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Revd Archibald G. Brown
Chatsworth Road Baptist

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First Impressions of Norwood

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Revd Archibald G Brown. Tredegar, Edmonton Rd.
Minister of Chatsworth Road Baptist Church.
West Norwood

Mr Brown was standing by the door of his vestry as I approached the church. "What you come from Mr Booth" he exclaimed as he recognised me. "Well I am a fraud as I told you" As we entered the vestry I explained that the present enquiry was not confined to the poor.

Mr Brown has changed little in recent years, save that hair and whiskers have assumed a decidedly grey tinge. The same erect, broad chested figure, frank manly face and clear eye. He has now been 37 years in the Baptist ministry of which 30 were spent at Bow & the last 3 at Norwood.

After a ~~few~~ short preliminary talk, I asked "What were your first impressions, coming from East London?"

He replied "Dull respectability; unable to kindle a spark of enthusiasm" For the first six months

Villadom & Neglected Poverty

The Church Bldgs

months it was terrible. The people are middle class - "villa dom", managers, merchants in the City &c, not wealthy. "What I miss is the working class - no artizans. Nothing between villadom and dirty poverty. Then he referred to the poor bits Rommany Road and the cottages near West Norwood Station. The poverty here is different from the East End. It was neglected poverty. Houses and people looked neglected and once more he emphasised the absence of the sturdy working element "like engineers" The men were labourers and odd job men &c and the poverty was "not unpreventable". Drink and carelessness were behind it.

When Mr Brown came the church was in a bad way. Fuller Gooch took nearly everybody and the succeeding minister was not successful. The galleries were closed and only a handful of people left.

The Chapel seats 1100 and since Mr Brown came they have built two large schoolrooms and a vestry. Also a new platform in the chapel

and have

Persons Employed

Notes on Services

and have introduced the electric light. The school halls, especially the upper one, are very fine and well lighted. As Mr B. took me round I noticed the name of Fuller Gooch on one of the memorial stones. "Yes" said Mr B. "There is no getting, I told him his name must appear as the first pastor.

The pastor is the only paid worker but they hope to have a deaconess at work soon. Deacons, 25 Sunday school teachers &c. A lady connected with the church gives all her time to visiting the members of a large women's slate club (500 members). This however is not directly connected with the Church but with the British Women's Temp^ce Ass^n. Mr B. spoke very highly of his deacon. Of the seven, the average attendance at the prayer meeting would be six.

On Sunday morning the chapel is 2/3rd to 3/4th full and quite full in the evening. Sometimes have a difficulty in seating the people. Used to be two distinct congregations but people who never came twice, do come in

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the evening now. Get a number of visitors also. Last Sunday a party of students from New College came.

Week night services are a strong point with Mr B. I never trouble about Sunday: some only think of the Sunday service. I go in simply for week nights. "If the people come on a week night they are sure to be here on Sunday". For the first six months he talked about the week night service. Then they were getting 6 to 12 at the Saturday prayer meeting and 20 on Wednesday. Now they get 150 to 200 to prayer on Saturday and 300 to the Wednesday service which is held in the chapel. He was told that it was a piece of absolute folly to try and get a Saturday night prayer meeting. All very well where the people had no comfortable homes and were glad to go out. He believed and had proved here that "where the Spirit of God is the results will be the same". On Monday night from 6.45 to 9 pm he was seeing inquirers in his vestry.

Sunday School has 300 to 400 scholars. 320 present last Sunday. Mostly children of comfortable people. Some from West Norwood, who are poor.

No social Agencies

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Hold open air meetings at Chatsworth R^d corner & other place. Has not ~~dur~~ traced any direct addition to Church from them. He tells the workers not to ~~advertise~~ say anything about the services.

No Social Agencies. "They find their recreation in Christ" They dont want them. Mr Brown is very strong on this point. He holds that the Church should not mix itself up in social matters as a church believing this weakens its influence. He wrote a ~~sm~~ booklet some years ago on the subject entitled "The Devil's Mission of Amusement."

Very little visitation. When he came it was arranged that he should be able to devote two days a week to outside preaching engagements so that he could help poor churches. "I never make anything out of it". He sees all sick people. People here do not need visiting All the visiting they expect is a call between 3 & 4 pm and afternoon but Mr B. will not visit except pastorally.

All poor members are helped in time of

need

need. For a long time they had no poor and the fund accumulated.

How has the Church grown? Growth; that is God's doing. Abnormal. He ~~had~~ received anonymous letters when he came, telling him that if he imagined the gospel he had preached at the east would do for this neighbourhood, he was mistaken. However so far as he is concerned "I preach the same doctrines". As a result they have had 500 additions to the church in the three years. Many have come from the world and he also gets a large number, whose church membership has lapsed and backsliders. People who had left the church and made money "This is a locality of backsliders" People get respectable and lose their standing. "You never lose members through stress of poverty and hard work"

The district is not antagonistic. "It is sodden by the gospel and ~~and~~ not saved by it." "It has had the wonderful testimony of Fuller Gooch for 20 years and a magnificent

testimony

testimony it has been." Whilst talking of the growth of the Church, Mr B. made another allusion to Fuller Gooch. "Fuller Gooch draws a particular class. He is well just a little bit too goody goody and gets all the gracious souls for miles round and a considerable number of church people"

"People say I am pessimistic but I am not." Mr B. does not believe the world will gradually grow better. The Bible does not teach that. The hope for the world is the return of the Lord. Today Norwood is distinctly worse – "and can you tell me a district that is not". – We are losing our Sundays. Tennis parties, boating parties and as for the bike"! The greatest evil is that "there is no sense of sin".

The Churches are well attended. It is proper to go to church. Excepting Chatsworth R^d & Mr Gooch's the free churches are poorly attended. The Free church ~~Ch~~ Council is not doing much. Neither Fuller Gooch or Mr B. will have anything to do with it. The Secretary, Mr Woodford Fawcett, said to him: "What am I to do"! There are only two churches & neither of you will touch it."

~~Of the~~ On the Free churches he made a few comments in enumerating them - "Rowpell Park Wesleyan - worldly to a degree"; Presbyterian seats 150 - but a handful; The Congregational (Sandows) influence draws a following. Of Missions there is Auckland Hall supported mainly by Mr Stoughton of Hodder & Stoughton. Elim Hall, Longmead Sq. worked by a L. C. M. Mr Ferryard. This is small but Chatsworth is now taking an interest in it.

Drink is bad. A lot of it. Home drinking among the upper classes is prevalent. Of open immorality and prostitution the district is "exceptionally free".

Revd E. Thornton Smith, 100 Christ Church Rd.
Minister of Ronpell Park Wesleyan Church
Norwood Road.

Mr Thornton Smith is a spare little elderly man in clerical dress. Intellectually keen and possessed of a considerable knowledge of men and things, acquired during years of itinerancy ~~in London~~ visiting places so diverse as Sunderland, Wood Green, Forest Gate and Sheatham. Quiet reshained manner: content at first to give brief answers to leading questions he spoke more freely later.

He has not been long at Ronpell Park and explained that the itinerant system had its disadvantages especially in London suburbs where the people gather round the minister. Ronpell Park was a good example. He has said that he had 'everybody except Methodists in my own church'. In the country the church is the centre for the people: their fathers worshipped there and they continue ~~to do so.~~ to do

to do so. I suggested that the system had some compensating advantages. "Yes, it had need have" said he emphatically.

The Methodists flourish best where there are very high churches. Evangelical church people come more to Wesleyan than to other free churches as the service (liturgical) is more like their own as is the church government.

The Rowhell Park Church draws its people from a radius of half a mile, most coming from the east of the Norwood Road. Middle class people, keeping one or two servants, a few keep three. From the Birkbeck Estate they get a few poor folk, laundresses and others dependent on the local middle class people

The District is maintaining its social position now but he detects signs of coming though not immediate social deterioration. Smaller houses are being built on the Dulwich Side and this will be followed by two families in the larger houses.

The Church seats 1000 and occupies what the auctioneers term a commanding site close to Tulse Hill Railway Station. Below is a large schoolroom and there are vestries and a lecture hall.

Except the ministers, all the workers are voluntary. Have a good number - class leaders, Sunday School teachers &c and these mostly fill more than one office. All the Band of Hope workers would be in the Sunday School. "If you want anything done, you always go to some one who is busy" "The unemployed in the church, are like those outside: they won't do anything and so are unemployed."

For Services and class meetings see plan attached to next page.

Not much difference in morning and evening congregations except more servants girls at night. Not so many stay at home on Sunday night. Get 500 to 600. Possibly the morning is the better - the collections are better then.

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WESLEYAN

METHODIST CHURCH.

ORDER

OF

Public Religious Services

IN THE

BRIXTON · HILL

CIRCUIT.—

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, 1900.

BAINES & SCARSBROOK, PRINTERS, FAIRFAX ROAD, SOUTH HAMPSTEAD.

Sunday School - about 250. Mostly working class children with a few better class. A rather rough element in the school. Nothing is done for the better class children. The theory is that they are instructed at home. Mr S. evidently thinks it is simply theory except as regards the

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Membership.

Reported at the June Quarterly Meeting.

Brixton Hill and Lyham Road	355
Roupell Park and Dulwich Road...	234
Streatham and West Streatham	222
West Norwood	94
Total	905

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THE BRIXTON HILL CIRCUIT.—1900.

Places and Hours of Worship.	SEPT. 30	OCTOBER. 7	14	21	28	NOVEMBER. 4	11	18	25	DECEMBER. 2	9	16	23
COLLECT FOR	16 Sunday af t Trinity.	17 Sunday aft. Trinity.	18 Sunday aft. Trinity.	19 Sunday aft. Trinity.	20 Sunday aft. Trinity.	21 Sunday aft. Trinity.	22 Sunday aft. Trinity.	23 Sunday aft. Trinity.	24 Sunday aft. Trinity.	1 Sunday in Advent.	2 Sunday in Advent.	3 Sunday in Advent.	4 Sunday in Advent.
MORNING LESSONS	2 Chron xxxvi Eph. i.	Jer. v. Philem. i.	Jer. xxxvi. Col. iii.	1 Sam. iii. Mark ix.	Ezek. xxxiv. 1 Tim. v.	Dan. iii. Titus i.	Dan. vi. Heb. iv.	Hos. xiv. Heb. xi.	Eccles. xi. Rom. xiv.	Isa. i. 1 Peter iv.	Isa. v. 1 John ii.	Isa. xxv. Rev. i.	Isa. xxx. Rev. xi.
BRIXTON HILL 11	Sargent HF	Dr. Rigg S	Sargent	Smith I	Sargent	Green S	Chorley	Sargent SSA	Green	Sargent S	Smith HM	Sargent	Chorley
6½	Chorley HF	Green S	Smith	Sargent I	Chorley	Sargent S	Green	Smith SSA	Sargent L	Chorley S	Sargent HM	Green	Smith
Friday 7½	Sargent	Sargent	Hartley FM	Sargent	Sargent	Sargent FM	Sargent	Sargent SSA	Gale	Sargent FM	Ross HM	Sargent	Sargent
ROUPELL PARK 11	Smith	Green HF	Smith	Chorley I	Smith	Sargent	Smith	Chorley	Smith	Green	Sargent HM	Smith	Green
6½	Green	Smith HF	Sargent S	Smith I	Green	Smith S	Sargent	Sargent	Green	Smith S	Smith HM	Chorley	Chorley L
Monday, Prayer Meeting 7¼	Smith	Smith FM	Smith	Sawday FM	Smith	Smith FM	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith FM	Smith	Smith	Smith
WEDNESDAY 7½	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith *	Smith	Smith
STREATHAM 11	Green	Smith	Chorley HF	Sargent	Green	Chorley HM	Green	Smith	Sargent L	Chorley	Chorley	Green	Sargent
6¾	Smith	Sargent S	Green HF	Green	Sargent	Green HM S	Chorley	Green L	Smith L	Green S	Green	Smith	Hodge
TUESDAY 7½	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Lobb	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green *	Green	Green
Friday, Prayer Meeting 7½	Green	Green FM	Green	Green	Green	Green FM	Green	Green	Green	Wenyon FM	Green	Green	Green
WEST NORWOOD 11	Chorley HF	Chorley	Green	Green I	Chorley	Smith SSA	Sargent	Green	Chorley	Smith	Green HM	Chorley	Smith
6½	Sargent HF	Candler	Chorley S	Chorley I	Potter	Lobb SSA	Smith	Chorley	Chorley L	Sargent S	Chorley HM	Holman	Sargent
WEDNESDAY 7½	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley	Simmons	Chorley	Chorley *	Chorley	Chorley
Friday, Prayer Meeting 7½	Chorley	Chorley FM	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley FM	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley FM	Chorley	Chorley	Chorley
LYHAM ROAD 11	Hunt	Joslin BH	Dunstan	Simmons	Thomas	Holman	Rickard *	J. Bloxham	Canter	Hartwell	Gale	Cole	Bridge
7	Hodge	Chorley BH	W. Smith	G. Bloxham	Guntrip	Gardiner	Harding	Welford	Robson	Hersee	Dunstan	Sargent S	Posnett
WEDNESDAY 7½	Rickard	Chorley BH	Welford	Sargent	FM	Chorley	G. Bloxham	Thomas	Sargent	Hersee	HM	Ducker	
DULWICH ROAD 11	G. Bloxham HF	Welford	J. Bloxham	Rickard	Robson	Bridge	Joslin	Hartwell	Gale	Simmons	Cole	Rye	Dunstan
7	Holman HF	Potter	Hersee	Harding	Smith S	Thomas	Dunstan *	Hunt	Guntrip	Hodge L	W. Smith	Ducker	Hedges
THURSDAY 7½	Hartwell	Smith	W. Smith	Dunstan	FM	Smith	Simmons	Joslin	Hartwell	Smith	HM	W. Smith	
WEST STREATHAM (Eardley Road) 11	Hartwell	W. Smith	Simmons	Welford	Gale	Rickard	Hodge	Dunstan	G. Bloxham	Cole	Robson	Hunt	Joslin
7	Bridge	Posnett	Ducker	Joslin	Hersee	Canter	W. Smith	Hedges	Holman	Harding L	Thomas	Potter	Green S
THURSDAY 7½		Green			FM		Green				HM	Green	

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Rev G. W. SAWDAY, Mission House.
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Rev. C. WENYON, M.D., New Cross Gate.
Rev. THOS. ROSS, Woolwich.

G. CANDLER, 61 Upper Tulse Hill, S.W. *1852
C. BIGGS, 12 Eden Road, West Norwood, S.E. 1864
J. MRS HUNT, 165 Eardley Road, Streatham, S.W. 1879
G. HODGE, 61 Palace Road, S.W. 1887
J. BLOXHAM, 199 Norwood Road, Herne Hill, S.E. 1854
GAZZAM RICKARD, 55 Roseberry Road, Brixton Hill, S.W. 1887
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G. BLOXHAM, 5 Thornberry Terrace, Lyham Rd., Brixton, S.W. 1887
W. S. RYE, 79 New Park Road, Brixton Hill, S.W. 1892
F. S. BRIDGE, 1 Hainthorpe Road, West Norwood, S.E 1893
W. J. SMITH, 3 Winslade Road, Brixton Hill, S.W. 1882
A. HEDGES, 27 Thirlmere Road, Streatham, S.W. 1886
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W. WELFORD, 16 High Street, Clapham, S.W. 1894
J. CANTER, 25 Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W. 1895
W. ROBSON, 130 Croxted Road, West Dulwich, S.E. 1870
F. E. POTTER, 65 Palace Road, Tulse Hill Park, S.W. 1887
A. W. HERSEE, 62 Helix Road, Brixton Hill, S.W. 1891
H. HOLMAN, M.A., Brooklands, Tooting Common, S.W 1883
JNO. DUNSTAN, 90 Kellett Road, Brixton, S.W. 1863
W. A. POSNETT, San Stefano, Thrale Road, Streatham, S.W.
G. STUCHBERRY, Gospel Car Mission. 1897
W. SIMMONS, 27 Knight's Hill Road, West Norwood, S.E. 1898
W. JOSLIN, 14 Cotherstone Road, Streatham Hill, S.W. 1895
J. CARTER, 30 Josephine Avenue, S.W. 1850
C. COLE, 30 Penrith Road, Mitcham Lane, S.W. 1880
W. TERRILL, 33 Venn Street, Clapham, S.W. 1900
J. J. CORDEN, 27 Natal Road, Streatham, S.W.
E. A. HARTWELL, 26 Kildoran Road, S.W. 1896

**Year when fully accredited.*

On Trial.

J. W. GALE, 18 Brading Road, S.W.
F. E. DUCKER, 105 Streatham Hill.

From other Circuits.

T. J. GARDINER, 84 Kyrle Road, Clapham Common, S W

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BRIXTON HILL.

Nov. 11	Sun.	3.0	Mr. Rye		Chorley.
,, 12	Mon.	4.15	Dr. Rigg		Dr. Rigg.
,, 13	Tues.	8.0	Miss A. Griffith		Sargent.
,, 7	Wed.	8.0	Mr. Monk	L.R.	Chorley.
,, 7	,,	7.30	Mrs. Welford	L.R.	Chorley.
,, 7	,,	8.30	Mr. Marshall	L.R.	Chorley.
,, 14	,,	11.30	Mrs. Snow		Sargent.
,, 14	,,	8.0	Miss Tierney*		,,
,, 14	,,	8.0	Miss Tierney		,,
,, 14	,,	8.0	Mr. Harding		,,
,, 8	Thurs.	8.0	Mr. Rickard	L.R.	Chorley.
,, 15	,,	3.30	Minister's		Sargent.
,, 15	,,	8.0	Mr. Hall		,,
,, 22	,,	8.0	Mrs. A. Hall		,,
,, 9	Fri.	6.30	Miss Hall		,,
,, 16	,,	8.30	Mr. Thomas		,,
,, 23	,,	8.30	Mr. Knight		,,
,, 30	,,	8.30	Miss Stemp		,,

* Juniors.

L.R. These Classes meet at Lyham Road.

ROUPELL PARK.

Nov. 11	Sun.	10.0	Mr. Higgs		Smith.
,, 11	,,	2.30	Miss Iles*		,,
,, 11	,,	3.0	Miss Chaffer		,,
,, 11	,,	8.0	Mr. Hewson		,,
,, 12	Mon.	4.0	Mrs. Meek-		,,
,, 12	,,	8.0	Mr. Hodge		,,
,, 12	,,	8.0	Mr. Bloxham		,,
,, 12	,,	8.0	Mr. Salvage		,,
,, 12	,,	8.0	Mr. J. Mitchinson		,,
,, 13	Tues.	8.0	Mrs. Benjafield		,,
,, 13	,,	3.30	Miss Miller		,,
,, 13	,,	8.0	Mr. Langler		,,
,, 14	Wed.	8.30	Miss Johnson		,,
,, 14	,,	3.15	Minister's		,,
,, 14	,,	6.30	Miss Griffith		,,
,, 21	,,	8.0	Mr. Rissin	D.R.	,,
,, 8	Thurs.	8.45	Mr. Guntrip	D.R.	,,
,, 8	,,	8.45	Mr. Waite-	D.R.	,,
,, 15	,,	7.0	Mr. T. Peed*		,,
,, 15	,,	7.45	Dr. Meek		,,
,, 9	Fri.	8.15	Mr. F. E. Potter		,,
,, 16	,,	7.30	Mr. O. Simons*	D.R.	,,
,, 16	,,	7.30	Miss Little*	D.R.	,,

* Juniors.

D.R. These Classes meet at Dulwich Road

STREATHAM.

Nov. 11	Sun.	10.0.	Miss Jarvis*		Green.
,, 11	,,	10.0.	Mr. Ibbetson*		,,
,, 12	Mon.	8.0.	Mr. Pattenden		,,
,, 13	Tues.	6.45.	Mrs. Senneck*-		,,
,, 14	Wed.	3.30.	Rev. Tilney Rising		Rising.
,, 14	,,	6.0.	Mrs. F. Dommett	W.S.	Green.
,, 14	,,	6.0.	Mrs. Ely*	W.S.	,,
,, 14	,,	7.15.	Mr. Dommett*	W.S.	,,
,, 14	,,	8 0.	Mr. Allen	W.S.	,,
,, 14	,,	8.30.	Mr. Ely	W.S.	,,
,, 21	,,	7.30.	Mr. Brook		,,
,, 21	,,	8.0.	Mr. Peed		,,
,, 21	,,	8.0.	Mrs. Carlisle		,,
,, 28	,,	8.30.	Mr. A. Henri		,,
,, 15	Thurs.	7.30.	Mr. Sandaver		,,
,, 15	,,	6.0	Mrs. F. A. Holman		,,
,, 15	,,	8.30.	Mr. Hunt	W.S	,,
,, 16	Fri.	3.30.	Minister's		,,
,, 16	,,	8.30.	Minister's		,,

* Juniors.

W.S. These Classes meet at West Streatham.

WEST NORWOOD.

Nov. 25	Sun.	3.0.	Mr. Tomlinson		Chorley.
,, 12	Mon.	8.0.	Mr. Marriott		,,
,, 19	,,	8.0.	Minister's		,,
,, 20	Tues.	3.0.	Minister's		,,
,, 20	,,	8.0.	Mr. Creese		,,
,, 20	,,	8.0.	Mr. A. H. Harmer		,,
,, 21	Wed.	8.30.	Mr. Bristow		,,
,, 21	,,	6.30.	Minister's*		,,
,, 22	Thurs.	7.30.	Mr. Simmons		,,
,, 23	Fri.	8.15.	Miss Tomlinson		,,

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homes connected with the churches. Save for the religious instruction given at the private schools (generally good) these children would grow up 'pagans'.

Week night services poorly attended. 40 or 50. The working people of the church – can tell within a few who will be ~~there~~ at the service. Late dinners affect it. Good for men who are in the city all day they are not good for the church attendance.

Social agencies include a flourishing literary society; a large mothers' meeting, which has all the virtues and all the vices of mothers' meetings. It is managed by a Com^tee of 'devoted ladies' who lead to the 80 or 100 women, supply clothing at cost price &c. The women never come near the church, except for the mothers' meeting. 'It does not count as a spiritual influence' is Mr's opinion of this & all of M. Mr. So far as it brings brightness to the lives of some poor people, it is a good and may be reckoned

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a success but if it is a meeting to bring the people into the church, it is a dead failure.

The Mission Church at Dulwich Road is attached to this church, Mr S. being the pastor and its members being reckoned members of Roupell Park. They come from Dulwich Road to the church meetings and are the usual Mission Hall sort. Live in the small houses near Herne Hill - many work in the City occupying subordinate posts, clerks, porters &c. Good workers, talk a great deal and think that Roupell Park does not do enough for them. The people who do not find Roupell Park lively enough for them go to Dulwich Road.

Class membership of the Church is about 250 and of these perhaps 180 would be at Roupell Park. Five classes meet at Dulwich Road.

The Sick & Benevolent Society is managed by a Committee of Ladies. Have visitors to go to the sick & give away £40 to £50 a year. Also the Church Poor Fund for members, Nearly all goes to the Birkbeck estate.

Smith - Wesleyan, Roupell Park.

Overlapping in charitable relief exists. He knows some cases in which people are helped by their church and also by St Lukes. The Presbyterian Minister (Mr Scott) is earnestly formulating a ~~form~~ scheme to prevent overlapping. His idea is to pool the poor money of the churches and have it managed by a Central committee. Mr S. thinks this a "large order" and not likely to be adopted. Each would think the others were keeping something back from the central committee. He favours a Central Committee apportioning cases and leaving the Churches to distribute their own funds. The relief would lose much of its graciousness if cases were dealt with by a central Com^tee.

As for funds "any money you want for relief you can get". A lot of the people think that in giving they are doing something for their souls salvation. For other church purposes funds are obtained with difficulty.

Prospects are hopeful. The people come fairly readily, and are attentive & reverent. Congregation is growing. Mr S. spoke so slowly that he gave the impression of searching for hopeful signs, which did not come readily.

The Church of England works hard and is not particularly objectionable here (e.g. ritualistic) but there is no co-operation. Archibald Brown is doing a great work. His church is full.

"There is a thing called the Free Church Council, responsible for the coming mission." It brings no kind of co-operation between the Free Churches. He has not much sympathy with it and thinks the cause of its failure is the local political spirit. More than half the Wesleyans are liberals, said he, even in a church like Roupell Park but they do not like politics in the pulpit. "We are a very peculiar people."

"Does not see much of the drink and the district is remarkably free from immorality. Has seen a few women in aprons talking to working men and that is all. Nothing like other parts of London.

The district is quiet and orderly. The peace of the place is a great boon after the noise and rowdyism of Forest Gate. So far as church going

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is concerned, the bulk of the people do not attend in either place. The difference is merely in the way of spending the day. Here the people have comfortable homes and remain at home At Forest Gate, lacking the comfort, they parade the streets.

Dec. 6th. 1900.

Interview with Rev. Walter Hobbs. 40/7.18

Rev Hobbs was written to with reference to the Gipsy Hill Baptist Church. The very voluminous papers which he sent us (with the enclosed) will explain more or less why he has ceased to be connected with that church. The general letter from him and his members is of little concern to us, but I had to put up with a fuller statement of the case from the Hobbs side this morning. The cause of disagreement was the large amount of time which Rev H. devoted to his duties as a guardian. Without hearing the other side I should be inclined to think that his members had good cause for complaint, for it is clear that Rev H's sympathies are in this public rather than his religious work. However Rev H. has many friends who rallied round him,

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gave him a testimonial, and are building him a new church. Meanwhile Mr H. has been conducting services in some hall which he has filled (about 200) and has little doubt of filling a new church: but according to him "the old show is empty".

As to West Norwood - (It used to be called Lower Norwood, but it was thought advisable to change the name) - it is a decaying district. Round the old church especially there is a great deal of poverty in East Place, Langmead Sq., Wood St., Gloucester St. and Charge Archer (?). Norwood is very full of jobbing gardeners, painters, labourers, and "men born tired": there are too a large number of laundries which are hard hard to keep hucksters. The poor of Norwood generally have been spoiled by much indiscriminate charity in the past and have "no backbone".

Most of Mr H's. talk was as to the Poor Law. Though the Lambeth guardians are more careful than many and contain practically no 'labour' element their tending he thinks is to be "too tender", or I think he would put it rather that in striving to improve the conditions of the deserving poor, which is right, they are allowing the undeserving to reap much of the advantage: and Mr H. is of opinion that of those who find their way to the workhouse none few deserve much sympathy: almost all who have anything in their favour get out relief. In spite of this the workhouse according to Mr H. is being made quite a pleasant place, and the able bodied loafers are beginning to discover this.

Mr H. told me many stories of the difficulty of dealing with the 'undesirables': one of a man who, after many futile attempts, was

at last got to a Church Army Home, where he was able to chop wood. The next day he turned up again at the Workhouse, and at the next Meeting of the Board presented a written statement of his wrongs: he found the work too hard, and the food was insufficient, indeed he was unable to live, a poor substitute for supper being "a bellyful of prayer".

Another case was of a woman who had five illegitimate children in the Lying in Ward of the Infirmary, and who when she was last before the Guardians told them she was about to present them with a sixth: when expostulated with she said "What do you expect me to do? To put a padlock on?" The two children are in the Schools and he calculates that this woman will cost the ~~Union~~ Guardians at least £3000.

In such cases as these, and according to him they are many, the Poor Law fails completely:

and Mr H. is emphatic that ~~a~~ better treatment of the dreaming should carry with it ~~penal treatment and~~ segregation of the undreaming in penal colonies.

H. ~~and~~ & will be seen from his literature that Mr H. has especially interested himself in the children. He is also against the system of Ragged Schools, and advocates the turning of the Schools at Harwood into an Infirmary. When possible, except in gross cases of vice or neglect, he would leave the children with their mothers: "maternal instinct" he said "covers a great deal of maternal vice: and even if a woman does take a big D. and does not keep her home quite clean the children usually do better with her than at a school". Failing this he advocates "scattered homes". "Boarding out" the Lambeth guardians have found a complete failure. At the Harwood

Schools the children have been greatly improved by being sent to the Board Schools.

In this I should be thankful
I shall be opening a new Chapel
on Jan 2nd & what a load
off it would be if you wd
preside on the occasion
I hope you may see your
way clear & thus help me
in my new departure

Asking for an early
reply.

Yours very truly
Walter Stokes

Dec 5.

Haddon,
Salters Hill,
Norwood, S.E.

Dr. Mr. Stokes

I venture to enclose a little
literature that may indicate I
know something of the work
in this district. I shall be
pleased to see one of your
brethren on Friday between
4 and 9 p.m. on Saturday
between 9 am & 1 p.m or
phone Anerley 1000 & I will
be up soon.

How thankful I should be
if your C. would see our
interest. I venture to think
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Dec. 11th. 1900.

Interview with Rev. Neville Allen Congregational Church, High Road, Tooting.

Until I met Mr Allen I had not seen a typical Congregational minister for a long time. After the atmosphere of rather obtrusive piety or sectarianism which is almost universal in other denominations it is always a refreshing experience to meet one who is more of the man than the minister, and this is emphatically the case with Mr Allen, who though ~~not~~ ~~too~~ with some of the commanding powers of some of the great Congregationalists on the north of the river, is a very sweet and pleasant personality, reminding me to some extent of Mr Pierce of West Hampstead.

Mr A. has been here for 8 years. The Church and the chapel are both old and "have been through many vicissitudes". That whatever the difficulties in the past the church is now prosperous, so much so that the old building is too large, and a larger

church ~~the~~ built in the immediate neighbourhood. The actual membership is only 130, mostly middle class and "old stagers", but on Sunday nights the church is "unpleasantly full" with a congregation which is largely drawn from the new working class streets ~~in~~ in Tooting Graveney, which in the Mission (Lantern) Service in the School there are often as many as 400.

This is becoming predominantly a working class district and Mr A. has laid himself out particularly to cater for them, and especially for the lads of the neighbourhood. He is Colonel of a Lads Brigade of about 100, formed from quite the roughest lads, and through this has won the sympathy of a number of the parents who have been thus drawn to the services. Altogether said Mr A. "we jog along very nicely with the working men."

The Sunday School has about 350 children; and there are some 12 visitors who distribute literature and invite the people to church.

Mr A. takes a "sanguine" view of the religious prospect here: he finds the people more responsive than in other parts of London where he has been.

Partly perhaps it is that with a rapidly growing population there is no very great competition. The Church of England (Mr Anderson) is "splendidly worked", but the church accommodation in the district is still very small, and Mr A. admitted that in the numerous new streets the church goers formed but a very small proportion of the total population.

Mr A. told me a good deal as to the social character of the district. Eight years ago Tooting Graveney was in the main an old village with many fine suburban houses and two small poor patches, the one Tottenham, the other Salvador. Mr A. took me to both these places: they are little working class colonies of two-storied cottages, the latter with a considerable bit of garden ground, such as one finds abounded in all the growing districts of London. They have been and still are inhabited by an old

and settled class of poor who used to be spoiled by the rich of the neighbourhood: to live in "Tottendom" was looked upon as a good move. Some five years ago three new streets, Letchworth, H. & Upper, and Polignac (?) were built in Tottendom: the houses were of the worst type: they were at once filled by outcasts from elsewhere, "who came bringing their furniture in barrows": as soon as the houses were full the estate of these streets was sold: but the purchasers seems to have great difficulties in getting any rent: the "condition" of things has been shocking, a perfect Alsatia." Now however the landlord is turning the people out wholesale and endeavouring to get better tenants. As we walked down it nearly the whole of one side of Upper street was empty with notices of "Flats" to let. This is essentially a "Flat" district: in all the new roads around here there's hardly, (Charlemont, Selincourt etc) the houses

are two storied and fitted for two families, sometimes with two doors, sometimes with a common passage. The present Mr A. says the district is overbuilt: the connection with London is so bad that only those who work near can live there. In spite of this the L.C.C. are about to carry out a great housing scheme at Totterdown, but it is ~~believed~~ believed that it will be accompanied by greatly accelerated trams and cheap fares. The usual rent for a flat in this part of Tooting at present is 8/ or 8/6 for the ground floor and 7/ or 7/6 first floor.

Locally Tooting has the reputation of being dreary and rowdy: but Mr A. thinks it has the disrepute for much rowdiness which does not belong to it: The High Road is a great thoroughfare and much of the undeniable drinking here is due to the exceedingly low population of Mitcham and to the parties of visitors to the adjoining cemeteries. State drink here is "a sad trouble": "there are a lot of little beer houses

all close together; hardly sensed very large Public Houses.

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TOOTING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DECEMBER, 1900. ONE PENNY.

Minister, Rev. BEVILL ALLEN, The Manse, Charlmont Road, Tooting.

LIST OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

SUNDAY—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Mission Service in School at 7.
Sunday School at 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.
Bible Classes at 3.
Prayer Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY—Provident Club 7 to 8.
Girls' Sewing Class at 8.
Orchestra at 8.

TUESDAY—Junior Christian Endeavour at 6.30. Senior 8.

WEDNESDAY—Boys' Brigade 7.
Band at 8.

THURSDAY—Dorcas at 3.30.
Band of Hope 6.45 p.m.
Week-night Service at 8.
Choir Practice at 8.30.

FRIDAY—Youths' Club at 8.

Anyone desiring to see the Pastor may do so at the close of any of the services.
Cases of illness will be visited if made known to the Deacons or the Pastor.
Hymn Books used, "Congregational Church Hymnal" and Sankey's.
Advertisements, if approved, will be inserted on application to Mr. MARSH.

CHURCH NOTES.

PASTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,—

Eleven times already it has been my privilege to address you by means of "Our Own Magazine," and, so far as I can remember, on each occasion I have been permitted to strike the note of praise and bear record to a continuance of Christian unity, earnest service and spiritual prosperity, and as I address you for the twelfth and last time this year I thank God I can do so in the same glad and hopeful spirit.

Our Sunday Services have been better attended than ever, and what has specially cheered some of us, there has been a marked improvement in the morning attendance. We know full well the claims home has upon the majority of our members, and make every allowance for their non-appearance on the morning of the Lord's Day, but we sometimes think if the friends who are afflicted with a Sunday attack of the "blanket grip" knew how helpful and encouraging their attendance was to minister and people alike, our improved attendance would be increasingly improved.

The month that has gone has been a very busy and exciting one. On Thursday, the 1st, it was our privilege and pleasure to entertain the members of the Balham and Tooting Free Church Council. Some 70 friends came to tea, which I need hardly say was prepared with the characteristic taste and excellence of our lady helpers. After tea a Conference was opened by the President of the Council, the Rev. J. Griffith Jones, B.A., and carried through by a succession of speakers in as earnest and hearty a way as ever a conference could be, and we separated feeling that we had been that night very near the fire. My friends and helpers, the members of the Choir, attended to render what help they could, but so constant was the stream of oratory that there seemed no favorable opportunity of availing ourselves of their services. I seize this opportunity, however, of thanking them for their presence and their readiness to help on this unique occasion, and would assure them, in the nrme of the Council, how highly this manifestation of their good-will was appreciated.

On Mondays, the 5th and 19th, we had to lean hard upon the energies and skilful resources of our lady friends to carry us through our two Rummage Sales. Very loyally did they respond to the appeal, and so energetically did they toil that at the end of the Sale on the 19th everything was sold, and a sum of £10 handed to the Treasurer of the School Fund.

During the month our Sunday Evening Mission in Broadwater Road has been started, with fairly encouraging results. The one great difficulty at present is the bad approach to the building, but as time goes on, and we make ourselves better known amongst the people, this difficulty will be minimised, and we shall have, I hope, week by week, a large number of people gathering together to listen to the simple story of Jesus and His love.

In addition to the Sunday Services Mr. Samuel Levermore, of the Tent Campaign, has promised to conduct special Evangelistic Services every Friday evening in December, and that our forces may be concentrated I propose suspending the Week-night Services during the month, hoping the regular attendants will throw their lot in with the Mission workers.

The matter of financing the School, and carrying on the various agencies connected therewith, causes us a little anxiety now and again, but we feel sure the Lord will supply all our need, and only mention the matter here that we may remind the Lord's stewards of the work in which we are engaged, and the urgency of its claims, that in disbursing their benefactions they may find a small corner for us.

On the 12th we had our Annual Church Social, and spent a happy time together. Various hints and suggestions were made, and as one result of the Social we determined to resuscitate the Literary and Debating Society; start a Mothers' Meeting; a Baby Minding Society; and an organisation for

the house to house visitation of the neighbourhood.

In addition to these new efforts I want to add another, and that is a Youths' Club, to counteract, if possible, the baneful influence of the streets, and the more baneful influence of the publichouse. Will you help us by giving or lending games, books, papers, etc.?

I can hardly conclude this letter without a brief allusion to the lamented death of our dear sister, Mrs. Bagnall Baker. For the past nine years she has been associated with us in Church fellowship, and when health admitted was most regular in her attendance, and conscientious in the discharge of the duties devolving upon her. For the past three years she has been passing through the fire of affliction, and when on the afternoon of 7th of November "God's finger touched her and she slept," for her sake we were glad, for we knew "it was far better"; but as a Church we mourn the loss we have been called upon to sustain, and would weep sympathetically with him who feels this bereavement so keenly. May God be his refuge and his stength.

With all good wishes,

Believe me to be,

Yours most heartily,

BEVILL ALLEN.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Dec. 4. Christian Endeavour Social in Schoolroom at 7.
„ 5. Orchestral Society's Soirée at Bell Coffee Tavern.
„ 6. Mr. Meyer visits Balham in connection with London's Great Mission.
„ 7. First of Mr. Levermore's Services in Schoolroom.
„ 12. Cantata, "Nativity," by Choir and Orchestra.
„ 25. Christmas Service at 11.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

On Thursday, 8th November, a Choir Social was held. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. F. Pearse occupied the Chair. The first part of the evening was occupied by the consideration and adoption of new choir rules, and the appointment of a Vice-President, Mr. A. Chester, who had previously held the office of Secretary. The vacant Secretaryship was filled by the appointment of Mr. F. Weight, who has been doing good service as Assistant Secretary. At the conclusion of business the rest of the evening was devoted to music and refreshments. In the opinion of those present it was the most enjoyable of the series of social gatherings.

I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to announce that a Sacred Concert, in aid of the Church Funds, will be given by the members of the Choir and Orchestra, assisted by friends, on Wednesday, 12th December. The programme will consist of the Christmas Cantata, "Nativity," and a miscellaneous selection of music. Further particulars with regard to the Concert will be duly announced.

It is sincerely hoped that members of the Church and Congregation will keep the evening of the 12th December free.

C. G. T. PLUME.

BOYS' BRIGADE AND BAND.

After the blank of last month we have double to report this, as was likely to be the case.

On Sunday, the 28th of October, the Sunday School Anniversary was held, and as the majority of the members of the Band and Brigade attend our School, we had our Annual Church Parade. We assembled at Headquarters (Broadwater Road) at 6 o'clock, leaving for Church at 6.30. The Band, followed by the Brigade, played "Gertrude," one of the most popular of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan's tunes. Arriving at the Church at 6.40 we took up our position in the left-hand side of the gallery, almost filling

that particular side. After the Service we again fell in and marched up the High Street round Hereward Road, and back to Headquarters, the Band playing "God be with you," "Home, sweet home," and "Scipio." Considering the inclemency of the weather we had a very good turn out, numbering altogether about 45.

On Wednesday, October 31st, we again paraded at Headquarters at 7.30, and attended the Annual Meeting of the Sunday School. We occupied the whole of the left-hand block of the building, between 60 and 70 of the members having turned up. During the meeting the Band played "Soldiers in the park," after which the Band and Brigade were complimented by their Colonel for their splendid behaviour during the Service on Sunday, and by Mr. Oakley and the Chairman (our Colonel's Brother) on their behaviour at the meeting. At the request of the Chairman the Band played "Home, sweet home."

We had another very pleasant incident on Tuesday, the 13th inst. It will be remembered that last August the Company had their usual Bank Holiday March to Sutton, and on account of the rain we had a very few visitors to tea, which resulted in the loss of about 13s. to our Colonel. Mr. Hudson very kindly gave us 5s. to make it up, which left 8s. During the practice on the 13th, Sub-Lieut. Merril asked the Colonel to call the Company to attention, as he had something to say. He then made a short speech, and handed the sum of 8s. 4½d., which had been collected from the members and others, to the Colonel. The Colonel, somewhat taken aback, thanked the boys for their thoughtful kindness, which he very highly appreciated, and promised them the money should be spent on them on the first convenient occasion at the Coffee Palace.

We must also call the attention of those interested in our work to the forthcoming Entertainment, which we hope to give at the beginning of next year on behalf of our Funds.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL,

Broadwater Road.

On Thursday, November 23, the Teachers held the Annual Meeting for the election of Officers. The retiring Officers were unanimously re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Prall (Treasurer) and Miss E. Clarkson (Secretary of the International Bible Reading Association), both of whom, we regret to say, had considered it necessary to send in their resignation, and to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

The following is the list of Officers for the year, upon which as a School we have just entered:—

President, Rev. Bevill Allen; Superintendent, Mr. W. Ellson; Secretaries, Mrs. Whiteside, Mr. C. Randall; Treasurer, Mr. Mark Picken; Librarian, Mr. W. Madge; Assistant Librarian, Mrs. W. Madge; Missionary Secretary, Mrs. Jones; I.B.R.A. Secretary, Miss Pontifex; Collectors, Miss Packer, Miss Marsh; Organist, Miss Allen; Conductor of Morning School, Mr. Jones.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

Meetings for December:—

Dec. 4. Social, commencing at 7 p.m.
„ 11. Subject, How to listen, Matt. xiii. 1-23. Leader, Miss Mackintosh.
„ 18. Subject, Confessing Christ, Matt. x. 32-39. Consecration Service. Leader, Rev. Bevill Allen.
„ 25. No Meeting (Christmas Day).
Jan. 1. Half-yearly Business Meeting.

COLLECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER.

Nov. 4.	..	5	16	1
„ 11.	...	6	5	1
„ 18.	...	5	11	7
„ 25.	...	5	13	2
Total	£	23	5	11

the house to house visitatio
bourhood.

In addition to these new e
add another, and that is a Y
counteract, if possible, the ba
of the streets, and the more b
of the publichouse. Will y
giving or lending games, boo

I can hardly conclude this
brief allusion to the lamente
dear sister, Mrs. Bagnall B
past nine years she has beer
us in Church fellowship, a
admitted was most regular ir
and conscientious in the d
duties devolving upon her.
three years she has been pas
fire of affliction, and when d
of 7th of November "God's fi
and she slept," for her sake
for we knew "it was far be
Church we mourn the loss
called upon to sustain, and w
pathetically with him who fe
ment so keenly. May Go
and his stength.

With all good wishes,

Believe me to be,

Yours most heartil

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FORTHCOMING

Dec. 4. Christian Endea
Schoolroom a
„ 5. Orchestral Socie
Coffee Taver
„ 6. Mr. Meyer visits
nection with
Mission.
„ 7. First of Mr. Leve
Schoolroom.
„ 12. Cantata, "Nati
and Orchestr
„ 25. Christmas Servic

Mr C. Clover, L.C. Missionary, (1)
22 Paget Road, West Dulwich S.E.
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Mr Clover is an exceptional missionary, not only in appearance but also in the fact that he is the first man with a hall, who really carries out the rules of the L.C.M. in their entirety.

An elderly man with aquiline nose, heavy grey mustache and wavy hair, he would easily pass for a retired military officer. Erect figure, clear eye and easy self possessed manner, he is undoubtedly one of the best of the men I have met. He has been 12 years on the district.

His district consists of a block of working class property on the S.E. of Norwood Cemetery, the boundaries being (roughly) Carnac Street, Clive Road, Oak Hill, Gipsy Road and thence by St Gothard Road to the Cemetery. Within this area he has 776 houses, all of which are visitable, altho' he does not trouble Gipsy Road much. It is a main road and better than the rest

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Romanany Road is the poorest. It has 253 houses with a family on each floor the houses being a mixture of 3 + 2 storied property. The people are very mixed — policemen, gardeners in regular work and also jobbing men, labourers of all kinds and some mechanics, carpenters bricklayers &c. In Hamilton & Clive Roads the people are rather better — Clerks, warehousemen &c.

~~He~~ He takes about 3 months to cover his district. "You don't visit like bill distributors" and there are always a number of sick, who need special attention

In Rommany Road sickness is prevalent - indeed in all the district. Clay soil & the houses are very damp. Scarlet fever and diphtheria cases are frequent. Only 3 or 4 now, but quite an epidemic a few years ago Sanitary condition has been greatly improved and are constantly improving when a fever case is reported, the house is examined & the drains seen to and in this way most of the drainage has been modernised.

Much moving in parts of the district, especially Rommanny Road. Poorer people move - some because they are compelled to do so. Rents have risen very much in recent years. Houses that ~~averaged~~ fetched 9/- now let for 13/ + 14/-. This would be for 6 rooms. Rents are not uniform however, depending somewhat on the landlord - thus some of the 3 storied houses let for 13/- & some of the 2-storied for 14/6. ~~The~~

The neighbourhood has improved considerably "I dont put it down to my labours". Have a splendid house agent who looks sharply after the people and gets rid of undesirable tenants and keeps his houses in repair.

Have an abundance of places of worship in the neighbourhood "but the people dont go"

Emanuel Church has a large hall in the Rommanny Road. Two curates and biblewoman. Get a good congregation at the Church from Alleyn Park & the well to do roads. Very few however at the Hall.

Of Baptists, there are two sets, we might say 3 Inner

Mr Hobbs split. eg.

Gipsy Road - Mr H's old church where Rev W. J Avery is now pastor.

Mr Hobbs New Church. ~~now~~ Iron Bldg just erected near the corner of Auckland Hill. [At present Mr Hobbs is holding his services in the Gipsy Road Board School.]

Gipsy Road was not very strong and now there are two weak causes instead of one moderately strong one. The real reason Mr H. left was that the deacons saw the church was going down & they thought Mr H. should throw all his energies into it to stop the movement. He did not see it. He need not have given up as he had always had a majority, when the subject was discussed but he resigned.

Providence Strict Baptist (Patterson) is the third. St Gothards Road.

The usual hyper calvinistic small body.

Of Brethren, there are two sets. The Exclusives in Clive Road - a very good meeting. The Open Brethren in St Cloud Road. Place almost deserted. Just off the district is another section of the Exclusives meeting over the Co-operative Stores on Auckland Hill The Methodists are very low indeed. Have built a new place but never filled it.

Mr G. has a hall - The Scott Memorial (5
Hall in Rommany Road. It seats 150.
Here he holds a Men's Bible class on Sunday
afternoon. Well attended - about 25.
A Gospel Service at 7 PM. Hall is filled.
Had to look about for seats last Sunday
evening. say 120. All working people
from the immediate neighbourhood. (It
is characteristic of Mr G. that he did not mention
this, his principal meeting until the end of the
interview & then the allusion was accidental.)
On Tuesday a Bible Reading is held £11 and a
Prayer meeting on Saturday. The latter small
but former good for the neighbourhood. Does
not believe in many meetings. Prefers one
~~good~~ large meeting rather than many bad
ones.

Social agencies include Band of Hope 150
members, Women's Slate Club with 76 members.
Pay 6d a week & get 6/- in sickness: just shared out
£24/3½ each. Men's Slate Club is smaller.
6d a week & 10/- in sickness. Just paid out 27/6.
Does not believe in clubs of more than 100,
preferring 2 small to one large club. With more
than 100 members, advantage can be taken of
the club.

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Mr C. has no workers. He can always ~~get the help~~ depend on plenty of workers if he wants them. These people are often in the way rather than helps. "Go and join the churches" he says "and they will set you to work." He has noticed in other places that the formation of a band of workers somewhat counteracts the success.

He gets the people to pass on to the churches and has supplied workers to most of the churches around - Auckland Hall, Archibald Brown's, Elder Road and now two from the Hall are awaiting baptism at Fuller Gooch's church.

Much charitable relief is given. St Stephens (a rich church) is linked with and helps Emanuel. The Church gives most & that causes some people to go "but they are people of no principle. Their seat is worth more than their body". Chapels have not rich congregations. Archibald Browns is wealthy but he is far away.

Mr Clover does not give relief. Sends them on to the vicar or mentions their cases. Not even free teas. Never charge less than 6' for a tea.

Not much need at present. Many of the people are improvident but thrift is more general than it has been. Witness the number of Slate Clubs &c which flourish in the neighbourhood.

Drink. Much amongst women. Many laundries in the neighbourhood and the women work in them. The Hamilton Arms corner of Clive Road is a women's house. It is opposite a large laundry.

Some immoral characters live on the district but there are no houses you can call immoral. These girls go to Preston or The Palace Parade.

Sunday is comparatively quiet except for the costers, shouting in the streets all day long. Oranges, shrimps &c. Only go into the poorer streets - no custom in the others. With one or two exceptions the shops are shut or only partially opened. The men lie abed all the morning, mend the rabbit hutches and pigeon lofts in the afternoon & go for a walk in the evening. Have a stronger objection than ever to go to church.

Clover - Sem, Rommany Road.

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Mr Clover is a man of character and much more original in his methods and influence than most of his class. Probably he is a greater power in the neighbourhood than he gives himself credit for.

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Report of interview with the Rev. T. Greenwood, Minister of the Ramsden Road Baptist Chapel, Balham. At his residence ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ 182 Bedford Hill. (E.A.)
Dec.5.00.

Mr. Greenwood is a representative of a type of which we have seen many -- a man of 45 or 50 years of age, who wears slippers at one o'clock in the day; lives in a comfortable house in a moderately comfortable family way; has a study full of books; admires Spurgeon, but preaches a more liberal theology; capable; matter-of-fact; master of himself and of his congregation; successful, but ~~free~~ innocent of all idealism or poetry in his nature. He incarnates what people mean when they speak of the Nonconformist conscience. It is he and his class that help to make the community respectable; ~~and~~ individuals dependable and strightforward; but life somewhat narrower and more smug than it would be without them. In appearance, a man of medium height; spare in build; unshaven. Neither very interesting nor very attractive, he is indispensable.

He described his people as middle and lower middle for the most part, with a considerable number of working-class and of servants. There are one or two wealthy members; a few who live in houses rented at £55, but the mass in smaller houses than this. His own house in Bedford Hill, rented at £75, was considerably above the style

of dwelling occupied by his people, as a rule.

He appears to know them well, and in order to give an idea of who they were we went through the first page of his list of members, as printed in the Manual, with the following result:

> Clerk in Board of Trade; Wage-earner; Government clerk; shop-assistant; Manager at Welland's Stores; carpenter; teacher; gardenener's wife; servant; milliners (2 sisters); servants (4); journey-man ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ printer; servant; plasterer; gardener; servant; servant; living at home; living at home; retired; daughter of a plumber; servant; in the City, believed to be in a bank; servant; lady living in a £30 a year house; servant; servant; two connexions of the Bywaters (building firm) Mr. B. holding some subordinate position therein; fancy dress manufacturer, with six members of his family.

This brought us to the end of the first page, which ran, Mr. G. thought, along a somewhat lower social ~~xxx~~level ~~xxx~~ than that of the whole membership.

Before coming to Balham, Mr. G. was for about 17 years at Catford, where he had, he said, much the same class of congregation. There the social trend was slowly downwards. At Balham, on the other hand, the trend has been rapidly downwards, and, although for the present, he thinks that no great change is likely to take place, all save one last little bit having now been built over, he anticipates that when the present houses have lost their frshness, that Balham will further decline, socially. He mentioned Lower Sydenham as being the

poorest part they had to deal with while he was at Catford, and it was there that they had a Mission.

The Chapel holds 550, and, in addition, there is a small School-room, and an adjacent house is also used. The Chapel is getting inconveniently crowded, and they are hoping to build a new and larger church before long.

Sunday morning congregations were put at from 4 to 450, and the evening, with little difference in composition, at the same figure.

The Manual gives full particulars of most of the agencies of the Church, the membership of which now stands at 254. Full statistics are given on p.4.

The Communion Fund for the poor is partly used in "donations to persons needing assistance". In this way £28 was given away last year, "not by any means all to our own people; it was not wanted by them".

For Sunday School statistics see p.9. Of the 300 children on the registers, "not half belong to our own people."

The Bothers' Meeting in the Borough represents the outside Missionary work of this church. For this purpose the King's Court Mission Hall in Great Suffolk St. is taken for Mondays. They have a full room,

Greenwood - Bapt. Ramsden R.d (4)

with some 60 in attendance, on the average.

The Chapel issues a magazine, "Gospel Chimes", and guarantees a circulation of 2500 a month. It is given away, largely by the Tract Society (see p.17) "with systematic and praiseworthy regularity. Copies have been left at almost every house within a quarter of a mile of the Chapel."

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CONTAINING REPORT OF THE WORK CARRIED ON DURING

1899.

WITH

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS.

Motto Text:

"MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE."—*Exodus, XXXIII. 14.*

Officers of the Church.

Pastor.

Rev. T. Greenwood.

Deacons—

Mr. P. Calder.
Mr. H. J. Capell, Registrar.
Mr. C. P. Carpenter, Secretary.
Mr. J. Parker.
Mr. E. Jones. } Financial Secretaries.
Mr. W. H. Surman. }
Mr. H. O. Thompson.
Mr. G. E. Treves.

Elders—

Messrs. H. J. Capell, C. P. Carpenter, E. Jones
W. H. Surman, and J. D. Wright.

Seat Stewards—

Messrs. Calder, Jones, Treves, and Macklin.

Delegates—

To the London Baptist Association,
Messrs. Carpenter, Cox, and Wright.

To the Baptist Union,
Messrs. Capell and Cox.

To the Balham and Tooting Free Church Council,
Messrs. Carpenter, Quinn, Surman and Wright.

Organist—Mr. Goldsmith.

Chapel-Keeper—Mr. Filce, 21, Ramsden Road, S.W.

To the Church and Congregation.

My Dear Friends,

A quarter of a century of the history of this Church is now completed, and we present in this manual an account of how the work of the Lord stands.

A study of the book will show that we are still progressing. The Church membership has last year increased ten per cent, in spite of the unprecedented number of deaths among us. On the list of those glorified are the names of some of the most useful of our members. And before publishing this manual we have been saddened by the removal of another, not a member of this Church, but who has befriended it from the commencement of its history. It was upon the initiative of Mr. T. H. Olney that our Chapel was built, and through our whole history he has generously helped with money and advice. The Lord be praised for the gift of men such as those whose loss we mourn.

The Renovation Loan has now been completely liquidated, and, considering all things, satisfactory progress has been made in the Building Fund. The delay in determining what our building shall be has afforded an opportunity to deal with the Twentieth Century Fund, which we hope will reach £150 before we have finished. The Church Expenses Account shows a deficit, not that the income is less, but because of some exceptional items of expenditure.

Our motto text contains an assurance, the value of which is conditional. The readiness with which God responded to the intercession of Moses shows how willing He is to be with His people; but it is a solemn fact that such intercession was ever needed. The worship of the Golden Calf alienated Him; Ezekiel saw the Glory of God departing from the Temple because of its defilements; Jesus said to the unbelieving Jews: "Your (no longer "My") house is left unto you desolate." We must not grieve Him if we would have the Spirit of Glory and of God resting on us; for He is a jealous God.

But if we do enjoy the fulness of His Presence what a vista of usefulness opens before us! The deadness of Balham distresses us; but who can measure the effect of a Church whose every member is abounding in life? From such a Church rivers of living water will proceed. Now may God make us just such as this; that entering on the second quarter-of-a-century His Presence may continually be manifest, and His Name glorified.

Your Affectionate Pastor,

THOS. GREENWOOD.

Statistics.

	No. of Baptisms.	Additions.				Reductions.				Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	No. of Members.
		Profession.	Transfer.	Renewal.	Total.	Transfer.	Death.	Erasure.	Total.			
1874		50	21	9	80	...	...	...	...	80	...	80
1875		18	11	...	29	2	...	...	2	27	...	107
1876		39	20	...	59	4	1	...	5	54	...	161
1877		25	16	1	42	10	1	...	11	31	...	192
1878		11	12	1	24	3	...	...	3	21	...	213
1879		14	18	...	32	15	...	47	62	...	30	183
1880	—	3	12	...	15	24	1	6	31	...	16	167
1881		11	6	1	18	10	3	2	15	3	...	170
1882	Unknown.	8	4	...	12	18	2	...	20	...	8	162
1883		9	13	...	22	13	3	...	16	6	...	168
1884		1	8	...	9	...	1	...	1	8	...	176
1885		8	10	...	18	9	...	45	54	...	36	140
1886		16	24	...	40	8	1	...	9	31	...	171
1887		10	8	...	18	12	2	15	29	...	11	160
1888	—	9	19	...	28	6	2	...	8	20	...	180
1889		6	4	...	10	5	4	7	16	...	6	174
1890		15	6	...	21	5	3	...	8	13	...	187
1891		3	11	...	14	5	...	...	5	9	...	196
1892		9	12	...	21	10	...	43	53	...	32	164
1893		4	16	...	20	7	2	...	9	11	...	175
1894		26	9	...	35	7	1	...	8	27	...	202
1895	5	8	27	1	36	29	...	61	90	...	54	148
1896	32	19	20	7	46	4	5	4	13	33	...	181
1897	23	25	18	10	53	14	2	5	21	32	...	213
1898	17	14	19	4	37	10	5	5	20	17	...	230
1899	20	21	21	2	44	9	7	4	20	24	...	254
	97	382	365	36	783	239	46	244	529			

Church Cash Account

For the Year ending 31st Dec., 1899.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, Jan. 1st, 1899	3	10	3
Seat Subscriptions as per List	291	11	5
Weekly Offerings ...	213	15	2
Hymn & Chant Books sold	3	13	11
Donation: "Women's at Home" ...	2	2	0
Mr. H. Thorne's Mission Collections ...	25	10	0
Special Collections—			
Dr. Barnardo's Home	14	0	5
Sunday School Anniversary	13	6	8
French Baptist Union	2	16	6
Earlsfield Church Fund	4	10	0
Pastors' College Fund	4	10	0
Baptist Missionary Society	12	6	2
Hospital Sunday Fund	9	0	8
London Baptist Association	10	13	0
London City Mission	2	6	0
Balance	8	14	4
	£622	6	6

	£	s.	d.
Seat subscriptions handed to Pastor ...	291	11	5
Renovation Fund ...	50	0	0
Hymn and Chant Books	16	10	
Mr. H. Thorne's Mission Expenses	25	15	7
Printing	13	13	9
Stationery and Stamps	5	11	9
Gas	16	7	8
Water	2	10	0
Firing	6	3	3
Fire Insurance ...	2	5	0
Chapel Keeper ...	46	5	0
Organist	30	0	0
Tuning and repairing Organ	11	15	0
Pulpit Supplies ...	13	2	6
Repairs and alterations	21	15	9
Teas	3	17	7
Iron Safe for Vestry...	2	0	0
Sundry expenses ...	1	18	0
Special Collections, per contra, remitted ...	73	9	5
Subscriptions—			
Free Church Council	1	1	0
Baptist Union ...	1	1	0
London Bapt. Assoc.	1	6	0
	£622	6	6
Balance due to Treas.	8	14	4

Examined with Vouchers and found correct,

G. E TREVES.
ARTHUR H. SPENCER.

Seat Subscriptions.

Envelope.	Subs. £	s.	d.	Envelope.	Subs. £	s.	d.	Envelope.	Subs. £	s.	d.
— ..	6	6	0	43 ..	2	0	0	89 ..	1	4	0
— ..	2	2	0	44 ..	1	0	0	90 ..	2	8	0
— ..	2	2	0	45 ..	1	0	0	91 ..	1	4	0
— ..	2	0	0	46 ..	0	12	0	92 ..	2	8	0
— ..	2	0	0	48 ..	1	4	0	93 ..	1	4	0
— ..	0	5	0	49 ..	1	4	0	94 ..	4	0	0
1 ..	2	2	0	50 ..	0	10	0	95 ..	0	19	0
2 ..	2	13	0	50 ..	0	2	0	96 ..	1	4	0
3 ..	2	8	0	51 ..	2	5	0	97 ..	1	4	0
4 ..	2	0	0	52 ..	2	8	0	98 ..	1	2	0
5 ..	1	6	0	53 ..	4	0	0	99 ..	3	0	0
6 ..	1	0	0	54 ..	2	14	0	100 ..	1	0	0
7 ..	0	12	0	55 ..	4	0	0	101 ..	2	1	0
8 ..	0	9	0	56 ..	4	0	0	102 ..	3	12	0
10 ..	4	0	0	57 ..	1	0	0	103 ..	0	12	0
11 ..	0	15	0	58 ..	5	8	0	104 ..	0	5	0
12 ..	0	5	0	59 ..	1	4	0	105 ..	3	0	0
14 ..	0	3	0	59 ..	0	5	0	106 ..	2	0	0
15 ..	2	0	0	60 ..	1	4	0	107 ..	3	18	0
16 ..	2	0	0	61 ..	4	16	0	108 ..	0	16	0
17 ..	2	0	0	62 ..	3	18	0	109 ..	1	0	0
18 ..	1	0	0	63 ..	0	12	0	110 ..	3	4	0
19 ..	3	0	0	64 ..	1	4	0	111 ..	2	0	0
20 ..	3	0	0	65 ..	4	16	0	114 ..	1	0	0
21 ..	5	0	0	66 ..	1	0	0	115 ..	1	4	0
22 ..	0	19	6	68 ..	4	0	0	116 ..	3	0	0
23 ..	4	2	0	69 ..	0	7	6	117 ..	2	0	0
25 ..	0	10	6	70 ..	2	8	0	118 ..	1	0	0
26 ..	0	6	6	71 ..	2	18	0	119 ..	0	8	0
27 ..	1	2	6	72 ..	1	0	0	120 ..	2	11	0
28 ..	3	0	0	73 ..	1	12	0	121 .	1	0	0
29 ..	1	0	0	74 ..	0	10	0	122 ..	3	0	0
30 ..	3	4	0	75 ..	1	15	0	123 ..	0	16	0
31 ..	1	1	8	76 ..	8	0	0	124 ..	1	0	0
32 ..	1	4	0	77 ..	2	2	0	125 ..	0	12	0
33 ..	2	10	0	78 ..	2	8	0	126 ..	0	12	0
34 ..	0	12	0	79 ..	1	4	0	127 ..	0	12	0
35 ..	4	0	0	80 ..	1	4	0	129 ..	1	4	0
36 ..	2	0	0	81 ..	3	12	0	130 ..	0	18	0
37 ..	2	0	0	82 ..	1	4	0	131 ..	0	12	0
38 ..	5	0	0	83 ..	10	0	0	132 ..	1	16	0
39 ..	2	5	0	84 ..	1	4	0	133 ..	0	16	0
40 ..	0	13	6	85 ..	0	15	0	135 ..	0	15	0
40 ..	3	3	0	86 ..	6	0	0	136 ..	0	16	0
41 ..	1	0	0	87 ..	1	12	0	138 ..	1	4	0
42 ..	4	0	0	88 ..	0	10	0	139 ..	0	7	6

Seat Subscriptions.—*continued.*

Envelope.	Subs. £	s.	d.	Envelope.	Subs. £	s.	d.	Envelope.	Subs. £	s.	d.
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142 ..	1	0	0	153 ..	0	9	0	163 ..	0	8	0
143 ..	2	0	0	154 ..	0	16	0	165 ..	0	3	0
145 ..	0	16	0	155 ..	0	13	0	166 ..	0	9	0
146 ..	0	8	0	156 ..	1	0	0	167 ..	0	8	0
147 ..	1	0	0	157 ..	0	12	0	168 ..	0	3	0
148 ..	0	6	0	158 ..	0	12	0	Loose Cash	1	19	3
149 ..	1	0	0	159 ..	0	3	0				
150 ..	0	15	0	160 ..	1	1	0		£291	11	5
151 ..	0	16	0	161 ..	0	10	0				

Building Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st Jan. 1899	132	1	8
Amount on Deposit called in	500	0	0
Donations as per list	91	19	6
Sale of Work, net proceeds	44	16	3
Rent, 21 Ramsden Rd.	12	0	3
Concert proceeds ...	3	2	1
Collections—			
Week-day Service by Rev. A. G. Brown	3	17	6
Anniversary Sunday	17	14	3
Interest on Deposits	14	0	2
	£819	11	8
Balance in hand ...	1	14	5
On Deposit	265	0	0
	£266	14	5

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage to Star Life Office repayment of balance	500	0	0
Law costs	2	12	6
Interest	11	16	1
Repairs, 21 Ramsden Road	7	3	0
New Furniture ...	10	5	8
Architects' Fees ...	21	0	0
Placed on deposit at 4 per cent. ...	265	0	0
Balance	1	14	5
	£819	11	8

Audited and approved,

G. E. TREVES.

ARTHUR H. SPENCER.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
A. B. C.	2	0	0
Barrow, Mr. S. ...	10	0	0
Brown, the late Miss F.	10	0	0
Capell, Mr.	2	2	0
Church, the late Mrs.	1	1	0
Davis, Mr. F. J. ...	0	5	0
"Earnings"	1	0	0
Foottitt, Mr.	1	10	0
do. Mrs.	1	1	0
do. ,, collected	1	2	6
do. Stanley ...	0	2	6
do. May	0	2	6
Frew, Miss	1	0	0
Greenwood, Mr. B. I.	10	0	0
do. Mrs. H. A.	2	0	0
Hewes, Miss	1	0	0
Johnson, Mr. W. E. ...	2	2	0
Meggeson, Mrs. ...	5	0	0
Mackerell, Miss C. ...	3	0	0
do. Mrs Herb't	1	0	0
Perrin, Mrs.	5	0	0
Pockett, the late Mr. ...	1	1	0
Phillips, the late Mrs....	10	0	0
do. do. in memory of, per Mrs. Rowley	10	0	0
Rycroft, the executors of the late Miss, per Mr. & Mrs. Keast ...	10	10	0
	£91	19	6

Communion Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st Jan., 1899	1	12	1
Collections	33	5	5
Legacy from the late Mr. J W. Jarrett, less £1 Duty	9	0	0
	£43	17	6

	£	s.	d
Donations to persons needing assistance ...	28	6	4
Remittances:—			
Widows and Orphans of Missionaries ...	3	9	10
Baptist Annuity Fund	3	4	9
Wine and Bread ...	2	6	0
Communion Cards ...	1	1	6
Balance	5	9	1
	£43	17	6

Balance in hand ... £5 9 1

Examined and found correct,

G. E. TREVES,
ARTHUR H. SPENCER

Does not be in hand
and to other people. W. W.

+ Mr. Long belongs to people

Sunday School.

Superintendent ... ... Mr. *W. H. PARKER.*

The teachers and officers now number 27, with an average attendance of 23. There are 300 scholars on the books. The average attendance is 60 in the morning, and 225 in the afternoon.

The Missionary collections have amounted to £31 13s. 9½d., an increase of over £8 on last year.

The Excursion took place to Ranmore Common, and the infants went to Furzedown Farm. A New Year's entertainment was provided for the scholars.

The late Mr. Jarrett, for many years a teacher, left to the school a legacy of £9, which is being retained for expenditure in some article of furniture which will be a memorial of him.

The improvement in the condition of the funds is partly attributable to an alteration in the date of closing the accounts.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Anniversary Collections	13	6	8
Library box, Fines, &c.	0	5	2
Donations:—			
Mackerell, Mr. C. ...	0	10	0
do. Miss ...	0	10	0
do. Miss L. M.	0	10	0
do. Miss C. ...	0	10	0
Olney, the late Mr. T. H.	1	1	0
Excursion:—			
Donations	12	11	0
Tickets sold	7	12	0
Afternoon collections ...	31	13	10
	£68	9	8

	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Treasurer 1st Feb., 1899 ...	0	12	0
Anniversary Expenses	3	13	11
Excursion cost ...	19	15	10
Printing	1	5	3
Hymn Books	0	3	6
School requisites ...	1	9	3
Chapel-keeper	0	10	0
Baptist Missionary Society	31	13	10
Balance	9	6	1
	£68	9	8

Balance in hand ... £9 6 1

Examined and found correct.

H. W. ACRES.

Band of Hope.

Superintendent ... ... *MR. H. W. ACRES.*

The Membership is 132, composed equally of boys and girls. There are in addition 30 girls and 23 boys who are registered as "Corresponding Members."

At 28 ordinary meetings held during the year, the attendance averaged 76. There have been 6 Special Meetings when the Schoolroom was almost invariably filled. 64 Pledges have been taken.

The collections for the Temperance Hospital came to £1 3s. 3d.

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st Jan., 1899	0	15	4
Donations, as per list ...	4	8	0
Sale of Hymn Books ...	0	0	10
Loan of Piano to Young Men's Society ...	0	7	6
Special Meetings and Entertainments:—			
Collections	0	14	11
Sale of Tickets ...	0	19	9
	£7	6	4

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions to B.T.A.A. & B. of H. Union	0	7	6
Chapel Keeper	1	5	6
Special Meetings and Entertainment:— Hire of Slides, Piano, &c.	2	10	8
Pledge Forms. Hymn-Books, &c.	0	8	10
Printing, Postages, &c.	1	10	10
Speakers' Expenses ...	0	3	8
Balance	0	19	4
	£7	6	4

Balance in hand ... £0 19 4

Audited and found correct,

WALTER H. PARKER.

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Acres, Miss K.	0	2	0
Briggs, Miss	0	4	0
Carpenter, Mr. ...	0	2	0
C. M. S.	0	2	6
Cox, Mr.	0	1	0
Cox, Mrs.	0	1	0
"Four o'clock" ...	0	1	0
Fuller, Miss	0	5	0
Greenwood, Mrs, H. ...	0	2	6
Greenwood, Rev. Thos.	0	5	0
Johnson, Mr. W. E. ...	0	1	0
Jones, Mr.	0	5	0
K. Q.X.	0	2	6
Mackerell. Miss ...	0	2	6
Mackerell, Miss L. ...	0	5	0
May, Mr.	0	5	0
Olney, Miss	0	2	6
Olney, Miss G. ...	0	2	0
Olney, Mr. T. H. ...	0	5	0
Parker, Mr. W. H. ...	0	5	0
Perrin, Mrs.	0	5	0
Ricketts, Miss E. ...	0	1	0
Spencer, Mr. A. H ...	0	4	0
Surman, Mr. W. H. ...	0	2	6
Treves, Miss	0	2	0
Treves, Mr. G. ...	0	1	0
Urben, Miss	0	2	6
Woollacott. Mr. ...	0	2	6
Wright, Miss	0	1	6
Small donations ...	0	4	6
	£4	8	0

In Memoriam.

Mr. S. GANE	*died 11th February.*
Mr. J. JOHNSON	*,, 17th March.*
Mrs. C. RICKETTS	*,, 27th June.*
Miss F. BROWN	*,, 16th August.*
Mr. A. FENNER	*,, 5th September.*
Mrs. PHILLIPS	*,, 2nd October.*
Mr. T. D. WELSH	*,, 18th ,,*

"Because I live ye shall live also."—John, XIV, 19.

Young Men's Bible Class.

Conductor ... ... *MR. H. J. CAPELL.*

The average attendance for the last year was 12, the number of members on the books is 21. The Weekly Collections enabled £1 3s. 0d. to be given to the Borough Mothers' Meeting. Fifteen shillings was also raised for the Twentieth Century Fund, but nothing will be paid to the Secretary until the sum is larger.

Young Women's Bible Class.

Conductor ... ... *Mrs. H. A. GREENWOOD.*

During the summer months the attendance fell so considerably that the average for the year was reduced to 19. The class contributed £6 1s. 0d. to the expenses of the Mothers' Meeting; £3 3s. 0d. to the Twentieth Century Fund, and 15s. 7d. to the Baptist Missionary Society.

The Mothers' Meeting in the Borough carried on by this class has been remarkably well attended, and many signs of God's blessing are apparent.

Borough Mothers' Meeting Revenue Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Relief and Bonuses ...	24	4	5	Balance 1st Jan., 1899	5	18	8
Weekly Teas	5	10	9	Donations, per lists:—			
Subscription to Mission Funds	5	0	0	General	37	3	5
Caretaker, &c.	3	1	9	Excursions	8	18	6
Use of Nurse's Room ...	4	11	0				
Summer Excursion ...	8	18	6				
Balance	0	14	2				
	£52	0	7		£52	0	7

Balance, Capital ... 0 14 2

Audited and approved,

THOS. GREENWOOD,

Members' Purchases amounted to £17 19 8.

DONATIONS, GENERAL.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adams, Mrs.	1	0	0	Proceeds of Sale per Miss Greenwood ...	2	0	8
Barr & Edwards, Messrs. pr. Mrs B. I. Greenwood	1	1	0	Ricketts, Mr.	0	2	6
Best, Miss	2	18	4	Treves, Mrs, ...	0	5	0
Blanchard, Mrs. ...	0	2	0	,, Miss	0	5	0
Briggs, Miss J. ...	1	0	0	,, Miss R. ...	0	5	0
Carpenter, Miss ...	0	10	0	Wilford, Mrs.	0	2	0
Churcher, Miss ...	0	5	0	Working Man	0	0	6
,, Miss N. ...	0	2	6	Young Men's Bible Class	1	3	0
Coldwell, Mr. & Mrs. ...	0	10	0	Young Women's Bible Class	6	1	0
Fuller, Miss	0	6	0	Contents of Purse found	0	2	9
Greenwood, Mrs. B. I.	8	0	0	Goods given and sold to Members	2	15	2
,, Mrs. T. ...	5	0	0				
Kerr, Mrs.	0	1	0				
Nash, Mr. G. W., per Mrs. B. I. Greenwood	2	0	0				
Passmore, Mr. A. E. ...	1	0	0				
Phillips, the late Mrs.	0	5	0				
					£37	3	5

DONATIONS FOR EXCURSION

	£	s.	d		£	s.	d.
Adams, Mrs.	0	10	0	Tickets sold	0	13	0
Balfour, Miss	0	2	0	Jumble sale (part proceeds)	6	1	6
Jones, Mr.	1	0	0				
Keast, Mr. and Mrs. ...	0	10	0				
Wright, Miss	0	2	0		£8	18	6

Young People's Christian Union.

President—Rev. T. GREENWOOD. Secretary—Mr. A. H. SPENCER.

The membership of this Union has reached 51, but the average attendance shows a slight decline from that of 1898. The Sunshine Committee has pursued its beneficent work, and a Watch Committee has been formed to awaken a wider interest in the Union's work. The Missionary Committee, numbering 14 members, has shown great activity in collecting weekly contributions for the B.M.S.; the subscriptions amounted to £14 2s. 2d.

CASH ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st Oct., 1898	1	6	0
Donations :—			
Phillips, the late Mrs.	0	2	6
Tee, Mr., for Sunshine work	0	5	0
Collections :—			
Annual meeting ...	0	19	6
After Mr. Wigner's Lectures	1	16	7
After Mrs. Riding's Address	1	4	0
Monthly Collections	2	0	8
For Sunshine Work	2	18	10
	£10	13	1

	£	s.	d.
Annual Meeting Expenses	1	4	9
Chapel keeper	0	10	0
Hymn Books	0	14	0
Sundry expenses ...	1	13	3
Handed to Sunshine Committee	3	3	10
Christian & Missionary Alliance	1	4	0
Balance 30th Sep., 1899	2	3	3
	£10	13	1

Balance in hand ... 2 3 3

Audited and found correct.

E. JONES,
N. CRIPPS.

Open-Air Mission.

As often as the weather permitted, a meeting was held after the evening service. There was a larger variety of speakers than in previous years and more enthusiasm among the workers. Mr. Jones provided the hymn-sheets. The new lamp proved of great service. The cost, £2, was met by the following donations :—

	£	s.	d.
Capell, Mr. .. .	0	1	0
Greenwood, Rev. T. ...	1	0	0
Gudridge, Mr.	0	1	0
Hailes, Mr.	0	1	0
Johnson, Mr. W. E. ..	0	2	0
Jones, Mr. E. C. ...	0	2	0
Macklin, Mr.	0	1	6
Monk, Mrs.	0	3	6
Small sums	0	2	6
Spencer, Mr.	0	3	0
Surman, Mr.	0	1	0
Welsh, the late Mr. ...	0	1	6
	£2	0	0

"Call them in" Band.

The work of persuading those in the streets on Sunday Evenings to attend the Services has been quietly carried on, but nothing has occurred to require special mention.

Young Men's Society.

Secretary : - - Mr. W. T. CALE.

This Society was formed for the purpose of developing powers of public speaking among the young men. As but one half-session has been passed there is little to report. A "Youths' In titute" was also commenced late in the year.

Women's "At-Home."

Leaders :—Mrs. GREENWOOD, and Miss OLNEY.
Treasurer :—Mrs. JAS. PASSMORE.

The year has been very successful. The average attendance has increased to 29 ; there were 60 members on the books at the end of the year. This growth is doubtless due largely to Miss Olney's frequent calls. More than 200 visits were made during the year.

CASH ACCOUNT,

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st Jan., 1899	10	16	5
Members' deposits ...	18	7	8
Donations :—			
Perrin, Miss	0	5	0
Phillips, the late Mrs.	0	5	0
Tee, Mrs.	0	11	6
Proceeds of Jumble Sale	14	17	6
Excursion—tickets sold & members' subscriptions	7	0	9
	£52	3	10

	£	s.	d
Materials	16	19	1
Annual Tea Meeting ...	1	11	2
Weekly Teas	2	15	2
Excursion—cost ...	13	6	9
Gifts to members ...	0	9	0
Provisions with Maternity Bag	0	4	1
Grant to Church Expenses Fund ...	2	2	0
Balance	14	16	7
	£52	3	10

Balance in hand ... 14 16 7

Audited and found correct.

L. M. MACKERELL

Women's Sick and Provident Club.

Hon. Treasurer and Secretary - - Miss L. M MACKERELL.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1898 ...	0	1	2
Subscriptions	66	5	10
Fines	0	11	7
Cards sold	0	8	2
Death money received	2	4	0
Interest	0	8	9
	£69	19	6

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions withdrawn	2	11	9
Sickness Allowance ...	14	14	6
Death money paid ...	2	4	0
Dividends of £1 1s. to 48 members	50	8	0
In hand	0	1	3
	£69	19	6

Audited and approved,

THOS. GREENWOOD.

Dorcas Society.

Secretary—Mrs. HAILES. *Treasurer*—Miss L. M. MACKERELL.

Ten meetings for Work were held during the year, average attendance 19. The Sale of Work was held the 20th of December. 158 Tickets were distributed, enabling holders to receive garments to the value of their tickets, and to obtain more by purchase if they wished.

Over 200 garments were distributed in this way, and were much appreciated by the people.

The Committee wish to thank those friends who have so kindly helped the Society by doing work at home.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st Jan., 1899	3	9	0
Subscriptions as per list	10	1	6
Proceeds of sale ...	3	18	3
Teas	2	11	11
	£20	0	8
Balance in hand ...	4	11	11

	£	s.	d.
Materials	12	15	10
Printing	0	2	9
Chapel Keeper ...	0	10	0
Teas	2	0	2
Balance	4	11	11
	£20	0	8

Examined and found correct,

GEO. HAILES.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Boulton, Mrs.	0	2	6
Carpenter, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Clifford, Miss	0	2	6
Coombs, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Dunning, Mrs.	0	2	6
Edwardson, Mrs. ...	0	2	6
Fender, Mrs.	0	5	0
Fenner, Mrs.	0	5	0
Foottitt, Mrs.	0	5	0
Fuller, Miss	0	5	0
Greenwood, Mrs. .	0	2	6
,, Mrs. Thos	0	10	0
Hailes, Mrs.	0	10	0
Hailes, Miss M. ...	0	2	6
Hawkins, Mrs. ...	0	2	6
Hewes, Mrs.	0	5	0
Johnson, Mrs.	0	5	0
Jones, Mr.	0	10	0
Julyan, Mrs.	0	2	6
Kerr, Mrs. W. ...	0	2	6
Leman, Miss	0	2	6
Mackerell, Misses ...	1	0	0
Monti, Mrs.	0	5	0
Oakshett, Mrs.	0	5	0
Olney, the late Mr. T. H.	1	1	0
Olney, Miss A. ...	0	10	0
,, Miss G. ...	0	5	0
Perrin, Mrs.	0	5	0
Phillips, the late Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Ricketts, Miss	0	2	6
Soulsby, Miss	0	2	6
Surman, Mrs.	0	5	0
Treves, Miss R. ...	0	2	6
Wilford, Mrs.	0	3	0
Woollacott, Mrs. ..	0	5	0
	£10	1	6

Tract Society.

Treasurer—Mr. C. P. CARPENTER.

Collectors—Miss TREVES, and Mrs. G. E. TREVES.

The distribution of 30,000 "Gospel Chimes" has been carried on with systematic and praiseworthy regularity.—Copies have been left at almost every house within a quarter of a mile of the Chapel.

CASH ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Balance 1st Jan., 1899	0	19	0
Subscriptions as per list	28	15	9
Advertisements ...	48	19	0
	£78	13	9
Balance in hand ...	0	6	9

	£	s.	d.
Expenses	0	5	0
Printing "Gospel Chimes"	78	2	0
Balance	0	6	9
	£78	13	9

Audited and found correct,

T. GREENWOOD.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
A. Friend		5	0
,, ...		6	0
,, ...		6	0
,, ...		1	0
,, ...		1	0
,, ...		2	0
,, ...		1	0
,, ...		1	0
Anonymous			3
Acres, Mr.		6	0
Aldridge, Mr. ...		4	0
Battell, Mrs.		4	0
Beare, Mr.		12	0
Blundell, Mrs.		12	0
Boulton, Mrs.		4	0
Briggs, Miss J.		6	0
,, Miss C. ...		3	0
Bromley, Mrs. ...		6	0
Brooks, Mrs. ..		12	0
Bryning, Mrs. ...		4	0
Calder, Miss		6	0
Capell, Mr.		6	0
Carpenter, Mr.		6	0
Chappell, Mrs.		1	0
Churcher, Mrs.		2	6
Clifford, Miss		4	0
Cox, Mr		6	0
,, Miss		6	0
Cripps, Miss		6	0
Currie, Miss		2	6
Drimmie, Mrs.		4	0
Dunning, Mr.		1	0
Edwardson, Mrs. ...		5	0
Fender, Mr.		6	0
Foley, the late Miss ...		1	0
Frew, Miss		6	0
Friston, the late Mr. ...		7	6
Fuller, Mrs.		3	0
Greenwood, Revd. T.		18	0
,, Mrs. ...		12	0
,, Mrs. H. A.		12	0
,, Mr. H. S.		6	0
Goldsmith, Mr. ...		6	0
,, Mr. A. ...		3	0
Gudridge, Mr. ...		6	0
Hailes, Mrs.		5	0
,, Miss		5	0

	£	s.	d.
Hanna, Mrs.		3	0
Herbert, Mrs.		12	0
Hewes, Miss		3	0
Horne, Miss		3	0
Johnson, Mr.		12	0
Jones, Mr.		12	0
,, Miss M. A. ...		6	0
,, Miss C.		6	0
Julyan, Mrs.		1	0
Keast, Mrs.		6	0
,, Miss		6	0
Kerr, Mrs.		6	0
,, Mrs. W.		6	0
,, Miss		6	0
Law, Mrs.		6	0
Levitt, Mrs.		3	0
Ling, Mrs.		4	0
,, Mrs. E. L. ...		1	0
Livett, Miss		3	0
M. A. J.		1	0
Macklin, Mr.		2	0
Mackerell, Miss ..		5	0
,, Miss L. M.		5	0
,, Miss C. ...		5	0
Maddox, Miss		6	0
Monti, Mrs.		2	6
Morris, Sister		6	0
Napier, Mrs.		2	0
Oakshett, Mrs.		4	0
Olney, Miss		10	0
,, Miss G.		5	0
Palmer, Mr.		2	6
Parker, Mr. J.		4	0
,, Mr W. H. ...		4	0
Parsons, Mr.		2	0
Perrin, Mrs.		12	0
Phillips, the late Mrs. ...		10	0
Pockett, the late Mr. ...		2	6
Pratt, Mrs.		6	0
Quinn, Mr.		2	6
Riches, Mrs.		4	0
Ricketts, Mr.		3	0
,, Miss		2	6
Silby, Mr.		5	0
Smedley, Mrs.		2	0
Stock, Mr.		2	6
Stringer, Mr.		2	0

SUBSCRIPTIONS—*continued.*

	£	s.	d.
Surman, Mrs.		12	0
,, Mr. W. ...		12	0
Tarrant, Mr.		3	0
Tee, Mr.		4	0
Thompson, Mrs. ..		2	0
Tilbury, Miss		3	0
Treves, Mr.		6	0
,, Miss ..		12	0
,, Miss R. ...		3	0
Urben, Miss		6	0
Walsham, Mr.		5	0

	£	s.	d.
Warburton, Mr. ...		5	0
Welsh, Mrs.		4	0
Weston, Mrs.		2	0
Wilford, Mrs.		2	6
Woollacott, Mr. ...		2	6
,, Mrs. ...		12	0
Wright, Mr.		3	6
,, Miss		2	6
	£28	15	9

20th Century Fund.

Local Secretary - - Mr. HARRY J. CAPELL.

An Endeavour is being made to inaugurate the new century by raising £250,000 for denominational purposes We were compelled to contract the time of contribution because our own building scheme was about to be launched; so that the promises still out amount to under £30. It will be seen that we have not the prospect of raising a sum proportionate to the size of the Church. If our building should be again deferred, possibly, further contributions to this Fund may come in.

HISTORIC ROLL SECTION.

	£	s.	d.
A Friend No. 1 ...	0	10	0
,, ,, 3 ...	0	10	6
,, ,, 4 ...	0	10	6
,, ,, 5 ...	0	10	0
A Member	0	10	0
Aldridge, Mr., Mrs. & Family	5	0	0
Beazley, Miss	0	10	0
Blanchard, Mr. & Mrs. .	0	10	0
Brown, Mrs.	0	1	0
Bulmer, Mrs.	0	10	0
Capell, Mr., Mrs, and family	4	0	0
Clifford, Miss	0	7	6
Currie, Mrs.	0	10	6
,, Miss	0	10	6
Davidson, Mr. and Mrs.	1	0	0
Ellwood, Mrs.	2	0	0
Fender, Mrs.	0	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Foottitt, Mr. & family	2	0	0
Frew, Miss	1	1	0
Fuller, Mr.	0	10	0
,, Miss	0	10	0
Goldsmith, Mr. A. ...	0	2	6
,, Mr. E. ...	0	2	6
Greenwood, Rev., Mrs. and Family ..	25	0	0
Greenwood, Mrs. H. A.	2	10	0
Hailes, Mrs.	1	1	0
,, Miss E. ...	0	10	6
Herbert, Mrs.	0	10	0
Hewes, Miss	0	10	0
Jones, Mr. & Family ...	5	5	0
,, Miss M. A. ...	0	10	0
Julyan, Mrs.	1	0	0
Kerr, Mrs. W.	0	10	6
Keast, Miss, ...	0	10	6
Macdonald, Mr, ..	1	0	0

HISTORIC ROLL SECTION (continued)

	£	s.	d.
Mackerell, Miss L. M.	1	1	0
,, Miss C.	1	0	0
Macklin, Mr.	0	10	0
May, Mr. & Mrs.	1	0	0
Monk, Mr. & Mrs.	1	0	0
Monti, Mrs.	1	1	0
Morris, Mrs.	0	10	0
Nutting, Mr. & Mrs.	2	0	0
Parmenter, Miss	0	2	6
Payne, Miss	0	10	0
Perrin, Mrs. & family	5	0	0
Phillips, the late Mrs.	2	2	0
,, Mr.	0	5	0
Quinn, Mrs. & Mrs.	1	0	0
Ricketts, Mr. & family	1	10	0
Roberts, Mr., Mrs and family	2	0	0
Simmons, Miss	0	6	0
Spencer, Mr.	1	1	0
Surman, Mr., Mrs. and family	5	0	0
Swain, Mr. and Mrs.	1	0	0
Tibbett, Mrs.	0	10	0
Treves, Mrs.	0	10	0
,, Miss	1	0	0
,, Mr. G., Mrs. & family	1	10	0
Walsham, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0
Wheatley, Mrs.	0	5	0
Wilford, Mrs.	0	5	0
Woollacott, Mr. Mrs. & family	3	13	6
	£97	17	0

"IN MEMORIAM" ROLL SECTION.

	£	s.	d.
Foottitt, Mr.	0	10	0
Hewes, Miss	1	0	0
Monti, Mrs.	5	5	0
Morris, Mrs.	0	10	0
Ricketts, Mr.	0	10	0
	£7	15	0

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. W. H. Parker (Superintendent) Miss Mackerell's Class; Miss L. M. ,, ,, ; Miss Olney's ,, ; Miss Treves' ,,	2	10	0
Young Women's Bible Class	3	3	0
	£5	13	0

	£	s.	d.
Total remitted to the Baptist Union	111	5	0

Audited and approved.

G. E. TREVES,
ARTHUR H. SPENCER.

Baptist Missionary Society Auxiliary.

Secretary: Miss L. M MACKERELL.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Aldridge, Mr.		10	0
Boulton, Mrs.		2	6
Clifford, Miss		10	0
Combes, Miss		2	6
Ellwood, Mrs.	1	0	0
Etheridge, Revd. B. C.		10	0
Fender, Mrs.		2	6
Fuller, Mr.	1	1	0
Fuller, Miss	1	1	0
Goldsmith, Mr.		10	6
Greenwood, Rev. T.	2	2	0
Greenwood, Mrs. T.	1	1	0
Hailes, Mr.		10	6
Jones, Mr.	1	0	0
Julyan, Mrs.		2	0
Mackerell, Miss L. M.		10	6
Mackerell, Miss C.	1	1	0
Oakley, the late Mrs.		10	6
Olney, the late Mr. T. H.	2	2	0
Olney, Miss	1	1	0
Olney, Miss Grace		10	0
Spencer, Mr. A. H.		10	6
Tee, Mr.		10	6
Walsham, Mr.		10	0
Wilford, Mrs.		5	0
	£17	16	6

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions as per list	17	16	6
Collection Widows and Orphans	3	9	10
Annual Collection	9	10	11
Collection March 1st	1	3	0
Collection Nov. 1st	2	15	3
Y. P. C. U. Weekly Collections	14	2	2
Missionary Boxes:			
Sunday School	31	13	10
Miss Foottitt		3	10
Mrs. Greenwood		15	0
Miss Elwin Stiff		15	1
Y. W. B. C.		15	7
	£83	1	0

The above account corresponds with the vouchers of the Secretary of the B. M. S. for the several sums mentioned and is therefore correct.

G. HAILES.

Summary of Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Church Expenses Fund				191	13	1
Renovation Fund				50	0	0
Pastor's Stipend				291	11	5
Building Fund				187	10	0
Poor Fund				35	10	10
Church Institutions:						
Sunday School	45	15	10			
Band of Hope	6	11	0			
Young People's Christian Union ..	9	7	1			
Open-air Mission	2	0	0			
Tract Society	77	14	9			
Dorcas Society	16	11	8			
Women's At Home	20	17	9			
Boro' Mothers' Meeting	46	1	11			
				225	0	0
Outside Objects:						
Twentieth Century Fund	111	5	0			
Baptist Union Annuity Fund	3	4	9			
,, ,, General Fund	1	1	0			
London Baptist Association	11	19	0			
Earlsfield Church	4	10	0			
Pastors' College	4	10	0			
London City Mission	2	6	0			
Free Church Council	1	1	0			
Baptist Missionary Society	83	1	0			
French Baptist Union	2	16	6			
Hospital Sunday Fund	9	0	8			
Dr. Barnardo's Homes	14	0	5			
				248	15	4
				£1,230	0	8

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Acres, Miss ... . Do.
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Aldridge, Mrs. ... .. Do.
Aldridge, Miss E. A. .. Do.
Aldridge, Miss D. M. .. Do.
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Atwill, Mrs. .. Do.
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Battell, Mrs. .. .. 89, Cavendish Road
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Briggs, Miss J. .. ... 3, Dalebury Road
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Brown, Miss M. ... ... 8, Tiverton Road, Earlsfield
Bryant, Mr. T. ... ... 65, St. James's Road
Bryder, Miss ... ... 3, Fernlea Road
Bryning, Mrs. ... .. 13, Rossiter Road
Bunce, Miss ... ... 45, Endlesham Road
Burfield, Miss ... ... 3, Streatham Elms, Tooting Bec Road
Bywaters, Mr. ... ... 39, Sarsfeld Road
Bywaters, Mrs. ... ... Do.
Calder, Mr. ... ... 29, Byrne Road
Calder, Miss V. ... ... Do.
Calder, Miss Edith ... Do.
Calder, Miss R. ... ... Do.

Calder, Miss Ethel ...	29, Byrne Road
Calder, Miss A.	Do.
Calder, Miss F.	Do.
Cale, Mr.	39, Childebert Road
Capell, Mr.	20, Lynette Avenue
Capell, Mrs.	Do.
Carpenter, Mr.	46, Streathbourne Road
Carpenter, Mrs.	Do.
Carpenter, Mr. P. H. ...	Do.
Carpenter, Miss	Do.
Carpenter, Miss C. I. ...	Do.
Carr, Mrs.	52, Hydethorpe Road
Carter, Mrs.	53, Cloudsdale Road
Cates, Mrs.	39, Hydethorpe Road
Chandler, Miss	9, Medwyn Street, Brixton
Chappell, Mrs.	4, Shipka Road
Churcher, Mr.	4, Grand Parade, Balham Hill
Churcher, Mrs.	Do.
Clark, Miss	101, Streathbourne Road
Clifford, Miss	1, Chestnut Grove
Cockrem, Mr.	4, Foxbourne Road
Coldwell, Mr.	Fiscroft, Farncombe, Godalming
Coldwell, Mrs.	Do.
Coombs, Mrs.	8, Marine Road, Eastbourne
Combes, Miss	61, South Side, Clapham Common
Cover, Mrs.	3, Pickett Street
Cover, Miss E. E ...	Do.
Cox, Mr.	8, Streathbourne Road
Cox, Mrs.	Do.
Cox, Miss Emily ..	Do.
Cox, Miss Evelyn ...	Do.
Cox, Miss G. L.	Do.
Cox, Miss B. M... ..	Do.
Cripps, Miss	133, Cavendish Road
Currie, Mrs.	3, Byrne Road
Currie, Miss	Do.
Cuthbertson, Mr. ...	78, Gaskarth Road
Cuthbertson, Mrs. ...	Do.
Davidson, Mr. ..	71, Byrne Road
Davidson, Mrs.	Do.
Davie, Miss	15, Crockerton Road
Davies, Miss B.	1, Ritherdon Road
Davis, Mr. D. R. ..	182, Bedford Hill
Dickerson, Miss	34, Ritherdon Road
Dowie, Mrs.	Lochview, Linlithgow, N. B.
Drakeley, Miss	Kelso, High Road, Streatham
Dunning, Mr.	40, Bedford Hill
Dunning, Mrs.	Do.
Edwardson, Mrs. ...	1, Foxbourne Road
Edwardson, Miss ...	Do.
Elliott, Miss	Clarence Lodge, Clapham Park

Etheridge, Rev. B. C. ...	156, Ramsden Road
Everard, Miss E. D. ...	46, Rossiter Road
Fender, Mrs.	15, Hillier Road
Fenner, Mrs.	5, Bedford Hill
Filce, Mr.	21, Ramsden Road
Foottitt, Mrs.	34, Ritherdon Road
Forman, Mr.	46, Rossiter Road
Forman, Mrs.	Do.
Forman, Miss	Do.
Forman, Miss B. ...	Do.
Frew, Miss	49, Elmfield Road
Friend, Miss	96, Kirkdale, Sydenham
Fulcher, Mr.	72, Cavendish Road
Fuller, Mr.	85, Endlesham Road
Fuller, Mrs.	Do.
Fuller, Miss	Do.
Fuller, Mr. W. L. ...	Do.
Fuller, Mrs. W. L. ...	Do.
Goldsmith, Mr. A. ...	28, Rectory Grove, Clapham
Greenwood, Rev. T. ..	182, Bedford Hill
Greenwood, Mrs. ...	Do.
Greenwood, Mr. T., jr. ...	Do.
Greenwood, Mr. H. S. ..	Do.
Greenwood, Mr. H. D. ...	Do.
Greenwood, Miss W. P.	Do.
Greenwood, Mrs. H. A.	Keston, Franciscan Road
Gudridge, Mr.	29, Shandon Road, Clapham
Hailes, Mr.	20, Endlesham Road
Hailes, Mrs.	Do.
Hailes, Miss	Do.
Hailes, Miss E. F. ..	Do.
Hailes, Miss M.	Do.
Hailes, Miss G.	Do.
Hailes, Miss E. M. ...	Do.
Hamlyn, Miss	41, Temperley Road
Handford, Miss ...	169, High Road
Harding, Mrs.	92, Bramfield Road
Haycraft, Mr. A. J. ...	47, Zennor Road
Herbert, Mrs.	122, Sarsfeld Road
Hewes, Miss	34, Ritherdon Road
Horne, Mrs.	42, Endlesham Road
Horne, Miss ..	Do.
Horne, Miss Edith M. ...	Do.
Inguish, Miss	24, Balham Grove
Inwards Miss	8, Cardigan Street, Luton
Johnson, Mrs.	53, St. James's Road
Johnson, Mr. J. L. ...	Do.
Johnson, Mr. W. E ...	Do.
Johnson, Miss	Do.
Johnson, Miss Emily ...	Do.
Johnson, Miss H. ...	Do.

Johnson, Miss M.	53, St. James' Road
Jones, Mr.	74, Ritherdon Road
Jones, Mr. E. C.	Do.
Jones, Miss M. A.	Do.
Jones, Miss C.	Do.
Julyan, Mrs.	39, Hillier Road
Keast, Miss	243, High Road
Kerr, Mrs.	62, Ramsden Road
Kerr, Miss	Do.
Kerr, Mrs. W.	332, High Road
Knight, Mr.	Gonville Road, W. Croydon
Knight, Mrs.	Do.
Leayan, Mrs. F.	3, Culmore Road
Leest, Mrs.	75, Zennor Road
List, Miss	25, Leathwaite Road, Clapham Common
Loos, Miss	20, Endlesham Road
Mackerell, Miss	36, Balham Hill
Mackerell, Miss C.	Do.
Mackerell, Miss Lydia	Do.
Macklin, Mr.	60, Temperley Road
Maddox, Miss	1, Foxbourne Road
Maishman, Mrs.	45, Lydhurst Avenue, Streatham Hill
Manning, Mr.	24, Vernon Road, Hornsey
Martin, Miss	17, Dornton Road
Martin, Miss K.	Do.
May, Mr.	2, Rowfant Road
May, Mrs.	Do.
Mitchell, Miss	26, Caistor Road
Monti, Mrs.	3, Byrne Road
Moss, Miss	36a, Hambalt Road, Clapham
Munks, Miss M. E.	86, Hydethorpe Road
Napier, Mr.	30, Cathles Road
Napier, Mrs.	Do.
Nott, Miss	180, Cavendish Road
Oakshett, Mr.	5, Byrne Road
Oakshett, Mrs.	Do.
Oakshett, Miss F.	Do.
Oakshett, Miss W.	Do.
Odle, Miss	116, Ramsden Road
Palmer, Miss	"Oakbank, Chislehurst, Kent
Parker, Mr. J.	139, Ramsden Road
Parmenter, Miss	12, Marius Road
Payne, Miss	59, Gauden Road, Clapham
Perrin, Mrs.	49, Endlesham Road
Perrin, Miss	Do.
Price, Mrs.	57, Ormeley Road
Quinn, Mr.	64, High Road
Quinn, Mrs.	Do.
Randall, Miss	55, Temperley Road
Reynolds, Mrs.	5, Ranmere Street

Ricketts, Mr.	3, Nightingale Square
Ricketts, Mr. A. T.	Do.
Ricketts, Miss	Do.
Ricketts, Miss E. D.	Do.
Roberts, Mr. U.	1, Limes, Devonshire Road
Roberts, Miss C.	Do.
Rogers, Miss	1, High Road
Russell, Mrs.	13, Byrne Road
Saunders, Miss B.	12, Upper Tooting Road
Sharp, Mrs.	83, Cavendish Road
Simmons, Miss	56, Streathbourne Road
Simpson, Mrs.	7, Nightingale Square
Soulsby, Miss	24, Gaskarth Road
Smedley, Mrs.	17, Verran Road
Smith, Mr. T.	9, Boundaries Road
Spencer, Mr. A. H.	70, Rowfant Road
Stirling, Mrs.	30, Cathles Road
Stock, Mr	116, Ramsden Road
Storey, Miss	19, Taybridge Road, Clapham
Stringer, Mr.	82, High Road
Stringer, Mrs.	Do.
Surman, Mr.	17, Cornford Grove
Surman, Mrs.	Do.
Surman, Mr. W. J.	Do.
Surman, Miss	Do
Tarrant, Mr.	123, Ramsden Road
Tarrant, Mrs.	Do.
Tee, Mr.	65, Thornton Avenue, Streatham
Tee, Mrs.	Do.
Thompson, Mr.	11, Balham Park Mansions
Thompson, Mrs.	Do.
Thorne, Mr.	31, Beverley Road, Anerley
Thorne, Mrs.	Do.
Thorne, Mr. H. H.	Do.
Tilbury, Miss	62, Alderbrook Road
Treves, Miss	Cornwall Cottage, Devonshire Road
Treves, Miss R.	Do.
Treves, Mr. G. E.	3, Ormeley Road
Treves, Mrs.	Do.
Underwood, Miss	1, Foxbourne Road
Uphill, Mr.	21, Holderness Road
Urben, Miss	69, Endlesham Road
Walker, Miss	15, Mount Ephraim Road, Streatham
Walsham, Mr.	263, High Road
Walsham, Mrs.	Do.
Wastall, Miss	31, Elmfield Mansions
Waterman, Miss G. S.	6, Cornford Grove
Welsh Mrs.	119, Endlesham Road
Welsh, Miss	Do.
Welsh, Miss E.	Do.

Welsh, Miss R. A.	.. 119, Endlesham Road
Weston, Mrs. ...	... 62, Culverdon Road
Weston, Miss ...	... Do.
Williams, Miss ..	.. "Stanmere," Elmbourne Road
Woollacott, Mr. ...	... 62, Sistova Road
Woollacott, Mrs.	... Do.
Wright, Mr. ...	... 20, Manville Road
Wright, Mrs. ...	... Do.
Wright, Miss ...	... Do.

Interview with the Rev. J.G.Train, of S. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Upper Norwood. At his residence, 18 Harold Road. (E.A.) Dec.7.00.

S. Andrew's is one of the most important centres of Presbyterianism in London, flourishing and well-to-do, and Mr. Train is admirably fitted to preside over such a church, He has been here for eight years, having come from Hull. Hisprevious experience was at a small fishing village in Scotland, and he still has some of the breeziness of the sea and the directness of the Yorkshire folk. He is a man of about 55, rather good-looking, save for weak eyes, with a pleasnt voice and manner. His presence betokens kindliness, and his house, rented at £120, comfort. He speaks like a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ cultivated man, and I can well understand that he is persona grata to his people. He may lack enthusiasm, but then Norwood is not an enthusiastic place, and there is a good deal of quiet force about him.

He had filled in the form, and his answers are incorporated in the following.

His people he describes as "well-to-do", and the working classes of the district as being "composed mostly of jobbing gardeners, care-takers, postmen, carmen, railway men, builders' labourers etc." The well-to-do of

the district include, in addition to active business people, a good many retired people; men who have made their fortunes in the colonies (a good many in South Africa), Anglo-Indians etc. Rents are high, and it is difficult to get a good house for £60. In Sydenham Hill they range up to £2, £3 and £400 a year.

The working class are mostly confined to New Town and to a small area lying off the main road. New Town is an anomaly, and came into existence through rights acquired by squatters many years ago. They had been there so long that they had acquired a settlement, and the space, belonging like everything else in the neighbourhood to the Ecclesiastical Comminssioners, was walled off. At the present moment therefore it is a place apart ~~from all the neighbourhood~~, and forms a small working class community in the middle of a well-to-do neighbourhood. It is now composed of a collection of small streets, and small houses, and in the middle of it S. Andrew's has its Mission Hall.

In addition to Mr. Train, there is an assistant minister, in special charge of the New Town work.

BUILDINGS: S. Andrew's (650); S. Andrew's Hall etc. New Town Mission Hall (300) with hall adjacent (200). In addition there are ~~several~~ two places worked by people from

S. Andrew's, but for which S. Andrew's assumes no financial responsibility. These are: Aukland Hall, West Norwood, and Westbrook Hall, Thornton Heath.

The former of these is largely in the control of Mr. T.W. Stoughton, a member of the firm of Hodder and Stoughton, of Paternoster Row, and a son of the late Dr. Stoughton. A good deal appears to go on there, and a London City Missionary is employed. ~~At the~~ Sunday evening Mission services ~~number xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ are held, but Mr. Train could not give me particulars as to attendances. He suggested that we might find it worth while to see Mr. Stoughton.

A Miss Torr Smith, of Oak Lawn, Beulah Hill, a local wealthy lady, is the presiding genius at Westbrook Hall, and here two Bible Women are employed.

As regards the Church, Mr. Train says that "the usual Sunday services are held, with week-evening services on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Audiences, composed of all classes, cheering". The Sunday congregations are large, it may be safely assumed, although Mr. Train did not mention any figures. His use of the word "cheering" and the fact that "all the seats are let" are sufficient evidence on this point. Some of the seats are allotted to poorer attendants rent free. Membership is 360.

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At the New Town Mission Hall, on Sunday morning "a few adults" and from 70 to 80 children come; on Sunday evening, about 200 people.

The New Town Sunday School has about 300 on its register, and an average attendance of from 170 to 180. There is also a small Sunday School at S. Andrew's Hall, with about 200 children on the register.

Other agencies mentioned were Mothers' Meetings, with boot, coal and clothing clubs; the Men's Sunday afternoon meeting, with an average attendance of about 100 (meeting); 100 members; and a book club. Once a month the meeting is open to women, when the attendance is much larger. They have an orchestra, and there are some who want to admit the women always. One of the workers at New Town has recently started a Boys' Life Saving Society, with swimming, drill, fire brigade & ambulance: This is preferred by the worker in question to the Boys' Brigade, as having all the disciplinary advantage of the latter, without its disadvantages, which were, I understood, thought to be militarism, with too great a dependence upon, and worship of, the individual officer in command. It has been found by experience that if an officer goes the brigades have a way of tumbling to pieces, and it is argued that they

do not rest on a sufficiently secure foundation. They are by no means Little Englanders in Norwood, but they are attracted by a society that has the idea of saving life as its root motive, rather than by a brigade, that teaches the youngster how to fight, and, perhaps, to take life. In all this Mr. Train was speaking for the unknown worker, (of whom he thought very highly). The line of argument is a little mawkish, but, in itself, the Life Saving Society is interesting and probably excellent. I have not come across it before, so far as boys are concerned.

"No purely educational work undertaken".

"Minister's visiting largely confined to the sick. District Visitors regularly call at houses in New Town, Paddock Gardens etc." (Paddock Gardens is the centre of the other small working class bit, apart from New Town.)

"S. John's Ambulance Nurses available for all nursing needed". "Norwood is the healthiest part of all London."

"About £70 distributed annually among the poor belonging to the Church. About half a dozen pensioners receiving half-a-crown or thereabouts. Milk or eggs sometimes supplied to the sick poor."

Such a small community as that of New Town placed in the middle of a well-to-do neighbourhood,

a "large proportion of the actual residents of which" as Mr. T. said, "attend church regularly", seems marked out for as a corpus vile for the charitably disposed. Mr. T. considers, however, that there is but little overlapping, and says that there is so much intercourse between the clergy and ministers of the district, that they know very fairly well who is helping who. As an instance, he mentioned that the late vicar of All Saints told him that the parish lists of people helped and of members of mothers' meetings could be seen by him. Although this friendliness exists, there is no systematic checking of lists, and no charity clearing house. Mr. Train hardly seemed to think that one was needed.

"The Upper Norwood Total Abstinence Society, worked on Gospel Temperance lines, carries out an effective system of house-to-house visitation in the working-class quarters.".

"There is no Free Church Council, but the ministers compare notes as to cases of need".

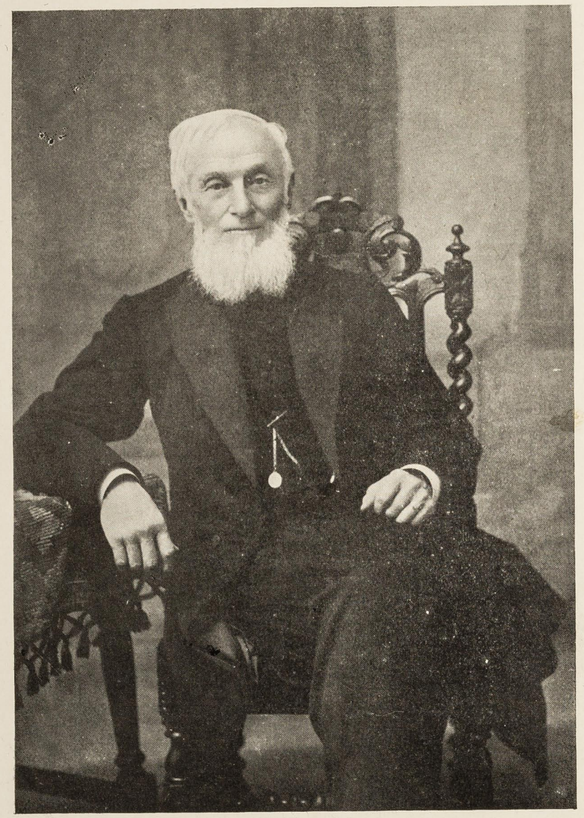
Mr. T. spoke well of all his Church of England neighbours: Mr. Joynt is evangelical; active; doing excellent work. At All Saints, (moderate High Church) they have a new man, with whom Mr. T. expects to maintain the old friendly relations. At S. Paul's Mr. Rainsford (2)

"an exceedingly nice man" was, he thought, best described as a Broad Churchman.

As regards drinking, the Crystal Palace shows were mentioned as "bringing crowds about which sometimes flood the public houses".

Of kept women there is "not a trace"; of prostitution, "very little".

There is "little" crime. Marriage is "the rule". As regards Thrift, the comment is "A hard winter casts a good many on charity. The well-to-do not slow to respond to appeals". Health is "excellent", and Housing and Social condition generally "good".

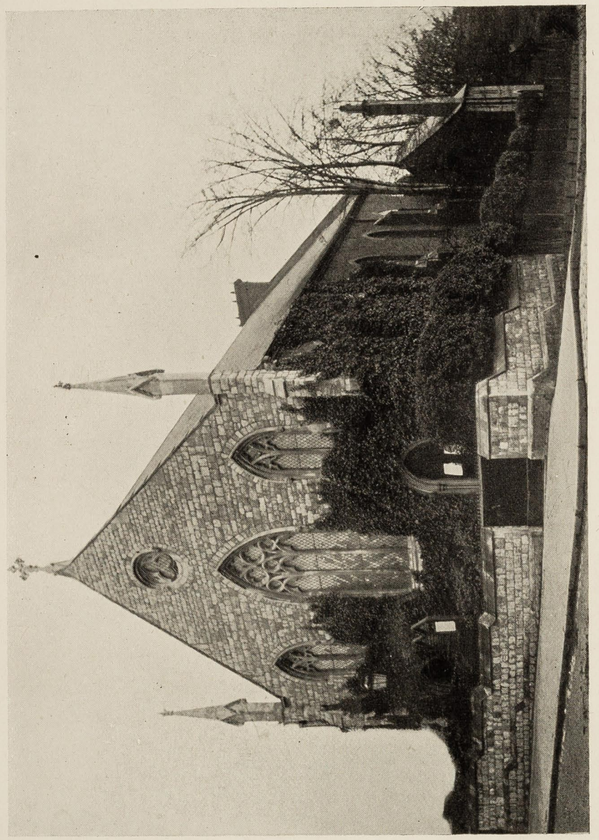


THE REV. S. A. TIPPLE.

Interview with the Rev.S.A.Tipple, Minister of Central Hill Chapel, Upper Norwood. At his residence, Hillcroft, Howden Road, South Norwood Hill. (E.A.) Dec.10.00. 40/9.20

In his reply to our request for an interview, Mr. Tipple wrote making one, but warning us that he would not have much to tell us. I had heard his name, and fancied that he was a rather young man, rising into fame from his eloquence, and liberality of exposition. In some respects my surmise was correct, but Mr. Tipple proved to be a white haired old man, who has just celebrated the jubilee of his ministry, and has been for 44 years at Norwood. I found him smoking his Monday morning pipe, with a friend and neighbour from Sydenham, and a pleasant picture they made. The room was as full of books as it was of tobacco smoke: it was the pleasant study of a small but pleasant house.

The only thing against Mr. Tipple is his name; how great a misnomer it is his face constantly reminds us, for this is the very embodiment of an intellectual and sympathetic spirit. Mr. Tipple is very slight in stature, his face very pale, but his most remarkable feature is an unusually lofty brow. He has a beautiful voice and, without the least effort or affectation, a very perfect articulation. I can well believe that he is a most attractive preacher.



CENTRAL HILL CHAPEL.

Although Mr. T. has been for so many years in Norwood there was little to tell about it: it has developed on the ordinary lines of a well-to-do suburban district, maintaining a general respectability, "and about a respectable neighbourhood there is little to be said". He mentioned New Town, as Mr. Train had done, but, differing from the latter, expressed the strong opinion that the people living there were "coddled". Attempts to arrange for systematic co-operation had failed, and he feared that coddling was to a certain extent inevitable. Some of his own workers go there, but, when I asked why he did not send them elsewhere, he mentioned the obvious difficulty of diverting people from a spot that is at their doors and where they are known. It also appeared that Mr. T. does not very actively participate in the practical work of this kind, and, also, that not very much is given away there by his people. One thing he mentioned with decided approval -- the "Drawing room for the people" (see Handbook, p. 16) and this he said had been a marked success, very pleasant, very interesting, and very useful.

He spoke of the Crystal Palace, saying that he thought the general character of the entertainment provided there was tending to deteriorate, but, for this, he considered that the better class people of the district were very

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largely to blame. They no longer supportxxed the place as they did, and he himself proved to be one of those to blame, inasmuch as he had not been inside the Palace for several years, and had ceased to be a Season ticket holder. Mr. xxxxxxx Joscelyn, the friend, who lives at Sydenham, agreed, saying that the Palace no longer attracts the old class. Sydenham is going decidedly down, socially, xx and the Palace, which at first "made the neighbourhood", no longer appeals in the same way. He remembers the time when "Norwood was the rage", and the rage largely through the Palace. Neither brought any very serious charge against the management of the Palace, and both admitted that policy had to be determined mainly by financial considerations.

As regards Central Hill Chapel itself conditions are quite exceptional. It is nominally a Baptist Chapel, and the Trust Deeds, which are couched in very general terms, so far as doctrine is concerned, make it a condition that the deacons shall be Baptists. But in the course of years very few Baptists remain in the Church, and as the old deacons thin out there are really no people to put in thisr places who have the denominational qualification. So they have invented the expedient of a new class of "Chapel Wardens", who are deacons in almost

everything but name. This paucity of Baptists reflects a change in the theological point of view of the minister but, as it happens, there is no other Baptist Chapel in the neighbourhood, and the fact is, as Mr. Tipple said, there are very few Baptists in the district. The congregation is composed of people from many churches, "Episcopalians, Baptists, Congregationalists, Unitarians and others". Asked as to what this composite collection indicated, Mr. T. said that he supposed that they had changed their opinions. Asked as to whether he had done the same, he assented, and the direction of this change is made plain by the tone of his last year's address, as reported on pp. 7 and 8 of the "Hand-book". The fact is that the Chapel is to all intents and purposes a centre of Unitarian teaching, and Mr. Tipple mentioned that some time back an attempt to start a local Unitarian Church was given up, as it was found, since Central Hill Chapel was there with Mr. T. as minister, "We are not wanted".

The congregation is eclectic, of good social class, many coming from considerable distances. The bond is the pulpit, and Mr. Tipple mentioned with regret that a considerable number came only in time for the sermon. There is very little ordinary "church life", and there is no professed membership: when the Lord's Supper is celebrated, "all present

ed "all present who may wish to communicate" are invited to do so. The Chapel holds 500, and in the morning is full, and practically all the seats are taken. Asked as to why the people came, Mr. Joxscelyn interposed, saying "To hear the most unique preacher of the age", and, later, expressed the wish that he could come himself, did not his duties in another place require him. Mr. Tipple, however, divined the meaning of my query, and admitted that to many the service, and still more the sermon was "a spiritual luxury". He regrets it, scolds his people when they absent themselves if he is away, but there is no way out of the difficulty: at Central Hill it appears to be inevitable that while he is there, it will be primarily to hear him that his congregation will assemble. There is evidence, however, that he is an exceptional influence in many lives, making for a spirit of toleration, for intellectual honesty, for a kindly social outlook, and for generous sympathies.

The Hand-book gives a list of the agencies centreing in or helped from the Chapel, and it is nticeable that while the two Chapel collections for the Baptists' Foreign Missions yielded £8.9s.6d., a single collection for Hospital Sunday produced £91, and another for the Fresh Air Mission, £76. The Sunday School has an average attendance of 36!

The evening services were given up five or six years ago. Even when Mr. Tipple conducted them, they were not well attended, many of his people coming from a distance, and many dining late. After he gave them up, an attempt was made to continue them, with supplies, students and others, but the people would not come, "it was no use", and the step was taken of discontinuing them altogether,— not an unreasonable step, when it is remembered that Mr. T. has been here for 44 years, and is beginning to think about complete retirement from regular ministerial work. For the moment, however, he remains, an old man full of personal charm, and of intellectual vigour.

Mr. Joscelyn, a man of about 60, a devoted ~~firmxf~~ friend and admirer of Mr. Tipple's, and in keen sympathy with him, spoke of his early memories of Mr. T.T.Lynch, who at that time had a chapel in Mornington Crescent, Camden Town. He said that Mr. Tipple's church at Norwood was, as it were, a repliaa of that of Mr. Lynch: Mr. Tipple's own position and influence, the congregation, everything reminds him constantly of the Camden Town analogue.

We walked away together, and he again began to talk about Mr. Tipple, "a man whom no creed will define --- or confine".

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Mr. H. H. HEATH, The Rylands, Gibson's Hill.
Mr. W. FELL WOODS, Park Hill, Forest Hill.
Mr. J. A. RUSSELL, Clifton Lodge, West Norwood.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The interesting account of the Church's Annual Meeting, held on the 14th November last—for which the Deacons are indebted to the local Press—will be, it is believed, valued by the members and seat-holders, and prove, as before, an acceptable preface to the record of the Church's work.

Once again have the worshippers at the Central Hill Chapel met, at an annual social gathering, to greet their revered pastor, the Rev. S. A. Tipple, and Mrs. Tipple. The *reunion* took place on Tuesday. The friends mustered in full force, and the evening was one of the most pleasurable. Mr. Tipple was in the best of spirits and full of vigour, and there was, throughout the proceedings, plenty of life. For a long time the school-room, on these auspicious occasions, was lavishly decorated with palms, chrysanthemums, and flowers, by the late Mr. Canham; but since the last meeting he has passed away, and on Tuesday there were many who missed his genial presence. But Mr. Tipple has a host of admirers who are consistently fond of flowers, and so the schoolroom was not wanting in any way in its customary floral embellishments. Mr. J. Marshall kindly sent a large quantity of lovely chrysanthemums, palms, ferns, &c., making a charming display and adding materially to the brightness of the gathering.

The proceedings commenced with prayer, the responses being by the choir. During the evening the choir also very efficiently sang several selections, and Mr. and Mrs. Shaughnessey and Mr. Humm, also took part in the musical programme.

The Rev. S. A. TIPPLE then gave his customary annual address. It would be scarcely possible, and almost unnatural, for them to meet there that night at another anniversary gathering without some passing reference to the subject which had been engrossing and exciting them daily for more than a month past—the

war in South Africa, in which their country was unhappily engaged, and which, having entered upon, they must needs prosecute determinedly to the bitter end. With respect to the justifiableness and necessity of the war, there might be differences among them. He was obliged to regard it as perfectly justifiable, and as having been forced upon them. But whatever differences of opinion there were, they all wanted to see the war brought to a speedy and successful termination. They had a death's head at their gathering that night, in the haunting thought of the suffering and the dying, and of the manifold misery, desolation, destitution, and bodily torment out yonder; and also around them, at home, of the sorrow that pervaded families—of the suspense and sore distress and anxiety, and of the homes impoverished and straitened by the loss of the bread-winners away on military service. Their usual bright service could hardly escape some overshadowing from the thought of the many lives sacrificed in the strife, and yet doomed to be sacrificed before its close. Still, there was a side gloss to it all, to which they might turn for a little relief and pleasure, and that was that cruel war, like the blackness of the night, brought forward its stars and its constellations not manifested in times of peace—the roll of exemplary and rare staunchness, and the record of stubborn devotion and daring and heroic deeds, the memory of which would survive through generations, and the report of which, heard or read, was a sort of moral tonic, which left them the better for it all. These were the things moreover that moved one to venture to agree with the Irish Archbishop in his lately published song:—

> I deem it true
> That He Who made the earthquake and the storm
> Perchance makes battles, too.

South Africa, with its list of wounded and tales of grim havoc, had supplied them with stories of heroism and duty bravely done, of severe hardships lightly borne, which they would long cherish, and of which they might well be proud. And then let them think of the stories not published, and which never would be published. They heard of the young lieutenant in the Dragoon Guards who risked his life to save a poor soldier—and

this was but one example. Again let them think of the numberless privates, of whose deeds they never heard. The history of such truly noble self-sacrifice was always but a page or two from a lost volume. As those who dug in the sands of the Swiss lakes and deserted caves tossed up a few implements, or bones, or jewels once worn by beauty, so history threw up slight traces of the great absent ones. Otherwise, were all the names and deeds of those who had fought bravely or displayed heroic qualities engraved on tablets, what a roll of greatness to pore over! It would need a whole London of Westminster Abbeys to hold their urns.

They were once more gathered together at the close of another congregational year, to repeat their annual indulgence in social intercourse and mutual congratulations, and perhaps a little idle talk—an indulgence from which they need not refrain though the waters outside were troubled. They had to live their lives, and enjoy unstinted their lot. They were there once more in peace, despite prophesy, hitherto believed by thousands in the East and in China, that the world was destined to come to an end on that evening; a belief so strongly entertained that contracts for labour had been declined. But the collision on the 13th, of their globe with the comet, had somehow been avoided. How it came to escape at all, whether it came unpunctually—either a little too late or too soon—or whether it was of a too tenuous or vaporous a substance, rendering no obstruction, he did not know. No doubt, however, that the crisis had safely passed, and their planet still rolled its course. They would have had reason to have been sorry if their planet had been shattered, and so they might be proportionately thankful to find that they were there, too, that day, as solid and composed as usual. For himself, he could wish that it remained intact until at least he could go to North Cornwall once more, where he spent his brief summer holiday, which they so graciously accorded and provided him, and the memory of which was so full of pleasure. In truth, it was quite an ideal time in every way. Why, they actually went through the six whole weeks without feeling chilled. (Laughter.) The coast and scenery was one of perpetual delight, the fine Cornish climate

and the suavity of the Cornish people winning their hearts. Then they were in the midst of King Arthur's country; and they gazed on every legendary spot, and believed everything about him without check or question. (Laughter.) The only thing he was at all vexed at, or which ruffled him, was the cruel ravage of some of the old churches. The splendid carved oak benches, in the hands of vandal Vicars, who wished to replace them by more modern ones, had been sold for rubbish to farmers around. Were it not for the fear of spoiling the district by too great an incursion, he should strongly recommend them all to go to North Cornwall next summer, if they wanted to discover new ground. One regretted these grey, dull November days—that the brilliancy of the sunset, the blue and emerald sea, and the afternoon glow, were for the time over, and they could say with Tennyson—

> Tears from the depths of some divine despair
> Rise in the heart, aud gather to the eyes
> In looking on the happy autumn fields
> And thinking of the days that are no more.

—His thoughts wandered back to 50 years ago. It was 50 years ago exactly since he was ordained to the work of the ministry, of which 43 had been spent in Norwood. (Cheers.) Well he remembered that soft, mild November day of 1849, when he awoke very early in a very serious and nervous frame of mind, and later, how he started in a gig and drove a distance to bring back the gentleman who was to deliver the ordination address. Unfortunately, through want of thought, or overfulness of thought, he lost his way, and returned long after the service to find the minister, and people wondering whether he had not absconded. The memory of these days recalled two things. The first was the immense number of sermons which resulted from that day. He stood appalled at the calculation. At the lowest computation they amounted to 4,000 or 5,000, which, if printed, would fill 200 good sized octavo volumes. What vain repetitions, what credulities and superfluities, and more or less mistaken ideas there must have been! how much that might have been left

unspoken, which would have been no loss to the hearers, and how small that which would have remained if only the really useful had been abstracted! Once his house was burglariously entered. The burglars turned out all the drawers in which were his sermons, and left them without taking one! As he waded through them, nearly ankle deep, from the rustling MS came the thought to him, what, if all these should now be voiced in his ear as he had voiced them in their's and other people's ears, or what if they should turn upon him in another world, as one had imagined all the animals eaten by man would do. He hoped that they would not survive anywhere, save as he trusted in the little good effected in a few human hearts, and in a few human lives. One other thing the remembrance of half a century ago set him thinking of, and that was the great changes which had taken place since then in the religious and theological scenes, and what a difference then and now on questions, which then were subjects of interest. How far they had wandered from the old paths of controversy, over which, in those past days, long and fierce battles were fought. Some of the chief controversies had ceased to occupy them. For instance, whether redemption was general or particular; whether Christ died for all men or a few; whether, when once regenerated, it was possible to fall away and be finally lost; whether good works in a state of unregeneracy had any merit; whether all parts of holy writ were equally inspired; what particular games and amusements might be lawfully indulged in by Christian people, and what should be scrupulously shunned as not consistent—these were problems which no longer engaged them. They had now gone to other fields. The abstruse in theology had been largely displaced by the welfare of man—questions of education, questions of benevolence, questions of reform, of liberty, of labour, of home life, had arisen, and had consigned to obscurity the comparatively useless themes and speculations of their forefathers. Then the first enquiry would have been, "What shall I believe? What do you believe?" Now it was, "What ought I to do? What can you do for the good of mankind?" The conviction in days past was that the great essential to

salvation was correct belief, which tended in a large measure to conduct being deemed of less importance than it was at the present time. They occupied themselves less to-day in talking of other people's correctness of belief, and they were more capable of appreciating and esteeming those whom they considered sadly in error. Their charity was greater. If that meant as some might suggest—somewhat less sureness—he would rather have the greater charity and less of such sureness, for he believed that in loving was the whole law fulfilled. He was thankful for most of the changes which had taken place in theological and religious scenes since he commenced his ministry. Coming down to their own little congregational affairs, never he thought in the past were there such lenient and kindly hearers, especially to an old man's prosy discourses—(laughter)—or such capital deacons and chapel wardens as he had, or such chrysanthemums as were generally contributed for their social gathering. But his 50 years' ministry reminded him terribly of the line, "superfluous lags the veteran on the stage," and he began to ask himself whether, in justification to them, he ought not to make his bow and retire. He began to feel that his inordinate prolongation was more than they could bear, and that their feelings might well be like those of the man in the story associated with Charles Matthews. A man was retiring from a play before it was finished, and was told from the stage, "Don't go yet, sir, there is more to come," to which the man curtly replied, "That is the very reason why I am going." (Laughter.) The rev. gentleman then resumed his seat amidst a hearty outburst of applause.

Mr. H. H. Heath, J.P., was next called upon to speak, and said that he was amazed at his own temerity in immediately following Mr. Tipple, who had again given them a most charming and beautiful address. He alluded to Mr. Tipple's advocacy of the Fresh Air Fund, also his annual appeal for the hospitals, and then mentioned his pleading on the previous Sunday for the widows and orphans. Throughout Christendom a vast amount of money was being raised in connection with the centenary of home and foreign missions. The congregations had promised to raise many thousands of

pounds, and the Wesleyans had undertaken to raise a million guineas sterling, also for home and foreign missions. He trusted that they would sympathise with this great work, and when the day came for their annual sermon he hoped that Mr. Tipple would not vacate the pulpit. They knew the result of having a stranger—it was a poor collection, and he had been ashamed to pay it into the mission house. Whenever Mr. Tipple preached the sermon they had a good collection.

Mr. Fowler Stewart, introduced by the chairman as an Australian Englishman, next spoke. He said that he was asked that night to say a few words on the ground that he had joined the congregation, but Mr. Tipple had introduced him as an old friend of the congregation. This was quite true, for in a sense he was so. His earliest recollection went back to the time when he was brought up to see the wonders of the Crystal Palace, and was taken to Mr. Tipple's church on the condition that he must never make a noise. He succeeded in that. When subsequently he came to London 20 years ago, he had the pleasure of listening to many of Mr. Tipple's sermons. They could easily understand his delight when he recently returned from Australia and found that the house he had taken was near the Central Hill Chapel. It was with great pleasure that on his return he found that Mr. Tipple was still there, and it appeared to him that he was more youthful than 20 years before. On the following Sunday he induced his wife to come with him, and since then they had both felt great pleasure in being regular worshippers there. Their Australian visitors who had heard Mr. Tipple, had been charmed with his eloquence, and he was sure that they would agree in hoping that Mr. Tipple would be there to celebrate his Diamond Jubilee. He (the speaker) could not expect to be there next year, but when the Diamond Jubilee came he might hope to be.

Mr. James Judd, J.P., was then called upon, and had a hearty reception. He sincerely wished that their annual gathering came once a quarter. (Laughter.) In the reference by Mr. Tipple to old times, he could not help feeling how very much had changed in the 50 years, and how much that change was due to Mr.

Tipple. Mr. Tipple very little knew how much of a teacher he had been, apart from his own congregation. They had just listened to a gentleman who had spoken of Mr. Tipple's wonderful influence in Australia, and Mr. Tipple little knew how far that influence had spread —a wonderful influence on men for their betterment. He spoke of how intensely they all loved Mr. Tipple, though he knew that this was an old, old story. But why should it not be an old, old story. How much less better would they have been but for Mr. Tipple's prayers and help in time of need. Mr. Tipple had now reached the golden time of 50 years in the church, the larger part of which was spent in Central-hill. Suppose, 50 years ago, the Australians had insisted on Mr. Tipple going out there, just think of the wondrous growth it would have meant to Australia and the loss to ourselves. (Laughter and cheers.) He was sometimes asked which of Mr. Tipple's sermons he liked the best, and he always said "the last." He was satisfied that his last sermon was always his best, and he hoped that God would grant that they might long listen to the last, because the last would be the best of the best. He then thanked Mr. Marshall for the loan of the chrysanthemums, supplying so generously the place of their late friend Mr. Canham, and the other friends who had helped them. He also alluded gratefully to the services of the choir.

The Chairman afterwards sympathetically alluded to the death of Mrs. Joseph Leete, and also spoke of the loss sustained by Mr. H. H. Heath and Mr. Fox in the deaths of sons, and of Mr. Terry, who had passed out into the light and air beyond.

Mr. Sydney Scott said, as a Church, they had practically very little to record. It was not so with other churches, who had their difficulties and disputes; but at Central-hill they moved on in the even tenor of their way. They did not concern themselves with ceremonial questions as to whether Mr. Tipple should adopt an eastward position or not, so long as they could hear him. The sole question to which Mr. Tipple had devoted himself during all these years was—what is truth? and what he had seen and found he had declared unto them without fear. They might con-

gratulate themselves that, in these times of distress and storm, they were a united church, and he hoped and believed that they were not unmindful of their high privileges, and also their high responsibilities.

Mr. Howell spoke long and eloquently, taking up a line of finely-drawn but loyal and friendly criticism of the spirit and sentiments of the occasion.

The Rev. E. S. Lang Buckland of Guildford and formerly of Thornton Heath, spoke of Mr. Tipple as the greatest, noblest, and most spiritual of their teachers. He could not help regretting that the thousands of sermons spoken of were not published. While Mr. Tipple no doubt desired to inspire them with noble thoughts, he (the speaker) could not help wishing that on that evening he could have stood before them in the capacity of the converted burglar, having taken more advantage of a certain opportunity than did the man of whom Mr. Tipple had spoken. (Loud laughter and applause.) However, though the thoughts uttered by Mr. Tipple might appear to have perished yet of truth they were eternal; he might himself have forgotten them, but rest assured they were even now influencing lives far and wide.

After a few words from Mr. Fell Woods, an announcement of regret from the chair of the absence of Mr. Russell, and an intimation of Mr. Heath's concert at Streatham Town Hall for the widows and orphans of soldiers, on December 1st, the meeting concluded with "God save the Queen."

It will be seen by the summary (on page 13) of the collections for the year that the Church has not been unmindful of the claims of institutions unconnected with itself. To the usual list, a collection was made for the "Lord Mayor's fund for the Widows and Children of our Soldiers at the front," which resulted in a contribution of £50 to the patriotic object.

It is again our sad duty to note the passing away of some of our friends since the issue of our last report. The names of those which have gone before are:—Mr. Terry, Mr. Wilfrid Heath (the son of our oldest Church officer), and Mr. Llewellyn Fox.

Sunday Morning Service is held at Eleven o'clock.

On the first Sunday in the month the Communion of the Lord's Supper is observed at the close of the Morning Service, when all present who may wish are invited to communicate.

Applications for Pews and Sittings may be made to Mr. J. A. RUSSELL, Clifton Lodge, West Norwood, or to Mr. G. KENNING, Fern Bank, West Hill, Sydenham, before or after any of the Services.

One of the Deacons will be in attendance on the last Sunday in every month to allot pews and sittings.

No fixed charge is made for the sittings, but subscriptions are made quarterly of such sums as the seat holders are willing to contribute. OFFERTORY PLATES are passed round at the conclusion of the Services for the contributions of Visitors and others. These donations are devoted either to the general expenses, or used for special purposes, of which due notice is given from the Pulpit.

The Deacons and Chapel-Wardens will be glad if Members of the Congregation will notify any change of residence.

The Minister is in the Vestry at the close of the Services, to speak with any person who may desire to see him. In all cases of illness, when the attendance of the Minister is desired, notice should be given.

The Annual Meeting of the Church and Congregation is held in November, due notice of which will be given.

The Chapel is registered for the Solemnization of Marriages.

The Prayer Book Psalms of the day are now used by the Congregation in the place of the Psalms in the Hymnal.

The New Hymn Book, a reprint of the old issue, but without the Tunes, and with the additional Hymns and Anthems, can be had of the Chapel-Keeper, price 2/6; the Supplement, containing the additional Hymns and Anthems, can also be had, price 1/-. The Chapel-Keeper will also supply the Music used in the Chants, price 1/2. It is suggested that regular attendants should supply themselves with copies of the new Hymnal or Supplement.

Attention is directed to the cards containing the Order of Service and the list of Hymns and Chants for the current month, which are placed in the pews at the beginning of each month.

Two Volumes of Sermons by the Rev. S. A. Tipple—"Sunday Mornings at Norwood," and "The Admiring Guest," can be had of the Chapel-Keeper, or of the Booksellers of the neighbourhood.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer in account with Upper Norwood Chapel, 1899.

DR.	£	s.	d.
By Balance from 1898	28	0	7
,, Ministry	428	13	0
,, Incidentals	82	10	6
,, Hire of Schoolroom	10	6	7
,, Weekly Offerings	124	10	7
,, Sacramental Collections	15	0	2
,, Hymn Book Account	15	2	0
,, Received for Societies..	319	10	9
	£1,023	14	2

CR.	£	s.	d.
Paid to Minister ..	450	0	0
,, Incidentals (as per list)	140	8	11
,, Poor..	19	2	6
,, On account New Hymn Book ..	20	17	6
,, Societies	319	10	9
Balance Bankers ..	68	3	7
In hand	5	10	11
	£1,023	14	2

I certify this is a correct account according to the Treasurer's Books. I have seen Vouchers for all payments and counterfoils of receipts given for Subscriptions.

ARTHUR MIALL, F.C.A., *Hon. Auditor,*
12th Feb., 1900. 23, St. Swithin's Lane, E.C.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Chapel Keepers ..	30	0	0
Organist	44	10	0
Repairing Organ ..	4	4	0
Gardener	5	7	3
Coals	7	4	0
Printing	8	7	0
Social Meeting.. ..	8	15	6
Repairs	6	19	0

	£	s.	d.
Gas	10	6	4
Water	3	0	0
Insurance	2	19	6
Pulpit Supply	1	1	0
General	7	15	4
	£140	8	11

CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Widows and Orphans Missionaries	4	2	6
Baptist Missionary Society	4	7	0
Ditto Subscriptions ..	13	13	6
Baptist Fund	7	15	6
Fresh Air Mission ..	76	0	4
Hospital Sunday ..	91	0	1
Cottage Hospital ..	10	0	8
Old Folks' Home ..	13	8	6
Mansfield House Settlement	22	6	10
District Visiting.. ..	3	13	6

	£	s.	d.
Home & Irish Mission	4	4	0
Baptist Association ..	3	13	6
Lord Mayor's Fund—Wives and Children of Soldiers	50	0	4
Working Missions ..	3	3	0
Choir Fund..	3	13	6
Sunday School	3	3	0
London City Mission	5	5	0
	£319	10	9

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

President—Rev. S. A. Tipple. *Treasurer*—Mr. Blundell.
Superintendent—Mr. T. E. Tebbutt. *Secretary*—Mr. A. S. Tebbutt.
Collectors—Miss Franks, High View, Highfield Hill; and Miss Florence Judd, East Knoll, Church Road.

The School continues to show an increase, both in numbers and interest. The average attendance of the year was 36, a higher average than has been reached since 1895. The Library has been added to and re-arranged, and a much-needed Catalogue has been printed. The Library is used by a large proportion of the elder children, and by many of the visitors to the Monday Evening Drawing Room.

Sunday School Account, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Acworth, Miss	0	10	0	Library, Books, &c. ..	1	9	0
Blackborne, Mrs. ..	1	1	0	Toys	1	7	10
Carter, Mr. S.	0	10	6	Summer Treat, £6 11 9 less Receipts £1 14 0	4	17	9
Dawson, Mr.	0	10	6	Old Folks' Home ..	1	4	6
Franks, Mr. W.	0	5	0	Parents' Tea and Children's Winter Treat	5	16	3
Harrison, Mr.	0	5	0	Balance	2	17	1
Kenning, Mr. & Mrs.	3	3	0				
Leete, Mr. J.	1	1	0				
Newman, Mrs.	0	5	0				
Picton, Miss F.	0	10	0				
Pritchett, Mr. F. ..	0	5	0				
Russell, Mr. J. A. ..	0	10	6				
Scott, Mr. S.	0	10	6				
Sinclair, Mr. D.	1	1	0				
Smellie, Miss	0	10	0				
Studd, Mr. S	0	10	0				
Tipple, Rev. & Mrs. ..	0	5	0				
Turner, Mr. W. F. ..	1	1	0				
Woods, Mr. Fell ..	0	10	6				
Sunday School Collection for Old Folks' Home	1	4	6				
Balance, 1898	3	3	5				
	£17	12	5		£17	12	5

Library Account.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Russell, Mr. J. A. ..	0	10	0	250 Library Catalogues	2	7	0
Tebbutt, Mr. T. E. ..	0	5	0				
Balance due	1	12	0				
	£2	7	0		£2	7	0

THE NORWOOD SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF FEMALE INDUSTRY.

Treasurer—Miss S. Aste, Castle Hill Lodge, Church Road.
Secretary—Miss F. Picton, 11, Beulah Hill.

Committee—
(Ladies who attend at the Sale Room and assist in cuttiug out.)

Miss E. Aste
Miss S. Aste
Miss Bright
Miss D. Dean
Mrs. Evans
Mrs. Finch
Miss FitzGerald
Mrs. Jannings
Miss Jones
Miss Prior
Miss Smythe
Mrs. Stammers
Mrs. Terry
Miss Thyer

In presenting their Annual Report the Committee beg to thank the Subscribers and Friends of the Society for their kind help, which enabled them to carry on their work successfully, and trust for their continued support by purchasing the garments when they resume their duties the First Week in September.

For the information of those recently interested in the Society, the object of it is to promote habits of Industry among the Working Classes, and thus lead them to help themselves; the Committee believe that it has proved of essential benefit to them.

Clothes Sold from September, 1898, to May, 1899.

145 Chemises, 91 Night Dresses, 181 Shirts, 113 Drawers, 110 Petticoats, 168 Aprons, 11 Night Shirts, 126 Pinafores, 42 Frocks, 10 Sheets, 64 Pillow Cases, 12 Infants' Gowns, 11 Infants' Flannels, 10 Towels, 41 Dusters, 64 Glass Cloths, 11 Sundries. Total 1,200.

Stock Account.

	£	s.	d.
To Clothes made	14	11	0
Materials in hand	2	10	0
To Clothes unmade	3	0	6
	£20	1	6

The Norwood Society—(*Continued*).

CASH ACCOUNT, from September, 1898, to May, 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance	7	12	0	By Drapers	73	2	10
,, Subscriptions ..	36	2	6	,, Printers	1	6	6
,, Donations	2	6	0	,, Advertisement and Postage	0	6	6
,, Goods Sold	70	10	6	,, Coals	0	12	9
				,, Insurance	0	3	0
				,, Attendant	1	1	0
				,, Payment for Work	34	13	4
				,, Balance in hand..	5	5	1
	£116	11	0		£116	11	0

Examined and found correct, July 14th., 1899.

G. H. FINCH, 16, Harold Road, Upper Norwood.

Additional Subscribers are *wanted* as well as purchasers of the various good made by the Poor. There is at the present moment a considerable stock of useful articles at very moderate prices suitable for domestic purposes and for Gifts to the Poor, which it is necessary should be sold by the last Tuesday in May.

DRAWING ROOMS FOR THE PEOPLE.

The interest in these weekly gatherings during the winter months has been most gratifying to the Committee, the only regret expressed to them being at the fact that the season should terminate with the end of March.

With the advent of milder weather, however, the atmosphere of the Drawing-room would become intolerable owing to the largeness of the audience and the difficulties experienced by the committee in ventilating the room, even in the winter.

A scheme for the better ventilation of the room is now being considered, and it is trusted that before the next season opens the Chapel authorities may be induced to sanction certain improvements in this respect.

The Committee have again to express their gratitude to all those who have so kindly assisted in providing the series of excellent musical entertainments.

The 7th season will commence in the coming autumn.

Full information as to the meetings can be obtained by any one interested, on application to Miss Franks, Highview, Highfield Hill, Upper Norwood.

THE CHOIR FUND.

Committee.

MR. SYDNEY C. SCOTT and MR. JOHN MARSHALL.

Treasurer.

MR. JOHN MARSHALL, The Oaks, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

From March 1st, 1899 *to February 28th,* 1900.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Acworth, Miss	0	5	0	Judd, Mr.	0	10	6
Amos, Mr. T. A. ..	0	10	6	Kenning, Mr.	1	1	0
Armstrong, Mr.	0	7	6	Kenning, Mrs.	1	1	0
Bartlett, Mr. D... ..	0	10	6	Kenning, Miss	1	1	0
Bartlett, Mr. D. (don).	0	10	6	Leete, Mr. J.	2	2	0
Bennett, Miss	0	5	0	Marshall, Mr. J. ..	0	10	0
Blackborne, Mrs. ..	1	1	0	Marshall, Mr. J. M ..	0	10	0
Browne, Mr. W. P. ..	0	10	6	Mason, Mr. H.	0	5	0
Bunn, Dr. G.	1	1	0	Mann, Mr. A.	0	10	6
Carver, Mr. T. G. ..	0	10	0	Newman, Mrs.	0	10	0
Carter, Mr. S.	0	10	0	Picton, Miss F.	0	10	0
Chapman, Mr.	0	10	0	Prime, Mr.	0	5	0
Charles, Col...	0	10	6	Pritchett, Mr. F. ..	1	1	0
Cock, Mr. R.	1	1	0	Pullen, Mr. H.	0	5	0
Cooper, Mr. A.	1	0	0	Russell, Mr. J. A. ..	1	1	0
Cowles, Mrs.	0	10	0	Scott, Mr. S. C... ..	1	1	0
Dawson, Mr J.	1	1	0	Selous, Mrs.	0	10	0
Dick, Mr. R.	0	10	0	Sinclair, Mr. D... ..	2	2	0
Dilworth, Mr.	0	10	0	Studd, Mr. S.	1	0	0
Doig, Lieut.-Col. ..	0	10	0	Turner, Mr. W. F. ..	2	2	0
Franks, Mr. W. J. ..	1	1	0	Teetgen, Mr. W. ..	1	1	0
George, Mr.	0	5	0	Woods, Mr. W. Fell..	1	0	0
Green, Mr.	0	4	0				
Harrison, Mr. W. ..	0	5	0				
Howell, Mr. A.	0	10	0		£34	8	0

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FROM MARCH 1, 1899 TO FEB. 28, 1900.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward	14	15	5	To Salaries of Singers	33	0	0
,, Subscriptions and Donations . ..	34	8	0	,, Music	7	6	5
				,, Balance in hand ..	8	17	0
	£49	3	5		£49	3	5

Audited and found correct,

February 23rd, 1900. HY. WHITE.

LADIES' DISTRICT VISITING SOCIETY.

President—Rev. S. A. Tipple, Howden Road, Upper Norwood.

Treasurer—Mrs. Pritchard, 32, Maberley Road.

Collector—Miss Elsie Tipple.

Committee.

Mrs. S. Carter.
Mrs. Cowles.
Miss Franks.
Miss Kenning.
Mrs. Pritchard.
Miss Turner.

Annual Subscriptions for 1899.

	£	s.	d.
Bartlett, Mr. (don.) ..	0	10	6
Browne, Mr. W. ..	0	10	0
Browne, Mrs. W. ..	0	10	0
Carter, Mrs. S.	0	5	0
Campbell, Mrs.	0	10	6
Carver, Mrs.	1	1	0
Cock, Mrs.	0	10	0
Cowles, Mrs.	0	10	0
Dawson, Mrs.	0	10	0
Ellis, Mr.	1	1	0
Franks, Mr. W.	1	1	0
Franks, Mrs. W. (2 years)	1	0	0
Franks, Miss	0	5	0
Judd, Mr.	0	10	0
Kenning, Mr.	1	1	0
Kenning, Mrs.	1	1	0
Kenning, Miss	1	1	0
Leete, Mr.	0	10	6
Newman, Mrs.	0	5	0
Picton, Miss	0	10	6
Pritchett, Mrs.	0	5	0
Russell, Mr.	0	10	6
Sinclair, Mrs.	1	1	0
Smellie, Miss	0	10	0
Scott, Mrs. S. C. ..	0	5	0
Tipple, Rev. S. A. ..	0	10	0
Turner, Mr. W. F. ..	2	2	0
Turner, Miss	0	5	0
Tipple, Miss	0	5	0
Wilkins, Mr.	1	1	0
	£19	18	0

Cash Account.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1899 ..	2	1	7
Subscriptions	19	18	0
Returned by Mrs. Carter	0	2	0
	£22	1	7

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Cash to Poor	6	1	0
Maternity	0	16	0
Appeals	2	18	6
In Hand	12	6	1
	£22	1	7

Examined and found correct,

February 23rd, 1900. HY. WHITE.

MANSFIELD HOUSE UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT.

Mansfield House is the third oldest Settlement in London, and dates back to the year 1890, when Mr. Percy Alden took up his residence in Canning Town, London, E. The district in which the Settlement is situated is close to Victoria and Albert Docks, and the House is within a stone's throw of the Thames Iron Works and Ship Building Yard. The work began in a very small way, and has now grown to very large proportions and embraces a fine residence with accommodation for 15 or 16 men. There is a large Men's Club, consisting of three houses with two Halls, one seating 500 and the other 200, attached to it; a Lads' Institute, consisting of four houses, all in the Barking Road, the latter now being pulled down for re-building at a cost of £8,000. There is Lodging House, with accommodation for 156 lodgers, and in addition to these branches and work, there are Lectures, Classes of all kinds, a Shakespeare Society, Athletic Clubs, and last, but not least, Provident Societies, as per example, Sick Benefit Society, Loan Society, Coal Club, Hospital Letter Society, and Poor Man's Lawyer, with five Barristers and Solicitors, who give legal advice to nearly 3,000 clients every year. In addition to these there is a Children's Department, which consists of Happy Sunday Evenings for about 300 children; a Children's Guild of Play, where old English games and songs are taught to several hundred children; Children's Tea and Entertainment at Christmas; Children's Country Holiday Fund, a branch of the Central Society (700 children are sent away every summer), &c.

This last year has seen the opening of a large Convalescent Home, at Loughton, for Men and Boys, which, owing to the system adopted, it is hoped will be almost self-supporting.

The distinctive policy of the Settlement consists of what may be called Education of the Civic Conscience. The Warden has been on the Town Council for seven years, and representatives of Mansfield House serve on the Board of Guardians and the School Board, and some valuable work has been done in this direction. Music, Picture Exhibitions, &c., are regarded as of the utmost importance in refining and elevating the character of the Eastender. Help in this direction from the Central Hill Chapel has been grate-

fully received, and such help is always needed. The annual income required for maintenance purposes is at least £1,500, to this the Church contributed last year £17 17s. 6d. We are greatly indebted to our good friend, Mr. James Judd, for helping in many other directions.

The Warden will be only too glad to receive friends from Central Hill at any time; all that is necessary to prepare the way is a postcard stating day and time.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Collectors:

MISS H. C. RUSSELL, Clifton Lodge, West Norwood.

MISS PRITCHARD, 32, Maberley Road, Upper Norwood.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bartlett, Mr. (don.) ..	0	10	6	Prime, Mrs.	0	5	0
Bönten, Mrs.	0	5	0	Pritchard, Miss O. ..	0	10	0
Bonwick, Mr.	0	10	0	Pritchard, Miss C ..	0	5	0
Browne, Mrs. W. ..	0	10	0	Pritchett, Mrs.	0	5	0
Carter, Mr. S.	0	10	0	Pullen, Mr...	0	5	0
Carver, Mr.	1	1	0	Russell, Mr.	1	1	0
Cooper, Mr.	0	10	0	Russell, Miss	0	10	0
Gladstone, Miss.. ..	0	5	0	Russell, Miss H. C. ..	1	0	0
Judd, Mr.	1	0	0	Rix, Mrs.	1	0	0
Kenning, Mr.	1	1	0	Sheffield, Miss	0	5	0
Kenning, Mrs.	1	1	0	Tebbutt, Mr.	1	1	0
Kenning, Miss	1	1	0	Tipple, Rev. S. A. ..	0	10	6
Leete, Mr.	0	10	6	Woods, Mr. Fell ..	0	10	0
Marshall, Mr.	0	10	0				
Harrison, Mr.	0	2	6		£17	5	0
Picton, Miss	0	10	0				

Examined and found correct,

Feb. 23rd, 1900. HY. WHITE.

WORK FOR THE EAST END POOR.

Two hampers, containing 124 garments and 8 blankets were sent to the Church at Bow, as usual, and to the late Rev. McCree's Church in the Borough.

CASH ACCOUNT.

DR.	£	s.	d.	CR.	£	s.	d.
By Cash in hand, 1898-9	1	6	11	To Clothes from Industrial Society ..	6	0	0
Contributions:				Stationery	0	0	9
Barry, Mrs.	0	5	0	Postage	0	2	1
Cook, Mrs. John ..	1	1	0	Carriage of Goods to London	0	3	0
Collyer, Mrs.	0	2	6	Eight Blankets	1	11	0
Cassel, Mr.	1	0	0	Balance in hand.. ..	1	16	7
Dawson, Mrs... ..	0	10	0				
Franks, Miss	0	5	0				
Johnson, Mr. J. Grove	0	10	0				
Kenning, Mr.	1	1	0				
Kenning, Mrs. ..	1	1	0				
Kenning, Miss ..	1	1	0				
Kelsey, Miss Jessie	0	10	0				
Pritchett, Mrs. ..	0	5	0				
Tipple, Mrs.	0	5	0				
Williams, Mrs. ..	0	10	0				
	£9	13	5		£9	13	5

EMILIE FRANKS, *Treasurer.*

Garments have been received from the following ladies: Miss Aste, Miss Ellen Aste, Mrs. Blackborne, Mrs. Henry Franks, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Haughton, Mrs. Judd, Miss Sheffield, and others.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING FUND.

A small Working Meeting was started by some of the Young People in the Congregation in the Autumn of 1892, and is still held on alternate Friday afternoons, at 2.30, in the Deacons' Vestry, and the garments, when finished, are sold very cheaply to the Newtown inhabitants. New members are very urgently needed and will be cordially welcomed by Miss Kenning or Miss Franks. No Subscriptions are needed in joining this Working Meeting, as the money taken at the sales quite covers the expense of new material, but presents of any worn-out garments from the Congregation would be most thankfully received by either of the ladies.

THE OLD FOLKS' HOME,

CAMDEN HILL ROAD, UPPER NORWOOD.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—ARTHUR MIALL, 23, St. Swithin's Lane, London, E.C.

Lady Superintendent—MRS. BLACKBORNE.

Established in 1883-4 to provide Free House room in single separate apartments for twelve or more poor persons of good character, due provisions for their maintenance being guaranteed from other sources.

It is very much desired to enlarge the Home and to provide a common room. The cost would be about £350. The Treasurer will be glad of any promises of help in this direction.

The following sums were contributed in 1899 by the present and former members of the congregation :—

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Anon	3	3	0
Amos, Mr. E. C. ..	0	10	0
Amos, Mr. & Mrs. T. A.	1	1	0
Armstrong, Mrs. ..	0	10	0
Bartlett, Mr.	0	10	6
Blackborne, Mrs. ..	10	0	0
Carver, Mr. T.	1	1	0
Kenning, Mr. G. ..	1	1	0
Kenning, Mrs.	1	1	0
Kenning, Miss	1	1	0
Leete, Mr. Joseph ..	2	2	0
Marshall, Mr.	1	1	0
Miall, Mr. A.	1	1	0
Russell, Mr. J. A. ..	1	1	0
Russell, Miss H. C. ..	0	10	0
Scott, Mr. S. C... ..	2	2	0
Teetgen, Mr. W. ..	1	1	0
Viney, Mr. J. E. ..	2	2	0
Christmas Collection	9	15	0
Sunday School	1	4	6
	£41	18	0

March, 1900.

BAPTIST FUND.

Messengers for the Management of the Fund—

THE REV. S. A. TIPPLE. MR. MARSHALL.

	£	s.	d.
February 12th, 1899, Collection	4	12	6
Kenning, Mr., Mrs., and Miss	3	3	0
	£7	15	6

This fund is for supplementing the incomes of Baptist Ministers, who are inadequately supported: and to give donations of books to young Ministers who may need such help.

LONDON CITY MISSION.

Treasurer and Delegate to the South London Auxiliary Committee—

MR. H. H. HEATH.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
A Friend	1	1	0
Russell, Mr. J. A.	1	1	0
Kenning, Mr., Mrs., and Miss	3	3	0
	£5	5	0

Mr. HEATH will be glad to receive the names of subscribers to the Mission.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.

June 11th, 1899, Collection, including Mr., Mrs., and Miss Kenning £3 3s. £91 0 1

NORWOOD COTTAGE HOSPITAL

Treasurer—G. H. FINCH, Esq., Brookfield, Harold Road.

October 22nd, 1899, Collection £10 0 8

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS.

	£	s.	d.
April, 1899, Collection	4	7	0
January, 1899, Ditto for Widows and Orphans	4	2	6

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A Friend	5	0	0
Canham, Mr.	0	10	6
Cooper, Mr.	0	10	6
Judd, Mr. J.	0	10	6
Kenning, Mr., Mrs., and Miss	3	3	0
Russell, Mr. J. A	5	0	0
	£22	3	0

Mr. RUSSELL will be glad to receive the names of any fresh Subscribers to this Society, which is greatly in need of increased funds.

HOME MISSION.

A Friend	0	10	6
Kenning, Mr., Mrs., and Miss	3	3	0
Russell, Mr. J. A.	0	10	6
	£4	4	0

LONDON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

A Friend	0	10	6
Kenning, Mr., Mrs., and Miss	3	3	0
	£3	13	6

The objects of this Society are the co-operation of the Associated Churches in efforts to advance the Kingdom of Christ, the promotion of their union, the erection or purchase of at least one Chapel in each year, in the Metropolis or suburbs, and the adoption of such measures as shall from time to time be deemed conducive to the prosperity and consolidation of the Associated Churches.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

Fresh Air Mission	76	0	4
Wives and Children of Soldiers—Lord Mayor's Fund	50	0	4
	£126	0	8

THE CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR MISSION.

President—REV. E. CANNEY, St. Peter's, Saffron Hill.
Hon. Treasurer—W. HAZELL, Esq., M.P., 9, Russell Square, W.C.

The object of this Mission is to give poor, sickly London children a fortnight or three weeks' holiday in the country, where they are boarded with cottagers under the care of a responsible resident, at a cost of 5s. a week for each child.

Last year 3,171 children living in Holborn, Clerkenwell, and St. Luke's, and other poor districts, enjoyed this blessing. More would have been sent but for the difficulty of finding sufficient suitable country homes for August. Unless arrangements are made some time beforehand, it is impossible to send the children, and the Committee cannot promise to send them until they have money to pay the expenses. They hope all the friends of the fund will support them liberally in the coming season, as although last year closed satisfactorily as regards funds, they fear there will be some falling off in subscriptions owing to the many charities rendered necessary by the war.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Collections, 1899	69	4	4
Mr. Sinclair	3	3	0
Kenning, Mr., Mrs., and Miss	3	3	0
Colam, Mrs.	0	10	0
	£76	0	4

Support is claimed for the Mission on the following grounds:

1.—ITS OBVIOUS USEFULNESS. Children leave London listless and pale-faced, and in many cases enfeebled by either sickness or by the lack of proper and snfficient food, and depressed by the squalid surroundings of their homes. They return bright and rosy, and, filled with new life and vigour, and better able to cope with their trying circumstances.

2. ITS FREEDOM FROM ABUSE. It does not pauperise either the parents or their children. The parents are stimulated by their efforts to provide tidy clothing and to pay the railway fare, especially as, through the kindness and courtesy of some of the Companies, the fares have on many lines been greatly reduced.

3.—ITS ECONOMICAL MANAGEMENT. Upwards of £2,050 was expended last year for the purposes of the Mission, whilst the whole cost of the management, including printing, postage, advertisement, and clerical assistance, only amounted to about £133.

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A Friend .. .
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Cooper, Mr. .. .
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Fresh Air Mission ..
Wives and Children

CENTRAL HILL CHAPEL.

The following list of the Religious and Philanthropic A
in connection with the Church is printed for the conveni
Members of the Congregation who may desire to become subs
The names and addresses of the Secretaries and Treasurers
various Societies are appended to the accounts. They wil
to receive subscriptions and give any information that
required.

	Amount for the year.			When payabl
	£	s.	d.	
Sunday School..... ..				
District Visiting Society...				
Choir Fund.....				
Baptist Foreign Mission...				
Home Mission.....				
London Baptist Association				
Baptist Fund.....				
Hospital Sunday Fund....				
The Old Folks' Home....				
London City Mission.....				
Mansfield House Settlement				
Children's Fresh Air Mission				
East End Poor and Young People's Working Meeting.....				
Total.....£				

Note on Bishop Eldridge, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, in Sarsfield Road, Balham. (40) (E.A.) Dec. 21. 07. 40 1 p

Bishop Eldridge had been described to us by Mr. Potter, the Vicar of Holy Trinity, as "a good man", ~~xxxxxx~~ connected with a "dying cause", while Mr. Bates, of S. Mary's, had spoken of his church, as the resort of the irreconcileable section of the old Clapham Sect.

I found the Bishop at home, at his residence in Trinity Road, and found him a man of about 60, gray, somewhat under average height, with no note of distinction either in his appearance or manner. Neither in his tone nor in his dress was there anything episcopal. I explained the general purport of the Inquiry; left a form with him, and he promised to send me the brief financial statement that his church publishes, by that evening's post. He suggested that it might be more convenient for us, should we wish to see him again, to make an appointment in London, either at some such place as "Exeter Hall", or he would call at Adelphi Terrace.

The Report has not come, and there is no reason to think that a further interview is really necessary. He said that the work in Balham was not a "large" one, and described his people as being of the "better" middle class, mentioning Civil Servants as a type that would throw light upon the congregation. "We are Low Church" he added, and it

Bishop Eldridge-

is easy to picture the small ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ eclectic gathering of ultra Protestants who worship here. Doubtless it is the local middle-class evangelical Cave of Adullam, It is more doubtful, as to how far its anti-Erastian basis strengthens the bond of fellowship. Should the Church of England be disestablished at any time, the Free Episcopal Church would, it may be safely surmised, be speedily absorbed by the evangelical wing that would almost certainly be formed.

It was in connexion with Bishop Eldridge's church that Miss Page was mentioned by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, as a wealthy lady who gave away considerable sums in private charity. She was not criticised, but it was her largesse that was said to result in a certain amount of "overlapping". There is no reason to think that as a church Bishop Eldridge's people do much in the neighbourhood, although he mentioned that they had some of the usual agencies -- a small Sunday School, Mothers' Meeting, etc.

P.S. The Report has now come, & although somewhat featureless, is appended. The Poor Fund is very small - (Acts £3.3.0) see p. 10.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH

(Reformed Episcopal Church),

SARSFELD ROAD, BALHAM, S.W.

Pastoral Letter,

AND

STATEMENT OF

Receipts and Expenditure

For the year ending March 31st, 1900.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH

(Reformed Episcopal Church),

SARSFELD ROAD, BALHAM, S.W.

Pastoral Letter,

AND

STATEMENT OF

Receipts and Expenditure

For the year ending March 31st, 1900.

St. Jude's Church,
BALHAM.

Incumbent:

The Right Rev. PHILIP X. ELDRIDGE
(Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church in England),
St. Jude's Parsonage, 85, Trinity Road, Upper Tooting.

Churchwardens:

Mr. Henry R. Payne, 263, Trinity Road, Wandsworth Common.

Mr. Samuel Warburton, 152, Bedford Hill, Balham.

Vestry:

Mr. G. H. Palmer.
Mr. H. Bennett.
Mr. J. A. Houghton.
Mr. B. K. Hills.
Mr. J. C. Correll.
Mr. A. E. Pearce.
Mr. S. J. Medlen.
Mr. Chas. Harris.

Synodsmen:

Mr. Henry R. Payne. | Mr. Samuel Warburton.

Parish Council:

Mr. Arthur E. Pearce. | Mr. G. H. Palmer.

Organist and Choirmaster:

Mr. Alfred Shaw.

Superintendent of Sunday School:

Mr. J. A. Houghton.

Verger:

Mr. J. G. Potten, 25, Ravenswood Road, Balham.

St. Jude's Church, Balham, S.W.

To the Members of the Congregation.

My Dear Friends,

It is my privilege to address you at the close of another year, and I do so with a very thankful heart.

The **Church Accounts**, which accompany this letter, are in every way satisfactory. Notwithstanding the fact that much sickness and bad weather have reduced the size of our congregations on many Sundays during the year, we have been able, through God's goodness, and your liberality, to meet all expenses, and to close the year with a small balance in hand. That balance would have been larger but for the wise decision of the Vestry to set aside £20 towards the cost, which must shortly be incurred, of painting the Church and doing other necessary repairs. The **Building Fund Account**, although not large, shows that we have been enabled still further to reduce our loan from the Bank, which now stands at £150. I should be very glad if, by some earnest effort, we could raise this comparatively small sum during the present year. Several friends have taken collecting boxes for this purpose, and if every member of the congregation would do the same, or work in other ways, we might easily obtain the amount we need. From the **Charities' Account** you will see that we have not been unmindful of the demands of outside objects, although the sum given to distinctly Mission work has not been as large as in some previous years. The unhappy war in South Africa, and our collection for the wives and widows of our soldiers, will partly account for this. I trust, however, that during the coming year we may be free to do more in aid of foreign missions.

The hand of death has fallen upon many of our people, and has removed from our ranks some dearly-loved members

of our congregation. Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. Consitt Shaw and Mr. Longhurst have been called from our midst, and while we rejoice that they have gone to "see the King in His beauty," we mourn for the dear ones they have left behind, and for the loss our Church has sustained in their departure. Other friends have left the neighbourhood, and we sadly miss their ready help.

The work of the Church has continued on the old lines, and although more might have been done, what has been done has not been without encouragement. Very greatly do I regret my inability to perform the duty of pastoral visitation, except at infrequent intervals, and again I would express my gratitude for your forbearance in this matter, and for the unfailing sympathy and consideration you have shown me at all times.

The **Sunday School** continues in a most satisfactory condition, under the able superintendence of Mr. J. A. Houghton, to whom, and the devoted band of teachers who serve with him, I tender my heartiest thanks.

The **Sunday Morning Children's Service** in the schoolroom has been conducted without intermission during the past year, and we owe many thanks to Mr. J. Nicholls for his unselfish and unwearied labours amongst our little ones. It is, I know, a joy to him, and all associated with him in this important work, to be assured of our sincere appreciation.

The **Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour** has again proved its usefulness in many ways. The weekly meetings have been amongst the most spiritually helpful of all our gatherings, while the ready and loyal response of the members to every appeal made to them for personal service in the work of the Church has been a constant source of joy and encouragement to me. The **Christian Endeavour Band,** worked jointly by the Sunday School and Endeavour Society, has regularly met on Friday evenings during the winter. These week-day meetings for children, the only ones that I know of in the neighbourhood, have been well attended, and the deepest interest has been maintained throughout. The programme has been of a varied character, but always religious, and definite spiritual blessing has, I believe, resulted.

The **Mothers' Meeting**, conducted with unwearied devotion and patience by Miss Hart, has been held in the school room on Monday afternoons. Any of our poorer mothers will always find a welcome at this weekly gathering.

Several of our lady members meet fortnightly at the Parsonage, and constitute the **Missionary Working Party.** The object is to prepare useful articles, &c., for the annual Missionary Sale of Work, held in the month of December, and it is mainly owing to the efforts of these friends that we have been able to contribute what we have to Foreign Missions.

In June last the General Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church met at Balham, and I desire personally, and on behalf of the Church at large, to thank the many members of the congregation who entertained visitors, contributed refreshments, and so kindly assisted in person to make the various meetings enjoyable to our guests.

A recent Easter gift to the Church, in the shape of a large and handsomely bound "Church Lessons Bible" for the lectern, calls for an acknowledgment from me, and the expression of sincere thanks to the kind donors, "H. B." and "F. A. B."

In conclusion, I would thank our Churchwardens and Vestry, our Organist and Choir, and all Church workers of every kind, for all the services they have so willingly rendered, and for the many personal kindnesses I have received at their hands. In the coming year may we all realise in our united work that God is with us.

"Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord of peace be with you all."

Ever very affectionately yours,

PHILIP X. ELDRIDGE, Bp.

EASTER, 1900.

General Church Account for Year ending March 31st, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year ..				2	12	1
Pew Rents				195	9	11
Offertories :—						
For Church Expenses, &c.	237	10	9			
Special	66	11	5			
				304	2	2
Cash from Lecture by Mr. S. Warburton				5	12	0
				£507	16	2

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Incumbent's Stipend				300	0	0
Church Expenses :—						
Interest and Insurance ..	11	4	4			
Attendance and Cleaning ..	21	18	7			
Lighting and Heating ..	21	1	5			
Organ and Choir	45	8	10			
Printing and Postage ..	5	5	0			
Repairs	0	19	1			
Gardening and Sundries ..	5	3	11			
				111	1	2
Expenses connected with Entertainment of the General Synod				10	0	7
Special Offertories :—						
R. E. C. Synod Fund ..	3	7	0			
Hospital Sunday Fund ..	10	0	0			
Hospital for Incurables ..	3	3	0			
Church Building Fund ..	23	0	0			
Transvaal War Fund ..	27	1	5			
				66	11	5
Transferred to Special Repairs Account				20	0	0
Balance in hand				0	3	0
				£507	16	2

Special Repairs Account.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
Cash transferred from General Account ..	£20	0	0	Cash at Bank	£20	0	0

Sunday School Account.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year				5	4	6½
Collected for Summer Treat :—						
Per Miss Houghton	3	1	6			
,, Adeney	2	17	0			
,, Jeffcoat	4	3	6			
Cash, per Mr. J. A. Houghton :—						
Children's Subscriptions ..	1	12	6			
Tickets sold to Friends ..	0	9	0			
Special Donation	0	2	0			
				12	5	6
Offertories at Monthly Children's Services				3	10	0½
Donations :—						
Mrs. Anderson Rose	1	0	0			
Mrs. Freeman	0	10	0			
Mr. S. Warburton	1	1	0			
				2	11	0
Collected in Missionary Boxes for China Inland Mission				6	6	4½
Collected for Dr. Barnardo's Homes				1	19	5
				£31	16	10½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Expenses of Summer Treat	9	14	2
Expenses of Winter Treat	1	0	10
Cost of Cricket Set	1	0	0
Class Registers and Books for Teachers ..	1	8	1
School Magazines	4	13	6½
Donation to Cost of School Carpet	1	0	0
Subscription to Christian Endeavour Band ..	0	10	0
Cash to Missionary Association for China Inland Mission	6	6	4
Dr. Barnardo's Homes	1	19	5
	27	12	4½
Balance in hand	4	4	6
	£31	16	10½

Mothers' Meeting Account.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	0	0	9½
Subscriptions and Donations	1	16	0
Women's Pence	4	14	2
	£6	10	11½

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Materials purchased	5	4	11¼
Balance in hand	1	6	0¼
	£6	10	11½

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	2	11	8
Monthly Collections	2	9	3½
Special Collection for Cripples' Holiday Fund	1	10	3
Balance from former Young People's Society, per Mr. H. R. Payne	0	14	7
Our Own Missionary Fund:—			
Subscriptions and Donations	10	8	6
	£17	14	3½

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Printing				0	9	6
Repairs to American Organ ..				0	6	6
Donation towards cost of School Room Carpet				0	14	5½
Missionary Scrap Books ..				0	6	8
Mr. B. K. Hills, for Sundries ..				0	3	10½
Donation to C. E. Band ..				0	10	0
Expenses of Social Committee ..				0	10	0
Cripples' Holiday Fund				1	10	3
Our Own Missionary Fund :—						
Cash to China Inland Mission for Pastor Tsie	10	0	0			
Balance in hand	0	8	6			
				10	8	6
Balance in hand				2	14	6½
				£17	14	3½

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Young Peoples' Christian Endeavour Band.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year				0	2	6½
Proceeds of Service of Song ..				1	1	9
Donations :—						
Sunday School	0	10	0			
Y. P. S. C. E.	0	10	0			
Sundry small sums	0	6	0½			
				1	6	0½
Sale of Old Books				0	4	5
				£2	14	9

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Expenses of Service of Song	1	8	4
Hire of Lantern Slides, &c.	0	18	7½
Printing and Carriage, &c.	0	6	10
Balance in hand	0	0	11½
	£2	14	9

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Missionary Working Party Account.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	1	7	11¾
Members' Subscriptions	1	10	5
Cash for work done	0	7	6
Proceeds of Sale of Work	22	12	0
	£25	17	10¾

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Materials purchased	4	4	5¾
Expenses of Sale and Printing	0	7	7
Cash to Missionary Association	20	0	0
Balance in hand	1	5	10
	£25	17	10¾

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St. Jude's Missionary Association and Charities Account.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash balance from last year ..		0 2 4
Breton Evangelical Mission—		
Collection at Drawing-Room Meeting		3 3 0
Zenana Bible and Medical Mission—		
Balance from last year—Miss Hayes' Box		0 16 8
China Inland Mission—		
Collected in Sunday School Boxes		6 6 4
British Syrian Mission—		
Hilda Eldridge's Sale of Work	3 11 6	
Mrs. Eldridge's Bible Class	1 15 5	
		5 6 11
Hospital Sunday Fund—		
Special Offertory, per Churchwardens	10 0 0	
Mrs. Anderson Rose ..	1 0 0	
		11 0 0
Royal Hospital for Incurables—		
Special Offertory, per Churchwardens		3 3 0
Transvaal War Fund—		
Special Offertory, per Churchwardens		27 1 5
St. Jude's Poor Fund—		
Balance from last year ..	4 17 1	
J. Mills Thorne, Esq. ..	2 0 0	
Offerings at Private Communions	0 9 0	
		7 6 1
Cash from Missionary Working Party		20 0 0
Reformed Episcopal Church—		
Special Offertory at Synod ..		3 7 0
		£87 12 9

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Breton Evangelical Mission		3 3 0
Zenana Bible and Medical Mission		0 16 8
Tinnevelly, Sarah Tucker Schools		10 0 0
China Inland Mission		16 6 4
British Syrian Mission		5 6 11
Hospital Sunday Fund		11 0 0
Royal Hospital for Incurables		3 3 0
Transvaal War Fund		27 1 5
R. E. C. Synod Fund		3 7 0
Grants from St. Jude's Poor Fund		4 0 0
Balance in hand—		
Cash	0 2 4	
St. Jude's Poor Fund ..	3 6 1	
		3 8 5
		£87 12 9

St. Jude's Church Building Fund.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank	23	13	6
Special Offertory, per Churchwardens ..	23	0	0
Donations, as per List below	30	3	4½
	£76	16	10½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paid off on Account of Loan from Bank				50	0	0
Balance at Bank	26	16	10			
,, in hand	0	0	0½			
				26	16	10½
				£76	16	10½

Donations to Building Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Receipt No. 259	1	0	0
,, ,, 260	1	1	0
,, ,, 261	1	5	0
,, ,, 262 (Marmalade sold)	1	9	8
,, ,, 263 (Collecting Box)	1	15	6
,, ,, 264 ,, ,, ...	1	1	1
,, ,, 265 ,, ,, ...	0	8	1½
,, ,, 266 ,, ,, ...	0	5	6½
,, ,, 267 ,, ,, ...	1	2	7
,, ,, 268 ,, ,, ...	1	15	1½
,, ,, 269 ,, ,, ...	0	10	6
Carried forward	11	14	1½

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	11	14	1½
Receipt No. 270 (Collecting Box)	0	14	1½
,, ,, 271 ,, ,, ...	1	3	0
,, ,, 272 ,, ,, ...	0	14	0
,, ,, 273 ,, ,, ...	1	0	0
,, ,, 274 ,, ,, ...	1	13	1½
,, ,, 275	0	10	0
,, ,, 276	5	5	0
,, ,, 277	7	10	0
	£30	3	4½

I certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, books and vouchers, and find them correct.

30th April, 1900.

ARTHUR WM. HILL.

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Note on the Roman Catholic Mission in Tooting.

(E.A.) 40

Father Bullesbach is stationed here, and the start was made, so Father Lloyd told me, about six months ago. Things are still in the initial stage, "as is customary with us; a house is taken and one of the rooms fitted up as a chapel". In comparison with Father Lloyd's own district, he said that the Tooting Mission had the more promising field, there being a considerable working class Roman Catholic population scattered about in Tooting itself, and still more in Mitcham. As in his own case, in some directions, the boundaries of the Mission district are not very closely defined, and statistics, both on this ground and because of the newness of the Mission, are not likely to be available.

The Mission is at present installed at Holly Lodge, in the Mitcham Road, but on calling there, on Dec. 21, in the hope of seeing Father Bullesbach, I found the house empty, or rather "nothing but dogs", as an old gentleman, who was on the same quest as myself, said. He proved to be a member of the congregation, and to have previously attended at Streatham. Very proud he seemed to be of the Mission there, and of the progress they had made, his memory taking him back to the time when they only had a Sunday attendance of from 30 to 40. But he is equally hope-

Fr. Bullesbach RC, Mitcham Rd

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ful about Tooting, although, as he said, they did make a dear bargain when they ~~xuxi~~ bought Holly Lodge for £2000. We looked through the windows at the little chapel, which he said was full on Sundays, and the accommodation of which he put down at what seemed to me an exaggerated figure of 150.

Holly Lodge itself is not being kept in good repair and the entrance gate, the garden, and the house itself, all alike told either of impecuniousness or of the intention to build before long. ~~It is this, my informant told me, that is soon to be begun before long to be done~~ According to my ~~o~~ informant they will build. Holly Lodge stands on a fair-sized piece of ground, and there will be plenty of room for the erection of a considerable block of buildings -- church, schools, presbytery, etc. (and still to leave open space), should funds allow for the adoption of an ambitious scheme.

Mem: Tooting Graveney does not appear to have a good name, and "drink" is one of the charges that have been made against it. Approaching it from London, one is prepared to believe the worst, for it looks very forlorn and out-of-the world -- an unhappy corner of London. Perhaps it is not without significance that when I came to Father Bullesbach's I found "nothing but dogs" that yelped furiously when I knocked, and that on the garden gate was the unusual notice for ~~the~~ a clerical establishment: "Beware of the dog". A fortnight or so previously, I had

called at the Rectory, on the chance of finding Mr. Anderson in. He proved to be away for the day, and Mrs. Anderson, whom I made a special point of inquiring for, was also out. The servants had clearly made up their minds that they were safe from all interruption, and the parlour maid who opened the door for me was quite obviously the worse for liquor. The Rectory, as I approached it, gives the impression of being the last house in London. The day was a very dreary one.

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Report of interview with Father Lloyd, of the Roman Catholic Church, Streatham. At the Presbytery.# (E.A.)

adjoining the Church, in Streatham Lane.

Dec.20.00.

Father Lloyd, like nearly all the Catholics, did not answer our letter, but ,also like nearly all of them, when called upon proved both friendly and communicative. I was shown up to his study, a long and rather littered room, with many books, including an unusually large number of great folio volumes. My quest had not been understood, but I did not realize this until I had found out that Father Lloyd had some spare time at the moment, and until this had been placed at my disposal. But, although I suspected from his manner that he for the first few moments thought that I wanted to consult him as a priest of the Church, he was just as friendly when he knew that I had come to him for information, as when he thought, as I think he did at first, that I had come to him for spiritual or moral counsel. But he was suffering so from asthma, that I only stayed a short half hour, doing this only on an assurance that talking would do him no harm. His eyes could only stand a subdued light, he coughed from time to time, and throughout his breathing was painfully laboured. In fact, though better, he was still suffering from the asthma to which he is constantly a subject -- ill, poor man,in the long low room, sur-

Lloyd.- RC., Tooting Beck (2)

rounded by foolscap and great tomes, when he ought to have been comfortably nursed. He is a man of about 55, thin in face and spare in build, with an intellectual face and a cultivated way of talking. He is probably something of the scholar, and appears to be also somewhat of a recluse. In describing their methods of work at Streatham, and of their progress, in spite of many bouts of illness from which he had suffered, he said that they had always worked very quietly, and whn I asked if he had got to know the neighbouring clergy, he said that he had not, with the exception of the Vicar of S. Peter's, "who is very High Church". "No one else; I am not a very sociable person, perhaps. But, on the other hand, I have never met with incivility of any kind".

There has been a Catholic Mission in Streatham for about twelve years, but they have only had the present church for three or four. They have a large parish, with its boundaries only loosely defined towards the south. Estimates therefore as to numbers must be rough, but the Catholic census was put down at from 6 to 800. The majority of their people are clerks; they have very few Irish, and few foreigners. There is no congested Catholic population, and but little poverty. If help is needed, the family is generally visited by one of the nuns; a

friend would be found among the better-to-do to help, and the case would be dealt with in this way. There appears to be no more formally organized way of doing things than this, but this "is adequate",

There are now two priests, and there are also two convents, the nuns in one being engaged in educational work. The others manage a home to which girls are sent who have got into trouble at the hands of the law, and are not hardened offenders. Father Lloyd was not clear as to what the general nature of the offences were that brought girls here, but it is not an ordinary rescue home. The girls come from a central institution, and the Streatham home has therefore no local significance. I think that it is one of the nuns living here who does xxxxxxxxxx a certain amount of parish work, and who would take up the cases needing help, in the way just described.

There are three Masses on Sundays, at 8, for communicants; at 9.30, for children and others; and at 11. The last, which is generally a High Mass in other churches, is here a Low Mass, with a very short sermon, and it is popular, attracting a congregation of about 400, on the average. An exceptionally large number of Non-Catholics come. The total Sunday average was put at about 600, a

high figure in view of the total census, but partly explained by the non-Catholic element at the eleven o'clock mass.

Father Lloyd said that the difficulty of getting to know personally the Catholics in a district was markedly increasing. It is a common thing to see faces time after time from the pulpit, but to know nothing more about them. This is a common experience among the priests of other churches, and is partly explained by the greater fusion now-a-days of the Catholic with the Non-Catholic world in all other relations of daily life, social, political etc. In old times this was different; the Catholics were much more aloof from other sections of the community; they naturally drifted towards the priest. Now, a Catholic, if known at all, has often to be found out, and steps taken by the priest to discover his identity.

Another general fact that Father Lloyd mentioned was the dwindling of the evening congregations, and he explained this largely by the "wonderfully increased facilities for intercourse", through better locomotion. Hampstead is almost as near as Camberwell used to be, and Brighton not much further off than either. The result is the same, whether the day be spent out of London, friends be received, or friends visited: the evening service is

given up. Father L. said that it was the same everywhere, and he quoted a Liverpool priest who had said to him that whereas in the old days they could get 600 to a service without lifting a finger, "now they might talk their front teeth out, and only get 150".

In this way there is a set-back in the Catholic life, but speaking generally, the progress at Streatham, has been very marked, and those who look back to the days of small beginnings 12 years ago, and drop into the church at the 11 o'clock mass, are greatly impressed by the difference. They have always a "considerable number" of converts on hand, but no figure was mentioned. Almost the last thing that Father L. said was that, in spite of his own uncertain health, the machinery of the church here was adequate. There was not very much to tell, but the progress made had been satisfactory.

From 1877 to '80, or thereabouts, Father Lloyd had been in the Isle of Dogs.

Before leaving, I went into the Church. It is not large, holding perhaps some 400 people easily, but the lines, both inside and out, are very perfect. It is built of stone throughout, and is a costly building. The carved Stations of the Cross are a noticeable feature of the in-

Lloyd - R.C. Tooting Beck (6)

terior. While I was there workmen were putting up the scene of the Birth of Christ, apparently a somewhat unusually elaborate representation for Christmas of the manger and the Bible story. It will be remembered that this is the Church which, as Mr. Tasker put it, has been built "with Protestant xx money".

District 40 — GBA. Dec 5. 1900

Rev. Walter Baxendale, Kelliney, Knights Hill Road, 40
Minister of West Norwood Cong^l Church, Chapel Road. 4.17

Mr Baxendale is a short, stout man of 60 or so, with a beaming face crowned with wavy grey hair, and greyish whiskers. He is a delightful raconteur and settling down in an easy chair, he talked for over 2 hours. Much was about West Norwood, where he has ministered for 9 years and is now nearly the oldest minister. His own work he avoided, and when I brought him up now and again by a question, he quickly turned off to some explanation, so that the information about his own church is rather meagre; but the church is comparatively small, and Mr B. is more important as an active local worker, of some years standing, than as the minister of the Church.

After telling me of his experience in Ireland, he spoke of the Norwood Technical Institute, corner of Chapel Road, in which he takes a keen interest. It was built by a member of his Church, and subsequently "collared" by the Clergy, although under an unsectarian Trust. With the assistance of the Spicers, Mr B. got it once more on the old footing, and an unsectarian Board elected. The LCC have just bought it, and will manage it in future. It is now successful, having more than 500 students, and is "helping the class that should be helped."

West Norwood is growing. New houses are being built to the west of Knights Hill Road. Small flats principally - 4 rooms for 10/-. "All my young people

are taking these. They are fitted with all modern conveniences", and Mr B says "the new surroundings lift up the people. They get a dainty look."

The worst part of West Norwood is between Ernest Street and the Railway - Langmead Square. Here some bad characters are found. A great many washerwomen, gardeners and others dependent on large houses, live here. A photographic business (Mersenbach) has just started, employing 70 to 80 people, and these are settling down. The better to do go to town. Amongst these there is a strain of gypsy blood, which shows itself in the boys "who are young vagabonds". He has seen them get on a house, and take the slates off.

Surrounded by neighbourhoods that will not have Board Schools, West Norwood has more than its share. They have accomodation for 2000-3000 children.

For some time the district has been changing, & the process still continues. As the large houses become empty, they are taken by a poorer class (2 families) The district will become 'respectable lower middle class' - not so good as Streatham. - but not becoming poor and crowded. The Institutions with large grounds, such as the Lambeth School, Home for Incurables, will keep the district open.

At one time the Chapel was well to do. Worshippers came in their carriages. It was the only chapel & was crowded. Things have altered, the congregation now is drawn from two districts - those from the East coming along Gypsy Road, whilst others come from the

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Baxendale - Congl Chapel Rd West Norwood.

S. Julian's Farm and Wolfington Roads district. They are a few middle class folk, washerwomen and gardeners. The increase of the numbers of chapels has hit Mr B., especially as they are placed in the district from which he drew his people. Mr Hobbs is just opening a new place in Gypsy Road, whilst Fuller Gooch is in the other district. When Fuller Gooch took the Public Hall, Mr B's weeknight service went down 15%. There was no room for the movement then, although there may be now. While talking on the subject Mr B. said the neighbourhood was good for Baptists, and after mentioning the churches added "They seem to grow by their divisions."

Buildings.

Chapel seating 750. Two schools, one on each side

Services.

Service at 11 and 7 on Sunday
Sunday School - 150 scholars.
Christian Endeavour Society - Junior & Senior, and a Guild, a kind of semi literary Society.
Week night service & a prayer meeting on Saturday.

Cannot get the people to the week night service. Does not believe in too many meetings for a small church.

Visitation & Relief.

Visits his own people and the sick. Also any sick people by request. Mentioned the difficulty of visiting in the better neighbourhoods.

Relief is overdone here.- "always overdone in small black spots." Many here who habitually pitch up their work, and can earn more by parading the streets and begging. Here he told the story of a beggar at a good pitch who said "You are the fifth person who has given me a 1/- today"

Baxendale - Cong^n Chapel R^d West Norwood.

The people on the Hill have a morbid conscience, and give to ease it.

The chapel gives to its own poor, but not much. Communion Fund about £3 or £4.

Relations with the Church of England are healthy, and better than for several years. Mr B. feels the multiplication of Nonconformist Churches and Missions. Specially mentioned Mr Stobbs. The Free Church Council has dropped him, and still he insists on building the new Church.

West Norwood seems a religious neighbourhood, - far better than nearer London, taking the percentages of attendance. I know the cottages and a very fair percentage go to a place of worship.

Not much drunkenness - less than in other places. It is not a drunken neighbourhood.

Prostitution

Not much accosting. Men accost girls. His own servant had been a victim. Prostitution is crushed outwardly, but exists in other forms. Less than in any other part of London. Streatham Common is a bad part - on Bank Holidays it is a saturnalia.

Dec 4. 1900. Dist. 40 $\frac{40}{7.18}$ 8 A.D

Interview with Pastor W. Fuller Gooch. of the Lansdowne Hall West. Norwood: at his house No. 49. Chesnut. Road. W. Norwood.

Pastor Gooch is between 55 & 60 - Tall - Thin Grey beard & rather narrow pointed face, Earnest attractive voice & manner. He lives in the East house on the E side of Chesnut Road with open space at his S side. It is a 'red' road. His study is at the back with large windows looking onto a small garden. Room surrounded by books on Theology. I counted about a 1000 of them.

This

This is an unsectarian Church. The Manual & Guide[2] which I put in with the interview gives a full account of the foundation of the Church & of its special tenets. Mr. G. says that it is supplanting the Plymouth Brethren "who are played out". At least 20 communities have established Churches on the lines laid down in the Manual. A pastorate & eldership are insisted on.

Mr. G was for 13 years where Archibald Brown is now. "But as I grew older my views grew broader" broader than the trust deed of the Chapel allowed. He came out meaning to go elsewhere but many followed him, asked him to remain & found a new Church in Norwood.

An Iron Church was built to seat 900 & a smaller Mission Hall which holds 400. There are

are no pew-rents. - Everything is voluntary. Custom 3
allows certain people certain places but they have
no right to them. Money is raised by boxes held
at the doors. "The bulk of the takings are in 6ds,
3ds: one or two half sovereigns: 35/- in coppers"
well over £6 per Sunday. On special occasions
such as last Monday week for Dr Barnardo they
took £23 + £5 in the same week for the Open
Air Mission. For Denis Osborne on the Indian
Famine Fund they took £50.
Half the congregation keep servants. Only two
families keep a coachman. The rich are business
men in the City. The poor are servants,
gardeners. Jobbing gardeners form a large
class in a 'hood like this. The neighbourhood
is well to do. Alongside with the 'Earnest
Christian men & women' is a large class of "Sab

Sabbath-day ignorers", also business men, who are not hostile but prefer to stay at home on Sunday or to 'do a bit of gardening'. There is also a growing class of young men who spend Sunday in playing lawn-tennis or bicycling.

The Church has 540 enrolled members.

On Sunday morning at 11. The average is about 850. 'the church is comfortably full.

In the evening at 6.45. It is quite full. good congregational worship. There are no anthems but hearty congregational singing. He would like & so wd his congregation like to have more singing & solos but it is difficult to get leading voices without paying for them" & I fear the danger of getting into the popular entertainment

ment style." The sermon is the most important part of the service. Largely exposition on Sundays topical on week days. Mr Gooch publishes his sermons in series. The proportion of men both young & old is 'good'. The sermon lasts 35 minutes

Week day Service..

Monday at 7.30 for members. 150 come - mostly women 'though a good ~~a~~ number of young men come also'.

Wednesday. Lecture from Mr Gooch. always on Biblical subjects. 400/500 come.

Saturday. Prayer meeting - over 200 come.

There are also.

Adult Bible Class. 100 to 150 attend. ages from 20 upwards.

Children's & young peoples Scripture Union. with 150 members.

Young.

Young Women's Christian Union. with 80 members.
An Open air Band. for Brockwell Park & the
Street. 'Which has resulted in a number of
successful conversions'.
Young mans Christian Ass. with 100 members.
These are Saturday afternoon ramble. connected
with the Club but no Cricket Clubs. 'Here the
larger Cricket Clubs took the lead & men join
them if they want to play'.
There is an Institute with many rooms. The largest holding 80.

Sunday Schools.

22 classes for children held in private houses.
This plan was at first suggested through ne-
-cessity but has been found to work so
admirably that it has been continued. Rooms
are lent freely. As soon as there are a sufficient
number of children to form a class: a room is
asked

asked for & is always forthcoming: teachers are sent from the Church. The average number is 10 to 12 in each class. There are 22 teachers who are hardly ever the owner of the room in which the class is held; they are the pick of the young men & the young women of the congregation. Hardly half of the school children are not children of mem-bers of the congregation. Their ages are 4 to 16. Four times a year they are all gathered to-gether in the large Hall, to make them realise that they are members of one central body.

Mr Gooch asks for rooms 'as an act of service for Christ.'

Visiting. By district Visitors. Mr G. only goes to special cases.

Nursing. Applies to one of the nursing homes when a nurse is wanted.

Christ

Charity. "This w'hood is overdone with charity".
The worst streets are the alleys off the High
Street & Romany Rd. in West Dulwich.
They have a poor box & use the Lord. Supper
Fund for the poor of the congregation.

Cooperation. Being undenominational it is easier
to get & to give help. He has had 7 or 8 clergy-
men as speakers in his own church. He has
taken services in churches & an 8 days
mission in a Chapel. He may not be robed
or use the pulpit when he speaks in
the Established Church. He preaches 10 or
13 times in the week, more often away than
in his own church. He never charges a fee
for a gospel address, tells them they may
give what they like: sometimes it is hardly
as much as his journey money.

Police

Police. 7 or 8 are Church members.

Drink. "Grocers licenses fearfully abused." Women taking to drink, knows several cases. "In my opinion this is the worst form of the drink question, these grocers are touching a wholly new class".

Prostitution. Not open walking prostitution but some kept women living in respectable roads.

Thrift. Its people are thrifty but they don't save much because they spend more. "The tendency of the day is to live & dress better than formerly."

Health. very good esp: in the Streatham district.

House rents. in Chestnut Rd. £55 to £60 for double fronted houses with small garden back & front. Usually one or two servants kept. 9 or 10 rooms. The largest owners in the dist are Dulwich College

College & Charles Blake's executors. Freehold. 10
are very difficult to get.
The Established Church is getting higher & higher here,
in consequence many Church people come to Mr. Gooch.

Pastor Gooch left the Baptist Church because of
the broadening of his views, he is a student of
Life & Labour & expressed a deep sense of
gratitude to CB for his ~~gratitude~~ work. he
begins his manual with the famous XIII chapter
of Corinthians on Love & Charity; yet his
own love failed when he speaks of the
Church of Rome. vid the Kings Herald. p 117.
"The woman of Revelation XVII is frequently said
to portray the Church of Rome, & inclusively no
doubt

"Doubtless it does, but not exclusively. Rome is one of "
"'the harlots & abominations of the earth' of which the
"symbolic woman known as 'Babylon the Great'
"has been the prolific mother ..... Thus while
"the modern guise of the great harlot betokens the
"blasphemous & vile assumptions of the papacy
"her varied trappings & surroundings, together with
"her association with the 'beast', show her to be not
"a part of the system of counterfeit & false re-
-ligiousness by which from the first Satan has
"sought to corrupt the Church of God & to draw
"men away from the truth."

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Revd J. Ewen. Killarney, Lewisham Rd
Minister of Lewisham Road Baptist Church. Sheatham.

Mr Ewen is a genial middle-aged man; Sturdy, well developed chest, a strong face with reddish hair and beard. With a good voice, ready speech and easy manner, he is above the average of ministers. Apparently artistic as in the conservatory opening on his study were several canvasses, one ~~being~~ on an easel had evidently been worked on recently. Mr E. has been 29 years in the Baptist Ministry and 9½ years at Sheatham.

Sheatham is mainly a middle class district - barristers, journalists, civil servants &c. Working people are found at South Sheatham e.g. toward Norbury and at West Sheatham (across the railway) Immediately behind the Chapel are some working class roads. Natal, Ferreira &c. Some of these houses are built & let on flats.

During the past 10 years the population has grown much larger but the people are not more crowded in their homes. New ground has been occupied. Increase has also taken place at Lonesome's a little settlement just across the London border, where they have a mission.

The Congregation is drawn from all parts of Streatham. Middle and working class but most of the latter – painters, carpenters, gardeners & others – practically all earn a weekly wage. Thinks they have more working people than any church in Streatham, except possibly St Johns, West Streatham. Thinks they come because it is a school chapel and they are more at ease. "Even now I am not in touch ~~with~~ with them as I should like to be". "They know me and come when in trouble".

Church seats 300 and schoolroom 300/350. They have ground at the side to build a larger church to include the present building and have been working for it. Indeed the project caused a split. Some who wanted a grander building wished to build at once and others to defer the building. The result was that the would-be builders – mostly middle class people withdrew. The Church is a homely little brick building with entrances to Lewin and Natal Roads.

Persons Employed. Only minister paid. Have a fair number of workers. 15 teachers at Lewin Road + 12 at Lonesome beside deacons, vestrists etc. Pressed however. "We have so many agencies for a small church that we cannot overtake them".

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THE

BAPTIST HERALD

FOR CHURCH AND HOME

ISSUED BY THE

Streatham Baptist Church,

LEWIN ROAD, STREATHAM COMMON.

Minister - - REV. J. EWEN
Killarney, Lewin Road, Streatham.

List of Services and Meetings.

SUNDAY—Prayer Meeting 10.15 a.m.
Service at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Sunday School at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Lewin Road and Lonesome.
Lonesome Mission Service at 6.45 p.m.

MONDAY—Mothers' Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

TUESDAY—Prayer Meeting and Service at 7.30 p.m.
Thurs. Young Men's Association 8.15 to 10 Band of Hope 4
FRIDAY—Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour at 7.45 p.m.
Junior 6.30.

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Congregation fluctuates - about 2/3rd full. At first the evening congregation was the better; now the morning. Has seen the place full four times during his ministry. Week night services are small. Very difficult to get the people even when ~~not~~ well known people come. When Dr Clifford came they had 50; F. B. Meyer 40 and Mr Cuff 80. Christian Endeavour is well attended - mostly servants.

Visitation is difficult work here. Women are engaged at the wash tub and do not like to be caught thus especially the respectable people. Husbands are away and some of them object to visitation. Mr E. confines himself to visiting persons in distress or sickness.

The Magazine is taken round by visitors each month, 400 to 500 being circulated. Visit the roads behind the chapel - Natal &c.

Very little need for Charity. As much need among the middle class as the working people. The latter are better off in the matter of margin. Have a Maternity Society, but for this also little need. Surgical Aid Letters are very useful and a great boon in cases where people can provide for themselves but cannot afford to buy expensive appliances. People will accept this kind of help, who would not take other assistance.

after August Circuit Leaflet p5

SIMULTANEOUS MISSIONS.

Preparatory Prayer Meetings

will be held as follows, in the Parlour of the **Wesleyan** Church, Streatham at **3** p.m.

Date		Conducted by
December 5th	....	Rev. Frederick Green.
do 12th	....	Rev. Chas. Loosmore, M.A.
do 19th	....	Rev. W. M. Macphail, M.A.
January 9th	....	Rev. John Ewen.
do 16th	....	Rev. C. H. Poppleton.

A Cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Membership of the Church is 153. The highest number reached was 170. Great many strangers and these are constantly changing. Mostly take transfers when they go. They receive a number by transfer. This year have had 29 applications, of these 8 were persons joining for the first time & the others were by transfer.

Co-operation splendid amongst the Free Churches. Not settled any parishes as yet but co-operate in evangelistic work, school board &c. Whilst walking to the Railway Station Mr E. showed me a letter dealing with a proposed transfer of missions, negociations concerning which are now proceeding. The proposal is to exchange the Lonesome Mission for a Congregational Mission in the Mitcham Lane district, the latter being regarded as a better site for a future Baptist Church.

With the Church of England the only co-operation is on the British & Foreign Bible Society's platform. There is a good feeling between the Free & Anglican churches. "The Free Church ministers are men, who can hold their own".

Other Churches. Emmanuel is the most influential. Has a huge congregation. St John's is doing good work at West Streatham as is also the [Wesleyans

Poor are well cared for the guardians. (6)

Police are not much seen in the evenings when they are most needed. Some very nice men in the force, ~~and~~ but much collusion with the publicans.

Drink. The three worst places are the Greyhound and King William the 4th, South Streatham and the Pied Bull. The drinking at these houses is not mainly ~~the~~ by the local people but persons passing between Croydon & London.

Prostitution. Not one on the street when Mr E. came to Streatham and for a time after prost. was unknown in the place. It has recently appeared on the Common and at Christ Church Road. Police had closed houses in the latter road. He has spoken to women and found that they came from near the Elephant & Castle and Christ Church Road. Very little at the Common, so

Marriages have been less during the past year.

Thrift. Very thriftless as a body. Live up to their income. The increased price of food is affecting them very much now.

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OUR GAZETTE.

WITH this issue the "**Streatham Baptist Herald**" completes the first year of its existence, and we trust that our efforts to make it a **Church Gazette** have not been altogether in vain. We have not yet achieved perfection in this direction, but will, during the coming year, endeavour to make the magazine of greater use than has been the case in the past, and trust that we shall be encouraged by an increased number of subscribers. We shall greatly value any assistance in obtaining advertisements for this issue, and will gladly furnish particulars to persons able to assist us in this direction.

THE CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.

Services in connection with the Anniversary of the Chapel were held on Sunday, Nov. 18th, when the pulpit was occupied in the morning by the **Pastor**, and in the evening by the **Rev. Z. D. Dowen, D.D.**, of Brixton. On the Wednesday following a Tea and Public Meeting was held, the chair being taken by **Samuel Watson, Esq**, whose brief address was greatly appreciated. Other speakers were the **Rev. John Lewis**, of Brockley, and the **Pastor**. Much disappointment was felt at the **Rev. Bevill Allen's** inability to speak at the meeting, owing to ill-health. **Mr. Allen**, however, was present during a portion of the meeting, in order to show his sympathy with the Church.

WILLING HELPERS' LEAGUE.

The Committee of the "Willing Helpers" take this, the last opportunity this year, of expressing their sincere thanks to all those friends who, by their kindly attendance and generous help, have been so instrumental in making the League a success. And they trust this is an earnest of next year's work, "For Christ and the Church."

LEWIN ROAD YOUNG MEN'S GUILD.

The inaugural meeting of the above Guild was held in the Lecture Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 13th.

The object of this Guild is to provide for the **spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical improvement of young men**. The membership is open to young men of approved character, over fifteen years of age. We trust that this Guild will attract a considerable number.

THE SALE OF WORK.

As we necessarily go to press some days before the first of the month we are unable to announce the result of the **Sale of Work** held on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 28th and 29th. We do, however, take the opportunity of tendering our very sincere thanks to the many friends who have for so long worked hard to ensure its success, and trust that the result, when it is known, will be thoroughly satisfactory, and serve as an encouragement to all.

LONESOME MISSION.

The following arrangements have been made for services during December:

Dec. 2—**Mr. Fuller.**
,, 9—**Anniversary. Mr. Stewart Gray.**
,, 10—**Tea and Public Meeting.**
,, 16—**Gospel Temperance Address by Mr. G. R. Hood.**
,, 23—**Mr. Webster.**
,, 30—**Mr. Goodge.**

The Pastor desires to avail himself of this opportunity to wish each member of the Church and Congregation a Very Bright and Truly Happy Christmas.

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Health. A good deal of sickness - place is flat & near the Railway Stations. "In epidemics we get our share"

Housing - all that can be desired.

Whilst there is a constant movement to Streatham there is also a steady out flow. Well to do go and buy houses right out in the country. The ~~people~~ district was very much affected by the Liberator failure. Mr Hobbs' place being close at hand a very large number were interested including many of Mr Ewens people.

Mr Ewen is an interesting man and of greater importance than the size of his church would suggest. He ~~is~~ is one of the oldest religious workers in the district.

life & modern illustrations of old truths are always popular. At the same time church goers take a surprising interest in abstruse & difficult questions if clearly treated. I should say that my people's beliefs are strongly Evangelical with very broad views on most subjects.

I fear many Scotch people in London are non church going - strange as it may seem. They do not like the Church of England. They do not like Dissenting ~~chapels~~ chapels. They go in for hard work ~~money~~ making all the week & rest on Sunday. So they diff. from all church connection without losing much of the moral stamina which is ingrained in the Scottish race.

The enclosed quarterly note with materials will shew that we are active. Our most popular organisation outside the Church is the Literary Society.

Yours very truly
George Gordon Stott

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,
(CHURCH OF SCOTLAND)
EAST DULWICH GREEN.

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a good letter

143, LORDSHIP LANE,
S.E.

5. 2. 1908

Dear Sir,

I apologise for delay. I have been so busy of late.

And indeed now that I do write I fear that nothing I say will be of much consequence - so far as your inquiry is concerned. I have been here for two years only & hardly feel competent to answer your questions.

Also as the heading of my letter shews our church is Church of Scotland - one of four in London. Hence our work lies almost exclusively with Scotch people who are resident in Dulwich

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We do not attempt in any way to "proselytise" from the Church of England or from any church. Our form of worship is that of the Church of Scotland, we believe in the principle of establishment; we are not a Free Church in the strict sense of the word (although our church is entirely supported by voluntary effort) & we appeal solely to Scotsmen who may wish to worship in the old Lowe way. Still some 20 % are English or of English extraction. Altogether we represent a small fraction of the entire population, altho. certainly a [illegible] average

congregation numbers about three hundred mostly lower middle class people with a slight sprinkling of poor labouring men & women.

I don't think preaching has much effect nowadays in the average church. More & more the whole service is taken into account; & the people who manage the church are of importance - their civility to strangers &c. It seems as if churches (especially dissenting churches) are societies grouped round the personality of the minister or pastor. People go to church for a great variety of reasons which are difficult to analyse. I doubt if they think much of spiritual benefit at all, but of course there are many exceptions. Theology must be used sparingly in the pulpit & any argument must be clearly stated to be acceptable. References to every-day

This is District 43, not 40. Church is in Parish of St John the Divine.
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Dist. 40

Form B.—Non-conformist Churches.

Life and Labour of the People in London: INFLUENCES.

(Mr. CHARLES BOOTH'S Inquiry).

QUESTIONS to be asked as to the work of the Church:—

(a) What is the general character of the population? — Middle Class to poor labourers

(b) What portion do the ministrations of the Church touch? — Mostly lower middle class very small practice

(c) What persons are employed? (stating duties and whether paid or not) — Minister & Elders

(d) What buildings are used? (including mission rooms, schools, and clubs) — Church & Hall

(e) What Services or other religious meetings are held and by whom and by how many attended? — Sunday morning & evening — 300
Wednesday evening 8.0 — 50

(f) What Social Agencies are connected with the Church—institutes, societies clubs, entertainments, meetings, &c. — Tramways Guild (young) — Ladies Work Society — Literary Society

(g) What Educational work is done? —

(h) To what extent are the people visited? (by Ministers or District Visitors) — About once in 2 months by Minister
Quarterly by elders

(i) What arrangements are there for nursing the sick? —

(j) To what extent is charitable relief given or administered by the Church? — Mostly private cases (Scotch)

General Questions—

(k) Under what other religious influences do the people come? —

(l) What other charitable or philanthropic work is done. What co-operation is there between (*a*) The Free Churches (*b*) The Free Churches and the Established Church? —

Remarks with reference to the district are invited on –

(I) Local Government (including Poor Law administration) — Seems well administered

(II) Police —

(III) Drink — Drunkenness is increasing - specially among women

(IV) Prostitution — Also prostitution. Women on the streets are not in evidence & are undoubtedly a means of leading good men to ruin.

(V) Crime —

(VI) Marriage —

(VII) Thrift —

(VIII) Health —

(IX) Housing and Social Condition generally. — Dulwich was a few years (10) ago unpopular & contained many empty houses. Now it is filling up with all classes & houses can hardly be got

District East Dulwich St. James Ch. of Scotland

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

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Interview with the Rev. Father. James. V. Warwick
at 36 Nightingale Square - Balham.

Father Warwick is a little man of about 45 - bright eyes, clean shaven, black hair, spectacles, queer twisted face when he laughs.. His room smelt of cigar smoke & he offered me a glass of whiskey when I left.

He has been here since '95. Before that he was for some time in France, Spain, Italy & Germany also in England at Croydon but not before in London. The Church & ~~[illegible]~~ congregation are his creation. He reads 'all Mr. Booth's books he can get hold of' & is constantly referring to them for facts & to 'get a standard'. He lives in a comfortable

red brick house on the N side of Nightingale Square (r top hd). The square is a neatly kept railinged in grass plot. The Church, Elementary School & Convent is at the lower west end of the square. All newish brick buildings.

The character of the neighbourhood is well-to-do. "a cut between Clapham & Tooting". "Clapham being a fading west end & Tooting a working class district". Balham is in between consisting chiefly of prosperous middle class. Many are French & Germans. German Catholics being the richer & more genuine of the two. The males are almost universally employed in the City or West End: leaving in the morning by the 8.21 train to London Br, or the 8.30 to Victoria from Balham station. They come back between 5 & 7.

There are no poor except in Larch Rd. Such work

working class as there are are tram & bus drivers & conductors. Tooting is the end of tramway effort. Tooting to Westminster, to London Bridge etc. The one road that is an exception is Larch road a cul de sac south of the railway. 2s & 2½s & 3s houses, looking as they belonged to many diff. small owners, split up into 2s 4s, 6s or larger blocks of houses built in different styles. Some of the houses are well tenanted, others very bad with windows broken: the west end of the road where it bends suddenly south is by far the worst part, here much 8s: (Went to see it after the note was). Father W says that it must be as bad as anything in London, scum of population, Cockney Irish, costers, labourers. 'not one respectable family that comes from it to my place'. Drink is the curse of

of the men & many of the women are of the lowest type of prostitute 'who go to Clapham Common.' Father W. teaches none of them except the children in this elementary school. These he clothes & feeds when necessary as well as teaches.

Father W came in 1895. The Church was opened in 1897 - on April 17th. The services & hours are given in full in the Catholic Directory.

On Sundays there are masses at 8, 9, 10, 11. The church holds 300 On Sundays about 800 come, of whom 300 wd be males, 200 children, the rest females. Here as nearly as possible 50% of the RC population attend: Taking sample towns in Lancashire, Yorkshire & London N of the Thames he finds that the regular proportion of

of Church attendance is ⅓ of the estimated R.C. population. There is good music here at 11 o'clock mass & many are attracted by it, & two sermons on Sunday. 'My people wd not consider it a real service if there were no sermon.' One third of the congregation are converts, most coming from the High Church Anglican. "At St Johns Bedford Hill they treat us altogether in ceremonial, manifestations rosarics, confessions, prayers "for the dead etc".

Among the converts are one Plymouth brother, & two or three Methodists. 'But we don't gain many from among dissenters.'

'The Roman Church attracts English people through the

the senses much more than through the reason." They are attracted by the form of worship. "All Churches are following the Roman example." The Established Church goes in more & more for ceremony & brightness & variety is equally an increasing feature in Nonconformity. "Look at the attention paid to music now in Dissenting Churches." Here the trend towards Catholicism is the outcome of the reaction against the old Clapham sect. "No question at all about that." Father W thinks that the Church of Rome will in time become the prevailing religion in England. "But it will never be the State religion." "The Englishman is the most practical but the most illogical of all the people

people whom I have ever seen." There are two things that he shies at in Romanism: Confession & the supremacy of the Pope. "These are the two great stumbling blocks." He (quotes) the action of a Mr Measures (of steel joist fame) in Streatham. Mr M has there built at a cost of £30,000, a church for the Catholics & attends it regularly. "But he can never be received into the Church because he steadily refuses to come to Confession". "Archbishop Benson knew the temper of his people well when he spoke of the R.C.s in England as "the Italian mission"." The notion of foreign supremacy will never be tolerated. But as the object of church attendance becomes increasingly wor-

'worship', so will the Roman Church advance in influence. "We don't increase in numbers in England but we increase in position: the poor fall away but the middle class is coming in: we gain in social condition though in numbers we stand still." "It is quite true that form of religion depends largely on social condition but it also depends on the form that the form of religion can take". ie some forms of religion can adapt themselves more easily than others, to various needs, are more elastic; you can be practically a Rom or practically a RC & still be member of the Church of England: & the Roman Catholic service can be made within limits to suit 'class' demands. "You will remember our concession to this demand in giving two sermons."

on Sundays: RCs ordinarily only expect sermons at special seasons.'

Balham he thinks is peculiar & different from all Catholic congregations in London in that all 'Irishism' is absent. The point of view is English. They work for the Church not the Pope, for England, not for Ireland, for party not for faction.

When the RCs in London combined to return a member of Parlt (or schools) for St George in the East Balham joined in with them but the Irish Element on Committees N of the Thames so disgusted them that they retired. "Such a thing as happened to Father Banning in Camberwell when he referred to the Boer war in the pulpit, could never happen here": there the Irish got up in a body & left the Church

Church during the sermon though it is a recognized sin for RCs to do so.
The effort demanded in being an RC, Father W thinks no bar to conversion. "For one thing there is so little effort; only monks & nuns fast in England none need fast until they are 21; not 50 of my people keep the fasts." It is sufficient that you are at work to obtain dispensation.
Doctrine is not taught from the pulpit. "We teach the dogmatic part of our religion in the schools because this is a mental occupation which need not affect character".
In the pulpit the sermon is taken from either the Epistle or Gospel of the day ("we are ordered to do so") & is practical, bearing on the duties of life

life. Every Sunday the Epistle & Gospel are read out in English. The sermon lasts 20 min.

This is the only Church in England which has an open air procession of the Blessed Sacrament. "The people are very respectful". "RCs are freer here than either in France or Italy though both these countries are officially catholic: Catholicism is more spiritual here because it is less political: there, position demands political wire pulling, because without it the state exequatur may be refused."

Sunday School: here for the poor only: the others get an hours religious teaching every day in the schools. 130 on the books.

Education: Clapham College (on the West side) with

with 150 boys.

& with the Nuns of La Retraite in Atkins Rd. there are 70 girls.

"Many who are not Catholics come to be taught in our schools: 30 here in the poor school: 20 at Clapham College: & 30 girls: these are pretty exact numbers."

Convent of the Perpetual Adoration with 10 nuns in Nightingale Square. "who visit the sick poor as required. They spend over £600 a year for poor RC churches in London. They are all gentle-people of good means. Before entering a convent a woman must produce her dowry. "Now, the dowry is considered to be either cash or qualifications: if it is a teaching order, certificates & diplomas are preferred: if it is a

a contemplative order like this, the Jowers must be in money."

Visiting. 3 priest here: two besides himself. The mission is divided into 3 parts & each looks after his own. The mission boundaries are Clapham Common on the S: Mallison Rd; Wandsworth Common & Tooting Common: it lies between the 3 commons.

The Mission Funds are raised from 1. The offertory including money put into a plate at the door of the Church, 2) Stole fees (Mass, burials etc) & 3) Special offerings at Christmas & Easter. There are benches in the Church & if you want a chair you can take one for nothing but "it is thought the fair thing to put 1d or 2d in the plate if you take only, & people practically always do so. From the money resulting the presbytery & church expenses come first, & the cur-

curates are paid ~~first~~ second: what remains is for the 14
rector. 'Sometimes very little remains for me' said
Father W; when I came from Spain I had food
of my own; now "I am not worth a brass far-
-thing."

Social work. Football, cricket & lawn tennis
clubs. no debating society. 'our young men
are not talkative enough for that'. There
is no mothers meeting nor poor relief. 'There
is no scope for it here: we had a society
of St. Vincent & Paul with workers & funds
but it had to be given up because there were
no poor'.

~~Police~~. Do their work well. An Inspector
& 6 men are R.C's.

Prostitution. 'None amongst our own people'.
Wandsworth Common is absolutely free & there is

very little in Tooting Common. Clapham Common 15
is a disgrace: shameless intercourse on Bank holidays
& most other days: the nearest open space near central
South London: most easily get at-able. "It's a hell on Earth
on Bank Holiday". Father W thinks that if Totten-
-ham is built on by LCC, then Tooting will be-
-come bad, but he believes that negotiations have
fallen through & that the LCC have bought
land instead near Norbury.

<u>Housing</u>. Houses taken as soon as built. Large
gardens being turned into rows of two storey
houses, two bow windows, stone faced, slate roof, about
10 rooms, no basement. "basements won't take",
no garden, small back yard, rents £42 to 50.
This is the style of house in the new road
running S at of the W end of Nightingale Sq.
Maisonettes in Nevis & Stockwell Roads let at

at 13/- to 18/- : & flats in Elmfield & Rether-
den Roads at £40 to £50. 16

The disgrace of the District are the nervish
Roads in Tooting near the Cemetery - "Fountayne
Rd." is the worst : nearly as low now as the Borough.

Thrift. Its people very thrifty.

Drink. None among the men. "but the women are
getting worse & worse both in drinking & smoking,
there are some who don't mind going as far
as a cigar now".

Out-relief given very easily : "never any difficulty
made at all".

Health. very good : gravel soil : fresh air over
one of the 3 commons in what ever direction
the wind blows.

Marriages. "Mixed marriages are rather a blessing
than a curse though that is not the official

official view." The present strict regulations as to 17
the ceremony to be used at a mixed marriage are the
direct result of Father W having obtained a Bishop
to celebrate such a marriage down here & his
disgust afterwards. "I obey my superiors though I
still hold my former opinion, I believe they
will gradually come round to it." Father W says
that in marriage so much depends on the first
impression "You are not giving the young couple
a fair start if you make either of them
feel that they are doing something shabby".
"That is only one side of it, if the wife is a
Catholic the children are almost certain to
be brought up as Catholics, if the husband is
one the wife is almost certain to become one."

Build

Buildings used.

Church: 2 Convents (here & in Atkins Rd)
& Clapham College.

Week Day Services

Every day in the convent chapel 4.30 to 5.30 PM.
when 20 to 30 come: & at 8AM, with the
same number

Cooperation: "None whatever except in the Society
for prevention of Cruelty to Animals". He has tried
to know Mr. Bates & Mr. Potter, but they
"prefer not to know me personally but will
do kindnesses in the way of surgical letters
& convalescent home letters to anyone I
send up to them".

R.C. population of District. Now 2000: 600 in 1895.
"about every 3 years there is out flow & in flow: but more
come to remain than go".

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The hardest days in the week for an RC priest are Saturday & Sunday. Often 5 hours & more of confessions on Saturday. 'One is like a rag after it!' 'it is the most disagreeable of all a priest's duties!' Then comes Sunday & no food for the celebrating ~~priest~~ priest before the 11 o'clock mass. 'That means past one before you get any!' Monday is the day of rest.

Father Warwick is one of the busy practical statesmanlike / political } RC priests.