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Mr Sanders the predecessor.

The parish - its rapid decline

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Interview with the Rev. E. A. B. Sanders
Vicar of St Marks, Dalston.

I knew Mr Sanders in Whitechapel, the Rectorship of which he resigned, on the score of his wife's health, some 22 months ago. There, he went in largely for administrative work. Now, he is confining himself mainly to parochial work, & with great success. He followed a man who had been at St Marks for 25 years, who had got into a "fine parish & left when the parish was tired". In his day he had been a great preacher, but since then conditions of the parish had changed; & instead of attracting crowds he had preached to the church empty. Mr Sanders says therefore that the position was exceptional; that no special credit is due to him for the improvement of the last 2 years, that "anybody" could have turned things. The fact remains however that the improvement has been rather remarkable. Although Mr Sanders has only been there for something under 2 years, he has known the parish intimately for many years.

The population is from 18-19000. General character "poor but not very poor", with the exception of about 4000

Jews.

on the W.N.W. side of the Kingsland Road, who are "decidedly poor & low-class". In the whole parish there are perhaps only 2 or 3 streets with only one family per house, as in the Ambrosden Road with rents running to about £70 a year. In the road in which the Grange Mansions (Colvestone Crescent) not "stylish" houses, there are only 11 occupied by one family, whereas 10 years ago there was not a single house in the road untenanted. The change indicated is going on by leaps & bounds. Every new tenant outlets, & new houses are often, as on the Rhodes estate, built to outlet, with 2 floors self-contained. The prosperous leases are rapidly breaking down, & much property is changing hands. The agent for the Tyssen-Amherst estate is Mr Chaston, 1 Great Winchester St. City, & could give much information.

The effluence of the well-to-do is largely to Stamford Hill &c. The influx to the more respectable streets, consists of clerks earning from £80 to £100 a year, school-teachers &c. The general decline of the district is rapid.

There are about 3000 Jews in the parish. Most are white-aproned folk who have gone on & have come to this district to live & enjoy their wealth: many are "bookers", mostly tailors. They congregate largely "strangely enough", round the church,

Not increasing.

Staff.

Buildings -

~~The~~ Birkenhead Synagogue is close by. The influence is however not increasing, diminishing rather, the tide having been directed to S. Hackney & Stamford Hill. This partly explained by the refusal of local landlords to take Jews as tenants.

Staff. Vicar.
3 Assistant Clergy.
1 Scripture Reader.
1 Mission Woman.
1 Trained Nurse.
2 Lady Missionaries
Voluntary 1 —— " ——
1 Lay Reader.
22 Visitors (Lady).
73 Sunday School Teachers. (Teaching 800 children in the 2 Schools).

With Club, Workers, Magazine distributors &c. &c. "I have my fair share of work on another 100 or so".

Buildings: Church. 1850. (Low on ground floor. Church has larger ground. space of any in Diocese).

Services.

Attendances.

Lecture Hall – 500.
Mission House in John Campbell Road. A new thing. No large room. Used for all kinds of clubs, Mothers' meetings. Boys brought to the "gymnasium thing".

Further Mission Building contemplated, the Church Council have undertaken to raise £1200. This will be used as the Highgate Social Mission (Sanders' old parish).

Regular Services:–

GENERAL SERVICES.

Sunday: Morning at 11; Evening at 7; and on SAINTS' DAYS at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening at 7.30, and Friday at 11 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION.

Every Sunday, 8 a.m.; 1st Sunday in month at Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday in month at Evening Prayer.

MARRIAGES.

All information as to publication of Banns, procuring of Licenses, Weddings, and Ringing of the Bells for Marriages or Funerals, may be obtained from the Clerk, Lecture Hall, Colvestone Crescent.

HOLY BAPTISM AND CHURCHING OF WOMEN.

On Sunday at 4.15, and on Friday at 11. There is no charge whatever for Baptism; but at Churchings a thank-offering, however small, should be made, according to the direction in the Rubric.

SITTINGS may be Rented at from 2s. 6d. a quarter and upwards, on application at the Library on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., or at the Vestry on the same day after the Evening Service.

Congregations:– Morning Average 150. The remnant of the older inhabitants. Collection on special appeal, magnificent results.

Evening – – 1500. "A magnificent congregation". Almost entirely parishioners. Roughly the former come to church with about half the morning congregation. Clearly justly proud of his evening congregation.

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previous Saturday—if possible before 12 o'clock. There is an advantage in giving plants instead of cut flowers, because plants give pleasure to the sick people long after the flowers have passed away. Gifts for decoration of the Church should also be be sent in before 12 on Saturday, 2nd, to the Lecture Hall.

The collections will be on behalf of the Assistant Clergy and Workers' Fund.

On the following evening (Monday) the Festival will be continued by the Choir rendering selections from "The Creation" by Haydn. The preacher on this occasion will be the Rev. E. N. Coulthard, M.A., Vicar of St. James', Bermondsey. The collection will be devoted to the Choir Fund. We hope that our collections on the Sunday and Monday will be such as to give great cause for thankfulness to those who have to see to the finances of the Parish.

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Several communicants fail to receive notices of these meetings, will any such attend this meeting, and give their names and addresses to the Clergy that their names may be enrolled and that they may receive their cards of membership.

Monday, October 4th, the St. Mark's, Dalston, Band of Hope start their second session, when we hope to enrol a large number of new members.

Any children over seven may join by signing the pledge. Meetings will be held every Monday evening in the Lecture Hall, 6.30 to 7.30, doors open at 6 o'clock sharp. Scripture Union, Missionary, and Temperance Addresses, Competitions, Magic-Lanterns, Entertainments, Teas, etc. Subscription, ½d. a week, which is devoted to the fund for providing treats and paying necessary expenses.

PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER.

Oct. 4—Magic-Lantern. Address by Rev. A. H. Swann.
" 11—Bible Reading Union. Address by Vicar.
" 18—Recitation Competition. Address by the Rev. G. R. Balleine (Curate of St. Mary, Whitechapel.
" 25—Missionary address by C.M.S. Delegate.
Nov. 1—Magic-Lantern. Address by Rev. E. Sinker.

The Ladies' Bible Class will be resumed this month in the Round Vestry, on Friday, the 8th and 22nd respectively, at 3 o'clock. The Vicar will be glad of the attendance of any ladies for this short hour of Bible study.

The Ladies' Dorcas Society, with whose worthy object all are so familiar, recommence work on Wednesday, October 6th, at 3 p.m., when any lady members of our congregation will be gladly welcomed. These gatherings are held on the first and third Wednesdays in the month, in the Round Vestry, from 3 to 5 p.m.

As winter is coming on apace, and the water is getting much colder, our Swimming Club is naturally coming to the end of its season. Through many unforeseen circumstances we shall be unable to have Swimming Races this our first season, but in order that we may have an interesting wind up, the Rev. E. Sinker (our Captain) has has kindly undertaken to give a Limelight Lantern Lecture, entitled "Round about Old Cambridge," which is to take place in the Lecture Hall on Thursday, November 4th, at 8 p.m. It will be interspersed with instrumental and vocal music. Popular prices. For further particulars see handbills and our next month's issue. N.B.—Please book the date.

Talking about Entertainments reminds us that our first Social Evening takes place on Thursday, October 21st, in St. Mark's Lecture Hall, Colverstone Crescent. Tickets at 6d., 1d., can be obtained from the Clerk at the Lecture Hall, or at 18, John Campbell Road. The programme on this evening will be a miscellaneous one.

Several of the members of our congregation and parishioners have been visited during the last month by those cowardly and heartless individuals who pay

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER, 1897.

OCTOBER.	ST. MARK'S CHURCH.	ST. MARK'S LECTURE HALL.	THE ROUND VESTRY.	THE VICARAGE. AND THE METROPOLITAN HOSP.	CLERGY VESTRY.	MISSION HOUSE. (18, *John Campbell Rd.*)
1 FRIDAY	11.0 a.m., Litany ... ... 11.15 a.m., Holy Baptism. 8.0 p.m., Choir Practice.	... ...	... ...	6-7, Visiting in Hospital.	... ...	7, S.S. Choir Practice.
2 SATURDAY ...						
3 **16th Sun. after Trinity. Harvest Festival.**	7.45, Litany ... ... 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer, Sermon, and Holy Communion. 3 p.m., Young Women's Bible Class. 3.15, Children's Service. 4.15 p.m., Holy Baptism and Churching of Women. 7, Evening Prayer and Sermon.	10 a.m., Sunday School. 11 a.m., Children's Service.	3 p.m., Young Men's Bible Class.	3, Class for Young Communicants. 5.15, Service and Sermon in Men's Ward. 5.45, Service and Sermon in Women's Ward	3 p.m., Young Men's Bible Class.	3, Young Women's Bible Class. 8.30, Mission Service.
4 MONDAY ...	... ...	2.30, Mothers' Meeting 6.30, Band of Hope.	... ...	... ...	... ...	2.30, Mothers' Meetg.
5 TUESDAY ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	6-7, Visiting in Hospital.	8, Girls' Bible Class, 61, Sandringham-road.	6, Mothers' Meeting.
6 WEDNESDAY ...	7.30, Evening Prayer and Sermon	3-5 p.m., Library Open. 8-9 p.m., Library Open.	3 p.m., Dorcas Meeting. 8.30, Pension Papers and General Business.	... ...	8.30, Teachers' Preparation Class.	
7 THURSDAY ...						
8 FRIDAY	11 a.m., Litany ... ... 11.15 a.m., Holy Baptism. 8 p.m., Choir Practice.	... ...	3 p.m., Ladies' Bible Class.	6-7, Visiting in Hospital.	... ...	7, S.S. Choir Practice.
9 SATURDAY ...						
10 **17th Sun. after Trinity.**	8 a.m., Holy Communion ... 11, Morning Prayer, Litany, and Sermon. 3 p.m., Young Women's Bible Class. 3 p.m., Sunday School. 4.15 p.m., Holy Baptism and Churching of Women. 7, Evening Prayer and Sermon.	10 a.m., Sunday School. 11 a.m., Children's Service. 3 p.m., Sunday School. 3 p.m., Young Women's Bible Class.	3 p.m., Young Men's Bible Class.	3 p.m., Class for Young Communicants. 5.15, Service and Sermon in Men's Ward. 5.45, Service and Sermon in Women's Ward	3 p.m., Young Men's Bible Class.	3, Young Women's Bible Class. 8.30, Mission Service.
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19 TUESDAY ...	... ...	8, Temperance Meeting.	6.30, Choir Boys' Practice.	6-7, Visiting in Hospital.	... ...	6, Mothers' Meeting.
20 WEDNESDAY ...	7.30, Evening Prayer and Sermon	3-5 p.m., Library open. 8-9 p.m., Library open.	3 p.m., Dorcas Meeting. 8.30, Pension Papers and General Business.			
21 THURSDAY ...	SOCIAL EVENING FOR	THE PEOPLE.				
22 FRIDAY	11 a.m., Litany ... ... 11.15, Holy Baptism. 8 p.m., Choir Practice.	7.30, Girls' Club ...	11.15, District Visitors' Meeting. 3 p.m., Ladies' Bible Class	6-7, Visiting in Hospital.	... ...	7, S.S. Choir Practice.
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28 THURSDAY ... **St. Simon and St. Jude's Day.**	11 a.m., Morning Prayer.					
29 FRIDAY	11 a.m., Litany ... ... 11.15, Holy Baptism. 8 p.m., Choir Practice.	7.30, Girls' Club ...	... ...	6-7, Visiting in Hospital.	... ...	7, S.S. Choir Practice.
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Sunday Schools.
Parents motives in sending.

Communicants: Easter 1895 . 119 (pre-Sanders).
96 294
97 395

Communicants have more than trebled during the past 12 months. No rule when he came. Has formed a guild, & all have joined. The increase he attributes to the Bishop of London, on his own suggestion, is coming down to address the members.

The children at the 2 Sunday Schools (800) have quadrupled in the 22 months. "But you can always get hold of the children if you visit". He does not attach importance to the get-them-out-of-the-way reason, but says that without any positive notice many parents who care nothing about church, don't object to their children going. Many tell him "I don't go to church myself", and he in reply "Well, you're not singular", and they are "But I like the kids to go to school". There is no active hostility to the church. This he emphasized.

For other religious meetings, trial of special St. V. Calendar (p. 13.)

Education.

Visiting. Object.

No proselytising.
A record Jubilee service.

The Norcots.

No Educational work, & a remarkable fact — there is no elementary school within the bounds of the parish. But a Board school, "I am glad to say", is now being built.

Visiting is carried on by clergy, staff, & the district visitors. Object: to get to know the people. A record is kept, & are classed as regards religion — or irreligion. If families are known to be R.Cs. or Norcots, definitely they are left alone. "It is not my business to proselytise".

Since Mr Sanders came the whole parish has been visited at least once. They worked for the Jubilee so that at the special service they were able to send a letter to every family (and house). The whole parish kept its Jubilee together, the 2 Norcots brought their own people. Mr Johns the Baptist read the first-lesson & Mr Le Pla the Congregationalist, the second. It was a special service at 4 p.m. & a record one for the parish. Hundreds were turned away.

It may be imagined Mr Sanders is on very friendly terms with the Norcots, & considers himself fortunate in his neighbours. Mr Johns, he admits, is a man above average & very intelligent. & Mr Le Pla too he likes. He is "very inoffensive"! The former

Salvation Army.

Working.

The most responsive class.

Nursing.

has a very strong concern, but the Congregationalists are on their last legs. One great deacon has left him so, & the Vicar has his eye on the buildings.

The Salvation Army are nothing. Mr Ross is popular in the streets, but has no following.

Mr Parsons mentioned the fact that 8 Roman families had joined the church since the Jubilee service, & said a very bitterness had been caused. He said that, although he had been snapped about it, & told that it was an very wrong for him to invite the people to his church, but!!!

Asked, in connection with the visiting & church work generally, what class was the most responsive he said the dark class & the poor, not the wealthy. They attend the most, & the actual increase in ~~[illegible]~~ numbers has been particularly among the very poor.

The nurse says from 3000 to 3500 visits per year. A register has been started of all cases of sickness, & from Sept. 9th to Sept. 29 there had been 435. Of these 44 have proved fatal. Nurse not allowed to visit confinement cases. There

Charity

is no provided. Local complaints, but among women varicose of the leg is a common malady. As a whole the district is healthy. Mr Flanders is "another being" after Whitechapel. While his own health is also much better. [The Rectory on Whitechapel is hidden over the Metropolitan Railway, & the Church is untidy. Mr Flanders in fact, was largely made in Bristol].

The Church has no endowments for charity, but they get about £25 a year from the Hoxton Charities.

Poor Fund = £70 or £80 a year, & voluntary donations come to about £100. In our therefore they have about £125 to dispose.

They have a parish relief Committee which works very carefully, & corporates closely with the C.O.S. Relief is practically confined to children & the aged, for the latter often in part payment of pensions.

Apart from the Church, no other centre in parish. The C.O.S. Ctee cannot really cover the parish, as its area is too large. The Non-Cons are little, & St Mark's stands to them in the relation of the big brother.

Out-door relief.

Police.

Secn. drinking: grocers licences.

Prostitution.

Hackney Downs.

Crime.

Morality

Poor Law. The great evil is Out-door Relief which is recklessly given. It is "a great nuisance to us", & "one longs for the fresh air of Whitechapel".

The police are very straight, & the inspectors a careful set of men. Has seen one constable drunk.

A lot of secret drinking goes on, especially among women. The grocers licences are a curse. The grocer is often in collusion, & alcohol is put down as tea &c. He knows this for a fact. Temperance societies are active, but their evil influence is growing one.

No bad houses in the parish, but the walk from Dalston Junction to Hackney Downs Station one of the most disgusting in the whole of London. Hackney Downs touches on abode of misery. Insufficiently lighted. The women lie towards Hoxton & Shoreditch.

Not criminal although one or two rather warm corners.

Not much irregular cohabitation. Number of marriages largely

Trade.

Housing.

No comparison with Whitechapel possible.

Attitude of qualified optimism.

increased this year, due to popularity of church & prosperity.

Subscription to Provident Soc. 1/2d or 1d a year. People come thru as times, & get 2% on deposits. Hull, local draper, has supplied things for years. The parish takes his trade discount. Coal club. Flourishing. Supplied at 3d (per cwt?) below current price.

Crowding increasing. Some fine larger houses in Dalston Lane occupied by 8 families.

Asked to compare present parish with Whitechapel, said he could not. They were so different. In Whitechapel nearly all Jews. Of the 5000 Non-Jews many were Irish R.C.s. Now we are outside the residue of the Whitechapel folk are shopkeepers.

As may be imagined his present experience is making him very hopeful, but his optimism is qualified, the only conclusion he draws is that "if there is in a place a vigorous influence for good, church or bazaar, it checks the downward tendency".

Pound.

Mr Sanders is a dark thick-set man of something over 40. Like Mr Johns he might be described as 'very intelligent', rather than as ~~[illegible]~~ intellectual. He looks a very ✝ is probably ~~[illegible]~~ a rather determined man, of clear practical judgment. He is a moderate churchman, evangelical than Mission, & described himself to me as having no very lofty aspirations'. He would appear to be strongly placed in Hackney.

Character of population

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Interview with the Rev Alex Morgan. of S John the Baptist Islington. at 49 Marquess Road on 19 Oct. CD.

Mr Morgan is a youngish man. a very agreeable personality. He worked for 3 years in Upper Holloway & has been 4½ years here. When he came the church was almost in ruins & without a congregation. he has repaired it & it is now fairly well filled.
The district is going down. He lived at first in Tyleefield road - bringing his wife there. as houses fell in they were let to 3 families & the whole of the red district. Ockenden Rd. Tyleefield Rd & Oakley Rd are now mixed with working class - while poverty has invaded Norfolk road to the north & Elmore road to the South. In the poor parts there is a good deal of home industry. Artificial flower making, fur pulling & mantle making. Sometimes the whole family work together. Some men are small employers of women & girls but on the whole the men go elsewhere for work. City users mostly. The better class are clerks & there are artisans & labourers of all kinds. The influx has been largely from the poor district South of New North Road. The Exodus to Leytonstone

Who are touched.

Workers.

Buildings

Services

Social agencies

Mr Morgan thinks it quite possible that for both those who come & those who go the move may in many cases be upward – but the district is poor.

He comes in contact, by visiting, with most of the population (8500 people) but the great majority never go to church at all. Are indifferent – agnostic or careless. This applies to young & old. but the children largely go to Sunday school. His congregation is drawn largely from the young people & from them he draws his Sunday school teachers &

Besides himself there is a curate – a city missionary & 2 Bible women – who are paid. Unpaid there are 40 Sunday school teachers.

Besides the church, there is a small hired mission room & plans are made & land bought & part of cost of building collected for a larger Mission Hall which will have a gymnasium in the basement & be used partly for clubs & social purposes. It will be in Essex road at the corner of James St. or near there

The Sunday services are at 8. 11. & 7. with classes & children's services in the afternoon. one thing or another. He has fully 300 in the morning & fully 600 in the evening. (I think he said the church held 750)

Pending the building of the Mission Hall. there is not much in the way of social agencies. There is a mothers meeting of course & I think there are Cricket clubs &c in a small way

Education

Visiting

Nursing

Charity

The Sunday School is held in Ecclesbourne Rd Board School. They have 500 children on the books. The teachers are clerks, Shopwomen & mostly drawn from the Parish. He did not know what I meant by the Dorcas system. He is satisfied with his teachers & holds a teachers preparation class weekly with an average attendance of about 15.

The visiting is systematic & they try to visit every one. dividing the district. The Missionary takes the poorer streets. He was a coachman & took to the work first in spare time & is now paid by the City Missionary Society. but this parish contributes £40. or about 2/3rds of his pay. The work is under Mr Morgan. Every lady visitor once a week. I saw the book which was beautifully kept with an account of the cases visited. Besides the visiting Tracts & Magazines are distributed.

They have no parish nurse & she is needed. He women have had a nurse in place of one of the Bible women if he could have afforded it. They try to hear of & visit the sick. but do not always succeed. The North London Association send nurses when applied to.

Mr Morgan gives less & less. His predecessor had given away food largely & the poor came off. They have now reduced the gifts to coal at Christmas for the most part.

Other Religious Agencies

Mr Morgan

The Baptists whose church is in Baxter St are active & do good work. They draw their congregation from a large area but work amongst the poor round about & give away a good deal. much more, he says, than he does. I did not gather that they exactly cooperate with his missionary but the feeling seems friendly.

The Presbyterians in Southgate Road are nearly dead at present. The minister found he had no vocation & has gone to Manitoba farming instead. The pulpit is at present filled by supplies.

Police are on good terms with the people & too good terms with the Publicans. He admitted the difficulty of the question but thought more might be done to stop the supply of drink to those who have already had too much

Drink. Mr Morgan is a teetotaler but not bigotted. He however regards the traffic with horror & the shame felt as to being seen entering a public house as very salutary. He women rather look the other way than push a man into drapery it seems. He is shocked at respectable women going & being willing to send their children. Took a strong view as to the children believing that for them to go familiarised them with evil. I put the other side

& he admitted that the time of temptation was when as young men they began to have money to spend. We did not discuss the drink question at large very much - but he said that Temperance work was slack - & that the Beer houses in the back streets were the worst. In many cases there were back doors & communication from the gardens

Prostitution - Little if any. Not much loose morality so far as he knew. Keeping company commenced very early & was often maintained for years. Crime not noticeable

Marriage often early - not particularly because of "Mrs. Grundy reasons" Such cases occurred as often later in life.

Thrift - Most are in clubs of some kind. The saving is usually for spending rather than keeping. There is a savings bank, which is used. His mothers meeting organizes saving for future expenditure. When men fall out of work they are quickly in want. Yet there seems to be plenty of money to spend. He thought that more than 5/. out of 25/ went in drink. It was quick work saving money if drink was abjured for a while. A Coat wear in dress. The shop girls do it very cheaply but are wonderfully well turned out - Any body who cared to make the effort could make themselves decent for church

Health. not very good. Scarlet fever the worst trouble

Sanitary authorities active. but housing unsatisfactory

Mr Morgan

Mr Morgan strikes me as a very genuine simple earnest minded man. Working for the good of his people. I should suppose that he is helped by a good wife. He took a broad view of every subject we discussed. I think he deserves success & probably success as much as any one.

Parish.

Staff.

Building.

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Interview with the Rev. A. Lightfoot
Vicar of St Stephen's Camberwell,
at The Vicarage, New Camberwell Terr (Oct. 14. 97).

(Literature: Parish New Book 1896 (pp. 32); Monthly Record, Oct. 1899. (4 pp.).)

Mr Lightfoot has been Vicar for nearly 4 years. His parish is a very mixed one, about a third to the North-East of it being occupied by a well-to-do set of business people; about two thirds by a respectable low Bohemian class (mainly clerks); & about 3 thirds by working-class & poor — carmen, cabmen, costers &c. &c.

There is no local industry.

Staff: Vicar & one Curate.

Voluntary workers: about 33 District Lady Visitors.
21 Male Sunday School Teachers
39 Lady — " —
3 Bible Class Teachers.

Grand total provided equals about 150.

Building: Church - held 1200.
2 Church Rooms - each 300.

Attendance.

Responsiveness of different classes.

Smaller rooms & Church House*

*. occupied by Verger & used for Cub. Pack
Mark II.

Attendance: Church Sunday Morning. About 300
Evening 450 } "possibly within the mark".

Easter Communicants 130

No Communicants roll accurately kept.

The Morning Congregation chiefly seat-holders. There are 100 free seats in the gallery & these are always better filled in the evening, when a poorer class come. The evening congregation is probably made up of about 200 of these & 150 of the seat-holders.

"Mr Lightfoot has no doubt but that it is the better class who response best to religious appeal. The poor are very difficult to reach, & those who attend most are women. Prolonged sleep on Sunday morning is one great explanation of the absence & indifference of working-men, who, though friendly, are apathetic. But now are as hopeless ~~as~~ as the casual class.

The Church is called Evangelical. They are just going to have a surplice choir. Only two families have raised

any objection one an old gentleman over 80, "the father of the congregation", & another his closer-friend.

The following is a list of the services, Sunday, Social agencies &c.

GENERAL NOTICES

SERVICES. Sunday, 8 & 11 a.m.; 3.30 & 7 p.m:; Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.; Friday and Saints' Days, 11.30 a.m.; and Festivals as announced

Sittings to be let on application to the Churchwardens. The Galleries of the Church are free.

HOLY COMMUNION. Every Sunday, 8 a.m.; 1st S. in month, 11 a.m.; 3rd S. 7 p.m.; 3rd Friday, 11.30. a.m. Festivals as announced. *Communion of Sick at any time upon notice given.*

HOLY BAPTISM AND CHURCHINGS. Sunday, 4.15 p.m.; Wednesday, 6.50 p.m.; Friday and Saints' Days, &c., 12 noon. Special times (for which a fee is charged) by notice.

No fees for Baptisms or Churchings, but an Offering should be made.

HOLY MATRIMONY. Notice of Banns should be left at the Church House, River Street. MARRIAGES, on week days, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sundays 9.45. a.m.

Residents in St. Stephen's Parish desiring to be married in the Church of England should have Banns published at the Church.

DEVOTIONAL MEETING: Lower Church Room, Friday, 7.45 p.m.

COMMUNICANTS' UNION: Church Room, Monthly, Friday before 1st S., 7.45 p.m.

GLEANERS' UNION: Church Room, Monthly, Friday before 2nd S., 8 p.m.

"PRYOR BOLTON" *Musical and Literary Society*, Thursday, 8 p.m.

BIBLE CLASSES, &c., as follows for:—
(i.) *Young Men*, Church House, River Street, Sunday, 3.30 p.m.
(ii.) *Youths*. Library, Sunday, 3 p.m.
(iii.) *Young Women*, in Girls' Class-room, Sunday, 3.15 p.m.
(iv.) *Men & Women*, (all over 17) in Church, Sunday, 3.30 p.m.
(v.) *Mothers*, Church-room, Tuesday, 3.30 p.m.
(vi.) *Blind Men*, Church-room, Wednesday, 11.30. a.m.
(vii.) *Blind Women*, Church-room, Wednesday, 2.30. p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, &c., as follows for:—
(i.) *Boys*, Lower Church-room, at 10 a.m., and 3 p.m.
(ii.) *Girls*, Upper Church-room, at 10 a.m, and 3 p.m.
(iii.) *Infants (Boys)*, Lower Class-room, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
(iv.) *Infants (Girls)*, Upper Class-room, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
(v.) *Seatholders' Children (Girls)*, Vicarage at 3.15. p.m.
(vi.) *Bible Reading Union*, 4th Tuesday in month, 7 p.m.
(vii.) *Teachers' Preparation Class*, Ch-Room, Friday (ex. before 2nd S) 8.30.
(viii.) *Teachers' Devotional Meeting*, Upper Ch-room, 3rd S. in month, 4 p.m.
(ix.) *Teachers' Business Meeting*, Church-room, as needed.
(x.) *Libraries* in connection with Schools and Bible-Classes, &c, Sun. 2.30 p.m.
(xi.) *An Employment Register for Boys and Girls* is kept.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES:—
(1.) Every Sunday Morning in Boys' School-room, at 11.
(2.) Every Sunday Evening in the Boys' School Room, at 6.30.
(3.) Afternoon of Second Sunday in month, in Church, at 3.30.

"THE FIVE CHARITIES," Meetings, &c., as follows for:
(i.) (a) *District Visitors'* Church-house, Monday, after 2nd S, 12, noon.
(b.) *Committee of Help*, Church-house every Monday, 11.30 a.m.
(ii.) *Dorcas Society*, (Feb. to Oct.) Lower Ch-room, on Monday, 11.30 a.m.
(iii.) *Coal Club*, (March to Nov.) ,, ,, ,, ,,
(iv) *Needlework Society*, (Sept. to June.) ,, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.
(v.) (a) *Maternal Society*, apply before 11 a.m. at the Vicarage.
(b) *Mothers' Meeting*, Church-room, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. — 110 Members.

WORKING PARTIES for Home and Foreign Missions, as follows:
(1.) *C.M.S.*, 2nd Friday, 3.30 p.m., at Suffolk Villa, Compton Road.
(2.) *South American Missionary Society*, last Sat. 5 p.m., 34, Alwyne Road.
(3.) *Daybreak Workers' Union* meets as announced.
(4.) *Home Missions*, 1st. Monday, 3 p.m., at the Vicarage.

GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN, for Instruction, Temperance and Thrift:
(1) *Senior Branch*, Open Meeting, Church-room, Tuesday, (October to April) 8.15 p.m. — 70 Members.
(2) *Junior Branch*, Members' Meeting, Ch-room, Tuesday, (September to May) 7 p.m. — 200 — —

MEN'S SERVICE: Church, last Sunday of month, 3.30 p.m.

GYMNASIUM: Upper Church-room, Monday and Wednesday, 8 p.m., (Junior—5.30. p.m.)

YOUTHS' INSTITUTE: Meeting Church House, Monday and Saturday, 7 to 9.30. p.m. — 20 members (ages 14-18)

PENNY BANK: Church House, Tuesday, 8 p.m. — 180 subscribers.

MISSION SERVICE: Lower Church-room, Sunday, 8 to 9 p.m.
Open-air in Summer, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8 p.m.

St Stephen's Men's Club. Meets on Thursdays; 24 members, mostly belonging to the Men's Bible class. Outsiders are welcomed, & the Club is really a "training ground" for the ulos of the Church.

Education.

Visiting.

*. See Form p. 59

Nursing.

No educational work, as such, is carried on.

The main object of the visiting is to keep the people in touch with the church; to make friends with them; & to see that they receive assistance on occasion may arise*.

Intimate visiting is aimed at, and among the poorer, that is, about 2/3rds of the parish, this is attained. In the better off part of the parish the district visiting is simply parish magazine distribution, but with all the rest the main object is the spiritual welfare of the people. Visitors & clergy have the same ends in view, & the chief difference is in the "competency" of those who undertake the work. Naturally the clergy are the best agents. The curate does little else, & covers the parish perhaps once a year, giving the sick the first claim on his time, & filling up with house to house.

The Vicar goes first to seat-holders & sick, & gives as much time as he can to regular parochial visiting.

There is no parish nurse, but they get official help, as wanted, from the North London Nursing Association (413 Holloway Road).

Charity.

Other influences.

Religion - Low Church.

Charity is administered really by myself, mainly on reports from the Visitors. There used to have been a Poor Man's Guide & Book Club. Relief is given, not indiscriminately, but generally to sick & invalids. To out-of-work cases only when there is something known that gives them a special claim. Mr L. Cooperates with the C.O.S.

Last year about £40 was given in relief & nearly £13 was spent in Christmas Dinners. The total receipts were about £65, & £10 of this was given by the Mot. Relief Association.

In addition there are the Coal Club, Dinners Society &c.

Asked as to other religious influences Mr Lightfoot mentioned a Congregational Chapel adjoining the Church. He is in a poor way. He does not know the minister or where he lives. Would like to meet him Mr Hancock. But he is disjointed. They have no Common Platform, & the Deacons act as Board School Managers.

Islington as a whole is Low Church. There are 43 churches, & not more than 3 or 4 of these are High. Only one is extreme. Explanation of the prevailing Low Church is the patronage which is largely in the hands of the Vicar of Islington. The Vicarage living is likely in the hands of an Evangelical Trust; the

members of which are renewed by cooptation. So the maintenance of the present state of things is fairly well assured.

On the general questions Mr Lightfoot gave the following opinions:-

Local Sanitary Administration satisfactory.

Out-door Relief satisfactory. Not maladministered except sometimes given to too old people, who could not really properly look after themselves.

Police satisfactory.

A good deal of drinking. No general opinion on Women drinking privately, but knows of two cases of well-to-do people (ladies) among his own seat-holders.

No criminal quarter, but there was recently, & perhaps is now, a gang of housebreakers living in a respectable house in Canonbury Square. Known to the police, & under their surveillance.

Has few marriages at his own church, but thinks the moral relationships of parish fairly good.

Health good.

No excessive crowding, but a certain number of one roomed tenements.

Personal.

Mr Lightfoot's work has nothing very distinctive about it, but the man himself is very delicately fashioned both in physique & in temperament. There is a kind of feminine sensitiveness about him that would probably make him win people's affection but make the stronger of them want to take care of him, rather than be stirred or even greatly influenced by him. Working-men could hardly be expected either to understand or appreciate him. They would be more likely to fear that he would break in their hands. One felt that he ought to be a Vicar in Bournemouth or Torquay rather than in North London.

When I asked him about his main objective in dealing with people, his first answer was that he would try & make them win souls. But when I asked the question with reference to those who already to be held this task, he said that he would attempt "a criticism of life in the light of revelation"; would speak of the responsibility of life & of a coming judgment; would try & make the man a "believer", which every one must be whose life is to be "sanctified". This would be his good - the "sanctification" of the individual life, & he was able to say this & many other things, because he himself seemed to live in the atmosphere of sanctity, natural in the best reflecting. He was a man of about 35.

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St. Stephen's, Canonbury.

District No. M

The next meeting of Visitors will be held on Tuesday at noon in the Church House. *If you cannot* be present, please fill in and return this Paper to the Vicar.

Sick Persons:—

Persons to be visited by the Clergy:—

T.O.

New Comers into the District : —

Remarks :—

(Signed) .....

Please distribute the *Records* before the meeting, or return to the Church House.

Character of population.

Oct. 26th.

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Interview with Mr J. Stuart Fox, St Paul's, Camberwell.

Mr Fox is a man probably of 50 with a brown wig, and face clean shaved but for a rather spare moustache; a hooked almost Jewish looking nose: altogether a very unclerical face.

The parish contains about 9000 of whom from 4000 to 5000 are working class: these are all in the district east of Essex Road and Newington Green Road. The poorest streets are Dorset St and Mildmay Avenue: the latter used to have a very bad reputation, and it was said not to be safe to go there at night, but now outwardly at all events it is quite respectable. The bulk of the inhabitants in the poorer streets are carmen, with a fair number of casual labourers. The rest of the parish takes in nearly all the best roads in Camberwell which is still entirely middle class, but rapidly declining, a lower middle class coming in

Persons employed.

Buildings.

Services.

Very large number of the houses are taken as lodging houses, the lodgers being nearly all young men employed in the city. The houses not lodging houses are largely occupied by persons who come in increasing number.

The population as a whole is so migratory that it is almost impossible to know anyone.

One Curate. Scripture Reader.
About 20 District Visitors.

Church. Schools. Vestry Hall.

See Ow.

The accomodation is about 1400: congregation in morning 800: in evening 1200. The church is rather a favourite church and the congregation comes from a wide area. Mr Fox used almost the same words as Mr Knapp on this point: "in London our churches are congregational not parochial: I doubt if six members of the congregation know that the bounds of the parish

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St. Paul's Church, Canonbury.

Vicar—

Rev. J. STUART-FOX, 55, Marquess Road, N.

Curate—

Rev. T. HOPE STEEN, M.A., 46, Beresford Road, N.

Hon. Diocesan Reader—

Mr. C. E. Cæsar, 10, Grange Road, N.

Churchwardens—

Mr. T. M. Norman, 35, Canonbury Park North.
Mr. F. J. Minasi, 18, Alwyne Place, Canonbury.

Sidesmen—

Messrs. Andrews, Bidlake, Cæsar, Cooke, Cossor, Gilbert, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, A. Pontifex, Power, G. Scheidel, Thornton and Wallis.

Lay Representatives at the Ruri-Decanal Conference—

The Churchwardens and Messrs. Pontifex and Power.

Auditors—Messrs. Andrews, Johnson, A. Pontifex and Wallis.

Organist—Mr. W. L. R. McCluer, 52, Aberdeen Road, Highbury.

Clerk—
Mr. E. J. White, 8, St. Paul's Pl.

Scripture Reader—
Mr. J. Petter, 40, St. Paul's Rd.

Verger—Mr. Reddy, School House, Dorset Street.

Divine Service.

Sunday Morning ... at 11 o'clock.	Sunday Evening ... at 7 o'clock.
Sunday Afternoon... at 3.30 ,,	Thursday ,, ... at 7.30 ,,

Special Address to Children, First Sunday in month at 3.30 p.m.

Special Sermon for Young People, Last Sunday in month 7.0 p.m.

Holy Communion.

First, Third and Fifth Sundays in the month at Morning Service.

Second and Fourth Sundays in the month, at 8 a.m.

Second Sunday in the month, at Evening Service.

Last Sunday in the month, at Afternoon Service.

Baptisms and Churchings.

First Sunday in the month, at 4.30 p.m., and every Thursday Evening at 7 o'clock.

At other times by special arrangement.

T. O.

MEETINGS AND CLASSES.

MEETING.	PLACE.	TIME.
Sunday—		
Sunday School: Morning - - - - -	Dorset Street	10.0 a.m.
" " Afternoon - - - -	"	3.0 p.m.
Young Children's Service - - - - -	"	11.0 a.m.
Young Women's Bible Class - - - -	"	3.0 p.m.
Congregational Bible Classes - - - -	Vestry Hall	3.0 "
Young Men's Bible Class - - - - -	36, Canonbury Park South	3.30 "
Mission Service - - - - - - - -	Dorset Street	7.30 "
Sunday School Teachers' United Prayer Meeting (3rd Sunday) - - - - - - - -	Vestry Hall	4.15 "
Monday—		
Mothers' Meeting - - - - - - -	Vestry Hall	2.30 "
" " - - - - - - -	Dorset Street	5.0 "
Band of Hope - - : - - - -	"	7.0 "
Meeting for Men - - - - - - -	Vestry Hall	8.30 "
Tuesday—		
Gospel Temperance Meeting - - - - -	Dorset Street	8.15 "
Gymnasium—"Juniors" - - - - - -	"	7.30 "
" (Christian Union Prayer Meeting) -	"	7.0 "
C.M.S. "Taljharis'" Missionary Band (1st Tuesday) - - - - - - - - -	Vestry Hall	8.0 "
C.M.S. Missionary Prayer Meeting (Monthly) -	"	8.0 "
C.E. Zenana Missionary Working Party (3rd Tuesday) - - - - - - - - -	35, Canonbnry Park North	3.0 "
Wednesday—		
Young Women's Bible Class - - - - -	Vestry Hall	8.0 "
Gymnasium—"Seniors" - - - - - -	Dorset Street	7.30 "
Carpentering Class - - - - - - -	"	7.0 "
District Visitors' Meeting (Monthly) - - -	Vicarage	3.30 "
"Beehive" Working Party, L.J.S. (Last Wednesday in the month) - - - - - - -	53, St. Paul's Road	6.0 "
Thursday—		
Choir Practice - - - - - - - -	Church	8.30 "
Dorcas Meeting (Last Thursday) - - -	Vicarage	3.0 "
Friday—		
C. M. S. Gleaners' Union Working Party (Monthly) - - - - - - - - -	Vestry Hall	8.0 "
Saturday—		
Prayer Meeting - - - - - - - -	Vestry Hall	8.0 "
Gymnasium—"Seniors" - - - - - -	Dorset Street	7.30 "
" (Christian Union Prayer Meeting) -	"	7.0 "
Penny Bank - - - - - - - - -	"	7.45 "
C.M.S. Sowers' Band (Second and Fourth Saturdays) - - - - - - - -	Vestry Hall	6.0 "

are." The congregation is almost entirely middle class, and there are more men than in most churches (I gather that Mr Fox is a popular preacher). Mr Fox has practically given over the working of the poor part of the parish to his Curate, who has a Mission service in Dorset St. which now and then passes on a few to the Church. But as a whole the working classes stand entirely aloof, and Mr Fox is of opinion that the Church should "take the bell by the horns and simplify the church services". This might not be possible in a parish like this where there is a large middle class congregation, but there is no reason why it should not be done in any working class district. Many of the women of the working class Mr Fox thinks to be willing and anxious to go to church, but what with husband and children they really have not time on Sunday, so that unless the husband is a Christian man it is practically impossible for the wife to attend church.

In the middle class church going is falling off

Social Agencies.

greatly, and this Mr Fox attributes largely to the bicycle. I suggested that probably the Sunday cyclists were drawn from a class who in any case would not be in church. "No" said Mr Fox, "many of them are, I won't say religious people, or they would care more for Sabbath observance, but people who have been drawn away from religious observance. I have known several instances of Sunday School teachers."

Such social work as there is is only in the Dorset St District. There then is a Mothers' Meeting of an unusually active character apparently with clothing, banking, boot, coal, and blankets clubs attached.

*** We are greatly encouraged by the numbers coming to the meetings, and are very glad of this opportunity of giving the Gospel Message to them, as we know well that it is the only time more than half of them ever come under the sound of the Gospel of God's Grace ; it being almost impossible for them to get to the House of God on a Sunday, as the husband and family are all at home and expect to find the mother there as well. The contributions to the various clubs for the year amount to £111 0s. 1d. or with the excursion to £131 3s. 1d., being £27 8s. 4½d. more than last year. The numbers attending the Infant Toy classes are larger than before, and we should be very grateful for any old toys, etc., to amuse the little ones. The latest feature in connection with this meeting is the formation of a Bible Club, and we are glad to say many of the women are availing themselves of this opportunity of buying Bibles for their children. The following ladies—Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Minasi, Miss Sawyer, the Misses Scheidel, Miss Reynolds, and Miss Atkin—still continue their valued help, and all manifest deep interest in their portion of the work and the welfare of the women.

Education.

Visiting.

Nursing.

There is a Gymnasium for men and boys open two nights a week, men in connection with a prayer meeting, also a Band of Hope.

Day School with about 470 children
Sunday School about 600, with 75 teachers, all middle class, members of the Congregation.

The poor part is very thoroughly visited by the district visitors, and Mr Fox visits as much as possible in Canonbury, but he has almost given up the Jews as a bad job, though I notice that among the numerous missionary societies in which he and his congregation take an interest there is a "St Paul's auxiliary branch" of the Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews, and that for this object they last year raised £42. 3. 3.

Send to the Holloway nurses or the Mildmay Deaconesses, both of which have most efficient nurses.

Charitable Relief.

Other religious influences

The Man

Relief is given through the Visitors in tickets to the amount of about £70 a year; another £21 goes in the Dorcas and maternity society and of £41 spent on the Soup kitchen about half is from subscriptions.

Though they do not work with the C.O.S. owing to the slowness of its methods they are very strict in the administration of relief: a large part of it goes to old people who are starving on inadequate out relief.

The only non-con. place in the parish is the Harcourt Chapel, which draws a rich middle class congregation. The Baptists are doing good work in the Dorset St. district.

Mr Fox is a rather inscrutable person and I cannot make up my mind about him. He has a pleasant friendly manner but he struck me as rather insincere. The chief interests of him and his congregation is evidently missionary work: last year they raised £41 for the British and Foreign

Bible Society: £42 for the Jews: £62 for the Church Pastoral Aid: £32 5 for the Church Missionary Society: £27 for the Zenana Missionary Society: £5 for the Sailors' Band. In addition there is a St Paul's branch of the Church Missionary Society Gleaners' Union for prayer and work the object being "to unite in one fellowship all who labour at home and abroad in connection with the C.M.S.: all who pray for its missions: all who are interested in the cause it represents, viz - the Evangelisation of the world: all who desire to take in any way a personal share in it's work of preaching the Gospel to the Heathen and Mohammedan nations". There is also a C.M.S. Day Workers' Union "to obtain systematic information about missionary work especially in C.M.S. fields and to interest others in the Evangelisation of the world". The following is from Mr Fox's annual letter:-

> I would most thankfully note the increasing interest manifested in Foreign Mission Work, evidenced by the monthly special meeting for prayer, and largely increased gifts, and it will be our earnest prayer, I am sure, that we shall continue to increase and abound yet more and more in this grace. It is abundantly certain that the more we sympathize with the work so dear to the Lord's heart, a reflex blessing will fall upon us, and our families, and our church.