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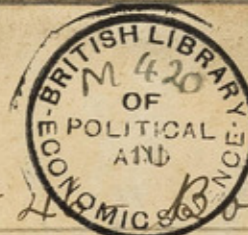
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- Love Rev. A.	S. Paul, Greenwich	Vicarage, South Street	1
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May 29th 1900.

Interview with Rev. Alfred Love ⁴⁶
St. Paul's, Greenwich. ₂₋₈

Rev. Love is a man of near 60, who has been Vicar of this parish for 22 years. He is a very cheery, friendly man, but tending to be glib and shallow.

The parish has a population of about 6000. South of the S.E. R. they are generally, with the exception of Chapel Lane (very squashed) and Roman Road, all completely off, artists, clerks, and small tradesmen; most of them go to work in the city. This part of the parish has gone down a good deal: there were a good many houses with single families, but this is now almost unknown.

The other bit of the parish (the River St. area) is at a very low level of poverty and morality; though in morals than has been

a distinct improvement since the abolition of
Greenwich Fair. How the word bit is the
James Plan.

Mr L. affirms that his parish is "about
the most difficult in London". "No doubt they
all tell you that," he said "but I believe it
is true of mine". The reasons given are that
it is literally overshadowed by the parish church
of Greenwich, that the strong church of
St. Trinity is also almost in it, and that
"all the Chapels of Greenwich are in it".
"Hitherto" the church seating accommodation in
the parish is more than sufficient for every
man woman and child in it.

But in spite of these obstacles Mr L.
seems to be quite as, if not more, successful
than most people with similar parishes.

The Report gives full particulars as to
Sunday, and the large band of workers.

The church attendance are about 300 in the morning and 500 in the evening; this without any of the "lying exaggeration" which you know is so common. As indicating the change in the character of the population the morning attendance used to be about 700 and the evening 400. The communions are about 200, with about 50 at a morning and 60 at an evening communion. About the Poor the Mission there from 20 to 40 attend the evening service.

The number of children at the Sunday School is about 500.

As usual the general attitude of the people was described as "indifferent" and the indifference and slothfulness is extending to those who are still to some extent churchgoers: they all take their religion much more lightly; there is much more tendency to believe that it will all come right in the end. In this regard

Mr L. noticed: (1) That when he first came
here night-calls to give consolation to the sick
or dying were common: they are now unknown.
(2) A week used not to pass without letters
of praise, inquiry or abuse with reference
to sermons: they have completely ceased.
(3) Those who used to come to church to turn
now only come once (4) Those who had friends
staying with them had as a matter of course
to bring their friends to church: they now
make it an excuse for staying away
altogether. (5) The bazaar has captured
many regular churchgoers. (6) The attendance
at Prayer meetings is constantly declining,
and it is increasingly difficult to get people
"to lead in prayer." Altogether, as Mr L.
said (with a cheerful smile) "if one's heart
could be broken a dozen times more would
have been."

The chief work of the District Visitors is
 collection for the Prudential Fund in the poorer parts
 of the parish. ~~As~~ Among those who are better
 off only such are visited as express a wish to
 be: but little hand bills with reference to
 sermons are left at every house.

As in every parish in Greenwich there is
 a house. The profusion of the nursing establishments
 of Greenwich is due to the fact that a
 sum of £30000 for the purpose was some
 years since left by a Mrs Charles Soames.

In other ways this and the other poor
 parishes of Greenwich have benefited from
 the wealth of Meade which has
 generously recognized its duty. Mr Meade's
 Meade has put in £40000 a year;
 and the generosity of the Penn
 family has been great.

Figures as to Relief will be found in the

Report. He was helped in respect of creed and
I fear without much discrimination.

As to other religious agencies - though
they are so numerous only one is of any
strength, the Baptist Chapel of Mr Charles
Spurgeon: the others are in "constant struggle
for existence." Mr Spurgeon is always full,
especially with young people, but he is only
very slightly a local influence: he lives some
way off and does nothing in the district.
But he is a remarkable man with ~~some~~
some measure of his father's power. When he
came apart from his own merits, his
name was a large attraction and all the
other denominations flocked to him. "The
Presbyterians and the Wesleyans suddenly discovered
that their grandfathers and grandmothers had
been Baptists and thought it a pity that
their children should not be brought up in the

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ST. PAUL'S, GREENWICH.

ANNUAL LETTER

AND

PAROCHIAL REPORT,

1899.

"Look unto Zion, the city of our solemnities; thine eyes shall see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, a tabernacle, that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken."—
Isaiah xxxiii. 20.

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Love - S. Paul.

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Old faith:

On our general questions, Mrs L. spoke of the honors of the drinking in the Room to guests. At holiday times the lights are such as to make it almost impossible for ladies to go there.

Health is wonderfully good: and thorough though old seldom is in any.

St. Paul's Church, Greenwich
(DEVONSHIRE ROAD.)

A very earnest invitation is given to the Services
of the Church on

Whit-Sunday

THE SERVICES WILL COMMENCE AT 11 AND 6.30.

HOLY COMMUNION will be administered at 8 a.m., and at the close of the
Morning and Evening Services.

The Offertories will be devoted to the Curate's Fund.

THE VICAR

WILL PREACH (D.V.) SUNDAY EVENINGS,
ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:—

Whit-Sunday—“The Fruit of the Spirit.”

**June 10. —“Richer Possessions than Gold and
Silver.”**

„ **17. —“The Cause of Instability.”**

„ **24. —“A Certain Triumph.”**

July 8. —“Fear and Trust.”

„ **15. —“Hoping and Waiting.”**

„ **22. —“A Lesson from the Potter.”**

„ **29. —“The Death of the Psalmist King.”**

A HEARTY INVITATION IS GIVEN TO ALL.

The Vicar will be glad to call upon any Parishioner who may intimate a desire
to be visited.

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Services.

WEEKLY.

SUNDAY MORNING	11.0 o'clock.
" EVENING	6.30 "
MONDAY MORNING, Churchings	11.0 "
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, John Penn's Almshouses	3.0 "
" EVENING, Baptisms and Churchings.. .. .	7.0 "
" Service	7.30 "
SUNDAY EVENING (Roan Street)	6.30 "
TUESDAY "	7.0 "

MONTHLY.

FIRST SUNDAY, Holy Communion after Morning Service. Baptisms and Churchings	4.15 o'clock.
THIRD " Holy Communion after Evening Service.	
LAST " Children's Service.. .. .	3.15 "

FESTIVALS.

CHRISTMAS DAY, EASTER DAY, WHIT SUNDAY and HARVEST
 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
 Also on CHRISTMAS DAY after the Morning Service.
 EASTER DAY after Morning and Evening Services.
 WHIT SUNDAY after Morning Service.
 TRINITY SUNDAY after Evening Service.
 ASCENSION DAY after Morning Service.

Classes and Meetings.

WEEKLY.

SUNDAY MORNING. Prayer Meeting in Roan Street	8.0 o'clock.
" " Bible Lecture for persons over 16 years of age, Green Lane	10 a.m.
MONDAY EVENING. Men's Bible Class in Roan Street	8.30 o'clock.
" " Church Helpers' Working Party, Roan Street	7.0 "
WED. AFTERNOON. Mothers' Meeting, Green Lane	2.0 "
" EVENING. Choir Practice in the Church	8.30 "
THURSDAY " Band of Hope at Roan Street	6.30 "
" " Girls' Club, Green Lane	7.30 "
" " Temperance Meeting at Roan Street	8.0 "
FRIDAY " Prayer Meeting in Green Lane	7.30 "

MONTHLY.

SECOND THURSDAY, Dorcas Meeting at the Vicarage	3.0 o'clock.
FRIDAY FOLLOWING LAST SUNDAY IN EACH MONTH, District Visitors' Meeting in Green Lane	3.0 "

Sunday Schools.

GREEN LANE—Morning	10.0 o'clock.
" Afternoon	3.0 "
ROAN STREET "	3.0 "

Middle Class Girls' Day School.

GREEN LANE—Morning .. 9.30.	Afternoon .. 2.0 o'clock.
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STAFF.

CLERGY.

REV. ALFRED LOVE, Vicarage, South Street.
 " H. LAWRENCE PHILLIPS, 7, Langdale Road.

CHURCHWARDENS.

MR. EDWIN BALDWIN. MR. J. TEMPLE.

SIDESMEN.

MR. A. J. COLE, MR. A. E. HANSCOMB,
 MR. F. C. GREEN, MR. W. JONES.

MISSION WOMAN.

SICK NURSE.

MISS HUSBANDS, 17, Guildford Road.

DISTRICT VISITORS.

Mrs. Penn's Almshouses	Mrs. GIBB, 154, Lewisham Road.
Burgos Grove, Chapel Place, and Greenwich Road	Mrs. GREEN, 2, Egerton Road.
Straightsmouth, Prince of Orange Lane, and Wood's Buildings	Miss HOLDITCH, 244, Brockley Rd.
Bell Street and Clive Place	Miss COX, 49, Brand Street.
Blissett Street	Miss WHITEHEAD, 104, Blackheath Hill.
Norman Road	Miss KIBBLE, View House, Blackheath Hill.
Glaisher Street	
Browning Place	Miss SNELLING, 3, Gloucester Terrace.
Ashburnham Road	Miss PHILLIPS, 7, Langdale Road.
Jubilee Almshouses	Miss WILLIAMS, 49, Devonshire Road.
Catherine Grove	Miss BALDWIN and Miss E. BALDWIN, 41, Blackheath Road.

Sunday School Teachers.

GREEN LANE.

Superintendent—MR. F. C. GREEN.

School Secretary—MR. ARTHUR TIPPING.

Miss ADKIN (occasional)	Miss KEAY	Miss WILLIAMS (occasional)
„ BEADLE	„ PARIS	„ WIRE
„ C. BEADLE	„ PHILLIPS	Mr. BOWYER
„ BENWELL	„ PURVIS	„ GIBB
„ BOWYER	„ RIGG	„ LEE
„ COLE	„ SNELLING (occasional)	„ ALBERT MARTIN
„ COX	„ STEDDY	„ ALFRED MARTIN
„ FINCHAM	„ STANTON	„ SCOTT
Mrs. GIBB	„ ADA SULLIVAN	„ TIPPING
Miss HIGHATT	„ TAYLOR	„ WIGHTWICK
„ HOWARTH	„ THURLING	„ WIRE
„ JONES	„ WHITEHEAD	

ROAN STREET.

Superintendent—REV. H. LAWRENCE PHILLIPS.

Miss L. DUDMAN	Miss JEANS	Mr. CHEESEMAN
„ M. DUDMAN	„ MARSH	Dr. KEAY
„ C. HORE	„ NYE	Mr. SCHOLEY

Other Voluntary Workers.

Ladies of the Dorcas Society. (Twenty-five.)

Members of the Choir. (Thirty.)

Mothers' Meeting:—Mrs. LOVE, Miss GREIVE, Miss SNELLING, and Miss COX.

Harmonium at Meetings and Mission Services:—

Mrs. GIBB, Misses BEADLE, COLE, DUDMAN, KNIGHT, PHILLIPS and E. A. WENBORN.

St. Paul's Vicarage. Greenwich.

February 26th, 1900.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

How quickly do the years pass! It is difficult to realize that it is twelve months since I wrote last year's Annual Letter. May we all grow in grace with the quickly passing years, and in meetness for the Kingdom of Heaven.

In reviewing the work of the year, the feeling must be that of deep thankfulness for the spirit evidenced by so many fellow-helpers in the cause of God, both in the Church and Parish. It would be impossible to express fully my sense of the value of the earnest and whole-hearted co-operation of my colleague—the Rev. H. Lawrence Phillips. His energy never seems to flag; and his desire to spend and be spent in God's work among us, and in behalf of all classes of our people, is ever manifest. It is still the same as when he first came amongst us. With the passing years our sense of the helpfulness of his ministrations has grown, and our gratefulness has increased.

The signs have not been wanting of real success in the work of the Roan Street Mission during the past year. The attendance at the Services has been such as greatly to encourage Mr. Phillips and the Mission staff; whilst the increase in the Sunday School attendance has been of a very marked character, and that with a very evident improvement in the discipline and tone of the scholars. To all workers in this very important sphere of our Parochial activities, I desire to tender very hearty and sincere thanks. May they be more and more blessed in all that belongs to their own spiritual life.

The loss of the greatly valued services of Miss Hunter, for over four years the Mission Woman of St. Paul's, has been felt by us more than it would be possible to express. The sickness altogether beyond aught of an ordinary nature in her family, compelled her severance from the work amongst us, which she had ever so much at heart, and in which she rendered such faithful and efficient service. Miss Hunter will have the prayers of very many, and the recollection of her association with us will always be a happy one to us all.

The sympathetic co-operation with the ministry of the Church Officers in all matters affecting the Services and Work of the Church, has afforded great encouragement. Nor are there any helpers in the Church or in any department of its work, to whom we do not feel we owe a large debt of gratitude, by reason of the joy and satisfaction which their work for God and for the Church affords us; being the evidence, as we take it, of blessing, that so many have been willing to exercise self-denial, and to endure the sacrifice which belongs to all true service.

Again, our annual Sale of Work has been an enormous help and relief to us under the weight of the financial burdens which in such a Parish must be inevitably borne. The proceeds of Mrs. Love's Stall (Roan Street Mission) and Mrs. Tugwell's (Parochial and C.P.A.) were larger than ever. Will all who gave support in any way to this effort accept our heartfelt thanks? There was also a large contribution to the funds of the C.M.S. obtained at the Stalls provided by Miss Snelling and the ladies associated with her.

While I write I am reminded of the serious effect which the sickness of the season and the weather have had upon the congregation at the Services of the Church, and at our Meetings for Prayer. I pray that we may soon be cheered by a larger attendance both at the Sunday and Week-day Services. The attendance at the Wednesday evening Service and at the Prayer Meeting has, for some time, been the cause of sorrow. We may reckon it one of the clearest signs of spiritual life, when men and women seek to God's house and to the place where prayer is made, although it be neither new moon nor Sabbath Day. Failure, too, in the attendance of those able to lead in devotion at our weekly meeting for prayer, has been the cause of real grief and disappointment. May I ask all who read this to lay these things to heart? Shall I ask in vain?

The subject to which my mind has been directed as a seasonable one upon which to write, is that of

PEACE.

How great are the horrors of war! These have been brought home to us in a way we could not possibly mistake. The many desolate homes in our land testify to these horrors. The gloom, by reason of the news of battle and of our losses, has been as a pall. There has been sadness everywhere, and surely our prayer must have gone up many times that the Lord would shorten the time of strife and bloodshed, and give us peace.

There are some who think that war is a crime, whatever the cause for which a nation may draw the sword; and that it is wholly to ignore the teaching of Christianity to engage in it: but it can hardly be so. Rights

have to be maintained—wrongs have to be redressed—the helpless and the down-trodden have to be defended; and sometimes it can only be by the sword, which, under such conditions, must be counted as the means which God has provided, and which we are bound to use. Of course, Christians will always desire peace, and labour to that end, and will forego much and suffer much to secure it; but—

“Peace is no peace if it lets the will grow stronger,
Only cheating destiny a little longer.
War with its agonies, its horrors and crimes,
Is cheaper if discounted and taken up betimes.”

And are we to believe those who tell us that Christianity must be judged a failure if it be so? Certainly not. Upon what ground of Scripture or of Christ's teaching in any place, can we apply as a test of the truth of Christ's religion—what belongs to war? Nay! what did Christ declare? “I came not to send peace upon the earth but a sword.” What a mistake then to say Christianity must be a failure because after eighteen centuries nation still lifts up sword against nation. The time shall come when the prophecy will have its fulfilment, but nowhere in the Word of God are we taught to expect it till He comes again, Who is the Prince of Peace. Nor is there any mistake which men have made greater than that with regard to Peace, whether it be between the peoples of the world, or the feeling to hold in the hearts of men in the matter of their own personal experience and life. The aim of Christ's religion is not to give men first and last and only peace, as we so often misunderstand the term. It is to ennoble them, to make them brave, and true, and tender, and unselfish. The true idea of peace involves the idea of life. There is no peace where there is no life. It does not mean merely acquiescence as between nations or individuals, but most often quiet, rest after strife, conflict, war. I have seen it put thus—that pain is the portal of life, and that without pain there is neither faith, nor sympathy, nor courage, nor devotion, nor any other high and holy experience which goes to make up the right conception of a noble life.

But, thank God, the sword shall not be for ever! It belongs, so to speak, to the surface, to the things of the dispensation which must pass; whilst Christ's Peace belongs to the things which are eternal: and the very pains and throes and agonies of war tend—strange as it may seem—to the peace of the glorious age which is coming.

And does any want to know how he may enjoy in the present time the peace of Christ in his soul? He must use all the means of grace which belong to Christ's religion. There must be a regular, devout, prayerful, intelligent study of God's Word; and withal, there must be a true idea

as to what is most to be feared—what the worst thing is in the case of any man, namely—to be complacent in the presence of wrong; to stretch forth no hand either to maintain the right or to check the wrong; to be only anxious to be let alone; to become as a stagnant pool, with no movement of life, and with naught to evidence a quickened conscience, or a heart in touch with the feeling which belongs to sympathy with other men in their sorrows, struggles, and griefs.

It has been said many a time that there are worse evils than war; and some have appeared shocked that any who claims to be a Christian should say it. But it is true. Nations have suffered much more from sloth and the matter of luxury and indulgence in ease, than from war. And when any people will brace themselves, and, if need be, gird on the sword for the preservation of its liberties, or for the protection of the weak and oppressed, and, as they believe, for God and the right, there is hope for that people—their end cannot be yet—no power in the world would be found strong enough to crush them.

There is a large and far-reaching meaning in the words of Christ—"He that loveth his life shall lose it." It is not seldom made to appear that it is only when men in a noble cause—in the cause of righteousness—are willing to lose their own life, that the life of the future becomes a grander and nobler thing. There are some who will not believe that "patriotism" and "war" should ever be spoken with the same breath; but there are others who believe that "the graves of her patriots are the frontiers and bulwarks of a nation's life," and that "the sanctity of their glorious sleep adds a consecration to its after-deeds for generations."

And yet our prayer, our ceaseless prayer, should be for peace. Whatever may be said for war, and although we may think it inevitable, there is enough in the tale of woe, which comes to us almost every hour from the theatre of war, to cause us to weep day and night. What passions, what agony must be suggested by what we read of the shout and onslaught of battle! And how do hearts bleed which are bereaved—not on our own side alone but in the homes of the men with whom we have to wage this terrible war. We have no hard thoughts, we can have none, of the widows and orphans of our foes. Nay, we must pity them, and if we have hearts at all they must bleed for them. But what shall we say of the widows and fatherless children of the brave Sons of the Empire, whose blood has been shed, and whose bodies lie buried on the battle-field where they fell? What must we not feel because of what they suffer? The heart within us alone can know it. It must be a people's grief—a nation's anguish and mourning. O that there might be no more sound of battle! O that the

sword might be put again into its sheath! O that wrath and passion and hate and strife might cease; and that there might be given us the blessing of peace, with all that belongs to righteousness, justice and equity!

Nor is it only with regard to the great war raging, that we need to pray, "Give peace in our time, O Lord." What strife and division are rife in Society. Yes, alas! and as we have to deplore it, in the Church to-day. May God of His mercy cause all the strife, which is so grievous, to cease! And may He grant all our desire for the glory of His name.

"O Prince of Peace, Thy royal rule
Through all the earth extendeth;
Thy power alone the sons of men
With shield divine defendeth,
Look down, we pray, with gracious love
Upon the world's sad sighing;
Our discords harsh Thyself attune,
The note of peace supplying."

With fervent prayers for every blessing on your behalf.

Believe me to be,

Your affectionate Friend and Pastor,

ALFRED LOVE.

Church Expenses (Churchwardens') Account.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Balance from 1898 ..	6 8 10	Church Attendants—	
Collections ..	34 0 3	Clover (including care	
Boxes ..	3 4 7	of Furnace), ..	32 4 6
From Pew Rents—Main-		Earl, Mrs. ..	8 6 0
tenance Fund ..	20 0 0	Bellringer and Organ	
Proceeds from Congre-		Blower ..	10 2 6
gational Tea ..	1 7 0	Washing Surplices ..	2 18 6
Adkin, Mr. ..	2 0 0	Perkins—Gardener ..	5 0 0
Blisset, Rev. G. ..	5 0 0	Moses—Plants ..	1 6 0
Charrington, Mr. J. D. ..	5 0 0	Churchwardens' License	18 0
F. E. T. ..	2 0 0	Organist ..	40 0 0
Filby, Mr. ..	1 0 0	Choir Expenses ..	2 6 9
Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. B. D.	1 1 0	New Hymn and Tune	
Gleaves, Mrs. ..	1 0 0	Books ..	2 18 6
Highatt, Miss (dons.) ..	15 0	Hymn and Prayer Books	
Horton, Mrs. and Sister		for the Gallery ..	1 0 2
(don.) ..	10 0	Repairing Hymn and	
Ingle, Mr. ..	1 1 0	Tune Books ..	1 16 0
Marcus, Mr. C. G. ..	10 6	Gas ..	18 13 2
Phillips, Rev. H. L. ..	10 0	Water ..	2 0 0
Randall, Mrs. ..	1 0 0	Coals and Coke ..	11 8 0
Sinkins, Mrs. ..	5 0	Insurance ..	4 11 0
From Offertory Fund ..	10 0 0	Printing ..	6 0 9
From General Fund ..	62 10 0	Repairs ..	9 7 0
For Harvest Decorations—		Knowles—Clock ..	7 6
Adamson and Marcus,		Chimney Sweep ..	7 0
Messrs. ..	1 0 0	Bishop & Sons—Tuning,	
Baldwin, Mr. ..	10 0	&c. ..	4 0 0
Boothby, Mrs. ..	2 6	Hassocks for the Gallery	1 17 0
Cole, Mrs. ..	5 0	Matting ..	19 3
Cox, Mrs. ..	5 0	Harvest Decorations ..	2 6 6
Randall, Mrs. ..	5 0	Christmas Decorations..	1 3 0
For Christmas Decorations—			
Gleaves, Mrs. ..	5 0		
Balance due ..	10 1 5		
	<u>£171 17 1</u>		<u>£171 17 1</u>

Jews' Society.

"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem."—Psalm cxxii. 6.

Treasurer—REV. A. LOVE.

Secretary—MISS ADKIN.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Adkin, Mr. J. ..	1 11 6	Kibble, Mrs. O. ..	10 0
Adkin, Miss ..	2 2 0	Love, Rev. A. ..	10 0
Anonymous ..	1 1 0	Rogers, Miss ..	10 0
Cox, Miss ..	2 6	Snelling, Miss..	5 0
Friend, A, per Miss		Warrington, Mrs. ..	1 10 0
Gardner ..	10 0	Warrington, Mr. ..	1 0 0
Gardner, Miss..	5 0	Sale of "Intelligencer" ..	3 0
Gibb, Mr. B. D. ..	1 1 0	Sermons ..	9 18 4
Gibb, Mr. A. ..	10 6		<u>£21 14 10</u>
Howarth, Mrs... ..	2 6		
Howarth, Miss ..	2 6		

Curates' Fund.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Balance from 1898 ..	3 11 4	Rev. H. L. Phillips ..	150 0 0
Subscriptions and Dona-		" ..	10 0 0
tions ..	45 2 6		
Collections ..	9 11 6		
Church Pastoral Aid			
Society ..	70 0 0		
Offertory Fund—Roan			
Street ..	1 7 8		
Sale of Work ..	20 0 0		
Parochial Fund ..	6 7 4		
Balance due ..	3 19 8		
	<u>£160 0 0</u>		<u>£160 0 0</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Adkin, Mr. ..	3 0 0	Kneebone, Mr. ..	3 0
Baldwin, Mr. ..	1 1 0	Love, Rev. A. ..	2 0 0
Blisset, Rev. G. ..	2 10 0	Marcus, Mr. C. G. ..	10 6
Charrington, Mr. ..	5 0 0	Penn, Mrs. ..	20 0 0
Ellenden, Miss ..	10 0	Randall, Mrs. ..	1 0 0
F. E. T. ..	2 0 0	Saundry, Dr. ..	10 6
Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. B. D.	1 1 0	Snelling, Miss..	2 2 0
Gibb, Mr. A. ..	1 1 0	Spencer, Mrs. ..	10 0
Gleaves, Mrs. ..	10 0	Tugwell, Mrs. ..	5 0
Hatcher, Miss ..	2 6		
Ingle, Mr. ..	1 1 0		<u>£45 2 6</u>
Kibble, Miss ..	5 0		

Prudent Club.

Secretary—MISS WENBORN.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Balance from 1898 ..	17 6	Deposits paid out with	
Deposits received ..	392 14 11	Interest	303 8 2
Interest on Deposits, Post		Ditto without Interest ..	89 6 9
Office Savings Bank ..	2 12 1	Amount of Interest ..	12 0 0
Subscriptions to Bonus		Printing—Forms, Cards,	
Fund	4 19 6	Envelopes, &c. ..	2 7 6
Balance due	5 18 5		
	<u>£407 2 5</u>		<u>£407 2 5</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Adkin, Mr... ..	10 0
Adkin, Miss	5 0
Ellenden, Miss	3 0
F. E. T.	1 0 0
Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. B. D.	1 1 0
Gibb, Mr. A.	10 6
Love, Rev. A.	10 0
	<u>£4 19 6</u>
Randall, Mrs.	10 0
Spencer, Mrs.	5 0
Wenborn, Miss	5 0
	<u>£4 19 6</u>

Mothers' Meeting.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Women's Pence	30 8 1½	Balance	1 7½
Articles sold for ready		Bills for all kinds of	
money	6 0 10¼	Materials	35 3 7¼
Subscriptions—		Members paid out ..	5 10
Miss Adkin	10 0	Books, Cards and Enve-	
Mrs. Gibb	5 0	lopes	19 6
Mrs. Ingle	10 0	Entertainment	1 3 8¼
"In Memoriam"	5 0	Balance due to Members	19 8¼
Mrs. Rock	5 0		
Mrs. Spencer	10 0		
	<u>£38 13 11¼</u>		<u>£38 13 11¼</u>

Dorcas Society.

Secretary—MRS. LOVE.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Subscriptions—		Balance	6½
Adkin, Miss	5 0	Materials for Loan Bags ..	3 11 4½
Baldwin, Mrs.	5 0	Grocery and Washing ..	1 10 11½
Brazil, Mrs.	5 0	Post Cards and Sundries	10 0
Cole, Mrs.	5 0		
Collingwood, Miss ..	3 0		
Cox, Miss	5 0		
Ellenden, Miss	5 0		
Gibb, Mrs. B. D.	5 0		
Greive, Miss	3 0		
Hanscomb, Mrs.	5 0		
Hatcher, Miss	5 0		
Jakeman, Mrs.	5 0		
Jones, Mrs.	5 0		
Kibble, Miss	2 6		
Langley, Mrs.	2 6		
Love, Mrs.	5 0		
Randall, Mrs.	5 0		
Randall, Miss	2 6		
Snelling, Miss	5 6		
Stanton, Mrs.	5 0		
Spencer, Mrs.	10 0		
Wenborn, Miss	5 0		
Balance due	8 10¾		
	<u>£5 12 10¾</u>		<u>£5 12 10¾</u>

Blanket Club.

Secretary—MRS. LOVE.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Balance from 1898 ..	3 17 5	Blankets	8 1 6
33 Depositors at 4s. 4d. ..	7 3 0	Washing and Sundries ..	10 0
Subscriptions and Dona-		Printing Cards and Enve-	
tions	4 2 6	lopes	8 4
		Poor Fund	5 0 0
		Balance	1 3 1
	<u>£15 2 11</u>		<u>£15 2 11</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ellenden, Miss	10 6
Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. B. D.	1 1 0
Gibb, Mr. A.	10 6
Kneebone, Mr.	3 0
Love, Mrs.	5 0
Randall, Mrs.	5 0
Randall, Miss	2 6
Rock, Mrs.	5 0
	<u>£4 2 6</u>
Saundry, Mrs.	5 0
Sinkins, Miss	5 0
Snelling, Miss	5 0
Spencer, Mrs.	5 0

Sunday Schools.

"It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."—*Matt. xviii. 14.*

Secretary—REV. A. LOVE.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Subscriptions and Donations ..	8 7 0	Balance due ..	17 4
Collections ..	9 2 0	Sunday School Institute, &c., Magazines, Registers, &c. ..	5 6 3
Balance due ..	2 15 7	Printing — Anniversary Hymns, Bills, &c. ..	2 18 0
		Part Expenses of Room, Rates, Coals, &c. ..	5 0 0
		Rewards ..	6 0 0
		Posting ..	3 0
	<u>£20 4 7</u>		<u>£20 4 7</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Adkin, Mr. ..	1 0 0	Love, Rev. A. ..	10 0
Baker, Miss ..	1 1 0	Marcus, Mr. C. G. ..	10 6
Cox, Miss ..	2 6	Randall, Mrs. ..	10 0
Cuxon, Mr. ..	2 6	Saundry, Mrs. ..	5 0
Edwards, Miss ..	5 0	Snelling, Miss ..	10 6
F.E.T. ..	10 0	Williams, Miss ..	5 0
Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. ..	1 1 0		
Gibb, Mr. A. ..	1 1 0		
Gleaves, Mrs. ...	10 0		
Kneebone, Mr. ..	3 0		
			<u>£8 7 0</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHRISTMAS TREAT ACCOUNT, 1898.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
<i>Collections and Subscriptions by Teachers—</i>		Balance Dr. from Summer	
Bowyer, Miss ..	3 0	Treat Account, 1898 ..	6 0 8½
Cox, Miss ..	7 6	<i>Roan Street Treat—</i>	
Dudman, Miss ..	7 6	Groceries, Provisions, Lantern Slides, and Assistance ..	1 19 0
Dudman, Miss M. ..	7 6	<i>Green Lane Treat—</i>	
Fincham, Miss ..	7 6	Groceries, Provisions, Urns, and Assistance ..	6 8 8½
Gibb, Mrs. ..	1 0 0	Lantern Slides and Infants' Toys & Sweets ..	1 17 5
Highatt & Paris, Misses ..	1 1 0		
Hore, Miss ..	10 0		
Jones, Miss ..	5 0		
Marsh, Miss ..	5 6		
Mullins, Miss ..	7 0		
Nye, Miss ..	7 0		
Purvis, Miss ..	10 0		
Stanton, Miss ..	7 0		
Steddy, Miss ..	7 0		
Sullivan, Miss ..	6 0		
Thurling, Miss ..	15 0		
Whitehead, Miss ..	4 6		
Wire, Miss ..	3 6		
Allworth, Mr. ..	5 0		
Cheeseman ..	5 0		
Gibb ..	1 0 0		
Scholey ..	2 0		
Wightwick ..	5 0		
Wire ..	3 0		
	<u>£10 1 6</u>		
Balance Debtor carried forward to Summer			
Treat Account, 1899 ..	6 4 4		
	<u>£16 5 10</u>		<u>£16 5 10</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUMMER TREAT ACCOUNT, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Amount realised by Sale of Tickets ..	11 0 0½	Balance, Debtor, from Christmas Treat A/c, 1898..	6 4 4
<i>Collections and Subscriptions by Teachers—</i>		S.E. Railway—Special Train ..	12 10 0
Beadle, Misses ..	10 0	Taylor & Sons—Provisions ..	14 6 0
Bowyer, Miss ..	5 0	J. D. Smith—Printing ..	17 0
Cox, Miss ..	12 0	Sweets, Toys, Prizes for Races, &c. ..	1 13 6½
Dudman, Misses ..	12 0	Infants' Treat:—	
Fincham, Miss ..	7 6	Provisions, &c. ..	1 6 8
Gibb, Mrs. ..	4 5 0	Toys ..	5 0
Highatt & Paris, Misses ..	13 6		
Hore, Miss ..	12 0		
Howarth, Miss ..	5 0		
Hunter, Miss (Day School) ..	8 5		
Hunter, Miss (Sunday School) ..	5 0		
Jones, Miss ..	10 0		
Marsh, Miss ..	1 1 0		
Nye, Miss ..	6 6		
Purvis, Miss ..	10 0		
Stanton, Miss ..	10 0		
Steddy, Miss ..	7 3		
Sullivan, Miss ..	2 5		
Taylor, Miss ..	4 0		
Thurling, Miss ..	14 1		
Tigg, Miss ..	6 9		
Whitehead, Miss ..	5 0		
Whitehead, Miss S. ..	6 0		
Wire, Miss ..	4 0		
Cheeseman, Mr. ..	7 6		
Gibb, Mr. ..	1 0 0		
Kneebone, Mr. ..	3 0		
Scholey, Mr. ..	3 0		
Tipping, Mr. ..	5 0		
Wightwick, Miss ..	8 0		
	<u>£27 8 11½</u>		
Balance Dr. carried forward to Xmas Treat Account, 1899 ..	9 13 7		
	<u>£37 2 6½</u>		<u>£37 2 6½</u>

NOTE.—A valuable present of Toys was received from Mr. George Ingle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHRISTMAS TREAT ACCOUNT, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Collections by Christmas Carol Party, per Mr. A. B. Tipping ..	7 0 2	Balance, Debtor, from Summer Treat A/c 1899..	9 13 7
<i>Collections and Subscriptions by Teachers—</i>		<i>Roan Street Treat—</i>	
Cox, Miss ..	8 0	Groceries, Provisions, Lantern Slides and Assistance ..	1 9 7
Dudman, Misses ..	9 6	<i>Green Lane Treat—</i>	
Fincham, Miss ..	7 6	Provisions, Urns, and Assistance ..	5 14 4½
Gibb, Mrs. ..	1 0 0	Hire of Lantern and Slides ..	1 5 2
Highatt & Paris, Misses ..	13 1	Toys for Infants' Christmas Tree ..	1 4 2
Hore, Miss ..	6 0	Presentation Hymn Books for Elder Scholars ..	1 10 0
Jones, Miss ..	5 0		
Marsh, Miss ..	10 0		
Nye, Miss ..	5 0		
Purvis, Miss ..	7 6		
Stanton, Miss ..	10 0		
Steddy, Miss ..	14 8		
Sullivan, Miss ..	4 6		
Thurling, Miss ..	12 0		
Whitehead, Miss ..	4 0		
Cheeseman, Mr. ..	5 0		
Gibb, Mr. ..	1 0 0		
Keay, Dr. ..	5 0		
Kneebone, Mr. ..	2 0		
Scholey, Mr. ..	1 0		
Wightwick, Mr. ..	6 0		
	<u>£15 15 11</u>		
Balance, Debtor ..	5 0 11½		
	<u>£20 16 10½</u>		<u>£20 16 10½</u>

Mission Woman's Fund.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Balance from 1898 ..	1 0	Stipend ..	45 1 0
Subscriptions and Donations ..	6 13 6		
Collections ..	12 0 3		
Roan Street Sale of Work ..	20 0 0		
Balance due ..	6 6 3		
	<u>£45 1 0</u>		<u>£45 1 0</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Adkin, Mr. ..	1 0 0	Love, Rev. A. ..	10 6
Baldwin, Mr. ..	10 6	Snelling, Miss ..	10 6
Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. ..	1 1 0	Tugwell, Mr. ..	5 0
Gibb, Mr. A. ..	10 6	Warrington, Mrs. ..	1 0 0
F. E. T. ..	10 0	Williams, Miss..	5 0
Hatcher, Miss ..	2 6		
Kneebone, Mr. ..	3 0		
Kibble, Miss ..	5 0		
			<u>£6 13 6</u>

St. Paul's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

President—REV. A. LOVE.

Secretary—MR. R. W. CHEESEMAN.

Treasurer—REV. H. LAWRENCE PHILLIPS.

DR.	£ s. d.	CR.	£ s. d.
Balance from 1898 ..	13 2	Hire of Slides ..	9 6
Subscriptions—		Speakers' Expenses ..	6 6
Section A ..	3 11 0	Magazines ..	1 13 0
" B ..	2 0 4	Cost of Teas ..	4 13 1
Proceeds of Teas ..	3 15 8	Hire of Pianos..	1 5 6
Collections ..	7 0½	Music for Choir ..	7 6
Sale of Music ..	2 6	Postage ..	4 3½
		Printing ..	6 0
		Affiliation Fee..	10 0
		Balance ..	14 3½
	<u>£10 9 8½</u>		<u>£10 9 8½</u>

Blind Reader's Fund.

Treasurer—REV. A. LOVE.

Secretary—MISS SNELLING.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Adkin, Mr... ..	10 0	Shaw, Mrs. W. W. ..	10 0
Blazey, Mr... ..	5 0	Sloley, Mr.	2 6
Bowery, Mrs. ..	10 0	Snelling, Miss ..	5 0
Cassels, Mrs. ..	5 0	Smith, Misses ..	5 0
Fisher, Mr. W. B... ..	5 0	Spencer, Mrs. ..	10 0
Gabb, Lieut.-Col... ..	5 0	Stanton, Mrs. ..	5 0
Gardner, Miss ..	2 6	Vine, Miss ..	2 6
Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. ..	1 1 0	Vine, Miss L. ..	2 6
Gibb, Mr. A. ..	10 6	Warrington, — ..	5 0
Kidd, Dr. W. ..	7 6		
Kibble, Miss ..	2 6		
Love, Rev. A. ..	1 1 0		
			<u>£7 12 6</u>

British and Foreign Bible Society.

Secretary—MISS ADKIN, Brandon House, Morden Hill, Lewisham.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
A.C. ..	10 6	Boxes and Cards—	
Adkin, Mr. J. ..	1 11 6	Adkin, B. C. ..	13 3½
Adkin, Miss ..	1 5 0	Adkin, Miss C. ..	11 3
Anon ..	1 4 0	Adkin, Miss J. ..	11 3
A.T.H. ..	5 6	Bradford, Miss F. and	
C.A. ..	1 3 0	Mr. J. ..	1 1
Cole, Mrs. ..	2 0	Clark, Miss T. ..	1 0
Cox, Miss ..	6 0	Denniston, Miss M. ..	2 0
D.C. ..	1 1 0	De Russett, Miss ..	2 2½
De Russett, Miss ..	5 0	"J. W. Dyer's Box," by	
Gibb, Mr. B. D. ..	1 1 0	Mrs. and the Misses	
Gleaves, Mrs. ..	7 6	Dyer ..	1 3 3½
Gooding, Dr. ..	5 0	Gleaves, Mrs., 1898 ..	14 1½
Ingle, Mrs... ..	2 6	" 1899 ..	12 2½
"In Memoriam" ..	1 1 0	Hatley, Miss H. ..	3 10½
Julyan, Mrs. ..	1 0	Love, Master ..	3 1
Kibble, Miss ..	2 6	Latter, Miss M. E. ..	13 4
Kneebone, Mr. ..	3 0	Scholey, Miss Y. ..	1 0
Love, Rev. A. ..	10 0	Sullivan, Miss G. ..	5½
McClure, Mr. C. ..	10 0	Sullivan, Charles ..	1 8
Sargeant, Mrs. ..	10 6	Wall, Miss V. ..	2 2
Smith, Mr. J. Nidd ..	1 1 0	Whitehead, Miss ..	3 9
Snelling, Miss ..	10 0	Wightwick, Miss E. ..	2 6
Snow, Mrs. ..	1 0	Collection at Sunday	
Warrington, Mrs. ..	10 0	School Services..	1 18 0
Wire, Miss ..	8 0		
W.W. ..	10 3		
			<u>£23 9 3½</u>

SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.
Sermons and Children's Monthly Services	18	18	10
Quarterly Meeting and Sales	45	4	3
Boxes	34	18	0
Cards	2	0	2
Subscriptions and Donations	9	18	6
Medical Missions	1	7	4
	£112	7	1
Disbursements	19	6	
	£111	7	7

Gleaners' Union Account, 1899.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
In hand from 1898 ..	5	8	½	Stationery	2	4	½
Collection, Nov. 24th, '99	5	5		33 Renewals, at 2d. ..	5	6	
33 Renewal Fees for 1899, at 2d.	5	6		Gifts—G.U. Expenses at Head Quarters	11	2	
Gifts—G.U. Expenses ..	11	2		Gifts—O.O.M.	1	2	0
„ O.O.M.	1	2	0	„ C.M.S.	2	6	
„ C.M.S.	2	6		In hand	8	9	
	£2	12	3½		£2	12	3½

C. C. SNELLING, *Secretary.*

February, 1900.


List of Centenary Cards, Collections and Contributions
of 100 coins.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adkin, B., Esq. ..	1	0	0	Phillips, Rev. H. L. ..	10	5	
Adkin, Mrs. ..	8	4		Purvis, Miss ..	5	0	
Adkin, Miss ..	10	0		Snelling, Miss ..	1	10	0
Adkin, Master B. ..	4	2		Snelling, Miss E. ..	3	16	3
Baldwin, Miss E. ..	3	0		Steddy, Miss ..	2	1	
Bowyer, Miss G. ..	4	2		Thurling, Miss ..	4	2	
Brazil, Mrs. ..	10	0		Taylor, Master W. ..	4	2	
Cheeseman, Mr. R. W. ..	2	6		Wenborn, S. T., Esq. ..	10	0	
Cole, Mrs. ..	4	2		Wenborn, Miss ..	1	5	0
Cox, Miss ..	4	2		Wenborn, Miss E. ..	1	5	0
Gibb, B. D., Esq. ..	8	4		Whitehead, Miss M. ..	2	1	
Gibb, Mrs. B. D. ..	4	2		Whitewick, Mr. R. ..	6	3	
Green, Master A. ..	2	1		Wire, Miss ..	2	1	
Green, Master S. ..	4	2		Cards under 100 coins ..	10		
Highatt, Miss ..	2	1		Boxes in Church, Apr. 16th	3	3	0
Hulls, Miss M. A. ..	2	6					
Jones, Miss ..	4	2					
Lee, Miss ..	8	4		Total	£19	2	8
Love, Rev. A. ..	10	0					

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REV. BROOKE LAMBERT, M.A.,
Vicar of Greenwich.

Photo. by  Adams & Co., Greenwich.

May 30th. 1900.

Interview with Rev. Brooke Lambert,
Vicar of Greenwich.

Mr Lambert is one of the few remaining clergy of the old Broad Church school: his opinion on theological matters would I imagine be almost identical with those of Canon Barnett or R. H. Hadden: ~~among~~ among his personal friends were Henry Theology Rogers and J. R. Green whose portraits occupy a prominent place in his study. He is a much stouter man than his friends, but a pleasant, genial man, and probably a successful orator and administrator.

He is a man of about 55: rather handsome, with fine blue eyes, ~~and~~ wavy hair, and a healthy complexion. Dressed in a ~~red~~ purple velvet jacket and smoking a big cigar he ~~is~~ only wanted a brush in his hand to look the successful artist to the life. He has

too some of the artistic untidiness his study table and the floor being littered with papers in hopeless disorder.

Mr L. has been here for 20 years and was previously in Whitechapel

He divides his people roughly into 1/3 shopkeepers and gentry, 1/3 artisans, 1/3 poor. The poor are nearly all in the eastern bit of the parish beyond the Hospital. Here about Bennett St. and still more off Red St. there is much squalor; but the worst bit has been demolished and the people scattered: some of the old courts were worse than anything in Whitechapel. At the other end of the parish there is a rapid ~~down~~ downward tendency, not to poverty, but from wealth to middle class: the rich are going, and their place being taken by "a lower class of semi-independent people." On Groome Hill at one time anybody could give £5 or £6 for any object: now

ST. ALFEGE AND ST. MARY'S, GREENWICH,
PARISH LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—Though late in the day I wish you all a Happy New Year. Your church-wardens and sidesmen sent me Christmas wishes by telegraph, which reached me at Madeira. The change from the gloomy December view on Saturday, 17th, to the panorama at Madeira on the 21st, Wednesday, was startling as that of any transformation scene. The change was the more remarkable because we had gloomy weather till the morning we sighted Madeira, though there were glints of brighter times. When we landed at Madeira the wealth of scent and colour was glorious. On Christmas Day the hotel was decorated with tritoma (red-hot poker), red bonganvillia, and orange red bignonia venusta. These were the prevailing flowers, growing in masses, magnificent in their profusion, not mere patches of colour such as one sees here. The bonganvillia, a well-known greenhouse plant, was not of the pale lilac variety. Where there is much sun the commonest flowers take a much deeper hue (the common poppy in Syria is not our brick red, but a scarlet and carmine colour), so that the lilac or lavender bonganvillia is represented by a purple flower, and this has many shades or varieties, which in some cases develop into a deep red, unlike any other flower known to me. Madeira was rather enervating, or perhaps I was rather run down, and was not well enough to enjoy the climate. Exercise was an effort, so I felt there were drawbacks to my paradise. The splendid day on which we arrived gave place to bad weather, and when I left the island the principal Englishman was good enough to say that when they wanted rain, as they had done before my arrival, they would telegraph to me to revisit the island. I went on to Teneriffe with the gigantic volcano peak, 12,180 feet high. The base of such a mountain must necessarily be enormous, and the shoulders of the hills which lead up to it hide most of it, only the cone, some 5,000 feet high, being visible as you approach the island, or when in it. From the South on the way to the Cape, it is seen at full height, and must be a magnificent sight. I visited also the Grand Canary. Las Palmas (Grand Canary) and Orotava (Teneriffe) are the places where the English residents congregate. The clear, dry air is very restful to the sick, and very delightful to all. The bright sunshine which warms one's back is glorious. So clear is the air that one cannot estimate distance by English measures, and a hill-top which looks close at hand may give one a good hour's work to reach it. These islands—there are seven large ones—are all volcanic. Teneriffe is the only one which has an active volcano, and eruptions have taken place once every century (it has been hitherto spared such a calamity this century). The last eruption was near the end of the 18th century, and destroyed the only good port which the island boasted. Wherever man has terraced the rocks and stored the water, the fertility of the volcanic soil is almost incredible. A man said, "I get a crop of lucerne off that land once every month." "Come, come, truth before everything." "Well, to be exact, I get only 10 crops a year, for I let it lie fallow in October and November." Perhaps I may return to the subject of these islands some day, but the interesting material provided for me occupies the rest of the letter. I have a most interesting communication from Mr. Ellis on the gradual rise of the average placed to the account of each depositor, which shows that the plan has taken hold of the people.

My excellent colleagues let you off a collection last month; I shall have to get you to make it up in some other month.

The collection on February 12th will be for the Rochester Diocesan Society.

BROOKE LAMBERT.

30th January, 1899.

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they have little or no surplus." Nearly all Mr L's statistics will be found in the voluminous ~~statistics~~ which documents which he gave me. He pressed our talk as to the work of the church & a warning that his efforts were ~~more~~ directly social and only indirectly so religious: "my wish is that you must get honest and good ground upon you can hope that the seed will grow: that will come in due time." The social efforts have at various times assumed various forms: fifteen years ago Mr L. rather liked a "salvation by clubs" but the difficulties & in working have proved too great and clubs have been given up. He now puts his faith to the Provident Society and the Provident Dispensary: "they are my great help."

In this parish there are two old churches within a stone throw of one another. St. Alphege is the parish church, but one Mr L.

REPORT OF PAROCHIAL WORK AMONGST ADULTS, 1898,

REV. G. MALLOWS YOUNGMAN.

(Read at Social Meeting of S. Alfege Communicants' Guild, December 27th, 1898)

Outside the Church the most important work amongst adults is the Provident Club. It fills the place occupied in many other parishes by District Visitors. It is the link between the clergy and the parishioners. It is the means by which intelligence of services and entertainments should be spread amongst the people in the parish, and information of the sick and needy should be conveyed to the clergy. By the provident collectors the parish calendars are distributed in every house through the greater part of the parish, tickets are sold for the parochial entertainments, children ought to be brought to the Sunday School, and new comers visited and reported. The number of districts is 21. There has been only one change during the year among the collectors. Miss Airy gave up Trafalgar Road in the early part of the year. For a few months her place was taken by Miss Stirling, and later on, when Miss Payne was able to resume the Market District, Mrs. Hollis, who had been taking that district temporarily, was transferred to Trafalgar Road. In Mrs. Hollis we have a most valuable addition to our band of collectors. It is only possible to record the complete takings of the Society till the end of October. Up till that date it was £892 4s. 2d., against £896 14s. 0d. during the corresponding ten months of the previous time. Miss Hainworth has, during the year, been trying the experiment of working Smith's Rents District with postage stamps attached to proper forms. It has the advantage of being able to be kept up in any other place if the contributor removes out of the district, but I am doubtful whether the new method will be found as simple as our present method of working. But as to that we must wait for Miss Hainworth's report at the annual meeting of the Provident Club. There has been a gradually increasing balance each year, made up partly of the interest given by the Post Office Savings Bank, partly by contributors leaving the district without drawing out their money and the collector being unable to trace them. This year we have spent some of the balance in a subscription of £5 5s. 0d. to the Miller Hospital, by which members of the Club are able to get letters in case of sickness. The interest on the money deposited is thus used to make a kind of sick club for contributors. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Hartt for acting as Treasurer and placing her house at our disposal for the monthly meetings of the visitors. Also to the Provident Collectors themselves for the regularity with which they collect the money, the accuracy with which they keep their accounts, the sympathy and tact they show in their dealings with the people in their various districts. Also to Miss Cassels and others who were kind enough to provide an entertainment for the contributors both in East and West Greenwich.

Next in importance to the promotion of thrifty habits is the provision of good and healthy amusements for the people. This branch of our work is useful in giving the people good entertainments of a varied kind, and so finding occupation for them in their leisure hours. It is useful also in providing an organised means of doing good and giving pleasure to others, which many people who want to help the poor may well make use of. There are a large number of our communicants and church-workers, especially amongst the men, who have not the gift for Sunday School Teaching or the leisure for Provident Collecting, who can yet get up an entertainment, or organise some sport. I hope this Amusements and Sports Department of our Communicants' Guild will develop very much in the future. At present the chief work done is the giving concerts and lectures twice a month during the winter. The thanks of the parish are due to Miss Cassels for her untiring zeal and energy in providing the entertainments, in collecting the audiences, and in keeping the accounts. There were nine entertainments given last winter between November and April—five in West Greenwich, four in East; at these the attendances were classed as follows:—2 crowded (both in West Greenwich), 2 very good, 1 good, 4 fair (one occasion was a very wet night). The receipts amounted to £8 13s. 9d., the expenditure £5 16s. 9d. The balance was paid to the Vicar for the amount he had advanced for the purchase of chairs. Miss Narraway was responsible for getting up two of these entertainments, Miss Cox one, Mr. Rendell one, and Miss Airy and Mr. Kerdel one. The Recreation Classes of the Girls' Friendly Society, and the recreative work of the Church Lads' Brigade and the Working Men's Library, so ably conducted by Mr. Jones, might be also included under this head. But there is plenty of work yet to be done in the parish in organising sports and making the evenings of working men and women pleasant and profitable, as well as a vast amount of energy and power in our Communicants' Guild waiting to be made use of.

Thirdly, there are the Mothers' Meetings. At the beginning of the year there were two of these in West Greenwich and one in East Greenwich. The two in West Greenwich have now

been combined. They are held Monday afternoons from 3 to 4 at S. Alfege Church Room, under the management of the Deaconess and Mrs. Dinwiddy. The numbers have risen during the year from 23 to 39. The attendance varies from 9 to 24. Mrs. Dinwiddy kindly entertained the members in the summer at Walmer, and afterwards, those who were unable to go to Walmer, at her own house in Crooms Hill. The amount of weekly payments collected for household materials was about £4 10s. 0d. The Mothers' Meeting in East Greenwich is carried on by Miss A. Airy. It numbers 16 members.

In the way of relief and assistance to the poor, besides the money given each week from the Vicar's Poor Fund, Miss Finch still carries on her Coal Club: the numbers are 90 this year, as against 92 last. By this means the poor people are assisted in getting coals at the beginning of the winter, they paying part and the subscribers paying part. A working party is held fortnightly at 53, Royal Hill, for making garments for the poor, which are sold at cost price. During the season 1897-8, 65 garments were made. The average attendance is seven. Some of the ladies also cut out material, which is then given out to poor women to make up, and sold. Two sales were held, one in March and the other in November; the total realised was £11 10s.

In conclusion, I think we may say that though there have been no new branches of work started during the last twelvemonth, those already in existence have shown no signs of falling off. In reviewing the parochial organisation for bringing the Church in contact with all sorts and conditions of people, the principal defect seems now to be the want of some means of communication with the men in the parish. Perhaps some time or other we may get a corps of evening District Visitors.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL WORK IN S. ALFEGE PARISH, 1898, MISS HILL.

(Read at Social Meeting of S. Alfege Communicants' Guild, Dec. 27th, 1898.)

ST. ALFEGE SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, HELD IN ST. ALFEGE CHURCH ROOM.

MORNING SCHOOL.

The number who attend the morning school is small, 50, but the attendance is very regular, and there has been an increase of 15 during the past year. There are 6 teachers, who give the same lesson to their respective classes. The lesson is prepared at a teachers' class held during the week.

DEACONESS REBECCA, Superintendent.

AFTERNOON SCHOOL.

It is satisfactory to be able to record a substantial increase in the numbers of this school during the year now closing, as compared with those of last year. While in 1897 the figures were boys 62, girls 82, those for this year are boys 85, girls 107. Totals for 1897, 144; for 1898, 192.

In the number of boys for the present year are included some 20 members of the Church Lads' Brigade, who last year sat among the ordinary classes in the schoolroom, but who this year have been drafted into a special class taken by Mr. Rendell in the Hyde Vale Mission Room at the usual afternoon school hour. As this class consists not of elder boys only, but also of boys drawn from other classes in the school, their numbers must go to the credit of the general total. The formation of this class was not only suitable as grouping the Brigade boys together for their Scriptural instruction, it was also a great convenience to the school in general. There is great want of proper accommodation for a Sunday School. It would be much better could the boys' and girls' schools be held in separate places. But, that apart, there is much inconvenient crowding in the present school. The classes are many of them too near together, the girls among whom the increase has been greatest suffering most from this, and from scantiness of seating accommodation. It is perhaps difficult to see how the evil is to be remedied; but if our numbers should increase in 1899 as they have done during the present year, it would be impossible to find space in the present building, and much further expansion of the school under present conditions cannot be looked for.

The attendance of the scholars has on the whole been good, and in some classes very good. Our teachers, on whose regular attendance so much of the success of their classes depends, are an interested and devoted body of workers, whose constant service we cannot fail to recognize.

H. MOSLEY, Superintendent.

The St. Alfege Infants' Sunday school number about 60, the boys preponderating. There are three teachers. At present this school is labouring under difficulties through lack of proper school room, and one class has to be taught in the Parish Church, the rest in the choir vestry. The summer treat was rather spoiled by the weather, but notwithstanding this drawback the children spent a happy time in the S. Mary's Institute in conjunction with the S. Mary's infants.

ELLEN M. SMITH, Supt. of S. Alfege Infants' Sunday School.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS.

These include 30 boys, 36 girls and 86 little children under the care of 6 teachers. There is a Children's Service in the morning, conducted by Mr. Kerdel. In the afternoon the elder ones meet for a Short Service and Oral Catechism, while the younger children are taken care of and amused in a separate room. These little ones come again in the evening to be either read or talked to. There are two classes for young men, one at the Vicarage for discussion under Mr. Main's charge at 3 o'clock, one at St. Mary's Institute at 6.30 for members of the Lads' Club under Mr. Will. Both number a dozen regular attendants.

S. UDNY, Superintendent.

S. Alfege and S. Mary's schools joined in the summer treat. On July 2nd the children, members of the various classes, old scholars, teachers and many friends spent a long and beautiful day at Boxhill. In the winter each school arranges for the entertainment of its own scholars, and after a tea the yearly distribution of prizes takes place.

Within the last two years very necessary and extensive repairs have been done to all the school buildings. They have been placed in a state of tenantable repair, with the exception of Lamb Lane. The state of the building here proved to be so bad that the committee decided it was not advisable to undertake any repairs, and it has been let as a blacksmith's shop for £20 a year. In response to two appeals for funds to meet these heavy expenses about £600 has been subscribed. The old account is at present overdrawn to the extent of £41 0s. 4d., and there is credit balance of £38 10s. 10d. on the special fund account.

E. FULLER, Hon. Sec.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE, No. 384.

The average number of the members during the past year (including officers and lads) has been about 30.

By the exercise of strict economy, the company has succeeded in keeping clear of debt.

Company drill is held on Mondays at 8 p.m. Recruits also receive instruction in drill once a week. The Bible class on Sunday, at 3 p.m., is well attended. Those members who are communicants receive the Holy Communion together once a month.

On Easter Monday the company took part in a battalion parade at the Royal Military Repository, Woolwich, and on Whit Monday joined in the regimental review at Furzedown Park.

In the competition for the battalion trophy the members of the company, although not successful in winning the trophy, acquitted themselves creditably in the physical drill, and manual and firing exercises.

The greatest event of the year has undoubtedly been the Rochester regimental seaside Camp, held at Minster, near Sheerness, from July 30th to August 6th. The camp, which was attended by nearly 600 members from all parts of the Diocese of Rochester, was a brilliant success, and was extremely beneficial in more ways than one. Almost every member of the S. Alfege company was there.

Among other details worthy of mention are the Provident Club and the Annual Concert.

In spite of occasional discouraging circumstances, it is felt by those engaged in the work, that a wholesome influence is being exerted in the Parish by means of the organisation.

R. FERMOR RENDELL, Captain Commanding.

S. ALFEGE BAND OF HOPE, EAST GREENWICH BRANCH.

Meetings are held weekly on Wednesdays, at 6 o'clock p.m. This band is affiliated to the Rochester Diocesan Branch C.E.T.S., through the Ruri-Decanal Band of Hope Union, the fee being 5s. per annum.

The event of the year has always been the Easter Festival, held in the Goldsmiths' Institute, New Cross, on Easter Tuesday. The large hall is kindly lent free by the Governors. The festival takes the form of one or two cantatas, rendered by a choir of 250 children drawn from Bands of Hope within the Rural Deanery of Greenwich.

A United Service was held last June in S. Mary's Church, Greenwich, and was a great success.

H. L. KERDEL, Superintendent.

S. ALFEGE BAND OF HOPE, WEST GREENWICH.

This was only started last April. The meetings are held fortnightly on Monday evening, at 6 p.m., in S. Alfege Church Room. Children must make 4 attendances before being admitted as members. There are now 24 on the register. It is generally arranged to have an address and an entertainment at alternate meetings.

A. L. WOOD Hon. Sec.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

In this branch there are 74 members, 15 candidates, 10 working associates, 12 hon. associates, total 111. During the present year 2 members have been married, 4 confirmed and one baptized.

The Summer Festival was held on 7th July, when our branch joined with Christ Church, and spent the afternoon and evening at Eltham, closing with evensong and sermon at Holy Trinity by the Vicar, the Rev. T. N. Rowsell.

MARY JANE SMITH, Branch Secretary.

THE RECREATION ROOMS.

Those belonging to the St. Alphege Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, situated at 53, Royal Hill, are doing a very good work. They are open to members (who pay 1s. for the winter term) three evenings a week for the eight winter months, and one evening in each month they are open free to all G.F.S. girls who care to go. Various classes are undertaken by Associates, and in these rooms our Deaconess holds three on Sunday afternoons.

The expenses are defrayed by subscriptions and donations. The Treasurer regrets they did not cover the expenses in 1897 by £5 7s. 1d. Many subscriptions have been lost by removal and death.

The G.F.S. girls gave a splendid entertainment in the Spring, and were able to hand over £4 4s. 0d. towards the deficit. Extra donations and subscriptions have been received during this year, for which the Treasurer is very thankful; but she fears there will be over £3 wanting to complete the expenses this year.

E. DINWIDDY, Hon. Treasurer.

THE METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION FOR BEFRIENDING YOUNG SERVANTS.

On three mornings in the week—Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 11 o'clock to 1. S. Alfege Mission Room is used as the office of the M.A.B.Y.S.

In the course of this year about 80 local girls have found situations through this branch of the Society, forty-five being new applicants, who have been taken under the care of the M.A.B.Y.S. Forty-five girls were helped with clothing in varying amounts, of whom twenty-three have entirely repaid their debt, and most of the others are re-paying by instalments.

It would be well if this Association were more widely known among the District Visitors and other Workers in the Parish.

H. POWNALL, Assist. Hon. Sec.

CALENDAR.—FEBRUARY, 1899.

1. W. Monthly Meeting Provident Club, Mrs. Hartt's 2.30 p.m.
2. TH. Purification B.V.M., St. Alfege, Morning Prayer and Address, 11 a.m.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
5. S. *Sexagesima*. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 172, 238, 166, 180; E., 299, 179, 12.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10.30.
Church Lads' Brigade Parade at S. Mary's, 7 p.m.
12. S. *Quinquagesima*. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 3.15.
Hymns—M., 7, 210, 169; E., 262, 178, 477.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m. Organ Recital after Evening Service.
15. W. *Ash Wednesday*. S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address, 11 a.m.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
17. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Prayer and Address, 8.30.
19. S. *1st Sunday in Lent*. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 92, 91, 173, 352; E., 94, 198, 214.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and evening.
21. TU. Parochial Entertainment, S. Alfege Mission Room, 8 p.m.
- 22, 24, 25. Ember Days.
24. F. *S. Matthias*. S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address, 11 a.m.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. Evening Prayer and Address, 8.30.
26. S. *2nd Sunday in Lent*. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and Evening.
Hymns—M., 185, 184, 182; E., 244, 251, 196.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and noon.
28. TU. Communicants' Guild. Missionary Meeting, 8 p.m.

Week-Day Services, S. Alfege, Wednesdays, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
S. Mary's, daily, 8 a.m.

University Extension Lectures by Mr. A. P. Wicksteed, S. Alfege Mission Room.
Thursday, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, at 8 p.m.

St. Mary's Working Party, 53, Royal Hill, February 13th and 27th, at 6.30 p.m.

Women Communicants' Classes, 53, Royal Hill:—(1) Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m.; (2) 17th, 8 p.m. and 19th, 6 p.m.; (3) 26th, 4.15 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

- 5th. *Sexagesima*. The First Christian Council.
12th. *Quinquagesima*. Service in Church.
19th. *1st Sunday in Lent*. Apostolic Failings.
26th. *2nd* „ „ The Fickle Galatians.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

G (S. ALFEGE) Company, No. 384, 1ST BATT. ROCHESTER REGIMENT.

COMPANY ORDERS:—Company Drill,—Mondays, 8 p.m. Bible Class,—Sundays, 3 p.m.
Recruits' Drill,—Wednesdays, 8.30 p.m. Feb. 5th, 7 p.m.—Church Parade at S. Mary's.

The Camp Club is open. Particulars on application.

R. FERMOR RENDELL, *Captain Commanding*.

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ST. ALFEGE AND ST. MARY'S, GREENWICH,
PARISH LETTER.

MY FRIENDS,—One of my first duties on my return was to preside at the Annual Meeting of the Provident Club. I subjoin Mr. Youngman's report and the memorandum alluded to in it, drawn up by Miss Hainworth. I have only to add that the remarks which Mr. Youngman makes as to the collectors taking the place of district visitors, is in accordance with my original intention, I found a system of district visiting combined with ticket giving. The visitors had tickets which they were allowed to bestow on deserving cases. The relation did not seem to me a wholesome one—I suggested that they should instead collect what could be spared of the people they visited. This takes away from the visit any feeling of dependence on the visitor. It helps, as those who know the poor well will understand, to preserve their rightful independence. It was to me an experiment, an experiment the results of which have thoroughly justified the views I entertained. Again and again, here and elsewhere, in places in which the system is at work, I have been informed how differently the people are received. Both visitor and visited are on much more natural terms. The one is delivered from the thought—“ought I to give?” the other from the feeling—“she will think, if I say anything, that I want a ticket.” At the meeting several of the collectors stated that when the amount deposited reached £1 or more, it was transferred in the name of the depositor to a Savings Bank account. This would make the amount deposited exceed the £1000 odd mentioned in the report, and detailed in last month's letter. The memorandum, which Mr. Ellis has furnished so kindly, will be read with interest. It shews the gradual development of the work.

Mr. Richardson has in hand and will shortly publish the Advent sermons preached at St. Alfege in 1898. It seemed to me that the congregation might like for their museum of parish objects a specimen collection of the utterances of their clergy. We happened last Advent to have arranged a course of sermons in which we all took part—hence the pamphlet which Mr. Richardson has thrown into a very readable shape. I hope it is worth sixpence.

The Kent County Association of ringers have achieved a great triumph. They rang a “Superlative Surprise Major” of 5088 changes on Friday. It was the first peal in the method ever rung on these bells, and was accomplished on the first trial. Three of our ringers took part in the peal, which was conducted by one of them, Mr. I. G. Shade. The peal took 3 hours, 28 minutes, and was, I understand, a very difficult one. The performers were—

Mr. F. W. Thornton	...	Treble.	Mr. Hoskins	...	5th.
Mr. C. Wilkins	...	2nd.	Mr. J. H. Cheeseman	...	6th.
Mr. I. G. Shade	...	3rd.	Mr. J. Parker	...	7th.
Mr. S. Wade	...	4th.	Mr. J. Sharman	...	Tenor.

Composed by Nathan J. Pitston. Conducted by Isaac G. Shade.

There will be an Industrial Sale at the Mission Room on the 13th. Deaconess will be glad to receive any left-off clothing there before that date.

BROOKE LAMBERT.

28th February, 1899.

ANNUAL REPORT, S. ALFEGE & S. MARY PROVIDENT SOCIETY, 1899.

In presenting my first report to the members of our Provident Club, I must begin by thanking Mrs. Hartt who has filled the important post of Treasurer, and kindly placed her house at the disposal of the Society; Mr. Ellis, who again has acted as Auditor; Mr. P. Oakeshott, to whom I am indebted for all the work of the accounts which falls to the Secretary's lot; and all the Collectors who have worked so indefatigably and regularly in visiting the districts. I think we may congratulate the Society, and the depositors have very much to be thankful for, that our

March, '99.

collectors recognise the responsibility of the work, and see the necessity of businesslike habits in keeping their accounts, and regularity in going round their districts. Only one change has taken place in our band of workers during the year: Miss Airy gave up the important and lucrative district of Trafalgar Road in the spring, and for some months Miss Stirling took charge of it. The contributors much valued her visits, but other matters took her attention, and Mrs. Hollis, who had shown her capacity in temporarily visiting the Market, took her place.

The amount collected over the whole area during the year shews little difference from last year—£1023 17s. 9½d. in 1898, against £1027 8s. 11d. It is £105 more than in 1896. The number of depositors has increased—1131 in 1898, against 1098 in 1897, and 1021 in 1896—an increase of 110 in two years. I do not think with so small a difference there is much to call for remark, or any safe conclusions to be drawn. The number of districts in which the number of depositors or the amount of savings has increased is the same in each case—13. Neither do I see much worth noting in the monthly receipts and expenditure as compared with the previous year, except that more money was drawn out in the summer months than in those of the previous year. Between June and October (inclusive) £53 more was drawn out and £32 less deposited. This may have been due to the fine dry summer.

I think it will be better in future if our collectors would pay their money in between 2.30 and 3.30 instead of between 3 and 4. By this means the treasurer will be able to deposit the money in the Savings Bank the same day. It sometimes amounts to £150, and is rather a large amount to keep in the house. Our collectors know the amiable, if sometimes demonstrative, character of Mrs. Hartt's dog, but we do not want her fighting powers to be called into play.

The experiment suggested last year of collecting in direct connection with the Savings Bank (*i.e.*, paying the money into the Post Office instead of to Mrs. Hartt), has been tried for six months in the Smith's Rents district. A most masterly and clear report has been drawn up by Miss Hainworth, the collector.

The collectors are a most valuable agency for keeping the clergy in touch with the parishioners. They fill the place occupied in other parishes by district visitors, and with better results. I hope they will all try and realize this side of their work. They already do much in this way by distributing almanacs at the beginning of the year, by selling tickets for the popular parochial entertainments, and by acquainting the clergy with people in distress. I think they might also try to push the sale of the Parish Magazine. In other parishes this is done very largely, and so the people are kept better acquainted with events which are happening, and intending services, than they could be by notices being given out in church alone. I shall be glad if they will let Miss Parry, our excellent parish nurse, know of all cases of sickness: she could then visit them herself and inform the clergy. In case of a collector being away, one of my colleagues or myself are always ready to take charge of the district for a short time if they cannot get any other substitute. I hope, then, that collectors will always remember that the efficient working of the parish depends very largely on themselves, and maintain the same energy and regularity they have hitherto shewn.

The resolution passed at last meeting, to subscribe to the Miller Hospital, has been carried into effect. A subscription of £5 5s. has been paid, and depositors to the Provident Club are entitled to letters. The letters can be obtained from Mrs. Hartt. Depositors should bring their cards with them as a proof of their genuineness. Our balance is slightly lower at the bank, but it will be a good many years before we need be afraid of its being exhausted. The entertainment was given to the Provident Club Depositors as usual, for which we must thank Miss Cassels.

G. MALLOWS YOUNGMAN.

TRIAL OF THE POST OFFICE SYSTEM OF COLLECTING IN SMITHS' RENTS AND CRANE STREET, FROM JULY TO DECEMBER, 1898.

In July last I began to collect by the Post Office system from as many people in my district as were willing to try the new method. Eleven were ready to make the change, and during the half-year fourteen more have joined. The rest of my contributors preferred to keep to the cards, most of them because they thought the other would be a little more trouble, some because they already had accounts and liked to keep those savings separate, and one or two because they seemed to mistrust the Post Office.

As far as the subscribers are concerned there is very little extra trouble for them; they must go and fetch their money themselves from the Post Office, and I think this is all that can affect them.

For the collector there is not much more to do than when collecting by the cards. At the end of June I asked at the Post Office in Trafalgar Road nearest my district (No. 61, I think), if I could have the different forms, and was readily supplied with them:—

- 1.—Declaration forms for opening accounts.
- 2.—Notices of withdrawal.
- 3.—Slips for stamps.

I take these forms, a supply of penny stamps, and pen, ink and blotting paper with me. The people buy the stamps from me and I give them slips as they need them. When anyone has saved up to a 1/-, I fill up the declaration form with the exception of their signature, or mark, which I see them put themselves. I then take this form and the money to the Post Office and get a book for the person, take it back and ask them to write their names in it. When anyone has a shilling to pay, I take it and their book to the Post Office, pay in the money or stamps and take the book back to the owner. If people wish it, I always fill in notices of withdrawal for them.

Really the only thing that takes more time than the card way of collecting, is paying the money in at the Post Office and returning the books to the people. I never keep the books till the next week, because I think the owners ought to look after them, and in the case of people paying in a shilling every week, the books would always be with me if I kept them till I called again.

It is not really necessary to keep accounts with this method unless a record of the savings is needed. If I take out five shillingworth of stamps, I return with five shillings in stamps and money. I do not trouble to give the people stamps when they pay in as much as a shilling, but make a note of it and pay the money straight in at the Post Office. This saves my taking as many stamps as I should otherwise have to.

The advantages to the people, I think, warrant the little extra trouble given the collector. The chief of these are:—

- 1.—If people move to a district where there happens to be no collector, they have learnt to save for themselves. I always tell the people they can get stamps and pay money in themselves if they prefer.
- 2.—If the time the collector calls does not happen to be convenient, people can pay money in when it suits them. Some people in my district do this.
- 3.—They can get their money out at two days' notice, whereas under the card system they may have to wait a week if the collector does not happen to have the money with her.
- 4.—The contributors get interest of ½d. on every £1 that stays in a full month. Very few people reap the benefit of this.

If people want their money out before they have saved up to a shilling, I always buy the stamps back and use the form for someone else.

When people cannot write, they must take someone who can to the Post Office when they draw out their money. One of their children will do.

If people are ill, they must have a certificate signed before anyone else can fetch their money for them. A doctor, postman, or anyone in the Post Office who knows the person can do this, and I believe the postmistress said I might do the same. For invalids, the card method, I think, is rather the better way of collecting.

If money is put in for children under seven years of age, I think it must not be taken out till they pass that age.

During the six months I have collected, 25 people have paid through me £8 7s. 11d. into the Post Office. This gives an average of 6s. 8½d. for half the year. The average for all I have collected by both methods in the year, works out to 14s. 5½d. for 12 months. I have not the figures with me for the last half year's collection in the Provident. These would give the best average to compare with the Post Office collection.

I know some people paid in much better when they joined the Post Office than they had previously. A few people have asked to go back to the cards. I hope, however, to induce some more to try the Post Office method; they are not accustomed to it yet and it takes sometime for them to grow to anything new. I always let them keep to the cards if they are anxious to do so, as I should be sorry to hinder their saving. Some of our collectors, I think, feared that we

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J. HAINWORTH.

MEMORANDUM BY W. ELLIS, Esq., F.R.S.

12, VANBRUGH HILL,
BLACKHEATH, S.E.,

1899, January 28.

DEAR MR. LAMBERT,

Here are some Provident Society facts if any way of use to you, wholly or in part:—

	Numbers of Depositors.	Amount.	Annual Average per Depositor.
1883	...	£257 5 5	...
1884	590	312 17 1	10 7
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The Society was started in 1882. What was collected in that year I cannot ascertain, neither do I know the number of depositors in 1883, so cannot form the average for that year. The total amount collected in 16 years = £10,811 18 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. The increase in the average amount collected per depositor is significant. The class from which the depositors come is the same. Trade, wages, &c., also much the same—so that the great increase in the average deposit, about 80 per cent. on the first year, points to increased thrift, though to some extent the increase may be due to sums being taken in later years that were not permitted to be taken in early years, really from persons with greater means who should have gone elsewhere.

I may add that taking the year 1898, the variation in the amount per depositors collected in the year in the different twenty-one districts varied from 7 shillings the least in one district, to 43 shillings the highest in another. The particulars being

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Yours very truly,

WILLIAM ELLIS.

The Balance Sheet will be published next month.

ST. ALFEGE.		Communicants.
Offerories.		
Feb. 5	6 1 5	33
" 12	11 9 3*	9
" 19	6 1 5	27
" 26	6 5 0	45
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* Collection for Rochester Diocesan Society.

ST. MARY'S.		Communicants.
Offerories.		
Feb. 2	9	2
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" 24	1 7	4
" 26	1 10 3	24
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S. MARY'S.

We are very much pleased with the gentleman whom we have chosen to be our new organist, Mr. Soyer. He comes to us with high testimonials, and the degree of F.R.C.O. which he has obtained denotes great musical proficiency. Both our committee of selection and our Church Council were unanimous in their choice, and our choir thoroughly concur in the appointment. I have already known how kind and ready to help Mr. Soyer is from the assistance he has given me in our organ recitals in past years, and those of you who are musical will have probably formed a high idea of his musical ability from his performances on those occasions. Besides, having been educated at our Roan School, he must be a good man. I hope under his direction the musical part of our service will be effectively rendered. It is difficult in a parish like ours, without Church Schools and without a population to draw upon of people whose time in the evening is altogether at their own disposal to provide two full Church Choirs. Mr. Burns wrote a letter to our choir after he left, speaking in the highest terms of the consideration he had always received from the gentlemen, and of the happiness he had derived from his connection with our Church. We shall keep it as a valuable testimonial to ourselves to crush any malevolent person who shall ever dare to disparage our choir. Mr. Burns himself did everything he could to help us in our selection of a new choirmaster, and it is largely due to the great pains he took that the change has been made with so little discomfort to ourselves. He gave Mr. Soyer the minutest directions about the details of our service. I am sure Christ Church, Beckenham, will be pleased with their new choirmaster if he devotes himself to the choir with the same energy he has displayed here.

The services this Lent are the same as last year, except that we have dropped the children's services, which have not been well attended for the last year or two. Instead of having a course of addresses at our Friday Evening Services, we are having different preachers each week as we did in Advent. The Holy Week Services will be the same as usual. There will be Holy Communion Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, at 7 a.m. Morning Prayer at 8. Evening Prayer with Address at 8.30 p.m. On Good Friday there will be Morning Prayer, Litany and Address at 11, and a short Service with Addresses between 2 and 3. On Easter Eve there will be the Preparatory Service for the Easter Communion at 8.30 p.m. On Easter Day there will be Celebrations at 7, 8 and 11. I hope we may have a large number of communicants.

We have lost several members of our congregation by death this year. Mr. Cox, who died early in January, was for many years connected with S. Mary's Church, and was a most useful member of the Church Council when I first came to Greenwich. Later on he found a wider scope for his abilities and energies at S. Alfege. Soon after another member of our congregation, Miss Toll, died from the effects of an operation. She took a class in S. Peter's School for a great number of years, and was a very regular member of our Church. And now in February Mr. Crisp has passed away. His health was always indifferent. He hoped that perhaps he might be better at Purley where he had built a house. I spent part of a day with him at his new residence last November, and he seemed to me very shaky then. More recently he was somewhat better. He had a fit on Monday, February 13th, from which he never recovered consciousness, and died the same night. His connection with our Church was severed so recently that it is unnecessary to recall the great amount of work he did for us. Now in looking over my past acquaintance with him I feel what a thoroughly good man he was. Without attracting much attention he lived a most consistent life of quiet goodness. The last letter I think he wrote was to make arrangements with the Vicar of Purley for his son's Confirmation.

G. MALLOWS YOUNGMAN.

CALENDAR.—MARCH, 1899.

1. W. Provident Club Meeting, Mrs. Hartt's, 2.30 p.m.
3. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30. Preacher, Rev. G. J. Bayley.
5. S. 3rd Sunday in Lent. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 37, 259, 322, 208; E., 263, 254, 32.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 and 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10.30.
9. TH. Intercessory Service, Hyde Vale Mission Room, 8.45 p.m.
10. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30. Preacher, Rev. A. Hooper.
12. S. 4th Sunday in Lent. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Hymns—M., 188, 229, 199; E., 272, 256, 31.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m.
17. F. Lantern Lecture for Children, by Rev. D. Travers, Universities' Mission, S. Alfege Mission Room, 6.30.
S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30. Preacher, Rev. R. Bayne.
19. S. 5th Sunday in Lent. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 180, 187, 224, 197; E., 200, 257, 25.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and Evening.
21. TU. G.F.S. Meeting. Speaker, Mrs. Wilson Lloyd, Pres. Lichfield Diocese, S. Alfege Mission Room, 8 p.m.
24. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30. Preacher, Rev. N. Pritchett.
25. S. Annunciation. S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address, 11 a.m.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
26. S. Palm Sunday. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Hymns—M., 100, 99, 267; E., 109, 98, 13.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and noon.
27. M. S. ALFEGE—Evening Prayer, 5.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion 7 a.m. Evening Prayer and Address, 8.30.
28. TU. S. ALFEGE—Evening Prayer, 5.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. Evening Prayer and Address, 8.30.
29. W. S. ALFEGE—Evening Prayer, 5.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. Evening Prayer and Address, 8.30.
Provident Club Meeting, Mrs. Hartt's, 2.30 p.m.
30. TH. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. Evening Prayer and Address, 8.30.
31. F. Good Friday. S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer & Sermon, 11. Evening Prayer & Sermon, 7.
Hymns—M., 108, 111, 109; E., 110, 108, 123.
S. MARY'S—Morning Prayer, Litany and Address, 11.
Litany of the Passion and Address, 2 p.m.

Week-Day Services, S. Alfege, Wednesdays, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

S. Mary's, daily, 8 a.m.

University Extension Lectures by Mr. A. P. Wicksteed, S. Alfege Mission Room.

Thursday, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, at 8 p.m.

St. Mary's Working Party, 53, Royal Hill, March 13th and 27th, at 6.30 p.m.

St. Alfege Working Party, Tuesdays in Lent, Vicarage, 3 p.m.

Women Communicants' Classes, 53, Royal Hill:—(1) March 1st, 3 p.m.; (2) 19th, 6 p.m. and 20th, 8.30 p.m.; (3) 26th, 4.15 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

G (S. ALFEGE) Company, No. 384, 1ST BATT. ROCHESTER REGIMENT.

COMPANY ORDERS:—Company Drill,—Mondays, 8 p.m. Bible Class,—Sundays, 3 p.m.
March 2nd, Regimental Display.

Recruits' Drill,—Wednesdays, 8.30 p.m. The Camp Club is open. Particulars on application.

R. FERMOR RENDELL, Captain Commanding.

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ST. ALFEGE AND ST. MARY'S, GREENWICH,
PARISH LETTER.

WORK AT ST. ALFEGE CHURCH, 1899.

Comparing the years 1898 and 1899, the number of Communicants in the latter year would appear to have fallen off somewhat—the total number being 1609, as against 1680 in the former year. On the two great Festivals, Easter Day and Xmas Day, the numbers were 163 and 121 respectively, against 138 and 130 for the same days in 1898.

Marriages in 1899 shew an increase of about one-third on those of 1898, the numbers being 84 and 64 respectively, due, perhaps, to the more generally prosperous condition of business and higher wages.

Baptisms in 1898 were 181, and in 1899, 171, shewing a slight falling off again almost exactly the same as from 1897 to 1898.

Churchings shew an increase, the numbers being 69 in 1898, and 86 in 1899.

The total amount of Offertories and Collections in Church compare rather unfavorably with 1898, being £20 11s. 11d. in defect. The total in 1899, including the Special Collections, amounted to £487 12s. 6d., against £508 4s. 5d. in 1898. The amount appropriated in the past year to the Special Collections was £172 12s. 11d., which left for Church Expenses, Clerical Staff, and Poor Fund, £314 19s. 7d. In the early part of the year, collections were taken for the Rochester Diocesan Society and Choir Fund, amounting to £5 19s. 3d. and £4 4s. 4d. respectively—very nearly the same as in 1898. The Easter Offerings to the Vicar amounted to £54 2s. 1d., shewing a falling off of £9 1s. 2d. on the previous record year 1898. The Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund Collection reached £27 12s. 0d.—an amount almost identical with that of 1898. Church Missions (Centenary) reached £6 5s. 11d., and the Rochester Diocesan Board of Education £4 3s. 7d. A collection for the Jubilee Almshouses amounted to £5 0s. 4d., shewing much better than last year, when it amounted to £2 6s. 9d. Friendless Girls' Societies brought £6 5s. 5d., a little better than last year. Of the collections taken on the Harvest Festival Services, that on Friday evening, Sept. 29th, was devoted to the Workshop for the Blind of Kent, and amounted to £9 0s. 2d. On the Sunday following the amount £15 7s. 5d. was appropriated to Church Expenses' Fund. The Collection for the British and Foreign Bible Society was (owing to the very bad weather) a very poor one, and the following Sunday another was taken for the same object and the sum of the two collections amounted to £5 9s. 8d., a little better than 1898, which reached £4 7s. 7d. The Church of England Scripture Readers' Fund Collection amounted to £5 15s. 0d., almost identical with that of 1898. The Collection for the Poor at Xmas time was £23 7s. 9d., three shillings less than last year. For these Special Collections, an amount equal to the average Sunday Offertory was deducted from the total amount, excepting in two instances, viz. :—the Easter Offerings to the Vicar, and the Collection on Friday evening, Sept. 29th, for the Workshop for the Blind of Kent. These were handed over without any deduction.

Since the last Report, St. Alfege Church has been lighted by electricity, greatly, I think, to the comfort of the congregation. The system is not yet quite perfect, owing to some temporary failure in the machinery at the works. We might expect some little difficulties of the kind to crop up in gaining experience in a comparatively new departure. The Church has also in the past year been beautified by a new font in character with the other furniture of the edifice.

26th Jan., 1900.

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REPORT OF WORK AT S. MARY'S CHURCH, 1899.

(Rev. G. MALLOWS YOUNGMAN.)

(Read at Social Meeting of S. Alfege Communicants' Guild, Jan. 30th, 1900.)

The chief thing to record this year has been the liberal response made by the congregation and others to my appeal for money for repairs. It was noticed that part of the ceiling was bulging over the pulpit, and so I asked Mr. Holding to have a look at it. He said it was dangerous and whilst it might remain as it was for some time, yet at any moment it might give way. This would cause a great deal of damage to the furniture in the Church. I called our Church Council together. The estimate of putting the roof right was not quite £70. First the members of the Church Council, then the rest of the congregation, then other people responded most generously to my appeal. I asked people for a definite amount according to what I thought they could afford, and in nearly every case I got what I asked for; in several cases more. Mr. Roberts, who assisted us by his advice, told us that a great deal more money ought to be

February, 1900.

spent upon our Church: the woodwork was rotting and the stonework decaying, for want of painting and pointing. We ought to lay out another £200 on the building. Mr. Roberts gave us a schedule of the things requiring to be done. I raised another £50, leaving the other £150 to be collected in 1900. I had a cheque for £5 on Dec 28th, so I just got the £120 by the close of 1889. The number of subscribers was 150.

In last year's report the change in choirmaster and organist was mentioned. Mr. W. A. Soyer, F.R.C.O., has taken Mr. Burns' place, and has shown himself an able successor to our previous musical directors. We are still in need of more gentlemen and boys for our choir. Mr. Chris. Graham, who has been very useful amongst the former, has gone to Bedford, so that still further reduces our number. The amount collected at the Harvest Festival was £4 16s. 10d.

Other special collections have been well responded to. The collection for Easter Day, including £10 from the Vicar, was £23 0s. 8d. This was an improvement of about 18s. on 1898. The collection for the Poor realised £3 9s. 2d. The collection for Hospital Sunday amounted to £4 2s. 7d., a slight falling off from last year. Of this only the surplus goes to the Hospitals.

The ordinary offertories have fallen off both in the amount and still more in the number of coins. The amount is £5 less than last year, and is smaller than any year on record. The number of coins is 1500 less. The decrease has been going on steadily since 1894. I hope things may change now, and we may get a larger and steadier congregation. I shall be glad if members of our congregation will welcome any strangers they see, and encourage them to be regular comers.

Our number of communicants has not fallen off like the general congregation. The statistics give 2153 communicants against 2148 last year. This is not the highest point we have reached, but only about 50 short. The number on Easter Day was 174. The confirmation was held on June 9th, at Christ Church. I presented 28 candidates (18 males, 10 females), against 33 (15 males, 18 females) the previous year.

We have lost fewer of our congregation by death than by marriage this year. Mr. F. G. Cox, for many years a seat-holder and member of the Church Council, died in January. Mr. Crisp, who helped us so much as Church Secretary, died at Purley in February. Amongst members of our congregation who have been married this year are Miss Pennials, Miss Sly, Miss K. Twitchett, Miss M. Baker, Miss M. Tweed, Mr. E. Stevens, Mr. E. Zoppi, Mr. W. Pike, Mr. S. Letchford, Mr. F. Hope, and Mr. T. Faldo.

In conclusion, I have to thank all those ladies and gentlemen who have helped us in our Church, whether as Members of our Church Council, gentlemen of the choir, or decorators and dusters of our Church, and to urge upon all the necessity of regularity in the performance of the various duties they have so kindly undertaken.

S. MARY'S INSTITUTE.

I believe that I am expected to give under this heading something more than our figures, because nobody knows exactly what we are doing with the buildings at our East-end of the parish. I will try therefore to convey in the very few lines which fall to us in this Report the character as well as the facts about our work. It is peculiar, first in dealing with the "poorer" children of the parish; the "richer" children, even on our side of the College, generally go over to the West Greenwich Buildings. I do not like, and I do not at all believe in this classification of the children as "richer" and "poorer," but I do not know how otherwise to convey the sense of what is certainly a distinctive feature of our work. Its second feature grows out of the first. Our handful of children are drawn mainly from our own immediate neighbourhood, and they are a good deal with us, if for no other reason, because they would otherwise be in the streets; they come for instance every night in the week except Saturday, and they come on Sunday evening as well as on Sunday afternoon. Our Sunday Teachers all see them through the week as well as on Sundays. If we had more teachers and they could come oftener, we might see, I may add, a good deal more of the children than we do. Whatever may be the case with other children, though I believe it is the same in the case of all children, we believe that it is impossible to know or help the children to any real extent without seeing them constantly. A third feature of our work, closely connected with the two already mentioned, is to be found in the fact that we seek to know the children when they are still very small, too small most people would think to come to us at all. A third of them are under eight years of age. Many of them are only three, four or five years old.

Our plan for dealing with these children at all times is what is generally known as the kindergarten plan, though the name will probably be misleading. There are many kindergarten plans; I cannot attempt to describe ours here; I should prefer to call them Nature's plan. Our plans, like all true kindergarten plans, are self-evolved. We try to follow, very feebly we are well aware, but faithfully as far as we know how in the footsteps of that great master of child-life, who

invented the name of kindergarten to express his idea of the plan which Nature follows. I think I may call the kindergarten plan and Fröbel's motto of "living with the children" the central feature and motive of our little work at S. Mary's Institute.

This idea of following Nature's plan pervades the attempts we make to deal with the elder as well as the younger children. It determines the form of our work on Sundays as well as on week-days. It is no use in our case to distinguish sharply between these, any more than to distinguish between children of different ages, or again between the children who come to us on one day or another and for one or another purpose. Our whole aim is to fuse as far as possible the children, their ages, and their occupations, whether we call them work or play. Our ideal is the creation amongst the children of our neighbours of a larger family. This seems to us to be at once the best form of social work among the children and the best representation to them of that Church "which is the mother of us all." And we attempt to impress this character upon our life with the children, primarily of course through the cultivation of their instinct of play. This play of theirs fits in, I may observe with a passing reference to our Sunday work, to our supreme attempt to cultivate their instinct of worship, by the keeping of the Church's Festivals throughout the year. For these we strive to prepare the children, body, soul and spirit; and, may I add, we spend no small part of our time in striving to prepare ourselves. This observance of the Church's Seasons in their connection with Nature's Calendar is indeed the mainspring of our work. And though in what I have written here our Sunday work may seem conspicuous by its absence, I do not think anybody who saw our plans would consider that the element of Religion is wanting to our work, or that they fail in respect for Church order. Only we think that Religion and Church order must pervade the children's whole life, somewhat as the leaven which was hidden in the lump, that the whole three measures of body, soul and spirit may be all leavened. I tried last year to indicate what form the leaven takes among the elder children, in encouraging their little services about the house, in the garden, in the gymnasium and the recreation room.

Our numbers are slightly on the increase, they represent an average attendance on Sunday of over 40 little children, of over 40 elder boys and over 40 elder girls. The average attendance of children on week-day evenings for various purposes amounts to 50. They cannot all attend together, but they always wish to get inside. We should be very glad of more help, especially with the boys. Our little knot of young men (they are a mere handful at present, just under a dozen) continues to meet every evening of the week and to occupy the rooms until 10 o'clock. I say every evening of the week because they meet too on Sunday like the rest of our members. This Sunday attendance, though they like it, seems still to shut out many who would otherwise join them. It is however a matter of principle with us. We are indebted to Mr. Will, who lives at the Institute, for his association with them on Sundays as well as week-days. Another knot of elder lads meet Mr. Main at his discussion class in the Vicarage on Sunday afternoon.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity again of expressing my deep personal gratitude to that small but constant band of workers, who make our work delightful to myself as well as to the children.

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* Special Collection for National Fund for Soldiers and Sailors Families.
† Special War Service.
‡ Collection for Choir Fund.

* Transvaal War Fund.

Rev. H. MOSLEY, 19, Gloucester Place.

Rev. S. UDNY, 9, Stockwell Street.

Rev. G. M. YOUNGMAN, 24, King William Street.

Deaconess REBECCA, 9, Hyde Vale.

Nurse RIGBY, 64, King George Street.

Mr. H. L. KERDEL, St. Mary's Cottage, Old Woolwich Road.

The Vicar is a Surrogate; applications for licenses to be made any day before 10, or (excepting Tuesday) between 1 and 2.

CALENDAR.—FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. TH. Parochial Entertainment, S. Mary's Institute, 8 p.m.
2. F. *Purification B.V.M.* S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address, 11.0 a.m.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
4. S. *5th Sunday after the Epiphany.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 247, 214, 239, 261; E., 270, 240, 32.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 and 11. Morning Prayer, 10.30.
7. W. C.E.T.S. Meeting. Mr. A. F. Harvey, on "Royal Commission on Licencing Laws,"
S. Alfege Parish Room, 8 p.m.
8. TH. Intercession Service, Hyde Vale Mission Room, 8.45 p.m.
11. S. *Septuagesima.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8.0 a.m.
Hymns—M., 83, 360, 297; E., 38, 499, 26.
Children's Service, 3.15.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m.
18. S. *Sexagesima.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, midday.
Hymns—M., 172, 282, 294, 182; E., 290, 286, 31.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and after Evening Service.
20. TU. Parochial Entertainment, S. Alfege Parish Room, 8 p.m.
24. S. *S. Matthias.* S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address, 11.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
25. S. *Quinquagesima.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and evening.
Hymns—M., 210, 82, 208; E., 262, 273, 477.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and noon. Organ Recital after Evening Service.
27. TU. Communicants' Guild Service, S. Alfege, 8 p.m. Preacher—Rev. Walter Wragge.
28. W. *Ash Wednesday.* S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer, 11.0.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
Provident Club Meeting, Mrs. Hartt's, 2.30 p.m.

MARCH.

1. TH. Parochial Entertainment, S. Mary's Institute, 8 p.m.
 2. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30 p.m.
 4. S. *1st Sunday in Lent.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 92, 91, 263, 279; E., 94, 185, 25.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 and 11; Morning Prayer, 10.30.
- S. ALFEGE.—The "*Hymn for our Soldiers*" will be sung every Sunday Morning and Evening.
- Week-Day Services, S. Alfege, Wednesdays, Morning Prayer and Litany 11. Special Service—
War in South Africa, 7.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, daily, 8 a.m.
- Women Communicants' Classes:—(1) February 6th, 3 p.m. (2) 11th, 6 p.m. and 16th, 8.30 p.m.
(3) 25th, 4.15 p.m. (4) 23rd, 8.30 p.m. and 25th, 6 p.m.
- S. Mary's Working Party—Mondays, 12th and 26th, 9, Hyde Vale, 6.30 p.m.
- University Extension Lectures—"Dutch Painters," by P. Gaskell, S. Alfege Parish Room,
Thursdays, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

- February 4th—*5th Sunday after Epiphany.* League with Gibeon.
 ,, 11th—*Septuagesima.* Service in Church.
 ,, 18th—*Sexagesima.* Defeat of the Five Kings.
 ,, 25th—*Quinquagesima.* Land to be possessed.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

G (S. ALFEGE) Company, No. 384, 1st BATT. ROCHESTER REGIMENT.
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 Recruits' Drill,—Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Social Evening, Saturdays, 7—9 p.m. The Camp Club
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R. FERMOR RENDELL, *Captain Commanding.*

ST. ALFEGE AND ST. MARY'S, GREENWICH,
 PARISH LETTER.

ANNUAL REPORT OF S. ALFEGE AND S. MARY'S PROVIDENT SOCIETY, 1899.

In presenting my second Report as Secretary of the S. Alfege and S. Mary's Provident Society, I have much pleasure in recording the continued increase, both in the number of subscribers and the amount saved. The amount deposited was £1,045 this year, against £1,023 in 1898; the number of subscribers 1,160, against 1,131. The rich districts like Trafalgar Road and King William Street have contributed less. The poor districts—Roan Street, Nevada Street and Upper East Street—have given more. The falling off in Smith's Rents is partly accounted for by many of the people paying into the Savings Bank. Miss Hainworth presents an additional statement of £9 15s. 11d. collected by the stamp process. The increase of contributors does not always coincide with increase in amount deposited. In six cases there is a falling off in one and an increase in the other. The evidence of the amount collected by our Provident Club bears out the Board of Trade statistics of the extraordinary prosperity of our country. Trade has never been so flourishing since the early seventies, when, as Mr. Gladstone said, our commerce was increasing by leaps and bounds. All branches of industry seem to be equally prosperous; even those which of late years have been on the decline have taken a turn for the better. Greenwich has shared in the general prosperity of the country. Our great employers of labour have had in more orders than they can execute, and many of them have been working day and night to execute them. No trade disputes in our neighbourhood have occurred to interfere with the general prosperity. And consequently our Provident Club ought to be in a flourishing condition. That it does not appear more so is due, as I have said, to our richer people no longer paying into our account, but probably saving in other ways. That we lose such people is no sign of want of thrift. On the other hand, with the larger amount collected and the greater number of contributors in our poorer districts, is a real gain. It means that they are getting more and they are saving more. We must also remember that when we started there were not so many other societies doing the same work. There were indeed Slate Clubs and Benefit Societies, and the Post Office Savings Bank and Penny Banks, where people brought their money. Now it is much easier than it used to be to put money into the Savings Bank, and at our Elementary Schools a great deal is saved in the names of the children. Much of our success will depend on the regularity of the visits of the collectors, on their business-like habits, and on there being few changes in the ladies who go round. It is not only a benefit to the people who are visited, but I consider that to go round a district every week for six months is a splendid training for ladies in account keeping; they do learn sometimes at the expense of their own pockets that two and two don't make five. I have to thank those ladies who have been kind enough to visit the various districts. There has only been one change that I have to record; Mrs. Drakard has taken the place of Mrs. Keating in collecting King William Street District. Mrs. Mason has been away a great part of the year, and I have had to get others kindly to take her district. I am making some modifications this year. King George Street, Brand Street and Prior Street are too large. The number of their contributors you will see is much in excess of the other districts. If it had not been that the collectors responsible for them were so good-natured and hard-working we should have had a revolt long ago. We are going to make King George Street into three instead of two districts—Upper, Middle and Lower. Miss Sherman will still collect in both Middle and Lower King George Street. Brand Street and Prior Street will be made into two districts, though Mrs. Mason when she returns will still retain them both. We are also making a new district of houses in Circus Street, London Street, and South Street. The Deaconess is kindly taking it up.

In conclusion, I have to thank Mrs. Hartt, our kind treasurer and hostess; Mr. P. Oakeshott, who is responsible for making up the accounts at the end of the year; Mr. Ellis, who is indispensable to us as auditor; and Miss Cassels and her friends, for so kindly providing the annual entertainment for the members.

April, 1900.

G. MALLOWS YOUNGMAN, Hon. Sec.

The East Greenwich Mothers' Meeting, under the superintendence of Miss A. Airy, is held every Wednesday at 2 p.m. The members, 16 in number, are very regular in their attendance. They join in Annual Summer Excursion and share the advantages of the Library and Provident Club.

The Deaconess has made up the Balance Sheet of the Industrial Work Accounts from March, 1898—Dec., 1899:—

RECEIVED.				£	s.	d.	EXPENDED.				£	s.	d.	
1898	5	18	10	Paid for Work in 1898	...	2	9	6			
1899	8	16	3	" " 1899	...	8	3	9			
							Incidental expenses	...	1	6	6			
												£11	19	9
							Cash in hand	...	2	15	4			
												£14	15	1
												£14	15	1

She adds:—As this is the first Balance Sheet that has been presented, a word of explanation may be desirable. The object of this scheme is twofold.

- (1) To help the working people by supplying them with new garments at the cost of material, for which they can pay at the Sale or by instalments; and
- (2) By supplying necessitous women with the means of regularly augmenting their small incomes by earning 1s. weekly by needlework.

The original capital for material is recurring. The funds for paying for the work done is entirely dependent on the sale of left-off clothing, and therefore contributions are continually needed, and will be gratefully received if forwarded at any time to the Mission room. Two Sales were held in 1898 and four in 1899, with subjoined results:—

New Clothes, 1898	...	...	...	...	£6	3	4
" " 1899	...	...	...	...	7	16	3
					£13	19	7

The S. Mary's Working Party, conducted by Mrs. Robinson, meet every alternate Monday, at 9, Hyde Vale, from October to May. Clothes are there made for the poor and sold to them at cost price. There have been three sales during this year and 62 articles sold. Any material given is used for the work, and so helps to meet the expenses. Though this Working Party has been in existence for ten years, no subscriptions have been asked for from outside. Its members are now working jointly with the Deaconess in the Auxiliary.

A Bible Class for Women is held weekly at S. Alfege Church Room. It was started in Lent, 1899, and has 19 members.

The Deaconess holds 4 monthly Communicants' Classes at 9, Hyde Vale, at times arranged to suit the various members. One of them is for Married Women. She also has a Bible Class for Young Women every Tuesday Afternoon at the same place. Miss C. Sherman takes a Class for Elder Girls in the Vestry of S. Alfege on Sunday Afternoons. This is the senior division of the Parish Sunday School.

Miss Finch continues her useful work, the Coal Club. By subscribers helping the poor people to pay weekly during the summer for their coal, the fortunate possessors of a card are secure when the winter comes of a good supply. There are 95 depositors and they appreciate the help very much and gladly pay their share.

These notes on work parts of which many might call purely secular, remind us of the various ways in which we may and can help and be in touch with those among whom we live, and so realize by active work for them one of the mottoes of our Guild—"Am I my brother's keeper?"

J. MADELEINE HILL.

BIBLE CLASS.

At 9, Hyde Vale, a Bible Class for young people is conducted by the Deaconess at 4.15 p.m. on Sundays. There are 25 members, and 2 teachers assist.

BAND OF HOPE (East Greenwich).

Meet every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at S. Mary's Mission Room. Average attendance, 16 members. Through affiliation to Ruri-Decanal Union, C.E.T.S., the members participated in Easter Festival at Goldsmiths' Institute, United Service at S. Mary's Church, and Industrial Exhibition at S. James', Hatcham; when, although only 3 exhibits were entered, one first prize and one certificate of merit were gained. Any success is largely due to the Treasurer and Organist, Miss F. M. Spitty, whose unfailing devotion and patience are beyond thanks.

H. L. KERDEL, Superintendent.

BAND OF HOPE (West Greenwich).

13 new members were admitted during the year, and 11 resigned their membership. The total number of members at the end of 1899 was 26. The small numbers are due, I think, to the fact that there are two or three old-established Bands of Hope in the neighbourhood. This winter we commenced having the meetings each week instead of fortnightly. The additional evenings are spent in practising hymns and songs. At the usual fortnightly meetings addresses and entertainments are alternately given as before.

— ARTHUR L. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Our Branch numbers this year 84 members, 20 candidates, 12 working associates, and 11 honorary associates. We had two marriages, and three have been confirmed. Several attended the G. F. S. Service at S. Saviour's, Southwark, in the Autumn. We also had a very good gathering at our Branch Festival in the Summer, at Southend, Catford, when Rev. R. Bayne took the Service, and Mrs. Bayne gave the Address after Tea.

MARY JANE SMITH, Branch Secretary.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

At the Service held in Hyde Vale Mission Room, on Sundays at 11 a.m., there has been a marked improvement in the attendance. A shortened form of Morning Prayer is used, followed by a simple address. Many of the children are very young indeed, and probably understand little of what is going on, but none are too young to begin to receive some impressions of the idea of worship. During the last few years we have seen several of these children grow into regular worshippers and communicants, while not a few have become teachers in the Sunday School. By watching the progress of such work for a considerable period, one can realise something of its value. Collections are taken every Sunday, and are devoted to various objects, e.g., "Church" Expenses, Foreign Missions, Hospitals, Children's Country Holiday Fund, and Transvaal War Fund. The amounts collected vary considerably, but average roughly about a shilling a week. The average attendance lies somewhere between 50 and 60, and it is worthy of mention that a large proportion of these children come regularly. A Children's Service is also held on Sundays at 11 a.m. in S. Mary's Mission Room.

A letter just received from the Vicar, but too late for publication, dated March 15th, shews him to have been at that time in the Bay of Aden on the Massageries Maritimes S.S. "Yang-tse," expecting to reach Aden the following day, to be at Port Said a week later, and then at Cairo, where he stays some time.

ST. ALFEGE.			ST. MARY'S.		
	Offeratories.	Communicants.		Offeratories.	Communicants.
Mar. 4	6 14 6	34	March 4	1 16 2	77
" 11	6 16 6	15	" 11	1 16 5	27
" 18	9 19 6*	11	" 18	19 8	13
" 25	6 0 3	32	" 25	1 13 8	21
	£29 10 9	92		£6 5 11	138

* Collections for S. Alfege & S. Mary's Sunday Schools and Mission.

CALENDAR.—APRIL, 1900.

1. *S.* 5th Sunday in Lent. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 172, 251, 267, 512; E., 200, 263, 534.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 and 11; Morning Prayer, 10.30.
5. *TH.* Annual Tea, 6.30. Parochial Entertainment, 8 p.m., S. Mary's Mission Room.
Intercession Service, Hyde Vale Mission Room, 8.45 p.m.
6. *F.* S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30. Subject, "Final Victory."
8. *S.* 6th Sunday in Lent. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 3.15 p.m.
Hymns—M., 100, 99, 267; E., 109, 98, 13.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 & 8 a.m.
9. 10. 11. 12. S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. Evening Service and Address, 8.30 p.m.
12. *TH.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 p.m.
13. *F.* Good Friday. S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer, 11.
Hymns—M., 108, 111, 109; E., 110, 108, 123.
Evening Prayer and Address, 7.
S. MARY'S—Morning Prayer and Litany, 11.
Litany of the Passion and Addresses, 2 p.m.
14. *S.* Easter Eve. S. MARY'S—Preparation for Easter Communion, 8.30 p.m.
15. *S.* Easter Day. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 & 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3.15.
Hymns—M., 134, 135, 133, 127; E., 125, 134, 131.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7, 8 & 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10.30.
16. *M.* S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address, 11.
17. *TU.* S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address, 11.
Band of Hope Festival, Goldsmiths' Institute, 7 p.m.
19. *TH.* S. Alfege—Annual Service, Communicants' Guild, S. Alfege Church, 8 p.m. Preacher,
Rev. J. Brough. S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
22. *S.* 1st Sunday after Easter. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Hymns—M., 136, 132, 140; E., 139, 137, 26.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and evening.
24. *TU.* Parochial Entertainment, S. Alfege Parish Room, 8 p.m.
25. *W.* S. Mark. S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address, 11.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
29. *S.* 2nd Sunday after Easter. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion after Evening Service.
Hymns—M., 220, 302, 166; E., 176, 167, 292.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and noon.
Annual Meeting of the congregation after Evening Service.

MAY.

1. *TU.* SS. Philip and James. S. ALFEGE—Morning Prayer and Address 11.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
 2. *W.* Provident Club Meeting, Mrs. Hartt's, 2.30 p.m.
 6. *S.* 3rd Sunday after Easter. S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 164, 202, 180, 321; E., 175, 169, 12.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 and 11. Morning Prayer, 10.30.
Organ Recital after Evening Service.
S. ALFEGE.—The "Hymn for our Soldiers" will be sung every Sunday Morning and Evening.
- Week-Day Services, S. Alfege, Wednesdays, Morning Prayer and Litany 11. Special Service—
War in South Africa, 7.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, daily, 8 a.m.
- Women Communicants' Classes:—(1) April 3rd, 3 p.m. (2) 20th, 8.30, and 22nd, 6 p.m.
(3) 29th, 4.15 p.m. (4) 18th, 8.30 p.m.
- Working Parties—S. Alfege, Tuesday, April 5, Vicarage, 3 p.m.
S. Mary's, Monday, April 23rd, 9, Hyde Vale, 6.30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

G (S. ALFEGE) Company, No. 384, 1ST BATT. ROCHESTER REGIMENT.
COMPANY ORDERS:—Company Drill,—Mondays, 8 p.m. Bible Class,—Sundays, 4 p.m.
Recruits' Drill,—Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Social Evening, Saturdays, 7—9 p.m. The Camp Club
is open. Particulars on application. An outing has been arranged for Easter Monday. The
Company will visit Epping Forest in brakes.

R. FERMOR RENDELL, *Captain Commanding.*

ST. ALFEGE AND ST. MARY'S, GREENWICH,
PARISH LETTER.

The following forms the main part of a letter recently received from the Vicar bearing date "Mount Nelson Hotel, Capetown, January 31st, 1900." After desiring his greetings to the officers of the Church and to the congregation, he proceeds:—

"I arrived here after a pleasant and thoroughly satisfactory voyage. I acted as chaplain to the King's Own Scottish Borderers, a regiment who have served in Soudan, Chitral and the Tirah. We had two deaths, one a sad suicide off Southampton, a prisoner who escaped from his guards and deliberately refused help—another from meningitis, whom I buried at sea on Sunday 14th. We had service every Sunday (3 Sundays), music by the band, lesson read (we had only one) by commanding officer, and a five minutes' sermon. The whole service in the open air lasting half-an-hour. We touched Madeira at night, and landed at Las Palmas (Grand Canary) for an hour or two. Passed near Cape De Verde, and then saw no land till we cast anchor in Table Bay at 5 a.m. on 26th. The harbour is full of ships, and we had to lie off till a berth could be found at the dock. The Manchester Corporation steamer was discharging horse artillery. Then our men aligned waiting to be entrained, and go up to the front the same night. On the quay was a banner, 'Tommy's Welcome,' where ladies from the town gave him a send off with a substantial tea. Our commissariat is admirably managed, a great contrast to the Crimean war. Men at the front have everything in reason, and Cape Town is organizing a fruit supply. The wounded are, many of them, in camp at Wynberg, which I visited. Wounds heal well in this very delightful camp. The buildings are substantial. Some trouble from muscular derangement owing to the tremendous impact of the bullets remains after convalescence. The doctors think patients will overcome it. The general report of the treatment of our men by the Boers is favourable. There are blackguards in every army, and to them our soldiers attribute the treachery and the cruelty which has undoubtedly existed. They say that on the whole they fight fair and treat Englishmen (perhaps not Colonials) well. There is the utmost confidence here as to the future of the war. But it will be a long one. In July the Boers will feel the pinch. No fodder on the veldt, and transport will be difficult. But then they may not be so far distributed. They have had a good harvest, and it has been well gathered. They want no money. The army is unpaid. Some officers are paid small salaries during peace, but almost nothing in war (the Chinese doctor system). They declare they owe nothing in tactics to the foreign officers. They learnt from Col. Baden Powell at Mafeking the one new bit of strategy—the power of volley fire on the level. Thus they defend their strong points from trenches in front. For ammunition they have the materials, but lack skilled hands to make it. Joubert is said to have telegraphed to Leyds, 'Send me no more tacticians, European strategy is no use here; send me men to make powder and shells and fuses.' The foreign officers are somewhat disappointed. A man amongst the Boers commands the men he brings. They who bring no men must fight in the ranks. There is some want of heart amongst the enemy. Some men have to be 'shamboked' into the trenches, some are half-hearted though loyal. But the strength of a nation fighting for independence, and now for very existence will overpower the laggards. We, however, shall not be less resolute, and God willing there is no doubt of the issue. We have seen the worst. Such are my first impressions—they may be modified. We are terribly under the censor here, and know many bits of important news only when they are telegraphed back from England. I said the men were well fed and cared for. There are of course hardships, and one officer wrote, 'I drank my shaving water and shaved in my coffee by mistake this morning.' My movements are uncertain.

Yours, &c.,

BROOKE LAMBERT."

March, 1900.

REPORT OF WORK AMONGST THE YOUNG, IN S. ALFEGE PARISH, 1899.

Mr. R. F. RENDELL.

(Read at Social Meeting of S. Alfege Communicants' Guild, Jan. 30th, 1900.)

S. ALFEGE SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR BOYS, GIRLS AND INFANTS.

MORNING SCHOOL.

The attendance at this school continues to be regular, and has steadily increased during the past year. The number of scholars in January was 50 and is now 78. The services of another teacher have been secured.

Deaconess REBECCA, Superintendent.

AFTERNOON SCHOOL.

Of this School it may be said that it has during the year 1899 maintained its numbers, in fact, improved upon them slightly. The total of boys and girls for the year 1898 was 192. This included some 20 members of the Church Lads' Brigade who, in the course of the year, were collected from their various classes in the ordinary school and grouped in a single class taken separately by Mr. Rendell at the Hyde Vale Mission Room. The total number of scholars actually in attendance at school at the end of 1899 was 174. If we again add the Lads' Brigade Class, taking it at the same figure, the total will then appear as 194. The slight improvement manifests itself among the boys, whose numbers have risen from 85 in 1898 to 89 in 1899, the Brigade Class being in both cases included. The girls shew a slight falling off, the numbers being in 1898, 107, in 1899, 105, leaving a net increase in the whole school of 2.

Much was felt and said last year about the growing want of accommodation in the S. Alfege Mission Room. That difficulty has been met by our success in obtaining from the London School Board the hire of two large class rooms in their new school on Royal Hill, of which we took possession in October last. After a good deal of discussion it was decided, for the present at all events, that the boys should meet there, the girls remaining in the old school. As a fact two of the junior boys' classes at present remain also. This move has relieved the inconvenient crowding of the old school. And though the new premises do not offer every advantage desirable for a Sunday School, both teachers and scholars are gradually becoming more at home in them; and the securing of this fresh accommodation is a great gain to all concerned. A superintendent is wanted for the new school. For though Mr. Rendell has most kindly undertaken this duty for the time, it is hardly fair to expect him to do it continuously, as it obliges him to hold his own Brigade Class for a further hour after his work at the Sunday School is done. There is another class room available in the Royal Hill School. In this we hope before long to open an Infant School for the benefit of infants whose parents live in the neighbourhood. This will have the double advantage both of obviating the necessity of infants crossing the tram line to go to school, as exists at present, and also of, in some measure, reducing the crowding of the actual Infant School in the Church where the need of relief in this respect is quite as great as it was in the case of the former Boys' and Girls' School. The numbers of the present Infant School, under Miss Ellen Smith, remain the same as in the previous year, 60, with again a slight preponderance of boys; the boys being 33, the girls 27. There are now five classes and a like number of teachers.

Thanks are once more due to the Teachers in all schools, to whose labours and devotion the measure of success we attain is so largely due.

It is much to be hoped now that fresh accommodation and more space have been provided, that the numbers of our scholars will further increase.

H. MOSLEY, Superintendent.

CRYSTAL PALACE CHOIR FESTIVAL.

On June 10th about 30 of our children took part in this popular festival. The choristers, 5000 in number, spent the whole day at the Palace. The great concert is held in the orchestra during the afternoon. Our children were trained for their parts by Miss Narraway, while the duties of Secretary were undertaken by Mr. Wood.

SCHOOL TREATS.

S. Alfege and S. Mary's Schools joined in the summer treat. On June 30th, the children, members of the various classes, old scholars, teachers, and many friends spent an enjoyable day at Kenley. In the winter each school arranges for the entertainment of its own scholars, and after a tea the yearly distribution of prizes takes place. The Infants have their treats separately.

S. ALFEGE AND S. MARY'S SCHOOLS' COMMITTEE.

It is proposed to have the accounts for 1899 printed and circulated; and the Committee again desire to appeal to Seatholders and others to become Annual Subscribers, as Board School Premises, rented for extra accommodation, at present have to be paid for out of other funds given for parish purposes.

ERNEST A. FULLER, Hon. Sec.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE, No. 384.

The work of the Company has proceeded during 1899 without any radical changes. The number of members remains about the same, for though some lads leave for various causes, their places are soon filled by others. From a financial point of view the position of affairs is satisfactory. Company drill is held on Mondays at 8 p.m. There is also a weekly drill for Recruits, and a Social Evening once a week at Head-Quarters. A Bible Class is held on Sunday afternoons. Ten of the lads were confirmed this year, and the monthly corporate Communion is usually well attended. Lieuts. Amore and Steel have been transferred to the Reserve List. Lieut. Jackson is now the Senior Subaltern, and Commissions have also been conferred upon Lieuts. Locke and Cabban. It has been arranged that lads belonging to Holy Trinity Parish may join this Company, there being now no separate Company in that Parish. Lieut. Locke is attached specially to the Holy Trinity Squad. On March 2nd some of our members took part in the Annual Regimental Display at the Lambeth Baths, their particular work being Free Gymnastics, in which they acquitted themselves very creditably. On Easter Monday the Company took part in a Battalion Parade at Gravesend, and on Whit-Monday joined in the usual Review of the Rochester Regiment at Furzedown Park. The Inspecting Officer was H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, who is now Hon. Colonel to the Regiment. We have taken part in several other events, such as Church Parades. The Sea-Side Camp, held at Minster, near Sheerness, from August 5th to 12th, was attended by nearly all the members of this Company. The Regiment turned out about 600 strong, and the Camp was again a very great success. Many of the lads are eagerly looking forward to the next Camp, and are now saving their money—a very necessary precaution, for if this were neglected, they would be debarred from joining their companions in a holiday so very much appreciated by thousands in the different regiments. The Annual Entertainment in December was witnessed by an enthusiastic and crowded audience. A Concert was held a few days later, at which a collection was taken for the Mansion House Transvaal War Fund. This, added to members' contributions, realised £1 13s. 8d.

It is mainly owing to the loyal co-operation of the Officers and Warrant Officers that the work of the Company has been maintained, and I take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging their services, and also the assistance of all who have presented gifts, contributed to the funds, and spoken so many good words on our behalf.

R. FERMOR RENDELL, Captain Commanding.

ST. ALFEGE.			ST. MARY'S.		
	Offertories.	Communicants.		Offertories.	Communicants.
Feb. 4	5 12 11	32	Feb. 2	1 2	4
" 11	4 2 1	5	" 4	1 11 8	55
" 18	9 11 1*	20	" 11	1 3 1	11
" 25	6 19 2	28	" 18	1 8 8	13
			" 24	1 0	2
			" 25	1 4 2	16
			" 28	1 6	8
	£26 5 3	85			
				£5 11 3	109

* Collections for Rochester Diocesan Society.

CALENDAR.—MARCH, 1900.

1. TH. Parochial Entertainment, S. Mary's Institute, 8 p.m.
2. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. C. H. Wreford, "The Lenten Call."
4. S. *1st Sunday in Lent.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 92, 91, 263, 279; E., 94, 185, 25.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 and 11; Morning Prayer, 10.30.
- 7, 9 & 10. *Ember Days.*
8. TH. Intercession Service, Hyde Vale Mission Room, 8.45 p.m.
9. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30. "The Mystery of Sin."
11. S. *2nd Sunday in Lent.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Hymns—M., 89, 86, 185; E., 283, 198, 32.
Children's Service, 3.15.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 7 & 8 a.m.
13. TU. Children's Annual Missionary Meeting. Lantern Address by Miss Woodward, S. Alfege Parish Room, 6.30.
16. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30. "The Threefold Temptation."
18. S. *3rd Sunday in Lent.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, midday.
Hymns—M., 244, 184, 197, 249; E., 247, 254, 29.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and after Evening Service.
20. TU. Parochial Entertainment, S. Alfege Parish Room, 8 p.m.
23. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30 p.m. "The Condition of Forgiveness."
25. S. *4th Sunday in Lent. Annunciation B.V.M.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and evening.
Hymns—M., 261, 173, 194; E., 256, 259, 27.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and noon.
27. TU. Communicants' Guild Missionary Meeting, Vicarage, 8 p.m.
28. W. Provident Club Meeting, Mrs. Hart's, 2.30 p.m.
30. F. S. MARY'S—Evening Service and Address, 8.30. "The Secret of Success."

APRIL.

1. S. *5th Sunday in Lent.* S. ALFEGE—Holy Communion, mid-day.
Hymns—M., 172, 251, 267, 512; E., 200, 263, 534.
S. MARY'S—Holy Communion, 8 and 11. Morning Prayer, 10.30.
S. ALFEGE.—*The "Hymn for our Soldiers" will be sung every Sunday Morning and Evening.*
- Week-Day Services, S. Alfege, Wednesdays, Morning Prayer and Litany 11. Special Service—War in South Africa, 7.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, daily, 8 a.m.
- Women Communicants' Classes:—(1) March 7th, 3 p.m. (2) 14th, 8.30, and 18th, 6 p.m. (3) 25th, 4.15 p.m. (4) 21st, 8.30 p.m.
- Working Parties—S. Alfege, Tuesdays during Lent, Vicarage, 3 p.m.
S. Mary's, Mondays, 12th and 26th, 9, Hyde Vale, 6.30 p.m.
- University Extension Lectures—"Dutch Painters," by P. Gaskell, S. Alfege Parish Room, Thursdays, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

- March 4th—The Faithful Servant.
" 11th— *Service in Church.*
" 18th—Rest to Israel.
" 25th—Cities of Refuge.

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Came St. Mary's was the rich and fashionable church with almost every pew let: partly owing to the removal of the rich and partly ~~due~~ to Mrs L's efforts to make St. Alphege in its proper position the position is now reversed: St. Mary's is almost empty and hardly pays its way: St. Alphege is "three parts full" and has a collection of about £6 on Sunday morning: at St. Alphege there are as many men as women, which Mrs L. attributes largely to the broad church doctrine.

As to the poor they are "not unchristian, but absolutely unchurch-going." At the Mission twice a week are from 6 to 15 in attendance: the present curate Mr. Jones is a most excellent man and a ritualist. "has got rid of the old lot and not got a new," but he still hopes to get them by ritualism: such is the way of the serpentine curate: "it is now a bell they want, now a choir, but all

efforts and alike in fashion." 5

He was of his charitable and provident-
work that Mr L. spoke most. He found the
old ticket, coal, market-garden & other
operations: stopped it absolutely: and turned
the visitors into collectors instead of givers, thus
"establishing healthy relations between them and the
people" and making it much easier instead of
more difficult to get into most of the houses.
Such details as to the Provident Society will be
found in the papers. The Provident Dispensary
on which also Mr L. presides himself was started
in opposition to the Miller Hospital and Kent
Dispensary which refused to reform itself: the
Dispensary has now 3000 members, but not all
in this parish.

Such things Mr L. goes in so strongly
for providence & considerable sum is still spent
on Relief: about £150 a year: every case
goes through the C.O.S. and then who are not.

satisfactory "are naturally sent to the Poor Law"¹⁶
 The result of this policy Mr L. says has been
 to win respect for the church and to earn
 dislike "only from those by whom it is in
 honour to be disliked." The only case in which
 work which creeps in "is on the sick, but
 except on this point the working, thanks to
 the Soames bequest, is "admirable."

In the district non-conformity is "well
 represented": "the biggest work" is that of
 Mr Spurgeon but "he holds off completely" from
 others. With the exception of Spurgeon Mr L.
 is on cordial terms with all the non-con-
 formists.

The work of the Vestry and the funders
 is "conscientiously done": but there is too much
 out-relief.

Drink is excessive. Mr L. ~~rather~~ mentioned
 the fact that when the Band goes to play in
 the Park on Sunday all the publicans put the

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advertisement in the *widm*: after a week or two
they all removed it, and one publisher told me
that the Band had reduced his Sunday takings
by £7 or £8.

In the poorer parts of the parish there
is a good deal of overcrowding, and rents
are very high.

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PAROCHIAL LETTER.

MY DEAR PEOPLE,

During the past month our thoughts have been more than ever out in South Africa, and we have watched Mafeking and waited for its relief with something approaching impatience, and some people have been ready to condemn Lord Roberts for what they thought was neglect. Wisdom has once more been justified of her children, and to the day promised Mafeking was relieved. The whole nation rejoiced with an almost unspeakable joy. Why? Not because the relief of Mafeking ended the war, but because it ended a memorable defence of a little African village by some fifteen hundred men—aye, and boys and women—against thousands of Boers. Major-General Baden-Powell is one of the heroes whom England will not forget—a man faithful even unto death to the duty laid upon him by his country; but not only faithful, but brave, resourceful, cheerful and patient—elements which go to make up a great man and a great nation. We have all admired the man, let us imitate him! In every lot there is a call for the exercise of the same simple but lofty virtues so splendidly displayed by Baden-Powell, his soldiers and every man, woman, boy and girl in Mafeking. Brains and bravery, cleverness and patience, deep sense of duty and no complaining! Let us contrast all that with the fault-finding, the self-worry and the self-indulgence too common in business, in political affairs and in religion. Mafeking has led to a great deal of healthful shouting—if that shouting has been sincere it will tell, and tell powerfully upon our individual and national life.

I am, faithfully yours,

G. SALE REANEY.

ASCENSION DAY, 1900.

NOTICES FOR JUNE.

June 24th.—Hospital Sunday.

June 14th.—FOUNDATION STONE of *St. Andrew's New Church* will be laid by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London, at 4 p.m. This event will mark another step in the very interesting and important matter of forming a new Parish in East Greenwich. Some four years ago or more, the Bishops of Rochester and Southwark visited the parish, and impressed by its size and difficulties, asked for a scheme to be suggested by the Vicar. Scheme was sent and St. Andrew's was made into a Diocesan District, with a Mission Clergyman under the Bishop, with no cost to Christ Church. Thanks to the Bishop of Rochester, when the sale of one of the City Churches was accomplished, the Bishop of London was induced to take up St. Andrew's, with the result that a Church is being built, and when it is finished the new parish will be formed and endowed. Yet, when that notable matter is accomplished, Christ Church will be as populous and possibly poorer than it was four years ago. If this increase goes on, something more will be required in order to meet the needs of an ever-increasing population. June 14th! Let us gather about the stone-laying in goodly numbers. The offertories will be for the expenses of the stone-laying and for internal fittings of the new church.

CONFIRMATION.

June 20th. At St. Paul's Church, Greenwich, at 8 p.m.

RECORD FOR MAY.

May 6th.—“A most enjoyable Musical Service was rendered by the choir and an orchestra, composed of Messrs. Brown, Wormley, Goodwin, Longmaid, Armstrong, and Sergt. Jenner. Mr. H. Herridge, the organist, gave as a solo “Solome’s Offertoire.” Sergt. Jenner followed with “The Star of Bethlehem” as a cornet solo. Mr. Brown played Mackenzie’s lovely Benedictus, Sergt. Jenner “The Holy City,” and the choir and orchestra and organ gave the “Hallelujah Chorus” from the “Messiah,” Sergt. Jenner being heard with great effect in the trumpet part.”—*Kentish Mercury*.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Goodwin, who arranged this very excellent musical service.

The Members of the G.F.S. gave a very excellent Concert and Entertainment at the School. The collection, amounting to £1 15s. 6d., was given to the G.F.S. Convalescent Fund.

May 10th.—The adjourned Easter Vestry was held, when the Churchwardens’ Accounts duly audited, were received and passed with thanks to the Auditors.

CHRIST CHURCH, GREENWICH.—SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR

RECEIPTS, 1899.			EXPENDITURE, 1899.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Offeratories.....	220	12	10	18	18
Girls’ Friendly Society, Rent of Church Room	1	0	0	40	40
Offerory Boxes	17	10		24	24
Reserved from Pew Rents	5	0	0	16	16
Rev. G. S. Reaney from Vicar’s Fund...	5	0	0	37	37
Mr. Willshire on account of Damage to Railings (Balance £2 will be recovered)	2	10	0	8	8
	235	0	8	7	7
Balance due to Warden, 31st Dec.	10	10	0	2	2
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W. J. DEMPSEY.
H. K. LEWIS.

Examined and found correct,
W. HAYTER,
J. S. TURNER, } Auditors.

The offertory at Holy Communion on May 18th, was given to the South African Church General Fund, and amounted to 5s. 10d.

PUPIL TEACHERS’ CENTRE PRIZES.

First Prize.—Edward Aldwell.

Honourable Mention.—Clara Tucker and Florence Harrison.

PUPIL TEACHERS’ GOVERNMENT EXAMINATION.

Passed.—Nellie Curtis (much time lost through affection of eyes and illness)

Passed “Well.”—Edward Aldwell.

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE, 1900.
SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS.

- June 3rd—S. WHITSUN DAY. H.C., 8 a.m. and mid-day. Mattins, 11 a.m. Children's Service, 3.30 (Boys', Girls', Middle School, Old Woolwich Road, and Infants'); hymns 136, 138, 144. Baptisms, 4.30. Evensong, 7 p.m. 8.15—Special Musical Service. Anthem, "Seek ye the Lord" (Roberts), Choir; sacred song, "Heaven and Earth" (Pinsuti), Master Ratcliff; solo, selected, Mr. James; solo, "Then shall the righteous" (Mendelssohn), Mr. Scott; solo, "Psalm of Life," Mr. H. Reaney; anthem, "Gloria" (12th Mass, Mozart), Choir. Offertories for Church Expenses and Sunday Schools. The Vicar pleads for large offertories for the Sunday Schools.
- June 10th—TRINITY SUNDAY. H.C., 8 a.m. O. W. R., 8.30 a.m. Mattins, 11 a.m. Baptisms, 4.30. Evensong, 7 p.m. Evening sermon, "England's claim upon the Church." Offertories, Church Expenses.
- June 17th—1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. H.C., 8 a.m. and mid-day. Mattins, 11 a.m. Baptisms, 4.30. Evensong, 7. Sermon, "Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion." Offertories for Church Expenses. (The prayers of the congregation are especially requested on behalf of Candidates for Confirmation.)
- June 24th—2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. *Nativity of St. John the Baptist.* H.C., 8 a.m., mid-day and after Evening Service. Mattins, 11 a.m. Baptism, 4.30. Evensong, 7 p.m. Sermon, "The Soldiers of the King." Offertories, Church Expenses and Hospitals. (The Prayers of the Congregation are desired on behalf of those who will make their first communion.)

HOLY DAYS, &c.

- Monday and Tuesday, June 4th and 5—Holy Communion at 11 am.
EMBER DAYS, June 6th, 8th and 9th. See Collects "to be said every day for those that are to be admitted into Holy Orders."
- Monday, June 11th—ST. BARNABAS. H.C., 11 a.m.
Wednesday, June 20th—QUEEN VICTORIA'S ACCESSION, 1837. H.C., 11 a.m. "Prayers, with Thanksgiving to Almighty God," as appointed to be said on June 20th in every year.
- June 20th—CONFIRMATION at St. Paul's, Greenwich, at 8 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Fuller information will be given by notice in Christ Church.
- June 21st—Thursday. Special Service for Holy Communion at 8 p.m.
June 29th—ST. PETER. H.C., 11 a.m.

The Confirmation will take place on June 20th, and preparation classes will be held as follows:—

- For Girls every Monday in the Church Room at 8 p.m.
For Lads and Young Men every Sunday in the Vestry at 6 p.m.
For Men every Wednesday in the Church Room at 8 p.m.
For Women at Grey Ladies' Room, Old Woolwich Road, every Thursday at 3 p.m., and at Christ Church Mission, 72, Blackwall Lane (Blue Ladies), every Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., for Women; every Thursday, at 8.15 p.m., for Girls; Vicarage, for Girls, Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
The Vicar will be glad to supply parents and all persons wishing to be confirmed with a small tract showing the duty and benefit of Confirmation.

LADIES' TEMPORARY HELP (DOMESTIC).

As it has been found of great service in other Parishes to have a Book kept with a list of names and addresses of suitable women as temporary cooks, charwomen, laundresses, &c., to which ladies requiring such help can have access, one has been started in this Parish at 40, Walnut Tree Road. Following the usual plan, ladies will pay 1/- on application—this fee entitling them to names and addresses until suited.

Women desiring their names to be entered can do so free of all charge, by calling between the hours of 10 and 11 in the morning.

June 1st 1900.

Interview with Rev. S. S. Reaney, ^{H6} Christ Church, Greenwich.

Mr. Reaney was I believe the author of the "Bitter Cry of Outcast London" in the days when he was a Congregational minister in ~~the~~ Stepney. Seven years ago when he had ^{after holding a curacy in the country} been already almost 60 he took orders and was at once appointed to this living. ^{by Bishop Lambton} What was his motive in entering the church I do not know: certainly he is the best churchy of men, and even a Christian I think only in the broader sense: in a very confidential talk at the end of our interview he said that ~~that~~ Whigian ~~advice~~ could only come from return to a much simpler form of Christianity: "We must simply go back to the ten Commandments," he said, "and give up all the nonsense about the Church, and the priests, and the sacraments, and incense: just hold up before people the

WEEK DAYS.

Mondays. Meeting of Clergy, Nurses, Church Reader, &c., at 10.30; Mattins 11; Mothers' Meetings, Christ Church and Old Woolwich Road, 2.30; Band of Hope 6.30, Christ Church; Women's Meeting, Church Room, 7; C.E.T.S. 8 p.m.; Confirmation Class Girls', 8 p.m.

Tuesdays. Evangelistic Service, 72, Blackwall Lane, 8 p.m.; Girls' Guild, Old Woolwich Road, 5.45; G.F.S. and Missionary Working Party, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays. Litany 11. Men's Bible Reading, Old Woolwich Road, 8.30; Confirmation Class Church Room, for Men 8 p.m., at Vicarage for Girls and Young Women 5 p.m.; Girls' Guild, Old Woolwich Road, 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursdays. Women's Meeting, 72, Blackwall Lane, 2.30 p.m.; Church Lads' Brigade 7.30; Baptism 7; Evensong 8 p.m.

Fridays. Litany 11; Old Woolwich Road Band of Hope, 6.30 p.m.; Children's Service, Blackwall Lane, 5.45 p.m.

Saturdays. Church Lads' Brigade 7 to 9, Old Woolwich Road.

CHURCH MUSIC FOR JUNE.

	M. ANTHEM.	E. ANTHEM.	VOLUNTARIES.
3.	"Come, Holy Ghost" (Attwood)	.....	{ M. Fugue on "St. Ann" (Bach) E. Musical Service
10.	.....	{ "The radiant morn" (Woodward)	{ M. March of the Israelites (Cos) E. Fanfare (Lemmens)
17.	"In Jewry is God known" (Whitfeld)	.....	{ M. Minuet (Samson) [(Har) E. "Fixed in His everlasting se
24.	.....	{ "Blessed be Thou, O Lord" (Kent)	{ M. March in G (Smart) E. Fugue in G minor (Bach)
	Te Deum for Month—Hopkins.		Evening Service for Month—Bunnett.

C.E.T.S. MEETINGS FOR JUNE, 1900.

June 4th, Whit Monday—Bank Holiday Gathering, 7.30—10. Music, singing, recitation. Refreshments provided. Address by Student from S.P.C.K. College.

The open air meetings will commence the following Monday, and will (D.V.) be continued during the summer.

June 11th—Mr. Geo. Ferley.	June 25th—Mr. Weller.
June 18th—Mr. Percy Taylor.	July 2nd—Student from S.P.C.K. College.

NURSES FOR THE SICK POOR.

Nurse BUTCHER, 106, Annandale Road. East District and Marsh.
 ,, CATCHPOLE, 21, Walnut Tree Road. Central District.
 ,, PAULL, 81, Annandale Road. West District.

The Nurses are appointed to nurse the Sick Poor in their homes. They are not available except in great emergency for any but the poor.

VERGERS.

Hon. Verger—Mr. CAMPBELL.
 Verger—Mr. H. T. CAMPBELL, 18, Woodlands Park Road.
 Notice of Banns to the Verger.

Church Reader—Mr. CARPENTER, 23, Westcombe Terrace.

Example of Jesus, and try and teach them to lead decent and moral lives." This work is especially essential with working men who, so far as they think at all, are Protestants and ~~the~~ "bible men."

Mr R's parish is a large one, and growing at the rate of about 1000 a year; the present population is from 25,000 to 28,000. They divide into about 2/3^d working class and 1/3^d shopkeepers, clerks and gentry. A very large proportion of the working class are labourers employed in the neighbouring Gas, Cement, Limeworks, Glass and Soap works; there are a few artisan men who are the aristocracy, and a few tradesmen, police, and porters.

Of buildings there are Parish Church; Mission Church; (in which is known as The Marsh; the hills of whom have Protestants. spots very warmly in the centre is the church);

two Mission Rooms, and School.

The Staff is two Curates, 1 Lay reader, 1 Deaconess, 2 Misses, 10 Male Ladies (from the Church Pastoral Aid Society), 12 Lady Visitors, 3 Harpers, and 100 Sunday School Teachers.

The services are the usual ones. At the parish church there are about 400 morning and evening, all middle class: the church is furnished with a few free seats, and even if the working class could be got to come this system is fatal: the poor "have to be shown into free seats." The Mission Church is quite small and almost empty. Park has R. is frankly convinced that under present conditions it is almost impossible to attract the working classes: here there is no hope except in "a great religious revival, when the Church of England would gain enormous strength through her parochial system." The non-con. owing

to their non free and easy system are slightly more successful with the working classes, but they too depend almost entirely on the middle classes: "we raised over £600 a year at my Chapel in Steyning" said Mr R. "that does not look like poverty." When the Church does seem to get hold of the people Mr R. believes it to be due only to a lavish expenditure of money, and he indicated Father's Golden and Wainwright "lots of whom spend about £1 per head of their population."

But though Mr R. thinks that the Chapel is slightly more successful than the Church in numbers in the poorer districts he is ~~convinced~~ convinced that the influence of the Church is far greater and more beneficial: anything like effective parochial work is impossible among the non-Cons: Mr R. tried it in Steyning and failed: but "for the most effectual work of the

the Church is done outside the church," with its
 its parochial organization, its visitation etc.
 "You can do a man more good in five minutes
~~talk~~ "private talk" said Mr R. "than in
 twenty sermons."

Apart from the church going, the Church
 here seems to be in unusually close touch
 with the people. There are 700 children in the
 Day Schools (all of whom Mr R. says he
 knows personally) 1500 in the Sunday Schools;
 about 1000 visits and calls are paid weekly,
 systematically by districts but not from house to
 house. The three nurses do "admirable
 work" and through them Mr R. distributes
 about 1500 sick dinners a year; about
 £150 a year is spent in relief; there are
 about 100 weddings and 700 baptisms a year.
 Altogether Mr R. estimates that the Church
 touches pretty closely about ~~25000~~ 2500 families.

Vavasasseur Hall = Rothbury Hall
(P.C.)

Reaney: Christchurch, East Greenwich

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leaving possibly 10000 of the population quite untouched.

The social agencies at work are Mothers Meeting, Bible Class, Boys Guild, Girls Guild, Mothers Union, ~~and~~ Three Bands of Hope, Temperance Society, and Dramatic Society.

Mr R. merely mentioned the other religious agencies, Capitalist, Methodist and Baptist without comment except in the case of Vavasasseur Hall, a Mission of some sort, which boasts boasts of 1000 children in its Sunday School: one of the workers told him lately "We are doing a great work for the Lord: we have given 750 free trees this winter." It was of the same place I think that Mr R. told the story of one worker, once saying to another "Why don't you come up to our place: you get the Gospel there." "Yes, and grab too, I'm told" was the reply.

There are a good many R.C.'s in the parish,
"very poor" said Mr R. "I often have to help
them."

Local Government is "not good":
"much jockeying".

The Police do their work "very well".

Prostitution: "much increased with the
absence in the streets": but a good deal in
the Heath.

Menages: "a large number unmarried"
and living with other people's wives. A fearful
amount of fornication among lads: Mr R.
knows one lad of 10 who is the father of
three children in the parish this year by
different girls. Of the sexual morality of
the people generally Mr R. has a low opinion,
and I imagine he is well qualified to speak
as he evidently encourages very free confidence
on the matter, and told me several stories in
which he quoted words quite truly the obscene words

of his confidants: "it sounds best," he said
"but you must let them talk like that if
you want them to be confidential". In his
opinion the sexual instinct is growing stronger
and more unrestricted, and the efforts of the
~~clergy~~ to check to lessen illicit intercourse and
self abuse are almost futile. He had discussed
the question with Cardinal Manning who
admitted that the layman's view was of
little use in this matter. In this connection
Mr R. denounced the Sunday Post in the Prob.
numbers of men go there he says "to find
a fresh girl" and it leads to numerous
seductions. Altogether Mr R. thinks the
Sunday Express "the greatest influence for evil
in England" but this is an opinion he
would be sorry to express in public.

Mr R. confirmed Mr Chapman's opinion
as to Sunday being the great day for sexual

intercourse both legitimate and illegitimate, and you find as one reason why parents are so glad to get their children out of the way on Sunday afternoon: most of the children he thinks are baptised on Sundays, and very frequently the man is more or less tipsy at the time.

Prifft is almost universal for death insurance: 75 p.c. of the adults in the parish belong to the Prudential. State Clubs flourish.

Health is not good, and here R. claims the death rate to be alarmingly high. Typhoid and diphtheria are chronic. The houses are many of them badly built on made ground.

Mr R. noticed that life in the district was "depressed and dull": "no places of amusement, no reading room, no public baths."

The Rev. Ronald Bayne.

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June 18. 1900.

Interview with the Rev. Ronald Bayne. Vicar of Holy Trinity, at the Vicarage. Black-leath Hill.

Mr. Bayne is about 40 years of age, pale face prominent cheekbones, reddish tooth brush moustache, rather a harassed look. Voice loud with the harshness that comes of open air speaking. 'We all have our fling at that.' His study was lined from floor to ceiling with books on theology philosophy & art. Littered table - unbusiness-like I think for he never could find the magazines & reports when he looked for them. Anxious to give information but quite uninteresting. Has been here two years coming from St. Jude's Whitechapel.

The parish is in the shape of an 8 lying on its side & is bounded on the N by Black-

Blackheath Rd, South St & Blisset St; on the E by
Point Hill: on the S by Blackheath Hill
Lewisham Rd (both sides N of way & W side of
S of it) Allion Rd & the Recreation ground;
& on the W by the Ravensbourne River.

Character of the Parish.

Its population is about 8,000: all working class
with the exception of those living in the
large houses on the N side of Blackheath
Hill & at the S end of Point Hill -
all fairly comfortable this year because
of the superabundance of employment: &
none ever very poor. The poorest street
he mentioned was Cold Bath St: which
lies low alongside of the Ravensbourne river.
The colouring of the map which gives about
equal proportions of ph, par & lb fairly
represents the district. No slums. Nothing
like the bad bits of St Jude's. No over-
crowding. Small two storied houses prevail
exc in Sutton street where a set of
4 storied models has lately been erected.

No Jews here. Work less exciting than in
St. Jude's but he does not mind that -
The rich part of the parish & the richer
parts outside it on the Heath going down
Socially: servants rare: well to do move out
to Chilchurst: large houses remain unlet
or are replaced by highly rented small
houses for which there seems to be an
unending demand: large shops also suffer
by exodus.

The living is now worth £300 of which
£200 is guaranteed by the Charity Commission
it used to be worth £5 or £600. Half comes from
few rents

There are two churches. Holy Trinity on
Blackheath Hill & Emmanuel Mission
Church (unconsecrated) on the recreation
ground at the SW corner of the parish.

The Vicar manages Holy Trinity

The curate — Emmanuel.

Holy Trinity is Evangelical. Emmanuel ("as at
St. Alphage"), is inclined to be higher but the
curate

Stipend.

Churches.

Persons Employed

Visiting

Attendance at Church.

Bayne - Holy Trinity

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carate. does not go far as he is dependent for Sunday school help upon the very low church parson at St. Michaels on Blackheath.

At Holy Trinity they have evening com. mania. once a month. Bayne wd like to abolish it but thinks he ought to respect the wishes of his parishioners

There used to be 2 curates but he cannot find a second now.

Besides. these are. 1. scripture reader.

1. mission woman.

2. nurses (paid by some trustees)

Bayne does no systematic visiting but thinks that between his scripture reader, mission woman, nurses & provident fund collectors & magazine distributors the whole parish is well visited & none escapes.

Very few come to church.

200 in the morning & rather more in the evening: poor go to gallery: 'they always do in a pew-rented church': he attributes slack attendance to the fact that he always has to conduct

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The service himself & people get tired of hearing the same voice at every service. 'So does my voice' said Bayne. "If you want a good congregation you must visit your parishioners yourself." but he does not do this. All are friendly when he goes, he has never been turned away & thinks that with a little tact no one need ever be rebuffed. Sometimes he speaks of religion when he visits 'but unless they are sick I don't get it in as often as the scripture reader.'

National School. fairly prosperous though feeling the competition of the evening classes at the Board School at the N end of Blackheath Hill. About 500 on books. Thinks they score by paying more attention to good manners than the W^d School. but they cannot afford the higher classes of the W^d School. Fears still further competition of a new W^d Sch on Point Hill.

Between Emmanuel & Trinity they have 1000 Sunday scholars about 50 teachers. Emmanuel has

Education.

Voluntary School

Sunday School.

Blue coat school.

Buildings used.

Bayne - Holy Trinity

has 600 to Trinity 500 - Emmanuel more keenly worked by the helpers from St Michael, than he can work Trinity. St Michael sends not only teachers but also pays all expenses of treats & prizes at the Emmanuel school. 'It is splendid work they do for us.'

There is also a Blue Coat orphanage school of which his wife is one of the governors & himself the chaplain which though not officially is unofficially closely connected with the parish.

The places other than the Churches used are.

Mission room in Bennett St.

Iron room opposite Church (called the vicarage parlour) used for mothers meetings Bands of Hope etc.

Bentley House - which is also in Bennett St. & is a kitchen by day & a mens club by night. & a room at the back of Acton Cottages. Mount Not Quar which is hired for mothers meetings for one of the nurses.

They have 3 distinct mothers meetings in the

Charitable relief.

No cooperation with other churches.

Other influences.

Police

Prost.

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Bayne - Holy Trinity

the week: one run independently by a parishioner where he goes to read a short prayer or to give an address.

Charitable relief very freely given. Brooke Lambert makes them pay for their own relief we don't; I don't know which is the better principle, anyhow I think we give too much. 3/ & 2/6 tickets are given away to all who want them at Xmas. The Loames trustees also give £40 for beef tea & milk in addition to providing the 2 nurses.

There is no cooperation with other bodies. The nuns refuse to give lists of those whom they relieve & he suspects a great deal of overlapping. He knows of mothers who attend meetings of church & Sea Chapels. He thinks the district is both over-churched & over-chapelled.

Police - fair.

Prostitution - two suspected houses in Cold Bay St.

Marriage.

Thrift.

Health.

Housing.

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Crime - None.

Marriage. Couples rarely live together unmarried unless for good reasons ie they are already married & have separated when each departs & lives with another.

Thrift: would be more of it but it is checked by the amount they give away.

Health: good except round the Ravensbourne.

Housing: good: in the new models in Sutton St. about 12 families have come in "Poores & rougher than anything we have had before but able to pay higher rents." Rents ran from 2/6 to 3/ per room.

Mr Bayne evidently has no grip on his parish & barely manages to carry on things as they were when he found them. He promises to send his annual Report:

vid next page for services etc.

SERVICES, & C.

Clergy and Church Officers.

Vicar—Rev. Ronald Bayne, M.A.,
The Vicarage, Blackheath Hill.

Assistant Clergy. { Rev. T. Neal, M.A.,
51, Brockley Road.

Church-wardens. { Mr. E. Ball,
Hanley Villa, Blackheath Rise.
Mr. J. D. Selve,
3, The Circus.

Sidesmen { Mr. G. Abbott, Mr. J. W. Brown-
ing, Mr. D. Fox, Mr. H. Overall,
Mr. A. Simonds and Mr. G. W.
Tripp.

Scripture Reader. { Mr. Locke,
43, Trinity Street.

Bible Woman. { Mrs. Shott,
2, Albion Hill.

Nurses. { Mrs. Felix, Arlington Cottage,
Mount Nod Square.
Miss Vaughan,
13, College Place East.

Services in Holy Trinity Church

Sundays, 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
" 11 a.m.—Morning Service. Holy Com-
munion on first and third
Sundays.
" 3.15 p.m.—Children's Service.
" 3.15 p.m.—Bible Class for Men (Vestry).
" 4.0 p.m.—Baptisms and Churchings.
" 7.0 p.m.—Evening Service. Holy Com-
munion fourth Sunday.

Mondays, 8 p.m.—Communicants' Union (once
a month).

Tuesdays, 8 p.m.—Choir Practice.

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.—Baptisms and Churchings.
" 8 p.m.—Service and Sermon.
Communicants' Union once a month.

Fridays, 11 a.m.—Baptisms and Churchings.

Holy Days, 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

Emmanuel Church, Ravens- bourne Street.

Sundays, 8.0 a.m.—Holy Communion.
" 10.0 a.m.—Girls' Sunday School.
" 11.0 a.m.—Morning Service. Holy
Communion on first Sunday
3.0 p.m.—Girls' Sunday School.
" 3.15 p.m.—Children's Service on the
last Sunday.
" 4.0 p.m.—Baptisms and Churchings.
" 7.0 p.m.—Evening Service.

Tuesdays, 6.30 p.m.—Choir Practice.
" 7.0 p.m.—Baptisms and Churchings.
" 8.15 p.m.—Communicants' Guild
(once a month).

Fridays, 7.0 p.m.—Choir Practice.

Services, &c. in Mission Room, Bennett Street.

Sundays, 10 a.m.—Boys' Sunday School.
" 11 a.m.—Service for Children.
" 3 p.m.—Boys' Sunday School.
" 4.30 p.m.—Young Women's Bible Class.
" 7 p.m.—Evening Service.

Mondays, 2.30 p.m.—Mothers' Meeting
" 6.30 p.m.—Blanket Club.
" 8 p.m.—Temperance Meeting, or
Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesdays, 6—7 p.m.—Women's Slate Club.
" 7 p.m.—Gymnasium.

Thursdays, 7 p.m.—Band of Hope.

Fridays, 7 p.m.—Gymnasium.

Bentley House.

Mondays, 6.0 p.m.—Coal and Clothing Clubs.
" 8.0 p.m.—Institute Slate Club.
" 8.30 p.m.—Holy Trinity Young Men's
Slate Club.

Every Evening, 6 to 10.30.—Social Club for
Men. Saturday, 2-11.

Iron Room, Blackheath Hill.

Sundays, 2.30 p.m.—Bible Class for Lads and
Young Men.
" 3.30 p.m.—Bible Class for Young
Women

Mondays, 12.15 p.m.—Coal and Clothing Clubs.
" 2.30 p.m.—Mothers' Meeting.
" 8.0 p.m.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesdays, 7.15 p.m.—Mr. LeFeuvre's Bible
Reading.

Fridays, 6.0 p.m.—Band of Hope.

Saturdays, 7.0 p.m.—Dispensary.

Children's Scripture Union Meeting on first
Tuesday in every month, unless special notice
is given.

The Coal Club is open to receive new members
at any time. No subscription is required.

National Schools, Trinity St.

Daily, except Saturdays—9 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
and 2 to 4.30 p.m.

The Schools are also used for Sunday School,
9.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Children's Service,
11 a.m.

Mondays—Men's Slate Club, 7.30 p.m. }
" Women's " 7.30 p.m. } Girls' School.

The *Parish Magazine* is published monthly,
price 1d.; *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. H. W. Young,
Spencer House, Dartmouth Row.

Notices of Banns and Marriages to be
sent to Mr. C. HERVET, Junr., 95, Black-
heath Hill.

Mothers' Meeting at Arlington Cottage,
Mount Nod Square, Mondays, 3 p.m.

The Vicar can be seen from 9 to 10 a.m. daily,
at the Vicarage.

June 9th. 1800.

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Interview with Rev. F. Storen Clark,
St. Peter's, Greenwich.

Mr. Clark is a man of about 60. He is a rather vigorous little gray haired exemplar, who has been vicar of this parish for 30 years. I imagine he is a widower as children were wandering about the passage when I arrived, but his household is now ruled by his sister, a maiden lady of forbidding aspect, who was present throughout our interview, and to whom he referred for information on several points, addressing her always as "Miss Clark."

According to Mr. Clark, five circumstances make his parish unique: (1) the low density of population (2) poor man's trees (3) no servant (4) no chapel

1857. no ~~tax~~ board school. With regard to the first point I think he said the population was the same as London; the number is about 4700 to 23 acres. But the population is decreasing, the main cause being the abolition of cellars tenements, as there has been little demolition so far.

The whole parish is poor but not so poor or degraded as the Report to some in Deptford as the East. K. were in Greenwich. ("If you want to be elected poor" said he C. "attend the notice B. meetings in East Deptford.") Not more than 1/3 of the male population are in regular work. But the parish is no poorer than it was 30 years ago; if anything it is better, as the poor have been freed out of the forbidding of overcrowding.

But though the actual parish is no poorer

it has suffered of the deterioration of the neighboring healthy districts of Greenwich, on which it is dependent for workers and funds. The vicarage is outside the parish in St. Andrew's Place, and Mr C. told me that about 60 years ago some relations of his took a house there on a 21 years' lease at a rental of £100. These houses are now let on years' agreements at £45, and are beginning to be let in lodgings. The same process is going on with all the old Greenwich houses.

Mr Clark is not the man to stir enthusiasm, and the history of his parish is much what one would expect. Through the children the church has a very thorough knowledge of the people: the bulk of them, 500 attend the Day School, and there are 600 in the Sunday School: there were too

is there 800. The Board School master says

"S. Peter's School & an old Chapel has perhaps 200. If anything slightly better off than the N. School, but not much to choose."

to be made vicar of the Deacons, the Curate,
 the Scripture Reader, and Miss Clark, but the
 result a church going, are as usual success.
 About 80 adults, ("certainly not more" said Miss
 Clark, with much decision) attend in the morning
 and 140 in the evening. The Curate has a fair
 little class with from 30 to 40 in attendance.
 There was the usual talk of complete friendliness
 but utter spiritual apathy. In this connection
 Mr C. denounced the folly of building large churches
 in poor parishes: they should be built he thinks
 for only from 200 to 250. Here the three churches
 of St. Mary, St. Raphael, and St. Peter are
 already done together, and St. Mary's ought
 to be closed. It appears that Mr Brooke
 Lambert was anxious to sell it to Mr Spurgeon.
 Of social activities there is the usual
 Mothers' Meeting (80 to 100), and the Temperance

work seems to be more active than usual; the
Main Society has had a meeting, weekly for 23
years and in that time \$5000 have passed through
the Band of Hope, the present membership being
500.

Of the Relief work there is a separate
Report; there has always been the closest
cooperation with the C.O.S.

Apart from some needed repairs, the
structure the work of the Vestry is efficient.

The Police bear the parish very much alone,
but this has C. attributes to the fact that the
people are so orderly as not to require their
interference; however when one is wanted he is
generally not to be found.

Drink has decreased greatly among men,
but probably not among women; but the people
are generally much more orderly than they were.

Prostitution there is none; all brothels have
been closed a complaint to the Vestry.

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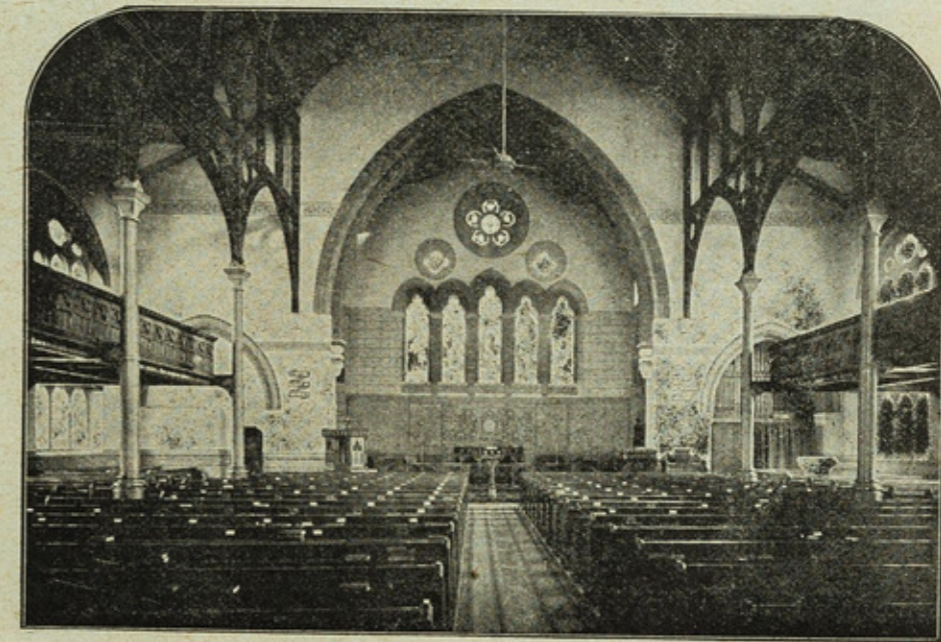
Health is excellent - Epidemics of fever quite unknown.

The Housing is old in parts but seldom insanitary.

Editor—Rev. J. A. ENRIGHT, to whom Notices and Advertisements may be sent.

JUNE, 1900.

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CLERGY.

REV. F. STORER CLARK, M.A.,
St. Peter's Vicarage, 3, Gloucester Place.

REV. J. A. ENRIGHT,
2, Diamond Terrace, Hyde Vale.

PARISH WORKERS.

MISS FULLER (*Deaconess*),
6, Circus Street.

MR. POLLOCK (*Reader*),
1, Leslie Terrace, Brand Street.

NURSE FLAGG, 2, Burney Villas.
A worker attends at the Vestry daily, from
12 to 12.30.

Temperance Worker :—
Mrs. BURGESS, Sandhurst, Park Place.

Churchwardens :—

MR. R. H. SLOLEY, 6, Blackheath Rise.
MR. R. E. SMART, 13, Bridge Street.

Sidesmen :—

MR. POLLOCK. MR. JAMES CLARK.
MR. KINNEAR. MR. J. JONES.

Hon. Organist :—MR. CLICK, B.A.

Church Caretaker :—

Mrs. JONES, 1, Little Thames Street.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS.

A very good Temperance Meeting was held on Monday, 14th May.

Mrs. Donovan sang with feeling and expression.

Mr. Laver, a mounted policeman, and Mr. Smith gave the rest of the programme between themselves, which consisted of songs, selections on fairy bells, and violin and cornet solos. The various items on the programme were much appreciated.

Earnest Gospel Temperance Addresses were delivered both by Mr. Laver and Mr. Smith.

It is a grand thing to see members of our police force coming out as total abstainers, and boldly showing their colours and speaking out for Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT.

On 27th April, a Concert was held at St. Peter's Hall in aid of the St. Peter's Sunday School Debt.

The programme was excellently rendered.

Our ever welcomed friends, Mrs. Horton and Miss Carrie Jeffery, were heartily encored.

We must thank Mrs. Horton for her hard work as accompanist throughout the Concert.

Friends of Mr. Crichmer and Mr. Pollock, who had kindly come to help us for the first time, had a hearty reception.

We must thank all who helped us to reduce the debt of the Sunday School Fund, and who gave up their time and service to give those present an enjoyable evening. We thank kind friends for lending us their ferns for platform decoration, and also Mr. Crichmer for lending us the flags.

After paying expenses, a balance of £2 9s. 8d. was left in hand.

ST. PETER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION TO BARDEN PARK, TONBRIDGE.

Our large family of young people are longing, there is no doubt, for the dawn of Friday morning, 22nd June, when an Outing will be provided for our Sunday School children.

This year we are hoping to go to Barden Park, Tonbridge. To look after this large family wants all the help we can get, and to provide for their wants requires money, so we trust that all who take any interest in our Sunday School and the children will help us willingly and bountifully to provide for their needs.

We ask your prayers that we may have a fine day given us, and a prosperous and happy time.

Teachers and scholars will meet in the Church at 8 a.m.

Trams from Stockwell Street, 8.20 to 8.30. Special train from New Cross, S.E. Railway, at 8.50 a.m.

Friends: price for trams, trains, and tea, adults, 3s.; Children under 12, 2s. No children taken under 6 years of age.

C.M.S.

The Report of the Church Missionary Society, St. Peter's Church Branch, year ending 15th March, 1900, has been printed and circulated.

	£	s.	d.
Receipts	81	5	8
Expenses	4	0	2
Remitted to Parent Society	£77	5	6

We trust that the zeal for the C.M.S. will increase more and more in our parish and congregation, and that many who have never helped us before will

become new subscribers to this noble and Christlike Society, thus helping forward the Lord's command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

C.M.S. Missionary Band.—May 8th the Vicar spoke and showed curios from heathen and Mohammedan lands.

C.M.S. Annual Sermons.—Sunday, 13th May. Morning: Rev. J. A. Enright preached from Ps. cii. 15. Evening: Rev. D. H. D. Wilkinson, Secretary of the Society, preached from St. John vi. 9. Both sermons were much appreciated. The services were bright, and the hymns were heartily joined in by all.

In the afternoon, Mr. Force-Jones, Missionary from East Africa, spoke to the elder scholars. The attention and interest were perfect. Each boy and girl received a missionary leaflet on going home. The collections at the three services amounted to £4 2s. 8d.
E. L. C.

GLEANERS' GARDEN PARTY AND "AT HOME"

Will be held at 2, Diamond Terrace, Hyde Vale, on Friday, 29th June, from 7 to 9 o'clock. We should be very glad indeed if the members of the Missionary Band could join us at this Gleaners' Party.

SOWERS' BAND.

Sowers' Band Meetings will be discontinued during June, July, and August.

The Secretary is pleased to state that Willie and John Straker, Bertie Archer, and Alice James, have all written nice little essays on what they have heard at the meetings.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

This Class will be discontinued during the summer months.

ANTI-SUNDAY TRAVELLING UNION.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Vicarage on Saturday, 21st April. The Vicar presided, and an address was given by the Rev. Sidney Pike.

He gave the following reasons against Sunday travelling:—

1. The present day tendency to desecrate the Sabbath.
2. It is always injurious alike to Christians and toilers.
3. It is always inconsistent in a Christian.

Mr. Druchfield and Captain Cuninghame also said a few words.

The meeting was a most interesting and helpful one; as a result, several more have joined our Branch Union.

The Secretary hopes that many more will join, thus protesting against the growing evil of Sunday travelling.
E. L. C.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE SOCIETY.

22nd April was our Lord's Day Observance Sunday. The Rev. S. Pike preached the sermon from the words "Lovest thou Me?" He said, if we can look up in the face of Jesus and say to Him truly, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee," shown by what I do and say, there is no fear of doing anything that will dishonour Him or injure our neighbour.
B. I. H.

BAPTISMS.

- April. 22. William George James Everest.
" 29. Henry Curtis.
May 2. Mabel Annie Green.
" 13. Barbara Phoebe Baswell.

MARRIAGE.

- May 6. George Baker and Laura Jane Dowman.

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE, 1900.

2. S. Prayer Meeting, at 8 p.m. Rev. F. Storer Clark.
3. S. *Whit Sunday.* Holy Communion at Morning Service. Preachers: Rev. J. A. Enright and Rev. F. Storer Clark. Service at 3 p.m. (Elder Girls). Hymns: 55, 253, 508; 246, 44, 252, 46.
4. M. *Whit Monday.* Bank Holiday Entertainment Meeting, at 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Rev. W. Horan. Refreshments during meeting.
5. T. Jumble Sale for Band of Hope, 6 to 9 p.m.
6. W. Service at 7.30 p.m. Rev. J. Walstead. Jumble Sale, 2 to 7 p.m.
9. S. Prayer Meeting, at 8 p.m. Rev. J. A. Enright.
10. S. *Trinity Sunday.* Preachers: Rev. F. Storer Clark and Rev. J. A. Enright. Service at 3 p.m. (Elder Boys). Hymns: 254, 256, 33; 255, 257, 330, 516.
11. M. Meeting, at 8 p.m. Rev. E. C. Carter, Whitechapel.
12. T. Band of Hope (Boys), 6.30 and 7.30 p.m.
13. W. Service at 7.30 p.m. Rev. F. Werninck, of Peckham.
14. Th. Quarterly C.M.S. Meeting in Infants' Schoolroom, at 7.30 p.m.
16. S. Communicants' Prayer Meeting, at 8 p.m. Rev. J. A. Enright.
17. S. Holy Communion at Evening Service. Preachers: Rev. J. A. Enright and Rev. F. Storer Clark. Service at 3 p.m. for Younger Boys. Hymns: 98, 117, 118; 490, 117, 100, 504.
18. M. Meeting, at 8 p.m. Discussion on Sunday Closing.
19. T. Band of Hope (Girls), 6.30 and 7.30 p.m.
20. W. Service at 7.30 p.m. Confirmation at St. Paul's, 8 p.m.
22. F. Sunday School Excursion to Barden Park, Tonbridge.
23. S. Missionary Praise and Prayer Meeting, at 8 p.m. Rev. F. Storer Clark.
24. S. Hospital Sunday Fund Collections, morning and evening. Preachers: Rev. F. Storer Clark and Rev. J. A. Enright. Hymns: 89, 54, 373; 14, 273, 497, 372.
25. M. Meeting, at 8 p.m.
26. T. Band of Hope (Boys), 6.30 and 7.30 p.m.
27. W. Service, at 7.30 p.m. Rev. M. B. Stuart-Fox.
29. F. Gleaners' C.M.S. Garden Party and "At Home," at 2, Diamond Terrace, Hyde Vale, 7 to 9 p.m.
30. S. Prayer Meeting, at 8 p.m. Rev. J. A. Enright. Infants' Sunday School Treat.

St. Peter's, Greenwich.

RELIEF FUND, 1899.

The Relief Committee desire, in the name of the sick and needy ones of this very poor parish, to thank kind friends for their liberal help. Very much sorrow and suffering has been lightened by the varied ways shown below. Every case is carefully investigated and studied, so that the best form of help may be administered. In new or difficult cases, the Agent or Committee of the Charity Organization have given information and advice.

The Vicar is always glad to recommend families or individuals for direct assistance.

Contributions may be sent to the Rev. F. STORER CLARK, St. Peter's Vicarage, 3, Gloucester Place, Greenwich.

Old Clothes and Boots, Books, Tracts, Periodicals, Christmas and other Cards, Scrap Books, Old Toys, Flowers, &c., are always appreciated.

RECEIPTS:

	£	s.	d.
Dec. 1—Balance in hand	19	1	6
Offertery, St. Michael's, Blackheath Park, per Rev. A. E. Barnes-Lawrence	42	10	0
Subscriptions as per list	63	1	11
Loans returned	4	2	0
Church of England Robin Fund, per Rev. C. Bullock	12	4	1

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EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Relief in money	13	6	
Loans	4	18	6
Food for Sick and Destitute	26	8	9
Clothing	3	10	6
Coals	38	12	11
Given by Employment	9	17	1
Surgical and Medical Aid	11	6	
Travelling to Hospitals, Homes, &c.	1	17	0
Payments to Convalescent and Cottage Homes	7	10	0
Outings for Orphans, &c.	4	7	6
Expenses of Mothers' Meeting	3	5	6
Excursion and Entertainments	5	0	0
Christmas Parties	13	1	7
Subscription to C.O.S.	10	0	
Bible Flower Mission	1	0	0
Miller Hospital	2	2	0
Printing, Postage, &c.	1	10	6
Sundries	9	1	
Balance	15	13	7

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SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Blenkiron, Mrs.	1	1	0	Penn, Mrs.	10	0	0
Chalk, Mrs.	2	2	0	Poland, E. L., Esq.	5	5	0
Clark, Miss E. L.	1	0	0	Shaw, Mrs.	5	0	0
Clark, Rev. R. B.	10	0		Shaw, J. E., Esq.	1	1	0
Cox, Miss	5	0		Sherman, A., Esq.	1	1	0
Farrant, Miss	5	0		Soames, W., Esq.	5	0	0
Frend, The Misses	10	0		Soames' Fund	16	5	2
Gabb, Colonel	1	0	0	Stidolph, E. S.	1	1	0
Hollis, Mrs.	4	0		Tabberer, B., Esq.	1	0	0
Kidd, J., Esq., M.D.	5	0	0	Widows of Royal Cambridge Asylum	14	9	
Lefroy, G. B. A., Esq.	5	0		Wire, Colonel and Mrs. Travers	2	0	0
Mead, Mrs.	1	1	0	Wood, Miss K. M.	5	0	
Newson, Rev. G. E.	5	0					
Parsons, Mrs.	1	1	0				
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GIFTS IN KIND.

Keel, A. E., Esq.	Blankets, Flannel, &c.	Cecil, Lord Hugh	Dispensary Letters.
Bible Flower Mission	Clothing.	Kirton, Miss	"
Pass, E. F. G., Esq.	"	Previté, J. W., Esq.	"
Roan School Pupils	"	Shove, A. W., Esq.	"
Scott, Mrs.	"	Thomson, Mrs.	"
Sturton, H. G., Esq.	"	Weir, Miss	"
Bradley, Miss	Dispensary Letters.	Frame, Miss	Christmas Cards.
Boord, Sir T. W., Bart.	"	Richardson, H., Esq.	"
Bousfield, Miss	"	Sherman, Mrs.	"
Burton, H. C., Esq.	"	Smith, Miss	"
Buttenshaw, M. N., Esq.	"	Anderson, Rev. J. A.	Flowers.

June 14th. 1800.

In town with Rev. Henry Kendall, ^{W.C.} 6-26
St. George, Mackheath.

Mr. Soames, the Vicar of St. George, being away, referred us to his curate Mr. Kendall. Mr. K. proved to be that probably common species among curates, an elderly failure. His appearance would form an admirable make up for the rascally attorney in an ~~Act~~ *Delphi* melodrama: probably his looks like him but at the best he is a poor creature. He has been here for three years.

The parish has a population of about 6000, of whom three fourths of the S.E. Ry. are worth nothing, three to the south worth middle class and wealthy: but there is a downward tendency in the southern part: there is no poverty in the parish except here

at is called "drunk or idleness."

This parish was cut off from Ch. about six years ago. It is practically a Soames living: the Vicar is a brother of the Soames who endowed the Greenwich Hospital, and is himself a man of considerable private means, which he spends all of which are spent on the parish; according to Mr K. for Mr Soames is "lacking in judgment of character" and "is constantly imposed upon."

The church is very beautiful, and Mr K. thinks that there is scarcely any other church in the neighborhood of the true faith: Mr K. however is the parish, where the hills is as broad as possible was denuded as "a ritualistic place." There are no churches near my extreme, but many which "are quite good."

gandy enough "quite tolerable enough" and
then we lunch in Charlton when "our
young men go on as they say to see
the service."

This term especially does not
seem to have been more successful than usual.
The church by no means so full as it
ought to be: about half the pews are let
to the aristocrats of the neighborhood but
even the pew holders are very slack in their
attendance: some of them come on Sunday
representatives in the morning but few in
the evening: but there there is a better
comparative of non-attendance. The total
number of communicants is not more than
100 with about 55 at any one communion.
There is an evening service at the Mission
Hall, conducted by the lay Reader a
wealthy parishioner, who is sorely troubled

of the apathy of the people: there are never more than 30 adults. Altogether there is almost complete indifference on the part of all classes. "Oh! would" said Mr K. with uplifted eyes, "oh! would that there could be a spiritual awakening."

The Sunday School which is held in the Mission Room, (which is in the poor part of the parish) has about 500 children exclusive of infants.

The Social work is very meagre. Mr Kendall denounces the Boys' Brigade as "not being a direct spiritual work" and even thought that it's results were evil: the members are expected to attend a Bible Class but here they behave very badly. The Mothers' Meeting on the other hand is a "direct spiritual work" and is always addressed by Mr Loomer or Mr K.

As to visiting - "There is no parish when
the sick, needy or suffering are better
looked after." This I imagine means little
as there are few visitors beyond the paid
staff.

Mr K. could give no figures as to
Relief but he said that Mr Soames
gave a great deal, and that his house
was a regular haunt of cadgers.

Of other agencies - there is a L.C.W.,
who works under the Church and a
Methodist Chapel, which is weak, the
Pastor being too good for the people, and
above their heads.

Mr K's opinion is a grand specimen
of no value.

ST. GEORGE'S, WESTCOMBE PARK.

The month of May seems to have run its round almost before we realise that the Vicar and his family have left us, and are now enjoying a little well deserved holiday at Wemyss Bay, in Scotland. We fear that the weather has not been very holiday like as yet. The treacherous British Spring has been rather more treacherous than usual this year, and no doubt more treacherous in Scotland than in England. However, the summer seems to have really come at last, and we hope that a splendid holiday month of June awaits our friends in that grand old land

“Where the clouds of Heaven shed a heresy with their dew,
And the blood of young Patrick Hamilton infected where it blew.”

Mr. Vecqueray, the newly appointed Churchwarden, has entered on the duties of his office, and we are glad to welcome him. May every blessing attend the efforts of the two churchwardens for the coming year.

It is a pity we cannot say anything about our Jumble Sale in this magazine, as Tuesday, May 29th, would be too late a date to wait for before preparing our June number. The churchwardens, however, are working for it, as are also Mrs. Field and other ladies, and we trust the Sale will be a real success financially.

Our Church Mission Annual Sermons were preached on Sunday, May 20th, by the Rev. W. Ayerst, late Chaplain in India, and sometime Bishop Designate of Natal. The preacher was very earnest, and the very fact that he felt his own subject was of itself enough to compel attention. He was listened to most earnestly, and the congregation was on both occasions very fair. We wish that the collections had been a little better.

We would take this opportunity of reminding our congregation that on Sunday, June 24th, there will be sermons and collections in aid of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

Believe me to remain,

Yours faithfully in Christ,

HENRY KENDALL, *Curate.*

P.S.—Since sending the above to the press, we have received the sad news from India of the death of the Rev. C. Stuart Thompson from Cholera. Mr. Thompson, as most of us know, was the Pioneer Missionary of the Bheel country, and was the one with whom we of St. George's were in direct communication. May this loss, as far as the Missionary cause is concerned, determine us to renew our efforts in Missionary work, and to stand manfully by that which we have undertaken to do for the natives of the Bheel country.

BAPTISMS.

- April 25th.—Gladys Ellen, daughter of B. H. and E. Tidy.
- „ 29th.—William George East, son of W. R. G. and A. Noble.
- „ 29th.—Harold Leonard, son of T. J. and E. J. Elderred.
- May 1st.—Grace, daughter of E. R. and R. J. Wimble.
- „ 6th.—Nelly Francies, daughter of A. and R. Lowe.
- „ 20th.—Florence, daughter of J. G. and M. A. Cummings.
- „ 20th.—Ellen, daughter of J. G. and M. A. Cummings.
- „ 20th.—Joseph, son of J. G. and M. A. Cummings.

SERVICES, &c.,

In connection with St. George's Church.

SUNDAY.—Morning, 11; Afternoon, 3.30; Evening, 7. Infant Service on the Afternoon of 3rd Sunday in the Month. Children's Service on the Afternoon of the 4th Sunday. Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays after Morning Service; 2nd Sunday at 8.30 a.m. and after the Afternoon Service; 4th Sunday after the Evening Service. Baptisms and Churchings at 3 (by notice) or 4.30 on Sunday Afternoons; and at 7 on Wednesday Evenings; or can be arranged.

MONDAY.—Mothers' Meeting in Mission Room at 2.0, followed by a short Service at 3.30. Boys' Brigade at 7.45.

TUESDAY.—Band of Hope in the Mission Room at 6.45. Young Men's Bible Class, in Church Room at 8.

WEDNESDAY.—Children's Working Party at "Kendal," 3, Humber Road at 3.30. Service at 7.30, Church. Girls' Club in Mission Room at 6.30.

FRIDAY.—Choir Practice at 7.30, in Church. Girls' Friendly Society, in Mission Room at 7.30.

SATURDAY.—Short Prayer Meeting in Church Room at 8.30 p.m.

MISSION ROOM.—Children's Service every Sunday Morning at 11; Sunday School at 3; Sunday School for Children under 8 in Lombard Wall Board School (Infants' Entrance), and in Halstow Road School, at 3 p.m.; Mission Service for Adults in Mission Room on Sunday Evening at 7 p.m.

Bible Class for Members of Boys' Brigade in Church Room on Sunday Afternoon at 3.30

PAROCHIAL STAFF, &c.

Rev. WERNER SOAMES, Fernleigh; and The Parsonage, Wemyss Bay, N.B.
 Rev. HENRY KENDALL, "Eagle Villa," 6, Mount Lebanon Villas, Westcombe Hill.
 Mr. J. C. WILSON (Lay Reader), "Ryhope," Humber Road.
 Mr. R. D. EICKE (Organist and Choirmaster), 12, Combe Terrace, Westcombe Hill.
 Mr. DALE (Verger), 127, Old Dover Road.
 Miss ORCHARD (Sick Nurse), 5, Halstow Road.
 Miss WIGGINS (Mission Woman), "Gigi," 3, Mycenæ Road.
 Mr. STEGGLES (Caretaker of Mission Room), 32, Fairthorn Road.

Applications for Sittings to be made to Mr. J. H. EICKE, 2, Bell Rock Villas, Mycenæ Road, Churchwarden; who will also receive Pew Rents.

Banns may be handed to the Vicar.

June 15th. 1800.

Interview with Rev. H. S. Hills. ¹⁰⁵
St. Andrew's in the Marsh, East-Graveyard. 5-21

Mr Hills is nominally a curate of
St. Peter's, but is really in sole charge of
the Mission District of St. Andrew's, which
has been practically a separate parish for 8
years, the period during which Mr H.
has been here. Yesterday the Bishop of London
laid the foundation stone of a new church,
to replace the temporary building, and very
shortly the district will be constituted a
parish.

From the time he has been here and
from the fact that this is not his first
care, Mr Hills must be over 30 but
he looks much younger. He is a tall, lithe,
athletic, very bright-looking fellow with

a delightful smile and the pleasant-
manner. In Kendale having told me
yesterday that he would not attend the
function at St. Andrew's because it was
"a ritualistic place" I had expected to
find a High Churchman in the Hills.
However he proved to be of the school of
"Dear old Brooky" as he called the
Brooke Lambert, a pronounced Broad
Churchman, so much so that he says he
has incurred the actual hostility of a
considerable body of men in the parish
who say that he believes nothing, preaches
that there is no Heaven and no Hell, and
has no right to be in the church.

The population of the district is about
4500, nearly all of the labouring class and
employed in the various large factories in the

March, of which there are eleven. Until recently there was "no out of work" but the opening of the Mackinac Tunnel has brought a number of undesirable people from Poplar and the East End generally.

Mr H. probably underestimates his influence in the March: a man of high character, dignity, and independence must be more respected than the average person; but he expresses the poorest opinion of the members of Church work. The church is in direct contact with 150 families representing 450 people, or 1/10th of the population: there are class teachers as church people, and sometimes come to church. There is a Communicant Roll of 105. At present there is no church: services are held in the School room & full in the evening (10:30) and about 30 in the morning.

In the temporary church there used to be about 120 in the evening.

Apart from the fact that Mr H. like like other Broad Churchmen "does not care" for attendance the work is hampered & lacks of funds and lack of workers. Mr H. having no paid helpers but a Deaconess.

There are about 250 children at the Sunday School and 14 teachers. Most of the children go to the Sunday School at Rotting Hall a Congregational Mission, run on strongly proselytizing lines.

Mr. H. himself there is practically no room for social work, but there is a Mother's Meeting of 70 and Band of Hope of 70.

To the question as to visitation Mr H. said "I don't know from Adam"; but the circulation of the Magazine is 300; and he and the Deaconess are constantly about; but

home to house visitation he does not believe in.
 His reputation is nearly always good; only
 once has he been told by a lady "to go to
 Hell": but more than once he has heard
 a neighbor ask the recipient of a visit
 "what did he give you?" It is a matter of
 fact that he has heard the compliment made
 that "he never gives nothing to nobody"
 and he has the reputation of being a
 cruel man on the C.O.S.: but his Poor
 Fund amounts to about £40 a year, nearly
 all of which is spent on sick and convalescent
 aid. Now and then out of his own pocket
 Mr H. makes "a substantial loan" to men:
 last year he made two loans of £5
 and £7 the whole of which has been
 repaid.

In talking of his people Mr H. opined
 that ~~the~~ ~~was~~ among the non-church-going
 men many ~~are~~ more strong and independent

and on the whole satisfactory character than among the churchgoers. The churchgoers as a rule become such not because they are morally strong but because they are weak and are apt to be the people who are by nature unpoplar: they turn to religion as a solace. In Hills, churchwarden, "I don't know I could kick out if I possibly could" is the "as water spy" and it is people of a similar class who tend to cluster round the church.

Of other agencies besides Rotary there is only a L.C.M. who also gets a good many children.

The district is much neglected by the Verity. Except the two main roads, all the roads are still unmade.

The Police are insufficient.

Quite half the adult population drink

to excess, and of that half one half are
women.

There is no prostitution.

There is a good deal of petty theft.

A great many are living together
unmarried. Forged marriages are almost ~~common~~
universal, and are thought nothing of.
The respectable people (e.g. at least two of
Mr H's communicants) many about six
months before the child is due the less
careful of appearance just in time "to save
the child". When Mr Hills' first child
was born eleven months after marriage,
an old ~~woman~~ woman in the parish in
offering her congratulations said "you
have ~~been~~ been slow about it: my son's
child was born two months after
marriage". He did not at all see the
point of the ruse that this argued in great
haste

As to thrift: two years ago there were practically no. a man in the market who did not belong to a two clubs, usually a shop club and a State Club, but the new comers are less satisfactory in this respect.

Health is good

Rents have risen enormously since the tunnel. All the frontage of the tunnel road is owned by the L.C.C. who will not let except at almost prohibitive rents. As to housing, the L.C.C. have here made "almost every possible blunder." They will neither build at a possible rental for the district themselves, nor let to others at a possible rental.

S. ANDREW'S-IN-THE-MARSH.

JUNE, 1900.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The great event of this coming month is the laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Church by the Bishop of London on Thursday, June 14th, at 4 p.m. I would ask all who possibly can manage it to be present. The musical part of the service (four Hymns and a Psalm) we are going to undertake ourselves, with our own Choir and Sunday School, and we are now busy teaching the whole School to sing the Hymns and Psalm; would you please help us by seeing that the children are all at school on Sunday afternoon, and at any extra practices if necessary; and also send them on the day itself, quite by three o'clock, that we may arrange them on the site before the Bishop and Clergy and people arrive. We felt that it was far better that our own children should do this than that we should have an outside choir and orchestra, and therefore I ask you to help us by encouraging the children to do their very best. You will not need cards to admit you to the ceremony, cards will only be sent to those living at a distance who gave money for the Church, to tell them of the day and hour.

The Bishop of Rochester will hold a Confirmation at S. Paul's, Greenwich, for the Greenwich parishes, on Wednesday, June 20th, at 8 p.m. Friends of candidates wishing to be present, if they would let me know, will receive cards to admit them to seats near the

candidates for the service, to the number of two for each candidate. When it is possible, the godparents should try to be present.

I should be glad if the newly confirmed would make their first Communion on the Sunday following, June 24th, and I would ask our regular communicants to be present to join them in that service, as many as can possibly manage to come: the help and encouragement to those coming for the first time is very great.

You will be glad to hear that Mr. E. G. Maxted, who worked with us for two years, has now passed out of King's College, London, with a First Class, has just passed the Bishop's Examination, and will be ordained on Trinity Sunday, after which he begins work as Assistant Curate at Christ Church, Battersea. We wish him every success in the important work of a Deacon in Christ's Church.

June 17th, 1st Sunday after Trinity, will be Hospital Sunday. We have been very liberally helped this year by the Fund. Let us make a good return.

I hope to take my holiday this year in July, and return in time for the Sunday School Treat, early in August. The Deaconess will be away after my return.

Yours affectionately,

HENRY G. HILLS.

NOTICES FOR JUNE.

- June 3rd—*Whit Sunday*—Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
 „ 7th—Thursday—7.30 p.m., Evensong and Address
 „ 10th—*Trinity Sunday*—8 and 11 a.m., Holy Communion.
 „ 14th—Thursday—4 p.m., Laying of the Foundation Stone by the Lord Bishop of London. 7.30 p.m., Evensong and Address
 „ 17th—*1st Sunday after Trinity*—8 a.m., Holy Communion.
 „ 20th—Wednesday—8 p.m., Confirmation at S. Paul's, Greenwich.
 „ 21st—Thursday—7.30 p.m., Evensong and Address to Confirmation Candidates and Communicants.
 „ 24th—*2nd Sunday after Trinity*—8 a.m. Holy Communion; first Communion of Confirmees.
 „ 28th—7.30 p.m., Evensong and Address

Baptisms.

- May 3rd—Emily Grace, daughter of Amos and Louisa Reader.
 „ 3rd—William Henry, son of John Llewellyn and Annie Williams.
 „ 10th—Frederick Henry, son of Walter and Lily Keeble.
 „ 17th—Daisy Isabel, daughter of William Wilkinson and Sarah Ann Fell.
 „ 17th—Robert James, son of Charles and Mary Bigg.
 „ 17th—Lily May, daughter of Henry and Celia Oakes.
 „ 24th—Ivy Elizabeth, daughter of Archibald Valentine and Mary Ellen Jeal.
 „ 24th—Thomas Alfred, son of Archibald Valentine and Mary Ellen Jeal.
 „ 24th—Edward Valentine, son of Archibald Valentine and Mary Ellen Jeal.

Offertories.

	£	s.	d.
May 6th— <i>3rd Sunday after Easter</i> — Mission Fund	15	1	
„ 13th— <i>4th Sunday after Easter</i> — Mission Fund	19	0	
„ 20th— <i>5th Sunday after Easter</i> —	16	3	
„ 24th— <i>Ascension Day</i> —Mission Fund	5	11	
„ 27th— <i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i> — Mission Fund	1	1	5
	<u>£3</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

Hymns for the Month.

	Morning.			Evening.		
June 3rd—154	207	321	156	157	209	213
„ 10th—160	164	378	160	163	159	636
„ 17th—34	308	186	526	12	193	391
„ 24th—414	10	255	414	366	540	179
July 1st—37	282	322	166	574	281	23

SERVICES.

SUNDAY.

- Holy Communion, 8 a.m. every Sunday; mid-day, 1st Sunday in the month.
 11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
 3.30 p.m.—Children's Service last Sunday in the month.
 7 p.m.—Evening Service.

WEEK-DAY.

- 7.30 p.m.—Thursday Evening Service.
 3 p.m.—Friday, Litany.

BAPTISMS.

- 7 p.m. Thursday, and after the Children's Service.

CHURCHINGS.

- Before or after any Service.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD.

- 7.30 p.m. the last Thursday in the month.

MEETINGS AND CLASSES.

SUNDAY.

- 10 a.m.—Sunday School. } Superintendents,
 3 p.m.—Sunday School. } The Rev. H. G. Hills and
 3 p.m.—Lads' Bible Class. (Mr. Balsom.)
 3 p.m.—Bible Class for Young Women and Girls
 (The Deaconess).

MONDAY.

- 2.45 p.m.—Mothers' Meeting (The Deaconess).
 4 p.m.—Clothing Club and Penny Bank
 (The Rev. H. G. Hills).
 7 p.m.—Boys' Club.
 8 p.m.—Men's Slate Club (Sec. Mr. Sendall).

TUESDAY.

- 7.30 p.m.—Bible Class for Women (The Deaconess).

WEDNESDAY.

- 7 p.m.—Boys' Club.
 8 p.m.—Men's Meeting for Bible Study, in the Schools.
 (Rev. H. G. Hills.)

THURSDAY.

- 6 p.m.—Band of Hope (Superintendents,
 The Rev. H. G. Hills and The Deaconess).

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Interview with Rev. J. W. Marshall ⁴⁶
St. John's, Mecklenburg. ₆₋₂₄

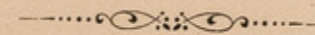
Mr Marshall, who has been Rector
of this parish for 24 years, is, of his
intellect corresponds to his appearance, ~~rather~~
rather a remarkable man. He has a large
and powerful head of the Sprague shape, and
is altogether outwardly of a type more ~~more~~
common in the free churches than in the
Church of England. To-day however I was
seated able to gaze on Mr. M., as I ~~at~~ saw
him under a disadvantage: he was reclining
in a wicker chair, suffering from sciatica,
and though he was more genial than could
be expected under the circumstances, he was
evidently in much pain and I felt that it
would be cruel to press him with many
questions: therefore after twenty minutes rather

general take I took his best two Reports and left.

The population of the parish is about 6000, equally divided between the wealthy and the working classes; of the latter none are really poor, and if anything there is an upward tendency, some of the best of the artisans who leave when doing work here. In the wealthy portions of the parish the movement is downward. Twenty years ago the Sunday offerings always contained from £15- to £20 in gold: now only £4 or £5. How low are the church fees as yet. No difficulties financial or numerical: it is always well filled or full. The poorer parishioners do not come to the church but at an early date in his incumbency Mr. Hill's Mission Hall in the working class district, and this is always filled (250) on Sunday evening by a genuine working class

competition. The success of this mission work
Mr M. attributes mainly to the fact that
the government is very democratic, all the
arrangements being in the hands of a
Committee of working men. Mr M. claims
further that the church has a thorough
grip of the poorer parts of the parish:
there is no lack of workers: all are visited
and well known. Indeed Mr M. thinks that
both of Church and Non-Church this district
is much overworked: in the same area
the Presbyterians, the Baptists, and the Wesleyans
are vigorous, and there is much harmful
competition. Mr M. emphasized the fact that
this really well-to-do working class district
is overrun with visitors and more than
amply supplied with funds, while down to
the are abjectly poor districts which are
languishing for workers and money.

St. John's, Blackheath.



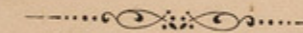
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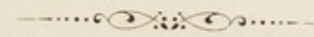
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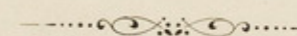
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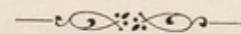
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To the Parishioners and Congregation
 OF
 ST. JOHN'S, BLACKHEATH.



MY DEAR FRIENDS,

You have seen fit to mark the completion of the twenty-fifth year of my ministry here in a manner which, while it fills me with thankfulness as a proof of your affection and confidence, humbles me deeply as I think how very much more fruit there might have been, and should have been, during that long period of work. You have judged that work with a generous—too generous—appreciation: I cannot but think how it will meet the Master's scrutiny. But it is impossible not to express in the outset of the address that is to accompany my twenty-fifth Annual Report how deeply I have felt your kindness, and what a stimulus it is to me to work on with redoubled earnestness, and with what amount of physical strength God may bless me with.

The past year has been the first of my co-partnership with Mr. Botwood, and I wish to record my thankfulness to God for sending me such a genial and congenial helper. We have spent a happy year of work together, which we hope and believe has not

been in vain in the Lord. Our working staff has been reinforced also in a somewhat unexpected, but very welcome manner. Mr. Johnson, B.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, came on November 1st, and took the position of lay helper for the six winter months. The Committee of the Church Missionary Society also asked me to allow Mr. P. J. Laird, a candidate for Missionary work in China, and Mr. J. Heselwood, a Missionary in Africa on furlough, to gain a little experience in parochial work amongst us; and so during the winter months of the year we have had the great advantage of the work of three lay helpers. This has been of very great benefit to us, and we are most thankful still to retain Mr. Heselwood for a short time longer. Our prayers will, I am sure, be freely given, that Mr. Johnson may, at his ordination in September, be richly endowed with the manifold gifts of the Holy Ghost, and granted abundant blessing in the work which he will then take up in Croydon; and that Mr. Laird, sent forth, as we believe, by the Holy Ghost to work in China, may soon be able to speak to the Chinese in their own tongue of the Gospel of the Love of God.

In October Miss Mabel Pantin and Miss Maud Aston sailed for China as Missionaries of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society. We had an interesting farewell meeting in our Memorial Room to commend them to God's care, and to ask His special blessing on their work. Miss Pantin goes as a fully-qualified medical missionary to take up the very important Medical Mission work amongst the Chinese women, and Miss Aston becomes 'our own Missionary'

in succession to Miss Baker, whose marriage with Mr. Woods, of the Church Missionary Society, obliged her to relinquish that position. We are very thankful thus to have added two more names to our list of those on foreign service connected with our Parish.

Colonel Fawkes's removal by duty to Portsmouth causes a very serious loss to our working power; while death has removed many Parishioners and friends whose help—some personal, and some pecuniary—we shall greatly miss. Amongst these the Rev. E. Maxwell rendered frequent and valuable help, both in the Church and Mission Hall, as well as making himself responsible for the service at the Cottage Hospital one Sunday in the month; Mr. Crommelin (a former Churchwarden), Mrs. Richmond and Mrs. Bowery (both members of the Congregation when I became Vicar)—these, with other deaths and removals, make serious gaps in our Church, and very seriously cripple our resources. We trust their places may be filled in due time, though we shall long lament the loss of their active help and earnest prayers.

I am very thankful to announce that the sum necessary for the repairs at the Mission Hall has been raised, and return grateful acknowledgments to those who have so kindly helped, especially to Mr. Botwood, who kindly gave two interesting and valuable lectures in aid of the fund. But no sooner had we accomplished that necessary work than we were called upon to do landlord's repairs to our Parochial Institute House. These have cost £30, and I am obliged to ask for special donations for this purpose, as it is impossible to find the requisite amount out of the annual subscriptions.

It will be noted with great satisfaction that our various funds are in a satisfactory condition at present, but this year death and removals have deprived us of many liberal supporters, and it will be very difficult to keep all our parochial machinery in good working order unless these gaps are filled, and well filled. I do not hesitate to ask those of our Parishioners who attend other Churches to support the work of the Parish in which they live. In St. John's Parish are collected all the poor of this side of Blackheath; it is inevitable, at all events in the present state of things, that there should be differences of opinion on Church ritual; there can be no difference of opinion on the point that the poor should have the Gospel preached to them, and that they should have adequate pastoral care. I would ask all our Parishioners to examine our Report, and I think they will see that, while our machinery covers all the needs, it is not in any part of it excessive or unnecessary; and if they agree in this, I ask them to give us their liberal support.

We are also in need of more personal help. I know the cry of South London needs is loud, plaintive, and honest; but I am sure *work*, like *charity*, should begin *at home*. We want District Visitors, Sunday School Teachers, and helpers with the Boys' Brigade. We are threatened with the loss of the two men who have made our Boys' Brigade a mighty power for good in the neighbourhood; it would not only be a lamentable thing in itself, but it would be surely a great discredit to the young men of Blackheath if, in a time of need like this, no one will volunteer for work which, while it involves a good deal of self-denial,

achieves results which more than compensate the outlay, however unsparing, of time and leisure.

But this brings to mind the band of self-denying and zealous workers who during the last year have been my fellow-helpers unto the Kingdom of God: to them all, clerical and lay, I tender now my hearty thanks. Let us not, dear friends, be weary in well doing; we have, and must expect to have, our disappointments and discouragements, and sometimes even our labour may seem to be in vain in the Lord; but this cannot be. Let us gird up the loins of our mind—be steadfast and hope to the end, and in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Believe me, my dear friends,

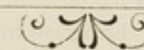
Your affectionate Pastor,

J. W. MARSHALL.

ST. JOHN'S VICARAGE,

BLACKHEATH.

May 1st, 1900.



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 Rev. E. KEIGHTLEY BOTWOOD, B.A., *Curate.*

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Miss TAYLOR, 13 Craigerne Road, *Parochial Nurse.*

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| 2. Mrs. WILBRAHAM | |
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| 3. Mrs. PALMER ... | Bedford Place (right side) |
| 4. Mrs. LEDGER ... | Bowater Place |
| 5. Mrs. HENRY MORRIS | |
| 6. Mrs. HALDANE ... | |
| 7. Mrs. CLIFFORD ... | Russell Place |
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| 15. Miss E. KITCHIN ... | |
| 16. Mrs. ROBERTS ... | Hassendean Road |
| 17. Mrs. MORTON ... | |
| 18. Miss BUSK ... | |
| 19. Mrs. GILLETT ... | Couthurst Road |
| 20. Mrs. MOORE ... | |
| 21. Miss CHURCH ... | |
| 22. Mrs. HATCH ... | Langton and St. John's Mews |
| 23. Mrs. CLIFFORD ... | |
| 24. Miss L. COOK ... | |
| 25. Mrs. JACKSON ... | Banchory Road and Charlton Road |
| 26. Mrs. BROOK ... | |
| 27. Mrs. PARKYN ... | |

A Service for the District Visitors is held in the Church on the First Wednesday in each month at 12 o'clock, followed by a Meeting in the Memorial Room at 12.30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Superintendent—MISS MARSHALL.

Miss D. Aston	Miss Hart	Miss Skinner
Miss E. Aston	Miss R. Hart	Miss E. Skinner
Miss E. Burney	Miss Kitchin	Miss Walters
Miss Drury	Miss E. Kitchin	Miss J. Walters
Miss D. Green	Miss List	Miss Walter
Miss Greaves	Miss Morris	Miss Watson
Miss Greenwood	Miss Roberts	Miss D. Watson

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Superintendents { Morning—J. ROPER, ESQ.
 { Afternoon—C. E. S. MASON, ESQ.

Mr. H. Aldred	Mr. S. Mason
Mr. Battye	Miss E. Baker
Mr. Carter	Miss Bell
Mr. H. C. Carter	Miss C. C. Drummond
Mr. Stanley Edwards	Miss Gurney
Mr. S. Flexman	Miss Keick
Mr. E. Mason	Miss H. M. Marshall

INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Superintendents { Morning—MISS GREAVES.
 { Afternoon—MISS DUNN.

Miss Z. Baker	Miss Lintott	Miss D. Terry
Miss Dobson	Miss N. Skimmer	Miss Tootal
Miss Dold	Miss A. Stainton	Miss Wright
Miss Kaufmann	Miss S. Stainton	

Number of Girls ...	160
Number of Boys ...	98
Number of Infants ...	77

Miss Rand also holds a Class for Children too young for School (77 attend). Total Sunday School Children ... 412.

There is a Class for Domestic Servants held by Mrs. Jackson in the Memorial Room at 3.30.

There is a Bible Class for Boys too old for Sunday School held at the Institute by Major Osborn at 3 p.m., and a Class for members of the "Anchor" Club at the Ambulance Rooms, 4 St. John's Park, at 3 p.m., by Mr. Simms.

ON FOREIGN SERVICE.

Miss Maud Aston	Miss E. Mulvany	Miss M. Pantin
Miss M. Boileau	Miss G. Mulvany	Miss Mabel Witherby
Miss A. Boileau	Miss Pantin	Mrs. Woods

MEMBERS OF THE MISSION HALL COMMITTEE.

THE VICAR, <i>Chairman.</i>	H. WAKEFIELD
REV. E. KEIGHTLEY BOTWOOD.	C. BUTLER.
E. BARRY JUPP, ESQ.	S. KARN.
C. ASQUITH.	J. WATTS.
J. RICHARDSON.	R. BRIGGS.
A. WIDLEY.	C. SAUL.
H. ALDRED.	W. JACKLIN.
W. HALL.	H. LAWRENCE.

Together with the Wardens—

G. TERRINGTON.
F. SLAYMAKER.

Hon. Secretary:
E. DAY.

This Committee meets on the Wednesday after the first Sunday
in each month.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

St. John's Church.—SUNDAY, 11 a.m., 3.30 p.m., and 7 p.m.

The Holy Communion is administered as follows:—

1st Sunday in the Month, 8 a.m., and after the Morning Service.
2nd " " 9 a.m., and 4 p.m.
3rd " " after Morning Service.
4th " " 8 a.m., and after Evening Service.
5th " " 9 a.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the afternoon of the third Sunday in the Month, and at other times by arrangement. Churchings, by notice, before or after any Service.

WEDNESDAY.—Morning Prayer, 12.

FRIDAY.—Choir Practice, 8.15 p.m.

Institute.—MONDAY.—Mothers' Meeting, conducted by Miss Marshall, 2.30 p.m. SUNDAY.—Young Men's Bible Class, 3 p.m.

Memorial Room.

WEDNESDAY.—Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY.—Sunday School Teachers' Meeting, 12.15 p.m. Bible Reading (Scripture Union) for Boys and Girls, 4.15 p.m.

FRIDAY.—Exposition, 12 noon (except during the Summer months).

SATURDAY.—Prayer Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

Mission Hall.—SUNDAY, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

The Holy Communion is administered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays after Evening Service. Baptisms by arrangement.

TUESDAY.—A Mission Service is held during the Autumn and Winter at 8 p.m. Hymn Singing, at 7.45.

THURSDAY.—Children's Scripture Union Meeting, 6 p.m.

In addition to the above, a Service in connection with the Boys' Brigade is held on Sunday evenings, at 7 p.m., in the Ambulance Room, at the back of 4 St. John's Park.

The Workers' Union numbers 118 Members, and holds a Prayer Meeting on the second Wednesday in the Month. For Cards of Membership, apply to the Vicar.

The Communicants' Union numbers 334 Members, and holds a Prayer Meeting on the fourth Wednesday in the Month.

In addition to the above—

A Working Party for Church Missionary Society, and for the Church of England Zenana Society, is held on alternate Tuesday afternoons at the houses of different ladies in the Congregation.

A Zenana Working Party for Young Ladies is held every alternate Monday at the houses of different Members.

The Parochial Library is open on alternate Wednesdays, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Girls' School. The Subscription is One Penny per month, with a Penny Entrance Fee. Gifts of Money or Books will be thankfully received.

The Band of Hope meets at the Mission Hall on alternate Fridays at 6.30 p.m.

There are Quarterly Meetings of the Fuh-Kien Band of Helpers, and of the Church Missionary Society Gleaners' Union, and Half-yearly Meetings of the Juvenile Branch of the Church Missionary Society, when the Collecting Boxes are opened.

The Churchwardens of St. John the Evangelist, Blackheath, in Account with the Parishioners.

From Easter, 1899, to Easter, 1900.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Church Expenses and Poor, Memorial Room, Voluntary Rate, Belfry and Spire ..	268 13 8	By Church Expenses and Poor, and Memorial Room ..	286 2 0
.. Curate Fund ..	0 8	.. Treasurer for Curate, Organ, Bible Woman and Parochial Institute ..	138 0 10
.. Bible Woman's Fund ..	18 1 10	.. Parochial Funds ..	318 6 9
.. Organ Fund ..	30 7 4	.. Offeratories to Missions and other Societies ..	609 15 8
.. Sunday Schools ..	12 3 9	.. Blackheath and Charlton Cottage Hospital ..	18 5 3
.. Parochial Institute ..	12 12 7	.. Benefit Society for ditto ..	2 11 8
.. Offeratories for Parochial Funds—			
.. Mission Hall ..	22 7 11		
.. National Schools ..	66 18 1		
.. Boys' Brigade ..	9 6 10		
.. Gifts to the Poor ..	39 8 0		
.. Offeratories to Missions and other Societies ..	138 0 10		
.. Blackheath and Charlton Cottage Hospital ..	609 15 8		
.. Balance ..	20 16 8		
	17 8 1		
	£1235 1 1		£1235 1 1

Examined with vouchers and found correct,

HENRY MORRIS, Auditor.

May 28th, 1900

CHAS. STONE, } Churchwardens.
R. T. BAKER, }

OFFERTORIES AND COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCH

From Easter, 1899, to Easter, 1900.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Church Expenses and the Poor ..	268 13 8	
Christmas Gifts ..	39 8 0	
Curate Fund (Evening Offertories and Special Collections) ..	107 0 8	
Organ Fund ..	30 7 4	
<i>Parochial Funds—</i>		
Bible Woman ..	18 1 10	
Institute ..	12 12 7	
Boys' Brigade ..	9 6 10	
Mission Hall ..	22 7 11	
National School's ..	66 18 1	
Sunday Schools ..	12 3 9	
	141 11 0	
April 9th.—C.M.S. Centenary ..	219 3 6	
.. 23rd.—Deptford Medical Mission ..	12 5 4	
.. 23rd.—Sunday School Scripture Union ..	1 10 4	
.. 30th.—British and Foreign Bible Society ..	17 17 9	
May 3rd.—South American Mission ..	5 11 5	
.. 14th.—Religious Tract Society ..	24 4 10	
.. 14th.—Church of England Scripture Readers ..	2 12 0	
June 11th.—Hospital Sunday ..	88 12 10	
.. 25th.—Benefit Society ..	2 11 5	
July 2nd.—Flower Service—Bexhill Home for Convalescents ..	1 17 5	
.. 23rd.—Irish Church Mission ..	13 3 0	
.. 23rd.—District Nurse ..	4 7 5	
Aug. 13th.—National Society ..	6 15 10	
.. 13th.—Greenwich Church School Union ..	1 1 10	
.. 27th.—Clergy Orphan Corporation ..	8 12 6	
Oct. 8th.—Church of England Zenana Missionary Society ..	29 10 2	
.. 16th.—Workers' Service (Sunday School) ..	15 4	
Nov. 12th.—Church of England Temperance Society ..	18 0 1	
Dec. 3rd.—Church Missionary Society ..	29 10 2	
.. 17th.—Sustentation Fund ..	15 13 0	
1900.		
Jan. 7th.—War Fund ..	73 4 1	
.. 14th.—Blackheath and Charlton Cottage Hospital ..	18 5 3	
.. 28th.—Church Pastoral Aid Society ..	22 3 10	
Feb. 2nd.—Parochial Mission Society—per Rev. Cleworth ..	4 1 7	
.. 2nd.—In Boxes—Widows and Orphans ..	3 4	
Mar. 4th.—Juvenile C.M.S. ..	12 8	
April 5th.—Jews Society ..	8 5 5	
	£1217 13 0	

CHAS. STONE, } Churchwardens.
R. T. BAKER, }

Examined and found correct, HENRY MORRIS, Auditor.

CHURCH EXPENSES AND THE POOR ACCOUNT.

From Easter, 1899, to Easter, 1900.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance from last year	2 6 10	By Wages	102 11 5
" Offerings	208 18 8	" Mrs. Batsford's Annuity	8 8 0
" Hire of Memorial Room and three years' subscrip- tion for maintenance of same	6 3 0	" Gas—Church and Memorial Room	9 19 9
" Voluntary Church Rate	45 4 2	" Gas Globes, Mantles, &c.	2 7 9
" Contributions for Belfry and Steeple	6 1 0	" Fire Insurance	5 15 6
" Christmas Gifts to the Poor	39 8 0	" Water, Coal, Coke and Wood	24 16 10
Balance	17 8 4	" Lawn Mower and Flowers and Shrubs for Church- yard	8 7 6
		" Poor Relief (annual)	£37 0 0
		" " (Christmas Gifts)	39 8 0
		" Rochester Deaconess' Fund	76 8 0
		" Wine, Washing and Cleaning Materials	2 2 0
		" Repairs to Church	13 17 6
		" Steeple and alteration of Belfry	21 18 4
		" Printing	16 8 3
		" Commission on Church Rate	12 7 11
		" Visitation Fee	2 6 2
		" Surpluses	18 0
		" Parish Nurse, Fund	3 2 9
		" Expenses of Rev. T. E. Cleworth's Mission	1 1 0
		" Christmas Decorations and Sundries	7 0 6
			5 12 10
	£345 10 0		£325 10 0

Examined with vouchers and found correct,
May 28th, 1900,

HENRY MORRIS, Auditor.

CHAS. STONE, }
R. T. BAKER, } Churchwardens.

POOR RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance in hand	2 6	Coals	31 14 1
Collections—December 24th and Christmas Day	39 8 0	Grocery	31 4 5
Received from Church- wardens in Quarterly Payments	37 0 0	Milk	1 0 10
Donations sent to Vicar- age (see list below)	30 8 6	Meat	4 0 0
		Medicine, Spectacles, Night Nurse	1 14 0
		Brandy and Wine	1 0 0
		Bonus, Maternity Fund	1 0 0
		Books, Tracts, &c.	4 17 8
		Clothes and Boots for Poor	4 7 6
		Annual Subscription— General Dispensary	2 2 0
		Special cases—given in money	10 16 1
		Convalescent Homes —Hire of Cabs, &c.	11 12 6
		Hire of Room for Mothers' Meeting	1 5 0
		Balance in hand	4 11
	£106 19 0		£106 19 0

There are several Outstanding Bills for Coals and Grocery.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Clifford, Mrs.	1 0 0	Ellis, Miss	2 6
Poland, E. L., Esq.	5 5 0	Ellis, Miss A.	2 6
Peckitt, W. H., Esq.	5 0 0	Wilson, E., Esq.	2 2 0
Barlow, W. H., Esq.	10 0 0	Townend, A., Esq.	1 0 0
Parkyn, Mrs. and Miss Spence	1 0 0	Mason, R. S., Esq.	1 0 0
Hockley, G., Esq.	1 1 0	Private Communions, per Rev. E. K. Botwood	13 0
Webb, Miss	2 6	Anonymous	10 0
Busk, Mrs.	10 0		
Busk, Miss	1 0 0		
			£30 8 6

We also acknowledge, with sincere thanks, One and a Half
Tons of Coals from Greenwich Police Court Poor Fund.

ST. JOHN'S, BLACKHEATH, PAROCHIAL ACCOUNTS.

FROM APRIL 1ST, 1899, TO MARCH 31ST, 1900.

CURATE'S FUND.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st April, 1899	...	1	2	3			
„ Collections, 28th May	...	14	14	11			
„ 26th November	...	15	4	6			
„ 25th March	...	23	16	11			
					53	16	4
„ Evening Collections	...				50	12	4
„ Subscriptions	...				49	1	0
„ Special Donations	...				45	0	0
„ Transfer from General Purposes Fund	...				2	9	9
					£202	1	8
By Stipend, Rev. E. P. Cachemaille, April to May, 1899	...				18	15	0
„ Stipend, Rev. E. K. Botwood, May, 1899, to April 1st, 1900	...				183	6	8
					£202	1	8

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PAROCHIAL INSTITUTE.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Collections, 10th September	...	10	15	4			
„ 7th March	...	1	17	3			
					12	12	7
„ Rent, Working Men's Club	...				35	0	0
„ Rent, Soup Kitchen	...				5	0	0
„ Subscriptions	...				27	12	6
„ Proceeds of Lecture, for Repairs, 24th February	...				3	19	6
„ Transfer from General Purposes Fund	...				9	11	10
„ Balance carried forward	...				1	3	0
					£94	19	5
By Caretaker's Wages, Mrs. Ballard	...				15	12	0
„ H. Rumney, Rent	...				33	16	8
„ Water Rate, £2 5s.; Coals, £2 15s. 6d.	...				5	0	6
„ Rates, £9 16s. 4d.; Taxes, £1 12s. 10d.	...				11	9	2
„ Fire Insurance, 7/6; Harris, Repairs, 18/-	...				1	5	6
„ Gas, 4 Quarters	...				19	15	11
„ Sundries, per W. Uridge	...				2	4	2
„ Work, Mrs. Smith, 9s.	...						9
„ C. D. Harris, on account for Repairs	...				5	0	0
„ J. Bridges, Chimney Cleaning	...						5
					£94	19	5

* The sum of £5 has been paid to Mr. C. D. Harris in part payment of his account of £31 11s. 3d., leaving £26 11s. 3d. still to be paid for Repairs, &c., to the Parochial Institute Premises required to be done under the Lease.

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BIBLE WOMAN FUND (Including Parochial Assistant).

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Collections, 22nd October	...	13	16	3			
„ 11th February	...	4	5	7			
					18	1	10
„ Subscriptions	...				29	0	6
„ Transfer from General Purposes Fund	...				8	8	11
					£55	11	3
By Miss Rand, 12 months	...				25	0	0
„ T. E. Johnson, Esq., 21½ weeks	...				21	10	0
„ Balance from last year	...				9	1	3
					£55	11	3

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
To Balance, 1st April, 1899	...	4	15	3	By Sunday School Treats	27 10 2	
„ Collections, 16th October	...	15	4		„ Infants' School Treat	5 16 4	
„ 11th March	...	12	3	6	„ Rent, per E. Lintott, Esq.	5 16 9	
			12	18	10	„ Prizes, per S. Edwards, Esq.	6 2 10
„ Subscriptions	...		19	1	0		
„ Sale of Tickets for Treat	...		5	7	0		
„ Transfer from General Purposes Fund	...		3	4	0		
			<u>45</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>45 6 1</u>

ORGAN FUND.

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
To Balance, 1st April, 1899	...	4	14	6	By Mr. H. H. Sloley, Organist	50 0 0	
„ Collections, 9th July	...	15	13	1	„ „ „ Music, 4/6 and 10/3	14 9	
„ 10th December	...	14	14	3	„ „ „ Printing	10 6	
			30	7	4	„ Tuning Organ, per N. & P.	4 4 0
„ Subscriptions	...		29	2	0	„ Balance carried forward	8 14 7
			<u>64</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>64 3 10</u>

MISSION HALL FUND.

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	
To Subscriptions	...	6	14	0	By Amounts paid Mr. G. Terrington	6 14 0
		<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>6 14 0</u>

PAROCHIAL TEAS.

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
To Balance, 1st April, 1899	...	4	10	1	By Band of Hope Treat	1 0 0	
„ Subscriptions	...	6	6	6	„ Mission Hall Tea Party	5 6 8	
					„ Christmas Tea	18 0	
					„ Balance carried forward	3 11 11	
			<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>10 16 7</u>

WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
To Balance, 1st April, 1899	...	2	17	6	By amount paid Mr. A. R. Matthews	15 5 6	
„ Subscriptions	...	14	14	6	„ Balance carried forward	2 6 6	
			<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>17 12 0</u>

BOYS' BRIGADE.

(As received by Parochial Treasurer. For full account see separate Report of B.B.)

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
To Balance, 1st April, 1899	...	2	2	0	By Amounts paid C. Mason, Esq.	17 3 6	
„ Subscriptions	...	15	1	6			
			<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>17 3 6</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS—Continued.

	Sunday Schools.	Curate's Fund.	Parochial Institute.	Bible Woman's Fund.	Mission Hall.	Organ Fund.	Working Men's Club.	Parochial Teas.	Boys' Brigade.	General Purposes Fund.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	4 14 6	11 9 0	7 16 0	4 18 0	2 5 0	5 8 0	4 17 6	1 12 0	3 12 6	10 6 0	56 18 6
Crookenden, I. A., Esq.	...	...	1 1 0	...	...	...	1 1 0	...	...	...	2 2 0
Daniell, Major	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0 0	2 0 0
Davis, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	2 2 0
Dixon, Miss	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	5 0 0
Dobson, C. M., Esq.	3 6	5 0	2 6	2 6	...	2 6	...	...	...	...	16 0
Dolton, Mrs.	2 6	5 0	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	...	7 6	1 0 0
Drury, Col. Dru	10 6	1 1 0	10 6	10 6	...	...	...	...	10 6	1 1 0	4 4 0
Duncan, Rev. N. F. and Mrs.	5 0	10 0	...	5 0	5 0	5 0	...	...	...	...	1 10 0
Dunn, Mrs.	10 0	...	...	10 0	...	10 0	...	5 0	10 0	...	2 5 0
Ellis, Miss A.	2 6	10 0	5 0	2 6	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	1 5 0
Field, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0 0	2 0 0
Finch, Mrs.	10 0	10 0	...	5 0	10 0	...	...	...	...	...	1 15 0
Friend, A.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 0 0	3 0 0
Gabb, Col.	5 0	2 0 0	10 0	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	10 0	5 0	...	...	5 10 0
Greaves, Mrs.	5 0	5 0	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	5 0	...	1 0 0
Grenside, C. F., Esq.	...	5 0	5 0	5 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 0
Gurney, Mrs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	1 1 0
Haldane, Mrs.	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	...	5 0	...	2 6	...	...	1 7 6
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	7 13 6	18 5 0	11 15 0	9 13 6	5 1 0	8 15 6	6 8 6	2 4 6	4 18 0	20 16 6	95 11 0

SUBSCRIPTIONS—Continued.

	Sunday Schools.	Curate's Fund.	Parochial Institute.	Bible Woman's Fund.	Mission Hall.	Organ Fund.	Working Men's Club.	Parochial Teas.	Boys' Brigade.	General Purposes Fund.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	7 13 6	18 5 0	11 15 0	9 13 6	5 1 0	8 15 6	6 8 6	2 4 6	4 18 0	20 16 6	95 11 0
Hale, Miss	2 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 6
Hall, Miss Pickard	10 6	...	10 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	2 2 0
Hambidge, W., Esq.	...	10 0	...	...	...	10 0	...	...	...	...	1 0 0
Hockley, Mrs.	5 0	2 6	5 0	...	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	17 6
Jackson, Miss	...	1 0 0	...	10 0	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	2 0 0
Jacob, F., Esq.	1 0 0	2 0 0	...	1 0 0	...	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	5 0 0
Kaufmann, Mrs.	...	...	...	1 1 0	...	1 1 0	...	...	...	...	2 2 0
Keep, Mrs. (the late)	5 0	10 6	10 6	10 6	...	...	...	5 0	...	...	2 1 6
Keep, A. P., Esq.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	...	1 1 0	...	2 2 0
Kitchin, J., Esq.	5 0	7 6	7 6	7 6	...	5 0	2 6	5 0	5 0	10 0	2 15 0
Ledger, R. G., Esq.	10 0	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	...	2 0 0	10 0	...	...	1 0 0	9 0 0
Lefroy, G. B. A., Esq.	10 0	...	...	5 0	...	...	...	5 0	...	...	1 0 0
Lewis, Mrs.	5 0	10 0	5 0	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	...	1 5 0
Marshall, Rev. J. W.	...	10 6	...	10 6	...	...	10 6	...	10 6	...	2 2 0
Marten, C. H., Esq.	...	...	1 1 0	1 1 0	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	...	3 3 0
Mason, Mrs. R. S.	...	...	...	10 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 6
Mauger, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 6	2 6
Maxwell, Rev. E. (the late)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	1 1 0
Maxwell, Mrs.	10 0	10 0	...	10 0	10 0	...	...	...	...	...	2 0 0
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	11 16 6	26 6 0	15 14 6	17 19 6	5 16 6	13 16 6	6 8 12 6	2 19 6	7 15 6	25 1 0	135 17 6

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SUBSCRIPTIONS—Continued.

	Sunday Schools.	Curate's Fund.	Parochial Institute.	Bible Woman's Fund.	Mission Hall.	Organ Fund.	Working Men's Club.	Parochial Teas.	Boys' Brigade.	General Purposes Fund.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	11 16 6	26 6 0	15 14 6	17 19 6	5 16 0	13 16 6	8 12 6	2 19 6	7 15 6	25 1 0	135 17 6
May, Morgan, Esq. ...	2 6	10 0	5 0	10 0	...	10 0	...	2 6	...	...	2 0 0
Mittlehausen, J., Esq. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	1 1 0
Moncrieff, R. H. Scott, Esq. ...	...	10 0	10 0	10 0	...	10 0	...	...	...	...	2 0 0
Morris, Henry, Esq. ...	5 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	...	2 0 0	10 0	5 0	...	...	6 0 0
Mulvany, The Misses	...	5 0	...	5 0	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	15 0
Oldknow, Capt., R.N.	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0
Palmer, T., Esq. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 0 0	...	2 0 0
Pantin, Mrs. ...	...	10 0	...	5 0	...	10 0	...	2 6	5 0	...	1 12 6
Parkyn, Mrs. ...	...	...	5 0	...	...	...	...	...	5 0	...	10 0
Phillips, Major-Gen. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0	10 0
Poland, E. L., Esq. ...	2 10 0	5 0 0	2 10 0	1 10 0	...	3 10 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 1 0	5 0 0	23 1 0
Pressey, Mrs. ...	5 0	...	...	5 0	...	10 0	...	...	...	...	1 0 0
Richardson, The Misses	3 0	...	7 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 6
Roberts, Rev. A. R. E. ... (don.)	...	10 0	10 0	10 0	...	10 0	...	...	...	...	2 0 0
R. E. ... (don.)	...	10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 0
Sargeant, Miss (don.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	...	1 0 0
Sawers, Mrs. ...	5 0	...	5 0	10 0	...	1 0 0	5 0	5 0	...	...	2 10 0
Simpson, Miss	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0	1 0 0
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	16 7 0	35 1 0	21 7 0	23 4 6	5 16 0	23 1 6	10 7 6	4 14 6	12 6 6	32 12 0	184 17 6

SUBSCRIPTIONS—Continued.

	Sunday Schools.	Curate's Fund.	Parochial Institute.	Bible Woman's Fund.	Mission Hall.	Organ Fund.	Working Men's Club.	Parochial Teas.	Boys' Brigade.	General Purposes Fund.	TOTAL
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	16 7 0	35 1 0	21 7 0	23 4 6	5 16 0	23 1 6	10 7 6	4 14 6	12 6 6	32 12 0	184 17 6
Skinner, Col. ...	2 6	10 0	2 6	2 6	2 6	...	2 6	...	2 6	...	1 5 0
Snoad, F., Esq. ...	10 6	1 1 0	10 6	...	...	10 6	...	...	...	10 6	3 3 0
Stainton, E., Esq. ...	6 0	3 3 0	10 0	10 6	...	2 2 0	10 6	5 0	1 1 0	...	8 8 0
Stone, Chas., Esq. ...	10 6	3 3 0	1 1 0	1 11 6	...	2 2 0	1 11 6	10 6	...	...	10 10 0
Sturmy, Mrs. ...	...	1 1 0	...	10 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 11 6
Townend, A., Esq. ...	10 6	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 1 0	...	1 1 0	10 6	10 6	10 6	...	6 6 0
Trigge, H. S., Esq. ...	...	1 1 0	10 6	...	10 6	...	...	...	...	...	2 2 0
Trotter, Mrs. ...	...	2 0 0	1 0 0	10 0	...	...	...	...	10 0	...	4 0 0
Watson, Col. ...	5 0	10 0	10 0	10 0	5 0	...	5 0	...	5 0	5 0	2 15 0
Webb, Capt. ...	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	...	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	10 0	2 10 0
Webb, Miss E. ...	2 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	...	...	1 0	1 0	1 0	...	1 0 0
West, W. J., Esq. ...	...	...	10 0	10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 0 0
Williams, Mrs. Hill	2 0	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 0	...	...	...	1 3 0
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	19 1 0	49 1 0	27 12 6	29 0 6	6 14 0	29 2 0	14 14 6	6 6 6	15 1 6	33 17 6	230 11 0

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MISSION HALL BALANCE SHEET, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance in hand, January 1st...	1 12 2½	By Cleaning Hall ...	31 0 6
„ Collections in Mission Hall ...	16 12 8½	„ Gas and Fuel ..	21 4 1
„ „ St. John's Church ...	21 12 11	„ Tradesmen's Bills ...	10 19 0
„ „ for C.M. Centenary ...	3 10 7	„ Water ...	2 0 0
„ Subscriptions per Mr. E. L. Poland...	5 4 0	„ Wine for Communion ...	10 0
„ Hire of Hall by School Committee ...	15 0 0	„ Hospital Sunday ...	1 8 4½
„ Donation from School Committee ...	5 16 0	„ Insurance... ..	1 6 6
„ Letting of Hall ...	6 19 7	„ Organist ...	5 0 0
„ Balance due to Hon. Treasurer ...	10 4	„ C.M. Centenary (see contra)...	3 10 7
		„ Stationery ...	1 3
		„ Incidental Expenses ...	1 6 5
	<u>£78 6 8½</u>		<u>£78 6 8½</u>

There are outstanding Accounts to the amount of
£5 7s. 2d.

Audited, compared with books and vouchers, and found correct,

17th January, 1900.

A. R. MATTHEWS }
G. W. DAY } Auditors.

SOUP KITCHEN, 1898-99.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance, as per last Statement ...	1 15 4	Mr. Hartwell (butcher) ..	9 10 8
Interest in Savings Bank ...	1 3	Mr. Uridge (grocer) ...	8 0 5½
Cash in hand ...	19 1	Mr. Bassett (greengrocer) ...	2 18 4
Subscriptions ...	16 19 6	Mrs. Young ...	5 12 0
Sale of Soup ...	14 17 10	Miss Rand ...	10 0
		Rent and Fuel ...	5 0 0
		Printing and Postage ...	10 5½
		Hollis, for repairs ...	14 6
		Balance in Bank ...	1 16 7
	<u>£34 13 0</u>		<u>£34 13 0</u>

The Soup Kitchen was opened 28 times last winter.

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LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

TO THE
DISTRICT NURSE FUND, 1898-1899.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Adkin, Mrs. ...	5 0
Aldridge, Mrs. ...	10 0
Ashton, Mrs. ...	2 2 0
Banning, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Bannister, The Misses	10 0
Barron, J., Esq. ...	5 0
Barton, Mrs. ...	10 0
Batley, Mrs. Fox ...	5 0
Bell, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Benn, Mrs. ...	5 0
Binning, Mrs. ...	10 0
Blaker, Mrs. ...	5 0
Boucher, Miss ...	5 0
Boustred, The Misses	5 0
Bowery, Mrs. ...	5 0
Boys, Mrs. ...	5 0
Buchanan, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Busk, Mrs. ...	1 10 0
Busk, Miss ...	1 0 0
Cadman, Mr. ...	5 0
Carrow, Mrs. ...	10 0
Champion, Mrs. ...	10 0
Cheshire, Mrs. ...	5 0
Clarke, Mrs. G. ...	10 0
Cobb, The Misses ...	5 0
Cooper, Mrs. J. ...	5 0
Cooper, Mrs. (Carrick House)	1 0 0
Dixon, Miss ...	1 0 0
Fawkes, Lady Constance	5 0
Ferrey, Mrs. ...	5 0
Finch, Mrs. ...	5 0
Fisher, Mrs. ...	5 0
Foster, Mrs. ...	5 0
Fraser, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Gardner, Mrs. ...	2 2 0
Gillett, Mrs. ...	5 0
Haldane, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Hale, Miss ...	2 2 0
Holl, Mrs. ...	5 0
Johnson, Mrs. Claude	1 1 0
Kidbrook Offertory (per Rev. J. C. Leeke)	2 2 0
Knapping, Miss ...	1 0 0
Lamplough, The Misses	2 0 0
Leach, Miss (the late)	10 6
Ledger, R., Esq. ...	1 1 0
Ledger, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Lightfoot, Mrs. ...	10 0
Lindley, Miss ...	10 10 0
Lovegrove, The Misses	10 0
Mackern, Mrs. ...	10 0
Marten, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Martin, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Mason, Mrs. R. S. ...	10 0
Moncrieff, Mrs. Scott	10 0
Morris, Mrs. Henry ...	1 0 0
Muller, Mrs. ...	5 0
Pantin, Mrs. ...	5 0
Parkyn, Mrs. ...	10 0
Parkyn, Mrs. George	1 1 0
Parsons, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Poland, E. L., Esq. ...	2 12 0
Pressey, Mrs. ...	5 0
Richardson, Mrs. R. ...	10 0
Richmond, Mrs. (the late)	10 0
Rolls, Mrs. ...	10 0
Sawers, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Scott, Mrs. Cumin ...	10 0
Scrutton, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Sheringham, Mrs. ...	5 0
Sloman, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Smith, The Misses Herbert	10 0
Soames, Mrs. J. K. (the late)	2 0 0
Spencer, Mrs. Alex. ...	1 1 0
Storrar, Mrs. ...	5 0

DISTRICT NURSE FUND.—Continued.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. John's Offertory (per Rev. J. W. Marshall)	1 1 0
Swann, Mrs. ...	5 0
Swinton, Mrs. ...	10 0
Thomas, Mrs. ...	5 0
Tolputt, Mrs. ...	5 0
Walker, Mrs. ...	10 0
Watney, T., Esq. ...	5 0
Watt, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Watt, Miss ...	10 0
Webb, Mrs. Harry ...	3 0 0
Webb, Miss ...	5 0
Whatley, Mrs. ...	5 0
Winch, Mrs. ...	2 2 0
Yarrow, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Collection at St. John's Church	4 7 5
Sums under 5s.	2 2 6
	<u>£82 1 5</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Money received in Subscriptions and Donations ...	82 1 5
Payment for Nurse Taylor's Services for one year ...	65 0 0
Printing ..	1 8 0
Bill for Surgical Dressings, Mackintosh, &c.	2 4 8
Various Expenses ...	2 0 0
Present to Nurse Taylor	2 0 0
Deficit from last year	9 4 3
In hand ...	4 6
	<u>£82 1 5</u>

ST. JOHN'S WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Committee have pleasure in presenting their report for the year.

Founded more than thirty years ago, it was for a time the only working men's club in the neighbourhood. Now others have been established which, in some respects, are more up to date in their provision for the requirements of their members.

The Committee have from time to time carefully considered this question, and last year decided to reduce their expenses, with the idea of providing a fund to meet the growing demands of the times.

It will be seen from the appended cash statement that the balance in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer is an increase on that of last year, but it is not at all sufficient to meet the objects the Committee have in view.

Our library, too—once the best in the neighbourhood of its kind—requires overhauling and a new supply of books.

The Benefit Clubs have come in for their share in the re-arrangement, and show satisfactory results of the year's work.

Special arrangements have been made with our coal merchant during the present trying times, and we have a fair supply at a reasonable rate.

The Committee much regret the falling off in Hon. Subscribers during the last few years. They, however, desire to express their indebtedness to those ladies and gentlemen who have so generously assisted them, and further wish to specially thank the Hon. Treasurer, who has been good enough to guarantee the fidelity of the Secretaries for the time being at a saving of thirty shillings a year.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

1ST BLACKHEATH COMPANY (*No. 2, West Kent Battalion*).

Headquarters:

7 BANCHORY ROAD.

Officers:

THE REV. J. W. MARSHALL, B.A., *Chaplain*.J. SIMMS, *Captain*.C. E. S. MASON, J. C. CARTER, C. J. PLUMMER, *Lieutenants*.

The object of the Boys' Brigade is "the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness."—(*Extract from the constitution*).

REPORT.

THE Company of the Brigade connected with this Parish continues to prove itself to be a most valuable parochial organisation, and its seventh session is no exception to the record of progress which it has been able to show for several years.

While giving primary attention to the spiritual welfare of its Members, it recognises the need not only of controlling but also of providing such recreations as tend to the development of "a healthy mind in a healthy body," a most important factor in the growth of "a true Christian manliness."

The Company meet for Divine Service every Sunday evening throughout the greater part of the year, and a Bible Class is held

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each Tuesday. The attendances in both cases have been most satisfactory, and there is no doubt the good influence they exert extends far beyond the limits of the Company.

In drill the Company maintains a high standard, though much hampered by want of a suitable hall.

An excellent reputation for Athletics has been well sustained in the Company Cricket, Football and Swimming Clubs.

The Boys' Rooms provide indoor recreation, and are supplied with games, papers and periodicals. There is also a small Library.

It is proposed to hold the usual Summer Camp in August at Deal. This has been found to be of the greatest possible benefit to all who attend, both spiritually and physically.

The Officers are most grateful for all the good the Company has been enabled to do in the advancement of "Christ's Kingdom amongst boys," and take the opportunity of thanking all those who have so generously supported the work in many and various ways.



ST. JOHN'S, BLACKHEATH,
CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1899-1900.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Collected by Mrs. BOILEAU—		Collected by Mrs. GRENSIDE—	
Botwood, Rev. E. K. ...	1 1 0	Allsup, Mrs. ...	10 6
Bowery, Mrs. ...	2 2 0	Badham, Mrs. ...	5 0
Calcott, Mrs. Berkley ...	5 0	Barlow, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Chittick, Mrs. ...	10 0	Benwell, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Crawford, Mrs. ...	5 0	Boileau, Mrs. ...	4 4 0
Day, Mrs. (the late) ...	10 0	Brown, Mrs. ...	5 0
Dixon, Miss ...	2 2 0	Burney, Miss K. ...	5 0
Dobson, Mrs. ...	5 0	Carrow, Mrs. ...	10 6
Drury, Col. & Mrs. Dru ...	1 1 0	Clifford, Mrs. ...	5 0
Haldane, Mrs. ...	1 0 0	Dru Drury, F., Esq. ...	10 6
Huntley, Mr. ...	5 0	Duncan, Rev. N. F. and	
Jackson, Rev. H. R. T. ...	1 1 0	Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Marshall, Rev. J. W. ...	1 1 0	Ellis, Miss ...	5 0
Richardson, The Misses ...	10 0	Evans, Mrs. ...	10 6
Skinner, Mrs. ...	5 0	Fawkes, Col. ...	1 0 0
Sums under 5s. ...	17 0	Foster, Mrs. ...	10 0
Collected by Mrs. CHESHIRE—		Gardner, Mrs. ...	5 0
Banning, Mrs. ...	10 0	Greenwood, Miss ...	5 0
Bannister, Miss ...	10 6	Grenside, C. F., Esq.,	
Bannister, Miss E. ...	10 6	and Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Barton, Mrs. ...	10 0	Greaves, Mrs. ...	10 0
Batley, Mrs. Fox ...	5 0	Green, Mrs. Henry ...	10 6
Busk, Mrs. ...	1 1 0	Hancock, Mrs. ...	5 0
Cheshire, E., Esq. ...	1 1 0	Hayes, Mrs. ...	5 0
Cheshire, Mrs. E. ...	1 1 0	Hatch, Mrs. ...	10 6
Darnell, Mrs. ...	5 0	Hyem, Miss ...	5 0
Gabb, Col. ...	10 0 0	Jackson, Miss ...	10 0
Green, Mrs. C. E. ...	1 0 0	Jackson, Miss M. E. ...	5 0
Griffin, Mrs. ...	5 0	Jermain, Mrs. ...	5 0
Hambidge, Mrs. ...	10 6	Kelaart, F., Esq. ...	10 0
Jacob, Mrs. ...	1 1 0	Kitchin, Mrs. ...	5 0
Keep, Mrs. (the late) ...	1 1 0	List, Mrs. ...	5 0
Ledger, Mrs. ...	1 1 0	Mason, Mrs. R. S. ...	10 6
Palmer, Mrs. ...	5 0	Maxwell, Rev. E. (the	
Peckitt, Mrs. ...	2 6	late) ...	3 0 0
Roberts, Rev. A. & Mrs. ...	1 0 0	Maxwell, Mrs. ...	2 2 0
Scott, Gilbert, Esq. ...	10 0 0	Mittlehausen, Mrs. ...	5 0
„ (Hausa Mission) ...	5 0	Morris, H., Esq., and	
Stone, C., Esq. ...	1 1 0	Mrs. ...	4 0 0
Sturmy, Mrs. ...	10 0	Mulvany, The Misses ...	2 0 0
Synge, Mrs. ...	1 10 0	Pantin, Mrs. ...	10 0
Watson, Mrs. ...	5 0	Parkyn, Mrs. ...	2 2 0
Westbrook, Miss ...	5 0	Pharo, Mrs. ...	5 0
		Poland, E. L., Esq. ...	2 2 0
		Pressey, Mrs. ...	1 1 0

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Continued.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Ritter, Mrs. ...	10 6	Trotter, Mrs. R. ...	3 0 0
Roberts, Mrs. ...	10 0	Watkins, A. A., Esq., and Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Rolls, Mrs. ...	5 0	Winchester, Miss ...	5 0
Sargeant, Miss (don.)	1 0 0	Worringham, Mrs. ...	10 0
Sawers, Mrs. ...	1 1 0	Sums under 5s. ...	1 6 0
Scholefield, Mrs. ...	10 0		
Soames, Mrs. J. K. (the late) ...	1 0 0	Per Rev. J. W. MARSHALL—	
Spence, Miss ...	1 0 0	Mason, R. S., Esq. ...	1 1 0
Townend, A., Esq. ...	5 0 0		
Trigge, Henry S., Esq. ...	1 1 0		
			£103 13 0

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Collections in Church...	12 8	Pilkington (in memory of Ralph) ...	10 0
BOXES—		Pryer, Alfred ...	9 6
Auld, Dorothy ...	5 6	Rochfort, Mrs. ...	1 4 6
Bible Class (Major Osborn) ...	1 2 3	St. John's Vicarage ...	5 8
Baker, The Misses ...	11 10	Simms, Arthur & Florence ...	7 5
Barton, Esther ...	12 2	Skinner, The Misses ...	18 8
Bone, Alice ...	6 8	Stratheden House ...	10 3
Buckle, Miss ...	2 4 4	Syngé, Miss ...	1 10 6
Christie, Florence and Kathleen ...	5 11	Scott, Lester ...	1 18 9
Dold, The Misses ...	10 10	Trigge, Miss ...	5 7
Dorrington, Miss ...	2 4 3	Walton, Mrs. ...	9 0
Duncan, Rev. N. F. ...	19 2	Watkins, Gwen & Irene ...	5 8
Eastcote House ...	1 5 3	Watson, Miss D. ...	1 0 7
Edwards, Mrs. ...	6 4	Webb, Mr. ...	14 3
Gray, Miss E. ...	1 0 0	Y.W.C.A. ...	1 17 3
Green, Mrs. Henry ...	1 1 2	Sums under 5s. ...	3 13 5
Hainworth, Miss L. ...	8 11		
Hancock, The Misses ...	1 2 4	SUNDAY SCHOOL BOXES—	
Hart, Miss Annie ...	7 5	Boys—Marshall, Miss ...	£ s. d.
Hatch, Mrs. ...	5 9	H. M. (Class IX) ...	11 3
Hyem, Miss ...	5 9	Girls—Hart, Miss R. (Class VII) ...	5 4
Jenkins, Eliza ...	8 3	Greaves, Miss M. (Class XII) ...	5 5
Jupp, Miss Margaret ...	11 9	Infants ...	5 10
Miller, John ...	5 0	Miss Rand's Infants ...	7 2
Milton, The Misses ...	1 3 5	Sums under 5s. ...	1 15 9
Morgan May, Leonard	12 8		
Maisonnette ...	3 0 1		
Nichols, Miss E. ...	1 5 0		
Pantin, Miss Mabel ...	1 6 0		
Parr, Joyce & Loveday	12 6		
			£44 14 11

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Continued.

SUMMARY.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Annual Subscriptions.			
Collected by—			
Mrs. Boileau ...	13 0 0		
„ Cheshire ...	35 16 0		
„ Greside ...	53 16 0		
Per Rev. J. W. Marshall ...	1 1 0		
		103 13 0	
Collections in Church ...		29 10 2	
Sale of Work ...		37 10 0	
			170 13 2

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION.

Collection in Church ..	12 8
Boxes ..	44 2 3
	44 14 11

CENTENARY BIRTHDAY GIFT.

Collections in Church ...	219 3 6
„ „ Mission Hall ...	3 10 7
	222 14 1
	£438 2 2

SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This is the only Church of England Society working in South America, except the S.P.G., which has Missionaries in British Guiana.

GENERAL FUND.

£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Baber, J. W., Esq. ...	1 1 0	Jackson, Miss ...	1 0 0
Bannister, The Misses ...	5 0	Jacob, Mrs. ...	5 0
Boileau, Mrs. ...	10 0	Jones, Mrs. Edward ...	5 0
Clifford, Mrs. ...	1 1 0	Knight, A., Esq. ...	10 0
Cobb, The Misses ...	1 0 0	Morton, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Cooper, Mrs. ...	10 0	Shaw, Miss ...	10 0
Dixon, Miss (1899) ...	10 0	Sloman, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Dixon, Miss (1900) ...	10 0	Stone, C., Esq. ...	10 0
Drury, Col. Dru ...	10 6	Walters, Mrs. ...	5 0
Fawkes, Lady Constance (special donation) ...	2 0 0	Watson, Col. ...	5 0
Foord, Miss ...	10 0	Sums under 5/- ...	10 6
Greaves, Mrs. ...	10 0		
			£14 19 0

ST. JOHN'S, BLACKHEATH,
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ZENANA SOCIETY,
1899-1900.

President—Rev. J. W. MARSHALL.

Secretary—Miss MARSHALL.

Treasurer—Mrs. GRENSIDE.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Boileau, Miss, Collected by, £13 6s.—	Kitchin, Mrs. ... 5 0
Anonymous (don.) ... 5 0 0	Little, Miss ... 2 6
Ranning, Mrs. (2 yrs.) ... 5 0	Morris, Mrs. H. ... 10 0
Bannister, The Misses ... 10 0	Mulvany, The Misses ... 1 0 0
Barrett, Mrs. ... 2 6	(special fund) ... 2 0 0
Boileau, Mrs. ... 1 5 0	Ozanne, Mrs. ... 2 6
Boileau, Miss Alice ... 5 0	Palmer, T., Esq. ... 4 0 0
Boileau, Miss M. (special fund) ... 5 0	Poland, E. L., Esq. ... 1 1 0
Cheshire, Mrs. ... 5 0	Robinson, Mrs. (per Mrs. Greaves) ... 5 0
Gabb, Col. ... 5 0 0	Stainton, Mrs. ... 10 0
L. B. (saved by Indian postage) ... 3 6	Stone, C., Esq. ... 1 1 0
Roberts, Mrs. ... 5 0	Stone, Miss ... 5 0
	Tapson, Miss ... 5 0
	Trotter, Mrs. R. ... 6 0 0
Grenside, Mrs., Collected by, £38 17s.—	Trotter, Mrs. R. (per Anonymous) ... 8 0 0
Armstrong, Mrs. (per Miss Mulvany) ... 1 1 0	Watkins, Mrs. ... 10 6
Barton, Mrs. ... 10 6	West, Mrs. ... 10 0
Bell, Mrs. ... 1 0 0	Westbrook, Miss ... 2 6
Benwell, Mrs. ... 1 0 0	
Brooke, Mrs. ... 10 0	Marshall, Miss, Collected by, £51 13s.—
Campbell, Mrs. (per Miss Mulvany) ... 1 0 0	Bannister, The Misses (special fund) ... 1 1 0
"Cecil" (per Mrs. Greaves) ... 3 0	Birkett, Miss ... 2 6
Dixon, Miss ... 10 0	Bowery, Mrs. ... 5 0
Ferry, Mrs. ... 2 6	Burney, Miss K. ... 5 0
Finch, Mrs. ... 2 6	Carrow, Mrs. ... 5 0
Greaves, Mrs. ... 10 0	C. (don.) ... 5 0
Grenside, Mrs. ... 10 0	Christie, Mrs. ... 2 6
Hainworth, Mrs. ... 5 0	Clifford, Mrs. ... 10 0
Jackson, Mrs. ... 2 6	Codrington, Mrs. ... 2 0 0
Jackson, Miss ... 10 0	Collett, Mrs. ... 1 6
Jackson, Alfred, Esq. (per Miss Jackson) ... 1 0 0	Darnell, Mrs. ... 5 0
Jackson, J. J., Esq. (per Miss Jackson) ... 3 0 0	Dorrington, Miss ... 5 0
Jones, Miss (per Miss Mulvany) ... 10 0	Fawkes, The Lady Constance ... 10 0 0
	Friend, A (special fund) ... 5 0 0
	Hart, Mrs. Cheney ... 5 0
	H. G. (special fund) ... 2 0 0

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ZENANA SOCIETY.—Continued.

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jacob, Mrs. ... 10 6	Townend, A., Esq. ... 5 0 0
Kitchin, Mrs. (special fund) ... 10 0	Townend, Mrs. ... 1 1 0
Keep, Mrs. ... 1 1 0	Turney, Mrs. ... 5 0
Knight, Mrs. ... 2 6	Walters, Mrs. ... 5 0
Ledger, Mrs. R. G. ... 5 0	Watkins, Mrs. ... 10 0
Lewis, Mrs. (special fund) ... 10 0	Watson, Mrs. ... 5 0
Marshall, Mrs. ... 10 0	Wilson, Mrs. E. ... 5 0
Marshall, Miss C. F. (card) ... 2 6	Winsor, Mrs. (don.) ... 6 0
Maxwell, Rev. E., the late (special fund) ... 5 0 0	
Maxwell, Mrs. (special fund) ... 5 0 0	£103 16 0
Morris, Mrs. C. K. ... 2 6	Boxes, £8 1s. 2½d.—
Newman, Miss ... 2 6	Aston, Miss Maud ... 16 7
Pantin, Mrs. ... 1 0 0	Butler, Miss ... 8 8
Parkyn, Mrs. ... 10 0	Farthing Box ... 3 0
Reeves, Misses, and Winton (card) ... 5 0	Green, Mrs. H. ... 17 0
Rothney, Mrs. (special fund) ... 1 0 0	Grenside, Dorothy and Mabel ... 13 0
Sargeant, Miss (special fund) ... 2 0 0	Kitchin, Miss E. D. ... 5 7½
Scott, Gilbert, Esq. ... 1 1 0	Larking, E. ... 17 1½
Sloman, Mrs. ... 10 0	Lewis, Mrs. ... 7 0
Spence, Miss ... 10 0	Marshall, Miss ... 1 0 0
Sturmy, Mrs. ... 5 0	Stockbridge, Miss ... 12 4½
Sturmy, Mrs. (special fund) ... 5 0	12 Park Villas ... 2 0
	Walker, Mrs. ... 7 6
	Walter, Miss ... 5 8½
	Walters, Miss ... 3 3½
	Watson, Miss May ... 1 2 4
	£8 1 2½

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

	£ s. d.
Subscriptions and Donations ...	103 16 0
Boxes ...	8 1 2½
Collections in St. John's Church ...	29 10 2
Fuh-Kien Band, "Our Own Missionary" ...	100 0 0
Rev. J. W. Marshall and Family, for Bible Woman in Fuh-Kien ...	4 0 0
Royalty on Sale of Book, "For His Sake" ...	2 14 7
Sale of Work:—	
General Stall ...	54 0 0
Indian Stall, Miss M. E. Mulvany ...	18 0 0
"Daybreak" Workers ...	20 0 0
	92 0 0
	£340 1 11½

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE
SOCIETY.**

BLACKHEATH BRANCH.

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REPORT, 1898-99.

YOUR Committee have pleasure in presenting once more their Annual Report of the C.E.T.S. work in Blackheath.

The Annual Meeting was held on November 25th, 1898, in St. Michael's Vestry, and was of a business character.

On the August Bank Holiday temperance refreshments were provided on the Heath, through the kind liberality of Mrs. Gordon, of St. German's Place.

On August 10th we held our Annual Open-air Meeting in the Old

Dover Road, with the valued assistance of our old friends the members of the S.E.R. Pioneer Band, whose music and speaking were listened to by a considerable audience.

Since the last Annual Meeting we have had to regret the loss of one of our collectors, Miss Barron—unexpectedly called to her rest—whose kind help and interest in the work we shall ever remember. There are now two vacancies in our staff of Collectors. Who will step in? C.E.T.S. work in a place where there is very little contact with the evils of Drunkenness, may be somewhat unexciting; but perhaps for that very reason we should ask ourselves whether there is not a call to some of us to help in such work.

Finally, your Committee would once more express their sense of the need of greater zeal in a cause which concerns not only the temporal well-being of the nation, but the furtherance of the Gospel itself.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM
MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S CONGREGATION.**

£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Bannister, Miss 5 0	Mauger, Miss 2 6
Barlow, Mrs. 10 0	Morris, H., Esq. 10 0
Boileau, Mrs. 5 0	Pantin, Mrs. 5 0
Bowery, Mrs. (the late) 5 0	Poland, E. L., Esq. ... 1 1 0
Burness, Mrs. 10 0	Poland, E. L., Esq., (per
Clifford, Mrs. 10 6	Rev. A. R. Whately) 1 1 0
Collins, Miss 5 0	Skinner, Col. E. S. ... 5 0
Haldane, Mrs. 5 0	Stone, C., Esq. 1 1 0
Marshall, Rev. J. W. ... 10 6	
Marshall, Miss 1 0	
Marshall, Miss H. M. ... 1 0	<u>£7 13 6</u>

THE BAND OF HOPE.

The Band of Hope continues to hold fortnightly meetings, which are well attended. Members are taking an increased interest in helping forward the entertainments, and we have had one or two good "Members' Nights." We have also had two interesting lectures on "Kindness to Animals," kindly arranged for by Miss S. M. Cobb. The Committee would express their thanks to J. Johnson, Esq., for so kindly showing his lantern on two occasions, and to all who have helped with lectures or entertainments.

STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ST. JOHN'S AND KIDBROOK BAND OF HOPE.

From January, 1899, to December, 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
In hand from 1898	... 2 4 1½	Stamps, Stationery, and Medals, &c. ...	... 11 0
Children's Subscriptions	2 2 4½	Piano tuned ...	... 5 0
From Parochial Tea Fund ...	... 1 0 0	Treats, Summer and Christmas ...	... 3 19 8
Sale of Tickets	... 12 6	Railway Fares to Hayes	1 0 0
Paid by Children for Railway Fares ...	... 17 6	Hire of Lantern ...	... 4 6
Donations from Helpers	6 0	Hymn Books, Prizes, &c.	13 0
Anonymous (donation)	7 0	Use of Mission Hall ...	... 2 0 0
Grant from the Adult Society ...	... 4 0 0	In hand ...	... 2 16 4
	<u>£11 9 6</u>		<u>£11 9 6</u>

ST. JOHN'S PAROCHIAL LIBRARY.

Our Library has now been in existence for 14 years, and is doing a very useful work in the Parish. It is intended for both children and adults.

It is opened fortnightly throughout the year, with the exception of the months of July and August. The books are very much appreciated by all the members.

A subscription of 1d. per month is charged (or 2d. if the books are sent to members' houses) and 1d. entrance fee. After paying the small necessary expenses connected with the working of the Library, the Balance is not sufficiently large to purchase all the new Books required to meet the variety of needs of the members.

Further information will be gladly given by either of the Librarians, by whom Subscriptions will be also thankfully received.

Appended is a Statement of Accounts during the year 1899.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance in hand	... 6 5 9	New Books ..	... 2 12 0
Members' Subscriptions	2 5 11	Repairs, Covering, and Bookbinding...	... 1 19 8
Subscriptions & Dona- tions 17 0	Printing...	... 5 0
	<u>£9 8 8</u>	Balance 4 12 0
			<u>£9 8 8</u>

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