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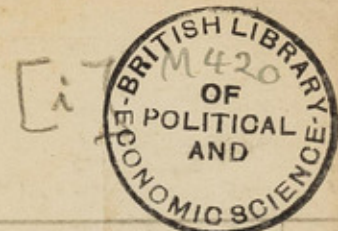
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Interview with Rev. W. J. Stewart,
St. Augustine's, Lynton Rd, Bermuda.

Mr Stewart is a man of 60: tallish,
rather stout: rather a coarse and heavy face;
grey hair and beard.

Mr S. has been here for 21 years.

When I arrived he was in the hall interviewing
two old ladies who wanted assistance of some
kind. He motioned me into his study and
following almost immediately sat down with a
wiped but far from amiable expression.
~~Eventually he became less pompous than he was~~
~~wished to be at first.~~ Stewart had no paper
to take when Mrs Stewart came in and was
snapped at with "now what do you want?"
Eventually Mr S. became less pompous than he
was wished to be at first but all through
our interview he wore a look of resignation to
an inevitable unpleasantness.

The parish has scarcely changed in character in ten years - very little in twenty: it is possibly slightly poorer and more crowded, and there is a tendency for the better people to move further out: but as a whole the parish keeps up, and contains "practically no poverty": indeed Mr S. thinks that there is scarcely any poverty in Devon, and the Rector's (Mr Lewis) statements are "at least unexpected and misleading". There is more than enough work for anyone in the neighbourhood, and if people are poor it is due to idleness or drink. Both the vicarage and the wharfingers are badly in want of men.

For building work, since the Wesleyan. The morning congregation is from 40 to 50 the evening 300 to 400. The communicants are about 200. Of those who come many are non-parishioners: the church is placed right at the edge of a large parish and close to the parish of St. Anne's. The hot part of

Yesterday: as St. Anne's is in a hopeless condition many of the parishioners come to this church.

The general attitude of the people to religion is one of "blank indifference": they will come to a watch night service "to wash away the sins of a twelvemonth" but otherwise keep away from church: they are not exactly indifferents but immersed in the cares of their daily life: there is much less infidelity and atheism than there was in the days of Rowlandson, when it was common: they have now ceased to think and "slipped back into a sort of acquiescence with the thing as it is."

In particulars as to social work see Report.

The Sunday School is "going to grief" and of late years has fallen from 600 or 700 to 400 or 500: indeed "we can now get teachers better than children". Mr. S. thinks this is due partly to the inferiority of the teachers in

comparison with those of the Poor Schools.
The visitation of the parish seems to
be thorough. The district visitors are all parishioners
and working class or lower middle class people.
They are, Mr S. finds much more satisfactory than
ladies who can never be got to visit regularly.
The main task of the visitors seems to be
collection for the Provident Fund.

Names are obtained for the
jubilee names.

Relief amounts to from £40 to £50
a year. Mr S's remarks on relief in his
report show his attitude. I need scarcely say
he hates the C.O.S. But as he said ~~possibly~~
"if his visitors don't know the district and
people ~~where~~ nobody does": he finds them
too "much harder" than people of a higher
class. Mr S. thinks that on the whole in
matters of relief "we are pretty late".

As to other affairs "there is a concentration
of the chapels of Bermuda in the parish":

a Primitive Methodist, "a very select circle of Baptists", a Presbyterian, all "very active and good people."

Mr S. was very frank about the next parish to Anne's: the vicar (Mr Walsh) is old, inactive and inept, and ~~so~~ so miserably poor that he cannot keep things going: moreover he has a wife "who is enough to cripple the work of any parish": he ought at once to be moved to the country.

Mr S. is a member of the Vestry which on the whole does its work well: but he complains of the waste of time and the talk at the meetings: "there are a lot of windbag fellows who are incessantly spouting": one of them, a labour member, is "generally ~~drunk~~ drunk".

The Police are efficient. Asked if they took any steps with regard to drink the answer was "They take too many steps in the direction of the public house".

As to drink "there is not the

smelled. improvement". It is growing
among boys and girls and women. The
women "are led into drink by men" before they
marry.

Prostitution there is none professed
but "a good deal of immorality among the
women": there is no other possible explanation
of the money they can spend on drink.

Health is fairly good but at a depressed
level.

Housing is good throughout. There is a
good deal of overcrowding but "the people like
it": the people of Normandy would not be
comfortable unless they slept three or four in
a room."

I do not like Mr Stobart: but I
fancy the church must be alive in his parish.
Mainly I fancy through his band of visitors.
I was particularly struck in the streets through
which I passed at the number of houses
which displayed a like ensign, a sun

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to narrow of "Prayer for the war": it shows a willingness to display church literature which is certainly unusual. Not so far as the church influence emanates from Mr S. it is not of a religious character: he is an unspiritual, unemotional, unsympathetic man, but probably a good opinion and man of business. He is not a man who is likely to do foolish things.

No. 211.

VICAR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Price 1d.

ST. AUGUSTINE, BERMONDSEY, PARISH MAGAZINE.

"Work your work betimes, and in His time He will give you your reward."

APRIL, 1899.

SERVICES—SUNDAYS: Morning, 11; Evening, 7; Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
First and Third Sundays, 8 & 11 a.m.

DAILY..... Morning, 8.15 a.m.

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IN THE CRYPT:

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MOTHERS' MEETING on Mondays, at 2 p.m.

BAND OF HOPE on Tuesdays, at 7 p.m.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY on Tuesdays, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

IN THE MISSION ROOM, DRUMMOND ROAD:

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

.. .. EVENING MISSION SERVICE at 6.30 p.m.

THURSDAY at 8 p.m.

MOTHERS' MEETING on Mondays, at 2 p.m.

W. J. STOBART, M.A., THE VICARAGE, LYNTON ROAD, *Vicar.*

F. S. RANKEN, M.A., 5, THORBURN SQUARE, *Curate.*

F. C. A. ROBINSON, B.A., 125, DRUMMOND ROAD, *Mission Curate.*

A. J. LEWIS, 41, AVONDALE SQUARE, *Scripture Reader.*

MRS. CANNINGS, 81, CAMILLA ROAD, *Mission Woman.*

MRS. HANKINS, 262, FORT ROAD, *Church Keeper.*

T. BUSH, 68, CAMILLA ROAD.

J. S. ASHTON, 152, FORT ROAD, S.E. } *Churchwardens.*

*This Magazine may be had from District Visitors, from Miss Clinch, 200, St. James's Road,
and Mr. Smith, Station Road.*

VICAR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Our congregation has gone its usual way, but we will not enlarge on this fruitful theme, nor on our offertory which, small as it was, has managed to get 4s. 8d. smaller, nor on our balance sheet, which is considerably worse than usual, nearly £40 to the bad.

On the other hand our district visitors are increased in number, our choir is better and stronger than it has been for a long time, our work from house to house and among the sick and afflicted is daily increasing. Few people will attend church with any system or regularity. There are such quantities of Sunday attractions. There are bicycles, excursions, P.S.A.'s, Town Halls, Cathedrals, music in parks and halls, perpetual visits from and to friends. Sunday is no longer dull. Our private belief is that the old fashioned dull Sunday was our salvation physically as well as spiritually. It rested the nerves. We spent the day very quietly doing as little as possible. And the tranquility which some people call dulness is the very thing our nervous system requires. We all have our fancies. And our fancy is that this mysterious nerve disease which we call influenza, springs originally from an over-wrought nervous system, and that the nervous system is over-wrought because it does not get its quiet day once week. This may be mere theory, but it is not more foolish than many others.

The year has been marked by one event of real interest, the stone carving of the church pillars and the font have been completed, and paid for. The sale of work last spring was most successful. Dorcas began it and other people took it up, and we had a lively and profitable time. We have also had a year of incandescent gas lighting, with a reduction of £9 on the gas bill, a reduction which would have been much greater if the crypt had been lighted in the same way, for the crypt burns a great deal more gas than the church.

CHURCH SERVICES.—These alter scarcely at all from what they were twenty years ago. We are very unprogressive. Our neighbours say that we must keep moving and advancing. But when they talk of advancing we ask whither? What am I advancing towards? And the only objective that we can see in this direction is the Church of Rome. We have seen a good deal of it in countries where it is indigenous, and we prefer our own. We have had very few strange preachers, the only one of note was the Bishop of New Westminster preaching for his burnt cathedral city. We find that Lantern Picture Services attract those we greatly desire to get, only those services easily become stale. And our choir, when they make an extra effort, can bring in a good attendance. Our ordinary week evening services are not encouraging, though we have our faithful mixed choir. Monthly popular services have done something to arouse fresh interest in the church. Communicants remain much about the same level—with a slightly increasing tendency. We wish that more of them would try to join our Communicants' Union meeting, for these meetings tend to emphasise the importance of the Holy Feast and add seriousness to it. In this connection we would say

If you want to help your clergy to make Sunday a blessing, if you want to see the church better attended, come when you can, on Saturday nights and help to prepare us with your prayers.

CLERGY.—Mr. Ranken becomes more valuable every day. He has a large body of deeply attached friends. He is a power for good among the old and a trusted friend of the young; looked up to and respected by the members of the choir as a scientific musician, an authority on all points in the club.

Mr. Lewis is as active as usual, pushing his way everywhere, conducting Mission Services, teaching the Band of Hope, superintending the Boys' Sunday School, circulating this magazine and trying to galvanise it into life, directing the Men's Club. We have a list of his visits runing into thousands during the year, he knows everybody and nearly everybody knows him.

Mrs. Cannings has continued her persevering course among the sick and especially among the mothers. Whether she is more valued for herself or for her beef tea jug we are not going to ask. It is useless to say, "Be ye warmed and filled, if we give them not those things needful for the body." We demoralize the poor with doles, have done so for years, and mean to go on demoralising as long as we have got doles to do it with. We have not organised our charity for fear we should get a very large organ and no charity, like some we read of. Mrs. Cannings reports 981 visits, besides Provident Fund, Band of Hope, Dorcas, Mothers' Meetings, etc.

THE CHOIR.—We have a decidedly satisfactory record to give. If we have not taken in hand any great works we have done well what we have done. And our regular services have been much better carried out. Our Choir Master has effected a great change in the boys, they have ceased to be a general nuisance, and have become sensible willing lads, who are a pleasure to deal with. We have lost three and gained four men, an advance of one, and a much greater improvement in regular attendance with the new members. We regret to have to record the death of one of our old members, Mr. Macklin, the quietest and one of the most regular members we ever had. Death was a happy release from a most distressing malady.

DISTRICT VISITORS.—These are the eyes of the Clergy looking everywhere, with the keenness of female eyes. We had more visitors last year than we had for several years, a larger provident fund than ever, and we began this year with two more visitors, Mrs. Angus to help Mrs. Wright, and Mrs. Mercer again. We have to lament the death of Mrs. Thompson, a very regular quiet visitor, cut off by a distressing illness in the prime of life, an irreparable loss to her husband and children, who have our deepest sympathy. The work of the district visitor is the most Christlike of all our works. Through them we find out the poverty, sorrow, and trouble in the parish, and can take God's message and help to it. Once a visitor you have no desire to give it up, unless compelled by health or circumstances. Mrs. Wright has completed a quarter of century as district visitor. We have already found a visitor to fill the gap occasioned by Mrs. Thompson's death.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We do not pretend to be satisfied with these, through no fault of our own. The Teachers are as willing and persevering as ever, the superintendence has not altered, but there is not the same willingness among children to attend Sunday School. The Bermondsey child does as it pleases on Sunday, provided that it leaves father in peace after 3 p.m. for an hour or two while he reads his Bible. The street has more attraction than the Crypt. If our teachers were not endowed with a fund of attractiveness we should not have so many children as we do. And when the South Eastern Railway have completed the task of burying us alive, by blocking out all our light on the sunny side of the crypt, we shall find it still harder to exist. The Boys' Sunday School has suffered terribly from loss of teachers, Messrs. Rodwell and Wyles have moved out of the neighbourhood, two others have left because they got tired of it. We hope that one result of this Mission will bring in young men to teach and teach regularly. The Girls' Sunday School has lost Miss Angus by marriage, and Miss Wilson by removal, two others got tired of doing good, and are well replaced by heartier Christians. Infants have undergone little change, and the Junior Boys form a very nice little school. Mr. Wright's little men are rather a rope of sand for the time, but his influence tells long after. Since Mr. Ranken has absorbed Mr. Rodwell's class it is decidedly strong and we look for valuable help from it in the near future. Average attendance:—boys 120, girls 150, infants 170. These figures do not pretend to be correct, they are our guess, and not far out.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.—These are sources of profound interest to us, because they express public opinion so freely. And quite right too. If there is any work to be taken in hand for the good of the church, they are at the head of it; they started the pillar-carving fund. If there is to be any festivity, treat, or excursion, they are all there to make it a success. Popular superstition supposes that a mothers' meeting is a collection of tottering old women; but no, they are the mothers of Bermondsey men, and we know that all great men owe their greatness to their mothers. Therefore, how great are these mothers, and what heroines are their leaders. Numbers fluctuate slightly, but average about 70 in each meeting. Not all there at once.

The **BAND OF HOPE** fluctuates wildly, but it has never got over the loss of Mrs. Bell. We all do our best, but have not her singular gifts.

PROVIDENT FUND.—This represents the diligence of our district visitors, which is a rapidly-growing figure: 1891, £413; 1892, £424; 1893, £472; 1894, £518; 1895, £567; 1896, £608; 1897, £679; 1898, £753. Just think of the voluntary labour involved in collecting all that in pennies and sixpences.

TEMPERANCE.—Again we beat our breasts and confess our errors. We have not kept any temperance Society going. Temperance requires comic songs to alleviate it, and we have mortally offended all the comic talent. Otherwise, temperance thrives by abusing the moderate drinker, and as he is a friend of ours we feel bound to stand up for him. We have helped to close beer-shop. temperance folks

CHRIST FRIENDLY SOCIETY goes ahead very steadily, and does a lot of useful work, cares greatly for its sick members, provides a great many country holidays, promotes a good tone among girls, and in many ways feeds the church. 110 members, eight commended, nine confirmed, 35 candidates at the mission house.

MEN'S CLUB.—This club has set its face most strongly against every form of gambling, and for a time refused even to allow the losers to pay for the billiard table. A great many games are played there of various sorts, and the members make much use of Indian clubs, fencing sticks, and boxing gloves. A good many of them gave us valuable help at the mission time. But we do not force religion down anybody's throat. We recreate ourselves as well as we can, but the club atmosphere is compounded of tobacco smoke, dust, gas products, and Bermondsey air. It is a wonderful lung tonic, lungs that can stand that can stand anything. Number of members, 37; receipts, £52 17s. 6d.; expenditure, £40 18s. 9d.; balance, £11 18s. 9d.

The **MISSIONARY GUILD** had a lecture on Syrian Missions from Miss Baroody, one on Australia from Mr. Robinson, on Japan by Mr. Ryde. The total amount collected by the Guild was £19 5s. 5d. Who else will take a box and offer a prayer and a coin weekly for missions?

The **MAGAZINE** is getting rather a larger circulation. We have clipped the wings of our editor, or else he has singed them for himself in the fire of indignation he kindled. We are mild as milk now, and quite overdo our sunny smiles at our readers. But we will not answer for the next number if this East Wind continues.

DRUMMOND ROAD MISSION.—Mr. Hightor began the year, and if he could have kept on the place would have seen prosperity again. Mr. Robinson has had a very great deal to contend with, chiefly his own very precarious health, ruined by work in Australia, but during his time the people have not been unvisited, though the attendance at service is meagre. Mr. Duncombe is withdrawing his grant for a curate. We heartily thank him for it all these years. Mr. Wright and Geo. Hooper have done great things for the Mission Sunday School during the changes.

ROTHERHITHE NEW ROAD MISSION, under Mr. Lewis, progresses steadily; a faithful little flock attends his mission, and he has a great Bible Class for school children.

We have a great scheme in hand for a Guild of Men, which we hope will give us a very active, hearty band of helpers, to work actively for Christ. Our next number will deal with this.

ODDFELLOWS' LODGES for BOYS in the Crypt once a month, for Girls once a fortnight at the Mission House, ought to do a great deal for the welfare and self-respect of our growing young people. As a member of a club you have a standing, and a position, and a reserve fund for sickness which places you at once among the possessors of property.

So ends our report. We can only thank God for what He has let us do, for the many friends He has found us, and plod continually on until He arranges a change.

Mr. Handley	1 1 0
G.	10 0 0
Mrs. Brooks, per Rev. F. S. Ranken	10 0 0
Odd Fellows	1 1 0
Mr. Dempsey	1 1 0
R. L. Hesketh, Esq.	3 3 0
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G. T. Peirce-Duncombe, Esq.	150 0 0
Repair Fund	25 19 3
Alms Boxes	5 12 1
Gas Repayments	10 16 8
Guild Boxes	19 10 10
Excursion Balance	2 16 10
Pillar Fund	107 2 3
Metropolitan Visiting Relief Committee	20 0 0
Offerories	126 10 4
Additional Curates' Society	70 0 0
Rochester Diocesan Society	25 0 0
Rent Drummond Road	41 12 0
Social	2 4 3
Eason Trustees	50 0 0
Christmas Treat, see February Magazine...	3 2 0
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	38 17 8
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Relief	37 0 7
Choir Boys	4 15 4
Rotherhithe Mission	4 0 0
S. E. R. Rent	5 0 0
Offertories to Choir	1 8 2
Mission House—Insurance	£0 12 3
Rates and Taxes	10 9 2
Gas	3 8 7
Repairs	1 14 0
Caretaker	6 10 0
Piano	5 10 0
	28 4 1
Churchwardens' Account <i>wages & cleaning</i>	56 4 6
Church Gas	27 17 2
Repairs	10 4 4
Water Rate	1 10 0
Communion Wine	1 16 0
Organ Tuner	5 0 0
Coals	3 0 7
Incandescent Gas Fittings, Governor, Maintenance	29 11 5
Printer	7 18 0
Lantern Services	2 16 2
Baptismal Register	1 5 0
Stone Carving, Pillar Fund	106 7 6
Salaries	358 8 0
Christmas Treat	5 16 5

SOCIETIES—			
	Offerory.	Money.	Guild. Total.
Met. Visiting Assn.	£0 17 6	—	£0 17 6
Scripture Readers	—	£5 0 0	£2 8 6 7 8 6
Rochester Dioc. Soc.	2 14 2	—	2 4 4 4 10 6
Hospitals	7 6 6	—	7 6 6
A. C. S.	6 13 7	8 10 0	4 16 5 20 0 0
C. E. T. S.	1 0 0	—	1 0 0
University Mission	—	—	2 8 6 2 8 6
Syrian Mission	—	—	2 12 0 2 12 0
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March 18th, 1899.

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 Mrs. Plummer ... Drummond Road and Marden Road.
 Mrs. Russell ... Galleywall Road (even numbers) and Hyson Road.
 Mr. Lewis ... Lynton Road.
 Mrs. Theobald ... Stork's Road and Clement's Road (part).
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 Mrs. Bamford ... Parfitt Road.
 Mrs. Hunt ... Banyard Road.
 Mrs. Taylor ... Galleywall Road (odd numbers to 99).
 Mrs. Shinman ... Beatrice Road.
 Mrs. Adler ... Camilla Road (odd numbers) and Ridge Street.
 Mrs. Cannings ... Camilla Road (even numbers).
 Mrs. Wright ... Rosebery Street, and Anchor Street.
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 Mrs. Edwards ... St. James's Road (odd numbers part).
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- MISSIONARY GUILD.**
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Jan. 17th. 1900.

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Interview with Rev. E. M. O'Hara Lee,
St. Katherine's, Rotherhithe.

Rev. Lee is a man of 40 or a little
over; small; dark; black hair; clean shaven;
a strong suggestion of foreign & and possibly of
Jewish extraction.

Rev. L. has been Vicar of for only one
year, but was previously curate for 11 years.

Rev. L. though exceedingly courteous, is
a desperately nervous man, and received me with
every sign of tremor; indeed for some ten minutes
or more his hands shook like an aspen.

Rev. L.'s Report gives an almost exhaustive
answer to our questions, and as he is neither
a remarkable man nor a fluent talker there is
scarcely anything to add to it.

Prob. for demolition for the extension of
the L.C. D. By the parish has scarcely altered in
ten years. The people are nearly all poor, largely

Dockers and labourers, the artisan element being very small; but many of the poorest in Debraun's Road and Silwood St. have been evicted by the railway Co. These people, numbering about 700, have very seldom been able to find room in the parish.

The staff consists of one curate, 2 ladies, & one lady worker, 10 voluntary visitors and 28 Sunday School teachers.

The congregation and those who belong to the various organisations mentioned in the Report are "mainly women and children" but Mr L. thinks that the proportion of men in church is larger than in most parishes. But the men for the most part are "utterly apathetic and indifferent": their apathy extends to material as well as spiritual interests and Mr L. noticed the fact that in the last election for Guardians when he was elected on proposed lines, only a third of the electors voted.

Relief, which is not mentioned in the Report, amounts to from £25- to £30 a year

keeps a considerable amount of free dining
for children in the winter. Mr L. spoke kindly
of the C.O.S. but thought they would give
him "a bad character".

Of other religious societies there is only
one small mission in the parish run by a Mr
Atkins "an excellent person": but the people
go in large numbers to Rotherhithe Free Church.
Mr Richardson is a "good man" but "he makes
religion very easy": and Mr L. contrasted his
large following with the "poor attendance" at
Mr Scott Lidgett's church when the preaching
is thoughtful and scholarly. Mr L. is on
"most friendly terms" with Scott Lidgett & Liddard,
and often makes use of their names.

The work of the Vestry is good.
Mr L. is a Guardian, elected on the cry of
men out relief: but his convictions on the
question seem very unsettled, and I think he is
inclined to wobble: with the large number of
applications sufficient inquiry seems almost impossible.

and "we are constantly deceived": but here again he complained that if the people were less sympathetic as to their interests, this defect might be largely ~~remedied~~ remedied.

The police are "wonderfully ready to help" but are "quite inefficient".

As to Drink there is no improvement: the women are "always looking about the public houses:" "wherever there is real distress or destitution" said Mr L. "even when there is no direct evidence I have come always to suspect that Drink is at the back of it."

Prostitution there is none: but "a very low tone" of sexual morality.

Health is fairly good: but great prevalence of chest and heart troubles.

I don't think there is much in Mr L. on his work, and I suspect the unusually good figures shown in his Report are due to his predecessor, whom he said, "my one looked on as their friend."

With the Rev. E. M. O'Hara Lee's
compliments

St. Catharine's
ROTHERHITHE.

Chislehurst Mission.

Patronal Festival, 1899.

VICAR'S LETTER.

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S. KATHARINE'S CLERGY HOUSE,
ROTHERHITHE,
Patronal Festival, 1899.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

When in October I proposed to you that we should mark this year's Patronal Festival by inviting the supporters of S. Katharine's and the clergy and people of the parish to meet on or about S. Katharine's Day for united prayer and thanksgiving at the Holy Eucharist, followed by a gathering in the Mission Hall, I felt that it would be necessary for me to have something of the nature of an annual report to put before you. I felt also that it would hardly come within my province to present an annual report this year, seeing that, although I have been in charge of the parish for the past twelve months, the Rev. T. C. Johnson did not resign until July, and I was instituted only so recently as October. I venture to hope, therefore, that I may be allowed to reserve an annual report for next year's gathering (D.V.); and that some account of the Mission and of the work done in the past year, under exceptional difficulties, may be acceptable in the form of a letter. I say "under exceptional difficulties," for I feel that I must ask your indulgence for myself and my colleague by reminding you that, during the whole of the past twelvemonth, I have been the only priest on the staff, my colleague, the Rev. David Thomas, having been

only ordained a deacon a few weeks before Mr. Johnson had to leave the parish. I am sure that you will feel that it must have been with some difficulty that a priest and deacon have endeavoured to cope with the work which was formerly that of two priests, and, indeed, at one time of a staff of three.

It will be fresh in the memory of you all that to every one's deep regret the first vicar, the Rev. T. C. Johnson, so completely broke down in the autumn of 1898, that upon his return from his summer holiday he found himself unable to resume work, and by the advice and consent of the Bishop of the diocese he left Rotherhithe for the temporary charge of a country parish. It was no surprise to those who know his zeal and devotion as a priest that he was offered the permanent charge of that parish. Of the wonderful work he accomplished here it is quite unnecessary for me to speak. I wish only in passing to express my gratitude to him for the privilege of having been his assistant priest in this Mission for the long period of eleven years.

Our Church.

There is a daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 7 a.m., followed by Matins. On Wednesdays and Fridays Litany and intercessions for the parish are said at 9.30 a.m. Evensong is said daily at 7 p.m., except on Wednesdays, when the office is choral and followed by a sermon.

On Sundays the Blessed Sacrament is celebrated at 8 a.m. Matins is sung at 10.45, followed by a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist with sermon. To this service children attending morning Sunday School are brought by their teachers, and with the adults present form a congregation nearly filling the Church. Once a

month there is a service for children with catechising at 3.30 p.m. Holy Baptism is administered every Sunday at 4 p.m., and on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Evensong and sermon are at 7 p.m., generally with a full church. In Advent and Lent we have a short reading or meditation at daily Matins and Evensong, with special mission services on Wednesday evenings.

Thus it will be seen we have on an average about twenty-five services a week, without counting extra services in connection with the parochial guilds and the fasts and festivals. For the children, Evensong is sung in the Mission Hall by a special choir of Sunday School boys. The children have their own Harvest Thanksgiving and other special and festival services, so that they regard the Mission Hall on Sundays as their own school chapel. To Mr. Percy Lambert and Mr. Bull, assisted by Mr. Wincott, I am very greatly indebted for the interest they take in the children, and for the conduct of these services, also for the excellent instructions and addresses they are giving to the children. On Holy Days the Church choir boys have this year begun to attend the 7 o'clock celebration, and sing hymns in the course of the office. This plain celebration of the Holy Mysteries with hymns is a most congregational service, and has been found to be very helpful to our people. The Church is open every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for private prayer.

Our Communions.

It is from our band of Communicants that we draw our Church workers, who form the backbone of our work. They are, as a rule, the only people in the parish to whom the clergy can look for helpers in their work. But they are also a source of anxiety. Anxiously indeed do we

look at such times as the great festivals for some in recent years brought to confirmation, and to the resolution to walk in newness of life—only to find them absent from the altar for the first time since their confirmation. This is a sure sign that a time of trouble is beginning, which may end in their falling away altogether. Many do, in spite of every effort to recover them, become lapsed communicants, apparently beyond recovery. But many bravely—how bravely only God's priests know—again and again renew their efforts after the higher life. No one of us can boast that he is beyond the influence of environment, and when we have to face the facts of the lapsing of communicants, of inconstancy and irregularity on the part of worshippers in attending the public services of the Church, and of the yearly recurring loss of some of the recently confirmed, we have to remember that to be spiritually minded, and to persevere in the Christian life in the midst of all that tends to edification is one thing; it is quite another when those who attempt it have to go from the church and altar on the first day of the week into the atmosphere of the workshop, the great firm and factory, and streets of London for the other six. Remembering this, and what it is to find one's self the only communicant in a home where the rest of the family are indifferent to all religion, and ready always to ridicule and even to persecute the communicant Churchman, we learn not to be over surprised or discouraged by our losses. Stout hearts and hopeful are needed by the workers and supporters of our home missions, not only for their own sakes, but quite as much for the sake of those to whom they minister. It is just this that those to whom we are called to minister in the poor parishes of South London most of all things need, viz., some one himself so full of hope, in spite of many disappointments, that he can impart of the hope

that he himself has to those who have given him pain, and so enable them to have that hope concerning themselves that God still has concerning them. On last Christmas Day our communions numbered 327 as against 290; on Easter Day 351 as against 417; on Whitsun Day 332 as against 311 in the previous year. The falling off at Easter may be accounted for by the two following facts: (1) That this year for the first time for many years past there could be on Easter Day no first communions of the newly confirmed, the Bishop having had to defer the confirmation, which we annually have in Lent, until after Easter; and (2) In the early part of this year all the houses on one side of our longest street were either closed or pulled down to make room for the new S.E. Railway, thus reducing the population of the parish by about 700 people, amongst whom we had many communicants and Sunday school children.

During the octave of each of these great festivals about twenty additional communions were administered to the sick and infirm in their own homes.

Guilds and Communicants' Classes.

(1) For women we have the Guild of S. Helena, numbering 100 members, and worked by the Sisters. The members communicate monthly. A meeting to prepare for Holy Communion is held once a month at the Sisters' House in Fawcett Road.

(2) For girls we have the Guild of S. Michael and Holy Cross, also worked by the Sisters, and numbering 80 members. They also make their communions monthly, and have a meeting once a month to prepare. These Guilds are a great help to our women and girls.

(3) For boys we have the Guild of the Good Shepherd,

with its separate wards for boys who have and who have not been confirmed.

From S. Peter's Ward (for the confirmed) we draw our altar servers, and I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my thankfulness for their assistance in the Sanctuary, and for their help so readily given at all times to the Sacristan in the Sacristy in work less congenial to boys than that of serving in the public worship of the Church. The S. Peter's Ward meets every Sunday afternoon in No. 1 Room of the Mission Hall for the Guild Office and Bible Class.

(4) The Ward of S. Cyril is for younger boys, and meets once a week in the Church Vestry. It is doing an excellent work under the superintendence of the Ward Mistress, who has great influence with the lads. It is one of the rules for each ward that the members should endeavour to do some Church work, especially by bringing other lads to Confirmation and Bible Class, and I am glad to be able to say that I have had evidence of real effort to fulfil this part of their rule of life.

(5) For all communicants we have three times a year a general meeting in Church, and a Ward of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, which meets once in each month.

(6) To our Sacristan I am indebted for the formation and management of an Altar Servers' Guild, which is a great means of deepening the spiritual life of those assisting at the altar and processions.

Mothers' Meetings.

We have two weekly, which we distinguish by the names Monday and Thursday Mothers. About 150 mothers belong to the meeting held on Monday afternoon

It is a pleasing fact concerning this meeting that this year, when I enquired in that direction after candidates for confirmation, I was met with the reply that there is hardly a member of the meeting who has not been confirmed or is not a communicant. I have to thank Miss Paterson, who is assisted by Mrs. Clegg, for the management of this meeting and for its excellent results. Whilst I most sincerely thank Miss Paterson for her devoted services to S. Katharine's in coming from Chislehurst every Monday to conduct this meeting, I wish also to convey my many thanks to Mrs. Clegg for her assistance, and to those friends who have given entertainments to the mothers in the course of the year. I wish also to mention that the Mothers' Annual Excursion and weekly meetings have not in any way made a demand for help from the Mission Funds.

Thursday Mothers' Meeting.

This numbers about 200 members, and is worked by Sister Lydia. It meets for reading, prayer, and religious instruction on Thursday afternoon. We draw our members of S. Helena's Guild and a considerable number of candidates for confirmation from this source. The meeting has also been a help towards recovering lapsed communicants from amongst womenfolk. This society has also an annual excursion, and it has not asked help from the Mission Funds.

Parish Visiting.

The people are visited in their homes by our two resident Sisters and two ladies residing with the Sisters. By means of these visitors the clergy are enabled to know of cases of sickness and distress desiring or needing to be

visited also by the clergy, and 280 have been brought to Holy Baptism, and 40 to Confirmation.

Sunday Schools.

The total number on the books of the Boys' School on July 31st was 281, as against 113 at the same time in 1898. The Boys' School is under the superintendence of the Rev. David Thomas, and to him and our staff of voluntary teachers we owe this most satisfactory increase. The Girls' and Infants' School together number 485, and are superintended by Sister Lydia. Thus we have in all about 750 in the Sunday Schools. This is far too large a number for the accommodation in the Mission Hall, consequently we have to rent rooms in Silwood Board School for the Boys' and Infants' Classes, the rent and cleaning costing the Mission £28 4s. a year.

Adult Temperance Society.

This society was started on November 14th, 1898, and is a great blessing to the parish. It now numbers 165 members. There were 202 on the books, but we have lost 37, some having left the neighbourhood, and others failed to keep their pledge. But it is encouraging to find that we have 165 faithful after the first year as total abstainers.

The Society meets every Monday evening in the Mission Hall at 8.30, and we try to make the meetings as pleasant and sociable as we possibly can. The Society also holds a public meeting once a month, when we have strangers to lecture upon total abstinence. Members pay one penny a month, and there is a quarterly tea.

We had an excursion on July 8th to Rye House, in which 104 members took part, paying their own railway

fare and half the cost of dinner, the funds of the Society meeting the rest of the expenses of this excursion.

Band of Hope.

We have two Bands, which meet every Monday evening in the Mission Hall—the Juniors, numbering 140, and the Seniors, numbering 206; total 346 members. The Band of Hope was revived on Monday, October 7th, 1898, having been closed for twelve months owing to the work of enlarging the Mission Hall. The children pay ½d. per week. Two teas are given them, one at Christmas, and the other at Easter, and a day in the country in August. This year we took 173 children by brakes to Court Farm.

The Church Choir.

This is wholly voluntary as regards the adult members, and is one of the most important of our bands of helpers. To them we owe one of the greatest attractions of our services, which on great festivals draw congregations filling every seat in the Church. I regard the musical rendering of the Church's services as of the greatest importance to the work of the Mission. Every one feels that the music at S. Katharine's is hearty and congregational, and a great help to worshippers. But it is, I think, only when one is present—as I endeavour as far as possible to be—at choir practices, that one is able to realise the amount of labour and self-denial which our Sunday and festival services demand of our choir members.

Whilst speaking of the choir, and thanking them for their self-denying assistance, I wish specially to mention our great indebtedness to our choir director, Mr. E.

Rumney Smith, and his assistants, Messrs. George Butcher and H. Radlett, and to our excellent organist, Mr. A. Lambert. It is necessary to the successful working of a church choir that those joining it should feel that they are receiving the great benefit of really efficient musical training. This, to a singular degree, is felt by the members of our choir, thanks to our having the services of the above-named gentlemen.

I feel that this letter is already running to lengths which will tax your patience, and if I pass more rapidly over some of the remaining organizations it will not be because I regard them as unimportant, or am less appreciative of the services of the workers in whose hands they are. Those which I have hitherto mentioned have more directly to do with the spiritual side of the work of the Mission.

The Men's Institute.

This has now about 40 members. It occupies three rooms in the upper part of the Mission Hall; one is used as a billiard room, the other for reading and for meetings of the committee, the third for games. The Institute was newly constituted in July last. Under the new constitution two-thirds of the members of the committee must be communicants of S. Katharine's, and no one under the age of nineteen is eligible for membership of the Institute. The re-constitution was a pressing need. There are many men's institutes in the neighbourhood with many attractions, and it has been strongly felt by myself and my colleague and the rest of the committee that we must make our Institute really attractive if it is to meet the need of our men for a place of wholesome recreation and social intercourse. To this end we have recently negotiated the purchase of a full-sized billiard table.

Boys' Club.

For this we have the room No. 1 in the Mission Hall, the boys (communicants only), the rules, and one small bagatelle table. Our purpose in this Club is not to bribe boys to come to Church, but to provide those who are faithful to their duties as Church lads with a place of recreation, and a means of escaping the dangers of the streets after working hours.

Drum and Fife Band.

This was started, or rather restarted, in August last. Our old Band, a very excellent one, fell through by no fault of its own, having been crowded out of the Mission Room before the enlargement. It now numbers 31 members, under the conductorship of Mr. H. Radlett. I have not heard if the home lessons which the conductor allots to each member at the weekly practice on Fridays in the Mission Hall have been duly appreciated by the good people at home, but I do feel that the lads deserve encouragement, as they agreed, when we proposed to restart the Band, to purchase the flutes at their own cost, and are doing so by instalments.

S. Katharine's Loan and Investment Club.

This Club has proved exceedingly useful. The secretary, Mr. G. Lambert, handed me the half-yearly report in July, showing a membership of 432. The receipts amounted to £728 1s. 5d., and loans to members £511, with a substantial balance lodged in the bank; the total funds in hand, with interest, to be shared out at Christmas. The death of a member entitles the next-of-kin to £7.

The Club meets every Monday at 8 p.m. in No. 1 Room in the Mission Hall, and is most ably managed by

Mr. G. Lambert, with the assistance of the check secretary, Mr. E. Secker.

S. Katharine's Slate Clubs.

X The object of these clubs is to provide a fund for the relief of members when sick, and also to provide a sum to be paid at the death of a free member. We have one for men and one for women. The Women's Club meets from 7.45 to 8.15 p.m., and numbers 50 members. The Men's meets from 8.30 to 9.30 p.m., and numbers 100 members. Both Clubs hold their meetings in one of the rooms of the Mission Hall every Monday evening, and are managed by a committee, of which the Vicar is president, and Mr. R. Plummer secretary.

Penny Bank.

This is another of our agencies for promoting thrift, and is doing a very useful work. It is open from noon to 2 p.m. every Monday in the Mission Hall. It has existed for many years past, and this year it has as many members as in former years. My thanks are due, and are cordially given, to Mrs. Wright, who gives her services every week to this agency.

Children's Dinners.

X From the 10th January to the end of March, helped by the Destitute Children's Dinner Society, we provided dinners in the Mission Hall for 6671 children, of whom 895 paid a halfpenny each.

Country Holiday Fund.

X By means of this fund we managed in the past summer to send 158 children into the country for a fortnight during the school holidays.

Smoking Concerts.

Every Saturday evening a smoking concert is given by Mr. Delmage and his company of entertainers in our Mission Hall, thereby enabling us to provide a happy evening for the people of the parish once every week during the winter months.

Social Gatherings.

These are held two or three times a year for members of the congregation and their friends only. The whole arrangements are in the hands of a Social Gatherings Committee, composed of communicants. They have proved very useful in enabling the members of the congregation to get to know one another.

I feel that I must apologize for the very imperfect nature of this account of S. Katharine's Mission during the past year. It has been written in the midst of many interruptions, and at broken intervals, and I am as fearful lest in the hurry of writing I may have said anything that had better been left unsaid, as I am that I must have omitted much of which I ought to have spoken. It only remains for me to thank all our loyal and painstaking workers, and to convey on their behalf and my own our sincerest thanks to the generous supporters of the Mission at Chislehurst and elsewhere. Although I think I may safely claim for the people of the parish, *i.e.*, for ourselves, that we do endeavour, to the utmost of our ability, to contribute of our means as well as of our time and labour to the work of the Mission, a glance at the accompanying estimate of half a year's income from local sources, and our necessary expenditure for the same period—an estimate most kindly drawn up for me from the Mission accounts by Mr. G. Lambert—will at once show approximately to

what a large extent we are dependent upon the continuance of that outside support for which we all, with a very real sense of their generosity, desire to thank those who have subscribed to the Mission Funds.

What I would venture to appeal for is the continuance of that support, especially in the form of donations to the General Mission Fund, from which I may be able to assist our various funds and agencies as the necessity arises.

Asking and hoping that you will never forget the Mission in your prayers,

I am,

Yours, very truly and gratefully,

In Our Lord Jesus Christ,

E. M. O'HARA LEE.

S. KATHARINE'S MISSION, ROTHERHITHE.

ESTIMATED INCOME

For Six Months ending December, 1899.

	£	s.	d.
To Church Offeratories, including Special Appeals	72	0	0
" Donation, A.C.S.	40	0	0
" Local A.C.S.	6	10	0
" Subscriptions and Sale of Excursion Tickets	24	0	0

Balance deficiency for six months .. say 218 0 0

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The Books of Accounts have been carefully audited by me, and on basing the Income and Expenditure on totals of previous twelve months, the above Estimates for six months is a fair average, equal to a deficiency of £436 per annum.

25th October, 1899.

Signed

GEORGE LAMBERT.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

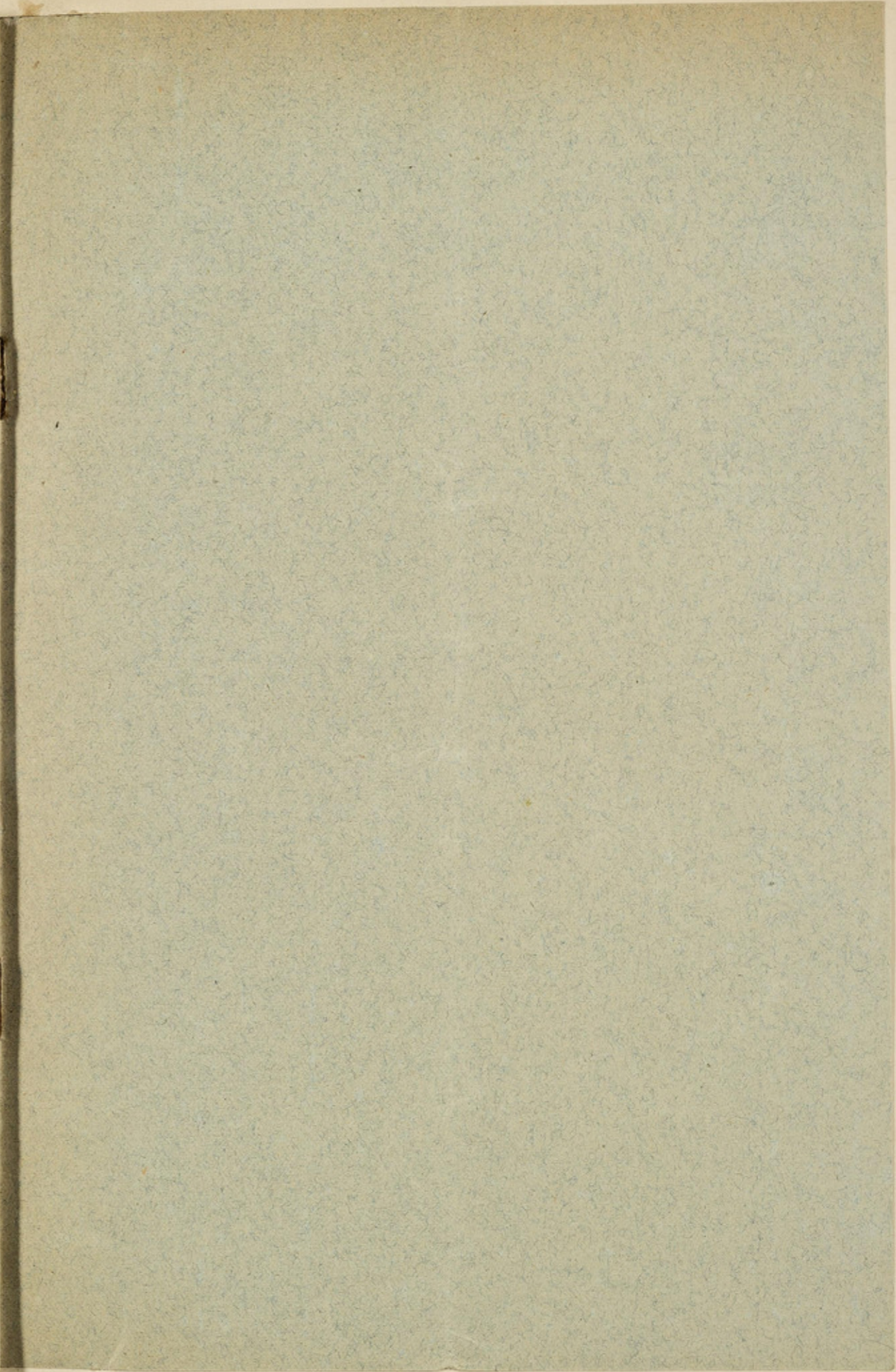
For Six Months ending December, 1899.

	£	s.	d.
By Stipend to Rev. E. M. O'Hara Lee	65	0	0
" " Rev. David Thomas	56	0	0
" Organist	10	0	0
" Organ Blower, Tuning Organ, Washing Choir Surplices, &c.	11	0	0
" Insurance, Water, Gas	39	0	0
" Verger, Cleaning, and Materials	23	0	0
" Fuel for Church and Mission Room	3	10	0
" Choir Boys' Salary	5	0	0
" Printing Bills, Cards, &c.	13	0	0
" Wine, &c., for Communion	4	0	0
" Altar Washing, &c.	4	10	0
" Books, Tracts, Hymns, &c.	3	0	0
" Relief Tickets and Cash to Poor	15	0	0
" Choir Holiday Fund	1	10	0
" Rent Sunday Schools, Treats, &c.	32	0	0
" Repairs	6	10	0
" Sunday School Excursion	41	0	0
" Sundries	7	10	0
" Donations, viz., Hospital Sunday Fund, Rochester Diocesan Society, Assistant Clergy Society, S.P.C.K., Church Building Society, Cottage Hospital, Central African Mission, &c.	20	0	0

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Jan. 28th 1900

Interview with Rev. R. Russell, St. Barnabas, Rothambridge.

Mr Russell is an elderly man, probably about 60: gray hair and beard: thin upper lip: coarse, common face.

Mr R. was the first Vicar of this parish which was cut off from St. Mary's Rothambridge 26 years ago. The district was at that time "according to Mr R.," "completely neglected": it is very little better now: for Mr R. is I think one of the few men who really deserves the epithet "idle": there is no sign of vitality in his work: possibly he may have done something in the past and got tired of it all: certainly he is resting now.

As usual he ~~was~~ affirms that there is "no hostility, only indifference" and he ascribes the lack of success to the fact that "we are languishing for want of workers": as a matter of fact probably no effort is made to

get them: but in any case Rev. R. is not a man who would inspire them with any enthusiasm.

The Staff is a Mission woman. The two Sisters at the Cottage Hospital in Hankston Rd. do ~~some~~ some work in the parish, but they do not attend the church and give most of their time to the Ann College Mission. There are "2 or 3 visitors" and 10 Sunday School Teachers.

About 50 attend church on Sunday morning and 150 in the evening: the Communion are about 45.

There are 290 children in the Day Schools and about 140 in the Sunday School.

There is a Mothers' Meeting and a Church Ladies' Brigade.

Except what is done by the Sisters there is little or no real visitation, but from 300 to 400 copies of the Magazine are distributed monthly.

About £40 a year is given in Relief.

always in ticket
 From £60 to £70 a year is placed
 in the Penny Bank.

There are three chapels in the parish
 but "all in low water". The only chapel
 in the neighbourhood which draws is the
 Rotherhithe "Free Church" a tin kettle place,
 when you can hear anything or nothing;
 the people simply go to be amused.

As to local conditions - the parish is
 "rather a model parish: there are no slums";
 but there is a tendency to greater poverty, not
 in the poorer streets, but in those of better
 class, owing to the outward movement of the
~~the~~ best off.

The bulk of the inhabitants are Dockers
 and water-side labourers: most of them save
 good money, but their work is irregular and
 they are without providence: but their labour
 is "essentially unskilled" and for the most-

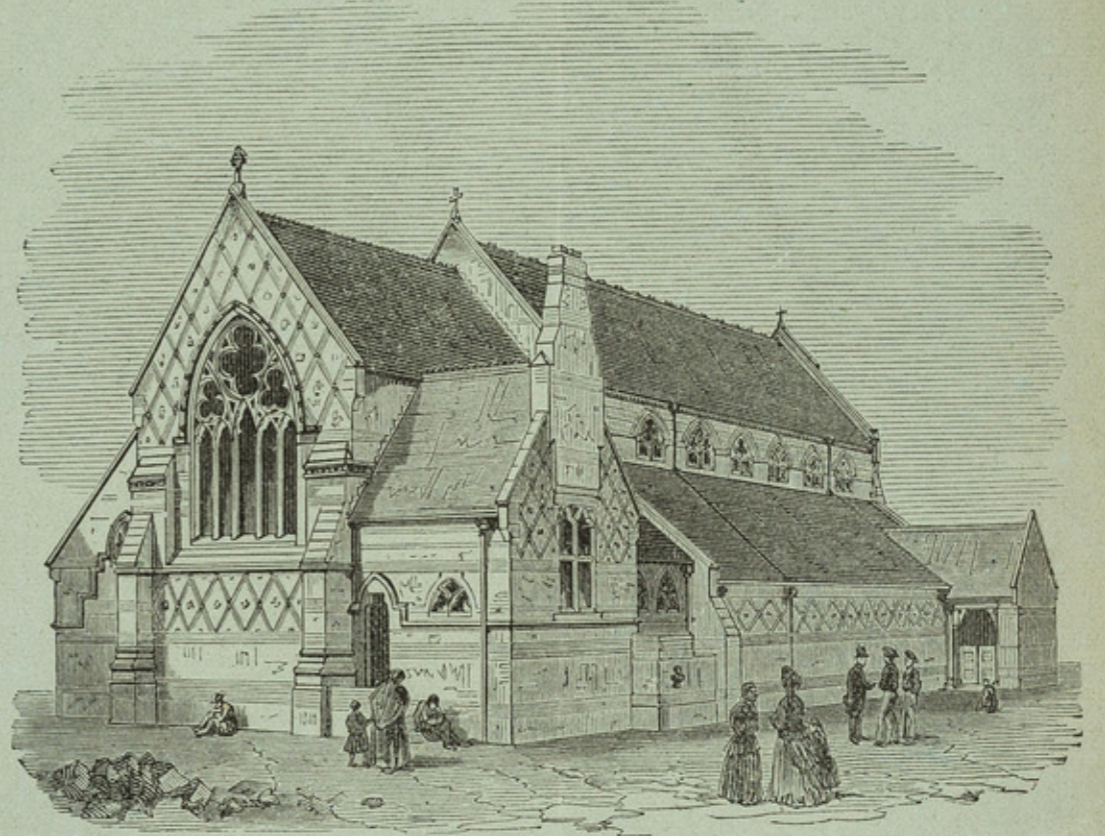
Russell - S. Barnabas

part. they are "utterly better", though there has been some improvement in post-conditions.

The Vesta has "got into the hands of the Proprietors" but does its work well.

At one time there were a number of Hotels frequented by sailors: but they have now been cleared away though one house in Plough Road is ~~a~~ under suspicion.

S. BARNABAS, ROTHERHITHE, S.E., Parish Magazine.



Services of the Church:

SUNDAY—Holy Communion (except last Sunday in month, when at Mid-day)...	8.0 a.m.
Matins and Sermon	11.0 „
Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Children's Service and Catechising (last Sunday in month)	3.30 „
WEEK DAY—Evensong on Wednesday	7.30 „
Holy Communion on Thursday	7.0 a.m.
SAINTS' DAYS—Evensong	7.30 p.m.

Notice will be given of the times of the Daily Services.

HOLY BAPTISM—Last Sunday Afternoon and first Friday Afternoon in the month; also every Wednesday evening. CHURCHINGS before any Service.
NOTICES OF BANS OF MARRIAGE—Apply at the Vicarage.

REV. R. RUSSELL, M.A., *Vicar*, The Vicarage, Plough Road (next to the Church).
Churchwardens—MR. PONT, MR. H. DANIEL. *Sidesmen*—Mr. G. OAKE, Mr. W. CAVNER.
Organist—MR. FORD.

DAY SCHOOLS (Gomm Schools, Plough Road):

Boys ... *Headmaster*: MR. R. JELlicoe. | Girls ... *Headmistress*—MISS BUTLER.
Infants ... *Headmistress*—MRS. COATE.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS (Gomm Schools):

Hours—10 a.m., 3 p.m.
Boys ... *Superintendent*—MR. GULDE. | Girls ... *Superintendent*—MISS TAYLOR.
Infants ... *Superintendent*—MISS GULDE.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS:

MONDAY ... At Vicarage. *Superintendent*—MRS. PONT ... 2-4 p.m.
THURSDAY ... At Cottage Hospital, Hawkestone Road. THE SISTERS... 2.30 „

PENNY BANK (Gomm Infant School):

MONDAY ... 6.30 till 7.30 p.m.

S. Barnabas, Rotherhithe, S.E.
Parish Magazine.

DECEMBER, 1899.

PAROCHIAL NOTES.

ADVENT.

S. Barnabas Vicarage, Nov. 23rd, 1899.
Dear Friends and Parishioners,—

The Advent Season will soon be here. It is to Christmas what S. John the Baptist was to the First, and the Christian Ministry is to the Second Coming of our Lord. It prepares us to keep the Festival of our Lord's First Coming. It bids us keep in mind our Lord's Second Coming.

FIRST SUNDAY.

Turn to your Prayer Book, and read the Collect. The Advent Trumpet sounds clearly, "Get ready, the King is coming." Let us not sleep. WAKE UP. The day is breaking (Rom. xiii. 11, 12.) The Lord may come for us as our Judge, and how if we are not ready! (S. Matt. xxv. 6.)

SECOND SUNDAY.

We need help to prepare ourselves. God does not leave us alone. He teaches us how to prepare, sends us His Holy Word, written by holy men "for our learning." If the King sends His orders to His people, his loyal subjects will try to understand them and obey.

THIRD SUNDAY.

Think again of a great King's herald. He sounds the trumpet-call. The people are roused. Our Blessed Lord had a great herald. S. John the Baptist went before Him to prepare His Way. So God sends His heralds now to warn, rouse, teach, guide His people—to help them to prepare for His coming. Who are these? They are His ministers. "Stewards of His mysteries." "They minister to us God's Word and Sacraments. Do we use them? value them? or do we turn our back on the help which God offers?"

FOURTH SUNDAY.

The Church's last word of preparation: Are we ready? Christmas is near. "The Lord is at hand" (Phil. iv. 5.) He may be at hand, too, in the sense of His Final Coming. What is it that hinders us? Ah! our sins "sorely let and hinder" us. Like runners in a race let us strip off every garment and throw away every weight which may impede us in our Christian course.

Your faithful friend and Vicar,
R. RUSSELL, M.A.

ADVENT SERVICES.

Sundays, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Matins, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 6.30 p.m.
Mondays and Saturdays, Matins 10 a.m.
Wednesdays and Fridays, Evensong,
7.30 p.m.
Tuesdays, Evensong, 5.0 p.m.
Thursdays, Holy Communion, 7.0 a.m.

There will be an Advent Sermon on Wednesday evening after Evensong.

The Eve of S. Andrew's Day, Wednesday, November 29th, is appointed as the Day of Intercession for Foreign Missions. The Bishop of Minnesota, U.S.A., writes: "We are living in the most eventful period since our Blessed Lord ascended into Heaven. It is the great missionary age of the Church. The whole world is open for the messengers of the Gospel. The wealth of the world is in Christian lands. We need a new consecration of all we have and are to Christ." A special interest attaches to this year's Day of Intercession, as the Venerable Society, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, is going to keep next year the fourth Jubilee of her great and blessed work in carrying the light of the Glorious Gospel into heathen lands.

FLOWER FUND ACCOUNTS.

Received:		£	s.	d.
Christmas, 1898, per Miss M. A. Oake	...	0	8	10
Easter, 1899, per Mr. H. Daniel	...	0	11	6
Easter, 1899, per Miss M. A. Oake	...	0	8	11
Dedication Festival, 1899, per Miss E. Oake	...	0	8	6
Harvest Festival, 1899, per Miss E. Oake	...	0	8	7
Do. per Mr. H. Daniel	...	0	17	6
Do. Mrs. Gulde	...	0	1	0
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Could not more contributors to the Flower Fund enable us to have flowers in the Vases every Sunday? A penny a week would not be missed. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Mabbs, Mrs. Christy, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Tunmer, Mrs. Pont, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Broughton and Mrs. Daniel, who kindly sent fruit and flowers for the Harvest Decorations.

THE NEW HEADMASTER OF THE S. BARNABAS (GOMM) SCHOOLS.

An important change has been made in the teachers of this school, and one which should be brought to the notice of the residents in this and the neighbouring Parishes as soon as possible. Mr. Jellicoe has given place to Mr. Tom Pierce Cowling, of whom Mr. Seabrook says: "He is one in a thousand." Dr. O'Brien, of Camden Vicarage, Camberwell, says: "I consider you would get a prize in such a teacher." The Vicar of Christ Church, Somerstown, writes: "As Head Master of our Boys' School he discharged all his duties most efficiently, thoroughly, conscientiously and successfully. He was also a great favourite with the boys, and was most tactful with the parents. Mr. Cow-

g, in my opinion, is a most excellent teacher." The Vicar of S. John's, Paddington, writes: He certainly possesses quite remarkable capabilities as a teacher."

Mr. Cowling has been at work in the School since the second week in October, and there is already marked improvement. The numbers have sensibly increased even during this short time, and the School is likely to improve more as soon as the inhabitants of the district learn to appreciate Mr. Cowling's excellent qualities as a teacher. All who wish well to Voluntary Schools in the neighbourhood will watch Mr. Cowling's career at the Gomm Schools with sympathetic interest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

During December the Lessons will be on—The Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting.

A meeting for the teachers of S. Barnabas Sunday Schools is held the Thursday before the last Sunday in the month. The lessons for the coming month are considered, and the heads taken form the subjects of the Lesson Notes issued weekly by the Vicar to the teachers. During the present session short papers are being read by one of the Superintendents on the "Simple Elements of the Art of Teaching."

MARRIAGES.

Oct. 30th.—James Butcher and Louisa Birkenshaw, 45 Plough Road.

DEATHS.

Nov. 4th.—Mary Grist, 35 Chilton Street, aged 80 years.—R.I.P.

S. BARNABAS PARISH MAGAZINE, 1900.

The Promoters of the Magazine are very pleased to feel that it has been a success this year. We said at the beginning that as our readers increased in number so we should improve the Magazine.

The space devoted to the Parish Notes will be larger for the future, so enabling us to give more local news, and the central part will be more fully and beautifully illustrated.

These improvements have cost us a great amount of time and trouble, but we shall feel amply repaid if you will take even more interest in the Magazine than you have done before. It is impossible for us to carry on the Magazine and improve unless it is largely supported.

Now for some practical suggestions. Read the Magazine well yourself, then recommend it to your friends. Please do not lend, but ask your friends to buy the Magazine; it is only a penny a month, and we want to sell a very large number.

DO NOT TEAR YOUR MAGAZINE UP next year, but save them and have them bound. We have made arrangements with the Publishers about the binding. If a

number of people will save their Magazines they can each have them bound in a handsome cover for 1s. Those that like may pay an extra 1d. per month and simply send in their books at the end of the year. A specimen volume will be brought round in January.

Lastly, it would save a great deal of trouble if many of the subscribers would pay in January the subscription for the year, which is one shilling.

SOME NOTES OF A SHORT HOLIDAY IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

(Continued from November).

Our next walk was in the opposite direction and nearly as delightful. This time we took our way along the undercliff; the land near the shore at some time—perhaps ages ago—seems to have sunk, leaving a huge cliff or down further in and towering over it. The footpath led us along the edge of the lower cliff so that we had the sea on the left hand and this gigantic wall of rock and earth far away on the right, while between these were pleasant villas planted in romantic places on the rising ground, and Steep Hill Castle surrounded by woods of pine and oak formed a prominent feature in the landscape. This residence has a melancholy history. It belonged to the father of that Lieutenant Harbrough, who met with a mysterious death in Scotland, for which the notorious Mr. Monson was put upon his trial. It formed a cause celebre which most of our readers will remember, and Monson was discharged on the ground that the charge, as the Scotch Criminal Law words the verdict, "was not proven." This fine estate, through the extravagance of Lieut. Harbrough's father and mother, has been sold to a railway company, and the money will be invested for the benefit of the second son, who is still a minor. There is another melancholy circumstance connected with it. The late Empress of Austria, who seemed some years ago to like England as a place of residence, rented Steep Hill Castle, and lived there the whole of one winter. The tragic fate of this accomplished and unfortunate lady must be in the remembrance of all, for only a year ago she, wishing well to all and trying to do good to all, was struck down at Geneva by a dastardly Anarchist assassin. We continued our walk until we reached a point from which we could see the lighthouse at St. Catherine's Point. We then turned inland to the pretty village of S. Lawrence, which had been in view for some considerable time, being pleasantly situated on the rising ground I have previously mentioned, and returned by the road passing the Church of S. Lawrence, and nearer home, the Convalescent Home for consumptive patients, which has been a cause of benefit or amelioration to some of our own consumptive people. The return by the road was a pleasant change, and we greatly enjoyed the shade of the trees and the quiet beauty of the rural scenes through which the road led us back to Ventnor.

S. Barnabas, Rotherhithe
Parish Magazine

DECEMBER,

PAROCHIAL

ADVENT.

S. Barnabas Vicarage, N
Dear Friends and Parishion
The Advent Season
here. It is to Christmas
the Baptist was to the
Christian Ministry is to th
ing of our Lord. It prepa
the Festival of our Lord's
It bids us keep in mind our
Coming.

FIRST SUNDAY.

Turn to your Prayer I
the Collect. The Advent I
clearly, "Get ready, the K
Let us not sleep. WAKE
is breaking (Rom. xiii. 11,
may come for us as our J
if we are not ready! (S. Ma

SECOND SUNDAY.

We need help to pre
God does not leave us alon
us how to prepare, sends
Word, written by holy men
ing." If the King sends
His people, his loyal subj
understand them and obey.

THIRD SUNDAY.

Think again of a great
He sounds the trumpet-ca
are roused. Our Blessed L
herald. S. John the Bapt
Him to prepare His Way.
His heralds now to warn
guide His people—to help
pare for His coming. W
They are His ministers.
His mysteries." "They
God's Word and Sacramen
them? value them? or d
back on the help which C

FOURTH SUNDAY.

The Church's last wo
tion: Are we ready? Ch
"The Lord is at hand" (I
may be at hand, too, in t
Final Coming. What is
us? Ah! our sins "sorely
us. Like runners in a r
off every garment and th
weight which may impede
tion course.

Your faithful friend
R. RU

ADVENT SERV
Sundays, Holy Commur
Matins, 11 a.m.
Evensong, 6.3
Mondays and Saturdays
Wednesdays and Frid
7.30 p.m.
Tuesdays, Evensong, 5.
Thursdays, Holy Comm

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Report of an interview with the Rev. J. Wallace,
 Vicar of S. Crispin's, Southwark Park Road. At the Vicar
 age. (E.A.) Jan. 8.00.

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Mr. Wallace is a poor specimen of ~~the~~ his order --
~~xxxxx~~ a middle-aged derelict in the clerical world. In
 appearance, a man of average height, with small eyes, a
 moustache, and a puffy complexion. He was one of the most
 timid answerer to questions that I have come across, and
 timidity in this case indicated some cowardice and a good
 deal of ignorance. He is also rather a stupid man, a heavy
 weight; there were no signs of intimate knowledge of his
 parish, and the page of his magazine giving the various
 parish fixtures proved to be full of inaccuracies, some
 of them having been printed month after month, without
 care or conscience.

The parish is a poor one, containing in the parts
 lying west of Cherry Gardens St. one of the very poorest
 blocks in the whole of Bermondsey. He described two-thirds
 of his people as dockers and other riverside and casual
 labouring class, the women of the ^{rough} factory hand class. There
 are a good many wood-choppers and other such low class
 workers, and the parish includes many poor Irish. He de-
 scribed the dark blue part as being all much of a muchness,
 an opinion that a walk through it afterwards bore out. Mr
 W. came with me, and took me in rather offensively to see

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two or three of his docile flock. He gave the worst character to the district for drinking and roughness, saying that for intemperance and for fighting the women were worse than the men. Individuals change a good deal, but the class remains the same. Mr. Wallace has been in the parish for 6 years, but lately has had a cottage at Blackheath, by permission of his Bishop, on account of the health of his wife and family. He said that he slept ~~at~~ out of the parish about 3 nights in the week. He has no curate and complained of the ~~fixxxxx~~ difficulty of getting one. Curates, he said, did not like his neighbourhood, and he said that when he advertised from the Vicarage he could get no replies. He tried the experiment of dating his notice from Blackheath, and answers came at once! This ~~reflects~~ reflects rather hardly on the Low Church curate, but perhaps more so on Mr. Wallace. So far, he has been unable to secure anyone.

Sir C. Roberts-Austen, of the Mint, is an owner of property in Cherry Gardens St. and his name figures on the staff as a "Lay Preacher". He appears, however, to ~~be~~ come down rarely, and a letter that Mr. W. had had lately gave health as an excuse~~xx~~ Another reason is that he lives a good deal near Chilworth and has a little church ^{at Waverley} close by, at which he appears to take the evening service. The



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PARISH MAGAZINE,
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Clergy.

REV. J. WALLACE, M.A., VICAR, THE VICARAGE.

Lay Preacher:—PROFESSOR ROBERTS-AUSTEN, C.B., F.R.S.

Churchwardens:—MR. A. ARMAN. MR. F. W. HILL.

Sidesmen:

MR. BROOKS. MR. BOULIND, JNR.

MR. SUTTON, MR. R. WATKINSON.

Organist:—MR. F. C. ATKINS, (M.C.O.), 123, Keeton's Road.

Scripture Reader:—MR. A. G. CLAYTON, 16, Hickling Street.

Deaconesses:—MISS ALLEN and MISS BRADLEY.

Parish Nurse:—NURSE SHANNON. District Nurse:—NURSE GILHAM

Mission Woman:—MISS THOMPSON.

HOURS OF SERVICES.

Holy Communion: First and Third Sundays in Month, mid-day; Second, 8 a.m.; Last, after Evening Service; when five Sundays the Fourth at 8 a.m.

Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon, 11 a.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.

On the first Sunday in the Month, Children's Service at 3 p.m.

Holy Baptisms Sunday, 4 p.m. Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Churchings after all services.

Prayer Meeting first Sunday in month in Vestry after Evening Service.

The Marriage Fee is now 5/-, Publication of Banns 2/-, Certificate 2/7.

Rented Sitings six shillings each per annum. Four or more, five shillings each.

Applications should be made to Mr. A. G. Clayton.

BAPTISMS.

Dec.	Edward Hayter, Alice Maud Field.
3rd.—Ivy Alice Sheedy.	
5th.—Walter John Franklin.	19th.—Sarah Hannah Walker.
6th.—Frederick John Leach, Joseph James Dean, Dorothy Alice Dare.	20th.—Mary Emily Smith.
6th.—Robert Albert Dowsett.	24th.—Thomas Charles Fountain, Harriet Florence Jones.
13th.—Frederick Thomas Scott, Horace	27th.—George Sharman Evans, Amelia Watts, Martha Fox.

OFFERTORIES.

Dec.	24th.—Fourth Sunday in Advent	1	0	0
3rd.—First Sunday in Advent	-	1	3	5
10th.—Second Sunday in Advent	-	1	3	10
17th.—Third Sunday in Advent	-	*3	0	0
* £2 8s. 6d. of this for C.P.A.				
	25th.—Christmas Day (for M.V. and R.A.)	-	-	0 16 8
	3 rd st.—	-	-	1 10 6
	Midnight Service	-	-	1 18 1

MISSION HALL, CHERRY GARDEN STREET.

Sunday.—Sunday School at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Married Men's Bible Class, 5.30 p.m. Bright Service, 8 p.m.

Monday.—Young Women's Christian Association, 8 p.m. [Men's Institute, 8.15 p.m. Gymnastic Practice

Tuesday.—Mothers' Meeting at 2.30 p.m. Coal, Boot and Blanket Clubs. Band of Hope, 7 p.m. Young

Wednesday.—Brass Band Practice. Gymnastic Exercises.

Thursday.—C. E. Temperance Society, 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 9.15 p.m.

Friday.—Working Men's Club, 7.30 to 10 p.m. Saturday.—Penny Bank at 6 p.m.

AT CHURCH. Sunday.—Young Men's Bible Class, 3 p.m. Young Women's Bible Class, 3 p.m. in the

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Tuesday.—Young Women's Association, first Tuesday in month, 8.15 p.m. in the Vestry.

Friday.—Choir Practice, 7.30.

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evidence showed the distinguished chemist in an unexpected and evangelical light.

For STAFF see the page from the Magazine. For some months there has been only one deaconess; the district nurse is not really one of the parish staff. There are 3 District Visitors, who give half a day a week each. Sunday School teachers, very difficult to get, number 18, and all belong to the parish. The Parish Nurse is paid for by a lady living at Richmond.

BUILDINGS: Church (750); Mission Hall, in Cherry Gardens St. (300).

ATTENDANCES: Sunday morning (60 or 70); Sunday evening (300). Monthly communicants (40 or 50); Communicants on Roll (Over 100); Easter (90). Sunday School: Register (380); Average (300). The School is held at the Mission Hall, except an Infants' Class ^(includes above) of 80, at the Church.

As measured by the annual offertories, things have been looking up since he came, the Vicar said, the total having risen from £75 to £114.

About £20 is given in charitable relief, Mr. W. claiming that he approved of the C.O.S. and worked with them.

OTHER AGENCIES are represented by an Undenominational Sunday School, which is said to be active; to command a considerable amount of funds; and to be helped by Lady Newnes. The Bermondsey Settlement has a small social

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club in the parish, in West Lane.

There is not much professional vice, the Vicar's complaint being rather of the amount of drunkenness, of the low standard of life; and of the coarseness and wide-spread promiscuity. But, I don't think that he knows much about it.

Health conditions were said to have been rather bad of late, owing to the prevalence of diphtheria, etc.

Just before I left Mr. Wallace was telling me of individual cases of men who were in communion with the Church and who had previously been leading drunken and irregular lives, mentioning his churchwarden, who some five years ago appears to have been a reprobate. The Vicar also waxed enthusiastic in his description of the change that had taken place in the life of another man, the son of a local publican. The latter was described as having ~~been~~ become a completely changed character--"a real man". I unfortunately asked what he was doing now, and found that he was in a lunatic asylum! But in spite of this, and of the admission that there was some break in the thread of his intelligence, Mr. Wallace still maintained that, apart from this ^{weakness} ~~defect~~, he was a sterling fellow, a tribute that I should hardly care to pay to the Vicar himself, who, although perhaps well-meaning, appears to be a flabby and unsatisfactory person.

Form A. - The Church of England.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

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

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

Artisan
Writze no where.
Mission woman
privately paid
Mission Hall. post
3 Sunday, 1 private
Wed. ev! Sand of Hope
Wether meetings
S.F. L.
Board
Not possible to meet
Visit 9,000 people - ^{books} calls

Report of an interview with the Rev. J.F. Benson

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Walsh, Vicar of S. Anne's, Bermondsey, at the Vicarage, Upper Grange Road. (E.A.) Jan. 9.00.

I reached the Vicarage somewhat late, and found that the Vicar had had to leave to see a sick parishioner, but that his wife was prepared to give me all the information she could, having been deputed to do so by her husband. Mrs. Walsh is a lady of middle age, vivacious, outspoken, chagrined. Her opinions must, like her facts, be taken cum grano. All alike were rapped out with the utmost frankness, and have the merit of giving us, in some respects, a new point of view. Curates have sometimes been revealed to us in the course of our inquiries; the ladies of the clerical households rarely, although, doubtless, they are often the power behind the throne. At S. Anne's it stands ~~xx~~ out more plainly than the Vicar himself, and proves to be a woman, very loyal to her husband, anxious for her children, ready to revolt against ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the dignitaries of the Church, impatient of her ~~xxxxxxxx~~ surroundings, and fretting against a lot that has condemned her and her belongings to live for fifteen years in the desert of Bermondsey.

The following are the points ~~xxxx~~ of her conversation, very much as they came. Her husband is single-handed and has been for three and a half years. He used to

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- (i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?
- (j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?

General Questions—

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

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

- (i) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)
- (ii) Police
- (iii) Drink
- (iv) Prostitution
- (v) Crime
- (vi) Marriage
- (vii) Thrift
- (viii) Health
- (ix) Housing and Social Condition generally

District A. Amis (M. Walsh)

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

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

Artisan

Most go no where.

Mission woman
privately paid

Mission Hall, good

3 Sunday, 1 juvenile

Wed. ev. Band of Hope

Womens meetings

S. F. S.
BoardNot possible for 1 man to
visit 9,000 people - looks
calls

Sufficient for need

None

None

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have a grant from the Church Pastoral Aid Soc. but this has been withdrawn. It is a great evil, and one to which her husband wished her to draw my special attention, that the power to grant money towards extra staff should be in the hands of two societies. The Additional Curates' Soc. is the more liberal of the two, but it has a penchant for the High Churches, and is in any case overdone with applications. As for the other, it is useless to look for a grant, unless you conform to its shibboleth. As for her husband, there is nothing extreme about him, but he is a strong churchman, and a sacramentarian. The living is in the gift of trustees, and these will neither move Mr. Walsh nor help him to get an exchange. The latter arrangement they dislike, because they are afraid of having a man not of their colour ~~xx~~ in the parish. They are a narrow ~~xx~~ set, and include the Rector, Mr. Lewis, "a man of no weight".

The parish is "uninteresting", full of the semi-genteel. There is a little squalor and poverty, "I am glad to say", "it is so much more interesting", but most of the people are of a class, the women of which think themselves "lydies"; "that is the word that expresses it best -- lydies; it is terrible. What do they do? well it is very difficult to say. No, they are not railway em-

Walsh - S. Anne's

ployees to any extent, and not in the leather trades. They are very difficult to classify, and are a very mixed set; most work outside the parish."

The women being what they are, mothers' meetings are not much use, in fact "I think they are played out". We have one, with a membership of 40. Much more successful is the parish branch of the G.F.S. The girls are dress-makers, apprentices etc. etc. and my daughter takes it. She is nineteen and gets on well with them. She is young and I expect they like her. But life down here is very hard for my daughters. My eldest is 19, and is studying at Trinity College. The violin is her instrument, and she is regarded as a promising pupil. It is quite possible, unfortunately, that she will have to take to it professionally. And going to the college gives her some outside life. Here they are practically isolated, as, & except for the local clergy, there is no one to know. And ^{then} these we can't know round here. Mr. Stobart is a snob, and Mr. Ainsworth a cad, and as for the wife of the latter! she is an obnoxious person, impossible. On Mr. Lewis we did not call."

" My husband has worked hard at the parish; has got the church in order, and the parish out of the rut of Dissent, in which it practically was when we came. But he is getting not the slightest recognition for what he

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has done. It is hard on him, for he is over 50, and is not as strong as he used to be. The Bishop comes and tells us that he will try and arrange something and sympathises -- and does nothing. He never will. His Suffragan is worth a hundred of him."

Mrs. Walsh gave me the following numbers: Sunday School: Register, 6 or 700; Average, 600. 25 teachers. Band of Hope. No district visitors, and, apart from the S.S. teachers, I think, no other voluntary helpers. They have a Mission woman (privately paid for) and she, with the Vicar, forms the staff. Buildings: Church (14-00); Good Mission Hall.

On Sunday morning, the congregation ~~is~~ is 20 or 30; in the evening it ranges from 100 to 150, and is tending to increase somewhat. There are from 40 to 50 communicants.

"There is no religious life in South London; nothing but absolute indifference. The children sent to the Sunday School: that is their religion. But our attendances seem to be as good as anywhere in Bermondsey. My husband went to preach for Mr. Wallace one morning, and had a congregation of four!

"We have no early celebration now; what is the use if no one would come? And nevertheless the Bishop wants it started again. It is useless. My husband himself detests evening communion, but he is obliged to have it.

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"In relief we give away from £15 to £20 a year, getting grants to this amount. Tickets are used, and the amount suffices. Do we use the C.O.S? Indeed no. Please don't start me on the C. O. S. We send a hopeless case to them perhaps, but never anyone in whom any self-respect lingers. See what they are doing now with the Reservists! It is abominable, and they have no right to make these inquiries. I will have nothing to do with them" and words failed her to express the intensity of her dislike. One name only was mentioned in connexion with the Society - ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ "a terrible man, a Mr. Toynbee," who used to be at their local committee.

A propos of the reservists the War was mentioned, and Milner's name. He is a cousin of Mrs. Walsh; they had been children together, and always great friends. She had had a line from him only the previous week, written in the middle of the trying time through which he is going at this moment, and we both sang his praises for five minutes. Then back to the parish, and the "other agencies"; Baptists; Unitarians; and Salvation Army Barracks. But "nothing makes any difference".

Drink is perhaps the greatest curse of the parish, and "drink is in possession of South London". And on Monday day -- the women. It is horrible. And those terrible ~~part~~

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Bank Holidays!"

Mr. Walsh came in at about this time - baldish; gray; ~~side~~ side whiskers and moustache; well chiselled features; a ~~look~~ ^{tired} look and a kindly manner. He took up the conversation, Mrs. Walsh being in the room most of the time, but only interjecting a remark from time to time.

The Vicar endorsed what had been said as the absence of squalid poverty, and said that his parish was sometimes called the "Belgravia of Bermondsey". Occupations that he mentioned as typical were engineers, tanners, (in spite of what Mrs. W. had said) and clerks. The people are friendly, but unapproachable, and Mr. W. described how at the house of one of his best workers he had been that morning kept on the doorstep. That is characteristic of the class and of their attitude. But there is nothing "awry" in the parish, and Mrs. Walsh chimed in as to the affection in which her husband was held. "They don't like anyone else to preach, and if he is not there they don't go and they don't give". But the Vicar's absences are very rare "I have only been away ~~for~~ two Sundays during the past two years". One explanation of this was clearly the cost of finding a substitute, and, doubtless, straitened means have a good deal to do with explaining

the exclusiveness of the family, as described by Mrs. Walsh. The Vicar said that he had no private means, and that last year his income from all ~~xxxxxx~~ sources, fees, stipend and everything, came to just £308. Rates are high and the Vicarage is assessed at, I think, £60. "No, sometimes when we have paid insurance charges, rates etc. we have rather a difficult task to make both ends meet". In addition to the two daughters, there is a son preparing to be an engineer, and for him "we must have a home". I saw no sign of a servant, Mrs. Walsh herself letting me in, and the room in which we talked was a little bare. It is easy to understand that the lady in any case would not find it ^{easy} ~~xxxxxxxx~~ to be intimate with her two well-to-do clerical neighbours, on both of whom she is inclined to look down. For she is as proud as she is poor.

Of his neighbours Mr. Walsh spoke with greater charity and reserve than his wife had done: Mr. Lewis "means well" but has rather put his foot in it lately with his Vestry and other people; that letter you may have heard of. "His predecessor but one, Mr. Lawrence, "a great loss to Bermondsey." Mr. Stobart is a "hard-working man"; has private means. Mr. Ainsworth also "busy"; has large schools. Mr. Coulthard has "lots of missionary work going on". But praise and recognition so far had lacked

cordiality ~~so far~~, and his tone was different in speaking of Mr. Lees Bell, the Rural Dean: "a very nice man, and a gentleman". He described him further as one of the men who had been passed over, and as being also a poor man. I noted the difference of tone, and he admitted it, saying that Mr. Stobart was "rough"; Mr. Ainsworth "a National School master who had married money", and making it clear that personally he ~~did~~ did not care for the tone of either, Mrs. Walsh chipping in with the remark that it was no longer possible to assume that a clergyman was a gentleman.

Reverting to his own parish he said that they were not of a class that attracted the outsider who might have either money or time to give; they were not poor enough, "but perhaps they want more than those who are less well off". He mentioned that the Church Pastoral Aid Soc. withdrew his grant for a curate because he refused to continue a mission service that no one would attend. He resented their action, and would apparently not welcome, even if he could get it, the kind of curate that the Soc. would be likely to send him. But he nevertheless feels that the only way to work a parish in South London is by the command of money, and the co-operation of a large staff of paid agents. This led us back to the question of the

Bishop, and, ~~still~~ in the minor key, he appeared to endorse all that his wife had said. ~~Maxix~~ Talbot is, he said, too much of a don, the only parish experience that he had had since leaving Keble having been at Leeds where he took over one of the best organized parishes in the country. His diocese is too much for him, and "is wearing the life out of him" and making him long for the day when the separate diocese of Southwark will be formed. They have both forecast his future, and, poor though their opinion of him is, they think that he is bound for Canterbury, by way of Winchester, Randall Davidson being Temple's immediate successor. Creighton is reputed to be no longer in the running, having "done something" that has put him out of court. But any change that relieves them of Talbot will be welcomed, and both appear to hope that the present Suffragan may be appointed the first Bishop of (South London) Southwark.

30 Report of interview with the Rev. J.R.Pridie, Missioner of the Clare College Mission, Rotherhithe, at his rooms, 133 Abbeyfield Road. (E.A.) Jan.13.1900.

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Mr. P. has been here for only a year, although he has known the Mission for a longer time. It was started about 14 years ago, and forms a conventional district of its parish. The area covered is that lying between Southwark Park and the Railway, South of Southwark Park Road, and north of New Road. It looks a little bit, but is said to contain 4500 people, who are "thick" on the ground. The people are a mixed lot, mostly above the class of the unskilled, and Peak Frean's men; City waiters, artisans of various trades, printers, & clerks were mentioned. Lillington St. and its people, are exceptional in the district, which was not chosen by the College for its ~~exceptional~~ poverty, but rather because the ^{li}aving of the parish in which the Mission stands in is in the gift of the College. The district is, however, getting poorer, and more crowded, the expansion of the S.E.R. having this effect. Especially is the decline of Raymott Road certain, as the railway is being widened just behind it; the backs of the houses will be built up again with ~~xx~~ less space behind, and a poorer class is sure to come in. Rents and rates in the district are both high. The two-storeyed houses like his own in Abbeyfield Road are let for from 14/- to 16/-

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a ^{Lee} ~~W.K.~~. On the whole the housing is fair, although there has been a good deal of illness lately -- from diphtheria, typhoid etc. He thinks that the Sanitary authorities do their best, but they need telling very often, before they will move.

Mr. Pridie~~xx~~ received me in a room redolent of tobacco, but he had somewhat the appearance of an ascetic. He is a little man, dark, closely shaven, quiet-voiced. He was wearing a cassock; had rather a tired manner and did not give the impression of a physically strong man. He is being rather pushed just now, as the assistant-missioner has not yet been ordained priest. He will be at Easter, and Mr. Pridie will then be relieved of some of the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ^{He is about 32 years of age.} strain. His predecessor speaks of the satisfactory appointment that has been made in Mr. Pridie, and I can well believe it, for he is one of the men who appear to be marked out for spiritual offices. There may be ~~something~~ ^{something} of the sacerdotal spirit in him, although it did not come out in conversation. On turning to the Magazine, I find that the New Year letter is addressed, regally, to "My dear People", but he strikes one as being of so good a stuff that little presumptions of this kind hardly offend.

Besides the two missionaries, they have two Bible-women,

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and hardly any other helpers. The Kilburn (Church Extension) Sisters have a little Cottage Hospital in the district, and although a ~~thorn~~ in the flesh in some ways, are a great help. The special grievance against the Sisters appears to be their refusal to work on parochial lines, and, on this account, he never officiates at their own little chapel. They come generally to his church, help in visiting etc. and run the girls' Sunday School. They are not so strong as they were, funds apparently having fallen off, and their local staff having been reduced to 2. Their hospital is for out-patients only, and is at the corner of Hawkstone Road.

They have 18 Sunday School teachers, and some 400 children on the register -- the average attendance being about 300. Mr. P. is intending to introduce the S. Sulpice (Dupanloup) System.

Besides the Church (300) they have a ~~misskum~~ parish room (150), much used. They hire a Board School for part of the Sunday School.

I have no figures for the Sunday congregations, but they are large, especially in the evenings. The number of Communicants is ~~growing~~ ~~growing~~, ~~for~~ the roll being 250; the monthly average, 40; and the Christmas Day total 155.

About £30 is given away in the year in relief, mainly

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in pensions and to sick cases. He is in accord with the C.O.S. thinking that they are "on the ~~xxxxxxx~~ right and only possible lines". S. Olave's Union he described without hesitation as "the very worst in London".

For nursing they go to the Jubilee Nurses, but he mentioned the extent to which the people nursed themselves.

The Report inserted gives further particulars of the work, and on P.12 Mr. Pridie has added the names of the various agencies. He spoke of the yearly excursion that is made to Clare, and of the keenness of the people on the College. "Clare" becomes a motive and a source of pride. This is all to the good, although it does not indicate a particularly high standard. The moral standard is, indeed, rather lax, although professional immorality is not common. In this respect there has been an improvement, especially in Dilston Grove, which at one time had a bad name. He appeared to have had the amount of irregularity among young people brought home to him, and he attributed much of it to the overcrowded homes. Children do not escape, and he appeared to think that the local practice of ~~xxxxxx~~ paying visits to the Cemetery at Nunhead was to be deprecated, the place apparently giving opportunities for seclusion that were undesirably used. It is here that there have been several cases of the seduction of quite

quite young children -- among the tombs, horrible!

There are no other religious agencies in the ~~parish~~ mission district, but, in the neighbourhood, he mentioned Manor Road Chapel, Drummond Road Chapel, and Southwark Park Presbyterian Church. But "the big thing" is Mr. Richardson's Free Church, which has a very large connexion among the men, and "does a lot of work".



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1. NAME.—That this Mission be called "THE CLARE COLLEGE MISSION," and have for its object the Christianizing of some spiritually destitute district.
2. GENERAL COMMITTEE.—That all Annual Subscribers and all Donors of £5 and upwards be members of the General Committee.
3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—That an Executive Committee be annually chosen, at a meeting of the General Committee, in the Lent Term, and consist of the following:—The Master, the Treasurer, the two Hon. Secs. *ex officio*; and three Freshmen, three Second year, three above Second year, two Resident and ten Non-Resident Graduates, and in case of any officer resigning, the vacancy be filled by the Executive Committee.
4. MEETINGS.—That the General Committee meet not less than once a year. The Executive Committee, if possible, once a month, and not less than once a term.
5. QUORUM.—That five be a quorum of the Executive Committee.
6. APPOINTMENT OF MISSIONER TO LOCALITY.—That the appointment of the Missioner and the final selection of a locality be in the hands of the General Committee.
7. POWER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—That the Executive Committee have the general and financial supervision of the Mission, but that the actual details be at the discretion of the Missioner.
8. TREASURER.—That the Treasurer keep an account of all moneys received and paid. That at each Executive Committee Meeting he give an account of the receipts and expenditure since the last meeting, and that he present a balance sheet annually at the General Meeting in the Lent Term; such balance sheet having been previously audited by an Auditor appointed by the Executive Committee.
9. RESIDENT HON. SEC.—That it be the business of the Resident Hon. Sec. to summon the Meetings of the General and Executive Committees. That he be further bound to summon a meeting of the former on the written requisition of fifteen of its members, and of the latter of six of its members, and that he keep a book of minutes of both Committees.
10. CHAIRMAN.—That the Master be *ex officio* Chairman of Committees, and have a casting vote. That in his absence a Chairman be elected *pro tem*.
11. NON-RESIDENT HON. SEC.—That the Non-Resident Hon. Sec. supply information to the Non-Resident Subscribers of the progress of the Mission.
12. MISSIONER.—That the Missioner be a Member of the Church of England, in Priest's Orders, and be appointed by the General Committee. That he have control of the actual working of the Mission, but that he make an annual report to the General Committee, and give information when desired to the Executive Committee of the progress made, and, as far as may be in his power, afford opportunities of work to Clare Men who may be willing to act under his direction.
13. STIPEND OF MISSIONER.—That the stipend of the Missioner be fixed by the General Committee, and that the subscriptions in excess of the amount of the stipend, if any, be applied to charitable purposes connected with the Mission, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
14. That in the event of the Missioner wishing to leave the Mission, or of his resignation being desired both by the Executive and General Committee, three months' notice be given on either side respectively.
15. That these Rules for the Mission be subject to alteration from time to time by the General Committee of not fewer than twenty-four, providing that no fewer than two-thirds concur.

Clare College Mission,

ROTHERHITHE, S.E.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1898.

The most important occurrence in the history of the College Mission during the past year is the change of the Missioner. Our late Missioner, the Rev. Andrew Amos, had always been of opinion that it was not desirable that the post should be occupied by the same person for a longer period than ten years; and when a presentation to the Rectory of Datchworth was offered to him last spring by the College, he felt that, after about nine years' work as Missioner, he ought not to let the opportunity pass of exchanging his present for a fresh sphere of duty.

We had hoped to be able to make the appointment of a new Missioner before Mr. Amos quitted Rotherhithe for his new parish, but unexpected difficulties occurred, and it was not until September that our present Missioner, the Rev. James Robert Pridie, was requested to undertake the work, and at once consented to do so.

Mr. Pridie was not able to enter upon the charge until the middle of November. During the interval between the Rev. Andrew Amos's removal to Datchworth (about the middle of August) and Mr. Pridie's taking up the work, the duties of Missioner were most efficiently discharged by the Rev. J. P. L. Amos, who had for some time been acting as assistant Missioner to his brother, and who kindly consented to remain in that capacity for a time with Mr. Pridie, and help him in gaining acquaintance with the work of the Mission. Mr. P. Amos's services were especially valuable in keeping on foot the many

social and charitable associations which have been formed in the district, and making arrangements for their winter operations. The Committee owe him their best thanks for his great services, and we must all of us wish him success and happiness in his future career.

Mr. Pridie is now alone, receiving only occasional assistance from friends. But it is understood that Mr. H. R. P. Tringham will, after Trinity Sunday, when he hopes to be admitted to the office of Deacon, take up the work of assistant Missioner under Mr. Pridie.

The general work of the Mission has gone on successfully in all its departments during the past year. The number of the candidates for confirmation, which in 1897 was fifty-five, and exceeded those of any previous year, was last year sixty-two. The ages ranged from nine to sixty-two, the youngest having been admitted under exceptional circumstances. The number of Communicants has likewise increased, and when regard is had to the number of persons which the Mission Church will hold, is remarkably large.

The Mission Parish Magazine for October records the formation of a new Choral Society, and that for November describes the Society as going on exceedingly well. String and mandolin bands have been in existence for some time, and are regarded as valuable adjuncts to the necessary apparatus for concerts.

A new Men's Club was opened by Mr. Pridie almost immediately after entering on his work at Rotherhithe. It is reported to have made a good beginning, and promises to be very useful.

The other clubs and associations are in a flourishing condition, and add greatly to the comfort and enjoyment of their members, and of the inhabitants of the Mission District generally.

The Magazine for July records the visit of two old Sunday School teachers of the Mission, now working in the Universities' Mission to Central Africa; one of them, Vvall, on Lake Nyassa; the other, S. Saunderson, at Zanzibar; and it is expected that two others of our workers will probably join the same Mission before the end of the year.

The annual Excursion was made this year to Southend under the superintendence of Mr. and Mrs. Maylett. About 530 tickets were issued, and all went off successfully, although the absence of four important personages when the excursionists started for their return caused some temporary alarm. They had been stranded, high and dry, about a quarter of a mile out at sea and could not reach the station in time. They arrived safely, however, at Rotherhithe, by a later train.

There was also a Mother's Excursion to the Crystal Palace and Sydenham. The arrival was arranged to take place at the High Level Station, so as to save the excursionists the long climb from the Low Level Station, which had been found so wearisome on former occasions. The party was most hospitably entertained and amused, at Mrs. Barry's house, by Mrs. Barry and her friends.

The Choir Girls spent Thursday, August 26th, at Datchworth Rectory, on the invitation of Mrs. Amos, and enjoyed themselves greatly with a variety of sports and games, finishing with dances upon the lawn.

The August Bank Holiday was marked by the usual visit of workers in the Mission District to Cambridge.

We owe our best thanks to old Clare men, Incumbents of Churches or Masters of Schools, who are willing to devote offertories in their churches or schools to the service of the Mission, and we have again to express our warmest thanks to the Rev. Lancelot Sanderson, Master of Elstree School, for the continuance of the large support which he has for many years given to the Mission; to the Rev. Routh Tomlinson, Rector of Finchampstead, near Wokingham, for the gift of an offertory in his church; and to Mr. Cowdell Barrett, of Weymouth, for a contribution from a class under his charge, which has for some time been making a weekly collection for the Mission. The Missioner speaks with enthusiasm (see Mission Parish Magazine for June) of an evening service in the Weymouth College Chapel at which, on the invitation of the Head Master, he preached, when a collection was made on behalf of the Mission. A further, and probably final, contribution of £87 15s. 2d. from the Church Extension Local Fund is recorded

in the Mission Parish Magazine for September, some of the contributions being given to provide special articles of furniture for the Mission Church.

We are sorry to have to report that even now the cost of the extension of our Mission Church is not completely liquidated. It has been found absolutely necessary to incur some incidental expenses not included in the estimates, partly in consequence of requirements of the London County Council, and partly in making provision for the more complete convenience and comfort of the Mission Church in the way of furniture, curtains, &c. There remains, therefore, a balance of £452 16s. 4d. still due. A portion of this, amounting to £300, may be advanced from the balances in the hands of the treasurer, about £50 has been promised towards the liquidation of this debt, and it is hoped that at least the remainder, amounting to about £100, may be contributed by the supporters of the Mission.

Our warmest thanks are again due to the many kind friends to whose personal services and gifts the Mission is so largely indebted; and in particular we have to thank the Rev. G. J. Perram and his daughters for the continuance of their regular visits to the Mission.

It is a subject of congratulation that the members of Jesus College have begun definite Mission work in the parish of Christ Church, Rotherhithe, and we trust that this work may be extended and become permanent.

In conclusion, we would again invite the attention of the junior members of the College to the earnest wish of the Missioner that they would visit the district, and make themselves personally acquainted with the work of the Mission.

E. ATKINSON,

Chairman of the Committee.

CLARE COLLEGE LODGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

February 13th, 1899.

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LATE MISSIONER'S REPORT.

IN issuing a short report of the work of the Mission until July, 1898, I cannot but express a strong opinion on the vitality of the work. The increased accommodation was continuously taxed to its full extent, and every one, after the first few weeks, thoroughly appreciated the changed conditions. The services have been more reverently conducted but still with the same heartiness as of yore, while the spiritual part of the work showed a very real development. As far as statistics go, there was again an advance in the number of those confirmed, while the earnestness displayed was very real. There were sixty-five confirmed of all ages, and in most cases no pressure was exercised in putting before them the reasonableness of their presenting themselves for that rite; indeed, in two instances at least a demand was made that permission should be granted for their presenting themselves at an age when I personally thought the candidates were too youthful. I accordingly referred them to the Bishop, for they told me that no age was mentioned in the Prayer Book, and that they fulfilled all the conditions laid down there. The Bishop very kindly looked into the matter, and accepted them as candidates. The number of communicants at Easter showed an increase, the total being 280. While this a most important part of the work of a College Mission has gone on smoothly, the various agencies have been working steadily.

As however my connection with the College Mission has altered somewhat in character, it is well to say a few words with regard to the future.

In the first place, I have to congratulate the Committee and the supporters on the appointment of Mr. Pridie. There were many searchings of heart and much anxiety in the summer over the appointment of a new Missioner. But the solution that has been arrived at is a most satisfactory one. I am sure that in his hands the future of the work is quite safe, and everyone who supports the Mission may feel sure the evangelical side of the work will be maintained.

Secondly, let me notice the growing unanimity and

keenness existing in all the College Missions. Begun as an experiment, continued amid many discouragements, the College Mission movement has been proved a success, and the energy and enthusiasm of the College Missioners shows no falling off, thanks chiefly to the Bishop of Rochester in calling together the various Missioners at stated times in the year. We have learnt our strength. Working previously in detached districts the power to gauge our usefulness was wanting. Now, under the Bishop's eye, we meet and we compare notes, with the result that each finds that the whole movement is a very large one. This meeting together has unified and knit closely the work of the College Missions, and made all the Missioners feel what a really great and important work the College Missions are doing; and thus fresh energy and hopefulness are kindled. I venture to suggest that could combined meetings be held at Cambridge, it would help individual Colleges to understand what an important work their own College Mission really is. In general, a College Missioner does not care to advertise himself, and hence the real value of the College Mission does not appear so prominently as it deserves to do.

Thirdly, I would say something on the financial side. First as to organisation. It is a matter of much satisfaction that the undergraduates have come forward during the past year with a much larger subscription list. It will be necessary in the future to keep this up. At present the collection of subscriptions rests with the undergraduate Committee (an ever changing body); hence from year to year the donations vary. It seems to me that this must continue to do so unless the canvass each year is made to depend less on the individual exertions of the members of the Committee and more on their united action. Another very important point is to canvass the members of the College at the earliest time in the October term, and, if possible, secure promises of subscriptions for three years at least. Again, it is most important to organise the subscriptions of those going down: a glance at the Report shows an enormous leakage. A man's name appears for the three years as an undergraduate, and then disappears finally from the list; it should be possible to retain on the list a large number. I would suggest that each

man in the College should be definitely asked to continue his subscriptions for a period of three to five years after leaving Cambridge. I am sure that the work of following this up could be managed by the Assistant Secretaries; they would be glad to receive the names of men to whom they could apply with some prospect that their letter might gain an increased total to the sums they forward to the Treasurer.

Then a word as to the work itself. It would be an enormous gain to the Missioner if the grants made by the Committee could be increased. A glance at the Missioner's accounts for some years will convince any one that in carrying on the work it is difficult to make both ends meet.

Without being in the least extravagant it would be quite possible in any year to bring the balance due to the Missioner to a sum of £50. Indeed, the Executive Committee find themselves unable often to make a grant of £50 during the year to the work of the Mission. When I first took up work there, it was understood that this total was what I might expect to receive each year from the Committee. In nine years that total was only reached on one occasion. Knowing as I did the difficulties of the Committee, I did not, nor do I now complain; but having some experience I venture to hope that Clare men will come forward and so lighten the difficulties of the Executive that they will be able to allow the Missioner a minimum of £50 in grants to carry on the work. I can assure the College that this amount is really needed, and it will, I trust, be possible to expend this or even more on maintaining the efficiency of the work. And finally, I would draw attention to the need of a personal visit to the Mission. This has become a feature at some of the College Missions, namely St. John's, Pembroke, and Caius, but the number of Clare men who visit the Mission is very small. It is one of those things that a Missioner cannot put to men with sufficient force, but, as I am Missioner no longer, I venture to put before our supporters one aspect that a Missioner never mentions. It is his business to go on working—to make the best of things. He goes at his work with an intense belief in it, he is to meet all difficulties; he likes to hear of the growth of interest at Cambridge. But the

thing that strikes him is a personal visit, for he says to himself, "Here's a man who really cares about the work and sympathises with it." Clare men, undergraduates especially, think they will be a nuisance: if they only understood what an intense pleasure a personal visit gives the Missioner, even if the notice be by telegram, I think the College would swarm into Rotherhithe. The relations between the College and the Mission will no doubt be knit closer in the future. It was only for two years my good fortune to have a Clare man working with me. The Missioner is very much tied to his work, and cannot get up to Clare as often as is necessary; but when the Assistant Missioner is a Clare man too, then it is possible to devote some attention to Cambridge. During the time Mr. Gobat was at Rotherhithe the relations with Cambridge were closer than at any other time. It is therefore a matter of congratulation that the post of Assistant Missioner will probably be filled by a Clare man, and I hope it will always be possible to maintain this arrangement. A College Mission has peculiar claims on the services of the men of that College. And the intercourse between the Mission and the College demands that those who work the Mission should be exclusively Clare men. I would not for a moment in saying this make little of the work either of Mr. Foyster or my brother. Both gave loyal and devoted service. But still Clare men should man the Clare Mission. With these few words I would close the last Report I have to make to the supporters of the Clare College Mission. The Mission started when I was at Cambridge, and for nearly nine years it has been under my charge. I may have made mistakes, I may have made errors of judgment, but one thing I am certain of, and that is, that the Clare College Mission has been a blessing to thousands, and that it thoroughly deserves the support of every Clare man. The future of the work we may leave to God, and I trust that there will ever be Clare men to carry on the work to the good of Rotherhithe, the honour of an ancient foundation, and the glory of God.

ANDREW AMOS.

February 13th, 1899.

MISSIONER'S REPORT.

IN supplementing the Report of your late Missioner on the work of the year 1898, it is of course impossible for me to give any detailed account of the working of the various parts of the Mission during the past year. But I may perhaps say something of the general condition of things as I found them on my arrival. To a new comer one of the most striking facts to be noticed is the keenness of the people for their Mission. They feel a personal interest in it, and its prosperity is a matter which touches them very closely. And this of course is a great help to the Missioner in carrying on his work.

But we are not content with merely being on friendly terms with the congregation of the Mission Church—there is a larger work to be done, and a greater. The work is twofold, evangelizing and edifying. We have to try to touch those without as well as to build up those within the influence of the Church. And we have to do with men and women whose hard and toilsome lives need the influence of higher things to be brought to bear on them, and brought to bear in such a way that they may feel that religion is a real, practical force which must mould and quicken their lives on a week-day as well as their worship on Sunday. The class of people with whom we have to deal in the Mission are people who have to face life's problems for themselves—who are in touch with, and influenced by, the thoughts and ideas of a busy world; and our work is to try and help them and to show them that the Church has something to offer them for strength and guidance.

And this work has a double character—it touches the social and the spiritual life of the people. In the social work of the Mission—thrift clubs, social clubs, meetings and the like, we are trying to bring to bear in a practical way the principles of Christianity which form the basis of our work. But we cannot be content with that alone. Theories of social improvement do not degenerate men. They do much, and they play a very important part in a scheme of work like ours; but

they do not really touch the deeper needs of men's spiritual nature. And so, though they form an important part, it is yet a necessarily subordinate part of our work.

It is the other side, the spiritual side, which claims our greatest efforts, and we try to provide for this need by the services in Church, the Sunday Schools and Guilds, Bible and Instruction Classes, &c., as well as by the not less important work of house to house visits to our people. And here I have found the congregations large, the roll of communicants growing, and the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes steadily though slowly increasing.

And this work has not been done in a day. It is the growth of years—of gradual success growing sometimes out of failure, and I feel in taking it up that I have been called to carry on a work which has a history of self-devotion and untiring effort behind it, and by GOD'S blessing may have the possibility of still further growth and expansion before it.

JAMES R. PRIDIE.

February 13th, 1899.

- Mothers' Meeting. 120.
- Men's Club (first started) 25.
- Boys' Guild. 80.
- Girls: 120.
- Sunday Schools - 400. w. 300.
- Comm. Guild.
- Servants Guild.
- Working Girls Club. (20)
- Boys Bible Class (20).
- Men's " "
- Womans Help. Societ. 40
- " Penny Bank.
- General " "
- Girls Club Penny Bank.
- Slate Club. — "her staff."
- Provident Club.
- Soup kitchen.
- Lectures.

Statement of Accounts of Local Organisations.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
By Reserve, 1897	25 0 0	To Sick Pay	78 4 2
" Members' Contributions, &c.	368 1 2	" Death Dues	20 0 0
" Death Levy	46 10 6	" Payments to Doctor	23 15 0
" Doctor's Fees	23 3 10	" Share Out	296 0 0
" Arrears	8 4 7	" Reserve Fund	25 0 0
	£471 0 1	" Management, &c.	27 10 11
			£471 0 1
SLATE CLUB.		PROVIDENT CLUB.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
By Reserve, 1897	253 1 4	To Drapery, 759 at 4s. 8d.	177 2 0
" Members' Contributions, &c.	2 1 1	" Boots, 161	37 11 4
" Death Levy	1 5 5	" Coals, 248	53 4 5
" Doctor's Fees	254 8 10		1,168 at 4s. 8d.
" Arrears	£254 8 10		Less Discount
			15 2 3
			£252 15 6
Invested in 1898	112 0 0	Paid out	91 14 3

Clare College Mission,

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

To end of 1898.

ACCOUNT A.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Atkinson, Rev. Dr.	10 0 0	Chataway, Rev. J.	1 0 0
Atkinson, Mrs.	5 0 0	Chaytor, A. H.	5 0 0
A Friend	2 0	Chisman, H. F.	10 6
Aitchison, Rev. C. W. H.	1 1 0	Christie, Rev. G. J. B.	10 0
Alderson, Rev. W. H.	5 5 0	Clarke, A. R.	10 0
Alexander, Rev. E. P.	1 1 0	Clarke, Rev. F. K.	1 0 0
Allison, Rev. H. F.	5 0	Clarke, G. H.	1 0 0
Allison, Rev. W. S.	5 0	Clarke, H. M.	10 0
Andrew, E. H.	10 0	Clarke, S. F.	1 1 0
Avery, G. C. E.	1 0 0	Clifton, A. B.	1 0 0
Ball, surplus of Clare (per E. de B. Phelps)	5 0 0	Collected by J. G. Jackson	1 1 0
Bailey, C.	5 0	Cooper, W. F.	1 0 0
Barnes, Rev. W. E., D.D.	10 0	Copeman, Rev. R.	5 0
Barrett, W. E. Cowdell	1 1 0	Corban, W. H. B.	1 0 0
Barton, Rev. G. H. Bourne	10 6	Cory, R. W.	1 0 0
Bassett, P. R.	1 0 0	Couper, S. B.	10 0
Beale, S. F.	10 0	Cowell, N. R.	10 0
Beck, Rev. Canon	5 0 0	Craig, Rev. R.	10 0
Bell, G. A.	10 6	Crofton-Atkins, W. A.	10 0
Bell, R.	15 0	Crosfield, Rev. A. C.	2 2 0
Benthall, W. H.	1 1 0	Crossland, C.	5 0
Bentinck, Count C.	10 0	Crossley, A. H.	1 0 0
Blackburne, H. W.	10 0	Dashwood, H. T. A.	10 0
Blackwood, J. A.	10 0	Dashwood, G. L.	1 0 0
Blair, A.	5 0	Davenport, T. J. W. C.	2 0
Bloomfield, Rev. H.	10 0 0	Durell, Rev. J. C. V.	5 0 0
Bond, Rev. W. H.	1 1 0	Eastman, T.	1 1 0
Borough, R. F.	10 0	Elwin, E. A.	10 0
Boulton, A. St. J.	10 0	Emerson, S. J. H.	10 0
Braithwaite, Mrs.	2 2 0	Evans, A. H.	1 1 0
Brittain, R.	5 0	Ewbank, L.	1 1 0
Bromley, Rev. C.	1 1 0	Fairbanks, Rev. A.	1 1 0
Bryan, Rev. H.	2 6	Fairbanks, W.	1 1 0
Buckton, Rev. T. F.	10 0	Fawcett, P. Noble	2 2 0
Burgess, Rev. H. E.	5 0	Feltoe, Rev. C. L.	3 3 0
Buxton, Rev. T. F.	5 0	Fernie, A. E.	10 0
Campbell, Rev. A. N.	2 2 0	Flower, A. D.	10 0
Campbell, W.	10 0	Ford, H. R.	1 1 0
Campbell-Brown, G. F.	10 0	Foster, J.	10 0
Carter, Rev. H.	1 0 0	Frankland, F. W. B.	10 0
Carter, Rev. H. J.	1 1 0	Fraser, J. H.	10 0
Chadwick, H. M.	2 2 0	Frost, Rev. G. P. H.	1 1 0

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Fulford, Rev. H. W.	10 0 0	Lock, G. H.	2 2 0
Fulford, Mrs. (the late)	10 0	Low, J.	2 0 0
Fulford, Miss	5 0	Lyster, P. S.	1 0 0
Fuller, Rev. J.	2 0 0	Macdonald, H. M.	1 1 0
Glover, Rev. J. H.	2 2 0	Macfarlane-Grieve, W. A.	2 2 0
Going, T. H.	10 0	Macqueen, R. H.	10 0
Griffin, J. T.	1 0 0	Maitland, R. W.	1 0 0
Griffith, T. F.	1 1 0	Mann, Rev. C. N.	1 1 0
Griffith, Rev. T. T.	1 1 0	Marshall, Rev. F.	2 2 0
Gubbins, J. G.	10 0	Martin, H. C.	10 0
Guntler, O. G.	10 0	Medlycott, W.	10 0
Gurney, Rev. H. P.	2 2 0	Miller, R. M.	1 0 0
Hall, Rev. F. J.	10 0	Miller, H. M.	5 0
Hall, N. A.	10 0	Mollison, W. L.	2 2 0
Harrison, E. C.	10 0	Monro, H. C.	1 1 0
Hartley, Rev. W. H. S.	5 0	Moore, A. C.	10 0
Haslewood, Rev. Dr.	5 0	Morrison, W. S.	5 0
Hendson, B.	10 0	Moule, G. H.	7 6
Hey, Rev. J.	2 2 0	Offertory, Clare College Chapel	9 0 0
Hickling, Rev. E. L.	10 0	Panter, Rev. J. A.	1 0 0
Hind, Rev. J.	10 0	Parkin, J. S.	1 0 0
Hird, Rev. F.	10 0	Part, Mrs.	5 0 0
Hocken, H. C.	2 6	Peacey, C. C.	10 0
Hodge, D. S.	10 0	Peake, G. E.	10 0
Hoste, Rev. A.	1 1 0	Penistan, E. J.	5 0
Houldey, J. E.	5 0	Perram, Rev. G. J.	2 2 0
Howard, Rev. H. R.	10 0	Peters, H.	5 0 0
Howden, H. J.	5 0	Philpotts, Rev. E. A.	10 0
Hunt, C. H.	10 0	Phipps, Rev. R.	10 0
Hunt, E. H.	10 0	Plumptre, E. M.	6 0
Hunter, N. F.	10 0	Price, Rev. A. R.	1 1 0
Hutchinson, H. N.	2 0 0	Puckridge, Rev. O.	1 1 0
Inchbald, Rev. W. E.	1 1 0	Punnett, H. M.	2 6
Izard, Rev. P. P.	5 0	Purton, Rev. G. A.	1 0 0
J. H.	5 0	Ratcliff, P. W.	10 0
Jackson, J. G.	10 0	Risk, J. Tudor	1 1 0
Johnson, Rev. Canon	2 2 0	Ritchie, G.	5 0
Jones, T. L.	10 0	Robinson, A. H.	10 0
Kemp, J. E. C.	10 0	Robinson, J. S.	10 0
Kemp, H. C. E.	10 0	Rogers, Rev. Canon	10 0
Kemp, J. H.	10 0	Rolfe, R.	5 0
Kerby, E. T.	5 0	Roscoe, T. le B.	5 0
Keysell, Rev. F. S.	10 0	Rose, Rev. A. E.	10 0
King, Rev. A. E.	2 0 0	S., J.	10 6
King, Rev. G. L.	1 1 0	S., P. S.	10 6
Kingsford, Rev. F. W. (the late)	1 1 0	S. L.	5 0
Kittermaster, D. B.	10 0	Salmon, Rev. W. B.	1 0 0
Kynaston, Rev. E.	10 6	Sampson, Rev. G.	1 1 0
Lea, T. S.	1 1 0	Sanderson, Rev. L.	5 5 0
Leach, B.	5 0	Seaman, Owen	1 1 0
Lees, H. E.	1 1 0	Shaw, Rev. T. H.	1 1 0
Lewis, Rev. H. D.	10 0	Simpson, Rev. J. H. Pelly	1 1 0

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Spencer, Rev. W.	10 10 0	Whish, Rev. J. A.	1 1 0
Smith, C. G.	1 0 0	White, F. G.	10 0
Smith, Rev. S. Scarlett	1 0 0	Wilde, Rev. R.	2 2 0
Stirling, F.	10 0	Williams, Rev. A. H.	1 1 0
Stogdon, F.	5 0	Williams, J. A.	10 0
		Wilmot, Rev. Preb. Eardley	1 1 0
Taylor, H. P.	1 0 0	Winter, Rev. C. H.	10 0
Thurburn, T. H.	10 0	Woodbury, Mrs.	1 1 0
Thursfield, Rev. R. C.	5 0	Wray, Col. J. C.	1 0 0
Tomlinson, Rev. R.	5 0	Young, C. S.	10 0
Tooke, C. L.	10 0		
Travis, Rev. W. T.	10 6		
		SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1897.	
Unwin, R.	10 0	Avery, G. C. E.	5 0
		Blakeston, Rev. L. H.	1 1 0
Waller, N. J.	10 0	Brittain, R.	5 0
Waller, Rev. T. H.	1 0 0	Cooper, W. F.	10 0
Walley, Rev. S. C.	5 0	Cowell, N. R.	5 0
Wallinger, E. A.	10 0	Griffith, Rev. T. T.	1 1 0
Wanton, C. A. N.	10 0	Hall, N. A.	10 0
Wardale, F. J.	1 0 0	Kerby, E. T.	10 0
Wardale, Rev. J.	10 0 0	Macdonald, H. M.	1 1 0
Wardale, J. R.	10 0 0	Ridley, Rev. W. D.	1 0 0
Wells, Rev. W. C.	10 0		
Werner, C. H.	10 0		
		TOTAL	£280 17 6

Examined, and found correct,
 P. NOBLE FAWCETT.
 February 13th, 1899.

H. W. FULFORD,
 Hon. Treasurer.

NOTE.—Besides the above subscriptions, the sum of £5 10s. 0d. was contributed by the members of the College in residence during the Long Vacation towards the expenses of the visit to Cambridge of workers in the Mission District.

ACCOUNT B.
 THE HON. TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CLARE COLLEGE MISSION.

Dr. Cr.
 From January 1, 1898, to December 31, 1898.

January 1, 1898.	£ s. d.	December 31, 1898.	£ s. d.
To Balance in Bank, General Account	210 17 11	By Grants for Expenses to Missioners	35 0 0
Building Fund Account	606 9 4	Payments to the A.C.S. for Missioner's Stipend	145 2 3
Annual Subscriptions (Account A)	280 17 6	Half Quarter Stipend to Assistant Missioner	21 9 4
Donations to Building Fund (Account C)	93 0 2	Insurance	1 15 3
Interest on Deposit at Bank	8 7 0	Printing Report, 1897 (R. Clay and Sons)	9 6 0
		Expenses of non-resident Hon. Secretary	1 13 4
		Payments in connection with Building Fund	626 4 0
		Balance of Building Fund Account	81 12 6
		General Account	277 9 3
	£1,199 11 11		£1,199 11 11

Audited, and found correct,
 P. NOBLE FAWCETT.
 February 13th, 1899.

H. W. FULFORD,
 Hon. Treasurer.

NOTE.—The increase in the Balance of the General Account is largely due to the fact that the office of Missioner was vacant from August 2nd to November 6th, during which period the work was carried on by the Assistant Missioner.

Clare College Mission.

DONATIONS TO BUILDING FUND.

Fifth List — 1898.

ACCOUNT C.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Atkinson, Mrs.	5	0	0	Wardale, J. R.	10	10	0
Alderson, Rev. W. H.	5	5	0	Woodbury, Miss (the late)	4	0	0
Barton, Rev. G. H. B.	10	6	0		68	13	0
Blakeston, Rev. L. R.	1	0	0	Collected in Mission District			
Burton, P. M.	10	6	0	(per Mr. Maylett)	23	18	2
Fawcett, P. Noble	10	10	0	Ditto (per Mr. Amos)	9	0	0
Frampton, Rev. C. T.	5	0	0		93	0	2
Fulford, Rev. H. W.	10	0	0	Donations received in 1894,			
Glover, Rev. T. F.	3	3	0	1895, 1896, and 1897,	1,294	9	7
Hutchinson, H. N.	1	0	0	and acknowledged in			
Maylett, Mr. and Mrs. (altar	8	0	0	the Reports for those	1,387	9	9
rail)				years			
St. Mary, Melcombe Regis,	2	2	0				
Bible Class (per W. E.							
Cowdell Barrett)							
Suffield Park School, Cromer	2	2	0				
(per H. E. C. Kemp)							

Examined, and found correct,
P. NOBLE FAWCETT.
February 13th, 1899.

H. W. FULFORD,
Hon. Treasurer.

CLARE COLLEGE MISSION.

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT
to December 31, 1898.

ACCOUNT D.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
June 18, 1894.			
To Donations (see Account C)	1,387	9	9
" Sale of Investments	343	13	0
" Advance from Balance of General Fund	145	9	0
" Rent for Houses	75	15	6
" Interest on Deposit	8	7	0
" Balance of Amount Collected in Mission District			
(paid direct to Surveyor)	3	7	6
	1,964	1	9

Audited, and found correct,
P. NOBLE FAWCETT.
February 13th, 1899.

Ct.

	£	s.	d.
December 31, 1898.			
By Purchase of Freehold Site of Mission	765	0	0
" Solicitors' Bill (Messrs. Hawks and Co.)	52	10	0
" Vendor's Costs	7	2	6
" Repairs to Houses	4	13	10
" Rates, Taxes and Insurance	20	8	11
" Surveyor, &c.	3	7	6
" Commission on Collection of Rents	3	2	6
" Architects' Fee on Account (Messrs. Milne and Hall)	45	0	0
" Builders on Account (Messrs. Turtle and Appleton)	900	0	0
" Educational Supply Association, Choir Seats,			
Chairs, &c.	50	4	4
" Gas Fitters	18	9	8
" Altar Rail	12	10	0
" Balance in hands of Treasurer	81	12	6
	1,964	1	9

H. W. FULFORD,
Hon. Treasurer.

NOTE.—A sum of £73 18s. 2d. included in "Donations £1,387 9s. 9d." was collected in the Mission District.

Clare College Mission.

ACCOUNT E.

(1) DONATIONS DIRECT TO THE MISSIONER.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
The Rev. the Master	10 0 0	A Friend	1 0 0
X. Y. Z.	15 12 0	Rev. Andrew Amos	10 0 0
Mrs. Amos	3 0 0	H. G.	10 0 0
Rev. C. N. Perez	1 0 0	Anonymous (for special object)	4 10 0
Elstree School Offertory	6 14 0	Mrs. Fawcett	5 0 0
Weymouth School Offertory	2 7 6	Old Clare Scholar	1 0 0
Finchampstead (per Rev. R. Tomlinson)	5 13 10	Anonymous	6 0
Mr. White	3 17 4		
Metropolitan District Visit- ing Association	10 0 0		
			<u>£90 0 8</u>

(2) ORGAN FUND.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Mrs. Atkinson	5 0 0	Mr. Coe	1 0 0
Rev. J. Wardale	2 0 0	Miss Coe	1 0 0
Rev. A. Amos	5 0 0	Miss M. Coe	1 0 0
Cumming McDona, Esq.	1 1 0	Mr. Evans	2 2 0
Rev. G. P. L. Amos	5 0 0	Mr. White	1 0 0
H. G. M. Amos	3 3 0	Mr. Gage	1 0 0
Mrs. Carr Gomm	2 0 0	Small sums	10 16 0
Rev. Canon Beck	1 1 0	Advanced by Friends	73 2 0
Per Sister Miriam	1 0 0		
Miss Clayton	1 0 0	Paid Messrs. Eustace Ingram	£129 5 0
Mrs. Cracknell	1 0 0		
Mr. Billing	1 0 0		

(3) DECORATION FUND.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Miss Perram and Mothers' Meeting	7 10 0	Paid Messrs. Mowbray	16 8 6
Mr. Coe	5 0 0	Paid Messrs. Jones and Willis	3 9 3
Special Offertory	1 0 1	Paid for Decorations	2 2 5
Collected	8 10 1		
	<u>£22 0 2</u>		<u>£22 0 2</u>

Examined, and found correct,

P. NOBLE FAWCETT.

February 13th, 1899.

H. W. FULFORD,

Hon. Treasurer.

DONATIONS TO SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION FUND.

£ s. d.		Mr. Maylett's List (continued) £ s. d.	
Collected by Mr. Maylett—		Amounts per Rev. W. H. Alderson	7 6
Employés of R. Clay & Sons	1 16 6	J. C. Sharpe, Esq.	6 0
Rev. W. H. Alderson	1 1 0	A. H. Chaytor, Esq.	5 0
H. R. Ford, Esq.	1 1 0	W. B. Slater, Esq.	5 0
Rev. Dr. Atkinson	1 1 0	Rev. Dr. Gurney	5 0
Rev. H. W. Fulford's Children	1 1 0	Hon. Mrs. Stretton	5 0
Rev. J. Hey	1 0 0	Miss Alderson	5 0
Mr. Coe	1 0 0	Rev. Canon Beck	5 0
Mr. & Mrs. Carr-Gomm	1 0 0	Smith Brothers	5 0
Mrs. Whish	1 0 0	Rev. W. B. Bladon	5 0
Mrs. Atkinson	10 6	A. C. Clay, Esq.	5 0
P. Noble Fawcett, Esq.	10 6	R. Clay, Esq.	5 0
Mrs. Fawcett	10 6	T. J. Wise, Esq.	5 0
Rev. J. H. Glover	10 6	Mr. H. E. Blunt	5 0
J. R. Wardale, Esq.	10 6	Rev. J. Wardale	5 0
Mrs. Amos (Cambridge)	10 6	Mr. T. Mason	5 0
Rev. H. Blomfield	10 0	Rev. H. J. Carter	5 0
Rev. Prebendary Frampton	10 0	Rev. W. Inchbald	5 0
W. L. Mollison, Esq.	10 0	Mr. Batey	5 0
Standidge & Co.	10 0	Rev. H. B. Roberts	5 0
Mr. and Mrs. Maylett	10 0	H. E. Kemp, Esq.	5 0
C. J. Clay, Esq.	10 0	Rev. G. Sampson	5 0
Winstone & Sons	10 0	Rev. A. H. Williams	5 0
H. Campbell, Esq.	10 0	Rev. E. Eardley Wilmott	5 0
McNamara & Co., Ltd.	10 0	Rev. J. W. Haddock	5 0
Rev. R. Wilde	10 0	W. E. Cowdell Barrett, Esq.	5 0
Stevens, Pellatt & Co.	10 0	Rev. F. Marshall	5 0
Mr. W. Pye	10 0	Rev. H. Carter	5 0
A. Ll. Clay, Esq.	10 0	R. E. J. Meade, Esq.	5 0
Rev. A. Fairbanks	10 0	H. Sprake, Esq.	3 0
W. Fairbanks, Esq.	10 0	3 amounts at 2/6	7 6
Rev. F. W. Lushington	10 0	Collected by Miss Maylett	2 4 0
Rev. J. C. V. Durell	7 6	" " Miss Nellie Blyth	1 4 0
Rev. E. A. Atherton	7 6		

The Mission can be reached in the following ways:—

1. From Paddington—every twenty minutes from Bishop's Road to Deptford Road : journey forty minutes.
2. From Euston—every twenty minutes from Gower Street to Deptford Road : journey thirty-five minutes.
3. King's Cross—every twenty minutes from King's Cross, Metropolitan, to Deptford Road : journey thirty minutes.
4. Liverpool Street—every twenty minutes from Bishopsgate, Metropolitan, to Deptford Road : journey eighteen minutes.
5. Charing Cross—every thirty minutes from District Station to Deptford Road : journey thirty minutes.
6. Queen's Club—every thirty minutes from West Kensington to Deptford Road : journey forty-five minutes.
7. Any Station, Metropolitan or District Railway—every thirty minutes to Deptford Road.
8. Victoria—every twenty minutes from L.B.S.C.R. to South Bermondsey : journey twenty-five minutes.
9. London Bridge—every ten minutes from L.B.S.C.R. to South Bermondsey : journey four minutes.
10. Cannon Street or Waterloo—by S.E.R. to London Bridge, change and L.B.S.C.R. to South Bermondsey.
11. Holborn or Ludgate Hill—by District train from Blackfriars to Deptford Road : journey eighteen minutes.
12. City—Bus to London Bridge and so by train : about fifteen minutes.
13. Law Courts—District Railway, Temple to Deptford Road : about twenty-five minutes.
14. West End—District Railway, Earl's Court, South Kensington, Gloucester Road, Sloane Square to Deptford Road : about forty minutes.

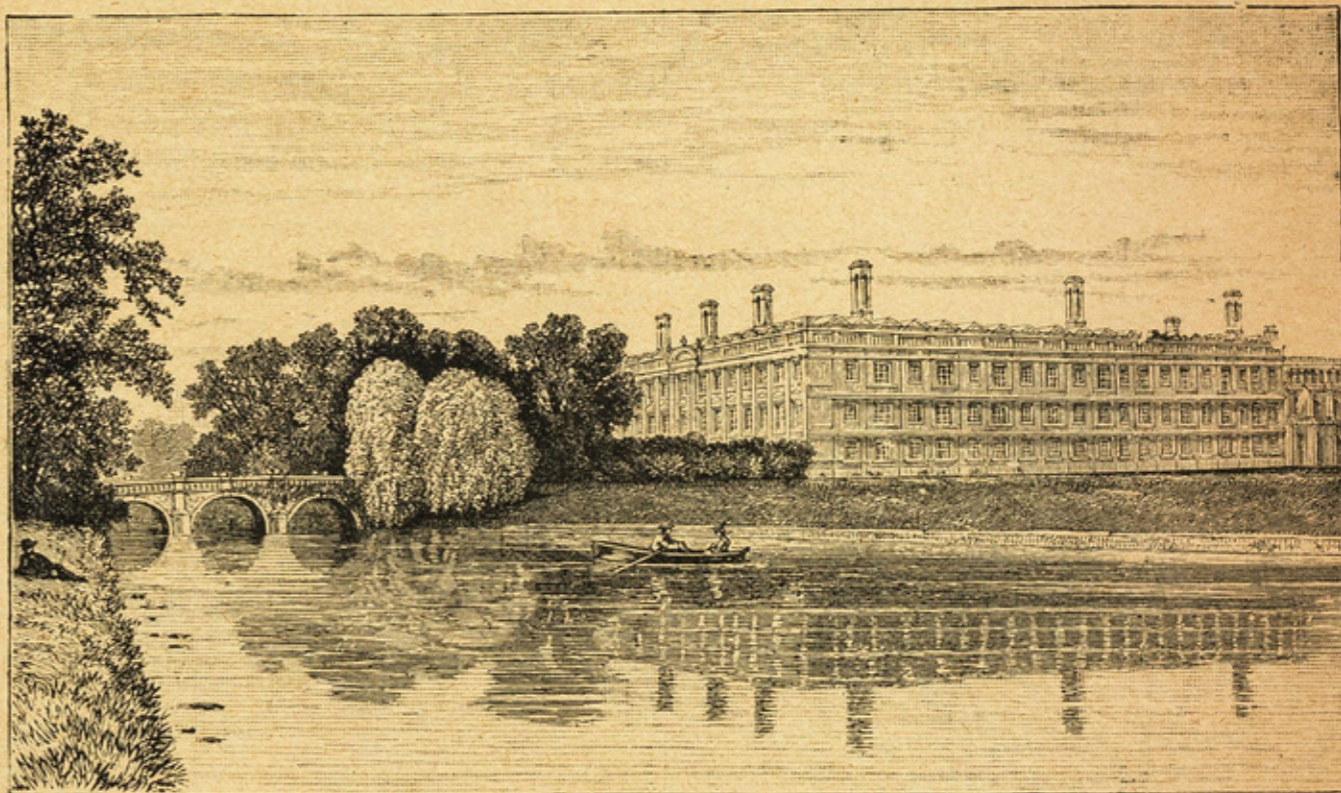
South Bermondsey and Deptford Road Stations are within three minutes' walk of 159, Abbeyfield Road.

COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE
CLARE MISSION
IN ROTHERHITHE.

No. 163.]

JANUARY, 1900.

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President—The Rev. THE MASTER OF CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.
Hon. Treas.—The Rev. H. W. FULFORD, M.A., DEAN OF CLARE.
Hon. Sec.—The Rev. F. MARSHALL, M.A., Ockley Rectory, Dorking.
Hon. Auditor—MR. P. NOBLE FAWCETT. *Hon. Assistant Secs.*—REV. H. CARTER, M.A.; REV. J. A. WHISH,
 MR. W. E. COWDELL BARRETT; MR. J. R. MEADE; MR. J. H. WILSON.
Missioner—The Rev. J. R. PRIDIE, M.A., 133, Abbeyfield Road.
Assistant Missioner—The Rev. H. R. P. TRINGHAM, B.A., 129, Abbeyfield Road.
Wardens—MR. MAYLETT and MR. GOODMAN. *Hon. Clerical Visitor*—The Rev. G. J. PERRAM, M.A.
Sidesmen—MR. BROCKWELL, MR. BLYTH, MR. MARCHANT, MR. J. GOODMAN, JUN., MR. RYALL,
 MR. J. NOWNE.
Bible Woman—MRS. MARCHANT, 72, Abbeyfield Road. *Assistant Bible Woman*—MRS. BLAKE, 38, Edale Road.
Secretary of Magazine—MR. F. BUTCHER, 3, Kempslade Street, Deptford.
Choir Master and Organist—MR. BEAVEN, A. Mus., L.C.M. *Superintendents of Sunday Morning School*—MR. and MRS.
 MAYLETT.
Superintendent of Girls' Sunday School—SISTER-IN-CHARGE.
Conductors of Mothers' Meetings—Miss PRIDIE, Miss TRINGHAM, and the SISTERS.
Caretaker—MRS. WHITCOMB.

BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT:

Part of Rotherhithe New Road (from S. E. Arch to the Park, even numbers) and Southwark Park Road (from S. E. Arch to Park Gates, even numbers), the whole of Raymouth Road, Abbeyfield Road, Aspinden Road, Nelldale Road, Mossington Road, Pedworth Road, Dilston Grove, Clare Hall Place, and Littleington Street.

CLARE COLLEGE MISSION,
ROTHERHITHE, S.E.
Jan. 1, 1900.

My dear People,

A very happy New Year to you all, and may God's blessing be with you throughout its course. Our New Year's motto, "The Lord is my light" may well be a guard against evil as well as a guide to what is good if you will really make it your own during the coming year. I was very thankful to see on Christmas Day that the forced removal of so many of our people from the district, owing to Railway operations, had not affected the number of our Communicants—indeed there was a slight though satisfactory increase on the number of last year.

We begin the year here with one great loss from the working force of the Mission. Most of you know by now that Miss Perram is removing from London and so has to give up the work among our mothers which she has carried on with such wonderful kindness and patience during the last fourteen years. We can hardly realize what her loss will mean to us, but her work will be traced in the Mission for many a long year yet in the lives which have been strengthened and the homes which have been brightened by her influence. We wish her heartily "God speed" in her new home, and for Mr. Perram (for whose health's sake the removal has been made) that "at eventide it may be light." My sister and Miss Tringham have kindly consented to take charge of the Mothers' Meeting. Already you have welcomed them, and I feel sure you will soon get to know them and think of them as friends.

The coming Bazaar begins to absorb much of our energy. The notice at the end of the Magazine will serve to remind you of its approach and the necessary preparation for it.

With all good wishes,

Very faithfully yours in Christ,
JAMES R. PRIDIE.

Services.

Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist.
" 10.15 " Mattins and Litany.
" 11.0 " Holy Eucharist (Choral), and Sermon.
" 11.0 " Children's Service (Southwark Park School).
" 3.15 p.m., Sunday School and Catechism.
" 4.15 " Holy Baptism.
" 7.0 " Evensong and Sermon.

HOLY EUCHARIST. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 7.0 a.m.

MATTINS. Daily, 7.45 a.m.

EVENSONG. Daily, 8.0 p.m.; Wednesday, Choral, with Sermon.

A short service of preparation for Sunday every Saturday evening at 8.30.

At the celebration on Tuesdays special intercessions are offered for our troops in South Africa.

Offertories.

	£	s.	d.
Dec. 3.	1	3	0 ³ / ₄
" 10.	1	1	1 ¹ / ₂
" 17.	0	15	6 ³ / ₄
" 24.	0	15	7 ³ / ₄
" 25.	1	7	3
" 31.	0	15	9 ¹ / ₂
Total	£5	18	5

Holy Baptism.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Dec. 10. John Ernest Pyefinch.
" 14. Millicent Rose Watmore.
Frederick Thomas Lawrence Aubrey.
" 20. Nelly Frostick.
" 31. Charles James Young.
Charles James Jennings.

Deaths.



"The Lord grant unto them that they may find mercy of the Lord in that day."

FRANCIS HARVEY HAMER.
ELIZA WEBB.

CLERICAL HELP.—Rev. C. F. Andrews, Rev. A. Collier, Rev. A. L. Coates (Conductor, Quiet Day).

VISITORS.—R. Brittain, H. M. Miller. Rev. H. Tringham.

GIFTS.—*Money*: Donation from Christmas Day Offertory, S. Jude's, South Kensington, per Rev. E. Eardley Wilmot; Mrs. Story; Weymouth Bible Class (per W. E. C. Barrett). *Christmas Decorations*: Mrs. Maylett, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Watson, Miss Moorson, Mrs. Tringham, Miss Raffels. *Clothes*: Hon. Mrs. Stretton, Rev. E. Eardley Wilmot, Miss Tate, Cambridge Working Party, Surrey Needlework Guild, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Heaton, Mr. Billing. *Toys*: Miss Hilsden. *Papers*: Clare College Reading Room. Subscription to the Swimming Club Prizes (omitted from the December Magazine), Mr. W. E. C. Barrett. *Magazine Subscription*: Mr. Griffin.

Our Christmas Services began on Sunday evening, Dec. 24, when a new festal Altar Frontal, given by the Sunday School children and teachers, was dedicated to its sacred purpose. It was the children's gift to the children's King, and many of the little ones came to be present when it was dedicated to the service of God's sanctuary. Thanks to the efforts of Miss Raffels, Mrs. Maylett, Mrs. Goodman, and other friends, the Mission Church had been very prettily and tastefully decorated. At this service the choir wore, for the first time, the new cassocks and surplices which we have wanted so long. The old surplices had seen very long service, but at last even the most skilful mending was unable to conceal the ravages of time, and every fresh washing brought the peril of complete dissolution nearer. So we were obliged to get a new outfit even though the somewhat heavy cost had only been partly provided for by special subscriptions.

The early celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day were all well attended by our people, some of those who had moved away from the district coming back to the Mission for their Christmas communion. The Rev. C. F. Andrews, of the Clergy Training School, Cambridge, very kindly took the

7 a.m. celebration, at which a large number of people were present. Mr. Andrews had been over to preach for us on December 10th, and some of us had known him when he was the Pembroke College Missioner in Walworth.

The Rev. A. L. Coates conducted our Annual Quiet day on December 12th. As usual, the first two addresses, at evensong on the 11th and at the celebration next morning, were given in the Mission Church, the other services being held in the Chapel of the Cottage Hospital.

On November 30th Mr. A. Mason, of Auckland, N.Z., gave us a very interesting lantern lecture on New Zealand, and speaking from an experience gained by many years' residence there, he filled the lecture with graphic and vivid touches.

During Advent a short series of lantern lectures on English Church History was given in the Church. Those who came to the lectures found some food for thought on a subject about which we ought to know a great deal more than we do. The lectures might well be followed up by a little reading on the same subject by those who are keen enough to *make* the time for it. History is the "handiwork of God," and the history of their Church should be as interesting as it is important to English churchmen. Of course we cannot go very deeply into such a subject, but it is worth doing what we can if only for the sake of finding a reason for the "why" and "wherefore" of our churchmanship.

"A little more and how much it is,
A little less, and what worlds away."

The Rev. A. W. Maplesden, Rochester Diocesan Inspector in Religious Knowledge, gave an address to the Rotherhithe Sunday School Teachers' Association in the Mission Room on December 4th. His subject was "The Catechism from the Teacher's Point of View," and by his lucid analysis of part of the Catechism, he showed the teachers how to apply the science of teaching to the religious instruction of the children. That work is perhaps the most difficult, though the most fruitful, of any part of the Church's work, and it is a mistake to think that it can be done without orderly and systematic effort on the teacher's part. It is only this that under God can produce real and lasting effect.

Our Christmas sale of clothes took place on Tuesday, December 19th, when many mothers came to fit up their household wardrobes for the winter. Unfortunately some of our friends' gifts for the sale did not reach us till a day or two after it was over, so there will be another small sale in about six weeks' time, of which due notice will be given.

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Report of interview with the Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley,
Vicar of Christ Church, Rotherhithe. At the Vicarage. 33

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Mr. B. had been described to us by Mr. Toynbee as "quite the nicest parson we have to deal with", and nice he proved to be. But hardly a man of great mark or of special capacity. He is an old Christ Church man, and appears from the arrangements of his vicarage to command money. He is a moderate evangelical churchman, and appears to be carrying on quiet systematic work in a parish part of which is of exceptional poverty. The Report gives full information. Mr. B. has been here for about 8 years, and is now a man of about 45; of average height and size; quiet, and very unassuming in manner; attractive, owing to a transparent simplicity and honesty, rather than to brilliancy of any kind. Since making the appointment he had found himself obliged to go to a funeral, and my time with him was therefore brief. On leaving, I went on to see his curate, Mr. Somerville. Mr. B. was very willing to fix a time for a further interview, if I wished it, but, catching Mr. Somerville in, this appeared to be unnecessary.

The greater part of the poverty of Mr. B's parish lies near the River, to the north of Union Road. Most of the other, and better, part is on what is called the Slipper Estate, and in no part is there any marked change of

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any kind going on. The bit near the River is reckoned the worst part of Rotherhithe, and he thought that parts were probably worse than any part of the dark blue patch lying to the West, just across the Bermondsey border, and within the bounds of Mr. Wallace's parish. But he is doubtful as to whether any part is really black, as shown in our map: it is a case of drunkenness, and ^{the} accompanying vices and disorders ^{vices} than of crime.

The housing is pretty bad, but he is doubtful as to whether conditions are not more due to the habits of occupiers than to the neglect of landlords and of the authorities. The Sanitary Authorities themselves are good enough, if waked up, but they do not take the initiative with the promptitude that might be desired. A County Council Improvement Scheme has been talked of for some time, and Mr. B. thinks that there is a fair prospect of its being carried out, but not at once.

Asked as whether the conditions of employment were to any great extent responsible for the condition of the people, and as to whether they had improved or the reverse since the Strike, Mr. B. made the strange answer that he understood that the men were now obliged to have "a ticket". I thought that he meant the ticket issued by the wharf or dock, but found that I was mistaken. It was

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the Union ticket that he understood was necessary. This can hardly be the case, and the curate was probably near the mark when he told me later that "casual labour was the curse of the parish".

Most of the statistics of the parish, as well as full particulars of the staff of workers, is given in the Report. The paid staff is not large, but the total of voluntary workers is considerable. A lady worker is shortly to be added to the paid staff.

A feature of the accounts is, I think, the amount that appears to be raised locally by one means or another, in aid of the various funds. Mr. Bardsley always gives something, but rarely much, and occasionally a benevolent outsider puts down his name for something considerable. But the number of small subscriptions is noticeable, and of the amounts raised by ~~xxx~~ "Teas" or "Entertainments" or "Sales" etc. Mr. B. appears to run most of his agencies to a great extent on the principle of self-help.

His Relief is carefully managed, as Mr. Toynbee gave us reason to expect would be the case. Mr. Somerville later gave me some interesting particulars as to the composition of the Committee, which is a very real one, and Mr. B. gave me a copy of the form that is used. (see p. 97)

He mentioned that his morning congregation averaged

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200, and the evening one about twice this number. They have started a Mens' P.S.A. for about a year, and numbers average about 90. In this work, he admitted that Mr. Richardson was both before him, and more important.

Asked if there was much overlapping of agencies in the parish he complained of Miss Barclay's work especially. She appears to be connected with the brewing family, and to have command of considerable funds. She is well-meaning, but has been in the parish for a good many years, is herself a lady of a certain age, and is averse to any change in method of working. There are other offenders on the score of indiscriminate giving, or in any case of giving without sufficient care, but Miss Barclay appears to be the well-intentioned person who is apt to do most harm.

Mr. B. is at present making a big effort to raise £4000 to build a Boys' School. At present they have only a mixed school for boys and girls, and the accommodation is not equal to the demands made upon it.

I found Mr. Somerville at The College House (v. p.16). The house contains two rooms available for guests, and Mr. S. hopes, like so many others, to get laymen to come and live there, and thus to form the nucleus of a Settle-

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ment. So far, a few visitors have come, but no resident. They are hoping for a closer personal connexion with Jesus College, and the guarantee of £50 by the College, and the step that has been already taken in assuming this measure of responsibility, is a distinct event in the history of the parish, and a good deal is hoped from it. The House includes two club rooms, apartments for the caretaker, and Mr. Somerville's own rooms. His sitting-room looks right on to the River, so that you can drop a stone into one of the barges moored beneath, and watch the varied traffic ^{pass.} ~~the~~. It is a most interesting outlook, and Mr. S. said that his health had been much better since he came there. Mr. S. himself is a thin, pale man, with a dark complexion and a long moustache. His manner and appearance are at first heavy and unprepossessing, but he improves on acquaintance, showing that he is a man with a fund of quiet humour, liberal in his sympathies, and solid in his work. He appears to know his way about very well, and to have a saving fund of common-sense. Like his Vicar he is a moderate evangelical, but, also like his Vicar, he would not be particularly anxious to label himself with any sectional brand.

The Club and House are in the middle of the poor part of the parish, and it is this part of the work that

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is Mr. S's especial charge. He described the people, (en-
dorsing the remark of a policeman) as "harmless but drunk".
There is very little crime, and, as already quoted, "casu-
al work is the curse of the place". Men can earn good
wages when they work, especially in some branches of the
Surrey Commercial, where they are paid by the piece. But
they could probably not keep up the pace, and the result
is that they work very hard for a very short week. Two ~~or~~
days and then a rest for five is a very common thing.

The two streets marked black in the map have a lower
reputation in the immediate n'hood than the rest, but he
agreed with Mr. Bardsley as to the colouring. The people
are miserably drunken, poor, and, when in drink, disor-
derly. But they are not criminal. There are many Irish ab-
out, and when I walked through the number of bare-footed
children was a feature of the n'hood. Of prostitution,
there is very little. The people are of the same class,
and under those conditions you do not get prostitution. ~~R~~
They do not go away, and carry on ~~in~~ their traffic else-
where. But there is much promiscuity. There are no disor-
derly houses, but a vast amount of irregularity and nasti-
ness. Boys and girls etc. He puts it all down mostly to
drink and overcrowding, and is indignant at the large num-
ber of unoccupied houses there are in Rotherhithe. He bad-

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ly wants to put a tax on unoccupied property.

Of the work generally he is hopeful, especially of the temporal work. This is easy, but the spiritual he is more doubtful. ^{about} The people from his side of the parish don't go up to the Church, and never will. He has been reading Father Lowder's life, and is struck by the need that he felt for "a special ~~xxxx~~ altar". He thinks that they must have something in the shape of a church in their part of the parish, if they are to achieve any spiritual good.

He admires immensely the work of the R.Cs. "they are doing a good work". Father Haynes he spoke of ^{as} a reserved man, and he appeared to have an especial admiration for Father Newton. "You can't go among the people and hear the way in which they speak of him, without knowing that he is a good man". It appears that his father was of the district, having risen, made money, and put some of the family into the priesthood.

Mr. Richardson, of the Free Church, was also, he thought, doing a good work, but mainly among the better class of artisan. He is said to have an attendance of 1000, and 2000 on his roll. As a speaker, he has the knack, is bright etc. The singing too is good.

He referred to the action of the S. Olave's Union, remarking ~~xxxx~~ "The Guardians are very nice and charitable."

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but they might look into their cases a little more. His Vicar would doubtless have put the case somewhat more strongly.

The Police were, he thought, "a fine body of men", who did their work well, and showed great tact. Drunken men were rarely run in if they gave no trouble; they were passed on.

For their own parish work they had the Church; two Schools; the College House, and a room in Cathay St. now sub-let for parts of the week. I walked round the club rooms, which are serviceable, without being showy. The best bagatelle board on the premises had been given by the landlord, who is also the neighbouring publican. The latter has a small house, and is a lighterman rather than publican, finding the license a nuisance rather than otherwise. But the gift of the bagatelle ^{board} shows that relations are good, and that Somerville is no bigot.

We went through the names of the Parish relief Committee and it is thus composed: a working-man; the Mission-woman; the wife of a lighterman; the wife of the Superintendent of the Baths; a man in the Customs; the Nurse; a fruit-salesman, who is also churchwarden; the wife of the last; a coffee vendor, who goes round with basket and stall along "The Wall"; a working foreman; a lighterman; the

Scripture-reader, the niece of the lighterman, and Mrs. Bardsley. In addition, there are the Vicar, Curate, and a Mr. Sutton, the Sec. It is a genuine committee. The total shown in the last report (£52) is under average.

The Working Men's Institute (p.16) is composed of a very mixed class, including some of the rough element. But ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ most are not. The chief clubs meet at the College House (see p.16). The Church Lads' Brigade (p.25) is not quite satisfactory. The boys are of too respectable a class -- wear collars. The R.Cs. have a much more useful class in -- the rascallions. But they are helped by the uniforms. The Church Lads' Brigade has nothing but a miserable cap and belt.

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Case No. _____

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CONFIDENTIAL—FOR COMMITTEE ONLY.

Case No. _____ CHRIST CHURCH, ROTHERHITHE, RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Date _____ 189 _____ Floor.

Surname _____ Address _____

Time at Present Address _____

Last Address and }
Time there }

Assistance asked for _____

CHRISTIAN NAMES.	Married, Single, or Widow.	AGES.	OCCUPATION. CHILDREN'S SCHOOL.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESENT (OR LAST) EMPLOYER.	Time out of last Employ.	Time out of Employ during last 12 months.	CAUSE OF LEAVING EMPLOY.	When last in Receipt of Full Wages.	WEEKLY INCOME.			
									Full Work.		Present.	
									s.	d.	s.	d.

No. of Rooms occupied _____ Other Debts _____

Weekly Rent _____ Club or Benefit Society _____

Rent due (if any) _____ Trade Society _____

Relations able to Assist _____

Relief from { Parish _____

{ Charitable Persons _____

{ Club or Benefit Society _____

{ Relations _____

Total from all Sources

References _____

Remarks :—

Visitor s Name and Address _____

CHRIST CHURCH,

ROTHERHITHE.



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This Report is unusually late. When almost ready for issue a fire occurred at the Printers'. The greater part was destroyed—copy and all, and has had to be re-written. As the Report has in consequence cost nearly double the labour, we hope it will meet with more than double the response!

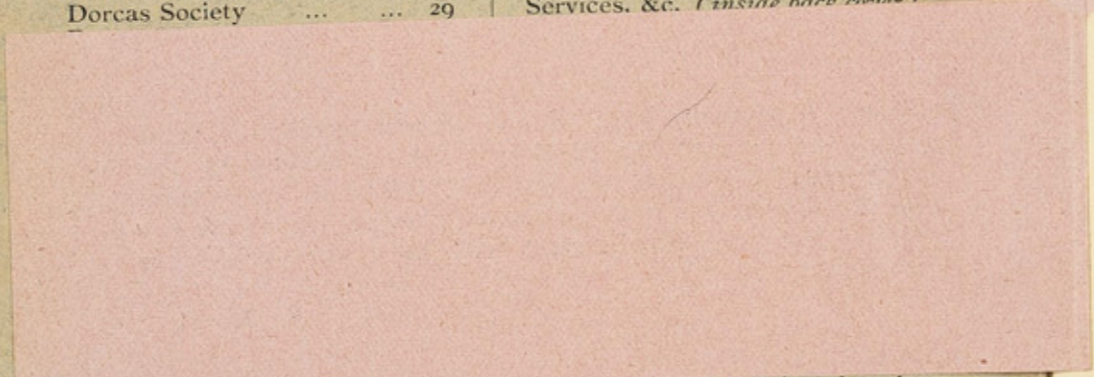
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The past year has been a specially happy one. Disappointment and difficulties will from time to time appear, but growing congregations and growing schools, growing offertories and increased communicants, are great encouragements, especially when we believe, as we do, that there is along with these things that growth which is alone of real and lasting value—the growth of love and loyalty to the Lord and Master Jesus Christ. A *happy* year it has been, and a *memorable* one in the annals of Christ Church. Memorable for two reasons: firstly, because in October last was started in the Parish that which has already been most useful, and which has, we hope and believe, a great future before it—the Jesus College, Cambridge, Club-house. Through the perseverance and exertions of Mr. Somerville, an old member of the College, our Parish was selected as the sphere of their work, and under Mr. Somerville the many branches of that work are now carried on. A fuller account of this valued institution, for the establishment of which we are most truly grateful to the College, will be found on p. 16 of this Report.

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as can be judged by outward circumstances, was an undoubted success; a labour which has in many ways left its mark behind; a labour which resulted, we believe, in the real conversion of some, and in the building up and revival of many of God's own people. We sought the Divine guidance in the preparation and at the time, and we verily believe that God heard and answered our prayers.

Another marked feature of the year, which seems likely now to be firmly established, was the starting, as a direct result of the Mission, of our Sunday afternoon *Men's Hour*. Though it has not grown as rapidly as we hoped in our most sanguine moments, it has been very steady, and the weekly average of men attending is between 80 and 90. The *men* must be the stay of the Church, and we earnestly pray that this special work may go forward.

Yet another feature of the year was the establishment of our *Poor Relief Committee*, an account of which will be found on p. 13.

And what of the year before us? In addition to the task of sustaining, or rather developing the good work begun at the Mission, we have one great work looming before us, a work which will need patience, perseverance, labour, and self-denial. It is the raising of the money for our *New Boys' School*, so badly needed for Day Schools, Sunday School, Gymnasium, and general Parochial work! Please read the fuller account on p. 8, and see what *you yourself* can do. In God's power it is to send us the money that is needed for His own work, and we have no doubt that as He has led us on, so He will, in His own time, bring things to a satisfactory conclusion. "Ask, and it shall be given you." "All things are possible to him that believeth."

In the power of the Blessed Trinity let us go forward—conscious of the Fatherhood of God and all which that implies; happy in the sympathy of the God-Man; inspired, guided, sanctified by the indwelling Spirit. And then "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Your faithful Friend and Pastor,

S. MARTYN BARDSLEY

PAROCHIAL STAFF.

CLERGY :

Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, M.A., Surrogate for Marriage Licences, The Vicarage.

Rev. C. D. B. Somerville, B.A., College House, 47, Rotherhithe Street.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. George Simpson, 125, Jamaica Road.

Mr. Walter C. Mallett, 52, Union Road.

SIDESMEN :

Mr. F. Coates	Mr. H. Lamb	Mr. E. A. Steward
.. R. J. Crow	.. Mabbs	.. H. Stone
.. H. Judd	.. Nash	.. E. Vokes
.. James King	.. F. R. Owen	.. H. N. Watts
	.. Ringshall	

SCRIPTURE READER :

Mr. E. Vokes, 6, Hothfield Place.

MISSION WOMAN :

Miss Clayton, 54, Union Road.

NURSE :

Nurse Hobbs, 89, Russell Scott Buildings.

(From the London Biblewomen and Nurses Mission.)

CHURCH CHOIR :

Organist - - Mr. H. St. John.

Mrs. Bardsley	Miss Gilbert	Miss Rye
Miss Bond	.. P. Hunt	Mrs. St. John
.. F. Cole	Mrs. A. Mockford	Miss Thackwell
.. Cook	Miss Newman	.. Williamson
.. A. L. Cook	.. J. Pascoe	Mrs. W. Woolley
.. C. A. Cook	Mrs. F. G. Rye	
Mr. Bartlett	Mr. C. H. Lemmon	Mr. F. Stebbens
.. C. Buxton	.. A. Mockford	.. J. A. Stubbs
.. W. T. King	.. F. G. Rye	.. J. Travers
.. W. T. Leary	.. H. Simmons	.. W. Woolley
Henry Bartrip	William Lamb	Henry Richardson
George Britton	Ernest McLaren	Leonard Rowe
George Chapman	Charles Norman	Edgar Woolley
William Chapman	Henry Pocock	Henry Woolley
William Hutton	William Rice	

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CHURCH STATISTICS.

From Easter, 1898, to Easter, 1899.

Population of Parish (1891) ...	5707	Baptisms, Adult ...	81	
Communicants on the Roll ...	355	" Infant ...	169	177
<i>Comts. Adms. Arge.</i>				
Early Service ...	2316 ... 65 ... 36	Confirmed (Male ...	13	40
Mid-day ...	648 ... 15 ... 43	(Female ...	27	
Evening ...	829 ... 15 ... 55	Marriages ...		60
Total ...	3793 ... 95 ... 40	Churchings ...		170

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

"God loveth a cheerful giver."

		£	s.	d.
1898.				
May	8—Rochester Diocesan Society ...	5	8	11
"	19—*Southwark Girls' Rescue Society ...	1	9	8
June	12—Hospitals ...	12	15	8
July	10—Church Pastoral Aid Society ...	5	11	0
Aug.	14—Parochial Mission Women Fund ...	4	10	0
Sept.	11—National Schools ...	4	3	3½
"	30—Bible Women and Nurses Mission ...	2	13	0
Oct.	2—Queen Victoria Clergy Sustentation Fund ...	7	11	10
Nov.	1—Parochial Mission Fund ...	7	6	6
"	13—Rochester Diocesan Branch C.E.T.S. ...	7	6	4
Dec.	5 } Parochial Mission Fund ...	21	19	11
"	27 } ...			
"	6 } ...			
"	18—National Schools ...	6	4	4½
1899.				
Jan.	8—Metropolitan Visiting and Relief Association ...	2	2	5½
"	—General Purposes Fund ...	3	6	4½
Feb.	5—Church Missionary Society ...	6	13	6
Mar.	12—Additional Curates Society ...	5	6	7½
"	25—*Mothers' Union ...	5	9	9½
"	31—Jews' Society ...	2	16	2
April	2—Vicarage Dilapidations Fund ...	12	0	0
Dec. 11 to April 2	*"Mens' Hour" Fund ...	6	13	8½
		£119	6	2

* Did not pass through the Churchwardens' accounts.

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CHURCH EXPENSES FUND.—Balance Sheet for the year ending 2nd April, 1899.

"Ye shall reverence My Sanctuary."

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...			8½	Gas and Water (4 qrs.) ...	30	0	0
Offerings and Collections from ...				Salaries—Mr. St. John ...	2	14	6
17th April, 1898, to 2nd April, 1899 ...	282	18	7½	Mr. Bathe (1 qr.) ...	4	10	0
Less Special Agencies 110 9 5½ ...	110	9	5½	Mr. Vokes (3 qrs.) ...	5	0	0
" Poor Fund ... 26 3 2½ ...	26	3	2½	Mr. Camplin, Bell-ringer ...	3	0	0
	136	12	8	Mr. Roberts, Doorkeeper ...	4	0	0
Amount available for Church Expenses ...	146	5	11½	Mr. Clark, Gardener ...	14	10	6
Hyndman's Trustees, 3 qrs. ...	4	8	3	Mrs. Cumming, Cleaning ...	63	15	0
Mrs. Barrett—Don. ... 10 0 0 ...	10	0	0	Heating Expenses ...	9	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Carr-Gomm—Don. ... 2 0 0 ...	2	0	0	Insurance, Ecclesiastical Buildings ...	3	6	6
Miss Colebrooke—Don. ... 7 6 ...	7	6		Choir Expenses ...	6	10	5
Harvest Decorations—	2	17	6	Decoration Expenses ...	23	14	7
Miss Britton—Don. ... 2 6 ...	2	6		Repairs—Walling ...	6	2	0
Miss Hambleton—Don. ... 5 0 ...	5	0		Hancock ...	5	5	0
Mrs. Kelsey—Don. ... 2 6 ...	2	6		Jones & Sons ...	3	3	0
Grant from Mission Fund ...	3	0	0	Kaiser ...	3	3	0
Deficit ...	2	4	3½	Holy Communion Wine ...	31	16	2
				Materials for Repairs ...	4	12	6
				Cupboard for Vestry ...	2	16	11½
				Hymn Books ...	1	5	2
				Use of Schools ...	1	12	2
				Annual Report, 1898 ...	1	0	0
				Visitation Fee ...	1	8	0
				Printing ...	1	14	0
				Washing Clergy Surplices ...	1	14	9
				Hire of Slides, Good Friday (2 yrs.) ...	10	11	
				Lime-light ...	2	6	
				Extra Church Cleaning (twice) ...	14	2	
				Stamping Prayer Books ...	12	6	
				Sundry Petty Expenses ...	1	7	0½
					£165	8	9

Audited with Vouchers and found correct,
J. R. SUTTON.

£165 8 9

CURATE FUND.

"Two are better than one."

WE take this opportunity of gratefully recognising the devoted labours of the Rev. C. D. B. Somerville, who has now been working in the parish for about three years and a half. Since the establishment of the Jesus College House on the Wall, with its new branches of work, of which Mr. Somerville is in charge, less opportunity has been given him for his ordinary parochial duties. We wish that our friends might give the Curate Fund such support that another Assistant Curate might be appointed, and the spiritual supervision of the Parish be made more complete. The deficit in the Fund this year is largely accounted for by a slight mistake, whereby the usual collections in Church did not take place.

Treasurer—Mr. Simpson.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 4TH APRIL, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brt. forward	3 15 5 ³ / ₄	Rev. C. D. B. Somerville	130 0 0
Add. Curates Society	60 0 0	Annual Report, 1899	5 0 0
Vicar	25 0 0		
Allen, Mrs. (sub.)	2 6		
Barrett, Mrs.	10 0		
Carr-Gomm, Mr. & Mrs.	5 0 0		
Copping, Mr. S. W.	1 0 0		
Courage & Co., Messrs.	10 0 0		
Goldsmith, Mr.	5 0		
Johnson, Miss	1 1 0		
Lemmon, Mr.	5 0		
Mitchinson, Miss C. A.	10 0		
Mortimer, Mrs.	2 6		
Newman, Miss	10 0		
Nicholls, Miss	10 0 0		
Owen, Mr.	5 0		
St. John, Mr.	10 0		
Simpson, Mr.	1 1 0		
Sutton, Mr. & Mrs. J. R.	1 1 0		
Syms, Mr.	2 6		
Talbot, Mr. E. J.	1 1 0		
Tidd, Mrs. F. A.	2 0 0		
Tuke, Mr. & Mrs. A.	1 0 0		
Ward, Mrs.	2 6		
Woolley, Mr. E. R.	5 0		
Deficit	4 15 6 ¹ / ₄		
	<u>£130 5 0</u>		<u>£130 5 0</u>

ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY. (PAROCHIAL BRANCH.)

"He sent them two and two before His face."

WE again most gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the A. C. S. For many years past this great Home Mission Society has given a grant towards our Curate's salary, formerly on condition of an annual guarantee, but recently it has raised its grant to £60, with no guarantee on our part but that of one Sunday's collections, and the proceeds of the Society's Boxes. Our Treasurer will be delighted to supply boxes to any who will apply for them, and we hope the applicants may be many.

Treasurer—Mr. Simpson.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Bardsley, Mrs.	2 6	Remitted to Parent	
Ch. Collections	5 6 7 ¹ / ₄	Society	9 19 9
Boxes—			
Cook, Miss C. A.	3 7		
Carter, Miss	6 3 ¹ / ₄		
Cole, Miss	5 0		
Clements, Mrs.	3 0 ¹ / ₂		
Gregory, Mrs.	2 2 ¹ / ₄		
Jordan, Mrs.	1 ¹ / ₄		
Leary, Mrs. John	1 6		
Norris, Miss A.	1 8		
Rummery, Miss M.	4 3 ¹ / ₄		
Simpson, Mrs.	3 9		
Simpson, Miss	18 1 ¹ / ₄		
Staines, Miss B. M.	7 3 ¹ / ₄		
Thackwell, Mrs.	9 0 ¹ / ₂		
½ Sunday Schl. Boxes	1 4 8 ¹ / ₄		
	<u>£9 19 9</u>		<u>£9 19 9</u>

COMMUNICANTS' UNION.

"We, being many, are one body."

Secretary, Mr. J. R. Sutton, 94, Lower Road.

THIS Union has been re-started since the Mission. We now have no rules, no subscription, no form of admission, but every one who with any degree of regularity communicates at Christ Church is regarded as a Member. The object of the Union is to promote reality, spirituality, and concord amongst our Communicants, to mitigate the very grievous slackness of many so-called Communicants in attending the Holy Table, and to dispel the ignorance of many Christians on the subject of this Sacrament.

THIS it endeavours to do by a corporate Communion on the First Sunday morning in each month, by a special Preparation Service in Church on the preceding Wednesday, notice of which is sent to every member, and by our own little Manual, with its form of Service specially sanctioned by the Bishop for use in Church, to be had of the Secretary for twopence a copy.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

"This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

OF these we speak with much thankfulness, though with a sense of grave responsibility at the heavy task which lies before us. We are thankful for past success. The Report of Her Majesty's Inspector for the Mixed School was (if it could be) better than ever before, the highest Grant possible being earned by the scholars. The School was *overcrowded*, the average for the year being 17 above the accommodation, and *about 60 children were refused admission*. The Infants' Department, too, is *far larger now* than ever before, there being about 320 children on the books—the accommodation being for only 247—and the attendance increasing naturally as the School year goes on.

We have now to turn away our *boys* at the age of about 9 or 10, *i.e.*, just at a time when we might reasonably hope to get hold of them.

There are in the *Roman Catholic Schools* close to our church about 40 children not Roman Catholics, and who ought to have the opportunity of being brought up in our own Faith.

We are sadly in want, too, of additional accommodation for our *Sunday Schools* and for other *Parochial Work*.

Could there possibly be a stronger case for the re-opening of a *Boys' Department* (closed some years ago) by the building of a new Boys' School?

A Site has been secured *facing the Church*, at a reasonable rate, through the kindness of Mrs. Carr-Gomm, the Lady of the Manor of Rotherhithe, and plans are now being prepared for presentation to the Education Department.

The cost is roughly estimated at *nearly £4000*. Lady Florence L. Melville gave us a grand start, when last September, without solicitation, she sent us £300. We have also received £5 from Miss Gascoigne, and £21 from Miss Howard.

We are now in a position to begin to appeal to other kind friends.

Will all who read this try to help us and the little ones here to the utmost of their power?

Committee of Management:

The Vicar, *Chairman and Correspondent*.

Rev. C. D. B. Somerville, *Vice-Chairman*.

Mr. G. Simpson (*Treasurer*), } *Churchwardens*.
Mr. W. C. Mallett, }

Mr. W. Woolley, *Secretary*.

Dr. V. A. Jaynes	Mr. C. H. Lemmon	Mr. A. Sidwell
Mr. H. Judd	„ A. Mockford	„ J. Travers
„ W. Kelsey	„ J. C. Mortimer	„ E. Vokes
„ W. T. King	„ F. R. Owen	

Mr. Lamb } <i>Elected Representatives of</i>	Mr. W. Bartrip } <i>For Infants'</i>
„ Play } <i>Parents for Mixed School.</i>	„ J. King } <i>School.</i>

National Schools—continued.

STAFF—

	MIXED SCHOOL.	INFANTS.
Head Mistress	Miss Bendall	Miss Button
Assistant Mistresses ..	Miss Galaud Miss Aris	Miss Swaine Miss Kennett Miss Burley
Pupil Teachers	E. C. Gillard Charlotte Pascoe Haidee Green	B. Day Ruth Mills
Candidate		F. Brundish
Number on Books, 1/2/99	201	245
Average attendance for Year	175	153

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st JANUARY, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.—cont.	£	s.	d.
Grant from Education Department	292	6	0	Tract Society		2	6
Fee Grant	154	2	6	Y. M. S.		2	5
Additional Aid Grant	81	0	0	G. F. S.		2	0
"Science & Art" Grant	4	18	0	C. L. B.		1	7
Endowment from Land	10	0	0	Prayer Meetings		15	0
Voluntary Contributions:				Band of Hope		1	10
Allen, Mrs.	2	6		Men's Institute		4	10
Anon.	1	0	0	Deficit, 31st Jan., 1899	6	18	5½
Bardsley, Rev. S. M.	2	2	0				
Beck, Canon	2	2	0		£611	0	1¼
Carr-Gomm, Mr. & Mrs.	5	0	0				
Hart, Mrs.	7	6		EXPENDITURE. £ s. d.			
Johnson, Miss	1	1	0	Deficit, 1st Feb., 1898.	61	0	9¼
Lemmon, Mr.	5	0		Salaries:			
Norris, Mrs.	7	2		Teachers	183	8	0
Owen, Mr.	5	0		Assistants	76	10	8
St. John, Mr.	5	0		Pupil Teachers	79	2	5
Simpson, Mr.	1	1	0	Monitresses	17	2	0
Thackwell, Mrs.	6	4		Books, Apparatus, and Stationery	40	4	7½
Betton Charity	10	0	0	Fuel, Light, & Cleaning	63	16	10
Negus Fund	1	4	0	Furniture and Repairs to Buildings	74	16	11½
Church Collection	4	3	3½	Insurance	1	2	6
Articles sold to Children	9	8		Cooking Class	6	12	0
Sale of Needlework	1	11	3	Inspection Fees	2	5	0
School Entertainment	2	10	0	Pupil Teachers' Centre Fees	3	3	0
Use of Schools & Cleaning:				Sundries	1	15	4
Clark, Miss	5	0					
Mothers' Meeting	3	17	6		£611	0	1¼
Sunday Schools	7	10	0				
C. E. T. B. Society	7	6					
Ch. Expenses Fund	1	0	0				
C. E. T. S.	2	2	6				

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23rd Feb., 1899.

A. A. YEATMAN, *Chartered Accountant.*

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"Feed My Lambs."

THE importance of Sunday School Work is not always sufficiently appreciated, either by the Teachers themselves or by others. We rejoice to think that we have now a band of teachers who, on the whole, show by their regular attendance that they do realise their responsibility in the work; and, by their gathering at the Monthly Preparation Class, manifest their desire for personal instruction and help by mutual study and prayer.

We are glad, too, for the additional sympathy in the work displayed by the Congregation at the Anniversary Services and Meeting. Absentees among the scholars are now more systematically looked after, and the attendance of scholars is steadily growing, the figures below having considerably improved since the present year began. The Annual Excursion is always a great event in the Sunday School History, but this year it is to be quite unusual, as we are arranging to go, on June 20th, to Clacton-on-Sea. May the needful funds be rapidly poured in!

STAFF:

Treasurer—Mr. A. W. Goldsmith.

Secretary—Mr. A. Mockford.

Superintendents—

BOYS.	GIRLS.	INFANTS.
Mr. H. Judd	Mr. A. Sidwell	Miss Rye
Teachers—		
Mr. C. Buxton	Miss Bond	Miss C. Donovan
" B. Farrar	" Clayton	" J. Rye
" W. T. Leary	" Cole	" Thackwell
" C. H. Lemmon	" F. Cole	
" A. Mockford	" Dunn	
" E. G. Payne	" A. Elliott	
" H. Simmons	" E. Judd	
" F. Stebbens	" F. Lemmon	
" H. N. Watts	" Pascoe	
	" Thornton	
	" D. Thornton	

Young Women's Bible Class—Mrs. Bardsley.

Absentee Visitor—Miss C. A. Mitchinson.

Supernumerary Teachers—

Miss Cook	Miss E. Phillips	Mr. Goldsmith
" Hart	Mrs. H. A. Rye	" Mallett
" Phillips	" Sidwell	" H. A. Rye
	Miss Tull	

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	INFANTS.	TOTAL.
No. on Books ...	135	178	109	422
Average Attendance, M.	43	42	38	123
" " A.	92	98	72	262

Sunday Schools—continued.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought fwd.	3 0½	Annual Sub. Sunday	
Bardsley, Rev. S. M. (sub.)	10 0	School Institute ...	10 6
Butcher, Mrs.	5 0	Refreshments, &c.,	
Coates, Mr.	5 0	Annual Meeting ...	15 6
Goldsmith, Mr.	5 0	Annual Report, 1898...	10 0
Lemmon, Mr.	5 0	Hymn Books ...	4 6
Mullenger, Mr.	5 0	Teachers' Collg. Cards	7 6
Owen, Mr.	2 6	Ann. Sub. Rotherhithe	
Pethybridge, Mr. (don.)	1 1 0	S.S. Teachers' Assoc.	2 6
Simpson, Mr. (sub.)	10 0	Registers, &c.	8 0½
St. John, Mr.	5 0	Teachers' Lesson Books	14 10½
Smart, Mrs.	2 6	Treasurer Nat. Schools	
Talbot, Mr. Edw. J.	5 0	Gas and Coals, and	
Vokes, Mr.	2 6	Cleaning ...	7 10 0
Collection in Church	5 10 0	Part Cost Scholars'	
Ann. Meeting Collectn.	1 8 2½	Christmas Teas ...	16 1
Bal. of Excursion Fund	4 0 11	Prizes, Books, &c. ...	1 12 4
		Postage and Sundries	4 8
		Balance in Hand ...	9 2
	<u>£15 5 8</u>		<u>£15 5 8</u>

Audited with Vouchers and found correct, EDWIN VOKES.

BALANCE SHEET OF EXCURSION TO ASHTEAD WOODS, JULY 26th, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Bardsley, Rev. S. M. (sub.)	5 0	London, Brighton, and	
Bonsor, Mr. H. Cosmo,		S.C. Railway ...	8 16 9
M.P. ...	10 6	Caterer (Felton & Co.)	7 7 9
Carr-Gomm, Mr. & Mrs.	2 0 0	Infants' Treat ...	1 9 6
Courage & Co., Messrs.	10 0	Printing ...	11 3
Radford, Mr.	1 1 0	Postage, Stationery, &c.	6 11
Peek, Frea, & Co.,		Gratuities ...	7 0
Messrs.	1 1 0	Use of Crockery ...	1 0
Collected by Teachers	12 0 1	Bal. to School Funds	4 0 11
Tickets sold ...	3 8 0		
Paid by Scholars ...	2 5 6		
	<u>£23 1 1</u>		<u>£23 1 1</u>

Audited and found correct, EDWIN VOKES.

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

"To strengthen their hands in the work."

THIS Fund, called in some parishes "The Vicar's Discretion Fund," is invaluable. A glance at the expenditure side of the Balance Sheet below will show the variety of purposes it serves. Its object is to strengthen the weak parts of the machinery and to provide things, such as the Almanacks, Lantern Apparatus, Communicants' Manuals, Centenary Medals, which could not well be met by other Funds, but which are so useful in helping forward the spiritual work of the parish. We warmly thank outside friends for their large measure of support to this Fund, and earnestly plead for its continuance.

Treasurer—The Vicar.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 19th, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE—continued.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	4	7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Treas. Nat. Schools—	15	0	0
Hamilton, Mr. F. A. ...	5	0	0	Prayer Meetings, &c.	1	10	0
Harden, Miss ...	1	0	0	Grant to C. L. B. ...			
Howard, Miss ...	3	0	0	Slide Box and Lantern			
Tidd, Mr. A. G. ...	1	0	0	Slide ...	7	0	
Wilkins, Miss ...	1	0	0	Hire of Slides—Mission			
Offertories in Church	3	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Services, &c. ...	9	4	
Sydenham High School				Brin—Oxygen ...	1	1	0
Sale, per Miss Thomas	10	0	0	Newton—Limes ...			
Pupils' "Cross Bank,"				Leather for Lantern ...	2	10	
Kendal ...	9	0		Mimeograph materials	1	5	9
Ann. Report, payments				Postage ...	1	10	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
by Agencies ...	6	12	6	Carriage Parcels, &c.	18	1	
By Sale of Photos, per				Lemmon—H' bills, &c.	2	6	0
Miss Howard ...	15	6		Lemmon—Communi-			
By Sale of Communi-				cants' Manuals ...	4	5	0
cants' Manuals ...	1	3	0	Curtains—School			
Use of Limelight ...	3	6		Platform ...	2	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Use of Crockery ...	2	3		Clerk's Work, &c. ...	10	6	
Sale of Goods ...	10	2		Men's Hour Social ...	1	0	0
In "Communications				Confirmation—Hire of			
Box" ...			11	Rooms, &c. ...	10	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
				100 Tin Mugs ...	7	0	
	£38	10	4	Large Type Hymn			
				Sheets ...	9	10	
				36 C.M.S. Centenary			
				Medals ...	4	6	
				Balance, Model Cup-			
				board ...	3	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
				Sundries ...	5	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
				Balance in hand ...	4	5	2
					£38	10	4

Audited and found correct, J. R. SUTTON.

POOR RELIEF FUND.

"While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith."

DURING the past year a most important change has been made in the administration of this Fund by the formation of a Parochial Poor Relief Committee. Those in need of relief now obtain from their visitor a form of application, which, after being carefully filled in, and investigation made, is discussed at the Saturday evening meeting of the Committee, the proceedings of which are confidential. Unhelpable cases are referred to the Poor Law, this being deemed the fairest and, in the long run, the kindest method of treatment. Cases, on the other hand, where a little help is needed to tide over a difficulty and where permanent good is likely to result, are helped much more satisfactorily than was usually possible under the old arrangements. We gladly recognise the kind co-operation of the local committee of the C.O.S.

It is early, perhaps, to speak of the results, but we have every reason to be thankful for the change, which removes a heavy burden from the Clergy and Visitors, and should give confidence to subscribers that their welcome donations are being laid out to the best advantage.

The Vicar, Chairman. Rev. C. D. B. Somerville, Vice-Chairman.
Mr. J. R. Sutton, Secretary and Treasurer.

COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Bardsley. Mr. Goldsmith. Mr. May. Nurse Hobbs. Miss Johnson. Miss Clayton. Mr. W. C. Mallett. Mrs. Coates. Mrs. Fey. Mrs. Mallett. Miss Simpson. Mr. Geo. Simpson. Vokes.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE—continued.	£	s.	d.
Balance brgt. forwd. ...	1	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Meat—Lester ...	5	2	0
Church Offertories ...	26	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Taylor ...			1 0
Met. Vis. & Relief Assoc. ...	15	0	0	Milk—Duckett ...			5 0
Greenwich P.C. Poor Bx. ...	5	0	0	Pocknell ...			1 0
St. Jude's, South Ken-				Lewis ...			2 0
sington, per Preb.				Chilvers ...			16 0
Eardley-Wilmot ...	5	0	0	Coals—Baigent ...	2	1	1
Repayments ...	1	8	6	Grevett ...	3	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Anon. ...			10 0	Gifts in Cash per Clergy			
Anon. (Lenten Savings)			3 2	and Visitors ...	10	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bazin, Mr. J. M. ...	1	1	0	Gifts in Cash per C.O.S.	3	7	0
Lemmon, Mr. ...			5 0	Convalescent Letters			
Lester, Mr. J. ...			1 0	and Journeys ...	9	2	6
Wills, Miss A. ...			1 0	Surgical Appliances ...	2	6	0
Woolley, Mr. E. R. ...			5 0	Lemmon—Printing ...	2	0	0
				Acc. Books, Statnry., &c.	2	18	2
				"Charities Digest, '99"			3 0
	£55	18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Postage ...			8 0
				Annual Report, 1898 ...			5 0
				Balance (in hand) April			
				10, 1899 ...	4	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
					£55	18	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

Audited and found correct, GEO. SIMPSON.

PARISH VISITORS & LOAN TRACT SOCIETY.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

A NEW name—a double name—representing an important change which has taken place since the issue of our last Report. At the time of the Mission, many were led to realise the advantage of a systematic visitation of the parish, and after seeing its results in the Mission, to offer themselves as permanent Visitors. To avoid the overlapping, which to some extent formerly prevailed, and recognising the fact that by the establishment of the Poor Relief Committee, the District Visitors had been relieved of the special responsibility of the distribution of relief, it was decided to amalgamate the District Visitors and the Loan Tract Distributors under the new title of Parish Visitors. The Parish is now practically covered by the Visitors, who do a good work in leaving some simple message at the houses week by week, in bringing some from time to time to the Services at Church, and in the circulation of our Parish Magazine, of which between 5000 and 6000 copies were sold by them during last year.

DISTRICTS AND VISITORS.

Lower Road, 2-16, } St. Marychurch St. } 1-17, 2-10 ... }	MRS. FEY.	West Lane, 20-62 Paradise Place, MISS WALKER.
Clark's Orch, even } Roth. St. 1-59, 2-96 }	MRS. MALLET	Union Road, 1-23, MISS STUBBS. " " 29-97, MRS. COATES.
Paradise St. 1-49, MISS F. LEMMON " " 51-85, MISS COOK. " " 2-58 MRS. E. J. TALBOT " " 60-108, MISS NORRIS.	(for Magazines) } MISS FLETCHER MISS SIMPSON. MISS MITCHINSON	Prospect Street } Truman Square } Lagos Place } Arica Place }
Seven Step Alley, MRS. TULL. Braddon St., E. side, MISS A. COOK " " W. " NURSE HOBBS		Southwark Pk. Rd., } 502-534 Moreton Ter. }
Roney Street, MRS. VOKES. Fulford Street, } Sern's Alley }	MRS. BARDSLEY.	Southwark Pk. Rd., } 414-500, Gataker St. } Matson Street, }
Cathay Street, MISS JOHNSON. Wormald Place, } Donne Place }	MISS FLETCHER	Slipper's Place, E., MISS NEWMAN. " " W., MRS. BARDSLEY
Gilham's Place, MISS C. COOK. Staple's Rents } West Lane, 2-18 }	MISS KNILL.	Cornick Street, E., MISS SMITH. " " W., MISS WILLIAMSON
		Glebe Road } Hickling St. } Stalham St. }

Secretary and Treasurer, MR. VOKES.

Parish Visitors and Loan Tract Society—continued.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1898-9.

RECEIPTS.		RECEIPTS—continued.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bal. brought forward	2 18 4½	Thorpe, Miss (sub.)	2 0
Coll. Annual Meeting	11 7½	Woolley, Mrs. E. (don.)	2 6
Balance from Tea	15 11		
Bardsley, Rev. S. M. (sub.)	5 0		£6 4 11
Barrett, Mrs.	5 0		
Collins, Mrs.	1 0		
Cook, Miss	2 6		
Goldsmith, Mr.	2 6		
Houghton, Mr.	2 6		
Mullenger, Mr.	1 0		
Newman, Miss	1 0		
Simpson, Mr.	5 0		
Smith, Mrs.	1 6		
Somerville, Rev. C. D. B.	2 6		
St. John, Mr.	5 0		
			£6 4 11

Audited and found correct, J. R. SUTTON.

DOSSAL FUND.

"To beautify the place of My sanctuary."

It had long been felt that the piece of painted tin over the Holy Table was altogether unworthy of its position. It has now, through the exertions of Miss Simpson in raising the needful funds, been replaced by a green dossal, with handsome brass supports and framework, and with orphreys beautifully embroidered with lilies by Mrs. Colebrooke. With the handsome new frontal of gold and green, presented as an Easter offering by Miss Howard, something has been done to make the East End of the Church more attractive and thus fulfil the words of the text.

Treasurer, Mr. Simpson.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bardsley, Rev. S. M., (don.)	10 6	Tomkins ...	4 10 2
Coates, Mrs.	10 6	Beal & Co. ...	1 10 0
Copping, Mr. & Mrs.	1 1 0	Annual Report ...	5 0
Johnson, Miss	10 6	Army & Navy Auxiliary Stores ...	9 2
Mitchinson, Miss	10 6	Sundries ...	2 2
" Miss C. A.	10 6		
Newman, Miss	10 6		
Simpson, Mrs.	10 6		
" Miss	10 6		
" Mr.	10 6		
Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. ... (don.)	1 1 0		
			£6 16 6

THE COLLEGE HOUSE.
(Jesus College, Cambridge.)

"Work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope."

EARLY it may be at present to speak of *results*, but we have without doubt every reason to be thankful for this new effort, in the name of Christ, planted down in our midst.

On October 8th, 1898, this house, No. 47 on the Wall, was formally opened by the Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, the Dean of Jesus College, in the presence of several past and present members and other friends. On the ground floor is the main Club-room, with kitchen at the back. On the first floor is another Club-room for senior and privileged members, and at the back the chief sitting-room. The upper storeys are occupied by the Rev. C. D. B. Somerville, an old member of the College, who is in charge of this special work, and the caretakers; two spare bedrooms being reserved for visitors and workers from the College or elsewhere. The house has the great attraction of the river, washing its very walls, at the back; whilst in the front it is in the very heart of the work amongst the poorest of our poor, and about three minutes' walk from the Church.

Not only has the College helped us generously with funds, but it has from time to time sent us workers, notably Mr. Garrad, who worked splendidly amongst us for some three months in the winter, and Mr. Ford, who was with us for about three weeks, and to whose return we earnestly look forward.

The Club for young men, meeting three nights a week, has had during the Winter about 100 members, some 30 or 40 being usually present. When we remember the class from which these members are drawn, and the strictness with which the weekly subscription of one penny is enforced, we consider this most encouraging. We heartily thank, for their ready and regular services, Mr. E. H. Tubbs, of Sydenham, Mr. Billing of Ealing, and Messrs. Owen, Wuest, and H. Simmons, in addition to the two already mentioned. Football and Cricket in connection with the Wall Club have been organised in the park. A Sunday afternoon Bible Class was attempted, and will, we hope, be successful when the usual shyness of the young men has been dispelled.

On Wednesdays, a *Band of Hope* for young children is held with about 148 members, of whom 20 are somewhat doubtful, and on Sunday evening at 8.15 a large number of the same children come to a Mission Service of their own in the big Club room. We are very grateful for help, at one or other of these times, to Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Woodgate, Miss F. Lemmon, Miss L. Buxton, Miss Duckett and many other kind workers. We also most gratefully acknowledge gifts of furniture, games, &c., from many friends whose names space prevents us from mentioning.

COLLEGE HOUSE ACCOUNT TO EASTER, 1899.

Treasurer, Mr. Simpson.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jesus College	85 0 0	Braby & Co., Bath, &c.	6 3 10
Cake and Apron Sale	16 5 6	Whiteley, Rugs...	1 0 9
Somerville, Rev. C. D. B., balnce. house-keeping	7 8 11	Bowden, Crockery	1 3 5
Anon	1 0 0	Davies, Mats	13 6
"	10 0	Mullenger, Repairs	39 0 0
Ashford, Mrs.	5 0	Merralls, Furniture	26 8 8
Blackburne-Maze, Miss E.	2 0 0	Camplin, Carpentry	3 5 2
Clinkskel, Miss	5 0	Tomkins, Ironwork	1 12 7
Groves, Miss	2 2 0	Spanton, Timber	2 1 2
Kelsey, Mrs.	10 0	Quiney, Ironwork	13 0
King, Mr. J.	5 0	Layman, Blankets &c.	2 8 3
May, Miss	5 0	W. Houghton, Cloths, &c.	9 3
Nicholls, Miss	15 0 0	Civil Service Stores, plate	1 6 9
Pateshall-Jones, Miss M.	10 0	Nicholson's, Linen	1 11 9
Peck, Mrs.	2 0	Grevett, Coals	10 6
Pupils "Cross Bank," Kendal	16 0	Rent, 2 quarters	14 10 8
Rathbone, Mrs.	10 0	Rates, Taxes & Insurance	5 18 1
Tidd, Mr. A. G.	2 0 0	Caretaker	7 10 0
Woolley, Mr. E.	5 0	S. M. Gas Co.	2 6 7
Audited and found correct		Lemmon & Co., Printing	6 6
JOHN R. SUTTON.		Band of Hope, prelim. expenses	10 9
	£134 19 5	Annual Report, 1899	7 6
		Sundries	1 9 10
		Balance in hand	13 10 11
			£134 19 5

THE WALL CLUB BALANCE SHEET, 1898-99.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Members' Subs., Oct.-Dec.	1 17 2	Stationery	1 6 6
" " Jan.-Mar.	2 12 6	Punching Ball, Boxing Gloves, &c.	1 6 6
Bal. from Mrs. Tubbs' don. of £3 5 0	3 1	Footballs, Goal Posts, &c.	1 1 1
Sale of Boxing Gloves, Clothes, &c.	11 6	Prize for Draught T'nt.	2 3½
Mr. Camplin	1 0	Damage to Window	5 3
	£5 5 3	To Cricket Club	14 0
		Annual Report, 1899	5 0
		Balance in hand	4 7½
			£5 5 3

THE WALL BAND OF HOPE BALANCE SHEET TO EASTER, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance from Tea	18 1	200 Pledge Cards	5 0
Sale of Members' Cards	2 2	12 Large Hymn Sheets	3 0
	£1 0 3	Balance in hand	12 3
			£1 0 3

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WORKING MEN'S INSTITUTE.

"Quit you like men, be strong."

"QUIET but successful" is the verdict we would venture to put upon the season's work of our Institute. Little difficulties, which are generally speedily and smoothly settled, do from time to time arise owing to the want of accommodation which compels the Y.M.S. and the Institute—high spirits and sedate age—to dwell together under one roof. We look forward to the time when some kind friend shall present us with a material Institute, or at any rate to the building of the New Schools.

The Bible Class was very fairly attended up to the time of the Mission, but has since then been supplanted by the "Men's Hour," to which a large number of the Institute members belong. The Annual Excursion to Riddlesdown, on August 29, was a success *numerically*, but owing to the weather and for other reasons was on the whole disappointing. This year the Institute is joining with other agencies in the Excursion to Clacton-on-Sea, on June 20. We warmly thank Mr. Wildbur for his continued interest and help as Treasurer, in spite of the distance at which he is living.

COMMITTEE.

President, The Vicar. Vice-President, The Assistant Curate.
 Treasurer, Mr. J. W. Wildbur. Secretary, Mr. E. Vokes.
 Librarian, Mr. H. Lamb.
 Mr. E. C. Armstrong | Mr. W. Bartrip | Mr. May
 " H. Bartrip | " E. Culverhouse | " W. Watkins.

No. of Members on the Register, 72.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bal. brought forward...	1 8 8	Newspapers ...	11 8
Proceeds of Concert ...	2 5 9	Printing and Stationery ...	17 0
Profit of Excursion ...	1 13 3	Cribbage Board ...	1 0
Bardsley, Rev. S. M. (sub)	5 0	Books for Library ...	3 8
Brown, Mr. S. ...	2 6	Expenses, Men's Supper ...	5 18 8
Friends, per Mr. Wildbur ... (sub)	5 5 0	Gas, Firing, &c., to end '98	4 10 0
Goad, Mr. E. H. ...	1 0 0	Repairs ...	3 0
Goldsmith, Mr. (don.)	2 6	Annual Report, 1899 ...	5 0
Johnson, Miss ... (sub.)	10 0	Balance in hand...	5 7 1
Lambert, Mr. ... (don.)	5 0		
Lampson, Sir G. C. (sub.)	1 0 0		
Lemmon, Mr. ...	2 6		
Owen, Mr. ...	2 6		
Simpson, Mr. G. ...	10 0		
St. John, Mr. ...	2 6		
Teichmann, Mr. E. ...	1 0 0		
Wildbur, Mr. J. W. ...	5 0		
Members' Subs. ...	1 16 11		
	<u>£17 17 1</u>		<u>£17 17 1</u>

Audited and found correct, ARTHUR C. E. DEVERSON.

THE MEN'S HOUR.

"Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people."

THE Men's Hour, Sunday afternoon (3.15 to 4.15) in Church, is one of the direct outcomes of the Mission. So successful were the Men's Services on the two Sunday afternoons of the Mission, that at the men's own request it was decided to continue the experiment. They have felt, therefore, that the responsibility has rested with themselves. We thank God for the enthusiasm of so many of the Committee, which has resulted in an average attendance up to Easter of 82, and of much the same number, in spite of the summer weather, since. On Saturday afternoon, May 27th, a party of about 25 paid a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, under the able and interesting guidance of Cannon Scott-Holland. A similar expedition is to be made to Westminster Abbey on June 24th. We are very grateful to Mr. St. John, and the gentlemen of our Choir who have come with such regularity Sunday by Sunday; to the ladies and gentlemen who have helped with solos; to Miss Howard for her handsome donation for the "Posters," and to our Secretary, Mr. Crow, and his friend for the very tasteful cards of membership.

COMMITTEE.

President, The Vicar. Vice-President, Rev. C. D. B. Somerville.
 Treasurer, Mr. Simpson.
 Secretary, Mr. R. J. Crow, 95, Abbeyfield Road.

Mr. H. Ash	Mr. S. Lester	Mr. J. Stubbs
" T. Bartlett	" A. Mabbs	" R. Thornton
" W. J. Calvey	" W. C. Mallett	" J. Travers
" F. Coates	" E. May	" E. Vokes
" A. W. Goldsmith	" J. C. Mortimer	" J. Wilkins
" W. H. Holman	" F. R. Owen	" W. T. Woolley
" J. Huxley	" E. A. Steward	" W. A. Wuest
" H. Lamb	" H. Stone	

BALANCE SHEET TO EASTER, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Miss Howard, donation	1 5 0	Minute Book, &c. ...	2 11
Collected in Box ...	6 13 8½	Postage ...	1 1
		Lemmon, Printing ...	6 12 0
		Annual Report...	2 6
		Cash in hand ...	1 0 2½
	<u>£7 18 8½</u>		<u>£7 18 8½</u>

Audited and found correct, JOHN R. SUTTON.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

"Hear the word of the Lord, O ye women."

We are glad to notice an increase in the number of women on the roll, and gratefully record the quiet, unostentatious work being done by the Mothers' Meeting. We are truly grateful to our Superintendent for her ceaseless activity, loving energy, and regularity of attendance, in spite of her residence at New Cross. A new development since the Mission has been the establishment of the Women's Hour, which is held in Church, from 3 to 4, on the second Tuesday in the month. This special Service seems to be appreciated, from the number who attend, 100 or more being usually present.

Superintendent and Treasurer, Mrs. Worseldine.

Mission Woman, Miss Clayton.

Number on the Register, 306.

CLOTHING CLUB.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 26TH, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Deposits ...	69 10 1	Goods ...	69 19 11 ³ / ₄
Due to Treasurer ...	9 10 ³ / ₄		
	<u>£69 19 11³/₄</u>		<u>£69 19 11³/₄</u>

COAL CLUB.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand ...	1 8 8 ¹ / ₂	Coal ...	4 7 3
Deposits ...	4 16 9 ¹ / ₂	Balance in hand ...	1 18 2 ³ / ₄
	<u>£6 5 5³/₄</u>		<u>£6 5 5³/₄</u>

JUMBLE SALE.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand ...	17 10 ¹ / ₂	Treas., Nat. Schools '98	2 0 0
Taken—April 22nd ...	2 8 0	" " " '99	2 0 0
Jan. 27, '99...	4 13 3	6, Cathay St., 2 yrs.	3 0 0
Due to Treasurer ...	1 4 10 ¹ / ₂	Attendance, 2 years	1 4 0
	<u>£9 4 0</u>	G.F.S.	5 0
		Coal Cards ...	2 6
		Annual Report, 1898	12 6
			<u>£9 4 0</u>

Mothers' Meetings—Continued.

EXCURSION TO RAMSGATE, JULY 11TH, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from Tea ...	2 5 9	Railway Company ...	16 0 0
Carr-Gomm, Mr. & Mrs.	2 0 0	To Teas ...	4 2 0
Copping, Mrs. ...	5 0	Balance in hand ...	1 18 9
Houghton, Mr. W. ...	5 0		
Peek, Frean, & Co.			
Messrs. ...	5 0		
Pethybridge, Mr. & Mrs.	4 6		
Talbot, Mrs. E. J. ...	2 0		
Tucker, Mrs. ...	2 6		
Vokes, Mr. ...	2 6		
Worseldine, Mrs. ...	2 6		
Women's Payments	15 0 0		
Visitors ...	1 6 0		
	<u>£22 0 9</u>		<u>£22 0 9</u>

ANNUAL TEA, JANUARY 24TH, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Bal. from Excursion	1 18 9	Attendance ...	8 0
Butcher, Mrs. ...	5 0	Hire of Piano ...	7 6
Carr-Gomm, Mr. & Mrs.	2 0 0	Hire of Crockery ...	1 9
Dixon, Mr. P. ...	1 1 0	Grocery ...	10 5
Gunn, Miss ...	10 0	Bread and Cake ...	12 6
Houghton, Mr. ...	5 0	Milk ...	4 1
Spencer, The Countess	1 0 0	Bread and Butter ...	1 7 5 ¹ / ₂
Vokes, Mr. ...	2 6	Annual Report, '99	12 6
Sale Surplus Material	4 0	To Excursion Cards	5 0
	<u>£7 6 3</u>	Balance in hand ...	2 17 0 ¹ / ₂
			<u>£7 6 3</u>

Messrs. Peek, Frean, & Co. are warmly thanked for their kind Donation of Cake.

Audited and found correct, E. VOKES.

MOTHERS' UNION.

"Women that followed Jesus."

Secretary—Mrs. Bardsley.

In a very quiet way this Union is doing good work. We do not aim at numbers, but at quality, for the primary object of the Union is to combine in mutual prayer those who are striving to lead the Christian life. The Bible Class at the Vicarage on Monday evenings is well attended, and many find the Early Service on the Mothers' Union Sunday a special help in the daily life. The Annual Festival is held on the 25th March, the Annunciation, and is always much looked forward to. There are now 42 Members of our Branch.

PAROCHIAL MISSION WOMEN FUND.

"Help those women which labour with me in the Gospel."

WE are glad that, through the kind help of Lady Florence Melville, we were able last year to send to the Society more than our annual guarantee of £5. For many years now, almost since the foundation of the Society, our Parish has received from them the valued services of a Mission Woman, working under the Superintendence of the Mothers' Meetings, and under the general supervision of the honorary agents of the Society, who from time to time come down to visit the meetings.

Local Treasurer—The Vicar.

Mission Woman—Miss Clayton.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Offeratories, August 14th	...	4	10	0
Lady F. Melville	...	1	0	0
Total, remitted to P.M.W.F.	...	£5	10	0

VICARAGE DILAPIDATIONS FUND.

"The labourer is worthy of his hire."

ONCE in every five years the Vicarage has to be put in a state of repair to the satisfaction of the Diocesan Surveyor. To remove from the Incumbent for the time being what might be a heavy burden in the outlay thus incurred, this fund has been started through the kindness of the Wardens, who readily consented that the Easter Offerings, which used formerly to be required for Church Expenses, should be devoted to this object. Though not exactly a personal gift to himself, but as a real increment to the value of the Living, the Vicar wishes to express his warm thanks for the ready response which has been given.

The money is lodged in the P.O. Savings Bank in the name of the Vicar and Wardens of Christ Church.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Easter Offerings, 1898	...	15	3	0
" " 1899	...	12	0	0
Mr. R. G. W. Wells, donation	...	2	2	0
Interest, 1898	...	4	4	
		£29	9	4

LENTEN SAVINGS.

"Thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

SAVINGS were received from eight boxes to the amount of £1 14s. 9d. They were distributed as follows, either at the request of the box-holder, or at the discretion of the Vicar:—

	£	s.	d.	
Waifs and Strays Society	...	1	2	6
Church Pastoral Aid Society	...	3	6	
R. Diocesan C.E.T.S.	...	8	9	
	£1	14	9	

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

"Young man, I say unto thee, Arise."

OUR Young Men's Society has had a somewhat chequered career during the last season. Apart from the difficulty arising from want of proper accommodation, considerable trouble was experienced in the matter of Gymnastic Instruction. At one time it seemed probable that a most promising class, under a very capable Instructor, would be able, after Easter, to give a very excellent display. Through pressure of business the teacher had to give up his work, and the class had to be abandoned. Some very interesting and profitable Papers and Lectures, followed in some cases by spirited debates, were given by members and friends on various topics, social, intellectual, and spiritual. By Lawn Tennis and Swimming Clubs we endeavour to keep our members together during the summer months.

President, The Vicar.

Vice-President, The Assistant Curate and Mr. Simpson.

Clerical Sec. and Treas., Rev. C. D. B. Somerville.

Lay Sec., Mr. J. A. Stubbs, 506, Southwark Park Road.

COMMITTEE:

Mr. C. Buxton	Mr. F. Simmons	Mr. D. Trussell
" W. Holman	" F. Stebbens	" E. Vokes.

BALANCE SHEET 1898-1899.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	...	2	10	1	Treas. Nat. Schools,				
Annual Entertainment,					Gas, &c.	...	2	5	0
May 3rd, 1898	...	2	18	9	Indian Clubs and Dumb				
Per Swimming Club, '96	...	12	3		Bells	...	2	4	0
Balance from Tennis					Gymnastic Instructor	1	4	6	
Club, 1898	...	7	3		Stationery and Postage	1	9	½	
Members' Subs.	...	2	15	0	Papers and Magazines	4	4	½	
Rev. C. Somerville, don.	...	5	0		Games, &c.	...	2	11	½
					Advance to Swimming				
					Club for Tickets	...	6	3	
					Sketches and Tickets				
					for Entertainment, '99	...	7	8	
					Annual Report, 1899	...	5	0	
					Balance in hand	...	2	6	9½
		£9	8	4			£9	8	4

FLOWERS.

"Whatsoever things are lovely . . . think on these things."

THE East End of our Church is much beautified and brightened by the flowers which are placed there as a free-will offering for a month at a time by the following 17 ladies, and in this order:—Mrs. Bardsley, Miss Simpson, Mrs. Mallett, Miss Johnson, Mrs. J. R. Sutton, Mrs. Copping, Mrs. Mortimer, Mrs. Tucker, Miss Chick, Mrs. E. J. Talbot, Miss Hart, Mrs. Frankham, Miss Holland, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. A. Mockford, Miss Newman, and Miss C. A. Mitchinson.

After doing their silent service in God's House, the flowers are often found most welcome in the bedrooms of our sick poor.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

(PAROCHIAL BRANCH).

"We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves!"

SOME seem to think that too much is made of the Temperance Cause, and that people are tired of Temperance work! Those who are selfish and indifferent to the "bitter cry" around them may grow tired, but the battle is the Lord's, and we, at any rate, who live in the midst of the awful destitution and horrible misery caused by intemperance must press onward, praying that the conscience of Christian England may be awakened, that the habits of our people may be changed, and that our rulers may make it "more easy to be sober and less easy to get drunk!" We thank God for the keenness of many workers, for those rescued from intemperance—one here and one there—and for the increased interest manifested by our congregation on Temperance Sunday. Pray that this work—so intensely necessary—may, with energy and wisdom, go forward. Membership: Total Abstainers, 174; General Section, 30; Total, 204.

President, The Vicar. Vice-Presidents, The Assistant Clergy,

Mr. G. Simpson, Mr. W. C. Mallett.

Clerical Secretary, Rev. C. D. B. Somerville. Lay Secretary, Mr. E. Vokes.

Assistant Secretary, Miss F. Lemmon.

Treasurer, Mr. Simpson.

Committee:

<p>Mrs. Bardsley " Crow Miss Farrar " Johnson Mrs. Lamb Miss C. A. Mitchinson " Norris Miss Rye</p>	<p>Miss Simpson Mrs. Wuest Mr. H. Ash " W. Bartrip " W. J. Calvey " J. Camplin " E. Culverhouse " W. W. Fryer</p>	<p>Mr. Goldsmith " J. H. Huxley " Lamb " E. H. May " Owen " Ringshall " Sidwell " Wuest</p>
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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3RD APRIL, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Amount brought forward	1 16 3	Lemmon, Printing	2 13 0
Rev. C. D. B. Somerville (sub.)	2 6	Members' Teas	1 13 7
Members' Subs.	4 2 2½	Speakers' Expenses	12 1
Miss Smith—Concert	5 8 8	Chronicles and Circulars	13 7
" Clarke	11 6	Hire of Slides and Lime-light	5 8
Balance Coffee Stall	9 11½	Hire of Piano	8 6
Amount Collected at Meetings and Members' Teas	3 17 0	Hymn Books	2 1 3
		Use of Schools	2 2 6
		Affiliation Fee, Roch. Dioc. C.E.T.S.	1 0 0
		Sundries	2 6
		Annual Report, 1899	5 0
		Balance in hand	4 10 5
	£16 8 1		£16 8 1

Audited and found correct, WALTER C. MALLETT.

C.E.T.S. JUVENILE BRANCH, OR BAND OF HOPE.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

WE are glad indeed to notice an increase in the Membership of the Band of Hope, and, at the same time, a growth in the average attendance. Whatever opinions may be held by the parents as to the value of abstinence for themselves, we should expect all to agree as to the desirability of bringing up the children in habits of abstinence. Our one hope of a sober England in the next generation is with the children of to-day. All who throw themselves into this splendid work should rank as benefactors to their country. Once again, through the kindness of Mrs. Lloyd, and the Rev. Fergus Wood, a most delightful excursion took place in August last to Caterham Valley, with its glorious woods and meadows and lovely surroundings.

No. on the Register—163. Average attendance—96.

COMMITTEE.

President, The Vicar.

Vice-President, Rev. C. D. B. Somerville.

Superintendent, Treasurer, and Secretary, Mr. A. Sidwell.

Registrar, Miss Thorpe.

<p>Miss Bowden " Rye Mrs. Sidwell</p>	<p>Mrs. Vokes Mr. Vokes</p>	<p>Mrs. Wuest Mr. Wuest</p>
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BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance from 1897	1 16 5	Treas., National Schools	1 0 0
Bardsley, Rev. S. M. (sub.)	5 0	Medals, Prizes, &c.	19 0½
" " (don.)	10 6	Cards, Music, &c.	1 1 7½
" " per (don.)	2 6	Annual Report, 1898	5 0
Cruise, Miss (don.)	5 0	Affiliation Fee, Juvenile Union	5 0
Goldsmith, Mr. (sub.)	2 6	Three Quarterly Teas	5 14 1½
Palmer, per Rev. E. J. (don.)	10 0	Annual Excursion	6 5 3
Sidwell, Mr. (sub.)	2 6	Postage, &c.	3 6
" Mrs. " "	1 0	Balance in hand	1 6 4½
Wood, Rev. F. (don.)	1 1 0		
Members Subscriptions	10 6 3		
Sale of Pledge Cards	2 5		
Sale of Tickets for Excursion	6 0		
Proceeds of Concert by Misses Clark & Pascoe	1 8 10		
	£16 19 11		£16 19 11

Audited and found correct, EDWIN VOKES.

C.E.T. BENEFIT SOCIETY—Lodge No. 249.

“If any provide not for his own, he is worse than an Infidel.”

ONCE more we have to bewail the fact that our Benefit Society is not more warmly supported by our people. With all the improvidence around us, and with its terrible results so patent to all, we wonder that our more serious young men and women do not realise the advantages, the necessity, and the imperative *duty* of belonging to some such society as this—a society which is *absolutely solvent*, which holds its meetings in a schoolroom, is worked on a religious basis, and is most fair and equitable in its rates. Were the future completely in our own hands, there might not be much occasion for such membership; but who knows what a day or an hour may bring forth?

President, The Vicar. Vice-President, Rev. C. D. B. Somerville.

Treasurer, Mr. G. Simpson.

Secretary, Mr. A. H. Hope, St. Olave's Infirmary, Rotherhithe.

Committee, Miss C. A. Mitchinson, Mr. Ringshall, Mr. F. Stebbens, Mr. Vokes, Mr. H. N. Watts, Mr. A. Young.

Medical Examiner, Dr. Gwynne.

Meetings in Paradise Street Schoolroom, Third Monday in month, 8 to 9 p.m.

No. of Members—13 Men, 5 Women, 1 Life Assurance.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Members' Payments	29 13 3½	Sick Pay	9 0 10
		Sec.'s Expenses, &c.	1 3 3½
		Forwarded to Head Office	19 9 2
	<u>£29 13 3½</u>		<u>£29 13 3½</u>

SCRIPTURE UNION.

“They searched the Scriptures daily.”

Secretary, Miss Bond, 78, Union Road.

ONE outcome of the children's special part of the Mission has, we are thankful to notice, been a very great growth in the membership of our Scripture Union. The Monthly Meetings also are much better attended, and about 44 of the children have bought the card of daily Prayer, which was strongly recommended by their Missioner, the Rev. R. S. Fyffe. We regret that the boys are numerically so much behind the girls, and would ask the teachers to do all they can to encourage our energetic Secretary, by speaking to the children about their portion, and by attending, when possible, the meetings. The habit of regular Bible reading is one of the most important which can be formed.

Membership: Boys, 33; Girls, 109; Adults, 41—Total, 183.

DORCAS SOCIETY.

“Well reported of for good works.”

WE shall be glad to see more of the Seatholders at the Monthly Meetings held at the Vicarage, usually on Thursday afternoons, from 2.30 to 5 o'clock. Many are the good works for which this Society is well reported of, from the manufacture and maintenance of cassocks and surplices for the Church Choir, and the making of articles for the poor, to the providing of Loan Blankets for the winter months, and the looking after the Maternity Boxes, which may be obtained by poor married women in the parish, free of cost.

President, Mrs. Bardsley.

Treasurer, Miss Simpson.

Secretary, Miss Johnson.

Mrs. Allen	Mrs. Judd	Miss C. A. Mitchinson
„ Evans	„ Kelsey	„ Newman
„ Gillard	Miss Knill	Mrs. Pegrum
Miss Hart	Mrs. Lemmon	„ Smith
„ Holland	„ Mallett	„ Sutton
		„ Tull

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3RD APRIL, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bal. brought forward	4 6 0½	National Truss Society	2 2 0
Part payment contents		Drapery a/cs. ...	1 12 5½
Maternity Box	12 0	Grocery, etc., Maternity Boxes	17 6
Proceeds of Sale	1 10 2	Cartage	2 0
19 Members' Subs.	2 7 6	Annual Report, 1899...	7 6
		Sundries	5 0
		Balance	3 9 2½
	<u>£8 15 8½</u>		<u>£8 15 8½</u>

Audited and found correct, WALTER C. MALLETT.

CONVALESCENT LETTERS, &c.

WE are always glad to receive Letters for Special Hospitals and Convalescent Letters. We would in particular thank Miss Gilbey for receiving many of our children at her Home near Bourne End, and Mr. E. H. Tubbs, for so many Letters for his Home at Littlestone-on-Sea.

PENNY BANK.

"Gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost."

WE regret to notice a slight falling off (£11) in the deposits last year, but this is somewhat made up for by the increase of 21 in the number of depositors, there being now 304 on the books. The Bank is open every Saturday evening from 7 to 8, the Managers conducting the business in pairs for a month at a time.

President, **The Vicar.** Treasurer, **Mr. G. Simpson.**

Honorary Secretaries, **Mr. A. W. Goldsmith, and Mr. H. A. Rye.**

Managers, **Messrs. C. Buxton, R. J. Crow, E. Sidwell, H. Simmons, F. Stebbens**

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1898.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance in hand	26 14 8	Withdrawals during the Year	104 6 11
Deposits during the year	103 3 6	Interest paid on closed Accounts	1 4 ½
Interest due to Depositors	2 3 ½	Balance to the credit of 304 Depositors	25 12 2
	<u>£130 0 5 ½</u>		<u>£130 0 5 ½</u>

Audited and found correct, H. A. RYE.

PARISH MAGAZINE.

"The book of records . . . and they were read."

WE rejoice that the circulation of our humble parochial organ of news continues to healthily grow, though it has not yet reached the four figures to which its more sanguine supporters have been long looking forward. We now circulate rather over 800 a month; this is largely due to the efforts of our Parish Visitors, as is evident in the Balance Sheet below. We are also indebted to Miss A. Brown and Mr. E. G. Payne, for taking round a large number of Subscribers' copies each month, and to Mr. Vokes for his pertinacity in pushing it wherever he goes. We earnestly commend it to all who are interested in the welfare of the Parish, and shall be glad to send a copy monthly to any friend who will take it in, on receipt of 1/6 for the year.

Treasurer, **The Vicar.**

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brght. fwd.	16 6 8 ¾	Publisher, <i>Home Words</i>	46 14 10
Subscriptions	9 17 9	Wrappers and Postage	1 6 10
Sold by Par. Visitors	22 12 5	Carriage and Sundries	1 2
Sold by other Agencies	7 19 2 ¼	Lemmon, Printing	5 6
Bal., Binding a/c, 1898	11 2	Annual Report, 1898	5 0
	<u>£57 7 3</u>	Balance in hand	8 13 11
			<u>£57 7 3</u>

Audited and found correct, J. R. SUTTON.

RAGGED CHILDREN'S EXCURSIONS.

"The living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."

ON August 12th about 200 children were taken by *Pearson's Weekly* to Loughton and Epping Forest. We had to undertake to get them to Shadwell. Through Mr. Vokes' energy in raising additional funds, we were able to take another 100 of our poorest children on August 25th, to Southborough, where many kind friends provided the necessary food, and Mr. Martin lent vans to fetch them from Tonbridge Station, and to take them back. We wish that all the Subscribers to the fund (and many others) could have seen the poor little ragged urchins, many without shoes or stockings, enjoying themselves in God's beautiful country.

Treasurer - - - The Vicar.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Anon.	2 6	E. L. R., Rotherhithe to Shadwell	16 8
Allen, Mrs.	2 0	S. E. R., Deptford Rd. to Tonbridge	5 0 0
Barrett, Mrs.	5 0	Pies and Sundries	10 6
Copping, Mr.	10 0	Lemmon, Tickets	2 6
Dobson, Mrs.	6		
Friend, A.	1 0		
Friends, King's Worthy, per E. V.	1 0 0		
Hall, Dr. J. F.	5 0		
Hills, Mr. A. F.	5 0		
Hobbs, Nurse	2 6		
Holdaway, Mrs.	2 6		
Houghton, Mr.	10 0		
Hursley Girls	4 0		
Lambert, Mr.	10 0		
Leary, Mr. T.	2 0		
Leary, Mrs. W.	1 0		
Moore, Miss	2 0		
Newman, Miss	2 6		
Norris, Mrs.	6		
Payne, Mr. E. G.	2 0		
Scrivener, Mrs. (U.S.A.)	10 0		
" " per Friend	2 0		
Sells, Mr.	2 0		
Staff, Speedwell Hotel, Portsmouth	13 0		
Tregear, Maj.-Gen., C.B.	5 0		
Work-girls, 2 or 3	3 0		
Vicar, balance	4 8		
	<u>£6 9 8</u>		<u>£6 9 8</u>

Audited and found correct, J. R. SUTTON.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
(PAROCHIAL BRANCH.)

"Thy Kingdom Come."

We are truly thankful in this Centenary year to be able to record an increase of £3 or more in the amount sent in, in addition to the special Centenary Thankofferings of about £10 remitted after the closing of the financial year. We often use the Missionary prayer above, which our Lord has taught us, but how slowly, alas! does the missionary spirit grow! "It is strange (as the Archbishop told us at the Centenary Service at St. Paul's) that for so long the Church should have forgotten the Missionary command. Strange, when it is impossible to mistake the fact that the Church was created expressly for the purpose of evangelizing mankind. Thank God (he said), it seems as if we are awaking now to a deeper and stronger sense of what God requires; it seems as if the Church of England was realizing more the very purpose for which she was called into being." Our new Secretary, an old Missionary worker, will be glad to supply boxes to any who apply, or to enrol as members of the "Gleaners' Union" those who will help by daily prayer for Missionary work.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss F. A. Stubbs, 506, Southwark Park Road.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	RECEIPTS—cont.	£ s. d.
Anon.	6	Pethybridge, Mrs. (box)	14 11½
Bardsley, Rev. S.M. (sub.)	1 1 0	Rummery, Miss "	3 1½
" " (box)	15 11½	Rye, Miss J. ... "	1 7
Bass, Miss E. ... "	2 8½	Rye, Mrs. H. A. ... "	6 7½
Bathe, Mr. ... "	3 6	Simpson, Mr. (sub.) ...	1 1 0
Bible Class, Mrs. Bards-		Smart, Mrs. (don.) ...	2 6
ley's	6 4½	Smith, Mrs. ... (box)	8 1
Bond, Miss	4 5¼	Steward, Mr.	4 3¼
Bradshaw, Mrs. ... "	2 11½	Stubbs, Miss N. ... "	2 0½
Britton, Miss	5 2	Sunday Schools, ½ "	1 4 10
Clayton, Miss	3 8	Talbot and Lattimer,	
Cochrane, Mr.	1 9	Misses	1 2 10¼
Collections in Church...	6 13 6	Tuke, Mr. A.	6 8½
Cook, Miss ... (box)	8 1¾	Watts, Mr.	8 9¼
" " A.	4 0¼	Webb, Mr.	9 8½
Cosh, Mrs., and Wylie,		Wildbur, Mr. (sub.) ...	5 0
Miss (box)	5 7½	Wilkinson, Mr. (box) ...	3 7½
Drake, Mrs.	5¼	Woolley, Mrs.	2 6
Duckett, Miss	1 8½		
Gibbens, Miss D. ... "	2 1	<u>£24 7 1½</u>	
Goldsmith, Mr.	8 3¼		
Jones, Mr. J.	15 1½	EXPENDITURE. £ s. d.	
Judd, Miss	10 9¼	Remitted to C. M. S. ...	24 0 7
Lemmon, Mr.	1 12 0	Postage, etc.	1 6½
Mortimer, Mrs.	4 6¼	Annual Report 1899 ...	5 0
Newman, Miss	1 8 2½		
Norris, Miss	1 9½	<u>£24 7 1½</u>	
Owen, Mr.	9 8½		
Pascoe, Miss	4 11¼		

CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY.
(PAROCHIAL BRANCH.)

"Go into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor."

THROUGH the energy of our local Secretary, and for other reasons, the contributions to this, the oldest of Home Mission Societies, are still increasing. The greater part of our valued Scripture Reader's salary is found by this Society, who give an annual Grant of £70 on condition that we raise locally for the Society £15. We rejoice that once again we have exceeded our guarantee. For the balance of Mr. Vokes' salary we are indebted to a grant of £15 from the Rochester Diocesan Society.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Mallett

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1899.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Offeratories in Church...	5 11 0	Annual Report, 1899 ...	5 0
Bardsley, Rev. S. M.		Remitted to Parent	
(sub.)	1 0 0	Society	17 16 3
Mitchinson, Miss C. A.			
(sub.)	5 0		
Simpson, Mr. G. ... "	1 1 0		
BOXES:			
Ash, Mr.	1 2½		
Butcher, Mrs.	3 11½		
Buxton, Mr.	3 7½		
Coates, Mrs.	11 11½		
Crawford, Mrs.	2 2		
Crow, Mrs.	4 6¼		
Cuming, Mrs.	5 11		
Edey, Mr.	1 9¼		
Frankham, Mrs.	4 6¼		
Hawkins, Mrs.	2 3 4½		
Hooker, Miss	11 8¾		
Hurrell, Miss F.	2 3¼		
Lamb, Mr.	0 7½		
Mallett, Master W. W. ...	10 5¼		
May, Mr.	7 4¼		
Mitchinson, Miss C. A. ...	10 9¼		
Norris, Miss M.	1 8¾		
Page, Mrs.	4 1		
Payne, Mr. E. G.	3 7½		
Staines, Misses E. & M. ...	8 1½		
St. John, Miss Elsie	16 2		
Sutton, Mrs.	16 3½		
Vokes, Mr. E.	3 0½		
½ Sunday School Box	1 4 10		
	<u>£18 1 3</u>		<u>£18 1 3</u>

Audited and found correct, GEO. SIMPSON.

CHRISTMAS

"Eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send

THE appeal for this Fund met with its usual generous and ready response. families or individuals, carefully selected, as being deserving of such the great Christmas Festival. On December 29, 300 of the poorest *Words* Robin Dinner Fund," some small expenses of which are charged ant delight of the little Robins at the bringing in of the "plum pudding," part of the programme.

Treasurer,

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1897	2	4	3
Mr. and Mrs. Carr-Gomm	2	0	0
Mr. W. Dempsey	1	1	0
Mr. R. Carpenter, G. F. S. Horsell (per Mrs. Pares), 20/- each	2	0	0
Mrs. S. Butcher, Mr. Houghton, and Mrs. T. Tucker, 10/6 each	1	11	6
Mr. Barrett, Mr. Copping, Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. & Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Jewiss, Miss Johnson, Mr. W. T. King, Mr. and Mrs. Mallett, Mr. Simpson, Mr. & Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Thornton, 10/- each	5	10	0
Anon, Mr. Buxton, Mrs. Crosby, Mr. Edey, Mr. Farrar, Mrs. Frankham, Messrs. Gilman & Spencer, Miss Hambleton, Mrs. Hawkins, Dr. Jaynes, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Lester, Miss Mitchinson, Miss C. A. Mitchinson, Miss Newman, Mr. Owen, Mrs. Pegrum, Mr. Royal, Mr. St. John, Mr. E. J. Talbot, Mr. Travers, Mr. Wildbur, Messrs. Wilmott & Cobon, Mr. E. Woolley, 5/- each	6	0	0
Mr. H. N. Watts	4	0	0
Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Fey, Mr. Hope's Children, Mr. Mortimer, and Miss Walker, 3/- each	18	0	0
Anon, A Seatholder, Mr. Ash, Miss Bayley, Mrs. Bond, Miss Bowden, F. D., Mrs. Hart, Miss Hooker, Miss Jewiss, J. J., Mrs. Macnamara, Mrs. Mullenger, Mr. Nash, Miss Norris, Mrs. Nowlan, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Simpson, Mr. Steward, Mrs. Ward, Miss Williamson, W. G. D. and W. S., 2/6 each	2	17	6
Miss E. Bass, Miss Bragg, Mr. Goldsmith, Mrs. Kelsey, Miss Knill, Mr. A. Mockford, Mr. Percy, Miss Phillips, Mrs. Smith, Miss Staines, Miss B. M. Staines, Mr. Syms, Mr. Trussell, Mrs. Tull, 2/- each	1	8	0
Mrs. Crow, Miss Duckett, Miss A. B. Jewiss, 1/6 each	4	6	0
A. S., Mrs. Crawford, T. B., 1/- each	3	0	0
Sunday Schools	4	8	1
Pupils at "Courtlands," Finchley	1	13	6
Home Words Robin Dinner Fund	8	5	6
	<u>£34</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

DINNER FUND.

portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared."

On December 23rd tickets for grocery and meat were distributed to 165 assistance. Many houses in Rotherhithe were thus made brighter for children of our slums sat down to a dinner provided by the "*Home* to this account. We wish that our readers could have seen the exuberant during the Entertainment with the Magic Lantern which was a later

The Vicar.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Nash's Account (Groceries)	11	1	6
Lester's Account (Meat)	10	9	0
Gifts in Cash	1	0	6
Postage, &c.	2	8	0
Robin Dinner:—			
Philcox & Son	8	5	6
Waiters	5	0	0
Police	2	0	0
Mrs. Cuming	2	6	0
Limelight	2	0	0
Lemmon—Tickets	3	6	0
	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Annual Report, 1899	10	0	0
Balance in hand	1	19	5
	<u>£34</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

Audited and found correct, J. R. SUTTON.

MUSCULAR ASSISTANCE.

"She hath done what she could."

WE most gratefully recognise the valuable help given by Mr. Camplin, as honorary Church carpenter; by Mrs. Norris, in scrubbing week by week the Church tiles; by Miss Johnson and Miss Mitchinson, in keeping bright the Church brasswork; by Mrs. Bardsley and Mrs. Mallett in looking after the plate; by Mrs. Chapman, Miss Wylie, Mrs. Cosh, and Mrs. H. Bartrip, who regularly (and by a few others who occasionally) freely wash the surplices of our choir, and thus make up for those wives and mothers of our choristers who are unable to help in this way; by many women, who from time to time give a day or even more to a special cleaning of the Church; and by many others, men and women, who, in open air or at other times, are ever ready after a hard day's toil to devote their muscular strength to the Lord's work in our midst. Surely they will have a like commendation to that of the poor woman referred to by our Lord in the text.

THE MISSION FUND.

NOVEMBER 26TH TO DECEMBER 5, 1898.

"To seek and to save that which was lost."

"Building up yourselves on your most holy faith."

It has often been said that a truly successful Mission will never leave a debt behind it, but that those who receive help and blessing through the Mission will gladly give the needful funds whereby it can be carried through. We certainly found it so ourselves. The bulk of the work was voluntary, from that of our hard-working Secretary to that of the boys who marched with their drums and fifes through the streets, and in addition to the donations given beforehand, the offerings in Church at the time of the Mission were most liberal. After paying the very heavy expenses, we were able to make a Grant to the Church Expenses Fund (for Gas, &c.), a grant for hymn books to the "Men's Hour," and a grant for printing to the Communicants' Union; the two last being direct outcomes of the Mission. In addition to the Tracts purchased, we received from the S.P.C.K. a most valuable contribution of Mission Tracts, &c., to the value of £10 17s. 7d.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. R. Sutton.

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Anon	Anon ...		5	0	Lemmon & Co., Prntg.	9	1	6
F	Anon ...		1	6	Griffith, Farran, Hymn			
M	Bisley, Mr. Harold ...	1	1	0	Books ...	7	8	4
N	Camplin, Mr. ...		10	0	Jackson, Tracts, &c.	1	9	1
E	Copping, Mr. S. W. ...	1	0	0	C. Talbot, Bishop's			
8	Crosby, Mrs. ...		5	0	Letter ...		13	0
Mr. F	Friend, A ...		5	0	Hire of 6, Cathay St.		7	6
Mrs.	Goldsmith, Mr. A. W.		5	0	Messenger & Parcels		15	2
M	Lemmon, Mr. ...		2	6	Postage & Stationery		6	0
Anon	Matthes, Mr. L. ...		10	0	Missioners' Travelling			
E	Mitchinson, Miss C. A.		10	0	Expenses ...	7	4	2
J	Newman, Miss ...		5	0	Grant to Church Exps.	3	0	0
N	Sutton, Mrs. J. R. ...		10	6	Grant for "Men's Hour"			
S	Trussell, Mr. D. ...		3	0	Hymn Books ...	2	8	9
V	Tucker, Mrs. T. ...	1	1	0	Grant for Communicants			
Miss	Vicar, The ...		1	0	Union ...		18	0
F	Wilkins, Miss ...		1	0				
S	Woolley, Mr. E. R. ...		5	0				
T	Church Offertories ...	22	7	5				
Mrs.	Sale of Hymn Books	2	1	2				
A. S.	Sale of Children's							
Sund	Prayer Cards ...		3	5				
Pupil								
Hom								
		£33	11	6		£33	11	6

Audited and found correct, GEO. SIMPSON.

CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAYS—8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3.15 p.m. (Men's Hour), and 6.30 p.m.; Wed., 8 p.m.; Daily, 9.15 a.m., except Friday, 12 noon.

HOLY COMMUNION—Every Sun., 8 a.m., and First Sun., Mid-day; Third Sun., Evening; some Holy Days by announcement.

BAPTISMS—Sun., 4.15 p.m.; Wed., 7.30 p.m.

CHURCHINGS—Sun., 4.10 p.m.; Wed., 7.50 p.m.; Fri., 12.30 p.m.

MARRIAGES—Any day between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., by arrangement with the Clergy. For Banns and Licences, apply to Vicar.

COMMUNICANTS' UNION—Special Service, First Sun. in month, 8 a.m. Preparation Service, Wed. previous, 8 p.m.

MISSION SERVICE—Sun., 8.15 p.m.

OTHER NOTICES.

LODGING-HOUSE SERVICE—Sun., 5.45 p.m.

WEEKLY MEETING FOR INTERCESSION—Sat., 9 p.m., Paradise St. Schrm.

NAT. SCHS.—9 a.m. and 2 p.m. MIXED SCHOOL, Prospect St.: Girls, Standards II.-VII.; Boys, Standards II. and III. INFANT SCH. (with Standard I.), Paradise St.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Boys, Prospect Street; Girls, Paradise Street; Infants, Prospect Street.

BIBLE CLASSES—Mothers' Union, Mon., 8.15 p.m., the Vicarage; Young Women, Sun., 3 p.m., Paradise Street School Class Room.

POOR RELIEF COMMITTEE—Sat., 8 p.m., Paradise Street Schoolroom.

C.E.T.S.—Meetings in Paradise St. Schoolroom, the Second Thurs. and Fourth Mon. each month, 8 p.m., or in open air at 8.30 p.m.

BAND OF HOPE—Wed., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., Paradise Street Schoolroom.

C.E.T. BENEFIT SOCIETY—Third Mon. in the month, 8 to 9 p.m., Paradise Street Schoolroom.

WORKING MEN'S INSTITUTE—Tues. and Fri., 7.30 to 10 p.m., Paradise Street Schoolroom, for Men over 18.

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY—Tues. and Fri., 7.30 to 10 p.m., Paradise Street Schoolroom.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE—Headquarters, Prospect Street Schoolroom, Thurs., 8 to 9 p.m.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS—Tues., 2 to 4 p.m., at 6, Cathay St.; 7 to 9 p.m. in Prospect St. Schoolroom. Coal, Blanket and Clothing Clubs in connection.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY—For Girls over 13; Thurs., 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., at Prospect St. Schoolroom. For Girls between 8 and 13, alternate Mondays, 5 to 7 p.m., Prospect St., Schoolroom.

The College House (Jesus College, Cambridge)—The Wall Club—For Lads, 13 to 17, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 7.30 to 9.45 p.m. Subscription 1d. a week.—Band of Hope Meeting for Children, 6 to 13, Wed., 6 to 7 p.m.—Children's Service, Sun., 8.15 p.m.

LOAN TRACT SOCIETY—Parish Visitors' Meeting on the Saturday before the Second Sunday in the month, at 7.15 p.m.

PENNY BANK—Every Sat., 7 to 8 p.m., in Paradise St. Schoolroom.

DORCAS SOCIETY—At the Vicarage, First Thurs. in the month, 2.30 p.m.

SCRIPTURE UNION—Second Mon., 7 p.m.

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O LORD, look down in mercy upon this Parish, and forgive us our grievous sins. May many souls be turned unto Thee! Arouse the careless and impenitent; bless those who love Thee, and do Thou keep all those who are walking in the way of life stedfast unto the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted, and make their sufferings a blessing to them. Prosper the clergy and all the church-workers in their holy work. And in Thine own good time heal all our divisions, and make us one; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Also Collect for 4th Sunday in Advent.

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Interview with Rev. H. H. Selby. Rector
Holy Trinity, Rotherhithe

Mr Selby. H. H. is a man of about
60. He is tall and thin; grey hair and beard.
Throughout our interview he sat with his back to
the light in a darkish room, and I could get no
idea of his appearance; but he accompanied me
to the door as I went, and in leaving I had an
impression of a pleasant, kindly, unclerical face;
a face which suggested the ~~country~~ country rather
than London.

Mr S. has been here for 11 years: he
succeeded a Vicar who for the last 15 years of his
pastorate suffered from a throat disease which made
him inarticulate and who only remained on in order
to qualify for a pension of £65 a year, which
has to be paid out of Mr S's small stipend out
of £100. Mr S. I suppose has some private means,
but in any case he is financially crippled for want
of funds, and has no paid assistance of any

kind. Partly from this cause, and partly because Mr S., though not I think idle like his neighbour Mr Russett, is not a man of any energy nor enthusiasm, the church has nearly risen due to the low level of vigour and efficiency which seems to prevail in Rothamhithe.

The inhabitants of the parish are all connected with the local industries: mechanics, watchmakers, dockers, labourers and small shopkeepers. Parts of it are exceedingly poor, especially Horn Lane and the courts off Trinity Road close to the church. Silver St. has improved but Farnthorpe Lane is still squalid. In Denmark St. and Regent St. there is a considerable colony of foreign shopkeepers, Danes, Swedes etc. In the poor streets there is a good deal of shifting to and from the poor parts of Deptford, but among those who are better off there is a great tendency to stick to this strange and unique corner of London. Many of the people have been here for years; and if Mr S. asks them whether they would not like to live in the

County they say 'no, nothing should induce them to ~~leave~~ ^{leave} Rothwhitha'. Mr S. compares the reports as to the healthiness of the place; my lord notes how strong and stout the children are compared with the generality of London children.

Until lately this certainly was and probably still is, the most inaccessible parish in London: except by river there was no vehicular approach: but lately a bar has been thrown to the church from the south - (there is still no way out to the north except by walking right round the bend) - and a new and less tortuous road is now being made from the docks to Deptford Road Station.

The only building under the church is the school: there is great want of a Parish Room or Hall. The Church when Mr S. came was in a shocking state, and he has raised and spent a large sum in ~~repairing~~ repairing it.

Besides the few visitors mentioned in the

Magazine there are no workers with the exception of the School teacher, who are also employed as Sunday School teachers: Mr S. does not make willingness to teach in the Sunday School a condition of employment but of two candidates gives the preference to the one who is willing.

The Sunday morning congregation is about 60; evening 120; 25 Communicants on roll.

The number of children at ^{the} Sunday School ^{books} is 125.

The Athletic Club was mentioned under social work.

The visitation was said to be very thorough. Mr S. has lately started a collecting Savings Bank for which the visitors collected about ~~£25~~ £65 last year.

Nurses are got from the Cottage Hospital.

On Relief about £60 a year is spent, a good deal of it in ~~for~~ free meals to children of which last year 4057 were given. Mr S' methods I think are quite unscientific.

Aside the P.C.'s who look after their own people and the Lutheran Church which touches only foreigners, the only other agency of any influence is the Wesleyans who have a small ward chapel in Silver St. Mr S. "looks askance" at Scott Lidgett, who, he thinks, does all he can to damage the Church.

Local forces: active and good: much better than it was.

Police: willing, but insufficient.

Drink: excessive, especially among women.

Prostitution: none.

Housing: very little overcrowding.



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Vicar.—Rev. HENRY H. SELBY-HELE.
Sidesman.—Mr. EDWIN NEAL, 588, Rotherhithe Street.

SERVICES, Etc.

SUNDAY MORNING. II. **SUNDAY EVENING,** 7. 4th Sunday in each month, Children's Service at 3 p.m. Friday Evening, 7.30, followed by Choir Practice.

HOLY COMMUNION.—1st and 3rd Sunday in the month after Morning Service; 2nd Sunday in the month at 8 a.m.; on the Greater Festivals; and on Saints' Days at 8 a.m.

BAPTISMS—(which are free) at the Children's Service, or on Friday Evening.

CHURCHINGS.—Immediately before any Service.

MARRIAGES.—Banns of Marriage, 2/-. Marriage Fees, including Certificate, 6/-. Marriage by License, 21/-. The License can be obtained through the Surrogate, Rev. S. MARTYN BARDSLEY, Christ Church Vicarage, Lower Road.

Head Master—Boys' School.—Mr. J. W. HARPER.

Head Mistress—Girls' School.—Miss KAYE.

Head Mistress—Infants' School.—Miss YOUNG.

DISTRICT VISITORS.—Mrs. H. SELBY-HELE—Rotherhithe Street from Canada Wharf to Lavender Bridge; Mrs. BANHAM, Faustin Place; Miss SELBY-HELE, Trinity Road and Mariner's Buildings; Miss GILMAN, Rotherhithe Street, from 566 to Canada Wharf; Miss ROSE MARRIOTT, Rotherhithe Street, from 668 to 622, and Cow Lane; Miss KAYE, Odessa Street and North side of Derrick Street; Miss E. MARRIOTT, South side of Derrick Street and Elgar Street; Miss MEDHURST, Rotherhithe Street from 614 to 568; Miss AMOS, Silver Street, and Rotherhithe Street from Lavender Bridge to Globe Buildings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—At 10.15 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Meeting of Church Workers on the 2nd Wednesday in the month from October to July.

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

With this number of our Magazine we commence our 3rd Volume, and enter upon the year 1900, the last of the century. With all my heart I wish you a happy New Year in the best sense of the word.

Looking back on the year that has gone, we who are members of the Church of England, certainly have cause for thankfulness that our congregation has considerably improved; but that satisfaction is necessarily diminished when we observe that so small a proportion even of the Church-goers are regular communicants. I would remind those concerned, that to partake of this our spiritual food and sustenance is not left as a matter of choice; but comes to us as a plain command, given by our Blessed Lord Himself, just before laying down His life for us; a last dying request that we would do this in remembrance of Him. How will those who deliberately refuse, meet Him when He comes again? I do hope that in the New Year, more of us may meet to join in this great central act of Christian worship, and thus form a stronger body than at present for the real welfare of the Parish.

Faithfully yours,

HENRY H. SELBY HELE.

CONFIRMATION.

There will be a Confirmation at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, on Monday, 26th February, at 8 o'clock p.m., and I shall be glad to receive the names of all those who would like to be prepared. The classes will begin on Thursday, 18th January.

HELP FOR THE MAGAZINE.

Each one of our 230 subscribers has some power to make our Magazine self-supporting, by dealing as far as possible with those firms who, at the risk of loss to themselves, advertize in our paper, in order to help on a good work. If we all take this action (as indeed some of us already have done), there is no doubt that those who have advertized will find besides earning the sincere thanks of those responsible for the cost, that they are also pecuniarily benefitted.

THE SCHOOL PENNY BANK.

I wish to make it known through the magazine, that with the New Year a change will be made in the management of the Bank, in that no deposit of more than 1d. will be received. This step is taken in order that the Bank may

be only for the use of the Children, who if they bring their own money, will be more likely to be encouraged in thrifty habits. At the same time we are willing to assist those Parents who now send their 6d. to the School on Monday mornings, to deposit that or any larger amount in the Post Office, by means of our Collecting Savings Bank, which has been in operation for the last nine months, and we will do our best to call each Monday morning at the houses of those who would like by regular weekly saving, without any trouble to themselves, to lay by in store for the proverbial rainy day.

OUR SOUP KITCHEN.

There is a general desire to keep this going during the cold weather, as many of the poor little children in the Parish need it, and so in order to help the Funds there will be given on January 26th, by the same operator who came for our last Prize-giving Entertainment, an Exhibition of the Cinematograph, or Animated Photographs; preceded by a programme of one hour, comprising singing, recitations, etc. The Tickets will be 1/- each; and in the case of families, each Ticket beyond two will be sold at 6d. The object in view, as well as the class of entertainment, should secure a full attendance.

SOCIAL AND CONCERT.

As announced, this was held on Saturday, 2nd December in the School-room. Everything passed off very satisfactorily, and many thanks are due both to the ladies and gentlemen of the Committee for their ungrudging assistance in the furnishing of refreshments, the preparation of the rooms, and the conduct of the programme. The various performers have the best thanks of all for the excellent manner in which they took their parts. The Balance Sheet submitted to the Committee showed a net profit of £3 6s. 1d., which (as arranged) has been paid towards liquidating the expenses of the Parish Magazine incurred over and above the proceeds from the monthly sales.

SKETCHES FROM LIFE ON THE RIO DE LA PLATA.

(By the Vicar.)

PART VI.

In drawing these sketches to a close, I propose now to say something about certain sufferings endured by the sheep (avoidable and unavoidable), also about the flowers, insects,

and some other small matters which may be interesting to you.

First then about the sheep; you ask perhaps, why should they suffer? They do so first through the inexcusable carelessness of shearers, who have but one object in view, viz. to clip the greatest possible number in a certain time, and consequently they frequently cut the animals badly, there always being one man told off to apply tar to the freshly made wounds as a curative, and to keep off the flies; it generally answers both purposes, but the sheep suffer nevertheless. Other things also might be remedied. Thirst, e.g., the effect of droughts, which often occur, may be avoided by a judicious damming up of the dry water-courses; when this is done, the first thunder-storm gives you perhaps a permanent reservoir of water, a mile long; but from want of capital or parsimony, it is often neglected, with the result that in a prolonged drought sheep die by hundreds, after intense suffering. I have seen six hundred heaped together dead, under one tree, where they had smothered themselves by pushing under one another for shade; and in the same drought, many actually jumped down an open well in their anxiety for water, the well of course being insufficient to supply them with a hundredth part of what they required. At such times, the shepherd pastures his flock at night, that they may eat the dried up grass while it is wet with dew, and drives them off to the nearest river, thus often saving thousands; and then when at last the rain comes, great numbers die from drinking too much from the pools that are formed. All this I say may be avoided by the judicious expenditure of about £100 on each Estancia. Let me mention now one source of very great suffering which these poor things must endure, and which is, as far as I can see, unavoidable. It arises from certain kinds of grass, the seeds of which attach themselves to the wool, as would the spikes of barley, and working inward, pierce the skin of the sheep, so that when the skin is taken off there are found to be innumerable points that have worked through, and must have caused intense suffering.

There are also the vultures, which although most useful as scavengers, are a source of terror to the lambs and their mothers; for should a lamb stray from the flock and its shepherd, these birds will immediately pounce upon its back, and dig out its eyes as the most vulnerable point, when the poor blind creature is quickly devoured, and that to a great extent while still alive.

But to pass to a pleasanter subject, some of the beauties of nature; the Camp is often very beautiful with large patches here and

there of brilliant scarlet verbenas; and the woods (or montes as they are called), contain many specimens of what are known as air plants, these hang from the branches by almost invisible fibres, no thicker than cotton, at the extremity of which (perhaps two or three feet from the tree branch) there opens out a gorgeous flower. These we used to carry home and hang on a nail in the house, where they would flourish for a long time. At times the camp would be covered by a carpet of golden flowers, and it was curious to see the flowers being carried along in solemn procession by armies of large ants. These ants have immense mounds of gathered vegetation some three or four feet high, and beaten tracks radiating from them in all directions, reminding one of a map of London, with its converging railways. The ants made any attempt at gardening most difficult, as they would find out a nice young crop, and clear it off in the night. The havoc they would make in one night with a barrel of rice if they got into it, was surprising, each ant being able to carry a grain away at each journey. Then there were other smaller kinds, whose pet failing was sugar, jam, etc., which could only be kept from them by the exercise of the greatest ingenuity and perseverance, as for instance by hanging it up by a wire covered with tar, or standing your cupboard legs in tins of water, which, however, the ants would bridge over with thousands of their dead bodies, the living passing over the dead, probably with much self-satisfaction.

There was one little creature which caused us much amusement, the Camp Owl. He would stand all day long just outside the hole occupied by a Biscacho, a little animal similar to the Prairie Dog of North America. These two seemed to share the protection of the hole; we thought the owl agreed to act as sentinel, for if you came too close to him, he would dive down into the hole in an instant. The peculiarity of the Biscachos was that they would collect all sorts of things, and if you lost a pocket book, or any thing of the kind, you stood a good chance of finding it at some Biscacho hole in the immediate neighbourhood. Indeed, a person who was addicted to hoarding up things often got called a Biscacho.

And now, dear friends, I must draw these sketches to a conclusion; and if this faint outline of some of our past experiences in a far off land has been interesting to you, I shall be much more than repaid for any little trouble in writing them, or effort of memory in recalling those incidents which marked a time of many difficulties, but withal a happy portion of younger days.

THE END.

ST JAMES' VICARAGE,
BERMONDSEY, S.E.

Tuesday

Jan 29th 1900

Dear Sir,

I am truly sorry
for the delay in answering
your inquiries.

My wife's illness
is responsible for the
commencement of the delay
& the "Chief of Time" did
the best.

I shall be most
glad to give any information
in my power. Will you
give

St James, Bermondsey - The Rev. E. H. Coulthard ³³
Seen at the vicarage Jamaica Road 2 Feb 1900. ³

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Mr Coulthard had invited me to lunch &
arriving at the Church I saw what I supposed
was the vicarage close beside it. (Mr C's paper
as usual is merely stamped "St James' Vicarage")
The house near St James Church is however
Christ Church vicarage & the maid there from
whom I enquired whether she knew where St
James vicarage was, replied in a tone which
suggested that she had very often had to
answer the same inquiry - It is actually at
a house ^{corner} in a terrace some little way along
Jamaica Road - number 232 I think. Mr
C who welcomed me apologised for not
having warned me & spoke of the case of a
Nishon who asking solely for the 'vicar' &
not observing the brass plate went still further
astray. There seems to have been something
like sharp practice on the part of Christ Church
in snatching up the bit of vacant land & it
does not point to very pleasant relations in the

my wife and ~~your~~ myself
the pleasure of your company
& lunch on Thursday or
Friday at 1 o'clock?

Will you let me
call myself a sincere
admirer of your splendid
work? And what you
are doing now is exactly
what I have felt to be
the first essential - a rigid
& scientific inquiry into the

religious & social influences
^{upon the people}
At the same time it is
extremely difficult as you
know to estimate such
influences fairly. Even to us
it seems possible at times
to look at them in quite
opposite lights.

I have the pleasure
of enclosing copies of our
Annual Statement of last
year & of three years ago.

In one there is something
about "visiting" & in the other
some remarks of a general kind

Yours faithfully
Omer A. Culbertson

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part, however it may be now.

Mr Coulthard is a youngish man with very little of the priest about him or any tendency to exaggerate his office. He has been here about 7 years & what he says in his letter of the possibility of looking at religious influences in two opposite lights & the difficulty of estimating them fairly is characteristic.

Of his parishioners he says they are engaged in many kinds of work & mainly leave the parish for it - a large number crossing London Bridge. There are few middle class - total numbers about 17000. He put off the question as to how far touched & we never reached it directly. Very few go regularly anywhere. He took a census when he first came & now keeps systematic visiting books with columns for such particulars - a good many are put down as O.C. or "occasional Church" meaning that some members of the family recognise religion to that extent - they come to marriages & on favorite days, like Christmas day, when a large number of weddings are celebrated at once the church is filled - It also is crowded up for watch night the

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people crowding in from the Streets & the public
houses - otherwise it is a white elephant of a
place with forbidding pewed interior & room
for 2000 worshippers.

Besides himself there are 2 Curates - 2 lay male
agents 4 ladies & 2 Bible women all paid & giving
all their time. The 4 ladies have a house.
There are also 60/70 SS Teachers - but no volunteer
district visitors - ^{manipulation of} ~~no~~ a class to supply
such.

In addition to the huge Church & the Schools
which are complete day & Sunday in each dept
they have 3 Mission Halls which amongst
them provide 3 more S. Schools - one for each
department. I think 900/1000 Chedra are on
the S Sch books & 650 on the Day Schools.
Not all the day school Chedra come on Sunday.
They like a change of building & probably go to
one of the dissenting schools which are situated
in or near the parish. One of the Mission Halls
is close to the Church & conducts no separate
^{except for children} service. The other two have evening service. Besides
these there is an independent mission which used
to be "Mildmay" & under his care but is now run
by the lady in charge of it on friendly but independent
lines for Bible classes & with an evening service. No schools.

At church they average 200 in the evening & from 100 upwards in the morning. A count is kept by the Sidesmen & recorded. In addition to morning & evening services there is a mens special service once a month to see list on next page showing the future weeks days.

The best members of the congregation are N^o School teachers & such as the number are they include all ages & a fair proportion of men.

There is not much in the way of social agencies. They are too near the Perimery Settlement which goes in actively for such things - They have Penny Banks.

The Parish visiting was allotted to 10 visitors with 200 hours for each but this has broken down. Charitable relief is controlled by a Committee meeting Monday morning - the work with C.O.S. as far as possible & are represented on the C.O.S. Committee. For nursing they send to the Jubilee organization when needed.

Of other influences the Perimery Settlement is the most important, but more social & educational than religious.

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Calendar of Parochial Engagements.

SERVICES IN CHURCH.

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Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Communion.—(2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays.)
 9 a.m. Marriages.
 11 a.m. Morning Prayer.—(Holy Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays.)
 3.15 p.m. Monthly Children's Service.
 3.30 p.m. Monthly Men's Service. 40/50.
 4.30 p.m. Holy Baptism.
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.—(Holy Communion, 2nd and 4th Sundays.)
 8.15 p.m. Special Services as announced.

10 a.m. Sunday Schools.
 11 a.m. Children's Service.—SCHOOLS.
 3 p.m. Sunday Schools.—SCHOOLS. Boys, Girls and Infants.
 MISSION ROOMS. Juniors.
 LLEWELYN HALL. Boys, Girls and Infants.
 MISSION HOUSE. Infants.
 ALEXIS ST. BOARD SCHOOL, Boys' Class.

9.30 p.m. Boys' Brigade.—LLEWELYN HALL.
 3 p.m. Bible Class.—MISSION ROOM. Young Women.
 3.15 p.m. Bible Class.—VICARAGE. Young Men.
 4.10 p.m. Teachers' Prayer Meeting.—SCHOOLS (3rd Sunday.)
 6.30 p.m. Children's Service.—MISSION ROOMS.
 8 p.m. Mission Service.—MISSION HOUSE, ALEXIS STREET.
 Mission Service.—LLEWELYN HALL.

Monday—9.30 a.m. Workers' Meeting.—VICARAGE.
 12.30 p.m. Penny Bank.—DAY SCHOOLS.
 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Meeting.—ST. JAMES' MISSION ROOMS.
 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Meeting.—ST. JAMES' MISSION HOUSE.
 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Meeting.—LLEWELYN HALL.
 6 p.m. Penny Bank.—LLEWELYN HALL.
 6.30 p.m. Children's Service.—LLEWELYN HALL.
 6.30 p.m. Bible Class.—(Girls') VIENNA HALL.
 7.30 p.m. Girls' Class.—ST. JAMES' MISSION HOUSE.
 8.30 p.m. Teachers' Preparation Class.—ST. JAMES' MISSION ROOMS.

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Mr Coulthard said the Guardians were a poor lot - & that the relief given was pernicious & the result an aggregation of widows. The actual representative of the Independent Labour party was turned out - but he remains an influence. The vestry are also unsatisfactory but have a very good sanitary officer, so that health is seen to. The Police are all right - Drink very bad especially among the young - Bank holidays, orgies & come home from music halls. No prostitution - ^{maniac conduct} ~~maniac~~ more standard high - more crime on each side than in the parish itself. A good deal of overcrowding - not of the sensational sort - but chronic.

Mr C strikes me as a useful man doing useful work in a quiet way. His reports for 1897/8 & 1898/9 with the Minutes are interesting & contain excellent remarks on "general conditions of religious life & work in Normandy" & a "South London Budget needs" - this last being extracts from the letters signed by 15 S. London members which appeared in the Times 22 May 1899.

Tuesday—8.40 a.m. **Morning Prayers** in Church.
 6 p.m. **Band of Hope.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION ROOM.
 7.15 p.m. **Penny Bank.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION HOUSE.
 8 p.m. **Mission Service.**—VIENNA HALL.
 8.15 p.m. **Mission Service.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION HOUSE.

Wednesday—8.40 a.m. **Morning Prayers** in Church.
 11 a.m. **Occasional Services.**
 2.30 p.m. **Mothers' Meeting.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION ROOMS.
 6.30 p.m. **Children's Service.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION HOUSE
 8 p.m. **Service** in Church.
 8 p.m. **Service** in Llewelyn Hall.
 9 p.m. **Choir Practice.**

Thursday—8.40 a.m. **Morning Prayers** in Church.
 11.45 a.m. **Bible Reading** in Vicarage.
 3 p.m. **Vicarage Working Party** (First and Third Thursdays.)
 6 p.m. **Scripture Union.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION ROOMS.
 6 p.m. **Infants' Service.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION HOUSE.
 8.30 p.m. **Social Evening.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION HOUSE.
 8.30 p.m. **Church Workers' Union.**—(First Thursday in month.)
 8.30 p.m. **Communicants' Gathering.**—(Quarterly) LLEWELYN HALL.

Friday—8.40 a.m. **Morning Prayers** in Church.
 11 a.m. **Occasional Services.**
 6.30 p.m. **Sowers' Band.**—MISSION HOUSE.
 8.30 p.m. **Young Women's Bible Class.**—MISSION ROOMS.

Saturday—8.40 a.m. **Morning Prayers.**
 10 a.m. **Class for Board School Children,** LLEWELYN HALL.
 6 p.m. **Penny Bank.**—VIENNA HALL.
 6.30 p.m. **Penny Bank.**—MISSION ROOMS.
 8 p.m. **Communicants' Guild.**—(1st Saturday); **Prayer Meeting.**—ST. JAMES' MISSION ROOMS.

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Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry.)

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

(a) What is the general character of the population?	- All kinds of work. no middle class large number work City & suburbs
(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?	17000
(c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not)	2 Curates. 2 lay male aides & 4 ladies 2 Bible women - 60/70 SS & T
(d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools and clubs.)	No district visitors - no ladies available Church 13 mission hall - 1 wch year den Cannon service - in the other long room & S school Independent Missions - Public class etc - with S. King's service 929 S. S. & T. 60/70 ad. w.
(e) What services or other religious meetings are held, and by whom and by how many attended?	Board Sch. classes - English & young all ages & a few preparatory ones
(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church - institutes, societies, clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c.	700 near Settlement for music Penny Path
(g) What Educational Work is done?	Day school 649/566 i. d. fee - 1000 class Infants school on Sunday
(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Clergy or District Visitors)	System with 10 under 200 houses no hot air
(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick?	Public nursing
(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church?	Money committee - with COS as far as possible - repairs.
General Questions—	
(k) Under what other religious, charitable, or philanthropic influences do the people come?	Demmond, Settlement - much less religion than social & educational done total the lowest class -
(l) What co-operation is there between the Church and other bodies.	
Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—	
(i) Local Government (including Poor Law administration)	Outreach Demmond - too many widows - Scratch (w) of guards Sixth district - tabernacle - turn out all right
(ii) Police	
(iii) Drink	
(iv) Prostitution	a great deal among the young girls stand as high
(v) Crime	
(vi) Marriage	more on race side
(vii) Thrift	Moral earnest good
(viii) Health	
(ix) Housing and Social Condition generally	on the whole good - good families a good deal of over-crowding

District S. James Demmond

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

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

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Feb. 16th 1900.

Interview with Rev. L.H. Blackston,
All Saints, Rotherhithe.

Rev Blackston is a man just on 40.
Very ~~and~~ quick and nervous; but pleasant and
kindly. Clean shaven and bearded, but not
I think an extreme churchman. He has been
here for 7 years, and is a member of All
Collyer, Cambridge, whose mission forms part of
his parish.

Excluding the All Saints mission the
population is about 7000. During the seven
years that Rev B. has known the parish it
remains practically unchanged with a very poor
and largely squatted population - mostly dockers
and water-side labourers - in the Albion St and the
streets off it, and a good middle end artisan
class in Lower Road and its neighbouring streets.

Of buildings besides the Church there is
only a Parish Room built next to the church

instead of in the "same way" as it should be
 In common with most of the churches
 in the neighbourhood this is undermanned: at
 present there is no curate, and though one is
 considered part of the proper staff Mr D. seemed
 doubtful whether he could hope for another at
 present. There are about 40 Sunday school teachers,
 and 6 District Visitors, the wives of solicitors,
 managers of groceries etc., living in Lower Road.

For services etc. see Magazine.

On Sunday morning there are about 60, and
 in evening 200. The Communicants are 200. The
 church is deprived of a good many of its parishioners
 by the two stronger churches on its north and south:
 Christ Church ^(the Wesleyan) which has always been the strongest
 church in the neighbourhood, and which has par-
 ents, gets most of the well-to-do people in
 Lower Road who are not Dissenters while St.
 Katherine's draws a good many who like an
 extreme service.

The Sunday school has about 300 children,
 with from 80 to 85 p.c. always in attendance.

The only social agency of any importance is the large Loan and Rate Club (the Magazine) which Loren "is due entirely to the efforts of an energetic layman." While thoroughly approving of the club Mr D. thought that it had brought no spiritual strength to the church. "I can't call to mind" he said "a single person it has brought to us that we should not have had otherwise."

There is no systematic house to house visitation, but except in the ^{case} ~~cases~~ of those who express a wish not to be visited there are very few houses which we do not enter once in the year.

Books are obtained from the Jubilee Bazaar. Mr D. thinks no cases of sickness in the parish are ever neglected.

About £40 a year is spent in Relief given in tickets at the Vicarage. Mr D. works with the C.O.S. to the extent of sending them his "Doubtful cases" but otherwise he does not work on strict lines: supplements out relief and

So on.

For the most vigorous of the No-Con agencies in the parish is the Rotherhithe Free Church (Mr Richardson) which alone gets the people in large numbers; there are always "from 600 to 800 men at the P.S.H." He is a vigorous work man, in common with his brother clergy, does not think much of it. Scott did get through the Sittard a real power in the district. There are two small Congregational Chapels in the parish; doing little.

As showing the church going capacities of the pious Mr D. noticed that one of his churchwardens, a foreman in a quarry, always goes to the Wesleyan P.S.H. as an alternative to spending Sunday afternoon in sleep.

Of Drink there is a great deal especially among women; this is the chief cause of separation in the slum area. The men may drink as much or more, but owing to the hard manual

Labour in the open air they carry it better.
Prostitution there is ~~gone~~ none, but a
low standard of sexual morality: a great many
women are married "with child" and there appears
to be no shame about it: children are brought
walking to baptism within two or three ~~weeks~~
months of marriage.
Health is good: but Rheumatism and
Bronchitis prevalent.

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[ONE PENNY.



Clergy : Rev. L. H. BLAKESTON, M.A., Vicarage.
Rev. G. H. MORGAN-SMITH, B.A., 34, Culling Road.

Churchwardens : Mr. W. BROWN, 16, Culling Road.
Mr. W. R. MILLAR, Junr., 101, Lower Road.

Sidesmen : Mr. E. SECKER,
Mr. H. COLLEDGE,
Mr. W. H. FAULCONBRIDGE,
Mr. R. B. HOGWOOD.

Organist : Mr. G. E. ISAAC.

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SUNDAY CALENDAR.

8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.15 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon. (On 3rd
Sunday and Festivals—Matins at
10 a.m.; Choral Celebration at
11 a.m.)
3 p.m.—Children's Service on 4th Sunday
and Festivals.
3 p.m.—Sunday School.
4 p.m.—Holy Baptism and Churching of
Women.
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Monday—9 a.m., Matins.
2.30 p.m., Mothers' Meeting.
8 p.m., Guild of St. John the Bap-
tist.
Tuesday—9 a.m., Holy Eucharist.
8 p.m.—Boys' Guild.
Wednesday—10.30 a.m., Matins and
Litany.
7.15 p.m., Holy Baptism and
Churching of Women.
7.30 p.m., Mothers' Union.
8 p.m., Evensong, with Instruction.
Intercessions on the 1st Wednesday in the
month.
Thursday—7 a.m., Holy Eucharist and
Matins.
6.30 p.m., Band of Hope.
8 p.m., Girls' Guild (Guild of S.
Agnes.)
Friday—10.30 a.m., Matins and Litany.
8 p.m., Choir practice.
Saturday—9 a.m., Matins
6 to 9 p.m., Loan and Slate Clubs.
Evensong daily, 7.30 p.m. (except Wed-
nesdays, when it is at 8.0 p.m.).

CHURCH OFFICERS ON DUTY IN
JANUARY.

Mr. W. Brown, Churchwarden.
Mr. E. Secker, Sidesman.
Mr. W. H. Faulconbridge, Sidesman.

VICAR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends and Parishioners,
The beginning of a New Year brings with
it new hopes and the opportunity of making
new resolutions. This year, in which there
is such a marked change in the date, from
1899 to 1900, seems, and ought to be, a
golden opportunity for us. Our life and our
work will go on just the same, but we ought
to throw more zeal into what we do. Nine-
teen hundred years of Christianity! Is the

world yet what our Redeemer would wish it
to be? And if not, are we doing anything to
hinder the progress of His kingdom? Perhaps
we think not; but we are, *unless* we are
doing all we can to advance it.

The year opens very sadly for many, and
somewhat gloomily for all; but we look for-
ward to brighter days. It may be our sins
and negligencies are doing something to
sadden the lives of those around us; if so,
forsake the sin and kindle more brightly the
virtues of Charity and Humility. So indeed
will you have what I earnestly wish for all, A
Happy and Bright New Year.

I remain,
Yours faithfully in Christ,
L. H. BLAKESTON.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Perhaps it was owing to Christmas Day
falling on a Monday, or to the great amount
of sickness around us, or to the gloom cast
over everybody by the war, certain it is that
the Christmas Services were not so well
attended as we could have wished, and the
number of Communicants showed a decided
falling off.

The church was simply, but suitably, de-
corated, and the services were reverently
and carefully rendered. Certainly those
who were present could not but have felt an
inner joy in helping to celebrate the Birth-
day of our Lord.

The following helped in the decorations
or sent flowers, evergreens, or subscrip-
tions:—Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Blakeston, Miss
E. Bragg, Miss Green, Miss Hollowell, Miss
E. Jackson, Mr. Lovegrove, Miss A. Mabbs,
Mrs. W. R. Millar, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Salter,
Miss E. Secker, Mr. J. Topp, Miss White-
hurst and Miss Wilks.

PRESENTATION.

In acknowledgment of the services of the
Rev. G. H. Morgan-Smith during the two
and a quarter years that he has been with
us, the members of the congregation and
other friends presented him with a pedestal
writing table and revolving library chair on
the occasion of his leaving the parish. The
presentation was made in the Parish Room
on Wednesday, December 20th, after Even-
song, by the People's Warden, Mr. W. R.
Millar, jun. Having spoken of the sin-
cerity of Mr. Morgan-Smith's work and their
regret at his departure and earnest desire
for his future success in work, Mr. Millar
begged his acceptance of the gift. These
remarks were endorsed by Mr. W. Brown,
the Vicar's Warden.

Mr. Morgan-Smith spoke of the happiness his work in his first curacy had been, and assured those present that they would always have a warm place in his heart and a foremost place in his prayers; that the gift which they had so kindly offered to him would always be a present reminder of them, and that he did not look upon his leaving them as a separation, but only a going to work in another part of the Lord's Vineyard.

The Vicar spoke of the energy and loyalty and the many sidedness of his colleague's work, and trusted that they should from time to time see Mr. Morgan-Smith amongst them in the future.

The table and chair were much admired, and were sent to Mr. Morgan-Smith's new home at S. Saviour's, Walthamstow, at the end of the week.

Mr. Morgan-Smith also received a beautiful marble font for use at Private Baptisms from the members of the Mothers' Meeting.

RESTORATION FUND.

We thankfully acknowledge the following donations:—

	£	s.	d.
Per Miss Carney	0	3	4
Mrs. Mitchell's Box	1	5	11
Mrs. Klein	0	1	0
Mrs. B.	1	1	0
	£2	11	3

Present Position:

	£	s.	d.
Amount required in December	77	3	9
Amount since received	2	11	3
Amount still required	74	12	6

SALE OF WORK.

A Sale of Work will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, January 22nd, from 3 o'clock to 9, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

There will be a large and varied assortment of useful goods, especially of aprons.

A few goods which were left over from the last Sale will be sold at a great reduction.

Light refreshments. Jumble.

We hope that many of our readers will send us more articles for the Sale, or any jumble you may happen to have; but whatever you do,

DON'T FORGET TO COME TO THE SALE!!!

S.P.G.

The Annual Sermons for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts will be preached on Sunday, January 28th, in the morning, at 11, by the Rev. Leonard Dawson, from N.W. Canada, and in the evening, at 7, by the Rev. A. H. Coles, from Kollapur, Bombay.

The Annual Meeting will be held at S. Mary's Schoolroom, on Friday evening, February 2nd.

This is an important year for the S.P.G., inasmuch as it is keeping its Bi-Centenary, that is, it is entering upon the 200th year of its existence. There will be a Special Service of Intercession after Evensong on the 3rd Sunday in the months of February, May, August and November of this year. Other arrangements will be announced later. The Bishop of Rochester says: "I need hardly say that I shall take the keenest interest in the Bi-Centenary of the Society, whose name has been one of honour to me as far back as my earliest childhood."

CHRISTMAS BOUNTY.

Mrs. Carr-Gomm once more distributed, with her customary kindness, a parcel of blankets and shawls shortly before Christmas. She expressed her deepest sympathy with those whose sons had gone out to the war, more especially as on her way to Rotherhithe she learned that her own son had volunteered his services for the front.

We were also able to give a piece of beef to a number of our poorer parishioners, thus helping to make their Christmas more happy.

Though winter has not yet come upon us in all its severity, nevertheless parcels of clothing which we received from the London Needlework Guild, Mrs. Naftel, Mrs. Brewster, and the Honourable Mrs. Stretton, have been most acceptable, and most gratefully received by those to whom they were distributed.

GIFTS.

In addition to the gifts we have mentioned we also thankfully acknowledge the following:

For the Flower Fund.—Miss Green, 1s.; Mrs. W. R. Millar, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Mitchell, 4s. For the Christmas Treats.—Mr. Secker, 5s.; X. Y. Z., 10s. For Christmas Beef.—Mrs. Mitchell, 10s. Flowers for the Altar.—Mrs. Mitchell for three months.

ALL SAINTS' LOAN AND INVESTMENT CLUB.

The members of this old-established club assembled on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Parish Room, Lower Road, Rotherhithe, under the presidency of the Rev. L. H. Blakeston, on the occasion of the annual share-out. The secretary, Mr. G. Lambert, was heartily complimented upon the very successful issue of the year's business, resulting in a turnover of £2,900, and after deducting a small sum for expenses, there remained sufficient to pay on each share £1 8s.—2s. 6d. per share, equal to 10 per cent. In addition to this every qualified member had been insured for £12 (free of cost) in case of death. During the year only three members died, entitling their families to £36 in all, which was absolutely a gift. The secretary, briefly responding, said that so great was the desire of persons to join in 1900 that as far back as a month names had been registered. The security of funds is faultless, and a better or sounder club, with its additional advantage of free life assurance and facility for borrowing and general usefulness, is not to be found in London. The meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks. Notice was given that the club re-opens at the All Saints Parish Room, on Saturday, 31st inst., at six o'clock. Shares (from one to six shares per member) may be secured at 6d. per share. Early application is strongly advised to intending shareholders.

ALL SAINTS' SLATE CLUB.

The share-out was held on Friday, December 22nd, the members receiving £1 1s. Considering that the sick pay amounted to £99 during the past year this result was most satisfactory, and shows the stability of the Club. Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary, Mr. G. Lambert, at the Parish Room, as early as possible. The meetings are held every Saturday at 6 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

Jan.
7th.—Lesson iv., The Visit of the Magi.
14th.—Lesson v., The Home at Nazareth.
21st.—Lesson vi., The Mission of the Baptist.
28th.—Service in Church.

BAPTISED.

"Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
Nov.
29th.—Jonathan Victor Perry, 9 Henwood Road.
29th.—Rosetta Mary Ann Taylor, 14 Fulford Street.

29th.—Alice Mary Aslett, 3 Renforth St. Dec.

3rd.—Lilian May McDonnell, 42 St. Marychurch Street.

6th.—James Henry Phillips, 2 Lovat Cottages, Clarence Street.

6th.—Edward David Aldridge, 17 Temeraire Street.

10th.—Alfred Thomas Shelley, 99 Grange Road, Ilford.

13th.—George William Jones, 15a Hadland Street.

20th.—Violet Williams, 36 Adams' Gardens.

20th.—Rosina Williams, 36 Adams' Gardens.

20th.—Ethel King, 18 Hawkstone Road.

20th.—Harold King, 18 Hawkstone Road.

20th.—George Thomas Wells, 72 Clarence Street.

24th.—John George Crow, 24, Neptune Street.

24th.—Edith Emily Baker, 9, Thetford Place.

24th.—Matilda Elizabeth Faulkner, 29 Clark's Orchard.

24th.—Arthur Joseph Beyer, 28 Renforth Street.

MARRIED.

"Those whom God hath joined together Dec. let no man put asunder."

17th.—Frank Humphrey Bull, 3 Headstone Road, Harrow, and Martha

Maria Bull, 15 Litlington St.

24th.—Francis Facer and Caroline Marsh, 246 Rotherhithe Street.

24th.—Alfred Gibson and Milcent Rose Watmore, 15 Dilston Gove.

24th.—John Henry Seabrook, 5 Risden Street, and Ann Wilson, 49 Neptune Street.

24th.—Sidney Brock, 76 Chilton Street, and Matilda Kathleen Thorne, 16 Abbeyfield Road.

25th.—Thomas Martin, 224 Rotherhithe Street, and Florence Jane Stone, 10 Layard Road.

25th.—George Joseph James, 14 Braddon Street, and Alice Ada Smith, 3 Roney Street.

25th.—Thomas William Nelson, 2 Clare Hall Place, and Eliza Truss, 9 Litlington Street.

25th.—Robert James White, 23 Mistear's Buildings, and Esther Ford, 92 Clarence Street.

25th.—Frederick Charles Ball and Eliza Bishop, 24 Adam's Gardens

25th.—Thomas Charles Cole, 139 Rotherhithe New Road, and Beatrice

Wool, 143 Rotherhithe New Rd.

DEPARTED.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Dec. Lord."

24th.—Jeannie Barrow, of 15 Culling Road, aged 2 years and 9 months.

X OFFERTORY LIST.

	8 a.m.		11 a.m.		3 p.m.		7 p.m.		Total.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s. d.
Dec. 3rd	4	8	10	11	—	—	11	0½	1	6 7½
„ 10th	3	1½	8	4	—	—	9	4½	1	0 10
„ 17th	2	7	9	0½	—	—	10	2	1	1 9½
„ 24th	2	3	5	11	3	1½	10	4	1	1 7½
„ 25th	9	6	1	0	—	—	—	—	1	19 1
„ 25th	8	10								
„ 31st	*3	3	10	3½	5	1½	19	1	2	1 3*
„ 31st	3	6								
	1	17 8½	3	5 3	8	3	2	19 10	8	11 2½

* For the Additional Curates' Society.

CHOIR LIST.

January, 1900.	7th 1st Sun. after Epiphany.	14th 2nd Sun. after Epiphany.	21st 3rd Sun. after Epiphany.	28th 4th Sun. after Epiphany.
Venite	Plain Matins	144	Plain Matins	291
Psalms		as set		as set
Te Deum		Maunder		Maunder
Benedictus		153		307
Introit	Psalm 13	—	Psalm 15	—
Holy Commun.	Roland Smart	—	Roland Smart	—
Hymns	81, 76, 79, 78	76, 218, 80	197, 552, 520	478, 219, 224
Psalms	71	as set	1st set	2nd set
Magnificat	Turner	Turner	Adlam	Adlam
Nunc Dimittis	„	„	„	„
Hymns	75, 79, 80, 81 Carols	77, 220, 79	477, 266, 230	220, 536, 24

There are vacancies in the Choir for all voices. The Choirmaster will be glad to receive applications from any willing to become members. The full practice is held on Fridays, at 8 p.m. The "Cathedral Psalter and Chant Book" is in use, also the full edition of "Hymns Ancient and Modern." The Vicar will be glad to receive copies of either for any members of the congregation who desire them.

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CHURCH OFFICERS ON DUTY IN
FEBRUARY.

Mr. W. R. Millar, Churchwarden.
Mr. H. Colledge, Sidesman.
Mr. R. B. Hopwood, Sidesman.

VICAR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends and Parishioners,—

It is with feelings of the deepest thankfulness, in which I am sure you will join, that I am able to tell you that the debt under which we have laboured so long for the restoration of the church, is at length cleared off. We still have some debts, but the restoration of 1897 is now paid for. Many friends who have helped in the work have passed away, for we must remember that the idea of restoring the church began in the year 1890. To them, and to all who have since in any way contributed to the work, we are most grateful, also to Him Who has been our guide and support.

It is a difficult thing to get out of debt; for whilst we are paying off the old, new ones keep accumulating, and I may have to appeal even yet for a continuance of the generosity and self-denial of which you have shown so much in the past. Next month I shall be able to make a more clear statement on this subject.—I remain, yours faithfully in Christ,

L. H. BLAKESTON.

We have great pleasure in inserting the following letter. The inkstand referred to is one that was purchased with money that remained over and above the desk and chair:—

S. Saviour's,
Walthamstow,
January, 1900.

My Dear Mr. Millar,—

I have now got fairly settled down in my new sphere of work and am writing to thank you and your colleague, Mr. Brown, for the very handsome desk, chair and inkstand from the members of the congregation (also the font from the Mothers' Meeting).

As I had not the opportunity of thanking all the subscribers at the time of presentation I will ask them through you to allow me to express my sincere thanks both for the gifts and also for the goodwill and kindness received from all by me while I was at Rotherhithe. I shall always remember with pleasure my first curacy at All Saints, and Rotherhithe will ever have a warm place in my heart.—With all good wishes, I remain, sincerely yours,
G. H. MORGAN-SMITH.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING.

In accordance with a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop to the Diocese of Rochester, Friday, January 12th, was observed as a Day of Prayer and Fasting on account of the war in South Africa.

At our own church most of the services were very fairly attended. They were the following:—

7 a.m., Holy Eucharist.
9 a.m., " "
10.30 a.m., Matins.
12.0 (noon), Litany.
3 p.m., Special Service.
7.30 p.m., Evensong.
9 p.m., Special Service.

The "War Hymn," written by the Rev. Courtenay Gale, with music by Sir Frederick Bridge, was sung at some of the services, and also on the following Sunday.

Voluntary offerings amounted to 14. 3d., making a total of £6 14s. 9d., which we have sent to the War Fund.

Helpful as the appointed day was, we must remember to continually offer our supplications to Almighty God for the success of our arms, if that be His will, a speedy termination of the war and a lasting peace.

LENT.

During Lent a course of addresses will be given at 8 o'clock on the Tuesday evenings, commencing March 6th, by the Rev. Eustace Havergal, of S. Stephen's, Lewisham. The subject will be "The Prayer Book."

Also at the beginning of Lent we hope to be able to take another step towards completing the set of vestments belonging to the church. You will remember that the Rev. G. H. Morgan-Smith obtained two sets for us, white and green, for festival and ordinary use; our next set should be violet for Penitential use. The cost of the material will be £2. Will eight of our readers send the Vicar 2s. 6d. each, ten 1s., and twenty 6d., without delay?

OBITUARY.

On January 10th, Alfred William White, of 110 Lower Road, was suddenly called to rest, at the age of 63 years.

Mr. White was for some years Vicar's Warden at All Saints, and also carried out the work of the restoration of the church in 1897. We have received from him at different times acts of very great sympathy and kindness.

The interment took place at Nunhead Cemetery, the first part of the burial service having been held in All Saints' Church. The Vicar conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. S. C. Donovan, Rector of East Horndon, and the Rev. G. H. Morgan-Smith, Curate of S. Saviour's, Walthamstow (both formerly Curates of this Parish).—R.I.P.

SALE OF WORK.

The Restoration Fund brought us once more to the Parish Room, on Monday, January 22nd. Although it was regarded as only a small Sale, yet the room presented quite an unexpected array of useful and handsome and also appetising goods. After prayer the Vicar stated that he hoped to see the stalls cleared and the debt substantially reduced before closing time came. The first of these wishes was doomed to remain unfulfilled, but the latter fared better. At no time during the day was business brisk, and many misgivings were felt as to what the net result would be. However, when the takings came to be counted up it was found that £21 was in hand. Since then other goods have been sold, bringing the total amount to £22 11s. 1d. From this must be deducted £1 1s. for expenses, leaving £21 10s. 1d. for the Restoration Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Durrant's Stall	8	6	0
Mrs. Blakeston's Stall	6	15	0
The Guild Stall	2	9	9
The Refreshment Stall	1	9	6
Jumble	2	3	0
Sold since the Sale	1	7	10
	£22	11	1

Mrs. Durrant was assisted by Mrs. Isaac and Miss L. Jackson; Mrs. Blakeston by Mrs. Wenman, Mrs. Nilsen and Miss A. Grindell; the Guild Stall was in charge of Miss Salter, assisted by Mrs. Hunt and Miss R. Ward; Mrs. Mitchell presided over the Refreshment Stall, and was assisted by Mrs. Colledge, Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Scafe; Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. E. Norris disposed of the Jumble. To those and to the many others who helped in various ways our sincerest thanks are given for what must be considered a satisfactory result.

RESTORATION FUND.

We have much pleasure in announcing the following sums:—

	£	s.	d.
Per Miss Carney	0	4	8
Box at Loan Club Share-out	0	3	3
Box at Slate Club Share-out	0	0	3
"Penny-a-day," per Mrs. Durrant	3	10	0
W. R. Millar, Esq.	8	19	4
Canon Beck	5	0	0
Mrs. Beck	5	0	0
Mrs. Gobel	0	2	6
Sale of Work	21	10	1
Executors of the late Mr. A. W. White	20	0	0
Restoration Boxes:—			
Boys' Sunday School	0	3	3

Girls'	0	6	3
Infants'	0	3	7
Norris, Miss R.	0	6	10
Salter, Miss	0	4	4
Topp, Mr. J. R.	0	10	8

£66 5 0

Present Position:

	£	s.	d.
Amount required in January	74	12	6
Amount since received	66	5	0
Amount still required	8	7	6

S.P.G.

The amount sent from the Parish for the year 1899 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was satisfactory in so far as it showed an increase on the previous year. We hope there will be a still further increase during this present year. Details are given below:—

Collections:—			
After Sermons	2	16	0
St. Peter's Day	0	2	10
	£2	18	10

Boxes:—

Baldwin, Mrs.	0	1	10
Cadby, Miss E.	0	0	8
Carney, Miss	0	3	0
Cloves, Mrs.	0	4	8
Faulconbridge, Mrs.	0	4	8
Grindell, Mrs.	0	3	5
Hollowell, Miss	0	2	1
Jackson, Mr. R.	0	4	1
Mabbs, Miss A.	0	1	4
Nolan, Mr. S.	0	0	10
Parratt, Mr. C.	0	1	2
Salter, Miss	0	0	10
Smith, Miss	0	7	0
Vicarage	0	4	6
Whitehurst, Miss	0	2	1
Wooton, Mr. G.	0	12	11

£2 15 1

Sunday School Boxes:—

Boys	0	2	3
Girls	0	7	11
Infants	0	3	6
	£0	13	8

Total ... 6 7 7

The Vicar will be pleased to supply boxes to new collectors. As the Society commences its Bi-Centenary Celebration this year it is a good opportunity to begin work on its behalf and to quicken our former zeal.

SOCIAL.

A Social Evening will be held in the Parish Room on Monday evening, February 19th, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

The Social will commence at 7.30, and refreshments at moderate prices will be ready at 9 p.m.

Tickets: Single, 6d.
Double, 9d.

These may be obtained of Mr. H. J. Smith, 198 Rotherhithe Street, and at the Vicarage.

We hope a large number will attend.

ALL SAINTS' SLATE CLUB.

The continued progress of the Permanent Slate Club is matter for congratulation; the number of members is now 216, showing the greatest annual increase since its formation. Doubts were once expressed that the business would be much interfered with when the Loan Club was started, but the two, although having separate banking accounts, are now so worked that they appear to work admirably together. As nearly all the Slate Club members also belong to the Loan Club, this is convenient, and also a wise union of interest, dual members being entitled to extraordinary benefits in case of death, namely:—

Male Member, £10 16s., Slate Club; £12 Loan Club; Total £22 16s.

Member's Wife, £7 4s., Slate Club; £12 Loan Club; Total, £19 4s.

This is really a wonderful advance on the old rates, viz., £5 on member's death, £2 10s. on wife's death. The number of members has risen from 57 to its present strength, 216.

ALL SAINTS' LOAN AND INVESTMENT CLUB.

This Club has also shown great activity during its formation for current year, having reached 1,005 members, with more to follow. We shall, however, be obliged to decline any more members after January, should they exceed 500 applications, which appears to be a likely number. The public seem to fully appreciate the system, benefits and management of this Society, which, we may confidently say, is the very best of its class in the whole of South London. The free life assurance is still a special feature. Club held in the Parish Room, Saturdays 5 to 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

Feb.
4th.—The Temptation.
11th.—The Galilean Ministry.
18th.—The Sermon on the Mount.
25th.—Service in Church.

BAPTISED.

"Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Jan.
3rd.—Mary Ann Clark, 18 Neston Street.
3rd.—Michael McCarthy, 272 Rotherhithe Street.
3rd.—Henry William Instance, 27 Neston Street.
3rd.—Arthur John Watts, 52a Culling Road.
7th.—William Edward French, 45 Albion Street.
7th.—Lydia Amelia Lee, 16 Kinburn St.
7th.—Violet Evans, 1 Essex Place.
8th.—Ethel Butler, 10 Aylton Street (privately).
10th.—Eleanor Florence Killick, 50 Albion Street.
10th.—Reginald John Smith, 27 Silwood Street.
14th.—Mabel Gertrude Maskell, 133 Algeron Road, Lewisham.
14th.—Violet Annie Baxter, 20 Henwood Road.
14th.—William Thomas Cardy, 4 Irwell Pl.
17th.—Sarah Amelia Pettitt, 4 Forsyth Street.
17th.—Sarah Charles Watling, 105 Clarence Street.
17th.—William Richard Jones, 91 Plough Road.
17th.—Emma Louisa Wakeling, 3 Thetford Place.
24th.—Ann Elizabeth Wainwright, 2 Paradise Place.
24th.—Amelia Elizabeth Robjand, 16 Clark's Orchard.

MARRIED.

"Those whom God hath joined together 1899. let no man put asunder."
Dec.
25th.—Edward Thomas Holman and Janette Stagg, 22 Clarence Street.
25th.—Thomas Charles Cole, 139 Rotherhithe New Road, and Beatrice Wooll, 143 Rotherhithe New Rd.
31st.—Frederick Alfred Darby and Annie Louisa Rice, 7 Albion Street.

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Jan.
6th.—Albert Samuel, 56 Chilton Street, and Grace Mary Lock, 54 Chilton Street.
6th.—Arthur Bailey, 41 Rotherhithe New Road, and Ada Doller, 28 Abbeville Road.
14th.—John Robert Stubberfield, 18 Swan Lane, and Nellie Phæbe Creamer, 19 Renforth Street.
20th.—Thomas Taylor, 7 Norman Road, Greenwich, and Elizabeth Ann Hobbs, 10 Hadland Street.
28th.—George Alfred Brennd and Ellen Ash, 8 Aylton Street.

OFFERTORY LIST.

	8 a.m. s. d.	11 a.m. s. d.	3 p.m. s. d.	7 p.m. s. d.	Total. £ s. d.
Jan. 7th	1 0	5 2	—	15 9½	1 2 11½
„ 14th	3 3½	7 7½	—	14 2½	1 5 1½
„ 21st	4 5½	0 6 5½	2 7	8 9½	1 2 3½
„ 28th	4 3	1 3 1½	4 10½	17 3	2 9 6
	0 14 0	2 2 4½	7 5½	2 16 0½	5 19 10½

CHOIR LIST.

February, 1900.	4th 5th Sun. after Epiphany.	11th Septuagesima Sunday.	18th Sexagesima Sunday.	25th Quinquagesima Sun.		
Venite	36	114	Plain Matins	261		
Psalms	as set	as set		as set		
Te Deum	Maunder	132		283		
Benedictus	48	153		285		
Introit	—	—	Psalm 24	—		
Holy Commun.	—	—	Roland Smart	—		
Hymns	82, 237, 270,	83, 199, 162,	315, 556, 324	34, 262, 291		
Psalms	1st set	1st set	1st set	as set		
Magnificat	Turner	Turner	Calkin	Calkin		
Nunc Dimittis	„	„	„	„		
Hymns	82, 265, 595,	83, 376, 21,	257, 236, 24	479, 193, 212,		

There are vacancies in the Choir for all voices. The Choirmaster will be glad to receive applications from any willing to become members. The full practice is held on Fridays, at 8 p.m. The "Cathedral Psalter and Chant Book" is in use, also the full edition of "Hymns Ancient and Modern." The Vicar will be glad to procure copies of either for any members of the congregation who desire them.

30 Report of interview with the Rev. W. Lees Bell, Vicar of Christ Church, Bermondsey, and Rural Dean. Seen at the Vicarage, Feb. 15.00. (E.A.)

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Mr. Lees Bell has been at Christ Church for 24 years and is the incumbent mentioned to me by Mr. Walsh, as a man, a gentleman, of small means, and on that account passed over. There is some truth in this description.

Mr. Bell is about 65 years of age; rather tall, but getting a little feeble, and not in good health. It was a miserable morning when I called, and the figure that greeted me in a comfortable study, very courteous in manner, precise in speech, with touches now of humour, now of hardness, quite master of the situation intellectually, but with old age creeping on, and shoulders draped with a shawl, presented a great contrast to the biting and hard reality of the world outside. He began by asking me if I wanted to go round the parish, and when I replied that I had not thought of doing so, he showed what he himself thought of the district by saying "No, I should think not," and it was clear that he thought it the least interesting place in the whole world. He had written out answers and notes on the various points of our schedule, and began to talk about the "Jacob's Island" of Oliver Twist. "Yes" he said "it was here that Bill Sykes killed himself. I told the Bishop so once" (meaning Bishop Thorold) "and he didn't seem to know who

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seem to know who I was referring to. I explained, and added "The place is enough to make any one else do the same thing". "But", said Mr. Bell, half in irony and half in regret "He did not move me on". This incident must have happened many years ago, and Mr. Bell is still the Vicar of this parish. Towards the end of the conversation, I reverted to the subject, asking if he had any thought of moving. He said plainly that it was "bad for the Church for a man to be kept for a long period in these dog-holes", and then, in a gentler mood, "But perhaps it is as well -- to move on the younger men". It appears that the present Bishop did offer him a living, the other side of Gravesend, but on reckoning things up, Mr. Bell found that he would have been £50 a year out of pocket. So he declined it. "If I had been a man of property, I should not have stayed on".

Most of the parish particulars are given in the Ms. answers, (which see). The following are additional points.

He appeared to think that the Wolseley block of dwellings harboured the poorest and most shiftless section of his parishioners.

The staff consists of himself, a curate, a scripture-reader, and a Mission woman. In addition, there are two L.C. Missionaries, whose work he appears to guide to some

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extent.

After telling me about the attendances, and the number of regular communicants (about 100) and the difficulties of the parish, he admitted that it was "rather deplorable", adding that he had told the Bishop, ^{saying} ~~that~~ "It's no use; "I can't help it".

Of course there are "plenty of entertainments, you know, cakes and tea." The "best things in the parish" are the Sunday School and the Mothers! Meeting. To the former some 350 come on the average, and there is register of 400.

All relief is by tickets. He is critical of the C.O. S. thinking that they ask too much in the way of help for the cases they take up, and their demands for pensions he finds especially onerous. In fact, he does not believe in pensions through private charity at all. "They are the very best things in the world if you can manage them, but it is a government question". Once, he said, "in a fit of weakness I gave two of 1/- a week. Both were mistakes. One was to a blind man, of a class that always moves our pity for we are always apt to say "Ah! poor fellow, what can he do?" Well, very often, " said Mr. Bell "he can do you", and he gave me particulars of the way in which he had himself been taken in.

There is no other religious agency in the parish, and

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the Abbey St. Baptist Chapel, just on the borders, is doing nothing.

He spoke favourably on the whole of the health of the district, and mentioned the interesting ~~xx~~ fact that in old days "rich patients used to be sent to drive slowly up and down the streets of Bermondsey, so that they might inhale the tonic smell of the tanning".

Mr. Bell is a liberal-minded churchman, and described himself as "rather Broad Church, and able to sympathise with most people". References to individuals later made it plain, however, that with some he had no patience. He advocates reform of the Prayer Book, so that for such churches ^{as} his the order of service may be simplified. "Almighty and most merciful Father, and that sort of thing" he began, somewhat to my surprise, "is dead to these people; it has no history for them, and ^{no} meaning." Hence, his wish for reform.

I asked him something about his clergy in the Deanery, and he told me something of the difference of opinion ~~that~~ ~~prevailed~~ among them as to the condition of things prevailing in South London, and ~~xxxxxx~~ of the warm debate that took place at the last meeting of the Deanery on some resolution that Mr. Lewis and his friends wanted to send up to the Diocesan Society. "I had to keep the peace" said

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advocating some special appeal

the Rural Dean. The resolution appears to have been carried, its opponents leaving the room, before it was put.

Asked as who would be most worth seeing, he mentioned Canon Beck, the Rector of Rotherhithe, first; and then, with greater and with very warm appreciation, Mr. Bardsley. O'Hara Leigh, Vicar of S. ^{ee} Katherine's, Rotherhithe, came into his mind next, but he put him down as High Church, and non-representative. There was The Rector, Mr. Lewis, "of course", "a pronounced Evangelical". Mr Coulthard, he was doubtful about, appearing to regard him as estimable and hard-working, but again perhaps as non-representative, and not worth seeing. Then we came to Mr. Stobart, whom he also queried. "Hardly, I think. He changes his mind so much. He has strong opinions, but they are never the same!" Mr. Somerville he treated very much as he had done Mr. Lewis, refraining from opinion, and simply saying "He's the Rector". Mr. Corbett, on the other hand, he praised, very much as he had done Bardsley "He should be seen; he's a very level-headed man". De Fontaine was referred to as a man "of considerable ability and experience", but Mr. Duthy was, he thought, of no use for our purpose, because he was such an extreme ritualist.

Mr. Bell had known Mr. Father Goulden, of S. Alphege's, and appeared to have considerable respect for his power of

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getting hold of men. He gave an amusing ^sdescription of the Father Goulden's plan, how he would take a prayer-meeting in a simple, Ranter style, make the men join in, "Brother Jones will now lead us in prayer" get them interested, committed, and to feel a kind of responsibility. Then he would disappear, and a little later when the time had come for the prescribed service of the Church to begin, he would reappear, with lights, vestments, and all the rest of it. Brother Jones would be puzzled; think he did not like it at first; reflect that the splendid figure at the altar had been taking a prayer meeting in a very human and familiar way not long before, and eventually put up with the ritual. "That was the way in which he managed it."

Asked as ^{to} other men, Mr. Bell said that there were others, talkers, sixteen to the dozen, some of them. At first, I thought that I should get no name tacked on to illustrate the talking fraternity, but I did at last, and, as I rather anticipated, Longson ~~was~~ was mentioned. "But he doesn't mean it," said Mr. Bell.

Christ Church Vicarage,
Spa Road, S.C.

Feb 15. 1900

Dear Sir.

My Church is an example
of the vicissitudes of
Time. When I came here
24 years ago Christ Church
was the third Church in
Bromley - It was then
filled by the wandering
public. Since then
three fine Churches
to good Mission Church

have been erected almost
within bowshot & has
Christ Church is a Church
in the Slums with a
congregation made up of
young poor & a few personal
friends - but we have
kept up our various
institutions your Sunday
School is the best in
the neighbourhood.
We shall never get the
poor to Church till we have
more flexible services -
our poor "dead & alive"

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Prayer Book has no
charm for those who
don't know its history.
After 40 years work
in orders I feel sure
that I am right - But
at the same time I am
no Ritualist & the
flexibility I ask for
is not to go back
into the past.

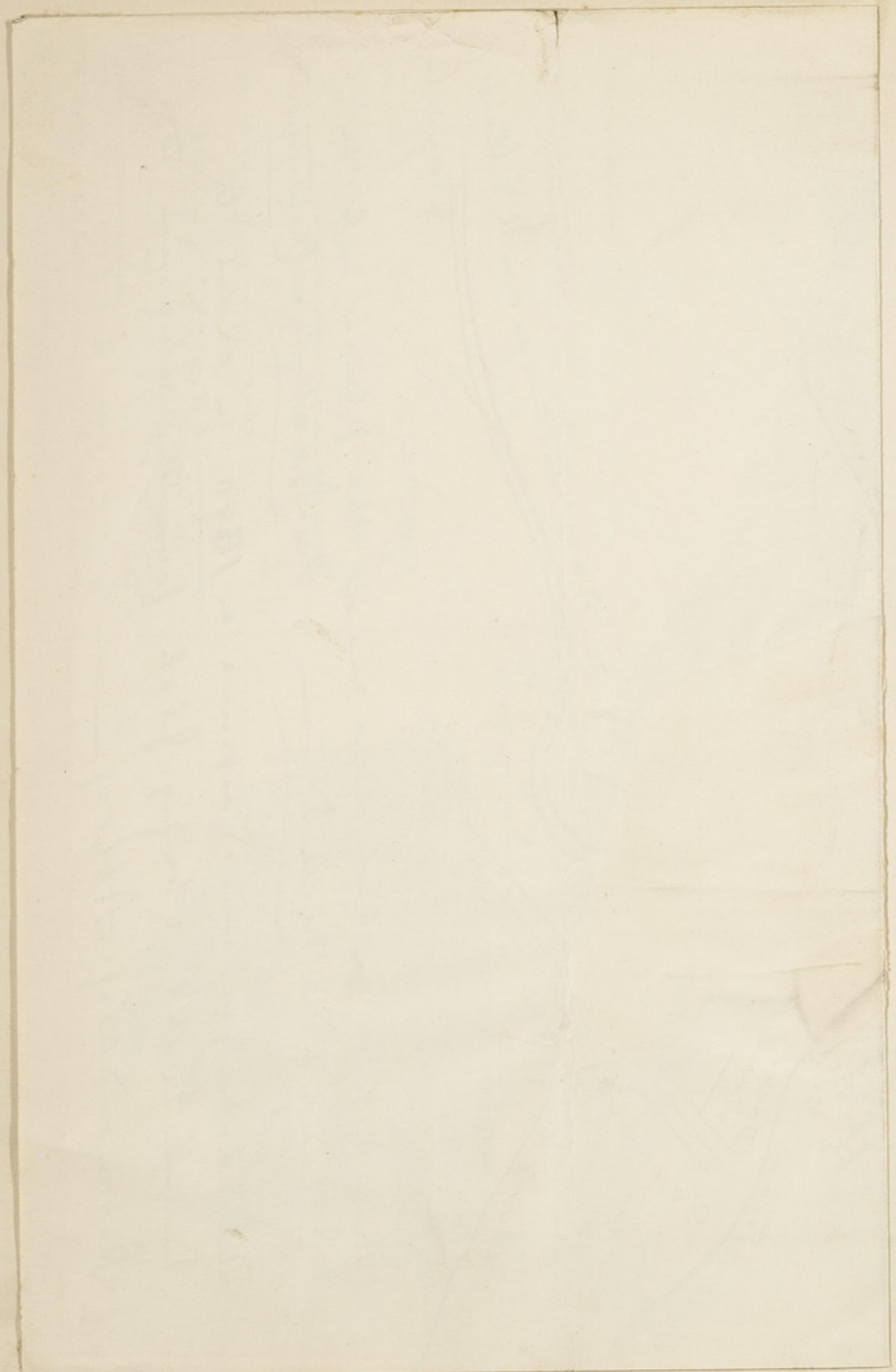
May I trouble you with
one more private opinion
This outcry against
South London that the
"gospel is not in possession"

It has been 700 years in the records of the

is a slander - if it is
 meant to reflect on the
 Clergy - but the Church
 Newspapers that you
 sent to it ought to be
 ashamed - our Religion
 is no worse than the
 similar Riparian Sects
 on the other Side of the
 River - but the East-
 end has been lavishly
 heaped & now left out
 in the cold -

Pray excuse me giving
 private opinions to one so
 well qualified to judge

Yours faithfully
 William Lee Bell



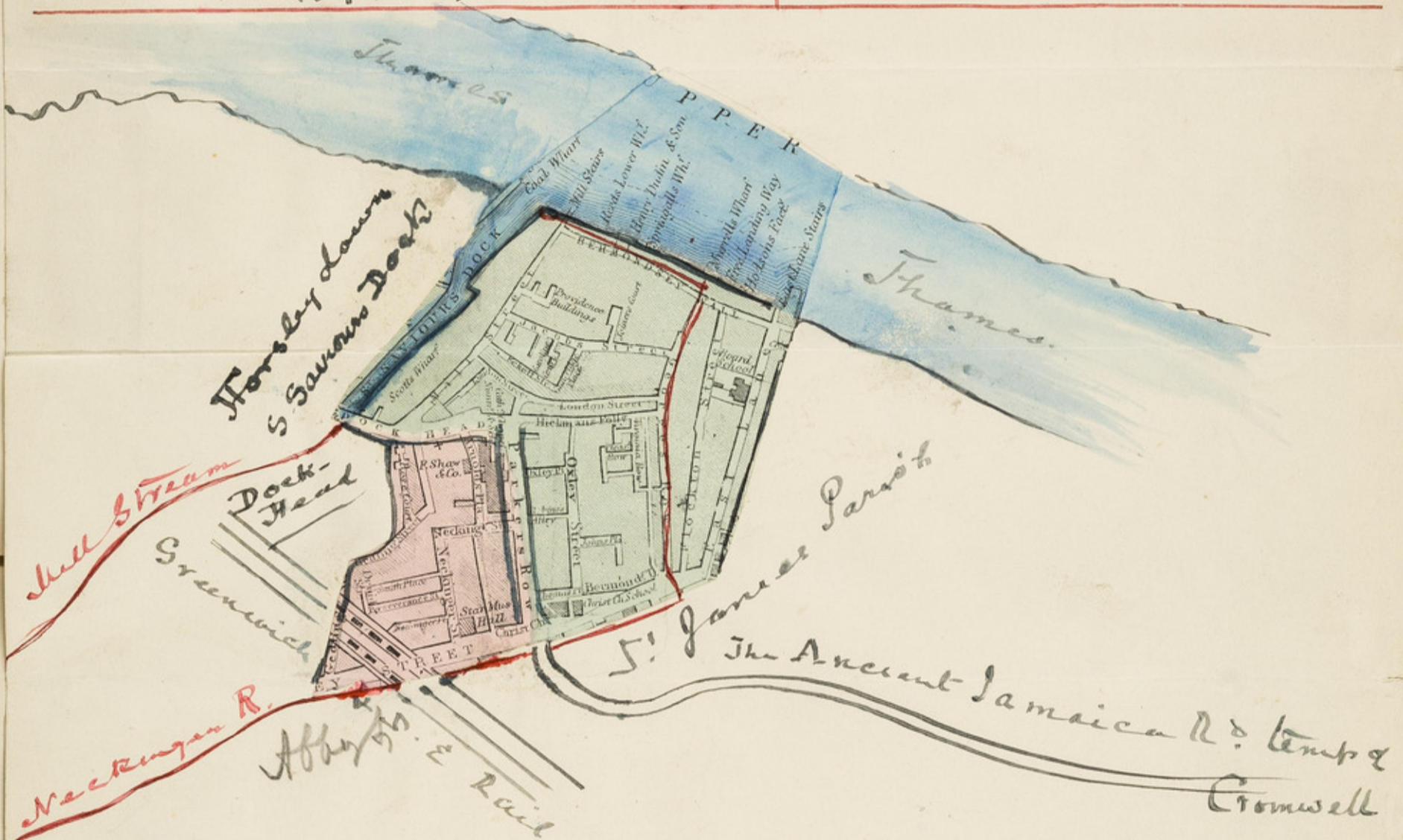
(Landscape painting) - a sketch of a landscape with a hillside and a building. The drawing is very faint and appears to be a preliminary sketch or a study for a larger work. The lines are light and the overall impression is that of a quick, gestural drawing.



The Church - Wood cut of National School
1848 - New Mission Hall

Statistics of Christchurch
Bermondsey formed into
a Peel Parish, 1848 -

before that known as
"Jacob's Island" +
delineated in Oliver
Twist



Two Rivers in old days made the place into an
Island - The Mill Stream + The Neckinger (Nettinger)

The Neckinger was deepened in 1390 in order to
become tidal, + bring fish from the Thames to
Bermondsey Abbey -

General Remarks on the past

No place on South bank of Thames more
deplorable in Sanitary & Moral Aspects
- than "Jacob's Island". It is described by
Chas Dickens in Oliver Twist -
This, and the notice taken of it by Charles
Kingsley led to a reformation. The whole
Island including a small section out of
the Island was made into a Peel Parish
& Christ Church was built in 1848.

The aspect of the place is now quite changed
& much improved - As I remember it
some 65 years since it was grotesque
in its wretchedness -

(So much to show that upon the whole
the Condition of things now is much better
than in the past)

A large R.C. Convent (S. Mary Doerthead)
was built in this parish at the time
Christ Church was built - 1848 -
There has always been a large proportion
of R.C. Irish. I should say at least 2000

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The first thing I noticed when I stepped
 out of the plane was the fresh air - it was
 so different from the stale air of the city.
 I had heard that the mountains were beautiful,
 and now I knew why. The view was
 simply breathtaking. The mountains were
 covered in green grass and small white
 flowers. The sky was a clear, deep blue.
 I had never seen anything like this before.
 It was like a dream come true. I had
 heard that the mountains were beautiful,
 and now I knew why. The view was
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The second thing I noticed was the
 sound of the water. It was a soft, gentle
 murmur that seemed to come from
 everywhere. I had heard that the
 mountains were beautiful, and now I
 knew why. The view was simply
 breathtaking. The mountains were
 covered in green grass and small white
 flowers. The sky was a clear, deep blue.
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 a dream come true.

(A)

Character of population

The industrial engagements of the people here & more or less in all the riverside wards of Bermondsey is what is called 'Longshore'.
— Idleness is rare in Christ Church though "Jacob's Island" in the days of Queen Anne was the beginning of Idleness in Bermondsey.

— I do not think we can say very much about the morals of the people except that they are the same as elsewhere. — There is no crime to speak of against the Law — for here a population of 5640 decreasing families rather than otherwise — There are 1175 ~~houses~~ ^{families} Three Blocks — (Wolsely, Towns - Monarch)

— The people are all poor — There is no fringe of better neighbourhood

(B)

I am afraid we do not touch the lower stratum of men at all. all we can do is to reach the wives & families. — Then the large no. of Romanists who be taken into account — fully 2000 — Though I see but few men go into the Convent Chapel — people of better class are outsiders — who like a bright sermon & good choir without advanced Ritual. — These however are few.

(C)
 (Employed in Church)
 Organist — paid
 Choir — Voluntary (Duplices)
 Man in Charge — paid
 Women as per speaker paid.

(Buildings) (D)
 Church & Mission House adjoining (See page 1)

(E)
 Church Services Sunday — Morning & Evening —
 Children's Afternoon Service monthly
 Baptisms Sunday & Wednesday
 Deacons Wednesday Evening

Services in Corridor every Friday at night
 in Mission House — Gospel Gathering Early
 on Wednesday night
 Young Men & young women meet in respective
 rooms in Mission House on Sunday afternoon
 Morning Church Attendance say 50
 Evening Church Attendance say 120
 Wednesday & Friday 15 to 20.

nearly all
 are
 communicants

(F)
 A young men's Institute — Lectures occasionally
 Senior & Junior Bands of Hope every week
 Entertainments frequently —
 — a Guild carried on for 2 years failed.
 — Large Mothers' Meeting in Mission House
 50 to 100 members every week.

(Educational)

(G) Note - we have a large
Sunday School which
meets in the Drill Hall -
400 children 35 Teachers

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The present Mission House was once a
National School - given up in 1880 with
full sanction of Bishop - Large Board
School in parish close to river

(Visiting)

(H)

The Vicar + Curate visit sick cases
brought to their notice by paid
visitors: Regular attendants at Church
visited from time to time by the Clergy.

(Nursing)

(I)

The parish cannot afford to have a nurse
but help is made in cases of necessity
of the "S. Blane Nursing Association"
which has a Home in S. James's Parish
These nurses however cannot stay
in the house of the patient - cases that
need constant nursing are sent to
the large Infirmary in Northcliffe
where they get every comfort &
attention -

- J -

Charitable Relief

This is given by the clergy through paid visitors only
No respectable unpaid District Visitors can be
brought to visit the Irish Romanists who
compose $\frac{1}{3}$ of the population - A Scripture Reader
& Mission woman & two City Missionaries do this

Since my advent in 1875 the following are the
annual amounts of Charitable Relief

1875	49.	10.	0
1876	40.	5.	0
1877	43	11.	7
1878	45.	14.	3
1879	57.	4.	0
1880	57.	10.	0
1881	75.	9.	10
1882	57.	19.	0
1883	59.	3.	0
1884	50.	19.	3
1885	49.	5.	0
1886	35	16.	1
1887	57.	3.	3
1888	55	12.	8
1889	55	15.	0
1890	52.	0	10
1891	56.	10.	9
1892	65	15.	0
1893	53	8.	8
1894	50.	0.	8
1895	64	15.	0
1896	44.	17.	0
1897	45.	3.	0
1898	42.	3.	1
1899	41.	5.	10

24 // 1321 " 18. 9
£ 55 " 1 " 7 Average

No other body gives
Systematic relief

£ 1321 " 18 " 9

(7)

The 12th Nov
 1864
 Dear Mother
 I received your letter of the 10th and was
 glad to hear from you and to hear that
 you were all well. I am well at present
 and hope these few lines will find you
 all the same. I have not much news to
 write at present. I am still in the
 hospital and have not yet been allowed
 to go out. I am getting a little better
 but still have a long way to go. I
 must close for this time. Write soon.
 Your affectionate son
 John

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(General)

- ① Poor Law - (S. Olney Union)
When I was a Guardian some years ago
I thought more outdoor relief might
have been given - Now there is more
outdoor relief than in any other
Metropolitan Union -
- ② Police seem to do their duty, and are
rather easy than not -
- ③ Drink: I do not hear of abnormal
Drunkennes - but we have our
Share - There are in this parish
17 Public Houses!
- ④ Prostitution does not pay down here &
I notice very little of it -
- ⑤ No marked abundance of Crime
- ⑥ Marriage generally observed - In special
cases we marry at a nominal fee -
- ⑦ Thrift - Two Benefit Clubs in the place
use our Mission Hall -
- ⑧ Health - fairly good - no unhealthy employments
- ⑨ I do not see what Housing of poor touches
us much.

William Lees Bell - Vicar of Ch. Ch. Ber:
Christ Church Vicarage
Spa Road S^W
Feb 15. 1900

Diocese of Rochester: Archdeaconry of Southwark: Rural Deanery of Southwark 1894 -
27 Churches
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1. Table of Church Work.

Population 1891	Staff of Clergy	Baptisms		Confirmation		Communicants (estimated)	Holy Communion					Church Accommodation			No. of services in Parish Church			No. of Churches open for		Schools.				Bible Classes		Guilds		Temperance Branch No. of members		Institutes and social clubs No. of members				Sav Help.				Figures in brackets denote number of Churches in exceptional cases.								
		Infant	Adult	Males	Females		How often administered during the month			Parish church	Ch. of Base	Mission Room &c	Ch. of Base Mission &c	Sundays	Week Days	Holy Days	Daily Prayer	Private Prayer	Day		Sunday		Males	Females	Males	Females	Adults		Church Institute	Village Reading Room	Parochial Library	Parish magazine	District Visitors		S.S. Teachers											
							Sundays	Males	Females										Appropriated	Free	Free	Sundays					Week Days	Holy Days					National elementary	Other than Church Elementary Schools	Middle class	Infants	Boys		Girls	Abolishers	Non-abolishers	Juniors	M.	F.	#	#
239,060	66	5298	151	2444	436	6161	96	55	10	16	32	574	987	1871	21014	25	5390	108	173	34	14	10	6753	1081	-	4103	5168	6512	943	2387	1138	2832	984	206	4324	235	484	174	8066	9	20	16	167	282	570	

2 Church Finance - Clerical Income

Gross Income arising from:-															Deductions.																				
Rent of Glebe at present value.		Pew rents.		Church collections and Easter offerings.			Fees and Easter dues.			Interest in Funded property.		Annual Incomes from Ecclesiastical Commissioners & other sources		Gross Total Income		Parochial Rates & Taxes		Insurances, Tenths, Cost of Collections, & annual payments chargeable upon Benefice		Stipends of Assistant Clergy.		Total Deductions		Total Nett Income											
£1512	10	-	£167	-	-	£217	13	6	£550	6	3	£1045	-	-	£6755	2	4	£10,427	12	1	£537	15	7	£924	12	8	£853	8	6	£2335	16	9	£8091	15	4

3 Church Finance, Voluntary contributions to Church Work &c.

Insurance of Ch: property		Voluntary contributions to Church Work.																				Funds spent on Church Buildings.																									
Glebe Residence	Glebe Farm and other Buildings	Chancel	Church	Church Furniture	Schools & other Parish Buildings	For assistant clergy			Salaries of Lay Helpers, and Churches expenses			Maintenance of Day and Sunday Schools			Church Societies General or Diocesan.						Support of the Poor	For any other purpose religious or secular	Church Building		School Buildings																						
						Paid by Incumbent	Paid from other parochial sources		From Voluntary Subscriptions			From Endowments			Home Missions		Foreign Missions		Diocesan General				Fabric	Furniture	Fabric	Furniture																					
26,000	1,000	4,700	139,320	27,825	47,750	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.									
						853	8	6	1215	14	-	6150	13	6	1968	16	11	2332	7	-	289	19	10	294	8	5	205	9	11	291	4	9	4526	6	5	1262	0	5	33592	13	6	1081	10	-	735	-	-

