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Ministers Name	Chapel	Address of Interview	Page
Westrope	Rev. R. Cong. James St <sup>e</sup>	Westminster 9 Adelphi Terrace,	1 ✓
Rees	Rev Allen Sup <sup>e</sup> West <sup>m</sup> Circuit	168 Cambridge Street	9 ✓
Nanse	" W. United Meth. Free.	129 Warwick St <sup>e</sup> , Pimlico	17 ✓
Eames	" John Cong. Eccleston Square	✓	29 ✓
Evans	M <sup>r</sup> Howard Cong. St <sup>e</sup> Leonard's St.	2 Serjeants Inn, Fleet St <sup>e</sup>	41 ✓
Boutts	M <sup>r</sup> J. Ebury Miss <sup>n</sup>	Warwick St <sup>e</sup> ✓	47 ✓
Hewitt	M <sup>r</sup> A. H. Bessboro' Place Mission	20 Braybourne Avenue, SW	55 ✓
Forster	Rev. Father R. Cath: St. Peter, Palace St <sup>e</sup>	Presbytery	61 ✓
Goodchild	M <sup>r</sup> J. Servants Mission,	109 Eaton Terrace	67 ✓



not numbered



St. Andrew's parish.

Interview with the Rev. Mr. Westrop - Congregationalist  
minister

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Mr W came to Adelphi Terrace in a rather informal interview spoke at large of his religious work & aims. He is a Christian Socialist & as I gathered, left his church & congregation at Leeds because they did not welcome the new gospel he was impelled to preach, & since he left them 3 years ago have at length turned out "his men" who are working men socialists, & these men with his aid have now formed them.

schools into an independent body having <sup>or intending to have</sup> its regular Sunday afternoon meetings & sometimes evening services, in a hired hall - he helping them to get preachers - all this being at Leeds.

His move to London does not seem to have very much improved his position ~~with~~ as regards the sympathy his particular ideas meet. He has stepped into the pulpit of a huge church



far to large for any Congregation that can now be gathered there. At one time in its early history it may have been filled but was not so in the time of his predecessor Mr Hamdale. It is not easy to fill 2500 places & I gather it is usually very empty now. Mr Hamdale was a simple preacher of the Gospel of Salvation, & to get the people to Church was his sole object. He neither took up the "Social Side" in the one sense nor the other - neither as regards Congregational life nor ~~the~~ democratic activity. I suppose the Congregation suffered under him, but I doubt if they welcome Mr Westrope's ideas any more. He is however full of them - of the need to preach & follow the Social Gospel of Christ, taking the consequences whatever they are. He shares the views of Bruce Wallace, but I should suppose was less successful in impressing them



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It was indeed difficult to imagine him effective as a preacher, having from the formation of his mouth & the position of his teeth a rather awkward & difficult utterance. He also seemed to be rather stung by a failure.

His Church is a white elephant & he said it was only as the centre of subsidised missionary effort & stir of organised work - like that of the West London Mission of the Wesleyans under Hugh Price Hughes - that it could really be utilized & this effort he could not raise. He is not Hugh Price Hughes. He would wish to see the Church made attractive by orchestral music & the people reached by democratic or socialist Propaganda.

As it is all that can be done is not very much. There are small congregations morning & evening - more coming in the evening - & those who come



including the work classes - & there is a Pleasant Sunday afternoon service for men in the Church with 300 members (perhaps 200 attendance of the usual character - the men being waiters, policemen & not artisans - Mr Westrope takes a meeting of women at the same time in the adjoining hall - The P. S. A is based on the usual system of prizes bought out of the entrance pecunies.

There is a small Sunday school on Sunday mornings & afternoons - & an evening school <sup>better attended</sup> for a poorer class - the continuation of a ragged school.

There is a Mothers meeting - & a rather unsuccessful Christian Endeavor Society - & a kind of literary Society to which old members of the congregation belong - this is successful but has a life of its own quite apart from the Church -

Altogether we have here rather a record of dis-appointments.



Rev Allen Rees  
Claverton Street Chapel

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Buildings used

Workers

Services held

St Saviour's parish.

West End  
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Rev Allen Rees, Supt of the Westminster  
Wesleyan Circuit.

An account of the interview with Mr Rees  
so far as it related to Westminster Chapel  
is contained in Book LXXXIV. pages 17-29.  
The following notes refer to Claverton Street  
Chapel, Piccadilly, which belongs to the same  
circuit and is under the pastoral charge  
of Rev H J. Cundy.

Claverton Street Chapel holds 1000 people. Has a  
schoolroom but they cannot hold a Sunday  
School there as a covenant in the lease forbids  
them to turn any children out into the street.  
Schools are held at the Piccadilly Rooms, corner of  
Warwick & Winchester Streets, which are their own  
property.

No paid workers except the minister.  
25 S.S. teachers .. 12 class leaders and several other officials.

Sunday Services 11 + 6.30. Fair congregation in  
the



Rees- Wesleyan

The morning. Very good at night; two thirds full.  
Sunday School. 220 on books. Attendance averages - morning  
47, afternoon 139.

Week night service Tuesday. 8 PM

Fourteen class meetings. Some small. "You can't expect  
the people to come out every night."  
Definite religious experience.  
Wesley Guild with about 50 members.

Saturday night meeting at 7.30. Social.

Band of Hope (120) & childrens service.

Day schools at the Perilico Rooms. 400 on books.

Education

Perilico an improving district

Perilico is quite different to Westminster. A  
higher class of people - Small tradesmen and  
people in ordinary positions - situations, with sufficient  
to live on comfortably. Some of their people are  
employed in the Coat Clothing Factory. Perilico  
is improving.

Church membership

Church membership 160 and 35 Juniors.

Young people leave  
the district

They find the usual difficulty experienced by  
churches in the inner ring in retaining their  
young people. When they marry, they cannot find

lodgings



Innsion at  
Public Rooms

Rees - Wesleyan

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Lodgings in the neighbourhood. Go to Clapham  
or some other S.W. suburb.

Not much other Christian work. Mentioned a  
Baptist Mission, carried by a Mr Coult of Ebury Street  
at the Public Rooms.



ticket to each of his or her members, and to see and Church. Will you and your children

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QUARTERLY VISITATION OF SOCIETY CLASSES.

WESTMINSTER.				
Day.	Leader.	Date.	Time.	
Sunday	Mr. YOUNG	Feb. 12	-	10
"	Mr. EDWARDS	" 12	-	3
Monday	Mrs. GRIFFEN	" 20	-	8
"	Mrs. LOWE	" 20	-	8.45
Tuesday	Mr. REATCHLOUS	" 21	-	6.30
"	Mr. COWHAM	" 28	-	6.30
"	Mr. ELDERKIN	Mar. 7	-	7.30
"	Mr. CURTIS	" 7	-	7.30
"	Mr. HILL	" 14	-	7.30
Wednesday	Mr. HEPPELL	Feb. 22	-	8.30
Thursday	Miss NEWSON	" 23	-	8.30
Friday	Rev. ALLEN REES	" 24	-	7.15

JUNIOR CLASSES.  
Mr. COKER. Mrs. CURTIS.  
The Westminster Classes will be met by the Rev. ALLEN REES.

PIMLICO.				
Day.	Leader.	Date.	Time.	
Sunday	Mr. POWELL	Feb. 19	-	10
"	Mr. SANDOVER	" 19	-	3
"	Mr. BADMAN	" 26	-	10
Monday	Mrs. COMBEN	" 27	-	7.30
Wednesday	Mr. RODWELL	Mar. 1	-	7.30
"	Mr. COMBEN	" 1	-	8.30
Thursday	Miss MOULES	" 2	-	7.30
"	Mr. KINGSWOOD	" 2	-	8
"	Mr. BEER	" 2	-	8.15
Friday	Rev. H. J. CUNDY	Feb. 24	-	8.30
"	Mrs. CUNDY	Mar. 3	-	8.30

JUNIOR CLASSES.  
Mrs. CUNDY. Miss SANDOVER. Mr. MORGAN.  
The Pimlico Classes will be met by the Rev. H. J. CUNDY.

CALENDAR.		I. LESSON.	II. LESSON.
JAN. 1	Sunday after Christmas ...	Isalah 35 ...	Romans 2, 17.
" 8	1 Sunday after Epiphany	Isalah 51 ...	Matt. 5, 13-33.
" 15	2 Sunday after Epiphany	Isalah 55 ...	Matt. 9, 1-18.
" 22	3 Sunday after Epiphany	Isalah 62 ...	Matt. 13, 1-24.
" 29	Septuagesima Sunday ...	Gen. 1 & 2, 1-4	Rev. 21, 1-9.
FEB. 5	Sexagesima Sunday ...	Genesis 3 ...	Matt. 20, 1-17.
" 12	Quinquagesima Sunday ...	Genesis 9, 1-20	Matt. 24, 1-29.
" 19	1 Sunday in Lent ...	Gen. 19, 12-30	Matt. 27, 1-27.
" 26	2 Sunday in Lent ...	Gen. 27, 1-41...	Mark 2, 23 to 3, 13.
MAR. 5	3 Sunday in Lent ...	Genesis 37 ...	Mark 6, 30.
" 12	4 Sunday in Lent ...	Genesis 42 ...	Mark 10, 32.
" 19	5 Sunday in Lent ...	Exodus 3 ...	Mark 14, 27-53.
" 26	Palm Sunday ...	Exodus 9 ...	Matthew 26.

THE FORTHCOMING BAZAAR  
AT WESTMINSTER IN SUPPORT OF THE  
CIRCUIT SCHEME.

ON Wednesday, December 7th, in response to an invitation given from the pulpit, 28 ladies, interested in the forthcoming bazaar, took tea together, and made tentative arrangements. It was resolved that the bazaar should be held at the end of May, and that, so soon as the New Year opened, sewing meetings should be held every Wednesday, beginning at three o'clock. Miss WYATT and Miss Sapsed were appointed secretaries, and Mrs. WELTON

treasurer, Mrs. REES being *ex-officio* president. The teas will be given each week, the payment of sixpence each being given to the purchase of materials, Miss McKay and Miss TRAMPLEASURE undertaking to make the necessary arrangements for the teas. Mrs. TONGUE and Miss GRACE kindly undertook the cutting-out work for the meetings. The following arrangements for stalls were then made:—

*Sewing Meeting Stall.*—Mrs. WELTON, Mrs. WILLOMATT, Mrs. COX, Mrs. TONGUE, and Mrs. YOUNG.

*Congregational Stall.*—Mrs. REES, Mrs. LOWE, Mrs. ROBINSON, Miss WHEDDON, Mrs. HILL, and Mrs. DUNN.

*Refreshment Stall.*—Mrs. CHADWICK, Miss COULTAS, Miss GRACE, and Miss REES.

*Sunday School Stall.*—To be arranged by the Teachers.

*Flower Stall.*—Miss WYATT, Miss Sapsed, Miss B. REES, Miss E. ALLCHURCH, and Miss REATCHLOUS.

*Sweet Stall.*—Miss TRAMPLEASURE, Miss McKay, Miss WELTON, and Mrs. E. WILLOMATT.

*Musical Arrangements.*—Mr. PEAKE and Miss TUBB.

*Bran Tub.*—Miss NESBITT, Miss E. HILL, and Girls from Miss COULTAS's School.

Of course, the above does not represent all who will help, nor all that will be done; nor could those who were present at the meeting arrange for those who were absent. An earnest appeal is made to the friends to join the movement, and to help to make this, the final Westminster effort in behalf of the Circuit Scheme, a great success.

BAND OF HOPE.

THE work during the past quarter has been fairly well sustained, though the attendance of the members has not been so regular as we should desire. Will the parents kindly give all the help possible in this matter? Sunday, November 27th, being Temperance Sunday, special addresses were given to the Sunday scholars by Messrs. YOUNG and STANDING, and on November 30th, the annual concert was given. We are glad to be able to take this opportunity of thanking all the friends who helped so kindly and generously. On Wednesday, January 11th, we intend holding a re-union of old members and officers, to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the Society. Our President will preside, and many old friends have promised to attend and take part in the proceedings. Light refreshments will be served at 7.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is given to all old members to be present. Names and addresses of

would be gladly received by Mr. A. RIDING, 24, Denbigh Street, S.W. so that invitations could be forwarded. The ordinary meetings are held every Friday at 7 p.m., and are especially arranged for the benefit of our young people, but all are welcome.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

THE Christmas Tea Party was held on Monday, December 12th, at Westminster, when 73 mothers and 20 of their husbands sat down to the bountiful repast which was provided for them, each one being given a plate of ham and boiled and roast beef, three slices of bread and butter, bread *ad lib.*, half-a-pound of cake, and a mince-pie, with as much tea as might be desired. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. REES, Mrs. DAVISON, Mrs. GLYN, Mrs. LOWE, Miss WELTON, Miss CHIVERS, Miss McKay, and the Sisters. After tea, the meeting was presided over by the Rev. ALLEN REES, when a most interesting lantern exhibition was given by Mr. SNELLING, with readings by Mr. CASHMORE, Mr. LOWE also giving a recitation, and Miss TUBB rendering two songs with her usual efficiency. Those responsible for the gathering were delighted to see the thorough enjoyment of all who were present. This Mothers' Meeting is a growing and most efficient institution of the Church, and cannot but be productive of good.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE Quarterly Meeting was held at Westminster, on Tuesday, December 20th., 1898. The chair was taken by the Rev. ALLEN REES, the Superintendent, who was supported by the Rev. H. J. CUNDY and the Stewards, Mr. H. A. REATCHLOUS, and Mr. H. TULL. There were seventeen present. The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £10 4s. 0d., and was eminently satisfactory. The Superintendent reported the membership at Westminster as numbering 274, being an increase of 3 in the quarter, with 11 on trial; and at Pimlico, 143, being an increase of 2 in the quarter, with 8 on trial. This is the fifth consecutive quarterly increase. Mr. COWHAM was thanked for his services as Circuit Chapel Secretary, and was re-appointed. Mr. H. A. REATCHLOUS and Mr. H. TULL, were warmly thanked for their services as Circuit Stewards, and were unanimously re-elected.

Both these gentlemen, in consenting to serve, made hearty and encouraging speeches. The Superintendent introduced the matter of the Twentieth Century Fund, explaining its objects, and reminding the meeting that he had promised on their behalf at the Great Central City Road Meeting the sum of five hundred guineas. The Meeting heartily endorsed the Superintendent's action, and engaged warmly to support him in the effort to raise the money. It was resolved that special Sermons should be preached in both Chapels on Sunday, January 8th., and that a Great Circuit tea meeting should be held at Westminster on the following Thursday, January 12th. The tea to be free by ticket, a plate being held at the door to give the opportunity for any who might like to help towards the cost; every class leader to be requested to give a ticket to every member in his or her class; and the Chapel Stewards to give a ticket to every seat-holder in each Chapel; and any others belonging to either place of worship who might like to attend, to be given a hearty welcome. It was hoped that it would be the largest Tea Meeting ever held in the Circuit. The Superintendent was requested to take the chair, and to expound the scheme. Those attending will be asked to fill up slips, stating what they may be disposed to promise. The officials are expecting that the meeting will be large and enthusiastic, and that the whole amount will be promised. The Superintendent also reported the action of the ladies with respect to the bazaar, a report which was gladly and gratefully received. This most pleasant meeting was concluded by prayer and the benediction.

WESTMINSTER CIRCUIT AND THE  
TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

FOR CHRIST & THE METHODIST CHURCH.

IN this great movement, our Westminster Circuit does not mean to be behind, although its resources are not great. The Superintendent, on its behalf, promised 500 guineas at the Wesley's Chapel Central Meeting, and the Quarterly Meeting has heartily endorsed his action. On Sunday, January 8th, special sermons on the subject will be preached by the Circuit ministers at the two Circuit Chapels, and on the following Thursday, a

GREAT CIRCUIT TEA MEETING

will be held at Westminster. The admission will be free, by ticket. Each leader is requested to give a



ticket to each of his or her members, and to see and to try to persuade such to be at the meeting; seat-holders, not members, will be seen and persuaded in the same way by the Chapel Stewards, and adherents and friends will be given a most earnest invitation. The chair, after tea, will be taken by the Superintendent, at the request of the Quarterly Meeting, who will make a statement as to the objects of the fund, and it is hoped, and confidently expected, that the whole amount will be promised at that meeting. No one must stay away unless it be absolutely impossible to attend. Mr. H. TULL has kindly consented to act as Circuit Treasurer. We reprint extracts from Mr. PERKS's tract—"How can I help the Wesleyan Methodist Twentieth Century Fund?"—for the guidance of all our friends who want to help, but scarcely know how they can do it. From these extracts, it will be seen that every man, woman, and child connected with the Westminster and Pimlico Churches can do something:—

“HOW CAN I HELP THE WESLEYAN METHODIST TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND?”

“Not a day passes without this question being put to me. Methodism has evidently realised that the task which she has undertaken—namely, to raise one million guineas from one million Methodists, is no child's play, and that this great financial effort is the business of the rank and file of the Church. The Twentieth Century Fund is to be raised by the small contributions of the multitude. Generous Methodists who wish to give more than one guinea, and there will be many thousands of them, will have no difficulty in discovering means of doing so; but the fundamental principle of the fund is one person, one guinea. Methodism, which started the nineteenth century a small and despised sect, has to-day 442,248 members of society in Great Britain, 1,100,426 teachers and scholars in its Sunday Schools, 2,181,221 sittings in her chapels, and probably nearly three million adherents. The task before us is to persuade one million Methodists each to give, or collect, at least one guinea between the 1st of January, 1899, and the 1st of January, 1901, when the Twentieth Century begins. One shilling a month will provide the guinea, with a margin of 3s. over, or 2½d. per week will more than cover the amount required. It is intended that the names and addresses of all subscribers and collectors to the Century Fund shall be inscribed upon a Methodist Historic Roll, which will be preserved among the historical documents of the Wesleyan Methodist

Church. Will you and your children have names inscribed on the Roll? Many Methodist families are, by the mercy and blessing of God, united and unbroken; but in others there are vacant places. Names may be entered on the Roll in memory of those who have passed to another world.

“What is to be done with the money? Here is the answer: £300,000 will be used for building new Methodist Chapels, Mission Halls, and Sunday Schools; and also in enlarging or rebuilding old ones in every part of the United Kingdom. £200,000 is to be applied for

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

A new Training College for Methodist scholars who intend to enter the teaching profession is to be built and voluntary schools will be established in places where Nonconformists have no schools of their own and there is no School Board. A portion of the fund will also be used to establish secondary schools and a small part for founding scholarships to some university. These scholarships will be open to all pupils attending Methodist schools.

“£100,000 is to be given to foreign missions, and £100,000 to the evangelistic work of the Home Missionary Society, and out of this fund a part is to be set aside for Temperance work.

“In the west-end of the metropolis, somewhere near Charing Cross, London is to have

A CENTRAL METHODIST HALL.

This building will be the headquarters of the Home Mission Fund and several other departments of Methodism. It will be the young men's and young women's Christian Association of London Methodist and it will be the headquarters of the London Mission. It will be large enough to take the Wesleyan Conference and the annual May meetings. The committee estimate the outlay at £250,000.

“The Children's Home, in which more than 1,200 poor children are now sheltered, clothed, educated, and trained for work, is to receive £50,000, which is to be applied in saving ‘all children of Methodist and other Nonconformist parentage from workhouse schools.’ Such are the wide and noble Christian objects of this fund, and again I ask—

WILL YOU HAVE A SHARE IN THE WORK?

You say, ‘Yes, I am willing to do my best—tell me how I am to set to work.’ Well, are you a father or a mother? Perhaps you have grandsons and granddaughters. Whatever the number of your household, I should say start at once by drawing up your family list. Enter upon it the names and addresses of all your children and grandchildren



Rev<sup>d</sup> W. Vause  
United Methodist Minister.

The Circuit

Personal Note

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St Gabriel's parish.

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Rev<sup>d</sup> W. Vause. United Methodist Free Church Minister.  
129 Warwick Street, Pimlico. St. W.

Mr Vause is the Supt of the 7<sup>th</sup> London Circuit, which includes two Chapels in Pimlico, & two in Chelsea and two in Battersea. Three ministers are appointed to the Circuit but one of these, Rev L. J. Cope, has charge of the Deaconess Training Home, 165 Lupus Street & except for an occasional service at one or other of the chapel, appears to take little part in the work of the circuit. The work is divided between Mr Vause & Mr Jacomb & roughly speaking the latter may be said to have the two chapels at Battersea under his charge, Mr Cope & Mr Vause the others. Notes respecting the Chelsea Chapel are placed in Book 80, & Mr Jacomb must be seen about Battersea when we reach that district.

Mr Vause is a stout, pleasant faced man between 40 & 50. Before coming here, he had a church in the mining districts (Parkgate) & in his room hang two large portraits of Mr & Mrs Vause presented to them on leaving. Mrs Vause is a bright little body & like her husband, a strong temperance advocate.



Circuit Plan

The Plan.

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48	MARLBOROUGH Sq., Chelsea	11	5 Browning H. R. White Vause P.M.
	Wednesday .. ..	8	
	Saturday .. ..	8	
80	BATTERSEA, Church Road.	11	Jacomb Jacomb P.M.
	Wednesday .. ..	8	
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	Tuesday .. ..	8	
	Saturday .. ..	8	
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	Thursday .. ..	8	
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	Thursday .. ..	8	
	Friday .. ..	8	
29	COLLEGE PLACE, Chelsea	11	Menzies Browning Jacomb P.M.
	Tuesday .. ..	8	
	Saturday .. ..	8	
TOTAL-			
312			

Arrangements for Meeting of Classes for Tickets.

**MARLBORO' SQUARE**  
Mr. Vause, Feb. 22nd.

**BATTERSEA, CHURCH ROAD.**  
Feb. 22nd, 8.30 p.m., Mr. Jacomb.

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Feb. 21st, 3.0 p.m., Mr. Vause.

**VICTORIA.**  
Mr. Biles's, Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m.  
Tuesdays, Feb. 23rd, 8.0 p.m., Mr. Vause.

**BATTERSEA PARK.**  
Feb. 16th, 3.30 p.m., Mr. Jacomb.

**COLLEGE PLACE.**  
Feb. 23th 8.0 p.m., Mr Vause.

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR MEETINGS.**  
MARLBORO' SQUARE, Friday, 8.15 p.m.  
BATTERSEA CHURCH ROAD, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.  
BATTERSEA PARK ROAD, Thursday, 8.30 p.m.  
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Church  
(Chelsea)

Supply	Wise	...
T. J. Cox	Browning	...
Vause	Vause	...
P.M.	P.M.	...
Jacomb	T. J. Cox	...
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Kennedy	Vause	...
Vause	Kennedy	...
Jacomb	Vause	...
P.M.	P.M.	...
Vause	Clapham	...
Blott	T. J. Cox	...
Vause	Vause	...
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The Seventh London (Chelsea) Circuit, 1899.

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			5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	
48	MARLBOROUGH SQ., Chelsea	11	Browning	T. J. Cope	Betts	Bridge	Cox	Dyer	Phillips	Vause	Wiseman	Supply	Penfold		Coleman	<b>MARLBORO' SQUARE</b> Mr. Vause, Feb. 22nd.  <b>BATTERSEA, CHURCH ROAD.</b> Mr. Lickman's Mrs. Lockwood's Miss Lickman's Mr. Williams' Mr. Jacobm's } Feb. 22nd, 8.30 p.m., Mr. Jacobm.  <b>PIMLICO.</b> Feb. 21st, 3.0 p.m., Mr. Vause.  <b>VICTORIA.</b> Mr. Biles's, Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m. Tickets, Feb. 23rd, 8.0 p.m., Mr. Vause.  <b>BATTERSEA PARK.</b> Mr. Atkinson's Mr. Jacobm's } Feb. 16th, 3.30 p.m., Mr. Jacobm.  <b>COLLEGE PLACE.</b> Feb. 23th 8.0 p.m., Mr. Vause.  <b>CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR MEETINGS.</b> MARLBOROUGH SQUARE, Friday, 8.15 p.m. BATTERSEA CHURCH ROAD, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. BATTERSEA PARK ROAD, Thursday, 8.30 p.m. VICTORIA .. .. Wednesday, 8.30 p.m. COLLEGE PLACE .. Thursday, 8.15 p.m.
	Wednesday	8	H. R. White s	J. Vause	Blott	Vause	Cox	Pearce	H. R. White	Salisbury	Browning s	T. J. Cope	Bett	Blott	Jacobm	
	Saturday	8	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	
80	BATTERSEA, Church Road.	11	Cox	Vause	Phillips	Jacobm	Betts	Jacobm	Hopwood	Jacobm	T. J. Cope	Jacobm	Wiseman		Castle	
	Wednesday	6 1/2	Jacobm s	Bridge	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm s	T. J. Cope	Jacobm	Blott	Jacobm s	Williams	Jacobm	Jacobm	Vause	
	Monday	8	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	Jacobm	
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	Tuesday	8	Bridge s	Vause	Coleman	Browning	Vause s	Betts		Vause	Kennedy s	Vause	Phillips		Williams	
	Saturday	8	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	
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	Thursday	8	Vause s	Dr. Cope	Vause	Wiseman	Bridge s	Jacobm	Vause	Duckworth CA	T. J. Cope s	Blott	Vause	Vause	Kennedy	
	Saturday	8	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	Vause	
46	BATTERSEA PARK CHAPEL, Battersea Park Rd.	11	Jacobm	Rev. T. Foster	Jacobm	Gann	Jacobm	Kennedy	Jacobm	Bridge	Jacobm	Phillips	Jacobm		Vause	
	Thursday	8 1/2	Betts	Rev. T. Jarratt s	H. R. White	Jacobm es	Crombie	Vause s	Jacobm	Jacobm es	Williams	Jacobm s	Blott		T. J. Cope es	
	Friday	8	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	C.E. Meeting	
29	COLLEGE PLACE, Chelsea	11	Menzies	Wiseman	Cox	Vause	T. W. Hopwood	Swaine	Douthwaite	Penfold	Browning	Betts	T. J. Cope		Bridge	
	Tuesday	8	Browning s	Thorrington	Hopwood	Betts	Williams s	Wiseman	Phillips	Kennedy	Vause s	Dyer	Cox	Jones	Blott	
	Saturday	8	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	Vause	Jacobm	
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DR. COPE, 26, Besborough Gardens, Westminster,  
 Mr. T. W. HOPWOOD, 16, Anhalt Road, Battersea, S.W.

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Mr. J. T. WILLIAMS, 93, Bridge Road, Battersea, s.w.  
 Mr. WINCHESTER, 2 Orbel Street, Battersea.

## SOCIETY STEWARDS.

**Marlborough Square:**  
 Mr. C. BARNES, 31, Jubilee Place, Chelsea.  
**Church Road, Battersea:**  
 Mr. A. BRIDGE, 12, Kersley Street, Battersea.  
 Mr. MASON, 21, " " "  
**Pimlico:**  
 Mr. JAMES WOODCOCK, 14, Mysore Rd., Lavender Hill.  
**Victoria:**  
 Mr. S. A. JAMES, 90, Tachbrook Street, South Belgravia.  
 Mr. T. OFFORD, 3, Harrington Gardens, S. Kensington.

**Battersea Park:**  
 Mr. H. PERRY, 27, St. George's Street, Battersea.  
 Mr. TIPPING, 40, Park Grove, Battersea.  
**College Place:**  
 Mr. W. HOPWOOD, 33, Brynmaer Road, Battersea.  
 Mr. W. MATTHEWS, 45, Shawfield Street, Chelsea, S.W.

## MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

Mr. PEARCE, JUN., New Premises Erecting, Prince Consort Road, South Kensington.

## CIRCUIT TEMPERANCE SECRETARY.

Mrs. A. BRIDGE, 12, Kersley Street, Battersea.

## CIRCUIT MISSION BAND SECRETARIES.

T. W. HOPWOOD, 16, Anhalt Road, Battersea.  
 F. J. NICHOLSON, 15, Pearson Street, Battersea.

## NOTICES.

Each Preacher is earnestly solicited to fill his own Appointment, or (himself) obtain an accredited supply; also to commence the Services at time mentioned on the Plan. No Preacher to be superseded in his Appointment without his consent having been obtained.

Any of the Preachers not receiving the New Plan one clear Sunday before the old Plan is out, are requested at once to communicate with Mr. Jacobm.

All communications respecting the Preachers to be made to Rev. W. Jacobm, 42, Kersley Street, Battersea.

Preachers and Society Stewards wishing to make requests regarding appointments must please write Mr. Jacobm not later than Mar. 13th.

Committee of Council will meet at Pimlico, on Monday, Mar. 6th, at 8 o'clock.  
 The Circuit Quarterly Meeting will be held at Marlborough Square, Mar. 13th, at 7.  
 The Preacher's Quarterly Meeting will be held, Feb. 11th, Tea at 5.30.  
 Plan Committee Meeting, at Pimlico, Mar. 18th, at 7 o'clock.  
 Hymn Books and Magazines may be obtained from the Circuit Preachers.  
 Hymn Books from 1s., & Circuit Plans, 2d. each, may be had of the Chapel Keepers.

The Pimlico, Victoria, and Battersea Park Chapels are registered for the Solemnization of Marriages.

## Preachers' Names and Addresses.

- W. VAUSE, 129, Warwick Street, Pimlico, s.w.
- W. JACOMB, 42, Kersley Street, Battersea
- T. J. COPE, 39, Salcott Road, Wandsworth common.
- J. KENNEDY, 61, Marney Road, Lavender Hill, s.w.
- J. E. WILLIAMS, 93, Bridge Road, Battersea, s.w.
- S. LICKMAN, 2, Spencer Street, Battersea, s.w.
- B. H. BROWNING, 486, King's Road, Chelsea, s.w.
- J. R. PENFOLD, 53, Burnaby Street, West Brompton, s.w.
- A. E. COPE, M.D., 26, Besborough Gardens, Westminster.
- J. CASTLE, 4, Bridge Road West, Battersea.
- A. BRIDGE, 12, Kersley Street, Battersea.
- F. E. MOON, 32, Blantyre Street, Chelsea.
- F. WINCHESTER, 2, Orbel Street, Battersea.
- S. COLEMAN, 27, Effingham Street, Pimlico.

## ON TRIAL.

- W. E. PHILLIPS, 7, Atherton Street, Battersea.
- 155  
 SISTERS, BOWTON HOUSE, LUPUS STREET, PIMLICO.

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The Pimlico Chapel declining

St Gabriel's parish

The People reached

Buildings used

Notes on Services

Nause - Unit: Meth. Free

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The Westmoreland Street (Pimlico) chapel has been going down for 12 or 13 years and nothing has so far arrested its course. The people came from a distance and as they dropped off the church has not been able to replace them. The Deaconess Home in Lupus St. was started ~~with~~ to work in connection with the chapel but that has now enlarged its scope and become a Connexional Home.

The people they get are working people, clerks &c, some working in the Govt Clothing Depot, a few but not many shopkeepers. Get practically none from the Peabody Bldgs, altho' Mr Y.'s predecessor worked them well. Whilst most of the adults come from a distance, the S.S. children are local.

Chapel seats 600 people. Schoolroom below and classroom. Victoria Chapel, 192 Vauxhall Bridge Rd seats 200 people. The Chelsea chapels are smaller.

The services (see plan) are poorly attended. At Westmoreland Street, there would only be 20 to 24 adults at the morning service and about 60 at night - altho' children would increase the gross total.



Sunday schools.

St Andrew's parish (south corner).

Visitativa

Charitable Relief

Membership

Nause Unit: Meth: Free.

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At Victoria, about 20 adults are present in the morning and 650 at night.

The Sunday Schools are weak. At Prinlipo 14 teachers. 195 scholars on books, Attendance boy 59 afternoon 110. Morning school was closed for a time but has just be reopened.

At Victoria, they have 15 teachers. 92 scholars on the books. with average attendances of 20 to 6. Have a Band of Hope & Christian Endeavour Soc. at Prinlipo & a C. E. at Victoria. Very few voluntary workers beyond the S. S. teachers & circuit officers.

Mr Nause tries to visit the people but finds it very different to visiting in his former charge "How shy they look at you if you call upon them." Mr N. thinks they do not like you to see how poor they are. They live in very good houses and outwardly look comfortable but are conscious that they <sup>are not equal to their</sup> surroundings are.

For charitable purposes, each church has the communion fund but it is a very small thing.

Membership: at Prinlipo 46; at Victoria 63.

With regard to Prinlipo they are endeavouring to



Contrast between

Londoners & North Countrymen

Drink

Prostitution

Marriage

Nause: Unit. Meth. Free

get a minister appointed for that chapel only. Mr V. thinks it is the only way to revive the place.

Mr V. finds the people a great contrast to those in the north. The north countryman are well educated & clever and throw any amount of enthusiasm into their work. He showed me a photo of a group of miners, whilst Mrs V. went over the qualities of the men & the work they did. At Parkgate they had a large Saturday evening meeting, worked at by these men. Here he has not ventured to start one. People are afraid of each other and do not appear to like to be identified with a place of worship.

Drink is bad. Have but few publichouses but those are large & enlarging.

Prostitution. Some girls are waiting about at nearly all the street corners.

Marriages at the chapels are only those of their own people.

Although his statement is so depressing, Mr V. is by no means an incapable man  
but



but much about the average of ministers.  
It looks as if the Conference had sent one of their  
best men with the hope of arresting the decay.  
The great difficulty however is that the number  
of chapels is too great for any one man to  
influence effectively.



March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1855

St Peter's parish.

West End 25

Wyn 25

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Interview with <sup>Dr</sup> Rev. John Eames,  
Rector of St Peter's Congregational Church, Purities.

Mr Eames is a man of not more than 30; tall, handsome, with a large head crowned with a huge shock of fair hair; but indeed for his clerical attire one would take him for something artistic, a professional musician for instance; there is a distinct suggestion of Paduaneski about him.

Mr E. has only been here for six months and his knowledge of the church and its neighborhood is therefore elementary; one conversation was accordingly general & rather than particular.

The church has a considerable past & reputation; it was for 26 years under the Rev. H. H. Hitchens; in his latter years he became weak and the church suffered; two years ago he died and his son was appointed Pastor in his place; a year ago the son died. Mr E. who had been for 7 years Pastor of a church at Cambridge was offered the place, and though he had at



the same time several other offers from much more prosperous churches, financially and numerically, the attraction of London and the belief that the ~~old~~ this church had a future before it as well as a past, brought him here.

Mr E. like so many of the Congregationalists is a remarkable man, obviously a man of great intelligence, refinement and ability, and there can be no doubt I think that he will increase the prosperity of the church; already in six months there are some 40 additional seat holders; this Mr E. modestly finds his due only to the arrival of a new minister which always at first gives an impetus to attendance. I have little doubt however that Mr E. will hold them he has got and gain others; but whether he is sufficiently a genius to fill a large church in so unpromising a neighborhood I am not certain; to do so will require very exceptional gifts.

The church holds about 1500; it presents them are about 500 in the morning and



about 700 in the evening. They are about  
without exception of the middle class, mainly  
shopkeepers, drawn from Peabody and the immediate  
neighborhood. "We don't touch Rochester or Warrick  
St." said Mr. E. "it would be absurd to  
pretend that we do: we just do what all  
the Congregational churches do, draw the most  
prosperous and the most intelligent from amongst  
of the neighborhood."

Coming from Cambridge Mr. E. noticed  
two things especially: (1) That with the exception  
of the small inner band of workers, those who  
attend the church have little or no affection for  
the church per se: "if I were to go back to  
Cambridge" he said "I should find in the main  
& exactly the same congregation in my church as  
when I left: there all were attached to the  
church as a church: here it is not so: the  
people come to hear a certain preacher, and  
the head thing would drive them away."  
(2) In spite of the existence of a Free Church  
Council, the isolation of the church and the



Minister. The Church is at present in the thick of a Daze: "if we had such a Daze at Cambridge" said Mr E. "all the other non-con. churches helped & us: then we are left entirely alone".

Mr E. noticed too how much harder is the work of a minister in London: the people here depend on him much more for leading and guidance. He said that he usually had to attend three meetings weekly. "To-day is Friday" he said "and I'm not yet been able to give a thought to Sunday".

Mr E. gave me a copy of the last Year Book published which gives a full account of the social activities of the church. As far as Mr E. can judge all the social work of the church is very active and vigorous.

Mr E. described himself as a neo-empirical and at my suggestion agreed that he was exactly of the school of Horton, whom I think he strongly resembles in character and



ability. "I don't care" he said "with the  
advanced men: I believe that he shall do more  
no good unless he can unite them with a real  
personal religion: & he must get a grip of  
souls."

Though extremely anxious for the prospects  
of his church Mr. E. deprecated the "unitarian"  
methods of the notes in London. "The Hitchen"  
methods," he said "were essentially gathering,  
and it is my wish to carry on his traditions."



ECCLESTON SQUARE CHURCH,  
BELGRAVE ROAD,  
LONDON. S.W.

**Year Book for 1897.**

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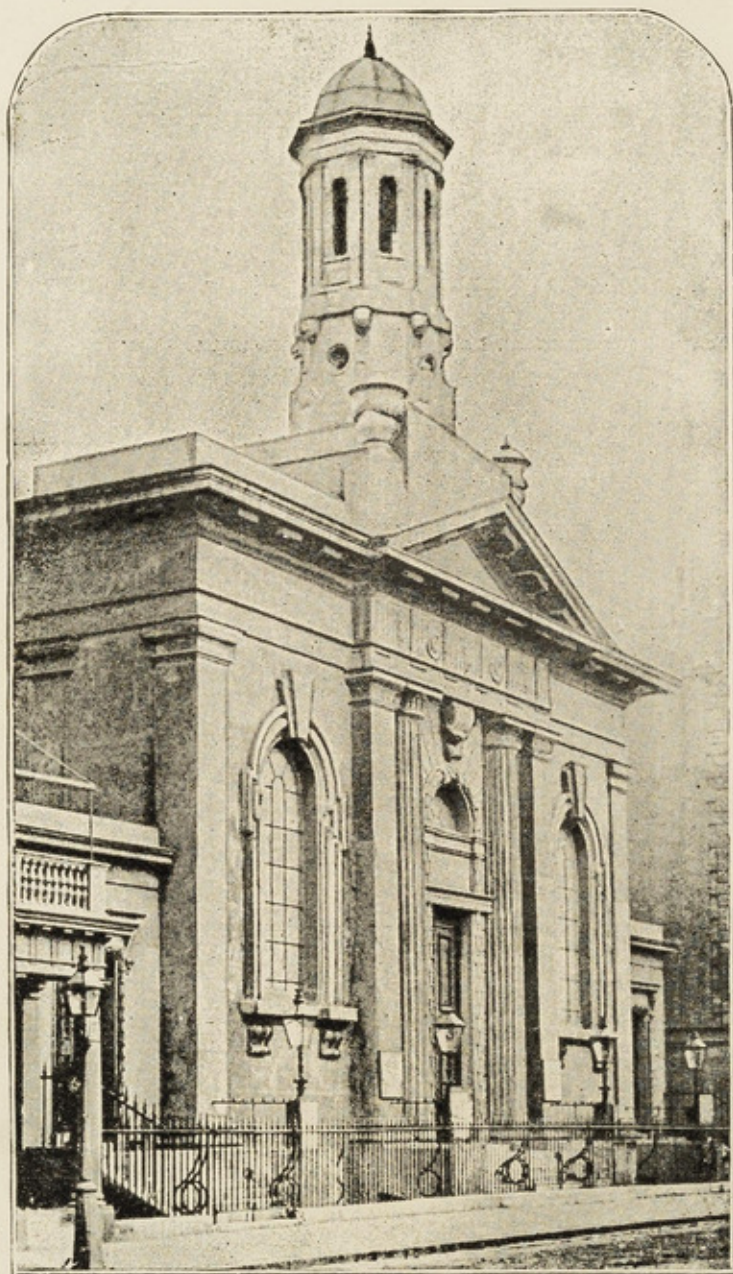
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Eccleston Square Church  
YEAR BOOK

FOR

**1897,**

CONTAINING

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR

ENDING DECEMBER, 1896.

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“Of every man that giveth it willingly, with his heart, ye shall take My offering.”—*Exodus* xxv., 2.

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## PASTORAL.

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*To the Congregation worshipping in Eccleston Square  
Congregational Church.*

DEAR FRIENDS,

The present Year Book is issued later than usual. This I regret, but must ask your kind indulgence, considering all the recent events in our Church history.

Your beloved senior minister, and my dear father, Dr. J. HILES HITCHENS, who so ably acted as your pastor for just 26 years, fell asleep in Jesus on December 21st, 1896, after a brief but severe illness. Suddenly, I was called upon to bear this unspeakable sorrow, and to fulfil the public and private duties involved in this irreparable loss. Although he left his papers in perfect order, a large amount of extra care and labour was necessarily involved in the compilation of this Year Book for 1897. If any errors or omissions are detected, I shall be glad to be informed of them. Thanks are due to the Secretaries and Treasurers of the various societies for their kind co-operation. It will considerably expedite the issue of the Year Book if ALL subscription lists in future are written *on one side* only of the paper, and also in *alphabetical order*.

The space at our disposal forbids any extended reference to Dr. HITCHENS' distinguished career of nearly 40 years in the ministry. This has appeared elsewhere. But to the last his thoughts and prayers were directed to his beloved family, Church, and people. He devoted the last 26 years of his life to the interests of Eccleston Square Church. And we believe that his noble character, his eloquent and faithful preaching, his sympathetic pastoral visitation, and his unique administrative power, will long bear fruit in our Church life and work. You have generously decided to place a tablet to his memory upon the walls of the church he served so well. But I venture to hope that the Christian devotion of our people may yet prove to be the most lasting and loving memorial of one whose self-sacrificing zeal consumed too soon his physical



strength. May we each be faithful to Christ and to His Gospel, even unto death, as our beloved pastor was; and may we also, with him, obtain the crown of life, and the approval of Jesus, when He says: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

REV. J. HILES HITCHENS, D.D.

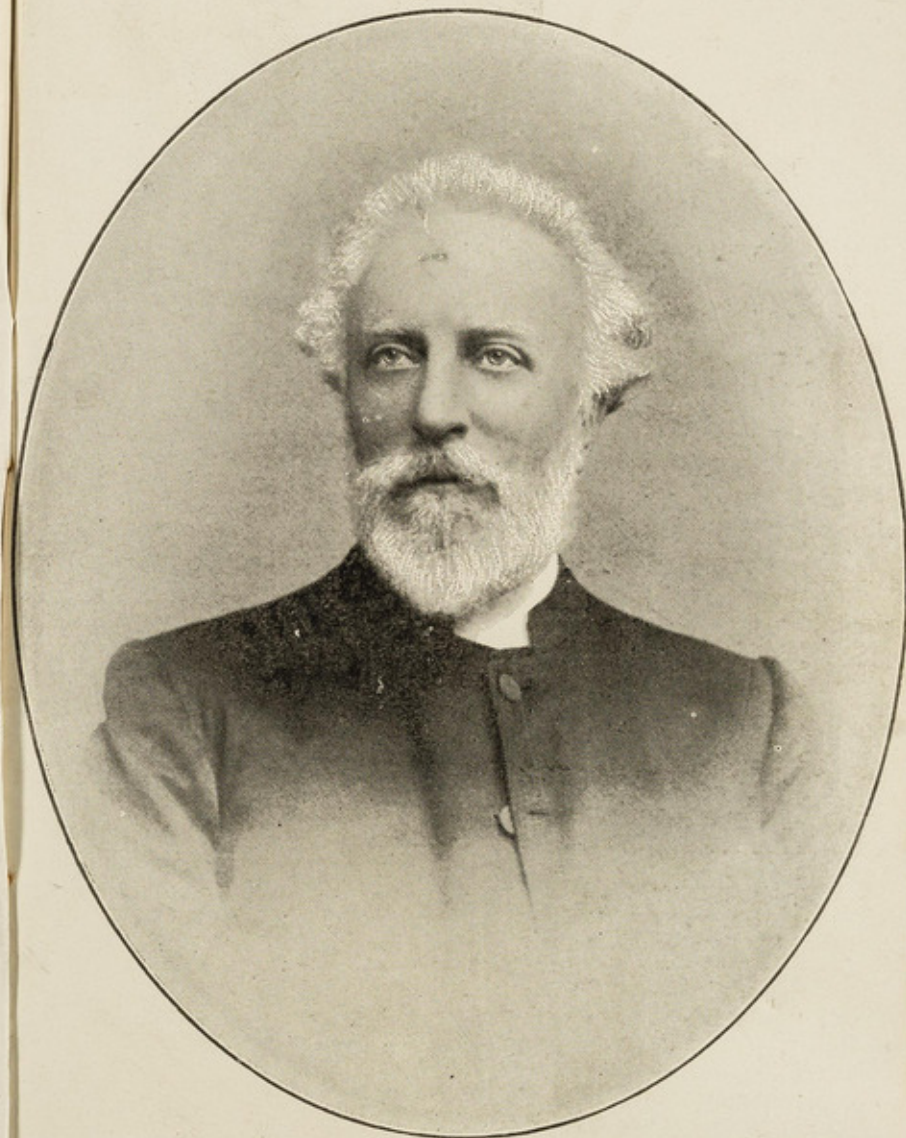
BORN AUGUST 13TH, 1835.  
DIED DECEMBER 21ST, 1896.

*Pastor of Eccleston Square Congregational  
Church for 26 years;  
From January, 1871, to December, 1896.*

"With Christ he lived: in Christ he died."

It should be remembered that although Dr. HITCHENS' name does not appear in this book as Minister of the Church or President of the Societies, yet he fulfilled the duties of these and many other offices throughout 1896. I tender sincere thanks to the Deacons; and to all who have testified their love for him, and their sympathy with my dear mother, myself, and the members of our family circle. And I trust to your continued prayers and co-operation to enable me to fulfil the onerous duties of the sole pastorate to which, in the Providence of God, I have been called.

The work of the past year has been encouraging, as the following pages show. The congregations, donations, and organizations have been well maintained. We record with gratitude the special mission in January, 1896; the presentation of £180 to the late Dr. Hitchens in February, 1896; the generous gifts by anonymous friends in the summer of 1896, when seven handsome chairs and a carpet were placed on the platform in front of the pulpit, and the two vestries were re-decorated and refurnished; and the Special Deficit Fund for Church Expenses of about £40, raised in December, 1896. You are also to be congratulated in having given and collected over





£1,500 during the past year for all purposes, in spite of the prevalent religious indifference and the fashionable Ritualism which characterize our locality.

The condition of our Church and its Societies is full of hope and promise, if we remain true to the noble principles which we have inherited. To God be the glory! The department of our Church Expenses, however, still demands special attention. While continuing your generous help to home and foreign missions, and other philanthropic agencies, as far as possible, we beg you to remember the claims of our heavy Incidental Expenses and the Minister's Fund. The minister has no guaranteed salary, and is dependent almost entirely upon pew-rents; and the Church expenses are covered only when you make special efforts from time to time. I trust that the appeal will not be in vain, when we, as minister and deacons, ask you to maintain our beloved Church in its present efficiency.

The year 1898 will be our Church Jubilee—the 50th anniversary of the opening of the building for Divine worship. Will you all help to make 1898 a Record Year in spiritual and material prosperity?

May God's blessing ever rest upon us, and keep us mindful of our Motto Text for 1897: "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." *Matt. xiv., 27.*

I remain,

Your sincere Friend and Pastor,

E. THEODORE HITCHENS.

90, Gloucester Street, S.W.

*June, 1897.*

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P.S.—By the kindness of my friend, Mr. JOHN LOBB, proprietor of *The Christian Age*, we are enabled to insert an excellent portrait of Dr. HITCHENS, from a recent photograph by Mr. VERNON KAYE, 4, Onslow Place, South Kensington.



ECCLESTON SQUARE  
Congregational Church,

BELGRAVE ROAD, LONDON, S.W.

ECCLESTON SQUARE CHURCH was erected in the year 1848 by the liberality of the late SETH SMITH, Esq., and was subsequently put in trust for the benefit of the Congregationalists, entirely free of debt. It affords accommodation for 1,300 persons. The Rev. CALEB MORRIS occupied the pulpit for a few months, but the first minister was the Rev. JAMES DAVIS, who was succeeded by the late Rev. J. SPENCER PEARSALL, in the year 1855. In consequence of enfeebled health, Mr. PEARSALL resigned the Pastorate in the Spring of 1870, and was succeeded by the Rev. J. HILES HITCHENS, D.D., on January 10th, 1871. In the Autumn of 1871 the Church, and in the Spring of 1873 the School Rooms, were painted and cleaned at a considerable outlay. The expenses were raised mainly by the generous contributions of the Congregation. During the Summer of 1878, all the Premises were overhauled, made good, cleaned,

and painted; whilst considerable alterations and improvements were made to the interior of the Church. The outlay was £899 14s. 2d., which was raised and defrayed in 13 months. In February, 1881, an entirely new heating apparatus to warm the Church and School Room was introduced at the cost of £145 16s. 0d. In 1887 the interior of the Church was repainted and cleaned, two sunlights were introduced in the place of the old pendant burners, more space made round the pulpit, and a new dais, communion table, and chair supplied. The organ was rebuilt and greatly enlarged. The entire expenditure was £617 2s. 0d.

In October, 1893, at a Special Church Meeting, it was unanimously decided by ballot to invite the Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS, then of Teddington, to become Co-pastor with Dr. HILES HITCHENS. The call was accepted, and Rev. THEODORE HITCHENS entered on his pastoral duties on the first Sunday in the year 1894. During 1896, a new platform was erected in front of the pulpit, seven handsome carved oaken chairs and a carpet were presented to the Church, and the Vestries were completely re-furnished and re-decorated by generous anonymous donors.



## OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

## MINISTER.

REV. E. THEODORE HITCHENS, 90, Gloucester Street, S.W.

## DEACONS.

- Mr. H. T. BURGESS, 69, Cambridge Street, S.W.  
 " S. COOPER, 58, Piccadilly, W., and Hillfoot, Wimbledon.  
 " GEORGE SMITH, 31, Tachbrook Street, S.W. (*Treasurer*).  
 " T. LLOYD, 27, Claverton Street, S.W.  
 " T. WINGROVE, 257, Clapham Road, S.W.  
 " V. PULLIN, 17, Bessborough Gardens, S.W.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BUILDING.

Mr. BALL, 95, Bedford Road, Clapham, S.W.

## HELPERS.

- Mr. AVERY, 8, Sutherland Street, S.W.  
 " A. J. BADCOCK, 71, Tachbrook Street, S.W.  
 " CHAPLIN, 7, Bloomfield Terrace, S.W.  
 " MORLIDGE, 36, Churton Street, S.W.  
 " W. SURRIDGE, 10, Stanley Place, S.W.

## LONDON CITY MISSIONARY.

Mr. MARCHANT, 8, Foxmore Street, Cambridge Road, Battersea Park, S.W.

## ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER.

Mr. HENRY A. EVANS, 19, Wandsworth Bridge Road, S.W.

## SEXTON.

Mr. EADE, Eccleston Square Church, Berwick Street Entrance.

## PUBLIC SERVICES.

Sunday Morning at 11. Evening at 7.  
 Monday Evening at 8—Prayer Meeting.  
 Wednesday Evening at 7.30.

## PEWS AND SITTINGS.

APPLICATIONS FOR PEWS AND SITTINGS in the Church (the proceeds of which form the Minister's stipend) may be made after either of the Services.

*It is exceedingly desirable that all pew and sitting moneys should be paid as soon as possible after they are due.* They may be left in the boxes, or with either Deacons or Helpers. A receipt will be placed in the pew the following Sunday.

The HELPERS will be happy to impart information concerning sittings, to notify changes, and convey messages to or from the Pastor and Deacons. The Helpers will, so far as possible, attend to the general comfort of the worshippers; but the assistance of the regular attendants is affectionately solicited to secure accommodation and Hymn Books for strangers. For this purpose it is hoped that seatholders will be in their places early. Seats vacant after the second Hymn are liable to be filled by strangers.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

The qualification for Church Membership is true piety, discipleship to Christ, the Love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost. Persons desirous of becoming members are requested to see the Minister either in the Vestry or at his private residence.



Members of the Church who are unable, through absence from home, personal illness, or domestic affliction, to be present at the ordinance of the Lord's Supper for Six Months, are requested to inform the Minister to prevent the removal of their Names from the Church Register, which will take place in accordance with the rule of the Church, if such communication be not made.

31 new members were added during 1896.

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#### HOLY COMMUNION.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sabbath in the month, after the morning or evening service, alternately, as follows:—

MORNING—February, April, June, August, October, December.

EVENING—January, March, May, July, September, November.

All who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity are cordially welcomed.

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#### MARRIAGES.

Marriages are solemnized in the Church. Information may be obtained of the Verger, Berwick Street entrance of the Church, or of Mr. HOLLAND, Registrar, 81, Warwick Street, S.W.

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#### CHURCHING.

Churching of Women is observed at any Service. A thank-offering should be placed in the offertory box, or sent to the officiating Minister.

#### BAPTISMS.

The Ordinance of Baptism is administered occasionally on Sunday or Wednesday evening, according to necessity. Parents wishing to have their children baptised are requested to communicate with the Minister. The amount of the fee to the officiating Minister is voluntary.

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#### VISITATION OF THE SICK.

When any members of the Church or Congregation are sick and desirous of being visited, they are requested to communicate with the MINISTER, the DEACONS, or Mr. MARCHANT, the London City Missionary. "Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the Church."

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#### CHURCH HYMNAL.

The *Congregational Church Hymnal* used in the public service of the Church, may be obtained in the Vestry. The Hymnals are sold at 1s., 3s., or 4s., with words only; and at 5s. with music and words.

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#### AARON AND HUR SOCIETY.

President - - Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.  
Secretary - - Miss K. PALMER.

The members of this Society are banded together, under a serious promise, to pray at a given time with and for the Minister. For this purpose it is not intended that they should for any prolonged period be separated from their legitimate calling—but simply that they engage (if only for five minutes), every Saturday evening to supplicate a blessing



on the minister and the services of the following Sabbath. All who will engage thus to meet at the throne of grace every week, will kindly send their names in writing to the Minister or Secretary. The names will not be printed, but will be enrolled and preserved. Every person so forwarding his or her name will be regarded as a member of the Aaron and Hur Society, *pledged* to pray at the time given above. The promise of the Saviour is given to *Two* who shall thus agree; and the knowledge of the fact that numbers of devout hearts are thus holding up their Minister's hands, cannot fail to be beneficial to all so associated. It is also desired that the members attend, if possible, the first Monday Prayer Meeting in each month.

#### ECCLESTON MAGAZINE.

The Subscription to this Magazine is 1/- for 12 months in advance, or by post for 1/6. It is distributed to the subscribers on the first Sunday in the month. Communications or remittances addressed to Mr. H. CHAPLIN, 7, Bloomfield Terrace, Pimlico, S.W., or left at the Vestry, will receive immediate attention. All advertisements should be sent to the Vestry of the Church not later than the 20th of the current month.

#### CHORAL COMMITTEE.

*President* - Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.

##### THE DEACONS, and

Mr. BALL.	Mr. CHEAL.	Mr. W. P. LEES.
" BARNES.	" EVANS.	" ELLIOTT.
" R. COLE.	" FINCH.	" STORRIE.

*Secretary.*

Mr. W. P. LEES, 128, Horseferry Road, S.W.

The Committee have control of all matters connected with the Psalmody of the Church. They seek the aid of such persons only, as Members of the Choir, whose sympathies are believed to be in thorough accord with the solemnities of their office, and who have an acquaintance with musical notation. Only those persons are admitted into the Choir who have been elected by the Committee. The decision of the Committee on all questions connected with the Choir is final.

#### THE CHOIR.

<i>Sopranos</i>	{	Miss ARNOULD.	Miss GROSS.	Miss A. PRIEST.
		" BECKHAM.	" HOGARTH.	" STORRIE.
		" BROOK.	" F. HURST.	" VINEY.
		" CLAPP.	" LANDER.	" M. WARD.
		" FRANKLIN.	" PRICE.	
<i>Altos</i>	.. {	Miss BROWN.	Miss HARTILL.	Miss MINGARD.
		" ELLIOTT.	" HURST.	" PRIEST.
<i>Tenors</i>	..	Mr. BARNES.	Mr. H. CHAPLIN.	Mr. A. C. HURST.
<i>Basses</i>	.. {	Mr. ELLIOTT.	Mr. W. P. LEES.	Mr. WATSON.
		" A. S. HURST.	" S. P. LEES.	
<i>On Probation</i>	{	Miss CROSBY.	Miss TAPLIN.	Mr. C. F. BROWN.
		" E. HURST.	Mr. A. F. BADCOCK.	
<i>Hon. Members</i>	{	Miss BURGESS.	Mrs. HAYMAN.	Mr. E. KEMP.
		Mr. C. T. CARTER.	" RANDOLPH.	" NOBLE.
		Mrs. C. T. CARTER.	" SPARKES.	

Practices are held in the Church on Wednesday evenings at 8.30. Members of the Congregation are invited to attend the rehearsals.







## MINISTER'S FUND.

The Minister has no guaranteed stipend; he receives the proceeds of pews and sittings; one Sunday's collection; and half proceeds of the Church boxes.

The proceeds of pews and sittings for the year ending 1896, and the Minister's Augmentation Fund realised together £360.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

<i>President</i>	-	-	REV. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.
<i>Superintendent</i>	-	-	MR. ROBERT FINCH, 19, Warwick Street, S.W.
<i>Lady Superintendent</i>	-	-	MISS GIBBENS.
<i>Treasurer</i>	-	-	MR. T. L. CHAPLIN.
<i>General Secretary</i>	-	-	MR. J. STORRIE, 43, Horseferry Road, S.W.
<i>Assistant Secretaries</i>	-	-	MISS BURGESS and MR. BERNARD CHAPLIN.
<i>Librarian</i>	-	-	MR. HARRY CHAPLIN.
<i>Assistant Librarian</i>	-	-	MR. J. BEATON.
<i>Collector</i>	-	-	MRS. FINCH.
<i>Instructors of Singing</i>	-	-	MR. H. A. EVANS and Mr. W. P. LEES.
<i>Organists</i>	-	-	MISS F. LEE, MISS CHAPLIN. and Mr. B. CHAPLIN.

*Teachers.*

MISS ALLISTON.	MISS MINGARD.	MISS VINEY.
" A. BROWN.	" M. MINGARD.	" M. WARD.
" CHAPLIN.	" NOLAN.	" WELLS.
" GROSS.	" PALMER.	" WILLIAMSON.
" HURST.	" PRICE.	MR. ALISON.
" F. HURST.	" PULLIN.	" T. L. CHAPLIN.
" HOLLIS.	" A. STORRIE.	" S. GILLINGHAM.
" HOGARTH.	" SURRIDGE.	" A. C. HURST.
" GÖHNS.	" TURPIN.	" F. LAWRENCE.
" F. LEE.	" VEALE.	" MARCHANT.
	MR. H. P. MINGARD.	

The Schools consist of the following divisions:—  
Infant School for children under 8 years of age.  
Intermediate School for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 16.

Bible Classes for Young Men and Young Women above the age of 16.

The School hours are from 10 a.m. to 10.55 a.m., and from 2.45 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A short Children's Service is held in the Infant School on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m.

There are at present about 270 Scholars.

The Church Collections for the School amounted in 1896 to £19 4s. 2d.

The following Subscriptions have been received during the past year:—

Per Mrs. Finch—	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Ball, Mr. G.	0	2	6	Pullin, Mrs.	0	2	6
Ball, Mrs.	0	2	6	Saward, Mr.	0	5	0
Beckham, Mrs.	0	2	6	Smith, Mr. G.	0	5	0
Burgess, Mr.	0	5	0	Storrie, Mrs.	0	2	6
Chaplin, Mrs.	0	2	6	Storrie, Miss	0	2	6
Cole, Mrs. R.	0	5	0	Storrie, Miss A.	0	2	6
Cooper, Mr.	0	3	0	Storrie, Mr. J.	0	2	6
Field, Mrs.	0	5	0				
Gross, Miss	0	2	6		£5	6	6
Hurst, Mr. G.	0	7	0	A Friend	0	15	10
Hurst, Mrs.	0	4	0	Cole, Mr. E.	0	5	0
Lander, Mrs.	0	2	6	Gorringe, F., Esq.	2	2	0
Lawrence, Mr.	0	10	0				
Lewis, Mrs.	0	3	0				
Loft, Mr.	0	6	0				
Pritchard, H. D., Esq.	1	1	0	Total	£8	9	4







£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Per Miss Burgess—			Per Miss Hogarth—			
Morbey, Mrs. . . . .	0	2	0	Chaplin, Mrs. . . . .	0	1
Standing, Miss . . . .	0	1	0	Chaplin, Mr. H. . . .	0	1
L. A. B. . . . .	0	1	0	Chaplin, Mr. T. L. . .	0	1
Per Miss E. Brown—				Hogarth, Mr. . . . .	0	1
Filkins, Mrs. . . . .	0	2	0	Per Miss Hollis—		
Gibbs, Mrs. . . . .	0	2	0	Badcock, Mrs. . . . .	0	1
Per Miss Hilda Day—				Small Amounts . . . .	0	1
Day, Mr. W. . . . .	0	10	0	Miss Hurst . . . . .	0	5
Small Amounts . . . .	0	3	3	Per Miss Mingard—		
Per Miss Gibbens—				M M. . . . .	0	2
Ball, Mr. . . . .	0	2	0	Miss Palmer . . . . .	0	2
Beckham, Miss . . . .	0	2	6	Per Miss Storrie—		
Butler, Miss . . . . .	0	1	0	Storrie, Mrs. . . . .	0	3
Gibbens, Miss . . . .	0	2	6	Storrie, Miss . . . . .	0	2
Veale, Miss . . . . .	0	1	6	Storrie, Miss A. . . .	0	2
Per Miss Gross—				Storrie, Mr. J. . . . .	0	5
Evans, Mr. H. A. . . .	0	2	0	Miss Williamson . . . .	0	3
U. C. G. . . . .	0	2	0	Total	£11	13
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## Excursion Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Sale of Tickets	13	6	3	Deficit brought frwd.	0	10	1
„ Donations . . . . .	7	19	6	Railway Fares (242)			
„ Collecting Cards . . . .	3	13	9	to Upper Warling-			
				ham . . . . .	9	3	9
				Children's Lunch-			
				eons and Suppers			
				(190), Adult ditto			
				(39), Children's			
				Teas (132), Senrs.			
				and Adults' Teas			
				(130) . . . . .	14	16	4
				Sweets and Prizes	1	0	0
				Milk for Children . .	0	12	6
Due to Treasurer . . . .	2	11	8	Printing . . . . .	1	3	0
				Petty Expenses . . . .	0	5	6
	£27	11	2		£27	11	2

Examined and found correct, Jan. 15th, 1897.

WILLIAM P. LEES, }  
 ALBERT C. HURST, } *Auditors.*

## SCHOOL MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

RECEIPTS.		DISTRIBUTIONS.					
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward . . . . .	8	1	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	Paid to London Missionary Society . . . .	9	11	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Collected in School during the year 1896 . . . . .	22	10	2	Do. do. per Church Collection . . . . .	1	6	0
				Do. do. New Year's Offering . . . . .	3	0	8
				Paid to S.S. Union Continental Mission . . . . .	2	1	10
				Do. do. for Children's Country Homes . . . . .	1	3	3
				Paid to London City Mission . . . . .	2	1	10
				Paid to Society for Propagation of Gospel among the Jews . . . . .	0	13	3
				Balance in hand* . . . . .	10	14	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
	£30	12	0 $\frac{3}{4}$		£30	12	0 $\frac{3}{4}$

Examined and found correct, Jan. 15th, 1897.

WILLIAM P. LEES, }  
 ALBERT C. HURST, } *Auditors.*

\* For Distribution in March, 1897.

## BAND OF HOPE.

Conductor . . . . .	-	-	Mr. HARRY CHAPLIN.
Secretary . . . . .	-	-	Mr. MINGARD.
Assistant Secretary . . . .	-	-	Mr. BEATON.
Collector . . . . .	-	-	Miss K. HOGARTH.

This Society is connected with the Sunday School, and is for the purpose of encouraging the Scholars and



other young people in the practice of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings, at 7 o'clock. Since the formation of the Society, over 1,300 children have taken the pledge of total abstinence. There are now about 100 Members in the Society. Mr. NOLAN resigned on removing from the locality, after years of hard work, but leaves the Society in a flourishing condition.

## Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS. £ s. d.	EXPENDITURE. £ s. d.
Members' Subscriptions . . . . . 2 16 4½	Payment of Deficit due to Secretary . . . . . 0 7 4½
Friends' Subscriptions . . . . . 2 7 0	Expenses of Concerts and Social Evening . . . . . 1 9 2½
Special Subscriptions . . . . . 0 11 6	Ditto Lantern Evenings . . . . . 1 14 2½
Concert Receipts . . . . . 0 19 3	Lantern Accessories . . . . . 1 4 8
Lantern Evening Receipts . . . . . 1 3 4½	Subscription to Band of Hope Union . . . . . 0 5 0
Received for Oxygen, Hire of Cylinder, &c. . . . . 0 9 1	Printing, Stationery, and Sundries . . . . . 1 8 4½
	Music . . . . . 0 6 10½
	Magazines . . . . . 1 2 0
	Postage and Speakers' Expenses . . . . . 0 6 5½
	Balance in hand . . . . . 0 2 5
<hr/> <hr/> £8 6 7	<hr/> <hr/> £8 6 7

HERBERT MINGARD, *Secretary.*

Examined and found correct, Jan. 15th, 1897,

HENRY F. MATHEWS, *Auditor.*

## ECCLESTON YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Lecture Hall, Berwick Street, S.W.

Instituted 1857.

Patron - HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, K.G.

President - - Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.

Vice-Presidents of Association and Affiliated Clubs:

VEN. ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR, D.D.

R. C. ANTROBUS, Esq., L.C.C. | H. D. PRITCHARD, Esq.  
W. BURDETT-COUTTS, Esq., M.P. | W. H. SETH-SMITH, Esq.

Council for 1895-6:

THE DEACONS, and

Mr. R. E. BURLETON.	Mr. E. W. HULL.	Mr. W. PRICE.
„ F. B. GROSS.	„ E. MARCHANT.	„ J. STORRIE.
„ E. KEMP.	„ G. M. MILLER.	

<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	-	-	Mr. R. FINCH.
<i>Programme Secretary</i>	-	-	Mr. F. AVERY.
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	-	-	Mr. W. E. DAY.
<i>Minute Secretary</i>	-	-	Mr. E. W. HULL.
<i>Librarian</i>	-	-	Mr. V. DAY.
<i>Editor of Society Magazine</i>	-	-	Mr. E. KENT.

This Society, established in 1857, seeks the improvement of its members by Social Gatherings, Lectures, Essays, Discussions, Musical Evenings, Bible Classes, and a well-appointed Gymnasium. The Subscription, 2s. 6d. per annum, is payable in October. Ladies and Gentlemen can become Season Ticket-holders on payment of 2s. 6d. Prizes are offered during the session for the best Essays, Speeches, and Short Stories, while there are also Chess, Draughts, Elocutionary, and Spelling Bee Competitions. On Tuesday, the Upper Class Room of Eccleston Square Church is open for members, when newspapers, periodicals, chess, draughts, and bagatelle are at the service of the young men. On Thursday, the Society meets at 8 o'clock p.m., when the engagements are in











This Club was formed to assist the employes of the L.B. & S.C. Rly. at Victoria Station, who are visited by the missionary, Mr. MARCHANT. During the year the sum of £22 15s. 4d. has been given in Sick Pay amongst the members. At the sharing-out night a dividend of £1 1s. 10½d. was paid to each member. The number of members is about 100. The receipts from members' Subscriptions, Fines, Sale of Cards, Interest from Bank, a Donation from Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS, &c., amount to £138 6s. 1½d.; which, after defraying all expenses, inclusive of pay to sick members, left a balance in hand of £101 3s. 8½d., which was then shared out among the members.

#### ANNUAL TEA TO RAILWAY PORTERS.

*President* - - Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.  
*Manager* - - - - - Mr. MARCHANT.  
*Treasurer and Secretary* - - Mrs. FINCH.  
*Collector* - - - - - Miss BROWN.

This is an annual effort to bring the porters at Victoria Station under the religious and friendly influences of our Church, and also to assist the City Missionary in his work among them. The meeting was most hearty and successful.

#### Subscribers.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Alison, Mr.	0 1 0	Chaplin, Mrs.	0 1 0
Avery, Mr.	0 0 6	Chaplin, Mr. B.	0 0 6
Badcock, Mr. A.	0 1 0	Chaplin, Mr. H.	0 1 0
Beaton, Mrs.	0 1 0	Chaplin, Mr. T.	0 1 0
Brook, Mr.	0 1 0	Cheal, Mrs.	0 1 0
Brown, Mrs. J.	0 1 0	Clapp, Miss	0 0 6
Brown, Miss A.	0 0 6	Cole, Mrs. R.	0 2 0
Brown, Miss E.	0 1 0	Cooper, Mr.	0 0 6
Burgess, Mr.	0 2 6	Day, Mr. H.	0 0 6
Carter, Mrs.	0 5 0	Day, Mr.	0 2 6
Chaplin, Miss	0 1 0	Field, Mrs.	0 5 0

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Finch, Mr.	0 2 0	Mingard, Miss	0 1 0
Finch, Mr. E.	0 1 0	Mingard, Miss M.	0 1 0
Friend (per Mr. Marchant)	0 2 0	Mingard, Miss Maud	0 0 6
Gibbs, Mrs.	0 0 6	Morlidge, Mr.	0 1 0
Gibbens, Miss	0 0 6	Mothers' Meeting	0 2 6
Gillingham, Mrs.	0 1 0	Napier, Mrs.	0 0 6
Gladman, Mrs.	0 2 6	Nolan, Mr.	0 1 0
Gross, Miss	0 0 6	Palmer, Miss	0 1 0
Hartill, Miss	0 1 0	Price, Miss	0 1 0
Hiscock, Miss	0 0 6	Pullin, Mr.	0 5 0
Hitchens, Mrs. Hiles	0 1 0	Robson, Mr.	0 1 0
Hitchens, Rev. E. T.	0 5 0	Storrie, Mr. J.	0 1 0
Hogarth, Miss	0 0 6	Storrie, Miss	0 1 0
Hollis, Mr.	0 1 0	Storrie, Miss A.	0 2 0
Hurst, Mr.	0 1 0	Viney, Mr.	0 2 6
Hurst, Mr. A. C.	0 1 0	Weedon, Mr.	0 2 6
Hurst, Miss	0 1 0	Wellington, Miss M.	0 1 0
Lee, Miss F.	0 1 0	Williamson, Miss	0 1 0
Lees, Mr. W.	0 1 0	Wingrove, Miss	0 1 0
Lloyd, Mr.	0 2 6	Wingrove, Mr.	0 1 0
Mathews, Mr.	0 2 0		
Mingard, Mrs.	0 1 0	Total	£4 9 0

#### Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS. £ s. d.		EXPENDITURE. £ s. d.	
Balance from last year	0 11 1	Mr. Finch's Bill	1 14 9
Collected by Miss Brown	4 9 0	Ham	0 12 9
		Butter	0 6 4
		Sugar	0 2 0
		Tea	0 2 8
		Milk	0 3 6
		Mustard	0 0 3
		Plants and Papers	0 9 0
		Mr. Marchant for Sundries	0 6 6
		Washing	0 2 0
		Sexton	0 5 0
		Year Book Expenses	0 2 6
		Balance in hand	0 12 10
	£5 0 1		£5 0 1

Audited and found correct, January, 1897. R. FINCH.



## CHURCH BOXES FOR 1896.

During 1895, in order to systematically aid our current church expenses, it was resolved to introduce Church Boxes, similar to those circulated by our Missionary Societies. The suggestion was well received by members of the church, and 50 boxes were immediately issued. The proceeds are divided between the Ministers' Fund and Incidental Expenses Fund. The boxes yielded £30 4s. 2d. as a New Year's gift on January 1st, 1897.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
1 Hitchens, Rev.				29 Standing, Miss	0	8	3
E. T.	0	10	0	30 Franklin, Mrs.	0	7	9
2 Saunders, Mrs.	0	4	9	31 Lake, Miss	1	0	0
3 Darvill, Mrs.	0	4	2	32 Ireland, Miss	0	7	1
4 Higginbotham, Mrs.	0	5	11	33 Gladman, Mrs.	0	3	6
5 Smith, Mr. Geo.	1	0	0	34 Hobby, Mrs.	0	2	5
6 Cole, Mrs.	0	8	0	35 Beaton, Mr.	0	8	7
7 Godfrey, Mrs.	0	12	3	36 Head, Misses	0	4	3
8 Bragg, Master	0	0	3	37 Carter, Mr.	1	15	0
9 Buley, Mrs.	0	4	10	38 Lewis, Mrs.	2	0	11
10 Fowler, Mr.	0	6	6	39 Pullin, Mr. V.	1	0	0
11 Field, Mrs.	1	10	8	40 Soer, Miss	0	7	0
12 Palmer, Miss	0	11	0	41 Hurst, Mrs.	0	16	6
13 Burgess, Miss	0	11	7	42 Burr, Miss	0	15	0
14 Veale, Miss	0	0	10	43 Wallingham, Mr.	1	1	0
15 Evans, Mr.	0	5	0	44 Evans, Miss	0	12	4
16 Price, Miss	0	3	10	45 Jenner, Miss	1	19	0
17 Gross, Miss	0	5	3	46 A Friend	0	8	0
18 Gregg, Mrs.	0	3	3	47 Lowen, Mrs.	0	0	4
19 Hollis, Mrs.	0	3	0	48 Somerset, Mrs.	0	3	3
20 Woods, Mr. Geo.	0	10	10	49 Viney, Mrs.	0	7	4
21 Kober, Mrs.	0	16	3	50 Elliott, Miss	0	3	6
22 Cheal, Mr.	0	18	0	51 Willomatt, Mr.	0	3	6
23 Surridge, Mr.	0	6	6	52 Gibbs, Mrs.	0	9	7
24 Allen, Miss	0	12	6	53 Wingrove, Mr.	0	10	0
25 Simpson, Mr.	0	13	6	54 Lloyd, Mrs.	1	0	7
26 Slater, Miss	0	14	2	55 Cass, Miss	0	5	0
27 Russell, Mrs.	0	18	6				
28 Weedon, Mrs.	0	3	2				
					£30	4	2

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE.

<i>President</i>	-	Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.
<i>Leader</i>	-	Mr. MARCHANT.
<i>Secretary</i>	-	Miss CHAPLIN.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	-	Miss STORRIE.

This Society was founded in 1883, for the purpose of gathering young people of the Church and Sunday School for one hour's converse on spiritual things once a week. It has been the means of converting and strengthening many of its members. The Meetings are held in the Upper Room every Wednesday evening at 8.30. There are now about 30 members. Our prayer is that this Society may be increasingly useful in all good works. Any young people are welcome.

## HOSPITAL COLLECTION.

Instead of forwarding the sum collected at Eccleston Square Church to the General London Fund, it has been found more agreeable to dispose of the collection among the local Hospitals and Dispensaries. Thereby direct aid can be rendered to the afflicted ones of our own district, who may apply for tickets. The amount collected on June 14th, 1896, was £9 12s. 0d. The Truss Society, Consumptive Hospital, &c., have been aided.

## ECCLESTON BOYS' CHOIR.

Formed 1894.

<i>President</i>	-	Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.
<i>Organist</i>	-	Mr. HENRY EVANS.

Members:

Master CHAPMAN.	Master H COLE.
„ A. CHEAL.	„ FAUVEL.

This Auxiliary Choir of Boys was formed in January, 1894, to assist at the Wednesday evening







	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Annual Collections	8	10	0	Lloyd, Mr.	2	2	0
Abrahart, Miss	0	2	6	Loft, Mr.	0	5	0
Arnold, Mr. C.	0	10	0	Lugg, Miss (2 years)	0	10	0
Arnold, Mr. F.	0	10	0	Newcombe, Mrs.	0	2	6
Badcock, Mrs.	0	2	6	Newman, Miss	0	2	6
Ball, Mr.	0	5	0	Phillips, Miss	0	1	6
Beaton, Mr.	0	10	0	Pritchard, H.D., Esq.	1	1	0
Brodie, Mr.	0	10	0	Pullin, Mrs.	0	2	6
Bromwich, Mrs. J.	0	5	0	Randall, Miss	0	5	0
Brown, Mr. J.	0	3	0	Read, Miss	0	1	6
Burgess, Mr.	0	5	0	Ruff, Mr.	0	2	6
Carter, Mr. W. H.	0	10	0	S., Mr. A.	0	10	6
Chaplin, Mr.	0	2	0	Scotch Youths	0	10	6
Cheal, Mr.	0	2	6	Senn, Mrs.	0	2	6
Cole, Mr. Robert	0	5	0	Smith, Miss	0	2	6
Cole, Mr. Edmund	0	10	0	Smith, B. W., Esq., J.P.	10	0	0
Cooper, Mr. S.	0	5	0	Smith, C. E., Esq.	25	0	0
Davies, Mr. D. J.	0	2	6	Smith, W. H., Esq.	0	10	6
D.	0	10	0	Smith, Mr. Geo.	0	10	6
Day, Mr. W.	0	5	0	Turpin, Mr.	0	5	0
Day, Mr. W.	0	2	6	Viney, Mr.	0	2	6
Eastland, Miss (2 years)	0	4	0	Weedon, Mr.	0	5	0
Elworthy, Mrs. H.	0	5	0	West, Mrs. W.	0	5	0
Field, Mrs.	0	3	0	Wilson, J. W., Esq.	0	10	0
German, Mr. (2 years)	0	6	0	Wingrove, Mr.	0	5	0
Godfrey, Mrs.	0	2	6	Woods, W. W., Esq.	0	10	0
Gregg, Mrs.	0	5	0	Wood, Mr. Henry	0	5	0
Griffin, Mrs.	0	2	0	Yates, Mr. Joseph	0	10	0
Gross, Mr. B.	0	3	6	Young, Mr. Ernest	0	12	0
Guyer, Mr.	0	10	6	Sunday School	9	11	0
Houghton, Mr.	1	0	0	New Year Offering	3	0	8
Higginbotham, Miss	0	1	0	Widows' Fund	6	4	9
Hitchens, Dr. Hiles	0	10	6				
Hitchens, Rev. Theo.	0	5	0	<i>Boxes.</i>			
Hurst, Mr.	0	5	0	Alliston, Miss	1	0	7
Jones, Miss J.	0	5	0	Carter, Miss Ella	0	18	3
Kearry, Mr.	1	1	0	Saunders, Mrs.	0	1	9
Keeble, Mrs.	0	2	6		£87	4	0
Kober, Mrs.	0	2	0	<i>Less Expenses for</i>			
Lake, Mrs.	0	5	0	Preacher, Print- ing, &c.	3	10	0
Leek, Mr.	0	3	6		£83	14	0
Lewis, Mrs.	0	5	0				

## AUXILIARY TO THE LONDON CITY MISSION.

*President and Local Supt.* - Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.  
*Treasurer* - Mr. FINCH. | *Secretary* - Mrs. FINCH.  
*Missionary* - Mr. MARCHANT.

The boundaries of the district specially visited by the City Missionary connected with Eccleston Church, are Buckingham Palace Road, Vauxhall Bridge Road, Warwick Street, and Belgrave Road.

During the past year, Mr. MARCHANT, the Missionary, paid over 4,000 visits, distributed nearly 4,000 tracts, and read the Scriptures with the poor over 839 times.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Abrahart, Miss	0	2	6	Wingrove, Mr.	0	5	0
Alliston, Miss	0	2	0	Collected in Church	7	0	0
Ball, Mr. & Mrs.	0	5	0	Collected in Sun- day School	2	1	10
Beckham, Mrs.	0	2	6	By Beaton, Mr.	0	2	2½
Burgess, Mr.	0	5	0	„ Brodie, Miss	0	5	8½
Carter, Mr.	0	5	0	„ Burleton, Miss	0	14	10¾
Chaplin, Mr.	0	2	6	„ Cass, Miss	0	2	10¾
Chaplin, Miss	0	2	0	„ Evans, Mr.	0	3	8
Cole, Mrs.	0	5	0	„ Field, Mrs.	0	8	5
Cooper, Mr.	0	5	0	„ Finch, Miss	0	8	3
Finch, Mr.	0	10	0	„ Gross, Miss	0	11	3
Friend (J. H. B.)	0	10	0	„ Hollis, Miss	0	5	0½
Friend (by post)	0	5	0	„ Higginbotham, Miss	0	7	6
Hitchens, (the late Dr.)	0	5	0	„ Ireland, Miss	0	11	9½
Hurst, Mr. A. T.	0	4	0	„ Lewis, Mrs.	0	17	3
Hurst, Mrs.	0	2	6	„ Marchant, Mr. Y.P.S.	0	13	0¼
Keeble, Mrs.	0	2	0	„ Standing, Miss	0	6	11½
Lloyd, Mr.	0	10	0	„ Surridge, Miss F.	0	9	8
Nolan, Mr.	0	2	6	„ Viney, Miss	0	9	6
Pritchard, H. D., Esq.	1	1	0	„ Ward, Miss M.	0	7	4½
Randall, Miss	0	5	0		£43	1	8½
Saward, Mr.	0	2	6	Printing Year Book	0	5	0
Smith, C. E., Esq.	20	0	0		£42	16	8½
Storrie, Mr.	0	2	6				
Weedon, Mr.	0	2	6				
Wilson, Mr.	0	5	0				
Williamson, Miss	0	3	6				















## Dorcas Tea Fund.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Burgess, Mrs.	0 3 6	Hurst, Mrs.	0 1 0
Cole, Mrs. R.	0 2 6	Lewis, Mrs.	0 3 6
Darvill, Mrs.	0 1 0	Pullin, Mrs.	0 2 6
Field, Mrs.	0 3 6	Smith, Mrs. G.	0 2 6
Godfrey, Mrs.	0 3 6		
Hitchens, Mrs.	0 3 6		
			<u>£1 7 0</u>

## Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS. £ s. d.		EXPENDITURE. £ s. d.	
Balance in hand,		Materials	35 8 5
January, 1896	25 4 8	Fire Insurance	0 3 0
H. D. Pritchard,		Report, Printing	1 0 0
Esq.	0 10 6	Incidental Fund	1 5 0
Proceeds of Sale	9 6 9	Refreshments at	
Sold after Sale	0 6 6	Sale	0 3 6
Sold since	0 1 0	Printing	0 3 0
Subscriptions	13 7 0	Teas	1 15 11½
Tea Fund Subs.	1 7 0	Balance in hand	12 13 8½
Sale at Mothers'			
Meeting	2 9 2		
	<u>£52 12 7</u>		<u>£52 12 7</u>

Audited and found correct, Dec. 16th, 1896.

SARAH GODFREY.  
ANNIE FIELD.

## DISTRICT VISITING AND TRACT SOCIETY.

President - Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer - Mrs. R. COLE.  
Collectors - Mrs. BULEY & Miss IRELAND.

## Tract Distributors.

Mrs. BULEY.	Miss GROSS.	Miss LEWIS.
Miss CATTERALL.	Miss HARTILL.	Mrs. LOWEN.
Miss CHAPLIN.	Miss HIGGINBOTHAM.	Mrs. MARCHANT.
Mrs. R. COLE.	Miss HILL.	Miss PRICE.
Miss ELLIOTT.	Miss HURST.	Mrs. ROBSON.
Miss FRANKLIN.	Miss IRELAND.	Miss VINEY.

## Special District Visitors.

Mrs. BEATON.	Mrs. CARTWRIGHT.	Mrs. GODFREY.
Miss BURGESS.	Mrs. FIELD.	Miss PALMER.

The neighbourhood is divided into districts, to each of which there is a tract distributor or visitor, who kindly undertakes to periodically visit the district, leave tracts or other periodicals, and, where practicable, converse with those receiving the same. To the above ladies, our thanks are due for much energetic work during 1896.

## List of Subscribers.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Collected by Miss		Hartill, Miss	0 2 0
Ireland—		Morlidge, Mr.	0 0 6
Beckham, Mrs.	0 1 0	Pritchard, H. D.,	
Brodie, Mr.	0 3 0	Esq.	0 5 6
Carter, Mr. W. H.	0 5 0	Pullin, Mrs.	0 2 0
Cooper, Mr.	0 2 0	Randall, Miss	0 1 0
Day, Mr.	0 2 6	Smith, Mrs. G.	0 2 0
Hitchens, Mrs. H.	0 3 0	Wright, Miss	0 2 0
Ireland, Miss	0 1 0		
Loft, Mrs.	0 1 0		<u>£1 7 0</u>
Lloyd, Mr.	0 1 0		
Ruff, Mrs.	0 1 0	Collected by Mrs.	
Viney, Mrs.	0 1 0	Buley—	
Wingrove, Mr.	0 2 6	Brown, Mrs.	0 2 0
Wood, Mr.	0 2 6	Brown, Miss	0 2 6
A Friend	0 4 0	Buley, Mrs.	0 2 0
		Finch, Mrs.	0 2 0
		Gibbens, Miss	0 1 0
	<u>£1 10 6</u>	Griffin, Mrs.	0 2 0
		Gross, Miss	0 2 0
Collected by Mrs.		Hitchens, Rev. E. T.	0 2 6
R. Cole—		Hurst, Miss	0 2 0
Cass, Miss	0 1 0	Lewis, Mrs.	0 2 6
Chaplin, Miss	0 2 0	Simpson, Mr.	0 4 0
Cheal, Mrs.	0 2 0		
Cole, Mrs. R.	0 5 0		
Cole, Mr. H. R.	0 1 0		
Gregg, Mrs.	0 1 0		
			<u>£1 4 6</u>



## Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	0	2	1	Printing	0	10	0
Moiety of Collection	2	0	0	Tract a/c for 1896	4	15	0
Collected by Mrs. Buley	1	4	6	Balance in hand	0	19	1
Do. by Mrs. R. Cole	1	7	0				
Do. by Miss Ireland	1	10	6				
	<u>£6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

Audited and found correct, December 10th, 1896.

E. THEODORE HITCHENS.

## THE PHILANTHROPIC FUND.

## LONDON CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Collected by Miss Ethel Smith—			Lawson, Miss	0	1	0	
Anderson, Miss K.	0	1	0	Minifie, Rev. W. C.	0	2	6
Austin, Miss	0	2	6	M. W. J.	0	0	9
Chandler, Mrs.	0	0	6	Perkins, Miss	0	0	9
Cooper, Mr.	0	1	0	Parrette, Miss	0	0	6
Cuddeford, Mr. P.	0	0	6	Simmonds, Mr.	0	1	0
Cuddeford, Mr. F.	0	1	0	Sloper, Mr.	0	0	6
Day, Miss	0	1	0	Taylor, Miss F.	0	1	6
E. A. S.	0	1	0	Walden, Miss	0	1	0
Green, Miss S.	0	1	0				
Hardick, Mr.	0	1	6				
Lane, Mr.	0	2	0				
					<u>£1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

## SACRAMENTAL FUND.

This Fund consists of the sums collected at the Holy Communion each month (January excepted, when the amount collected is devoted to the Widows and Orphans of the London Missionary Society). The Fund is used for the relief of poor members of the Church.

## Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Dec., 1895	8	0	0	To Pensioners	29	4	0
Contributions	27	17	4	Printing, Wine, Coals, &c.	5	0	6
				Balance in hand	1	12	10
	<u>£35</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£35</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>

Examined and found correct, April, 1897.

E. T. HITCHENS.

## MATERNITY SOCIETY.

<i>President</i>	-	-	Mrs. HILES HITCHENS.
<i>Treasurer and Secretary</i>			Mrs. HURST, 131, Warwick Street.
<i>Committee</i>	-	-	Mrs. FINCH & Mrs. PULLIN.
<i>Collector</i>	-	-	Miss GROSS.

The object of this Society is to furnish the loan of a box of linen to poor married women during their confinement. The boxes are lent to the poor of Eccleston Square Church, and such others as are recommended by Subscribers. A Subscriber of 5s. annually is entitled to recommend two cases, and a Subscriber of 10s. five cases. Applications for boxes must be made to the Secretary one month before they are expected to be needed. Nine women were assisted during the past year, 1896.

By the kindness of Dr. G. de G. Griffith, attendance will be provided during confinement, *free of charge* to all who obtain the loan of one of the



Maternity Society boxes. Notice must be given one month before the confinement is expected, to the Lady Superintendent of the Zenana Medical College, 58, St. George's Road, S.W. Medical attendance will also be provided on the payment of a small fee. The fee can be paid by instalments, but must be paid before the attendance is required, to the Lady Superintendent of the Hospital for Women and Children, 9 and 32, Lupus Street, S.W.

#### Subscriptions.

£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Carter, Mrs.	. 0	5 0	Smith, Mrs. George	0	5 0
Finch, Mrs.	. 0	5 0	Williams, Mrs.	. 0	2 0
Pritchard, H. D., Esq.	. 0	10 6			
Pullin, Mrs.	. 0	5 0			<u>£1 12 6</u>

#### Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Balance in hand, December, 1895	1	9 6	Printing	. 0	5 0
Subscriptions	1	12 6	Balance in hand	2	17 0
	<u>£3</u>	<u>2 0</u>			<u>£3 2 0</u>

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

A fine quantity of Fruit and Flowers was sent to the Victoria, Brompton, St. George's, St. Thomas's, Belgrave, and London House Hospitals. The collection after the Sunday and Monday evening Services amounted to £17 13s. 0d.

#### YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN BAND.

*Instituted 1894.*

*President* - - Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.  
*Hon. Secretary* - Mr. W. HARPER.

*Members:*

Mr. HARPER. | Mr. HOBBS.  
" MENZIES. | " RUSSELL.

This Band of Young Men, formed in January, 1894, meets every Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m., in the Upper Room, for prayer, after which each member spends the remainder of the time before the public service inviting strangers in the locality to attend the service, and distributing invitations. Much good has thus been quietly done.

#### ECCLESTON MOTHERS' MEETING.

*Instituted 1894.*

*President* - - Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.  
*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* MRS. GILLINGHAM.

*Lady Managers:* MRS. COURTENAY SCOTT.  
MRS. CARTWRIGHT. | MRS. R. COLE. | MRS. FINCH.

In October, 1894, a Mothers' Meeting was formed in connection with our Church, which is held every Thursday from 3.0 to 4.30 p.m. in the Upper Room. There are now 40 members, and very good average attendances. A bonus of 2d. in the 1/- is allowed to members on the goods purchased at the meeting. The members join in useful work every week, varied by singing and prayer, and short addresses by visitors. Entertainments are also provided annually by the kindness of friends. Meanwhile, the great object of the meeting is pre-eminently to bring the mothers to a fuller knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. We much regret the loss of Mrs. HOLLIS during the past year; but we are thankful that other ladies have come forward to help the Society.



## Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1895.	2	17	6	Materials Bought.	7	19	11½
Members' Payments	6	7	2½	Discount	0	13	5
Collected by Miss Allen for Jan. Tea	1	3	6	Two Mothers paid out	0	5	0
Collected by Mrs. Cartwright for Summer Treat—				Year Book	0	5	0
Allison, Miss	0	2	6	Donation to Porters' Tea	0	2	6
Cartwright, Mrs.	0	5	0	Registers, &c.	0	1	10
Cass, Miss	0	2	6	Expenses for Jan. Tea	1	10	6
Cole, Mrs.	0	5	0	Ditto for Summer Outing, Railway			
Gillingham, Mrs.	0	5	0	Fares and Tea	2	19	6
Griffin, Mrs.	0	5	0	Ditto, Oct. Tea	0	3	10
Hollis, Mrs.	0	2	6	Given to Poor Members	0	3	9
Hitchens, Rev. E. T.	0	2	0	Post Cards	0	2	0
Lewis, Mrs.	0	5	0	Balance in hands of Treasurer	2	15	3
Newcombe, Mrs.	0	5	0				
Pritchard, H. D., Esq.	0	10	0				
Scott, Mrs.	1	0	0				
Donations—							
Other sources	1	14	10				
Scott, Mrs.	1	10	0				
	£17	2	6½		£17	2	6½

Examined and found correct, January 29th, 1897.

LUCY FINCH.

## ECCLESTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

Instituted April 26th, 1894.

President	-	-	Rev. E. THEODORE HITCHENS.
Captain	-	-	Mr. GEO. M. MILLER.
Vice-Captain	-	-	Mr. E. T. OSBORNE.

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Miss A. ALLEN.	Mr. F. AVERY.
„ K. CLAPP.	„ R. BURLETON.
„ PRIEST.	„ C. S. MILLER.
„ J. E. WARD.	„ W. PRICE.

## Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:

Mr. HENRY A. EVANS, 19, Wandsworth Bridge Road, S.W.  
Colours—Navy and Cambridge Blue.

The third season has been a most enjoyable one, and very successful. The total membership still continues at 40, and the average attendance up to the usual standard.

The Summer Outing to "Tagg's Island," held on Saturday, June 13th, was of a very pleasant and popular character, a beautiful afternoon and evening on the river being thoroughly enjoyed by the 41 members and friends who had the privilege of being present.

The Christmas "Racquet" was fixed for December 29th, but owing to the lamented decease of Dr. HITCHENS this was abandoned.

The Members desire to place on record their deep regret at the loss the Club has sustained in the death of their esteemed President and friend, and to express their sincere sympathy with Mrs. HITCHENS and family in their severe bereavement.

## Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1895	1	7	5	Apparatus	4	5	1½
Subscriptions, Entrance Fees, &c.	11	3	2	Stationery, Postage, &c.	1	6	5
Tournament Entrance Fees	0	15	0	Tournament Prize	1	1	0
Proceeds of Summer Outing	5	15	6	Year Book and Church	0	10	0
				Storage of Apparatus	0	10	6
				Scouts, &c.	4	9	3
				Summer Outing	6	0	0
				Printing, Postage, &c., for Xmas "Racquet,"	0	8	8½
				abandoned	0	8	8½
				Balance in hand	0	10	1
	£19	1	1		£19	1	1



## ORPHAN WORKING SCHOOL.

For 15 years Dr. HITCHENS preached nearly every Christmas Day for this Institution; but on Christmas Eve, 1896, the children had the sad duty of singing at his Funeral Service. Rev. E. T. HITCHENS, however, collected and sent on the following amounts:—

	£	s.	d.
Smith, C. E., Esq. . . . .	5	0	0
Lysons, Gen. Sir D. . . . .	0	10	0
Line, W. T., Esq. . . . .	0	5	0
Somerset, Mrs. . . . .	0	2	6
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	£5	17	6

## ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

*Treasurer and Collector* - Mrs. HILES HITCHENS.

The Orphans have been entertained annually in our Lecture Hall, after assisting at the Christmas Service, out of this Fund. Mrs. HILES HITCHENS had partially obtained the needed funds, when the lamented death of Dr. HITCHENS altered the arrangement. The following list represents money in hand for a future occasion:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand . . . . .	0	4	8	Morbey, Mrs., per			
Abraham, Miss . . . . .	0	1	0	Mr. Burgess . . . . .	0	2	6
Burgess, Mrs. . . . . .	0	2	6	Rowan, Mr. . . . .	0	2	6
Burr, Miss . . . . .	0	1	0	Sheppard, Mr. E. A. . . . .	0	2	0
Cheal, Mrs. . . . . .	0	1	0	Sutton, Mr. . . . .	0	2	6
Field, Mrs. . . . . .	0	1	0	Wingrove, Mrs. . . . .	0	1	0
Godfrey, Mrs. . . . . .	0	1	0	Wingrove, Mr. . . . .	0	1	0
Griffin, Mrs. . . . . .	0	2	0	Wingrove, Miss . . . . .	0	1	0
Jenner, Miss . . . . .	0	2	6				
Keeble, Mrs. . . . . .	0	1	0		1	18	2
Lake, Mrs. . . . . .	0	5	0	Printing Year Book	0	5	0
Lewis, Mrs. . . . . .	0	2	0				
Mainsay, Miss . . . . .	0	1	0		<hr/>		
					£1	13	2

## SPECIAL DEFICIT FUND.

A special effort was made at the close of 1896 to enable the Church Treasurer to meet all outstanding liabilities, instead of carrying over to the following year a large deficit. The following subscriptions were received, so that all bills were paid up to the end of 1896, except two small accounts.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Anonymous, per Rev.				Crabb, Mrs. . . . . .	0	3	0
E. T. Hitchens . . . . .	1	1	0	Davies, Mr. D. J. . . . .	0	2	6
Anonymous (1) . . . . .	0	10	0	Day, Mr. W. E. . . . .	0	3	0
" (2) . . . . .	0	5	0	Dyke, Mr. . . . .	0	5	0
" (3) . . . . .	0	3	0	Edwards, Miss . . . . .	0	5	0
" (4) . . . . .	0	2	6	Everett, Miss . . . . .	0	2	6
" (5) . . . . .	0	2	6	Evans, Mr. H. . . . .	0	5	0
" (6) . . . . .	0	2	6	Fenwick, Mr. . . . .	0	2	6
" (7) . . . . .	0	2	0	Field, Mrs. . . . .	0	10	6
" (8) . . . . .	0	1	0	Finch, Mr. . . . .	1	1	0
Allen, Miss . . . . .	0	2	6	Foulger, Miss . . . . .	0	2	0
Betterson, Miss . . . . .	0	2	6	Friend at Teddington, per Rev. E. T. Hitchens . . . . .	1	1	0
Bolton, Mr. . . . .	0	6	0	F. J. (late of Teddington) . . . . .	0	3	0
Ball, Mr. . . . .	0	5	0	Gibbs, Mrs. . . . .	0	4	0
Bournemouth, per				Gillingham, Mr. . . . .	0	5	0
Rev. E. T. H. . . . .	0	10	0	Golding, Mrs. . . . .	0	2	0
Brown, Mr. J. . . . .	0	2	0	Goode, Mr. . . . .	0	2	0
Burgess, Mr. H. T. . . . .	1	1	0	Gregg, Mrs. . . . .	0	1	0
Burr, Miss . . . . .	0	5	0	Gross, Mr. B. . . . .	0	2	0
Butler, Miss . . . . .	0	5	0	Hartill, Miss . . . . .	0	5	0
Buley, Mrs. . . . .	0	2	6	Houghton, Mr. . . . .	1	0	0
Burden, Mr. . . . .	1	1	0	Haynes, Miss . . . . .	0	10	0
Carter, Miss . . . . .	0	1	0	Higginbotham, Miss . . . . .	0	2	6
Cartwright, Mrs. . . . .	0	10	0	Hitchens, the late			
Cass, Miss . . . . .	0	10	0	Rev. Dr. J. Hiles . . . . .	1	1	0
Catterall, Miss . . . . .	0	2	6	Hitchens, Rev. E. T. . . . .	1	1	0
Chaplin, Mr. . . . .	0	10	6	Hurst, Mr. & family . . . . .	0	15	0
Chappell, Mrs. C. . . . .	0	2	6	Ireland, Miss . . . . .	0	2	0
Cheal, Mr. . . . .	1	1	0	Jenner, Miss F. . . . .	0	5	0
Cheriton, Mr. . . . .	0	5	0				
Cole, Mr. & Mrs. R. . . . .	0	10	6				
Cooper, Mr. S. . . . .	1	1	0				







INDEX and TOTAL RECEIPTS for 1896,  
including Balances from 1895.

N.B.—No amounts appear against "Harvest Thanksgiving," "Weekly Offertory," "Special Deficit Fund," "Boxes," or "Pews and Sittings," in this list, as their receipts are included in some other total.

PAGE.		£	s.	d.
11	Aaron and Hur Society .. ..	—	—	—
33	Auxiliary to the London Missionary Society .. ..	87	4	0
35	Auxiliary to the London City Mission .. ..	42	16	8½
36	Auxiliary to the British Society for Jews .. ..	15	7	7
21	Band of Hope .. ..	8	6	7
11	Baptisms .. ..	—	—	—
53	Barnardo's Homes .. ..	2	1	1
37	Benevolent Fund .. ..	18	14	0½
19	Bible Classes .. ..	—	—	—
31	Boys' Choir .. ..	—	—	—
53	British and Foreign Sailors' Society .. ..	0	17	6
21	Children's Country Homes .. ..	1	3	3
13	Choir .. ..	—	—	—
12	Choral Committee .. ..	—	—	—
30	Church Boxes .. ..	—	—	—
15	Church Incidental Expenses .. ..	348	14	10
10	Churching and Marriages .. ..	—	—	—
11	Church Hymnal .. ..	—	—	—
	Carried forward ..	£525	5	7

PAGE.		£	s.	d.
	Brought forward ..	525	5	7
9	Church Membership .. ..	—	—	—
26	Cricket Club .. ..	8	17	9½
25	Cycling Club .. ..	13	10	7
32	Decoration Fund .. ..	4	15	7½
40	Dorcas Society .. ..	52	12	7
12	Eccleston Magazine .. ..	—	—	—
14	Eccleston Square Church Choir Fund .. ..	5	4	11½
52	Girls' Gymnasium .. ..	3	1	0
46	Harvest Thanksgiving .. ..	—	—	—
6	History of Church .. ..	—	—	—
10	Holy Communion .. ..	—	—	—
31	Hospital Collection .. ..	9	12	0
48	Lawn Tennis Club .. ..	19	1	1
53	London Congregational Union .. ..	5	5	0
45	Maternity Society .. ..	3	2	0
16	Minister's Fund .. ..	360	0	0
47	Mothers' Meeting .. ..	17	2	6½
8	Officers of the Church .. ..	—	—	—
50	Orphan Working School .. ..	5	17	6
50	Orphan Entertainment Fund .. ..	1	13	2
3	Pastoral .. ..	—	—	—
9	Pews and Sittings and Public Services .. ..	—	—	—
44	Philanthropic Fund (L.C.U.) .. ..	1	2	6
44	Sacramental Fund .. ..	35	17	4
19	School Excursion Fund .. ..	27	11	2
21	School Missionary Offerings—Balance .. ..	10	14	2¼
27	Slate Club .. ..	138	6	1½
38	Soup Kitchen Fund .. ..	22	17	1
	Carried forward ..	£1,271	9	9¾



PAGE.			£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	..	1,271	9	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
51	Special Deficit Fund	.. ..		—	
16	Sunday Schools	.. ..	42	13	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
19	„ „ Chair, Library, and Crockery Funds	.. ..	5	17	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
27	Swimming Club	.. ..	6	2	8
21	S.S.U. Continental Mission	.. ..	2	1	10
42	Tract Society	.. ..	6	4	1
28	Tea to Railway Men	.. ..	5	0	1
53	Various Institutions—Collection	.. ..	2	18	6
11	Visitation of the Sick	.. ..		—	
14	Weekly Offertory	.. ..		—	
23	Young Men's Association	.. ..	46	7	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
47	Young Men's Christian Band	.. ..		—	
31	Young People's Service	.. ..		—	
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Mr Howard Evans  
St Leonard's Street Cong<sup>l</sup> Church

SEA  
29/3/99

Personal Note

Historical Note

The People

Persons Employed

St Peter's parish

West End 25  
25  
14

Interview with Mr Howard Evans, lay pastor of St Leonard's Street Congregational Church. Seen at the offices of the Liberation Society, 2 Serjeants Inn, Fleet Street, E.C.

Mr Howard Evans is a somewhat rough looking man of 50 or thereabouts: middle height: bushy beard and whiskers: fluent, good talker: has been connected with St Leonard's Street, since 1891. Was formerly on the staff of the Echo & now writes a good deal on religious subjects.

The chapel was built by Mr M<sup>u</sup>die the librarian, who worked there for a number of years. He intended giving it to the Congregational Union, but did not do so, owing to a sudden illness. After his death, it passed to the son, who was not in sympathy with the work. It has since come into the hands of the Congregational Union, which asked Mr Evans to act as pastor in 1891.

Population very mixed - working people in the adjacent streets.

People attending Mission are of the intelligent working class, many coming from some distance.

Minister unpaid. Voluntary workers include 10 Sunday School teachers: Hall keeper is the only paid man.



The Building

Services Held

Social Agencies

No Visitation or Sick Nursing

Charitable Relief

Church Membership

Marriage

43  
Howard Evans Congregational

Hall seats 350 people. 4 class rooms.

Services held: Sunday morning at 11, attendance 40:  
Sunday evening at 7, attendance about 60. Children's  
service held in the evening before the public service,  
about 50 attend.

Sunday School 10 teachers, 86 scholars on books, av.  
attendance 25 morning and 63 afternoon.

Welsh Sunday school meets in one of the large class  
rooms.

~~Band of Hope~~ Social agencies include Band of Hope  
(Monday) Girls Guild (Tuesday: small) and Christian  
Endeavour, meeting on Thursday evening.

No arrangement for Visitation or Sick Nursing.

Charitable relief small: only given as immediate  
necessity arises

Church membership 25

Little cooperation except thro' Free Church Council. St  
Leonard's Street has a small district, Society.

Being a small church, they usually join with Eccleston  
Chapel for missionary or other denominational meetings.

No remarks on general questions except Marriage. On  
this Mr Howard observed "When I marry our young



The Movement to the Suburbs

The Great evils:

Prostitution & Charity

Holding their own &  
feeding suburban church

Howard Evans - Congregational

people, I may as well read the burial service over them as far as this place is concerned." They cannot possibly settle down in the district, and go to the South West. Blapham Junction is the nearest place they can settle.

M<sup>r</sup> Evans was very emphatic about the outward movement. The young people do not like the buildings, and get away as soon as they can. He gave an instance showing the way this works. One family, consisting of parents and 6 daughters (working people) had been with the church for many years. At first they lived in Pimlico, then moved nearer the Chelsea bridge; then, as the family grew up and wanted more rooms, they moved near the Battersea Bridge, R<sup>d</sup>; finally removing to the base, Blapham Common. They still continue to come to the services, a daughter being engaged in the Sunday School.

The two great evils of the district are (1) the loose character of many of its inhabitants and (2) the charity of the High Church. St<sup>e</sup> Peter's, Eaton Square, floods the neighbourhood with relief.

Church is holding its own, but does not grow, nor does M<sup>r</sup> Evans expect it to do so. - regards it as a feeder of the suburban churches.



Mr J. Coultts.  
Elbury Baptist Mission

Historical Note

Building used

Services held

G.A.  
April 11/99

St Philip's parish.

Went 25  
25  
26  
25  
15

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Mr J. Coultts, 229 Elbury Street, Finsbury.  
Superintendent of the Elbury Mission, Finsbury Rooms,  
Warwick Street, S.W.

Mr Coultts is a well-to-do butcher, having several shops in the Chelsea district. He is a Baptist; a member of the Metropolitan Tabernacle & has been connected with this Mission about 10 years. ~~The Mrs~~

The Mission was started about by Mr & Mrs Allison of the Tabernacle. They were obliged to retire and Mr Coultts took the responsibility about 6 years ago & practically finances it.

They rent the Finsbury Rooms for two evenings a week from the Wesleyans, to whom it is a sort of white elephant & they have approached Mr Coultts with a suggestion that he should buy it. He appears inclined to do so.

They hold a service on Sunday evening 6.30 pm. The attendance averages 150 & sometimes exceeds 200. People come from the immediate neighbourhood - Peabody Bldg & Good class working people, several policemen.

Wednesday night service, a combination of service & prayer meeting has an average attendance of 40 with a maximum of 70. They also hold open air meetings.



Workers & Visitation

Charitable Relief

Relation to local Churches

Coutts - Baptist Mission 49

Other meetings are held occasionally but the high rent of the Hall limits them at present.

They have a number of voluntary workers, including his wife & other members of the family. One lady gives a great part of her time to visitation.

These workers give a little relief to cases of sickness &c, the money apparently coming out of Mr C's pocket. About £5 to £10 is given at Christmas time. Mr Coutts rather discourages relief. When he took the Mission over it was "nothing but begging people." He gave them to understand that "it was not a charitable institution" & most have dropped off. The cases now are due to temporary trouble.

They have no church membership but the people are advised to join some church when they are converted, the choice being left open. Several have joined Lower Sloane St Baptist Church and attend the Communion Service there. Others go to Eaton Chapel (Rev<sup>d</sup> C. A. Fox - "one of the most gracious people in London") but these they lose altogether. Mr C. does not mind, as he thinks they should settle down and he knows they are alright there. He regards the Mission as a "nursery for the church".



Pimlico greatly improved

Religious Agencies

Poor Law

51  
Coutts - Baptist Mission

Mr C. knows the district intimately and has house property in Pimlico. He says there has been a distinct improvement in moral character within the past 10 years. Cumberland, Winchester, Alderney & Westmoreland Streets were full of disorderly houses and it was difficult to let ~~a house~~ <sup>apartments</sup> for any other purpose. People would not go to live there. Now there is no difficulty in letting & the houses are occupied by working people, three & four families in many of the houses. The police cleared many of the houses & altho' there are still some, & prostitutes living in the neighbourhood they are few.

So far as religious observance, the district is High church if anything. They are waited on and visited by the High church people and so much is given away.

The H. M. Chapel has gone down. Minister (Rev <sup>(Westmoreland Street)</sup> W. Vause) is unpopular. Some of his people have come to the Pimlico Rooms.

A number of people in Pimlico receive out relief. Mr C. is a guardian & has seen some of them applying. Some in Cumberland Street & the other pink barred street. It is a question whether some of these streets should not lose the bar, the change in the moral character having involved a reduction in wealth.



Drunk

Coutts - Baptist Mission

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Some improvement in drinking customs within the past 10 years. Drunken people came into the mission then; seldom see any now. Thinks improvement is considerable notwithstanding the fact that the publichouses have been enlarged - one ~~at~~ twice at least.

The Mission is steadily growing, judging by the attendance & Mr C. is thinking of having a second week evening meeting. The people contribute a little towards its support, <sup>collection by box at door,</sup> ~~collections~~, apart from amount given by his family being 8/- or 9/- a Sunday.

Mr Coutts is a stout well built man in the prime of life. A shrewd, practical business man, not likely to be misled easily. I should prefer his opinion as to the condition of Females to that given by the Police.

note. Mr Wright, Senior deacon, Stormont Road, Lavender Hill S.W. can give information about Carmel Baptist Chapel, Westbourne Street.



Mrs A.W. Hewitt

Westminster Chapel & Bessborough Mission  
(St Andrew's) (Holy Trinity)

L.H.A. 28/3/99

Notes as to Bessborough Hall

Services Held

55

Westminster 24/10  
 work 24/4  
 West 25/11  
 work 25/11

Mrs Alfred W. Hewitt. 20 Braybourn Avenue, Clapham S.W.  
 Evangelist connected with Westminster Chapel.  
 and the Bessborough Mission, Bessborough Place.

Mrs Hewitt was written to as the evangelist at Bessborough Hall. He called at Adelpi Terrace unexpectedly when I found that his work was really centred at Westminster Chapel. His connection with Bessborough Hall is slight the general oversight there being exercised by Miss Q. Carpenter, the manageress of Sellincourt's factory & most of the work being done by Miss Abel, a deaconess of the Christian Instruction Society, who lives at 12 Churton Place, Finsbury S.W.

He gave the following information respecting Bessborough Hall:

The Hall holds about 350; in addition the work-people's dining room is used on Sunday for S. School.

Services are held on Sunday morning and evening, the attendance at the evening service being 100 to 120. Sunday school is held <sup>in the</sup> morning and afternoon. 15 teachers. 156 scholars on the books with an average attendance of 85. Children's service is

held



The people attending

Workers

Notes as to Westminster Chapel

Neighbourhood Improved

57  
Hewitt

held in the morning & evening, the attendance at the latter being about 150. A band of hope and C. E. society is also has meetings.

The people are all working folk and come from the neighbourhood: Besboro' Place, Pulford Street and Aylesford Street.

Have a number of voluntary workers, mostly people who 'have been blessed at the Mission'. Some of the young women employed at Selin courts' help. Deaconess is paid. The deaconess visits in the neighbourhood.

Mr Hewitt has been an evangelist in Westminster since 1878, when Henry Simon was minister of the church now worshipping at Westminster Chapel. The Men's Ower originated in a meeting held at Old Buckingham Chapel, <sup>and</sup> which was transferred to Westminster Chapel in 1893.

The district has greatly changed within Mr Hewitt's experience. Half the poor have gone: driven out by the erection of flats. The character of the people has improved. Not so much drinking - 12 or 14 public houses have gone as well as some of the slums



Visitation

The Men's & Women's Own

Religious Agencies

Prostitution

Hewitt

Mr Hewitt visits over a wide area in Westminster; chiefly the people connected with the Men's Own & the Women's Own. These meetings are really the outcome of the visitation. The attendance at the Men's Own is about 300 & at the W's O. about 200. It is less than in Mr Harndall's time but they get more work out of the men now

Of the churches in the neighbourhood, Canon Fleming's (St Michael, Chester Sq) is the only one that is full. Eccleston Square Congregational has a new minister. It is a strongly conservative church.

The moral condition of the district is better. There is a Vigilance Committee in Piccadilly. Respecting this, Mr Burch of 9 Eccleston Street can give information.



*St Andrew's parish*

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Interview with the Rev. Father Forster, of the Roman Catholic Church of ~~St Peter and St Edward~~ <sup>Westminster</sup> and ~~St Edward~~ <sup>St Andrew</sup>, Palace St. Westminster. (E.A.) ~~Mar. 11. 99.~~ <sup>25/15</sup>

Father Forster has been here for fourteen years, & the noticeable fact is the loss of the poor Irish Catholic population that has taken place. The parish is now not one of great importance, and the work appears to be done in a very quiet and unobtrusive way. Father Forster spoke with considerable liberality of opinion with regard to other forms of Christianity than his own, saying that all were good, and he deprecated proselytism. Some of his remarks were unusual, and it was not until near the end of our talk that I discovered that he thought that I was connected with the Salvation Army. But I have no reason to think that he would have taken a different line had he known differently. He is a man of 45 or more, with a high forehead and a round face. Neither his manner nor appearance suggested great strength, but he was very pleasant and courteous. The church is the fourth one of those connected with the Order of S. Charles ~~Borromeo~~ <sup>Borromeo</sup> (Father Wyndham.)

Facts (local): the n'hood of the church respectable. Palace St. is going up, especially the N. end. York St. also has much improved. A good many mansions being built round about there, and the contiguity of ~~xx~~ big flats and hovels becoming a striking feature of the moment.



Forster - R. Catholic (2)

Facts (parochial): Only about 500 on their census, but this not complete; perhaps 300 poor, including some 20 poor Irish families. Practically the Irish have gone. Twenty-five years ago there used to be two sick calls a day; now there ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ is one in a fortnight. Attendance at the 3 Sunday morning masses averages 1000, including 130 of the Guards, to whom Father Forster is acting-chaplain, and 250 children. Many come from outside, and practically all who come are Catholics. In the Schools there are 50 from the parish and 90 from outside. The congregation is a very mixed one, representative of every class. Not fashionable, although it includes the Spanish Ambassador. Mrs. Mackay, the rich American, was also mentioned as a member. It is mostly middle and upper middle class. There are two priests, and ~~one~~ Sisters, who work here and at Earl St. Father Forster visits at the Westminster Hospital. There is a small branch of the Soc. of S. Vincent de Paul. Nine converts were received last year.

Opinions: A reason that Father Forster gave for not approving of active proselytising was that it was not "fair", to try and get people away from another church, and he emphasised the risks of change, involving as it would the loss of a familiar environment, and the checks on conduct that this would impose. Going over to another



Forster - R. Catholic

(5)

church might have the same kind of risks as going to live in a place where no one knows you. But, added Father Forster, "I know that I am in a small minority". In the teaching of children he endeavours to inculcate religious principles rather than to insist on religious practices. He has no confraternities, and appeared to think that they tended to have a weakening effect, bolstering up the individual too much by the help of others. His aim is to make the individual independent, and he thinks that his plan is successful.



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Interview with Mr. J. Goodchild, of the Servants' Mission, at the Homes of the Association, 109 Eaton Terrace. (E.A.) Mar. 16.99.

*West 95*  
*Winn 25*  
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Mr. Goodchild started this mission 31 years ago, the primary objects then being to promote religion and temperance ~~XXXX~~ among coachmen and grooms and to provide them with a kind of club room. The same objects may be said to be kept in view now, although the scope of operations has widened. But it is not a big affair, and on a change of premises that was enforced a few years ago, finance proved a difficulty. It is not by any means a Mission that owes its vitality to the patronage of the rich, the main supporters being, as Mr. G. said, the servants of the past and present. Their best friends are a few who used the Mission in their days of service and who, having bettered their positions, continue to help an organization that they value. Mr. G. is a superior man of the uneducated type, with an honest face and an honest manner. He and his wife live at the Homes. He may be said to act in three capacities (1) as missionary to the Mission, in as much as he holds meetings at the small hall they have in Eaton Terrace, and in the Park, distributes tracts etc.. and uses the other miscellaneous opportunities that he makes or that occur. (2) as manager of the homes. Men and women are received, his wife taking the management of No. 111 which is the women's side. There were 319 visitors



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last year. There are also small club rooms, and both ~~these~~ and the Homes appear to be used only by a sober and Christian section of the servant class. It is one of his difficulties in management that he is from time to time obliged to refuse admission to servants who have misbehaved themselves and whom their late employers wish to have looked after. But the Homes are neither for the drunken nor the dissolute nor the fallen, and to admit such would make them unfit for the class that comes. The majority who stay are servants changing their places, and who temporarily went ~~anywhere~~ <sup>some</sup> to stay. The Mission Hall (holding 100) the club rooms and the sleeping accommodation are all under the same roofs at nos. 109 and 111, Eaton Terrace. They can take in 20 men and 12 women. A kind of family life is aimed at, with family prayers etc., and Mr. and Mrs. Goodchild are of course the presiding couple.

(3) There is the business side of the Mission, which I hardly grasped during our conversation, and the ~~fees~~ <sup>fees</sup> for which ~~are not~~ <sup>Come to about £100 in 1897</sup> Mr. Goodchild's written memorandum shows that in '98 there were 1218 servants registered for places, and 806 applications from employers. The people who apply are by no means solely connected with Christian homes, and Mr. G. appeared to think that it was not the professor of the Christian and philanthropic life who was most likely to show the most consideration



for his dependants.

Opinions: The great evils of the servants' life are drink, gambling and betting. Mainly among men, but ~~the~~ when the women drink, it is generally the cooks, and when they are fast, it is generally the lady's maids, especially those who have been or who are with fast mistresses.

Gambling and betting as prevalent vices are of somewhat recent growth. It used to be rather drinking and ~~loose~~ loose ~~lax~~ life. Internal laxity of relations among male and female servants is not so great as might be imagined, though Mr. G. appeared to suspect the use of checks that concealed many of the irregularities that did exist. It is certainly true, however, that many female servants do find their way on to the streets, the causes of their fall being sometimes their fellow-servants and sometimes their employers or their employers' sons. But rescue work is not the work of his Mission. As regards the men servants he thinks that as a rule their external relations, that is, outside the house in which they are serving ~~are~~ generally a loose, ~~although~~ though there are "many happy exceptions". As regards general behaviour <sup>he</sup> thinks that there is little to choose between the men whose work is inside, such as butlers and footmen, and those connected with the stables. Speaking generally the modern facilities for improvement, institutes, clubs, etc. etc.



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have made for increased intelligence and have exercised a civilizing influence. As a class servants are certainly less illiterate than they used to be, but they afford a strange mixture of ignorance and information, their opportunities for getting to know things being often so exceptional and so varied.

The effects of wealthy surroundings is rather to enervate than to embitter. As a class servants fail in a few life: they lack grit, a sense of thrift, and of responsibility. He has found over and over again that the best servants get out of service. He finds this among those who become Christians very often, very many of whom leave unless they are exceptionally situated with an employer who is very congenial to them or unless they are filling posts of exceptional trust. But the rule is for the best and most intelligent men to leave. They want more scope, and to escape the restraints of service. It is not at all an unusual thing for servants to apprentice themselves to a trade at the ages of 25 or 30. A conscientious servant, moreover, generally has a bad time of it: if they went drink in a house in which drinking is the rule, or went waste or see waste in <sup>and in</sup> which waste is the rule, things are made unpleasant.

He mentioned the commonly known preference for on the part of women for the greater freedom of shop



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or other employment.

He mentioned his fear that service must continue to be demoralizing in the absence of right relationships between employers and their dependents. The latter are still too often treated as inferior mortals, and degradation tends inevitably to follow. It is not much that is wanted outwardly to make the difference; an occasional greeting would often do a world of good. It was in this connection of the treatment of their servants that Mr. G. stated his strong conviction that "many out and out worldly employers treat their servants more humanely and more kindly than those who are distinguished as philanthropic". But, in spite of all treatment, and the additional difficulties with which the conscientious servant has to contend, Mr. G. has a firm belief in the power of true character to show itself, and cited several cases of servants who had been unjustly treated or suspected, <sup>who</sup> were exonerated and came to their own with honour.

On his experience Mr. G. has no doubt but that servants from institutions, orphanages, workhouses, etc. are less thrifty, responsible, independent and "gritty", than those who come from ordinary artisan homes. "Community life is not so helpful as home life".

He mentioned with disapproval Mr. Villiers' management of his large stablemen's club, in which the men smoke



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and amuse themselves, and to which Mr. G. appeared to think that a public house at an adjoining corner was a kind of convenient annexe, to which the members could go and from which they could return at their will. But Mr. Webb-Peploe's club for the same class of men is run on a higher grade, which means, doubtless, that a much more active evangelistic influence is exercised.

Inmates for 1898 = 319

Meetings in Mission Room 104

--- --- Hyde Park 50

Addresses & Bible readings 150

Gospel books given = 52

--- papers --- = 6158

Servants registered for places = 1218

Applications for servants = 806



PARTICULARS OF MEETINGS  
 AT  
**THE MISSION ROOM,**  
 109, EATON TERRACE, S.W.

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Sunday Bible Class at 3 p.m.  
 Thursday, Prayer Meeting at 8 p.m.  
 A Daily Noon Prayer Meeting, 12.15 to 12.45.  
 Quarterly Gatherings of Christian Servants, the first  
 Thursday in January, April, July, and October. Tea at  
 5.30; Meeting, 6.30 p.m.

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During the Summer months we have Open Air Meetings  
 in Hyde Park on Sunday and Friday evenings.

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**THE HOMES:**

Men, at 109, Eaton Terrace.  
 Women, at 111, Eaton Terrace.

TERMS:—Lodgings, 4/- and 5/- per week. Board:—  
 Breakfast, 4d. and 6d.; Dinner, 8d.; Tea, 4d.  
 Agency Office for Men and Women at 109; Hours, 9.30  
 to 5; Saturdays, till 2.  
 Servants should call if possible before 12.

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All letters requiring an answer should contain a stamp.



**HOMES ACCOUNT.**

*From 1st January, 1896, to 31st December, 1896.*

| DR.                                                      | £ s. d.         | CR.                              | £ s. d.         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| To Subscriptions and Donations                           | 8 14 10         | By Deficiency, 1st January, 1896 | 5 3 0           |
| Sale of Furniture                                        | 12 5 0          | Household Expenses               | 229 2 6         |
| Board and Lodgings                                       | 265 11 6        | Rent, Rates, and Taxes           | 113 2 11        |
| Half year's Rent of Ground Floor, No. 111, Eaton Terrace | 27 10 0         | Coal and Gas                     | 31 15 6         |
| Deficiency, 31st December, 1896                          | 65 2 8          |                                  |                 |
|                                                          | <u>£379 4 0</u> |                                  | <u>£379 4 0</u> |

**NEW PREMISES ACCOUNT.**

| DR.                                                | £ s. d.         | CR.                                              | £ s. d.         |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| To Amount deposited in Bank, with Interest thereon | 92 10 4         | By Deposit for 109, Eaton Terrace                | 50 0 0          |
| Donations and Collections                          | 318 0 8         | Surveyor's Fees                                  | 2 2 0           |
| Deficiency                                         | 523 17 8        | Purchase of Lease of 111, Eaton Terrace complete | 535 0 0         |
|                                                    | <u>£934 8 8</u> | Builder, on a/c of 109, Eaton Terrace            | 300 0 0         |
|                                                    |                 | Removal of Furniture                             | 3 15 0          |
|                                                    |                 | Circulars, Stamps, etc.                          | 5 10 5          |
|                                                    |                 | Furnishing                                       | 37 15 3         |
|                                                    |                 |                                                  | <u>£934 8 8</u> |

*Redhill, 17th March, 1897.*

Examined and found correct,  
THOS. C. YARWOOD.

SOME PARTICULARS OF  
THE CHRISTIAN SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION.

*First.*—Its Members. Who are they? Only such as are truly converted to God, and desire to be useful in leading others to Christ.—(1 John i. 3)

*Second.*—What are they? Christians of different denominations, united, not by creeds, but by Christ. Having no party aim, but ever seeking to direct the unsaved to the "Lamb of God which beareth away the sin of the world," and to help each other by prayer and intercourse.—(Eph. iii. 14—20.)

*Third.*—Where are they? Scattered here and there amidst the spiritual darkness of this and other countries, as God's witnesses and God's lights.—(Acts i. 8, Phill. ii. 15.)

*Fourth.*—How and by whom conducted? As each Member does "something for Jesus," the Association has become an extension of the Mission, for which reason the Superintendent, after much prayer, was led to undertake the work connected therewith, viz. :—(1). Supplying, from time to time, corrected lists of names and addresses, *for the use of Members only* (2). Sending tracts to Members who apply for them. (3). Visiting when and as often as possible (4). Corresponding with Members respecting themselves or their work. (5). Receiving requests for prayer and praise to be laid before the Lord at the *weekly* prayer meetings or the quarterly social gatherings. This, of course, applies to both *men and women*.

On May 19th, 1881, all the Members within easy distance were invited to confer together, and the following rules were adopted, with a view to increase the efficiency of the Association :—

- 1.—The name to stand "THE CHRISTIAN SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION."
- 2.—New Members admitted on the recommendation of a Member or Minister, who can testify as to Christian character.
- 3.—Subscription for Association expenses, 2s. 6d., to be paid by the 1st of May each year. (Any offerings for the Mission will of course be gladly accepted in addition).
- 4.—The Annual Meeting to be held on the second Thursday in May.
- 5.—Tracts stamped with the Association stamp to be supplied to Members on application to the Superintendent.

The Mission is capable of being greatly extended, should the Lord entrust us with funds for tracts and books, rent of mission rooms, missionaries' salaries, &c. There is a mighty power in united effort, whether for good or evil, and seeing that the soul is so precious, the price paid for its redemption so great, that God is so willing and able to save, and the time so short—let us be of "one accord," of "one heart," standing fast in one spirit, with "one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel" (Phil. i. 27), until He shall come "who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Amen.















