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Character of Population

Interview with Rev J. Wesley Boud, pastor of Penge Tabernacle, in the Vestry of the church, Maple Road.
December 6th 1900 – J. A.

Mr Boud is a heavily built pleasant faced man, with grey hair and short grey whiskers and beard. A genial kindly soul, he is well pleased with his work, his church and congregation, and has a good word for everybody. He is probably about 60 years of age, and coming here from the country 14 years ago, still retains a provincial look.

He has been here long enough to see a considerable change in Penge, the richer classes having removed to Brighton and elsewhere, and their places taken by lower middle and working class people, who still increase as houses are built for them. There are one or two small factories (platinum & sauce) but apart from building there is little local industry, and the bulk of the people work elsewhere, a considerable number being gardeners &c. employed by the richer people of Beckenham. On the Alexandra Estate there is a large population of good working class, as also in most of the streets and

Portion reached.

Workers.

groves off Maple Road, whilst quite the poorest and roughest are represented in Arpley Road & Vineleigh R^{d} and poor labouring people in S. Hugh's Road, &c.

In regard to church and chapel going, he thinks the district compares favourably with any in S.E. London. A large proportion of all classes attend, but still there are a considerable number who do not go, these consisting mainly of better class artisans. Attendance at a place of worship is on the increase rather than otherwise, and accomodation is provided for 8000 more than when he came here, besides several missions. There is practically no opposition - neither theatre, music Hall, nor Sunday Band.

The population of the hamlet is 23,000 and it does not grow largely.

His own church consists largely of working people, including some of the poorest, and a few well-to-do.

Apart from himself and caretaker, no paid workers, and he himself has no fixed stipend, having always preferred to depend entirely on seat rents. There is a large staff of voluntary workers - including

Buildings.

deacons & S.S. Superintendents, 50 teachers, 20 tract distributors & 40 mission workers, as well as managers and committees of Temperance Society, Band of Hope and various other organizations.

Mr B. showed me over the buildings, which cover an extensive plot of ground, and leave room for further extension. The new Tabernacle, opened about 6 years ago, gives ample seating room for 1130, and can be made to hold a much larger number. It has a commodious, bright-looking interior, well adapted for preaching. The seats in the gallery facing the rostrum are free and "are the best in the house" says Mr B. By the side of it is the old tabernacle, now used as a girls Sunday School, and capable of accomodating 700 or 800. At the back is the boy's school, seating 200 or so, with class rooms behind, which can, when necessary, be thrown into the large room. This room, which is used also as a gymnasium and for the smaller social gatherings has a comfortable kitchen adjoining, and bore signs of the previous night's festivity

Services.

Bond - Penge Tabernacle (Baptist).

There are also 4 or 5 rooms, some of them smart and comfortable - used by young men's and women's Bible classes, the young men having decidedly the best rooms.

A picture of the Buildings appears on front page of magazine inserted herewith, which also has list of services and meetings.

The church membership is over 600, and the average congregation numbers about 1000, being fullest in the morning. Many workers are away in the evening at the Missions, which form quite a feature. They include the Guide Hall Mission, Love Lane, and the Avenue Road Mission both founded and run by this church, a children's mission in Woodbine Road, and cottage missions in S. Hugh's Road and in Addison Road, Norwood. They also help at the Block House, the Arthur Road, and Alexandra Missions - "all come to Penge Tabernacle for workers."

The children's service at the church is attended by about 300, and the week night service for adults attracts a fairly good congregation. All round "we compare very favourably with any other section here."

Boud - Penge Tabernacle (Bap^t)

At the Church Buildings something is going on every day. The Young Men's Bible Classes have about 100 members, and the Young Women's perhaps even more than that; the Mother's Meeting is prosperous, includ^g the usual coal club & bonus; and the Slate Club has 300 members; The Band of Hope is large, and the Sunday School has 800 children; (boys and girls separately taught). The children of well to do & poor sit next to each other, but he has sometimes thought he ought to provide a separate room for the children of good social standing. However, this is not a difficulty at present.

Rambling and cricket clubs are amongst the other features.

Some of the Mothers who attend the meeting here on Monday, go to the Parochial Hall on Sunday, but there is not the slightest jealousy about that. Indeed they sometimes send workers to help the Vicar of S. Johns @ the Parochial Hall, and he in turn comes to their chapel bazaar &c. "So long as a soul is saved, it does not matter where." So friendly is the feeling that during a recent serious illness

Educational work.

Visiting.

the Vicar was Mr Boud's frequent visitor & spiritual adviser.

No day schools. Good Board Schools have made this quite unnecessary. Mr Boud was for 15 years one of the School managers, and speaks highly of the work done - good evening classes, &c. Now Penge has a brand new School Board of its own, and takes over the Board Schools all up to date, and fully equipped, in which they are very fortunate, he thinks.

Last year Mr B. made over 1000 visits, many of them to people outside his own congregation. He is often sent for when death threatens. The tract distributors also visit and are provided with 1/- emergency tickets, which they may give if they think necessary. Mr B. professes to keep a watchful eye on these tickets he insists that the tradesmen shall always write on the back of each ticket exactly what was supplied and he or a trusted church officer visits where it seems needful. In some cases they give a little pension. About £100 a year is spent in charity. He keeps in

Nursing.

Other Religious Influences.

touch with other churches, compares notes with the Scripture reader, and is careful not to interfere with cases which are under the care of another Church.

Mr B was one of those who administered locally the Mansion House Unemployed Fund, some years ago, & he claims that their system was so good that they were able to return several hundred pounds of the Grant made to them. All the Clergy & ministers were on it, and the friendly spirit of exchanging information has continued, so that overlapping is avoided.

He has found out that the most real poverty is that which hides itself & distrusts all pleading now.

No paid nurse, but all needy cases looked after. "It is wonderful how the people look after each other in sickness," and neighbourly help is preferred to that of strangers. "I have at least 20 good sensible women whom I could call on, and any one of them would be pleased to go to a case."

Nearly all the sects represented, & all are honestly trying. "Not a lazy church in the Hamlet."

Other Charitable Work.

Local Government.

Drink

Housing &c.

In addition to the poor fund of each Church, there is a large Philanthropic Society, which does very good work. The Churches subscribe & send cases which need particular help. The Churches have no central organization for cooperating. Each too busy in his own place to be able to attend meetings.

Under the new Act, Penge is separated from Lewisham and has now a Council of its own from which Mr B. hopes much. They have got a splendid body of men on it.

The New Act has also had a good effect on Penge because the P.Houses here have now to close at 11, instead of 12.30. Friends have remarked to him that they do not know what has come to the place lately. - it's so quiet and orderly at night. A lot of people used to come from Croydon (where they close at 11) to get drink here; going home by the late theatre train, and could be heard noisily making their way home, and sometimes getting into trouble with the Police.

Flats for 2 families are being run up now & are

taken before they are ready. Rents are rising, which with increasing price of provisions, is rather a serious thing to the large number of people with small annuities who live here.

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Monday.

Mothers' Meeting 2.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday.

Junior Dorcas 6 p.m.
Band of Hope 7 p.m.

Wednesday.

Service 7 30 p.m.
Young Men's Bible Class 8.30 p.m.
Children's Meeting, Avenue Rd., Birkbeck, 6.30 p.m.

Thursday.

Children's Meeting 6.30 p.m
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Friday.

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The Anniversary and Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Guide Hall, on October 14th and 15th, was a season of much blessing to all, and will not soon be forgotten. The abundance of fruits and flowers bore evidence of the continued progress of the work amongst the people of Norwood, and the increased interest of friends from all directions.

The Afternoon Special Service for Children was conducted by Mr. A. E. Hambrook, and in the evening by Messrs. H. Smithers and D. Edwards. Every available space was used to accommodate the people, and many had to remain standing the whole of the Service. On Monday evening a Public Meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Hugh Beech, who spoke of the encouraging results of the efforts of the young men of his class under the guidance of a faithful God. Mr. Harvey gave an interesting and helpful address to the children, and was followed by an earnest and impressive address by Mr. Mead. The Bible Class String Band assisted at the Services, and the children of the Sunday School rendered good services by their sweet singing.

The gifts of fruit and vegetables were freely distributed in Love Lane, also some fruit was sent to the Croydon Hospital.

H. SMITHERS.

On Sunday, Nov. 4th, five were received into the fellowship of the Church.

Anniversary Services.

Sunday, October 21st, Rev. T. I. Stockley, of Hendon, was the preacher, and his visit was very much enjoyed. Wednesday, October 24th, "the great day of the feast," commenced with a Prayer and Praise Meeting at 6 a.m., and a large number gathered at that early hour. Punctually to the minute the Pastor and Officers commenced the Service, which was to continue through the whole day, Miss Boud presiding with her usual ability at the organ. The supplications were brief, earnest and to the point; we felt the Master was with us preparing our hearts for further and larger blessings. We found the old promise true, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

At 10 a.m. the Pastor was in his Vestry to receive the thank-offerings from a loving, loyal people. The first to present their offerings were a group of bright-faced Sunday School scholars. God grant they may grow up to be successful workers in His Church. All day long the dear friends came with their offerings, and as the Lord of the treasury looked down from His throne in glory His heart was made glad.

At 4 p.m. the Rev. C. Spurgeon, of Greenwich (who had spent the day with his sainted mother at Westwood), preached with remarkable power from Num. ix., 16. The sermon will never be forgotten, the aroma of it abides with us still. May God long spare His faithful servant to proclaim the "glad tidings."

A very large company partook of tea in the Boys' Schoolroom, which had been tastefully decorated by loving hands and willing hearts. The arrangements for the Tea were in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Smart, assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen.

The Public Meeting commenced at 7 p.m. The Pastor gave out the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell," and then introduced the Chairman, A. C. Jennings, Esq. Deacon Chaytor read the Scriptures, and Deacon Dallman led us to the Throne of Grace. The Chairman called upon Deacon T. B. Ashley to read the report, which was a very encouraging one. Our various agencies and societies are healthy and doing good and useful work. The hand of our God has been with us for good. Our Pastor has been laid aside from his loved work for two months; we rejoice in his presence with us. During the ten months 62 have been received into the fellowship of the Church. The Chairman struck a high note in his address, which was listened to with rapt attention, and brought us into the soul-refreshing presence of our Master and Lord. The Revs. F. Monti, W. Cornelius Jones, and G. Beesley Austin, gave us a rich feast of sanctified wit, heavenly wisdom and gracious encouragement. Never before have we listened to such powerful utterances, which roused and enthused our souls. Deacon Chew submitted a short financial statement, which thrilled our hearts with joy. The result of the 19th anniversary exceeds £166. Deacon A. Coulson proposed, in an effective speech, and Deacon Hugh Beech seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, speakers, and the ladies and gentlemen who had so ably managed the tea. The Pastor, in putting the resolution to the meeting, said he was amazed at the liberality of the friends connected with Penge Tabernacle. Last March they promised over £130 for the 20th Century Fund. In May they raised over £300 by their bazaar, and the sum of £166 was a magnificent sum for their anniversary. He heartily thanked them all. The resolution was put to the meeting and carried with hearty applause. We were sorry that affliction and absence from home prevented the attendance of Deacons Croaker, A. Ashley and J. Fidler, but they remembered us, and were commended to God in our closing prayer.

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CHAPTER VI.

THE ELSMERE CREST.

"And thus the deeds we do
Outlive our little day;
And passing all the ages through
An influence convey."

CURIOUSLY enough there was no difficulty in substantiating Gerald Bruce's claim to the Elsmere title and estates. The family lawyer could, with the utmost legal satisfaction, show a complete chain of unquestionable evidence in the young heir's favour, without one missing link to weaken it. The artist himself exhibited but laggard interest; yet, from a sense of duty, he constrained himself to master the technicalities of his new position.

But through all the confusion and bewilderment that environed him with the assumption of his fresh dignities, there ran one fine golden thread of thought that interwove itself with all else, and was ever most intimately present with him. It was the strangeness of the coincidence that should have proved the Doris Kendal of his dreams to be the proposed heiress of Lord Elsmere's money.

Why had he never gauged the first possibility of the fact before? And yet, when Bruce came to analyse the matter, there was scarcely room for him to wonder or to blame himself. He had heard no facts concerning the rich unknown relative who had suddenly stolen the sweetest flower from Glen Lyddon; he had heard neither name nor residence, and why should even his wildest dreams have suggested any connection between this wealthy patroniser of the obscure minister's family and his own aristocratic and stately uncle? The matter was something to rouse the young man's most sensitive delicacy. If Doris knew that it was he, Gerald Bruce, who had stepped between her and that golden fortune, how could he possibly cherish the faintest hope of keeping her friendship? And, to confess the truth, Doris Kendal's friendship was far more to him than the new title which, as yet, sat so strangely upon him. He must move in the matter; he must make some overture; some offer to the minister, perhaps, on behalf of the daughter which could not offend the delicate honour of either. But how could he do it? Bruce tortured himself with vain suggestions; then suddenly resolved that he would not humiliate himself or them by such a proceeding. He loved Doris, and why should he not take the course of any honourable man and lover, and straightway seek her and tell her of his love? He surely need not flaunt his new title in those first happy moments of meeting. He surely might meet her for that little blissful moment as Gerald Bruce, the artist friend. He *was* Gerald Bruce. He possessed a right to the name. What did it matter that something more was added to it? As Gerald Bruce Glen Lyddon had known him, and as Gerald Bruce Doris had stood with him on the old wishing-stone.

The old wishing-stone! He felt a warm flush dye his cheek as he remembered the wish he had wished there. Would it ever come true?

The day following the crystallisation of that resolve found him at Glen Lyddon, and walking up the road which led to Pastor Kendal's house. Bruce had decided to do his very utmost to win Doris Kendal's promise to marry him, and, after that all-important matter was settled, to set to work with his best energies to find the true owner of Grantly's belt and its precious contents.

It was summer-time again at Glen Lyddon. The old tor was beautiful as ever in its lonely grandeur. Bruce thought the scene before him as perfect as any his eyes had rested upon during his distant travels. The minister's picturesque house was still picturesque.

Eureka was standing at the door, and the smile with which she recognised the tall figure in tourist attire, walking up the garden path, was exhilarating. If Eureka welcomed him, might not Doris welcome him too? Bruce felt his pulses throbbing more quickly at the hope which shaped itself in his heart.

"Mr. Bruce, how pleased father will be to see you!" cried Eureka, extending her hand. "We thought you had forgotten all your Glen Lyddon friends. It is so long since we heard about you."

"If my thoughts could have assured you to the contrary, you would never have doubted me, Miss Eureka," he said, eagerly. "I have been into the far heart of South Africa—into the wilds of

Kimberley and Barolong, and a hundred places with unpronounceable names, since last I saw you. But Glen Lyddon has gone with me all the way."

Eureka looked pleased.

"You will come in and see father? He is in his study."

"Thank you —" he hesitated, then followed her into the little hall. He would speak to Mr. Kendal —speak to him about Doris, and then see Doris afterward.

"Is your father well again, Miss Eureka? News can travel even to South Africa, you know; and some that I heard grieved me."

"Better, but not well. But Doris is at home, and father will soon be young again now."

"I trust your sister is well—at home once more, you say?" Bruce blushed at his own prevarication.

"Yes to both questions," Eureka laughed, softly. "Oh, you don't know what it is to have Doris back, Mr. Bruce."

"I can easily imagine," he said.

"Our uncle died suddenly, and things all turned out very differently from what we supposed," Eureka went on, with pretty confidence. "A real heir suddenly appeared; and as uncle died without leaving a will, of course this young man could claim everything and Doris nothing."

"He must be a very disagreeable young man," the artist said, feeling hot all over. Why had he done such a mad thing as to run the gauntlet of personal criticism?

"On the contrary, we think him a most delightful young man," answered Eureka, calmly. "If he had not come forward to represent the house of Elsmere we should not have had Doris home again."

"And that is quite worth the loss of a fortune, Miss Eureka?"

"It is worth the loss of two fortunes," she replied, with a gleam in her sunny eyes.

The artist went forward to the well-remembered study with an elasticity of step which was quite contagious. Pastor Kendal gripped the young man's hand warmly, and it seemed that Bruce would not have to regret the heartiness of his welcome.

Eureka, lingering about the garden, wondered why Doris should be so long away from home that morning. She had gone to the old tor; but what a pity she did not hasten back. If only she knew!

Bruce came through the hall again and out, down the garden path. His face was flushed, and —was it her fancy?—a little agitated.

"Your sister has gone to her old haunt, has she not? Shall I find her on the old tor, Miss Eureka? Your father has given me permission to try and find her."

All at once there came a revelation to Eureka. "Oh yes, Doris is there," she said. "But I do not know that *I* can give you permission to find her, even if father does."

He stopped, flashed a look upon her, and clasped her hand for an instant. "Wish me all success in my quest, Miss Eureka," he said, softly, and was gone.

Doris sat motionless on the wishing-stone. Her hat was thrown aside, and one cheek rested on her hand. Someone sprang to her side with eager steps, and, half bending, half kneeling before her, looked into her bewildered face.

"I thought—I thought—you were a very long way from here, Mr. Bruce."

"Then you have thought of me?" He drew out his pocket-book, and, opening it, laid a faded bit of lichen on her lap. "I gathered that from this old stone nearly a year ago, Miss Kendal, and I wished as I gathered it. You were with me then, you are with me now. Doris, may I tell you what I wished?"

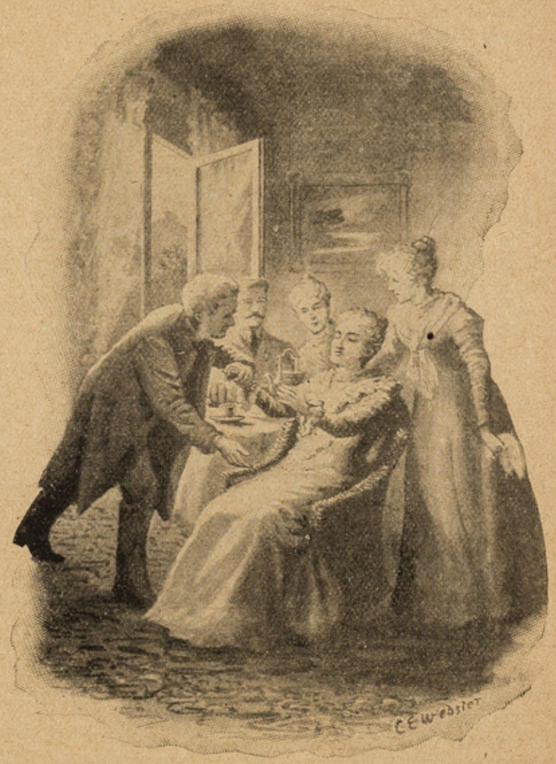
Her coloured fluttered bewitchingly. "I ought to have gone home long ago," she said. "Eureka will think me lost. Won't you come and see father, Mr. Bruce?"

But he would not let her pass him. "Presently. Your father sent me here; your sister was not sure she would let me come; but I have only one purpose in visiting Glen Lyddon. Please sit down again."

Something in his tone, something new and grave and imperative, made Doris yield. She sat down where she had been sitting before; and the bit of lichen lay on her lap. But only the shy birds heard what was said on the wishing-stone upon the brow of the old tor that morning; only they heard—yet when Doris went home the artist went with her; and a diamond circlet—some of the Elsmere diamonds, only Doris did not know it—shone on her little white finger.

There was no pretentious ceremony in the introduction of Bruce to his new relationship with the minister's family. He was taken right into their midst at once, and made to feel that he was one of them. Pastor Kendal and his wife were not accustomed to do things half-heartedly. The artist found himself sitting down with them to their simple mid-day meal as naturally as if he had been accustomed to join them in that way all his life; and yet, looking at Doris, he realised that everything was delightfully, ecstatically new.

"I had a strange encounter while at Port Elizabeth," he said, after the cloth had been removed, and they all sat chatting and enjoying their fruit. "More correctly the strangest part of it occurred at Barolong, though; for the sequel came to me there. A man who had known my father intimately, recognised me by my striking resemblance to him, a day or two after I landed; and we found the world so small a place that a little later we knocked up against one another at Barolong, and there he claimed acquaintance with me. We lost sight of each other, however, in the roving life of those queer, uncultured regions; until one day a Kaffir brought me a dirty note from the poor fellow, who was dying of the fever some miles up the river. I went to him and did what I could, but there was really nothing to be done. There was only time to hear his last messages for friends in the old country, and to receive from his hand a charge which has caused me more anxiety and embarrassment than any other matter that has come to me through life. Mr. Kendal, I want your help and advice. Poor Grantly had accumulated a large quantity of diamonds, and had followed the usual method of carrying them for safety in his digger's belt. He gave the belt and contents into my care, with the solemn charge to see that all were delivered to a certain old-time friend, whose name and address, he said, were in an old pocket-book in his bag. His brain and memory and speech failed him at that point. He died after a few hours' of semi-coma; and when I searched the pocket-book I could find no information answering to the story which he had, in part, told me. To search out some clue to the rightful owner of the belt hastened my return to England."



"Mrs. Kendal put out her hand as if in appeal, and he took it lovingly in his own."

The minister looked keenly interested in the artist's story, and Doris equally so. It was only Eureka who noticed that while Bruce was speaking her mother had paled; and that a strained, intent look had come into her eyes. It was when Grantly's name was mentioned.

"Can you not in some way trace the family or locality by what the poor fellow was able to tell you?" asked Pastor Kendal, thoughtfully.

"That is now my solitary hope. I wonder —" Bruce paused, abruptly, as if a sudden light had broken a cleft through the darkness of the mystery —"I wonder if the lawyer could help to untwist the knot?"

"What lawyer?" questioned Doris.

Bruce coloured in confusion. "It is like this," he said, slowly. "Poor Grantly told me his friend was a niece, or grand-niece of Lord Elsmere; and, knowing your connection with the family, I am half relying on you to help to find her. I think — I am sure, indeed, from what he said— that it was an old love-story; and it must have been a very sweet one to have lingered with him all those years. It appealed to me very strongly," he glanced at Doris. "The maiden name of the lady was Aileen Elsmere; I would give a thousand pounds to be able to ascertain her marriage name, and whether she is still living and where."

He looked up in surprise and alarm. Eureka, who had been sitting very quiet, watching her mother, slipped round the table and went to Mrs. Kendal's side; but the minister had also been seized with similar anxiety, and was by his wife's chair as soon as Eureka. Mrs. Kendal put out her hand as if in appeal, and he took it lovingly in his own and held it close; but neither spoke. Eureka was silent also. It was left for Doris to tell the cause of the agitation. She leaned forward, her colour fluctuating, her lips tremulous.

"Oh! how very strange. Why, mother's name is Aileen; and she was an Elsmere before she married father. Uncle Elsmere was angry about it because father was not rich, but —"

Her startled sentence was never concluded. Bruce had sprang up, and was at Mrs. Kendal's

side; his face glowing, his whole manner triumphant.

"Is it possible? I never thought life could be half as delightful as it is proving itself to-day! Mrs. Kendal, you have been a very rich woman ever since I have known you, with such a husband and such daughters. I don't know that diamonds can make a great difference to you, still I suppose they are worth something; and I never gave anybody else a present that afforded me such joy as the present I shall shortly hand over to you—never but the one that is here!" and he lifted the soft little hand that wore his diamond circlet, and carried it to his lips.

As he did so the linen cuff on the other wrist caught in the gold chain attached to his watch, and became entangled with an antique seal which was fastened to it. It was the seal bearing the Elsmere crest. Doris turned, and the familiar crest at once attracted her attention. She stood transfixed with astonishment. What right had Gerald Bruce to wear the family crest of the Elsmeres? Her breath came quickly; she lifted her startled eyes to his, and what she saw there sent a sudden inspiration to her brain.

All at once a multitude of small bewildering, puzzling details seemed explained. Was not Bruce a family name with the Elsmeres? Was not the young unknown heir just the age of her artist-lover? Had he not been away into the far heart of South Africa? Why had Gerald Bruce never told her of his parentage and friends? Doris put her hand to her brow. She was feeling a misty unreality stealing over everything; the faces around her grew distant and more distant; until, as in a dream, she felt Bruce draw her gently towards him and clasp her hands in his with caressing touch.

"Doris, oh! Doris, forgive me," he whispered. "I would not have parted from you to-night without telling you the truth about myself; but I was so afraid to let you know before you had promised to marry me lest you would not listen to what I had to say. Oh, Doris dear, I feel so like a supplanter, and yet the fault is not mine. It seems as if, in a way, you must almost hate me for stealing your promised fortune from you; but if you love me will it not be sweeter still to take it back again as my gift to you?"

"But I cannot understand," faltered Doris. "If you are Lord Elsmere why have we always known you as Gerald Bruce? And—and I cannot marry you, for you ought to marry someone very rich and beautiful and clever."

"I certainly *shall* marry someone rich and beautiful and clever if I marry Doris Kendal," answered Bruce, with eager assurance. "And if I do not marry her I shall not marry at all. Doris, can you ever forgive me for taking your fortune?"

Then there flashed into her eyes such a light as Bruce had never seen there before. It was like an illumined soul shining through the polished mirrors.

"Forgive! If you did but know? It was the loss of my golden fortune that led me to seek and find the gold that never perishes. The night my uncle Elsmere died I saw how vain was all the glitter that men call wealth. It did not satisfy *him*. He had nothing to hold by, nothing to give him rest and peace and safety, until he just took God at His word; and then he died—at rest? God spoke to me, also, that night—afterward; when I was alone. Life has been changed since then. I wanted you to know."

They had left the others and were standing a little apart by the window. Bruce felt her words thrilling his soul.

"And I wanted to tell you, dear, how that, far away in dreary Barolong, the same God spoke to me, and I gave myself to Him to serve Him for ever. I saw poor Grantly die, as you say, just 'at rest.' He, too, had laid hold upon God; but it was at the last failing hour, when despair had almost kept him away. And I vowed then that I would give God my best years, and not wait until my life had slipped from me, and I had nothing but sins and wasted hours to offer. Shall we serve Him together, Doris?"

"Come, children," said Pastor Kendal, "let us sing a song of praise. Doris, my child, sit down and play my favourite anthem, 'Bless the Lord, oh my soul,' and we will try and help you sing it."

When the song of praise had swelled and ceased in the minister's home, the happy little group still lingered together. Presently Bruce drew an old and much worn pocket-book from an inner pocket of his coat. It was the one which he had searched through and through so vainly when at far Barolong.

"This belonged to poor Grantly," he said, gently. "If it could speak what secrets it might reveal. Mr. Kendal, may I leave it in your guardianship?"

He had opened it with lingering, careful fingers as he spoke, and was turning over the few papers. Doris put out her hand, curiously bending over the book in silent scrutiny.

"See," she said, softly, "Bruce, what is this? Why should a paper be here?" And she drew a folded strip from between the torn silken lining and the cover. Bruce held his breath. He had never seen that paper. What if it should be the missing name for which he had so often and so vainly searched?

"Open it, Doris," he said.

And as Doris spread it open on the table that all might see, they read together, evidently in Grantly's handwriting:—

"Aileen Kendal, *née* Elsmere, Glen Lyddon."

THE END.

☞ *An intensely interesting Serial Story, entitled, "A GUARDIAN DAUGHTER," by* E. EVERETT-GREEN, *starts in our January Number.*

Tables—Excellent and Otherwise.

By MARCUS DRAYTON.

ROUND tables, square tables, short tables, long tables, rough tables, polished tables—of these articles of furniture there seems an endless variety; one as different from the other as the proverbial chalk and cheese. Yet there is one thing common to them all, and that is that they are tables.

Tables, besides being so varied in size, shape and quality, have also very various uses. There is the neat little writing-table, the serious-looking chess-table, with its mosaic top, and the dinner table, all having their own special use. But in the short space at my disposal, let me draw your attention to a comparison between our human existence and some of the "tables" we are acquainted with.

For instance, how some of us love to sit at the little chess-table of argumentativeness, and indulge our fancies in a heated argument just for the sake of doing so, simply to be contrary, whether it hurts anyone else's feelings or not. Now this chess-table of *needless* argument is all covered with awkward little square corners that will prevent us getting on with our life's work smoothly, for where we come across corners in our path, there we have to slacken our pace. Now get up from the patchy chess-table of needless argument, and strive to work the more and argue less.

Then, alas, how fond some are of the dinner table when it is well laden with black bottles, with glaring labels on them, or dainty wine-glasses with something stronger than lemonade in them. Yes, strong drink to thousands means "*Falling*," but to millions it is a "*Failing*." Have you ever realised what a little difference there is between those two words, "Failing" and "Falling"? How easily it is to alter "Failing" into "Falling"—just a touch of the pen added to the top of the "i" in "Failing" turns it into "Falling."

Alas, how many forget *that*, when they take their glass of ale or stout at dinner! Beware, lest with you the word "Failing" is turned into "Falling." Think not yourself secure from falling till you have joined the ever-increasing ranks of the Total Abstainers.

To that one who has already to acknowledge that the wine-table spells "Falling" I would say: You are not sufficient of yourself to conquer this enemy, you must place yourself in the hands of the dear Saviour of mankind, and you will find His great Strength a substitute for your own poor weakness. Now give up the wine-table, and cross over to the pledge-table, I beseech of you, and God will give you strength to be true to yourself and to Him.

But I must hasten on to speak of some other tables. What a fascination a billiard-table or a card-table exercises over the lives of many, young and old alike. There are many, alas, that can see nothing harmful in gambling. Apart from the sin of the act, a man who gambles has neither time nor inclination to think of his Maker, or of his duty to Him. No, the senses are deadened, and the question of the loss of his own immortal soul seems of less importance to him than losing sixpence at a game of "poker" or "whist." Reader, is that your estimate of the value of your soul? I trust not.

"Knowest thou the value of a soul immortal?
Behold the evening glory, worlds on worlds!
Amazing pomp! Redouble this amaze;
Ten thousand add, and twice ten thousand more;
Then weigh the whole; one soul outweighs them all,
And calls the great magnificence of intelligent creation—poor!"

And if you value your soul at its true worth you will no longer linger at the gaming-tables, or pander to the gambling spirit even in its minor forms.

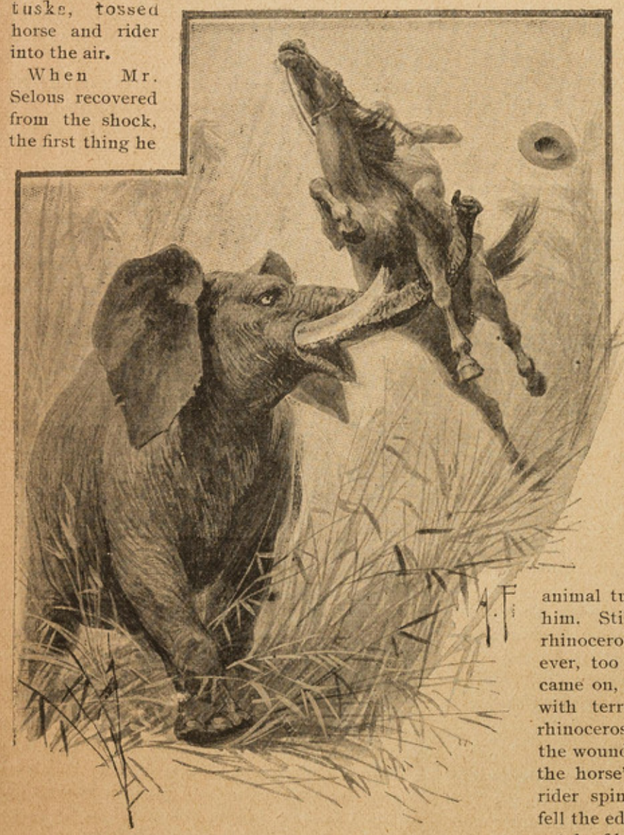
But there are many other kinds of tables besides those that I have mentioned, just as there are many forms of sin that I have not space to speak of here. The individual knows best what is his or her weak point, and it is only as they trust in Christ as their personal Saviour that they can hope to conquer in the fight with uncleanness.

But there is passive sinning as well as active sinning, and that is just as wicked. God sent His own Son into the world as a sacrifice for our sins, and if we do not accept Him we are guilty of the sin of rejecting God's means of salvation. Then do not let us be indifferent and careless about these matters, but accept the salvation offered by Christ, taking His hand, and letting Him lead us into green pastures, and beside the still waters of Christian blessedness. Then shall we be able to experience that fullness of joy that belongs only to the Christian who is able to sit at his Lord's Table and learn of Him more and more.

Hairbreadth Escapes.

HUNTERS of big game need frequently to bear charmed lives, for the dangers to which they are exposed are very great indeed, even taking into account the perfection and precision of their weapons. Well may they need to be men with cool heads.

When Mr. Selous, the world-renowned hunter, was hunting in Africa, late in the seventies, he and his companions had come up with a herd of wild elephants, some of which they shot for the ivory and meat. He himself had accounted for four, and had wounded the fifth—a fine cow—when he perceived she was about to charge. He was on horseback, putting a fresh cartridge in his breach-loader, when on she came. The horse was tired out, and could not evade the furious monster, who, with her tusks, tossed horse and rider into the air.



Tossed horse and rider into the air.

When Mr. Selous recovered from the shock, the first thing he recognised was "a very strong smell of elephants," which was scarcely to be wondered at seeing that the great beast was standing over him, pressing him down to the ground with her huge body.

The elephant was, however, not doing him serious injury, but keeping him close prisoner. By dint of struggling he got loose, and, turning over, saw the hind legs of the beast behind him, and knew in a moment what had happened. Seeing him on the ground when he was thrown from the saddle, the elephant had charged down upon him, but had overshot the mark. Lowering her head with intent to reach him with her tusks, she had just missed him, and driven them deep into the earth, dropping on her knees as she did so, and holding him prisoner in the angle made by her body. From this position, however, he was able to wriggle back to freedom and safety.

The horse had a bad wound, but Mr. Selous got off with a bruise over the eye, and the skin scraped off one side of his chest. "This," he says, "was all that was the matter with me, and a most wonderful escape, I think it was."

The late Mr. Oswald, the friend of Livingstone, had two very narrow escapes from death by rhinoceroses.

On returning to camp one day he saw a white rhinoceros standing close to the path. Being in need of meat he fired and wounded the animal, which made off into the bush. As it did so he gave it the second barrel, when he was surprised to see the animal turn round and make towards him. Still he waited, thinking that the rhinoceros must fall. He waited, however, too long, for the wounded beast came on, and his horse being transfixed with terror, did not move, but the rhinoceros did the moving for him, for the wounded beast drove his horn under the horse's flank, and sent horse and rider spinning upward. As Mr. Oswald fell the edge of his stirrup took off a great patch of his scalp. Strange to say, after

this the beast made off. Mr. Oswald, although badly wounded, mounted a fresh pony, followed in pursuit, and shot the rhinoceros, securing his horn as a valued trophy.

His second experience occurred while he was on foot. On this occasion he was charged by a wounded rhinoceros, and again tossed, this time with much more injury to himself. After the great beast struck him he remembered sailing through the air, and then lost consciousness till he found himself sitting on his horse, which a native was leading, while another was carrying his gun. He rode on slowly as in a dream, and met some men coming towards his little party carrying a litter, which had served him as a bedstead in his wagon. In reply to his questioning they said they had heard he had been killed by a rhinoceros, and were coming to bring back his body. Then, mechanically, his hand dropped to his thigh, and feeling his clothes were wet, looked at his hand, and found it covered with blood, and "so numbed was all sensation that he actually dabbled down to the bone in a deep gash, eight inches long, without feeling any pain." From this wound it took him over a month in bed to recover.

The tiger grasped the bucket, lost its balance, and fell froward into the tank.

Our other illustration pictures a narrow escape from a tiger, in which there is just a spice of comedy. Some villagers were at work irrigating their fields with water drawn from a large stone-lined tank, by means of a "pitratta." This contrivance consists of a large upright post, with a cross-beam at the top—in fact a kind of see-saw, with buckets at each end; and the men, by walking backwards and forwards, dipped the water up in the buckets alternately, while another native would empty them into the irrigation trough. While doing this latter a tiger sprang upon the native from the bushes near by. The man had just emptied the bucket, and as the tiger was within a few feet of him, placed the metal bucket between himself and the beast, and then, in his fright, left go of it. The tiger grasped the bucket, lost its balance, and fell forward into the tank, the natives casting heavy stones at it till it was drowned. They then hauled the body out, and secured the Government reward for its skin.

While walking through a jungle with a Hindu, Mr. Farquharson, of the India Civil Service, was suddenly hurled to the ground by a great tiger, who sprang right over his head. He, however, made for a tree standing by, managing to climb into its very slender branches before the tiger saw where he went. Just then a covey of partridges rose screaming from the upper branches of the tree, and the tiger, walking a few paces away, being attracted by the noise, followed their flight with his eyes. At that moment Farquharson fired, rolling the tiger over; but the beast was far from dead, for with a supernatural effort it sprang at him and drove its great claw into one of his legs that was dangling from the tree, tearing the flesh from knee to ankle. As the brute made as though he would spring again, Farquharson placed his rifle into the tiger's throat and fired; but even that did not kill him, and Farquharson, falling forward fainting from loss of blood, would have been killed had not a friend at that moment rushed up and dealt the tiger a fatal blow.

Baptist Jottings.

THE minister of a working-class Church, writing to *The Baptist Times and Freeman*, says: "I am sure you will be glad to hear of another instance of sacrifice for the Twentieth Century Fund, one as beautiful in its way as any I have come across. This morning a schoolboy, eleven years old, came to me with half-a-sovereign for the Fund. It was his mother that brought me the first 10s. subscribed at my Church. She still earns a very meagre subsistence at the wash-tub, but she does not begrudge her boy's gift. He has put by 2½d. a week for a year out of his Saturday's earnings as an errand boy. When one thinks what a fortune 10s. is to a boy of his years, and particularly to a poor boy who has to earn every penny of it, the gift assumes its right proportions."

SAD news has been received from China in a telegram addressed by the Rev. J. P. Bruce, B.A., to Mr. A. H. Baynes, Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society. It tells of the martyrdom of the Hsin Chou band of Baptist missionaries, together with Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, of Tai-Yuan-Fu. The telegram is as follows:—"Shansi messenger returned confirms Tai-Yuan-Fu massacre Pigotts included reports Dixons McCurrachs Underwoods Renaut Ennals left Hsin Chou for cave in hills 29th June Boxers found them armed 21st July and returned not daring attack Official went with soldiers promised escort to coast Missionaries already five days without food came out taken to Hsin Chou imprisoned till August 9th then killed inside city gate."

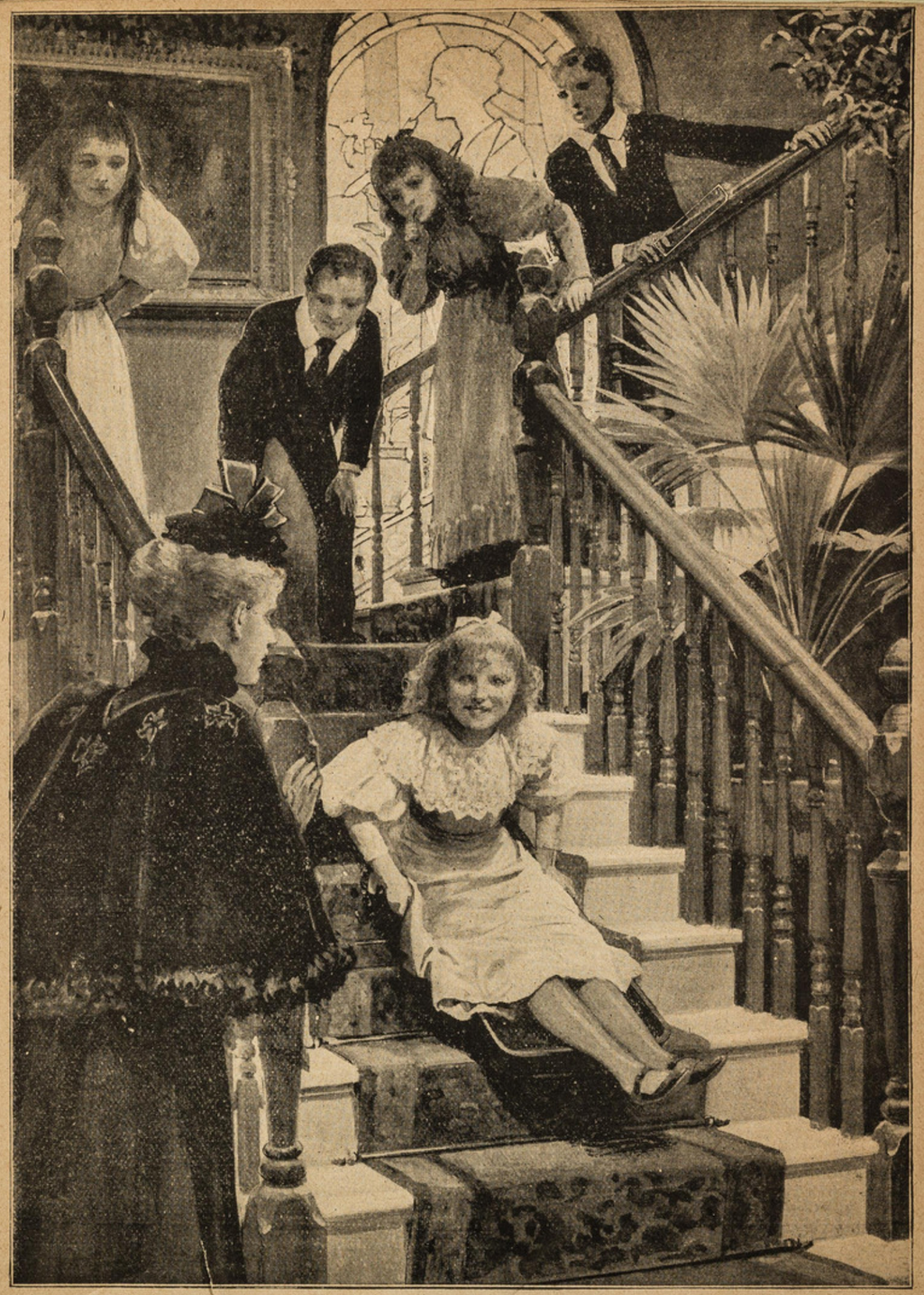
THE Free Churches Twentieth Century Pledge Signing Crusade, initiated by the Baptist Total Abstinence Association, was commenced in real earnest on Temperance Sunday, Nov. 25th, when thousands of ministers of all denominations preached Temperance sermons, or made special references to the Crusade. In the Sunday Schools, too, the Temperance lesson arranged for in the international list afforded the teachers and superintendents an opportunity of urging the young people to totally abstain from strong drink. It is hoped that Baptists will rally to the support of the Crusade in hearty and enthusiastic fashion, and that such an impetus will be given to the Temperance movement as shall ensure the shaking of drinkdom to its foundations. The Baptists were well to the front in the commencement of the Band of Hope movement. May they take as full a share in this effort to free our country.

AMONGST the inaugural meetings of the Pledge Signing Crusade is one at the Metropolitan Tabernacle on Dec. 12th, when Pastor Thomas Spurgeon will preside, at 7.30 p.m., and addresses will be given by the Rev. J. Monro Gibson, D.D. (Presbyterian), Miss Docwra (Friend), and Rev. H. Elvet Lewis (Congregationalist). Londoners are taking the work in hand splendidly, and there can be no doubt that the newly-built Tabernacle will be well filled upon the 12th.

THE Crusade Council, of which Mr. James T. Sears, J.P. (the Hon. Sec. of the Baptist Total Abstinence Association), is Chairman, has issued a capital pocket pledge book, at 2s. 6d. per 100 (carriage 5d. extra); and a pledge form, at 3s. per 1,000. A monthly organ, *The Crusader*, has also been issued (16 pp., crown 4to.), at 3s. per 100, carriage free. It is hoped that this publication will be the means of awakening the interest of non-abstainers in the movement, as well as keeping the Temperance workers in touch with the Crusade. The Council evidently means business.

AT a meeting of the Session of the London Baptist Social Union, held at the Holborn Restaurant on Nov. 9th, Mr. Charles E. Smith, organist at Regent's Park Chapel, read an excellent paper on "Congregational Psalmody," illustrating the same with selections from the new "Baptist Hymnal," by the assistance of a capital double quartet. Mr. Smith complained that in many Churches little attention was paid to the position of the organ, and that the conditions under which the choir was expected to sing were frequently not such as to lead to good results. He said the New Baptist Hymnal was the first book of Psalmody which the Baptists had possessed for thirty years, and he evidently thought it an excellent work.

OUR new serial story, entitled, "A Guardian Daughter," from the pen of E. Everett-Green, commences with the January number. Several new features will be introduced, and the pictorial part of the Magazine will be greatly improved and augmented. The January number contains articles by Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., Rev. J. G. Greenhough, M.A., Rev. John C. Carlile, and a special message from our President, Rev. W. Cuff. Subscribers should order their copies at once.



TOBOGGANING

"A Holy Ghost Church."

By Rev. ARCHIBALD G. BROWN.

(*Continued.*)

IN THE Church the Holy Ghost's constant work is *the glorifying of Christ.* Each Person of the Trinity is found glorifying not Himself, but another; and it is in the Church this mutual coronation takes place. Christ glorified the Father, the Spirit glorifies Christ. His one purpose and work is to be ever making the glorified Christ more glorious in the eyes of the Church.

I think I have said enough to indicate my position. Our Churches are only Holy Ghost ones as they faithfully represent the relationship of the Spirit to the whole body. What He is in the whole He should be in each part.

Alas! how grievous often is the contrast. In *God's Church* He is *Sovereign Ruler;* working according to His own will. In too many of *our* Churches He is but little known even by name, and in all our Churches too little known in *person.* He, as real and true a being as our Father or Saviour, is too often diminished to an influence and then described by an impersonal pronoun. No Church can be said to be a Holy Ghost one where *He* is degraded into an "*it.*" The smallest straw will show the set of the wind, and "it," as descriptive of the Spirit of the Lord, tells nothing of lowly homage to a Sovereign Ruler. My own deep conviction is that our Churches to-day are suffering in a hundred different ways, all because the Gracious Spirit is practically ousted from the position that is His right. The spirit of the age is the *practical ruler,* while the Spirit of God is the *Nominal Lord.* A Holy Ghost Church will consult Him before doing anything. She will not draw her plans, pass her resolutions, transact her business, and then ask that His gracious influence "may follow all that she has done." No; the Holy Ghost Church will ask *Him* for the plans, will lowly wait on Him to know *His* resolves, and seek to be allowed to do *His* business. The Spirit will not be the servant, expected to carry out the resolutions of the Church, but the Church will be the girded slave, glad to do as the Lord shall bid. Until the government of the Holy Ghost is fully and practically acknowledged in the Churches, they may be pleasant, religious clubs, they may be centres of smart business transactions, they may be abodes of social life, but Holy Ghost Churches—never. Our heart longs for a day when in all our Churches it will be as natural to say, "We must ask what the Holy Ghost thinks," as it is now natural to say, "What is the opinion of the leading men?"

In a Holy Ghost Church the Word of God will likewise occupy the highest possible position of honour. The Spirit of Christ will ever lead, as it led Him, into the profoundest veneration for Holy Scripture. As the Spirit only guides and teaches by the Word, the Church of which we speak will listen to His voice whenever Bibles are opened. Whatever was the attitude of Jesus towards Scripture, will be the attitude of the members of this Church, for the Holy Ghost can never guide into views opposite to those of Christ. He leads into the mind of Christ.

To Him it was enough, "It is written," and He considered *that* should be sufficient for His hearers. With Him "Scripture could not be broken." From end to end He has placed His seal of Royal assent upon the Book. He has done so in accordance with one great part of His mission. "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

In a Holy Ghost Church, therefore, no part of the service will possess more charm than the reading of the Word. It will be no hurried exercise, chiefly useful as affording time for the choir to arrange the music books for the next anthem. In a Holy Ghost Church *every member will bring his Bible.* Indeed, the idea of not bringing the Book will no more enter the worshipper's head than coming to the sanctuary without his boots or hat. The only sermon enjoyed in this Church will be one that *opens up,* not *hangs up* the Word. Scripture references will be expected, and the more the discourse partakes of a Bible study, the better it will be enjoyed. The preacher's sermon will be accompanied throughout with the musical rustle of Bible leaves, as passage is quoted to illumine passage. All the way through it will prove true: "In Thy light shall we see light."

In a Holy Ghost Church every member will come to learn more of the Word. He has come to hear the Book talk, or rather to hear God talk to him out of the Book. It is so essentially the Word of the Lord to him that, like the members of the early Church, he says, "Who by the mouth of Thy servant David has spoken." The writers are but Jehovah's mouth. The voice is His. No Church where the Bible is not enthroned in the hearts of the members is a Holy Ghost one. It may be a Church *impregnated with the spirit of the age, but not a Church saturated by the Spirit of God.* Where He reigns, Scripture is His sceptre. The measure in which Holy Scripture is revered and loved is the measure in which a Church can rightly lay claim to the title of our paper. According to our line of argument, a Holy Ghost Church must also be one that has *no ambition but the glory of Jesus.* This the blessed Spirit is ceaselessly seeking, and by a hundred different methods effecting. Where He dwells, this ambition ever burns.

The language of Paul will become the expression of the Church, "that Christ may be magnified, whether it be by life or death." "*Worthy of the neighbourhood*" will die out before "worthy of Him." "*The leading Church of the locality*" will be unthought of in the delight of being "a faithful witness unto Him." "*An ornament to the denomination*" will never cross the mind pre-occupied with the desire of being a little gem for Him. All pride of numbers, position, purse, light, and leading will be absent—swallowed up in the great hunger for Christ's glory. In this Church no selfish inducements will be held out to induce the members to give; no paltry arguments of "maintaining its reputation" will be heard; no jealousy of other Churches lest they outstrip them in the race, will be known. The one all-prevailing argument will be, "it will glorify Him." This will provide everything.

The Spirit being a Sprit of Supplication, it follows that a Holy Ghost Church will be *an intensely prayerful one.* Here is a test so true and searching that it is generally disliked. The prayer meeting is the true index of the Holy Ghost life of a Church. As spirituality declines, the gatherings for prayer wither. It must be so, unless the people love to come as "martyrs," for delight in prayer is a purely spiritual taste. Where the Holy Ghost lives and reigns, a gathering for prayer is the most attractive one that can be announced. Where He abides not, it is the most melancholy of the notices. "*Only* the prayer meeting," is a sentence that damns any Church. In a Holy Ghost Church there will be no handful at a prayer meeting, and a crowded audience at a concert. The prayer meeting will not be considered the one meeting that is to be knocked on the head to make room for some lighter entertainment that asks for an evening. The more spiritual the exercise, the more will this Church prize it. This Church will never make the announcement that was made once, only this winter, viz., *That as the weather was so bad, and sickness so prevalent, that few could get out, it was decided to postpone the concert and only have the ordinary prayer meeting.*" To a Holy Ghost Church the meeting for prayer will ever be THE meeting, or rather the meeting of the week; and the greatest treat that can be proposed will be an occasional whole day of waiting upon God. As with the individual saint, so with the Church; to be filled with the Spirit we must abide in prayerfulness, and filled with the Spirit we cannot but keep on praying.

Having thus pointed out the three great characteristics of a Holy Ghost Church, namely, devotion to the Word, absolute consecration to the glory of Christ, and saturation through and through with the spirit of prayer, there is little need to dwell on the other features which are certain to be found. They must be where these "first three" are. Sweet gentleness and lion-like boldness, great tenderness and unfaltering truthfulness, deep humility and uncompromising fidelity, sacred communions and burning missionary ardour, will all combine to make the full stature of a Church. Each member will think little of himself, more of his brethren, most of his Lord. None will seek to please themselves, but all find their pleasure in pleasing their Saviour. The cry of sorrow in one heart will awaken the echo of sympathy in another—the wealth of one will find its blessed investment in the poverty of another. The strong will grasp the weak, and the weak will feel no envy of the strong. As converts troop in—and they will—fresh voices will be heard in prayer, and at each communion new members will take their places at the happy feast. Beneath the preaching of the precious Blood, sinners will be transformed into saints, and the saints mellowed into Christ likeness. Here the Lord will rest in His love, and the Well-Beloved feed amid His lilies. Saint and Saviour shall refresh each other. The mad world, with its noisy mirth, but miserable heart, will have no fascination for this holy, happy company. Weaned from the world—redeemed unto God—citizens of the heavenly country—each member will have the "far-away look that tells of a home, loved and longed for," while the lips will often pray, "Head of Thy Church, soon call Thy spouse; Yea, come, Lord Jesus, quickly come." This is my dream of a Holy Ghost Church. Spirit of God, make it a reality!

A PERFECT KINGDOM.

A MAN can build a mansion
And furnish it throughout,
A man can build a palace
With lofty walls and stout;
A man can build a temple
With high and spacious dome,
But no man in the world can build
That precious thing called Home,

No; 'tis the happy faculty
Of woman, far and wide,
To turn a cot or palace
Into something else beside;
Where brothers, sons, aud husbands tired,
With willing footsteps come,
A place of rest where love abounds,
A perfect kingdom—Home.

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EFFECTS OF APOLOGY.

One evening a young lady abruptly turned the corner and ran against a boy who was small and ragged and freckled. Stopping as soon as she could, she turned to him and said: "I beg your pardon; indeed, I am very sorry." The small ragged and freckled boy looked up in blank amazement for an instant; then, taking off about three-fourths of a cap, he bowed very low, smiled until his face became lost in the smile, and answered: "You can hev my parding, and welcome, miss; and yer may run agin me and knock me clean down, an' I won't say a word." After the young lady passed on he turned to a comrade and said, half apologetically, "I never had anyone ask my parding, and it kind o' took me off my feet."

AN OLD PURITAN ON IDLENESS.

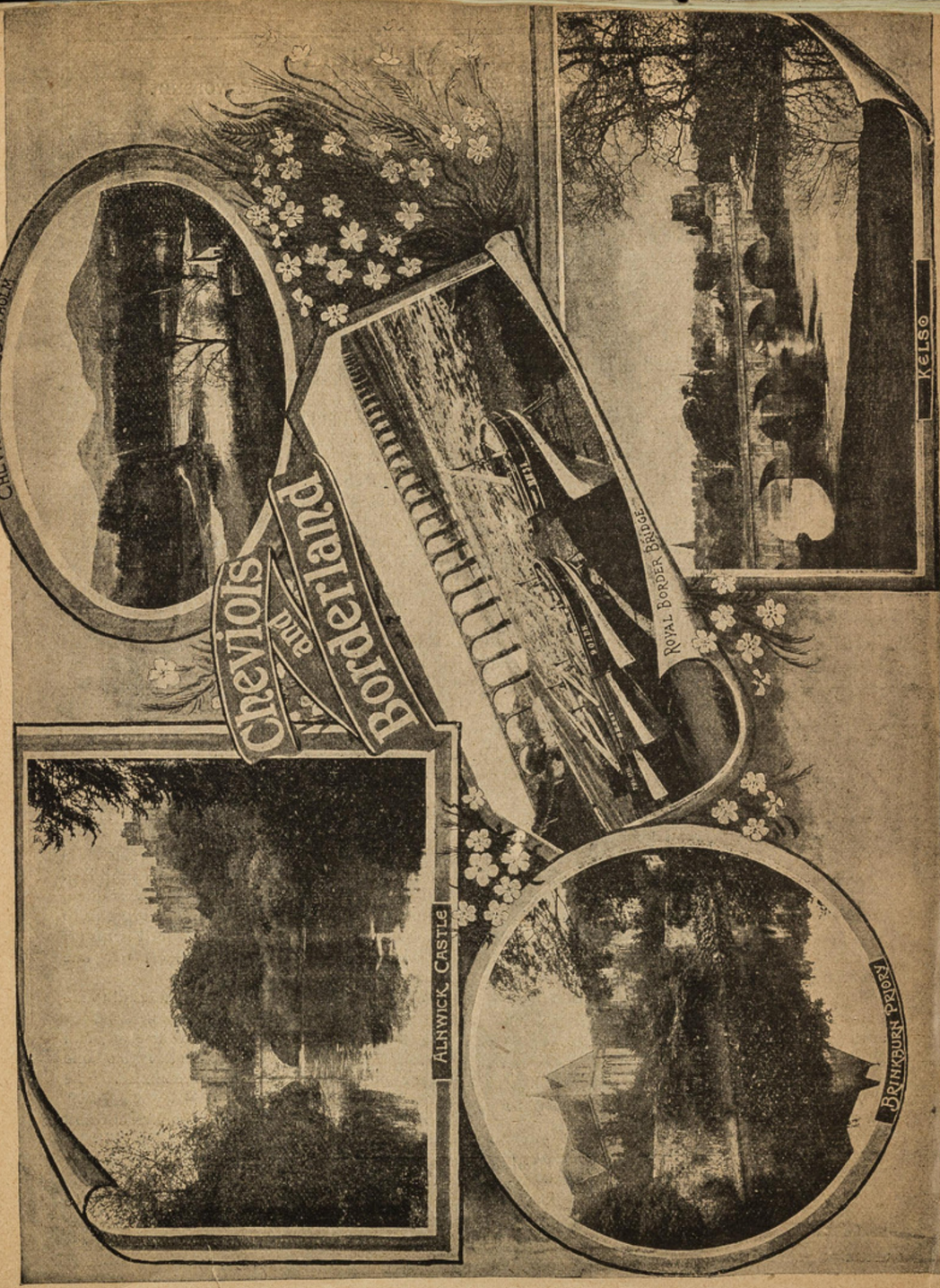
No man is too noble to have a calling. If iron had reason, it would choose rather to be used in labour than to grow rusty in a corner. By Mahomet's law the Grand Turk himself was to be of some trade. The hour of idleness is the hour of temptation; an idle person is the devil's tennis-ball, tossed by him at his pleasure. Among the Egyptians idleness was a capital crime. Among the Tuscans, he that lent money to an idle person was to lose it, saith Diphilus. By Solon's law idle persons were to suffer death. The ancients called idleness the burial of a living man; and Seneca had rather be sick than idle. Now, shall nature do more than grace? Shall poor blind heathens be so severe against idle persons, and shall Christians embrace them? Shall they not rather turn their backs upon them, and have no communion with those who think themselves too great or too good to hold the plough?—*Thomas Brooks.*

SORROW SENT BY A MERCIFUL GOD.

A gentleman was one day travelling by a coach, which was likewise occupied by a middle-aged, respectable-looking man, and a very young woman, dressed in widow's mourning, with a baby on her knee. The man had his face tied up, and appeared to be suffering great pain. After proceeding some little distance, the gentleman thus addressed his opposite companion: "I am sorry, sir, to see you so great a sufferer; I trust it is, however, some comfort to you to know that sorrow is not an accidental thing, but that it is sent for our good by a merciful God." "Merciful, sir, do you call Him?" replied the man; "I used to think Him merciful when I had my health and strength, but since He has afflicted me with this dreadful tic doloreux I think Him anything but merciful." Before the gentleman had time to answer, the young woman exclaimed: "Oh, do not say so, sir! I used never think of the mercy of God when I had all worldly things to make me happy, but when He at one sudden stroke removed the delight of my eyes, and left me with this little infant, almost in penury, then I found Him to be a merciful God, and a loving Father, and now I bless Him for my sorrows."

HOLD ON TO THE END.

In the battle of Gettysburg a young colour-bearer of the 16th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers fell mortally wounded. Holding on firmly to his colour-staff he felt someone taking hold, and heard a voice say, "Give us the flag." Death was already blinding his eyes, and he was unable to see who it was. "Are you friends or enemies?" he asked. "We are friends," they replied. "Then, if you are friends," the dying boy continued, "let me hold the flag till I die." And uttering these words he fell back and expired. That was the impulse and act of a brave and true heart. The flag had been entrusted to his keeping. He could not and would not yield it to an enemy. He could not yield it to a friend, because he would cling to his trust to the end. His example, though but that of a boy, is one of the noblest and truest in history. Have you a trust committed to you? Yes. God has entrusted you with gifts and opportunities and duties. And Jesus says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Paul, just before his martyrdom, wrote to Timothy: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me at that day."



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FIRST SUNDAY, December 2nd.

HYMN. (No. 3 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Read Psalm xlii.

THIS Psalmist was cast down, depressed in spirit. It is a complaint which afflicts God's people nowadays, sometimes. Doubting Castle is not empty long together.

This depression of spirit is sometimes caused by ill-health. The closest scrutiny cannot discover the exact relationships between the physical and mental and spiritual parts of our nature. Experience teaches that they act and re-act upon one another. God's help can enable us to glory in our infirmities when it is not His will that they should be cured. But it is our duty to take great care of our body, His temple, that through it we may get gladsome views of Himself, and be free from needless depression. Sometimes we need not so much the Divine as the physician. Like Elijah, under the juniper tree, we are physically exhausted.

Absence from God's house may cause our depression. It was so with this singer. He recalled hours of sweet fellowship, of which he still felt the need. He had caught a glimpse of the truth that Jehovah is everywhere, and knew that "private prayer is a brave design." But he also knew that "where most pray is heaven." Depressed soul! Hie to the sanctuary; hearken to the voice of joy and prayer; pour out your heart before God.

Sin depresses the spirit.

> "Where is the happiness I knew
> When first I saw the Lord "

Where you left it when you left the King's highway to stroll in By-path Meadow. "Return unto Me and I will return unto you," saith the Lord.

This Psalmist gives us a remedy for depression. "My soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember Thee" (ver. 6). He recalled God's former mercies. From the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, and the Hill Mizar, he sent his thoughts and prayers to the ear of Him whom he knew was his God, his helper. Or it may be that at these places God had wrought great deliverances for him. So cheer thee, my soul! "The Lord *hath* been mindful of us: He *will* bless us."

HYMN. (No. 154 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

SECOND SUNDAY, December 9th.

HYMN. (No. 667 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Read Luke viii. 4—18.

How full of meaning is this parable of the sower. The seed is the Word of God. Both have life in them. Science has not yet learned how long seed retains the power to germinate. A few years ago some seeds, which were taken from the hand of a mummy entombed three thousand years ago, burst into life and beauty. God's Word has God's life in it. It lies for long down in the human heart, overlaid with care and sin; but long after the sower has forgotten it or has passed away, that living seed may send forth the blade, the stalk, the ear, and the full corn in the ear.

The same seed, sown by the same hand, meets with very different conditions, and these determine the results. The thorns, the thin soil, the wayside, the devouring birds, have their analogues in the difficulties and hindrances with which the Word of God, sown by parent and teacher and preacher must contend. Take heed how ye hear: give the good seed a chance. Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord.

After all, there is much fruitfulness. Some seed brought forth thirty, some sixty, some a hundred fold. We have God's promise, "My Word shall not return unto Me void." And the history of our lives, and of the Church, confirms our hope. Rich harvests wave where once was barrenness. Think of the rich harvests from the seed sown by Carey and Livingstone, by Wesley and Raikes. Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

HYMN. (No. 274 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

THIRD SUNDAY, December 16th.

HYMN. (No. 16 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

PRAYER.

SCIPTURE LESSON. Read Acts xvi. 16—34.

Here are four steps towards God—

1. *Confession of sin.* If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins (1 John i. 9). Behind that lies Calvary, where Jesus Christ died, the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God. Our part is to realise, as His Spirit helps us, that the cross is ours, our place, our due punishment.

2. *Prayer for pardon.* "God, be merciful to me a sinner." We must shut out other sinners, less or more sinful, we may think, than ourselves, and shut ourselves in with God: *solus cum solo*, one with one—the one God with the one sinner. "Be merciful to *me!*"

3. *Promise to leave sin.* Whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sin shall find mercy. There must be a break with all evil. "Where Jesus comes, He comes to reign." His will is henceforth to be the law of my life. "Lord, what will Thou have me to do?"

4. *Claiming Christ as Personal Saviour.* This is the leap of faith. Christ says, "Come unto Me."

Coming to Christ means leaving sin and accepting His will as ours. If we thus come, humbly, sincerely, He accepts us; He receives us graciously and loves us freely. "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise, not in any wise, cast out." "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief." It is not a question of *feeling* saved. It is Christ's word, the truth, that if we thus come He receives us; the Holy Spirit enters and we are born of God. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!

HYMN. (No. 261 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

FOURTH SUNDAY, December 23rd.

HYMN. (No. 699 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Read Nehemiah viii.

Here is a programme for Christian Christmas cheer (verse 10).

"Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet." Our holy religion enjoins no unnecessary privations or restrictions upon innocent enjoyment. Jesus was often at the feasts, and He made more wine at Cana when they needed it. We must remember the restraints which health requires; remember to eat to live, not live to eat. The body must be brought under and kept in subjection. These important restraints observed, we may receive God's gifts with gladness, enjoy them, and, above all, thank Him who giveth us all things.

"And send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." We must share our blessings; and,

> "Scanty fare for one will often
> Make a royal feast for two."

A morsel shared is a morsel sweetened; and, of all music to a meal, that is most delightful which consists of the grateful thanks of those with whom we share our supplies. Waste and excess are crimes, for this reason, among others, that they lessen our possibilities of giving. Wesley's rule was good. "Get all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

"For the joy of the Lord is your strength." For the Christian, every cup of joy is consecrated by God's approval, and any joy that He cannot smile upon is condemned. "Dost Thou, dear Lord, approve?" is his question. If we thus go through Christmastide we shall have more joy in our hearts than in the time when their wine and their oil are increased, and all around us, too, will have cause to rejoice.

HYMN. (No. 12 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

FIFTH SUNDAY, December 30th.

HYMN. (No. 647 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Read Deuteronomy viii.

Before they crossed from the wilderness into the promised land, Moses bade the Israelites remember all the way the Lord their God had brought them. We may well do the same, ere we cross into the new land of the next year.

Remember the mercies of the way. The greatest miracle of our way has been that there has been no miracle, and yet we are the living to praise God. Day by day the manna has fallen for us. Our manifold needs—and how many and varied they are—have been all supplied. If our raiment has waxed old upon us, we have another in readiness. For us, as for Israel, there has been the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night: the voice of God, in the word, and in the heart, and in our circumstances. The guiding Spirit has been given. Amid our weary marches we have now and again come to Elim with its wells and palm trees. And in our conflicts, the Lord has been with us to fight for us.

We need to *remember, also, the sins and errors of the way*, our doubts and fears, hardness of heart, pride and rebellion. Where did we murmur against the Lord? We, too, have joined in the cry, "Back to Egypt!" We had momentary longings for sin's indulgences. And we can tell of the time, many times perhaps, when we worshipped the golden calf. The closing hours of the year may well be spent upon our knees, remembering the mercies and the sins of the way.

Let us *realise its purpose, too.* The way has brought us almost to a new land. Very soon we shall enter upon the New Year. This year and all previous years have been a preparation for our coming days. God has led us these years in the wilderness to humble us and to prove us, to know what was in our hearts, whether we would keep His commandments or no. Have we learned the lessons of dependence and humility and obedience? Are we ready for the good land of the New Year? Let us bow before the Lord in full consecration, that we may enter upon a higher, holier life, dwelling henceforth—

> "In a land of corn and wine.
> Favoured with God's peculiar smile,
> With every blessing blest."

HYMN. (No. 306 in *Sacred Songs and Solos.*)

TO OUR READERS.

The January number of this Magazine will contain several New Features; and special attention has been given to the Illustrated Tales and Articles, &c., &c., which will appear during 1901, *and which will be found to be of first-class merit.*

Unselfishness.

By Rev. JAMES SMITH.

THERE has been a great amount of talk during the past year about the deeds of daring performed at the war in South Africa, and many men have received the Victoria Cross, while others have yet to receive it, for the courage they have manifested. As you are no doubt aware, this coveted prize is given as a reward for conspicuous bravery displayed in the presence of the enemy; that is, it is presented to the men who do something very brave, which they could not be commanded to do, but which they chose to do from a purely unselfish motive. So you see the V.C. in reality stands for unselfishness.

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While we all appreciate the courage of the men who have thus gained this well-merited distinction, we cannot forget that there are a great many very courageous acts which are never recognised by the majority of people, and which, perhaps, none but God sees; yet we know that He who sees will surely reward. Among these are many performed by noble boys and girls.

Of such was Susan H——, whose sister Mary had been severely burned about her body. She was taken to the hospital, but after a time the doctor found that the wound would never heal unless one of her sisters allowed some skin to be taken from her healthy body and placed upon the open wound. To this painful operation Susan willingly submitted, for the sake of her sisier. We all agree that she is one of a band of little heroes, and calls forth our heartiest admiration.

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It is, however, comparatively easy to admire unselfishness in others, while failing to cultivate it in our own lives. Let us remember that if our lives are to be beautiful, they *must* be unselfish. The truly beautiful life is always that which is, notably, lived for the good of others.

The reason we all admire Florence Nightingale is because she devoted her life to the comfort of the soldiers in the Crimean war. The name of Elizabeth Fry is dear to us, because she unselfishly sought to uplift the fallen in our prisons; and Grace Darling is a name we love, because she risked her life in an open boat, that she might save the lives of the drowning seamen. Is it not also true that the reason so many of us love the name of Jesus is because it is said of Him, "Even Jesus pleased not Himself"?

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No one could ever point the finger of scorn at Jesus, and say that in any one moment of His life He manifested a selfish spirit. This is very wonderful when we remember how easy it is to discover faults in others while overlooking the same faults in ourselves. This was shown by a little girl at a Christmas party once. A plate of apples was being passed round, on the top of which was a large rosy one. Several of the children modestly took the smaller fruit, but when at last a child ventured to take the large rosy apple. The little girl next to her exclaimed, "How greedy to take the largest, I meant to take that myself." Thus, sometimes unconsciously, we judge others concerning faults which are most conspicuous in ourselves.

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We shall soon be commemorating what is considered to be the Anniversary of the Birth of Jesus Christ. When we do so at the coming Christmas, let us remember that the reason He left His home in heaven and became a man, was because He loved us with such a pure unselfish love that He was prepared to give his life to save us from sin; and let us know that, having lived a life of unselfishness, he submitted to the awful pain and sorrow of the Crucifixion, *for our sakes.* Would it not be a beautiful manner in which to celebrate His birthday if we were first to yield Him our heart's devotion, and then to seek to obey Him, and to follow in His footsteps by living truly unselfish lives. I trust each of you "little folks" will ask yourselves this Christmas time, "What can I do to make others happy?" and thus you will learn the secret of being joyous yourselves. In this highest and noblest sense I would wish you each one A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

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,, 3.—Missionary Prayer Meeting, 7.30 p.m.
,, 6.—Christian Band Roll-call. Address by the Pastor, 8 p.m.
,, 10.—Young Men's Prayer Meeting, 7.30.
,, 11.—Gospel Total Abstinence Meeting, 8 p.m.
,, 21.—Deacons' Meeting, 9 p.m.
,, 24.—Monthly Church Meeting, 8.30.
,, 30.—Evangelistic Service, 6.30.

SPECIAL.

Dec. 2.—Rev. W. Alex. Findlay will preach 11 a.m.
,, 7.—Master Arthur Housden will give a Lantern Entertainment in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 7.30 p.m. The Pastor will preside.
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Interview with the Rev. J. Halsey, minister of Anerley Congregational Church, at his residence "The Hawthorns" South Norwood Park. Decr 7th 1900 — J. A.

Mr Halsey's lines appear to be cast in pleasant places. He lives in a large well furnished house, has a fine Church, which cost, with its subordinate buildings £20,000, every penny of which has been paid; and has a large prosperous congregation. Situated in a well to do neighbourhood, he hardly touches the fringe of the poor, and as the accompanying manual fully sets forth the history, constitution, doings and finances of the Church, and gives photographs of Mr Halsey and the building, there is little left to report.

Mr H. is the oldest Nonconformist minister in the district, having been here more than 30 years. He came to a district which was purely residential upper class, with plenty of open ground. Although still well to do in the immediate locality of his Church, the district is changing to working class, large numbers of small houses having been erected,

Person's Employed.

Buildings, Services, Social Agencies

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such as those on the Berkbeck and Alexandra estates. Arpley R.d he describes as very bad, - lodging houses & single rooms occupied by prostitutes and thieves, whilst Vineleigh R.d, S. Hugh's R.d &c. are inhabited by people of low type. Arpley R.d has obtained its character through being originally tenanted by labourers engaged in the building trade, and he has a vague idea that its first tenants worked on the erection of the Crystal Palace. These streets turn out a very rough class of boy - real Hooligans - who are a source of much annoyance. He does not think anything much is being done to get hold of them. He is starting a Boys' Brigade at his church, but does not expect to reach this class.

The new management of the Crystal Palace is acting injuriously on the neighbourhood.

Minister, organist, caretaker paid. Good voluntary staff.

The Church holds 1250, is comfortably filled both Sunday morning and evening - fullest in the morning.

Mission Hall at Elmer's End supported by the Church

Visiting and Relief

Nursing

Other Agencies.

costs £200 a year, of which only £50 is found by the people attending there. Mr H. does not know more of its inner working than is reported in the Manual.

Sunday School small. Too far from the working class quarter to attract many children.

Large number of societies. Largest the Literary Society (200 members) and Slate Club, the latter not confined to the congregation.

No mother's meeting; not needed, there being 2 or 3 already in the poor parts.

By District Visiting and Tract Society, which goes into the poorer parts, each visitor having an allotted district. Gives bread and coal tickets, and money where needed, but not to any large extent. (See p. 36 of Manual.)

Their own very few poor are helped from the Communion Fund.

No paid agency; Voluntary help forthcoming if needed

Baptists strong: Methodists and Primitive Methodists

Cooperation

Drink & Prostitution.

Thrift.

Local Government and Health.

fairly so. Christchurch very active, and runs an important mission in Arpley Rd.; S. Army very vigorous & useful – doing more than the churches in the worst piece of the district.

Free Church Council a failure. No direct cooperation, but indirect through the Penge and Beckenham Philanthropic Society, whose methods are strict investigation and substantial help. A secular organization, but the churches contribute and send or get grants in needy cases.

Drink & prostitution considerable in the worst parts.

Working people not at all thrifty as a whole. Even if they earn good wages in summer they come for help in winter.

District well looked after sanitarily. A great want is baths. There should also be more recreation ground. Only one very small open space, apart from the Crystal Palace.

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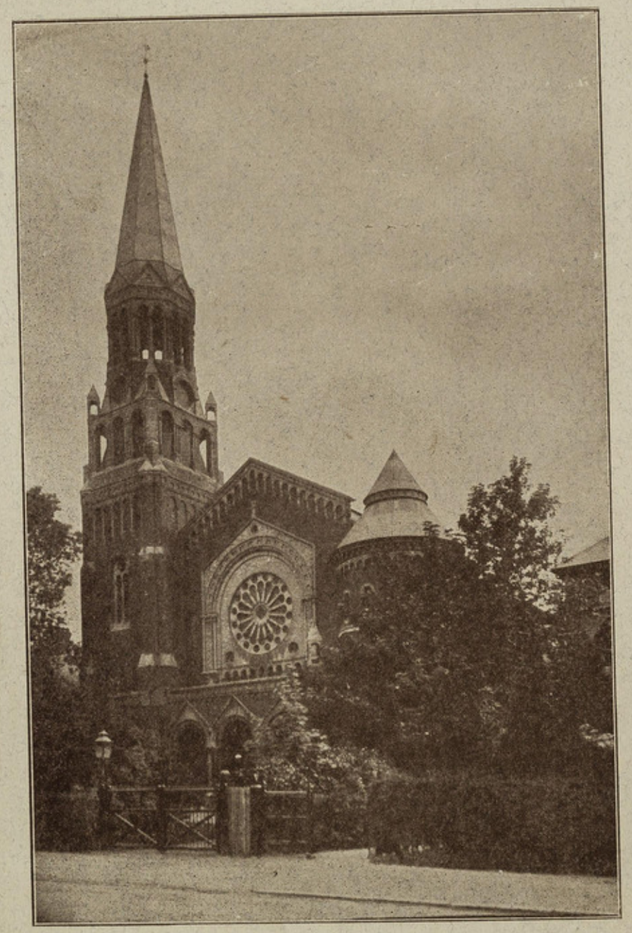

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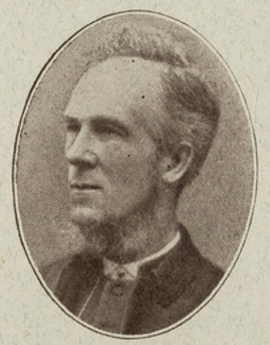

REV. J. HALSEY.

Historical Statement.

THE Congregational Church at Anerley was founded in the year 1856. The small Chapel in Jasmine Grove, the area of which is now contained within the pillars of the Lecture Hall, and which accommodated only 200 worshippers, was opened on 7th October, 1856, and cost, with land, &c., £1,100.

The Church was formed in May, 1857, under the presidency of Rev. T. C. Hine, and consisted of twenty-one persons, most of whom were transferred from the Church at Sydenham, of which he was pastor.

The pulpit was occupied for several years by various non-resident ministers. The Rev. W. Hickman Smith (now Aubrey) was the first settled pastor. His labours commenced in June, 1862, and terminated in July, 1866.

In January, 1867, an invitation was given to the present pastor, then a student in Hackney College, who commenced his ministry on August 4th, and was ordained on October 3rd of that year.

In January, 1868, the Church resolved to erect a School-room (the present Infant Class Room in Jasmine Grove). Meantime, however, the Chapel accommodation being found inadequate, it was determined to enlarge the building by lateral extensions, the cost of the two undertakings being £1.500. The School-room was completed in August, 1868, and the Chapel was re-opened on the 22nd of the following December. The debt was paid off in 1871.

The continued increase of the Congregation rendered further extension necessary, and on October 8th, 1874, the Foundation-stone of our present Church Building was laid by Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., who contributed £500 towards the Building Fund. On Thursday, January 20th, 1876, the edifice was opened, Rev. A. Raleigh, D.D., being the preacher. £16,500 have been spent upon the building, organ, vestries, etc., which sum (with the exception of £700 now outstanding) has been paid off.

Pastor.

The Rev. J. HALSEY, The Hawthorns, 10, Crescent Road, South Norwood Park.

Deacons.

Mr. HERBERT ASHFORD, 58, Auckland Road, Upr. Norwood.
,, H. B., ASHFORD, 89, Marlow Road, Anerley.
,, F. W. FEAVER, 12, Lawrence Road, South Norwood.
,, J. A. FISHER, 146, Croydon Road.
,, E. E. HARRIS, 89, Anerley Road.
,, W. HODGSON, 113, Croydon Road.
,, S. LONG, 27, Maple Road.
,, J. C. MILLER, 17, Langley Road, Elmers End.
,, J. SNOW, 6, Langley Road, Elmers End.
,, W. TARRANT, 110, Beckenham Road, Beckenham.
,, W. H. WALFORD, 130, Croydon Road.
,, W. T. H. WISSON, 4, Pembroke Villas, Stembridge Road, Anerley.
,, H. W. YOUNG, 105, Croydon Road.

Officers of the Church.

Treasurer—Mr. W. H. WALFORD.
Secretary to the Deacons and Church—Mr. W. T. H. WISSON.
Financial Secretary—Mr. P. R. POCOCK.
Secretaries to the Weekly Offering.
Mr. J. SNOW and Mr. H. W. YOUNG.
Superintendents of the Fabric.
Mr. F. W. FEAVER and Mr. E. G. HOPPER.
Seat Letting Steward—Mr. H. B. ASHFORD.
Assistant—Mr. RALPH ADAMS.
Book Steward—Mr. H. B. ASHFORD.
Secretary to the Pew Committee—Mr. W. H. WALFORD.
Secretary to the Young People's Guild—Mr. WISSON.
Secretary to the Home Mission Committee—Mr. J. C. MILLER.
Treasurer to the Home Misson—Mr. H. B. ASHFORD.
Treasurer to the Communion Fund and District Visiting Society—Mr. E. E. HARRIS.

Superintendent of Anerley Sunday School—Mr. W. TARRANT.
,, *Elmers End* ,, (Post Vacant).
Evangelist, Elmers End ... ... Mr. J. WARDLE.

Finance Committee—Messrs. DEANE, ENTROP, LINDSEY, A. C. MOORE, SCHULTZE; also Messrs. H. B. ASHFORD, FEAVER, FISHER, POCOCK, SNOW, WALFORD, and YOUNG.

Church Officer.
Mr. J. DANIELLS, 24, Jasmine Grove.

The Church Services are as follows:—

SUNDAY—Morning - - - - 11.0 o'clock.
Evening - - - - 6.30 ,,

A Special Children's Service is held in the Lecture Hall, every Sunday Morning, at 10.30.

WEDNESDAY—
SERVICE, in Church Vestry - - 7.30 ,,
CHOIR PRACTICE - - - - 8.30 ,,

(THE CHURCH MEETING is held on the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday in every month, except the Annual Church Meeting in January, which is held on the Monday preceding the Anniversary Meeting.)

Anniversaries.

OPENING OF NEW CHURCH, Fourth Sunday in January.
SUNDAY SCHOOL - - - Second Sunday in April.
PASTOR'S SETTLEMENT - - First Sunday in August.

Membership.

PERSONS wishing to unite with the Church are requested to intimate their desire to the Pastor, either in the Vestry, after any of the Services, or at their own convenience at his residence.

Ordinances.

THE Ordinance of the Lord's Supper is administered on the Morning of the first and on the Evening of the fourth Sunday in the Month, at the conclusion of the ordinary Service. At the Evening observance unfermented wine is used.

The rite of Infant Baptism or Dedication is administered after the Morning Service as often as required, due notice being previously given from the Pulpit. Parents wishing to have their children baptized or dedicated should communicate with the Pastor, in order that he may arrange for an early opportunity.

Constitution.

THE Church is a Congregational Pædo-Baptist Church. At the same time its fellowship is open to all sincere disciples of Christ.

Congregationalists hold—

I.—The right of private judgment, free from all external authority, in matters of religion.

II.—That every local Congregation, composed of persons voluntarily associating together for purposes of Christian worship, is likewise independent of all human authority and control, external to itself, whether on the part of other Churches or of the State.

III.—That the Church properly consists only of those who are truly endeavouring to live the Christ-life.

These positions do not prejudice voluntary and fraternal association with other Churches and other denominations.

The Members of this Congregation admit that there exists amongst them considerable diversity of opinion upon several important doctrines of Theology; but they do not regard that difference as a bar to Christian Union, either among themselves, or with other communities.

They unite for the study of Christian truth, under the instruction of a Teacher, whom they do not regard as the retained advocate of certain doctrines, and therefore bound to publish them and support them; but as one

whose duty it is to aid them in their studies by giving them the benefit of his earnest enquiry into the truth of God.

They seek to promote belief, not by requiring it authoritatively, but by searching for evidence in the freest spirit of enquiry, proving all things, and holding fast that which is good.

Finances.

THE entire income of the Church, for its ordinary purposes, is derived from the Weekly Offertory and Quarterly Collections. The liabilities thus met include Stipends for Minister, Organist, and Church Officer, Interest on Debt, and Miscellaneous Expenses connected with the Church and Lecture Hall.

The attention of the Congregation is earnestly invited to the following statements:—

1. Sittings are allotted *without any fixed rent being charged.*

2. Each seatholder is expected to make a weekly offering for the maintenance of the Ministry and the carrying on of the general work of the Church. £25 per week is the minimum sum required to meet all demands independently of the Debt.

3. Seatholders are expected to fix the amount of their offerings according to their ability, "as God hath prospered them," apart from any idea of pew rent or reference to what is done by others. It is desired that the weekly contribution should be distinctly regarded as a religious sacrifice and an act of worship.

4. The object of this system is to recognise the duty and privilege of regularly setting aside a proportion of our income for religious and philanthropic purposes,

which we feel to be the only sound basis of Christian Finance. Out of a sum so laid aside it will be easy to make a weekly offering on the Sabbath.

5. The amount contributed by each seatholder is known only to the Registrars of the Offertory.

Church Rules.

1. That any Member who shall be absent from the Lord's Supper, or irregular in attendance upon the Public Services of the Sanctuary for three consecutive months, without sufficient cause, shall forfeit Membership or incur suspension at the discretion of the Pastor and Deacons. All such cases to be reported to the Church at its annual Business Meeting.

2.—That any Member wishing to bring a subject under discussion at a Church Meeting be required to give a month's notice, in writing, of the same to the Pastor.

3.—That a special Church Meeting for the transaction of business and presentation of accounts be held at the end of January.

4.—That sittings not occupied with regularity for a period of two months be allocated to others in the absence of any reason for the irregular attendance.

5.—That the Pastor is President and the Deacons Members (*ex-officio*) of the Committees of all Societies connected with the Church.

6.—That only Members of the Parent Church at Anerley be entitled to vote on matters relating thereto, Members of the Branch Church (that is, those who although admitted by the Parent Church, yet do not hold sittings and regularly attend the administration of the Lord's Supper thereat) being eligible to vote only on subjects relating to the place at which they habitually worship.

List of Members and Seatholders.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
Adams, Mr. and Mrs.	28, Station Road, Anerley ...	95
Adams, Mr. Ralph ...	28, Station Road, Anerley ...	160
Adamson, Mrs. ...	46, Selby Road, Anerley ...	49
Allard, Miss L ...	37, Maple Road, Penge... ...	168
Amos, Miss	42, Colby Road, Upper Norwood	Choir
Andrews, Miss ..	39, Beckenham Road, Penge ...	27
Ashford, Mr. and Mrs. H. B....	89, Marlow Road, Anerley ...	80
Ashford, Mr. O. B. ...	89, Marlow Road, Anerley ...	72
Ashford, Miss.. ...	89, Marlow Road, Anerley ...	72
Ashford, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert	58, Auckland Road, U. Norwood	45
Austin, Mr. Sydney C.	5, Thornsett Road, Anerley ...	4
Austin, Mrs.	5, Thornsett Road, Anerley ...	4
Baker, Mrs.	29, Cambridge Road, Anerley...	164
Barkham, Mr. and Mrs. F. and Miss ...	14, Beckenham Road, Penge ...	46
Bateman, Mrs.	20, Stodart Road, Anerley ...	99
Bell, Mrs. and Miss ...	High View, Anerley Hill, Upper Norwood	79
Bisson, Mrs. & Miss M.	13, Selby Road, Anerley ...	79
Blair, Mr. R.	70, Oakfield Road, Anerley ...	10
Booth, Mrs. and Miss	Devon House, Weighton Road, Anerley...	4*a*
Boutwood, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses ...	12, Selby Road, Anerley ...	121
Bowditch, Miss ...	6, Thornsett Road, Anerley ...	49
Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. E.	89, Penge Road, South Norwood	110
Boys, Mr. and Mrs. J.	22, Stodart Road, Penge ...	91
Brebner, Mr. R. ...	Helensburgh, Stembridge Road, Anerley...	96
Broad, Mr. F. H. ...	3, Oliver Grove, South Norwood	48
Brockington, Mr. and Mrs. H.	8, Genoa Road, Anerley ...	152
Budd, Mr. H.... ...	Talgarth, Crescent Road, South Norwood	80
Bullett, Mr. and Mrs	Lilac Lodge, Padua Road, Penge	76
Bullett, The Misses & Mr. S.	83, Crampton Road, Penge ...	136
Burton, Mrs.	53, Palace Road, U. Norwood	159
Burvill, Mrs. and Miss		

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
Butler, Mr.	98, Maple Road, Penge... ...	107
Button, Mr. and Mrs.	9, Genoa Road, Anerley ...	46
Caffyn, Mrs. P. ...	59, Anerley Road, U. Norwood	31
Cairns, Mr.	Braeside, Sunbridge Road, Bromley	17
Carmichael, Mr. D. ...	, Penge	17
Carter, Mr. Ernest ...	117, Anerley Road, Anerley ...	18
Cavanaugh, Mrs. ...	181, Anerley Road, Anerley ...	65
Cawson, Miss	Mayfield Lodge, 193, Anerley Road	9
Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.	2, Challin Street, Penge ...	126
Clark, Mrs.	3, Warwick Rd., Marlow Rd., Anerley...	125
Clark, Mrs. F. W., Miss and Mr. S.	Enmore Lodge, Croydon Road	57
Clarke, Miss A. ...	11, Mosslea Road, Penge ...	105
Cook, Mr. W.... ...	6, Green Lane, Penge	168
Cooper, Miss	220, Portland Rd., S. Norwood	162
Copping, Mr. and Mrs.	1, Brook Villas, Elmers End Road, Anerley...	70
Corney, Mr.	85, Mackenzie Rd., Beckenham	28
Cort, Miss	53, Farquhar Rd., U. Norwood	15
Craig, Mr. and Mrs. J.	Lansdowne Villa, Mackenzie Road, Beckenham	70
Creasey, Mr. & Mrs. C. and Miss	10, Cambridge Rd., S. Norwood	162
Daniells, Mr. and Mrs.	24, Jasmine Grove, Anerley ...	35
Davies, Mr. W. Ernest and Mrs.	33, Holmwood Rd., S. Norwood	13
Davies, The Misses ...	1, Cavendish Villas, Elmers End	53
Deane, Mr. and Mrs. D. J., Miss & Mr. D.	212, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	106
Dearle, Mr. and Mrs.	Lyndhurst, 75, Marlow Road, Anerley...	43
De Brenner, Mr. H. ...	33, Penge Road, South Norwood	163
Deighton, Mrs. ..	28, Thicket Road, Anerley ...	12
Denham, Mr. and Mrs.	7, Cargreen Road, S. Norwood	38
De Pury, Mr. and Mrs. H.	7, Minden Road, Anerley ...	89
Duke, Mr. and Mrs. ...	Ferndale, Stembridge Road, Anerley	4
Donald, Mrs.	92, Anerley Park, Penge ...	23

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
Durrant, Mr. & Mrs. J.	12, Crampton Road, Penge ...	166
Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. G.	163, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	65
Ellis, Mr. W. J. ...	135, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	78
Entrop, Mr., Mrs. and Miss	11, Wheathill Road, Anerley ...	128*a*
Farnworth, Mr. R. A. and Mrs.	Worthy Vale, Mackenzie Road, Beckenham	50
Fabian, Miss	5, Station Road, Anerley ...	48
Fanning, Mr.	52, Palace Road, U. Norwood	77
Feaver, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. and Miss ...	12, Lawrence Road, S. Norwood	25
Feaver, Mr. & Mrs. J.	The Gables, Anerley Road ...	66
Feaver, Mr. and Mrs. A. E.	15, Whitworth Road, Norwood	66
Fell, Mr. & Mrs. E. K.	7A, Samos Road, Anerley ...	3
Fell, Mr. F. E. ...	7A, Samos Road, Anerley ...	30
Fielding, Mrs. ...	Hursley, Maple Road, Anerley	11
Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. A. R.	30, Thornsett Road, Anerley ...	105
Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. J. A.	146, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	69
Flint, Mr. S. W. ...	33, Croydon Road, Penge ...	68
Foskett, Mr. and Mrs. H.	Homburg House, Ewelme Road, Forest Hill	64
Francis, Mr. S. W. & Mrs.	45, Lennard Road, Penge ...	74
Freemantle, Mrs. and Mr. S.	71, Birkbeck Road, Beckenham	23
French, Mr. B. T. ...	Oxford Villa, Croydon Road, Anerley...	34
French, Mr. & Mrs. J.	110, Arpley Road, Penge ...	16
French, Mr. H. ...	11, Birkbeck Road, Beckenham	12
French, Mr. W. ...	54, Ravenscroft Rd., Beckenham	167
Frost, Miss	164, Croydon Road	35
Garmeson, The Misses	24, Peak Hill Gardens, Sydenham	51
Garmeson, Mr. and Mrs. J.	73, Newlands Park, Sydenham	55
Gentry, Mr. R. ...	180, Sydenham Road, Croydon	167
Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. H.	Acacia House, Venner Road, Sydenham	67
Glanville, Mr. J. ...	70, Westow Hill, U. Norwood	81

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
Gower, Mr. J., Mrs. and Miss	3, Pelham Road, Birkbeck Road, Beckenham	129
Greenacre, Miss ...	13, Princes Road, Penge ...	23
Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. H.	41, Parish Lane, Penge ...	163
Grover, Mr. J. & Miss Hilda	6, Wheathill Road, Anerley ...	161
Hacklett, Mr. and Mrs.	21, Thornsett Road, Anerley ...	37
Halsey, Mrs.	10, Crescent Road, S. Norwood	40
Halsey, Mr. E. ...	10, Crescent Road, S. Norwood	47
Harris, Miss	5, Selby Road, Anerley ...	109
Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A. F.	Penrose, Mackenzie Road, Beckenham	163
Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. E.	89, Anerley Road, Anerley ...	42
Harrison, Mr. B. ...	Trevone, Barnmead Rd., Beckenham	108
Hawkridge, Mr. and Mrs. J.	39, Venner Road, Sydenham ...	90
Head, Mr. W., Mrs. and the Misses ...	3, Thornsett Villas, Marlow Road, Anerley	104
Heath, Miss	Anerley Road	Choir
Heddon, Mr. J. H. ...	116, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	22
Hodgson, Mr. & Mrs. W.	Clitheroe, 113, Croydon Road, Anerley	64
Holt, Mrs.	12, Seymour Villas, Anerley ...	98
Hood, Mr. & Mrs. F. W.	19, Genoa Road, Anerley ...	92
Hoon, Mr. and Mrs. W. G.	Selborne, Selby Road, Anerley	103
Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. E. G.	Frant, Stembridge Rd., Anerley	44
Hubble, Mr.	18, Kingshall Rd., Beckenham	43&17
Hughes, Miss	105, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	41
Hunt, Mr. H. A ...	Erdington Villa, Laurel Grove	62
Hutchison, Mr. & Mrs.	16, Derwent Road, Anerley ...	102
Huth, Mr. J. W. ...	85, Croydon Road, Penge ...	101
Hutley, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss	83, Arpley Road, Penge ...	161
Ilott, Mr. and Mrs. ...	11, Trenholme Road, Anerley...	130
Jackson, The Misses...	18, Woodland Rd., U. Norwood	47

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
James, Mr. L. ...	4, Tintagel Villas, Mackenzie Road, Beckenham	48
James, Mr. Mortimer	Treswell, Mackenzie Road, Beckenham	27
Jones, Mr. Oscar ...	Mayfield, Barnmead Road, Beckenham	74
Keates, Mrs. and Miss	33, Selby Road, Anerley ...	94
Kemp, Miss	39, Hawthorn Grove, Penge ...	87
King, Mr. J	15, Montrave Road, Penge ...	100
Kingdon, Mr. and Mrs. W. F.	Belgrano, Brackley Road, New Beckenham	7
Latham, Mrs.... ...	11, Samos Road, Anerley ...	52
Lardner, Mrs.... ..	190, Croydon Road	100
Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. M. J....	84, Croydon Road, Penge ...	60
Long, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney	27, Maple Road, Penge	37
Long, Miss	Chandos, 61, Mackenzie Road, Beckenham	96
Lorrain, Mr. and Mrs., Mr. E. W. and Miss	175, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	53
Lumsden, Miss ...	28, Station Road, Anerley ...	96
Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. A. D.	137, Beckenham Road, Penge ...	126
McIntosh, Mrs. ...	Kent House Farm, Beckenham	93
McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. D.	7, Linden Grove, Penge ...	93
McIntosh. Mr. ...	20, Woodbine Grove, Penge ...	93
Mack, Miss E. & Miss A. J.	The Lodge, Crystal Palace District Cemetery, Beckenham ...	98
Mack, Mr. H. ...	Do. do. do.	13
Mackenzie, Mrs. ...	Glenesk, Cator Rd., Sydenham	36
McNicol, Mrs. J ...	Chilham House, 66, Croydon Road, Penge	36
Masters, Mrs. G. ...	36, Station Road, Anerley ...	101
Marshall, Mr. H. ...	123, Portland Road, S. Norwood	85
Matton, Mr. J. ...	13, Wheathill Road, Anerley ...	128*a*
Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs.	60, Auckland Road, U. Norwood	37
Miller, Mr. J. C. & Mrs. and Mr. C.	Lynmouth House, Langley Rd., Elmers End	62
Mills, Miss C.... ...	58, Auckland Road, U. Norwood	133
Minns, Mr. and Mrs. J.	2, Malcolm Road, Penge ...	167

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. T. C....	57, Jasmine Grove, Anerley ...	136
Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Adams	59, Jasmine Grove, Anerley ...	128
Moat, The Misses ...	Pleydell, 38, Maberley Road, Upper Norwood	61
Moodie, The Misses ...	33, Barnmead Rd., Beckenham	78
Moore, Mr. and Mrs A. C., & The Misses	220, Anerley Road, Anerley ...	39
Morgan, Miss Lizzie...	13, Beverley Road, Anerley ...	18
Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.	Ravenscar, Croydon Rd., Penge	65
Moxon, Miss G. ...	Frant, Stembridge Rd., Anerley	44
Murch, Mr. and Mrs	37, Venner Road, Sydenham ...	52
Newell, Mrs. F. C. ...	Rosebank, Queen's Road, South Norwood	19
Nimmo, Mr. T. ...	6, Stanger Road, Sth. Norwood	43
Norman, Mr. W. and Mrs., and Mr. A. W.	14, Penge Road, South Norwood	5
Notley, Mr. and Mrs., and Mr. A.	Arthurville, Marlow Road, Anerley	14
Notley, Mr. C. ...	Elmers End Road, Anerley ...	
Nunn, Mr. G.	20, Selhurst Road, S. Norwood	99
Odhams, Mr., Mrs., and The Misses ...	10, Seymour Villas, Anerley ...	68
Paramor, Mr. and Mrs.	29, Cambridge Road, Anerley...	91
Parnaby, Mr. and Mrs. F. A....	6, Elmers End Road, Anerley...	92
Payne, Mr. and Mrs...	104, Anerley Road, U. Norwood	95
Pawley, Miss Elizabeth	Ravenscar, Croydon Rd., Penge	
Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. A.	19, Clock House Rd., Beckenham	51
Petman, Mr.	8, Florence Villas, Elmers End Road, Anerley...	125
Piper, The Misses ...	Rosebank, Queen's Rd., South Norwood	19
Piper, Mrs. Charles ...		
Plumbridge, Mr. A. ...	Wheathill Lodge, Croydon Rd., Anerley...	164
Pocock, Mr. and Mrs	210, Anerley Road, Anerley ...	24
Poynton, Mr. Thos. T.	Headley Lodge, 45, Croydon Road, Penge	50
Prosser, Mrs.	Lyncombe, Thicket Rd., Anerley	11
Prosser, Miss	28, Thicket Road, Anerley ...	12

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
Punchard, Mrs. J. A.	Trevone, Mackenzie Rd., Beckenham...	21
Quixley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry	22, Avington Grove, Penge ...	67
Reid, Miss	114, Oakfield Road, Penge ...	94
Rendall, Miss	12, Elmers End Road, Anerley	105
Richardson, Mrs. ...	183, Anerley Road, Anerley ...	49
Roake, Miss	27, Weighton Road, Anerley ...	33
Roberts, Mr. and The Misses	31, Thornsett Road, Anerley ...	44
Roddis, Mr. R. W. ...	1, Pembroke Villas, Stembridge Road, Anerley...	17
Ross, Mrs. and Miss...	Maisonnette, Genoa Road, Anerley...	45
Rudd, Mrs. and The Misses	2, Maple Road, Anerley ...	97
Rudd, Mr. and Mrs. R. W.	29, Kingshall Road, Beckenham	98
Rudd, Mr. T. W. and Mrs.	8 Elmers End Road, Anerley...	66
Sambrook, Miss ...	104, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	48
Schove, Mr. H. ...	Clevelands, Eldon Park, South Norwood	123
Schultze, Mr. E. and Mrs.	Granville Lodge, Croydon Rd., Anerley...	58
Scott, Mr. and Mrs. T. W.	12, Cambridge Road, Anerley...	162
Simmons, Mr. F. ...	69, Westow Hill, U. Norwood	20
Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. J. M....	8, Barnmead Road, Beckenham	77
Smith, Mr. Noel ...	18, Woodland Rd., U. Norwood	47
Smith, The Misses ...	115, Lennard Road, Beckenham	6
Snow, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses and Mr. Aug. H. Snow ...	Florence Villa, Langley Road, Elmers End...	63
Speare, Mrs.	Denmark House, Hamlet Road, Upper Norwood	54
Stallybrass, Mrs and Miss	Lyndale, Perry Rise, Forest Hill	13
Stanley, Mrs. and The Misses	9, Oliver Grove, S. Norwood ...	20
Stanley, Mr. E ...	6, Howden Road, U. Norwood	

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
Starkey, Mr. J. & Mrs.	6, Samos Road, Anerley ...	32
Starkey, Miss	6, Samos Road, Anerley ...	32
Strohmenger, Mr. and Mrs.	31, Belvedere Rd., U. Norwood	54
Sweet, Mrs.	3, Oliver Grove, S. Norwood ...	71
Syrett, Mrs.	Branscombe, Stembridge Road, Anerley...	23
Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs. W.	The Beeches, Croydon Road, Anerley...	55
Tebb, The Misses ...	Ashburnham, Shortlands ...	126
Temple, Mr. and Mrs. R.	10, Queen Adelaide Road, Penge	8
Thoburn, Mr. A. and Mrs.	30, Station Road, Anerley ...	89
Thomas, Miss Ann ...	14, Beverley Road, Anerley ...	45
Thomson, Mrs. ...	28, Avington Grove, Penge ...	88
Turner, Mr. & Mrs. S.	100, Oakfield Road, Penge ...	122
Turquand, Mr. P. ..	30, Weighton Road, Anerley ...	59
Ulander, The Misses	177, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	168
Vorght, Mr. S. L. ...	51, Kingshall Road, Beckenham	110
Waite, Mr. C.... ...	91, Marlow Road, Anerley ...	26
Wakelin, Miss ...	7, Minden Road, Anerley ...	89
Walford, Mr. W. H. & Mrs.	130, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	73
Wardle, Mr. J. & Mrs.	Eaglescroft, Mackenzie Road, Beckenham	
Wells, Mr. C. H. ...	11, Lancaster Road, S. Norwood	136
Wells, Mr. & Mrs. S. J.	7, Thornsett Road, Anerley ...	39
White, Miss E. ...	26, Oakfield Road, Anerley ...	46
Whitfield, Mrs. ...	23, Genoa Road, Anerley ..	61
Williams, Mr. J. & Mrs.	The Briars, Birkbeck Road, Beckenham	18
Winterbourne, Miss ...	23, Genoa Road, Anerley ...	61
Winterson, Mr. ...	41, Maple Road, Penge	58
Wisson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. H.	4, Pembroke Villas, Stembridge Road, Anerley...	74
Wood, Mr. & Mrs H. J. and Miss	117, Anerley Road, Anerley ...	18
Wood, Mr. C.... ..	3, Eton Villas, Lennard Road, Penge	107
Woodham, Miss ...	10, Selby Road, Anerley ...	59

NAME.	ADDRESS.	PEW NO.
Worster, Mrs.... ...	29, Maple Road, Penge ...	16
Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. S.	146, Beckenham Road, Penge...	76
Wright, Mr. S. R. ...	146, Beckenham Road, Penge ..	77
Young, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. and Miss ...	105, Croydon Road, Anerley ...	41

Members Affiliated to the Elmers End Branch Church.

Under the Superintendence of Mr. J. Wardle.

Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Archer, Mr. and Mrs.
Avis, Mr. and Mrs.
Avis, Miss Agnes

Burgess, Mr. and Mrs.

Figg, Miss

George, Mr.
George, Miss A. P.

Handly, Miss
Heard, Mr. and Mrs.
Holledge, Miss
Hose, Miss

Levens, Mr. and Mrs. S.

Miller, Mr. and Mrs.
Miller, Mr. J. C., jun.

Ollive, Mr. and Mrs.

Poplett, Mrs.
Price, Mr. and Mrs.
Price, Miss Lilian

Snow, Mrs.

Wardle, Mr. and Mrs.
Wardle, Miss Jessie

The General Assets and Liabilities of the Church,

At 31st December, 1899, are shown in the following Statements.

ASSETS.

The Church Building in Anerley Road, with the Vestries, Organ and Furniture	
The Lecture Hall and Furniture in Jasmine Grove	
The New Chapel at Elmers End	
The above Properties cost approximately	£20,000 0 0

LIABILITIES.

Amount due to the Provident Clerks' Life Office on Mortgage of the Building in Anerley Road, at 4¼ per cent.	£800 0 0
January 20th, 1900. Paid off since following accounts were made up	£100 0 0
	£700 0 0

(Now paid off)

Anerley Congregational Church Communion Fund, 1899.

Mr. E E. HARRIS, *Treasurer.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
Balance	12	14	10	Lingfield Colony ...	3	3	0
Collections	40	15	6	East London Mission	3	3	0
				Widows and Orphans of Missionaries ...	5	6	2
				Mrs. Loxton Fund ...	3	3	0
				Armenia Institute ...	1	1	0
				Rev. H. G. Kegg ...	0	10	0
				Jamaica Distress Fund	2	2	0
				Irish Evangelization Society	1	1	0
				Temperance Hospital	1	1	0
				Mansfield ,,	1	1	0
				West London ,,	1	1	0
				Liberator Relief Fund	2	2	0
				Elmers End Poor ,,	1	1	0
				Payments to the Poor	12	7	6
				Communion Wine ...	4	16	0
				Balance	10	11	8
£53	10	4		£53	10	4	

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE, E. G. HOPPER.

Anerley Congregational Church.—

W. H. Walford, Esq., *Treasurer.*

Dr.		£ s. d.
To New Year's Thankoffering—		
Debt Fund	£3 17 6	
General Fund	41 16 3	
		45 13 9
Weekly Offerings in Envelopes ...	811 9 2	
,, ,, Loose Cash ...	158 1 8	
		969 10 10
Collections—		
General Purposes		73 14 11
Congregational Unions	10 0 0	
Sunday Schools	9 7 10	
London Missionary Society ...	9 5 0	
Beckton Gas Mission	4 0 0	
Browning Settlement	3 3 0	
Lorrain Mission	8 0 0	
Hospitals	8 14 11	
Home Mission	12 4 3	
Benevolent Fund	10 0 6	
		74 15 6
Donations—		
Proceeds of Cantata, "Men of the Mayflower"	6 0 0	
Per J. C. Miller, Esq.	1 0 0	
,, H. W. Young, Esq.... ...	0 10 0	
Penge Liberal Association ... (Hire of Hall)	1 1 0	
Realized by Sale of Work (per Mrs. Schove	1 5 0	
A. C. Moore, Esq., Debt Fund ...	20 0 0	
Gymnastic Class	1 1 0	
		30 17 0
Home Mission Fund (Elmers End)		161 4 2
Special Donations towards Deficiency (see page 20)		116 7 6
Balance due to Treasurer		161 4 6
		£1,633 8 2

Examined and found correct,

W. R. Metcalfe.
E. G. Hopper.

CASH STATEMENT for the Year ending 31st Dec., 1899.

P. R. Pocock, Esq., *Financial Secretary.*

Cr.		£ s. d.
By Balance due to Treasurer		159 11 8
Salaries to Pastor, Supplies, Organist, Church Officer and Cleaners		964 19 6
Gas	£36 19 0	
Fire Insurance	13 12 9	
Printing and Advertisements	44 1 1	
Repairs and Improvements	63 8 4	
Subscriptions	1 16 0	
Coals	3 8 6	
Gardener	6 0 0	
Water and Taxes	11 17 8	
Sundries	26 11 2	
		207 14 6
Tuning Organ		8 8 0
Interest on Debt...		32 17 4
Collections paid out—		
Sunday Schools	9 7 10	
London Congregational Union ...	5 0 0	
Surrey ,, ,, ...	5 0 0	
London Missionary Society ...	9 5 0	
Beckton Gas Mission	4 0 0	
Browning Settlement	3 3 0	
Surgical Aid Society	4 4 0	
Beckenham Cottage Hospital ...	1 7 11	
Royal Hospital for Incurables ...	1 1 0	
Norwood Cottage Hospital ...	1 1 0	
Guy's Hospital	1 1 0	
Lorrain Mission	8 0 0	
Home Mission	12 4 3	
Benevolent and District Society..	10 0 6	
		74 15 6
Transferred to Debt Fund		23 17 6
Home Mission (Elmers End)		161 4 2
		£1,633 8 2

SPECIAL DONATIONS TOWARDS THE DEFICIENCY OF 1898.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rev. J. Halsey ...	10	0	0	Mr. Harold Halsey	1	0	0
Mr. Entrop	2	2	0	Mr. Ernest Halsey...	1	0	0
Mr. John Feaver ...	10	0	0	Mr. Wm. Halsey ...	5	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Feaver	10	0	0	Mr. Henry Ashford	0	10	6
Mr. E. K. Fell ...	1	0	0	Mrs. Speare	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Fisher...	10	0	0	Mr. Wisson... ...	1	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Haddock	5	0	0	Mr. Adams	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Harris...	10	0	0	Mrs. Baker	0	5	0
Mr. Kingdon ...	5	0	0	Mr. & Mrs. Paramor	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. Moore ...	10	0	0	Mr. H. W. Young ...	2	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. Oldhams	5	0	0	Mr. Herbert Ashford	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Pocock	10	0	0	Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Moore	1	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Walford	10	0	0				
H. B....	2	10	0		£116	7	6
Mr. Hutley	0	5	0				

DEBT FUND.

		£	s.	d.
1898. Dec. 31.	To Cash in hand	48	3	6
1899. Dec.	To Transferred from General Accounts ...	23	17	6
		£72	1	0

ESTIMATED LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Water Rate	2	10	0
Gas	11	0	0
Interest	5	9	0
Printing	4	0	0
Gardener	3	0	0
Sundries	3	0	0
	£28	19	0

Sunday School.

President—Rev. J. HALSEY.

Superintendent—Mr. W. TARRANT.

Treasurer—Mr. H. ASHFORD. *Secretary*—Mr. R. TEMPLE.

Assistant Secretary—Mr. E. CARTER.

Librarians—Messrs. WRIGHT and H. NEWMAN.

Choir Master—Mr. GRIFFIN. *Organist*—Mr. H. MACK.

School Visitor—Miss L. ROBERTS.

Collectors—Misses HOLT, E. MOORE, and L. ROBERTS.

Teachers—

Mr. Ashford *	Miss Ada Boutwood	Mrs. Newell
Mr. Griffin	Miss Burvill	Mrs. Ogilvy †
Mr. Ilott	Miss Caffyn	Miss Prosser
Mr. H. Mack	Miss Clark	Miss Gladys Prosser
Miss Beck	Miss Flint	Miss Ross
Miss Bullett	Miss Halsey	Miss Rudd
Miss Alice Bullett	Miss Lorrain	Miss Syrett
Miss Boutwood	Miss E. Moore	Miss Wood

* *Young Men's Class.* † *Young Women's Class.*

Number on Books, 31st December, 1899.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Teachers and Officers	9	22	31

	Total.	Average Attendance.
Scholars	246	153

The School meets in the Hall, Jasmine Grove, every Sunday Afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The general work of the School has been carried on during the past year under somewhat difficult circumstances. Through various causes a large number of teachers and officers have resigned, and unfortunately there seems a growing disinclination on the part of our Church members to take up this work, so that at times there have been as many as three classes without teachers. We leave this to the prayerful consideration of the Church, and volunteers will be gladly welcomed.

The "Children's Own Service" is held every Sunday morning, from 10.30 to 11.30, and is conducted by Mr. Ilott. The Service is of a bright and attractive nature, a short address being given by some friend at each meeting. To these friends we offer our grateful thanks. Average attendance, 30.

According to our rules, all youths on attaining the age of 16 years, are transferred to the Bible and Conversational class conducted by Mr. H. Ashford in the Church Vestry (see report on another page), but a Bible Class for Young Women is very successfully carried on in the small room adjoining the Hall, by Mrs. Ogilvy. New members will be heartily received.

A Gymnastic Class for the elder boys meets every Wednesday evening in the Hall, and is under the tuition of Mr. A. W. Norman. It has an average attendance of 25.

The senior lads' Club meets at the same place and on the same evening, at 8 o'clock, with Mr. Ilott as conductor, Its objects are instruction and amusement, and the Club is greatly appreciated by the lads.

The children had their Annual Treat, as usual, in the summer. In conjunction with Elmers End Sunday School and the Temperance Society, an Excursion was arranged to Bognor, when an enjoyable and exhilarating day was spent.

A Conversazione was held in December for the parents of the children, but was not so well attended as we desired. This may possibly be accounted for by the inclemency of the weather.

We are indebted to the kindness of several members of the Congregation for so readily responding to our appeal for help to provide our Infant Class with a Christmas Treat. Could our friends have seen the delight and pleasure of the little ones, they would have felt amply repaid.

We express with much pleasure our gratitude to all friends who have kindly contributed to the funds of the School, either through our collectors or at our Anniversary Services.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
1899.				
Jan. 1.	To Balance brought forward	16	6	11½
June 23.	Proportion of Collections	9	7	10
Dec. 30.	Collected by Miss L. Roberts	8	1	0
,, 31.	,, Miss E. Moore	3	14	0
,, 31.	,, Miss Holt	2	7	0
		£39	16	9½

Cr.		£	s.	d.
Jan. 29.	By J. Daniells	0	5	0
Feb. 2.	Norwood and Penge Auxiliary ...	1	1	0
Mar. 17.	J. Nichols	0	9	6
,, 22.	J. Daniells	0	3	0
April 10.	Parents' Social	1	6	6
May 2.	J. Nichols	0	12	0
,, 16.	D. Adams	0	8	0
June 23.	Grant to Elmers End	5	0	0
Sept. 9.	Congregational Union	5	11	6
Oct. 10.	Sundry Expenses	0	15	7
Dec. 30.	Magic Lantern	1	1	0
,, 30.	Debit balance Treat Account	1	9	11
,, 30.	,, Magazine Account	7	3	3½
,, 31.	J. Nichols	1	14	0
	Balance carried forward...	12	16	6
		£39	16	9½

Examined and found correct.

WM. R. METCALFE.
E. G. HOPPER.

MISSIONARY ACCOUNT.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
April 17.	To First Quarter	4	13	0
,, 25.	New Year's Offering Cards	5	1	3
Oct. 10.	Second Quarter	3	9	4
,, 10.	Third Quarter	3	2	11
Dec. 31.	Fourth Quarter	4	19	3
		£21	5	9

		£	s.	d.
Cr.				
April 17.	By London Missionary Society	4	13	0
,, 25.	,, ,, ...	5	1	3
Oct. 10.	,, ,, ...	3	9	4
Oct. 10.	,, ,, ...	3	2	11
Dec. 31.	,, ,, ...	4	19	3
		£21	5	9

MAGAZINE AND BOOK ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
Dr.				
July 10.	To Sale of Magazines	2	0	2½
Dec. 27.	,, ,, ...	1	10	9
	Balance to debit General Account ...	7	3	3½
		£10	14	3

		£	s.	d.
Cr.				
Jan. 30.	By J. Snow & Co.	1	17	9
April 26.	,, ...	0	19	9
May 2.	,, ...	5	6	6
Sept. 6.	,, ...	1	7	9
Dec. 27.	,, ...	1	2	6
		£10	14	3

TREAT ACCOUNT.

		£	s.	d.
Dr.				
June 29.	To Sale of Tickets	13	10	5
	Cash Collected	6	8	9
	Elmers End Sunday School, Sale of Tickets	10	0	5
	Anerley Temperance Society, Sale of Tickets	5	15	6
	Debit to balance General Account ...	1	9	11
		£37	5	0

		£	s.	d.
Cr.				
June 5.	By L. B. & S. C. Ry., Fares to Bognor ...	27	6	3
	Tea at Bognor	9	9	3
	Printing Tickets	0	9	6
		£37	5	0

COLLECTED FOR ANERLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND, FOR YEAR 1899.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. B. Moore ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Mackenzie ...	0	5	0
Mr. E. E. Harris ...	0	5	0
Mr. Odhams ...	0	5	0
Mr. Tarrant	0	10	6
Mr. John Feaver ...	0	10	0
Mr. Pocock	0	10	0
Mrs Moore	0	10	6
Miss E. Moore ...	0	3	0
Mrs. A. C. Moore ...	0	10	0
	£3	14	0

MISS E. MOORE, *Collector.*

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Gibbs	0	5	0
Mrs. Hodgson ...	0	2	0
Mr. Tompsett ...	0	1	0
Mrs. R. Rudd ...	0	5	0
Mr. Hood	0	2	0
Mrs. Thoburn ..	0	2	6
Mr. Payne	0	2	6
Mrs. Denham ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Feaver, jun. ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Hawkridge ...	0	2	6
Mr. Temple	0	7	6
Mr. Ellis	0	2	6
Mrs. J. B. Moore ...	0	5	0
Mr. Adams	0	2	6
Mr. Wisson	0	2	6
	£2	7	0

MISS HEBE HOLT, *Collector.*

	£	s.	d.
Mr. E. G. Hopper ...	0	3	0
Mrs. Norman ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Lorrain... ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Ellis	0	2	6
Miss Bowditch ...	0	2	0
Capt. Roberts ...	0	3	0
Mrs. Winterbourne ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Young	0	5	0
Mrs. J. A. Fisher ...	0	5	0
Mr. Broad	0	2	6
Mr. Head	0	2	6
Mr. Nunn	0	2	0
Miss Moxon	0	2	6
Mr. H. Ashford ...	0	10	0
Mr. A. R. Fisher ...	0	2	0
H. R. M.	0	2	6
Mr. Walford	0	10	0
Mrs. Halsey	0	5	0
Mr. T. W. Rudd ...	0	2	6
Mr. Grover	0	2	6
Mrs. Hacklett ...	0	1	0
Mr. Craig	0	5	0
Mr. N. Smith ...	0	5	0
Miss Jackson... ...	0	5	0
Mr. Cavanaugh ...	0	2	6
Mr. Simmons ...	0	3	0
Mrs. F. Stanley ...	0	2	6
Mr. Long	0	2	6
Mrs. Kingdon ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Matton	0	2	0
Mrs. Plumbridge ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Hoon	0	2	6
Mrs. Booth	0	2	0
Mrs. Holt	0	2	6
Mrs. Piper	0	5	0
Mr. Wells	0	10	0
Mr. Lindsey	0	2	6
Mr. F. W. Feaver ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Schove	0	2	6
Mr. Turquand ...	0	5	0
Mr. Wait	0	2	6
Mrs. Latham... ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Hutchison ...	0	2	6
Mrs. G. Newman ...	0	2	6
Mr. A. Phillips ...	0	1	0
Mr. Foskett	0	5	0
	£8	1	0

MISS L. ROBERTS, *Collector.*

Anerley Congregational Church Guild.

President—Rev. J. Halsey.

Treasurer— Mr. A. C. Moore.

Collectors—Miss Halsey and Miss M. Stanley.

Secretary—Mr. W. T. H. Wisson,
4, Pembroke Villas, Stembridge Road, Anerley.

Committee—

Mrs. Halsey	Mr. Hodgson
Mrs. A. C. Moore	Mr. Hopper
Mrs. Newell	Mr. Long
Miss L. Piper	Mr. Noel Smith
Mr. Daniells	Mr. Temple
Mr. Hawkridge	Mr. S. G. Wells

The Young People's Guild was founded in May, 1891. It now comprises the following Societies :—The Society of Goodwill (in two sections, one meeting in the Afternoon, and the other in the Evening), the Literary and Debating Society, the Tennis Club, the Gymnastic Club, the Swimming Club, and the Young Men's Club.

The Guild is managed by a Committee of twelve, annually appointed by the Church, the Deacons being *ex-officio* members.

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To balance brought forward ...	1	5	11
Subscriptions ...	3	4	0
	£4	9	11

Examined and found correct. { Wm. R. Metcalfe. E. G. Hopper.

The following are the various Departments of the Guild.

THE SOCIETY OF GOODWILL.

(Afternoon Section.)

President—Rev. J. Halsey.
Superintendent—Mrs. Newell.
Secretary—Miss Dorothy Halsey. *Treasurer*—Miss Halsey.

This Society, intended for the younger members of the Congregation, was founded in 1892. The members meet once a month and make useful garments for the factory girls of "The Mansfield House University Settlement" at Canning Town, and for the "Browning Settlement" at Walworth, where the gifts are always much appreciated. This Christmas (1899) a parcel of 120 articles of clothing was sent to the Mansfield House Settlement. A meeting is held on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month (with the exception of June to September, inclusive) from 3 to 7 o'clock in the Church Parlour. The membership is 22, not including honorary members, and the average attendance is about 12. New members are cordially invited, and will always meet with a hearty welcome.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	0	18	5½
Subscriptions—			
January ...	0	4	6
Profit on Tea ...	0	1	2
February ...	0	2	9
March ...	0	14	0
Donations per Mrs. Hopper...	1	0	0
April ...	0	8	0
May—October ...	1	4	0
Profit on Tea ...	0	0	6
November ...	0	16	3
December...	0	10	0
Profit on Tea ...	0	0	5½
	£6	0	1

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Stockings ...	1	0	0
Parcels to Canning Town & Walworth	0	2	0
Tape	0	0	8
Mrs. Daniells ...	0	0	10
Calico ...	0	17	3
Carriage of do. ...	0	0	4
Mrs. Daniells ...	0	0	4
Goods (Martin) ...	0	11	4
Mrs. Daniells ...	0	0	7
Webbing ...	0	0	3
Webbing, Hooks, &c.	0	0	11½
Balance ...	3	5	6½
	£6	0	1

Examined and found correct { Wm. R. Metcalfe. E. G. Hopper.

(EVENING SECTION.)

Treasurer—Miss WOOD. *Secretary*—Miss BOUTWOOD.

Committee—

Miss A. Boutwood
Mrs. Griffin
Miss Keates
Miss Lorrain
Miss Ross
Miss Ulander
Miss A. Ulander

Number of Members, 57. Average Attendance 40.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand ...	1	12	1	By Materials	1	11	11
Subscriptions ...	0	18	6	Donation to Guild General Fund ...	0	5	0
				Balance in hand ...	0	13	8
	£2	10	7		£2	10	7

Examined and found correct, { W. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

GUILD LITERARY & DEBATING SOCIETY.

President—Rev. J. HALSEY.

Vice-Presidents—

Mr. J. A. FISHER.
Mr. E. E. HARRIS.
Mr. A. C. MOORE.
Mr. W. T. H. WISSON.

Secretaries—

Mr. W. HODGSON, 113, Croydon Road, Anerley.
Mr. THOS. W. RUDD, Walton, Elmers End Road, Anerley.

SYLLABUS

Of Meetings for Winter Session, 1900.

Jan. 8.—**Opening Soiree.**

,, 15.—**Joint Debate** with the Wimbledon Congregational Church Guild at St. George's Hall, St. George's Road, Wimbledon. Subject: "The Transvaal Question."

Jan. 22.—**Lecture.**

,, 29.—**Lecture** by Prof. W. B. BOTTOMLEY, M.A., F.L.S. "Shifts for a Living amongst Animals." Illustrated with Lantern Slides.

Feb. 5.—**Debate:** "Smoking." *Affirmative*—*Negative*—Mr. D. J. DEANE.

,, 12.—**Lecture** by Rev. J. BERNARD SNELL, B.Sc. "Oliver Goldsmith."

,, 19.—**Lecture** by Rev. G. CURRIE MARTIN, M.A., B.D. "University Life in Three Lands." Illustrated by Lantern Slides.

,, 26.—Manuscript Magazine. Edited by Mr. W. T. WISSON.

Mar. 5.—"From our Special Correspondent at the Front." Illustrated by Lantern Slides by Mr. W. HODGSON.

,, 12.—**Lecture** by Rev. J. HALSEY. "Holiday Notes in the Tyrol and Switzerland." Illustrated by Lantern Slides.

,, 19.—**Recitals** by W. MILES, Esq.

,, 26.—**Social Evening.**

Subscription for the Session, One Shilling.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand...		3	8	0
166 Membership Fees	1st Session	8	6	0
Receipts at Doors	1st Session	2	5	6
270 Membership Fees	2nd Session	13	10	0
Receipts at Doors	2nd Session	3	4	6
Donation, Mr. Walford	2nd Session	2	12	6
Balance due to Treasurer		1	0	10
		£34	7	4

Cr.			£	s.	d.
By Printing	1st Session	... ...	2	14	6
Soirée and Piano		... ...	3	12	11
Lantern Expenses		... ...	0	6	5
Lectures		... ...	6	11	0
Attendance ...		... ...	0	9	0
Donation		... ...	0	1	0
Printing	2nd Session	... ...	1	17	0
Soirée		... ...	3	1	6
Lecturers... ...		... ...	15	14	0
			£34	7	4

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

GUILD LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

Treasurer—Mr. W. H. WALFORD.
Secretary—Mr. SIDNEY LONG.

THE ground, quite private and very pretty, is in the Anerley Road, behind the Church.

Through the kindness of a member of the Club, the rent has now been substantially reduced, and the coming season ought to put the finances in thoroughly sound condition.

The Club confidently offers the following advantages—

1. A capital ground.

2. Membership on very reasonable terms.

3. Excellent opportunities for forming and extending friendships.

N.B.—New-comers might make a special note of this.

Early application for membership should be made to the Secretary, as the new season will commence early in the Spring.

New Members will be heartily welcomed.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1899.

Dr.					£	s.	d.
Jan. 15.	To Profit on Soirée				5	8	4
Sept.	,, on Gymkhana				6	16	10
Dec.	,, on Dance				0	9	10
	Cash of 18 Lady players at 15s.			13 10 0			
	,, 20 Gentlemen players at 17/6			17 10 0			
				£31 0 0			
Honorary Members :—							
	Mrs. Craig	0	10	0			
	Mr. Pocock... ...	1	1	0			
	Mrs. Moore... ...	1	0	0			
	Mrs. Wisson ...	0	10	0			
				3 1 0			
	To Cash for Day Tickets ...			0 13 0			
	,, Monthly Tickets ...			0 12 6			
	,, Sundries amount ...			0 10 0			
					35	16	6
Dec. 31.	To balance due to Treasurer				12	16	11
					£61	8	5

Cr.					£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	By balance due to Treasurer from 1898 ...				5	18	5
,, 25.	Paid Curtis for Queen's Tax				1	0	1
March 1	Buss, for rates to Lady Day			2 18 4			
Aug. 24.	Buss, for rates to Michaelmas			2 16 8			
	Lady Day quarter's rent ...	7	0	0	5	15	0
	Less P. Tax	1	0	1			
				5 19 11			
	June quarter's rent ...			7 0 0			
	Michaelmas quarter's rent			7 0 0			
	Xmas quarter's rent ...			7 0 0			
					26	19	11
April 2.	Green, balance A/c., 1898				2	0	0
May 5.	Elkington, District Surveyor's Fees *re* Pavilion				1	0	0
,, 16.	L.C.C. fee for ditto				0	5	0
June 10.	L.C.C. further fee				0	5	0
,, 26.	Green, on A/c. ground				5	0	0
Aug. 12.	Daniell's A/c.				2	11	0
,, 16.	Nichols, printing A/c.				1	3	0
Sept. 4.	Long, for sundries				0	14	0
,, 11.	Green, on A/c. ground				6	0	0
Dec. 12.	Green, balance A/c.				2	17	0
					£61	8	5

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

YOUNG MEN'S GYMNASTIC CLASS.

Secretary :—Mr. A. W. Norman,
14, Penge Road,
South Norwood.

The Gymnastic Class is now in its tenth year. The members, number 25, meet for practice in the Lecture Hall, Jasmine Grove, every Tuesday at 8 p.m., and every Friday at 8.30. During the last twelvemonth fresh apparatus has been purchased, and the Class now has parallel and horizontal bars, vaulting buck, trapeze, hand-rings, climbing ropes, dumb-bells, bar-bells, clubs, fencing sticks and helmets, jumping stand and boxing gloves, also a few very heavy weights for lifting exercise. The Class is under the very able instruction of Mr. John Wheatley, who is well-known to many members of our Congregation. Mr. Wheatley's post is a purely honorary one. During the past two years the Class has given two semi-private Displays, and, judging by the enthusiasm displayed by the audience upon each occasion, the exhibitions of skill and muscular power gave intense satisfaction as well as great pleasure; and we hope to give another in April next. It will be seen from the accounts the affairs of the Class are in a very satisfactory condition. Anyone over 16 wishing to join is invited to apply to the Secretary. The Subscription is 2/6 and the entrance fee 1/-. Honorary members' subscription 5/-.

CASH ACCOUNT, 1899.

	Dr.	£	s.	d.
1899.				
Jan. 1.	To Balance as last Account	4	8	3
April 29.	Proceeds of Display...	4	1	3
May 9.	Received towards cost of Instructor's Present	0	12	0
Dec. 30.	Subscriptions to date	3	8	6
	Entrance Fees ,, ...	0	6	0
		£12	16	0
1900.				
Jan. 1.	To Balance (cash in hand)	£5	5	4

	Cr.	£	s.	d.
1899.				
March 24.	By Apparatus purchased, Fencing Helmets	1	10	6
April 28.	Cost of present to Instructor	2	8	0
	Expenses of Display	1	10	2
May.	Gas (paid to Mr. Wisson)	1	1	0
July.	Gratuity to Mr. Daniells	0	10	6
Sept. 26.	Guild subscriptions paid to Mr. Moore	0	6	0
Dec. 30.	Postages to date	0	4	6
		7	10	8
	By Balance carried down	5	5	4
		£12	16	0

Examined and found correct,
Wm. R. Metcalfe.

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB.

President—Rev. J. Halsey.

Vice-Presidents—

Herbert Ashford, Esq.
F. W. Feaver, Esq.
A. C. Moore, Esq.
J. B. Moore, Esq.
J. P. C. Haddock, Esq.
P. R. Pocock, Esq.
W. H. Walford, Esq.

Treasurer—Mr. A. H. Snow.

Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), Mr. William J. Walford.

Committee—

Mr. R. Aird
Mr. F. S. Clark
Mr. Norman Denham
Mr. H. Halsey
Mr. A. J. Fuller
Mr. A. J. Legge
Mr. C. J. Odhams.

This organization is for the encouragement of social gatherings amongst young men belonging to the Guild. The Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening at the Club Room, 29, Station Road, Anerley. New members will be very cordially welcomed. The Subscription is 5/- the whole season. Music and Magazines, Chess, Draughts, Whist, and other games on club nights. Intending members, and gentlemen willing to become Patrons, should communicate with William J. Walford, *Hon. Sec.* (*pro tem.*), 130, Croydon Road, Anerley.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.			£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	To balance. Cash in hand ...	£4 5 0			
	Interest to Dec. 31st, 1898 ...	0 1 0			
			4	6	0
	Donations—				
	Mr. W. H. Walford ...	5 0 0			
	Mr. A. C. Moore	1 1 0			
	Mr. J. Craig	0 10 0			
	Mr. J. P. C. Haddock ...	1 1 0			
			7	12	0
	Subscriptions—				
	Per 7 members at 2/6 ...	2 2 6			
	" 5 " 5/- ...	1 5 0			
			3	7	6
	"At Home" Subscriptions—				
	Per 7 members at 6d.		0	3	6
	Sale of Linoleum and Gas fittings ...		1	5	0
			£16	14	0

Cr.			£	s.	d.
Feb. 2.	By Rent—				
	Nov. 1st—Jan. 28th ...	£4 0 0			
May 8.	February 1st—April 30th	4 0 0			
Oct. 9.	May 1st—July 31st ...	4 0 0			
			12	0	0
	Sundries—				
	Agreement stamp... ...	0 2 0			
	Printing	1 0 0			
	Whist Markers	0 4 6			
	Piano Tuning	0 3 6			
	Postages	0 5 9			
			1	15	9
	4 Packs of Cards		0	3	6
Dec. 31.	Cash in hand		2	14	9
			£16	14	0

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

THE GUILD SWIMMING CLUB.

President —

Mr. W. T. H. WISSON,
4, Pembroke Villas,
Stembridge Road,
Anerley.

Secretary —

Mr. J. C. MILLER, Junr.,
17, Langley Road,
Elmers End, S.E.

Committee —

Mr. O. B. Ashford.	Mr. F. Wardle.
Mr. A H. Snow.	Mr. A. Norman.
Mr. J. A. Lehmkuhl.	Mr. A. Schove.

THIS Club has now completed the third session since its revival in the Spring of 1897. The number of members stands at 33, as against 35 last year, and the average attendance was about 10. No races were held, but it is hoped that during the coming session several will be arranged. New members will be heartily welcomed.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance (Cash and Stock)	3	19	5	By Postage	0	3	8
Subscriptions ...	0	16	6	Membership Cards ...	0	9	6
Garments sold ...	0	12	6	Garments bought ...	2	10	0
" on hand ...	1	17	6	Balance in hand (Cash and Stock)	4	2	9
	£7	5	11		£7	5	11

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

District Visiting and Tract Society.

President—Rev. J. Halsey.

Treasurer—Mr. E. E. Harris.

Secretary—Miss L. Roberts. *Collector*—Miss D. Halsey.

The Society consists of 25 Visitors. About 900 families are visited, as nearly as possible, every fortnight. 16,103 "Friendly Greetings" have been distributed during the past year. The Visitors come in contact with much distress, and during severe weather large supplies of Bread and Coal Tickets are distributed, and other relief is given.

VISITORS.	DISTRICTS.
Miss Garmeson ...	Clarina Road and Evelina Road.
Mrs. Young	Oak Grove, Croydon Road.
Mrs. Walford ...	Right side, St. Hugh's Road, No. 2—54.
Mrs. Lorrain... ..	Cambridge Road, Anerley.
Miss Starkey... ...	Lime Tree Avenue, Cornish Grove, and Cambridge Grove.
Miss Woodham ...	Left side, St. Hugh's Road, No. 1—39.
Mrs. Kingdon ...	Raleigh Road, Penge.
Miss Barkham ...	Left side, Wordsworth Road, from Penge Police Station.
Mrs. Head	Left side, King's Road, S. Norwood.
Mrs. J. B. Moore ...	Right side, Ridsdale Road, No. 2—56.
Mrs. Adams	Anerley Cab Stand.
Miss Matton	Right side, King's Road, S. Norwood and St. Hugh's Road, No. 56—96.
Miss Young	Left side, Ridsdale Road.
Miss Entrop	Right side, Ridsdale Road, No. 58 to End.
Miss Fox	Whateley Road, Beckenham.
Mrs. Williams ...	Vineleigh Road, Penge.
Miss Moore	Left side, St. Hugh's Road, No. 41 to End.
Mrs. Caffyn	Thicket Chambers.
Miss Hubble... ...	Left side, Hawthorn Grove.

Elmers End.

Mrs. Avis.	Mr. Miller.
Mrs. Burgess.	Miss G. Snow.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	20	17	11½
Subscriptions	14	13	0
Xmas Collections	10	0	6
	£45	11	5½

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Anerley Philanthropic Society	4	4	0
Bread and Coal...	8	2	0
Religious Tract Society	3	3	0
"Friendly Greetings" (16,102)	12	12	2
Relief	2	0	6
Carriage and postage	0	14	5
Balance	14	15	4½
	£45	11	5½

Examined and found correct, { Wm. R. Metcalfe. E. G. Hopper.

List of Subscribers to District Visiting and Tract Society.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Latham... ...	0	5	0
Miss Starkey... ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Fisher	0	2	6
Mr. Wood	0	2	6
Mrs. Lorrain ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Hoon	0	2	6
Mrs. Schove	0	2	0
Mr. W. H. Walford...	0	5	0
Mr. Noel Smith ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Temple	0	5	0
Mrs. Entrop	0	5	0
Mrs. McIntosh ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Cole	0	5	0
Mrs. F. W. Clark ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Hawkridge ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Schultze ...	0	5	0
Mr. Tarrant	0	5	0
Mrs. J. B. Moore ...	0	5	0
Mr. A. C. Moore ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Gordon-Smith...	0	10	0
Mrs. Reed	0	5	0
Mrs. Boutwood ...	0	3	0
Mrs. G. Ellis... ...	0	3	0
Mrs. Hodgson ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Odhams... ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Winterbourne ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Button	0	2	6
Mrs. McKenzie ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Caffyn	0	5	0
Mrs. Young	0	2	6
Mrs. Long	0	3	0
Mrs Henry Ashford...	0	2	6
Captain Roberts ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Kingdon ...	0	2	6
Mr. Winterson ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Halsey	0	10	0
Mrs. Davies	0	2	6

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Head	0	2	6
Mrs. Duke	0	2	6
Mr. Pocock	0	10	0
Mrs. Haddock ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Powell	0	5	0
Mrs. Riley (the late)...	0	5	0
Mrs. Feaver	0	5	0
Mr. Ellis	0	2	6
Mrs. Adams	0	2	6
Mr. Thoburn... ...	0	1	0
Mrs. Donald	0	2	6
Mrs. Norman... ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Ross	0	5	0
Miss Jackson... ...	0	2	6
Miss Prosser	0	3	0
Mrs. Fred Feaver ...	0	2	6
Mrs. E. K. Fell ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Pocock	0	5	0
Mrs. Cavanagh ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Quixley... ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Stanley... ...	0	2	6
Mr. Frank Simmons...	0	5	0
Mrs. Denham ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Lindsey... ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Wisson	0	2	6
Mr. Frank Broad ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Keates	0	2	6
Mrs. Herbert Ashford	0	7	6
Mr. S. J. Wells ...	0	7	6
Mrs. Holt	0	2	6
Mrs Hutchison ...	0	2	6
Mr. E. E. Harris ...	0	5	0
Mrs. E. E. Harris ...	0	2	6
	£14	13	0

British and Foreign Bible Society

(ANERLEY C. C. AUXILIARY).

Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. J. ALFRED FISHER.
Collectors—MRS. FISHER and Miss ROSS.
Depot—Miss ASHLEY, 23, Station Road.

INTEREST continues to be taken in this Auxiliary, but the Collectors would be glad to see the number as well as the amount of subscriptions increased. The Society, as is well known, is doing most important work, its influence is felt in every part of the world, and it deserves the support of every lover of the Bible.

Handsomely bound Bibles and Testaments may be obtained at low prices at the Depôt as above.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

Dr.			£ s. d.
March 14.	To Depository Account (Sales)		2 16 4
	Contributions—		
	Collected by Mrs. Ross—		
	Rev. Joseph Halsey ...	£0 10 0	
	Mrs. Halsey...	0 10 0	
	Mrs. Haddock	0 10 0	
	Mrs. Pascall...	0 10 0	
	Mr. Pocock	0 10 0	
	Mrs. Young	0 5 0	
	Mrs. Walford	0 5 0	
	Mrs. Powell	0 5 0	
	Mrs. Lorrain	0 5 0	
	Mrs. H. Ashford	0 2 6	
	Mrs. Kingdon	0 2 6	
	Mrs. Wood	0 2 6	
	Mr. Harris	0 5 0	
	Capt. Roberts	0 2 6	
	Mrs. Moore	0 2 6	
	Mrs. Ross	0 2 6	
			4 10 0
	Collected by Mrs. Fisher—		
	Mr. Schultze	0 10 0	
	Mr. Deane	0 5 0	
	Mr. Odhams	0 5 0	
	Mrs. McIntosh	0 5 0	
	Mrs. Fisher	0 5 0	
			1 10 0
			£8 16 4

Cr.			£ s. d.
March 14.	By Commission on Sales paid to Miss Ashley...		0 8 6
	Cash paid to Society on Depository Account...	£2 16 4	
	Ditto Contributions (less 8s. 6d. Commission)...	5 11 6	
			8 7 10
			£8 16 4

DEPOSITORY ACCOUNT.

		Bibles.	Testaments.	Value. £ s. d.
1898. March 19.	To Stock on hand ...	36	39	3 5 1
	Received from Society	94	—	5 14 4
		130	39	8 19 5
1899. March 14.	By Sales	38	18	2 16 4
	On hand	92	21	£6 3 1

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

Anerley Congregational Church Auxiliary to the London Missionary Society.

Treasurer—Mr. D. J. DEANE.

THE work of the above Auxiliary has been steadily pursued during the past year. The claims of the parent Society have been brought before the members of the Church and Sunday School, Missionary literature has been distributed, collections have been made and subscriptions gathered in, and forwarded to the Society for the prosecution of its work abroad.

The names of any members of the Church who are not already subscribers, but are willing to become such, will be gladly received by the Collectors or by the Treasurer of the Auxiliary.

The usual Sermons on behalf of the Society were preached in the month of May, and addresses on the labours of missionaries in various parts of the world have been given in the Sunday Schools.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Per Miss Deane—			
Mrs. Young	0	10	0
Mr. Haddock ...	0	10	0
Mr. Odhams	0	10	6
Mr. Langford ...	0	5	0
Mr. Walford	0	5	0
Mr. Hawkridge ...	0	4	0
Mrs. Wisson	0	2	6
Mrs. Fisher	0	5	0
Mr. Heddon	0	5	0
Mr Deane	0	5	0
Per Miss Winifred Feaver—			
Mr. & Mrs. Tarrant ...	1	1	0
Rev. J. Davies ..	1	0	0
Mr. Kingdon	0	10	6
Mr. A. C. Moore ...	0	10	6
Mr Feaver, senr., ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Herbert Ashford	0	5	0
Mrs. Hutchison ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Lorrain ...	0	5	0
Mr. R. W. Rudd ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Oscar Jones ...	0	3	0
Mr. Adams	0	2	6
Mrs. Button	0	2	6
Mr. Corney	0	2	6
Mrs. Flint	0	2	6
Mr. F. W. Feaver ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Hodgson ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Lindsey ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Mackenzie ...	0	2	6
Miss Moxon	0	2	6
Mrs. Head	0	2	6
Mrs. Quixley (don.) ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Ross	0	2	6
Mrs. Stanley	0	2	6
Miss Barkham ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Matton	0	2	0
Mrs. McNichol ...	0	3	0
Mrs. E. G. Hopper ...	0	1	0
Mrs. Rudd	0	2	6
Miss Feaver	0	2	0

Dr.

			£	s.	d.
1899.					
Feb.	1.	T. Lloyd-Jones—For Widows & Orphans ...	5	5	0
March	5.	Sacramental collection for Widows and Orphans	5	6	2
April	18.	Jasmine Grove S. School, per Mr. Ashford	4	13	0
,,	20.	Subscriptions per Miss Deane	3	2	0
,,	26.	Subscriptions per Miss Winifred Feaver ...	7	0	0
May	4.	Subscriptions per Miss Feaver	1	1	0
,,	15.	Subscriptions per Rev. J. and Mrs. Halsey	1	1	0
June	24.	Collections, Anerley C. Church	9	5	0
Oct.	10.	Jasmine Grove S. School, per Mr. Ashford	6	12	3
1900.					
Jan.	2.	Noel, Amy & Geoff. per Mr. Tarrant ...	0	10	0
,,	3.	Jasmine Grove S. School, per Mr. Ashford...	4	19	3
			£48	14	8

Cr.

			£	s.	d.
1899.					
March	7.	By remittance to London Missionary Society	5	5	0
,,	7.	,, ,, ,, ,,	5	6	2
April	20.	,, ,, ,, ,,	7	15	0
,,	29.	,, ,, ,, ,,	7	0	0
May	24.	,, ,, ,, ,,	2	2	0
June	24.	,, ,, ,, ,,	9	5	0
Oct.	21.	,, ,, ,, ,,	6	12	3
1900.					
Jan.	3.	,, ,, ,, ,,	5	9	3
			£48	14	8

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

Dorcas and Maternity Society.

President—Mrs HALSEY.

Superintendent—Mrs. WALFORD. *Treasurer*—Mrs. YOUNG.

Secretary—Mrs. F. W. FEAVER.

Members—

Mrs. Bullett	Mrs. E. G. Hopper	Mrs. Ross
Mrs. Cavanaugh	Miss Johnson	Mrs. Stanley
Mrs. Denham	Mrs. Latham	Miss Starkey
Mrs. Deane	Mrs. Lorrain	Mrs. Schove
Mrs. Entrop	Mrs. Long	Mrs. Temple
Miss Fabian	Mrs. Mackenzie	Mrs. Walford
Mrs. Fell	Mrs. J. B. Moore	Mrs. Wisson
Mrs. F. W. Feaver	Mrs. Odhams	Mrs. Winterbourne
Mrs. Hawkridge	Mrs. Quixley	Mrs. Young
Mrs. Harris	Mrs. Rudd	Mrs. Pocock
Mrs. Hoon	Miss Rudd	
Mrs. Hutchison	Mrs. R. W. Rudd	

THIS Society meets on the first Wednesday in the month, at three o'clock, in the Ladies' Vestry. During the past year 178 garments have been made and given, or sold at cost of material, to the poor of the neighbourhood.

New members will be very cordially welcomed.

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance	9	18	0¾	By Drapers' A/cs ...	14	14	9½
Subscriptions ...	10	2	6	Attendance ...	0	16	6
Proceeds of Sales	3	8	0	Cases	0	19	1
,, Teas	0	6	8¼	Balance	7	4	10½
	£23	15	3		£23	15	3

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

Ladies' Benevolent Working Society.

President—MRS. HALSEY.
Superintendent—MRS. H. ASHFORD.
Treasurer—MRS. MOORE. *Secretary*—MISS ROBERTS.

THE object of this Society is to provide Clothing for the families of Ministers whose stipends are inadequate to the demands of their position.

Having lost six of its members during the year, this Society will be very glad of additional workers.

Ten meetings have been held during the past year. A meeting is held in the Church Vestry on the third Monday in each month (excepting July and August), from 3 to 7 o'clock.

Any ladies of the Congregation willing to help in this work will receive a cordial welcome.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS, 1899.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Halsey	0	5	0	Mrs. Hodgson ...	0	4	0
Mrs. Long	0	4	0	Mrs. Tarrant... ...	0	4	0
Mrs. Strohmenger ...	0	5	0	Mrs. Clark	0	5	0
Mrs. Button	0	5	0	Mrs. J. B. Moore ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Read	0	5	0	Mrs. Metcalfe ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Carmichael ...	0	5	0	Miss Jackson... ...	0	4	0
Mrs. Harvey... ...	0	5	0	Miss Barkham ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Haddock ...	0	5	0	Miss L. Roberts ...	0	4	0
Mrs. Ashford... ...	0	5	0	Miss Roberts ...	0	4	0
Mrs. H. Ashford ...	0	5	0				
Mrs. Fisher	0	5	0		£6	0	0
Mrs. Moore	1	1	0				
Mrs. Lorrain... ...	0	5	0				

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward ...	2	18	6½	By Sundry Purchases, Flannels, Cloth, &c.	4	15	8½
Subscriptions (as per list) ...	6	0	0	Mrs. Daniells ...	0	11	6
				Balance	3	11	4
	£8	18	6½		£8	18	6½

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

Young Men's Bible and Conversational Class.

President—REV. J. HALSEY.
Conductor—MR. HERBERT ASHFORD.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—MR. F. STANLEY CLARK.
Organists—MR. RALPH ADAMS and MR. HAROLD BATEMAN.

THIS Class has been under the superintendence of its present Conductor for the past 13 years. Our meetings on Sunday afternoons have been well attended, with an average of over 17. The present membership is 30. This Class meets at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoons in the Vestry under the Church.

SYLLABUS OF SUBJECTS FOR THE COMING HALF-YEAR.

1900.

Jan. 7.—	New Year's Address.	MR. H. ASHFORD.
,, 14.—	"Is Deception ever a Duty?"	MR. A. H. SNOW.
,, 21.—	"Mr. Robertson, of Brighton" (*Character Sketch*).	MR. S. J. VOOGHT.
,, 28.—	"Henry Drummond."	MR. F. S. CLARK.
Feb. 4.—	"The Reformation (the Cause)."	MR. A. NORMAN.
,, 11.—	"The Reformation (the Progress)."	MR. H. ASHFORD.
,, 18 —	"The Reformation (the Result)."	MR. J. C. MILLER.
,, 25.—	"Freedom (Violation of)."	MR. S. SCHOFIELD.
Mar. 4 —	"Gambling."	MR. E. WARDLE.
,, 11.—	"In His Steps" (*Sheldon*).	MR. A. LEGGE.
,, 18.—	"Darwin."	MR. A. C. SARGEANT.
,, 25.—	"Macaulay."	MR. S. FOSTER.
April 1.—	"The Fitness of Christianity for Mankind." (*Matt. xiii.*, 31, 32)	MR. H ASHFORD.

April 8.—"Pilate." (*Matt. xxvii.*, 24.) Mr. H. CREASY.
,, 15.—No Meeting. (*Easter Sunday.*)
,, 22.—"Martin Luther." Mr. M. FOWLER.
,, 29.—"Chas. Dickens." Mr. H. HALSEY.
May 6.—"Friendship." Mr. RALPH ADAMS.
,, 13.—"The Water made Wine." (*John ii.*, 1—11.) Mr. ROBERT ADAMS.
,, 20.—"Judas Iscariot." (*Matt. x.*, 4.) Mr. WM. GRISSOLD.
,, 27.—"Sunday Concerts." Mr. OWEN ASHFORD.
June 3.—No Meeting. (*Whit Sunday.*)
,, 10.—"International Arbitration." (*Isa. ii.*, 4). Mr. A. LEGGE.
,, 17.—"Rise and Fall of a Nation." Mr. J. C. MILLER.
,, 24.—"Silence: Its Power and Weakness." Mr. H. ASHFORD.

Anerley Temperance Society.

President—Rev. JOSEPH HALSEY.

Vice-Presidents—Mr. J. MARTIN SKINNER and Mrs. BULLETT.

Treasurer—Mr. F. W. FEAVER.

Secretary—Mr. EDWARD G. HOPPER, Stembridge Road, Anerley.

Committee.

Mrs. Halsey.	Mrs. Moore.	Miss Lorrain.
Mrs. Hopper.	Mrs. Tarrant.	Miss L. Piper.

DURING the past year we have had an increase in our membership, after allowing for removals. At the present time the Society numbers 165 Members.

The meetings of Members and friends held during the past year have been mainly of a social character.

A new branch of work was started in 1896, and is being carried on most successfully by a Committee of ladies. It is now called the "Women's Branch." (See below.)

Members are called upon by the Visitors of the Society monthly.

We hope for a further increase of membership during the coming year.

WOMEN'S BRANCH OF THE ANERLEY TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. KINGDON. *Secretary*—Mrs. LORRAIN.

Assistant Secretary—Miss D. HALSEY.

Treasurer—Mrs. FISHER.

Committee.

Mrs. H. B. Ashford.	Mrs. Bullett.	Mrs. Fisher.
Miss Barkham.	Mrs. Caffyn.	Miss Jackson.
Mrs. Bisson.	Mrs. Denham.	Mrs. Long.
	Mrs. Tarrant.	

THIS Society carries on a number of Afternoon Meetings for Women at Elmers End, South Norwood, and our own Church Vestry, thus reaching many who find it difficult to attend Evening Lectures. A good address is given from 3.15 to 4 o'clock, after which tea and light refreshments are served, and much appreciated by the women.

This Society has, during the year 1899, held 13 meetings at different places in the locality, some in the afternoon and others in the evening. Meetings are held once a month, and occasionally twice, with the exception of August and September. Speakers from well-known Societies have attended to address the meetings. A Garden Fête was held in the month of July.

A pleasant Social Evening is held once a month at Jasmine Grove for young people, and it is proposed to continue these on the first Thursday evening of each month during the year 1900. A Young People's Committee has been added, which carries out the musical part of the entertainment.

Anerley Temperance Society, Balance Sheet, 1899.

Dr.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	8	3	7½
Member's Subscriptions, collected by—			
Mrs. H. B. Ashford	1	8	0
Mrs. Bullett	2	18	0
Miss Lorrain	1	2	0
Mrs. Moore	0	9	0
Mrs. Newell	0	11	0
Miss L. Piper	0	12	0
Miss Powell	0	6	4
Mrs. Tarrant	1	4	0
Miss Wood	1	1	10
Annual Subscriptions—			
Mrs. Lloyd-Jones (per Mrs. Tarrant) ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Moore	0	11	0
Mr. Adams (per Mrs. Bullett)	0	5	0
Mrs. Burrill	0	5	0
Mrs. Bullett (per Miss Piper)	0	10	0
Sale of Excursion Tickets	4	14	6
Donation—Mr. Martin Skinner	0	10	0
" Mr. Walford	0	5	0
Collected by Mrs. Fisher (Treasurer "Women's Branch")... ...	7	9	1
	£33	5	4½

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
Magazine Account	4	17	6
Printing Account	1	19	0
Excursion Expenses	5	15	6
Mr. Daniells (Attendance)... ...	0	10	6
Fee, Mr. Frank Maddison... ...	2	2	0
Expenses Tea Meetings, per Mrs. Lorrain	4	9	9½
Expenses Tea Meetings, per Mrs. Fisher	6	11	4½
To Ackermann's Account	1	0	3½
Balance in hand	5	19	5
	£33	5	4½

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

Anerley Band of Hope.

President—Rev. J. HALSEY.
Vice-President—Mr. J. MARTIN SKINNER.
Superintendent—Mr. C. WAITE. *Conductor*—Mr. H. GRIFFIN.
Treasurer—Mr. F. W. FEAVER.
Secretary—Mrs. F. C. NEWELL. *Registrar*—Miss LORRAIN.

Committee.

Miss Lorrain.	Miss Moore.	Miss Rudd.
Miss L. Piper.	Miss Roberts.	Mr. Lehmkühl.

THE Band of Hope meets at 7 p.m., on Fridays, in the Lecture Hall, Jasmine Grove. The first half-hour is devoted to instruction in Swedish Drill and Calisthenic Exercises, conducted by Mrs. Deekes. The latter part of the Meeting is occupied with Singing and Recitations and a Short Address. Average attendance, 60.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. H. B. Ashford...	0	2	0
Mr. Langford ...	0	2	0
Mr. Walford... ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Long	0	2	6
Miss Moxon	0	1	0
Capt. Roberts ...	0	2	6
Mrs. J. Feaver ...	0	5	0
Mr. Adams	0	2	6
Mr. R. Rudd... ...	0	2	6
Mr. Parnaby... ...	0	2	6
Miss Simes	0	2	6
Miss Johnson ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Hawkridge ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Hodgson ...	0	1	0
Mrs. Ross	0	2	0
Mrs. Norman ...	0	2	6
Mr. T. Rudd	0	2	6
Mrs. Strohmenger ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Winterson ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Lorrain... ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Wisson	0	2	0
Mrs. Lindsay ...	0	2	0
Mrs. Caffyn	0	1	0
Mrs. Head	0	1	0
Mrs. Hacklett ...	0	1	0
Miss Ulander ...	0	1	0
Miss Bowditch ...	0	1	0
Mrs. Young	0	2	6

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Noel Smith ...	0	5	0
Mr. Craig	0	2	6
Miss Powell	0	2	0
Mrs. Powell	0	2	0
Mr. Wells	0	7	6
Mr. F. Feaver ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Booth	0	2	6
The Misses Lloyd-Jones	0	5	0
Mr. F. Harvey ...	0	5	0
Mrs. F. Harvey ...	0	5	0
Mr. J. A. Fisher ...	0	5	0
Mr. Foskett	0	5	0
Mr. Haddock ...	0	10	0
Mr. J. Latham ...	0	5	0
Mr. Martin Skinner...	0	5	0
Mrs. Mackenzie ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Stanley... ...	0	5	0
Mr. Denham... ...	0	10	0
"Four Little M's" ...	0	4	0
Mr. A. C. Moore ...	0	10	0
Miss Winterbourne...	0	2	0
Mr. Schultze ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Deane	0	5	0
Mr. Herbert Ashford	0	2	6
	£9	4	0

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	5	10	1½
Children's Payments, per Miss Lorrain	5	6	6
Sale of Excursion Tickets	0	13	9
Collected by Band of Hope Committee	9	4	0
	£20	14	4½

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Printing Account	0	6	0
Hire of Piano	2	12	6
Railway Tickets (Excursion)...	2	9	6
Tea	2	10	9
Badges	0	4	0
Drill Shoes	3	0	0
Miss Harden (Drill Tuition)	3	0	0
Mr. Daniells (Attendance)	0	15	0
Tea Account	1	0	11
Donation Surrey Band of Hope Union	0	5	0
Draper's Account	0	4	1½
Drill Wands	0	7	0
Music Account	0	12	5
Railway Fare (Mr. Luckett)	0	2	6
Washing Drill Dresses	0	9	8
Sundries (Stamps, etc.)	0	2	5
Balance in hand	2	12	7
	£20	14	4½

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE, E. G. HOPPER.

There is also a flourishing **Young Abstainers' Union,** which is unsectarian, but nearly all the Members of which are in the families of our Congregation. It is doing a most useful work amongst the young people in the Church and neighbourhood.

Anerley Congregational Church Choir.

Choirmaster—Rev. J. HALSEY. *Secretary*—Mr. SIDNEY LONG.

OWING to removals the Choir is in constant need of reinforcements, and the Pastor will thankfully receive offers of service in this department of Church usefulness. Any who have a fair singing voice in any register and who have some facility in reading music will be welcomed. It must be understood that all members of the Choir are expected to attend the weekly practice, and to be in their places, as far as possible, at both Services on Sundays.

CASH ACCOUNT,

FROM SEPTEMBER, 1898, TO END OF 1899.

1898.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d
Sept.	To Seven second-hand copies of the "Daughter of Jairus"	0	4	1
Nov.	Three copies of ditto (new)	0	3	4
,,	Thirty copies of "Men of the 'Mayflower'"	1	13	9
1899.				
April.	Soloist ("Men of the 'Mayflower'") ...	1	1	0
	Mr. Minns do.	1	1	0
	Two Anthems	0	0	6
	Twenty-four copies "Maunder in D" ...	0	4	6
July.	Twenty-four copies "Stanford"	0	6	0
Dec.	Thirteen copies "Awake, put on thy strength" (*Greenish*)	0	4	4
	Ten copies "There were Shepherds" (*C. Vincent*)	0	3	4
		£5	1	10

1899.	*Dr.*	£	s.	d.
April.	By Cheque from Mr. Pocock out of "Men of the 'Mayflower'"	4	0	0
	Sale 13 copies "Men of the 'Mayflower'" at 1s. 1½d.	0	14	8
	Balance	0	7	2
		£5	1	10

Pew Committee.

THIS comprises at the present time the following gentlemen, viz. :—

Mr. Adams	Mr. Gower	Mr. Schove
Mr. Adams, Junr.	Mr. A. F. Harris	Mr. N. Smith
Mr. H. Ashford	Mr. Hawkridge	Mr. Snow
Mr. Ashford, Junr.	Mr. Hopper	Mr. Walford, Jun.
Mr. Deane	Mr. Lindsey	Mr. Winterson
Mr. Deane, Junr.	Mr. Notley	
Mr. Dearle	Mr. Nunn	

Secretary—Mr. W. H. WALFORD.

The members of this Committee attend in rotation one Sunday in each month in the Church Aisles and Galleries to see that visitors are provided with seats and books, and to give general attention at the doors for various duties, which necessitate attendance at the Church twenty minutes before Service commences, and until the Congregation has dispersed.

Slate Club.

President—Rev. JOSEPH HALSEY.

Treasurer—Mr. J. ALFRED FISHER, 146, Croydon Road.

Secretary—Mr. GEORGE HONE, 54, Wordsworth Road.

MEMBERS of the Church are requested, as opportunity may arise, to direct the attention of Working Men to the benefits conferred by this Club, which meets in the Vestry behind our Lecture Hall, Jasmine Grove, between 7 and 8 on alternate Saturday evenings in the Winter, and from 8 to 9 in the Summer.

By a contribution of 6d. per week, provision is made against ill-health, the sick allowance being 10/- per week for 13 weeks, and 5/- per week for a further 13 weeks, if incapacity for work be prolonged.

In the event of the death of a Member, a levy of 1/6 (or 1/- in case of a Member's wife) is made upon all the Members, and the total amount is paid to the surviving members of the family.

The surplus, which usually amounts to about two-thirds of the total contributions, is invested in the Post Office Savings Bank, and divided among the Members at the Annual Meeting held on the third Saturday evening in December.

Further information may be obtained at the Hall, or from the Secretary or Treasurer as above.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 9TH, 1899.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1898, including adjustment for interest		7	8	1
Examination Fees		0	4	0
Entrance Fees		0	4	0
Cards		0	12	6
Stewards' Fees		37	6	9
Fines		0	8	9
Doctor		3	9	0
Interest		0	8	0
Subscriptions :—				
First Quarter	£24 10 0			
Second Quarter	23 17 0			
Third Quarter	23 14 0			
Fourth Quarter	24 6 0			
		96	7	0
Deaths :—				
Mr. J. Broomer	£5 9 6			
Mr. J. Atkins	5 6 6			
Mr. J. Dennis	5 6 6			
Mrs. Wise	3 11 0			
		19	13	6
Donations :—				
Mr. W. H. Walford	£2 2 0			
Mr. J. A. Fisher	1 1 0			
		3	3	0
		£169	4	7

Cr.			£	s.	d.
By Cards			1	5	6
Postage and Stationery			0	3	10
Withdrawals			0	13	7
Doctor's Fees			3	8	0
Secretary			3	14	0
Auditors			0	2	0
Examination Fees			0	4	0
Sick Pay :—					
First Quarter	£18 10 0				
Second Quarter	11 5 0				
Third Quarter	9 11 8				
Fourth Quarter	13 15 10				
			53	2	6
Deaths :—					
Mr. J. Broomer	£5 9 6				
Mr. J. Atkins	5 6 6				
Mr. J. Dennis	5 6 6				
Mrs. Wise	3 11 0				
			19	13	6
Hall keeper			0	10	0
Reserve Fund, 68 at 2s.			6	16	0
Surplus, 71 at 22s. 4d,		£79 5 8			
Withdrawals at		0 6 0			
			79	11	8
			£169	4	7

Audited and found correct, { F. Gardner. S. W. Blanchflower.

Sick and Provident Club for Women.

President—Mrs. Halsey.

Treasurer—Mrs. Young. *Secretaries*—Mrs. Young & Mrs. Ross.

This Club is self-supporting, and consists of an unlimited number of Members whose ages range from 18 to 60 years. By paying 6d. per week the Members are entitled to receive during illness 7s. per week for eight weeks and half-pay for a further term of eight weeks. At the death of a Member an additional 1s. is paid by each Member and the sum given for the Burial Fund. In

December of each year the money in hand is equally divided among the Members.

During the past year 24 Members have received sick pay, and 83 received in December a share of 15s. 7d. Weekly payments of 6d. are received at Jasmine Grove Lecture Hall every Monday, from 4 till 5 p.m.

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Reserve	8	10	2	By Sick Pay	46	10	6
Contributions	107	16	0	Printing	0	11	6
Cards	0	14	8	Hall Keeper	0	6	0
Entrance Fees	0	8	0	1 Member's share deducted in error	0	12	8
Fines	0	17	10	83 Members at 15/7	64	13	5
Fines and Deficits	2	1	0	Reserve	8	9	7
Interest	0	16	0				
	£121	3	8		£121	3	8

Examined and found correct,
P. R. Pocock.

Delegates to various Public Bodies.

The following Brethren are appointed to represent the Church at the various Assemblies indicated :—

Congregational Union of England and Wales—Messrs. Snow and Walford.

London Congregational Union—Messrs. E. Harris, Snow and Wardle.

Surrey Congregational Union—Messrs. E. Harris and Walford.

Dissenting Deputies—Messrs. Lindsey and Snow.

London Nonconformist Council—Messrs. E. Harris and Mitchell.

Metropolitan Auxiliary Council of London Missionary Society—Mr. Deane.

East District of Metropolitan Surrey—Mr. Snow.

Elmers End Home Mission.

Evangelist—Mr. J. Wardle.

Committee—

Mr. Hawkridge.	Mr. Wardle.
Mr. Hodgson.	Mr. Winterson.
Mr. J. B. Moore.	

Secretary—Mr. J. C. Miller.

Treasurer—Mr. H. B. Ashford.

Local Committee—

Messrs. Allen, Archer, Heard, Price and Tricker.

The work of the Mission continues to make steady progress, and receives sympathy and respect from the village population, if not as much active support as could be desired. I can speak with confidence upon this point, as, having temporarily undertaken the duty of visitor in one of our districts, I find in almost every case a cordial welcome awaiting me, although many of the folk are nominally attached to the neighbouring Church.

On the whole there is much to encourage at the end of another year of labour, in spite of some adverse circumstances.

Our Sunday Evening Service is a bright feature in Mr. Wardle's work, being well attended; but there is much difficulty in obtaining a satisfactory Week-day Service.

The various institutions are in a healthy condition. The Sunday Morning School is conducted solely by Mr. Allen, our brother Mr. Ollive having removed from the neighbourhood.

Mrs. Wardle continues to preside over the Mothers' Meeting, which is well attended.

The Young People's Christian Endeavour Society and Band of Hope are carried on by a few devoted workers, and are very popular.

The Penny Bank is extending its usefulness, and the deposits in 1899 were considerably larger than for some years past.

The Weekly Offering has been maintained at about the improvement announced last year, although we have lost some good contributors by removal. As will be seen by the Treasurer's account, the amount raised from all sources at Elmers End shows a very considerable increase upon that of the previous year.

I regret to have to announce that Mrs. Halsey, who has for so many years acted as Collector for the Home Mission Fund, has been compelled to resign her office owing to indifferent health. Mrs. H. B. Ashford, Miss Ashford and Mrs. T. W. Rudd have, however, kindly consented to undertake the work.

We have also to regret the retirement of Mr. Mitchell from the Superintendentship of our Sunday School, and a successor is urgently required. Mr. Pilbeam, a former Superintendent, has kindly come to our help, on the understanding that his assistance is to be considered temporary. It is hoped that some gentleman will feel constrained to come forward and fill the gap.

Like most Churches, we suffer from a dearth of available workers, and many offices are concentrated in few hands. Unfortunately we have but a small eligible constituency to draw upon at Elmers End, and for some time to come we must depend upon help from the parent Church. After all, the work is hers, and we are assured that her active and sympathetic support will not fail to be forthcoming.

J. C. Miller.

Subscriptions and Donations.

Collectors—Mrs. H. B. Ashford, Miss Ashford and Mrs. T. W. Rudd.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. & Mrs. J. P. C. Haddock	5	5	0
Mr. P. R. Pocock ...	5	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Walford	2	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. R. T. Sambrook	2	2	0
Mr. J. Lorrain ...	2	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Fisher	2	2	0
Mrs. McIntosh ...	2	2	0
Mr. J. Feaver ...	2	0	0
Mr. Frank Harvey ...	2	0	0
Mr. A. C. Moore ...	2	0	0
Mr. W. F. Kingdon...	2	0	0
Mr. E. Schultze (1898-9)	2	2	0
Mrs. Richardson ...	1	1	0
Mr. Herbert Ashford	1	1	0
Mr. H L. Entrop ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Donald	1	1	0
Miss Sambrook ...	1	1	0
Rev. J. & Mrs. Halsey	1	1	0
Mr. James Watson ...	1	1	0
Mrs Latham	1	1	0
Mr. H. Foskett ...	1	1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Button ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Denham ...	1	1	0
Mr. H. W. Young ...	1	1	0
Mr. Craig	1	1	0
Anonymous	1	1	0
Mrs. Poynton ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Booth	1	0	0
Mrs. Mackenzie ...	1	0	0
Miss Jackson... ...	1	0	0
Mr. Wisson	1	0	0
"Z"	0	15	0
Mrs. Speare	0	10	6
Mr. H. B. Ashford ...	0	10	6
Mr. J. Odhams ...	0	10	6
Mr. E. E. Harris ...	0	10	6
Mr. Tarrant	0	10	6
Mr. Sidney J. Wells	0	10	6

	£	s.	d.
Mr. W. Strohmenger	0	10	6
Mrs. F. W. Clark ...	0	10	6
Mr. & Mrs. Hodgson	0	10	6
Mr. & Mrs Sidney Long	0	10	6
Mrs. Powell	0	10	0
Mrs. Bullett	0	10	0
Mr. & Mrs. Hawkridge	0	10	0
Miss Prosser	0	10	0
Mr. J. H. Heddon ...	0	10	0
Mr. D. Harbone ...	0	10	0
Mr. Winterson ...	0	10	0
Mr. R. Temple ...	0	10	0
Mr. Wm. Ellis ...	0	10	0
Mr. F. Simmons ...	0	10	0
Mr. J. B. Moore ...	0	10	6
Mrs. J. B. Moore (Don.)	0	5	0
Mrs. Whitfield ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Peter Caffyn ...	0	5	0
Mr. Lindsey	0	5	0
The Misses Moodie ...	0	5	0
Miss R. Grady ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Reed	0	5	0
Mr. Langford ...	0	5	0
Mr. A. R. Fisher ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Baines	0	5	0
The Misses Garmeson	0	5	0
W. R. M.	0	5	0
Mr. Arthur Notley ...	0	5	0
Mrs. George Ellis ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Fielding ...	0	5	0
Mr. Murch	0	5	0
Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Hopper	0	5	0
Mr. Wood	0	5	0
Miss Cort	0	5	0
Mrs. Stanley	0	2	6
Mrs. Horn	0	2	6
Collecting Boxes ...	5	11	8½
	£72	19	2½

Summary of Collecting Boxes.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Hutley... ...	1	6	2
Miss B. D. Gordon-Smith	1	3	8½
Mrs. Adams... ...	1	3	7½
Mrs. Daniells ...	0	15	7
Mrs. Ross	0	7	7
Mrs. Snow	0	7	5

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Fabian Sambrook	0	4	0
Mr. George Clark ...	0	3	7½
	£5	11	8½

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1899.	*Dr.*	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	To Balance brought forward	15	14	6¼
	Subscriptions, per Mrs. Halsey	72	19	2½
	Collections at Anerley Cong. Church ...	12	4	3
	Kentish Evangelical Charity	10	0	0
	Weekly Offerings	51	11	3¾
	Anniversary and Quarterly Collections...	9	17	2
	Special Donations—Mr. Hind, 10/-; Mr. Hazledene, £1 1s.; A Friend, per Mr. Miller, 10/-	2	1	0
	Workmen's Club, for Gas...	2	0	0
	Proceeds of Jumble Sale	5	2	9
	Communion Fund—Collections, Donations, to B. Fund...	7	14	8¾
	Collections for Sunday School	2	14	9
	Interest, P.O. Savings Bank	0	6	4
		£192	6	0¼

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Salaries	143	8	0
Gas, Coal, Coke and Wood	9	0	0
Fire Insurance	1	8	0
Printing	0	3	0
Repair of Organ	1	7	6
Repairs and Sundries	1	12	5½
Bonus to Coal and Clothing Clubs } Ditto do. 1898, omitted }	2	16	9
Kent Congregational Association ...	0	10	6
Tea Meeting, &c.	2	8	4½
Communion Fund locally administered ..	7	14	8¾
Sunday School Collection paid to Mr. Mitchell	2	14	9
	173	4	0¾
By Balance P.O. Savings Bank £17 19 9 } Cash in hand ... ... 1 2 2½ }	19	1	11½
	£192	6	0¼

Examined and found correct, { WM. R. METCALFE. E. G. HOPPER.

Elmers End Sunday School.

Superintendent—Mr. PILBEAM (*pro tem.*)

Secretary—Mr. FRANK WARDLE. *Librarian*—Mr. R. PRICE.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance	2	8	2½	By Lesson Papers, Texts & Registers	0	17	2½
Elmers End Collections... ...	2	14	9	Presentation Bible	0	3	0
Grant from Parent School	5	0	0	Hymn Leaflets ...	0	2	0
Excursion Excess	1	17	11	Repairs & Cartage	0	14	7
Don., Mrs. Rhodes	0	5	0	Printing	0	10	6
,, Mr H. B. Ashford... ...	0	5	0	Parents' & Scholars' Teas	1	18	9½
Profit on Magazines	0	6	6	Norwood Auxiliary S.S.U. Subscription	0	5	0
				Balance	8	6	3½
	£12	17	4½		£12	17	4½

BOGNOR EXCURSION ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
Collected by Scholars ...	6	6	4	By Paid Parent School for Railway and Expenses ...	10	0	5
Donations... ...	0	6	6	Local Expenses ...	0	7	6
Tickets sold (Teachers and Friends)	5	13	0	Balance	1	17	11
	£12	5	10		£12	5	10

MAGAZINE ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Cash received from Scholars ...	2	19	7½	By Paid J. Snow & Co.	2	13	1½
				Balance Profit ...	0	6	6
	£2	19	7½		£2	19	7½

MISSIONARY FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance	1	15	2	By Paid London Missionary Society	4	14	6¾
Collections in Classes	4	12	10¾	Paid S.S.U. Home, Bournemouth ...	0	12	6
				Balance in hand	1	1	0
	£6	8	0¾		£6	8	0¾

Examined and found correct,

4th January, 1900. T. C. MITCHELL.

Elmers End Slate Club.

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Reserve Fund ...	2	3	3½	By Sick Pay ...	15	18	4
Members' Subscriptions ...	72	2	9	Doctor's Fees ...	2	13	0
Interest	0	9	1	Death of Member	2	0	0
				Death of Member's Wife ...	1	3	6
				Withdrawal ...	0	11	6
				Secretary's Fees	2	6	0
				Room	1	0	0
				Share-out of 46 Members at 20s. 6d. per Member	47	3	0
				Reserve Fund ...	1	19	9½
	£74	15	1½		£74	15	1½

Elmers End Mothers' Meeting.

Superintendent, Mrs. Wardle.

BALANCE SHEET.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand	0	18	10	By Drapers' Bills ...	17	11	8
Mothers' Payments	17	5	10½	Sick Relief ...	0	4	0
Mrs. Kingdon (sub.)	0	5	0	Attendance, Mrs. Price	0	5	0
Miss Johnson (don.)	0	10	0	Balance in hand	1	18	0½
Mrs. Snow (sub.)	0	5	0				
Mrs. Pocock (sub.)	0	5	0				
A Friend ...	0	5	0				
Mrs. H. B. Ashford (sub.) ...	0	4	0				
	£19	18	8½		£19	18	8½

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Elmers End Coal and Clothing Club.

Superintendent—Mrs. Wardle. *Treasurer*—Mrs. J. C. Miller.

1898.	*Dr.*	£	s.	d.
Nov. 1.	To Balance	1	8	6
,,	Cards Sold	0	0	9
Dec.	Ditto	0	0	3
1899.				
Jan. 1.	Ditto	0	0	5
	Deposits	14	4	0
Nov. 4.	Bonus added...	1	5	9
,, 4.	Interest from Bank	0	2	6
		£17	2	2

1899.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
Nov. 4.	By Sundry Tradesmen	13	8	6
	Deposits returned	2	1	3
	Postage, &c.	0	0	6
	Balance	1	11	11
		£17	2	2

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Elmers End Penny Savings Bank.

BALANCE SHEET.

1899.	*Dr.*	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	Balance in Secretary's hands...	8	13	7½
	Deposits	95	3	8
	Cards Sold	0	1	4
Dec. 19.	P.O. Savings Bank	49	0	0
		£152	18	7½

1899,	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
	Repayments	94	0	10
Jan. 30.	P.O. Savings Bank	14	10	0
Feb. 27.	Ditto	7	10	0
May 30.	Ditto	4	0	0
July 29.	Ditto	5	0	0
Sept. 29.	Ditto	15	0	0
Oct. 30.	Ditto	10	0	0
June 2.	Cash Book	0	2	3
Dec. 31.	Balance in Secretary's hands	2	15	6½
		£152	18	7½

CASH ACCOUNT.

1899. *Dr.*	£	s.	d.	1899. *Cr.*	£	s.	d.
Dec. 19. P.O. Savings Bank	49	0	0	Jan. 1. Balance at Bank...	36	10	1
Due Depositors ...	38	10	6	Cash paid in ...	56	0	0
Balance in favour P. Bank ...	9	5	9½	Dec. 31. Interest from Bank	1	10	8
				Balance Secretary's hands	2	15	6½
	£96	16	3½		£96	16	3½

1900. Dr.	£	s.	d.	Jan. 1. Cr.	£	s.	d.
Due Depositors ...	38	10	6	Balance at Bank...	45	0	9
Jan. 1. Balance in favour P. Bank ...	9	5	9½	Balance in Secretary's hands ...	2	15	6½
	£47	16	3½		£47	16	3½

1900.		£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	Balance in favour Bank	7	15	1½
	Interest from Bank	1	10	8
		£9	5	9½

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Financial Summary for 1899.

	£	s.	d.
Thankoffering	45	13	9
Weekly Offertory	969	10	10
Collections	148	10	5
Donations, etc.	147	4	6
Sacramental Fund	53	10	4
Sunday Schools	109	1	9½
District Visiting and Tract Society ...	45	11	5½
Temperance Society	33	5	4½
Band of Hope	20	14	4½
British and Foreign Bible Society ...	8	16	4
London Missionary Society	48	14	8
Guild	145	12	3
Home Mission	192	6	0½
Dorcas and Maternity Society	23	15	3
Ladies' Benevolent Working Society ...	8	18	6½
	£2,001	5	11

Dec. 13th. 1900.

Interview with Rev. H. E. Rikell 47 H-8

Trinity Congregational Church, Stanstead Road, Forest Hill.

Mr. Rikell has been for eight years the minister of this church. He is a middle-aged man of rather bilious aspect. This is not an important church, nor is he a man of much mark. He hinted that the church had had a chequered career, and did not suggest that it was now particularly successful, though more prosperous than when he came, the membership having risen from 60 to 150.

Indeed he took a gloomy view of the position of the Free Churches in this and nearly all other suburbs of London;- (he noted Crouch End as an exception) - so far as the people in these suburbs are religiously inclined at all they gravitate towards the Church of England: Free Church life is much

more injurious in what may be called the inner ring of suburbs in such places as New Cross, Islington, Finsbury Park; and people who live in such districts on moving out often give up their churchgoing: this Mr A. attributes to the proximity of the country which tempts them to country walks and rides on Sunday. The only Free Church in the neighbourhood which Mr A. thought was successful is that of the Catford Hill Baptists (Mr Bamstone).

Apart from the membership Mr A. was not willing to give figures as to church attendance, but he said the church was "not full".

The Church has more or less the usual things:

Sunday School, (197) all respectable children
Young Men's Class (20)
Band of Hope

Lifing Society
Christian Endeavour
Monthly Temperance Meeting
Maternity Society
Benevolent Society, which works within about a mile of the church and spends about £20 a year. Asked for the names of streets in which its labours were carried on but it could give none, but spoke of the new roads close to Catford Station as poor.

There is complete union between the Free Churches but "the free and established churches don't know one another". The tendency of the Church of England is to be high. St. George's Forest Hill is always full and St. Lawrence the large church at Rushey Green which is not so high is well filled.

As to the neighbourhood it is "wonderfully quiet": the only cause of disturbance being the crowds of pleasure seekers in the main road

(Kenilworth Hill So and ~~Catford Road~~ Bromley Road) on Sundays.

There has been some development of Prostitution about the Catford stations of recent years.

With reference to the general United Mission which is to be held at the beginning of next year I had some talk with Mr H. His view of Missions is the not uncommon one that they are "frequented almost entirely by churchgoers: those who go into the Engaging room" he said "are found to be almost excluding the young people from the neighbouring churches". In this way they take the "final step of definitely coming out". His own people will no doubt go to the Mission "to give it their support." For the purposes of the Mission they are distributing in their Pre Church District three successive 'whips' at every house

Dec. 19. 1900. Dist. 47 $\frac{47}{10.19}$ S.H.J.

Interview with Dr Macklillian, of the open Plymouth Brethren, at his house No 6 Grotes Buildings. Blackheath.

Dr Macklillian is a scotchman & practising doctor, about 65, tall grey hair & goat beard & whiskers & moustache, pleasant voice. He lives in one of the old fashioned houses on the South side of Blackheath with a long garden behind stretching down to the railway.

There are two sects of Plymouth Brethren in Blackheath, the one strict, the other open. Dr Macklillian is leader of the open sect.

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Properly speaking Plymo have no leader but in practise it always happens that two or 3 come to the front and lead the service: very often it is one of the success of a Plymo Church is largely bound up in the personality of one man! Dr M is the one man here & practically runs the church. 'I don't know at all what wd happen if I went!'

The service on the first day of the week is all that is essential. This is known as 'the Assembly'. When they meet 'to break the bread of Jesus'. It is in the morning. 'The elements' are placed on a table. There is one loaf only "to signify the unity of the faith". The ~~bread~~ loaf is broken & handed round. 'The Greek shew

shews that it was only a bit of bread given to each. Once a month it is in the evening to suit the convenience of those who cant come in the morning. "It was 'Do this in remembrance of me', & no insistance was laid on the time of day". Morning is most convenient to modern habits so that for 3 Sundays in the month the breaking of the bread is in the morning.

Only church members or those vouched for by a member are allowed to break bread. Even when vouched for women may attend many times in succession without joining the Church or ~~[illegible]~~ learning that he is not

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not wanted if he does not join.
The service is one of worship & praise. There are a good many hymns but no organ or harmonium. There is no sermon. In the evening one may get up to pray or read a portion of scripture as the spirit moves him, in practice only two or 3 do so.
On Sunday afternoons Gospel meetings are held arranged by Dr. M; one in the afternoon none in the evening. Evangelical in character. Dr M gets the speakers & it depends upon the speaker whether the congregation is large or small.
Meetings are held in the Alexandra Hall.
There are about 300 church members.
200 about attend the "Assembly". A box is handed round

round during the Lord's Supper & everyone is expected to put some thing in. This pays for Church expenses.

The congregation is mainly well-to-do. 'The majority keep servants'. There are also a few of the servant class who come & a few poor 'who come to be maintained'. The morning service is for members though outsiders are admitted & a few come. The afternoon draws outsiders from Church & chapel indiscriminately. Only 100 or so be church members. Dr. M gives addresses to get strangers & Churchmen to give them too. He often preaches in dissenting chapels: 'sometimes' in the iron-room of a Church'.

There are mother-meetings etc carried on by members of the Church but not by the Church

Church as such. The note of Church work is individuality. Anything that is done must be done by someone who feels himself particularly called to the work. The Church will support but will not originate.

The strict Plymis are 'a richer body than we are'. They have about 100 members. No outsider is admitted to any service. "Their views are very narrow indeed as a body though individually they are charming men."

There is no central body or organization connected with the Church, nor any minister, it is simply a conglomeration of persons of the same mind for purposes of praise & worship.

Dr M will be very glad if necessary to give Mr Hodge any further information he may require as to the "Plymis".

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On the question of Drink. Dr M has strong views; is a total abstainer: he speaks at temperance meetings. 'But as regards the Brethren, they wd have nothing to do with the question as a church movement: in their opinion, the greater includes the less; if a man be converted he will be temperate: work then for the greater. The less will come of itself.' "That is the theory. I dont keep to it strictly in practice."

Dec 19. Dist. 47 $\frac{47}{2.3}$ 8 o'clock.

Visit to Ladywell Mission Stall. Prospect Place - by Ladywell Station.

This is a substantial brick building surrounded by a wooden fence, situated in the hollow ground just ~~not~~ East of Ladywell station. I saw the caretaker who lives opposite at No. 4 Prospect Place. ~~Then~~ She is an old lady, working class & gave me what follows with the door in her hand as I stood upon the step. "Its for poore people such as us, all my girls go": 'what are you doing there now.' She called down the passage to one of them: & the answer was 'Sewing some things for the Injians.' The Stall she

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She thinks holds 100. It is a mission from Mr Morley Jones' Congregational Church in Lewisham. Built by a Mr Skelton. Sunday school held morning & afternoon about 50/70 children come: & a service in the evening when 20/30 come: There are 4 Sunday school teachers. There is also a girls club & a gymnasium for boys. & a Gospel Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7.45. The Lewisham, Ladywell & Catford Provident Dispensary meets there on Monday eve at 7.30.

Built 11 years ago: grew from a class held in a private house: object to reach the poor in the low ground E of the railway.

A Brethren's Hall. CLA

Dec 19. 1900. Dist. 47 47/8/8HW

Mission Hall. 42 Gilmore Rd Lee.

'The Lord willing the Gospel of the Grace of God will be preached here on Lord's Day at ½ past 6.' This from a notice board. The door was locked. The ~~window~~ blinds on two side windows down: It stands about 20 yards back from the road at the turn of a muddy path leading to stables. It is yellow brick faced red, not old, not new, not very but rather dingy outside. Its frt was is 21 ft wide & its length about half as much again. A very little place.

Dec 19. 1900 Dist. H/S G.H.D

Salvation Army Mission Hall. Avenue Road
High Street. Lewisham.

On a board was a bill announcing for Sunday 23rd
"Great welcome meetings of Staff Captain &
Mrs Gowie: Subjects: 11 AM. 'Another
Good man gone wrong': 3 PM '3 wandering
widows': 6.30 'A shabby lot': Come &
hear them for yourself!

The caretaker lives about 4 doors off (now head of the mission) says that
Ensign Anderson has only been there 3 weeks,
having been ill & his wife still being ill. He
lives at 152 Innersdale Rd. It used to be very
successful but has suffered in the interregnum.
The hall is a former Wesleyan Chapel. holds
4/500. "Never crowded but fairly full on Sunday
evenings & 40 or 50 come on week nights."

Adjutant Micklin. Citadel House. Venlaigh Road. Officer in Charge of the Penge Corps of the Salvation Army

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GRA. Dec. 10. 1900

Dist 47

The Adjutant is a sturdy, thick set middle-aged Scotchman, who has been 18 years a Salvation Army Officer, most of the time in Scotland. He came here from Glasgow a few weeks ago, this being his first appointment in the Metropolitan district. His opinion of Penge is that for organization and accommodation it is the most complete corps he has seen.

Recently the Corps has undertaken to work the Bell Green Corps, Lower Sydenham, which is small and unable to support an officer

Besides Arpley Road, Clarina Road & Venlaigh Road, there are 3 or 4 little slums, such as Bell Green, "a little hot shop", Parish Lane & Trinity Road near Penge Station (L.C.&D.Rly). Arpley Road is poor and drunken and they get some 'strange characters' at

at the lodging houses but it cannot be compared with the slums of Edinburgh & Glasgow.

The remainder of the district he regards as good - people are comfortable, have good gardens & plenty of air.

~~It~~ To their meetings they get some "respectable, very respectable people and some as far down as you can get". In the corps they have gardeners, railway and other labourers, bricklayers, shop managers, printers, gas people and about 60 S. A. officers and their ~~wives~~ wives, who would form a small corps themselves. These are officers employed at headquarters on the permanent staff, who have settled in the neighbourhood. Commissioner Carleton has lived here many years and to him ~~from~~ probably as a ~~so~~ constant force the corps owes much.

The Army premises extend from Maple Rd through to Vineleigh Road and include a couple of houses in one of which the Adjutant lives. He showed me over the building with some, certainly justifiable, pride. The Citadel holds 700 and is reached by through a large lobby. The interior is quite Army style. Large gallery ~~at the end~~ around the hall and behind the rostrum is a sloping gallery for the

Bands with small room cut off on either side for the use of the Sisters & Brothers respectively. They have two smaller halls holding about 400 each, kitchen, room for officers etc.

Beside the two paid officers they have a large number of others and several bands. 26 senior local officers and 40 juniors. Brass Band with 42 members, Tambourine Band with 20. Songsters 50.

The Corps numbers 310 members and 22 recruits - 332 in all. So growing steadily: was 299 twelve months ago. Have a good number of transfers - people following their work.

Indoors they have the usual four meetings on Sunday for adults, the largest being the evening meeting which varies from 450 to 600. Get a great many outsiders in the afternoon, when 200 to 300. In the morning 150/160. In the afternoon they have lively ~~testimonies and~~ singing and short testimonies. In the evening, plenty of singing is the rule. The Band plays 3 times and the Songsters sing once. Then at the after meeting the Songsters take the lead.. For members meetings on Monday, Wednesday & Saturday at the best during the week. A soldiers meeting is held on Tuesday and a holiness meeting on Friday. From 150 to 200 is usual for week night meeting but a Lantern lecture

THE SALVATION ARMY,

PENGE AND BELL GREEN CORPS.

Programme for . . . Oct. and Nov., 1900.

COMING EVENTS.

MON., Oct. 8.—SPECIAL MUSICAL MEETING at 8 p.m.
" " 15.—GRAND LIMELIGHT SERVICE at 8 p.m.
" " 22.—INDIAN SERVICE by Adj. Hillier and Party.
" " 29.—GRAND LIMELIGHT MUSICAL MEETING.
" Nov. 5.—AN ILLUSTRATED SERVICE OF SONG by Penge Singing Brigade.
SUN., Oct. 28.—MAJOR BAUGH'S VISIT.

SPECIAL J.S. CAMPAIGN.

TUES., Oct. 9.—J.S. Singing Brigade at Bell Green.
THURS., " 11.—Special Meeting of J.S. Songsters, 6.30 p.m.
FRI. " 12.—Special Meeting for J.S. at 6.45 p.m.
SUN. " 14.—Meeting for Saved Juniors, 10 a.m., led by Ensign. Companies, 3 p.m. Salvation Meeting, 6.45 p.m.
MON. " 15.—Band of Love Meeting. Mrs. Ensign Smith.
TUES. " 16.—Limelight Service at 6 p.m. Ensign Wills.
WED. " 17.—Special Meeting for Corps Cadets and Y.P.L.
THURS., " 18.—J.S. Brigade, 6.30. Ensign Wills.
FRI. " 19.—J.S. Soul-saving Meeting, 6.45 p.m.
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WED. " 24.—Public Meeting, Corps Cadets and Y.P.L.
THURS., " 25.—J.S. Singing Brigade at 6.30 p.m.
FRI. " 26.—Soul-saving Meeting at 6.45 p.m.

ENSIGN F. CURTIS, Sergt.-Major.

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BELL GREEN NOTICES.

Sundays.	Open-Air Stands.	Leaders for Indoor Meetings.
Oct. 7, 10 a.m.	Portheaul Road	Ens. and Mrs. Cragg (Har. Fest.).
,, 7, 6 p.m.	Lamp, K.H.R.	
,, 14, 10 a.m.	Station Road	Ensign Firmin. ,, ,,
,, 14, 6 p.m.	Lamp	Mrs. Adjutant Hillier.
,, 21, 10 a.m.	Haseltine Road	Captain Webb.
,, 21, 6 p.m.	Lamp, K.H.R.	Adjutant Case.
,, 28, 10 a.m.	Mial Road	Sergeant Moseley and Party.
,, 28, 6 p.m.	Lamp	Brigadier and Mrs. Cuthbert.
Nov. 4, 10 a.m.	Portheaul Road	Staff-Capt. Lewis & Corps Cadets
,, 4, 6 p.m.	Lamp, K.H.R.	Lieutenant Read, I.H.Q.
,, 11, 10 a.m.	Lamp (B.G.)	Sergeant Moseley and others.
,, 11, 6 p.m.	Lamp, K.H.R.	Captain Judge.

Week-Nights.	Open-Air Stands.	Leaders for Indoor Meetings.
Mon. Oct. 8	The Lamp	Brig. Braine (Sale, Harvest Gifts).
,, ,, 15	Haseltine Road	Staff-Capt. Lewis & Corps Cadets.
,, ,, 22	Hanley Bridge	Adjt. Howse and Musical Party.
,, ,, 29	The Lamp	Home Rulers' Brigade.
,, Nov. 5	Haseltine Road	Major Jackson & Mus. Pty. (D.V.)
,, ,, 12	The Lamp	
Wed. Oct. 10	The Lamp (B.G.) ..	Commr. Carleton & Penge Song'rs.
,, ,, 17	,, (K.H. Rd.) ..	Ens Wills. Limelight Ser., 6 & 8.
,, ,, 24	,, (B.G.) ..	,, ,, ,,
,, ,, 31	,, (K.H. Rd.) ..	,, ,, ,,
,, Nov. 7	,, (B.G.) ..	,, ,, ,,
,, ,, 14	,, (K.H. Rd.) ..	

SPECIAL SOLDIERS' MEETINGS every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Leaders: Mrs. Ens. Cragg, Adjt. Case, Mrs. Ens. Wills, and Mrs. Brig. Cuthbert.

BRIGADE LEADERS.

Sunday.	10 A.M.	2 P.M.	6 P.M.
October 7	Bro. W. Hunt.	Sis. Read.	Bro. Jackson.
,, 14	,, Jackson.	,, Hawkes.	Sis. Atkinson.
,, 21	,, Laurie.	,, Willis.	Bro. Cook.
	Sis. Firmin.	Bro. Judge.	,, Laurie.
,, 28	Bro. Lewis.	,, Wooton.	,, Judge.
Novem. 4	,, Cook.	Sis. Firmin.	Ens. Webb.
,, 11	Sis. Webb.	Bro. Crossley.	Sis. Hawkes.

BAND LEADERS.

No. 1, Bandmaster; 2, Bro. Dennis; 3, Bro. Smith; 4, Bro. Braine; 5, Bro. Sherwood; 6, Bro. Burton; 7, Bro. Willis; 8, Bro. R. Furniss; 9, Bro. Ivison; 10, Bro. Mullinger; 11, Bro. Hillier; 12, Bro. Howse.

OPEN-AIR STANDS
For OCTOBER and NOVEMBER, 1900

Sundays.	10 a.m.	2 p.m.	6 p.m.
October 7th.			
Brass Band (B.J., 2nd set)	Arthur Road (2)	Prince's Road (3)	Croydon Rd. (1)
Songsters	McKenzie Road	Wordsworth R..	Fountain
Brigades	Ravenscroft Rd.	Parish Lane	Arpley Road
Juniors		Victor Road	Heath Grove
Tambourine B...			Clifford Grove
October 14th.			
Brass Band (B.J., 3rd set)	Mosslea Rd. (5)	Tennys'n Rd.(11)	Fountain (2)
Songsters ..	Trinity Road	Thesiger Road	Arpley Road
Brigades	Crampton Rd.	Victor Road	Clarina Road
Juniors		Parish Lane	Clifford Grove
Tambourine B...			Arpley Road / Croyd'n Rd. end
October 21st.			
Brass Band (B.J., 1st set)	Hawthorn G. (12)	W'rdsw'th Rd.(4)	Croydon Rd. (3)
Songsters	Woodbine Grove	Arpley Road	Fountain
Brigades	Heath Grove	Raleigh Road	Clifford Grove
Juniors		Clarina Road	Raleigh Road
Tambourine B...			Wordsworth Rd.
October 28th.			
Brass Band (B.J., 2nd set)	Thesiger Rd. (3)	Edward Rd. (1)	Fountain (4)
Songsters	Victor Road	Parish Lane	Kingswood Road
Brigades	Tennyson Road	Wordsworth Rd.	Raleigh Road
Juniors..		Evelina Rd.	Arpley Road
Tambourine B...			Heath Grove
Nov. 4th.			
Brass Band (B.J., 3rd set)	S. Hugh's Rd. (8)	Woodbine Gr. (6)	Croydon Rd. (6)
Songsters	Crampton Road	Vineleigh Road	Fountain
Brigades	Trenholm Rd.	Hawthorn Gr.	Maple Road
Juniors..		Heath Sq.	Clarina Rd.
Tambourine B...			Raleigh Road
Nov. 11th.			
Brass Band (B.J., 1st set)	Kingsw'd Rd.(10)	Parish Lane (3)	Fountain (9)
Songsters	Lucas Road	Victor Road	Wordsworth Rd.
Brigades	Wordsworth Rd.	Tennyson Road	Arpley Road
Juniors..		Wordsworth Rd.	Clifford Grove
Tambourine B...			Clarina Road

JUNIOR MEETINGS.

SUNDAYS, at 10 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. COMPANIES at 3 p.m.
J.S. Songsters' Practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.
Band of Love Meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m.

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DOORKEEPERS AND ORDERLIES.

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,, 21	,, Arnold	Sis. Allen and Snelling	Sis. Atkinson and Ford
,, 28	,, Judge	Sis. Firmin and Webb	Bros. Wooton and Cook
Nov. 4	,, Skinner	Sis. Furniss and Atkinson	Bros. Hales and Wooton
,, 11	,, Snelling	Sis. Chapman and Watts	Bros. Wooton and Allen

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CORPS CADET OPEN-AIRS.

WEDNESDAYS.—Oct. 10th, Raleigh Road; 17th, Clifford Grove; 24th, Heath Grove; 31st, Wordsworth Road; Nov. 7th, Evelina Road.

KNEE-DRILL LESSONS (10 minutes).

Oct. 7	Staff-Capt. Burton.	Oct. 28	Brigadier Cuthbert.
,, 14	,, Hurren.	Nov. 4	Ensign Ivison.
,, 21	Brig Braine.	,, 11	Adjutant Case.

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lecture or anything special brings the numbers up to 300/400. To these meetings they do get many not connected with the Army. About half the people would be unknown. Then he told how a couple of men had been brought in a few nights back, one being drunk. This man they kept until late at night, and as he left he said "You have saved me 4/- or 5/- by keeping me here."

A large number of open air meetings are held as per card attached - no less than 12 on Sunday, the different parties combining as they return to the Hall.

For the Juniors the usual meetings are held. They have 350 on the Cartridge Book e.g. Sunday Scholars and of these 227 are Junior Soldiers. Band of Love has 100 members. Have classes for singing, drawing painting, fretwork, printing, knitting, sewing, picture frame making.

The 'Young People's Legion' is not much ~~of~~ chiefly because it has not been pushed & many of the young people go straight from the Junior Roll to the Corps. It is intended to be a link between the Juniors & the seniors & consists of two grades. Members and Companions, the former being the 'saved' ones.

Also have a Corps Cadets Brigade of 14. These are young people being trained for officers.

Visitation. A good deal is done. The Adjutant does 18 hours a week and has a systematic visiting list. By the regulations, he is supposed to visit 40 soldiers, 10 converts and 10 juniors a week. and all converts within 14 days. He does much more than this. Some of his meetings he can delegate to others & this give more time to the visiting and general work.

Charity. For special cases they make collections the object being first sanctioned by the Officers. They only help people they know. A number of cadgers come and will go to the penitent form if they want a nights lodging. These the Adjutant does not like. They send a few cases to the shelters and homes, mostly girls who have fallen into bad hands.

Drink is bad in places. One bad corner being the intersection of the Croydon and Beckenham Roads. Men stand by the publichouse (Fountain). Great crowds go in. It is a hot shop. Not much solicitation. Has seen some young women.

Adjutant Nicklin is a capable & live officer. Goes out at night in plain clothes so as to get to know the people & district. A flourishing corps

THE SALVATION ARMY,

PENGE AND BELL GREEN CORPS.

. . Programme . .

Nov. 18th to Dec. 9th.

ADJUTANT & MRS. NICKLIN, C.O's.

BELL GREEN NOTICES.

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Sundays.	Open-Air Stands.	Leaders for Indoor Meetings.
Nov. 18, 10 a.m.	Porthcaul Road	Ensign Firmin.
,, 18, 6 p.m.	Lamp, K.H.R.	Captain Judge.
,, 25, 10 a.m.	Haseltine Road	Captain Webb.
,, 25, 6 p.m.	Lamp, K.H.R.	Brother Crossley.
Dec. 2, 10 a.m.	Mial Road	Lieutenant Read.
,, 2, 6 p.m.	Lamp, K.H.R.	Sergeant Moseley and Party.
,, 9, 10 a.m.	Porthcaul Road	Staff-Capt. Lewis.
,, 9, 6 p.m.	Lamp, K.H.R.	Brigadier Laurie.

Week-Nights.	Open-Air Stands.	Leaders for Indoor Meetings.
Mon. Nov. 19	The Lamp	Brother Crossley.
Wed. ,, 21	Haseltine Road	Sergeant Moseley.
Mon. ,, 26	The Lamp	Brother Hunt.
Wed. ,, 28	Haseltine Road	Sergeant Moseley.
Mon. Dec. 3	The Lamp (B.G.) ..	Brother Crossley.
Wed. ,, 5	,, (K.G. Rd.) ..	Brother Hunt.
Mon. ,, 10	,, (B.G.) ..	Sergeant Moseley.
Wed. ,, 12	,, (K.G. Rd.) ..	Brother Hunt.

SOLDIERS' MEETINGS every Tuesday at 8 p.m.

BRIGADE LEADERS.

Sunday.	10 A.M.	2 P.M.	6 P.M.
Novem. 18	Bro. Laurie.	Sis. Hawkes.	Sis. Atkinson.
,, 25	Bro. Judge.	Bro. Wooton.	Bro. Cook.
Decem. 2	Bro. Lewis.	Bro. Hunt.	Sis. Webb.
,, 9	Bro. Jackson.	Bro. Wooton.	Bro. Cook.

BAND LEADERS.

No. 1, Bandmaster; 2, Bro. Dennis; 3, Bro. Smith; 4, Bro. Braine; 5, Bro. Sherwood; 6, Bro. Burton; 7, Bro. Willis; 8, Bro. R. Furniss; 9, Bro. Ivison; 10, Bro. Mullinger.

OPEN-AIR STANDS.

NOVEMBER 18th to DECEMBER 9th.

Sundays.	10 a.m.	2 p.m.	6 p.m.
Nov. 18th.			
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Songsters	Woodbine Grove	Raleigh Road	Fountain
Brigades	Heath Grove	Clarina Road	Clifford Grove
Juniors		Vineleigh Road	Heath Grove
Tambourine B...			Arpley Road
Nov. 25th.			
Brass Band (B.J., 3rd set)	Thesiger Rd. (2)	Raleigh Road (5)	Fountain (4)
Songsters ..	Victor Road	Wordsworth Rd.	Croydon Road
Brigades	Tennyson Road	Parish Lane	Vineleigh Road
Juniors		Clarina Road	Heath Grove
Tambourine B...			Clifford Grove
Dec. 2nd.			
Brass Band (B.J., 1st set)	Prince's Ter.	Woodbine Gr. (8)	Croydon Rd. (9)
Songsters	Parish Lane	Hawthorn Grove	Fountain
Brigades	Edward Road	Heath Square	Arpley Road
Juniors		Vineleigh Road	Clarina Road
Tambourine B...			Raleigh Road
Dec. 9th.			
Brass Band (B.J., 2nd set)	Mosslea Rd. (4)	Vineleigh Rd. (10)	Fountain (4)
Songsters	Trinity Road	Clifford Grove	Heath Grove
Brigades	Crampton Rd.	Heath Square	Raleigh Road
Juniors..		Heath Grove	Clarina Road
Tambourine B...			Arpley Road

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Interview with the Rev. Arthur Hancock, Head of the Lee Circuit of the Bible Christians, and in special charge of the church at Lee. At his residence, 283 High Road, Lee. (E.A.) Dec.6.00.

Mr. H. has been here for 8 years. Is a man of about 50; dark; rather good-looking, with something of the actor and musician in his appearance, though perhaps not in his nature. Rather an attractive man. Married, and living in a house that belongs to a friendly landlord who lets them have it for £35 a year. The rent of the duplicate house next door is £40, and appears to be cheap at that, with its eleven rooms.

Mr. H. described the district as going markedly downwards socially, but as being still both respectable and quiet. It has many of the characteristics of a village. There is very little poverty, and "then only through drink".

His own people include a few tradesmen, but are mostly working-class, many of them gardeners and such-like. They have very few poor in their congregation, and the Church Benevolent Fund only amounts to about £5 or £10 a year. Seven-eighths of their own people are total abstainers, and all the ministers of the denomination. There is no rule about it, but sentiment is so strong that it comes to the same thing.

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Mr. Hancock is "Chapel Secretary" for the London District of the Denomination, and gave me a report of the "Eighty-second Annual Conference of the Ministers and Representatives of the people denominated Bible Christians". This was held at Penzance, during August, 1900, and the following cutting gives particulars relating to the London District, including, it will be noticed, chapels at Tottenham, Brighton, and Sevenoaks, but not including those at Eltham and Hither Green, which, with the one at Lee, make up Mr. Hancock's circuit. Both are small, and both of recent origin.

The financial aspects of the London District are reported on on pp. 71.72, the general results being stated to represent "a splendid year's work".

On p. 77, an abridged report of a Committee formed for the promotion of Methodist "Concerted Action" is given, and on p.78 the General Statistics of Methodism, in all its branches throughout the world. It is noteworthy that while at home the "Sunday Scholars" are roughly ~~xxx~~ about twice as numerous as "Church Members and Probationers", the grand total of the latter (7,382,086) exceeds that of the latter by more than a million. Of this excess, the figures for Africa and the United States appear to be the chief explanation.

(3)

LEE CIRCUIT. At Lee they are well off for buildings, having a Chapel (500) 2 schools, and four class rooms. Membership, 168. Sunday morning average, 200; evening, 300. Sunday School teachers, 24. Sunday School: register, 200; average, 150.

At Eltham, they have only a "little place". Membership, 39. Congregation (working-class) Sunday morning, 30; evening, 60. The Sunday School is of the nature of a Bible Class. All just starting here.

Both at Lee and Eltham "Anglican influence" is very strong. At the latter place it is difficult to make head-way. At the former, it is "not difficult to hold our own, but hard to increase". An important influence at Lee appears to be the Adult Temperance Meeting, with about 150 members. They are mostly an inside set, but, although much aggressive work does not appear to be done, Mr. H. justified the meetings for their social value, and because they helped to "strngthen convictions".

At Hither Green they have a School, which is now used as a chapel but there they hope to build; accommodation for 300. Membership only 23, but things are promising. Sunday morning average 40 to 50; evening, 100. Very hopeful about Sunday School, where they have already nearly 150 on the register.

Hancock - Bible Christians, Lee

A few other particulars ~~xxxxxxx~~ about the Circuit are given on the Plan. The Sister of the People mentioned on it is now married, and is lost as a systematic worker.

Mr. H. described Lee in somewhat favourable terms as regards the prevailing social amd moral conditions. It appears to present few special problems of difficulty, and to be for the most ~~xxxxx~~ part a quiet, respectable place, socially, on the down-grade. Housing presents no special difficulty here, although rents were often high, especially for the smaller houses.

LONDON DISTRICT.

London (Jubilee) ..	1	2	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	4	15	93	5	12	17	130
,, (Waterloo Rd. & Clapham)	2	10	2	—	8	7	4	—	26	9	40	280	19	24	51	321
,, (Kilburn)	1	4	1	—	3	—	5	—	9	5	31	178	3	—	33	240
,, (Forest Hill) ..	2	2	2	—	5	—	5	—	—	8	10	118	—	—	15	125
,, (Woolwich) ..	1	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	1	3	6	81	—	—	21	129
,, (Lee)	2	12	2	1	5	8	3	1	24	3	32	240	—	48	33	339
,, (S. Tottenham)	1	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	11	6	10	115	6	21	30	320
Brighton.....	2	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	5	14	73	315	3	—	37	457
Sevenoaks	1	6	3	—	1	—	1	—	7	—	39	97	3	12	25	218
Total in District	13	42	15	2	25	20	20	1	83	52	256	1517	39	117	262	2279
Total, 1899.....	13	41	15	2	28	14	17	—	84	81	277	1379	27	127	253	2244
Increase	—	1	—	—	—	6	3	1	—	—	—	138	12	—	9	35
Decrease	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	29	21	—	—	10	—	—

BIBLE CHRISTIAN PREACHERS' PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

LEE CIRCUIT, 1900.

"Freely ye have received, freely give."—*Matthew x., 8.*

PLACE & TIME.	Sept. 30	October. 7	14	21	28	November. 4	11	18	25	December. 2	9	16	23
Sunday — High Road Chapel, 11	Stephens	Hancock s	Hancock	Rounsefell MS	Hancock	Stephens s	Potter	Hancock	Tickell	Hancock s	Howe	Hancock	Stephens
Sunday — Lee 7	Crossman	Hancock s	Stephens	Rounsefell MS	Vanstone	Hancock s	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Stephens s	Hancock	Vanstone	Hancock L
Sunday — Pastor's Bible Class 3													
Sunday — Sunday School Address ... 3.45			Stephens	Rounsefell MS			Hancock				Hancock		
Sunday — Open Air Service													
Monday, Junior Endeavour ... 6.30	Cannon	Hancock	Cannon	Cannon	Cannon	Hancock	Cannon	Cannon	Cannon	Hancock	Cannon	Cannon	Hancock
,, Senior Endeavour ... 8	Crossman	Hancock	Cannon	Hancock	Davey	Crossman	Hancock	Dudman	Gooding	Hancock	Crossman	Goddard	Dudman
Wednesday, Preaching Service ... 7.30	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Rounsefell MS	Stephens	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock	Hancock
,, Prayer Meeting ... 8.15													
Thursday, Band of Hope 7	Hancock	London	Hancock	Attwood	Hancock	London	Hancock	Attwood	Hancock	London	Hancock	London	Hancock
,, Temperance Meeting 8	Hancock	L.M.B.	Hancock	Howe	Wickenden	Brunning	Davey	L.M.B.	Vanstone	Smith	Carpenter	Brunning	Hancock
Sunday — Park Place Chapel, 11	L.M.B.	Smith	Davey	Hancock	Hallett	Smith	Hancock	Glock	Stephens	L.M.B.	Hancock	Brunning	Hancock
Sunday — Eltham 6.30	Brunning	Glock	Vanstone s	Wickenden	Hancock	L.M.B.	Stephens s	Attwood	Crossman	Wickenden	Glock	Stephens s	Davey
Sunday — Sunday School 3		Glock			Hancock		Stephens			Wickenden		Stephens	Davey L
Sunday — Open Air Service 5.45													
Monday, Class Meeting 8													
Thursday, Preaching Service ... 7.30	Davey	Hancock	L.M.B.	Hancock	Brunning	Hancock	L.M.B.	Hancock	Wickenden	Hancock	L.M.B.	Hancock	Crossman
Saturday, Prayer Meeting ... 8													
Sunday — Torridon Road, Hither 11	Smith	Stephens	Stephens	Cudmore	Stephens	Hancock	Stephens	Stephens	Hancock	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Vanstone
Sunday — Green 6.30	Stephens	Stephens s	Hancock	Cudmore	Stephens	Stephens s	Potter	Stephens	Stephens	Hancock s	Stephens	Hancock	Stephens L
Sunday — Sunday School 3	Stephens			Cudmore		Stephens				Hancock			Stephens
Sunday — Open Air Service 6.15	Stephens	Stephens	Hallett	Stephens	Stephens	Hallett	Hallett	Hallett	Stephens	Hallett	Hallett	Stephens	Hallett
Thursday, Preaching Service ... 8	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens	Stephens

PREACHERS.

1. ARTHUR HANCOCK, 283, High Road, Lee.
2. J. STEPHENS, The Manse, Torridon Road, Hither Green, Catford.
3. I. B. VANSTONE, 44, Brandram Road, Lee.
4. W. H. TICKELL, 61, Blessington Road, Lee.
5. T. W. ATTWOOD, 24, High Road, Lee.
6. W. CARYER, Blackheath Park, Blackheath.
7. C. HALLETT, 3 Newington Parade, Hither Green.
8. J. CROSSMAN, 54, Gilmore Road, Lee.
9. H. LOTT, 3, Cardwell Terrace, Holloway, N.
10. C. SMITH, 16, Effingham Road, Lee.
11. A. WICKENDEN, 76, College Road, Bromley.
12. T. GOODING, 111, Taunton Road, Lee.
13. T. D. DAVEY, 153, High Road, Lee.
14. L. G. BRUNNING, 189, High Road, Lee.
15. A. J. GLOCK, 2, Elm Villas, Blunts Road, Eltham.

On Trial: A. A. N., to go with No. 8.
L. M. B.: LEE MISSION BAND.

Sister of the People: SISTER EMMA, 2, Turner Rd., Lee.

Auxiliaries:

A. POTTER, "Batavia," Bushey Hall Road, Watford
J. FOSTER HOWE, "Holwood," Grove Park.
T. BOWYER, Wilmington, Dartford.

CIRCUIT OFFICERS.

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Society Stewards.
LEE: T. W. ATTWOOD, R. J. CARPENTER.
ELTHAM: A. J. GLOCK.
HITHER GREEN: C. HALLETT, G. GOODCHILD.

Chapel Stewards.
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ELTHAM: A. FINCHAM, A. FAIRHEAD.
HITHER GREEN: C. HALLETT, W. J. NORTHMORE.

CIRCUIT NOTICES.

LEE: Oct. 21—Missionary Sermons. Preacher, Rev. D. J. Rounsefell.
Oct. 24—Missionary Meetings. Deputation, Revs. D. J. Rounsefell and J. B. Stedeford.
Nov.—Evangelistic Mission. Missioner, Mr. T. Buttle.
Dec. 25—Christmas Morning Service. Preacher, Rev. A. Hancock.

ELTHAM: Oct. 25—Lecture by Rev. A. Hancock.
Nov.—Evangelistic Mission. Missioner, Rev. A. Hancock.
Dec. 25—Christmas Morning Service. Preacher, Mr. A. J. Glock.

HITHER GREEN: Oct. 21—Special Preacher, Rev. P. Cudmore, of Kilburn.
Nov. 27—Lecture by Rev. A. Hancock.
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Every Preacher must take his own appointments, or himself provide an accredited substitute.

"Why we are Nonconformists." Four Addresses by Rev. Arthur Hancock. Second Edition. Price 3d. May be obtained of the Pastor. Bible Christian Magazine Review: "We heartily welcome this reprint from our pages. It should be circulated by thousands."

The Bible Christian Magazine, Young People's Magazine, Chapel and Sunday School Hymn Books, and all Books and Periodicals may be obtained of the Circuit Ministers and should be ordered by the 20th of each month.

NEW CENTURY FUND.

The Bible Christian Conference proposes to raise a **New Century Fund** of £25,000 for the building of New Chapels and the general extension of our work, as a Connexional Thank-Offering to God for His great goodness to us as a Church and people. We commend the proposal to the earnest consideration of all. Our own Circuit is immediately interested in view of the new enterprise at Hither Green, and further help to the Chapels from the Free Loan Fund.

The Circuit Quarterly Meeting has passed the following resolution:—"That we heartily support the action of the Conference in inaugurating the New Century Fund, and promise to do our best in aid of the Fund at a later period."

Offerings are taken at the close of each Public Service on the Sabbath in support of the Work of God. "Bring an offering and come into His courts."

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Lee on Wednesday, December 26th, 1900, at 8.30 p.m.

References.—S Sacrament: S.S.A. School Anniversary. C.A. Chapel Anniversary. M.S. Missionary Services. H.F. Harvest Festival. L. Lovefeast. C.O. Chapel Opening.

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Price of Plan, ONE PENNY.

Note on the Rev. A.F.Joscelyne, Minister of the Congregational Church-in-the-Grove, Sydenham. (E.A.)
Dec.10.00.

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Mr. J. was the friend whom I found smoking the pipe of Monday morning repose with Mr. Tipple, and, with the permission of the latter, I talked a little about the Church-in-the-Grove. Conditions were, he said, analogous to those prevailing at Mr. Tipple's own chapel, but his, "If Mr. Tipple does not mind my so putting it" "is more of a church", by which he meant that there was more corporate church-life, and more of the ordinary church machinery. One difference, for instance, to which Mr. J. was not himself inclined to attach very much importance, was the existence of a distinct body of church members; these numbered 170, and in addition there were about 30, who "for reasons of their own" prefrred to remain outside the church body, but who were to all intents and purposes on the same footing as the members, save that they could not take part in church meetings, etc.

The people are of a somewhat lower class than Mr. Tipple's socially, and do not come from so far afield. The Chapel holds 600, and, in the morning is "fairly full" In the evening, there are "not so many". The congregation, mainly mid le-class, includes some working-class, but no poor. In Sydenham, as previously in Norwood, the Unit-

arians have come, and Mr. J. is hoping that there as they did in Mr. Tipple's neighbourhood, they will come to the conclusion that they are "not wanted".

They have a Mission Hall, "Park Hall", and carry on a work among the Sydenham poor. These, as in the case of New Town, at Norwood, are small in number as compared with the surrounding well-to-do, and, also as in the case of New Town, Mr. Joscelyne thinks that they are "overdone".

Mr. J. is a man of 55 or 60; sturdy in build, and rather commonplace in expression as compared with the exceptional man in whose company I found him, but very pleasnt, very honest, as we have seen a very devoted friend and admirer, and, as we may probably conclude from that relationship, courageous in his search for and exposition of the Truth. Morally as stalwart, but intellectually and spiritually, of much rougher build.

According to promise he has sent me his Manual, and this contains full particulars of the Church and its various agencies.

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Deacons.

Mr. G. W. Dodds, Ethelhurst, 1, Dulwich Wood Park, Upper Norwood.
Mr. H. Douglas Jameson, 59, Knighton Park Road.
Mr. E. W. Johnson, Perlton, 68, Wiverton Road.
Mr. J. Pearson, Nithside, Perry Vale, Forest Hill, *Treasurer*.
Mr. Geo. Short, 24, Park Road, Forest Hill, *Secretary*.
Mr. F. Tringham, 9, Peak Hill Avenue.
Mr. A. M. Worrell, 4, Peak Hill, Sydenham.

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Organist.

Mr. B. Chalfont, 6, Siddons Road, Forest Hill.

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Caretakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, Park Lodge, Sydenham Park.

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Caretaker of Park Hall.

Mr. Smith, 9, Charles Street, Sydenham.

CHOIR.

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Organist and Choir Master - - - Mr. B. Chalfont.

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Sopranos.	Altos.
Miss Chandler	Mrs. W. E. Harris
,, Barralet	Miss Holman
,, K. Barralet	,, Randall
,, Avice Chandler	,, Short
,, A. Osman	,, G. Short
,, Tidmarsh	,, Edith Tidmarsh
,, Tringham	

Tenors.	Basses.
Mr. M. Blake	Mr. J. Barralet
,, Virgo	,, Brenchley
,, Ward	,, Joseph Gray
	,, W. E. Harris
	,, Inman
	,, A. Osman
	,, G. H. Tidmarsh

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Friends willing to help, either regularly or occasionally, are cordially invited to attend the practices on Wednesday evenings. Our losses during the past year have left vacancies which we shall be glad to have filled.

Public Services, &c.

Sunday Morning	11 o'clock	
,, Evening	half-past 6	,,
Wednesday Evening ..	half-past 7	,,
,, Psalmody Practice	half-past 8	,,

Church Meeting on the Wednesday preceding the first Sunday in the month.

The Deacons desire to give a very cordial welcome to visitors and friends occasionally worshipping in this Church; and should such be seeking a spiritual home, will be glad to be consulted by them, as to the appropriation of Sittings, at the close of any of the Services.

The Pew Subscriptions are for the support of the Ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Park Hall).

Morning School	10 o'clock
Afternoon ,, ...	3 ,,

Young Men's Meeting (in Vestry), 3 p.m. (see page 22).

MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK IN PARK HALL.

MONDAY.

Mothers' Meeting and Industrial Society ..	2.30 p.m.
Literary Society, alternate weeks	8.15 p.m.
Social Temperance Society, monthly	8.0 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour	8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Band of Hope and Elder Scholars' Recreation Meetings, alternately.

MARRIAGES.

The church is licensed for the solemnization of Marriages.

The Registrar is Mr. Thomas Allan Belcham, 152, High Street, Lewisham, S.E.

BAPTISMS.

The Ordinance of Baptism is observed at intervals, notice should be given by Parents to the Minister or Deacons.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Is observed at the close of the Morning Service on the first Sunday in each month, and also after the Evening Service on the third Sunday in the months of March, June, September, and the last Sunday of December.

INTIMATION OF SICKNESS.

Members of the Church and Congregation are earnestly requested, in cases of illness, to send intimation in writing to the Minister or one of the Deacons. It is their desire to leave no friend unvisited in illness or other distress; but unless this request be complied with they are unable to succeed. "*Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church.*"—James v. 14.

To the Church and Congregation.

My Dear Friends,

The work that can be tabulated in a printed report very imperfectly represents what has been done. Behind the facts and figures are thoughts, feelings, efforts, prayers, self-denial and self-sacrifice which find no expression, yet which are none the less essential and effectual. "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which you have showed toward His name." Each of us may find in the report matter for reflection, and a stimulus to renewed consecration. Is our "work of faith and labour of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father" represented here? Have we done all we could and therefore all we ought for the Master whom we profess to love and serve?

This is the closing year of, to say the least, one of the most remarkable centuries in the history of the world; second only to that first century, A.D., which was distinguished above all others by the earthly life, sufferings and death of the Son of God for the redemption of the world. Such a year may well prompt us to look backward and forward, to review the past and consider our position in regard to the future.

The first feeling prompted by such review is one of thanksgiving for a century of unprecedented prosperity and progress, Material, Intellectual, Moral and Spiritual. Our national commerce and wealth have advanced by leaps and bounds. Discoveries and inventions, the application of steam, gas and electricity, unknown a hundred years ago, have multiplied our industries and minister to our comfort and luxury. Missionary and philanthropic agencies for the relief of ignorance and suffering at home and abroad distinguish this century above all preceding ones. In no respect has progress been more marked than in the freedom of thought, the extension of civil and religious liberty, the recognition of the sacred rights of conscience, the divine,

indefeasible right of every man to believe and to worship God according to his conscience. Not until 1778, little more than 100 years ago, could Roman Catholics legally officiate at Divine worship, or engage in the work of education, or purchase, inherit, or hold landed property. Before 1813, only 87 years ago, Unitarians could not legally meet for worship; and until 1828, 72 years ago, no one could hold office in a Municipal Corporation without taking the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the rites of the Established Church, renouncing the Solemn League and Covenant, and swearing that he believed it unlawful to take up arms, upon any pretence whatever, against the Sovereign. The Catholic Emancipation Bill, passed in 1829, first allowed a Roman Catholic to be a Member of Parliament, but it was not till 1858 that Jews were admitted to the same privilege, and until 1847 no Jew could become a Mayor, Alderman, or Town Councillor. Free-Churchmen could not be married in their own places of worship previous to 1836, in which year also the London University was founded, the first, and, for more than a generation, the only opportunity of obtaining a degree without any religious test. The injustice of compelling Free-Churchmen to pay rates in support of a Church to which they could not conscientiously conform was perpetuated until 1868; the National Universities were not open to any, except on condition of conformity to the Established Church, until 1871, and still more recent, 1880, is the right to bury our dead in National Churchyards with our own religious rites. These triumphs of religious liberty, these victories over religious bigotry and oppression, which have been won by the earnest striving of our forefathers who were faithful to conscience, who suffered persecution and endured hardness as good Soldiers of Jesus Christ, the Truth, are a cause for devout thanksgiving by us who reap to-day the fruit of their sacrifices and sufferings. These conflicts and victories are also a reason for earnest consecration on our part to carry on the good work, to spread the good tidings of God's redeeming love

and power, to persuade our fellow men at home and abroad to "repent and believe in the Gospel," to advance the cause of civil and religious liberty, of intellectual and spiritual freedom, to uphold the spiritual conception of the Church, the sacred rights of conscience, the freedom of education in National Schools, Training Colleges, as well as in National Universities, from all religious tests whatever, to firmly withstand sacerdotalism, superstition and godlessness, the worship of power and wealth.

As an expression of our thankfulness and consecration the

TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND

has been inaugurated. It is proposed that our Churches throughout the land should raise a sum of 500,000 guineas by September, 1901, for the extension of Missionary work at home and abroad, to support poor churches and to establish new churches where they are needed in rapidly rising districts of our large towns and cities.

We have already pledged ourselves to contribute £75 to the New Congregational Church at Hither Green, which is to be opened shortly, and have already paid £57 6s. 4d. of this amount and have £12 additional promised. A collection during this year will, it is hoped, discharge this liability.

Recognising however that our home debt has the first claim upon us, we have determined to endeavour to pay off the mortgage of £400 on Park Hall, which was raised to meet the expenses of building this Church, and ought to have been paid long ago. At our Social Meeting on December 6th, 1899, the following resolution was accordingly passed :—

> "To aim at raising the sum of Five Hundred Guineas by October 1st, 1901, in single, annual, monthly, or weekly contributions, to pay off the Mortgage on Park Hall, and to give the balance, or one-fifth of any less amount that is raised to the Central Twentieth Century Fund."

If, from January, 1900, to September, 1901, inclusive,

20	persons will give	5/-	per month or	£5 5s. 0d.	in one sum,
40	,,	2/6	,,	£2 12s. 6d.	,,
200	,,	1/-	,,	£1 1s. 0d.	,,
200	,,	6d.	,,	10s. 6d.	,,

our aim will be accomplished, and we shall have the joy of worshipping in a building entirely free from debt.

Vigorous and united effort, involving thought, self-denial and self-sacrifice will be needed to attain this desirable result. Young as well as old are earnestly invited to co-operate, and I am thankful to say that the response of some of our young friends in the Sunday School is most encouraging. It must be a SPECIAL EFFORT, additional to our ordinary contributions for religious work, and must not interfere with the claims we already acknowledge. It is an effort which appeals especially to the young, to whom the coming century principally belongs. Before the first quarter of that century is past most of those who are now middle aged will have passed away, and "instead of the fathers will be the children." Our two youngest deacons, Mr. A. M. Worrell and Mr. H. Douglas Jameson, have consented to be Secretary and Treasurer respectively of this Fund. In response to 250 circulars sent out, 110 answers have been received with promises amounting to £220 7s. 6d. Those who have hitherto overlooked the appeal or not recognised its claim upon them are earnestly asked to consider their responsibility in this matter.

In conclusion, may I remind you that voluntary giving to God for the Service of our fellow men is a *Privilege* and an *Honour*, the response of our heart to God's goodness, the proof of our love to Him who loved us and gave Himself up for us. (II. Cor. viii. 8 and 9). Our responsibility is according to our ability. (II. Cor. viii. 12, ix. 6-8).

May each one prove himself "called, chosen, faithful"!

I am, my dear friends, faithfully yours,

April, 1900. A. F. JOSCELYNE.

GENERAL CHURCH FUND ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Dec. 31, 1899.			£	s.	d.
Balance in hand 31st Dec., 1898..			35	7	9
Weekly offerings during the year			185	3	9
Special Collections			16	14	3
Ground Rents			25	3	8
Collections for special objects, viz.					
Colonial Missionary Soc...	3	8	0		
Evangel. Continental Soc.	3	8	0		
Irish Evangelical Society..	2	8	0		
Sunday School	11	14	7		
London Missionary Soc. ..	12	4	0		
London Hospitals	11	0	10		
Metropolitan Kent Church Extension Fund	8	17	6		
Home Missions	7	11	9		
New College	1	15	0		
Milton Mount College ..	1	15	0		
Caterham School	1	15	0		
Benevolent Fund	7	5	0		
			73	2	8
			£335	12	1

Cr.

Dec. 31, 1899.	£	s.	d.
Ground Rent	44	9	4
Organist and Choir Expenses ..	40	12	6
Chapel Keeper	30	0	0
Lighting	18	8	0
Heating	4	15	6
Repairs	12	0	7
Advertising, Printing & Stationery	18	12	2
Pulpit Supplies	46	4	0
Insurance	3	5	9
Rates and Taxes	2	3	4
Tea Expenses—Social Meetings..		15	0
Subscription to Congregational Union of England and Wales ..	1	1	0
Amounts collected for special objects (as per contra)	73	2	8
Debit balance, Park Hall and Lodge account	23	14	7
Balance in hand	16	7	8
	£335	12	1

Examined with vouchers and found correct,

ERNEST WM. HAYFORD, JOHN MARSLAND, } *Auditors.*

JOHN PEARSON, *Treasurer.*
26th January, 1900.

PARK HALL AND LODGE FUND ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Dec. 31, 1899.			£	s.	d.
Letting of Hall during the year (per Mr. Chitty)			48	0	6
Rent of Park Lodge			30	0	0
Sunday School Grant			10	0	0
Social Temperance Society ..			4	4	0
Literary Society			2	2	0
Band of Hope			2	0	0
Zenana Mission			1	1	0
Industrial Society			1	0	0
Children's Holiday League ..				10	6
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour				7	6
Balance to Church Fund Account			23	14	7
			£123	0	1

Cr.

Dec. 31, 1899.			£	s.	d.
Hall Keeper			27	19	6
Interest on Mortgage			19	6	8
Ground Rent			17	8	0
Lighting			17	7	5
Heating			5	8	0
Rates and Taxes			10	17	4
Repairs—Hall			19	13	5
Do. —Lodge			1	12	9
Insurance	1	12	0		
Less Returned Premium	1	4	0		
				8	0
Law Costs			2	3	4
Postages, Stationery, &c.				15	8
			£123	0	1

Examined with vouchers and found correct,

ERNEST WM. HAYFORD, JOHN MARSLAND, } *Auditors.*

JOHN PEARSON, *Treasurer.*
26th January, 1900.

SACRAMENTAL FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1899.				Dec. 31, 1899.			
Balance in hand 31 Dec., 1898 ..	8	4	6	Church Pensioners	18	0	0
Communion Offerings	24	18	10	Widows' and Orphans' Fund, London Missionary Society ..	5	3	0
Collection for Widows' and Orphans' Fund, London Missionary Society	5	3	0	Cottager Society	1	17	0
Collection for Schools for Sons and Daughters of Missionaries ..	3	15	6	School for Sons and Orphans of Missionaries, Blackheath ..	1	5	6
Balance of Hibbert Fund.. ..	3	4	0	School for Daughters of Missionaries, Sevenoaks..	2	10	0
				Bread and Wine, &c.	1	16	0
				Balance in hand	14	14	4
	£45	5	10		£45	5	10

Examined with vouchers and found correct, ERNEST WM. HAYFORD, JOHN MARSLAND, } *Auditors.*

JOHN PEARSON, *Treasurer.*
26th January, 1900.

MINISTER'S FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1899.				Dec. 31, 1899.			
Pew Subscriptions to—				Paid to Rev. A. F. Joscelyne, B.A.	274	7	0
Lady-Day	71	1	3				
Midsummer	64	18	3				
Michaelmas	69	12	3				
Christmas	68	15	3				
	£274	7	0		£274	7	0

Examined with vouchers and found correct, ERNEST WM. HAYFORD, JOHN MARSLAND. } *Auditors.*

JOHN PEARSON, *Treasurer.*
26th January, 1900.

PARK HALL AND LODGE DRAINAGE AND REPAIRS AND CHURCH HEATING FUND.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1899.				Dec. 31, 1899.			
Subscriptions	2	2	0	Balance due to Treasurer, 31 Dec. 1898	5	13	2
Balance due to Treasurer ..	4	17	11	Interest on loan	1	6	9
	£6	19	11		£6	19	11

Examined with vouchers and found correct, ERNEST WM. HAYFORD, JOHN MARSLAND, } *Auditors.*

JOHN PEARSON, *Treasurer.*
26th January, 1900.

NOTE OF LOAN.

	£	s.	d.
Loan from Bank	50	0	0
Repaid	25	0	0
Balance ..	25	0	0
Due to Treasurer as above ..	4	17	11
Deficiency ..	£29	17	11

Sunday School.

President.
Rev. A. F. Joscelyne, B.A.

Vice-President.
Mr. G. W. Dodds.

Treasurer—Mr. G. Short, 24, Park Road, Forest Hill.

Superintendent.
Mr. E. W. Johnson, 68, Wiverton Road, Sydenham.

Secretaries.
Recording—Mr. A. F. Tringham, 9, Peak Hill Avenue, Sydenham.
Financial—Mr. F. Blanch, Radnor Lodge, Mayow Road, Forest Hill.

Collectors—Mrs. Johnson, Miss Palmer.

Librarians—Mr. F. Bolton, Mr. S. Birkett.

Delegates to the S. S. Union.
Mr. F. Bolton — Miss Marsland
Miss Newman — Mr. Pryce.

Visitor—Mrs. Lucas.

Teachers.

Miss D. Anderson	Miss Osman
Mrs. Bonallack	,, Newman
Miss Blake	,, Anderson
,, Boyles	,, E. Sage
,, E. Dodds	,, G. Short
,, Gunsten	,, Tringham
,, Holman	,, Walter
,, Joscelyne	Mr. F. Blanch
Mrs. McAdam	,, F. Bolton
Miss B. McAdam	,, Harris
,, Marsland	,, F. Marsland
,, E. Marsland	,, Pryce
,, Palmer	,, D. Pryce
,, Pryce	,, C. Short
,, Barralet	,, Warner
,, L. Barralet	

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday School presents herewith a record of the past year's work.

The statistics for the past year as compared with 1898 are:

TEACHERS.	1899.	1898.
Number on Roll, including officers.	32	37
Average attendance—Morning ..	11	10
,, ,, Afternoon ..	27	27
Number who are Church Members	32	37
Number who have been Scholars in any Sunday School	29	34
SCHOLARS.		
Number on Roll	328	320
Average Attendance—Morning ..	78	72
,, ,, Afternoon ..	209	199
Number over 15 years of age ..	47	54
,, who are Church Members	9	12

Scholars' Scripture Examination.—Out of the 22 scholars who sat for examination by the Sunday School Union 13 passed. Ethel Mary Fudge was successful in gaining a Second Prize in the Junior Division, the remaining 12 received Certificates of Merit, two of whom were presented with a Bible by W. Day, Esq., of Forest Hill.

School Anniversary.—This was held on Sunday, March 26th, the Rev. T. Eynon Davies took the service in the morning, and the Rev. J. W. Bowman, M.A., B.D., in the afternoon and evening. On the following Wednesday (March 29th) a Public Meeting was held in Park Hall; the Rev. A. F. Joscelyne, B.A., presided; addresses were given by Mr. J. W. Medwin (a former superintendent of the Sunday School), and Mr. E. W. Johnson; the School Reports were read; vocal and instrumental music and recitations were provided by the teachers.

Summer Treats.—The larger school, accompanied by the teachers and a good number of friends, travelled by special train to Littlehampton, where a very happy day was spent. The scholars under 15 contributed 9d. each, and those over 15 1/6 each, towards the expenses. The Infants' treat, held in a local field (the use of which was obtained for us by Mr. H. White), proved the usual success, and gave them much enjoyment. The teachers, accompanied by members of the choir, spent a Saturday afternoon together at Chiselhurst. In the unavoidable absence of the Minister and Mr. Johnson, the party went under the guidance of Messrs. C. Short and Chalfont.

Day of Special Prayer for Sunday Schools.—This was observed on October 15th; a well attended Prayer Meeting was held at 9.15 in the morning, and in the afternoon the Rev. D. M. Jenkins gave a special address to the scholars.

The Scripture Union for the systematic reading of the Bible continues to exert a good influence over the girls who attend its meetings. Miss Marsland, who has kindly taken the place of Miss Gibson, will be pleased to enrol new members from the Church or School.

The International Bible Reading Association is also doing similar work in the study of the weekly international scripture lesson, the portions selected bearing upon the next Sunday afternoon lesson. Mr. F. Marsland, who has the oversight of this branch, will be pleased to receive applications for membership.

Sunday Morning Separate Service for Infants and Junior Scholars, has during the past year been under the superintendence of Mr. Johnson, assisted by Miss Hall and Miss McAdam.

The Monthly Sewing Meetings, under the presidency of Mrs. Johnson, make useful garments for children (from goods supplied by the Mission Fund of the school), which are forwarded yearly to Miss Sharman's Orphanage in

London, and very gratefully acknowledged by that useful institution.

Parents' Tea.—This was held on Monday, November 20th, when about 90 parents sat down to tea, after which a public meeting was held, the Rev. A. F. Joscelyne in the chair, when capital addresses were given by Messrs. H. Greenwood and A. M. Worrell; vocal and instrumental music was provided under the direction of Miss Marsland.

The Social Evenings, held every alternate Friday, continue to be a source of enjoyment and recreation to a number of our elder scholars, a special feature in connection with these evenings has been the entertaining of the Junior Scholars of the school at a New Year's party by members of this Society, assisted by the teachers.

Floral Service.—This was held on Sunday, June 25th, when a former method of displaying a text on a screen was adopted, the text being "The Seed is the Word of God"; floral contributions for local sick and hospitals were collected and afterwards distributed.

Home and Foreign Mission Fund.—This fund is raised entirely by the scholars for Home and Foreign Mission work. The following amount has been raised and distributed:—

	£	s.	d.
Monthly Sewing Meetings on behalf of Miss Sharman's Orphanage ..	2	10	0
Outcast London Fund of the London Congregational Union	1	19	5
Continental Mission of the Sunday School Union	1	1	0
London Missionary Society	3	8	7½
Special Collections, Missionary Sunday	1	5	0
,, ,, ,, Ships..	6	7	5
Self-Denial week	2	5	8
Xmas Dinners for Poor Children ..	1	2	7
	£19	19	8½

A parcel of clothing, made by past and present members of the Young Women's Bible Class, was sent to Miss Harris, Middlesbrough, for use in her Mission work.

During last year the school has sustained the loss of a considerable number of teachers, viz.: the Misses Chitty, Scott, Gibson, Short, E. Tidmarsh, Topley, and Messrs. Tew and Thorman, owing to removal and other causes.

The officers and teachers earnestly thank all those who have kindly assisted in the past, and sincerely plead for continued help in the future.

Annual Subscriptions.

Collected by Mrs. Johnson.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Bird ..		5	0
,, Birkett ..		2	6
Mrs. Blake ..		2	0
Mr. Clark ..	1	1	0
,, Cooper ..		5	0
Miss Dodds ..	1	0	0
Mrs. Fimister ..		3	0
,, Glass ..		2	6
Mr. Hallier ..		2	6
,, Harris ..		10	0
Mrs. Harris ..		5	0
Mr. W. E. Harris		5	0
,, Hayford ..		10	0
,, Hirst ..		5	0
,, E.W. Johnson		2	6
Rev. A. F. & Mrs. Joscelyne ..		10	0
Miss Kemp ..		1	0
Mrs. Kipping ..	1	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Lucas	1	1	0
Mr. Pearson ..		5	0
,, Tringham ..		2	6
Miss Walter ..		2	6
Mrs. Walton ..		5	0
Mr. White ..		5	0
,, Worrell ..		2	6
	£8	15	6

Collected by Miss Palmer.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Airth ..		2	6
Mr. Blanch ..		2	0
Mrs. Bonallack ..		5	0
Mr. Cross ..		10	0
,, Jameson ..		2	6
Mr. & Mrs. Marsland		12	6
Mr. F. Marsland		2	0
Mrs. Pilbrow ..		2	0
Mr. Short ..		5	0
,, Thornbery ..		5	0
	£2	8	6

CHURCH-IN-THE-GROVE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Treasurer's Account, 31st December, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from 1898 ..	1	2	6	Infants' Treat		19	9
Band of Hope Contribution towards Park Hall Expenses ..	2	0	0	Church-in-the Grove, per Band of Hope	2	0	0
Collections at Anniversary Services	7	0	7	School requisites	2	7	10
Collections at Public Meeting ..		13	6	Cash paid for books		9	3
Cash received for books sold ..		6	0	Parents' Tea Meeting Expenses..	3	1	2
Subscriptions, as per lists ..	11	4	0	Peirce & Co. for Printing, &c. ..	2	18	7
Donation, per Mrs. M. Harris ..		5	0	Ch.-in-the-Grove, towards Park Hall Expenses	10	0	0
				Balance in hand		15	0
	£22	11	7		£22	11	7

Accounts outstanding and due for payment:—Deficiency on Annual Treat Fund, £2 3s. 7½d.; Subscription to S. S. Union for 1899, £1 1s. 0d.; Peirce & Co., 7s. 7d.; Total, £3 12s. 2½d.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREATS ACCOUNTS, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions:—*Collected by*							Railway Fares to Littlehampton	24	4	0
Mrs. Bonallack ..	3	12	6				Teas and attendance	7	7	6
Miss Gunsten ..	2	10	6				Gratuities		6	6
Miss Short	2	0	6				Printing		8	0
				8	3	6	Infants' Treat	1	7	7½
Donations:—										
Mr. Bird		5	0							
Mr. McAdam ..		5	0							
Mr. White		10	0							
				1	0	0				
Teachers' Subscriptions, per Mrs. Johnson				4	6	6				
Tickets sold				8	11	6				
Scholars' Tickets				8	0	0				
Balance of Floral Service Collection				1	8	6				
Balance due from Treasurer's General Account				2	3	7½				
				£33	13	7½		£33	13	7½

SCHOOL TREAT SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Collected by Mrs. Bonallack.			
Mr. Blake ..		1	0
,, Bonallack ..		2	6
,, Cross ..		10	0
,, Clark ..	1	0	0
,, Dodds ..		10	0
Mrs. Hallier ..		2	6
Mr. Harris ..		5	0
Mrs. Harris ..		2	6
Rev. A. F. Joscelyne		10	0
Mrs. Kipping ..		2	6
Mr. Offor ..		4	0
,, Tringham ..		2	6
Teachers' Subs., per Mrs. Johnson ..	4	6	6
Collected by Miss Gunsten.			
Mrs. Bird ..		5	0
Mr. Birkett ..		2	6
Mrs. Boyles ..		1	0
,, Fimister ..		1	6
Mr. Kemp ..		2	0
,, Lucas ..		5	0
Messrs. Peirce & Co.		5	0
Mr. H. Scott ..		2	6
Miss Sykes ..		2	0
Mrs. Suckling ..		1	0
Miss Walter ..		2	0
Mr. & Mrs. White	1	1	0
Collected by Miss Short.			
Mr. L. Bolton ..		5	0
Mrs. Cleaton ..		2	0
Mr. J. W. Gray..		2	0
Mrs. Hayford ..		2	6
,, Hickes ..		1	0
Mr. Jameson ..		2	6
,, Marsland ..		5	0
,, McAdam ..		5	0
,, Pearson ..		2	6
,, Rice ..		2	0
,, Springbett ..		1	0
,, Short ..		2	6
,, Tew.. ..		2	6
,, Tidmarsh ..		2	6
,, Thornbery, jun.		2	6
	£12	10	0

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

President.—Rev. A. F. JOSCELYNE, B.A.

Vice-President.—Mr. A. M. WORRELL.

Secretary.—Mr. F. P. HALLIER, 41, High Street.

Held on Sunday Afternoons at 3 p.m., in the Vestry of the Congregational Church-in-the-Grove, Jew's Walk, Sydenham, for Bible Study and kindred subjects. Open to all young men over 16 years of age.

Industrial Society.

President and Treasurer—Mrs. MARSLAND.

Secretaries.

Mrs. PEACH, 23, Peak Hill Gardens.
Miss E. MARSLAND.

Committee.

Mrs. BLAKE.
Mrs. DODDS.
Mrs. HALLIER.
Mrs. HANCOCK.
Mrs. TRINGHAM.
Mrs. SHORT.
Mrs. THORNBERY.

This Society is established for the encouragement of female industry among the poor, and for supplying them with needlework at their own houses, consisting of every useful article for men, women and children, which may be purchased at the cost of the material. No machine work is allowed. A subscriber of 5s. 3d. is entitled to five tickets of the value of 1s. each; 10s. 6d. to ten tickets. The Society having lost several subscribers, it is hoped that others will be willing to take their place.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Blake ..		5	3
,, Cross ..		10	6
,, Dodds ..		10	6
,, J. S. Hall ..		10	6
,, Hallier ..		5	3
,, Harris ..		10	6
,, Jenner ..		10	6
,, Marsland ..		10	6
Mrs. Oviatt ..		5	3
,, Peach ..		5	3
Miss Sykes ..		5	3
Mrs. Thornbery ..		5	3
,, White ..		5	3
	£4	19	9

CHURCH-IN-THE-GROVE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.

Treasurer's Account, Feb. 1st, 1899, to Feb. 1st, 1900.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ..	13	18	7½	Paid for Materials ..	19	7	9½
Subscriptions ..	4	19	9	Paid for Printing ..		4	0
Rags ..		1	1	Paid to Workers ..	8	12	0
Garments sold ..	20	0	8	Donation to Park Hall ..	1	0	0
				Donation to Hall Keeper ..	1	0	0
				Balance in hand ..	8	16	4
	£39	0	1½		£39	0	1½

February 24th, 1900.

Examined and found correct, E. W. HAYFORD.
J. MARSLAND.

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Dorcas and Maternity Society.

President—Mrs. JOSCELYNE.

Treasurer—Mrs. G. W. DODDS. *Secretary*—Mrs. SHORT.

This Society supplies, as a loan, boxes of necessary garments for maternity cases. The mothers are visited by lady members of the Society, who offer friendly counsel and sympathy to each person visited, and a gift of two shillings. Working meetings are held every month, except for three months in the summer, at the houses of different ladies. All subscribers receive regular notice of these meetings, which are held from 3 to 6.30 p.m. on the first Thursday in the month. Each subscriber can bring a friend, and the hostess is at liberty to invite any other ladies whom she may wish to introduce. New friends are cordially welcomed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Airth ..		3	0	Mrs. Joscelyne ..		5	0
,, Blake ..		5	0	,, Lucas ..		10	6
,, Bonallack ..		3	0	,, Marsland ..		5	0
,, Cooper ..		5	0	,, Peach ..		2	6
,, Dodds ..		10	6	,, Short ..		5	0
,, Hallier ..		5	0	Miss Sykes ..		5	0
,, Hickes ..		5	0	Mrs. Tringham ..		5	0
,, Hirst ..		5	0	,, White ..		5	0
,, Harris ..		10	6	,, A. M. Worrell		2	6
,, M. Harris ..		5	0	Miss Walter ..		5	0
,, Hayford ..		5	0				
,, Jenner ..		5	0		£6	2	6
,, Johnson ..		5	0				

DORCAS AND MATERNITY SOCIETY.

From January to December, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions (as per list) ..	6	2	6
Balance due		17	7
	£7	0	1

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Drapery	1	17	0½
Charge of boxes	2	0	0
Carriage of boxes		4	0
Twenty-one Maternity cases ..	2	2	0
Stationery		4	10
Repairing boxes			11
Adverse balance from 1898 ..		11	3½
	£7	0	1

Audited and found correct, H. W. STUART.

Sydenham "Cottager" Society.

President—Rev. A. F. JOSCELYNE, B.A.

Treasurer—Mrs. G. W. DODDS.

Secretary—Miss JENNER.

Collector—Miss EDITH BLANCH.

Visitors.

Mrs. Blake
,, Bonallack
Miss Dodds
Mrs. Glass
,, Hallier
Miss Jenner
,, E. H. Joscelyne

Mrs. Lucas
Miss Marsland
,, Scott
Mrs. Suckling
Miss Sykes
Mrs. White
,, A. M. Worrell

During the year 1899 the visitors named above have distributed 5,148 copies of *The Cottager*, in the district of Wells Road. The paper is much appreciated, and by it an opportunity is obtained of sympathising with and assisting those who need help. The visitors are also almoners for the Relief Society. But unless the funds can be considerably increased this useful Society will have to give up much of its work, which would be a great pity. The treasurer feels sure that friends will reduce the adverse balance when they know the need.

"COTTAGER" SOCIETY, 1899.

Subscriptions.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Blake ..		2	0
Miss F. Blanch ..		2	0
,, E. Blanch ..		2	6
Mr. F. Blanch ..		3	0
Mrs. Cross ..		10	0
,, Clark ..		10	0
,, Chitty ..		2	6
,, Collins ..		5	0
,, Dodds ..	1	0	0
A Friend		2	0
Mrs. Fimister ..		2	6
,, Glass ..		2	6
Mr. Harris ..		2	6
Mrs. Harris ..		2	6
,, Hayford ..		2	0
,, Hallier ..		2	6
,, Hill		10	0
J. T.		2	0
Mrs. Johnson ..		1	0
Mrs. Jenner ..		10	0
Miss Jenner ..		2	6
Mrs. Joscelyne ..		2	6
"In Memoriam" ..		2	6
Mrs. Kipping ..		2	6
Mr. & Mrs. Lucas		5	0
Mrs. Marsland ..		2	6
,, Nyren ..		5	0
,, Pilbrow ..		2	0
,, Springbett ..		1	0
,, Stuart ..		2	6
Miss Sykes ..		2	6
Mrs. Tew		2	0
Miss Walter ..		2	6
Mr. White ..		5	0
Mrs. Worrell ..		2	6
	£6	19	0

Balance Sheet.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions, as per List	6	19	0
Don. from Church Sacramental Fund	1	17	0
Balance due to Treasurer	1	1	11
	£9	17	11

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance due from 1898	1	17	0
Paid to Religious Tract Society for *Cottagers*	8	0	11
	£9	17	11

Audited and found correct, H. W. STUART.

Benevolent Relief Fund.

Treasurer and Secretary .. .. Mrs. G. W. Dodds.

Account from January to December, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance	12	18	1
Collection	7	2	6
,, (Additional) ..		2	6
Donation from Mr. & Mrs. Harris	2	0	0
	£22	3	1

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Coals	5	12	10
Bread	2	17	4
Grocery		17	0
Meat	1	3	0
Stationery		11	6
*Balance	11	1	5
	£22	3	1

Audited and found correct, H. W. STUART.

* Nearly the whole of this balance will be absorbed by this winter's bills.

Ministers' Aid Working Meeting.

President—Mrs. Joscelyne.

Secretary—Mrs. Peach. *Treasurer*—Mrs. Blake.

Collectors—Mrs. Hallier and Miss F. Sykes.

Committee—

Mrs. Anderson.
,, Bannister.
,, Hallier.
,, Joscelyne.
Mrs. Short.
,, Springbett.
,, Tringham.

The Meetings are held in Park Hall on the third Friday in each month, from 3 to 6.30 p.m. The object of the work is to help clothe the families of poor ministers.

Subscriptions.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Curtis ..		2	6	Mrs. Cross ..		10	0
,, Pilbrow ..		2	6	,, Hall	1	1	0
,, Hickes ..		3	6	,, Peach ..		5	0
,, Lucas ..		10	6	,, Blake ..		2	6
,, White ..		5	0	,, W. Clarke ..		2	6
Miss Palmer ..		2	6	,, T. Chitty ..		2	6
,, Sykes ..		2	6	,, Bonallack ..		3	0
Mrs. Airth ..		4	0	,, Fimister ..		2	6
,, Tringham ..		2	6	,, Marsland ..		10	0
,, McPherson ..		2	6	,, Hallier ..		5	0
,, Joscelyne ..		5	0	,, Oviatt ..		10	0
,, Johnson ..		2	6	,, Hayford ..		2	6
,, Springbett ..		2	0	,, Thornbery ..		2	6
,, Bird ..		2	6	,, Jenner ..		5	0
,, Short ..		5	0	,, Bannister ..		2	6
,, Tidmarsh ..		2	0	,, Dodds ..		10	0
,, Worrell ..		2	6				
,, Hirst ..		5	0		£8	3	0
,, Jameson ..		2	0				

MINISTERS' AID WORKING MEETING.

Balance Sheet.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand ..	11	12	0	Materials	3	3	4
Subscriptions ..	8	3	0	Peirce's Account ..		8	8
				Park Hall ..	1	0	0
				Hall-keeper ..		18	0
				Cash in hand ..	14	5	0
	£19	15	0		£19	15	0

Audited and found correct, A. M. WORRELL.
2nd February, 1900.

London City Mission.

South London Auxiliary.

Collector .. .. .. Miss F. Sykes.

Year ending March, 1900.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mr. F. Anelay ..		5	0	Mrs. Miller ..		10	6
Mrs. Bird		2	6	,, Prestige ..		10	6
,, Cooke ..		2	6	,, Peach ..		2	6
,, J. Clark ..		5	0	Miss Sykes ..		10	0
Mr. G. W. Dodds	1	1	0	Mrs. Thornbery ..		5	0
Mrs. G. W. Dodds		10	6	,, Vaughan ..		1	0
Miss A. Easton ..		2	6	,, Walton ..		5	0
Mr. J. Easton ..		10	0	,, Welsh ..		2	0
,, E. Harris ..		10	0	,, White ..		5	0
Mrs. E. Harris ..		10	0	,, Whitehead ..		5	0
Miss Heawood ..		2	6	,, Worrell ..		2	6
Mrs. Hallier ..		2	6				
Mr. D. R. Hayes		2	6		£7	10	6
Miss Jenner ..		5	0				

London Missionary Society.

Treasurer—Mr. T. P. Lucas.

Amounts Collected during 1899.

				£	s.	d.
Widows' and Orphans' Fund				5	3	0
Church Annual Collection				12	4	0
School Annual Collection				3	18	3
Church Self-denial Week				6	19	3
School Self-denial Week				2	5	8
School New Year's Offerings				6	7	5
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour				3	2	1
Donations and Subscriptions, per—						
Mrs. Dodds	16	3	6			
Master Dodds (boxes) ..	5	17	2			
Miss Jenner	7	8	6			
Miss G. Short	4	10	6			
Mrs. White	6	9	0			
				40	8	8
				£80	8	4

Details of Donations and Subscriptions for 1899.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Anderson ..		5	0	Mrs. M. Harris ..		5	0
,, Bannister ..		2	6	Mr. E. Harris ..		10	0
Mr. & Mrs. Bird..		2	6	,, Hayford ..		5	0
Mrs. Blake ..		2	0	Mrs. Hickes ..		2	6
Mr. L. Bolton ..		5	6	"Interested" ..		2	0
,, Bonallack ..		5	0	Mr. Jameson ..		1	0
,, T. Chitty ..		5	0	Mrs. Jenner ..		10	0
,, Clark ..	1	1	0	,, Johnson ..		2	6
Mrs. Cox		2	6	Rev. & Mrs. Joscelyne	1	0	0
Mr. Cross ..	1	0	0	"Junior" ..		10	6
,, Dodds ..	13	0	0	Mr. Keddell ..		10	6
Miss Dodds ..		4	0	Mrs. Kipping ..	1	0	0
Mrs. Fimister ..		10	0	Mr. & Mrs. Lucas	1	1	0
Mr. J. W. Gray..		10	0	Mrs. Mace ..		10	0
,, Hallier ..		2	6	,, Marsland ..		2	0
,, Harper ..		5	0	Mr. S. Miller ..		5	0
Mrs. Harris ..	1	0	0	,, Nyren ..	1	1	0

Details of Donations and Subscriptions—Continued.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Miss Palmer ..		2	6	Mrs. Tidmarsh ..		1	0
Mrs. Peach ..		5	0	Miss Walter .		2	6
Mr. Pilbrow ..		2	0	Mrs. Walton ..		10	0
Miss Richardson..	1	1	0	Mr. Ward ..			6
Mr. & Mrs. Short		10	0	Mr. & Mrs. White	1	1	0
Mr. C. Short ..		5	0	Mr. Wood ..	2	10	0
Mrs. Springbett ..		1	0	,, Worrell ..		5	0
,, Suckling ..		2	6				
The Misses Sykes		10	0		£34	11	6
Mr. Tew		2	0				

WATCHERS' BAND (L.M.S.).

Hon. Sec.—Mr. T. P. Lucas.

The Members of this Band agree to unite in prayer at least once a week, to ask God's direction and blessing for our brethren in the Mission Field. India is specially remembered in the first week of each month, China in the second, Africa in the third, Madagascar, New Guinea, and the South Seas in the fourth week. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month the Directors, Officers, and Churches at home are specially remembered. A list of the Missionaries and their spheres of work is furnished to each member; a subscription of 2d. per year being required to cover expenses. Our membership at present numbers only 11, Mr. Lucas will be glad to receive the names of any who are willing to join.

The Watchword for 1900 is: "Thy Kingdom come."

Evangelical Continental Society.

Subscriptions Collected by Miss Dodds.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Dodds		10	6
Mrs. Jenner		5	0
Mrs. White		10	6
	1	6	0
Moiety of Church Collection	3	8	0
	£4	14	0

Colonial Missionary Society.

SUBSCRIPTIONS COLLECTED BY MISS WALTON.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Airth		2	6
Mr. W. Mann Cross		10	0
,, G. W. Dodds	1	1	0
Mrs. Kipping (donation)		5	0
,, Walton (donation)		5	0
	2	3	6
Moiety of Church Collection	3	8	0
	£5	11	6

British & Foreign Bible Society.

LOCAL AUXILIARY.

Representatives—Messrs. HAYFORD & G. SHORT.

Collector—Miss F. J. SHORT.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. M. Blake ..		2	0
Mrs. Bannister ..		2	6
Mr. L. Bolton ..		5	0
Mrs. Clark		5	0
,, W. Mann Cross	1	1	0
,, Dodds ..	2	2	0
Mrs. Hallier ..		2	6
Mr. Harris ..		10	0
Mrs. Harris ..		10	0
Mr. Hayford ..		5	0
Mrs. Jenner ..		5	0
Mr. & Mrs. Lucas ..		5	0
Mrs. Pilbrow ..		2	0
Mr. Short ..		2	6
Mrs. Short ..		2	6
Mr. C. Short ..		2	0
Miss Sykes ..		10	0
Mr. White ..	5	10	0
	£12	4	0

London Congregational Union

AND THE

KENT CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Treasurer—Mr. F. J. BONALLACK.

Collectors—

Miss BLAKE.
Miss E. H. JOSCELYNE.
Miss MARSLAND.
Mrs. PEACH.

For administrative purposes the Church-in-the-Grove is connected with the Metropolitan Kent section of this Association. By means of the funds the Committee support Churches unable to exist without such help. The necessity for vigorous Free Church life and true Protestant teaching increases every year, and, perhaps, nowhere more than in Kentish villages and small towns. Hence the necessity for all our stronger Free Churches to aid to their utmost the weaker Churches, which is the chief aim of this Association.

In consequence of the removal from the neighbourhood of some of our previous subscribers, the treasurer regrets to report a decrease in the total of subscriptions as compared with previous years. New friends amongst us may be able to help in remedying this in the coming year.

£13 18s. 3d. has been paid to the central fund.

BALANCE SHEET.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
Church Collections	7	11	9	To Jas. Spicer, Esq., Gen. Treasurer ..	13	18	3
Subscriptions ..	6	6	6				
	£13	18	3		£13	18	3

Examined and found correct, GEORGE SHORT.

LONDON CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Subscriptions.

Collected by Miss Blake and Miss E. H. Joscelyne.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Dodds ..	2	2	0
Mrs. Dodds ..		10	0
Miss Dodds ..		4	0
Mrs. Harris ..		10	0
,, Jenner ..		5	0
,, Kipping ..		2	6
,, Lisney ..		2	6

Collected by Miss Marsland.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Birkett ..		2	0
Mr. & Mrs. Cross ..		10	0
Mr. Cooper ..		2	6
Mrs. Fimister ..		2	6
,, Hallier ..		2	6
Rev. & Mrs. Joscelyne		10	0
Mr. Johnson .		2	0
Mrs. Jameson ..		1	0
Mr. & Mrs. Lucas..		5	0
Mr. Marsland ..		5	0
,, Springbett ..		1	0
Mr. & Mrs. White..		5	0
Miss Walter ..		2	0
	£6	6	6

METROPOLITAN KENT CHURCH EXTENSION (SPECIAL) FUND.

A few of our members have promised various sums to this Fund for the next three years. and it is hoped that others may be willing, either by one subscription annually or by a small contribution monthly, to help in raising the £3,000 required from this district.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Mr. W. Mann Cross	10	0	0
Rev. & Mrs. Joscelyne	1	0	0
Mr. G. H. Nyren ..	1	0	0
Church Collections	8	17	6
	£20	17	6

Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Jas. Hudson, Esq. District Treasurer	20	17	6
	£20	17	6

Examined and found correct, GEORGE SHORT.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

President. Rev. A. F. Joscelyne, B.A.

Vice-President. Mr. H. D. Jameson.

Treasurer—Mr. H. D. Jameson.

Secretaries.

Corresponding—Mrs. Bonallack.
Recording—Mr. F. H. Bolton.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

This Society has very great pleasure in being able to present to the Church this record of its sixth year's work.

A slight decrease has occurred in our membership, the numbers of which now stand as follows: 19 Active, 5 Associate, 13 Honorary; Total, 37.

As regards meetings, 47 have been held, among which six were of a Missionary character and one a Social, held on March 14th.

Again as formerly the Society conducted and joined with the Week-night Services during Mr. Joscelyne's holidays, and also during his much regretted illness and consequent absence from Sydenham.

Our five Committees constitute our working organisation. The Look-out and Social Committee, besides arranging and conducting Socials, attends to the general interests of the Society, and strives to make strangers welcome and comfortable.

The syllabus and all ordinary meetings are arranged by the Prayer Meeting Committee.

Missionary meetings are naturally provided by the Missionary Committee, which has this year sent £3 2s. 1d. to the London Missionary Society, and has besides raised the sum of just over £5 for the maintaining of a native Indian boy at Mr. Lester's school at Bellary. This sum, if subscribed for several years, will fit this boy for a Christian teacher, and will, it is hoped, be a great source of good. The amount has been raised quite apart from, and without detriment to the ordinary collections.

Cabmen, factory girls, and inmates of various institutions, hospitals, etc., have again been remembered by the Magazine Committee in their work of distributing good and wholesome literature. A large variety of magazines is necessarily required to provide suitable reading for the various recipients of these parcels, and the members of this Committee will thankfully receive contributions of the same, which may be left at Mrs. Bonallack's, 23, Sydenham Road.

It is believed and hoped that the flowers distributed by the Flower Committee have been the means of brightening the lives of the poor and suffering.

In closing, the Society would bring to notice that its object is to promote an earnest Christian life among its members, to increase their mutual acquaintance, to make them more useful in the service of God, and to promote the interests of the Church with which it is associated. Any young people of the Church and Congregation will be most heartily welcomed.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Bonallack ..		2	6	Mr. & Mrs. P. Lucas		5	0
Mr. W. Mann Cross	1	0	0	Per Miss Marsland		10	0
,, G. W. Dodds..		2	0	Mr. J. Pearson ..		2	0
Per Miss E. Hall ..		5	0	,, G. Short ..		2	6
Mr. H. D. Jameson		2	6		£2	14	6
,, E. W. Johnson		1	0				
Rev. A. F. Joscelyne		2	0				

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance ..			9	Social Gathering ..	1	17	5
Collections ..	1	11	10	Printing ..	1	19	0
Donations ..	2	14	6	Postage ..		6	1
Sale of Refreshments		4	0	Hall Keeper ..		7	6
				Subscription to Council ..		1	0
				Balance ..			1
	£4	11	1		£4	11	1

H. DOUGLAS JAMESON, *Treasurer.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

Magazine Committee Cash Statement.

Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance ..		5	6
,, Subscriptions	1	4	1
	£1	9	7

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Carriage of Magazines ..		8	10
,, Christmas Gifts		14	0
,, Balance in hand		6	9
	£1	9	7

Missionary Committee Cash Statement.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
By Collections at Meetings, Nov., 1898, to Oct., 1899 ..	2	1	5
Collected by Miss Gunsten ..	1	0	8
	£3	2	1

Cr.	£	s.	d.
London Missionary Society ..	3	2	1
	£3	2	1

Park Hall Gospel Lantern Services.

Treasurer's Statement.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Collections ..	2	3	1
Donations ..	7	19	6
Balance due to Treasurer ..	1	0	6½
	£11	3	1½

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Lantern, Slides, &c.	7	16	4
Printing ..	1	14	6
Hall Keeper ..	1	12	0
Petty Cash ..			3½
	£11	3	1½

H. DOUGLAS JAMESON, *Treasurer.*

Donations.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. G. Bird ..		1	0
Miss A. Brenchley		1	0
,, A. Brenchley (collected) ..		4	0
Mr. W. Mann Cross	1	0	0
,, G. W. Dodds		10	0
Miss Gibson ..		5	0
Mr. J. W. Gray ..		2	0
,, W. E. Harris		2	6
,, E. W. Hayford		10	0
Mrs. H. D. Jameson		1	0
Mr. E. W. Johnson		2	6
Rev. A. F Joscelyne		1	0
Mr. J. Marsland ..		10	0
Miss Marsland (collected)		10	0
,, Palmer ..		1	0
Mr. Pryce ..		2	6
,, C. Short ..		2	6
"F.S.," per Mr. Dodds	1	0	0
Mr. White ..	2	0	0
,, A. M. Worrell		10	0
Seven C. E. Members 6d. each ..		3	6
	£7	19	6

Children's Country Holiday League.

President—Mrs. Peach.

Secretary—Miss Marsland.

Treasurer—Miss C. M. Joscelyne.

The members of this Society hold a working meeting every fortnight during the winter months. The useful and fancy articles which are then made are sold at a Sale of Work, held usually in May. The object of the Sale is to raise funds for the purpose of sending poor children for a fortnight's holiday in the country.

Thirty-four children were, by means of this Society, sent into the country or to the seaside from the Borough Market and other places last year.

While thanking friends for past help, the members earnestly desire their continued support and sympathy in this good work, and hope they will encourage them by aiding in making the coming Sale a greater success than any previous one.

Balance Sheet, 1898-99.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ..	6	3	2	Cost of Materials..	7	9	1
Work sold by Mrs. Peach		12	9	Expenses of Sale..	1	6	0
Proceeds of Sale ..	19	14	0	Forwarded to Mr. Hitchcock, of the Lond. City Miss.	14	0	0
Donations ..	1	4	3	Balance in hand ..	5	17	7
Work sold by Mrs. Peach		18	6				
	£28	12	8		£28	12	8

Audited and found correct, ALBERT M. WORRELL.
24th February, 1900.

CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAY LEAGUE.

Donations.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Harris ..		2	6	Miss F. Lack ..		2	0
,, Erskine ..		2	6	By box		2	3
,, Geddes ..		5	0				
Mr. Johnson ..		10	0		£1	4	3

Church-in-the-Grove Literary Society.

President.
Rev. A. F. Joscelyne, B.A.

Vice-President.
Mr. George Short.

Treasurer—Mr. E. W. Johnson.

Committee.

Miss C. M. Joscelyne.
,, Marsland.
Mrs. Lucas.
Mr. Jameson.
,, W. E. Harris.
,, A. M. Worrell.

Secretary—Mr. E. W. Hayford,
Rochester House, 135, High Street, Sydenham.

The meetings of the Society are held at Park Hall on alternate Mondays from 8.15 precisely to 9.45 p.m.

The subscription is two shillings and sixpence for the six months, if paid in advance, or one shilling and sixpence per session.

All the members of the Church and Congregation are earnestly invited to unite in this social and literary aspect of our Church life.

CHURCH-IN-THE-GROVE LITERARY SOCIETY.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS, 1898-99.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand..	1	16	11½
Subscriptions	6	6	6
Donation—Mr. W. M. Cross ..	1	1	0
Recital, January 10th, 1898 ..		1	0
	£9	5	5½

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Business Meeting		7	3½
Lecture—Rev. W. Reason ..		11	6
"Great Composer" Evening ..	1	10	11
Essay Prize		10	0
General Printing	2	17	6
Stationery and Postage.. ..		11	3½
Park Hall Fund	2	2	0
Gratuity to Hall-keeper ..		10	0
Gratuity to Chapel-keeper ..		2	6
In hand		2	5½
	£9	5	5½

March 10th, 1900.

Examined and found correct, T. PALMER LUCAS.

Park Hall Band of Hope.

President—Mr. G. W. DODDS.

Treasurer—Mrs. BARRY.

Superintendents—Messrs. E. W. JOHNSON and C. SHORT.

Secretary—Mr. E. E. THOMAS.

Registrar—Mr. T. DRURY PRYCE.

Collectors.

Mrs. BARRY. Mrs. JOHNSON. Miss E. MARSLAND.

Committee.

Mrs. W. E. HARRIS | Miss BARRALET.
Miss PALMER. | Mr. T. H. J. PRYCE.

The work has been progressing steadily during 1899, and the attendance, though small, has been regular, showing an average for the year of 32 per meeting. This of course indicates that very many new members can be accommodated in Park Hall, and any Sunday School teachers who will bring their scholars or other young friends to the meetings, which are held at 7 o'clock on alternate Fridays, will have the satisfaction of rendering welcome assistance in a worthy cause.

PARK HALL BAND OF HOPE.

Balance Sheet, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand	1	19	6½	Tea Expenses	1	11	4½
Collected—Mrs. Johnson ..	3	1	6	Printing		7	6
,, Mrs. Barry ..	2	7	6	Band of Hope Union ..		5	0
Members' Cards		11		Donation—Park Hall Fund ..	2	0	0
				Gratuity—Hall Keeper ..		10	0
				Stamps and Stationery ..		3	6
				Cash in hand	2	12	1
	£7	9	5½		£7	9	5½

April 3rd, 1900.

Examined with vouchers and found correct, HETTIE E. HUGHES.

PARK HALL BAND OF HOPE.

Subscriptions.

Per Mrs. Johnson.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Airth ..		3	0	Mr. C. Joscelyne..		1	0
Mr. Bird ..		2	0	Mr. & Mrs. Lucas		5	0
Mrs. Bonallack ..		2	0	Mrs. Marsland ..		2	6
Mr. Mann Cross.		10	0	,, Peach ..		2	6
,, S. Gibson ..		5	0	Miss Scott ..		1	0
Miss Gibson ..		5	0	Mr. C. Short ..		2	6
Mr. J. Gray ..		2	6	Mrs. Thornbery ..		2	0
Mrs. Hallier ..		1	6	Miss Walter ..		1	0
,, M. Harris ..		2	6	Mrs. Walton ..		2	6
Mr. W. E. Harris		5	0				
,, E.W. Johnson		2	0		£3	1	6
,, G. Johnson..		1	0				

Per Mrs. Barry.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Ferneaux ..		10	0	Mr. E. Saxton ..		1	0
,, Paterson ..		10	0				
,, Cullen ..		2	6		£2	7	6
,, Barry ..		5	0				

The following Societies are not connected with the Church, but many friends in the Congregation take a deep interest in them.

THE ZENANA MISSION.

This very important Society has a branch in this neighbourhood. Mrs. Harris, of Rydal Villa, Longton Grove, will be pleased to afford information on this subject.

FOREST HILL & SYDENHAM BLANKET SOCIETY.

This Society lends blankets to poor people from November to May. Mrs. Walter King, Vancouver House, Forest Hill, is the Secretary, and will be glad to receive subscriptions, or give any information as to its working.

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Interview with Father George B. Tatum at St Saviours Presbytery - 157 High Street, Lewisham. S.E.

Father Tatum might be very young or middle aged from his looks. Clean shaven, ascetic, pinched face, looks rather as though he suffered from some internal pain, speaks slowly & rather sadly. His house is in the High Street, a tall ugly brick house 4½ (3) 3½ stories high with steps up to the front door. At one side is an open space where the Church is to be built: at the back of the space are yellow brick schools now used as the Church: on the other side are high house

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houses continuing the row of which the presbytery is one, forming the East or residential side of Lewisham High Street.

The mission was founded in 1894 at the request of some resident Catholics. Father Tatum came in 1895. He is alone here.

The mission Boundaries are from Lewisham Rd Station to St. Margarets Lee, to Hither Green Station. Lee Cemetery to Bellingham Sta, round by the New St. Olave's workhouse to Catford Sta. by Stilly Fields to Lewisham Rd Sta.

Two years ago the RC population was calculated at 300.

The Church which was ~~built~~ is really built as a schoolroom & will be used as such when the real ch is built holds. 150.

Mass at 9 & 11 on Sundays. Choir & sermon at

at the 11 o'clock service. About 200 come to 3
these two services (altogether). "The proportion of men is
good but there are more women than men."
The bulk of the congregation are City clerks; almost
all go daily "up to London": mostly born R.Cs:
usually living in a house to themselves: "this is a
growing district, but not an increasing R.C. district."
"There is feeling though no open hostility against
the Church".
The most successful churches are Morley (Mr. Jones)
at the Congregational Church, Canon ~~Bristow~~ Bramwell
at St Stephens: & Bickersteth at St Mary's gets
a good congregation. The district has not so
many wealthy people as it used to have, though
a very great number more with small incomes
& small houses. "It's a great place for preach-
-ing

preaching in the street, is Lewisham". There are 4
also two bodies of Unitarians, one started 2 years
ago, "who advertise a great deal, but I don't know
whether many go or not"; the other just come,
have taken a room near the Station, "it may either
be rivalry or cooperation, I cant say".
There are not many poor here. Mill Rd, Pearscliffe,
Elmira & Parson Street (both poor) are he thinks
the poorest. [these streets are out of the Stride
of Grampian Vale]. Not many Irish 'if there
were we shd have more poor.'
On Sunday. There is Catechism at 3.30. 20
children come. RC children have to be sent to
School in Manor Lane. Lee.
On Week days. Mass every morning at 7.45. 6 come
"not all women". Friday evening at 8. 20 come.
Chairs

Charity. About £10. spent in the year. He believes in the COS. "I think I have never helped a case either here or in Brighton without enquiring without its being a fraud". 'A good COS here.'

Collecting. has to be done for the Church Building fund. 'But it is very difficult to find lady visitors.' One of his young men started a novel cooperative scheme to aid the fund. Shops were canvassed that wd allow rebates to customers for this purpose. 5% was usually allowed. A list was made & the RC families asked to deal only with these shops. It was calculated that 60 families joining & spending £ a week wd produce £150. As a matter of fact it did not suit some to change their shops, others forgot to ask for the discount: but all

all the same it has brought in £60

Cooperation – None except on Indian Famine fund – He has got a lancer to play his organ at Xmas on condition that his name was not mentioned on the bill.

No Clubs in connection with the Church.

District fairly healthy, lies low & is rather relaxing, soil chiefly clay, very little gravel.

Communions: average 120 per month & 1500 in the year.

Before coming here Father Tatum was 9 mths at St Georges: 2½ years at Arundel & some time at Brighton. Here he has to attend to the Infirmary & Peck Hospital as well as to his Church.

Jan. 2nd. 1901.

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Interview with Rev. R. Vanstone, Baptist Chapel, Catford Hill.

Rev Vanstone is a man of 40 to 50: tall, thin, delicate looking, with grizzled hair and beard. He has been here for 5 years and was for some time at the Baptist Church in Bow Road, where he carried on a large relief work.

Though he professes to have given up politics in despair he is still at heart a political minister on strongly advanced if not socialistic lines; indeed a large part of our interview was devoted to his advocacy of municipal socialism, and to a denunciation of the oppression of the water and the honours of the lives of the poor, with a prophecy that "there will be a bloody revolution before long: it is simmering; let the Queen die and it is bound to come." So too he v. "cannot think of the administration of our Poor Law without

his blood boiling."

The main details of the work at the Chapel and the two missions will be found in the Year Book.

The drop in the membership in 1899 (see Statistics Page 6.) was due to the secession of over 170 members, for whom Mr V. was too democratic: they ~~[illegible]~~ were the wealthier section of the members and are building another church in the immediate neighbourhood.

The Chapel holds 650. The morning attendance is about 200 evening from 500 to 600. It is reported to be the poorest congregation in Catford, but state contains "many prosperous business people": but it certainly does reach a much lower social stratum than any other neighbouring church.

Of the two missions Bell Green is the older, having been founded by Mr V's predecessor, with reference to this mission especially, but including

Brownhill Road too. Mr V. spoke at some length of the enormous difficulty of turning them on the proper line of aiming to get at the godless and indifferent in their neighbourhood: they tend to become self centred bands of workers who ~~ought~~ ought to be at church; to be men not so much for the good of the neighbourhood as for the pleasure of the workers, one of their pleasures being "sweet hearting" between the young couples. "The our ministers will tell you the same" he said and he instanced Mr Cuff in particular as having frequently spoken to him on the point. Still Mr V. claims that at both his missions the outsiders is touched to some extent, at Bell Green chiefly by the men's Own, the only one in the neighbourhood, which really does get in a good number of ordinary working men including "atheists and sceptics" who say "I don't believe a jot of what that man says, but I like to go"

The Evangelistic Services at the two missions attended from 50 to 70

The most successful work at Brownhill Hall is among the children, both the Ragged School and the Children's Home being uniformly prosperous.

As to Catford generally Mr V. says its salient points are "social snobbery and utter religious ~~indifd~~ indifference". As to the first point from the so-called religious people back up into the most exclusive cliques and coteries: and it was the attempt to break through this sort of thing that led to the split in Mr V's church, of which he got rid of most of his snobbish element "people who are very glad to have the working man at their church if they may condescend and patronize, give him half a crown and pat him on the back but who don't at all like being made equal with Dick, Tom, and Harry." It is the preaching

spirit of nobody which largely accounts for the power of "Churchism" in the neighbourhood, the church being fashionable. St. George's is full, but many go there who cordially dislike its Ritualism: some few London have been driven away and have joined Mr V's chapel. But on the whole 'the Church' is strong and the Free Churches very weak: most of the latter Mr V. says are very poorly attended.

Except at Peck Green there is not much poverty in the neighbourhood: the only noticeably poor street is Greeland Green opposite the Chapel, a secluded little place full of the lowest type of poor. From the Church as such little is spent in relief but Mr V. hinted that a good deal came from his own pocket and from other workers privately. He is evidently a man who cannot resist an appeal to his charity: he said as so many others have "You can't preach to people who are starving on fourpence."

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"Having therefore obtained help of God."

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. . Officers of the Church. . .

Pastor:

REV. NEWTON VANSTONE, F.G.S.,
"Silver Birch," Houston Road, Forest Hill.

Deacons:

Mr. G. R. ADLINGTON, 23, Ravensbourne Road.
Mr. J. A. CROWHURST, 71, Hurstbourne Road.
Mr. W. LARK, 37, Blythe Vale.
Mr. E. A. POUPARD, 11, Houston Road.
Mr. C. STAMP, 11, Exbury Road.
Mr. G. WALKER, 126, Catford Hill.

Elders:

Messrs. E. A. POUPARD, and G. WALKER.
Mr. C. R. ROSE, 101, Ringstead Road.
Mr E. J. LITTLE, 23, Lower Winchester Road.

Treasurer:
Mr. J. A. CROWHURST.

Secretary:
Mr. E. A. POUPARD.

Delegate to the Baptist Union and London Baptist Association:
Mr. G. WALKER.

Delegate to the Particular Baptist Fund:
Mr. G. WALKER.

Choirmaster:
Mr. C. R. ROSE.

Chapel Keeper:
Mr. R. STURMAN, 97, Catford Hill.

. . . General Information. . . .

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH is such that, while the Pastor and Officers must have been baptised, Believers are admitted as Members who, on conscientious grounds, object to baptism, or who are physically unable to undergo the Ordinance.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is commemorated on the first Sunday in the month after the Evening Service, and on the third Sunday after the Morning Service. Members of other Churches are welcomed at the Lord's Table.

ABSENCE FROM COMMUNION for six consecutive months is considered as betokening a decline of Spiritual Life, and renders liable to loss of Membership, unless satisfactory reasons can be given.

ENQUIRERS and Candidates for Church Membership are invited to meet the Pastor after any of the Services.

CASES OF SICKNESS, affliction, or need of Spiritual Council, should be reported to the Pastor, and not left to come to his knowledge in an indirect manner. He will readily go wherever he can be of any service.

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE should be immediately communicated to the Secretary, If the removal be to a distance, and likely to be permanent, it is strongly urged that members should unite with some church in their neighbourhood as soon as convenient.

SITTINGS may be obtained after any of the Services. The payment for any Sitting is from two to six shillings per Quarter, according as the seat holder may conscientiously feel able to pay. It is requested that carpets, hassocks, &c., may be all of a crimson colour, to prevent the untidy appearance resulting from different colours being used.

FINANCE. The Pastor's Stipend and the Incidental Expenses are met by the Weekly Offerings and Pew Rents.

THE HYMN BOOK used is "Psalms and Hymns," with the Supplement, which can be had on application to the Secretary, after any of the services, price—from 6d. each. It is hoped that all regular attendants will be provided with them, so that those marked "For the use of Visitors" may be available for Strangers The tunes are generally selected from the "Bristol Tune Book."

MARRIAGES may be solemnized in the Chapel. All information may be obtained on application to the Pastor.

Jan. 24th, 1878—Rev. T. GREENWOOD commenced his Ministry at the Perry Hill Lecture Hall.
June 8th, 1878—The Church was formed.
Mar. 3rd, 1880—The Chapel was opened.
Nov. 8th, 1883—The Mission Hall at Bell Green was opened.
Oct. 1st, 1884—The Schoolroom was opened.
June 30th, 1895—Rev. T. GREENWOOD preached his Farewell Sermon
Nov. 3rd, 1895—Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE commenced his Ministry.
July, 1897—Re-opening of Enlarged Chapel and New Organ.

Church Cash Account.

Balance Sheet for 1900.

		£	s.	d.
Weekly Offerings		269	19	2
Pew Rents		133	9	9
Articles sold, left from Sale of Work per Mrs. Rose ...	0 11 6			
per Mrs. Vanstone ...	2 0 0			
		2	11	6
Collection for Missionary Society		2	10	3
Collection for Sunday School, Catford ...		1	10	6
Collection for Sunday School, Brownhill ...		0	10	6
Collection and Sale of Harvest Thanksgiving		5	8	4
Collection Pastor's Anniversary		7	4	4
Hire of Hall		5	0	0
Donation from Women's Sick and Provident Club, 1898		0	6	0
Donation from Women's Sick and Provident Club		0	10	4
Donation from Men's Sick & Provident Club		1	5	4
Donation from Men's Adult School		0	10	0
Collection Covenanters Lecture		4	5	6
Proceeds Transvaal ...		4	2	3
Proceeds Astronomy		3	9	3
Proceeds Concert at Brownhill		2	2	6
Special Fund collected		42	17	9
Anniversary Collection		13	12	3
Profit on Anniversary Tea		1	2	0
Amount in Year Book Envelopes		0	10	6
Donation from Bible Circle		6	0	0
Carried forward		£508	18	0

		£	s.	d.
Balance due to Treasurer Jan. 1899	82 13 11			
Less allowance by Mr. Priestley ...	26 8 9			
		56	5	2
Pastor's Stipend ...		250	0	0
Interest on Loan ...		104	8	0
Annuity		32	0	0
Chapel Keeper ...		37	7	0
Gas		31	15	9
Water		5	18	0
Firing	0 14 0			
Firing	11 18 0			
		12	12	0
Rates & Taxes	0 8 4			
,, ,,	0 18 0			
,, ,,	2 14 0			
		4	0	4
Fire Insurance ...		4	2	6
Printing Year Book, etc.	1 7 6			
Printing Year Book, etc.	14 18 0			
		16	5	6
Repairs		2	15	0
Sundry Expenses	7 2 4			
Sundry Expenses	0 11 6			
		7	13	10
Sub. to Baptist Union		1	0	0
Handed to Missionary Society per Mr. Taylor		2	10	3
Handed to Handbell Ringers		5	19	3
Tuning Organ ...		4	0	0
Sub. to London Baptist Association		1	4	0
Handed to Sunday School (Catford) ...		1	10	6
Handed to Sunday School (Brownhill) ...		0	10	6
L.D.A. Group Collection		3	17	8
Carried forward		£585	15	1

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward	508	18	0	Brought forward ...	585	15	1
Collection Hand-bell Ringers 8 0 0							
Sale of Tickets & Programmes 2 11 0							
	10	11	0				
Balance from Conference Tea	0	2	1				
Donation from Mr. J. C. Harvey	0	12	0				
Proceeds of Concert, Band of Hope ...	1	7	8				
Balance received from Mr. Priestley, Sale of Land Account ...	24	12	9				
Balance due to Treasurer	35	13	11				
L D.A.GroupCollection	3	17	8				
	£585	15	1		£585	15	1

Examined and found correct, R. ROSE, Jan. 13th, 1900.

Hymn-Book Cash Account.

Books Sold	1	9	8	Paid for New Books	0	14	7
				Balance in hand ...	0	15	1
	£1	9	8		£1	9	8

Examined and found correct, G. H. WALKER.

Communion Fund Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Jan. 1st, 1899	1	11	9	Donations to persons needing assistance...	12	13	0
Collection for Widows and Orphans of Missionaries	2	9	0	Transferred to Baptist Missionary Society	2	9	0
Collections 0 6 8				Communion Tickets and Envelopes ...	1	7	0
, 17 5 0½				Wine	3	4	0
	17	11	8½	Balance in hand ...	1	19	5½
	£21	12	5½		£21	12	5½

Examined and found correct, C. R. ROSE.

Building Fund Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mr. Phillips	0	5	0	Cost of Boxes	4	2	0
Collected in Boxes ...	55	7	7½	Cost of Box Book ...	0	12	0
Boxes Sold	0	9	4½	Paid Instalment to Metropolitan Tabernacle Building Fund	25	0	0
				Balance in hand ...	26	8	0
£56	2	0		£56	2	0	

Examined and foun correct, C. R. ROSE.

LIABILITIES.

Due to Metropolitan Tabernacle Loan Building Fund £375. The premises are subject to a Mortgage to the British Equitable Life Assurance Company, per £2700, and to a Life Annuity of £32.

Tract Society.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Jan. 1st, 1899	6	3	10	Tracts Purchased ...	5	15	8
				Balance in hand ...	0	8	2
	£6	3	10		£6	3	10

Examined and found correct, C. R. ROSE.

Sunday School.

President: Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE, F.G.S.

Superintendent: Mr. STAMP.

Secretary: Mr. CROWHURST.

Treasurer: Mr. POUPARD.

Librarians: The Misses WRIGHT.

Teachers:

Mr. POUPARD,	Mrs. VANSTONE,	Miss YATES.
Mr. LITTLE,	Miss DIXON,	Miss LAWRENCE,
Mr. SAINSBURY,	Miss UPTON.	Miss SAWYER,
Mr. HILLS,	Mrs. CROWHURST,	Miss EDWARDS,
Mr. BARROWCLOUGH,	Miss HART,	Miss SHORT,
Mr. LASLETT,	Miss GABE,	Miss WOTHERSPOON,
Mr. CHARMAN,	Miss SMITH,	Mrs. Wm. STURMAN.

There are 217 Scholars on the Books. The average attendance has been 139. The School continues to grow, and every department is in a most flourishing condition. Ten Scholars have joined the Church during the past year.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ...	7	3	6
,, from Librarian	0	1	5
Hymn books sold ...	0	4	6
Donation, Miss Shrimpton for Winter Treat	0	2	6
Programmes for Winter Treat	1	11	9½
June 4th, Sunday School Anniversary Collections	3	13	2
Tea Account	3	4	6
August 1st, Balance in hand from Sunday School Excursion ...	5	9	4
Sunday School Collections—			
Jan. to Mar.	4	2	3
Apr. to June	3	2	0
July to Sep.	2	15	0
Oct. to Dec.	2	17	10
	12	17	1
Library Account—			
Jan. to Mar.	0	2	9½
Apr. to June	0	4	4
July to Sep.	0	3	1½
Oct. to Dec.	0	2	0
	0	12	3
	£35	0	0½

	£	s.	d.
By Winter Treat ...	3	13	7
,, Gratuity	0	2	6
,, Printing	0	6	6
,, Cost of Anniversary Tea	1	11	8
,, Summer Excursion	10	0	0
,, Subscription to ,, Passmore Home...	0	4	
,, Hymn Books ...	1	2	1½
,, Lesson Papers & Class Registers ...	2	12	0
,, Bibles	2	1	8
,, Donation Baptist Missionary Society	5	0	0
,, Donation S. School Auxiliary	1	1	0
,, Alexander and Shepherd	0	16	0
,, Stamps & Carriage	0	4	0
,, Sundries	0	0	7
Cash in hand ...	6	3	9
	£35	0	0½

Examined and found correct, R. LASLETT.

Band of Hope.

President: Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE.
Vice-President: Mr. C. STAMP.

Leader: Mrs. CROWHURST.
Secretary: Mr. BARNETT.

Registrars: Mrs. W. STURMAN, & Mr. DEAN.
Visitor: Mrs. W. STURMAN.

There are 164 members, and the average attendance is 70. Meetings are held in the Schoolroom every Thursday, at 7 p.m.

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Jan. 1899	3	5	4
Members' Subscription and Proceeds of Lantern Entertainment ...	5	10	9
Tickets sold for Excursion	1	0	0
Collection, Temperance Sunday	0	10	6
Donation, Mr. Flack...	0	5	0
,, Mr. Poupard	0	2	6
	£10	14	1

	£	s.	d.
Printing, Stationery, Hymn Books, etc. ...	1	14	9
Cost of Tea	0	19	5
Lantern Expenses ...	0	5	0
Cost of Excursion to Ashtead	5	9	0
Balance in hand ...	2	5	11
	£10	14	1

Girls' Sewing Class.

Treasurer: Miss UPTON.
Secretary: Miss STURMAN.

These Meetings have been held on Friday Evenings, and have been of a very bright and encouraging nature. There are 22 members on the books with an average attendance of 15.

In 21 weeks the children have made 26 garments. Garments to the value of 5s. have been made and given away.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
By Weekly Subscriptions	1	2	5½
By Donation, Anon.	1	0	0
	£2	2	5½

	£	s.	d.
To Drapers' Account	1	11	7
,, Printing	0	4	6
,, Books	0	1	0
,, Balance in hand ..	0	5	4½
	£2	2	5½

Audited and found correct, C. STAMP.

Pastor's Bible Circle.

President:—REV. NEWTON VANSTONE.

Treasurer:—Mr. W S. LARK.

This Circle for Bible Study has an average attendance of about 85. All who attend show great interest, and a most happy spirit prevails.

The Weekly Meetings are followed by a Social Half-hour, which proves a great success. The members have paid several visits to the British Museum to study the Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities in relation to the Bible.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Collections ...	10	15	2	March 6, Lantern Gas	0	5	0
				July 15, Nov. 30, Printing Account ...	0	11	6
				Sep. 29, Paid to Church Funds ...	6	0	0
				Nov. 30, Lantern Gas	0	5	0
				Cash in hand	3	13	8
	£10	15	2		£10	15	2

Audited and found correct, C. LARK.

Pastor's Poor Fund.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. Newton Vanstone	0	10	0
Mrs. Flack	0	10	0
A Friend	1	5	0
A Friend	2	2	0
Balance due to Treas.	0	2	11
	£4	9	11

DISTRIBUTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Treas.	2	11	5
Coals	0	2	6
Grocery	0	2	0
Milk	0	1	6
Cash to 9 Persons ...	1	12	6
	£4	9	11

Mothers' Meeting.

President:—Mrs. VANSTONE.

Treasurer:—Mrs. STOCKS. Secretary:—Mrs. LARK.

The Meetings continue to be held on Monday afternoons. Number on books, 24. Average attendance, 12.

In July we spent a very pleasant day at Herne Bay, when Mrs. Stamp provided the tea.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ...	0	1	0	Drapery Goods ...	2	9	9
Subscriptions... ...	0	8	0	Printing	0	5	0
Goods Sold	3	13	6	Caretaker	0	2	6
Excursion	2	15	6	Excursion Tickets ...	2	15	6
				Balance in hand ...	1	5	3
	£6	18	0		£6	18	0

Examined and found correct, 5th Feb. 1900, W. S. LARK,

Dorcas and Maternity Society.

President:—Mrs. VANSTONE.

Treasurer:—Mrs. MESSENT. Secretary:—Mrs. LARK.

The Maternity bags have been lent during the year to 10 mothers, and with each was given tea and oatmeal to the value of 1s, and a suit of clothes for the child.

Garments were also given away in December to the value of £2 15 0.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, Jan. 1899 ...	0	15	10	Materials	2	7	7¾
Contributions	2	6	0	Tea	0	8	0
Profits on Tea ...	1	5	8	Balance	1	14	1¼
Goods Sold	0	2	3				
	£4	9	9		£4	9	9

CONTRIBUTIONS.

	£	s	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Flack	0	5	0	Mrs. Chopping ...	0	2	0
,, Little	0	5	0	,, Poupard	0	2	6
,, Vanstone ...	0	2	6	Miss Hughes	0	2	0
,, Lark	0	2	6	Mrs. W. Sturman ..	0	1	0
,, Crowhurst ...	0	2	6	,, Phillcox	0	2	6
Miss Chapman ...	0	2	6	,, Sturman	0	1	0
Mrs. Stocks	0	2	6	Miss Ryder	0	2	6
,, Wright	0	2	6	Miss Bryant	0	2	6
,, Messent	0	2	6				
,, Adlington ...	0	2	6		£2	6	0

Examined and found correct, 22nd, Jan. 1900, W. S. LARK.

Womens' Sick and Provident Club.

Treasurer: Mrs. VANSTONE.

Secretary: Miss UPTON.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions... ..	114	4	6	Sickness	19	15	6
Fines	1	18	4	Stationery	0	1	2
Cards	0	14	10	Secretary's Fees ...	5	0	0
Interest	0	15	10	Death Money ...	13	0	0
Death Money ...	12	16	0	Dividend of 20s. 9d. to 88 members	91	6	0
				Withdrawals	0	16	6
				Use of Room... ...	0	10	4
	£130	9	6		£130	9	6

Examined and found correct, 13th Jan, 1900, W. S. LARK.

Mens' Sick and Provident Club.

Treasurer: Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE.

Secretary: Mr. W. J. NICHOLLS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions received	110	4	7	Paid out for Sick Money	38	0	7
				Dividend among 76 Members	72	4	0
	£110	4	7		£110	4	7

Bell Green Mission.

President: REV. NEWTON VANSTONE.

Committee:

THE DEACONS, ELDERS, SUPERINTENDENT, AND SECRETARY.

Treasurer: Mr. C. M. STAMP.

Superintendent: Mr. J. L. MOFFATT.

Secretary: Mr. PORTER.

Services are held in the Mission Hall, on Sunday Mornings at 11 for Children, Afternoons at 3 for Men, and Evenings at 6.30, an Evangelistic Service. The preachers and workers are mainly members of the Catford Hill Church.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash received from				By Gas	13	5	8
Mr. Priestley ...	13	12	0	,, Cleaning	0	9	10½
,, Sunday Collections	14	10	7	,, Repairs	2	2	0
,, Rent, Mens' Own	5	0	0	,, Firing	1	13	2
,, ,, Rechabites	1	12	0	,, Caretaker's Wages	3	18	0
,, ,, C. P. Band	0	8	0	,, Parish Rates ...	2	8	0
				,, Organ Repairs ...	1	15	0
				,, Water Rate ...	2	1	0
				,, Fire Insurance ...	0	11	3
				,, Subscriptions Evan. Society	0	15	0
				,, Cash in hand ...	6	18	4½
	£35	17	4		£35	17	4

Mens' Adult School.

Secretary: Mr. C. SARGEANT.

Members on the Book 13. Average Attendance 6.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Contributions... ...	3	13	7	Expenses	3	6	3½
				Balance in hand ...	0	7	3½
	£3	13	7		£3	13	7

Bell Green Mothers' Meeting.

President: MISS UPTON.

Treasurer: Mrs. HUBBARD.

Secretary: Mrs. WOOD.

This Meeting was started on October 23rd, and has been held each Monday afternoon at 2.45. The number on books is 21, with an average attendance of 16. The Meetings have been of a bright and cheerful character, and much appreciated by the members. On the whole the workers have been much encouraged in the fresh effort.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Weekly Subscriptions	1	0	3¾	To Drapers' Account	0	17	10
,, Goods given ...	0	0	10	,, Printing	0	10	6
,, Balance due to Treasurer ...	0	10	2¼	,, Ledger	0	3	0
	£1	11	4		£1	11	4

Audited and found correct, H. STOCKS, March 12th, 1900

Children's Own.

This is a Meeting for Children, held every Sunday morning at 11, in the Mission Hall. There are 62 members on the books, with an average attendance of 39. There is promise of growth and it is believed much blessing will come from this effort.

Mens' Own Bell Green.

President: Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE, F.G.S.

Vice-President:—Bro. G. WALKER.

Treasurer:—
Bro. W. BRIGDEN,

Secretary:—
Bro. C. F. STURMAN.

Registrar:—
Bro. W. C. MATTHEWS.

Assist. Registrar:—
Bro. F. STURMAN.

The number of members on the register is 247—an increase of 63 during the year. The average attendance has been 111. The open Sundays which are the first Sundays in each quarter are as popular as ever, the Hall being filled.

The number of books, etc., purchased by the members amounted to 265—an increase of 30 on the previous year, at a cost of £26 19s. 7½d.

In July some of the brothers and their wives numbering 94 went to Downe by brakes and spent a very happy half-day together.

Our String Band is growing, it now numbers about 25 members who are a great help to us in singing, its conductor being Bro. F. RAWLINGS.

The good Old Gospel of Jesus and His love is proclaimed at the meetings and our beloved President has had the joy of seeing his labours have not been in vain, he having baptized and received into the Church about 9 of the Mens' Own. The object of this Society is to get men, no matter who or what they are, in to hear the glorious gospel and to extend the principles of brotherly love and a universal brotherhood in both word and deed. Our afternoon Prayer meeting at 2.30 each Sunday has an average attendance of about 6.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from last year	2	13	2½
15 collections ..	11	18	8¼
Sale of membership cards and lists for books	:	4	10
Sale of tickets for 5 teas	10	1	0½
Donations including Mr. Stamp £1, Mr. Sampson 10/- ...	4	10	3
Collection for 3 brothers in distress	2	3	1½
Sale of tickets for Mens' Own outing ...	9	9	4
Proceeds, Mr. Porter's lecture	3	0	0
	£45	0	5¾

	£	s.	d.
Membership cards, handbills, lists, and order forms for books	2	1	2
Cost of 5 teas ...	11	1	1½
Enlarging platform ...	0	19	0
Repairing organ and tuning piano for year	5	4	0
Printing, postage and carriage	0	16	6
Paid to 3 brothers ...	2	3	1½
6 hymn books for band	1	0	0
Hire of brakes and tea for outing	10	16	0
72 Sankey's hymn bks.	1	0	0
Sundries	2	3	6
Half profit on tea handed to Mission Hall funds	0	14	9
Mr. Stamp for Hire of Hall	5	0	0
Balance in hand ...	2	2	3¾
	£45	0	5¾

Audited and found correct, { ALFRED C. BARNETT, W. PORTER, } Auditors

BOOK ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from last year	5	12	8
Members subs. and extra money ...	33	17	10
	£39	10	6

	£	s.	d.
To cost of books, etc.	26	19	7½
Members balance ...	12	10	10½
	£39	10	6

Audited and found correct, { ALFRED C. BARNETT, W. PORTER, } Auditors

Mens' Own Slate Club.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Income	38	17	11	Payments, &c. ...	18	8	10½
				Dividend to 27 members at 15/1½ ...	20	9	0½
	£38	17	11		£38	17	11

Auditors: R. COX, and J. TAYLOR.

Brownhill Hall Sunday School.

President:—Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE, F.G.S.
Superintendent and Treasurer—Mr. D. STRATFORD SCADENG.
Secretary—Mr. A. CLARK,
Assistant Secretary—Mr. ALBERT SMITH.
Librarian—Mr. HARRY STOCKS.
Assistant Librarian—Mr. ALFRED VASEY.
Joint Superintendents of Children's Morning Service:
Messrs. HANKIN and A. CURTIS.

Teachers—

Mr. C. R. Rose	Miss Duffin	Miss Hankin
,, Plummer	,, Sturman	,, F. Upton
,, A. Curtis	,, E. Upton	,, Lewis
,, Hankins	Mrs. Little	,, Walker
,, Bayly	,, Stocks	,, Little
,, Sawyer	Miss Ryder	,, F. Swanton
,, Berry	,, Swanton	,, Lever
,, Dow	,, Saunders	,, Gilkes
Miss Philcox		

This work has been most successfully carried on during the past year, the only difficulty encountered being lack of space to accommodate the large number of scholars who attend week by week.

During the summer months this difficulty was met by erecting a large tent on the ground behind the hall, for the accommodation of the infants who number from 80 to 90.

There are 315 names on the books including the infants, and the average attendance has been Morning Service 150, Afternoon School 250. The School succeeded in winning the Challenge Banner presented by W. DAY, Esq., for competition amongst the Schools of the Auxiliary for regular and punctual attendance during 1898, and thus held the trophy during 1899. We are hoping that our figures for the past year will entitle us to hold the banner for another season.

In February last the Winter Treats were given, and owing to the large number of scholars, we had to entertain those under ten years of age on one evening, and those over that age on the next. Both entertainments were highly appreciated.

On August 1st in conjunction with the Catford Hill School we went to Court Farm, Upper Warlingham. This excursion was most successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

There is a good Library connected with the School.

Our branch of I.B.R.A. is about 70 strong.

CASH ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance Gen. account	1	12	1	Cost of winter treat	4	2	7
,, Library account	0	13	0½	Contributed to Mission (Brownhill)... ...	5	1	9
Collected for winter treats	2	14	2	Lesson papers ...	2	5	0
Weekly collections ...	10	19	4¼	Hymn books	0	19	8
Hymn books sold ...	0	18	0	Hire of tent (part) ...	1	0	0
Library subscriptions	0	4	1	Anniversary Hymns...	0	9	6
Summer treat, collected	9	8	2	,, printing..	1	13	6
Summer treat, tickets sold	3	4	0	Baptist Missionary Society	0	10	0
Anniversary collections...	5	1	0	Postage	0	3	8
Profit Anniversary tea	0	2	6	Stationery & Cartage	0	11	4
Sale of Anniversary music	0	2	0	S. S. Union	0	5	0
				Inscription on banner, &c.	0	4	6
				Summer treat ...	11	2	5
				Balance Gen. account	5	2	4¼
				,, Library ,,	0	17	1½
	£34	8	4¾		£34	8	4¾

Brownhill Hall Children's Hour.

President:—Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE.

Superintendent:—Miss UPTON, Secretary:—Miss ETHEL ROSE.

These meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 6 o'clock, and are purely of a gospel character. The children continue to take great interest in them. There are 104 on the register, with an average attendance of 75.

CASH ACCOUNT.

1898	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31st, By balance	0	0	1½	To printing	0	11	6
Proceeds from Musical Evening	1	17	10	Do.	0	9	6
Collection	0	2	1	Cost of tea, May 31st.	1	3	1
Proceeds from Cantata	3	19	0	Sundries	0	1	0
				Cantata expenses ...	0	10	8
				Hall keeper	0	2	6
				Donation to Brownhill Hall	0	6	0
				Refreshments ...	0	1	9
				Balance in hand ...	2	13	0½
	£5	19	0½		£5	19	0½

Audited and found correct, H. STOCKS, 12th March, 1900.

Brownhill Mission, Brownhill Road, Catford.

President:—REV. NEWTON VANSTONE.

Committee:—

DEACONS, ELDERS, SUPERINTENDENT & SECRETARY

Treasurer:—Mr. HANKIN.

Superintendent: Mr. D. S. SCADENG. Secretary: Mr. C R. ROSE

Services are held in the Hall, on Sundays, at 11 a.m. for children; 2.45 p.m., school; 6.30 p.m. Evangelistic Service, and various meetings during the week.

CASH ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Collections	23	17	11	Balance repaid Mr. Harvey	3	12	3
Lecture, Waldenses	2	7	0	Caretaker	13	4	6
Subscriptions S. School	5	1	9	New lamp, mantles, &c.	1	15	2½
Subscript's. Y.P.S.C.E.	1	4	0	Gas	5	5	7
Subscriptions Y.M.C.	0	17	1½	Sundries	1	2	2½
Subscription Mr. Rose	1	4	0	Coke	0	14	0
Subscription Children's Hour	0	6	0	Water	1	0	0
Donation A. C. ...	1	0	0	Piano	5	8	0
Donation Mr. Newman	0	7	6	Printing	2	2	6
Profit, Anniver. Tea	0	16	3	Balance in hand ...	2	17	3½
	£37	1	6½		£37	1	6½

Examined and found correct, C. R. ROSE,

Brownhill Mothers' Meeting.

President:—Mrs. CROWHURST. Secretary:—Mrs. PHILCOX

Treasurer:—Mrs. LITTLE.

The Meetings are held on Monday afternoons at 2.45. The President for 1899 was Miss Upton. Number on books 29. Average attendance 12. In July the members and friends went for their annual outing to Herne Bay, where tea was provided by the kindness of Mrs. Flack and Miss Bryant.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To goods sold ...	6	14	7	Draper's account ...	6	7	3
Donations to annual tea	0	2	6	Cost of meat tea ...	1	8	7
Sale of cake, etc., at annual tea	0	3	0	Summer excursion ...	4	0	9
Sale of excursion tickets	3	1	3	Padlock	0	1	3
Collection at annual meeting	0	4	3½	Monthly teas	0	18	0½
Given for monthly teas	1	2	0	To annual tea ...	0	2	0
Per friends tea ...	0	7	9	Balance in hand ...	0	11	3
Donation, Mrs. Flack	0	10	0				
,, Miss Bryant	0	1	0				
Profit on annual tea	0	0	9				
Balance from 1898 ...	1	2	0				
	£13	9	1½		£13	9	1½

Catford United Cricket Club.

Connected with Catford Hill Baptist Church, Missions, etc.

President:—Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE.

Captain:— Mr. D. STRATFORD SCADENG

Vice-Captain:— Mr. A. T. CURTIS

Treasurer:—Mr. C. R. ROSE. Secretary:—Mr. CHAS. LEIGH

This was the club's first season and although in many respects successful and in all respects enjoyable, the number of matches lost considerably exceeded the number won. The members hope to do better in the coming season.

CASH ACCOUNTS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand 1898	0	12	1	Materials	4	2	6
Subscriptions... ...	4	10	6	Printing and sundries	0	13	9
				Balance	0	6	4
	£5	2	7		£5	2	7

Open Air.

We have three preaching stations, Bell Green, Rushey Green and Catford Railway Station. Good work was carried on at each place during last summer.

Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavour.

President :— Vice-President :—

Rev. NEWTON VANSTONE, Mr. D. STRATFORD SCADENG

Treasurer :—Mr. BERRY Hon. Secretary :—Mr. A. T. CURTIS

This Society has flourished during the past year; the number on the roll being 28 as against 19 for the previous year.

The average weekly attendance has correspondingly increased from 10 to 20.

Three committees are in active work and give evidence of the spiritual vitality of the Society which has also a representative on the "Worlds Convention Committee."

Successful open air meetings were held every Tuesday during the summer at Rushey Green, near the Fire Station. The young people of the Society had these meetings entirely in hand and the results were very gratifying. To God be the Glory.

The weekly meetings for Prayer, Bible-Study and Testimony, are held on Tuesday evenings, at 8 o'clock in Brownhill Hall.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ...	1	17	1	Expenses	3	3	2
Contributions... ...	1	11	1	Balance in hand ...	0	5	0
	£3	8	2		£3	8	2

Examined and found correct, D. S. SCADENG.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	£	s.	d.
General Account	585	15	1
Hymn Book Fund	1	9	8
Communion Fund	21	12	5½
Building Fund	56	2	0
Sunday School	35	0	0½
Band of Hope	10	14	1
Pastors' Bible Circle	10	15	2
Tract Society	6	3	10
Mothers' Meeting	6	18	0
Girls' Sewing Class	2	2	5½
Poor Fund	4	9	11
Dorcas Society...	4	9	9
Bell Green Mission Hall General Account ...	35	17	4
Mens' Adult School	3	13	7
Mother's Meeting	1	11	4
Mens' Own	84	10	11
Brownhill Hall—General Account	37	1	6
Sunday School	34	8	4¾
Mothers' Meeting	13	9	1½
Children's Hour	5	19	0½
Christian Endeavour	3	8	2
Total ...	£954	14	6

. . . Members' Directory. . . .

1899	Adlington, Mr. ...	23, Ravensbourne Road
1899	Adlington, Mrs. ...	,,
1895	Allcourt, Mrs. S. ...	Nelgarde Road
1884	Alderman, Mr. ...	1, Florence Villas, Perry Rise
1899	Alderman, Mrs. ...	,,
1894	Alderman, Mr. S. ...	3, Hazeltine Road
1896	Aldis, Miss ...	6, Exbury Road
1899	Anderson, Mr. J. ...	9, St. Marks Road
1894	Ayling, Mrs. ...	17, East Terrace, Fairlawn Park
1898	Barnett, Mr. A. C. ...	29, Bovill Road, Brockley Road
1899	Barnett, Mrs. ...	,, ,,
,,	Barraclough, Mr. F. W.	14, Glenwood Road, Catford
,,	Bateman, Miss E. ...	3, Blaydon Street, Lewisham
1894	Bayly, Mr. A. J. ...	3, Brighton Terrace, Rutland Park
,,	Bayly, Mrs. ...	,,
1899	Bayly, Mr. E. A. ...	1, Brighton Terrace, Rutland Park
,,	Beenham, Miss M. ...	2, Perry Vale, Forest Hill
,,	Bennett, Mr. C. H. ...	21, Trilby Road
,,	Benwell, Mr. ...	29, Brockley Rise
,,	Benwell, Mrs. ...	,,
,,	Berry, Mr.	56, Honley Road
,,	Berry, Mrs.	,,

1890	Booker, Mrs.	3, Rose Villas, Hazeltine Road
1894	Booker, Miss F. ...	,,
1896	Booker, Miss Z. ...	,,
1895	Bowell, Mr. R. D. ...	1, Wallington Cottages, Wallington
,,	Bowell, Mrs. E. ...	,, ,, [Grove
,,	Boxall, Mrs.	3A, Como Road
1881	Bookham, Miss F. ...	10, Florence Villas, Helvetia Street
1897	Botell, Mr.	50, Brookdale Road
,,	Botell, Mrs.	,,
1889	Bowie, Miss	11, Seagate, Ivine, N.B.
1896	Brigden, Mr. W. ...	107, Catford Hill
,,	Brigden, Mrs.	,,
1898	Browett, Mrs. J. ...	41, Engleheart Road
1878	Bryant, Miss M. P. ...	38, Hurstbourne Road
1891	Burrows, Mrs. ...	Sunnyside, Woolstone Road
1898	Carr, Mrs. M. A. ...	23, Laleham Road
1887	Carter, Mrs. A.... ...	80, Dillwyn Road
1899	Chapman, Miss K. ...	30, Honley Road
1895	Chapman, Mr.	3, Stanton Square
,,	Chapman, Mrs.	,,
1899	Charman, Mr. C. ...	8, East Terrace, Fairlawn Park
,,	Charman, Mr. F. ...	,,
1894	Chant, Mr. A. G. ...	22, Montague Terrace, Perry Rise.
1897	Chopping, Mrs. E. ...	7, Rutland Road
1899	Chopping, Miss R. ...	7, Versailles Road, Anerley
,,	Chopping, Miss M. ...	33, Carnforth Road, Balham
1898	Clark, Mr. A.	121, Brownhill Road
1899	Clark, Mrs.	,,
1896	Collins, Miss M. ...	Cricket Ground, Catford Bridge
1899	Collins, Mrs. A.	1, Silvermere Road
1892	Crowhurst, Mr. J. C. ...	71, Hurstbourne Road
,,	Crowhurst, Mrs. ...	,,
1898	Curtis, Mr. A. T. ...	The Firs, Montem Road
1897	Dauncey, Mr. W. ...	61, Ringstead Road
,,	Dauncey, Mrs.	,,
1899	Day, Mr. R.	21, Jutland Road, Catford
,,	Day, Mrs.	,,

1899	Dean, Mr. A.	109, Catford Hill
,,	Dean, Mrs.	,,
1894	Deplitch, Miss E. ...	30, Hurstbourne Road
1898	Dobel-Stein, Miss ...	Hamburg
1894	Dow, Mrs.	St. Dunstan's Lodge
1897	Dow, Miss E.	197, Algernon Road
1899	Down, Mrs.	63, Brockley Rise
1897	Duffin, Miss E.... ...	91, Sunderland Road
,,	Edlin, Mr.	4a, Willow Walk
,,	Edlin, Mrs.	,,
1899	Ellis, Mr. A. J. ...	2a, Herschell Terrace, Brockley Rise
,,	Ellis, Mrs.	,,
1898	Ellis, Miss M.	Ashdown, Inglemere Road
1897	Evans, Mr. E.	19, Champion Park
,,	Ely, Mrs. H. ...	2, Kemble Road
1898	Flack, Mrs.	Asathor, Woolstone Road,
1899	Flack, Miss M. ...	,,
1885	Frampton, Mrs. ...	58, Champion Park
1893	Francis, Miss M. ...	65, Perry Hill
1895	Francis, Miss A. ...	2, The Glen, South Rd, Forest Hill
1899	Francis, Miss E. ...	28, Vancouver Road
,,	Futcher, Mr. J. ...	14, Elderton Road
,,	Futcher, Mrs.	,,
,,	Gabe, Miss G. ...	5, Ewart Road
1896	Gee, Miss	Library, Upland Rd, East Dulwich
1897	Gilkes, Miss M. ...	Normanhurst, Bromley Road
1884	Gorick, Mr.	33, Larkbere Road
,,	Gorick, Mrs.	,,
1899	Gossage, Mr. F. ...	78, Silvermere Road, Catford
,,	Gossage, Mrs.	,,
1891	Green, Miss H.... ...	21, Perry Hill
1894	Hall, Miss E.	64, Porthcawe Road
1899	Halford Miss	90, Ringstead Road, Catford
1897	Hankins, Mr.	62, St. Fillan's Road
,,	Hankins, Mrs.	,,
1898	Hankins, Miss	,,

1898	Hankins, Miss A. ...	62, St. Fillan's Road
,,	Hankins, Miss F. ...	,,
1891	Hards, Miss C. E. ...	Lansdowne Place, Venner Road
1892	Hardy, Mr.	20, Montague Terrace, Perry Rise
,,	Hardy, Mrs.	,,
1899	Hart, Miss J.	98, Silvermere Road, Catford
1897	Harvey, Mr. J. C. ...	Westcombe Lodge, Duncombe Hill
1896	Hayman, Mrs.	10, Kent House Road
,,	Haywood, Miss ...	The Chestnuts, Catford Hill
1890	Hewitt, Mr. J.	37, Stanton Square
,,	Hewitt, Mrs.	,,
1898	Hill, Mr. M. A.... ...	61, Perry Hill
1895	Hill Mrs.	,,
1899	Hills, Miss A.	7, Perry Vale, Forest Hill
1882	Hole, Mr. C. F. ...	25, Faversham Road
1879	Hole, Mrs.... ...	,,
1896	Howard, Miss F. ...	309, Stanstead Road
1899	Hubbard, Mr. T. ...	48, Champion Park
,,	Hubbard, Mrs. J. ...	,,
,,	Hubbard, Mr. H. ...	,,
1889	Humphreys, Miss H. ...	60, Perry Hill
1899	Jager, Miss L.	8, Perry Vale, Forest Hill
1898	Jolly, Miss F. A. ...	138, Stanstead Road
1896	Jones, Mr. T.	11, Dillwyn Road
1898	Jones, Mrs.	,,
1879	Jordan, Miss M. A. ...	3, Crown Terrace, Bell Green
1898	Kamber, Miss	Villa Austria, Mayo Road
1896	Key, Mrs.	51, Dalmain Road
1895	Keywood, Miss S. A. ...	29, Perry Hill
1880	Kieser, Mr. W. ...	7, Champion Crescent
,,	Kieser, Mrs.	,,
1890	Kieser, Miss C. ...	,,
1899	Kirk, Miss E.	257, Sydenham Road
1896	Knight, Mr. G. ...	311, Sydenham Road
,,	Knight, Mrs. ...	,,
1899	Knight, Mr. F. H. ...	,,
1897	Knott, Mr. G. F. ...	21, North Terrace, Fairlawn Park

1897	Knott, Mrs.	21, North Terrace, Fairlawn Park
1899	Knott, Miss G. ...	,,
,,	Knott Miss A. ...	,,
,,	Lancaster, Mr. A. ...	Cumberland Cottage, Brockley Rise
1896	Lark, Mr.	37, Blythe Vale
,,	Lark, Mrs.	,,
1899	Laslett, Mr. R. ...	5, Como Road, Forest Hill
,,	Laurie, Miss E. ...	398, Stanstead Road, Forest Hill
,,	Lawrence, Miss L. ...	43, Stanstead Road, Forest Hill
1898	Lever, Miss A.... ...	9, Blythe Hill
1890	Lewis, Mrs.	61, Perry Hill
1896	Lewis, Miss A. ...	,,
1898	Lewis, Miss E. ...	,,
1890	Little, Mr. E. J. ..	32, Lower Winchester Road
,,	Little, Mrs.	,,
1894	Little, Miss ...	,,
,,	Little, Miss R. M. ...	,,
1899	Little, Miss J. ...	,,
,,	Long, Miss E. ...	1, Amberley Rd, West Hill, Sydenham
,,	Low, Miss J.	30, Honley Road
1894	Lovatt, Mrs.	99, Engleheart Road
1898	Mallett, Mr. E. ...	12, Grafton Road, Perry Hill
,,	Mallett, Mrs.	,,
1899	Marchant, Mr. E. ...	6, East Terrace. Fairlawn Park
,,	Mason, Miss M. ...	35, Algiers Road, Ladywell
1896	Matthews, Mr. W. C.	61, Miall Road
1897	Matthews, Mrs. ...	,,
,,	Matthews, Miss A. ...	,,
1899	Messent, Mr. D. W. ...	10, Belvoir Road, Lordship Lane
,,	Messent, Mrs. ...	,,
,,	McWilliams, Mr. ...	89, Elderton Road
,,	McWilliams, Mrs. ...	,,
,,	Mitchell, Mr C ...	8, Springfield Crescent, Catford
,,	Mitchell, Mrs. ...	,,
,,	Moffatt, Mr.	38, Hurstbourne Road, Catford
,,	Moffatt, Mrs. ...	,,
1898	Monk, Mrs.	Worcester

1895	Morgan, Mrs.	13, Acacia Road
1891	Morgan, Mrs. T. ...	124, Catford Hill
1898	Morton, Mr. J. R. ...	Elmhurst, Brockley Rise
1899	Moule, Mr.	46, Laleham Road, Catford
,,	Moule, Mrs.	,,
1899	Payne, Miss E. ...	38, Ravensbourne Road
,,	Packman, Miss M C.	46, Vancouver Road
1888	Page, Miss H. M. ...	95, Catford Hill
1896	Parish, Mr. J.... ...	9, Engleheart Road
1891	Parish, Mrs. J. ...	,,
1896	Parrant, Mr.	Bere Regis, Wareham
,,	Pearce, Mr. H. ...	46, Vancouver Road, Catford
1896	Philcox, Mrs.... ...	132, Doggett Road
1897	Philcox, Miss A. B. ...	,,
1893	Phillips, Mr.	8, Dillwyn Road
1899	Plowman, Miss E. ...	118, Catford Hill
1887	Pooley, Mrs. M. A. ...	2, Carlyle Villas, Kangley Bridge Rd
1897	Poulton, Miss G. ...	13, Woolstone Road
1896	Poupard, Mr. C. M. ...	The Parade, Forest Hill
,,	Poupard, Mrs. ...	,, ,,
,,	Poupard, Mr. E. A. ...	11, Houston Road.
,,	Poupard, Mrs. ...	,,
1899	Porter, Mr. W. ...	1, Stanstead Road,
1894	Rose, Mr. C. R. ...	101, Ringstead Road
,,	Rose. Mrs.	,,
1899	Ryder, Miss M. A. ...	18, Charsley Road
1896	Rayner, Miss	31, Adamson Road, Victoria Docks
1900	Redman, Mr. G. H. ...	2, Lower Kemble Road, Forest Hill
1899	Saams, Mr. C. ...	116, Catford Hill
,,	Saams, Mrs.	,,
,,	Saams, Miss M. ...	,,
,,	Saams, Miss N. ...	,,
1892	Sainsbury, Mrs. L. ...	2, Perry Terrace, Perry Rise
1894	Sainsbury, Mr. E. ...	,,
1899	Saunders, Miss F. ...	66, Pattenden Road
,,	Sargeant, Mr. ...	2, Hilton Villas, Champion Crescent
,,	Sargeant, Mrs. ...	,,

1891	Sargeant, Mrs. ...	21, West Terrace, Fairlawn Park
1897	Sargeant, Miss C. ...	,, ,,
1898	Sargeant, Miss A. ...	,, ,,
1899	Sargeant, Mr. S. R. ...	,, ,,
1891	Sawyer, Mr. R. ...	81, Blythe Vale
,,	Sawyer, Mrs.	,,
1897	Scadeng, Mr. D. S. ...	82, Ringstead Road
,,	Scadeng, Mrs. ...	,,
,,	Sheppard, Mrs. ...	56, Dillwyn Road
,,	Shrimpton, Miss A. ...	20, Montem Road
1899	Short, Miss F. J. ...	12, Willow Walk
1898	Sidnell, Miss G. ...	15, Springfield Crescent
1899	Sly, Mr. G. W. ...	5, The Pavement, Brownhill Road
,,	Sly, Mrs	,,
1898	Smith, Miss M. ...	281, Stanstead Road
1899	Smith, Miss G. ...	94, Devonshire Road, Forest Hill
1898	Smith, Mr. J. ...	16, Atkin Road
,,	Smith, Mrs.	,,
,,	Smith, Mr. W. ...	12, Atkin Road
1899	Smith, Mrs. E. ...	8, Catford Hill
,,	Smith, Miss M. E. ...	,,
1896	Sparks, Miss ...	21, Tyrwhitt Road, Brockley
1895	Spiers, Mr.	,,
,,	Spiers, Mrs.	1, Croft Terrace, Lower Sydenham
1899	Mr. Stamp, ...	11, Exbury Road
1897	Mrs. Stamp, ...	,,
1895	Stapley, Miss A. ...	20, Perry Hill
1885	Starr, Mrs. E.... ...	2, Denmark Villa, Kangly Bridge Road
1894	Starr, Miss M. ...	11, Dacres Road
1899	Stocks, Mrs.	47, Holbeach Road
1882	Sturman, Mr. R. ...	109, Catford Hill
,,	Sturman, Mrs. R. ...	,,
1894	Sturman, Miss Lottie	,,
1889	Sturman, Mr. C. E. ...	2, Nyon Street, Perry Hill
1895	Sturman, Mrs. ...	,,
1889	Sturman, Mr. C. F. .	2, Clarence Villas
1892	Sturman, Mrs. ...	

1899	Sturman, Mr. F. ...	
1890	Sturman, Mrs. F. ...	
,,	Sturman, Mr. W. ...	3, Clarence Villas, Perry Hill
,,	Sturman, Mrs. W. ...	,,
,,	Sturman, Miss D. ...	,,
1895	Swanton, Miss ...	80, Catford Hill
,,	Swanton, Miss F. ...	,,
1898	Swanton, Miss L. M.	,,
1878	Tapping, Mrs. J. ...	1, Rutland Road
1896	Taylor, Mr. J. T. ...	34, Dillwyn Road
,,	Taylor, Mrs. A. C. ...	,,
1898	Tew, Mr. P.	9, Florence Villas, Perry Rise
1891	Thacker, Mr.	49, Porthcawe Road
1879	Tompsett, Mr. H. ...	8, Camden Cottages, Southend Lane
,,	Tompsett, Mrs. ...	,, ,,
1899	Thompson, Mrs. ...	132, Doggett Road, Catford
1895	Turner, Miss E. ...	45, Mount Pleasant Road
1892	Upton, Mr. ...	130, Malham Road
,,	Upton, Mrs. ...	,,
1895	Upton, Miss F. ...	,,
1898	Upton, Miss E. ...	,,
1892	Upton, Miss ...	35, Houston Road
1895	Vanstone, Rev. Newton	35, Houston Road
,,	Vanstone, Mrs. ...	,,
1899	Vasey, Mr. A.... ...	16, Jutland Road
1896	Verey, Miss A. ...	11, Holmshaw Road
1898	Viner, Miss M. E. ...	Thorncliffe, Kilmorie Road
1882	Walker, Mr. G. H. ...	126, Catford Hill
,,	Walker, Mrs.	,,
1897	Walker, Miss B. ...	,,
1899	Walton, Miss A. ...	1, Stanstead Road
,,	Wheeler, Miss H. ...	46, Vancouver Road
1884	Welch, Mr. H. W. ..	Mission House, Perry Rise
1883	Welch, Mrs.	,, ,,
1885	West, Miss	St. George Lodge, Catford Hill
1888	West, Mrs.	6, Blythe Hill Cottages
1892	West, Miss E. ..	141, High Street, West Norwood

1899	White, Miss ...	Ivy Lodge, Westbourne Road
1889	Williams, Mrs. ...	Hopetown Villa, Honor Oak Park
1896	Wilson, Mrs.	1a, Relinque Road
1899	Wood, Mr. E. C. ...	30, Champion Park
,,	Wood, Mrs.	,,
1886	Woodfine, Mr. ...	Board School, Haseltine Road
,,	Woodfine, Mrs. ...	,, ,,
1894	Woodfine, Mr. F. E.	,, ,,
1895	Woodfine, Miss ...	,, ,,
1893	Wreford, Mrs. ...	7, Royal Terrace, Bell Green
1895	Wright, Miss P. ...	3, Stanton Square
,,	Wright, Miss J. ...	,,
1898	Wright, Mrs. A. E.	Thorncliffe, Kilmorie Road
,,	Wright, Miss E. F. ...	,,
,,	Wright, Miss A. E.	,,
,,	Wright, Miss M. ...	,,
1896	Wynn, Mrs.	3, Bell Green Cottages
1900	Wylde Miss E. ...	1, Amberley Rd., West Hill, Sydenham
1895	Yates, Miss E. ...	189, Stanstead Road

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The pastorate of this Church is at present vacant, the former minister, (Rev. G. Critchley), leaving owing to disagreement with his congregation on the subject of the South African war.

The following particulars of the various agencies in operation at this Church are culled from the Monthly Letters for 1898 lent to us by Mr A. Barton, of 131 Burnt Ash Road, Lee (The Secretary.)

Buildings The Church, which is situated on Burnt Ash Hill, was formed in 1874, and has sittings for 600. The premises also include a Sunday School, Lecture Hall and Church Parlour.

Services. Two services are held on Sunday at 11am & 7pm, and the offerings average about £4 every Sunday. The Sunday School has 134 children on its books, with an average of 80: 18 teachers are engaged in this work.

A Young Women's Bible Class is held on Sunday afternoon at 3.15, and the week is broken by a Preaching Service on Wednesday evening.

Social Agencies.

These include a Christian Endeavour Society & a Mothers Meeting on Monday; a Band of Hope with 110 members on the books and an average attendance of 80, meeting on Tuesday; and the South Lee Book Society with a circulating library, giving papers on Poetry &c.

Relief is administered thro' the medium of the Dorcas Society, which employs "poor deserving women." to the extent of £18 in 1898

Cooperation is effected by means of the 'Lewisham & Lee Nonconformist Council' which gives Lectures on Free Church principles and promotes conferences, at the various chapels joining with it.

Nor is the activity of this Church purely local, for having few poor in its neighbourhood, it is promoting a Branch Church in Brownhill Road, for which £30 was raised in the first six months of 1898

Three missionary organizations are in existence.

(1) The Juvenile Missionary Society spent £18 in support of individual Missionaries & scholars abroad, and gave £52 to the London Missionary Society, in 1898.

(2) The Missionary Working Party, subscribes to the London City Mission, and

(3) The Burnt Ash Association in Aid of Home & Foreign Missions gave £30 to the S.C. Mission, London Missionary Society & one or two smaller agencies.

Thrift is encouraged by 4 clubs in connection with the Mother's Meeting, into which over £40 was put in 1898

Great attention seems also to be paid to the musical part of the Public Services, a monthly

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notices of the members of the Choir (a full one) expected to be present being inserted in the Letter.

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