should be added that the Warden is one of the Managers of the Tower Street (Seven Dials) group of Board Schools, and visits, occasionally, the Drury Lane Industrial School.

We wish to place on record our grateful thanks to the many friends who have helped in all work. We thank, then, our Subscribers both for their pecuniary help and for their personal interest. For the gift of a harmonium we are very grateful to Mrs. SHUTE PIERS; for the gift of a piano we thank Miss ROSCOW, niece of CANON AINGER; our billiard tables are the gifts of a Member of the Inns of Court; our bagatelle tables the gifts of the Subscribers to the "Warden's Fund." Mr.

JUSTICE BRUCE, Mr. JUSTICE KENNEDY, The MASTER OF THE TEMPLE, a Member of the Bar, and Mrs. PETER GOWLLAND have given us the foundations of excellent libraries for both men and boys. To Mr. DANIELL we are indebted for the first pictures which adorned our walls.

The Warden also desires to express his sense of the help and kindness he has received from the Committee of the Mission, and for the special kindness of its individual members.

Especially he desires to mention the great interest taken in the Mission and its development by the late BARON POLLOCK, who in the early days of the undertaking gave great help, and to the end was in sympathetic touch with the movement. Failing health unhappily prevented his personally visiting and assisting the active work of the Mission, but, by his own wish, he was kept informed of its progress. We, amongst many other social and religious workers, are the poorer and weaker for the withdrawal, from this sphere, of his unfailing sympathy.

Gratitude is proverbially the expectation of future favours. While not subscribing so cynical a saying, our needs compel us to add that more complete libraries for both boys and men, oilcloth or linoleum to cover the bare boards of some at least of our rooms, pictures to decorate our walls, a second piano, and most of all the regular personal services of members of the Inns of Court, all in their several ways would help to make our work more effectual and helpful.

Money we want as matter of course. Five hundred pounds a year is a sufficient income to maintain our present position, but it allows a very scanty margin for growth, whereas there are many lines of work waiting to be opened out. It should be added that in A.D. 1902 our lease of 45/46, Drury Lane expires, and we ought to have some £5,000 in hand for building purposes by that date, whereas at present our building fund consists of a debt of nearly £450.

Finally the most important branch of all our work remains to be mentioned, our religious efforts.

This is by far the most important part of our work, it is to this that all the rest really leads up, but it is, at the same time, far the most difficult, and far the slowest.

With January, 1898, Sunday Evening Services were commenced in our hall. We get a congregation of some twenty Club Members, and about an equal number of other persons, directly or indirectly connected with our Club Members. The service, with its address, lasts for about three quarters of an hour. We commence at 8.15, so as not to interfere with the district churches, and end at about 9.0 p.m. Then we usually have a lecture, more or less informal in character, on some not too secular a subject, for Club Members only. Most of our Sunday Evening Lectures have been concerned with the excavations and discoveries in Mesopotamia, whilst one Sunday in February we enjoyed a lecture on Palestine as it is to-day, illustrated by large views given by Mr. MACAN.

On Sunday, March 13th, we begin an afternoon class for young men (club members). Several have expressed their willingness to join such a class, and we hope that great good will result from it. A little later we are to have a class for the boys; and the Warden is anxious to find a helper who will arrange and conduct a class for the older men. The attendance would probably be small, but the influence would be great.

This religious work will only grow as the Members of our Club will receive it. At present we have to wait patiently till their confidence is ours, and they are willing to learn to talk freely about those things which we carry deepest in our hearts.

We look for the help of Members of the Inns of Court in this. We look for men who will come patiently week after week, and be contented to win the friendship of working men and boys, and having gained influence, will quietly use it in shewing and teaching how exceedingly practical a thing Christianity is, and how it should and does influence conduct. There is a great work to be done in this unostentatious way, and all our other efforts derive their chief value from the opportunities they offer of the doing this, the greatest work of all.

H. G. D. LATHAM,

Warden of the Inns of Court Mission.

We append a typical calendar of a month's engagements. This calendar, issued monthly, gives a comprehensive view of the work of the Mission.

Inns of Court Mission,

45 & 46, DRURY LANE, W.C.

MARCH, 1898.

INSTITUTE & WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

SUNDAYS, MARCH 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th—Religious Service for Club Members and Friends. A collection will be made. From 9 to 10 p.m., there is usually an informal Lecture and Discussion.

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS—Institute open 7 to 11 p.m.

SATURDAYS—Institute open 6.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Institute Committee meets 8.30 p.m., Tuesdays, March 1st and 15th. The latter meeting only for admission of new members of the club.

ATHLETIC AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

BOXING.

Mondays and Fridays 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. On Mondays, Mr. T. Cook, Instructor, attends. Only Boxing Club Members admitted on Mondays.

GYMNASTICS.

Fridays 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Boots must not be worn.

FOOTBALL.

Saturday afternoons. The Ground of the Gainsford Club is at Wormholt Farm. Colours, Blue and Amber.

CRICKET CLUB.

A Cricket Club has been formed. Any Member wishing to join apply to W. Wallis (Hon. Sec.) Subscription, 1/- the season. Practice commences first Saturday in April. Ground close to Uxbridge Road Station.

MINSTREL TROUPE.

Meets Tuesdays 8.30 p.m. Subscription, 3d. per month.

N.B.—A second visit of Institute Members will shortly be paid, March 12th, to the British Museum to study Chaldean and Assyrian Sculptures, &c. One of the Curator's assistants has consented to act as guide on the occasion.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

GRANBY LODGE, U.O.T.A.S.P. meets Wednesdays in the Hall. Juveniles 7 p.m., Adults 8.30 p.m.

BEE HIVE LODGE, O.G.O.T.A.S.P. meets Thursdays in the Hall. Juveniles 7 p.m., Adults 8.30 p.m.

COVENT GARDEN PORTERS & GENERAL TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.—Saturdays in the Hall, 8.30 p.m. Concert and Temperance Address. Admission Free.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MARCH.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th—Discussion on "War, and War Material," opened by Mr. G. W. Banister, of the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. In the Library.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10th—Concert, and Distribution of Medals, &c., to juveniles by Bee Hive Lodge.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12th—Visit of Institute Members to British Museum, under guidance of Assistant Curator. See above.

EVENTS OF INTEREST LAST MONTH.

FEBRUARY 2nd—Cricket Club formed. Provisional Committee: Rev. H. G. D. Latham (Chairman), W. Wallis (Hon. Sec.), C. Abel, C. Brightwell, H. Burrows appointed.

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FEBRUARY 17th—Six Institute Members went to Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, Club, to play competitions in Draughts, Dominoes, and Whist. We won by four points. In Draughts our members won every game.

FEBRUARY 19th—Visit of Institute Members to the British Museum. An instructive hour, but we felt in need of a capable guide.

FEBRUARY 21st—Concert, arranged by Lady Kennedy. Good attendance of Members, who thoroughly enjoyed a first-rate concert.

FEBRUARY 23rd—Lecture on "Our Votes and How We Got Them," by Mr. W. Howland Roberts. Small attendance, but good discussion.

FEBRUARY 24th—First meeting of Boxing Club. C. Floyd (Hon. Sec.) Subscription, 2d. per month.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th—The Service was taken by the Rev. L. B. Currie, of St. Giles', a member of the Granby Lodge.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13th—Lecture by Mr. G. Macan, on "Palestine," illustrated by large pictures, much appreciated. We wish more Club Members had been there.

NOTICES.

1. A Domino Competition is being arranged, W. Barnbrook (Hon. Sec.) Entrance Fee, 3d. Names of Competitors must be given in by March 1st. Entrance Fee must be paid before competition commences.

2. Any disputes or grievances should be at once referred to the nearest Committee man.

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Interview with Rev. J. Stanning, Rector,
Christ Church, Wolston Sq.

Mr. Rector is a man of about 60: bald,
stout, sleek, and priestly in appearance with a
soft, silky, purring voice and manner. He has
been here for 19 years.

This church is really a Chapel of Ease
to St. George's Bloomsbury and for census purposes
is included in it. For ecclesiastical purposes it
takes ~~the whole~~ of so much of the parish as
is north of Keppel St., the north side of Russell Sq.,
and Bernard St. The total population is about
5000 of whom about 2000 belong to the working
class and the rest to professional, upper middle,
and lodging and boarding house type. The tendency
is at present to a social improvement in the
district: the poor are being driven out by the
building of institutions and flats for the middle
class. The poor who remain are mostly all in the
neighbourhood of Great Cornhill St., and are for the

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most part a very decent, steady class.

Besides those mentioned in the Magazine there are about 60 Voluntary Workers including school teachers.

Church. Hall. Schools. Parish Room.

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Mr R. would not give numbers as to his congregation but said the church was well filled. This is indicated by the number of Communicants which last Easter Sunday was 380: the congregation with few exceptions is local but not strictly parochial. The services are moderately high with good music and draw some who find the mother church of the parish too low. Mr R. claims that his congregation is representative of all classes of his parishioners. Through the day and Sunday Schools, Band of Hope, Mothers' Meetings etc. they get to know so many of the parents of children intimately that they come naturally to the church in fair numbers: such

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Christ Church Parochial Room.

Meetings. Daily, except Saturday, 5.30 to 6 p.m. Mission Woman in attendance. Tuesday, 8.15 p.m., Men's Class. Friday, 11 a.m., Sewing Work. Saturday, 7 p.m., Penny Bank. Sunday, 3 and 4 p.m., Bible Class. First Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m., Sale of Work. Second Thursday, 5.45 p.m., School Committee. Last Tuesday, 9.15 p.m., Communicants' Meeting. Last Thursday, 6 p.m., Communicants' Guild.

Christ Church Schools.

National Schools. For the Free Education of 600 Boys, Girls and Infants. Each School has been classified as excellent by Bishop of London's Inspectors. Applications for admission to the Head Teachers—Mr. Yeaxlee, Miss Robinson, Miss Gardner.

Sunday Schools. Open at 9.35 a.m. and 2.35 p.m. Scholars admitted on any Sunday. Certificates given quarterly, and prizes annually. In connection with the Schools there are:—1. Children's Service, 10.45 a.m. 2. Sunday School Library. 3. Scripture Union. 4. Scripture Text Union. 5. Mission Army. 6. Band of Hope. 7. Treats in winter and summer.

Bible Classes. Every Sunday. For Youths, in Christ Church Parochial Room, 3, by G. Macan, Esq., B.A.; for Young Women, 4, by Miss Morrell.

Communicants' Meetings. On the Second Thursday, in Christ Church Hall, at 8.30 p.m. On the Last Tuesday, 9.15. On the Thursday before the First Sunday in the month, in the Parochial Room, 6.

Class for Working Men. Conducted on Tuesdays, 8.15 p.m., in the Parochial Room, by the Rev. T. N. Talfourd Major, M.A.

Mothers' Meetings in Christ Church Hall. 1. Tuesday Afternoon Meeting, from 2 till 4. *Lady Superintendent*, Mrs. Whittow. Tuesday Evening Meeting, from 6 till 8. *Lady Superintendent*, Mrs. Haward. Lending Library. *Librarian*, Miss Cook. *Mission Woman*, Mrs. Large, Christ Church House.

Provident and other Funds. Deposits received in Christ Church Hall, on Tuesday Evenings, or by Mission Woman. 1. Provident Fund for Clothing. 2. Boot and Shoe Club—Bonus, 1d. in the 1s. 3. Savings Bank, Saturdays, in the Parochial Room, at 7. 4. Soup Kitchen during the winter, on Saturdays. 5. Coal Ticket Fund.

Sewing and Sale of Work in Parochial Room. 1. Materials given out on Friday, at 11, by Miss Blackett. 2. Sale of Work, at reasonable prices, on First Tuesday in month, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Christ Church Temperance Societies. Senior Branch meets on Fourth Thursday, 8.30 p.m., in Christ Church Hall; and the Band of Hope on Second and Fourth Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

Church Lads' Brigade.

Drum and Fife Band. Practices on Friday Evening in School. Mr. Miller, *Bandmaster*. Mr. H. Jones, *Hon. Sec.*

Orchestral Band. Mr. T. N. Applebee, *Conductor*. The practice is on Friday, from 7.30 to 10 p.m., in the School.

Cricket Club. Boys' Cricket Club in Regent's Park.

Christ Church Monthly Magazine contains Illustrations, Register of Work, List of Music, Parochial Notes, &c. Price 1d.

Christ Church Calendar, 1898.

The following Services are held at Christ Church, Woburn Square:—

SUNDAY—8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Second Celebration.
4 p.m., 1st Evening Prayer without Sermon.
7 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.
There is a Children's Service, at 3, on the 1st Sunday in the month.

DAILY—Morning Prayer, at 8.30.

WEDNESDAY—Litany, at 12.

THURSDAY—Holy Communion, at 8.30 a.m.

FRIDAY—Litany, at 12.

HOLY DAYS—Holy Communion, at 8.30. Morning Prayer, at 11. Evening Prayer, at 4. Notices of Baptisms, Churchings, Banns and Marriages to be given to the Verger, Mr. WEEDON, 15, Great Coram Street. There is no FEE FOR BAPTISM.

SUNDAY—The Christ Church Sunday School is open at 9.45 in the Morning, and 2.45 in the Afternoon.

At 10.45 a.m., Children's Service at the Christ Church Schools.
Bible Classes, at 3 and 4, in the Parochial Room.

DAILY—The Christ Church National Schools for Boys, Girls, and Infants, are open from 9 a.m. to 12.30, and from 2 p.m. to 4.45.

The Parochial Room is open from 5.30 to 6 every evening, when the Mission Woman is in attendance. Notices of sick and other cases can be given. Dispensary and Hospital Letters may be obtained.

MONDAY—Morning Prayer, at 8.30.

On the first Monday in the month, there is a Sale of Work at cost price, in the Parochial Room, from 3 to 5.

Every Fortnight during the Winter there are Entertainments at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY—Morning Prayer, at 8.30.

At 2.30 and at 6, Mothers' Meetings are held in the Parochial Room and School.

At 8, the Christ Church Provident Boot Club and Coal Club is open in the Girls' School. A bonus of 1d. in the shilling is given to Depositors in the Boot Club.

At 8.15 p.m. there is a Class for Men in the Parochial Room.

On the first Tuesday in the month there is a Service for Young Women, at 9, at Church; and on the third Tuesday, a Communicants' Service, at 8.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—Morning Prayer, at 8.30; Litany, at 12.

At 8 p.m., Service at Schools, except during Advent and Lent, when there is a Service at Church.

On the second Wednesday in the month, the Christ Church National School Committee Meeting is held, at 5.45, in the Parochial Room.

THURSDAY—Holy Communion, at 8.30.

The Band of Hope meets on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month, at 6.30 p.m., in the Schools.

The Senior Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society has a General Meeting, at 8.30, on the fourth Thursday.

There is on the third Thursday an Organ Recital in Church, at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY—Morning Prayer, at 8.30; Litany, at 12.

At 12, in the Parochial Room, Needlework is given out to the Poor, and Clothing sold.

At 8, the Christ Church Choir Practice, in Church.

At 8 p.m., Drum and Fife Band Practice in the Schools.

On the first Friday in the month, the Committee of the Maternity Society meets in the Christ Church Vestry, at 5.30.

SATURDAY—Morning Prayer, at 8.30.

The Soup Kitchen is open at the Schools in the Winter Months, from 12.30 to 1.30. Persons provided with Tickets are supplied in the Parochial Room with Soup at one penny per quart, and Bread at half-price.

The Savings Bank is open at 7, in the Schools. Any sum from one penny may be paid. Interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. is given.

Deposits for the Maternity Society, Blanket Fund, or Clothing Fund, may be paid at any time to the Mission Woman.

There is a Clothing Fund for Children, and also a Boot Club. Deposits are received by the Master and Mistresses.

Clergy: The Rev. J. J. GLENDINNING NASH, M.A., Incumbent of Christ Church, and Chaplain to the Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., 92, Gower Street.

The Rev. T. N. TALFOURD MAJOR, M.A., Curate of Christ Church, 13, Somerset Terrace.

Churchwardens: R. W. DIBDIN, Esq., 17, Russell Square; G. A. UMNEY NELSON, Esq., M.A., 5, Clydesdale Road, W.

Sidesmen: T. TRUMAN, Esq., Mecklenburgh Square; A. MARSHALL JAY, Esq., 11, Taviton Street; CHARLES DIBDIN, Esq.

Hon. Readers: G. A. U. NELSON, Esq., M.A., Magdalene College, Cambridge; GEORGE MACAN, Esq., B.A., Trinity Hall, Cambridge; Messrs. EDWARDS, EVANS, and SWORN.

Mission Woman: Mrs. LARGE, Christ Church House, Herbrand Street.

Verger: Mr. J. WEEDON, 15, Great Coram Street. *Vergeress*: Mrs. E. Jones, 10, Handel Street. *Caretaker*: Arthur Jones, 10, Handel Street.

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Christ Church Parochial

Meetings. Daily, except Saturday, 5.30 Mission Woman in attendance. Tu p.m., Men's Class. Friday, 11 a.m. Work. Saturday, 7 p.m., Penny Bank 3 and 4 p.m., Bible Class. First Tu 8 p.m., Sale of Work. Second Tu p.m., School Committee. Last Tu p.m., Communicants' Meeting. Last 6 p.m., Communicants' Guild.

Christ Church School

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Sunday Schools. Open at 9.35 a.m. and Scholars admitted on any Sunday. Given quarterly, and prizes annually. The Schools there are:—1. Service, 10.45 a.m. 2. Sunday School 3. Scripture Union. 4. Scripture Teaching. 5. Mission Army. 6. Band of Hope. in winter and summer.

Bible Classes. Every Sunday. For Christ Church Parochial Room, 3, by Esq., B.A.; for Young Women, 4, Morrell.

Communicants' Meetings. On the Second day, in Christ Church Hall, at 8.30 p.m. Last Tuesday, 9.15. On the Thursday First Sunday in the month, in the Room, 6.

Class for Working Men. Conducted on 8.15 p.m., in the Parochial Room, by T. N. Talfourd Major, M.A.

Christ Church, Moaburn Square.

Music for June, 1898.

June 5.—Trinity Sunday.

11.0 A.M. VENITE, chant 5.
PSALMS, chants 229, 230, 231.
TE DEUM, Botting.
JUBILATE, 6.
KYRIE, Prince Consort.
ATHANASIAN CREED.
OFFERTORY SENTENCES, 9, 11, 12.
HYMNS, 160, 161, 603, 604.
3.30 P.M. ANNUAL FLOWER SERVICE.
7.0 P.M. PSALMS, chants 235, 236, 237.
MAGNIFICAT, } Wood in F.
NUNC DIMITTIS, }
ANTHEM, MOZART'S GLORIA.
HYMNS, 160, 162, 164.
Offertory for General Purposes Fund.

June 12.—1st Sunday after Trinity.

11.0 A.M. VENITE, chant 12.
PSALMS, chants 318, 319, 320.
TE DEUM, Adlam in E.
JUBILATE, chant 6.
KYRIE, 2.
OFFERTORY SENTENCES, 17, 18, 19, 20.
HYMNS, 368, 369, 366.
4.0 P.M. PSALMS, chants 324, 325, 326, 327.
CANTICLES, Stainer.
HYMNS, 369, 365.
7.0 P.M. PSALMS, chants 324, 325, 326, 327.
MAGNIFICAT, } Bunnett in F.
NUNC DIMITTIS, }
HYMNS, 368, 369, 20.
Offertory for Hospital Sunday Fund.

June 19.—2nd Sunday after Trinity.

11.0 A.M.
PSALMS, chants, special.
TE DEUM, Prince Consort.
JUBILATE, chant 6.
KYRIE, 4.
OFFERTORY SENTENCES, 1, 2, 12.
CORONATION ANTHEM.
HYMNS, special.
4.0 P.M. PSALMS, chants 406, 407, 408.
CANTICLES, Stainer.
HYMNS, special.
7.0 P.M. PSALMS, chants, special.
MAGNIFICAT, } Bridge in F.
NUNC DIMITTIS, }
HYMNS, special.
CORONATION ANTHEM.
Offertory for Queen Victoria Clergy Sustentation Fund.

June 26.—3rd Sunday after Trinity.

11.0 A.M. VENITE, chant 26.
PSALMS, chants 464, 465.
TE DEUM, Calkin in F.
JUBILATE, chant 8.
KYRIE, 3.
OFFERTORY SENTENCES, 1, 2, 12.
HYMNS, 242, 216, 365.
4.0 P.M. PSALMS, chants 239, 240.
CANTICLES, Stainer.
HYMNS.
7.0 P.M. PSALMS, chants 468, 469.
MAGNIFICAT, } Tours in F.
NUNC DIMITTIS, }
HYMNS, 215, 216, 259.
Offertory for the Choir Fund.

HOLY DAYS, 11 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. June 11. ST. BARNABAS. Hymns, 412, 413. June 24. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. Hymns, 414, 415. June 29. ST. PETER. Hymns, 416, 417.

Thursday, 16th, Organ Recital of Coronation Music.
Accession Day, Monday, 20th. Service at 8.30, 11 and 4.30.

"Hymns Ancient and Modern," and the Westminster Abbey Chant Book, are used.

The principal Choir Practice is on Friday evening, at 8, in Christ Church; but there are three other Weekly Practices for the Junior Choristers.

There is an Organ Recital on the Third Thursday in the month, at 8 p.m.

Gentlemen wishing to become Members of the Choir can communicate with the Organist, FRANK T. LOWDEN, F.R.C.O. and A.T.C.L., Organist and Master of the Choristers.

Social Affairs.

Education

Means are relied on rather than visiting or visitation: "they are drawn not driven". In the main however the congregation is well-to-do, as is proved by the fact that the Easter offering amounted to £15-1.

Mr R. is not content to move absolutely in the water path with regard to services: he has an annual service to commemorate the Queen's accession "to bring out the patriotism which is so often latent": and an annual Flower Service.

The Mission Service at Christ Ch. Hall is he says "well attended."

See list.

There is nothing, I think of any great importance, but Boys and young people are evidently well got hold of: the Band of Hope, the Brigade, the Band, and the cricket club (three classes) are all vigorous. This is due no doubt mainly to the schools with their 600 children and it's their Head Teachers all of whom have been there for years: indeed Mr R. attributes the fact that the church has perhaps are perhaps on unusually good and

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intimate relations with the people to the fact that the clergy, the teachers, and the officials including many of the visitors are old (colleagues) and not shifting, so that the church has something of the character of "a happy family".

The Sunday School has about 400 children. Mr. H. said that practically all the children in the Day School went to some Sunday School: if a new child comes he is asked if he goes to a Sunday School and if only in want of his saying "no" is he induced to join the church school.

Mr. H. noticed the fact that there is no Board School in Bloomsbury, and assented (though I thought without much conviction) that this ought to add greatly to the influence of the church. [H. H. The maps of Districts 2 and 3 show that the church has the education of the children almost entirely in her hands. There appear to be 26 voluntary or 7 Board Schools.] The School said Mr. H. had not so much influence as one might expect owing to the fact that the children became so scattered as they grew up.

Visiting.

Nursing.

Relief.

There is no house to house visitation: but people are encouraged to come to the Mission Room and to report cases of sickness or want. There is however a considerable staff of Lady Visitors each of whom is given so many cases to visit instead of a block of houses on streets. This gets over the difficulty of ladies being possibly insulted by drunkards or prostitutes and leads to more friendly relations between the visitor and visited than the other system.

And to Bloomsby Nurses: also make great use of Bloomsby Dispensary.

About £120 a year is spent: and Mr R. laid great stress on the fact that the people are not impoverished being made to pay e.g. 1/7 for coals of the value of 1/3 etc. Mr R. is on the C.O.S. committee but does not work with it as it leads to overlapping and unpleasantness. As an instance of his charitable methods Mr R. told me he had met a woman a few days ago and

thought she was looking ill: "the fact is Sir" she said "my husband is out of work and we are starving." "So we gave them 2/6 a week for a month" said Mr H. Altogether I expect the administration of relief is kindly but very feeble.

The Dissenters have no place of worship in the parish. (Keppel Street Baptist is in two districts)

Good, but none wanted in Ruston Road (this is not in parish).

Very little: none for drunken men. None in parish but neighbourhood very bad: Ruston Road hotels etc.

None.

Provident

A great deal: church banks well used and still more so Bloomsbury Savings Bank.

Excellent.

Mr H. seems to think the church has got a real grip of the people in this parish.

Other religious agencies.

Police

Druid.

Prostitution.

Crime

Maniacs.

Thieves.

Health and Housing

Personal.

but I doubt if there is much in it. Though pleasant and courteous he is far from a strong man, and his influence I imagine would be quite over the female sex: indeed I can quite believe that he is adored by all the old and middle aged ladies in the neighborhood: he has essentially a 'five o'clock tea' manner.

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Interview with Rev. F. X. Porne of Holy Trinity
Gray's Inn Road.

Mr Porne is a middle aged man with a pleasant, kindly, wry, humorous face: in appearance and manner a less cultured Mr Lacey. He has been here for 14 years.

The parish is remarkable ~~is~~ for the fact that it is separated from the church by about a quarter of a mile; the church was originally built as a chapel of ease for the wealthy parish of Bloomsbury, and the district which it now serves was attached to the church, instead of the church being built for the district.

With the exception of a few lodging houses and a block of middle class flats the population is entirely poor working class, about 1/3rd being Italians who follow their usual trades. Among the English a very large number are connected with the cab industry, either as drivers or washers. With very few exceptions the women work the demand for female labour in office in the neighbourhood being so great: this female labour tends to produce a

good many loafing males. The rent in the parish an
 very high, it is almost impossible to get a room for
 less than 4/; the result is terrible crowding; Mr T.
 estimates that about half the families in his parish
 live in one room. But in spite of his people's
 poverty Mr T. takes a very kindly view of them, and
 thinks that after making allowances they are morally at
 a higher level than the rich: the women especially he
 praises for their patience and long-suffering: "the wonder"
 he said "is not that one here and there gives the
 whole thing up as a bad job and takes to drink, but
 that none do."

This Italian parishioners Mr T. describes as a
 queer lot but less savage and violent than they used to be.

Two curates. Mission Women.
 About six district visitors who are not very regular
 and some 50 teachers and others: ~~of~~ very few of these
 are parishioners, though all are members of the congregation.

Church. There is an old school next the Church and
 is Parish Room. Mission Hall in the parish.

Persons Employed

Buildings

HOLY TRINITY
(GRAY'S INN ROAD)
CHURCH MONTHLY.

CLERGY.

REV. F. THORNE, Rector, 27, John Street.
REV. R. FOULKES, 17, Heathcote Street.
REV. W. PRIEST.

CHURCHWARDENS.

MR. H. E. HOLMES. MR. F. H. BIRCH.

ORGANIST.

MR. S. R. PHILPOT.

MISSION WOMAN.

MRS. L. DOWNE, 134, Rosebery Avenue.

CHURCH KEEPER.

MR. CARSWELL, Holy Trinity Schools, 252B, Gray's Inn Road, who receives all notices of Baptisms, Churchings, Banns of Marriage, Weddings, etc., and gives information respecting Licences, Certificates, etc.

Services in the Parish Church,

GRAY'S INN ROAD.

Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION, every Sunday at 8.15 a.m.; at noon on the third Sunday, and in the evening of the last Sunday in the month; and at other times after special notice.

A BIBLE CLASS for Young Men every Sunday at 3 p.m.
CHILDREN'S SERVICE on the last Sunday in the month at 3.30 p.m.

There are Special Week-day Services in Advent and Lent, and at other seasons; of these due notice is given.

BAPTISMS AND CHURCHINGS, every Sunday at 4 p.m.

The Church is open for Baptisms, Churchings, granting Certificates, etc., on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, between 11 a.m. and 12, during which time the Clergy can be consulted on any matter.

WEDDINGS may be solemnised any day by giving notice beforehand to the Church Keeper.

The GUILD OF THE HOLY TRINITY meets once a month, after notice. All Church Workers are invited to the Service and the Conference. Particulars may be had of the Secretary, Mrs. Downe.

FEEs FOR WEDDINGS. s. d.

For Publication of Banns	...	...	2	0
" Marriage after Banns, and Certificate	...	...	7	7
" Marriage by Licence, and Certificate	...	...	15	1

Notices of Banns, etc., are received any day by the Church Keeper.

In the Parish Room

adjoining the Church, is held

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS, under the Superintendence of Rev W. Priest; the scholars meet at 3.

A MOTHERS' MEETING on Monday evenings at 7—connected with this is a

CLOTHING CLUB AND SAVINGS BANK.

CHOIR PRACTISING for the boys, every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.; and for the whole Choir, on Fridays at 8 p.m.

The MATERNITY CHARITY is under the management of Mrs. LADDS. Applications for the boxes to be made at the Rectory between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m. or to the Mission Woman.

In the Mission Hall,

NORTH MEWS, LITTLE JAMES STREET.

A MISSION SERVICE on Wednesday evenings at 8.

THE BAND OF HOPE meets every Thursday evening at 7. The Superintendent is the Rev. R. Foulkes and the Secretaries are Miss Gray and Miss Taylor, and the Associates—Mr. F. Pearce, Miss Bolton, Miss L. Taylor

The SENIOR BAND OF HOPE meets on Thursdays at 8.30. Superintendent: Rev. W. Priest; Secretaries Mr. Pearce and Mrs. Downe.

A GIRLS' FRIENDLY CLASS meets on Friday evenings at 7. Secretary, Mrs. Ladds.

THE COAL CLUB is open every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8, under the management of Miss M. T. Thorne and Miss H. Ladds.

THE LENDING LIBRARY is also open at the same time. Librarian, Miss Holmes.

The SOUP KITCHEN is opened in the cold weather.

At the Board School,

IN LAYSTALL STREET.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL for Girls and Infants at 3 p.m. Superintendent, Miss Ladds.

At the Rectory.

A BIBLE CLASS for Young Women is held every Sunday afternoon at 3.30 by Mrs. Thorne.

THE LADIES SEWING SOCIETY meets every Monday during the season at 3.45 p.m.

THE STAFFORD CHARITY.—Secretary, R. Furber, Esq., supplies pensions, nurses, and letters for Convalescent Homes. Application for pensions and letters to be made at the office, 8, GRAY'S INN SQUARE, and for nurses, at the Rectory, or to Mrs. Downe.

STREETS, Etc.,

IN THE

Parish of Holy Trinity.

Red Lion St. (East side) to	Chapel Street.
Sandland St. (North side)	Ormond Street (part).
Gray's Inn Passage	Richbell Place
BEDFORD ROW	Clerkenwell Road (part)
Princeton Street (part)	Back Hill (West side)
THEOBALD'S ROAD (part)	Summer Street
Emerald Street	Eyre Street Hill
Great James Street	Fleet Court
Little James Street	Vine Street
Cockpit Yard	Laystall Street
Jockey's Fields	Rosebery Avenue (part)
Robert Street	Mount Pleasant (part)
John's Mews	Gough Street (to No. 5)
John's Place	Burges Court
Henry Street (South side)	Elm Street
North Mews	Elm Place
JOHN STREET	Elm Court
King's Mews	Holsworthy Square
Lamb's Conduit Street (East side)	Cavendish Buildings
Long Yard	Gray's Inn Buildings
Millman Street (part).	Gray's Inn Residences
	Little Gray's Inn Lane

Gray's Inn Road (Nos 25-81 and 182-194).

The morning congregation is about 150: evening 200: with very few exceptions the people are not parishioners, but middle class people from Bloomsbury. Mr T. describes his services as excellent and said that in the West End in a rich suburb they would fill any church.

As to the poor of his parish he does not expect them to come, and recognizes that the conditions of their life make it impossible that they should. He then sketched their Sunday habits as so many others have done. He thinks however that the chief obstacle to any high or spiritual influence is the crowded condition of life which makes frugality, modesty, cleanliness etc impossible. "In spite of these conditions" said Mr T. "these people are so full of natural virtues that if they were better housed I believe there would be no difficulty in influencing them".

See list.

The only agency of any importance is the Mothers' Meeting, which appears to be rather more vigorous than usual.

Sunday School with about 300. Mr T. complained

Social Services

Education

quality of the competition for children (and adults): it's degrading effect etc. The children he thinks might be made to pay for their treats; but with the adults it is difficult: he has tried to institute payment for his Mother's Meeting treats, but few come, and though he hates the whole system of confection he likes the women to have their outings: "When a woman comes up to you and says she has not heard a cuckoo for 25 years it's worth the shilling or so it costs to take her: you must put some light into these people's lives, and if they can't afford to pay what can you do but pay for them?"

"They are all elaborately visited from house to house and room to room by the curates and visitors. I go round when I can, give the mechanic a push here, and a push there. The people bear the visits of the clergy with the greatest fortitude, but whether they like it or not I am not certain." This our visitor, and that of his curate Mr T. described as "nominally spirited": in any case they never give relief, but they keep their eyes open and if necessary send the sanitary inspector, or the whining officer, or the school

visiting

Relief

Other Religious Agencies

Local Govt.

board visit, as their own mission women take relief in their work. There was something about Mr T's remarks on visitation which led me to suppose that his is more thorough and efficient than most.

The figure as to Relief appears in the account which I have inserted at the end. Mr T. I imagine is not very strict, but is too sensible to be much imposed on. Though he says "he never gives anything without promising" the people know they will be listened to.

Mr T. works in cooperation with the C.O.S. in a few cases, but not generally: they are too slow.

In the parish are two dissenting Chapels: also Church of Humanity which is not a local influence.

The Field Lane Refuge is the only active agency.

Mr T. is on the Holborn Board of Works, which he thinks is very efficient. He finds it of the greatest advantage to be a member of the board. He can now move or have command when before he could only suggest.

Bank & Working Men's Club

Health Home

Personal.

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The club contains an rather a drinker lot, but otherwise there is no ~~ex~~ abnormal drinking. The publicans are excellent men who conduct their houses on the best lines: in any case they are infinitely better than the club at the Working Men's Club and Institute Union of which he has the lowest opinion, thinking even that it led not only to drinking but to other vices, being open twice a week for men and women: both wives and mothers complain of its influence.

Health is wonderfully good: but many of the older houses are in shocking repair.

Mr. Thom's work is of no great importance but he is a cheery, pleasant old fellow, with a good deal of common sense: his is at least a sunny influence.

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*The Rectory,
27, John Street.*

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Dear

I have the honour to submit for your perusal the accounts of the Parochial Poor Fund for the past year. The dates are arranged to meet the convenience of the Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association, who very generously help us.

I have to thank you in my own name and on behalf of the poor of the parish for your kind assistance and to beg for a continuance of the same; and I do so with great earnestness, assuring you that whatever you entrust us with will be most carefully expended.

Though the last winter was not severe, the strain on our resources was not at all less than usual. There are very many poor and destitute people in the district, and it is impossible to overlook their necessities.

All the parochial institutions, of which a brief account is appended, are in good working order; and only require reinforced help to be more efficient.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

F. THORNE,

Rector of Holy Trinity.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Messrs. Reid's Brewery Co., Ltd. ...	£10 0 0	Brought forward	73 9 0
" Collyer, Bristow & Co. ...	5 5 0	Messrs. Walker & Martineau (Moiety)	1 1 0
" Iliffe, Henley & Sweet ...	5 5 0	" Wood, Bigg & Nash ...	1 1 0
" Rowcliffes, Rawle & Co., ...	5 5 0	Sir C. Hall, M.P. ...	1 1 0
The Rugby Trustees, (Moiety) ...	5 5 0	Mr. H. W. Burrowes ...	1 1 0
Messrs Ravenscroft, Hills & Woodward	3 0	" J. Higgins ...	1 1 0
" Torr & Co. ...	3 3 0	" D. Leggatt ...	1 1 0
" Eyre, Dowling & Co. ...	2 2 0	" C. Shoppee ...	1 1 0
" Hallows & Carter... ..	2 2 0	" T. F. Wilding ...	1 1 0
" E. Carleton Holmes & Son	2 2 0	" W. H. Wilding ...	1 1 0
" Langley & Gibbon (Moiety)	2 2 0	" J. Yarde ...	1 1 0
" Pearce Jones & Co. ...	2 2 0	Major Isaacs ...	1 1 0
" Thos. White & Co. ...	2 2 0	A Friend ...	1 1 0
Mr. H. Hope Shakespear ...	2 2 0	Anon ...	1 1 0
" G. Robins ...	2 2 0	Mr. J. W. Ager ...	1 0 0
Rev. F. Thorne ...	2 2 0	" Bolton ...	1 0 0
Mrs. Carillon ...	1 10 0	Messrs. Hewlett, Preston & Co. ...	1 0 0
Messrs. Andrew, Wood & Co. ...	1 1 0	" Aldridge, Thorn & Sherrington	0 10 6
" Beachcroft, Thompson & Co.	1 1 0	Mrs. Banks ...	0 10 0
" Belfrage & Co. ...	1 1 0	" N. Browne ...	0 10 0
" Bowman & Crawley Boevey	1 1 0	Mr. Ballinger ...	0 10 0
" Budd, Brodie & Hart ...	1 1 0	" Blaxall ...	0 10 0
" Church, Rendell, Todd & Co.	1 1 0	Anon ...	0 10 0
" Clarke & Calkin ...	1 1 0	Mrs. Corbett... ..	0 5 0
" Darley & Cumberland ...	1 1 0	" Willis ...	0 5 0
" Futvoye, Field & Baker ...	1 1 0	Miss Wicksteed ...	0 5 0
" Gadsden & Treherne ...	1 1 0	Mrs. G. C. Colman ..	0 5 0
" Harrison & Powell ..	1 1 0	" Gunton ...	0 5 0
" Hughes & Son ...	1 1 0	" Matthews ...	0 5 0
" Peake, Bird, Collins & Co.	1 1 0	" Parker ...	0 5 0
(in part) ...	1 1 0	" P. Webb ...	0 5 0
" Smiles & Co. ...	1 1 0	Messrs. Leslie & Hardy ...	0 2 6
" Surtees & Surtees ...	1 1 0	" Withalls & Belton...	0 2 6
carried on	£73 9 0		£95 7 6

DONATIONS.

Messrs. Pearce, Jones & Co. ...	1 1 0	From Churchwardens for Poor Fund	10 0 0
Mrs. Webb, to send Women into the Country ...	10 16 0		£23 17 0
Mr. Bolton ...	2 0 0		

For Band of Hope and Sunday School Treats. Collected by Mrs. Downe.

Dr. Sumner ...	0 10 0	Brought forward	3 12 6
Mr. J. Taylor ...	0 10 0	Messrs. Withalls & Belton ..	0 2 6
" C. B. Ward ...	0 10 0	" Wrentmore & Son ...	0 2 6
Mrs. N. Browne ...	0 5 0	J. P. G. ...	0 2 6
Captain & Mrs. Corbett ...	0 5 0	W. C. J. ...	0 2 6
C. & S. Harrison & Co. ...	0 5 0	Mr. W. A. Green ...	0 2 6
Mrs. Higgins ...	0 5 0	" T. Pearce-Gandell ...	0 2 0
Mr Maskell ...	0 5 0	Master Newnham ...	0 1 0
" Smiles ...	0 5 0	Mrs. Smith, F.A. ...	0 1 0
" Shoppee ...	0 5 0	Mrs Willis ...	0 1 0
Messrs Collison & Co. ...	0 2 6	" Haynes ...	0 0 6
" Elliot & Ash ...	0 2 6	" Sibley ...	0 0 6
" Lidiard, Son & Baker ...	0 2 6	" Withers ...	0 0 6
carried forward	£3 12 6		£4 11 6

Balance Sheet of Holy Trinity, Gray's Inn Road, Poor Fund.

From October 20th. 1896 to October 20th. 1897.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	EXPENSES.	Cr
Grants from :-		Balance of last account ...	£13 8 8
(a). Bishop of London's fund towards rent of Mission Hall ...	£40 0 0	Salary of Mission Woman ...	40 0 0
(b). East London Church Fund towards Salary of Mission Woman ...	36 0 0	Payments for Food ...	25 6 6
(c). Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association ...	35 0 0	" " Coals ...	28 2 9
(d). Churchwardens towards Ex- penses of Sunday School ...	11 15 0	" " Clothing ...	7 4 8½
(e). Ladies' Sewing Society for Mothers' Meeting ...	2 0 0	Expended in Money ...	2 17 0
Subscriptions as per list ...	95 7 6	Treats and Excursions for Mothers' Meeting, Sunday School and Band of Hope ...	33 19 10
" for Sunday School Treat, &c., ...	4 11 6	Expenses of Sunday School ...	18 6 6
Donations ...	23 17 0	Sending Women to the Country ...	12 11 6
From members of Coal Club ...	11 4 0	Bonus on Savings Bank ...	6 7 4
Offertories in Church ...	25 17 7	Expenses of Mission Hall, Rent, Gas, Cleaning &c, ...	107 9 11
Rent and Sundries ...	23 0 0	Prizes, Printing, Stationery &c, ...	9 9 6
Balance ...	4 4 7½	Sundries ...	7 3 0
	£312 17 2½		£312 17 2½

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Interview with Mr. David Craven, St. George the
Martyr, Queen St, Bloomsbury.

Mr Craven is a man between 60 and 70: tall,
thin; bald, with grey mutton-chop whiskers: cold and
austere in appearance: rather of the schoolmaster type.
He has been here for 20 years.

With the exception of Queen St and St. Ormond
the parish is poor and has got distinctly poorer in
the last eight years, having been affected by cholera in
Dunry Lane which has brought here a very rough element;
especially in New North St and Dorwell Court which
are fearfully overcrowded, containing a family in almost
every room: Mr C. showed me his visitors book for
these streets and in the houses which have from 8 to
10 rooms, there were from 5 to 10 families. In the
other streets there are a number of respectable people
but they all tend downwards, and swarm with children.

One curate and four visitors paid.
Mont- 24 Sunday School teacher.

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Church. Schools. Mission House.

See over.

The morning congregation is about 100: evening 150: nearly all I think from outside the parish, that is from the richer parts of Bloombury. The church gets some at all events of the dwellers in the neighborhood who desire a moderate service as distinguished from the ritualistic St. Marys to the east and the low church Bloombury on the west, but of the poor in the parish with the exception of a few young women none come.

During the winter a "Pleasant Hour" is held in the mission hall with dissolving views, sacred music, singing and addresses at 8.30 but is not largely attended.

Open air work in New North St. is contemplated this summer.

See list.

In addition to those mentioned there is a Youth's Club and Gymnasium held nightly at the Mission House under the control of the Headmaster of the Day School and attended mainly by old pupils of the school: but

Parish Directory.

Clergy and Church Officers.

Rev DACRE CRAVEN, M.A., 42, Great Ormond Street,
Rector.
Mr. J. W. B. SIEGGALL, 3, Queen Sq. } *Churchwardens*
Mr. STAPLEY, 10, Cosmo Place }
Mr. GOSSLING, 6, Lamb's Conduit Street. }
Mr. WHITEMAN, 10, Wells Street. } *Sidesmen*
Mr. WILLS, 15, East Street. }
Mr. PALMER, 35, Gloucester Street. }
Mr. J. L. MILLER, Vestry House, Queen Square,
Vergor.

Church Services.

SUNDAYS.—11 a.m., 3.30 p.m., 7 p.m.
DAILY—8 a.m.
HOLY DAYS—Evensong, 8 p.m.
LITANY—Wednesdays and Fridays, at 10.15 a.m.
HOLY COMMUNION.—Sundays, 8 a.m., and after 11 a.m.
Service (on Great Festivals at 6 a.m. in addition);
and on Holy Days at 10.15 a.m.
CHURCHINGS } Any morning between 10 and 11, and
BAPTISMS } Sunday afternoons at 3.30.

The Church is open daily from 10 to 11, when one of the Clergy is in attendance for Baptisms, Churchings, searching Registers, granting Certificates, &c.

Notification of Banns can be made at the Vestry House.

Marriages can take place on any weekday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., and any Sunday between 9 and 10 a.m. Notice should be given on the previous day.

The first portion of the Burial Service can be said in Church by permission of the Rector.

Parish Work.

BOYS' SCHOOL, Gloucester Street, 1d. per week.
GIRLS' SCHOOL, Gloucester Street, 1d. per week.
INFANTS' SCHOOL, Gloucester Street, 1d. per week.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS are held every Sunday in the above Schoolrooms:—

Boys, 10 to 10.45 a.m., 3 to 4 p.m.
Superintendent, Mr. Bird.
Girls and Infants, 10 to 10.45 a.m., 3 to 4 p.m.
Superintendent, Mrs. Dacre Craven.

In connection with the above there are well-chosen Lending Libraries.

A BIBLE CLASS for Elder Girls and Young Women, is held every Sunday afternoon, in the Class-room of the Girls' School, from 3 to 4.30, by Miss Clara Begbie.

A BIBLE CLASS for Elder Boys and Young Men is held every Sunday evening, from 6 to 6.45.

PENNY BANK.—For Schools, every Monday morning.

A MOTHERS' MEETING is held in the Mission Hall, Ormond Yard, every Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.
Superintendent, Mrs. Dacre Craven.

Parochial Mission Woman.—Mrs. Alford, 37, Devonshire Street.

CLOTHING & WORKING BANK (to provide employment for poor needlewomen during the winter months, and for the sale of ready-made under-clothing, at the cost of the material, to the working-classes) is held in the Infants' School Room, Gloucester St., on Saturdays 10 to 11 a.m., from 1st November to 1st May. Storekeeper, Mrs. Ayling, at the School.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—Meetings of the S.G.M. Branch of this Society are held in the Mission Hall, on the first Monday in the month, at 8.30 to 10 p.m. (Musical and Social evenings, and for the admission of new members), and a Devotional Meeting on the third Thursday in the month, at 8.30 p.m. Subscription 1s. per annum.

MEETINGS OF THE BAND OF HOPE, for junior members of the Church of England Temperance Society, are held in the Boys' School-room, Gloucester St., on the last Monday in the month, at 6 p.m. Members must be between 7 and 15 years of age, and subscribe 1d. a month, which admits them to four teas and entertainments in the year, and one annual "outing."

THE GUILD OF COMMUNICANTS meets in the Mission Hall, the last Thursday in every month, at 8.30.

Holborn Union, Clerkenwell Road, E.C.

Clerk.—Mr. H. O. HILL.

Relieving Officer.—Mr. F. H. BIRCH, 58, Lamb's Conduit Street.

Holborn District Board of Works.

Holborn Town Hall, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

Clerk.—Mr. M. H. HALE.

Inspectors of Nuisances. { Mr. A. BENNETT,
Mr. W. FREEMAN.

All complaints of Defective Pavements, Removal of Dust, Annoyances, and neglect in any of the Contractors, may be made at the Offices daily, between 10 and 4.

Miscellaneous.

District Surveyor.—Mr. F. W. PORTER, 29, Great Ormond Street.

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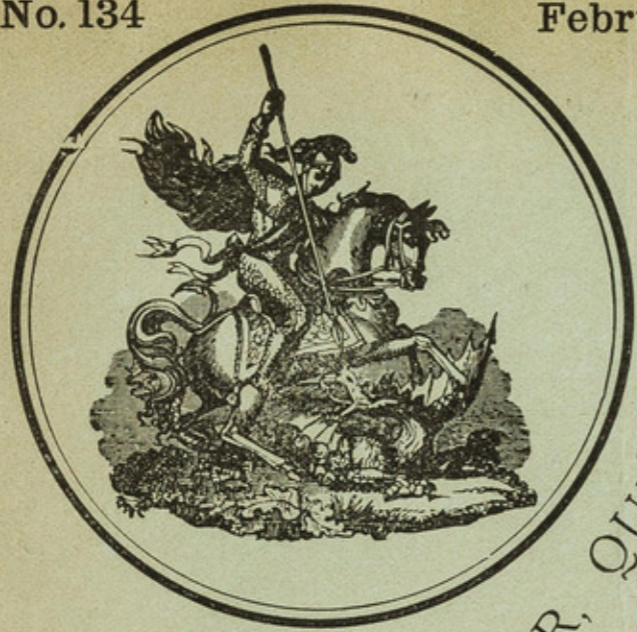
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It does not feed the church to any extent.
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The parish seems to be thoroughly visited. Mr C. showed me his books which though kept in rather a slovenly fashion showed that nearly every family was at least visited. The clergy only visit when asked to by the visitors, but they attend daily at the Vestry to see parishioners, and here again Mr C. had a book which showed about three visitors a day nearly all for hospital letters or relief.

Send to Bloomsbury works.

Give perhaps £40 a year mostly in coals or groceries: never encourage people to ask for relief. Work scarcely at all with C.O.S.

Mr Wheatley of St Giles Mission lives in the parish and gives a good deal.

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Dissent is not strong in the parish but very strong in the neighbourhood with St. Paul's and St. George's Chapel, but they draw from a wide area and few of the people in this parish go anywhere.

"Efficient and helpful" but great complaints are made about the boys in the neighbourhood throwing stones & making a noise etc but "what can you do; they must play somewhere" and there is no open space nearer than Regent's Park.

Very bad but not increasing though the houses in Regent's Road have all blossomed out of late years.

"The people are always ill": it is the result of the crowding in old houses meant for one family and now in many cases unfit for habitation. New North St. and Bowditch Court should certainly be pulled down

The Church here has evidently touched scarcely any but the children, through the School. Mr. Warren

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I should say is a conscientious man, but reserved,
dull, without an atom of magnetism. He is however
gran, reserved, courteous and with a touch of dignity.
The main impression as I have said is of the Head
Master, and I can well imagine him holding a
birch.

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Report of interview with the Rev. A.C. Holthouse, of
of the Seven Dials Mission, (E.A.) June 13. 98.

Mr. Holthouse is a curate licensed to S. Giles in the
Fields, but is practically a curate-in-charge of his Mission.
He has a free hand given him by his nominal Rector, and has
as it happens been in the district a few years longer than
his ecclesiastical superior, Prebendary Richards.

Mr. H. gives the usual description of his district,
emphasising the changes that are taking place structurally
through the absorption of an ever increasing proportion of
the district for building premises. The great inroads are
being made through the spread of "Covent Garden", and the
carriage building trade of Long Acre. The people are he
thinks, however, not being crowded together more, as popula-
tion is diminishing rapidly. Apart from the brewers, who
are rather a class apart, the people are a very mixed lot,
difficult to classify. The better dwellings that have been
put up in the district have brought in a better class of
occupier.

Their work is of a congregational and an aggressive
kind, but not so aggressive as he could wish. Their congre-
gation is stationary now, and numbers in the morning some
60 persons, and in the evening about 130. They have a Com-
municants

communicants roll of 130, and regular communicants number 70. In practice the mission forms a separate parish. The people who come are fairly representative of both sexes, and include those of every age. Their Sunday School has a register of 120, and an attendance averaging 100.

Their buildings consist of the Mission Church in West Street, holding 220; a room in Short's Gardens, holding 150; and the Mission House, also in West Street, used for clubs, etc.

Besides Mr. H. there is one assistant-missioner; one scripture-reader; one paid lady visitor; and two other lady helpers. There are also 18 S.S. teachers. There are no other helpers, and Mr. H. admits that he is not a good hand at getting people to come. It involves talking about the work, and he is a bad hand at advertising.

Visiting is systematically carried on. For nursing help they go to the Bloomsbury Sq. Home. Their relief is not extensive, and seems to amount to about £60 a year. The distribution is to the "sick and needy".

The pages extracted from the Report will give particulars of the general work. Their Temperance Soc. is doing fairly well. In the Crusaders (Mens' Club) there are from 20 to 30 members; in the Spartans (Lads' Club) about 60; and in the Agonistai (Young

Women's Club) about 30. All their clubs etc. are, like the neighbourhood, composed of a very mixed class.

Mr. H's general attitude is a hopeful one, although the depopulation of the district, its approximation to the conditions of the City, increases the difficulty of the work. I get the impression that Mr. Helthouse is a genuinely hard worker who had probably reached the end of his local tether, and perhaps ought to be moved. He is of somewhat cadaverous appearance, and perhaps would be moved with advantage to the country. He does not look at all strong, and his expression and manner are not very buoyant or happy. He has thin lips, a good brow, gentle eyes, a little beard, and hair that is getting gray. He is a man of perhaps 40 or more, and was living in one of the new models of the district in very simple quarters.

The great difficulty with which anyone working in the district had to contend was the prevailing indifference, but the amount of drinking that went on was "awful".

He spoke well of the POLICE--- Of PROSTITUTION he said that not so much was seen as would be by his neighbours. A certain number of women live in the district, but there are very few disorderly houses. The greater part of it is taken up now by business premises and models. He considers that the worst streets of the district are

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Queen St. and Great White Lion St. but even these have improved. GAMBLING in the streets is increasing. CRIME is sporadic. In view of the housing, and close quarters in which so many have to live, private morality is as good as you can expect it to be, and it is a wonder that the girls are as straight as they are. There is a good deal of cohabitation, but the conditions in this respect are not bad considering the general character of the district. HEALTH is good. The old houses are very crowded, and in this respect the district is not improving, although not getting worse. Speaking generally however, the district is decidedly going up, materially, morally and spiritually. It is the ~~tone~~ ^{tone}, however, rather than the actual religious response that is improving. Asked to what he would give the credit for the signs of improvement seen, he said mentioned the improved sanitary conditions, the pulling down of the rookeries, and "the work done among the people". "Everything tells".

He mentioned the other local missions, saying that they were perhaps not very wise in their methods always, but refraining from speaking hardly of them. There were many of them -- The Medical Mission in Short's Gardens; a Mission connected with Bloomsbury Chapel; S. Giles Mission etc. in fact, they "were too thick on the ground".

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Report of interview with ²/₄ the Rev. J.J.H. Septimus Penning-
ton, Rector of S. Clement Danes and Clare Market. H

(E.A.) June 24.98.

The interview itself was a very hurried affair in the church. Mr. Pennington thought that a quarter of an hour wd be ample for my purpose, and although we talked for slightly longer, a good many points were not touched upon. Mr. P was quite willing to give any further information, and, beginning in a flurry, ended with cordiality. I had intended to see him again, but the information that he gave, both verbal and printed, and the opinions that have reached us from various sources have made it unnecessary. He stands out quite clearly as a hard-working (although non-resident) parson, with any number of things going on, intractable, intolerant and impatient of interference and committee control, capable in his own way, obstinate, and a spender of much money unwisely. He is the despair of all careful givers and co-operates with no one, clerical or otherwise.

The page inserted from the Magazine gives a list of the parish fixtures. The church holds 1500, and the morning congregation is about 200; that in the evening perhaps 400 the latter being mostly of the parish and poor. Besides the church, there is a large parish House in Vere St, at which "all sorts of things" go on, and which must be large as, on Sundays, the large S.School is held there, and club rooms

at 2 Pertsmouth Chambers. Swimming classes, soup kitchen, a large Boys' Brigade, with more than 300 members, are among the things arranged.

There are 3 clergy, 1 scripture reader, 1 church helper, about 30 S.S. teachers, and a good many additional helpers.

It appears that the charitable work with the children is extensive and particularly indiscriminate. On the day of my visit Mr. P. mentioned with satisfaction that at a certain hour 700 children would come to the church and receive "clothes and cake". He always liked charity to be given from the church, so that among other advantages the people living in the Stand who supported the charities of the church could see what was done and that something was done with their money. I went round to see this particular distribution, but did not accept Mr. P's invitation to go inside and see the process there. It was quite enough from outside. The children were admitted by tickets at the Western entrance, struggling in past the ^{three} policemen who were on special duty. ~~The~~ A few parents watched the scene. From a side door on the South side of the church the recipients of this, perhaps well meant, but horribly public and harmful largesse emerged, one by one into the busy street, to be welcomed by their small friends and questioned, and have their gifts scrutinized, and

perchance, a piece of the great chunk of indigestible looking cake that all carried, begged. The children looked poor, aged from perhaps 9 to 13, and boys and girls were equally well represented. Mr. P. had told me that great care was taken to prevent the mis-use of the clothes given, and that to this end each garment was marked with his name and that of the church. All the girls seemed to have little dresses of blue serge, and the boys shirts of coarse check cotton. I looked at one of the latter, and in large letters across the front or back found the lettering as Mr. P. had said, just as one sees a name on a sack or xxx on a beer barrel. The value for pawning would not be great, and it is highly objectionable, perhaps even more so, that to prevent misappropriation by drunken parents, some 700 children should be clothed with this charity brand. The children are **all**

"chosen from all the schools in the parish" on what basis exactly I am not clear, but mainly I think on the assumption that they were poor, and because they did live in the parish.

Mr. P. has a big independent C.H.F. scheme, and sends 500 children away for a fortnight. Opinions have reached us that this is not carefully managed in the country, and it is certain that the selection of the children is made in London without much regard for the school work of the children. (cf. interviews with Mr. Grey and Mr. Cox.)

It was in connexion with the C.H.F. work that Mr. P. broke out about committees: the time they would waste, etc. etc. "they would send me to Bedlam".

He put his communicants at 150. and the regular communicants at 100.

As regards Clare Market, Mr. Pennington described the people as a miscellaneous lot largely made up of charwomen, caretakers, costers, porters, etc. He says that no great structural change has taken place during the 10 years that he has been there, and does not look forward hopefully to the big improvements that are in contemplation. He fears that they will not build,--and for the displaced people, and his anticipations are an echo of the criticisms of Father Jay in Shoreditch. But still he urges the importance of providing better dwellings. Give them these, he says, mix the well-to-do and the poor together as much as you can, and better things may be looked for. But "you must have religion as a basis: you must give people a motive".

Drinking is pretty bad, and a good deal of immorality. But marriage, he says, generally follows the ante-nuptial irregularities. There is ^{much} actual prostitution, but a good many loose women are living in the parish. Its great curse is the common lodging houses. of which they have 2 for women and four for men: they represent the worst element

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in the parish. Although the general character that he gave to his people was not a very prepossessing one, he seemed to think that their vices were less crude and rough than those of, for instance, an East End district: even in their wickednesses there was a certain "gentility".

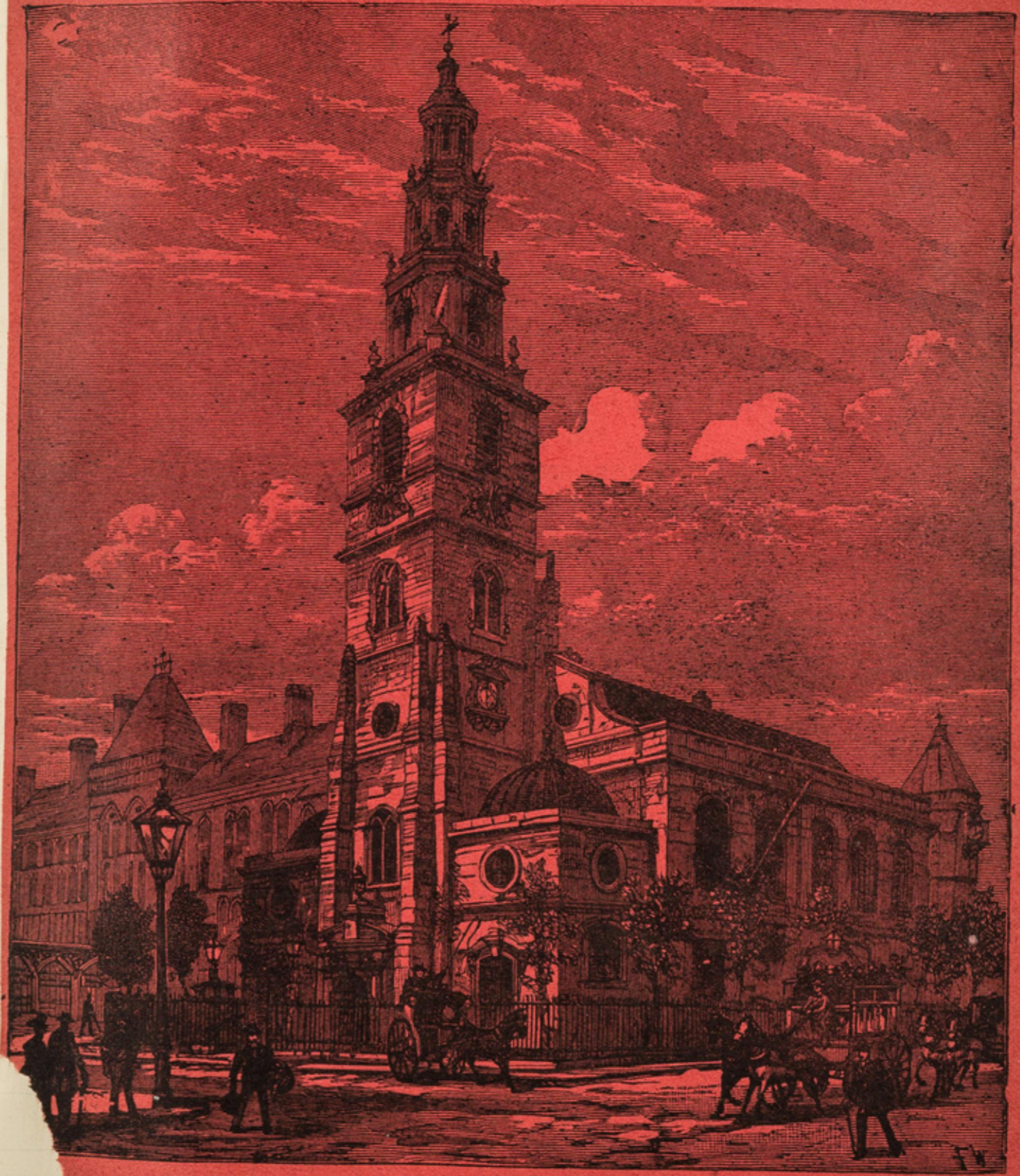
He mentioned the local Shelter etc. of the Salvation Army, but expressed no opinion about its work.

Mr. Pennington is a man of about 55, well built and rather good-looking. Although he appears in many ways to be ~~xxx~~ an "impossible" person, and although it wd be intolerable to have to work with him, he is personally rather attractive, in any case in a casual conversation. You feel that he is headstrong and impatient, probably of uneven temper, and rather like a bull in a china shop, but you also know that he has a will of his own, and that there is nothing "piffling" about him.

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② Report of an Interview with the Rev. Griffiths,
Minister of Christ Church, Ende^{ll} St, and Chaplain of the
S. Giles Workhouse.

Mr. G. is a man of about 50; he has been longer in the
district than any of the other clergy, having been at Ch.
Church for 15 years, and before that for some time at the
Semen Dials Mission Church. He does not seem to be a persona
grata to any of his neighbours; the interview with the
Rector suggested that, and the fact comes out in the follow-
ing interview no less plainly. The explanation is pro-
bably mainly found in the character of the man, capable,
aggressive, intractable, Low Church. His opinions have to
taken cum grano, in so far as they reflect on other individ-
uals, but they have the merit of frankness. He is not respon-
sible for any part of the district, and is not allowed to
be, and a very poor opinion he has of the work of those who
are responsible. I know of no other cases in which we have
had the mouths of our clerical witnesses so freely opened
by the irresponsibility of their position.

Christ Church is a Chapel of Ease to S. Giles; was
built 53 years ago; and has always been a church of free
seats. It is a Church and nothing more: no area for mission
work has ever been allotted to it, and this makes the work
difficult. By the rules of the C. of E. no clergyman may
visit in any parish other than his own, and we have the ap-

parent annually here therefore of a person who cannot visit. But you can," I asked, "if you wish visit your own people?" and the reply was "I should not like to say that I could". It was quite clear that Mr. Griffiths considered that ructions would be likely to follow if he visited, and most of this is done by his daughter.

Mr. G. corroborated all that has been said about the displacement of dwelling by business premises in S. Giles, and mentioned that the population of the Civil parish had gone down 5000 during the last ten years. Rents are going up, and overcrowding increasing, in consequence of the local changes that are going on. The employees of the two big local breweries form the most solid group of local inhabitants, and he mentioned besides: a few professional men; a few artisans; a good many theatrical and music hall employees; many hawkers, costers etc; and many loafers and thieves. There is a considerable common lodging house population, and the house called the "Forty Thieves" still flourishes in Queen St.

Not 5% of the people are believed to be attending at any ~~place~~ local church. Religiously, he considers that S. Giles is as low "as any parish could well be". Very little is done anywhere e.g. to get at the men. The Rector is not a real leader, and when I suggested that he had set

a good many things going, I was told that "there was no life in the thing" that it was all "form", and I thought to myself "How these Christians love one another!"

His own congregation he said was poor, and from the n'hood. It consists mostly of women. He is "a black sheep" in the local ecclesiastical flock, being pronouncedly Low Church, and having evening communion. But he admitted that Holy Trinity is "not High"; that at S. Giles itself the services are Moderate, although the tendencies there are High. Holthouse, however, he described as "thorough-going Ritualist".

He put his own average attendances on Sunday mornings at 80, and in the evenings at 180.

In '92 he had taken a census of his own and the two other churches of the parish, with the following result:

S. Giles: Morning at 11; 195 and 50 children.
Evening at 7; 167 and 19 children.

Seven Dials: Morning; 36 and 46 children.
Evening; 122 and 50 children.

Christ Church: Morning; 120 and 5 children.
Afternoon at 3.30; 87 children.
Evening; 118 and 7 children.

Since then there has been a change, there being fewer at S. Giles; more at Seven Dials; and at his own church fewer in the morning and more in the evening.

Mr. G. promised to send me particulars of his commu-

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Charitable relief,
 icents, of his Social Agencies, and of his Sunday School --
 the last being that work of super~~er~~erogation, from the point
 of view of the Rector, that he mentioned, and that ~~was~~ ^{with} ~~xxx~~
 other things ~~xxx~~ made it clear that the too energetic min-
 ister of the Chapel of Ease was ^{looked upon as a} great nuisance. In promising
 to send me his figures, Mr. G. warned me against the decept-
 iveness of all parish reports and magazines: it is so easy
 to make an impressive list on paper, but it is always necess-
 ary to know ~~that~~ that the things enumerated really stand for,
 and again, I thought, How these Christians love one another!

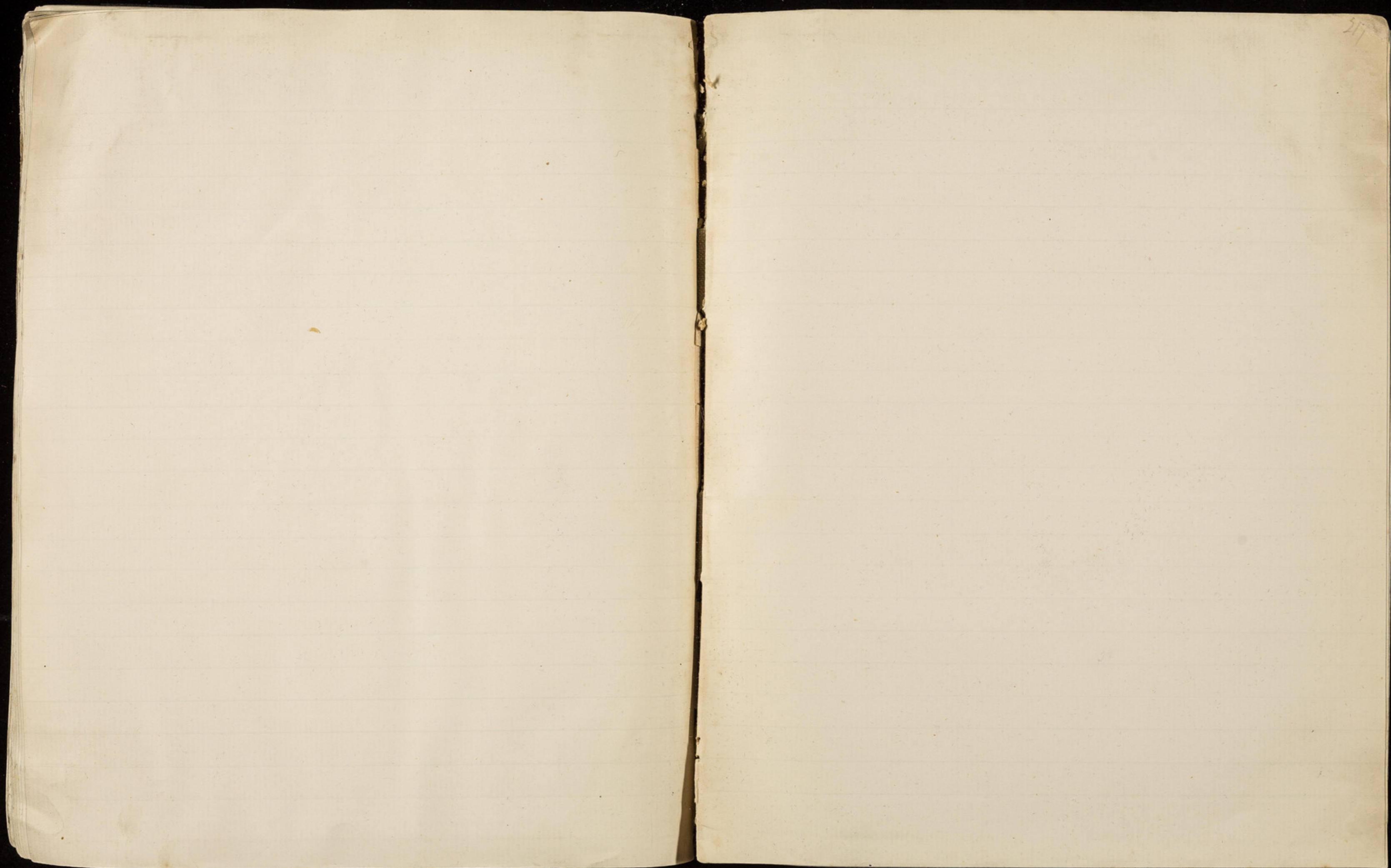
Mr. G. spends his relief, some of it money, but for
 the most part in coals, food, soup tickets, and clothing.
 He said that there were many who neede support in winter,
 and he gave me the impression that he had a connexion with
 a certain number of poor families who were regularly subsi-
 dized in the winter months. Messrs. Combe, the Brewers are
 Mr. G's chief supporters.

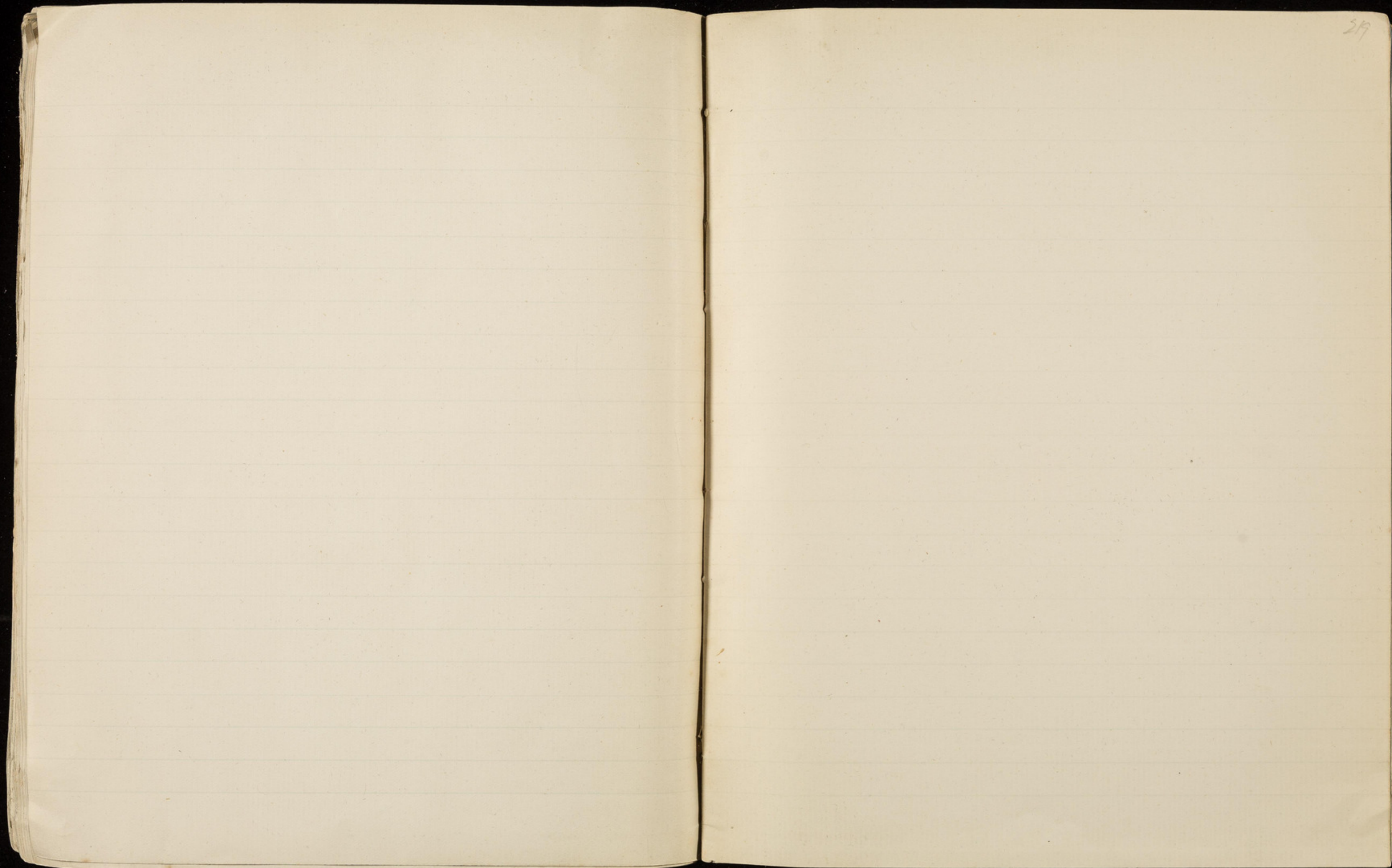
He praised te work of the Medical Mission; mentioned
 the Mission of the Bloomsbury Chapel (with which he is on
 good terms), the mission of the Wesleyans in Queen St., and
 added that there were several other missions; he declined
 to gauge the work of Mr. Wheatley.

On the General Questions he expressed his opinien that
 stricter supervision of the tenement houses was the greatest

local sanitary need, and regretted the absence of any open space. There was very little out-door relief, and thinks that the policy of the Board, which is however asplendid one "one of the best in London", is a little too hard. The work-house and general administration are good, but the chief R.O. (he has only one assistant) is a brute. His experience is the same of all four corresponding officials at Fulham, and he was inclined to suspect them as a class through out London. There is a small Infirmary in Cleveland St. needing more accommodation. More POLICE are needed. No improvement is noticeable in habits of DRINKING, and there are too many pubs. There is not very much regular PROSTITUTION, but occasional irregularity of life, very common. He condemned the effects of Music Halls. Local CRIME he regarded as seious. There is much COHABITATION. The death rate is low, but still HEALTH is much below par. Although some of the changes going on in the district make for greater overcrowding, and although his general verdict is a gloomy one, Mr. G. admitted that marked improvements had taken place. The prevailing ignorance, however, in spite of all schools is deplorable.

Mr. G. is a beardedman of perhaps 50, with a somewhat assertive manner, (bred perhaps of isolation) ^{and} not, I think, a cultured mind; rather conceited perhaps, but no fool.





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