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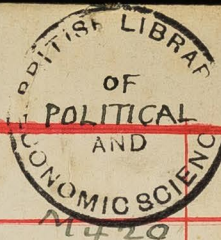
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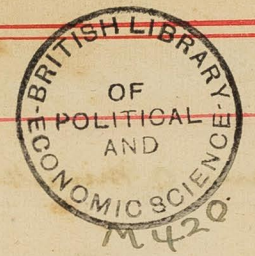
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Poplar & Limehouse

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Nicholson. Rev J. B.	Wesleyan Methodist	273 Burdett Road	3
Brown Mr Robt	" Steward	29 Abbot's Road S. Bromley	9
Daniel. Rev ^d W	Congregationalist	Coverdale Chapel, Commercial R 15 Fudgegate Square	15
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Joynes. Rev W.	Baptist. Cotton St.	11 Lough St. Poplar	30
Lee. Rev W. BA	Prim. Method. Poplar	5 Oriental Street	36
Fowler. Captain	Salvation Army Limehouse	29 Locksley Street	44
Gretton. Mr John	Trinity Congregational E. India Dock Church	232 High Street, Poplar	52
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Chapels & Missions.

District 11

Poplar & Limehouse

Denomination	Address of Chapel	Name of Minister	Address
Wesleyan (Seaman's Mission)	Brunswick, 3 Coltd Lane Limehouse.	Rev W. Warren Grigg	42 East India Dock Rd
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Wesleyan Methodist	East India Dock Rd. Poplar	✓	Nicholson. Rev J. B. BA.	273 Burdett Road.
"	Millwall. Alpha Road	✓	"	"
"	Cubitt Town. Steboudale St	✓	Pledge. Mr. W. Day Agent.	44 Glengall Road.
Methodist Baptist	Poplar. Pekin Street Elm	✓	Holder. Rev F. C.	42 Wallwood St. Burdett Road.
"	" Cotton "	✓	Joyes. Rev W ^m	11 Gough St, Poplar.
"	" High "	✓	Moyle Rev H. F.	8 Grove Villa East India Dock Road.
Primitive Methodist	Bethel near Bath St. Maria St. Millwall	✓	"	"
"	Manchester Rd. Cubitt Town	✓	Walton. Rev J.	56 Steboudale St. Cubitt Town
"	Cresp St. Poplar.	✓	Lee. Rev W. BA.	5 Oriental St, Poplar.
2 nd Circuit United Methodist Free Church	Bath St Chapel. East India Dock Road.	✓	Austin. Rev John	19 Woodstock Road Poplar E.
3 rd Circuit " "	Pegott St, Limehouse		"	"
Unitarian	Elsa St,		Toye J.	156 Stepney Green E.
Presbyterian	East India Road, Poplar.	✓	McQueen. Rev D.	297 Burdett Road E.
Brethren	The Hall. 13 Three Bolt Street Limehouse		"	"
Congregational	Coverdale Ch. Commercial Rd. Limehouse	✓	Daniel. Rev W.	15 Tredegar Square E.
"	West Ferry Rd. Millwall	✓	Temple. Rev W. J.	32 Shafford St. Millwall
"	Trinity, East India Dock Rd	✓	"	"
Salvation Army	Batadel. 769 Commercial Road East Limehouse.	✓	Fowler Capt. S.	29 Locksley St. Limehouse S.
"	Barack. Kirby St, Poplar	✓	Toxtou Capt.	31 Bath St, Poplar
"	" Millwall	✓	"	"
Hebrew Syn	Synagogue. East India Dock Road	✓	"	"

Missions. Also addresses of Missionaries

	Name of Mission	Address.	Accommodation	Name of Minister &c.	Address.
Seen	N.E. Gospel Mission Assembly Hall	Glengall Road		Mr Johansen	53 East Ferry Rd. Cubitt Town.
Seen	Mission Room	Charles Terrace		Mrs Steinmetz	25 Glengall Rd Cubitt Town.
Seen	L.C.M. Room	77 Augusta St. Poplar		Mr J. Aulds	61 Grundy St, Poplar.
	Christian Community Mission Hall	115 High St, Poplar.			
	L.C.M. Hall			Mr Trowell	1 Bellson St, Cubitt Town.
Seen	Tobago St Mission	Tobago St, Millwall		" H White	14 Pres Head, Millwall Docks E.
Seen	Schaffherbury Memorial Hall	Kirby St, Poplar		" W. Dodd LCM	83 New City Rd. Poplar.
Seen	L.C.M. Hall	130 Grundy St. "		" J Galt "	130 Grundy St. Poplar (corner of Reg St.)
Seen	Seaman's Rest (Wesleyan)	Jeremiah St. "		Rev W.W. Gregg.	42 East India Dock Rd.
Seen	Salmon's Lane Mission	Condor St Limehouse E.		Mr J. Wilson Booth	43 Whitehorse Lane E.
	Missionary to the Docks			Mr G. Davies	55 Myvia St South Broadway.

Rev. J. B. Nicholson B.A.
Wesleyan Methodist Minister

(a) General Character of Population.

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May 4, 1897

Interview with Rev. J. B. Nicholson B.A.
Supt Minister of the Poplar Circuit of the Wesleyan Methodists.

Mr N. has been stationed ^{here} 1 3/4 years, having previously served the Churches at Clapton, Ealing and Ravenscourt Park. The Poplar circuit includes 3 chapels and Mr N. is the only settled minister but he is assisted in the preaching services by other ministers from other districts and lay helpers.

People are mainly working class: ~~with~~ shopkeepers in the main streets. As you get farther from the main streets the people become poorer. Ironworkers, men in building trades, labourers of all kinds. Near the East India Road most are Londoners but in the Isle of Dogs there is a large number of countrymen.

There is much indifference and apathy amongst them. He does not ascribe it to hostility or the influence of other churches or socialism but thinks it is due to the long hours of heavy toil which exhaust the energies of the people. All the ministers and clergy will tell you that they are

(b) People reached by the Church.

(c) Persons employed

(d) Buildings used

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not touching the people as they ought". He had systematically visited the district within half a mile of the Poplar Chapel but the results were not equal to what would have been attained in any ^{other} district he had been in.

In the Poplar Chapel mainly the shopkeepers; in the other chapels working class; in each case the people are drawn almost entirely from the immediate neighbourhood.

Mr Nicholson is the only paid minister on the circuit. There is a paid lay helper, ^(Mr Pledger) attached to the chapel in Cubitt Town & working in the immediate neighbourhood. His chief duty is visitation but he also preaches and is in charge of the Cubitt Town chapel. There is also a Mission Band of about 60 members which visits the houses near the Poplar chapels; holds open air and other mission services. Most of the members however are young people and do not get home until late in the evenings so that their work is principally done on Sundays.

Three chapels: seating Poplar about 1250 persons; Cubitt Town & Millwall about 200 each. Also a good school room at Poplar.

(e) Services held and attendance.

Pastoral Visitation of Classes for the Renewal of Tickets of Church Membership.		Nos	Time of Meeting.	Date.
LEADERS.		148		
POPULAR.			Sun. 10 a.m.	
Stoneley, Mr.		6	3 p.m.	
Stone, Mr.		18	Mon. 7.30 "	
Sotcher, Mrs.		11	" 7.30 "	
Jeffries, Mrs.		15	Tues. 7.30 "	
Brown, Mr.		25	" 8 "	
Chapman, Mr.		12	" 8 "	
Bowles, Miss		8	" 8 "	May 26
Minister's		21	Wed. 6.30 "	
Knight, Mr.		17	Thur. 7.30 "	
Mackay, Miss		9	" 8 "	
Junior Classes.		24		
Chapman, Mr.		10	Tues. 7 p.m.	
Wilkins, Miss		14	Thur. 7 "	
MILLWALL.		40		
Paul, Mr.		6	Sun. 3.0 p.m.	May 4
Acres, Mr.		14	Tues. 8.30 "	" 4
Rowse, Mr.		20	Wed. 7.30 "	" 4
Junior Classes.		29	Wed. 6.30 "	" 4
CUBITT TOWN.		48		
Young, Mr.		23	Mon. 8 p.m.	May 20
Indge, Mr.		4	" 8 "	" 20
Floyd, Mr.		10	Thur. 8.30 "	" 20
Hipkins, Mr.		11	Sun. 10 a.m.	" 20
Junior Classes.		36		

Total Membership—236.
On Trial—23.
Increase on the Quarter—16.
In Junior Classes—89.

Ministers and Preachers.

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Rev. W. T. BARBER, M.A., B.D. " "
Rev. W. W. WALTON, Plaistow.
Rev. J. S. PAWLYN, Lambeth.
Rev. Dr. STEPHENSON, Children's Home.
Rev. SHELDON KNAPP, Missionary from Ceylon.
Rev. F. H. NAYLOR, Canning Town.
- Mr. W. PLEDGER, Lay Agent, 44, Glengall Road,
Cubitt Town.
- W. ROWSE, 65, Alpha Road, Millwall, E.
T. KNIGHT, 5, Woodstock Rd., Poplar, E.
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R. G. COVENEY, 265, Burdett Road, E.
G. LLOYD, 214, Devonshire Rd., Forest Hill.
A. LEGG, 23, Charnock Rd., Clapton, N. E.
T. LYLE, M.A., 78, Shacklewell Lane, N. E.
T. C. GARLAND, 58, Clemence Street, E.
J. CAMPBELL, 129, Manchester Rd., Cubitt Town.
R. SMART, 21, Wade Street, Poplar.

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Poplar chapel: Service on Sunday 11 and 6.30 pm. Attendance: morning 200 to 250, evening 400 to 500. Wednesday 7.30 service; Saturday 7.30 prayer meeting. There are also Sunday schools morning and afternoon, afternoon attendance about 300; sewing meeting, band of hope, and a Young Peoples (Wesley) Guild (Wed. 8.30 in Lecture Hall) attendance 60 to 70.

Millwall, Alpha Road. Sunday: Service 11 + 6.30, Sunday 130 to 150 attendance. school, morning & afternoon, attendance about 200 in afternoon. Tuesday service 7.30; Saturday, prayer meeting 7.30.

Cubitt Town Stebondale St. Sunday: Service 11 + 6.30, Sunday 150 to 160 attendance, fall on special occasion. school about 200 children. Thursday: Service 7.30, ~~Monday~~ Wednesday prayer meeting 7.30; Monday. Mothers' meeting—30 to 40 attending.

Have a most successful day school attended by about 300 scholars. Fees do not exceed of a week. The master, Mr J. Gale, 15 Landsker Street, Bow, is a good man & should be seen. Interview. (Book 3, page 72) By Mission Band, Mr N as much as possible & in Cubitt Town by Mr Pledger.

No arrangements in connection with the church. The nursing sisters of St John carry on an admirable work in Bromley.

(e) Services held and attendance.

ORDER OF PUBLIC RELIGIOUS SERVICES, 1896-97.

Places and Times of Service.	MARCH.		APRIL.					MAY.					JUNE.		
	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20		
MORNING LESSONS ...	Gen. xlii. Luke iii. 1-22.	Ex. iii. Luke vii. 1-23.	Ex. ix. Matt. xxvi. 1-16	Ex. xii. 1-28 Rev. i. 10-18	Numb. xvi. 1-35 1 Cor. xv. 1-28	Numb. xx. 1-13 Luke xxii. 1-30	Numb. xxii. John i. 1-14	Deut. iv. 1-22 John v. 1-23	Deut. vi. John viii. 12-30	Deut. xxx. John xi. 47 to xii. 11	Deut. xvi. 1-17 Rom. viii. 1-17	Is. vi. 1-10 Rev. i. 1-8	Joshua iii. 7 to iv. 14 Acts iv. 1-22		
POPLAR. ... II EAST INDIA ROAD. 6½ Wednesday ... 7½ Saturday, P. Mtg. 7½	Mission Nicholson	Legg E Nicholson ES	Walton SC Walton SC	Nicholson Wright	Lyle Nicholson L	Pawlyn FM Knapp FM S	Olver SC Olver SC	Lyle Nicholson	Barber Barber	Nicholson CA Stephenson CA	Pledger Nicholson S	Roe Nicholson	Nicholson H Smith H		
MILLWALL. II ALPHA ROAD ... 6½ Tuesday ... 7½ Saturday, P. Mtg. 7½	Nicholson Harding	Rickett E Legg E	Campbell SC Acres SC	Coveney Knight	Hicks Harding	Seager FM Pledger LFM	Nicholson SC Legg SC	Nicholson Lloyd	Pledger SS Nicholson SS	Acres Harding	Smart SC Smart SC	Knight Coveney	Seager H Nicholson HS		
CUBITT TOWN II STEBONDALE STREET 6½ Thursday ... 7½ Wednesday P. Mtg. 7½	Acres Pledger	Nicholson E Pledger E	Pledger Campbell	Pledger SC Pledger SC	Nicholson CA Pledger CA	Pledger FM Naylor FM	Pledger Nicholson S	Lloyd SC Pledger SC	Nicholson Pledger L	Campbell Pledger	Nicholson SC Pledger SC	Pledger Seager	Smith LA Pledger LA		

REFERENCES.

B—Baptism.—Both parents to be present, and timely notice to be given to the Chapel-keeper.
S—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
L—Lovefeast.
E—General Education Fund Collection.
CS—"Church Social."
SC—Special Circuit Collection.
CA—Chapel Anniversary.
H—Hospital Collection.
GF—Good Friday Service.
GD—Guild Devotional Meeting.
LA—Lay Agent Fund.
SS—Sunday School Anniversary.
UC—United Meeting of all the Society Classes.

The * denotes a Leaders' Meeting, which all the Leaders are earnestly requested to attend. It is desirable that all Committee and other Business Meetings should, as far as practicable, be held on Evenings not appropriated for the Leaders.

March 21st to 30th. Special Circuit Mission at Poplar, conducted by Rev. ED. DAVIDSON, Connexional Evangelist.
"Brethren, pray for us."

N. B.—A "Japanese Fair" will be held in the Poplar Lecture Hall on April 28th, 29th and 30th.

NOTICES.

The Local Preachers' Meeting will be held at Poplar, on Wednesday, June 2nd, at 8.30 o'clock p. m.

The Circuit Quarterly Meeting will be held at Poplar, on Monday, June 14th, Stewards will meet at 5.30. Tea at 6.

Poplar Guild Prayer Meeting Sundays 6 p. m.

POPLAR Church is Licensed for Marriages Notice to be given to the Minister.

No announcements can be made in the Churches but such as relate exclusively to the interests of the Work of God. Every notice, or request for thanksgiving must be signed by one of the Stewards BEFORE the commencement of the services, otherwise it cannot be published.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.

POPLAR CIRCUIT.

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OF THE

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MARCH 26th, to JUNE 26th, 1897.

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CIRCUIT STEWARDS.

Mr. HARRIS, Hurst House, Woodford, Essex.
Mr. SEAGER, 197, East India Dock Road, E.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

Society Stewards,	Poor Stewards,	Church Stewards,
Mr. KALLBERG, 5, Woodstock Road,	Mr. BROWN, 29, Abbots Road, Poplar, E.	Mr. AVES, 24, Teviot St., Poplar, E.
Mr. CARR, 49, Benson's Avenue, East Ham, E.	Mr. T. WILKINS, 110, West India Road, Bow, E.	Mr. GALE, 15, Landseer Road, Bow, E.
Mr. BARRON, 3, Grundy St., Poplar.	Mr. DEEKS, 62, Mellich St.	Mr. DEEKS, 62, Mellich St.
Mr. NOYES, 10, Pier Head, Millwall.	Mr. A. BARRON, 193, Mellich Street, Poplar.	Mr. BARRON, 3, Grundy Street, Poplar.
Mr. MORTLOCK, 32, Glengall Road.	Mr. PAYNE, Billson Street.	Mr. YOUNG, 44, Glengall Road.
Mr. COOK, Cleveland House, Hardy Rd., S. E.	Mr. S. J. CRAB, 25, Mansfield Street.	Mr. PORTER, 57, Stebondale Street.

CIRCUIT OFFICERS.

Auxiliary Fund Treasurer—Mr. SEAGER.
Circuit Trusts' Secretary—Mr. J. J. GALE.
Quarterly Meeting Secretary—Mr. A. H. WARREN.
Education and Temperance Sec.—Mr. T. JACKSON.
Local Preachers' Meeting Sec.—Mr. J. J. SEAGER.
Foreign Missionary Secretaries (Mr. J. J. SEAGER.

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(g) Educational Work.

(h) Visitation

(i) Nursing the sick

(j) Charitable Relief

(k) Other Religious Influences.

(l) Charitable & Philanthropic Work

Office: Town Hall Newby Place Poplar.
See Charities Register, p 320.

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No charities connected with the circuit. There are quarterly collections at each chapel for the 'poor fund' but this is practically limited to the sick folk connected with the Church. They have also a fund raised for helping the people at Christmas, which is not confined to their own people. Collections are also made for societies such as the Strangers' Friend Society

Made a general reference to these; the only specific point being an allusion to a P.S.A. at the Edinburgh Castle on Sunday afternoons which is largely attended. The young people are kept by the prizes. Several of their own, who have been brought in since they joined the P.S.A. still continue their membership and some walk two miles to the meeting, many coming from 'the island'.

Not much co-operation in philanthropic work. They have not much to give. The Poplar Benevolent & Accident Relief Society (Sec. C.W. Raymond
24 Lawrence Road Bow)
does a good work. Gives a good deal at Xmas. To arrive at this point, we had been an hour and

Local Government.

Drink

Prostitution

Crime

Marriage

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half, so that I hurried over the remaining questions, especially as I found that, apart from the purely religious work, Mr N. had not taken an active part in local matters.

Does not regard the administration of the Poor law favourably. gave a case of an old man of 75, for 35 years a member of their church. Evidently a steady man, who had only worked for 4 employers, a class leader etc. He had saved in the Foresters but owing to losses of the Society he had been paid off. After some difficulty Mr N obtained 5/- a week from the guardians and collects 7/6 a week from the church members for him.

Bad. Worse than anything else.

Mostly near the West India Dock Road. Garish. Different to West End. Appeals to sea faring men. Also mentioned Jamaica Street (M.E.C.T.).

Due to drink as a rule.

Poplar Chapel is licenced for marriage. Does not find early marriage prevalent. Marriages are mostly those of their own people and as a rule they are thrifty. Many marriages through the Registrars.

Office. Should see Registers as to this.

Also see Mr R. Brown, Overseer of Bromley and
one of the Wesleyan Poor Stewards. (29 Abbot's Rd Poplar)

The Young Men at Poplar have a Reading room
& there are some clubs. See Interview with
Mr J J Gale. Book 3. pages 227 - 31.

Mr Robert Brown

Wesleyan

District defined

Population changes

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Mr Robert Brown, Poor Steward of Poplar Wesleyan Methodist Church, of 29 Abbotts Rd, South Bromley. Also an Overseer of Bromley St Leonard and the Chairman of the Public Library Committee.

Mr B. has spent all his life in Poplar. The original Wesleyan chapel was in Hale Street. The new chapel (corner of Woodstock Road) was opened in 1868 and the Hale Street Building has been used as a day and Sunday school since. The day school has been open over 34 years. Mr B. was brought up in the school. He is now a ~~the~~ corn dealer, having his shop at above address. A corner shop. He is a quiet and somewhat reticent man but keen and well-informed on local matters.

In speaking about the district or Poplar, the region thought of was mainly the streets within a short distance of the East India Dock Road, including the part of South Bromley known as the Abbott Estate, which people come ^{to} speak of as Poplar.

The character of the population has changed greatly within the past 20 years. Then the ship-building

Houses & Rents

Description of People

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- building was flourishing and a large number of men employed in the trade were resident, also good class mechanics and some middle class people. These have gone to the outlying suburbs, the district about Upton Park being a specially favored one. The process still continued. 99 out of a 100 young people when they marry leave the district. Rents are cheaper and the houses more convenient.

Now the rent on the Abbott Estate is 13/- a week for a 7-roomed house in Abbott's Road (reckoned the best) and 12/- a week for the other roads. These houses have four rooms upstairs and three on the ground floor. Occasionally they are let in half-houses but this is not usual. Rents are about as dear now as 20 years ago but they are rising. There has been a fall meanwhile but it has been made up since.

People now living in the district include a number of various occupations in the City; a large number of train & bus men (neighbourhood convenient as near the tram terminus); also a considerable number of Donald Curries men and others employed at the mills

Trade Unionism

Socialism

Ministers not so

sympathy with working men.

mills.

The working men are generally under the influence of ~~socialism or ethical teaching~~ if they trade unionism. Their teaching if anything is social and ethical. Not that socialism proper is strong here. It is stronger in Bow. It is really a modified socialism, reflecting the influence of W^m Crookes who is the leading spirit here and holds meetings outside the Dock gates on Sundays. One good thing about it is a strong opposition to drink and gambling.

Mr B. thinks that the ministers do not reach the working people because they are middleclass men & have no real sympathy with this class of people. They do their best and work hard but the service does not appeal to the working man. He would like to see the liturgical service abandoned and the services conducted more on a mission style. Thinks they Church do this sort of thing (e.g. the liturgy) better in church. The ^{Chapels} are too respectable.

At their church they have had considerable
over

Other Religious Influences.

Poor Law administration
& Poverty

Should see Mr Fred Butler
Asst Clerk to Guardians, as to
Poor relief.

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difficultly with their work, owing to people leaving the neighbourhood etc. They built a lecture hall a few years ago - until that time they were free from debt. ~~It cost~~. When Mr Nicholson came they were burdened with debt - about £300 on the Circuit fund + £80 on the Trust fund. Since he came there has been an improvement; this has all been cleared off.

Thinks the Salvation Army are doing most in Poplar. Their barrack is in Kirby Street. They hold two large open-air meetings (on Sundays); have a good band and get the people. The churches have open-air but talk into the air. The United Free Methodists (E. J. Dock R^d) are burdened with debt (£2800). Their chapel has been built about 30 years. The Roman Catholics are in Canton Street (St Mary and St Joseph) but don't hear much about them. St. Matthias is the best church in Poplar. Mr Keel is a good fellow and works very hard.

There is very little poverty. Less people in the workhouse than for years past. The rates has gone down 3^d on the quarter and this is mainly due

Conditions as to Drink

Housing and Sanitation

Charity

Police

due to saving on the poor rate. ~~The~~ Trade is better: the Thames Iron works for instance is doing more.

Don't think things are quite so bad as formerly but quite bad enough. There are temperance organizations connected with the churches but not very flourishing; really nothing apart from the churches. Drinking mostly by men. On Saturday night the houses on the other side of the Lea close at 11 pm. and the people then come over here to finish up their that three parts of the people turned out of the Publichouses in Cannon Town come over 'the bridge' to drink at the Iron Bridge Tavern or the Aberfeldy Tavern.

Conditions are much better than in past; chiefly due to the L.C.C. Drains are always looked to, when we have a case of infectious disease.

~~Most~~ people relieved by Board of Guardians and C.O.S. Parish charities at Epiphany (about £200) distributed by Vicar and Overseers. C.O.S. send a number of people away to homes and the churches also do a little in this work. Has been on Bd of Guardians 3 years - finds very few applicants belong to the churches. Many Roman Catholics; the bulk of those who apply are Irish people.

As to the police, would only say that there are a

Police (cont'd)

Amusements of People

Others to see

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lot of blackguards amongst them. Once he had to order two of them off his doorstep (a corner shop) owing to their disgusting talk. I think that they are bribed by the publicans altho' he has no absolute proof. They seldom take anybody for drunkenness.

There is a good deal of petty housebreaking in the neighbourhood, mostly on Sunday evenings and this has grown to such an extent that people fear to go out then. They have not caught anyone yet.

Replying to question as to how young people spent their evenings Mr B. said that they worked very late; think the proportion working late has increased. Many go to the music halls: there is one in High Street (Roxon) and one has been opened at Stratford. Many go in for sports of various kinds; also Blackwall Pier is a popular resort - go to watch the boats etc.

For the United Methodist Free Church - see Mr Lear 65 East India Dock Road. He has been connected with the Church many years.

Mr Cook of Burdick and Cook, 122 Eastferry Rd is the 'backbone' of the work on the Island.

May 27th.

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C.A. (2)

Interview with Rev. W. Daniel, Comdale
Chapel, Lenichona, and W. Tidyman Esq.

Mr Daniel is Minister of a Congregational
Chapel in Commercial Road, close to Lenichona
Church. He has only been there for some months
having previously worked for some years in
Barnaby and Patterson. Owing to the shortness
of his experience Mr D. is not prepared to speak
as to the character of the District with any
authority.

The work at Comdale Chapel was in
very low water when Mr D. came, and the
object of his appointment is to see whether it
is capable of being worked up. If he finds
that things do not improve he will recommend
that it be closed.

One deaconess who visits and does a little
elementary teaching

Persons employed.

Buildings.

Services.

Social Agencies

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Chapel and two such class rooms. There used to be also a school room which was given up some years since thro. want of funds and difficulties as to removal of heat. It is since then that the work has languished.

Two in Chapel and two outside on Sunday. In morning about 100 and evening about 150. (Great increase since Mr. D. came). At the outdoor services about 150.

Communicants: - Role just over 100; 22 received since Mr. D. came. Attendance for last five, 41, 51, 63, 61, 77.

There is a service on Wed. evening: about 35. The congregation is fairly well-to-do; nearly all connected with the docks or shipping.

Youth's meetings on Tuesday and Friday: on Tuesday for Sunday school and Choir boys; on Friday for young ladies: have to visit the members to 40 for want of accommodation.

Band of Hope about 40.

Education.

Visiting

Charitable Relief.

20. Young persons' society of Christian Endeavor,

Gicket and Swimming Club.
A Pleasant Evening on Monday with concert lantern etc. Open free; Mr. D. has to provide expenses out of own pocket.

Mr. D. often has boys home to tea etc. and shows microscope etc.

Sunday School for Boys, Girls, and Young Women. No. attendance 150.

Mr. D. devotes one day to visiting, and often visits in the evening so as to catch the men. He comes into regular. There is no fixed district, but Mr. D. makes it a point to "begin" at Jerusalem that is not to neglect the immediate neighborhood of his chapel for a wider field.

The sacramental fund of about £1 a month is devoted to wharf, and about £5=

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from other sources. There are a few old pensioners.
The whip is in hand, and as far as possible for
children.

Mr. D. has quite C.O.S. views on the subject
of whips, but finds it very difficult to work
with the Committee owing to the frequent officious
behaviour of the Clergy, who are largely represented
on most of them: I don't like being patronised
by some boy merely because he has orders of which
I certainly lay little store. This is the sort of
things that makes the iron enter into one's
soul. Swedenborg has behaved very well
and sent Mr. D. a cordial letter offering
cooperation. When Mr. D. was at Boston
he worked well with Mr. Watson, the Vicar of
Ch. Ch. On Mr. Watson's departure he sent a
letter of welcome to the new Vicar, welcoming
him to the district and hoping that they
might work together: he received a reply of
eight sheets telling him that he was living
in a state of schism, and that the Vicar
could have no dealings with him unless he

joined the true church.

It will be seen that the work of Comdale Chapel is at present very small, but the man must not be judged by the present condition of the work.

Mr D. is a man of about 50; with the rather full, bearded face, and the snub nose typical of so many non-conformist ministers. Though not so plain and coarse he has the Spurgeon type of face. On the whole he impressed me very favourably as a man of a pleasing personality, and as an active and probably successful minister. His great aim of course is to develop the spiritual side of his work, but he fully recognizes that the social side must not be neglected. "Preaching alone is not enough. One must have institutes and societies to bring the men and the young people in." Mr D. has always made a great feature of work among men and lads, and has always been able to get hold of them. Both on the spiritual and

social side he thinks this field is much better covered in Dept than South London; a very large number of men attend the services at the Wimbush Lecture, Row and Long Institute, The Great Hall etc. Altogether the Dept End is much more alive than Barnaby; there the "working man's sole idea is to 'bury his nose in a quart-pot'" and spiritually and intellectually the place is dead. The Dept End gets much more than its fair share of public attention. Barnaby though spiritually much more alive than most of South London, owing largely to the influence of John Purser.

Mr D. is a bit of an artisan, carpenter, painter etc. Since he has been here he has put in two or three hours overtime daily in repairing and decorating his chapel, and often begins at 6 o'clock in the morning.

He mentioned too that he never had a service without flowers in the chapel, both cut and potted; these he provides at his own expense.

Mr D. spoke of the terrible difficulty of

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Caring on the work of the free churches
owing to the absence of endowment. My fear
that for the support of his work comes
out of the pockets of the congregation and
they have to provide at least £5 a week.
Mr D's stipend is £150 a year: "I am
often conscious of the contrast between my
£5 a week and their small wages but I
am a married man with eight children and
cannot live on less."

Rev^d David McQueen
Poplar Presbyterian Church.

Scotch element strong on
Abbott Estate & Millwall

Buildings used

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CA (2)
Rev^d David McQueen of Poplar Presbyterian
Church, East India Dock Road & 297 Burdett Road.
(Blunsell St.)
(G.B.A. May 17/97)

Mr McQ. is a man between 30 & 40, and
altho' he has no peculiar accent, speedily reveals his
nationality. His work is mainly directed
to meet the needs of the Scotch element, which forms
a large proportion of the inhabitants of the Abbotts
Road district, ^{Poplar} and the Isle of Dogs. On an
average, he finds that 3 out of 5 engineers on
board ship are Scotch. In the neighbourhood of
Abbotts Road, there is a Scotch colony, mainly
Peterhead and Aberdeen men. These towns supply
a large number of ship's carpenters; due to the
fact that these places ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{engaged in} wood shipbuilding.
The men are employed by Donald Currie &c.

Beside the Church in Poplar, Mr McQ. has
a chapel in West Ferry Road, which until
recently has been worked as a church with a
minister. The minister has now been with-
drawn and they intend to work it as a
mission.

c) Persons employed

Visitation

(d) Buildings used

(e) Services

mission, putting a missionary in charge, who will work under Mr Mc L.

Besides Mr Mc Queen the minister, there is a seaman's missionary who boards the vessels coming into the port to enquire after Scotchmen & to help them & introduce them to the church. Also a Biblewoman and nurse engaged in visiting in Poplar. She also gives some food & clothing where needed. Have 11 district visitors (ladies) at work in the neighbourhood but find it impossible to give them fixed districts; each lady has a certain number of families to look after instead.

The Church which seats about 350. A hall (250 seats) and 3 classrooms. Besides these buildings at Poplar, there is the chapel at West Ferry Road seating persons.

On Sunday, Service at 11 am. Attendance about 160.
" " 6.30 pm. " " 240 comfortably full.

Sunday school at 3 pm. 211 scholars on books; average attendance about 190. Evening session for 4 months in the year, for preparation of scholars for Scripture examination in March. Senior Bible class 3 pm.

Services etc (cont'd)

Other Meetings & Social Agencies

Also hold religious services on Sunday evening in two registered lodginghouses in the neighbourhood, one in St Ann's Street, where they find 40 to 90 lodgers; the other in Dodd Street, attendance 20 to 40, the attendance being least in the summer when the men stay in the parks etc as late as possible. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Service. average attendance 50.

Other meetings are:

Monday, mother's meeting in Hall. About 20 attend. Supply them with materials by clothing club.

Thursday 8 p.m. during 7 months of the year. Christian Association meets. A social & religious society, supported by the members of the church generally. There is also a Band of Hope with about 200 on the roll and an attendance of about 70 in the summer and 110 in the winter. Some are very poor. Senior Temperance Society, but not very flourishing.

A cripples band (in connection with the ~~R.S.~~ Ragged School Union. They visit about 20 cripples in their homes. There is also a Dorcas Society (See page 26), a Seaman's library, a Magazine Society and a Circulating library.

Educational work

The Sailors' library is a collection of books for the use of sailors when at sea. It contains standard works, scientific & other books useful to seafaring men and is not confined to religious literature. The men select the books they want; these are packed in boxes holding about 15. Also arrange for ships to change their boxes with other ships at foreign ports. Have about 600 volumes and have spent about £200 on this during the past 2 years. Have not lost a book yet.

Magazines Society buys the current popular magazines ~~of~~ and sends them to their members and adherents abroad. Sent nearly 700 magazines last year at a cost of about £17.

The Circulating Library (2^d per week) buys recent works, (Barry's, Ian Maclaren, Crockett etc) circulates them amongst its members and then generally sells them to the Sailors' library. "Very successful"

Nursing done by St John's nurses. Very good nurses and the society deserves every encouragement. Been to several of our people. A lot more could be done if there were more nurses.

Nursing the Sick

Charitable Relief

Other Religious Influences.

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The Dorcas Society has two objects: to relieve "old people, and (2) children. The number of old people over 65 years of age are allowed about 3¢ a week. About 12 of these are given a pension and another 18 are helped at intervals. Find it better to help 12 thoroughly than more partially. Make certain that they are alright.

Also look after some of the children attending the Band of Hope etc. Supply clothing - teachers have to make a report. Have connected themselves also with Ricardo Street Board school and during the winter months boots etc are given on the recommendation of the teachers. Give suppers about once in 6 weeks during winter to the lodgers at the Registered Lodging houses; also a dinner to the poor in the New Year, as they found the Christmas dinners overdone. They also leave money with the lodginghouse deputies to pay for bed or breakfast for deserving men & the sick. Supply hospital letters. Have had several very good cases from these houses.

The London City Mission is doing a good deal. Mrs Aulds in Grundy Street, and Mr Dodds. Regards the latter as the model missionary for East London. These visit among the people. Salvation Army has not ~~not~~ great hold. Mrs Chandler's (Poplar) is most talked about. Rev A.G. Brown was a great centre

Charitable work apart from Church.

C. O. S.

I. Poplar Union

Police

Drink

of influence. All Hallows also work hard. Pressed into the houses, whether people wanted them or no. Persist even when they know that the people belong to other churches.

C. O. S. is ~~the only~~ the only. Was asked to join the Committee; ~~when~~ went once and found it so much dominated by Church influences; things referred to the Vicar & +c. Then the way enquires were made when they were giving did not please him and he never went again. Does not suppose he is a member ^{now}. Mr. Joyner (Baptist minister) also joined the Committee at the same time.

The Poplar Union is well spoken of. This largely due to the influence of W. Crookes - 'Provoost of Poplar'.

Thinks they are rather lax. He has complained to Sir E. Bradford about the state of the East India Dock Road.

Don't think there is the same amount of drunkenness but there is a great deal of 'soaking'. The police should be ~~made~~ supported by the public as the latter make all their work.

Prostitution

Marriage

Housing etc

"Very lamentable". Bad houses in West India Dock Road, Farrance Street and Stainsby Road. Bad women solicit openly in the Road.

Those he marries here do not marry so early as ~~the~~ in Scotland. ~~There were~~ A great many early marriages there - the Presbyterian Church was the parish church; this may account for it.

Coming from Scotland, where each family had a house, however small, Mr Mc D. felt the deficiencies of our system very keenly. Regards rents as excessive and the houses unsuitable. Sub letting bad; each family should have its own apartment. The present block of buildings is too big. Thinks the Prestage Street flats are better. Rents 12/6 + 13/6. too high. Enforcing the evil of lodgings, he told of a family connected with his church and living in Woodstock Road. A man in high hat & good coat took rooms for himself & wife. He came dirty with a wife & several children & remained 6th weeks before the landlord could get him out & never paid a 1st rent.

Church Membership.

"Never been in a place where intellectual life was as low"
as Poplar.

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Have about 260 persons in full communion; of these
about 80 are at sea, ^{some of} ~~all~~ their families are here.

The prominence given to intellectual culture is the
point that seemed to distinguish this church, judging from Mr
McQueen's description of it. He regards the intellectual
life of Poplar as at a low ebb and compares the
ordinary working men of Poplar very unfavourably
with those of the East coast of Scotland or Edinburgh.
There is only one bookseller in Poplar and he is
supported by the sailors, not by the local people.
Thinks this ~~ab~~ condition is due to the want of early
education and the 'strain of getting the daily bread'
altho' he does not think the men work so hard as in
Scotland & the North. Their education does ~~not appear~~
~~not~~ help the children much; they generally go in
for light literature. "The only question you can
discuss in Poplar is the Labour question."

Rev^d W. Joyner
Baptist Minister

G. Arkell
May 17/97

Congregation, mainly
Shopkeepers + Artisans

Persons Employed

11/10

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J.S. (2)

Rev^d W. Joyner, Minister of Cotton Street
Baptist Church. 11 Gough Street, Poplar.

Mr J. is a young man, this being his first pastorate. He has been settled at Poplar four years and has been here longer than any non-conformist minister. The Rev J. Austin (U. Methodist) + Rev D. M. Allen coming soon after him. If I wished to learn more of the past history of the Church, Mr R. Blackmore, Pawnbroker, High Street, Poplar, should be seen. He is a deacon + the treasurer + has been connected with the Church for many years.

The greater part of their congregation consists of shopkeepers and their families, and the remainder are working class. Not many of the lower class come, altho' they have tried to get them.

Mr J. is the only paid officer of the church. They had a missionary (London City) connected with the church but he is now attached to St Matthias Church. Of unpaid workers, there are 4 deacons, 2 deaconesses + and four elders, the latter's duty being to visit chiefly

amongst

Buildings used

Services held

amongst the congregation. Then there are Sunday school teachers.

The Chapel in Cotton Street seats 800 persons. There are 3 schoolrooms; the boy's seating 300, the girls 400, the young men 100 & there is an infant room holding 100.

Sunday morning service 11am. attendance ab. 400.

evening " 6.30 " " 6.50
of the morning congregation about 100 would be children. When Mr J. came the attendance in the morning was about 13 persons & evening 36.

Sunday School 10am. attendance about 100.

" 2.45. " " 400 including infants and young men.

Have 40 young women & 30 young men in the Bible classes. These are known as "Berean classes".

A prayer meeting is held at 10am before the service (attendance about 10) and after the ~~evening~~ service during the winter. In summer two open-air meetings are held instead; one at corner of E. S. Dock Rd & Cotton Street & the other at Blackwall Pier.

Monday 7.30. prayer meeting. Attendance larger in summer than winter - 60 against about 20.

Monday. Mothers' meeting - get about 100 women of the lowest type. Give them a cup of tea & a bun. When room is hot the smell is very bad.

Services held (cont^d)

Social Agencies & Meetings

Educational Work

Tuesday - "our own mothers". More respectable.

Thursday 7.30. Preaching Service.

" 8.30. Christian Endeavour Society (Seniors) about 70 members, average attendance 45.

Friday 7.30. C. Endeavour (Juniors) about 50 members.

Saturday 8 - Prayer meeting. Small attendance

Band of Hope is held on Tuesday at 7.30. p.m. membership about 80. There is also a Cricket Club and a Cycle club. Members must be Christians. Mr J. is president of the Cycle club. They visit some of the Essex villages. Have occasional entertainments in connection with the Band of Hope & Sunday School for which they have certificated elocutionists. Most of the Churches follow the lead of Archibald J. Brown and have a paeantor to lead their singing - not a choir. This results in congregational singing.

Shorthand and elocution classes are held during the winter. Mr J. is a manager of the local group of schools. Many of their elder scholars go to the night school, where the attendance is small but regular. Some of the young men go to the People's Palace; they usually take up

Visitation

Pastor visits regularly

up subjects useful to them in their business.

As pastor, Mr J. visits his own people, both church and congregation ^{systematically} regularly. Undertakes to go to each twice in the year. During the first year visited each family three times.

Has also made an attempt to visit the neighbourhood systematically. Got the Parliamentary Register and mapped out the streets, two visitors being allotted to a street. In this way they visited the streets between North Street & Robin Hood Lane; the Manchester Rd & streets adjacent & the district between Eder Street & Abbotts Road. Did not think the results were satisfactory - "not worth the candle". People promise to come but do not. As illustration of this he told me that Mr E. Blanchard, the London City Missionary, visiting in the Grosvenor Buildings, visited 64 people there, inviting them to a special meeting on the evening. 41 promised to come and out of these 2 came.

The United Methodists & the Wesleyan Methodists have also tried systematic visitation. No effort is made to prevent overlapping in this visitation. The Free Church Council made an attempt but nothing was done.

Charitable Relief.

This church has 3 old women in

Green's Almshouses, Upper North St. Endowed by R. Green.
Almshouse provided for 21 poor women, others are
nominated by Trinity Congl. Ch., St Matthias & the Wesleyan Church
Each is give 25/- a quarter & a little extra at Xmas

Other Religious Influences

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Gave about £50 last year. The collection at the
Communion Table is given to the poor of the church. They
allow 3/- a month to some poor people & 5/- a month
to one. Also 2/- a year to C.O.S. toward a man's pension
Held a rumble sale to obtain money for poor and
last year had an appeal in the Freeman for the poor.
It brought in £9. Believe in making the people
thrifty. Has been on C.O.S. Committee and is
grateful for the experience. He was prejudiced
against the Society when he joined the Committee
but his views respecting the society have
modified since that time. ~~The~~ The people
like the Society "as the Devil likes holy water". The
enquiries make them averse to it. If a person
gets over the C.O.S. there is no one else for
them to get over.

Romans are not so active as the
Anglicans. The Church of England is most active - come
every week to the people. Does not make much difference;
"if the people want pea soups they go to Church;
if they want the Gospel they come to Chapel."
Primitive Methodists in Christ St. doing good work ^{over}
New Lee, Ormat St. Street.

Marriage

Magazine

Mr J. has married 30 or 40 couples in the district but not one under 20 years of age. For marriage in the Chapel the fee is 1/6, which is collected by the Registrar. Of this 5/ is for the Registrar + 7/6 for the minister. The local registrar when he has is asked about a minister generally sends to Mr J. because entre nous he can depend upon Mr J. keeping his engagements, whilst some of the other ministers have failings in this respect.

No church magazine now. Have tried one but could not make it do.

Rev. W. Lee. B.A.

Primitive Methodist

Poplar Circuit

Persons Employed

11
5

36

Rev. W. Lee. B.A. 5 Oriental St. Poplar

(2)

Primitive Methodist Minister. Superintendent of the Poplar Circuit, which include the Chapel in Christ St., another in Manchester Road, Cubitt Town, one in Maria St., Millwall, one in Powis Road, Bromley and a Masonic Hall in Benedi Street. Of these three are in Bromley: Powis Rd., Benedi St., & Christ Street. But as the latter is only just over the very artificial boundary between these parishes and is known as the Poplar chapel & supported by Poplar people, its work is recorded here. For particulars of Benedi Street & Powis Road Chapels see Book 8 page-127.

Mr Lee, the superintendent minister is a young man and is more often planned at Christ Street, the principal chapel on the circuit, than elsewhere. The second minister, Rev J. Walton, lives at Cubitt Town and practically exercises oversight at Manchester Rd. These are the only paid agents on the circuit. In addition there are 13 local preachers and 9 Mission Bands or as termed in plan "Praying Bands". Of these 3 with 24 members belong to Christ St.; 3 with 17 members to

Cubitt

Services Held

Christ Street Chapel

Monday afternoon Women's class
About 18 or 20
married women.

Buildings used for above services

Manchester Road (corner of Glengall R.)
Cubitt Town

Cubitt Town; one with 6 members to Maria St; and one with 6 members to Bendedi St, + another to Bruce Rd.

Sunday 11 am. Service. Attendance 250 to 300 with children.
6.30 PM. " " ~~400~~ Average 300.
5.45. Open Air Meeting or Prayer Meeting before service
8 PM. Prayer meeting.
9.45 } Sunday School. Over 300 on book. and
2.45 } 30 teachers. Attendance 250 in afternoon
and 150 in the morning. Children come into chapel for morning service.
One class meeting is also held.

Tuesday. 7.30 PM. Preaching service.
" " " " Christian Endeavour Society Juniors. About 40 members
8.30 PM. " " " " Seniors About 65 members

Thursday 4 Class Meetings. Another on Sunday.
Band of Hope 60 to 70 attend.

In addition to the Chapel which seats 400 persons, there is a school room, ~~and~~ infants school room and vestry at Christ Street. (Behind chapel)

Sunday 11 AM. Service. 100 attendance
6.30 PM " " 200 " "
5.30 PM Open Air Meeting or prayer Meeting.
Sunday school. Morning + afternoon. On books 280 + attendance 220 in afternoon; not much less in morning. Exceptionally good attendance for a morning school. 27 teachers. During the year 1896. this school + the school at Christ Street collected £40 for foreign missions.

Services held Cubitt Town cont^d

Buildings used at Cubitt Town

Millwall. Maria Street

Wednesday 6.30. Christian Endeavour. Juniors. 25 to 30 members.
7.30 " " " Seniors. About 45 members
Both societies formed this year.

Thursday 7.30 PM. Preaching service.

Friday 7.30 PM. Prayer meeting.

Thursday — Band of Hope.
Two class meetings.

Chapel seating 300 people (Mr. ^{Means} in his book) ^{seats 300} with a
schoolroom underneath.

Sunday 11 a.m. Service. About 25 attend

6.30 " " " 70 "

5.30 Open air meeting or Prayer meeting.

Morning & Afternoon Sunday school. About 150 scholars
on the books. Attendance about 100.

Tuesday 7.30 PM. Preaching service.

Wednesday 6.30 PM. Band of Hope. About 150 members

8 — Class meeting.

Beside the meetings mentioned above, which are regular engagements other special meetings are held. Of these some particulars are given in the Circuit plan. April to June 1897 affixed to the next page:

Primitive Methodists
Preachers Plan for
Poplar Circuit

Preachers Plan for Poplar Circuit

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CUBITT TOWN Sunday Service 11.0 Manchester-road Chapel 6.30 Open Air or Prayer Meeting 5.30 TUESDAY, Preaching 7.30 FRIDAY, Prayer Meeting 7.30	Lee Walton BH Band F Lee Band F	Stoneham Lee S Band F Lee Band D	Rev. Ellwood Rev. Ellwood Band D Walton Band E	Walton A Smart Band E Lee Band F	Carter Latchem Band F Walton Campbell Band E	Edwards Walton S Band D Campbell Band E	Rev. Hunt SA Rev. Hunt SA Band E Walton TR Band F	Jones Campbell Band D Lee F Band D	Walton Walton Y Band D Walton Band E	Lee A Carter Band E Lee Band F	Hubbard Lee S Band F Walton Band D	Walton Walton Band D Lee Band E	Campbell Bills Band E Walton Band F	Mr. J. Hales, 221, Manchester Road, Cubitt Town.	
MILLWALL Sunday Service 11.0 Maria-street Chapel 6.30 Open Air or Prayer Meeting 5.30 TUESDAY, Preaching 7.30 WEDNESDAY, Class Meeting 8.0	Lomax Bills Band G Lee Sturgess	Rev. Blair SE Rev. Blair SE Band Walton Back	Smart Campbell Band Bills Sturgess	Ralph Lee S Band Walton Back	Walton A Cook Band Walton TR Sturgess	14, 17, RM 14, 17, RM Band Walton TR Lee	Walton Walton Band Walton Met. Anniv. Lee *	Barcham Latchem Band Walton Sturgess	Lee A Stoneham Band Lee Back	Bills Walton Band Walton Sturgess	Jones Edwards Band Lee Back	Hireson SA Hireson SA Band Walton Sturgess	Back Walton Band Lee Back	Mr. J. Bills, 13, Strattondale street, Cubitt Town E. Assistant— Mr. J. Cooper.	
POPLAR 20.75 Sunday Service 11.0 Benledi-street Mission Hall 6.30 Prayer Meeting 5.30 THURSDAY, Preaching 7.30	Campbell Cook Band H Smith	Smith Carter Band Walton	Barcham Bills Band Lee	Lomax Walton S Band Walton	Back Edwards Band Lee	Stoneham Campbell Band Walton TR	Bosworth Bosworth Band Lee	Lee A Ralph Band Walton *	Bills Lee Band Lee	Hireson Hireson S Band Walton	Walton CA Smart CA Band Lee	Lee Latchem Band Walton	Hubbard Hubbard Band Lee	Mr. Rogers, 1, Benledi street, Bromley, S.	
BROMLEY-BY-BOW Sunday Serv. 11.0 Powis-road Chapel 6.30 Open-air or Prayer Meeting 5.45 WEDNESDAY, Preaching and Class 8.0	Carter Bould Band Bould	3, 7, 8, RM 3, 7, 8, RM Band Hireson	Cook Band Bould	Lee A Campbell Band Lee TR	Hireson Bould S Band Bould Hireson	Walton Barcham Band Bould	Bills Bills Band Hireson	Lomax SE Walton SE S Band Lee *	Edwards Bould Band Bould	Cook Cook Band Hireson	Stoneham Stoneham Band Lee	Jones Ralph Band Bould	Lee SA Lee SA Band Hireson	Mr. J. Harris, Lloyd Cottage, Priory street, Bromley, E.	

Preachers' Names and Residences.

Rev. T. MITCHELL, General Book Steward.
H. B. KENDALL, B.A., Connexion Editor.
W. GOODMAN, General Committee Secretary.
J. SMITH, General Missionary Secretary.
1 W. LEE, B.A., 5, Oriental Street, East India Dock Road, E.
2 J. WALTON, 56, Stebondale-st., Cubitt Town, E.
3 W. P. Hireson, 9, St. Leonard's-street, Bromley, E.
4 E. W. Stoneham, 123, East Ferry-road, Cubitt Town.
5 J. Bills and J. P., 13, Strattondale-street, Cubitt Town, E.
6 H. and M. Barcham, Manchester-road, Cubitt Town, E.
7 W. Bould, 1, British-street, Bow-road, E.
8 R. Cook, 154, Clement-ter., Cann Hall-rd., Leytonstone, E.
9 J. R. Jones, 15, Bilson-street, Cubitt Town, E.
10 J. Lomax, 4, Byron-street, Bromley, E.
11 F. Ralph, 33, Billson-street, Cubitt Town, E.
12 D. Hubbard, 313, Manchester-road, Cubitt Town, E.
13 J. A. Campbell, 129, Manchester-road, Cubitt Town, E.
14 G. Carter, & W. F., 4, Findhorn Street, Bromley, E.
15 J. Latchem, 72, Teviot-street, Bromley, E.
16 W. Dodd, Kerby street, Poplar.
17 R. Smart, Wade street, Poplar, E.
18 G. Edwards, 23, Zetland Street, Bromley.
19 F. Back, Millwall.
20 C. May, Bromley-by-Bow.
From other Circuits.
21 Rev. A. Bage, Glasgow.
22 Rev. R. S. Blair, Upton Park.
23 Rev. T. H. Hunt, General Secretary S.S. Union.
24 Rev. J. T. Smith, Penge.
25 Rev. J. K. Ellwood, Walthamstow.

Praying Bands.

A—R. Smart, J. Mitchell, G. Edwards, G. Carter, H. Briance, T. Savoury, A. Schmidt
B—J. Lomax, G. Downer, J. Thompson, T. Larman, G. Giraud, H. Gowers, J. Sands
C—E. Howe, G. Ombler, W. Foster, W. Cordes, A. East, Jno. Lomax, A. Fenson
D—D. Hubbard, G. Hughes, J. R. Jones, W. Howell, J. Howell, J. Carter
E—R. Peacock, F. Thome, J. Hales, J. A. Campbell, Joseph Howell
F—E. W. Stoneham, W. Hubbard, J. Alex, R. Willett, S. Hales, A. Hazell
G—G. Sturgess, W. Brown, J. Pearson, J. Plummer, T. J. White, and Bro. Cooper
H—H. Rogers, C. Henley, F. Armstrong, R. Armstrong, R. Wallaker, and R. Fletcher
K—W. Bould, J. Harris, W. Bickers, W. Bould, jun., A. Bould, and J. Bush.

Examining Committee.

Circuit Ministers—Bros. R. H. Durant, J. Bills, W. Bould, G. Carter, J. A. Campbell, and R. Smart. To meet at Chrisp Street Chapel when summoned.

The QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Chrisp Street, Poplar, on Monday, May 31st. Tea at 6.30. Preachers' Meeting at 7.0. Full Board at 7.30.

The Society Stewards will meet the Circuit Steward at Chrisp St., on May 31st, at 6.30 p.m., to pay in the monies and prepare the accounts for the Full Board.

Special Notices.

1. The Society Stewards are kindly requested by the Quarterly Meeting to announce each Sunday the amount of the collections taken on the Sabbath previous.

N.B.—A Collection will be taken at each service on the Sunday in aid of the Circuit Fund, unless other collections are planned.

2. That the Preachers planned on Sunday mornings are desired to select at least one hymn from the Hymnal, which may also be found in the Sunday School Hymn Book, and to endeavour to make the services as interesting to the young as possible.

3. The MINISTERS will be pleased if cases of sickness are immediately reported so that the afflicted may be visited without delay.

Circuit Officers.

Circuit Steward—R. H. Durant, 41, Gough Street, Poplar.

Book Steward—W. Lee, B.A.

Minute Secretary—J. Walton

Corresponding Secretary—W. Lee, B.A.

Treasurer for Connexional and Missionary Funds—W. Lee, B.A.

Circuit Committee.

The Circuit Committee is composed of all the brethren who are eligible to attend the Quarterly Meeting. To meet when summoned by post.

Renewal of Tickets.

CHRISP STREET R. Durant .. May 9, No. 1
" R. Smart .. 13, No. 1
" M. Stubbs .. " No. 1
" J. Lomax .. " No. 1
" J. Walton .. " No. 1
CUBITT TOWN J. A. Campbell .. 20, No. 2
" W. Hubbard .. " No. 2
MILLWALL G. Sturgess .. 11, No. 2
BENLEDI STREET C. Henley .. 13, No. 2
BROMLEY W. P. Hireson .. 28, No. 1

Special Notices.

CHRISP STREET.

April 4 Ladies' Committee Anniversary, Nos. 2 and 1.
5 Tea and Meeting. Lecture by Rev. W. Lee. Subject, "An Evening With Longfellow."
18 Easter Sunday, Rev. A. Bage.
20 Lecture by Rev. A. Bage. Subject, "Christ in Modern Life."
May 10 Sunday School Convention. Paper by Mr. E. A. Howe. Subject, "Sunday School Teachers, their Work and Responsibility." Seconder, Mr. J. A. Campbell.
July 4 and 5 Sunday School Anniversary. For further announcement see bills.

CUBITT TOWN.

April 4 Band of Hope Anniversary, No. 2.
5 Tea and Entertainment, No. 2.
26 Men's Entertainment.
May 16 Sunday School Anniversary, Rev. T. H. Hunt, General Secretary of the S.S. Union.
17 Tea and Meeting, Rev. T. H. Hunt & Nos. 1 & 2.

MILLWALL.

April 11 Special Sermons, Rev. R. S. Blair.
16 Good Friday. Tea and Entertainment, Nos. 1 and 2.
May 9 Revival Services. Sunday, Nos. 14 and 17; Week Nights, Nos. 1, 2, and 5.
24 Entertainment for Band of Hope.
June 20 Sunday School Anniversary, Mr. W. P. Hireson.
21 Tea and Meeting, Nos. 1 and 2.

BENLEDI STREET.

April 14 Entertainment by Mr. A. Yeo and friends, at Chrisp Street Chapel.
June 13 Chapel Anniversary. Preachers, Rev. J. Walton and Mr. R. Smart.
14 Tea and Public Meeting, Nos. 1, 2, and 14.

BROMLEY.

May 23 Special Effort, Mr. J. Lomax & Rev. J. Walton.
24 Entertainment, No. 1.
June 27 Sunday School Anniversary, Rev. W. Lee.
28 Tea and Entertainment, Nos. 1 and 2.

1.—JUBILEE THANKSGIVING FUND.—It is desired to secure the full payment of all promises made to this Fund by March 31st, 1897, at the latest. Will those who have made promises kindly note this. The Rev. W. Lee is the Circuit Treasurer.

2.—METROPOLITAN MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY, May 18th. Meetings at Surrey Chapel and at Spurgeon's Tabernacle.

3.—THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE will meet at Chrisp Street on Tuesday, 11th May, at 8.30, in the Preachers' Vestry.

Sunday School Committee.

Circuit Ministers—H. Briance, E. Howe, G. Edwards, F. Thorn, R. Peacock, G. Sturgess, W. McCollin, R. Wallaker, F. Armstrong, H. Hammond, R. H. Durant, G. Carter, W. Bould, and Secretary, J. A. Campbell, 129, Manchester Road, Cubitt Town, E.

Circuit Regulations.

PREACHERS
The preachers are requested to take their own appointments, or, in case of necessity, to get unauthorised substitute; failing to do so, they shall send to the Rev. J. WALTON in writing, assigning the reason they cannot take the appointment, and state what they have done to get a supply, not later than the Thursday previous, or, failing to do so, they will be held responsible for the neglect.

No person can be taken on the plan as an accredited Local Preacher unless he promise to take appointments in the open-air when planned, or give satisfactory reasons to the Quarterly Meeting why he cannot.

If any appointment be neglected, the neglecter must send his reasons to the Preachers' Quarterly Meeting, or be left without appointments on the next Plan.

MEMBERS.

Members removing from this Circuit are most affectionately and earnestly requested to apply to their Leader or one of the travelling preachers for a credential.

SEAT RENTS.

Seat Rents are due at each Chapel in the Circuit on the following dates:—January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st, and ought to be paid punctually.

MARRIAGES.

Poplar Chapel is licensed for the solemnisation of marriages. Apply to the Ministers for information.

BAPTISMS.

This rite should be performed during the Sunday morning service. Parents whose children are baptised must be present, if possible, to whom a stamped certificate should be supplied by the preacher who administers the ordinance. Charge for certificate, 7d.

References.

A School Address * Leaders' Meeting
BH Band of Hope RO Re-opening of Chapel
C Chapel Collection R Revival Meetings
CA Chapel Anniversary S Sacrament
CE Christian Endeavour SA School Anniversary
E Evangelistic Services SE Special Effort
F Conference Fund T Trustees & Chapel Committee Meeting
CM Camp Meeting TR Ticket Renewal
H Hospital S. Collection TS Tract Society Collection
HT Harvest Thanksgiving Y Annual Sermon Yng Mn.
L Lovefeast Z Temperance Sermons
M Metropolitan Chapel and MS Missionary Sermons
School Building Fund SW Supernaturated Preachers
Collection. Widows & Orphans' F
P Prayer Meeting † Teachers' Meeting
JE Juvenile Endeavour LP Collections for aged Local Preachers
Consecration Meeting

Membership of Circuit

The total membership of the Circuit is 358 of whom, 18 are on trial + 340 full members.

They are divided between the five places are under:

	Approved	trial	Together	
Chrisp St.	155	2	157	
Cullett Town	98	14	112	
Mullwall	28	1	29	Total for Sept. 298
Benledi St.	26	-	26	
Powri Road	33	1	34	.. Bromby 60
				<u>358</u>

Social Agencies

At Chrisp Street there is a Boys' Club, which meet once a week, on Wednesday, 7 pm. It managed by a committee. The lads play games draughts etc. A good number of lads attend & they wish to make the meeting more frequent.

Educational Work

No Educational work except the Sunday Schools.

Visitation

Visit all the people in the neighbourhood. A society visits the neighbourhood of Chrisp St every Sunday morning and gives away about 500 religious tracts. An old lady connected with

Nursing the Sick

Charitable Relief

Other Religious Agencies

with the church also visits a good deal; also conducts women's class on Monday.

They don't do anything themselves. Some of these people have the Salvation Army nurses.

The Church supports one old widow entirely and gives 5/- a quarter to about 10 others and 10/- at commencement of winter and at Christmas. Have a Benevolent Fund, to which they contribute for the relief of distress. Permanent relief is given to their own people. Give about £20 a year.

City Missionaries are doing a good work. Hear of Mr Dodd's work & help him.

Mrs McQueen (Presbyterian) is also active & does good work but purely amongst the Scotch and shipping people. Captain Luntzer visits the Ships. ~~Does not know much~~

of the Has received some into their church, who came from the Poplar & Bromley Tabernacle (Mr Knight Chaplain). Mr Joyles (Cotton St Baptist) does a good work but does not touch ~~the~~ St Lo's neighbourhood.

over

No co-operation

Marriage

Prostitution

Comparison of
Poplar + Penze

No co-operation in Christian work. Have so much to do that no time.

Poplar (Chap. St.) Chapel licensed for marriages. Many their own people + others sometimes. Most of the poor people go to Church. Has not married any under 21 years of age.

Mainly about the East + West India Dock Road. Don't think it is so bad as people think it is.

Mr Lee came from Penze and compares the people at Poplar very favourably with those at Penze. Does not know a street in Poplar that is worse than Apley Road, Penze. He does not mind visiting anywhere here. At ^{Penze} ~~Poplar~~, he only visited in such streets as Apley Road from a sense of duty. The people here are more genuine. At Penze there is a kind of shabby gentility. The people fancy they are living in a suburb. Most look better off than here.

Poplar Circuit
Finance

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH		NEXION,	
INCOME		EXPENDITURE.	
March 1st, 1897.		£	s. d.
Salary	...	30	0 0
...	...	8	0 0
...	...	2	14 2
...	...	0	8 0
Fund	...	3	7 6
...	...	0	7 8
Goods	...	0	8 6
Shipping	...	0	10 0
Shipping Fund	...	2	10 0
...	...	0	6 9
Minister's Salary	...	17	0 0
Fund	...	3	0 9
...	...	0	4 6
for Rev. W. Lee	...	1	15 0
and	...	6	13 1
		77	5 11

Independent.
Circuit Steward.

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General Impressions.

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Sunday School 50
Band of Hope 25
Tract Society 50
Benevolent 20 £335

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Road

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONNEXION,

Balance Sheet of the Poplar Circuit, for the Quarter ending March 1st, 1897.

Poplar

INCOME.										EXPENDITURE.					
Members.	App.	T	Total.	In.	De	Death.	Class		Collections.	Total.	£	s.	d.		
							Monies	£						s.	d.
Chrip Street	155	2	157			1	10	14	7	20	1	2	30	15	9
Cubitt Town	98	14	112	10			5	11	4	18	19	1	24	10	5
Millwall	28	1	29				1	7	0	5	10	8	6	17	8
Benledi Street	26	—	26		1		1	17	9	3	17	10	5	15	7
Bromley by Bow	33	1	34				2	10	11	2	6	2	4	17	1
Totals	340	18	358	10	1	1							77	5	11
Balance brought forward										0	15	5			
Grants from Yearly Meetings										3	14	0			
										77	5	11			

Signed on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting,

W. LEE, Superintendent.
R. H. DURANT, Circuit Steward.

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Road

Road, they have difficulty in holding their own. whilst at Maria Street, there has been a great falling off in past years followed by a slight recovery but the work there is still at a low ebb. Mr L. spoke somewhat sadly of the large congregations, which he was told they used to have at Maria Street but which he has not seen. The chapel being only filled on very exceptional occasions. Taking the work of the circuit as a whole, there is a decided increase.

Mr Lee is a young man, probably about 30, quiet yet energetic and with clear & decided views as to the work of the church.

Captain Fowler.
Salvation Army, Limehouse

Geo. E. Atwell
June 18/97

District worked

Buildings Used

Persons Employed

Officers salaries

412
#2
Captain Fowler. 29 Locksley St. Limehouse.
In charge of Limehouse Division & the Citadel, 769 Commercial Rd
East.

The district worked by this corps includes the whole of Limehouse and the part of Poplar between Stainsby Road and North Street. It is divided into 4 wards, each in charge of a ward sergeant. There is a difference between the Limehouse corps and the Poplar captain, each regarding the portion between Stainsby Road & ~~North~~ North Street as their own and both work it.

The Citadel, built by the S.A. contains a large hall seating about 600 and a small hall used by the Juniors, which will hold 300 children. There are 3 other rooms.

The Captain & Lieutenant are the only paid officials. They are entitled to 18/- and 15/- a week respectively, if the funds suffice for this but as a rule they do not. The surplus income after the corps expenses are paid is available for the officers salary. Last week each had 14/6½, the balance

being

Other Officers

Strength of Corps

Services & Meetings held

45
being equally divided. Looking thro' the book I saw that it was very exceptional for the officers to obtain their money - 9/9 and similar small sums were the usual payments. One entry of 23/3 was the only amount above 18/- that I saw. When the weekly income is sufficient the officers may be paid any arrears of salary but these arrears do not rank as a debt against the corps. Capt Fowler said that his salary was £11 in arrear and he has only been at Limehouse 8 months, so that at most he can only have averaged about 10/- a week. When he leaves Limehouse as he will shortly do, he will lose all claim on the corps for these arrears.

The other chief officers are the Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant Major. The Sergeant Major would take command in the absence of the Capt. & Lieutenant. There are also 10 sergeants, each of whom is responsible for part of the work. The Corps numbers 93 - 81 soldiers and 12 recruits. Junior Corps 27. Indoor meetings are held every Sunday at 7 am, 11, 3 pm + 7 pm + every week evening at 8 PM for adults. For children (Juniors) on Sunday at

Services & Meetings held (cont'd)

For Adults

at 10 am, 3 pm + 6 pm + on Tuesday & Friday at 6:30 pm.

Of these meetings are not all of the same character but all have a distinctly religious tendency.

Sunday 7 am Knee drill e.g. a prayer meeting. 24 present
" 11 am Holiness meeting. Bible teaching. ^{last Sunday but 25 average.} Average attendance in winter 60 to 70. Goes down to 50 in summer.

" 3 pm "Free & Easy" & Testimony meeting. 60 to 80 ^{attend}

" 7 pm Salvation Mtg. 150 to 160. Average for year ^{about 150.}

Monday 8 pm. Limelight address or something special.

Tuesday 8 pm. Holiness meeting. ^{90 to 100 present.} About 50.

Wednesday 8 pm Testimony & Grace Mtg. " 60

Thursday 8 pm Salvation Mtg with reading of various ^{kind. Missionary intelligence etc} About 65.

Friday 8 pm Holiness Mtg. About 50.

Saturday 8 pm Testimony. Music etc About 70.

The Junior's Meetings are:

Sunday 10 am. Spiritual talk by one of the leaders ^{about 25 to 30}

3 pm. Sunday school but nomenclature is adopted to the military idea. The classes are termed Companies & the teachers - leaders of the meeting a Company meeting. Have 12 companies & attendance of 70 to 85 children.

" 6 pm. Average attendance 80.

For Children

Open Air Meetings for June, July, and August.

"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."—Col. iii., 23.

June 2.—Jamaica Place, 3rd, Farrance Street.
Sun. 6.—M, Park Street; A, Dora Street.
June 7.—Northey Street. 9, Stainsbury Road,
10, Rich Street.
SUN. 13.—M, Coutts Road; A, Northey Square.
MON. 14.—Rich St. 16, Farrance St. 17, Gun Lane.
SUN. 20.—M, Carr Street; A, West India Dock.
MON. 21.—Stainsby Rd. 23, Limehouse Station,
24, Jamaica Place.
SUN. 27.—M, Salmon's Lane; A, Burgess Street.
MON. 28.—Locksley Street. 30, Jamaica Place.

July 1.—Hind Street.
SUN. 4.—M, Pennyfields; A, York Square.
MON. 5.—Stainsby Rd. 7, Northey St. 8, Rich St.
SUN. 11.—M, Threbolt St; A, Sussex Street.
MON. 12.—Farrance Street. 14, Gun Lane. 15,
Jamaica Place.
SUN. 18.—M, Copenhagen Place; A, Stainsby Rd.
MON. 19.—West India Dock. 21, Northey Street
22, Hind Street.
SUN. 25.—M, Northey Street; A, Morant Street.
MON. 26.—Stainsby Road. 28, Rich Street. 29,
Limehouse Station.

August 1.—M, Daglish St.; A, Locksley Street.
MON. 2.—Fountain. 4, Rich Street. 5, Hind St.
SUN. 8.—M, Park Street; A, Brenton Street.
MON. 9.—Northey Street. 11, Stainsby Road. 12,
Jamaica Place.
SUN. 15.—M, Pennyfields; A, Turner's Road.
MON. 16.—Farrance St. 18, Gun Ln. 19, Stainsby Rd.
SUN. 22.—M, London Street; A, Robson Street.
MON. 23.—Limehouse Station. 25, Locksley Street,
26, Hind Street.
SUN. 29.—M, Salmon's Lane. 2 p.m., West India Dk.
MON. 30.—Stainsby Road.

Every SUNDAY Night, 6. Fountain. ^{E.I. 108}
Every SATURDAY Night, 7. Triangle. ¹⁰²
God Bless you! S. M. White.

SOLDIER'S PLEDGE.

I.....
will try and come to Knee Drill every Sunday in
June, July, and August.

"For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth
the hungry soul with goodness."

Open Air Meetings

Tuesday 6.30. Band of Love. Children are supposed to
pay 1^d a month but cannot get them to do this
regularly. They have a pledge similar to that
of a Band of Hope but more comprehensive.
~~It includes~~ It includes kindness to
describ animals, and they agree not to drink
intoxicants, nor to steal, smoke or swear.
Have a small pledge card. 25 children attend.
Consent of parents is obtained for them to join.

Friday 6.30 Junior soldiers meeting About 15 or 16
average
~~Wednesday.~~

Open Air Meetings are held on Sunday at
10 am, 2 pm + 6 pm and on Monday + Wednesday,
Thursday + Saturday evenings at 7. or 7.15 PM.
These meetings are held in different parts of Lime-
house except on Saturday night (7) when they go
to the Triangle, Salmon's Lane + Sunday night
(6) at the Fountain, corner of E. India Dock Rd.
Other places see card (Soldier's Pledge) At these meetings
they get a very fair attendance. If he takes a good
number with him, they get a good meeting; if he has
not a dozen with him they don't get a large attendance.

Doorkeepers (Outside).

June	1 to 5.	Bro. Allinson.	6th.	Bro. Hayward.
"	7 " 12.	" Erswell.	18th	" Marshall.
"	14 " 19.	" Orchard.	20th	" White.
"	21 " 26.	" B. Cambers	27th	" Garner.
"	28 " 3rd	" D. Hamilton	4th	" Khrona.
July	5 " 10.	" H. Wells.	11th	" Ingles
"	12 " 17.	" D. Reeves	18th	" Cambers,
				Sen.
"	19 " 24.	" W. Jack	25th	" Orchard.
"	26 " 31.	" R. Lloyd.	1st	" Taylor.
Aug.	2 " 7.	" T. Lloyd.	8th	" Watts.
"	9 " 14.	" Scarlett.	15th	" Reid.
"	16 " 21.	" Hayward.	22nd	" Girling.
"	23 " 28.	" Erswell.	29th	" D. Hamilton
"	30th June to 4 Sept.	Bro. Allinson.		

Orderlies and Inside Doorkeepers.

June,	Right Aisle,	Bro. Cambers.	Left Aisle,	Bro. Parry.
July,	Right Aisle,	Bro. Marshall.	Left Aisle,	Bro. Hayward.
August,	Right Aisle,	Bro. Allinson.	Left Aisle,	Bro. Erswell.

My Dear Comrade,

Again I ask your prayers and help in our work.

"United we shall win, divided we shall lose."

Christ's soldier, your servant,

GEO. FOWLER, Capt.

THE SALVATION ARMY, LIMEHOUSE.

Soldiers' Guide

FOR

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST.

"Hold Thou me up and I shall be safe."—Ps. cix. 117.

TIMES OF MEETINGS.

Senior. Inside, SUNDAY, 7 a.m., 11 a.m.,
3 p.m., 7 p.m.

WEEKDAY, 8 p.m.

OPEN AIRS, Sunday, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.

Weeknights, 7.15 p.m.

Juniors. Sunday, 10 a.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m.
Tuesday, 6.30 p.m.; Friday, 6.30 p.m.

BAND PRACTICE, Wed., 8 p.m.; Sat., 6 p.m.

SINGING BRIGADE, Wednesday, 9 p.m.

DON'T FORGET DATE FOR

THE SALE OF WORK,

Monday and Tuesday, July 5 & 6.

GEO. FOWLER, Captain.
FRED. GARNER, Lieut.

Services & Meetings (cont^a)

Brass band

Visitation

48
Stainsby Road is one of their best spots: get 100 or 200 people there. Asked about Limehouse Fields he said it was a difficult spot. They always got felled with all kinds of things, manure etc, when they went there - still they did not intend giving it up.

They have a Brass band of about 18 members. It meets for practice on Wednesdays. 8 AM. He spoke with enthusiasm of the self-denial of these men. They went out on Sundays to the open air meetings all day, generally in full strength and on Monday, Wednesdays & Saturdays, although on weeknights only about half of them turned up, but this was because they worked late.

The Captain & Lieutenant are each supposed to do ^{at least} 18 hours visitation a week. They visit the members of the Army and the people who come to the hall. They would visit generally if they had time but they cannot do it. The Ward & Visiting Sergeants also visit.

Charitable Relief.

Other Religious Influences

Police.

Prostitution

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visit. Some of these are women and they give up an afternoon ^{or two.} a week to it. These women can visit the homes better than he can. A certain class of people are always ready to put a bad interpretation upon anything he does not like to give them opportunity.

Very little charitable relief given. Have not the money. In case of need writes to the headquarters of the Social Wing and would send the people to the Social Wing 272 Whitechapel Rd. St Col Richards.

Does not know anything of the work of the Churches. With meetings every night, he has no opportunity to become acquainted with them. Tries to widen the people's views by keeping them in touch with the Missionary work. Knows that Dr Barnard's place is doing a good work.

Police are very friendly. Only one place, where they cannot hold a meeting e.g. corner of Fagott St, owing to opposition of an eating house keeper.

Beebles Street (late Jamaica Place) is a very bad spot.

Drunk

Captain Fowler Personal Points

Drunk is a terrible curse. The little places in the back streets are the worst, where people sit for hours and soak. The Copenhagen in Copenhagen Place and another house near the Town Hall (Limehouse) are terrible places.

Captain Fowler is a young man, thin wiry and very active both in body and mind. He was very anxious not to overstate his case, occasionally reducing the average when he was doubtful. He has been here 7 months and hopes they will let him stay. There is something to do. The Corps is growing now and is in a healthy condition. Expects they will "make a fine leap in the winter". There is a steady, healthy, growth now. Was at Barnett ^{before he came here.} He likes the work and is glad he is not paid a fixed salary. If he were he would resign tomorrow and go back to the railway. They He would never send to headquarters for assistance. They have enough to do with the foreign missions and other things. They sometimes have to go without but they never want food. It

How the Officers live

An Appreciation

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has never come to that. Sometimes have to go shabby in clothes but it is not for long. God always provides for them wonderfully.

Capt Fowler had spoken very warmly of the self-denial of his Band. I cannot but admire that of the Captain & his lieutenant. Both young men; they live in this little six-roomed house doing their own house work etc. The house is but poorly furnished. No carpet on hall or stairs. The front room into which I was taken contained 2 tables, chest of drawers, a few chairs and a couch. And on the walls were a number of portraits of Salvation Army worthies - the General, Mrs Booth &c.

Both evidently live very hardy and work hard. Captain F. when telling me that officers were not allowed to remain more than 6 to 9 months said very simply that they could not stand the work - he could because he was exceptional strong & wiry. Probably both work very much harder & for longer hours than in their secular employments. Captain Fowler's only regret was that he was not better trained for the work & had not time for study.

Mr John Gretton
Trinity Congregational Church

G. A. Kell
July 9. 1897.

Trinity Chapel.
Historical Note

TRINITY CHAPEL,

East India Dock Road, Poplar.

See Interview with
Mr Gretton.

Book 3 p. 52

Statement of Accounts,

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

Thomas & Boutwell, Printers, 46 High Street, Poplar

232 High Street, Poplar.

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Congregational Church, East India Dock Rd.

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(a former pastor of Trinity) have

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Trinity Chapel, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E.

Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1895.

ENDOWMENT FUND—MINISTER.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Received per Henry Green—4 quarterly payments ..	88 12 0	By Payment to Rev. R. D. Wilson	218 6 8
Received from Charity Commissioners in respect of Land sold to Sunday School—4 Quarterly Payments ..	14 2 4		
By Portion of Loan and Interest repaid by Sunday School in connection with above	13 8 8		
Received from Charity Commissioners in respect of sale of Parsonage—4 Quarterly Payments	89 14 7		
By Rent Received from Augusta House	12 9 1		
	£218 6 8		£218 6 8

PEW RENTS.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
By Amount Received	122 19 0	By Amount Paid to Rev. R. D. Wilson	122 19 0

ENDOWMENT—MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
1895		1895	
Received by 4 Quarterly Payments, per Henry Green ..	44 6 4	By 4 Quarters' Salary to Organist	30 0 0
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	£44 6 4		£44 6 4

POOR FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
1895		1895	
Jan. 6 By Collection at Communion for Widows and Orphans of Missionaries	4 10 3	Jan. 1 By Balance due to Treasurer	4 5 7
Jan. 6 " 11 Monthly Collections	35 11 0	Jan. 1 " 12 Monthly Payments to Poor Members ..	46 15 0
Dec. 22 " Special Collection	5 12 5	Jan. 1 " Paid to L. M. Society Widows and Orphan Fund	4 10 3
" Balance due to Treasurer	12 12 8	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	2 15 6
	£58 6 4		£58 6 4

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Balance January 1, 1895	2 18 7	By Grant to Poor Members	11 16 0
Subscriptions	8 4 0	" Balance in hand	9 6 7
Collected by Sunday School	10 0 0		
	£21 2 7		£21 2 7

DORCAS SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Balance January 1, 1895	0 8 2	By Care of Boxes	0 5 0
Subscriptions	2 10 3	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	0 10 0
Blanket Fund	0 5 0	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	0 1 0
Profit from Dorcas Tea Meeting	0 7 3	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 16 4
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			£3 10 8

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.
Feb. 3	By Collection Pastor's Anniversary	3 8 8	By Cheque to London Missionary Society		12 14 0
March	Collected by Miss Cartwright for L.M. Socy. ..	2 13 0	Paid to Treasurer Sunday School		7 2 9
May 12	By Collection for London Missionary Socy. ..	11 7 0	Carried to Incidental Account		14 17 4
July 21	" Collection at Flower Service	2 18 4			
Sept. 29	" " Harvest Festival	7 4 4			
Oct. 27	" " for Sunday School	7 2 9			
		£34 14 1			£34 14 1

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.
By Collections (ordinary)		105 15 5	By Balance due to Treasurer, 1st January, 1895 ..		128 4 3
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We have examined the foregoing Accounts and find them correct.

B. G. BLACKMORE, Treasurer.

G. H. HATTON, }
WM. L. WRIGHT, } Auditors.

January 28th, 1896.

Sunday school { 40.00 3p
 { 13.10 1p
 { 218.6.8
 Music 44.6.8
 £ 316.13 4

TRINITY CHAPEL,
East India Dock Road, Poplar.

*See Balance sheet with
Mrs Gordon.
Book 3 p. 52*

Statement of Accounts,

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

Mr John Gretton
Trinity Congregational Ch

Trinity Chapel.
Historical A

Mr John Gretton 232 High Street, Poplar.
Deacon & Sunday-school Superintendent at
Trinity Congregational Church. East India Dock St.

Mr G. is a man of about 70 years of age. Gray headed and with a calm bright face, and a cheerful manner. He has been connected with Trinity Chapel since 1851 and was a deacon at Stepney Meeting House before he came here.

Trinity Chapel was built by the late George Green in 1843. It was intended for an episcopalian Church but the Bishop would not allow Mr Green to appoint the first minister. Mr G. then turned the building into a Congregational Church and endowed it. At that time Mr G. was one of the principal men in Poplar if not the chief, and they gathered a large and influential congregation. Changes in the neighbourhood have altered this; only those live in Poplar now, who are compelled by their business to remain. The place of the emigrants is taken by a poorer class.

Mr G. thinks that the Rev. A. Mearns and Rev. Chubburn (a former pastor of Trinity) have drawn

driven people away. People have heard ^{about} Poplar in ~~some~~ many appeals that they have regarded it as a bad place and those here have moved away to places having a better repute. The trade union "business" has also helped to drive people away. On Sundays parties of T. U's are marching about the district with bands and banners. Have had as many as ~~a dozen~~ ^{twenty} bands pass Trinity Church with their ~~bands~~ playing and banners waving, quite disturbing the congregation. Began about the time of the Great Dock Strike and has gone on since. Seldom a Sunday without something of the sort.

Pastor (This office has only just been filled after a vacancy of nearly 12 months. Organist and chapel keeper. are the only others paid. They have 5 deacons. and 33 Sunday school teachers in the home school and 17 in the Branch School at the Shaftesbury Hall, Kirby Street (See Interview with Mr W. Dodd ^{page 31} Book 4)
 The young people of the church also work at the Mission in Augusta Street. (See Interview with Mr Aulds ^{page 51} Book 4)

Persons Employed

Services Held

Sunday 11 A.M. Divine Service. About 200 attend.
6.30 PM " " " 300 "
9.45 & 2.45. Sunday school. Printed report says 630

Fifty-third Anniversary of the
TRINITY CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOLS,

POPLAR.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1896,

TWO SERMONS

Will (D.V.) be preached:

In the Morning at 11, and in the Evening at 6.30 by the

REV. SIDNEY LAYER,

OF YARMOUTH.

In the Afternoon at 2.45 in the Chapel,

AN ADDRESS

Will be given by the REV. SIDNEY LAYER,

to which Parents and Friends are cordially invited.

SPECIAL HYMNS WILL BE SUNG BY THE SCHOLARS.

Collections will be made after each Service on behalf of the
School Funds.

H. PETERKEN, STEAM PRINTER, 153, HIGH STREET, POPLAR.

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Services Held

Trinity Congregational Sunday Schools,
POPLAR.

The Branch School is held in the Shaftesbury Hall,
Kerbey Street.

THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS IN THE
SCHOOLS IS ABOUT 630.

THE SCHOOL HOURS ARE :

In the Morning - - - 9.45 to 10.30.

In the Afternoon - - - 2.45 to 4.0.

The "Livingstone" Missionary Band meets on Friday
Evenings at 8 o'clock; also on Sunday Mornings from 10.30
to 10.55 for Prayer.

The Trinity Guild meets in the Minor Hall on Tuesday
Evenings at 8 o'clock.

The Young Ladies' Christian Endeavour Society meets
on Wednesday Evenings at 8 o'clock in the Minor Hall.

The Young Women's Gymnasium Club meets on
Tuesday Evenings in the Large Hall at 8 o'clock,

The Band of Hope meets in Shaftesbury Hall on
Friday Evenings at 7 o'clock.

Sunday 11 A.M. Divine Service. About 200 attend.

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Superintendent and Treasurer: Mr. GRETTON.

Secretaries; Messrs. BLACKMORE and W. RATCLIFF,
pro tem.

Collectors; Miss DOBELL and Mrs. CARR.

Librarians: Messrs. G. VENESS, H. L. ELLINGFORD,
and E. LUSIGNEA, pro tem.

Teachers :

Mr. Apps	Miss Blackmore	Miss Gretton
" C. Burchell	" E. Blackmore	" M. Gretton
" Fail	" Bishop	" Morgan
" T. Gretton	Mrs. Burchell	" Nettleship
" C. Harwood	Miss R. Burchell	" Poole
" Juett	" Dobell	" Sutton
" Laidler	" Durrant	" Terdre
" Moir	" E. Durrant	" Titterton
" Vernal	" Evans	" Worland

INFANT SCHOOL—Miss TWAITTS. 33

BRANCH SCHOOL.

Superintendent - - - Mr. J. W. MOORE. 21

Secretary - - - - - Mr. A. GILLIES.

Teachers :

Mrs. Cook	Miss M. Gillies	Mr. Lane
Miss Ballard	" Nettleship	" Terdre
" Dines	" Thomas	" MacBride
" Garson	Mr. Bence	" Bell
" E. Garson	" Smith	
" Hammond	" Sutton	

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Services Held

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

COLLECTED BY MISS DOBELL—					£	s.	d.
Mr. Bayliss	0	2	6
Mr. Blackmore .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
„ C. Burchell .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ J. Burchell .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ Crick, 2 years .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
„ Cripps .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Miss Dobell .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ Durrant .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Mrs. Evans .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
A Friend .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
Mr. Gibson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Miss Gretton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ E. Gretton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ E. C. Gretton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	0
Mr. Thos. Gretton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	0
„ C. Harwood .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	0
Mrs. "H" .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ Jamieson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	0
„ R. Jesson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Mr. Juett .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Mrs. Kirk .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Mr. A. Nicholls .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ Poole .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Mrs. Roberts .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Miss Sutton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Mr. Titterton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ Veness .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
„ Vernall .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Anon. .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
A Friend .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	1	0

COLLECTED BY MRS. CARR -					£	s.	d.
Mrs. Carr .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	0
Mr. Gretton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	5	0
Mr. Fred Gretton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	0
Mrs. Harbour (the late) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	2	6
Mr. King .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	4	0
Miss Laidler	0	5	0
Mr. Legg	0	2	0
„ E. Morris	1	1	0
„ Sinclare	0	5	0
Miss Terdre	0	2	6
Mrs. Wright	0	2	6
					£2	13	6

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 9.45 & 2.45. Sunday school. Printed report says 630

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 Saviour, breathe an evening blessing.
 (Leaflet No. 507, by kind permission of J. Curwen & Sons.)
 Saviour, breathe an evening blessing,
 Ere repose our spirits seal,
 Sin and want we come confessing,
 Thou canst save, and Thou canst heal;
 Though destruction walk around us,
 Though the arrow past us fly,
 Angel-guards from Thee surround us,
 We are safe if Thou art nigh.
 Though the night be dark and dreary,
 Darkness cannot hide from Thee;
 Thou art He who, never weary,
 Watchest where Thy children be.
 Should swift death this night o'ertake us,
 And our couch become our tomb,
 May the morn in heav'n awake us,
 Clad in light and deathless bloom.

BENEDICTION.

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Services Held

THE ANNUAL

Tea & Public Meeting

WILL BE HELD AT THE

TRINITY HALL,

On Monday Evening, October 19th,

Tea on Table at 6.30. Tickets Sixpence each.

Public Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Chair to be taken by H. M. LESLIE, Esq.,

SUPPORTED BY:—

REV. W. DANIELS.	REV. D. McQUEEN.
REV. S. LAVER.	E. MORRIS, Esq.

And other Gentlemen.

Singing and Recitations at Intervals
during the Evening.

Sunday 11 A.M. Divine Service. About 200 attend. This

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school at Shaftesbury Hall. e 1.3

Monday. Prayer meeting was held but has been dis- e 1.3
continued since Mr Wilson left. e 1.3
(the previous pastor). e 1.3

Wednesday 7.30 PM. Service. 60 to 70. e 1.3

" 8.30 ^{Young Women's} F.V.S. of C.E. About 30 to 40. e 1.3

Young Women's Gymnastic Society meets on e 1.3
Fridays during the winter and a Young e 1.3
Women's club at various times. These are e 1.3
well attended but fall off toward the end of the e 1.3
A large Mother's Meeting was held but was given e 1.3
up about 12 months since. e 1.3

Friday. Band of Hope at Messon Hall (See Mrs Dodd's e 1.3
interview) e 1.3
Mrs G. says "about 80 to 90 children. e 1.3

Tuesday 8 PM. Trinity Young People's Guild. e 1.3

Friday 8 PM 'Swingstone' Missionary Band. Also e 1.3
meets on Sundays at 10.30 am. e 1.3

Of Social Agencies there are over

Charitable Relief

Visitation

Nursing

Church Membership

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They have a Benevolent Society and Poor Fund for which monthly collections are made. This Society gives 2/6 a month to some people. Have 13 almshouses receiving 4/- a month. Also gives coals. Used to give 5/- but had to reduce it to 4/-. Beside the monthly collections, subscriptions & donations are received from the members etc & an entertainment is given.

The Young People's Guild also gives a dinner to old people at Christmas - about 50 and also gives occasional entertainments during the winter.

Visitation is done by the L. C. Missionaries, Mrs Dodds & Mrs Suldo. Have also a lady's committee, which undertakes the visitation of absent members. They visit every month, after the communion service.

No special arrangements for nursing. The doctor would send for the district nurses. These sisters are doing a good work.

Church has a membership of about 200.

Other Religious Influences

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Mr Elliott's people visit a great deal.
St Frydeswithe is more active - very active indeed
Mr McQueen (Presbyterian) is energetic sort of fellow.
Methodist (E. & S. R?) have a great struggle. Heavy debt.
Christian Community in High Street Poplar. Have a
good mothers' meeting - conducted by Mrs Adams &
Mrs Blatch.

Mr Chandler (Rector) does not believe in dissenters
at all and cannot get on with them. Mr G. told
how when they had a mission at Trinity, one of
the young men proposed that they should ask Mr
C. to lend them a large illuminated gas sign.
"Come to the Mission" which it appears had been
used at one of a church mission. The young
fellow actually preferred the request to Mr C.
who refused saying that he was willing to do
~~help~~ what he could but when it came to helping
an opposition shop!!

Police have a good name.

Regards Poplar as very healthy. Always has been healthy

Police

Health

but at the present time the sanitary inspectors are very strict. They follow up the medical officers reports.

This chapel is one of the few that have an endowment. The income from this source amounted to £316 in 1895. of which £218 was for the minister, £44 for the musical service and £44 for the Sunday school.

The Church appears to have had great difficulties owing to the gradual change in the character of the district and since Mr Wilson left - the condition of his wife's health being the cause of removal - the work has been declining somewhat rapidly. Mr G. however speaks very hopefully of the prospect now that the new minister has been appointed + is looking for the revival of some of the old glories of Trinity.

Rev. H. F. Noyes
Baptist

8 Grove Villas, East India Dock
Rd.

11/18 CD

Rev. H. F. Noyes, Pastor of 'Bethel' Baptist Chapel,
High Street, Poplar. declined to be interviewed but
offered to reply to any written question. The form was
sent and his reply is appended.

QUESTIONS to be asked in each District as to the

- (a) What is the general character of the population?
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- b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch?

11/18 CD

Rev^d H. F. Noyes, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Chapel,
High Street, Poplar. declined to be interviewed but
offered to reply to any written question. The form was
sent and his reply is appended.

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

Bethel Baptist Church

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

Pastor paid Minister generally
 Sunday School & Board Hope Teachers
 unpaid
 Chapel & School Room
 Public Service Sundays, Mondays
 & Wednesdays & Sunday School
 An average of 100
 A Benefit Club
 Only Religious
 In Sick cases &c by Minister
 & Deacons
 Only gratuitous & voluntary
 Cannot say - Mostly private &
 our people are very charitable

General Questions—

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

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on—

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

H. F. Noyes
25/8/97

District Poplar

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

Rev. W. W. Grigg.
Wesleyan (Seamen's Mission)

Geo. E. A.
July 26/1877

Buildings Used

Visitation of Seamen chief work of Mission

Persons Employed

11/18/1877

Rev. W. W. Grigg. 42 East India Dock Road E.
Wesleyan Minister in charge of the Seamen's Mission.

Mr Grigg is a middle-aged man, short, rather stout & pleasant looking. He has sole charge of the Wesleyan Seamen's Mission.

The premises consist of a chapel (Brunswick) in Three Colt Lane, Limehouse and a Seaman's Rest in Jeremiah Street, Poplar.

The chapel is supposed to seat 800 but would be well filled with 600 people. The school room is in Mitre Buildings.

The Seaman's Rest consists of a small house in Jeremiah Street, within sight of E. I. Dock Road, which has been extended & adapted for the purpose, the lower floor being used as a reading room etc & the upper rooms for meetings.

The chief work of the Mission is in the Docks, and in the places where seamen resort, visiting the men etc.

Beside the Superintendent Minister (Mr Grigg) three lay

Persons employed (cont^d)

Visitors' Districts

Visitors duties

Meetings held

lay agents and a bible woman are employed. Each has a district, their main work being visitation. One visits the East & West India Docks, & Millwall Dock; another the Victoria & Albert Docks and one the London & St Katherine's Docks. The men do not keep strictly to this plan as the visitor may follow a man from dock to dock and thus to a certain extent they overlap. The Bible woman visits the sailors' lodging houses.

The visitors board the ships, recommend the men to go to the sailor's home in Wells Street and also send them to lodging houses if they wish it. ^(Gopley) The need for this kind of work is not so great as it was, the men being able to send their money home direct from the shipping offices & so are not in the same danger of being robbed.

At Grennah Street Sailors Rest. Service held every day at 12 (noon). and also every evening. On Sunday one service is held. Number attending varies much. All sailors.

At Limehouse chapel

Sunday 11. am. Service

6. 30 PM

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Average about 150 of whom about 120 would be local residents

Meetings held (cont^d)

Sunday 3 to 6 PM Sailors Meeting. 3 to 4 PM Bible class; followed by tea and then a gospel meeting.

" 9.30 & 2.30. Sunday school. Statistics in Wesleyan Methodist Report.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings - class meetings are held.

Saturday evening. Prayer meeting. Average about 20.

Thursday 7.30 PM Preaching service. Average about 30.

Friday 8 PM Wesley Guild. Membership of about 80.

" 7 PM Band of Hope. About 20.

Church Membership

History of the Church

Have about 90 people in class membership: all local people and a membership of about 100 amongst the sailors.

Some years ago a flourishing Methodist church existed at Limehouse but with the change in the neighbourhood it declined. The Chapel was then handed over to the Seamen's Mission, as a centre for that work, the members of the church then remaining forming a nucleus for the mission work, consequently the 90 are the ~~old~~ members of the old church and the 100 the seamen brought by the Mission.

Charitable Relief

No co-operation but
friendly with other Sailors' Homes etc.

Church work becoming
more difficult in Limehouse.

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Charitable gifts average about £25 a year. Largely spent in finding "lodgings and grub grub" for men down at heel. Dealt out in small gifts. Occasionally they have a family in distress. The communion & ^{lovefeast} collections are the only collections they make for the poor. It does not amount to more than £10 a year.

No co-operation with other bodies but friendly with all - The British & Foreign, Mariners Friend, Thames Church Mission etc. The Mission to Seamen have a big place. Presbyterians have an agent - Mr McQuinn a very good fellow - goes specially for the Scotch. They (e.g. Sailors Rest) are pretty well in touch with West Indian and coloured men. The caretaker at the Rest is Jeremiah that is a coloured man.

The Church work in Limehouse they find more & more difficult every year. Last year they added 20 to the membership, almost entirely young people from the Sunday school but they have had losses from removal. Is afraid they will not have increase this year. As in other churches, the people

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are leaving and going to better neighbourhoods - Leyton
Forestgate and Ilford.

Very little religious work in neighbourhood
apart from the Established church. Limehouse church
has a good congregation.

~~The~~ A little mission room in Bolt Lane is occupied
by the Plymouth Brethren. Several attempts have been
made there by others previously.

Upon the general questions, Mr G. had nothing to
say except that the 'Wade's Arms, Jeremiah Street
was a publichouse largely used by sailors.

