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Interview with Rev. C. E. Escreet, St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich.

Rev Escreet has been Rector of Woolwich for eight years, having come from Stockwell when he saw Mrs Booth during the original enquiry, and gave information he took her for one of the sample streets described in the book. There is a portrait of Mrs E. in the Report. She that is eight years old, and is to my thinking far from flattering: she has a very sweet but a stronger face than that of the portrait.

The official population of the parish is 4300: but of these at least 2000 are soldiers who have five chaplains to look after them. Of the remaining 10000 5/10ths are labourers 4/10ths artisans and 1/10th commercial the latter being almost entirely shopkeepers: there is practically no middle class resident population. The people depend almost exclusively on the Arsenal: of the

Children in the schools 5/6ths are of Roman parents. The result is a condition of great prosperity: there is work for all who want it and such poverty as is found is caused by vice or misfortune such as sickness. There is ~~a~~ however one little nest of squalid courts behind Artillery Place, inhabited mainly by Camp outliers, among whom are some bad characters. Rev. E. especially mentioned Catherine St and Agnes Yard as being as bad as anything in the Dustbole. In the main however the people are both prosperous and respectable, but Rev E. hopes that sooner or later "there must be a slump in the manufacture of war material" even though it will bring much distress to his parishioners.

The buildings are Church (600) Mission Room, Artillery Place (250), Schools, and Club Room.

Workers are three curates, Mission Women, 3 Lay Readers, 30 District Visitors and 100 Sunday School teachers.

The Church ~~which~~ has a morning congregation

much exaggeration
See Argyle Rd &c

of about 300, evening 600. The Communicants Roll is 350 at the church and 50 at the Mission Room. Men touched are almost exclusively of the working class, though not the poorest. Rev E. calls himself a Socialist, is a member of the Guild of St. Matthew, and has always aimed especially at the working class. In Stockton I hear he was more successful than most in winning their allegiance, and apparently has been here also. Both among communicants and communicants there is "a good deal of men" and there is a Men's Guild of 50. In the Arsenal to which nearly all the men of Woolwich are attached there is "increasing respect for the Church" but less as elsewhere the prevailing attitude is one of indifference due not to atheism or thoughtful opposition but in the main to "sin" Though Rev E. added that he did not mean "gross sin" but rather the general tendency to a low moral standard. Of one shop in the Arsenal among 100 men a churchman who worked there divided them as 50 who have left anywhere, 30 who attend a church two or

three times a year (e.g. Harvest Watch night)
12 chapel gowns and 8 church gowns. It is
alleged that if your former is a chapel gown
it pays to follow his lead and that some
men join chapels with this low motive.

This church draws a good many from
Plumstead: until recently Plumstead was served
with two sleepy rectors who were brothers and
practically all Plumstead came to church in
Woolwich. But Plumstead is now vigorously worked
and is getting back its own.

A full account of the social activities
is given in the Year Book. This is six years old
but the organisations and their lines of work are
practically unaltered.

The Day Schools have 950 children and
the Sunday Schools 600. The latter are worked
partly on the Dupanloup system, as to which
Mr Eglinton, the senior curate is very keen:
Mr Escreet is "rather sceptical" and quoted with
approval the saying of a Missioner who had
lately been told "if as much keep men

put into the old system as into their it would be equally successful".

Mr E. lays much stress on visitation. (R.B. the declared objects of his D.V. society). All his visitors are of working class, and he much prefers that it should be so: "of course" he said "if you consider it the duty of visitors to distribute shillings, and to patronise ours would be no good", but for collecting, for reporting to the clergy, and eventually as spiritual agents, owing to their greater sympathy with and understanding of those whom they visit, working women are far better than ladies. The clergy visit cases "as they come": this means practically all cases of baptism, churching, sickness, and absence from Sunday School.

Names are obtained from the Parish Registers for Woolwich. In Stockwell Mr E. had a parish census, and rather prefers it as enabling the church to get "a complete return of the sick".

About £100 a year is spent on Relief. Mr E. is Chairman of the C.O.S. and many cases

are dealt with through the Courts: but often the standard accepted is lower: but "he never gives in shillings" "gives from 5/ to 10/ at least." and spends large sums on convalescence.

As to other agencies - Mr Wilson's Tabernacle is "the strongest religious organisation in Woolwich" but it is recruited more from Plumstead than Woolwich. Mr Wilson is "an able man" and "a powerful speaker" and though "there is a heart-to-heart earnest grasping people" among his followers Mr E. thinks there is also much of the sort of religious humbug described by Harold Frederic in "Illumination". Mr E's "personal relations with Wilson have never been broken but he backguards me in the pulpit" as Peters goes for this church. It is freely said that the Tabernacle empties other Churches.

There is "a good strong Wesleyan Church": and the Congregational Church (Mr Reed) has among its adherents "the leading men, the most influential men in Woolwich".

The R.C's are "fairly strong": there is

What is I.C.A.A.?
Invalid Children's Aid Assocⁿ

"a good Irish contingent".

The Bible Christians and Peculiar People are rather strong in Plumstead.

The Woolwich Polytechnic, originally started by Quintin ~~Ho~~ Hogg, became practically an annexe of the Baptists, but since Mr E. came it has been put again on genuine undenominational lines. It has a very successful P.S.A. for men, for which Mr E. recommends the Church speakers.

One of the chief influences in Woolwich is Mr C.H. ~~Gr~~ Grinling, at one time Sec. of the C.O.S. who is now the heart and soul of the University Extension, C.H.F., I.C.A.A., and the Nursing. He has secured "real cooperation" from all.

The Church of England Soldiers' Institute "ought not to be ignored". See Col. Harrington Foote.

As to Local government. The Vestry has been subject to "petty influences": "very hard to move": would take no action against Brothels and very slow as to Public Health Acts. Colonel

Mayor who dominates Woolwich politically is a man of "low political morality" and has given Woolwich a bad tone.

As to the Police: "there is a lot of sub rosa bribery". An ex-inspector who is a churchman has told Mr E. terrible stories of the corruption of the police. Mr E. is convinced that it does not extend to serious crime: nothing would induce them to compromise a theft, but "they drink at every form of vice".

Drink very bad: the influence of the politicians very strong.

Prostitution: a great deal: number of notorious brothels. Used large & soldiers but & artisan men equally, and & married as much as single. There is a Rescue Home which takes in about one girl a month: always young girls, don't touch the older women.

Thrift. Clubs and Banks, and Provident Societies well patronized.

Health fairly good. In estimating the health of Woolwich it should be remembered that

The young people marry always now to please when they ~~can~~ marry.

Houses. Rent is great crowding. Rents are very high (2/ to 5/ for a room) and houses almost impossible to obtain. "The rise in rents in recent years has almost eaten up the rise in wages".

Mr Escreet is a modest man and unwilling to talk much about his work: but I respect that. Men as at Stockholm he has ~~done~~ won more than the usual success & his successes of temperament, his hard work and his ~~self~~ self denying life. No one can doubt that to him his religion is something very genuine.

Clergy and Parish Officers.

Bishop of the Diocese—The Right Rev. EDWARD STUART TALBOT, D.D.
Bishop Suffragan of Southwark—The Right Rev. HUYSHE WOLCOTT YEATMAN, D.D.
Archdeacon—The Venerable SAMUEL CHEETHAM, D.D.
Rural Dean—The Rev. J. C. LEEKE, M.A.
Rector—The Rev. C. E. ESCREET, M.A.
Assistant Clergy—The Rev. ARTHUR EGLINGTON, M.A., 41, Rectory Place; the Rev. F. J. MEYRICK, M.A., The Rectory; the Rev. L. REISS, M.A., The Rectory.
Churchwardens—Mr. G. W. Rahtz, 16, Parson's Hill; Mr. W. Woodford, 15, Nightingale Place. *Organist*—Miss Whomes, 12, Parson's Hill. *The Choir*—Choir Master, Mr. J. A. Keell, 133, High Road, Lee. Hon. Secretary, Mr. Norman, 6, S. James' Place, P. *Deputy Clerk*—Mr. Barnes, 24, Parson's Hill. *Registrars*—Dockyard District (West of Rectory Place), Mr. Anderson, 26, Rectory Place. Arsenal District (East of Rectory Place), Mr. Peplow, Dispensary, Rectory Place. *Medical Officer of Health*—Dr. Smith, Town Hall, to whom instant complaints of bad Drainage, &c., should be made.

The Parish Church of S. Mary Magdalene.

(OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION.)

First built Anno Domini 400 (circa.) Rebuilt Anno Domini 1735. New Chancel and Transepts added 1894 (Reconsecrated S. Luke's Day).

SACRAMENTS.

HOLY BAPTISM—Every Sunday, 5 p.m.; every Tuesday, 7.15 p.m.; every Friday, 11 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST—Every Sunday, 8 a.m. and mid-day; first Sunday in the month, 7 and 11.40 a.m. (choral); Holy Days, 6.15 and 10.30 a.m. On the Great Festivals, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.45. Thursday, 6.15 a.m. CHILDREN'S EUCHARIST, four times a year.

SERVICES.

Sundays—11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 3 p.m., 1st Sunday, for Infant School; 2nd Sunday, for Girls; other Sundays for Children who do not go to Sunday School; 4 p.m. (Course of Lectures, &c.); 6.30 p.m. Evensong.

Day by Day, in the Side Chapel—Mattins, 7.45 a.m.; Evensong, 7.30 p.m. (Tuesday, 7.15 p.m.) Wednesday—Choral Evensong, 7.30 p.m., with Address. Friday—11 a.m., Litany. Holy Days—Address on the Eve.

CHURCHINGS before or after any of the Services. There are no fees for Churchings or Baptisms. The Offerings at Churchings and Baptisms are given to the Sick Poor and Sunday School.

There is a *Weekly Offertory*. The proceeds are devoted entirely to Church and Mission Work of the Parish. It should average £10 a Sunday to maintain them efficiently.

ALL SEATS FREE & UNAPPROPRIATED.

The Hymn Book used is "Ancient and Modern," 1d., 4d., and 1s.; *The Psalter* (Cathedral), 1s.; *The Chant Book* (Cathedral).

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Residents in the Parish of S. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, and to the members of the Congregation worshipping with us.

FOR the eighth time we are called upon to address a word of goodwill to all, through this our Almanack and guide to the Worship and work of the Parish. With all our heart we wish to one and all a Happy New Year! We hope that this Almanack will find a place on the wall of every home, whether that home consist of one, three, or a dozen rooms. By the Almanack we desire to make known to every man, woman, and child in the Parish that the Church is theirs, that every seat is free and open, and that all have an equal claim to the services of her ministers. The central picture shows us JESUS, the CHRIST, standing among old and young, men and women, chaste and unchaste, healthy and sick, holding out his hands in friendship, and winning their trust in order to save them to higher life. The small pictures recall many of His words and deeds of sympathy and love as He moved among men nineteen hundred years ago. This Almanack, whose very year takes its date from Him, is sent by the Church to remind you that JESUS CHRIST—by His Spirit, by His Church, His Gospel, and His Sacraments—stands among you to-day and says to-day, "Come, and I will give you heart-rest, and set you free from sin to live the true life of service and fellowship here and hereafter." We thankfully recognise the splendid work of those Christian bodies who, though not of us are not against us, and bid them GOD speed in all Christian endeavour. Our sincerest thanks are especially due to all our members who have given generously of thought, and time, and money in Church, and School, and Parish—not forgetting those who, while earning their living thereby, have worked in the spirit of volunteers. Brethren, pray one for another.

We are, your faithful Clergy,
C. E. ESCREET.
A. EGLINGTON.
F. J. MEYRICK.
L. REISS.

January 1, 1900.

OTHER PAROCHIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

S. Mary's Men's Social Club—1, Brewer-street. Hon. Sec., Mr. Wallace, 89, Frederick-place, P.

S. Mary's Bell Ringers—Sundays, 10.15, 5.45. Steeple-keeper, Mr. Hill, 6, King-street.

Parish Magazine—Hon. Treas. and Editor, Rev. A. Eglington.

Dorcas Society—Rectory, Fridays, 3. Superintendent, Mrs. Escreet.

Guild of the Friends of S. Mary Magdalene—Hon. Sec., Miss F. Eglington, Southbro', Surbiton.

The Clergy will always undertake to enquire into the case of any resident in the Parish who may beg assistance at private houses, and return a prompt answer. They will gladly advise how best they may be helped, and will, if necessary, find an almoner. In other cases reference should be made to the office of the Charity Organization, 1, Brewer-street.

The density of the population precludes entirely house to house visitation, but the Clergy will gladly call at any address that may be forwarded to them at any time; they can be seen at the Vestry after any service.

Friends having sad occasion to bury the dead are counselled to employ an undertaker who will avoid the needless expense and heathenish trappings so common, and to choose the grave on the consecrated side of the Cemetery. The use of the Church can always be obtained for the first part of the service. The only fee is 1s. the bell.

EXTRA-PAROCHIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Charity Organization Society—1, Brewer-street. Secretary, Mr. Larner. Office hours, 10-12, or at other times by appointment.

The Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants—Apply at the Connaught Coffee Tavern, Thursday, between 10 and 12.

Woolwich Polytechnic—William-street. Address the Secretary.

University Extension Society—Secretaries, Mr. A. Ellis and Mr. C. H. Grinling.

Hearts of Oak Friendly Society—Apply to the Secretary, 17, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square; Mr. M. Tailby, 165, Eglinton-road, Plumstead.

Royal Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—Secretary, Miss Crofton, Broom-hall, Shooter's-hill.

Royal Society Prevention of Cruelty to Children—Inspecto Chown, 90, London-street, Greenwich.

Children's Country Holiday Fund for Woolwich and Plumstead—Miss V. Berry, Dockyard.

Provident Medical Association—Hon. Sec., Mr. C. H. Grinling, 6, Russell-place.

S. MARTIN'S MISSION,

Back Lane, Artillery Place.

Chaplain—Rev. F. J. MEYRICK, The Rectory.
Warden and Secretary—Mr. D. C. Veazey, 10, Brewer Street.
Treasurer—Mr. E. A. Pierce, 74, Heavitree Road, P.
Organists—Mr. E. A. Pierce, 74, Heavitree Road, P. Miss Weekes, 27, Rectory Place.

SACRAMENTS.

HOLY BAPTISM—Sundays at 7 p.m., and Fridays at 8 p.m. (N.B.—Two days' notice must be given to the Chaplain).
HOLY EUCHARIST—Sundays at 8 a.m.

SERVICES.

Sunday—Children's Service, 11 a.m. Evening Service and Sermon, 7 p.m.
Fridays—Short Service and Address, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Sundays, 3 p.m. Boys at S. Martin's. Girls at Mulgrave Place. Superintendents—Mr. A. Dunstan, 64, Brewer Street; and Miss H. Callaway, 42, Rectory Place.

MEETINGS.

MOTHER'S MEETING—Mondays, 2.30. Superintendents: Mrs. Squires and Miss Weekes.
GIRLS' SEWING CLASS—Tuesdays, 6.30 p.m. Under the care of six Lady-superintendents.
YOUNG MEN'S CLUB—Tuesdays, 8.
CHOIR PRACTICE—Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD—Wednesday, 8 p.m. Principal: Miss Weekes.
BOYS' CLUB—Mondays at 7. Superintendents: Mr. Hillier and friends.
PLEASANT EVENINGS—Thursdays, 8 p.m.
BLACK STAR MINSTRELS—Mondays, 7 p.m. Director: Mr. A. Dunstan. Secretary: Mr. J. Holliday, 53, S. Mary's Street.
DRAWING CLASS FOR LADS—Fridays at 8.30 p-m. Instructor: Mr. D. C. Veazey.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH.

SUNDAY—Choral Mattins, 10.45; Evensong, 6.30.
CHAPLAIN—Rev. A. Eglington.
WARDEN—Mr. C. Bigg, "Thistledene," Hill-street.
HON. TREASURER—Mr. G. Jones, 21, Orchard-place.
HON. SECRETARY—Miss A. M. Davis, 45, Brewer-st.
ORGANIST—Mr. E. A. Pierce.

CHOIR PRACTICE in the Schools after Service on Sunday. Boys wishing to join should attend the practice as probationers.

THE SCHOOLS.

First built Anno Domini 1840. Restored 1877 and 1888. Restored and enlarged 1895 and 1898.
DAY SCHOOLS—All children over 3 years and under 15 free. *Boys:* Headmaster, Mr. G. H. Dix, 64, Brewer-street, and six assistants. *Girls:* Headmistress, Mrs. Clarke, 92, Elliscombe-road, C., and six assistants. *Infants:* Headmistress, Miss Williams, 12, Myrtle-villas, Nadine-street, O.C., and five assistants.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—*Chaplains:* The Revs. A. Eglington and L. Reiss. *Boys*, 3 p.m.: Superintendent, Rev. A. Eglington and 18 Teachers. *Girls*, 3 p.m.: Superintendent, Miss L. J. Lockwood and 24 Teachers. *Infants*, 3 p.m.: Superintendent, Miss Lockwood and 16 Teachers.

BIBLE CLASSES.

FOR YOUNG MEN—In the Belfry, Sunday, 3 p.m. Rev. F. J. Meyrick. At the Rectory, Sunday, 3 p.m. Mrs. Escreet.
FOR GIRLS—At the Schools, Sunday, 3 p.m. Miss Compton and Miss A. E. Wilson. At S. Martin's, Sunday, 3 p.m. Miss Morey.

DISTRICT VISITORS' SOCIETY.

Objects—To enable the Church to fulfil her duty towards the weekly wage-earners of the Parish; to promote religious and social sympathy between neighbour and neighbour; to encourage thrift, sobriety and cleanliness; to report for assistance exceptional cases of sickness and distress; to awaken spiritual life, set forth CHRIST to the people, enkindle enthusiasm for His Society, and an intelligent appreciation of the Sacraments and Services.

Rules—1. To unite in silent prayer for the Parish at the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month. 2. To collect the Provident payments on a regular day weekly. 3. To call on *all* from time to time to leave Almanack and other notices. 4. To circulate *Parish Magazine* monthly.

REV. F. J. MEYRICK'S DISTRICT.

1. Mason-street, Francis-street (32-41)—Mrs. Barrington Foote.
2. Rush Grove-street.
3. Rush Grove (1-9)—Miss Bell.
4. Rush Grove (10-15).
5. Lyon's-yard—Miss Weekes.
6. Artillery-place (1-17).
7. Artillery-place (18-51)—Mrs. Coyle.
8. Artillery-place (52-60), and Back-lane—Mrs. Clarke.
9. Catherine-square—Mrs. Coyle.
10. Mulgrave-place—Miss M. Fowler.

11. Red Lion-street — Mrs. Escreet and Miss M. Brown.
12. Upper Market-street—Mrs. Turvey.
13. Lower Market-street—Miss Davis.

REV. A. EGLINGTON'S DISTRICT.

14. King-street (except 48-52)—Mrs. Wells.
15. Colman-street (1-15), Nelson-terrace—Miss Prior.
16. Parson's-hill.
17. Sun-street—Miss Davis.
18. Church-street (40-82)—Miss Hargreaves.
19. S. Mary-street—Mrs. Wenham.
20. Orchard-place—Mrs. Dunstan.
21. Orchard-street—Miss Heaven.
22. Charles-street (35-58, 1-18)—Mrs. Bristow.
23. Rectory-grove—Mrs. Thomas.

REV. L. REISS' DISTRICT.

24. Rectory-place—Miss M. Fowler.
25. Brewer-place and Charles-street (18-35)—Miss Williams.
26. Brewer-street—Miss Burkin.
27. Powis-street (117-185, 114-194) — Mrs. A. J. Wood.
28. William-street—Mrs. Carpenter.
29. Thomas-street (15-49, 22-50)—Miss Clarke.
30. Eleanor-road—Mrs. Fowler.
31. Clara-place, Monk-street.
32. Wellington-street (46-108)—Miss Clarke.
33. Hare-street (1-51).
34. High-street (1-29, 117-149), Powis-street (169-195, 174-194)—Mrs. Wright.

THE PARISH ROOM.

RECTORY GARDEN.

Monday—Mothers' Meeting, 2.30. Superintendent, Mrs. Escreet.

Tuesday— Maternity Society, 11. Mrs. Rahtz, Parson's-hill.

G.F.S., 6. Superintendent, Miss A. Wilson, 121, Church-lane, O.C.

Thursday—G.F.S., 6.

Friday — Parish Library, 4.30 to 5.30. Librarian, Miss Mascall, 8, Little Heath-villas, O.C.

Communicants' Class, 8 and 8.30 p.m.

First Monday—Men's Guild, 8. Secretary, Mr. C. Bigg, "Thistledene," Hill-street.

N.B.—One of the Clergy attends every day, except Saturday and Sunday, at 10 a.m., to receive applications for aid, advice, for signing papers, etc.

Skilled hospital-trained hospital nurses are ready, without fee, to visit any case of illness in the Parish, and to help the friends in carrying out the doctor's orders. Application should be made to the Rectory Parish Room.

THE VESTRY.

First Tuesday—District Visitors' Meeting, 3.

First Wednesday—Temperance Committee, 8.30. Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Jones, 21, Orchard-place.

Third Wednesday—Church Council, 8.30. Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Lockwood, 62, Church-hill.

THE SCHOOLS.

Monday—Band of Hope, 6.15. Superintendent, Rev. A. Eglington. Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Ellis, 9, Leghorn-road, P.

Temperance Society, 8. Chaplain, Rev. L. Reiss. Treasurer, Miss A. Bullen, 71, King-street. Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Jones, 21, Orchard-place.

C.L.B. Club Night, 8 p.m.

Band Practice, 7 p.m. Bandmaster, Mr. Chest, 102, Kings-street.

Tuesday—S. Mary's Brass Band, 8. Conductor, Mr. McMullen, 5, Henry-street. Hon. Secretary—Mr. F. Poolton, 25, Waverly-road, P.

Wednesday—S. Mary's Orchestral Society, 8. Conductor, Mr. McMullen.

Saturday—Church Lads' Brigade, 7.30. Chaplain, Rev. F. J. Meyrick. Captain, Lieut. W. H. Webley-Hope, R.A., R.A. Mess.

Second Wednesday—National School Committee, 8.30. Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. J. Clothier, 86, Woodland-terrace, O.C.

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Parish Church of S. Mary,

WOOLWICH.

✣ YEAR ✣ BOOK ✣

For Year ending March 31st, 1894.

(Together with some Accounts for 1892-3).

"We must be here to work,
And men who work can only work for men,
And, not to work in vain, must comprehend
Humanity, and so work humanly,
And raise men's bodies still by raising souls."

Mrs. Browning

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"The welfare of a Society, and the justice of its arrangements, are at bottom, dependent on the character of its members . . . . There is no political alchemy by which you can get golden conduct out of leaden instincts."—*Herbert Spencer*

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"Working men, brothers, when Christ came and changed the face of the world, He spoke not of rights to the rich who needed not to achieve them, nor to the poor, who would, doubtless, have abused them in imitation of the rich. He spoke not of utility, nor of interest: He spoke of duty: He spoke of love, of sacrifice, and of faith, and He said that *they should be first among all who had contributed most by their labour to the good of all.* Working men, we live in an epoch similar to that of Christ.

"We live in the midst of a society as corrupt as that of the Roman Empire, feeling in our inmost soul the need of re-animating and transforming it.

"Preach virtue, sacrifice, and love, and be yourselves virtuous, loving, and ready for self-sacrifice. The undying light of faith in God pierces through all the imposture and corruption wherewith men have darkened His Name."—*Mazzini.*

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"More touching still; there is not a hamlet, where poor peasants congregate, but by one means and another a Church apparatus has been got together—a roofed edifice with revenues and belfries. That a man stand there and speak of spiritual things to men, it is beautiful. Of all public functionaries, boarded and lodged on the industry of Modern Europe, is there one worthier of the board he has? I wish he could find the point again, this speaking one, and stick to it with tenacity, with deadly energy, for there is need of him yet! . . . . . As a priest, or interpreter of the Holy, is the noblest and highest of all men, so is a sham priest the falsest and basest.—*Carlyle*

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"The Church is an universal brotherhood, knit together to build up each of its members into holiness; the only great school of virtue existing."—*Scott Holland*

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"Other foundation (of character, of society, of life) can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ."—*S. Paul.*

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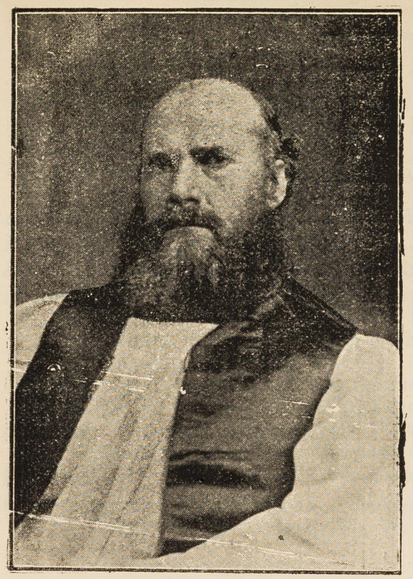

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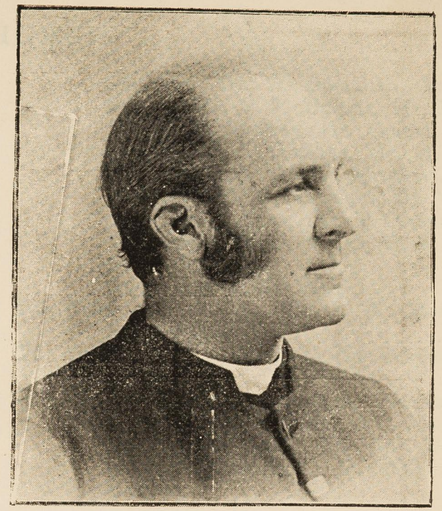

Canon Scott.

Rev. C. E. Escreet.

S. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich.

THE CHURCH.

Bishop: The Right Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson, D.D.
Bishop Suffragan: The Right Rev. Huyshe Wolcott Yeatman, D.D.
Achdeacon: The Venerable Samuel Cheetham, D.D.
Rural Dean: The Rev. J. C. Leeke, M.A.
Rector: The Rev. C. E. Escreet, M.A., The Rectory
Assistant Clergy: The Rev. H. G. Veazey, A.K.C., 56, Brewer Street; The Rev. H. G. D. Latham, M.A., The Rectory; The Rev. A. Eglington, B.A., The Rectory
Churchwardens: Mr. C. Bigg, 108, Samuel Street; Mr. W. Woodford, 15, Nightingale Place
Sidesmen: Messrs. Bannister, Davis, Howey, Lobb, Masters, McCullough, Sharland & Warren
Secretary: Mr. S. J. Clothier, 86, Woodland Terrace
Choir: *Organist*, Miss Whomes; *Choirmaster*, Mr. J. Morphew; *Secretary*, Mr. W. Norman; *Choirmen*, Mr. W. Bamforth, Mr. A. Batten, Mr. N. T. Bulpitt, Mr. T. Elli Mr. H. A. Godfrey, Mr. Goldie, Mr. Harris, Mr. J. Hoskins, Mr. H. Jone Mr. W. March, Mr. G. Morphew, Mr. Morphew, Mr. R. Morphew, Mr. W. No man, Mr. T. Nunn, Mr. T. Osmond, M W. Parsons, Mr. C. H. Tye, Mr. J. Wilso and 18 boys.
Organ Blower, Mr. King
The Clerk and Sexton: Mr. J. W. Moore, 4 Rectory Place
The Caretaker: Mr. Foreman, The Schools, Kir Street
Bell Ringers: Messrs. Aldridge, Beaven (Sec Carter, Grove, Harman, J. C. Harvey, I Harvey, and Neale; The Rev. H. G. Latham (Chaplain); H. Hill (Steep Keeper).

S. MARTIN'S MISSION,

BACK LANE, ARTILLERY PLACE.

Chaplain: The Rev. H. G. Veazey, 56 Brewer Street
Warden: Mr. F. W. Barratt, 94 Eglington road
Treasurer: Mr. G. J. Champion, Church Street
Mission Committee: The above and Messrs. W. Asprey, (Hon. Sec.), C. Blackwell, W. Conway, W. S. Cundy, C. Gauron, H. Hunt, E. A Pierce, and E. A. E. Porter
Sidesman: Mr. C. Gauron
Hon. Organist: Mr. E. A. Pierce
Assistant Organist: Miss Weekes
Choir: Messrs. Asfrey, Barrat, Cundy, Fowle Hunt, Porter, D. C. Veazey, and V Pearson Barber
Caretaker: Mrs. Green, 1 Hobson's Buildings, Bac Lane
Verger: Walter Green, Hobson's Buildings, Bac Lane

SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Sunday, 3 p.m., Sunday School; 3 p.m., Young Women's Class, Vestry; 6 p.m., Outdoor; 7 p.m., Evensong and Sermon
Monday 2.30 p.m., Mothers' Meeting
,, Band of Hope, 6.30 } in Schools
,, Temperance Meeting, 8.15 } (King Street
Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Senior Lads' Guild
Wednesday { 6 p.m., Girls' Sewing Class / 8 p.m., Young Women's Recreation Class
Thursday, 6 p.m., Ministering Children's Leagu 7.30 p.m., Junior Lads' Guild
Friday, 7 p.m., Library; 8 p.m., Short Service a Address; 8.30 p.m., Choir Practice
Saturday, 8 p.m., Pleasant Musical Evening
For Baptism and Holy Communion, s under S. Mary's. The fourth Sunday in t month is our Sunday for Corporate Co munion.

Sunday School: Boys at S. Martin's, Girls and infants at Mulgrave Place Board School
Mothers' Meeting: Lady Supt., Mrs. Sharland; Assist. Lady Supt., Miss Veazey
Lads' Guilds: Senior, Principal, Mr. Barrat, Sec., Mr. Conway
,, Junior, Principal, Mr. Asprey, 6 Maryon Grove; Sec., Mr. Blackwell
Girls Sewing Class: Principal, Miss Veazey; Sec., Miss Anderson, 26 Rectory Place
Young Women's Recreation Society: Principal, M Weekes, 27 Rectory Place; Sec., M Hurford
Sunday Class: Miss Hesketh
Ministering Children's League: Principal and Se Miss M. L. F. Conolly, 11 Brewer Stree
Treasurer: Miss B. Jelley, 250 Burrage road
Pleasant Evenings: Accompanist, Miss Weekes
Refreshment Department: The Misses Anderson
Library: Miss Weekes and Miss Anderson

THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

BUILT A.D. 1840. RESTORED 1877 AND 1888.

President and Chairman: Rev. C. E. Escreet
Treasurer: Mr. W. F. Lockwood, 62, Church Hill
Hon. Sec. and Correspondent: Mr. S. J. Clothier, 86, Woodland Terrace
Committee:

Head Teachers: *Boys*, Mr. J. Morphew, and Six Assistants; *Girls*, Miss F. E. Burn, and Six Assistants; *Infants*, Miss L. Black, and Five Assistants
Caretaker: Mr. Foreman, School House
Penny Bank: Every Monday, at 12. Collector, Miss Heaven

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

President: Rev. C. E. Escreet
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. H. Banister

Chaplain: Rev. H. G. Veazey
Hon. Sec.: Mr. J. Humphreys

COMMITTEE.

The Clergy, Treasurer, and Three elected members from each of the Boys', Girls', Infants, and S. Martin's Department.

MEMBERS, 1893-4.

Boys: Messrs. Howey, Humphreys, Wellard
Girls: Misses Compton, Conolly, L. J. Lockwood

Infants: Misses Anderson, H. Callaway, Lockwood
S. Martin's; Mr. Barrat, Misses Veazey, Weekes

TEACHERS.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS, KING STREET.

BOYS: Rev. A. Eglington, Supt.; Mr. J. H. Salmon Regist.; Miss Greenough, and Messrs. A. Batley, H. Cornish, Dodson, Evans, W. Fowler, W. H. Howey, J. Humphreys, E Hunt, F. Hunt, E. Porter, Tailby

GIRLS: Miss L. J. Lockwood, Supt; Miss Thomas, Regist.; Misses Allen, F. Allen, Clarke, B. Clarke, Clothier, L. Clothier, M. Conolly, B. Corder, Forrest, Fuller, Godfrey, F. Harris, Hawes, Heaven, A. Mascall, Osmond, Squires, Webber, Wiley, A. Wilson, A. E. Wilson

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S. MARTIN'S.

BOYS: Mr. F. W. Barrat, Supt. and Regist., Misses Crouch, G. Harford, Weeks

GIRLS AND INFANTS (at Mulgrave Place Board Schools); Miss Veazey, Supt. and Regist.; Misses Adair, E. Champion, Corder, A. Hesketh, L. Jullien, Locke

BIBLE CLASSES.

LEADER OF CLASS.	SUNDAY.	PLACE.
Mrs. Escreet (M.)	3 p.m.	The Rectory
Mr. W. Wellard (M)	,, ...	Boys' School, King Street
Miss Harris (F)	,, ...	1, Brewer Street
Miss Hesketh (F)	,, ...	S. Martin's Vestry
Miss Compton (F)	,, ...	Girls' Schools, King Street

MEN'S MEETING.

Every Sunday Afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 at the Parish Room.

President: The Rector
Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. Mountford
Treasurer: Mr. W. Norman

Committee: Messrs. Barrymore, Henderson, and Hill

THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH.

IN THE SCHOOLS, KING STREET, EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 10.30.

Chaplain: Rev. A. Eglington.
Warden: Mr. J. N. Salmon, 67, Mount Street, Old Charlton
Treasurer: Miss Thomas 201, Eglinton Road
Hon. Organist: Mr. E. A. Pierce

Choir: Messrs. Fowler, H. Hunt, Jones, Wellard, and
Children's Wardens: Messrs. Blackwell, Dodson, E. Hunt; Misses Moore, and a *rota* of Sunday School Teachers

AT THE PARISH ROOM,

RECTORY GARDEN.

One of the Clergy attends every day, except Saturday and Sunday, at 10 a.m., to receive applications for aid, advice, for signing papers, &c.

Mothers' Meeting: Mondays, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lady Supt, Mrs. Escreet; Assist. Lady Supts., Mrs. Lockwood and Miss Fuller
Maternity Society: Tuesdays, 11 to 12. Hon. Sec, Mrs. Rahtz, Ruxley House, Parson's Hill
Girls' Friendly Society: Hon. Sec., Miss A. Wilson, 121 Church Lane, Charlton Recreation and Needlework Classes for Candidates on Tuesdays, 6 to 7.30 p.m., for Members on Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.
Men's Guild: President, The Rector; Sec., Mr. C. Bigg, 108 Samuel Street; Assist. Sec., Mr. H. Hunt. Meets first Monday in the month (after Evensong at Church)
Guild of Perseverance: For young men who have been confirmed; Chaplain; The Rev. A. Eglington; Sec., Mr. W. F. Fowler, 11 Lower Maryon Road; meets second Wednesday in the month at 8.30 p.m.
Students' Union: Tuesdays at 8 p.m., (except when Winter courses of lectures); Hon. Sec., Mr. A. Ellis, 187 Eglinton Road
Library: Every Wednesday night, 6 to 7 p.m. Librarian, Miss Mascall, 53 Nightingale Vale
Jumble Sales: Monthly; Sec., Mrs. Escreet, The Rectory. Things gratefully received and carriage paid
Grey Lady: Miss Fuller
Dorcas Society: Every Friday, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Rectory. Mrs. Escreet will gladly introduce any lady wishing to join

AT THE SCHOOLS.

Temperance Brass and Reed Band: Every Tuesday, 8 to 10 p.m. Director, Rev. H. G. Veazey; Secretary, Mr J. Gibbons, 52, Brewer Street; Treasurer, Mr. W. Webb, 26, Spray Street; Bandmaster, Mr. T. J. McMullen
Orchestral Society: Every Wednesday, 8 to 10 p.m. Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. T. W. McMullen, 5, Henry Street; Conductor, Mr. T. J. McMullen
Young Men's Society: Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 p.m. Chaplain, Rev. A. Eglington; Hon. Sec., Mr. W. Wellard, 52, Powis Street. Gymnasium in connection.
Boys' Brigade: Mondays and Saturdays, at 8 p.m. Officer Commanding, Rev. H. G. D. Latham Lieuts., D. L. Holland, C. Jones (Treas.), 173 Griffin Road, Plumstead
Choral Society: Fridays, 8 p.m. Conductor, Mr H. A. Allison, 36, Maryon Road
Higher Religious Education: Lectures, in connection with the Rochester Diocesan Board of Education, on Wednesdays (6 to 7.30), by the Rev. H. G. Veazey
Jackdaw Negro Troupe: Fridays, at 8 p.m. Director, Rev. H. G. D. Latham; Sec., Mr. A. J. Godfrey, 64, Brewer Street

EXTRA PAROCHIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Charity Organization Society: 1, Brewer Street. Sec., Mr. H. V. Toynbee. Office hours, 10 to 12, or at other times by appointment.
The Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants: Apply at the Connaught Coffee Tavern, Thursday, between 10 and 12. Sec, Mr. C. H. Grinling, 6, Russell Place
Woolwich Polytechnic: William Street. Sec., Mr. F. Didden
University Extension Society: Secs., Mr. A. Ellis and Mr. W. Gillam
Hearts of Oak Friendly Society: Apply to Local Secretary, Mr. Tailby, 35, King Street, or 1, Brewer Street
Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows: Apply to Beaven, 57, St. Mary Street
Children's Country Holiday Fund: Hon. Sec., Miss Craig, 1, Brewer Street. S. Mary's Representative on Committee, Rev. A. Eglington
Nursing Association: Miss Wallich, 103, Herbert Road.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

(The Schools, King Street, Monday Nights, 6.30 and 8.15 p.m.)

SENIOR.

resident: The Rector
ice-Presidents: Rev. H. G. Veazey; Rev. A. Eglington
reasurer: Mr. G. Taylor
ianists: Miss Weekes, Miss Bullen
ibrarian: Mr. C. Blackwell
on. Sec.: Mr. W. A. Day, 198, High Street, Plumstead

Assistant Hon. Sec.: Mr. W. S. Cundy, 3, Godfrey Hill, Woolwich
Committee: Miss Bullen, Miss Crossley, Mrs. Escreet, Miss G. Harris, Mrs. Johnson, and Messrs. Asprey, Blackwell, Custance, and Dodson

JUNIOR (Band of Hope).

resident: The Rector
uperintendent: Rev. H. G. Veazey
ianists: Miss Weekes, Miss G. Hurford
on. Sec.: Mr. T. R. Ellis, 5, Cambridge Place, Woolwich
ssistant Hon. Sec.: Mr. W. Parsons, 1a, Wellington Street

Wardens: Miss Adair, Miss H. Callaway, Miss M. Conolly, Mr. W. Green, Miss F. Harris, Miss A. Hesketh, Miss Hunt, Miss Hurford. Miss G. Hurford, Miss Kingston, Miss Moore, Mr. C. Prince, Miss Veazey, Miss Weekes, Miss Wright

DISTRICT VISITORS' SOCIETY.

Objects: To enable the Church to fulfil her uty towards the weekly wage-earners of the arish; to promote religious and social sympathy etween neighbour and neighbour; to encourage rift, sobriety, and cleanliness; to report for ssistance exceptional cases of sickness and istress; to awaken spiritual life, set forth Christ the people, enkindle enthusiasm for His Society, nd an intelligent appreciation of the Sacraments nd Services.

Rule 1. To unite in silent prayer for the arish at the Holy Communion on the first Sunday the month. 2. To collect the Provident payents on a regular day weekly. 3. To call on *all* from time to time, to leave almanack and other notices. 4. To circulate *Parish Magazine* monthly.

Members: Mrs. Cleall, Colton, Escreet, Sharman, Stowe, Howe, Thomas, Turvey, Wright, Wellard, West; the Misses Adair, F. Allen, Anderson, J. Anderson, H. Callaway, Clarke, B. Clarke, Clothier, L. Clothier, Conolly, M. Conolly, Forrest, Fuller, Godfrey, Greenough, Harris, B. Jelley, Moore, Thomas, Thompson, Veazey, Webber, Weekes, Williams; Messrs. Conway and Burnett.

STREETS IN THE PARISH.

The Rev. H. G. Veazey's District: Mason Street, rancis Street (32 to 41), Ann Street, Rush Grove reet, Rush Grove, Artillery Place, Lyon's Yard, therine Square, Back Lane, Mulgrave Place, tory Place, Charles Street (25 to 35), Brewer eet, Brewer Place, Red Lion Street.

The Rev. C. E. Escreet's and the Rev. A. Eglington's trict: Coleman Street, E., Short Street, Parson's ll, Sun Street, Church Street, Church Hill, S. ary Street, Orchard Place, Orchard Street, arles Street (37 to 58), King Street, Rectory ove.

The Rev. H. G. D. Latham's District: William reet, Upper Market Street, Lower Market Street, omas Street, Powis Street, Eleanor Road, Clara Place, Wellington Street (west side), Hare Street (west side), High Street, Nile Street, Monk Street.

The density of the population precludes entirely house-to-house visitation by the Clergy, but *the Clergy will gladly call at any address* that may be forwarded to them; they can be seen at the Vestry after any Service.

The Clergy will always undertake to enquire into the case of any resident in the Parish, who may beg assistance at private houses, and return a prompt answer. They will gladly advise how best they may be helped, and will, if necessary, find an almoner. In other cases reference should be made to the office of the *Charity Organisation* at 1, Brewer Street.

Registrars of Births and Deaths: Dockyard District (west of Rectory Place), Mr. Anderson, 26, Rectory Place; Arsenal District (east of Rectory Place), Mr. Peplow, Dispensary, Rectory Place.

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. Smith, Town Hall, to whom instant complaints of bad drainage, &c., should be made.

NOTABILIA.

The Hymn Book used is *Hymns, Ancient and Modern*. Copies, 1d., 4d., and 1/-, with Tunes 2/-. Can be obtained at any book shop in the town. The Psalter is the Cathedral, 1/- each. The Chant Book is the Cathedral, 1/6 each. Psalter and Hymn Book bound together, 1/6 and 2/- each. The Cathedral Prayer Book is used by the Choir, 3/- each, to be obtained of Mr. Squires, Wellington Street.

The Offertory is entirely given to the Church expenses, parish work, and special objects approved by the Church Committee. To be free from debt the ordinary mid-day offertory should average £3; the evening, £4.

If *late* for the Service, it is desirable not to disturb the prayers of others, but to kneel in the aisle, and wait until the singing commences.

At Baptisms, it is desirable that father and mother should both be present. If the father cannot attend it should be mentioned at the time of Churching. As to God-parents, it is a grand thing to have a real friend who will promise before God to pray for, and care for, your child; but it is better that there should be none, save the parents, than that those should stand who attach no meaning to their promise. There is no fee for the Sacrament, but an opportunity is given of making an offering on behalf of the Sunday School.

Churchings are taken before or after any Service. There is no fee, but an opportunity is given of making an offering on behalf of the Sick Poor.

At Holy Communion, kneeling or standing, for those who are strong, is the proper attitude during the Service, unless there is a Sermon.

Banns of Marriage. Forms of entry should be obtained, filled in, signed, and left with the Clerk, Mr. Moore, 41, Rectory Place.

Funerals. *Friends having sad occasion to bury the dead* are counselled so employ an undertaker who will avoid the needless expense and heathenish trappings so common. The use of the Church can always be obtained for the first part of the Service. The only fee is 1/- the bell. An offering is asked for the Sick Poor.

It is earnestly desired that at all Services the whole congregation will follow carefully the rubrical directions of the Prayer Book as to *kneeling* and *standing*, and join with a "loud voice" in the praise and prayer.

Letters of Commendation will be gladly given by the Rector to parishioners removing to another parish.

Prayer for the Parish.

O Lord, look down in mercy upon the Parish, and forgive us our grievous sins. Root out from among us, especially, the deadly sins of selfishness and idleness, drunkenness and unchastity. May many souls be turned unto Thee. Bless those who love Thee,* and do Thou keep all those who are walking in the way of life steadfast unto the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted,* and make their sufferings a blessing to them. Bless to us all the means of grace. Prosper Thy servants the Clergy, Teachers, and Visitors in their holy work. And in Thine own good time heal all our divisions, and make us one, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —

* Here let intercession be made for special persons.

Prayer for the Home.

O Lord God, Father of all, Who by Thy Son, Jesus Christ's Birth at Bethlehem and Life of Nazareth didst christen all home life, look down on us who are members of this home. Help us each after our several callings, Father, Mother, Children (and Maid Servants) to serve Thee; help us to be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us; inspire us to work as to Thee and not merely with eye service as men pleasers, helping to bear each other's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ. bind us all together in the common love of Thee, and the equal fellowship of Thy Holy Church. Grant that our home here may be an earnest of Thy Home hereafter, to which in Thy mercy bring us all together in Thine own time, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

S. MARY'S DAY SCHOOL.—MANAGERS.

1	Rev. C. E. Escreet, *Chairman*		The Rectory
2	Mr. W. J. Lockwood, *Treasurer*		62, Church Hill, Woolwich
3	,, S. J. Clothier, *Correspondent*		86, Woodland Terrace, Old Charlton
4	Mrs. Escreet,		The Rectory
5	,, Rahtz, *Elected*		Ruxley House, Parson's Hill, Woolwich
6	,, Sharland,		Capital & Counties Bank, Green's End, Woolwich
7	Rev. H. G. Veasey, *Ex-Officio*		56, Brewer Street, Woolwich
8	Mr. G. Champion,		Post Office, Church Street, Woolwich
9	,, O. Cook, *Charities*		Eleanor Road, Woolwich
10	,, L. Webber,		Powis Street, Woolwich
11	,, E. Sampson,		Parson's Hill, Woolwich
12	,, R. J. Warren,		Hare Street, Woolwich
13	,, G. Banister, *Elected*		Royal Arsenal, Woolwich
14	,, Sharland,		Capital & Counties Bank, Green's End, Woolwich
15	,, Barrymore,		3, Hanover Terrace, Brookhill Park, Woolwich
16	,, Rev. G. Latham		The Rectory
17	,, Gilham,		17, Upper Market Street, Woolwich
18	,, Brooks, *Representing Parents*		82, St. Mary Street, Woolwich
19	,, Walpole,		49, Powis Street, Woolwich
20	,, Churchwarden Bigg, *Ex-Officio* ...		Samuel Street, Woolwich
*21	,, ,, Woodford,		15, Nightingale Place, Woolwich

* Declines to Act,

STATISTICS.

	Mar. 31/92—93.	Mar. 31/93—94.
Population	14343	14343
Births	271	281
Marriages	94	83
Baptisms	339	294
Churchings (Oct. 14-Mar. 31)	113	253
Confirmees		33
Communions—Men ...	3047	1365 / 4168
Women ...		2803
Easter Communion ...	309	332
Christmas ,, ...	239	255
Total Offertories ...	£397	£466
,, Subscriptions ...		
National Schools—		
Boys, average on books	250	266
,, average attendance	229	240
Girls, average on books	275	271
,, average attendance	212	221
Infants, average on books	257	256
,, average attendance	203	204
Total children at School	782	793
Sunday School—		
Boys, average on books	111	126
,, average attendance	—	95
Girls, average on books	178	174
,, average attendance	137	143
Infants, average on books	130	140
,, average attendance	92	108
Total children at S. School	419	440
Teachers, average on books	47	50
Applications at Parish Room for help, &c. (Oct. 4-Mar. 31)	209	478
Hospital, Convalescent, &c., Letters given	7	65

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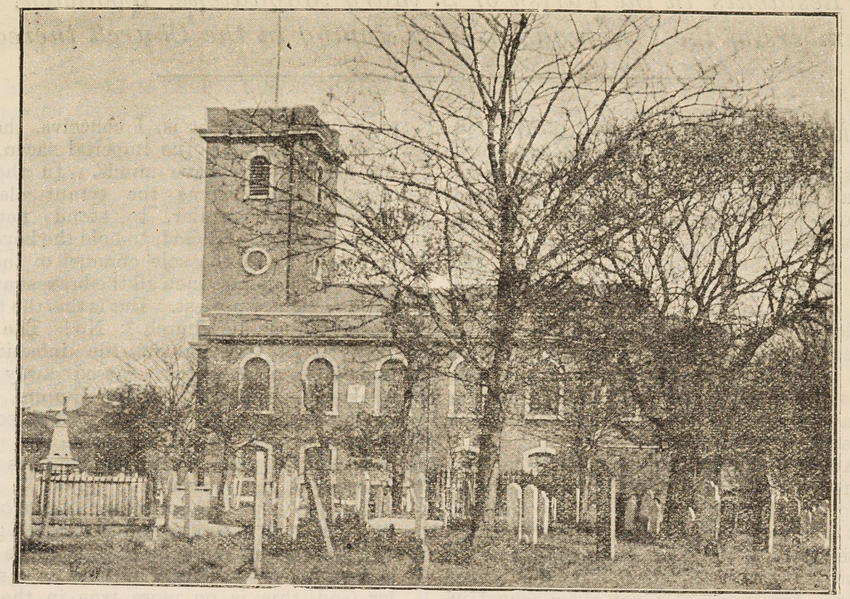

The Parish Church of S. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich.

First built Anno Domini 400 *(Circa).* *Rebuilt Anno Domini* 1735.

Sacraments.

Holy Baptism—
Every Sunday, 5 p.m.
Every Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.
Every Friday, 11 a.m.

Holy Communion—
Every Sunday, 8 a.m., and mid-day.
First Sunday in the month, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and mid-day (choral).
Holy Days, 7.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Services.

Sunday, 11 a.m., Mattins ; 11.45, Sermon ; 12.15, Holy Communion ; 3 p.m. (for Children) ; 4 p.m. (Courses of Lectures, &c.) ; 6.30 p.m., Evensong.
Day by Day, Mattins, 8 a.m. ; Evensong, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., with Address.
Friday, 11 a.m., Litany.
Holy Days, *see Notices.*

Churchings before or after any of the Services. There are no fees for Churchings or Baptisms. The offerings at Churchings are for the Sick Poor ; at Baptisms for the Sunday Schools.

There is a *Weekly Offertory.* The proceeds are devoted entirely to the Church and Mission works of the Parish. It should average £10 a Sunday to maintain them efficiently.

ALL SEATS FREE AND UNAPPROPRIATED.

To the Residents in the Parish of S. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, and the Members of the Congregation worshipping in the Church thereof.

Introduction. My first duty and pleasure in beginning this review of our work together for the past year and three quarters is to thank you all for the goodwill with which you have made me welcome, and for the trust and forbearance you have extended to me.

Anxious as I have been to preserve the continuity of the parish life—for although God does send earthquakes, ordered growth is His normal rule—it stands to reason different men have different methods. Again and again do I feel myself to be reaping where Bishop Anson and Rector Scott have sown, and am reminded of the Master's saying, how "other men laboured and ye have entered into their labours."

Bishop Anson was the first to bring to Woolwich the glorious enthusiasm of the Catholic Revival, and to win, by his holy life, respect for opinion, which was then looked on with suspicion at every turn; those whom he taught and influenced rose up to carry on the Church's work. Rector Scott, inheriting the traditions of a yet older school in the English Church, brought to his task that "saving common sense of English piety," which has ever proved the salt of our national life. The men and women who have had this schooling are no narrow bigots, but English Catholics in the noblest sense; full, on the one hand, of that sense of responsibility which a God-given trust and a great historic past create; full; on the other hand, of a venturesomeness, an enterprise, and progressive energy, which is born of the faith in an ever present Christ and the inspiration of a Spirit who leads us forward, ever seeking the city which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God.

> One day, thou say'st, there will at last appear,
> The word, the order, which God meant should be;
> Ah! we shall know that well when it comes near,
> The band will quit man's heart, he will breathe free.

The Ideal Church. The Church is no archaic relic of a dead past, but the great school of Christian character, on which all true progress must depend to-day and always.

My root idea of the Church is that it is meant by Christ, to be at once, both democratic and sacramental. The sacraments indeed remain the most democratic institutions even of this day, and these two ideas are not antagonistic and mutually destructive, but essentially related.

What is it that creates such a dread of High Church on the part of so many large-hearted liberal manly minds? It is not its mysteriousness, its love of beauty and order, its reverence, for these things in themselves must be approved by all true natures, but it is, I conceive, the fear that behind all this lies the imperial sacerdotal spirit, the effort to enslave minds. In their historic memory there looms the tyrant claims, both spiritual and secular, to stand between the individual soul and God, to hold the keys of heaven and hell, to be the sole channel of the stream of grace; and against such all the bravest and truest of our day rightly protest. But is this the true view of the ideal Catholic Church? No! The Church of Rome it is true caught the infection of that imperial spirit which passed away from the weakened secular arm of the Empire, to reassert itself in her spiritual chief; and so, by false decretals, and falser exegesis, she sought for spiritual sanctions to the tremendous claims her priests and bishops made.

But the Church is not monarchial in her essential life, she is democratic and republican; that is to say, that while it is true that all office and power is from above and must be held as a sacred trust for God, this is no more true in the life of the Church than of the State. Authority comes to the bishops and priests of Christ's Church from Christ alone, but through the corporate action of the whole body of the Church and not as if Christ appointed them to be lords over His heritage (*1 S. Peter, V., 3.*)

There is no ground for the assertion that He delegated the gifts of grace and the deposit of the faith to a separate college or order. The priest is so called because he is the elder among a society of priests, he exercises his functions, and he alone in the society has the right to exercise those functions, because they are delegated to him for the sake of order by the society of priests and kings that we call the Church. Every member of the Church in the Christian sense is a priest and a king (*Rev. V., 10; 1 S. Peter II. 9.*) Christ warns us to call no man "Master," no man "Father." It is clear He warns us not against the submission to direction which must be in an organized society, nor again against that loving obedience "in the Lord" which we owe to our "fathers" in the home, but against that base surrender of our rights and liberties, and responsibilities, to that Gentile spirit of domination, which, under the guise of humility and faith, claims to lord it over God's heritage.

Never let us forget that it was the whole one hundred and twenty in that first Christian community which chose out Matthias, that it was to all the one hundred and twenty that the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, and that S. Paul claims not to have dominion over the faith of those to whom he writes, but to be a helper of their joy.

But now having tried to remove that stumbling block of a peculiar claim which is sometimes made for the priesthood, it is all the more important that I assert the claims of the Church as the Bride of Christ, the trustee of the faith, the dispenser of the sacraments which Christ gave her as effectual and special means of grace.

And further, it seems to me that in the historical continuity of her threefold order, she has claims to be called *The Church*, hard to gainsay. These three notes of the Church—her creed, her sacraments, her order—are the notes by which she preserves her oneness with the Church of the Apostles, the identity and persistency of her being. There is no bigotry in saying that those who cannot see their way to accept these claims, but who make for themselves a new body, do not belong to the Church as we understand it. We do not condemn them or visit with penalties for not belonging, either in this world or the next; we do not seek to make our spiritual claims the ground of any secular priviledge as compared with others; but the Church, it seems to me, must be a definite body, not a mere flabby expression for all whom we in our individual judgment call good people. We gladly work with others on the ground of our common humanity in all those points wherein we are agreed; we thankfully recognize these good works, but we will not play with the word Church. I do not deny that the Church is competent to alter, but her *rationale*—her creed, her offices, her sacraments of initiation and fellowship, these for eighteen-hundred years she never has altered. They are fixed, primary, divine, and will remain as unchangeable in the kingdom of grace as the primary laws of nature.

The Year past. I turn from these few remarks, as general principles, to note for a few moments the signs of the times, and then to review the many organizations that gather round S. Mary's.

The Social Outlook. That which has marked the year socially has been the advance of the claims of labour. Strikes are like war, always terrible, especially to the women and children, and we must all regret the industrial anarchy which makes them a necessity. There is no doubt that they injure trade terribly, and we cannot turn a deaf ear altogether to those who declare that trade is being ruined by the attacks on capital. And yet, who will say that the labourer gets a fair share of the wealth which he labours to produce. We cannot be content while fortunes are built up by individuals and the men who helped to build them up, though living sober industrious lives, are driven to spend their old age in the workhouse; while families are enriched enormously by the value added to land through the industry of others, many of whom, after paying to excess to live on the land—*our land* we call it—for years, have to seek the workhouse for their old age.

The cure for this is not to be found in any one nostrum, but in slowly, steadily working towards more equality of opportunity and reward. A system of State pensions may do something to this end, co-operative production something more, an eight hours' day as universal as the observance of Sunday something more, land reform something more; and we cannot but rejoice at every step which brings us nearer to that justice between man and man, which is indeed one of the four cardinal virtues on which society must be built.

The Town. In the town the most significant act has been the opening of the baths. I believe we may, without exaggeration, make the proud boast that these are the best in London. It seems to me right that we should try and provide for all to use in common those things which otherwise are only the privileged monopoly of the few. I suppose there were some people, years ago, who opposed making roads, for fear of raising the rates, or objected to lighting the roads.

The time will come I hope, before long, when we shall add a free library to our municipal institutions, thus making another road and adding more light. I pay £65 a year in rates, but as long as it is well spent I will never grudge it.

Spiritual Work. I turn to that which after all lies behind all else, that which in my view is the salt of the nation's life, the only power that brings salvation, because sin eats deeper than men care to think, and is reached only by the grace of God. It is for this end that we unite in the ministry of the word and sacraments of the gospel.

Congregation. I am thankful to record that the congregations have been fairly good; the morning has I think increased, but we might do a great deal better; the evening maintains its numbers.

Communicants. The communicants have increased this year by 1121 to 4168. The numbers at Christmas were 255, and at Easter 332

Baptisms. The Baptisms have numbered 29 and

Churchings: 253.

Confirmations. There were only 33 (11 males, 22 females) confirmed during the year. We ought to have at least 2 per cent. of our population, that is 180 every year.

Marriages : 83, as against 94 in 1892-3.

Offertory. The offertory has, I am thankful to say, increased splendidly. I am not yet content. I think our average should be at least £10 a Sunday, that is £520 a year, and this would soon be accomplished if the congregation responded a little more than they do to a special appeal.

Choir. We owe our warmest thanks to our voluntary choir for the careful and reverent manner in which they have led the service of praise during the year. Also to the Organist and Choirmaster.

Bell-Ringers. It was a pleasure once again to open our bell tower, a pleasure which we owe almost entirely to the zeal and energy of Mr. Masters. Our ringers have been regularly at their duties since. The belfry has unfortunately not been considered as integral a part of the Church as it really is. We hope, more and more, that our ringers will take up their rightful position among the other Church workers, and be found regularly worshipping with those they have called to worship.

Church Officers. The Churchwardens and Sidesmen have been diligent in their duties of seating the people. Indeed, there is a danger lest, like Martha, our Church officers miss the real good in their eagerness to carry out their duties efficiently. They should always set the example of kneeling for prayer, and speak to each other as little as possible.

Restoration. I am thankful to report that the work of restoration, which has been in contemplation for 20 years, is now in good part accomplished. It was a happy day when the Bishop, on October 18th, held the Consecration Service. Much yet remains to be done. We still need £2,000 to complete the work.

The Second Holy Table. A second Holy Table was provided for in the plans passed on to me by Mr. Scott, and so was applied for in the faculty, but an adverse vote, given by people who never come near the Church, was carried in Vestry, and the Chancellor did not feel able to give judgment against the Vestry.

Churchyard. Mr. Passmore Edwards' liberal gift enabled the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association to take in hand the laying out the Churchyard. Never was there such an awful wilderness and dismal waste as S. Mary's Churchyard. We may regret naturally enough, I do myself I know, the clean sweep that the Public Gardens Association has found it necessary to make, but it must be remembered that there was not one grave in the whole Churchyard that anybody ever attempted to keep tidy, and that our reverence for the dead is not necessarily connected with dead stones. There is no more beautiful sight than a Churchyard in which the graves show signs of reverent individual care, nothing uglier than one that is dark, ragged, mouldy, and neglected. With us it was a case of leaving things as they were or the present scheme, and when this is the issue, there can I think be no question as to the decision.

The Day Schools. I am very glad to be able to give a good account of the schools. Mr. Morphew and his staff still maintain the "excellent" standard that has been given them for several years. The Girls' and Infants' Schools have for the last two or three years fallen below "excellent." There has been a change of Head Teachers during the present year, and I am confident that Miss Burns in the Girls', and Miss Black in the Infants', will secure "excellent" The parents, if we may judge by the improved attendance, have already found this out.

S. Martin's. This little Mission in Back Lane can give a very good account of itself during the year. The Sunday Evening Services are well attended, indeed the offertory of 7/- for 60 people puts our evening offertory at the Church to shame, for at the same rate a congregation of 600 should give £3 10s. a Service.

During the week, classes for young women and girls, elder lads and boys, are held; a service and a Communicants' class every Friday, and a social evening on Saturday. A good band of helpers have rallied round Mr. Veazey, who is in charge.

Sunday Schools. The Sunday Schools have increased in numbers from—

	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.
1893	111	178	130	419
1894	126	174	140	440

but still the numbers are not what they should be. We should at least have as many children in the Sunday School as in the Day School. We have just hired a room at the Mulgrave Place Board School and shall hope to develope the work there. There is a good band of volunteers as teachers, and the more time they can give to prayer and study and visiting, the better will our Sunday Schools become.

Sick Poor. It will be seen from our Sick Poor account that we spend about £100 a year. The rules we are obliged to make with regard to our funds are—

1. Not to give when the Guardians help.
2. Not to help out-of-work cases.
3. Not to make help dependent on coming to Church, or to make any distinction between parishioners who go to Church or Chapel.
4. Never to give without enquiry.

Help is given in small pensions, convalescent cases, and sick cases; the casual shilling we never give.

The Charities. A tabulated list of the Parish Charities are given herewith (*vide page* 20), they may be divided roughly into educational, pension, and club charities: the first two are doing good work, but the tickets for coal, meat, and soup, are most unequally, and often inappropriately, distributed. I am now moving the Charity Commissioners to take these and to turn them into pensions. I have also proposed that the Rector and Churchwardens should not be the sole Trustees, but that a Vicar and a Warden from the other parishes in the town, and representatives of the Local Board, be also enrolled as Trustees.

District Visitors. The District Visitors now number 32 We shall hope some day to halve a good many of our districts, for devoted as are the labours of our Visitors, the districts are too large. "How beautiful upon the 'streets' are the feet of them that bring the glad tidings of the gospel of peace." Surely we may thus paraphrase the prophet's words, as we think of the thousand messages of Christ's love and the Church's Mission that our honorary Visitors, in their weekly visits, carry to all the homes around. May God grant to them to see many homes brighter, many lives holier for their visits.

Provident Club. Penny Bank. The Provident Club has collected £143 during the year, the Penny Bank £47. Considering it is the first year it is a most satisfactory result, and we owe our thanks especially to our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Webber for all his trouble.

Maternity Society. Six boxes have been made and furnished. Mrs. Rahtz is in attendance every Tuesday, from 11 till 12 at the Parish Room. Every member on joining is asked to make a small weekly contribution, and the total sum is returned in time of need.

M.C.L. The Ministering Children's League has won for itself a place in the hearts of many of our children and associates. They have been true to their name and have in many ways offered a helping hand to others.

The Brass Band. The Band has proved a tower of strength. Its members have practised regularly and have proved themselves most efficient. They are always ready to give help whenever called upon.

Y.M.S. The Young Men's Society meets at the Schools every Thursday, and is always ready to welcome new members.

Guild. The Men's Guild has met regularly throughout the year. It has endeavoured to fulfil its objects which are

1 Mutual help and encouragement in personal holiness of life.
2 The maintenance and spread of the principles of our faith.

On the first all else depends, the guild must be like salt, for this end we have had our regular communion, a quiet afternoon by Canon Pollock, and addresses by the Revs. J. C. Leeke, W. Wragge, G. H. Aitkin, Scott, and Bishop Anson, and the second is specially important, for this purpose we have had papers followed by discussion, as to the bearing of the faith on life. The Poor Law, A Democratic Church, Marriage, Prayers for the Dead, Ritualism, Intercessory Prayer, Church Work among Seamen. Our members have increased from 41 to 51.

Temperance Work. The Total Abstinence Society has carried on its work regularly every Monday for nine months in the Schools, for three months in the open air. There is certainly terrible need for earnest and presistent Temperance work. The Band of Hope has to turn away children almost every week it is so full. An excellent programme is drawn up every quarter and is well carried through.

Dorcas. The Society of Ladies for sewing meet at the Rectory every Friday. They are always ready to undertake work for the Parish. Last year in addition to preparing for the Dorcas Sale, they helped with the Surplices, and the covering of the Hassocks.

Orchestral Society. Under Mr. McMullen, the Orchestral has it's home at the Schools, and is always ready to render us any help, Those who heard them at the Bazaar and at the Tea in the Drill Hall know how well they have progressed.

G.F.S. The Girl's Friendly Society carries on its good work most energetically. Just 100 girls are members. A class is held by Miss Wilson every Thursday at the Parish room.

Jumble Sales. Monthly at the Parish Room these sales have been held, the takings have averaged £5, they might be much more if all our friends would do their best among their friends to get us more goods for sale. We gladly take anything and everything that is sent, and will always pay carriage or send for things.

Boys' Brigade. Under Mr. Latham's good care, the Boys' Brigade has grown up into a Parish institution, and has we hope come to stay. They have met regularly for Drill and for Bible reading each week. In the Summer they joined another company in camping out at Broxbourne.

Girls' Social Evening. Under Miss Fuller, our Greylady's care, a class meets for Swedish Drill and Social Enjoyment every Wednesday, We hope that possibly it may some day grow into a club.

Library. The Library is now, I am glad to say, in full swing under Miss Mascall's care. We have added a number of books from the S.P.C.K., Rebecca Hussy Book Society and Mudie's Library. There are now 940 volumes of good literature. It is open every Monday from 6 to 7 p.m.

Agenda. The things that present themselves to me as needing to be done, not all at once, but steadily pressing forward towards them are these :—

1 The Completion of the Church Restoration
2 The Restoration of the Schools
3 The formation of a Communicants' Society

Our Neighbours. I am most thankful that throughout the year we have been able from time to time to exchange friendly greetings with our neighbours. No church has opportunities such as the English Church for reconciling differences, for she purposely embraces many minds. It may at an election crisis seem to be a weakness that she cannot marshal her votes as one man, but it is really, for those who look deeper, her strength and one of the causes that preserves religion in England. *Ou Catholique ou atheiste* is the French alternative, with us, there are alternatives other than that. I for one am thankful.

Thanks. Conclusion. With all my heart do I thank those who, throughout the year, have laboured with me to the Kingdom of God. My Brothers in Orders, Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Councillors, our Grey Lady, the District Visitors, Sunday and Day School Teachers, and all the others who in countless ways gave their help.

Without our workers we should be nowhere. I often pray, my friends, that there may be in me a deeper spirit of devotion, that I may carry about *in me* more the dying of the LORD JESUS, that so His life might be more manifested *in you*. Pray for me often. Let us pray for each other that an increased spirit of devotion may be poured out on us, and a greater insistence of perseverance in the Holy War.

I am, yours faithfully,

C. E. ESCREET.

October, 1894.

S. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.

PARISH CHURCH, S. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

Churchwardens' Receipts and Expenditure, from Easter, 1891, to Easter, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Special Funds.						
To Special Offertories ...	118	6	5			
,, Poor Box	3	0	7			
,, Vestry Clerk's Salary	20	0	0			
,, Balance last year ...	1	16	1			
				143	3	1
General Fund.						
To Balance last year ...	3	0	6			
,, General Offertories ...	222	15	1			
,, Collection in lieu of Church Rates ...	51	1	0			
,, School Managers (Caretaker) ...	20	0	0			
,, Pupils' Fees, Use of Organ	1	11	0			
,, Local Board for repairs	13	17	0			
				312	4	7
				£455	7	

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Special Funds.						
By Poor Relief Fund ...	51	10	8			
,, Hospital Sunday Fund	15	1	7			
,, S. Mary Day Schools	18	4	9			
,, Rochester Board Education	2	8	1			
,, Choir Fund ...	19	18	6			
,, Bishop Anson's Fund	7	0	1			
,, Rochester Diocesan Society	7	5	4			
,, Vestry Clerk's Salary	20	0	0			
,, Cottage Hospital ...	1	14	1			
				143	3	1
General Fund.						
By Salaries :—	£	s.	d.			
Caretaker ...	96	5	0			
Organist	35	0	0			
Sexton	20	0	0			
Choir Master ...	10	0	0			
Bell Ringers ...	10	0	0			
Extra do.	1	1	0			
Organ Blower ...	4	4	0			
,, Water Rates ...	2	0	0			
,, Gas (four quarters) ...	26	11	6			
,, Printing	4	7	10			
,, Coal	7	6	0			
,, Repairs, various ...	38	18	0			
,, Hymn Books ...	2	14	5			
,, Floor Cloth, Belfry ...	5	15	0			
,, S. Mary's Home ...	1	0	0			
,, Wood St. ,, ...	5	0	0			
,, Rochester Diocesan Temperance Society	1	0	0			
,, Fire Insurance ...	6	4	0			
,, Painting notice boards	3	13	6			
,, Washing Surplices, &c.	7	9	0			
,, Tuning and Repairing Organ	12	4	0			
,, Sacramental Wine ...	7	4	0			
,, ,, Bread ...	1	0	0			
,, Visitation Fees ...		18	0			
,, Various	1	14	2			
,, Cheque Books ...		6	3			
,, Balance at Bank ...		7	11			
				312	4	7
				£455	7	8

Examined and found correct,
J. W. ALLINSON, *Incorporated Accountant.*

F. C. MASCALL,
ROBT. J. WARREN, } *Churchwardens.*

PARISH CHURCH OF S. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

Churchwardens' Receipts and Expenditure from Easter, 1892, to Easter, 1893

Receipts.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Special Funds.		
To Special Offertories ...	186 6 7	
,, Poor Boxes ...	2 14 9	
,, Vestry Clerk's Salary	20 0 0	
		209 1 4
General Fund.		
To Balance last year ...	7 11	
,, General Offertories ...	210 19 3	
,, Collection in lieu of Church Rates ...	50 11 6	
,, School Managers(Caretaker)	20 0 0	
		281 18 8
		£491 0 0

Expenditure.

	£ s. d.	£ s.
Special Funds.		
By Poor Relief Fund ...	43 3 6	
,, Hospital Sunday Fund	7 7 0	
,, Woolwich Cottage Hospital ...	7 7 0	
,, Rochester Diocesan Society	7 13 7	
,, Choir Fund ...	14 14 3	
,, Church Restoration ...	17 2 1	
,, Woolwich National Schools ...	26 10 2	
,, Church Bells ...	11 3 4	
,, Altar and Flower Fund	4 18 1	
,, Children's Window (in hand at Bank) ...	1 8 5	
,, Assistant Clergy ...	35 9 0	
,, Sunday Schools ...	8 4 10	
,, S. Martin's Mission ...	4 0 1	
,, Vestry Clerk's Salary	20 0 0	
		209 1 4
General Fund.		
By Caretaker	85 15 0	
,, Organist	35 0 0	
,, Sexton	20 0 0	
,, Choirmaster ...	10 0 0	
,, Bellringers ...	11 1 0	
,, Organ Blower ...	4 9 3	
,, Water Rates ...	2 0 0	
,, Gas	42 16 6	
,, Printing	13 10 0	
,, Coal	3 9 0	
,, Repairs, various ...	4 18 7	
,, Washing Surplices ...	7 1 0	
,, New Material for do.	2 0 11	
,, Sacramental Wine ...	3 12 0	
,, ,, Bread ...	14 5	
,, Advertisements ...	16 0	
,, Visitation Fees ...	18 0	
,, Tuning Organ ..	5 0 0	
,, Wood Street Home ...	5 0 0	
,, Rochester Diocesan Temperance Soey.	1 0 0	
,, National Schools ...	15 0 0	
,, Insurance	6 4 0	
,, Various	3 6	
,, Cheque Books ...	4 2	
,, Balance at Bank ..	18 7	
,, ,, not paid in Bank	6 9	
		281 18 8
		£491 0 0

I have examined the receipts and payments, together with the vouchers embodied in the above statement of account, and certify the same to be correct in every detail.

S. W. ALLINSON, *Incorporated Accountant.*
11th July, 1893.

C. E. ESCREET,
W. J. SQUIRES,
W. WOODFORD.

WOOLWICH PARISH CHURCH.

List of Subscriptions to Church Expenses, to Easter, 1893.

	£ s. d.
H.M. War Department	20 0 0
Dawson, F. J. ...	2 2 0
Squires, W. J. ...	2 2 0
Banister, Mrs. ...	1 1 0
Rahtz, Mr.	1 1 0
Reed, A. C.	1 1 0
Smith, G. M. ...	1 1 0
Warren, R. J. ...	1 1 0
Woodford, W. ...	18 6
Banister, G.... ...	10 6
Blanchett, G. ...	10 6
Cattermole, Mrs. ...	10 6
Chambers, W. ...	10 6
Church, H. H. ...	10 6
Cook, J. O.	10 6
Cuff, S. H.	10 6
Dale, W. B.... ...	10 6
Hart, C.	10 6
Hughes, Col. E., M.P.	10 6
Lawrence, Geo. ..	10 6
Lockwood, W. F. ...	10 6
Mellish, A. W. ...	10 6
Monk, Mrs. M. A. ...	10 6
Packman & Chennels	10 6

	£ s. d.
Palmer, E. & H. J. ...	10 6
Penfold, A.	10 6
Robinson, G. ...	10 6
Taylor, R.	10 6
Champion, G. J. ...	10 0
Davis, D.	10 0
Fuller, Mrs.	10 0
Moore, J. W. ...	10 0
Morphew, G. ...	10 0
Paine, J. K. & Sons	10 0
Wilson, J.	7 6
Allinson, S. W. ...	5 0
A Friend	5 0
Chipp, A. J.	5 0
Clark, Mr.	5 0
Clothier, S. J. ...	5 0
Clothier, W. ...	5 0
Holder, Mr. ..	5 0
Jackson, J. P. ...	5 0
Jones, Mr.	5 0
Lockyer, Miss ...	5 0
Luntley, H.	5 0
Mascall, F. C. ...	5 0
Masters, E. O. ...	5 0
McBride, T. H. ...	5 0

	£ s. d.
Newman, T.... ...	5 0
Porter, Mrs	5 0
Ryan, W. & Co. ...	5 0
Taylor, G.	5 0
Thomas, H. O. ...	5 0
Whomes, Miss ...	5 0
A Member of St. Mary's	2 6
Do. do.	2 6
Allen, E. A.	2 6
A Friend	2 6
Edgar, J.	2 6
Fowler, Mr.	2 6
Godfrey, Mr. ...	2 6
Lang, Mr.	2 6
Norman, C.	2 6
Norman, W. ..	2 6
One who wishes to help	2 6
Phillips, E.	2 6
Roffey, J.	2 6
Taylor, G. F. ..	2 6
W. H. P.	2 0
	£50 11 6

December, 1893.

W. J. SQUIRES,
W. WOODFORD, } Churchwardens.
C. E. ESCREET, Rector.

THE GUILD OF S. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.

Balance Sheet for the year ending December, 1892.

1892. Receipts.	£ s. d.
January, by Balance from 1891 ...	1 0
,, ,, Offertory at Annual Service	10 6
March ,, ,, Monthly Service	6 2½
April ,, ,, ,, ,,	6 5
May ,, ,, ,, ,,	7 1½
June ,, ,, ,, ,,	3 7
July ,, ,, ,, ,,	4 10
Sept. ,, ,, ,, ,,	4 3
Oct. ,, ,, ,, ,,	8 3½
Nov. ,, ,, ,, ,,	4 3½
Dec. ,, ,, ,, ,,	2 5
By Badge :—Messrs. Conway, Burnett, H. Hunt, Humphries, Barrymore, Somers, E. Hunt, Cornish, Dodson, 9 at 2/-	18 0
Donation from Mr. Squires... ...	2 6
	£3 19 5

1892. Expenditure.	£ s. d.
February, by Postage, &c.	1 6
March ,, ,, ...	1 8
April ,, ,, ...	1 3
May ,, ,, ...	1 0
June ,, ,, ...	1 0
July ,, ,, ...	1 0
August ,, ,, ...	1 6
September ,, ,, ...	1 9
October ,, ,, ...	1 0
November ,, ,, ...	1 8
December ,, ,, ...	1 4
By Badge returned (Wellard) ...	2 0
,, Guild Social	11 0
,, Printing and Stationery account 1890-1-2	2 11 9
	£3 19 5

Treasurer, Mr. W. J. SQUIRES. Examined and found correct. R. BARRYMORE.

CHARITIES OF S. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

From Easter, 1892, to Easter, 1893.

Description of Charity.	Receipts.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
Mrs. Wither's Educational—£1,220 6s. 0d., Consolidated Stock at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' dividends, viz., April, 1892, to June, 1893, inclusive at £8 7s 9d	33 11 0	S. Mary's Schools ...	24 11 0
			S. Michael's Schools	5 0 0
			S. Thomas's Schools	4 0 0
		33 11 0		33 11 0
Mr. Hardin's Tomb—£105 do., at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' dividends, as above, at 14/5	2 17 8	By Churchwardens ...	2 17 8
Mr. Loat's Tomb—£101 2s. 9d. do., at 2¾ % ...	4 Quarters' do., at 13/10	2 15 4	By Churchwardens ...	2 15 4
Rev. Fraser's Tomb—£21 10s. 2d. do., at 2¾ % ...	4 Quarters' do., at 2/11	11 8	By Churchwardens ...	11 8
Mrs. Parkes' Bequest—£100 do., at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' do., at 13/9	2 15 0	To 4 Poor Widows ...	2 15 0
Mrs. Clarke's Bequest—£3,000 do., at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' do., at £20 12s. 6d. ...	82 10 0	To Annuitants ...	82 10 0
Mr. Shersby's Bequest—£492 10s., at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' do., at £3 7s. 8d. ...	13 10 8	To Soup Society ...	13 10 0
			Balance	8
		13 10 8		13 10 8
Gen. Smith's Bequest—£1,785 do., at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' do., at £12 5s. 5d. ...	49 1 8	To Bread	23 19 5
			,, Coal	39 10 0
Mrs. Wither's Bequest—£405 do., at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' do., at £2 15s. 9d. ...	11 3 0	,, Printing tickets for do.	2 4 9
			,, Printing Clarke's Notices ...	5 0
Mr. Robert's Bequest—£1 per year from Crown and Anchor	2 Years' arrears ...	2 0 0	,, Cheque Book ...	2 1
			Balance at Bank on Hardin's, Loat's, and Fraser's tombs	6 4 8
	Balance—			
	Hardin's Tomb ...	2 17 8	Balance at Bank on Smith's & Wither's Bequest for bread and coal	3 9 11
	Loat's Tomb ...	2 15 4		
	Fraser's Tomb ...	11 8		
	Shersby's Tomb...	8		
	Last year ...	7 5 10		
		£75 15 10		£75 15 10

I have examined the receipts and payments, together with the vouchers embodied in the above account, and certify the same to be correct.

S. W. ALLINSON, *Incorporated Accountant.*
20th July, 1893.

C. E. ESCREET,
W. J. SQUIRES,
W. WOODFORD.

ALTAR AND FLOWER FUND, 1892-3.

Receipts.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Rev. and Mrs. Escreet ...	3 2 0	Mrs. Mascall	2 0
Miss Whomes (2 quarters)	7 6	Miss Conolly	6
Miss McCallum	2 6	Miss West	1 0
Cheque from Offertory ...	2 3 1	Mr. Cook	2 6
Misses Wilson (2 quarters)	15 0	Mrs. Henderson	2 6
Mrs. Cleall (2 qrs.)	2 0	Mrs. Naylor	1 0
Miss Veazey	6	Mr. G. Moore	2 0
Mr. Morphew	1 0	,, Clothier	6
,, Godfrey	1 0	,, Masters	1 0
,, Dodson	6	Miss A. Champion	1 0
,, Pierce	6	Mr. W. E. Squires	1 0
,, Norman (2 quarters)	2 0	,, Webber	2 6
Miss Ramsey	2 6	,, A. J. Chipp	1 0
Collected by Miss Veazey	13 0	Miss F. Thomas	1 0
Mrs. Sharland	1 0	Mrs. Champion	1 0
,, F. Sharland	2 6	Cheque from Offertories	2 15 0
Mr. J. Moore	2 6	Cr. Calico not used ...	4 4½
Mrs. Squires (2 quarters) ...	5 0	Sale of Pot Flowers ...	3 9
Miss N. Squires	1 0	Miss Britter	1 0
Mrs. Lockwood	2 6	,, Forest ...	6
Mr. Woodford	2 6	Mrs. Barrat ...	2 0
Miss Haggis	2 0	,, Escreet, Sn.	1 0 0
		Mr. Squires	10 0
		Mr. Naylor	2 6
		Picked up ...	3
			£14 11 11½

Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
String		2 0
Wire		1 8½
Receipt Book		6
Paper		2 0
Calico		4 4½
Moss		7 6½
Foreman		5 0
Washleather and Dusters		3 8
Flowers for S. Mary's—		
Per Various	2 2 9	
Per Beard	4 2 2—6	4 11
Cross (Naylor)		7 6
Tins, ,, ...		3 7 6
Tins, Painting (Foreman)		3 0
Screen (Dodson)		15 0
Total—S. Mary's ...		12 4 8½
Flowers for S. Martin's		2 6 0
Balance in hand		1 3
		£14 11 11½

Examined with vouchers and found correct,
Mrs. SHARLAND, *Treasurer.* W. J. SQUIRES.

SCHOOL TREATS' ACCOUNT FOR 1892.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Subscriptions		27 9 9
,, Contributions from Sunday School Teachers, and Scholars	7 6 8	
,, Tickets sold to Friends for Sunday School Treat	4 15 6	—12 2 2
,, Sale of Surplus Cake, &c., from Infants' School Treat		5 10
		£39 17 9

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Balance due to Treasurer on 1891 Account		19
Sunday School Treat.		
By Special Train to Chingford	12 10 0	
,, Teas for Teachers, Children, and Friends ...	13 6 0	
,, Refreshments for Band ...	1 1 6	
,, Printing	15 0	
,, Sundries	8 0	—28 0
Infants' Day and Sunday School Treat.		
,, Teas for Children ...	3 13 4	
,, Toys do. ...	1 9 4	
,, Ventriloquist	1 1 0	
,, Sundries	8 0	— 6 11
Day School Treat.		
,, Hire of Town Hall ...	1 3 6	
,, Buns, Oranges and Sweets	2 19 4	
,, Sundries	2 6	— 4 5
,, Balance		1
		£39 17

Examined and compared with vouchers, and found correct.
13th July, 1893. W. F. LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.* F. SHARLAND, *Auditor.*

S. MARTIN'S MISSION, WOOLWICH.

Account to 31st March, 1893.

Mr. G. J. CHAMPION, *Treasurer*.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Ordinary Offertories :—						
July 30 -		1	4½			
Aug. 7 -		1	4½			
,, 14 -		1	11			
,, 21 -		1	6½			
,, 28 -		1	8			
Sep. 4 -		1	8			
,, 11 -		1	11			
,, 18 -		2	3			
,, 25 -		1	8			
Oct. 2 -		2	6			
,, 6 -	1	1	9			
,, 9 -		5	5			
,, 16 -		2	0			
,, 23 -		3	6			
,, 30 -		3	9			
Nov. 6 -	1	2	0½			
,, 13 -		4	10			
				9	16	4½
By Special Offertories :—						
Nov. 20th (Church Bells)			4 2			
Dec. 25th (Xmas Poor)			6 0			
Jan. 15th (Asst. Clergy)			3 10½			
Feb. 5th (Sun. School)			3 6½	—	17	7
Children's Offertories—Four months, for Banner					19	1
By Subscriptions :—						
Dec. 24 Miss Cogswell	1	0	0			
Feb. 9 Mr. Champion	1	0	0			
,, 19 Mr. Gauron ...		1	0			
Mar. 12 Rev. Chapman	5	0	0			
,, 15 A Friend ...		1	0			
,, 31 Mrs. Escreet, Sr.	2	0	0			
,, 31 Mr. Squires...	1	1	0	—	10	3	0
By Offertories from S. Mary's per Churchwardens ...					4	0	1
By Contributions to Cassocks :—						
Mrs. Sharland ...			5 0			
,, F. Sharland ...			10 0			
,, Fuller			5 0			
,, Squires			5 0			
,, Escreet			1 0			
,, Rahtz			2 6			
Miss Mackenzie ...			10 0			
,, Futvoye ...			10 0			
,, Lunham ...			10 0			
,, West			10 0			
G. Gauron			1 0			
W. Green			1 0			
H. Green			1 0			
L. Dunn			1	—	3	11	7
Rector, advanced for Restoration of Interior					12	4	9
,, advance (since repaid) ...					7	3	0
				£48	15	5½	

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 20 To Restoring Interior, Mr. J. H. Hodgin (contract)				12	4	9
To Repairs :—						
Harmonium, Cumberbeach ...		10	0			
Gas, Bidgood ...		9	6			
Stove and piping, Naylor	2	5	0			
Various, Dodson ...		8	4			
Shed, cost of material only, Conway		8	0			
Lock 6d. window cord 6d.		1	0	—	4	1
By New Things :—						
Font, carriage & packing		9	7			
Hymn Books, Clowes, less grant ...		16	3			
Chancel Fittings ...		3	8½			
Altar Curtains ..	2	0	0			
Material for Scroll, Conway ...		1	9			
India Rubber Stamps ...		4	9			
Notice Book 1/- Almanacs 3d.		1	3			
Music, Squires ...		12	0	—	4	9	3½
To Printing, Cattermole ...				...	17	9
,, Coals, Winter				...	1	16	0
,, Wood				...	1	0
,, Insurance ...				...	7	6
,, Gas, 2/3, 9/3 and 8/- ...					19	6
,, Ground Rent					19	6
,, Caretaker, (Mrs. Green)				...	7	12	0
,, Carriage of Tracts ...				...			6
,, Hire of Slides, &c., Lantern Services ..				...		14	0
To Special Offertories paid :—						
Belfry Fund ..	4	2				
Christmas Poor Fund ...	6	0				
Assistant Clergy ...	3	11				
Sunday School	3	6½	—	17	7½	
,, Material for Boys' Cassocks			...	3	11	3
,, Choir Boys					15	7
,, Fruit for Harvest Festival			...		1	0
,, Washing Surplices, Mrs. Green			...		12	9
,, Repaid Rector, part advance			...	7	3	0
,, Balance in Treasurer's hands, 31st March, 1893 ...			...	1	10	7½
				£48	15	5½

Examined and found correct. F. SHARLAND.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS (including S. MARTIN'S).

From 1st January, 1892, to 31st March, 1893.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
In hand, 1st January, 1892 ...	15	1	10
Profits on sale of Tickets for Crystal Palace Choir Festival ...		12	11
Ditto Concert at Freemasons' Hall ...	9	16	4
Offertory, S. Mary's	8	4	10
Ditto, S. Martin's		3	6½
Sale of Programmes at Prize Distribution		7	0
Subscriptions :—			
Mrs. Escreet, Senr.	2	0	0
Rector and Mrs. Escreet ...	2	2	0
Mr. Squires		10	6
	£38	18	11½

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Lesson Books for 1892	1	14	6
Certificates, January, 1892		6	1
Books for Prizes, do.	7	11	3
Hire of Hall (proportion) do.... ...	1	5	0
Lesson Books for 1893	3	2	7½
Certificates, January, 1893		4	0
Books for Prizes, do.	6	6	5
Hire of Hall do.	2	2	0
Attendant at Hall		5	0
Hymn Book with Tunes ..		1	11
Roll Books, Admission Books, and Registers	1	14	0
Rent for Schools	2	10	0
Printing	3	19	8
Sundries		7	3
Balance in hands of Treasurer ...	7	9	3
	£38	18	11½

Examined and compared with vouchers, and found correct.

10th June, 1893. L. J. LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer*. F. C. MASCALL.

DORCAS SOCIETY.

Treasurer : Mrs. ESCREET.

This Society has met regularly once a week since January last, and the maternity boxes, for which the ladies are at present working, are through their kind exertions getting properly stocked with the necessary articles. Below will be found a list of Subscribers and a Balance Sheet. We should be glad to welcome more ladies in our number ; the half-crown subscription being purely optional.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
A Friend		2	6
Allinson, Mrs.		2	6
Bamforth, Mrs.		2	6
Champion, Mrs.		2	6
Edwards, Miss		2	6
Escreet, Mrs.		2	6
Fuller, Mrs.		2	6
Lockwood, Mrs.		2	6
Mascall, Miss		2	6
Mascall, Miss A.		2	6
Rahtz, Mrs.		2	6
Sharland, Mrs.		2	6
Sharland, Mrs. F.		2	6
Squires, Mrs.		2	6
Whomes, Miss		2	6
Williams, Miss		2	6
	£2	0	0
Balance due to Treasurer			9½
	£2	0	9½

Cr.	£	s.	d.
Trimming			7
Calico		3	9
Ditto		5	0
Sheeting		6	9
Calico		9	0
Flannel		12	11
Binding			9
Sheeting		2	0
	£2	0	9

July 11th, 1893. Examined with vouchers and found correct. W. J. SQUIRES.

ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.

Balance Sheet, 31st March, 1893.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s	d.
Advance by Rector	80	0	0	Rev. W. Wragge, stipend 21/9/92 to 31/3/93	78	14	2
Temporary duty at Union	21	0	0	Rev. H. G. Veazey ,, ,,	78	14	2
Offertories	36	3	10	Cheque book		2	6
Subscriptions	48	0	6	Balance in hand	27	13	6
	£185	4	4		£185	4	4

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rev. S. G. Scott ...	10	0	0	Mr. F. Sharland ...	1	1	0	Miss West		10	0
Mrs. Escreet, senr. ...	5	0	0	,, W. Norman ...	1	0	0	Mr. E. O. Masters ...		5	0
Mr. W. Woodford ...	3	3	0	,, W. F. Lockwood		10	6	,, W. H. Pryce ...		5	0
,, W. J. Squires ...	2	2	0	,, S. J. Clothier ...		10	6	Miss Mackenzie ...		5	0
,, S. H. Cuff ...	2	2	0	,, L. Webber ...		10	6	Mr. S. Allinson ...		5	0
,, E. W. Sampson	2	2	0	,, C. F. Sharman		10	6	,, Wellard ...		5	0
,, D. Christopherson	2	2	0	,, J. O. Cook ...		10	6	,, W. D. Moody ...		5	0
,, R. J. Warren ...	1	1	0	Mrs. Sharland, senr.		10	6	,, C. Bigg		5	0
,, J. A. Birts ...	1	1	0	Mr. H. H. Church ...		10	6	Mrs. Haggis ..		5	0
,, C. W. Rahtz ...	1	1	0	,, Joseph Moore ...		10	6	Mr. H. Godfrey ...		2	6
,, G. W. Mitchell	1	1	0	Dr. Worthington ...		10	6	Mrs. Bird		1	0
Mrs. Fuller ...	1	1	0	Mr. J. Stratton ...		10	6	Miss Compton ...		1	0
Mr. G. W. Blanchett	1	0	0	Dr. Davis		10	6				
,, Bannister ...	1	1	0	Mrs. Cattermole ...		10	6				
,, A. Penfold ...	1	1	0	Mr. C. F. Thorne ...		10	0				
,, R. Pidcock ...	1	1	0	A Friend		10	0		£48	0	6

21st June, 1893. Examined and found correct, W. J. SQUIRES

SICK AND POOR FUND.

Balance Sheet for 50 weeks from Easter, 1892, to Easter, 1893.

Dr.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand at Easter, 1892 ...	33	15	4	*Cr.*			
Special Donations as under:—				By 50 weeks' Relief to Pensioners ...	26	7	6
Mr. D. Christopherson, £2 2 0				,, ,, Temporary Relief ..	35	19	9
Mr. W. J. Squires . . 1 1 0				,, Special Relief paid for Grocery ...	5	4	8
Police Magistrate ... 5 0 0				,, ,, Meat ...	3	11	6
Florence Nightingale Lodge 2 2 0				,, ,, Bread ...		10	10
S. Mary's Young Men's Society 4 17 7				,, ,, Milk ...		2	6
Various small sums .. 8 0—15	10	7		,, ,, Coal ...		4	0
Offertories at S. Mary's:—				,, ,, Food & Beds		8	6
On Christmas Day, 1892 £34 15 3				,, One Year's subscription to Royal Kent Dispensary	2	2	0
,, 31st December, 1892 (Midnight service) ... 2 3 1				,, Loan	3	0	0
Early celebrations in January, February, and March, 1893 ... ... 3 10 5—40	8	9		,, Balance in hands of Treasurer ...	15	4	2
Amount from Poor Box (S. Mary's)	2	14	9				
Offertory at S. Martin on Christmas Evening, 1892	6	0					
	£92	15	5		£92	15	5

Examined and compared with vouchers, and found correct.

13th July, 1893. W. F. LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.* F. SHARLAND, *Auditor.*

MEN'S SOCIETY.

Balance Sheet from March 2nd to September 30th, 1893.

	Income.	£	s.	d.
Mar.	Contributions		10	6
,,	Goods			9
April	Contributions		14	6
,,	Goods		1	2
May	Contributions		14	0
,,	Goods			5
,,	Entrance fee of 2 New Members			6
,,	Balance from S. Mary's Lads' Guild (per Mr. J. H. Salmon)		6	11
June	Contributions		10	0
,,	Goods			1
,,	Entrance fee of 1 New Member			3
July	Contributions		13	0
,,	Donation from W. F. Lockwood, Esq.		10	6
August	Contributions		10	0
Sept.	,, ...		13	0
,,	Goods			1
		£5	5	8

	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
April 4	Stationery		1	0
,, 20	Printing Rule Cards ...		10	6
May 6	Post Cards and Stamps ...		1	0
June 8	Carriage of Cricket things from Blackheath ...			3
,, 10	Table Cricket		3	0
	Reversi, 1s.; Scrimmage, 1s.		2	0
	Pack Cards		1	6
	Halma		2	6
,, 15	Drawing Pins, 3d.; Cane, 1d.			4
July 20	Rent of Schools		13	0
,, 27	Two Spittoons, 11d.; Sand, 1d.		1	0
	Receipt Book			6
Aug. 10	Half-Gall. Bottle & 2 Glasses			6
Sept. 8	10 Dicks' Plays, 10d.; Hand Book, 3d.		1	1
,, 23	Cleaning cellar		1	0
,, 25	Eight yds. Hessian, at 6¾d.		4	6
	Two reels Thread ...			2
	One set Boxing Gloves ...		12	6
,, 29	Rent of Schools		13	0
			3	9
	Balance September 30th, 1893 ...		1	16
			5	5
	Total Arrears of Contributions ...	£0	14	6

Examined and found correct.

WILLIAM WELLARD, *Hon Sec.*, 52, Powis Street, Woolwich.

T. G. WELLARD, THOS. R. ELLIS, } *Auditors.*

S. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR.

Balance Sheet, Year ending March 31st, 1893.

	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
1892.				
May 10th.	By Cheque from Churchwardens, Easter Offertory ...	12	2	5
Aug. 27th.	By Cheque, Dedication Festival	14	14	3
1893.				
Jan.	By Subscriptions:—			
	Mrs. Escreet, Sen. ...	2	0	0
	The Rector and Mrs. Escreet	1	1	0
	W. J. Squires	0	10	6
		£30	8	2

	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
1892.				
April.	By Balance due to Treasurer ...	6	3	5
May 10th.	By Cash paid to Choristers, see Voucher No. 1	1	14	0
,, 31st.	,, ,, ,, 2	1	16	7
July 4th.	,, ,, ,, 3	1	10	8
Aug. 31st.	,, ,, ,, 4	1	7	0
,, ,,	,, ,, ,, 5	1	6	9
Oct. 7th.	,, ,, ,, 6	2	19	0
Dec. 5th.	,, ,, ,, 7	3	3	4
,, ,,	,, ,, ,, 8	1	7	0
1893.				
Feb. 8th.	,, ,, ,, 9	1	6	8
Mar. 14th.	,, ,, ,, 10	1	6	0
,, 31st.	,, ,, ,, 11	1	3	4
		25	3	0
	By Balance carried forward to next year	5	4	8
		£30	8	2

Treasurer, W. J. SQUIRES. Examined and found correct. F. SHARLAND.

TEMPERANCE BRA[illegible]ND.

Balance Sheet from January 1st to March 31st, 1893.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
January, Contributions by Members ...	1	6	10
February ,, ,, ...	1	8	4
March ,, ,, ...	1	8	6
Entrance Fee		2	0
Rule Cards sold		2	6
Fines			3
	£4	8	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Bandmaster	1	18	6
Rent of Schools		12	0
Caretaker (special)		2	0
Box for Stands		3	0
Drum-Major's Staff		2	0
Music		4	9
Stationery		1	0
Railway Fare		1	6
Balance in hand	1	3	8
	£4	8	5

Audited and found correct { J. C. HARVEY. T. LANGRIDGE. J. CROSSINGHAM.

W. WEBB, *Treasurer.*

BAND OF HOPE.

Balance Sheet from January, 1892, to March, 1893.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from Dec , 1891 ...				5	5	3
Subscriptions from Members from January to December, 1892 ...				27	2	11
Do., Jan., 1893, to March, 1893				5	13	9½
Tickets sold to Holy Trinity Band of Hope for Excursion	19	19	10			
Do., to parents and friends	31	15	4	—51	15	2
Books sold during the year					7	9
Admissions to 1892 Xmas Tea, &c.					4	5½
				£90	9	4

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Prizes, Xmas, 1891 ...	1	18	0			
Do., 1892	1	12	6½	— 3	10	6½
Printing, Books, &c., for year, 1892, per Hall...		7	0			
Per Trump	1	5	3			
,, Mr. Hann		3	0			
New Marking Stamps ...			9			
Per Trump		13	0			
,, Squires		5	0			
,, Cattermole... ...		3	0	— 2	17	0
Do., to March, 1893, per Hall		10	6			
Per Cattermole		10	0			
,, Trump	1	2	7½	— 2	3	7½
Excursion Expenses—						
Railway Co.'s Bill ...	47	16	0			
Mr. Hann's Expenses settling do.		1	0			
Incidental Expenses, Station Masters, Band, &c., &c.		19	3			
Printing Tickets ...		15	3			
Mr. Hann's Preliminary Journey		4	6	—49	16	0
Do. Tea				20	10	0
Affiliation Fee for C.E.T.S. paid on behalf of Adult Society who had no money...					10	0
Xmas Tea, 1892, per Miss Harris...				2	14	8½
Do., Slides					5	3
12th April, Slides, Holy Week Ent.					3	0
Balance in hand, March, 1893				7	19	2½
				£90	9	

Audited and found correct, THOMAS R. ELLIS.

H. H. GODFREY, *Treasurer.*

S. MARY'S NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

RULES.

I. There shall be a Committee in whom the management of the Schools is vested, consisting of the following:—

1	The Rector.
1	One Assistant Curate. } *Ex-Officio.*
2	The Two Churchwardens. }
6	Six Gentlemen } to be elected by subscribers of
3	Three Ladies } not less than 5/- per year.
3	Three Representatives to be elected by the parents of the children attending the school.
2	Two Representatives to be elected by the Trustees of Wither's and Wiseman's Charities
2	A Treasurer and a Secretary.
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All members of the Committee to belong to the Church of England, and to subscribe or collect not less than 10/- per year to the schools.

II. The election to take place at an Annual Meeting of subscribers to be held half-an-hour before the Committee meeting immediately after the arrival of the Government Report.

III. The Committee to hold Ten Ordinary meetings in the year, to be held on the 1st Wednesday in each month at 8.30 p.m. Four members to form a quorum.

IV. Members who have not attended four meetings, or made four visits to the schools during school hours shall not be eligible for re-election (attendances at either to the number of four, to count).

V. No important business shall be transacted but such as is specifically named in the agenda on the notice of meetings, which shall be sent out at least three clear days before.

VI. A Special Meeting may be called on the requisition of three members.

VII. Vacancies which may occur in the list of Managers during the year shall be co-opted.

VIII. A Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected each year at the election of managers.

Woolwich National Schools, list of Subscriptions for year ending 31st May, 1893.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. C. E. & Mrs. Escreet	50	0	0
Mrs. Escreet, senr. ...	5	0	0
Mr. A. How...	1	15	10
,, W. J. Squires... ...	1	11	6
Col. E. Hughes	1	1	0
Rev. H. G. D. Latham	1	1	0
Mr. W. F. Lockwood...	1	1	0
,, E. W. Sampson ...	1	1	0
,, W. Woodford ...	1	1	0
,, H. H. Church ...	1	0	0
Rev. J. W. Horsley ...	1	0	0
A Friend (per Rector)...	1	0	0
Mr. Joseph Moore ...		15	6
,, J. O. Cook		10	6

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Garrett & Co.		10	6
Mr. J. W. Moore... ...		10	6
,, Morphew, senr. ...		10	6
,, R. Pidcock		10	6
Mrs. Rahtz...		10	6
Mr. F. Sharland		10	6
,, G. W. Blanchett ...		10	0
,, G. J. Champion ...		10	0
,, T. W. Corder		10	0
Miss L. Edwards ...		10	0
Mrs. Fuller		10	0
Mr. L. F. Webber ...		10	0
Rev. W. Wragge... ...		10	0
Mr. E. O. Masters ...		5	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. G. Porter		5	0
Rev. H. G. Veazey ...		5	0
Mr. G. H. Bannister ...		5	0
,, W. Norman		5	0
,, L.F.Webber(additional)		5	0
A Friend	2	5	0
A Friend		3	11
Mr. C. Bigg...		2	6
,, A. J. Chipp		2	6
Mrs. Wenham		1	0
	£78	16	3

BALANCE SHEET.

Account of Income and Expenditure of the Woolwich National Schools for the year ending 31st May, 1893.
Shewing the amounts actually received and actually disbursed during the year.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
To Annual Grant from Education Department	564	12	6
,, Fee Grant	318	10	0
,, Net Annual Income from Endowment inalienable from the School or from Education, viz., from			
Wither's Charity	24	11	0
Wiseman's Charity	30	0	0
,, Voluntary Contributions—			
Of Private Individuals ...	70	4	4
Of Societies	20	0	0
,, Collections in Churches	41	10	2
,, To School Pence paid	1	5	10
,, Income arising—			
From Department of Science and Art £16 2 6			
Sale of Needlework 8 13 5			
Rents 56 11 2			
	81	7	1
,, Special Donations to cover Bank Interest	8	11	11
,, Balance on 31st May, 1893	296	19	1
	£1457	11	11

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d
By Balance on 1st June, 1892	341	2	0
,, Salaries—			
(Boys. / Girls. / Infants.)			
Teachers .. 157 5 / 95 7 6 / 71 1 8	323	14	2
Assistants .. 151 5 / 147 10 / 57 10	356	5	0
Adtnl. Tchrs. 45 0	45	0	0
Artcld. Pupil Teachers... 12 10 / 37 11 / 47 5 10	97	6	10
Canditates on Probatn. 20 0	20	0	0
Temp. Monitors... ... 2 11 / 2 14	5	5	0
,, Books, Apparatus and Stationery	91	2	7½
,, Fuel and Light, and Cleaning ...	62	11	9
,, Furniture and Repairs	27	2	6½
,, Rent	29	6	1
,, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance ...	19	5	6
,, Other Expenses, viz. :—			
Central Classes for Pupil Teachers £20 1 0			
Books and Medals 7 4 5			
Organising Master 3 10 0			
Postage 1s. 11d., Railway Fare 1s. 2d.... ... 3 1			
Interest Charged by Bank on overdrawn Account 8 11 11			
	39	10	5
	£1457	11	11

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is correctly abstracted from the cash book of the school, which has been examined by me with the vouchers and school registers, and found to be correct.

W. F. LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.*
5th June, 1893.

GEO. G. CHAMPION, *Auditor.*

S. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.

ACCOUNTS FOR 1893-94.

PARISH CHURCH, S. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

Churchwardens' Receipts and Expenditure, from Easter, 1893, to Easter, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

General Funds for Church Expenses.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance last year ...	1	5	4			
Offertories in Church ...	183	8	7			
Voluntary Offerings in lieu of the abolished Church Rate	26	13	9			
War Office Contribution to ditto	20	0	0			
S. Mary's Day School Managers, part payment of Caretaker... ...	30	0	0			
Local Board Vestry Clerk's salary ...	20	0	0			
				281	7	8
Special Funds.						
Offertories in Church applied as shown on Expenditure side ...	266	13	9			
Poor Boxes	4	1	8			
				270	15	5
Balance, Children's Window, last year ...	1	8	5			
Collections in hand, various, as shown on other side	11	19	2			
				13	7	7
Deficit on Church Expenses				18	5	2
Grand Total ...				£583	15	10

EXPENDITURE.

General Funds for Church Expenses.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Vestry Clerk ...	20	0	0			
Sexton ...	20	0	0			
Organist ...	38	15	0			
Choirmaster ...	13	15	0			
Caretaker ...	101	0	0			
Bellringers ...	11	1	0			
Organ Blower	5	5	0			
				209	16	0
Water Rate	2	6	0			
Gas (4 quarters) ...	43	5	4			
Coal	6	7	0			
Fire Insurrance (ordinary)	6	4	0			
Ditto (Special on account of re-building	3	10	0			
Tuning Organ	5	0	0			
Printing and Stationery...	2	17	6			
Sacramental Wine ...	5	11	0			
Ditto Bread ...		14	0			
Washing Surplices ...	5	14	6			
Repairs	6	8	7			
Visitation Fees ...		18	0			
Cheque Books		10	5			
Various...		10	6	89	16	10½
				299	12	10
Special Funds.						
Hospital Sunday ...	14	10	8			
Bells	10	16	8			
Diocese Qu'Appelle ...	18	0	11			
Church Restoration ...	31	14	6			
H.M.S. "Victoria" Fund	3	1	0			
Poor Fund	83	10	10			
S. Mary's Choir ...	6	19	0			
Children's Holiday Fund	7	4	7			
Rochester Diocesan Board Education	1	0	11			
S. Martin's Mission and Band	5	4	2			
Church of England Sunday School Society ...	1	5	7			
S. Mary's Sunday Schools	7	12	2			
Ditto Day Schools ...	22	6	1			
Rochester Diocesan Socty.	4	18	8			
Altar and Flower Fund ...	5	2	11			
Woolwich and Plumstead Cottage Hospital ...		12	7			
Miners' Women and Children	8	14	0			
Assistant Clergy ...	33	0	2			
				270	15	
In hand for Home Missions		1	1			
Ditto Foreign Missions		4	7			
Ditto Organ Fund ...	4	11	6			
Ditto Children's Window	8	10	5	13	7	
				£583	15	1

We have examined the receipts and vouchers embodied in the foregoing Statement of Account, and certify the same to be correct.

J. W. ALLINSON, *Incorporated Accountant,*
F. SHARLAND.

W. WOODFORD.
C. E. ESCREET, Rect

24th April, 1894.

VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CHURCH EXPENSES.

Easter, 1894.

	£	s.	d.
ow, A.	2	11	9
screet, Rev. C. E. ..	2	2	0
quires, W. J. ...	2	2	0
ahtz, W.	1	1	0
eed, A. C.	1	1	0
mith, G. M. ...	1	1	0
atham, Rev. H. G. D.	1	0	0
anister, G.		10	6
hurch, H.		10	6
art & Son, Messrs.		10	6
ughes, Col. E. ...		10	6
ockwood, W. ...		10	6
onk, Mrs.		10	6
almer, E. & J. ...		10	6
enfold, A.		10	6
arren, R. J. ...		10	6
ebber, L.		10	6
oodford, W. ...		10	6
hampion, G. ...		10	0
avis, M.		10	0

	£	s.	d.
Davis, D.		10	0
Fuller, J.		10	0
Moore, J. W. ...		10	0
Moore, J.		10	0
Paine & Sons, Messrs.		10	0
Whomes, Miss E. ..		10	0
Wilson, J.		7	6
A B C		5	0
Chipp, A. J. & J. C.		5	0
Clothier, W. C. ...		5	0
Haynes, Dr.		5	0
Hurford, L.		5	0
Jackson, J. P. ...		5	0
Luntley, H.		5	0
Mascall, F.		5	0
Moore, A.		5	0
Newman, T.		5	0
Porter, Mrs.		5	0
Pryce & Son, Messrs.		5	0
Ryan & Co., Messrs.		5	0

	£	s.	d.
Sharland, F. ...		5	0
Tate, Mrs.		5	0
Taylor, G.		5	0
Williams, H. & T., The Misses		5	0
Allinson, S. W. ...		2	6
Banister, Mrs. ...		2	6
Barratt, F. W. ...		2	6
Bigg, C.		2	6
Godfrey, H.		2	6
Hammond, L. ...		2	6
Howey, H.		2	6
Masters, E. O. ...		2	6
Morphew, Mrs. ...		2	6
Norman, W.		2	6
Iden, G.		1	0
Old Soldier		1	0
	£26	13	9

S. J. CLOTHIER, *Hon. Collector.*

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
ubscriptions paid	2610	5	5
nterest on deposit at Bankers ...	92	6	7
(On this side we also hold £1000 N.S.W. Stock).			
	£2702	12	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d
Paid to Mr. Bunning	1500	0	0
Mr. J. O. Scott	75	0	0
Cost of Faculty	14	15	6
Other Expenses	58	11	8
On deposit at London & County Bank	1000	0	0
Current Account	54	4	10
	£2702	12	0

June 1st, 1894. L. F WEBBER, *Treasurer.*

PROVIDENT FUND.

Treasurer—Mr. L. F. WEBBER, 100, Powis Street.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
anuary	4	1	9
ebruary	14	11	1
arch	15	8	6
pril	15	15	11
ay	15	12	4
ne	12	7	0½
ly	6	11	3
ugust	13	3	1
ptember	11	16	10
ctober	7	14	4½
ovember	15	9	9
ecember	10	14	4
	£143	6	3

Withdrawals.	£	s.	d.
Cash	115	10	7
Shop orders	25	5	5
Balance in hand, December 31st, 1893	2	10	3
	£143	6	3

A further sum of about £48 was collected and repaid during the year without passing through Treasurer's hands.

ay 24th, 1894. Audited and found correct, F. SHARLAND.

CHARITIES OF S. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

From Easter, 1893, to Easter, 1894.

Description of Charity.	Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Wither's Educational—£1,220 6s. 0d. Consolidated Stock, at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' dividends 5th April, 1893, to 5th January, 1894 inclusive	33	11	0	St. Mary's Schools ...	24	11	
					S. Michael's do. ..	5	0	
					S. Thomas' do. ...	4	0	
						£33	11	
Mr. Hardin's Tomb—£105 ditto, at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' dividends as above	2	17	8	Balance last year ...	2	17	
					In hand this year ...	2	17	
						£5	15	
Mr. Loat's Tomb—£101 2s. 9d. ditto, at 2¾ % ...	4 Quarters' dividends as above	2	15	4	Balance last year ...	2	15	
					In hand this year ..	2	15	
						£5	10	
Rev. Fraser's Tomb—£21 10s. 2d. ditto, at 2¾ % ...	4 Quarters' dividends as above		11	8	Balance last year ...		11	
					In hand this year ...		11	
						£1	3	
Mrs. Clarke's Bequest—£3000 ditto, at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' dividends as above	82	10	0	To Annuitants ...	82	10	
Mr. Parke's Bequest—£100 ditto, at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' dividends as above	2	15	0	To Annuitants ...	2	15	
Mr. Shersby's Bequest—£492 10s. 0d. ditto, at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' dividends as above	13	10	8	Woolwich Soup Society	13	12	
	Subscriptions, (per Mr. Woodford) ...	1	10					
		£13	12	6		£13	12	
Mrs. Withers, £405 ditto, at 2¾ %	4 Quarters' dividends	11	1	5	Bread	23	0	
Gen. Smith, £1785 ditto	4 ,, ,,	48	14	6	Coal	36	15	
Crown & Masons' Arms	2 Years' arrears ...	2	0	0	Printing	1	8	
Russell's Farm	1 ,, ,, ...	1	10	0	Balance at Bank ...	6	12	1
Roberts	1 ,, ,, ...	1	0	0				
	Balance last year ...	3	9	11				
		£67	15	10		£67	15	1
	Summary of Balances—							
	Hardin's Tomb ...	5	15	4				
	Loat's ,, ...	5	10	8				
	Fraser's ,, ...	1	3	4				
	Bread and Coal ...	6	12	10				
		£19	2	2	Balance at Bank ...	£19	2	

We have examined the receipts and vouchers embodied in the foregoing statement of accounts, and certify the same to be correct.

S. W. ALLINSON (Incorporated Accountant.)
F. SHARLAND.
24th April, 1894.

WILLIAM J. SQUIRES.
W. WOODFORD.
C. E. ESCREET, *Rector.*

S. MARY'S, WOOLWICH, YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

Balance Sheet, ending March 31st, 1894.

1893.	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
	Balance, September 30th, 1893 ...	1	16	4
Oct.	By Contributions	1	1	6
,,	,, Goods			1
,,	,, Entrance fee, one new member			3
,,	,, Donation from W. J. Squires, Esq.		10	6
Nov.	,, Contributions		14	3
,,	,, Goods			4
,,	,, Entrance fee, four new members		1	0
,,	For annual tea, 34 at 1/-, 5 at 6d.	1	16	6
Dec.	By Contributions		9	9
,,	,, Goods			1
1894.				
Jan.	,, Contributions		9	1½
,,	,, Goods			3
,,	,, Entrance fee, three new members			9
Feb.	,, Contributions		8	6
Mar.	,, ,, ...		17	9
,,	,, Goods			1
,,	,, Entrance fee, one new member			3
		£8	7	3½

1894.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 5	Mr. Dodson (repairing cupboard)		7	4
,, 6	Shavings for mattresses ...		1	3
,,	Packing needle			1½
,, 10	Candles			2½
,,	Rope			3
,,	Loan of barrow			2
,, 23	Stationery		1	0
Nov. 11	Stamps and post cards ...		1	0
,, 30	For annual tea	1	16	6
Dec. 14	Walker's plays		1	0
1894.				
Jan. 1	Rent of schools		13	0
Mar. 3	Stamps		1	0
		3	2	10
	Balance, March 31st, 1894 ...	5	4	5½
		£8	7	3½
	Total arrears of Contributions	13	0	

Examined and found correct, W. DONOVAN, T. G. WELLARD, } Auditors.

S. MARY'S, WOOLWICH, MEN'S MEETING.

Balance Sheet from April 2nd, 1893, to March 25th, 1894, (inclusive).

Income.	£	s.	d.
Balance of Collections prior to April 2nd, 1893	1	5	9½
Collections from April 2nd, 1893, to March 25th, 1894	4	8	5½
	£5	14	3

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Paid to Rector (share of Printer's Bill) as Voucher, 22nd March, 1893		18	3
,, Printer (Thorn) 8th May, 1893 as per Bill		10	6
,, Printer (Thorn) 12th March 1894, as per Bill	2	15	6
,, Mr. Squires for Hymn Books, 13th March, 1894, as per Bill		7	0
,, Mr. Grinling for 1 quarter's rent No. 1, Brewer Street, 12th March, 1894, as per Bill ...		13	0
	5	4	3
Balance in Treasurer's Hand		10	0
	£5	14	3

Audited and found correct.

FRANK HENDERSON.
April 21st, 1894.

WM. NORMAN,
Hon. Treasurer.

ASSISTANT CLERGY FUND.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Easter 1893 ...	27	13	6
Offertories	33	19	7
Subscriptions and Donations ...	26	11	11
Proceeds of Concert per Mr. Fowler	1	5	0
Collected in A.C.S. Boxes	12	9	11
Grants from A.C.S.	75	5	7
Temporary duty at Union per Rector	19	10	0
Advanced by Rector	121	16	1
	£318	11	7

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Rev. W. Wragge's Stipend, 31/3/93 to 21/1/94	121	3	0
Rev. H. G. Veazey's Stipend, 31/3/93 to 31/3/94...	150	0	0
Do., additional, for work at Union ...	10	0	0
Additional Curates Society ...	30	0	0
Balance in hand	7	8	7
	£318	11	7

To this must be added £91, paid by Rector, the value of the Rev. H. G. D. Latham's Board and Lodging, and also a grateful acknowledgement of another £50, which Mr. Latham practically gives.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER, 1894.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Escreet, Sen. ...	5	0	0
Mr. D. Christopherson	2	2	0
,, S. H. Cuff ...	2	2	0
,, E. W. Sampson	2	2	0
,, E. M. Davis ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Fuller	1	1	0
Mr. G. W. Mitchell	1	1	0
,, S. Penfold ...	1	1	0
,, R. Pidcock ...	1	1	0
,, G. W. Rahtz ...	1	1	0
,, F. Sharland ...	1	1	0
,, R. J. Warren ...	1	1	0
,, G. W. Blanchett	1	0	0
,, James Wilson ..	1	0	0
Mr. L. Hammond ...	10	11	
,, H. H. Church ...	10	6	
,, J. O. Cook ...	10	6	
,, F. Henderson ...	10	6	
,, W. F. Lockwood	10	6	
,, Joseph Moore ...	10	6	
Mrs. Sharland, senr.	10	6	
Mr. C. F. Sharman...	10	6	
,, J. Stratton ...	10	6	
Dr. Worthington ...	10	6	
Mr. W. Norman ...	10	0	
,, C. F. Thorn ...	10	0	
Miss West	10	0	
A Friend	10	0	
Mr. S. W. Allinson ...	5	0	
,, C. Bigg	5	0	
,, S. J. Clothier ...	5	0	
,, P. O. Haynes ...	5	0	
Miss Mackenzie ...	5	0	
Mr. E. O. Masters ...	5	0	
,, W. D. Moody ...	5	0	
,, W. Wellard ...	5	0	
Anon	5	0	
Mr. F. W. Barrat ...	2	6	
Mrs. Bird	2	6	
Mr. H. Godfrey ...	2	6	
	£31	11	11

May 16th, 1894. Examined with books and vouchers and found correct. W. J. SQUIRES.

2nd WOOLWICH COMPANY (S. MARY'S) BOYS' BRIGADE.

Year ending March 31st, 1894.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Donations	9	15	0
Boys' Subscription and Entrance Fees	6	10	9
	£16	5	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Company Contributions to Head Quarter Fund	1	13	5
Boys' Brigade Periodicals		10	7
Printing	1	1	9½
Accoutrements	6	10	10
Rifles	3	10	0
Sundries		3	9
Cash with Treasurer	2	15	5
	£16	5	9

Audited and found correct.

S. H. CUSHMAN,
May 16th, 1894.

C. JONES,
Hon. Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Account from 31st March, 1893, to 31st March, 1894.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
1893.				
To balance on 31st March, 1893	...	7	9	3
May 13 To profits on sale of tickets				
,, for Crystal Palace Choir				
,, Festival	... ...		7	0½
Nov. 23 ,, Profits from Concert	...	7	14	8½
1894.				
Feb. ,, Sale of Programmes at Prize Distribution	...		8	0
,, 11 ,, Offertory, S. Mary's	..	7	12	2
,, ,, Do. S. Martin's	. .		6	6
,, ,, Subscription from Mrs. Escreet, Senr.	...	2	0	0
To balance due to Treasurer	...		11	11
		£26	9	7

Cr.		£	s.	d.
1893.				
Sept. 1 By gong for Infants' school			2	9
Nov. 16 ,, C.E. Institute for 65 Sunday School registers			15	8½
,, ,, C.E. Institute for Certificates	... ...		4	1
1894.				
Jan. ,, Mr. Squires for prizes		8	6	
Feb. 3 ,, Hire of hall for Distribution of prizes	...	2	2	0
,, ,, Attendant do.	...		2	6
Mar. 1 ,, C.E.S.S. Institute for 3 Infants' lesson books	...		2	3
,, ,, Mr. Squires for lesson books	... ...	2	6	8
,, ,, Rent of schools, 1 year to 31st March, 1894	...	5	0	0
,, ,, Mr. Pryce for admission cards	... ...	2	2	6
,, ,, Mr. Cattermole for printing	... ...	4	17	0
,, ,, Sundries, postage, &c.			7	2
		£26	9	7

L. J. LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.*

2nd June, 1894.

Examined and compared with vouchers and found correct,

HERBERT A. HUNT.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT ACCOUNT.

23rd November, 1893.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
By 273 Tickets sold	13	13	0
,, Amount taken at door for 19 admissions		19	0
,, Amount taken from the sale of programmes		13	1
	£15	5	1

Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Hire of Hall	3	3	0
,, Decoration of Hall		5	0
,, Hire of Piano		10	6
,, Printing	1	12	6
,, Miss Chatterton's Expenses ...	1	1	0
,, Mr. Felix Kirk		10	6
,, Refreshments and Sundries ...		7	10½
,, Balance	7	14	8½
	£15	5	1

L. J. LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.*

2nd June, 1894.

Examined and compared with vouchers and found correct.

HERBERT A. HUNT.

ALTAR AND FLOWER FUND.

Easter, 1893, to Easter, 1894.

Receipts.		s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, Easter, 1893	...				1	3
Offertories (St. Mary's)	...			5	2	11
Sale of Fruit	... ...				3	0
Subscriptions and Donations—						
Misses Wilson,	3 quarters	16	0			
Mrs. Henderson	,,	7	6			
Mrs. Sharland	,,	7	6			
Mrs. Squires	,,	7	6			
Miss Whomes	,,	7	6			
Mrs. Bannister	,,	6	0			
Miss Mascall	,,	6	0			
Mr. Cook	2 quarters	5	0			
Mrs. Lockwood	,,	5	0			
Mr. J. Moore	,,	5	0			
Mr. Warren	,,	5	0			
Mr. Godfrey	,,	4	0			
Mr. Norman	3 quarters	3	6			
Miss Champion	,,	3	0			
Mrs. Cleall	,,	3	0			
Mrs. Sharland, senr.	,,	3	0			
Miss Squires	,,	3	0			
Miss West	,,	3	0			
Mr. Henderson	Donation	2	6			
Miss Mackenzie	,,	2	6			
Mr. A. Moore	,,	2	6			
Miss Ramsey	1 quarter	2	6			
Mr. Barratt	1 ,,	2	0			
Mr. Clothier	2 ,,	2	0			
Miss Haggis	1 ,,	2	0			
Miss Connolly	3 ,,	1	6			
Miss Britter	1 ,,	1	0			
Miss Callaway	1 ,,	1	0			
Mrs. Naylor	1 ,,	1	0			
Collected by Miss Veazey		15	6	6	16	6
				£12	3	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Beard		11	3
,, per Miss Haggis		11	3
Foreman ,, ...		2	6
Flowers ,, ...			6
Muller, per Miss Wilson		6	5
Miss Mascall		2	8
Flowers and Wire		1	4
Moss		2	9
S. Martin's		6	3
String, Wire and Berries		2	10
Linen		1	4½
S. Martin's		4	0
Altar Vases		11	0
Miss Mascall		3	10
Serge		4	5
S. Martin's		11	6
Lumley		14	0
Mr. Hammond		5	11
Foreman		5	0
Arums		3	0
Flowers		6	11
Miss Thomas		5	0
Tacks			2
Moss		4	1½
Flowers...		8	6
Foreman		2	6
S. Martin's		13	11
		7	13
Balance in hand		4	10
	£	12	3

May 2nd, 1894. Examined with vouchers and found correct. W. J. SQUIRES.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

Balance Sheet for Year ending December 4th, 1893.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
By Entertainments, Socials, and Collections	6	7	8½
,, Contributions from Members ...	5	6	11
,, Donation		5	0
,, Repaid overdrawn and Profit on Excursion		4	0
Total	£12	3	7½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Printing	4	2	3
,, Speakers	2	9	8
,, Goods	1	6	11½
,, Cost of Entertainment		9	0
,, Postage		2	6
,, Excursion	1	0	0
,, Subscription to Temperance Council		2	6
Total Expenditure ...	9	12	10½
,, Balance carried forward ...	2	10	9
Total	£12	3	7½

W. A. DAY, *Hon Secretary.*

DORCAS SOCIETY.

From July, 1893, to March 31st, 1894.

Since furnishing the necessary stock for the Maternity Boxes which are all five in full working order, the Dorcas Ladies have devoted their time to the Church Restoration Bazaar, meeting each Friday for that purpose. A handsome pile of useful articles to be distributed when the time arrives is growing under their busy fingers.

Subscriptions.	£	s.	d
A grant from Jumble Sale, Oct. 1893	1	3	5
Banister, Mrs.		2	6
Champion, Mrs.		2	6
Edwards, Miss		2	6
Escreet, Mrs.		2	6
Fuller, Mrs.		2	6
Lockwood, Mrs.		2	6
Mascall, Miss		2	6
Naylor, Mrs., including sub. for 1893		5	0
Rahtz, Mrs.		2	6
Sharland, Mrs.		2	6
Sharland, F., Mrs.		2	6
Squires, Mrs.		2	6
Tate, Mrs.		2	6
Whomes, Miss		2	6
Williams, Miss		2	6
	£3	3	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Repaid to Treasurer			9½
Sheeting		15	6
Calico		9	7½
Print, 3 pieces		8	1
Calico		5	0½
Brown Holland and Lace		12	5
Yosemite		5	7¼
	2	17	0¾
Balance in hand		6	4¼
	£3	3	5

Examined with books and vouchers and found correct. W. J. SQUIRES. May 22nd, 1894.

JUMBLE SALES, 1893-94.

The Jumble Sales during the past year have, as the balance sheet testify, done good service in the parish. If all of our readers would help in sending stock to the Rectory (any time, it can always be stored, and if accompanied by name and address will be acknowledged), a great deal more substantial help could be given to various parish objects. It is proposed to hand over the existing £10 balance to the Belfrey Fund, leaving 2/8 in hand for working expenses. A.E.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
April, 1893	6	3	6
July, ,, ...	6	9	5
October ,, ...	3	5	10½
February, 1894	4	16	9
March, ,, ...	2	14	0
April, ,, ...	1	13	1
	£25	2	7½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Carriage of Goods from Brixham ...		4	1
Do. Eastbourne		1	2
Do. Do.		1	3
Do. Do.		1	2
Postage of Empty Sacks			10½
Printing 500 Handbills		4	0
Grant to Parish Magazine... ...	5	18	0
Do. Belfry Fund	6	6	0
Do. Dorcas Society	1	3	5
Do. Girls' School for Needlework Material	1	0	0
	£14	19	11½
Balance in Treasurer's Hands	10	2	8
	£25	2	7½

Examined with vouchers and found correct.

May 25th, 1894. W. J. SQUIRES.

S. MARY'S PENNY BANK.

Statement, 1893.

Deposits.	£	s.	d.
1st January to 31st December, 1893	47	7	6
	£47	7	6

Withdrawals.	£	s.	d.
Balance due to Hon. Collector ...		6	
Withdrawn	41	12	
In Hon. Treasurer's hands	5	8	
	£47	7	

A. J. CHIPP, *Hon. Collector.*

THE S. MARY'S ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Half-year ending 30th April, 1894.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. T. W. McMULLEN, 5, Henry Street, Woolwich.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Mr. T. J. McMullen, for his services as Bandmaster	4	11	0
,, Purchase of Music	3	9	5
,, Expenses in connection with concert		11	3
,, Gas	1	6	0
,, Sundries		4	0
,, Balance in hand		4	10
	£10	6	6

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Members' Entrance Fees and Subscriptions	10	6	6
	£10	6	6

Examined and found correct, G. A. ABEL.

S. MARTIN'S MISSION, WOOLWICH.

Balance Sheet, 1st April, 1893, to 31st March, 1894.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Collections—			
(Sunday Evenings)			
April 2 -	10	11	
,, 9 -	13	10	
,, 16 -	12	2	
,, 23 -	10	9	
,, 30 -	7	5	
May 7 -	5	8	
,, 14 -	8	2	
,, 21 -	10	2½	
,, 28 -	11	9½	
June 4 -	5	2	
,, 11 -	18	7	
,, 18 -	6	7	
,, 25 -	8	5	
July 2 -	7	3½	
,, 9 -	5	8½	
,, 16 -	6	0	
,, 23 -	7	9½	
,, 30 -	9	2	
Aug. 6 -	9	11	
,, 11 -	11	5½	
,, 13 -	9	0	
,, 20 -	11	8	
,, 27 -	8	1	
Sept. 3 -	8	7	
,, 10 -	12	7½	
,, 17 -	9	5	
,, 24 -	7	6½	
Oct. 1 -	8	4	
Oct. 6 -	1	4	9½
(Harvest)			
,, 8 -	1	13	4½
,, 15 -		4	6
,, 22 -		7	7½
,, 29 -		6	10
Nov. 5 -		6	9½
,, 12 -		8	4
,, 19 -		5	4
,, 26 -		6	5
Dec. 3 -		5	6½
,, 10 -		5	10½
,, 17 -		6	9½
,, 24 -		8	1
,, 25 -		14	6
,, 31 -		6	1
Jan. 7 -		7	0
,, 14 -		10	7
,, 21 -		7	5
,, 28 -		9	7
Feb. 4 -		5	7½
,, 11 -		6	6
,, 18 -		6	9½
,, 25 -		6	5
Mar. 4 -		6	0½
,, 11 -		5	7
,, 18 -		5	9½
,, 25 -		8	10
Carried fwd.	24	19	3½

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Things :—						
Notice Board ...	1	1	9			
Cassocks—Material	2	7	8			
,, Making	4	0	0			
Curtains ...		7	8			
Surplices ...		14	7			
Materials for Altar Cloth		4	7½			
Boxes ...		8	0			
Brass Rods ...		2	4			
Piano ...	19	15	0			
Lamp, tins for decorations	3	10	6			
Crockery, &c. ...	1	5	4½			
Tablecloths ...		5	1			
Photos of Mission, for sale		4	0			
Library Book and Labels		1	3			
Kettle ...		2	6			
Matting ...		11	0	—35	1	4
Repairs :—						
Roof and Outside	3	0	0			
Gas, 3/- and 1/6 ...		4	6			
Harmonium ...		3	0			
Bell and Window Rope		2	3			
Various (Materials only, Mr. Asprey)		11	11½	—4	1	8½
Expenses :—						
Gas, 17/6, 11/8, 1/17/1	3	6	3			
Caretaker ...	12	10	0			
Surplices, &c., Washing	1	17	0	—17	13	11
Carried forward				£56	16	3½

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...				... 24	19	3½
Balance in hand, 1st April, 1893				... 1	10	7½
Children's Collections ...				... 1	17	8½
Subscriptions :—						
Miss E. Veazey ...		10	0			
"Euston" ...		10	0			
A Friend ...		10	0			
Mrs. Veazey ...		10	6			
Miss Potter ...		1	0			
"Tennis Tournament"		4	0			
A Friend ...	1	0	0			
The Warden ...		10	0			
"Truly Thankful"	1	0	0			
Miss Whomes ..		1	6			
Mrs. Bannister (Ch. Hill)		3	0			
Mrs. Escreet, Senr.	2	0	0			
An old Friend ...		8	0			
Balance from Miss Champion's Memorial		1	0—	7	9	0
Collections at S. Mary's, per Churchwardens				... 4	16	10
Collected by Miss Veazey :—						
For Surplices ...		18	0			
,, Matting ...		9	0—	1	7	0
Ministering Children's League :—						
Per Miss M. Conolly (for Piano) Entertainment, and Sale of Work				14	14	0
The Misses Hartley :—						
Proceeds of two Entertainments ...				8	1	0
Pleasant Evenings :—Profit per Miss Anderson				1	3	10
Crockery Fund :—						
Balance April Soiree		9	2			
,, Nov. ,,		7	2			
S. Martin's Mothers per Mrs. Sharland		12	8			
Hire		4	8—	1	13	8
Total				£67	12	11½

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ...				... 56	16	3½
Expenses :—						
Wood		2	0			
Scrubbing Materials		3	11½—	5	11½	
Various :—						
Ground Rent ...		19	5			
Printing ...	2	0	0			
Altar Cloth, Cleaning		13	9			
Choir Boys, 5/11, 7/6		13	5			
Offertory Book ...		5	—	4	7	0
Pleasant Evenings :—						
Slides and Oil		8	11			
Carriage of Box		6	—	9	5	
Special Collections paid :—						
April 2 Assistant Clergy		10	11			
May 28 Church Bells		11	9½			
June 11 Hospital Sunday		18	7			
Aug. 20 Schools		11	8			
Sep. 10 Sick Poor		12	7½			
Dec. 25 ,,		14	6			
Jan. 15 Assistant Clergy		10	7			
Feb. 12 Sunday School		6	6			
Mar. 11 National Schools		5	7			
,, 27 Assistant Clergy		8	10—	5	11	7
Balance in hand				... 2	8½	
Total				£67	12	11½

Treasurer, Mr. G. J. CHAMPION, Church Street.
14th July, 1894.

Examined and found correct,
F. SHARLAND.

S. MARTIN'S MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

Chaplain, Rev. H. G. VEAZEY. *Treasurer*, Miss B. JELLEY, 250, Burrage Road.
Principal and Hon. Sec., Miss M. L. F. CONOLLY, 11, Brewer Street.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand from Pic-nic ...		1	0
Associates' Subscriptions, 1893 ...	1	0	0
Ditto 1894 ...	1	8	0
Balance in hand from Social ...		5	6
Collections for Children's Country Holiday Fund		2	6
Profits from 1st M.C.L. Entertainment	6	0	0
Profits from 2nd ditto	2	0	4
Profits from Sale of Photos ...		8	6
Profits from Sale of Work	8	14	0
Collections for Robin Tea		4	0
	£20	3	10

	£	s.	d.
Postal Orders, Postage, Stamps, Postcards, and Books		7	8½
Expenses for 1st Entertainment ...		14	0
Donation to S. Martin's Mission Piano	6	0	0
Donation to Belfry Fund including proceeds of Sale of Photos ...	2	8	10
2nd Donation to S. Martin's Mission Piano	8	14	0
Donation to Robin Tea		4	0
Balance in hand	1	15	3½
	£20	3	10

Audited and found correct, BERTRAM REED. 16th July, 1894.

S. MARY'S BAND OF HOPE.

Balance Sheet, April 1st, 1893, to 31st March, 1894.

Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. T. R. ELLIS, 5, Cambridge Terrace. *Asst. Sec.*, Mr. W. PARSONS.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last account				7	19	2½
Members' Subscriptions ...				27	18	7
Excursion Tickets sold :—						
Holy Trinity B. of Hope	10	1	9			
Parents and Friends ...	8	3	3—	18	5	0
				£54	2	9½

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Expenses :—						
Rent of Schools ...	1	19	0			
Cost of Hymn Books	1	1	11			
Entry forms and covers for Hymn Books ...	2	6	0			
Programmes, Printing		13	0			
Prizes for Competitions		4	5			
Tin Box for Books ...		4	6			
Entertainment expenses		9	0			
Stationery, Postage, &c.		4	3 —	7	2	1
Subscription to C.E.T.S.					5	0
Excursion :—						
Printing		12	6			
Ribbon (Badges) ...		3	9			
Tea (Rigg's) ...	14	16	6			
Railway (G.E.R.) ...	16	4	3 —	31	17	0
Christmas Treat :—						
Tea	4	8	4			
Prizes	3	7	0½—	7	15	4½
Balance in hand				7	3	4
				£54	2	9½

Examined and found correct, M. L. F. CONOLLY.

S. MARY'S TEMPERANCE BRASS BAND.

Balance Sheet, 1st January, 1893, to 31st March, 1894.

Bandmaster, Mr. T. J. McMULLEN. *Treasurer*, Mr. W. WEBB, 26, Spray Street.
Secretary, Mr. J. GIBBONS, 52, Brewer Street, Woolwich.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Members' Contributions	25	7	5
Entrance Fees and Fines		2	3
Rule Cards bought		2	6
Subscription, Mr. Woodford ...		5	0
	£25	17	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Bandmaster, for tuition	12	8	6
Rent of Schools	3	0	0
Cost of Music	5	8	10
Repairs		4	5
Stationery and Expenses		6	0
Tin Box, Staff, &c., for Drum-Major ...		8	6
Advanced to Uniforms' Account ...	1	0	0
Instrument bought (Instruments' acct.)	1	10	0
Balance in hand	1	10	5
	£25	17	2

INSTRUMENTS' ACCOUNT. (*Treasurer*, The Rector.)

	£	s.	d.
Sale of Drums, Fifes, &c.	1	5	0
Donation from Sunday School Excursion Fund	1	0	0
Advanced from Band General Account	1	10	0
Due to Treasurer (the Rector) ...	10	1	6
	£13	16	6

	£	s.	d.
Cost of 7 Instruments	8	18	6
,, 2 Cornets	3	0	0
,, 1 Bass Instrument	1	10	0
Repairs to Clarionet		8	0
	£13	16	6

Examined and found correct, H. G. VEAZEY.

S. MARY'S, WOOLWICH, SICK AND AGED POOR FUND.

Balance Sheet for Year ending 31st March, 1894.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand at Easter, 1893 ...				15	4	2
,, Special donations as under:—						
Police Magistrate ...	5	0	0			
Florence Nightingale Lodge	2	2	0			
D. Christopherson, Esq.	2	2	0			
Sir Spencer M. Maryon-Wilson	2	0	0			
Miss E. Escreet ...	0	10	0			
Rev. H. G. D. Latham	0	10	0			
A friend (per Lt. E. E. Norris)	0	10	0			
Miss Mackenzie ...	0	5	0			
Misses Christopherson and Cooper, share of proceeds of sale of work	8	0	0			
S. Mary's Total Abstinence Society, profits from entertainment given by Miss Britter and others ...	1	0	0			
				21	19	0
,, Offertories at S. Mary's (including £32/11/10 card collection for Christmas day) and contents of poor boxes				83	10	10
,, To Offertories at S. Martin's ...				1	7	2
				£122	1	2

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Relief to pensioners	44	15	0
,, Temporary relief	7	4	6
,, Special relief paid for grocery and and provisions	11	16	10
,, do. coal	0	12	11
,, do. tuition in typewriting ...	1	18	3
,, do. surgical appliances ...	0	9	0
,, do. drapery and clothing ...	1	9	0
,, do. nursing	6	2	0
,, do. convalescent homes ...	8	7	5
,, One year's subscription to Royal Kent Dispensary	2	2	0
,, Two years' do. C. O. S. ...	2	0	0
,, Subscription Woolwich, Charlton and Plumstead Nursing Association	5	0	0
,, Balance in hands of Treasurer ...	30	2	3
	£122	1	2

W. F. LOCKWOOD,
Treasurer.

October 31, 1894.

Examined and compared with vouchers and found correct.
F. SHARLAND.
Auditor.

S. MARY'S, WOOLWICH, PARISH MAGAZINE FUND.

Revenue Account for the Year ended December 31st, 1893.

Dr. Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Sales, *per* District Visitors	37	8	0
,, Sundry Sales at Shops, &c.... ...	1	13	8
,, Parish Room Box	4	16	5
,, Advertisements, less one unpaid ...	12	15	0
,, Interest on Savings Bank Deposit ..		6	10
	56	19	11
,, Balance, being excess of Expenditure over Receipts, advanced by Rector	32	12	2
	£89	12	1

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	Cr. £	s.	d.
By Pryce & Son—						
Cost of Printing Parish matter 74	18	7				
"Dawn of Day" twelve months 14	6	0				
				89	4	7
,, Postage					7	6
				£89	12	1

By Balance brought down, £32 12s. 2d.

BALANCE SHEET OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR FUND.

From April 1st, 1893, to March 31st, 1894.

1893 Dr.	£	s.	d.
April 1 By Balance, brought forward last year	5	4	8
July 27 ,, Cheque from Churchwardens, offertory S. Mary's Church	6	19	0
1894			
Mar. By Subs. Mrs. Escreet, sen.	2	0	0
,, ,, Rev. C. E. Escreet	1	1	0
,, ,, Mrs. Escreet	1	1	0
Donation W. J. Squires ...	2	0	3
	£18	5	11

1893 Cr.	£	s.	d.
April 26 By Cash paid to Choristers (see voucher)	1	3	
June 27 ,, ,, ,,	2	9	
July 28 ,, ,, ,,	1	2	
Sep. 7 ,, ,, ,,	1	5	
Oct. 3 ,, ,, ,,	1	4	
Nov. 13 ,, ,, ,,	1	5	
Dec. 8 ,, ,, ,,	1	5	1
1894			
Jan. 9 ,, ,, ,,	1	6	8
Feb. 7 ,, ,, ,,	1	8	4
March 7 ,, ,, ,,	1	6	8
,, 31 ,, ,, ,,	1	10	0
,, W. J. Squires, Music for 1892-3-4	3	0	6
	£18	5	11

April 3rd, 1894

W. J. SQUIRES, Hon. Treasurer.

Examined with vouchers and found correct,
F. SHARLAND, Auditor.

WOOLWICH NATIONAL SCHOOL.

Account of the Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st May, 1894.

Income.	£	s.	d.
To Annual Grant from Education Department	587	15	6
,, Fee Grant from Education Department	333	17	6
From Withers' Charity	24	11	0
,, Wiseman's Charity	40	0	0
,, Private Individuals (see list) ...	88	1	0
,, Ironmongers' Company ...	10	0	0
,, Clothworkers' Company ...	10	0	0
,, Early Closing Movement ...	1	1	0
,, Mothers' Social Meeting ...		5	0
,, Collections in Churches or Chapels	29	13	2
,, School Pence paid by Scholars under 3 years of age... ...		15	4
,, Department of Science and Art	17	3	6
,, Sale of Needlework	11	18	3
,, Rents	71	2	7
Balance on 31st May, 1894 ...	293	7	7
	£1519	11	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance on 1st June, 1893 ...	296	19	1
,, Salaries	894	6	1
,, Books, Apparatus and Stationery	111	13	7
,, Fuel, Light and Cleaning	68	6	9
,, Replacement of Furniture, and Repairs to Buildings and Furniture	55	4	10
,, Rent	31	7	0
,, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance ...	26	9	10
,, Central Classes for Pupil Teachers	18	15	0
,, Organizing Master	1	0	0
,, Prizes	10	8	5
,, Postages		15	1
,, Cheque Stamps		8	4
,, Railway Fare		3	1
,, Advertisements	1	17	0
,, Interest charged by Bank on overdrawn Account	1	17	4
	£1519	11	5

W. F. LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify, that the foregoing account is correctly abstracted from the Cash Book of the School, which has been examined by me, with the Vouchers and School Registers, and found to be correct.

6th day of June, 1894.

GEO. J. CHAMPION, *Auditor.*

STATEMENT OF CHURCH RESTORATION ACCOUNT.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and interest as per last published list	1712	4	10
Ditto as per list herewith*	2699	15	4
	£4412	0	2

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Sundry payments as per former list	32	12	8
Builders	3750	0	0
Marble Masons	250	0	0
Hot-water Engineers	75	0	0
Architects' fees	125	0	0
Costs of faculty	14	15	6
Sundry payments	26	12	7
Balance	137	19	5
	£4412	0	2

*	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Brenchly ...	5	5	0
,, E. Powis ...	1	1	0
Mr. J. E. Chipp ...	1	1	0
,, A. J. Chipp ...		10	6
,, J. Dalliday ...		10	6
Mrs. Wilson ...		5	0
E. J. & F. Spalding		10	0
Mrs. Sheppard ...		5	0
Miss Lloyd ...		10	0
Canon Blagden ...	3	3	0
Miss Hardcastle ...		10	0
Mrs. Wilkinson ...	1	1	0
Miss Buttress ...		10	0
Offertory	14	7	10
Maj.-Gen. Balfour	1	0	0
Miss West ...		10	0
Offertory	31	0	10
Mr. R. Pidcock ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Lockwood ...	1	1	0
Miss E. A. Lockwood	1	1	0
,, L. J. Lockwood	1	1	0
,, A. W. Lockwood	1	1	0
,, E. B. Lockwood	1	1	0
Mr. A. Salter ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Veasey Senr.		10	6
Mr. Cumberbeach	3	3	0
Rev. H. G. D. Latham	10	0	0
,, J. Leeke ...	10	0	0
Mr. W. J. Squires	50	0	0
Rev. H. Boys ...	1	0	0
Mr. J. J. Messent	5	0	0
,, G. H. Banister	10	0	0
,, F. Sharland ...	10	0	0
Mrs. Sharland Senr.	10	0	0
,, Escreet Senr.	10	0	0
Miss McCallum ...	5	5	0
Share of Parish China, No. 14 ...		6	0
Offertory, Kidbrooke Church	16	2	4
Rev. H. R. Mackeson	1	0	0
Mr. G. Morphew ...	4	0	0
Interest on Stock...	18	14	4
Rev. C. E. Escreet	2	8	2
Interest on Deposit	29	4	7
The Girls' Brigade	5	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Subscription Cards	11	4	1
Mrs. Naylor ...	1	0	0
Miss E. M. Naylor		5	0
Rev. S. G. Scott ...	105	0	0
Lord Bishop of Lichfield ...	1	0	0
Rev. Witherby ...	2	2	0
Mr. E. M. Taylor	2	2	0
Card Subscriptions	4	3	0
Mrs. Pye		10	6
Mr. Norman ...	5	0	0
Genl. Goodenough	5	0	0
Mr. D. Marsh ...	1	1	0
Lord Bishop of Rochester ...	10	10	0
Mr. Storey ...		4	0
,, Howie ...		6	0
Miss Hughes ...	1	10	6
A grateful Confirmed one		5	0
Mr. W. A. Day ...		6	0
,, W. A. Day ...		6	6
,, S. H. Cuff ...	25	0	0
Collection at Drill Hall	50	12	9
Rev. J. W. Green...	5	0	0
Mrs. Escreet Senr.	10	0	0
Mr. H. Northcroft	3	3	0
,, J. W. Moore ...	1	1	0
Rev. H. D. Latham	1	0	0
Mr. G. Russell, M.P.	1	0	0
,, T. R. Richardson	3	3	0
,, J. C. Grinling	5	0	0
Proceeds of Conversazione	2	18	9
Maj.-Gen.- H. O. Nicolls	2	2	0
A friend		5	0
Miss Widnell ...		10	0
Mr. W. Norman ...	5	0	0
,, H. N. Taylor		10	0
Miss L. Edwards	1	0	0
,, Edwards ...	1	0	0
Mr. F. C. Mascall	5	0	0
Offertory	2	14	3
Rev. H. R. Mackeson	1	1	0
Mr. P. A. Nairne ...	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. A. How ...	1	1	0
,, I. Hall ...	1	1	0
,, I. Aspinall ...	1	0	0
Anonymous ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Cattermole ...	20	0	0
Mrs. McLaughlin		10	0
Proceeds of Social Gathering ...	5	16	3
Mr. Holden ...		5	0
,, George Custance		3	0
Miss Thompson ...		5	0
Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Barratt	2	0	0
Miss Hughes ...		18	2
Rev. W. Reed ...	1	0	0
Mr. B. R. Thorne...	2	2	0
Mrs. Henrietta Escreet ...	10	0	0
Offertory	9	6	4
Mr. E. W. Sampson	10	10	0
,, E. W. Sampson		10	0
Subscription cards	14	7	9
Rev. F. Wallis ...	2	2	0
Mr. W. Mountford	1	1	0
,, Weston ...	1	10	0
Capt. R. A. Ogilby	50	0	0
Mrs. M. A. Monk	25	0	0
,, M. Powis ...	25	0	0
,, A. Powis ...	10	10	0
Mr. H. H. Church	25	0	0
,, F. Church ...	10	10	0
,, T. Church's Executors	10	10	0
Colonel Browell ...	1	0	0
Subscription Cards	3	17	6
Rev. S. G. Scott ...	100	0	0
,, A. Simonds ...	2	7	0
,, W.B.L.Hopkins	1	1	0
Proceeds of Lecture per Mr. A. Moore	10	10	0
Mr. Arthur Moore	10	0	0
Rev. S. E. Chettoe	2	2	0
"Lent Boxes" ...	22	2	11
Mr. Maidlow Davis	10	0	0
Dr. Worthington ...	5	0	0
At Laying of Memorial Stone ...	25	2	0

STATEMENT OF CHURCH RESTORATION ACCOUNT (*Continued*).

	£	s.	d.
"A debtor to the Church" ...	1	0	0
Subscription Cards	2	11	0
M. C.	2	2	0
Mr. W. S. Dent ...	10	0	0
Anonymous ...		3	0
Canon Cheyne ...	1	1	0
Anonymous ...	5	0	0
T. Mandy Esq. ...	5	0	0
"Lent Boxes" ...		2	8
"China Share, No. 14"		6	0
Mr. J. E. Chipp ...	1	1	0
Another Friend ..		6	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. I. Turton ...	1	1	0
Mrs. Barker ...	1	0	0
Rev. T. B. Wilson	1	0	0
Subscription Cards	6	11	0
Interest on Deposit	7	17	0
,, on Stock	18	12	8
,, on Deposit		4	4
Proceeds of Bazaar and Collection by Ladies Committee	425	0	0
Mr. J. O. Cook ...	10	10	0
Sir Spencer Wilson	100	0	0
Miss Stuart ...	2	0	0
Mr. T. Brown ...	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. G. Kelham ..	1	1	0
Rev. C. E. Escreet, N.S. Wales Stock	1000	0	
Profit on sale of ditto	60	3	8
Miss Hardcastle ...		10	0
Mr. Joseph Moore	10	0	0
Subscription Cards	18	3	3
Anonymous ...	5	5	0
"Children's Church"		2	7
Rev. W. Cunningham	5	0	0
Parish Tea Party ...	3	0	4
Mr. Bannister Senr.	1	0	0

WOOLWICH NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

List of Subscriptions for year ending 31st May, 1894.

	£	s.	d.
Rev. and Mrs. Escreet	50	0	0
G. B. M. S.	7	12	9
Mrs. Escreet, sen.	5	0	0
Misses Calloway & Moore, profit on Entertainment	2	7	11
Mr. R. J. Warren	1	19	0
,, Alfred How	1	1	0
Colonel E. Hughes, M.P.	1	1	0
Rev. H. G. D. Latham	1	1	0
Mr. Joseph Moore	1	1	0
,, E. W. Sampson	1	1	0
,, H. H. Church	1	0	0
,, W. Woodford		11	0
,, G. H. Banister		10	6
,, J. O. Cook		10	6
Messrs. Garratt & Co.		10	6
Mr. W. F. Lockwood...		10	6
,, G. Morphew, sen.		10	6
Mrs. Rahtz		10	6
Mr. F. Sharland		10	6
,, G. W. Blanchett		10	0
Miss Buttress		10	0
Mr. G. J. Champion		10	0
,, S. J. Clothier		10	0
Miss L. Edwards		10	0
Mr. E. O. Masters		10	0
,, W. Norman		10	0
,, W. J. Squires		10	0
,, L. F. Webber		10	0
Mr. & Mrs. Barrymore		6	0
Mr. G. Custance		6	0
Anonymous (per Rev. H. G. D. Latham)		5	0
Mr. W. A. Day		5	0
,, C. Gilham...		5	0
,, L. Hammond		5	0
,, G. J. Low...		5	0
,, G. Porter		5	0
Rev. H. G. Veazey		5	0
Mr. Walter Wells		5	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. M. McCullough		4	0
,, W. E. Iden		3	3
Mrs. Payn		3	0
Mr. C. Bigg		2	0
Mrs. Wenham...		1	0
,, West		1	0
Mr. J. W. Paris			
		85	7
For Prize Fund :—	£	s.	d.
Mr. G. H. Banister... ...		5	0
,, Coutes		5	0
,, S. H. Cuff		5	0
,, G. J. Champion ...		2	6
,, S. J. Clothier		2	6
,, T. W. Corder		2	6
Mrs. Fuller		2	6
Rev. H. G. D. Latham ...		2	6
Mr. W. Moore...		2	6
,, G. W. Rahtz		2	6
,, E. W. Sampson ...		2	6
,, F. Sharland		2	6
Rev. H. G. Veazey... ...		2	6
Mr. R. J. Warren		2	6
,, L. F. Webber		2	6
,, J. Wilson		1	0
Mrs. Colton (collected by)...		7	7
			2 13
From Societies :—			
Clothworkers' Company (Hobby's Charity) ...	10	0	0
Ironmongers' Company (Betton's Charity) ...	10	0	0
Early Closing and Half-Holiday Movement ...	1	1	0
Mothers' Social Meeting		5	0
			21 6
			£109 7

W. F. LOCKWOOD, *Treasurer.*

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Escreet	2	0	0
E. W. Sampson	5	0	0
S. Wragge	5	5	0
Miss Edwards...		5	0
Rev. C. E. Escreet	85	4	6
	£97	14	6

	£	s.	d.
Hire of Hall	1	1	0
Serge for Parish Room		7	9
" "	1	1	5
Almanacks	9	11	4
Tuning Piano	1	10	0
Mending Harmonium	1	5	0
Executors of Memorial Stone ...	7	1	3
Lectern and Prayer Desk	3	13	6
Science and Art Materials ...	4	9	4
Lent Saving Boxes	1	0	0
Maternity Boxes	12	0	0
Block for Magazine	10	10	0
Printing	38	15	4
Posting...	4	4	0
Band	2	0	7
Choir Music	1	12	3
Chairs	2	16	6
Maps for School	1	3	6
Offertory Books, S.P.C.K.		6	9
	£97	14	6

RECTOR'S INCOME AND SPECIAL OUTGOINGS.

March 31, 1893—March 31, 1894.

	£	s.	d.
From funds in trust of Court of Chancery (less Income Tax) ...	83	5	8
From Tithe	105	8	4
Marriage Fees...	60	0	0
Funeral Fees	53	0	0
From Ecclesiastical Commisioners (less Income Tax)	574	2	0
	£875	15	0

	£	s.	d.
For Collecting Tithe, 10 per cent. ...	10	11	0
Do., Printing, &c.	1	10	0
Rate on Tithe (at £90)	30	0	0
Rate on Rectory (at £105)	35	0	0
Insurance of Rectory...	2	6	6
Schools...	50	0	0
Assistant Clergy Fund	212	0	0
Magazine	32	0	0
Income Tax	14	12	3
Parish Purposes	85	4	6
	472	18	3
Balance	402	16	9
	£875	15	0

It will be seen by this, that I have only put down certain compulsory expenses and deficits which I have made up. The ordinary charity of a Christian man, in subscriptions and offertories, &c., I have not included.

RESTORATION OF BELLS—BALANCE SHEET.

Mr. E. O. MASTERS, *Hon. Secretary.*

	£	s.	d.
To amount received by Contributions and Offertories, as printed in Magazines	166	18	1
Profits from Entertainments and Collecting Cards, as printed in Magazines	37	18	9
	204	16	10

	£	s.	d.
Mr. J. Blackmore, as per Contract ...	188	15	0
Additional work—Flooring ladder, &c.	12	5	0
Surveyor, K.C.A.	2	0	0
Printing	1	9	0
Stamps...		7	10
	204	16	10

Examined with vouchers and found correct. G. H. BANNISTER,
J. CLOTHIER.

WE NEED

(I.)

To complete Church Restoration,

£1,500.

(II.)

To Restore the Schools,

£1,000.

Subscriptions gratefully received by—

L. WEBBER, Esq., *Hon. Treasurer*, Church Restoration, 100, Powis Street; or

F. LOCKWOOD, Esq., *Hon. Treasurer*, Schools Restoration, Church Hill; or,

LONDON AND COUNTY BANK, Woolwich.

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Rev James Shepherd.

St Thomas' Old Charlton.

22. IX. 00. Dist. 48/1-3. S.H.D

Interview with the Rev. James Shepherd - Rector of St. Thomas' Old Charlton: at the Rectory in Margon road.

Mr. Shepherd lives in a comfortable rectory standing back in the Margon Road - garden back & front. He is a man of over 50, red face, close side whiskers, clean shaven chin & upper lip, no features, monotonous but pleasant voice - Has been here 5 years following on an ex-Unitarian minister who was a good preacher & attracted outsiders to hear lectures in Church rather than services - eg he used to advertise 'Capital & Labour' Glad.

Parish Boundaries

These boundaries cannot seem to include the parish of St Michaels. —

Character of Parish

Gladstone & Beaconsfield' as sermon subjects. 1a
Mr. Shepherd used do this & lost many at first.
Since then the congregation has been growing
gradually.

Parish Boundaries. N. Thames.
E. Coleman St. Frances St.
S. Little Heath
W. Hardens Manor Way.
Woodland Terrace.

The Parish. Sir Rocklington Wilson (his mother & brothers) the chief land owners: Sir B was half disinherited by his Father. has not recognise the church refuses to carry out promises made by his Father saying that he is too poor. The rest he can't be poor with the land he holds in Woolwich & Hampstead.
Population 11.000: of whom 5000 are working people: employed in the Dockyard. Siemens & the

Characters of Parish

the Arsenal. No rich since shipbuilding left 16.
the Dockyard about 30 years ago. Fair number
of well to do Germans working for Siemens ?
living in Maryon Road, keeping one servant; but
not church goers. Not many officers wives.
5 or 6 families of retired 'ranker' in the
road, i.e. men who rose to be officers through
the ranks. Maryon Road going down, used to
be the aristocratic road in Woolwich but
now keeping lodging houses. The houses
are 2½ & 3 st. ugly, fairly solid,
rented by tinkers at £35 or £36. Demand less
for smaller houses & smaller gardens. Heathwood
gardens the new street W. of Maryon Rd is built
for two families: each house is rented at
£32

Poor Streets

Clearances from Dust hole.

Comfortable but going down. used to be Lords & Ladies & ship officers. now none: great demand for houses with two fams or those for one only: supply nothing like equal to demand. Houses taken before foundations laid & entered before dry. The poor streets are near the river or railway: the respectable person can stop there. prostitutes & loafers. crowding.

Siemens Rd.
Trinity St.
Bowater Rd.
Harden St.

} all low class. workers at Siemens. casual, migratory: independent. wont brook church interference. dont care to see clergy or visitors. Earn plenty: spend it in drink.

Women dont work as a rule except in shirt factory. Earn tennis racquet balls.

Re clearances in the Dust hole affected Morris & Harden Sts especially. Soldiers affect everything. Reservists wives now better off than before. Knows cases where they have given up charring since their hus-

Church Services.

husbands went abroad. 3

St Thomas's Church. built 50 years ago. 1000 "Bright musical service with evangelical teaching"

Holds 1000: "Bright musical service with evangelical teaching"

Sunday - Communion 8. AM: on two Sundays
midday on one Sunday
Evening ——

Morning service 11.
Evening — 6.30.
Childrens service. 3 (on one Sunday).
Men only 4 (——)

Weekday. Thursday. 7 PM.
Sat. ev. (in Schools) Prayer meeting.

Attendance. 3 to 400 in morning.
500 in evening.
40 for men only.
50 on Thursdays.
50 Saturday ev.

Sunday schools. held in the Voluntary schools in Sand S^t: about 450 on books, an av attend

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attendance of 3 to 400:

Bible class for men (40 comm) ages 18-26

Baptisms twice a month: once on Sunday & once during week.

About 40 now attending confirmation class making about 70 for the year: against 60 last year: equal no of girls & boys: ages 14 upwards: more this time above 21 Last year there were a number of elderly people.

"An interesting feature here is the number of young men who attend the week night meetings."

Monday ev. Temperance: unsatisfactory: small.
Tuesday. Band of Hope.
Tu & Fri. Gymnasium - 50 or 60 young men
Wed. Church Lads Brigade. 50 or 60 lads
Th. ev. Working Guild for young women 60 come - all poor girls: who are taught by his wife & others to cut out & sew.

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Two mothers meeting - one ordinary & the other a maternity mothers meeting: the maternity mothers are those expecting confinement: those pay money in & work against their confinement & are provided with doctor & food on the occasion. About 25.w. to each meeting. Single & expecting confinement are not admitted. All poor & respectable.

(when a concert is added 2 or 300 come)

Temperance lectures every month - more for the music than for the lecture. Free int. collection always now than covers expenses

No nurse: shares a maternity nurse with Holy Trinity.

Parish magazine - nearly 700 bought every month

Services. The young like music: the old like sermons. The young are drawn off by the brighter services at St Paul's: an old, sober, Bible studying, sermon loving folk

No nurse.

Other efforts.

folk come here. LCC bandstand in Maryon Park 6
rather interferes on Sunday night & dance times
are sometimes wasted in: takes off some of the
young: but he has not suffered from the bicycle.
People enjoy a well worked out sermon.

Other efforts.

Wesleyan Chapel in Lower Rd. not doing much
Baptists in Sand street - connected with
Wilsons Woolwich Tabernacle - not strong.
Plymouth Brethren. in Prospect Place - a
little room only.
Queen Street Chapel - near station - congregat.
he thinks - not strong -
Some of the best work in parish is done by
the 'Soldiers Home' in Hill St: run by the
Miss Shoebricks - run a good ev. service by
Lagmen - bright - unsectarian - should be
seen

Thrift.

Drink.

Charity - no demand now for help: no poverty now. no able bodied man need have been out of work for the last 5 yrs: for the last 2 years too much work. work on Sunday at Arsenal has affected Church attendance - Blackheath Church helps when necessary - 7

Thrift - Provident Club in connection with Church - shared out at Xmas - money brought in by visitors - Does not know amount

Police - good.

Drink: much Drunkenness from the extra money - The feature becoming stronger is the amount you can now drink - only be 3 parts drunk - Publicans make effort to conduct their business well - Children fetch beer. No end to it. Small tots that cannot reach up to the bar - Some sip - Deplorable

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able. Must be bad for them. But has never seen a child drunk or any one the worse under 16 or 17 years of age. Drink not likely to begin before boys leave school. As soon as they earn money they think themselves men & must do as men: they dont get drunk for one might as a great exception, but they give up Sunday school & churchgoing. That is why the Lads Brigade & Gym-nasium was started - to act as continu-ation schools in religion. Has been part successful.

Very glad to give any other information if wanted but an uninteresting man.

Many girls go into service: no competitive factory work or hardly any: but even here servants are a difficulty. Mrs Shepherd got a girl a place a month ago as small general, it was her first place, her age 16 or 17. She might out a week was agreed to. After the first week a second night was asked for & refused. The girls mother saw her daughters mistress & said that she must leave unless a second night was allowed, her daughter could not miss her piano lessons.

ST. THOMAS', OLD CHARLTON,

Parish Magazine.

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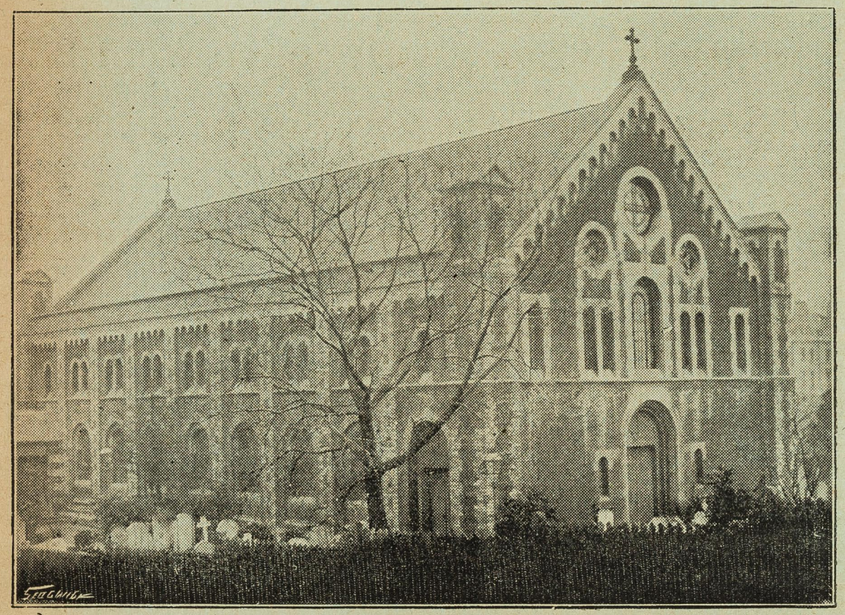

Clergy.—REV. JAMES SHEPHERD, *Rector.*
REV. ALFRED E. LAIT, *Curate.*

Churchwardens.—Mr. A. FENN.
Mr. WALKER.

Organist and Choir-master.—Mr. B. J. HANCOCK, F.R.C.O.

Scripture Reader.—Mr. DARTER, 40, Samuel Street, Woolwich.

(To whom Notices of Banns, etc., and applications for Sittings should be made.)

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Holy Communion.—1st Sunday at Morning Service; 2nd and 5th Sundays at 8 a.m.; 3rd Sunday at Evening Service.

Baptisms and Churchings.—2nd Thursday at 6 p.m.; 4th Sunday at 4 p.m.; also Churchings before any Service.

Marriages.—At any time within the prescribed hours.

A CHILDREN'S SERVICE on the 3rd Sunday in each month, at 3 p.m.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH VESTRY,

June 25th, 1900.

DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS,—

This month, as in years gone by, we have to think once more of our Sunday School Children's Annual Outing, and no doubt many of you have been asked to give as usual towards the expenses of the same. We sincerely thank you for what you have done, and for your continued help in this matter. There is no other alternative but for the teachers to collect as usual, and we are quite sure you and they have, as hitherto, done your best for the little ones. Sunday Schools are always a bright feature in Christian work, and we are glad, thanks to the Superintendents and Teachers, that so great a work is being done in our parish. We must never forget that it was one of our Lord's parting commands to feed His lambs, and we are quite sure that the good seed sown in our Sunday Schools must some day bring its reward, for we know that God's Word will not return unto Him void. How many are able to trace their first impressions of God to the simple instruction they received at Sunday School: "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days"!

Having said a few words about our Sunday School work, we should like to speak again this month about our coming Confirmation, which, as already stated, is to take place in our own Church next November. We shall hope to commence classes for instruction the beginning of September, due notice of which will be given in next month's Magazine. Once more we ask all in the parish who have not yet been confirmed to think seriously about the matter, and to give in their names as soon as possible. In the meantime, if we can be of any help to any who are in doubt about the subject, we will gladly do our best to explain any difficulty. Anyhow, we ask you to come to the classes for instruction, and then we shall leave it to you as the time draws near to decide for yourselves.

Trusting that many of you will be led to come forward at Confirmation,

We are, yours faithfully in the Lord,

JAMES SHEPHERD.

ALFRED E. LAIT.

St. Thomas', Charlton.

The Rector desires to say that the remarks which appeared in a certain Magazine in May last about the condition of St. Thomas' parish were the impressions of the Editor after he had walked through the parish.

The Rector regrets that some remarks in the said Magazine about open-air services, and one or two other matters—through a misapprehension—were inaccurate and misleading.

The Editor's visit to the parish was a very hurried one, or these mistakes could not have occurred.

There are no open-air services in connection with St. Thomas' Church at the present time, although the Rector hopes to resume them as soon as he can find a band of helpers who will take up this very desirable work.

MAGAZINE DISTRICTS AND DISTRIBUTORS.

Woodland Terrace...	Mrs. Doerner.
Maryon Road ...	Miss Lapham.
Mount Street ...	Miss Aldridge.
Lower Maryon Road	Mrs. Dearn.
Wood Street ...	Miss Keats.
Prospect Place, Prospect Row ...	Miss Neale.
Joseph Street, Ann Street, Wicks' Cottages ...	Miss Rowe.
Sand Street... ...	Miss Christie.
Glenalvon Street, Sand Street (part)	Miss Olive Walker.
Morris Street ...	Mrs. Crowdy.
Acorn Street, Oak Street ...	Miss Dixon.
Harden Street ...	Mrs. Smith.
Tamar Street, Kidd Street, Lyford Street, Maryon Grove ...	Miss Walker.
Trinity Street, Bowater Road, Siemens Road ...	Miss King.
Woolwich Road, Albion Road, Samuel Street, Henry Street, Maria Terrace, etc.	Mr. Darter.
Heathwood Gardens, Little Heath	Rev. Alfred E. Lait.

Rev. A.E Barnes Lawrence - Rector of St Michaels & All Angels.

Parish boundaries.

Sep. 27th 1900. Dist 48. 48. Outer South 1-1 G.H.D

Interview with the Rev. A.E. Barnes-Lawrence M.A. at 6 Church Terrace

Mr. Lawrence is Rector of St. Michael & All Angels church; in Black Heath Park, about a mile from where Mr & lives.
He is a fine tall athletic looking man, over 6 ft high, moustache & small side whiskers beginning to turn grey, rather over 40 years of age, very pleasant voice & manner, knew Mr. Booth's work & anxious to give all information & help in his power. Not intellectual but no humbug. Has been here 12 years coming from work in Sheffield & Liverpool.
Cheerful, quiet, unsensational

The parish is bounded on
N. The Avenue & a line thro Pond Rd to Morden Rd
E. Morden Rd, Manor Way.

Characters of Parishioners.

The blessed S.E.R.

S. Manor Way.
W. Lee Road.

There are 1200 persons in the parish: all rich: no poor: the rich were gentle but tend to become genteel: the poor are their gardeners & coachmen who are gradually ceasing to exist as the rich give up keeping carriages & employ job gardeners from outside for so many days a week. Nine out of ten of the men go to London in the morning & are stock jobbers or city men. In old days they would always drive to town & that was when Blackheath Park was at its richest. The houses & gardens are large & well built, stand high on a hill, the place is within seven miles of Charing Cross. When the railways came, city men began to go in by rail. "It would still be one of the best places near London socially if the railways were any but what it is." You have no need to ask more when I tell you that the S. Eastern is responsible for

for our train service. 'The quickest advertised time is 38 minutes.' 'In the winter in foggy weather I have many times been two hours in doing the journey.' [This morning the 10.50 train started 21 minutes late & arrived 28 min late at Blackheath: till the last minute porters don't know whether the train will go to Blackheath or Woolwich: no fog nor pressure of traffic today, but one is thankful when trains are as punctual as this was [illegible]. City men now find it cheaper to come in from Chislehurst. 'So the railway is directly responsible for the social decay of Blackheath.' Mrs L complained more of the personal inconvenience than of the social decay.

Sunday services are at 11. AM & 7 PM.
[See slip attached at the end].
The church holds 900 & he gets 600 in the morning & 500 in the evening. all well to do. Every seat except 120 which are free is taken. They pay well.

Sunday Services.
See also leaflet at the end.

Service.

'Our people like to travel to Heaven first-class'
The church is not endowed: belongs to the Cator Estate. Mr L is dependent on his congregation for his income & house-rent.

The Service is 'simple, hearty & congregational':
There is a choir but not surpliced & a very small one: organ at the west end of the church & choir behind the congregation.
'All my people join in the service.'
The organist is good but no special attention is given to the music, he is paid £60 or £70 a year. Mr L likes the service to be 'bright, hearty & varied.'
He gets a great many young people.
'When I came they were almost all elderly & a more than usual proportion of men' 'yes, about one man to 3 women. 'Thank' 'young people' & 'families' are the features of his congregation.
Are you a good preacher? 'I am not an eloquent one but I can hold my audience.'

He

He does not attract people from a distance to hear his preaching but he can interest them if they like to come. "But I tell them from the pulpit that the chief object in coming to Church is to worship rather than to hear sermons; to give rather than to get." "We are all congregational in our methods in this neighbourhood & that must be so where ever the parishes are well-to-do." None of the neighbouring clergy stick to their parish boundaries: each visits his congregation only wherever they may happen to live.

The tone of Blackheath is evangelical & conservative. He works on the most friendly terms with All Saints on Blackheath, & St. James Kidbrook Park: but not with St. Margarets Belmont Hill. "The rector there has just left, nobody will have anything to do with him, things have been very queer there for some years."

The only two known bodies of any importance

are

The tone of Blackheath.

Mr Fotheringham's Church is just out of this District — (C.C.)

Other Bodies.

are the Congregationalists: (Mr Fotheringham, an able pleasant man who holds his congregation by his preaching. 'He must do it by his preaching, if he lets that slide for other things he cannot live, & that is why I am in favour of endowment"). Mr A said that the having to preach was the weakness of the Congregational ~~system~~ system.

& the Plymouth Brethren. (Dr. Mackillican: editor of the morning star) & Dr. Kidd, known all over the world. Dr. Kidd is a noted Romeo path, was called in to attend ~~Gladstone~~ Disraeli. His 3 children, now of age, have with their father's consent just taken seats in Mr A's church. 'They say they could not any longer put up with the barrenness & dullness of the Plymouth Service.'

The Wesleyans & Baptists are 'of no account' here. Blackheath is so strongly evangelical that when Mr Adams set up against Canon Bristowe for the School Board they pre-ferred Mr Adams 'a socialist & an infidel'

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Education.

Canon Bristowe ~~his~~ is a very High Church man. Thr' a proc. ferred a churchman to an infidel & took the chair at one of Canon Bristowe's meetings & tried to persuade his own people to vote for him but many of them would not!

The richest congregation by far is the congregation which works it & more millions, as against ½ a million for my own.

The only paid servants besides himself are a Curate who comes for Sundays only & the organist.

Buildings. Church & Church room.

Weekday service. Wednesday morning 11.30: from 100 downwards come if the weather is good but they are like cats & won't come out if it's wet. On Friday Evening, devotional service in the Church room; practically full, room holds 150 & 120 come

Educational work. Small day school, on which they spend £120. Used to have 110 boys when there were gardeners & coachmans families. Now there are only 40 or 50 & in this

No Sunday Schools.

Help to poor parishes

two years he expects that the school will close for want of scholars.

They have no Sunday schools: because there are no poor. Instead he has upper class Bible classes for girls & boys of different ages & girls about 150 to them each week. There are 40 men in the Bible class for men held on alternate Tuesdays.

But every Sunday he sends 50 or 60 to work in other parishes. "We are affiliated to 6 poor parishes". The Sundayschools at Holy Trinity Blackheath hill are entirely run by members of his congregation. He also undertakes mothers meetings & girls clubs for them. Beginning a Dec 24th in each year they have collections in church for each of the parishes as under —

	Dec	24th	they sent to St Peters Greenwich	34.10.3
1899		25	Holy Trinity "	32.13.7
		31	Christ Church Deptford	38.3.10
1900	Jan	14	St Thomas Woolwich	38.19.1
		21	Christ Church. Greenwich	37.5.7
		28	St Pauls Greenwich	38.15.9

Parochial subscriptions

Visiting

Cooperation with other churches.

"Every rich Church should be affiliated to one or more poor one." This wd seem to be a better way than starting separate missions.

His people are also very keen about foreign missions & supply missionaries as well as money.

Last year they subscribed to

The Church Missionary Society. £1000

Home missions	500
Diocesan ("never popular")	250.
General religious & Hospitals	310
Poor & local	317
Educational. (day schools)	120.

Visiting. personal by Mrs L. All glad to see him. Visits his congregation only. Generally but not invariably talks on religion. Religious questions generally raised rather by the visitee than by himself.

Cooperation: freely both with churchmen & nonconformists on such universal questions as rescue work. Is to sit at the Conference next week on the same platform as Mr Mackellian.

Drink

Prostitution

Licensed houses.

Local Govt knows nothing of Local Govt or Poor Law.

Police: Good as far as he knows.

Drink: More barefaced lying about drink than about any other subject: even when you know he drinks a parishioner will tell you to your face that he does not: fears there are skeletons in a good many cupboards but are kept in the back ground.

Prostitution: Terrible on the heath: impossible to stop: fed from all sides, from Deptford, Greenwich & Woolwich. 'As a minister I cannot uphold licensed houses even though I know less disease would result from it: I know human weakness, I don't see how it can be prevented; but I cant appear to sanction it.' He has not had to make up his mind on the subject & is glad because at present he sees no way out of the dilemma. Told me to see Stephen Barnes, 5 Lansdowne Road, close by, secy of the National Vigilance Society 'an excellent man.'

High v Low Church.

Marriage : though the congregation steadily gets younger there is not much marriage in the parish, the houses are too big for young people. When people leave or come it is to go to or to come from other suburbs: very few come to live here from the country.

Stealth excellent.

Housing Rents £120 to £250 in Blackheath Park : Smallest houses fetch £50.

High v. Low Church. 'I should rather you said "sound" than Low' said Mr Lawrence.

The High Church party, he said, were well-organised, composed of men who thoroughly believed & would die at the stake for the views they held, were strong intellectually were sufficiently rich : but 'they have not got the people behind them.' They wd have done more had they been content to press their claims less hardly.' As it is they are gradually bringing about the formation of a strong protestant party. 'England will always be protestant.' Mr L travels about a good deal. He hears

more

Recruits from Plymouth brethren.

Blackheath v Clapham.

more of earnest men leaving the Church of England because of its Romish practices than of men joining it on account of them. He knows several cases where the Church's loss has been the chapel's gain.

Here in Blackheath he gains no recruits from the Congregationalists though the Church is socially a step higher than the Chapel. He gets a few from the 'Plymouths' because of the 'deadness' of their service. 'Young people want life & brightness.'

I asked him also what were the things he most wanted to know about when he came to a new parish. He said 'most of the things you have been asking me about, especially Social condition & character, occupation, wealth, religious life & organization, the work done for the poor, & the relations of the established with the non Conformists.'

Mr. Lawrence must be a good influence wherever he is. He is rather wasted I think in Blackheath.

Blackheath seems to be now, from a religious standpoint, what Clapham was: will it ever become what Clapham is?

Protestant posters.

General Election Leaflet No. 3.

PROTESTANTS VOTE FOR JACKSON

THE SELECTED CANDIDATE OF

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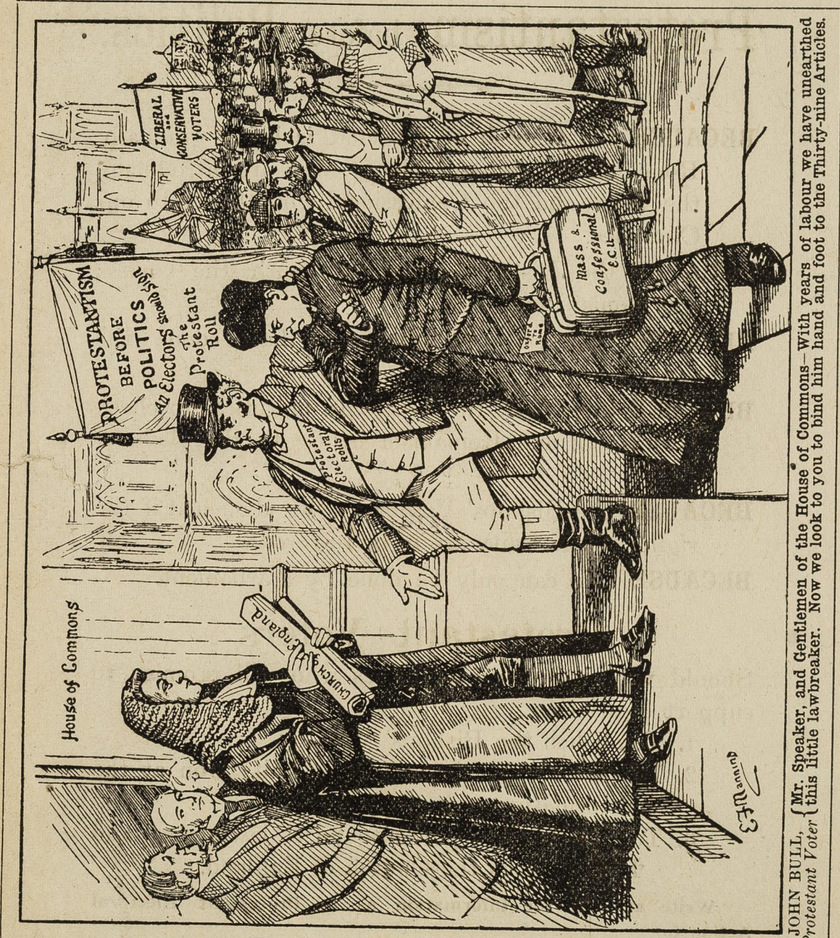
Protestantism before Politics.


LIBERAL
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PROTESTANTISM
BEFORE
POLITICS
Mass &
Confessional
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Protestant
Roll
House of Commons
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Why Protestant Electors should put Protestantism before Politics.

BECAUSE the Church of England is being gradually Romanized by her own clergy, who are introducing the Mass and the Confessional wholesale into our Churches.

BECAUSE the Bishops sympathise with the lawless and Romanizing party.

BECAUSE successive Governments have done the same.

BECAUSE at present the Laity are powerless to check lawlessness and Romanism owing to the Bishops' Veto.

BECAUSE the Bishops' Veto must be abolished if the rights of the Laity are to be restored.

BECAUSE this can only be done by Parliament.

Protestant Voters

Should vote only for Candidates who will promise to support legislation.

1. To abolish the Bishops' Veto.
2. To restore the rights of the Laity won at the Reformation and now in danger.
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GIRLS (under 13):— do. 3·30, do.
GIRLS (under 10):— do. 3·30, do.
BOYS (from 14 to 18):— do. 3·30, do.
BOYS (under 14):— do. 3·30, do.
BOYS (under 10):— do. 3·30, do.
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AND THEIR FAMILIES

Should be sent to Mrs. SHAW, The Hall, Blackheath Park.

THE POPULATION OF ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH,
By the Census of 1891, was—Males, 427; Females, 788. Total 1,215
Living in 197 Houses.

St. Michael's Church,

BLACKHEATH PARK.

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The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens, passing the Accounts, &c, will be held in the Vestry on Saturday, May 5th, at 5.30 p.m.

The question of singing the Psalms at the Morning Service will be discussed at the meeting, and it is hoped that the Seatholders may find it convenient to attend.

A. E. BARNES-LAWRENCE, *Vicar.*

E. P. Le FEUVRE, H. HART, } *Churchwardens.*

Easter, 1900.

[P.T.O.

Church Expenses from Lady-day, 1899, to Lady-day, 1900.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Deficiency, Lady-day, 1899				35	12	2
,, Salaries and Allowances—						
Organist	60	0	0			
Organblower	6	10	0			
Verger and Bellringer	40	16	8			
Church Attendants	41	18	10			
				149	5	6
,, Church Choir	16	15	6			
,, Organ Tuners	8	0	0			
,, Laundry, Church Cleaning, &c. ..	14	5	7			
,, Coals, Coke and Wood	1	19	0			
,, Gas, £20 7s. 9d.; Water, £3 ..	23	7	9			
,, Insurance	4	2	9			
,, Printing, Stationery and Stamps ..	20	8	11			
,, Sacramental Wine	4	4	0			
,, Repairs, &c.	8	16	3			
,, Visitation Fee and Sundries ..	3	4	1			
				105	3	10
				£290	1	6

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Assessments on Pew Rents—						
Half-year to Michaelmas, 1899 ..	91	2	6			
,, Half-year to Lady-day, 1900 ..	90	19	3			
				182	1	9
,, Quarterly Collections—						
July 2nd, 1899	28	10	7			
October 8th, 1899	18	12	9			
December 10th, 1899	19	1	0			
April 8th, 1900	16	16	8			
				83	1	0
,, Church Boxes	16	6				
,, Church Room	2	7	6			
,, Parish Notes	13	12	6			
				16	16	6
Deficit				8	2	3
				£290	1	6

E. P. LE FEUVRE, } *Churchwardens.*
H. HART, }

Examined and found correct, *April 25th*, 1900,
J. E. CRICKMER.

Collections from Lady-day, 1899, to Lady-day, 1900.

1899-1900.			£	s.	d.
March.		Church Pastoral Aid Society (Self-denial Week)	24	1	11
,,	31st.	London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews (Good Friday)	52	11	2
April	9th.	Church Missionary Society (Centenary Offerings)	9	17	4
,,	16th.	Religious Tract Society	30	2	6
,,	30th.	Scripture Readers' Association	30	17	3
May	14th.	Church Missionary Society	130	17	4
,,	14th.	Ditto (Juvenile Branch)	1	15	6
,,	28th.	Missions to Seamen	53	0	3
June	11th.	Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund	79	18	4
,,	18th.	Oxford Pastorate Fund	45	8	5
July	16th.	Christ Church (Sidcup) Building Fund	41	4	2
,,	30th.	Diocesan Societies	35	7	0
Aug.	13th.	Moravian Missions	71	0	11
Sept.	17th.	British and Foreign Bible Society	56	7	8
,,	24th.	Irish Church Missions	58	6	8
Oct.	22nd.	Church Pastoral Aid Society	54	19	0
Nov.	12th.	South American Mission	36	0	0
,,	19th.	Army Scripture Reader (for South Africa)	30	0	0
,,	19th.	Missions to Seamen (for South Africa)	30	0	0
,,	26th.	Church of England Temperance Society	24	5	6
Jan.	7th.	South African War Fund	104	17	3
Dec.	24th.	The Poor, St. Peter's, Greenwich	34	10	9
,,	25th.	Do. Holy Trinity, Greenwich	32	13	7
,,	31st.	Do. Christ Church, Deptford	38	3	10
Jan.	14th.	Do. St. Thomas', Woolwich	38	19	1
,,	21st.	Do. Christ Church, Greenwich	37	5	7
,,	28th.	Do. St. Paul's, Greenwich	38	15	9
Feb.	18th.	St. Michael's Boys' School	37	18	1
			£1,259	4	10

Sacramental Alms, &c.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	2	16	2
Offertories from Lady-day 1899, to Lady-day, 1900	78	19	1
Special Offertory for Scripture Readers' Fund, Christ Church, Deptford	14	4	6
Thankofferings	1	5	0
	£97	4	9

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Sick and Poor	18	6	6
Pensioners	22	4	0
Scripture Readers' Fund ..	14	4	6
Poor Parish	10	0	0
Greenwich Refuge	3	0	0
Deptford Girls' Institute ..	2	0	0
St. Peter's Deaconess Fund ..	10	0	0
Charity Organisation Society	2	0	0
Books, Postages, &c.	6	7	4
Balance in hand	9	2	5
	£97	4	9

Assistant Curate Fund.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Contributions	£57 0 3	To the Vicar	£57 0 3

Examined and found correct, *April 25th*, 1900,
J. E. CRICKMER.

Rev J. M. Lester. Vicar of St Johns. Woolwich

Parish Boundaries.

Sep 28. 1900. Dist. 48. 48 / H-11 S.H.S

Interview with the Rev. J. M. Lester. Vicar of St Johns Woolwich.

Mr Lester is clean shaven, brown hair getting rather thin on the top, between 35 & 40. quiet pleasant rather vague: been here 9 months. coming from Shifnal in Warwickshire where he answered questions for C.B about pauperism & old age & was much pleased at being sent the book.

His parish is bounded on the N by Mulgrave R, Red Lion St, Brewer St, William St, Thomas St & Cross St:

On the E by Helen St & a line drawn across Belmont St & Anglesea Rd to Sandy Hill then down Brookhill Road, to Nightingale Vale Place, Dacre St, Selwyn St Eglinton Rd ending in a point by the Colonel Commandants house: On the West the

boundary

The Parish.

Artisans but no poor.

The boundaries are Woolwich Common. Nightingale Place & the Corner of Plumstead Common Road & then a line drawn through the barracks to Wellington Street.

The population of the parish is 8,500.

They consists of artisans & shopkeepers & a few professional men. The two great features of Woolwich are the Soldiers & the Arsenal. The soldiers are catered for by the Army chaplains; there are about 2000 of them in the parish but have not been included in the above total: The poorest streets are those lying south of Nightingale place. The poorest & worst being Dicey St & Delvin St. Dicey street very bad, crowding & prostitutes, when part of the Dust hole was cleared its inhabitants came here. No brothels that he knows of but plenty of loose women who use the Common. None are poor for want of money. 'They have too much money': more than they know how to spend: & too much work 'It is commonly said that since the war every public house in the place has doubled its income.

The

Church going in Woolwich.

The extra money is spent in drink. No one comes to Church. No parochial feeling. 'Only 3 of those who rent pews are parishioners.' 'Never saw anything like it in my life though I always knew that this side of London was notorious for bad church going.' The people are so well-satisfied with themselves, so indifferent to religion, think they have recognized the church sufficiently if they send their children to Sunday School. 'Why don't you come to church?' 'Oh, well, I send my children to Sunday school.' None is hostile, all are glad to see me but it never seems to enter their heads that they ought to come to church.

The church holds 2000: 'but is greatly overpewed.' On Sunday mornings perhaps 100 come.

'It must be said that there are two great counter attractions against coming to church here.' The first is Sunday parade at the barracks instituted by Genl. Maurice in order to help recruiting. Band plays & men are paraded before going to church.

It

Obstacles to church going

It is a fine sight & thousands come to see it. The roads are blocked round the common. Those who might want to come here find it difficult to make their way through the crowd. But most dont want to come here. After the parade, church hour is past & it is too late even if they had wanted to come. 'They might perhaps come if I stood on my head but nothing less'.
The other attraction is service in the garrison church itself: persecuted in the morning but free in the evening but crowded both times.
Officers wives living in the parish go there, so he loses the richest of his congregation.
These are permanent obstacles to worshipping at St Johns. What he hopes is only a temporary obstacle is the overtime at the Arsenal. Men are too tired to come. His vergers at the Russian Church in Ordnance road has had to give up his post saying that he must sleep on Sunday. 'And if a Xtian man holding church office feels it so how much more must it affect others'.
The service at St Johns is 'medium & moderate

Black

Overcoming of the obstacles.

Persons employed.

Church services.

Black stoles & East ward position; if you understand such things.' He would like it 'higher.' 'My neighbour at St Michaels (.) succeeds better with a higher service, but of those who use the church many use it come just because the service is so moderate. He means to work up church attendance 'on quiet parochial lines', & the congregation has already increased from 50 to 100 since he has been there. He means of increase are to be visiting & preaching. 'Are you a good preacher?' 'Well the people at Shifnal were fond of my sermons & I am not bad' He gives them doctrine in the evening & subjects in the morning.

Persons employed – Himself & 2 curates.
28 choir boys (paid a small sum) & 12 choir men
2 vergers, 1 clerk, 1 organist, (all paid)
1 organist (unpaid) churchwarden & 6 sidesmen unpaid. 1 reader (unpaid).
8 District visitors.
1 mission woman.

Sunday. at 8 A.M. about 30 come.

Social Agencies

Visiting

at 11. 100.
6.30 100.
At Mission Church in Ordnance Rd about 50
to morning service & 100 to evening - It holds 400
at 12.15. 50 children.
3. 400 " for Sunday School.
Service Daily at 2 or 3.

Social agencies. Band of Hope. 90.
2 Mothers meetings. 95.
Literary society once a month.
Mens club projected last year but given
up because of overtime at the Arsenal.

Education. none beyond Sunday school & Bible class

Visiting: being done gradually by the 3 clergy:
The Vicar visits himself. Has just been making
a tour of the shopkeepers & publicans. All
glad to see him. Publicans expressed themselves
as feeling hurt that the last vicar neglected
to come to see them. The shopkeepers are al-
-most all roncons but in spite of that

seem

Nurses.

Charity

Other sects.

Seem to expect to be visited. He wishes he had more district visitors but does not know where to find them.

Nursing. 5 Jubilee nurses in Nightingale Place to be had when asked for.

Charity. about £20 given away in tickets, mostly in milk tickets for the sick. No other relief has been required since he has been here.
A large amount of Hospital letters are given through the Hosp. Sunday Fund. He works with C.O.S.

Other Religious bodies.

Romans. strong & good, many Irish not the poorest live in parish. Work at arsenal.
There is also a Convent in Nightingale place.
The Baptists & Congregationalists are the strongest of the non cons;
The Polytechnic has a service on Sunday afternoon.
Salvation Army are weak.
Plymouth Brethren; small.
The best attended Anglican Churches are St. Michaels which is high, & All Saints on the Hill which is low; has a congregation of 'natural

Church

Church goers: Villa residents on Shooters Hill etc.

Co-operation: alg in Philanthropic work, such as Cottage Hospital: & the clergy & ministers of most denominations occasionally give addresses at the Polytechnic. All sects met last winter to arrange a general prayer about the war

Police. 'Too long suffering; ought to be stricter with drunkenness.

Drink. 'Frightful & much worse lately: people dead tired from Arsenal work: hopes it may improve after the war is over.

Crime. 'More openly vicious as to drink, ~~prostitution~~, immorality & gambling than any place I have seen since I was at Ayr in Scotland.' He has not got grappled with the problem of prostitution. 'But as to having licensed houses I don't think I cd even conceive such a state of things'

Health. very fair: much better since the sewage was carried further down the river. 'But you should see Mrs Lester on all questions of housing, prostitution, local govt etc.

Housing. 'rents inordinately high'. '3 rooms in Ritter Rd.

Lester – S. John, Woolwich.

Rt for 7/6: 5/ or 6/ for 2 or 3 r in Ordnance Rd
great demand for houses.

Thrift. Provident club. with 80 members: collected
by the district visitors.
Clothing club: 70 member.

Mr. Lester speaks & looks as if he had been a keen
high church curate: gradually realising that
the great awakening was not to come in the way
in which he had first expected it. He said in rather
a hopeless way 'Oh yes I am hopeful as to the
future; when the war is over men will have
more time & things will be different.' When this
enquiry began I remember a person saying 'It will
need some great calamity to wake men up to a
sense of their religious duties.' I could almost wish
~~it~~ for some great war.'

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Sept. 17th. 1900.

Interview with Rev. Walter Wragge, Holy Trinity, Woolwich.

Rev Wragge is a man of rather uncertain age, but probably nearing 40, who has been Vicar of this parish for six years. He was for a short time a curate of Barnett at St. Jude's, Whitechapel, but is now at all events a more orthodox churchman than this connection suggests. He is a man of taste and culture and wide and liberal reading: but he has rather an unprepossessing face, and is I think as he admits in his Report of "no natural effectiveness". He is much more effective in print than in talk.

Holy Trinity Church was built as a proprietary chapel, and for many years was the fashionable church of Woolwich, people flocking to the preaching of an eloquent and talented Dissenter. Rev W. thinks that its former

reputation is damaging to it now, though it was formed into a parish in 1881.

Rev W. recorded thereby here and sent me a copy of the Economic Review containing an article by Horsley on the parish from which I append some extracts. The article is on Rev W. said "rather Horsleyan" and tends to give one the impression that the parish consists of the Durham cl. proletariat whilst, as a matter of fact outside the Durham the people are for the most part, as elsewhere in Woolwich decent respectable folk who depend mainly on the Dockyard for their subsistence: "they are exceedingly prosperous cl. peasants" said Rev W. "there is practically no unemployment." As to the denizens of the Dockhole (Rev W. & the lay visitors stamp to the name) he regards them as practically hopeless: here and there there is a fairly

respectable family, but the dwellers in the
lodging houses are mere tramps, cadgers, loafers
and prostitutes, and the w. regards the efforts
to influence them as futile: practically the
test is attempted among them is the rescue
when possible of young girls who are drawn
into the net of prostitution

The w. thinks that Hawley really
did much to improve the condition of things
here by forcing the authorities to act in
sanitary matters: and there has been
a distinct improvement since the law has
allowed the ~~police~~ prosecution of builders:
the police have been very active in prosecuting
these people.

Most of the information the w. gave me
will be found in the papers herewith and in the
extracts from others which he took me.

His story was the usual one of almost-

complete indifference to religion: "You can't and won't get them to Church" but there is much more willing recognition of the Church in the parish than there used to be, and outside parish religious matters its influence is widely felt. Then was the usual remark "they all come to us in trouble."

Actual figures are Communicants about 200, Sunday morning 100, evening 400 to 500 but the church draws a good many from Plumstead though not from in the parish. when the churches of Plumstead are empty.

So far as religious work is concerned here it is carried out the only advance lies in "concentration": Each church must endeavour to get a firm hold of a few who like spread the light. This is the chief aim of Missions, which though they have no permanent effect on the outsider, arouse quietly the former

of the inner band of communicants.

In matters of Relief Mr W. is a close adherent of the C.O.S.

There are several chapels in the parish but the only one of any importance is Mr Wilson's Baptist Tabernacle which is full to overflowing on Sunday night.

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Parish Church of Holy Trinity,

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Erected as a Proprietary Chapel, 1833.

CAPEL MOLYNEUX, B.A., Minister.

1850. DUNCAN LONG, Minister.

1852. Consecrated by the BISHOP OF LONDON.

THOMAS REYNOLDS, Incumbent.

1860. JAMES S. RUDDACH, „

1869. JAMES WHITE, M.A., „

1877. Hon. A. J. R. ANSON, M.A. „

1879. JOSEPH JORDAN, M.A., „

1881. Constituted as a Parish Church.

JOSEPH JORDAN, M.A., Vicar.

1888. JOHN W. HORSLEY, M.A., „

1894. WALTER WRAGGE, M.A., „

THE CLERGY:

Rev. WALTER WRAGGE, M.A., Holy Trinity Vicarage.
Rev. F. S. FISCHER, B.A., Holy Trinity Vicarage.

SERVICES.

Holy Trinity.

SUNDAYS.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
12 noon—Holy Communion.
(1st and 3rd Sundays).
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon
3 p.m.—Children's Catechizing.
4.30 p.m.—Holy Baptism & Churchings.
6.30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

WEEK-DAYS.
Daily—Matins, 7.45 a.m.; Evensong, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesdays—Holy Baptism, 7 p.m.
Holy Days—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.

At the Schools.

Children's Church, Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

Churchwardens.

Mr. G. T. JELLEY, 250, Burrage Road.
Mr. HUGH MIDDLETON, 17, Oak Terrace, Plum Lane.

Sidesmen.

Vicar's	*Vicar's Wardens*	*Parish Wardens*
Major HULEATT, R.E.	Mr. CORBRIDGE	Mr. ARNOLD
Mr. LANGFORD	Mr. HOWARD	Mr. MARLOW
Mr. J. T. MORGAN	Mr. MUNDEY	Mr. TAFFS
Mr. RAINBIRD	Mr. WOODS	Mr. WING

The above, with the Choirmaster and Secretary of the Sunday School (for the time being), form the Church Council, together with the following Members elected by the Congregation :—

Mr. ALLARD	Maj. DOUGLAS, R.A.	Mr. MUNDEY	Mr. SUMMERS
Mr. BAILLIE	Mr. DYER	Mr. SANDERS	Mr. WILLIAMS
Mr. CLARE	Mr. FREEMAN	Mr. SQUIRE	

Hon. Sacristan.

Mr. WOODS.

Verger.

Mr. HARWOOD.

CHOIR.

Soprano.	Tenor
Miss N. E. Hutchins	Mr. W. H. French
Miss A. E. Hoggard	Mr. H. Gage
Miss A. Jones	Mr. W. Lang
Miss E. Nicholson	Mr. C. H. Sanders
Miss E. M. Shoubridge	
Miss F. Tansley	Bass.
Miss F. Ward	Mr. H. Carden
	Mr. W. Kilby
Contralto	Mr. E. Ledger
Mrs. Friend	Mr. J. L. Prewer
Miss M. Knowles	Mr. C. Saker
Mrs. Lang	Mr. W. Simmonds
Miss M. L. Sanders	Mr. C E. Stedman
Miss F. E. Summers	Mr. T. Jefferson Nell (Choirmaster)
Miss M. Wren	

Mme. Tester-Jones, Organist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Chaplain ... ... The Vicar.

Boys' Department	*Girls' Department*	*Infants' Department*
Rev. F. S. Fischer (Bible Class)	Mrs. Wragge (Bible Class)	Miss Barton
Miss Wren (Organist)	Miss Allen	*Miss Berry
*Mr. R. T. Baillie	Miss Ashton	Miss Bird
*Mr. Dyer	Miss Belcher	Miss E. Cooper
Mr. Freeman	Miss Capper	*Miss Curtis
Mr. W. Gee	*Miss Clark	Miss Gibbons
Mr. G. Gibbons	Miss Corbridge	Miss Horne
Mr. P. Gibbons	*Miss Davis	Miss Lane
Mr. Richards	Miss Jones	Miss F. Marlow
Mr. Stephens	Miss M. Marlow	Miss Newell
*Mr. A. Paterson (Supt. and Sec.)	Miss F. Morgan	Miss Shoubridge
	Miss S. Turton	Miss Turnbull
	*Miss Turton (Supt.)	Miss Tyers
		Miss W. Tyers
		*Miss Bailey (Supt.)

* Form the Executive Committee of the S.S.

Number on the School Registers, 330, with an average attendance of 270.

DISTRICT VISITORS.

Miss Belcher	Mrs. Middleton
Miss Cheetham	Mrs. Morran
Miss Clark	Mrs. Rainbird
Mrs. Douglas	Mrs. Whitty
Mrs. Graydon	Mrs. Williams
Miss Hollands	Mrs. Woods
Miss Jones	Mrs. Wragge
Mrs. Langford	Miss Wren

Holy Trinity Vicarage,
Woolwich,
May, 1900.

My Dear Friends,

In asking you to review with me another year I am reminded that it is six years last January since I came to try and serve this Church and Parish as your Vicar. I hope we are in for a good long spell together. Time is the great ally for those who have no natural effectiveness, and I would fain hope that there is a cumulative force in going on doing the same things with what faithfulness one can over a good stretch of years. But the work is yours as much as mine and what are we all but instruments in God's hands to whom, for a short space, is entrusted the care of one little corner of His Church, the presentment of her faith and discipline and the ministry of her sacraments and social service? That is the thought to cure us alike of conceit and of that inverted conceit which consists in moping over our failures and weaknesses.

The Staff.—It is just a year since Mr. Craig left us, and we had to wait long for his successor. From the end of May, 1899, until the end of January of the present year, I was alone. We have welcomed Mr. Fischer and he has already taken his place among us. He has been exceptionally fortunate in his training—Fettes, Cambridge, Oxford House, Wells, and much foreign travel, and we look for great help in many ways from him. My sister Muriel has joined our staff and is in charge of the Kindergarten and all the work that is growing out of it. I provide her very nominal salary of £50 a year, and we are thankful to have enlisted her. Miss Evelyn Newman has come with her as a volunteer, living in Woolwich and giving all her time to the parish. She also is a trained Kindergarten teacher and devotes herself to the Kindergarten besides helping in the Girls' Club and other work for children. You know I think something of what my Wife is to all of us, and how all her time and energy are freely given. I believe strongly in a small staff of "professionals," paid and unpaid, to teach others how to work and to raise the standard of all work and to put expert knowledge at the command of all who need it.

Finance.—The balance sheet which the Wardens presented at the Easter Vestry is published as an appendix to this report and should be studied by all who are interested in the Church. I think it will be found to be satisfactory. We still retain the bad modern innovation of pew rents. Sixteen rented sittings in the Church

were resigned during the year and thirty-one were taken, making a nett gain of fifteen. The number of sittings rented was one hundred and thirty-four, and the income derived from them £130 6s. 8d. £100 from this source of income is contributed to the Vicar's stipend, and the balance above that amount to the Churchwardens' fund. The offerings for Church expenses amounted to £160 6s. 7d.; those for special purposes to £70 3s. 11d.; for objects outside our own parish needs we contributed, through offertories in Church to Home Missions, £9 9s.; to Foreign Missions, £5 5s. 3d.; to philanthropic and charitable funds, £22 6s. 9d. By no means all of these offertories passed through the Churchwardens' accounts, so my figures do not, it will be seen, agree altogether with the balance sheet; nor have I included here a large sum collected by missionary boxes and in Sunday School for the Universities Mission. S. Saviour's Mission building is the great drain on the Churchwardens' fund. It costs over £33 a year and contributes a little over £3. At last we think we see our way to make it self-supporting, and to raise, by means of the Kindergarten, a rent of £30. The Assistant Curate fund has had a very slight demand upon it during the past year. I am thankful that the Additional Curates Society has renewed its agreement to pay half the stipend of the Assistant Curate, provided that the other half is contributed by the laity of our church and parish. We are quite confident now of being able to keep to our part of the bargain. I wish to thank, very cordially, Mrs. Woods, organising secretary of this fund, and her helper, Mrs. Graydon, who have gathered in £28 4s. 1d. during the year, in sums of all sorts of size. Some of the contributors to this fund are people in receipt of a small weekly wage, and that is one of the most pleasant facts in the history of our parish. I have, by a new arrangement, this year printed a list of all donations of any sort to our funds in so far as the names of the givers have been known to us. We have had, more than usual, reason to be grateful for this kind of help during the past twelve months. If money is really needed the best way of getting it is to ask for it and it usually comes. I hope we are getting out of a bad habit of coaxing people to give money by means of Bazaars and Entertainments. Whenever we have to ask for money the response is wonderfully generous. It was by direct appeals just before Christmas that we raised £8 6s. for the A.V.D. fund; £16 for the Roof repair fund; and almost entirely among friends of my wife and myself not resident in Woolwich, £70 for the fund to instal the electric light. The quarterly Jumble Sales have brought in £14 9s. 1d. for the A.V.D. fund. Perhaps I ought to explain that A.V.D. was Mr. Horsley's excellent title which, being expanded, means "At Vicar's Disposal." In parishes where the Vicar is a plain man untempted by sins of the tongue, they call it "Parish Purposes" or "Unappropriated Fund," titles which are correct, but dull.

The Church and Services.—The fabric of the Church has given us a good deal of trouble The cold draughts during the past winter have been intense and have largely reduced our congregations. During the epidemic of illness, before and just after Christmas, many people stayed away, feeling, with some justification, that it was positively dangerous to sit through a service in such a place. We are told that an alteration and entire overhauling of our heating apparatus will stop the down draughts, and this will have to be done before next winter. Very extensive repairs had to be done at considerable cost, to the roof, but now we hope it is sound. The electric light is a great success, and is the first instalment of our scheme of church cleaning and renovation. It is paid for, I am glad to be able to report. We used it for the first time in November at the services held on the anniversary of the Mission of 1898. It will be a great comfort in the hot weather when the Church, ill ventilated as it is, has usually been stifling at Evensong after the gas has had to be turned up. As I see the electric light switched on I often think of a pretty saying of Archbishop Benson, in one of his charges, just about the time when electric light was first being introduced into public buildings, about the "thread of opportunity being lit up by the glow of enthusiasm," so it becomes a kind of parable.

I pass now to what is far more important than these external things—the "House not made with hands," which is being built, as I hope, by God's Holy Spirit of living men and women and children who gather in our church for prayer and sacrament. We ought not to make much of numbers, but it is disappointing that our number of communicants is still so comparatively small. We have 250 names on the roll. Since I came here up to the end of last year there have been 174 people confirmed. I have been carefully through the register and this is what I find—moved away, 51; regular communicants, 54; and what I fear must be classed lapsed communicants, 69. I do not say that not one of these 69 will ever be got back to a definite Christian life, but whatever hopefulness is justified about them, the number is an alarming one. What does it all mean? There is no public opinion among us of the obligatoriness of regular communion. There is, generally speaking, no recognition of it in the homes of our young communicants. Other members of the family were confirmed perhaps years ago, but Holy Communion means little or nothing to them; that is one thing. But also I think I have done much too little to watch over the newly confirmed by means of classes and guilds and systematic teaching. I had some meetings in the garden last year to which I invited parties of those who had been confirmed in my time. We talked about some way of making up

this deficiency, but nothing so far has been done. There is not the slightest doubt that something must be done. I should be very grateful if all earnest communicants would think about this and advise me if they can. Canon Newbolt in an excellent book quotes the following words from the Life of Dean Butler of Wantage, "I have found it necessary in a country town to form no less than twelve communicants' classes, which are held invariably in the week which precedes the first Sunday of every month, and before the greater festivals. These classes vary greatly in size ; the smallest has eight names only ; the largest forty-five." I am not going to try to bend the bow of Ulysses, but it might be possible to form one or two guilds or classes for younger communicants as we have formed a guild for men and have regular instructions and meetings for prayer. Last year 2158 communions were made in the Church ; in the previous year, the year of the mission, 2650 ; this year, we are, so far, doing still worse. There must be fluctuations, and during overtime to the extent to which we have had it for months past, and an unhealthy winter such as this has been, a fall was to be expected. But we are going down the hill too fast and with God's help we must go up again. The Church must always be separate from the world—separate in its faith, separate in its standards of right and wrong, and separate in its habits of self-expression. Those who minimise the importance of Holy Communion, or who regret that Confirmation is insisted on as a rite of admission to it, have in their hearts forgotten the simple truth that the Church is not the World. A Spiritual society has a right to its own method. If it asks from us observances that run counter to the habits of the average worldly man, we ought to be thankful that there is at least one organization that sets out from the first to protect us from the tendency in all of us to deteriorate. We have been warned against *"confusing the right of the individual to be free with the duty of the Institution to be something ;" the Church has a duty "to be something," a definite, coherent, intelligible thing "to warn, to counsel and command." We dishonour the Church and we dishonour men if we present it to them as reflecting nothing but what they are prepared to do and think at this present stage of English opinion, in their most pedestrian moods. If the numbers at our celebrations of Holy Communion have gone down I believe there is more recognition of the need of preparation for communion. There are larger numbers at our services of preparation before the great festivals than there used to be, and that is a great gain. It is not enough to come to anything —we must mind how we come. I like the opening sentence of "Law's Serious Call :" "Devotion is neither private nor public prayer ; but prayers, whether private or public, are particular parts or instances of devotion. Devotion signifies a life given, or

* Bishop Creighton's Hulsean Lectures, 1893-4.

devoted to God." When a man's "life is given or devoted to God" then he begins to make reverent and careful use of the means and helps, those "particular parts or instances of devotion" which have lain about him from his infancy and which became his at his incorporation into the society of CHRIST. When we get critical and rebellious, when we are holding back a large part of our life from God, we can readily invent grand reasons or adopt opinions which deceive us into thinking ourselves superior to those "means of grace" for which we thank God every time we say the general thanksgiving. But *"present yourselves unto God" and you will see the reasonableness of the ordered system of the Church, putting the central thing into the central place and offering us "a sober standard of feeling in matters of practical religion." For every averagely strong man or woman who is a communicant this should be the rule :—To be present at every Sunday celebration at 8 ; to add something to the usual morning and evening prayers on Friday and Saturday in preparation for it ; to say some thanksgiving after it ; to live so as to be not consciously unfit for it. If hurried in preparation, or otherwise hindered, it is better to keep to the rule of being present and joining in the prayers and praises even though not communicating. It is good after communicating early to be present sometimes at a late celebration for prayer and intercession and the help of others.

The daily services have been regularly said—Matins at 7.45 and Evensong at 7.30. At Matins we hardly ever have had anyone to join the clergy, but at Evensong almost always a few are present. I am very thankful that we began at Easter, 1899, to say both the services at our Parish Church instead of saying Matins at the Mission. I often wonder why more people living near the Church do not come at least to the daily Evensong. It is wonderfully steadying and uplifting to be quiet with God for twenty minutes towards the evening of the day. Dignified and beautiful as the daily offices are and full of Holy Scripture, the constant use of them must tend to deepen and strengthen the mind and spirit of those who try to say them with intelligence and reverence. The clergy are under a solemn obligation to recite them, but it has always been expected that they would be assisted by such of the laity as could be present to join them. It would be good for us clergy to feel more of the pressure of your opinion behind us expecting us to do our proper work, as you are expected to do your proper work. Our first great duty is to be frequent in prayer—expect us then and encourage us to say reverently the daily prayers of the Church. A second great duty of ours is to read—expect us then and encourage us to give clear and solid teaching on Holy Scripture and on the Creed. You do expect us to visit

* See the Bishop's charge, "The Vocation and Dangers of the Church." (page 44)

you and you show unmistakably that there is among you a public opinion about that. But read over the Ordination Service and get a clear sense of what a clergyman's business is, and then expect us to do it in its proper proportion. Could any layman tell me what were the eight vows I took when I was admitted to the Priesthood? Besides building up those who are Christians our Church has a Mission to those who are without. The parish ought to be always pressing on our consciences like a heavy weight. All through Lent we have had Wednesday Lantern Services this year, and they, I believe, have done some good. They were fairly well attended, and by the right people. The Lantern Service on the evening of Good Friday brought more of our parishioners than ever. The Organ Recitals which Mrs. Nell very kindly gave on Thursdays in Lent got seventy or eighty and sometimes more men into the Church during the dinner hour. I wish that that might prove a first step to some of them. I have had a women's class again during Lent. Mr. Fischer has begun a Mission Service at 7.15 on Sunday nights at S. Saviour's. The services on the anniversary of the Mission last November brought a large number of the parishioners into the Church. The day of Intercession in connection with the War was well observed. Since early in January the Church has been left open each day from 10 till 2 for meditation and prayer. We were waiting to find a caretaker to take the place of Mrs. Reid who died last year; but we have been bold enough to do without one. I should like to extend the hours someday if all goes well. I am grateful to the choir, organist and choirmaster for much hard work and good help during the year.

When Mr. Craig left us I became Chaplain of the Sunday School and it is one of the most pleasant parts of my work. We have a large staff of teachers for whom there is a fortnightly teachers' preparation class. The lesson is given with the help of a black-board and three set questions are given and taught word for word to the children. The infant teachers have a lesson on the same subject, but it is in a simple form and is broken up into two parts. The infants learn a verse from a hymn on the subject instead of the set questions. The boys' and girls' schools take it in turns to meet in Church and in the upper schoolroom. On the fourth Sunday all departments meet in Church. On ordinary Sundays the children who assemble in Church are arranged in their classes at 3 o'clock, then we all kneel and say an opening prayer; after that for twenty-five minutes the children are taught the set questions by their teachers. At 3.25 I come into the Church again and a hymn is sung. The set questions are then heard and a few questions explaining them are asked, then another hymn and a short office. Then the lesson is gone through—the lesson, it must be remembered, which was taught the Sunday before by the

teachers in class in the schoolroom, and which was given to the teachers on the Friday before that at the teachers' class. Some of the elder children take notes, while the lesson is being given in Church, on paper prepared by one of the teachers and attached to a piece of mill-board. Tucked under this sheet of paper is a double sheet which the children take home in a cover provided for them. On this at home they write from memory a short analysis of what the lesson was about, and bring it in a second cover to school next Sunday. Marks are given for analyses and each child keeps, in a proper cover, a complete file of all the analyses he or she has presented. This is the ordinary plan of teaching in Church Sunday-schools now. I only set it out at length because I want parents and subscribers to know exactly what we do. There is an excellent spirit among the teachers and we are a very happy and united body. May I thank especially Mr. Paterson and Miss Turton for this good tone? Miss Bailey has lately become superintendent of the infants' school and is full of plans. The room which we rent in the Board School is now used by the boys of the infants' school. The affairs of the Sunday-school are well managed by an executive committee elected annually by the teachers. One of the brightest and most hopeful parts of our work is our Children's Church in the upper schoolroom. The services are—Matins at 11, and Evensong at 6.30 on Sundays. It is a real Church with all the proper appointments, most of which have been made by kind friends. Mr. Squire is Warden under me. There is a surpliced choir of boys, and a growing band of workers is getting round the little Church. The teaching is, I know, solid and good, and, Mr. Squire being a certificated and experienced Board School teacher, understands the children. He has been recommended by the examining chaplain for the Bishop's lay-readers' licence. The children are taught the teaching of the Church and made familiar with the Prayer-book.

The Parish.—Early in the present year the Queen signed the Order in Council giving effect to the proposed alteration of parish boundaries which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners agreed to recommend. The district which we took over from S. Margaret's is therefore legally and formally ours, and also a small part of what used to belong to S. John's. I think everyone knows the new limits of the parish and they need not be repeated here. They were published in the "London Gazette" and we have a copy of the issue. I suppose when the new census is taken we shall find that we have a parish of something over 6,000 people. The original parish has been very largely rebuilt and very much improved. The part which old inhabitants call "The Gardens" is now entirely new. Barnard's Theatre has been enlarged and nightly draws considerable crowds. One good thing it has done,

oddly enough, to improve part of our parish. One of the new exits is in Rope Yard Rails and a large electric lamp lights it. The whole of the street is much lighter than it used to be and it is now far less of a backwater, being opened up as a thoroughfare down which a good stream of people passes every evening. That is exactly what was wanted. The police have extraordinarily improved the condition of the lodging house quarter by vigorously putting into force a recent piece of legislation. There is still some deplorable property in the parish, and we are constantly using the complaint book or communicating with the sanitary authorities. I can recall within the last twelve months some dangerous illnesses caused directly by the disgraceful dampness of some of the houses. On the other hand a really conscientious landlord like one we have in what used to be a notorious street can, by strictness and fairness and a proper care of his houses, make a visible difference in the whole condition of the people. Good landlords, a good administration of the sanitary and other laws are the first needs of a parish like this. The intemperance of the people in such parishes as ours will only be lessened by a long process of levelling up all round, aided by legislation. If the number of public houses were in the proportion to the population which is now generally agreed upon as fair, viz.—one per 750 inhabitants in towns, there would be eight public houses in the whole of our parish, new and old. As a matter of fact there are no less than 32. I think one or two of the houses have lately been growing more disorderly and shameless. We want legislation; a new method of issuing licences; a considerable reduction in the number issued, with equitable compensation where they are revoked, and many other reforms. If anyone will study the points of agreement between the majority and minority reports of the Royal Commission he will see that there is in them all the material for a considerable step forward which would not be in advance of public opinion. Yet it is becoming clear that, at least by this Parliament, nothing is going to be done. With regard to what can be done to fight the sin of drunkenness by voluntary effort, people hold different opinions and they hold them strong. I have my own, but they need hardly be stated here. I fear I must go on in my own feeble way, even though in some quarters I believe we are classed among those parishes "where nothing is being done for temperance." I belong to the Labour Club in Beresford Street; when I lectured there one Sunday night on Ruskin's "Unto this last" a large number of the members left the bar and came down to the lecture room. I believe that when the club has extended its premises and got a presentable lecture room, less drinking and more educational work will go on there; but I hope clubs will be included with public houses in any future Acts of Parliament dealing with drink.

Organizations at work in the Parish.—I hope it is not heretical to hold, as I do, that, in the means employed to make a parish better, there is no "one thing needful." All bettering of life comes from God it is true, and there is one end before all of us—to know God as revealed supremely in Jesus Christ with every faculty of our being in full energy of life; but the preparatory steps by which God raises men to Himself are various and manifold. It must always be "in divers portions and in divers manners." The Kingdom of God is wider than the Church, and I do not say that the Church holds exclusively all possible means of bettering life. The work of education amongst us is of great importance. Union Street Board School is happy in possessing a staff of most admirable teachers, and the work done there is thorough and high toned. It is a great pleasure to go in and out as a manager. The Evening School for men and boys which was opened at the request of one of our guilds, has had a very hard year of it owing to overtime; but, in spite of all obstacles, it has proved a surprising success. I have been there a great deal and watched with much interest the good work being done. As in the day school so here we have been more than fortunate in the teachers selected to work among us. I hope the school will flourish more and more. For years that fine building stood night after night dark and unused in the midst of us while the blazing Public Houses and the Music Hall sent out their warm and comfortable light. Now it does one good to see the windows lit up and guiding to a better way, like a light-house. I have spoken a little at the beginning of the report about a small educational venture of our own—the Kindergarten which has its home in the upper room at S. Saviour's Mission. It arose out of an aspiration in last year's report, and is a Mission from the Blackheath Kindergarten; it is a great joy and delight to us all. On the books there are now nearly thirty children, all of them under school age. The room has been made into a real Kindergarten, and I think must be a revelation to any open minded visitor of the ingenuity and beauty of some of the newest methods of teaching little children. One feels inclined to say about Kindergarten what Shelley said about Love:—

> "One word is too often profaned
> For me to profane it."

There is so much of the inferior and sham article even in dignified educational circles; but we may be certain that we have got the real and the best thing. Branching out from the actual work of the little school much work is beginning among parents, and some excellent classes for teachers and workers among children are being held. My sister Muriel has also the play-hour for little children on Monday evenings, which supplanted the poor old band of hope—now no more. The junior girls' club is also in her

hands. I believe that in all these organizations we are giving our younger children the very best that we can give them. Sweet and clean and pure influences are steadily coming home to them; they are learning that best of lessons for a child—how to play; they are learning how to be natural and simple and free, yet clean and disciplined and unselfish. The Athletic Guild used to be called a boys' club, but it cannot be called that now. It is interesting to have an organization that has carried its members over the great transition. They are men now, these big people, but they are just as nice as when, five or six years ago, they used to finish off a football match in all corners of the field in single combat with the enemy. Mr. Fischer is getting to find himself at home with them all. His Sunday afternoon bible class for the guild is well attended, and some of the members have remained faithful and regular communicants. We sorely miss our good lay brother, Mr. Wilkie, who has gone for a year or so to New Zealand, and we eagerly look out for his return. May I here thank Mr. Dyer for so generously and bravely taking up much of his work? Our Girls' Club has done better this winter than ever before. It has moved back to its old premises at S. Saviour's, and it has been fortunate in attaching some new and most valuable lady workers. A new development has been a circulating library which Miss Morgan manages for the girls. A box of sixty volumes is sent to us every half year from the office of the Review of Reviews. The books are well chosen and the girls seem to appreciate them. We are ambitious for our Girls' Club and shall not be satisfied until it has a house of its own open every night with a resident caretaker and some spare bedrooms, where girls can be temporarily lodged. Even with its present resources it is doing splendid work among us. It is work done at a point most vital to the welfare of England. Such work ought to appeal specially to the chivalry of men and arouse some among our men to give it their money and their prayers. It is all that they can give but if we had such gifts in greater measure the Club might make a great advance. Will not some one help it to a permanent home of its own? My wife who guides the policy of the Girls' Club continues among her other many activities to train girls at the Vicarage for service. They come and live there for a few months and then when they have been well taught and have earned their outfit they are sent to a place. There are now twelve girls who have been through this preparation doing well in service. We are grateful to Mrs. Barrington-Foote, Mrs. Kearns and Miss Owen who with Mrs. Wragge have visited and tried to raise up some of the saddest lives that we have amongst us. The home in Samuel Street has been a constant help to us. Our district visitors have given a great deal of time and trouble to their work. Their pretext for visiting is the Provident Society which last year collected

£360 in savings; but that is only a means of introducing the visitors to their people, and many of them I know are always seeking to raise the point of contact above that business level until it becomes a true human fellowship leading sometimes to talk and sympathy about the deepest things. I know very well how utterly disheartening and almost heart breaking this work must often be, but to those who pray and persevere wonderful encouragements are given. To a kindly sense of humour too there are often given gleams that light up a whole corner of life hitherto unexplored. Other visitors do much good in the Parish besides our own. The Invalid Children's Aid Society, the Country Holiday Fund, the Provident Dispensary, the Children's Country Holiday Fund, and above all the Nursing Association are of the greatest help. I must briefly notice the Working Party into which the old Dorcas Society was converted. It meets at the Vicarage and is worked on quite a new plan and is doing admirably. The two Mothers' Meetings are well attended. The last organization which I have to report on is the Missionary Guild. It is doing a real missionary work among us. Its annual 'At Home' is always the best meeting of the whole year. It meets monthly, has a circulating library, takes in 24 copies of "Central Africa," and 72 of "African Tidings," has 14 box-holders and 24 subscribers, and last year sent up £6 to the Universities Mission making a total since 1896 of £39 17s. 4d. To the Additional Curates' Society the guild sent up £3 11s. Its members meet for intercession after evensong on the second Sunday in the month, and for business and the reading of a paper or discussion on the third Tuesday.

I am glad to close with the Missionary Guild in mind for it brings our thoughts back to our place in the whole Church 'dispersed throughout the world.' All the world over Church people are doing the same work, and I often think that the best advance we could make in a Parish like this would be a movement, however slow, towards some of the methods and principles of our best Church Missions abroad. At any rate we must remember that we are just as much missionaries here as we should be if we were in Central Africa. We must always pray, though we humbly recognize that God has not called us to the highest and hardest tasks, for more of the detachment and self-devotion of a missionary's life.

I am,

Your sincere friend,

WALTER WRAGGE.

BALANCE SHEET OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND, for year ending Advent, 1899.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
By Balance, 1898	7	15	2
„ Sale of Motto Cards	1	9	4
„ Sale of Hymn Books		8	9
„ Balance, Social Evening		2	7
„ Sunday School Treat Subscriptions	22	11	8
„ Proceeds of Concert	5	6	0½
„ Sunday Afternoon Collections	4	7	6¼
„ Donations	1	0	0
	£43	1	0¾

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Registers C.E.S.S.I.		18	0
Motto Cards and Envelopes	1	8	0
Christmas Tree and Prizegiving	5	15	11
Books, Fee, &c., C.E.S.S.I.	1	4	0
Organ Blower		8	0
Rent of Room, Union Street Board School	6	8	0
Tickets for Prizegiving		2	6
Sunday School Treat	21	10	1½
Concert	1	2	3
	38	16	9½
Balance	4	4	3¼
	£43	1	0¾

ALEXANDER PATERSON,
Hon. Sec.

Audited and found correct.
R. T. BAILLIE
R. DYER

WALTER WRAGGE, Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, (WOOLWICH), SLATE CLUB.

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1899.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions	251	18	0
„ Fines	7	6	4
„ Doctor's Fund	1	12	0
Overpaid by one Member		2	0
Interest from Savings Bank	1	14	8
	262	13	0
	74	6	5
Balance to Share	£188	6	7

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
To Sick Pay	67	15	0
„ Doctor	1	12	0
„ Printing	2	2	6
„ Postage		12	7
Repaid two Members on leaving club		11	4
Rent and Gas	1	1	0
Room Attendant		10	0
Repaid one Member		2	0
	74	6	5

SHARE OUT ACCOUNT.

189 Members at 19/8	185	17	0
2 „ „ 18/8	1	17	4
Balance		12	3
	£188	6	7

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and have compared the Members' Cards and Vouchers, &c., and find them correct.

JAMES N. WHITE
M. SULLIVAN } *Auditors.*

H. W. BARLOW, *Hon Treasurer.*
J. B. SHOUBRIDGE, *Hon. Secretary.*

HOLY TRINITY PARISH KINDERGARTEN.

BALANCE SHEET, 1st January to 1st June, 1900.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions *(see appendix)* ...	30	4	6
	£30	4	6

Payments.	£	s.	d.
Apparatus		18	5
Pinafore Material		17	8½
Register Book		1	0
Paint for ring			6
Sateen for walls		5	6
Chairs	4	17	6
Carriage of chairs		1	6
Exercise books		9	4
Wood for tables		5	10
Making tables		6	0
Dustpan and brush		1	4½
Altering guard and putting up shelf		1	3
Mounts for registers			8½
Piano	7	4	5½
Pegs for cloakroom			7
Visitors book			2
Washing pinafores		3	6
Apparatus		11	7
Teas to mothers		7	0
Salary to mistress (one quarter)	12	10	0
	29	3	11½
Balance to credit	1	0	6½
	£30	4	6

HOLY TRINITY ASSISTANT CURATE FUND.

From Easter to 31st December, 1899.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	21	0	2
A.C.S.	13	16	0
Donations *(see appendix)*	8	12	0
Collected by Hon. Secretary ...	28	4	1
	£71	12	3

Expenditure. 1899	£	s.	d.
April, Rev. O. Craig	12	10	0
May, " "	12	10	0
June, Rev. W. Wragge (refunded)	12	0	0
September, Rev. W. Scott... ...	2	4	8
October, " "	6	6	0
July, Mr. Thorn (printing) ...		19	0
Balance in hand	25	2	7
	£71	12	3

Audited and found correct,

HENRY F. TAFFS,
Hon. Treasurer.

ISAIAH TURTON.

24th January, 1900.

HOLY TRINITY DORCAS SOCIETY.

1898-99.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1897	6	18	5¾
Subscriptions, 1898...	1	1	0
" 1899...		17	6
By Sales	2	3	0
" "		3	2
" "		16	6
	£11	19	7¾

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Wallis		14	3
Tape			10½
Mr. Cuff, Sewing Machine ...	2	16	3¾
Mr. Burns		13	1
Mr. Wallis	1	0	0
Mr. Reed (two bills)	1	0	11½
Verger		3	6
Churchwardens		10	0
Balance in hand	5	0	8
	£11	19	7¾

Audited and found correct,

E. TAFFS,
Hon. Treasurer.

A. J. WING.

December 6th, 1899.

HOLY TRINITY SICK AND POOR FUND.

BALANCE SHEET 1899.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	*Cr.*	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1898	23	10	1	Pensions	1	18	0
Donations	26	5	6	Relief	7	8	2½
Loans repaid	1	18	11	Donation, Nursing Association ...	3	6	0
Church boxes	2	0	1½	Subscription C.O.S.	1	1	0
*Offertories	35	19	1	Convalescence	16	2	3
Sundry receipts		15	6	Loans	2	0	0
				Sundry payments		2	0
				Balance	58	11	9
	£90	9	2½		£90	9	2½

WALTER WRAGGE, HUGH MIDDLETON } *Hon. Secs.*

* For two years, viz.—Christmas, 1898, and Christmas, 1899.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH RENOVATION FUND.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Payments.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By donations (*see appendix*) ...	70	4	6	To original estimate of Messrs. Prichetts & Gold				64	0	0
,, registry fees	1	2	6	Extras—						
				One switch to control electrolier at north end	1	3	0			
				Light behind organ ...	1	6	6			
				One dozen spare fuses		2	6			
								2	12	0
				To Mr. Gee's account for cutting holes through ventilators & sunlights, shortening lights, making cupboard to cover electric light apparatus				4	7	6
				Balance to credit ...					7	6
	£71	7	0					£71	7	0

Examined and found correct,

G. W. BLANCHETT,

8th June, 1900.

HOLY TRINITY PROVIDENT ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1899.

Collected.	£	s.	d.
Miss Clark	25	17	10
Miss Marlow	4	9	6
Miss Cheetham	64	12	1
Miss M. Cheetham	19	12	10
Miss Clark	20	0	0
Mrs. Newell	5	5	6
Mrs. Atkins	3	17	0
Mrs. Whitty	8	10	2
Miss Jones	14	18	5
Mrs. Graydon...	9	19	4
Mrs. Langford	5	19	5
Mrs. Morran	12	11	4
Miss Hollands	3	10	7
Miss Jones	11	0	8
Mrs. Woods	12	17	0
Mrs. Middleton	24	10	0
Miss Berry	4	3	4
Miss Wren	26	5	1
Mrs. Whitty	3	2	3
Mrs. Barlow	3	0	6
Mrs. Whitty	21	3	9
Mrs. Lawrance	9	13	11
Miss Hollands	9	15	8
Mrs. Wragge	15	16	2
Miss Cheetham	17	5	3
Mrs. Freeman...	2	7	8
	£360	5	3

Paid Out.	£	s.	d.
By visitors paid out	360	5	3
	£360	5	3

ISAIAH TURTON,
Treasurer.

Audited by,

H. F. TAFFS.

STATEMENT OF CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNTS—Easter 1899 to Easter 1900.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand ...		2 6 8¼
Offertories		160 6 7¾
Seat Rents		130 6 8
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS—		
Easter Day	11 9 0½	
Samuel St. Home ...	1 8 1	
Woolwich Church Extension	1 10 0	
Hospital Sunday ...	14 8 5¾	
Harvest Festival ...	12 10 11½	
Additional Curates' Sty., and S.P.G....	3 6 11½	
Christmas Day ...	11 1 4½	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund	9 10 8	
Roof Fund	3 8 8½	
Passion Music ...	1 9 8	
		70 3 11¼
SCHOOLS—		
To Fees for use of ...		9 10 0
ST. SAVIOUR'S MISSION BUILDING—		
To Fees for use of ...		3 2 11
SUNDRY ACCOUNTS—		
Church Boxes ...	2 12 3½	
Lenten Boxes... ...	7 15 1	
Donations to Roof Fund	16 12 6	
		26 19 10½
Balance due to Churchwardens		3 16 8¼
		£406 13 5

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d
By Archdeacon's Visitation Fee	18 0	
Contributions to Vicar's Stipend 100	0 0	
Samuel St. Home ...	1 8 1	
Woolwich Church Extension	1 10 0	
Assistant Curate Fund	12 15 8	
Woolwich & Plumstead Nursing Association	7 4 0	
Sunday Hospital Fund	7 4 0	
Rochester Diocesan Sty.	6 5 6	
Society for Propagation of Gospel	1 13 6	
Additional Curates' Sty.	1 13 6	
Sick and Poor Fund ...	11 1 4	
Soldiers'& Sailors' Fund	6 10 8	
Artiste and printing passion music ...	1 4 0	
Stationery and Printing	1 1 0	
Burglary Insurance Sty.	10 9	
Coals	7 15 6	
Gas	12 16 5	
Electric lighting Dec., and Lady Day Qr....	6 15 1	
Water	1 0 0	
Cleaning Materials ...	1 8 6	
Sacramental Wine ...	1 16 4	
Insurance	3 1 6	
Organist, Choirmaster, and Leader	59 4 0	
Organ Tuning	6 0 0	
Repairs	11 3 3	
Winding Clocks ...	10 6	
Verger, Sexton and Cleaners	84 18 6	
Miscellaneous	10 0	
		357 19 7
SCHOOLS—		
By Gas	6 3 2	
Water	1 0 0	
Fire Insurance... ...	16 6	
Winding Clocks ...	10 6	
Coals	2 2 6	
Extra Attendance of Verger	3 5 0	
Repairs	1 13 0	
		15 10 8
ST. SAVIOUR'S MISSION BUILDING.		
By Gas	4 17 10	
Water	2 0 0	
Fire Insurance	15 0	
Coals	1 13 0	
Repairs	1 5 0	
Cleaning Materials ...	1 1 10	
Caretaker	21 10 6	
		33 3 2
		£406 13 5

We certify that we have examined the above account and find the same to be correct,

GEO. T. JELLEY
HUGH HULEATT, Major, R.E. } *Churchwardens.*
14th April, 1900.

H. W. JONES
HUGH MIDDLETON
HENRY F. TAFFS } *Auditors.*

HOLY TRINITY, WOOLWICH, A.V.D. FUND, for Year ending Dec. 31st, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By balance from Dec. 1898		3 9½
BY SUBSCRIPTIONS— *(See appendix)* ...		25 16 10
BY OFFERTORIES—		
January 6th	2 6	
„ 25th	1 6	
November 1st ...	6 11	
		10 11
BY JUMBLE SALES—		
April 5th	2 11 8	
June 1st	3 1 2½	
October 19th	5 11 0	
December 21st ...	3 15 3	
		14 19 1½
BY PROVIDENT SOCIETY—		
Bank Interest, 1898 ...	1 8 8	
Bank Interest, 1899 ...	10 2	
Sale of Provident Cards	1 9 0	
		3 7 10
By Proceeds of Conference (Nov. 2nd)		2 10½
		£45 1 4½

PAYMENTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
TO PRINTING &c.		
January 10th. Cyclo ink and paper ...	5 0	
April 20th, to Thorn, on Account ..	2 6 0	
June 5th, Cyclo ink and paper ...	5 0	
„ 5th, Confirmation books	10 5	
„ 5th, Confirmation Cards, &c. ...	4 7	
„ 24, Annual Reports	5 17 6	
„ „ Wrappers ...	4 0	
August 22nd, Book of Banns Certificates	2 9	
Oct. 20th, to Thorn, on Account	5 2 6	
Dec. 26th, War Prayers	5 0	
		15 2 9
TO MAGAZINE DEFICIT—		
May 29, on Acct., 1898	3 17 6	
Nov. 8. „ „ 1899	8 10 0	
Dec. 26, „ „ 1899	7 12 0	
		19 19 6
TO PARISH WORKERS' SALARY—		
Mar. 25th, Grey Lady	2 10 0	
June 24th, Grey Lady	2 10 0	—5 0 0
TO FURNISHING & REPAIRS—		
January 10th, Vestry Calendar (1899)	1 3½	
Feb. 17, Altar Candles	8 11½	
May 10. Roller Towels for Vestry ...	4 9	
May 29, Electric Bell for Vestry ...	8 4	
June 23, Painting Box in Porch	2 0	
June 23, Piano Tuning	12 6	
Oct. 20, Refixing Curtains in Schools ...	17 0	
„ 20th, Carpenter...	3 4½	
„ 30. Repair Locks at S. Saviour's ...	2 6	
Dec. 26th, Font Cover S. Saviour's ...	12 6	
Vestry Calendar (1900)	1 3	
		3 14 5½
TO ENTERTAINMENTS, &C.		
June 23rd, Gas for Lantern	6 6	
Nov. 19th, Conference	5 0	
„ „ District Party	2 11½	
Dec. 7, Mission Social	6 10½	
		1 1 4
To Carriage Toys to Shadwell... ...		6
Balance to Credit ...		2 10
		£45 1 4½

Audited and found correct,

28th May, 1900. JAS. J. ALLARD.

Name	Assistant Curate Fund. £ s. d.	Sick and Poor Fund. £ s. d.	A.V.D. Fund £ s. d.	Church Renovation Fund. £ s. d.	Children's Church Fund. £ s. d.	Parish Kindergarten. £ s. d.	Church Roof Fund (see Chwdn's a/c.) £ s. d.
Aitken, Rev. G. H.	—	—	—	20 0 0	—	—	—
Allard, Mr.	2 6	—	—	—	—	—	—
A.F.	5 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Allen, Mr. & Miss	10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Angell, Mrs.	5 6	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
Anonymous	11 6	5 9	10	1 0 0	—	5 0 0	10 0
,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	7 6
,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 0
,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 0
Arnold, Mr. & Miss	10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ashton	5 6	—	—	—	3 6	—	—
Atkins, Dr. F. & Mrs.	—	2 0 0	10 0	—	—	—	—
Atwell, Miss	3 9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bailey, Mr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baillie, Mr.	13 0	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
Barnett, Canon & Mrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bartholomew, Mrs.	—	—	—	2 2 0	—	—	—
Beadle, Mrs	2 2	—	—	1 0 0	—	—	—
Berry, Mrs.	11 7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blackheath Kindergarten	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blanchett, Mr.	—	—	—	—	—	2 12 6	—
Blandford, Mrs.	6 0	—	2 2 0	—	5 0	—	2 4 0
Bonser, Mrs.	1 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Broughton, Mrs.	2 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Browning, Mr. & Mrs.	2 6	—	1 10 0	—	10 0	—	—
Budd, Miss	—	—	—	—	—	5 0	—
Bull, Mrs.	5 0	—	—	2 0	—	—	—
Burn, Mrs.	1 1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burfield, Mrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Busby, Mrs.	5 6	—	—	1 1 0	—	—	—
Butcher, Miss G.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Butter, Mr. H.	2 0 0	2 0 0	—	—	—	2 0	—
							10 6

Name.	Assistant Curate Fund. £ s. d.	Sick and Poor Fund. £ s. d.	A.V.D. Fund. £ s. d.	Church Renovation Fund. £ s. d.	Children's Church Fund. £ s. d.	Parish Kindergarten. £ s. d.	Church Roof Fund (see Chwdn's a/c.) £ s. d.
Callaway, Mrs.	2 6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cairns, Mr. & Mrs.	1 4 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Camberley Kindergarten	—	—	—	—	—	5 0	—
Carpenter, Mrs.	10 0	—	—	1 1 0	—	—	—
Cheetham, Misses	9 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church Councillors	—	—	13 0	—	—	—	—
Church Extension Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	2 0 0	—
Clare, Mr.	1 4 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clark, Mr. J. J.	1 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Collie, Miss	—	—	—	1 0 0	—	—	—
Cooper, Mrs.	2 3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congregational Tea	1 15 6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Craig, Dr. W. S.	—	—	—	2 2 0	—	—	—
,, Dr. M.	—	—	—	1 1 0	—	—	—
,, Rev. O.	—	—	—	10 0	—	—	—
,, Mr. N.	—	2 2 0	—	1 1 0	—	—	—
,, Mr. E.	—	—	—	10 6	—	—	—
,, Mr. G.	—	—	—	10 6	—	—	—
,, Miss	—	—	—	5 6	—	—	—
Cumming, Mrs.	—	—	—	—	—	2 6	—
Dalby, Mr.	10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drain, Mrs.	2 3½	—	—	—	—	—	—
Douglas, Major	2 0 0	—	—	—	1 0	—	5 0 0
Dyer, Mr. & Mrs.	1 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Edrington, Mrs.	2 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eggar, Miss M.	—	—	—	—	—	2 6	—
Ellis, Mrs.	3 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eteson, Captain	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 0
Fisher, Major	—	—	—	—	—	—	10 0
Fort, Mrs.	7 6	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
Flood, Mr.	2 0	—	—	—	—	—	—

Name.	Assistant Curate Fund.	Sick and Poor Fund.	A.V.D. Fund.	Church Renovation Fund.	Children's Church Fund.	Parish Kindergarten.	Church Roof Fund (see Chwdn's a/c.)
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Foxon, Mr.	—	—	—	1 0 0	—	—	—
Frost, Mr.	4 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gault, Mrs. & Misses	10 0	—	—	—	3 0	—	—
Gee, Mrs.	—	—	—	—	2 6	—	—
Gibbons, Mr. & Miss	3 9	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. M.	—	—	2 2 0	—	—	—	—
Godden, Mrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ginno, Mrs.	2 0	—	—	—	6	—	—
Ginger, Mrs.	6 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Graydon, Mrs.	6 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grinley, Miss	—	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
Green, Mrs.	6	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
Grint, Miss	1 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall, Rev. J. W.	—	—	—	1 1 0	—	—	—
,, Miss	—	—	—	1 1 0	—	—	—
Halliday, Mr. & Mrs.	—	—	—	—	—	2 1 0	—
Heaven, Miss	—	—	—	—	—	10 0	—
Henocq, Mrs.	—	—	—	—	6	—	—
Herbert, Miss	—	—	—	2 0	—	—	—
Hickman, Major	—	—	—	5 0 0	—	—	5 0 0
Hicks, Miss	—	—	—	—	—	2 6	—
Hogg, Miss	—	—	—	5 0	—	—	—
Holland, Miss	6 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hodge, Miss	1 4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Huleatt, Major	2 0 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jelf, Canon (per)	—	2 6 3	—	—	—	—	—
Jelley, Mr.	2 2 0	—	—	—	6	—	—
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Keen, Mrs.	1 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kilbey, Mr.	7 6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lane, Mr.	12 0	—	—	—	1 1	—	—
Lang, Mr. & Mrs.	12 0	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
L.L.	10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lawrance, Mrs.	12 0	—	10 0	—	1 0	—	—
Leeds, Miss	—	—	—	—	—	2 6	—
Leeke, Rev. Canon (per)	—	10 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
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Macdonald, Mrs.	—	—	—	—	2 0	—	—
Major, Mrs.	—	—	—	1 0 0	—	—	—
Marlow, Mr.	—	—	—	—	2 6	—	—
Mabbett, Mrs.	5 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mercer, Mrs.	—	—	—	1 1 0	—	—	—
Michael, Miss	—	—	—	—	—	1 1 0	—
Mitchell, Mr.	2 2 0	—	2 2 0	—	—	—	—
Middleton, Mr.	12 0	—	—	—	5 0	—	—
Miles, Mr.	6 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morgan, Mr.	10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morgan, Mr. Jas.	10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morgan, Miss	2 6	—	—	—	4 9	—	—
Morran, Mrs.	3 0	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
Morran, Mr. A.	3 0	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
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Mundey, Mrs.	—	—	—	—	—	2 6	—
Newell, Mrs.	11 0	—	—	—	1 0	—	—
Newman, Miss	—	—	—	—	—	5 0	—
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Nightingale F. Lodge	—	10 6	—	—	—	—	—
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Paterson, Mr.	12 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Rainbird, Mr.	6 0	—	—	—	1 6	—	—
Richards, Mr.	3 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Shrubsole, Mrs.	—	—	—	1 1 0	—	5 0	—
Smith, Dr. J.	—	1 0 0	2 2 0	—	—	—	—
Smith, Mr.	—	—	10 6	—	—	2 6	—
Spencer, Miss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Squire, Mr.	10 0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stace, Mr.	—	—	5 0	—	—	—	—
St. Martin's Girls' Guild	—	—	—	1 6 0	—	—	—
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N.B.—The subscriptions here acknowledged for the Assistant Curate Fund were given from January to December 1899. The balance sheet shewn is only for nine months—from Easter to Christmas of the same year.

HOLY TRINITY, WOOLWICH.

THE CLERGY.

Rev. WALTER WRAGGE, M.A., Holy Trinity Vicarage, Rectory Place.

Rev. F. S. FISCHER, M.A., Holy Trinity Vicarage, Rectory Place.

Holy Trinity.

SUNDAYS.

8 a.m. Holy Communion (also 7 a.m. Advent and Lent).
12 noon. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays.
11 a.m. Matins and Sermon.
3 p.m. Children's Catechizing.
4.30 p.m. Holy Baptism and Churchings.
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

WEEK-DAYS.

Daily, Matins 7.45 a.m., Evensong, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Holy Baptism.

Holy Days, 7 and 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

At the Schools.

Children's Church, Sundays, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

The Housing Problem in Woolwich.

THE Woolwich District Trades and Labour Council has very properly formed a Housing Investigation Committee of representatives of all the organised Societies in this District. The object before the Committee is to collect information about the Housing Problem, and to arrange for its publication. Their first pamphlet has been issued, and sets out the causes of the ills we suffer in Woolwich and the means which in the opinion of the Committee are necessary to cure them. We know very well in this Parish what the problem is in its acutest phase. The other day one of our District Visitors discovered a five roomed house occupied in the following way:—A man and wife, one adult son and daughter, one small girl and two babies; one single man lodger; an elderly couple; a man and wife and three children, and a girl aged thirteen; in all a total of sixteen human beings. We reported this to the Sanitary Inspector, and there has since been an improvement; but the case is only representative of a good many others. Some of the worst cases of overcrowding have been in houses which are registered under the Local Board of Health's bye laws, and therefore, one would have supposed, subject to special supervision. When the Union Street and Union Buildings property was very rightly pulled down, during the process of rebuilding numbers of families were at their wits end to know where to go for shelter. The competition for the new houses was extraordinary. Most of them were occupied before they were dry, and much illness was caused in consequence. A miserable hovel in the Parish was in the market the other day for £200. We hoped it would have been bought and pulled down for public purposes, but the price was said to be too high. The occupant nearly died last winter of pneumonia, and he is now facing with his family the prospect of another winter in the same tenement. No wonder that the Woolwich death rate is disgracefully high. This is how it is summed up in the Committee's pamphlet. "From its geographical position Woolwich ought to be nearly as healthy as Hampstead, but measuring by the Hampstead standard there have been 1585 deaths within the Parish of Woolwich during the last five years which might and should have been prevented. The mean death rate from zymotic diseases has been 2·96 for Woolwich, against 1·31 for Hampstead—more than twice as high. And while each year Hampstead has lowered its death rate, that of Woolwich has varied, mostly for the worse; and last year it was nearly twice as high as that for Hampstead." The figures for 1899 are:—Death Rate, Hampstead 11·6, Woolwich 21·0; Zymotic Death Rate, Hampstead 1·16, Woolwich 2·44. From 1895 to 1899, "besides 653 deaths from zymotic diseases, mainly due to bad housing and bad sanitation, there have been 602 deaths from tuberculous diseases which the medical officer attributes largely to underground dwellings, and the dampness of jerry built slums." The Committee urge as a remedy for these abuses that the Electorate of Woolwich shall demand next November the adoption by the new Borough Council of Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, by which they may proceed at once to obtain land and build cheap and good houses for the people. This has been done with conspicuous success by Nottingham, Birmingham and Sheffield, and in or near London by Richmond, West Ham, and Hornsey amongst other places. The pamphlet should be read to understand with what arguments it is urged that every new house built helps to keep down rents, that the municipality can and ought to build much more cheaply than the private builder, that the municipality is bound to build better

than the private builder, and can and will let a house of given cost much cheaper than a private owner, and that in adopting the act and putting it into force the municipality would be creating for itself an immensely valuable estate. Woolwich seems to be just the place where powers should be exercised which both Houses of Parliament with the royal assent have deliberately entrusted to municipalities. If there are those who have an inherent dislike to collective ownership of land and house property, to municipalities having their own works departments and carrying out their own work, they should be respectfully and attentively heard, but then the burden is laid on them of providing some better solution of a problem with which we should all acquaint ourselves and which we should carry with us in our minds from day to day.—W.W.

NOTES.

As we shall all be thinking very keenly in two months about the new start in our municipal life created by the formation of the new Borough, those who possess it should read again, and those who do not should try to get hold of the Report of the Committee on Industrial Problems appointed by the last Pan anglican conference of Bishops in 1897. The whole conference adopted the report and commended it to the earnest and sympathetic consideration of all Christian people. It is, however, doubtful whether anything more than a quite small proportion of church lay people have ever read this document in which the Bishops gave us such a splendid lead. It lays down four principles which it says the Christian laity even more than the clergy have the power to apply to our common life.

"(*a*).—THE PRINCIPLE OF BROTHERHOOD. This principle of brotherhood, or fellowship in CHRIST, proclaiming, as it does, that men are members one of another, should act in all the relations of life as a constant counterpoise to the instinct of competition.—

(*b*).—THE PRINCIPLE OF LABOUR. That every man is bound to service—the service of God and man. Labour and service are to be here understood in their widest and most inclusive sense; but in some sense they are obligatory on all. The wilfully idle man, and the man who lives only for himself, are out of place in a Christian community. Work, accordingly, is not to be looked upon as an irksome necessity for some, but as the honourable task and privilege of all.

(*c*).—THE PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE. God is no respector of persons. Inequalities, indeed, of every kind, are inwoven with the whole providential order of human life, and are recognised emphatically in our Lord's words. But the social order cannot ignore the interests of any of its parts, and must, moreover, be tested by the degree in which it secures for each freedom for happy, useful, and untrammelled life, and distributes as widely and equitably as may be, social advantages and opportunities.

(*d*).—THE PRINCIPLE OF PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY. A Christian community, as a whole, is morally responsible for the character of its own economic and social order, and for deciding to what extent matters affecting that order are to be left to individual initiative, and to the unregulated play of economic forces. Factory and sanitary legislation, the institution of Government labour departments and the influence of Government, or of public opinion and the press, or of eminent citizens, in helping to avoid or reconcile industrial conflicts, are instances in point."

The conference suggested that "wherever possible there should be formed, as a part of local Church organisation, Committees consisting chiefly of laymen, whose work should be to study social and industrial problems from the Christian point of view, and to assist in creating and strengthening an enlightened public opinion in regard to such problems, and promoting a more active spirit of social service, as a part of Christian duty." The report goes on to consider the problem of unemployment and of industrial co-operation.

Further investigations by the Committee of the Church Council on Heating have made it clear that the proper heating of the Church during the coming winter will be a more serious matter than we hoped. It is probable that we shall have to spend on this part of our Church Renovation alone not less than £160. Our Church cleaning and decorating is therefore for a time postponed again. The Church was positively dangerous all last winter from the extraordinary force of the down draughts of cold air, and the congregations at our services dwindled preceptibly. We must get the Church properly heated before another winter begins. Mrs. Wragge's committee of lady collectors has, we believe, been making good progress with the collection of money. If we all really try to be as generous as we can and to get what help we can from others there will be no difficulty we are sure about raising the amount required. The August Church Council has been postponed till September 2nd, when we hope for a full meeting. It will have to receive a recommendation from the Sub-committee on Heating, and a report from the Ladies' Committee for collecting money.

The communions made in the Church this year show, unhappily, another falling off in numbers. Perhaps some who read this will ask themselves whether they themselves have been falling off too in devotedness and prayer. Here is a comparison with last year from January to July:—

	1899. Total Sunday Communions	1899. Grand total up to End of Month.	1900. Total Sunday Communions	1900. Grand total up to End of Month
Jan.	135	166	70	85
Feb.	111	292	99	193
March	110	433	116	315
April	280	720	256	599
May	222	1016	164	786
June	133	1158	212	1013
July	124	1286	142	1155

We keep our Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 11th, and Sunday, October 14th. The Preacher on the Sunday evening will be our old friend Mr. Craig. The Church Council agreed early this Summer to have a day set apart sometime this year for the Indian Famine Fund. It would be a good thing if some part of our Harvest offerings might go to that Fund without neglecting the Rochester Diocesan Society, to which we generally send a proportion of the Harvest Festival offerings. We shall be glad of flowers and corn for decorations, but the Vicar particularly asks that no bread or vegetables may be sent to the Church for Harvest Decorations. Plants in pots are most acceptable because they are so much appreciated by the Hospitals to which they are sent after the Festival.

The total amount of our contributions to the Universities Mission to Central Africa from Midsummer, 1899, to Midsummer, 1900, was £8 9s. 7d., of this £1 13s. 7d. went to a special fund being raised by Miss Phillips for a new school at Mbweni. Perhaps we ought to have sent a little more in a year of such continuous overtime. We wish we could feel that every single member of our congregation was doing something to help the Church abroad.

The Vicar hopes to start a Communicants' meeting for Women Communicants, to be held once a month, and to begin in September. The Second Tuesday evening in the month is free for him and seems likely to suit others. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th, at 8 p.m. All women communicants are invited to this. Prayer and informal discussion will be our objects, and the helping of one another towards regularity and devotion in Holy Communion. A lady Secretary will be wanted to keep a roll of names, and try to insure regularity of attendance. It seems wiser to have this sort of organization, at least to begin with, than a formal Guild like the Communicants' Guild for men.

At the Men's Communicants' Guild last month the Vicar handed round for circulation among the members a draft copy of the Bill for Reform of Convocation, which has been drawn up by the Church Reform League, and approved by the Houses of Convocation. There is some doubt among lawyers owing to a particular act of the time of Henry VIII. as to whether Convocation has power to reform itself. The bill which has been prepared is simply a bill declaring that Convocation has this Power—the power that is to reform itself on a juster basis of representation, and to create a House of Laymen. It confers on Convocation for this purpose, powers something like those possessed by the Charity Commission. The scheme on which Convocation determines is to be laid upon the table of both Houses of Parliament for a period of 40 days. If it is petitioned against it has to be withdrawn, if not, it can become law by the Queen's order in Council. Convocation will in this way be left perfectly free to set its own affairs in order: it will have to determine how the clergy shall be represented, what a layman is, what is to be the franchise of the laity, and other questions of the sort. It will need a great deal of time and full discussion for this purpose. In time we may hope to see the Church in possession of an organ of representation, which will be able to speak in the name of the Church in the same authoritative way in which the General Assembly speaks in the name of the Established Church of Scotland. When that day comes our Church Parochial Councils will take their place as units of local Church Government as far as the laity are concerned.

In a recent number of the *Guardian* there was a touching notice of Archdeacon Furse, who has lately died, signed by the well known initials "C.G." It is worth while transcribing a little of it perhaps, because it marks out a type of churchmanship which is about the strongest and most hopeful thing in our Church to-day. "The late Archdeacon of Westminster was one of the older generation of High Churchmen, who was also conspicuously Evangelical. . . . . His here through lifetime among clergymen and theologians was the late Dean of St. Paul's (Dean Church). . . . . He was a man of great variety of interests—literary, political, social, military, theological. But his chief distinction lay in his religious character. Besides a great

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and touching humility which grew with years, his religion had two conspicuous notes. He was full of personal devotion, such as made it a continual lesson and rebuke to worship next to him in divine service and Holy Communion. His manifest but most unostentatious devotion was in the highest degree touching and edifying. He was plainly absorbed in the worship of God in spirit and in truth. He greatly desired that corporate worship should be expressed in decent forms and beautiful music. But he was for ever insisting that public worship must be duly balanced by private prayer and meditation; and that arrangements, musical, ritual, or of whatever sort, must be jealously watched lest what is intended as a support to devotion should become a distraction. Secondly and most markedly he was full of love and sympathy. . . . . He used continually almost to embarrass one by taking so much more interest in one's proceedings than one did oneself. As one thinks of him in the waiting state of paradise it is impossible not to imagine with a deep thankfulness the expansion of that rich and loving nature both towards God and in the communion of Saints—in the peace of God, and in the joy of hope."

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, the 19th, 21st and 22nd are Ember Days. Friday, the 21st, is also S. Matthew's day. Each day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a.m. There will be special prayers on behalf of the Church, and of those who are to be or have been ordained. After Evensong on the Wednesday there will be a short intercession service. We hope to be able to offer the Holy Communion each day, and it will be a kindness if a few of our Communicants can arrange among themselves to be present on each of the days. There is great appropriateness in S. Matthew's Day coming in Ember week, and we shall all do well to study the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for that day.

To our great loss Miss West has been transferred from being Head of the Girls' School at Union Street to a school at Lewisham, which is nearer her own home. She has been a great influence in this Parish by her quiet and firm kindness and her wisdom in managing the children who have passed through her hands. The Children's Happy Evenings Committee will sadly miss her help. She was always present after a long day in school to play with the children on the Friday evenings at Union Street. It is quite right of her to wish to be nearer home as her mother has lately lost her sight entirely and is very dependent on her children.

At the end of this month the Evening Conti
uation School will meet again at Union Street,
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CHOIR NOTICES.—SEPTEMBER, 1900.

SERVICES, &c., FOR THE MONTH.

Te Deum, in B♭, *Maunder*. Te Deum, in
Winchester. Benedictus, in F, *Bunnett*. Nu
Dimittis, in F, *Tours*. Communion Service in
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HYMNS AND ANTHEMS.

12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.—M., 298, 2
323. E., 198, 217, 38. Anthem, "Incline thi
ear," *Hummel*. 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.
M., 7, 531, 8. E., 169, 176, 27. Anthem,
waited for the Lord," *Mendelssohn*. 14th SUND
AFTER TRINITY.—M., 353, 615, 319. E., 12, 2
259, Anthem, "The eyes of all wait," *Barn*
15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.—M., 220, 260, 1
E., 193, 199, 230. Anthem, "He that sh
endure," *Mendelssohn*. 16th SUNDAY AFT
TRINITY.—M., 248, 266, 270. E., 510, 549 (tu
in Mission Hymn Book), 301. Anthem, "Wh
are these," *Stainer*.

HARVEST FESTIVAL, Thursday, October 11
Special music will be sung by the Choir af
Evensong. The Festival will be continued
the following Sunday.

BAPTISMS.

Aug. 5th—Elizabeth May Traill, Alice Evel
Ethel French. Aug. 8th—Alice Maud Gou
Aug. 12th—Stanley William Henry Hickl
Marshall, Violet Ethel Hicklin White. Au
15th—Ellen Keeble.

PRIVATE BAPTISM.

Albert Humphrey.

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From Paper on "The Housing of the Poor" in the Economic Review, January 1893 by the Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A.

"Now, when I came to Woolwich, in the winter of 1889 it was to a parish situated on the banks of the Thames, which was then, especially in hot weather, an open sewer that sent forth assassinating stinks. Much has since been done by the London County Council, by means of extra sludge ships, to diminish the nuisance; but while on the other side, the foul Sea and the diluted and untreated sewage of North Woolwich and a part of Ham is still poured into our boundary stream, cottages on its banks can hardly be salubrious. A boy in my Sunday School tumbled into the Thames: he was promptly pulled out, but was ill for a fortnight from the "water" he swallowed. A man in the next street was down with dysentery, derived solely, his doctor said, from his working on Thames barges. The whole Parish is on the river flat and so without the alleviation of the currents of air possessed in every other part of the undulating hilly district of Woolwich and Plumstead. It is in shape an isosceles triangle, with 400 yards of the Thames as its base,

and 30 yards of the market square as its apex. Into its 32 acres are crammed 43000 people, so that while, for Woolwich generally, there are 36 persons per acre, for my parish there are 125. Into this triangle, lanes and courts are crammed, while in many cases, even the back yard of a house has been seized upon as a site for another house. The lifting of a brick in a yard showed a substratum of sewage. It was difficult to find any closet in the parish with a water supply. Whole streets were without dustbins. Cellars were used as bedrooms. Seven adults were found occupying one very dirty room with one bed, in a house let at five shillings a week for two rooms, of which the lower one was quite uninhabitable: the boards of which the whole dwelling was composed were broken away in several places so that the sky could be seen, the walls were broken & black, and the roof leaked. In another house of ten rooms there were nine families and one closet. In the worst parts the visit of the one inspector of the Local Board was 4 years ago, which was hardly surprising when he had 5000 houses in Woolwich to inspect.

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In one bedroom the rain penetrated in so many places that the mother of six children said "Some nights we ded not know how to keep shifting the children about in their beds, to keep the water from dropping on them." In the lower room the smaller children could, and did, crawl through the holes in the floor, and the rent of this two-roomed house was £13 a year. Next door I picked from the floor rafters a fungus 18 inches long, that had grown in a fortnight. Another house, that was a regular death trap from dampness, held two families in 4 rooms, and the rent of this suburban and riverside villa was only £18 - 4 a year! There are 18 public houses, and 18 4d lodging houses for tramps of both sexes and casual labourers at the docks & elsewhere. Part of the parish was locally and expressively called `The Dusthole` and formed an Alsatia for crime and vice that it was thought convenient to ignore and politic to allow. Mr Montagu Williams, the police magistrate, described it as the worst plague-spot in London, and had in vain called on the Local Board to do something

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for its purification. Cannon Row, therein, was almost entirely composed of brothels, and nearly a hundred crimes came from it to the notice of the police in 6 months. With exception of a few tradesmen in one street, no one was in a position to keep a servant, and the majority of the houses contained more than one family. Rents are high, and frequently raised, sometimes because the owner has effected some so-called improvements which are, in reality a tardy discharge of his duty, and sometimes simply because there is never an empty house, or even room, in the parish, and the difficulty of finding lodging causes any rent to be paid.

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PAMPHLET No. 1.

Woolwich District

Trades and Labour Council.

THE

Borough of Woolwich

AND THE

Housing Question:

PUBLISHED BY

The Housing Investigation Committee

OF THE

United Trade, Labour, Friendly, Temperance, and Co-operative Societies of the District.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

PREFACE.

THIS pamphlet is published under the following circumstances: The evils of high rents, over-crowding, and insanitation in this district are continually growing worse and worse. The London Government Act of 1899, which comes into force in November, supplies the remedy.

On July 5th a conference of all the organised bodies of the district, convened by the Woolwich District Trades and Labour Council, was held at the A.S.E. Institute, and a

HOUSING INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

was formed, both to collect information and to arrange for its publication. This first pamphlet deals with the causes of the ills we suffer, and the means of curing them; a second pamphlet dealing in detail with the local situation will be published later. The Committee earnestly appeals to all interested in the question of providing brighter, purer, and healthier homes for the people, to forward any facts they may possess as to over-crowding, high rents, etc. All information will be strictly confidential, and should be forwarded to one of the Executive Council, or to the Secretary.

Executive Council:—

Chairman,
MR. A. HALL, Woolwich Trades and Labour Council.

MR. T. ADAMS, Carpenters & Joiners Society
MRS. BRIDGES ADAMS, M.L.S.B.
MR. D. BROWN, Amal. Soc. Engineers
,, FRED. CHAMBERS.
MRS. ADAM DEANS, Women's Co-op. Guild.
REV. C. E. ESCREET, Rector of Woolwich.
MR. J. T. BROWNLIE, { Educat. Com. R.A.C.S.
MRS. MCINTYRE, ,, ,,
MR. GILBERT SLATER, M.A., Editor of *Comradeship*.
,, J. STEER, Woolwich Trades and Labour Council.
,, H. SIMS, Independ. Labour Party
,, W. THOMSON, Independ. Order Good Templars.

WM. BAREFOOT, Secretary,
Woolwich District Trades and Labour Council,
A.S.E. Institute, 6 & 8, Glyndon Road,
Plumstead.

In November Vote for men for the BOROUGH COUNCIL *who will boldly tackle the* HOUSING PROBLEM.

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BOROUGH OF WOOLWICH AND THE HOUSING QUESTION.

WHAT is the Housing Question in Woolwich? Houses in Woolwich are *scarce* and *dear*, and very often *bad*. We want them *abundant*, and *cheap*, and *good*. How is it to be done? That is the Housing Question. It is not a difficult question to answer on paper. But it is no good to have the answer only set out in black and white in a penny tract; we want it written large in bricks and mortar. And to do that the people of Woolwich must work together, and work hard.

Does any one doubt that houses are scarce? Let him begin hunting for a house at a moderate price in Woolwich or Plumstead. He will soon find that houses are bought by the people who want to live in them, even before the foundations are put in. People crowd into the newly-built house while the walls are still damp, even before the houses are finished. In older houses rents mount up by leaps and bounds, till many doubt whether the rack-renting house-owner does not reap all the advantage which comes of every increase of wage, though later on he has to share the bounty with the ground landlord, who holds us so securely in his grip.

Here are a few not exceptional cases:—

A widow writes that she is under notice to quit the three rooms which she occupies with six children. She is willing to pay an increased rent, but cannot find any place to live in.

A writer in the Arsenal finds the house he lives in advertised for sale. He bids for it, but fails to secure it. He spends a month vainly searching for a house, and then, being obliged to leave, he has to store his furniture, and live with a relation in furnished apartments.

In Prospect Row rents have been put up 2s. a week within the last few weeks.

In the well-known Reidhaven Road district three-roomed flats are let at 8/6 per week.

Colonel Hughes has publicly stated that Plumstead Vestry has facts in its possession with regard to illegal over-crowding, and has been unable to put the law into force because there is nowhere else for the tenants to go to.

The Secretary of this Committee required a house, or four or three unfurnished rooms; for a fortnight he and his wife scoured the neighbourhood. In one case, in applying for advertised rooms on the morning the advertisement appeared, they were told they were the 20th applicants. In another case they were offered two very small rooms off Plumstead High Street for 6s. They might have been more successful if they had not had a baby.

Are we to patiently submit to this condition of things? It all springs from one source. From scarcity of houses come high rents; from high rents comes over-crowding.

With houses so scarce and rents so high, you cannot afford to be too particular about the sanitary condition of your house. If you grumble, your landlord may soon prove to you that a bad house is better than no house at all.

Highly rented, insanitary, over-crowded houses breed consumption; they foster drunkenness and immorality; they bring sickness and loss of wage; they have to be heavily paid for in preventable deaths. From its geographical position, Woolwich ought to be nearly as healthy as Hampstead, but look at these figures.

	DEATH RATE.		ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE.	
	Hampstead.	Woolwich.	Hampstead.	Woolwich.
1895	12·0	18·0	1·00	1·90
1896	11·9	20·4	1·83	4·26
1897	11·8	17·3	1·16	2·70
1898	11·7	20·9	1·40	4·26
1899	**11·6**	**21·0**	**1·16**	**2·44**

Measuring by the Hampstead standard there have been 1,585 deaths within the Parish of Woolwich during the last

five years which might and should have been prevented. The mean death-rate from zymotic diseases has been 2.96 for Woolwich, against only 1.31 for Hampstead—more than twice as high. And while each year Hampstead has lowered its death-rate, that of Woolwich has varied, mostly for the worse; and last year it was nearly twice as high as that for Hampstead.

There have been in Woolwich, from 1895 to 1899, 4,123 deaths, of which no fewer than 1,074 were those of children during their first year, and 1,649 altogether of children under five years old. Besides 653 deaths from zymotic disease, mainly due to bad housing and bad sanitation, there have been 602 deaths from tuberculous diseases, which the medical officer attributes largely to underground dwellings, and the dampness of jerry-built slums.

How is this going to be remedied?

It is not going to be remedied by sitting still and doing nothing, trusting to private enterprise or the "operation of the natural laws of supply and demand." Put into plain language that means waiting till the need is so urgent that ground landlords, estate-agents, architects, and speculative builders are all satisfied with the prospective profit to be got by building new houses. London has trusted to private enterprise right through the century, and this is the result: In 1801 there was a house for every 7.03 inhabitants; in 1897 only one to 8.01; and now half-a-million people live in tenements of one to four rooms, crowded together three or more to a room. Over a thousand are living *nine or more* to a room. In our own locality, what with Transvaal wars, Chinese wars, and international complications, there is little likelihood of work slackening, or the field for employment in the Arsenal getting smaller for years to come. Meanwhile, London is spreading in this direction as in others. The development of the means of communication will soon proceed apace. Light railways, electric trams, deep-level railways, motor omnibuses, and even an improvement in the S.E.R.—any or all of these will before long bring Woolwich into easy reach of the centre of London, and bring Londoners to Woolwich to search for houses, and by their competition drive up rents.

If we do nothing, then, the famine in house-room, already intense, will become worse and worse. What, then, must be done?

For lack of houses there is only one cure, and that is to

BUILD MORE HOUSES.

The Powers of the Borough of Woolwich.

The Woolwich Local Board has no power to build houses for the people, nor has the Plumstead Vestry, still less the Eltham Vestry. But the new Borough Council of Woolwich will have powers:

(*a*) To buy land by agreement or compulsorily, and no lease, settlement, entail, or other private arrangement can bar the Council from acquiring it.

(*b*) To erect cottages, or lodging houses, or block dwellings, or tenement houses.

(*c*) To purchase and improve, or re-construct existing lodging-houses, dwellings, or cottages.

(*d*) To provide, if it chooses, a garden for each cottage, up to half-an-acre in extent, or £3 a year in value.

(*e*) To make all necessary bye-laws and regulations.

(*f*) To sell the houses, if it is desirable or necessary, after seven years.

(*g*) To exercise these powers of buying land and building, either within or without the borough boundaries.

Next November the first election to the Borough Council will take place. The voters of Woolwich will have to decide

WHETHER THESE POWERS SHALL BE PUT INTO FORCE.

Let us consider the arguments for and against Municipal Housing.

(1) *Every new house built helps to keep down rents.* Do not be misled by the cry that the municipality ought only to build for the poorest. However cheaply the municipal dwellings are let, unless they are bad as well, the very poor are not likely to get them. But if the municipality builds a good six-roomed cottage, like the Richmond cottages let at 7/6 per week, a family now living in four rooms may occupy it. Then the four-roomed tenement is empty, and available for a family that lived in two or three rooms, who again make room for a family crowded into a single room,

and then the owner of the single room either lets it to a houseless wanderer or has to lower the rent to get it taken; and so a whole series of families is lifted in the scale of comfort. Let the municipality build thousands of cottages, and the result will be evident. We shall plainly see it in the increased happiness and comfort of men and women, the bonnier, sturdier little children; we shall read it in the diminishing figures of the death-rate; we shall be able to talk like they do at Richmond, of streets where the doctor only comes to increase the population.

(2) *The municipality can, and ought to, build much more cheaply than the private builder.*

Frequently municipal building is very dear; the municipality goes to work in a timid and peddling way; it builds on a small scale; it lets out the work by contract. Plymouth built its municipal cottages in this way, with the result that whereas the architect estimated the cost at 3½d. per cubic foot, it worked out at very nearly 7d.

To build cheaply the municipality must use ordinary common sense, and proceed on business principles—that means it must establish a works department (not a works committee), under the direction of a first-rate man. It must pay a little over the standard wage, and get the pick of the available labour. It must treat every man well, and expect every man to work well for the sake of those whose welfare depends upon the success of the enterprise; and then it will have these advantages over the private builder:

(*a*) It will only have to pay for interest and sinking fund together about three-quarters of what the private builder has to pay for interest alone,* and the private builder has to make his profit, too.

(*b*) Under good advice, by buying materials in large quantities for cash, the municipality can buy a great deal cheaper than a small builder.

* Three and three-quarters per cent. per annum will pay interest and sinking fund, if repayment is spread over 60 years, of a loan contracted at a little more than three per cent. for interest. The private bullder can seldom borrow at less than five per cent. The Local Government Board may, however, require that the loan shall be repaid in a period of less than 60 years. In this case the annual charge for repayment would be higher.

(*c*) By building on a large scale it can utilise labour-saving machinery and labour-saving methods, such as the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society is introducing in its Bostal Estate.

(3) *The municipality is bound to build better than the private builder.*

The private builder builds for profit—for what he can get out of the occupier. The municipality builds for the health and happiness of the occupier; and a capable municipality, manned by men of common-sense, who don't live in mansions, but know by experience what the housing of the people means, will see that every penny is well spent, and buys its value in health and happiness many times over.

(4) *The municipality can and will let a house of given cost much cheaper than a private owner.*

Suppose, for example, a private builder builds a good six-roomed house, with scullery and bath-room, at a cost to nimself of £300: he will not be willing to sell it at less than £350, and then he will explain that he loses by the transaction. Someone looking out for an investment will buy it at that price, subject to a ground rent of £5 per annum. The purchaser will want a good rate of interest on his money; he will have to make a handsome allowance for depreciation and repairs, and the chance of vacancies or bad tenants—he is unlikely to let at less than £25 a year, plus a ground rent of £5, plus rates and taxes. The man who takes it then finds himself liable for about £37 or £38 a year. He divides his house and sub-lets three rooms, and gets 8/6 a week for them without difficulty.

On the other hand the municipality wants for rents altogether 6 per cent. per annum on the cost price of house and land, of which $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. is for interest and sinking fund, and the remaining $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. is ample for rates, taxes, insurance, cost of management and of repairs.*

* Of 6s. paid in rent for the Richmond municipal cottages, 3s. 9d. (or $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.) goes for interest and sinking fund, and the remaining 2s. 3d. (or $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.), besides covering rates, taxes, insurance, etc., leaves 2d. for the reserve fund.

If we assume it builds a house of the same sort and at the same price as above, and the cost of the site amounts to £68 extra, the whole cost amounts to £368, and six per cent. on this works out at exactly 8/6 per week. In other words, the municipality lets the whole six-roomed house at the price current for half of it.

(5) *The municipality is creating for itself an immensely valuable estate.*

At the end of sixty years the sinking fund has extinguished the original loan. The houses, well-built, kept continuously in good repair, let to good tenants, at the end of that time are nearly as good as new. Probably, whatever depreciation there has been in the houses, is far more than made up for by the increase in the value of the land. A handsome yearly income becomes available for old age pensions, or parks, or free libraries, or art galleries, or whatever social need is at the time most urgent.

The Arguments Against.

The arguments that will be used against municipal housing are of two kinds: the many that are not genuine; the one that is. It will be said that it interferes with private enterprise. But the private builder won't stop building till rents, and consequently prices of houses, are reduced; and if we can cheapen our houses it is all to the good that it is the municipality and not a private person that receives our rent. There will be an outcry against the increase of municipal debt, as absurd as would be an outcry against the investment of capital in railways or co-operative societies. The money represented by the debt would not be spent, only invested, and invested in the best possible manner. It will be said "You are introducing new and dangerous principles—where are you going to stop?" The answer is that the two Houses of Parliament, with the royal assent, have deliberately entrusted municipalities with these powers, and have in consequence imposed upon them the duty of exercising them, unless the houses privately built are so good and cheap and abundant that there is no need for the municipality to move.

THE ONE GENUINE ARGUMENT against municipal housing is that it will reduce the unearned incomes of property owners, and will imperil those of slum owners. This is a

very real argument. By taking up and solving the Housing Question you will affect many people's pockets, and you must expect them to fight bitterly in defence of their own pockets. Sometimes they will fight openly and honestly; sometimes in secret and by all sorts of subtle devices. To overcome them you must—

(1) Send the right men next November to the Borough Council; men who will:

(2) Appoint a good man, in earnest in this direction, as town clerk. He should be young and shrewd, and *he must have no private interests to serve*;

(3) Appoint a good man as borough surveyor and manager of the works department. It is he who will have practically to carry out your policy;

(4) Buy land when and where it is to be got by voluntary agreement if possible; and

(5) See that the London County Council brings this land into easy reach of the Arsenal gates, by means of tramways, and a frequent, fast, cheap service of electric trams.

What some other towns have done.

Nottingham many years ago built cottages which are let at 6s. 6d. per week.

Barnes, Salford, and Tunbridge Wells are embarking upon cottage schemes.

Birmingham has over 100 municipal cottages let at 5s. 6d. to 6s. 3d. for five rooms.

The Sheffield Town Council propose to build 800 five-roomed cottages to be let at 5s. per week.

Hornsey has built 68 houses containing five rooms and scullery let at 8s. 6d., and 40 with four rooms and scullery let at 6s. 6d.

Richmond has built 22 houses (six rooms and scullery), let at 7s. 6d. to 8s.; 28 houses (four rooms and scullery), let at 6s.; and 12 flats (three rooms and scullery let at 5s. 6d., and two rooms and scullery at 4s. 6d.). The Corporation are building 75 more cottages.

West Ham has built a number of double-tenement houses, let at 6s. 6d. per tenement of three rooms, and the Corporation have asked for powers to build on a very large scale.

Many other towns have taken, or are taking, similar action.

A List of Candidates for the Borough Council who have satisfactorily answered the following questions will be published before the day of election. You are requested to vote for them, and for them alone.

If elected—

Will you demand that the Borough Council shall adopt Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, and proceed at once to obtain land and build cheap and good houses for the people?

Will you do your best to discourage the erection by the Council of expensive blocks, and demand, wherever possible, the erection of cottage dwellings?

In all work appertaining to the housing operations of the Council will you insist on the observance of the London Trade Union rates of wages and conditions?

Will you vote for all such work being carried out by workmen in the direct employment of the Council?

Will you demand that a periodical inspection of all dwelling-houses, workshops, and workplaces shall be made, and the provisions of the Public Health and London Building Acts strictly observed in all cases; and will you insist that the number of Sanitary Inspectors be raised to the full limit permitted by law, a proportionate number of such inspectors to be women?

Will you see to it that all houses let in lodgings are registered, that every case of over-crowding is immediately reported to the Council, and that in all cases, or in condemning insanitary dwellings, proper accommodation is provided by the Council before the people are turned out or any closing order is issued?

Will you vote on all occasions against the Council selling any land which may be now in, or may hereafter come into, its possession?

Will you vote for evening meetings of the Council, not earlier than 7 p.m., so as to enable working men representatives to attend?

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Extracts from the 1899 volume of the Parish Magazine of
Holy Trinity, Woolwich

"The Mission." It is difficult to write about a thing which has gone so deep into one's own life as the mission which is just over. A speaker at the Church Council last month said, very truly, in supporting the resolution of thanks to the missioners - 'That it is easy to speak about the good that it has done to other people, but when one thinks about the good it has done to oneself one is more inclined to keep silence.' That this is the feeling of a great many among us is abundantly clear. Still we may thankfully say that the mission has done more in the parish than we ever thought it would. The numbers attending the services throughout were remarkably good, and the welcome given to the missioners was enthusiastic. One of the great blessings of our mission has been the loyal help given by men &c.

The Vicar will be glad if about 12 communicants can be found to read with him on Friday evenings in Lent - after Evensong, a book called "Working Men

co-operators" by Acland and Jones. Our parochial interests are so absorbing, that we are in danger, sometimes, of forgetting the wider applications of Christianity. Our reading circle in Lent, last year, was not a success, but when we read Mr Hobson's "Problems of Poverty" two years ago, some really good work was done. In this town Christians should certainly try to understand the Cooperative Movement, its hopes, its dangers and its successes, and the book mentioned above is excellent and quite cheap. It is published by Cassel & Co.

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Confirmation classes are going on steadily but there is still room for fresh candidates. The amount of visiting and explaining that confirmation demands is enormous. The Bishop of Stepney, long before he was a bishop, once said in our hearing that when you ask a boy to be confirmed ~~he~~ he begins by saying he cant because his grandfather wont let him. Then you call on the grandfather, at the exact hour when he is likely to be in, and the grandfather washes his hands of all responsibility & says - "What I say is let him use his little judgment"

Then you go back to the boy & so on. All that is literally true, but it is only the beginning of troubles, for when "the little judgment" is made up and the boy is really ready and anxious to be confirmed, he is certain if he is a nice boy to forget the day and place and hour of the class which you so carefully explained to him, and as for the weekly address after evensong he gets taken with a fit of shyness on the doorstep, & "goes for a bit of a walk round" instead of coming in. Where we really get along is where a boy or girl has good Christian parents at home. Then things are perfectly different, and what a grand thing it is to see a mother or a father sitting in the Church whilst the Sunday instruction to the boys & girls is going on. The new Mother's Union members might think over this, but we want a Fathers Union, too.

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In all kindliness and good temper we wish to suggest to members of the congregation that when letters are addressed to them in which an answer is asked for, it is only common courtesy that an answer should be sent. Things have lately been

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getting worse and worse in this respect, and now if
one invites people to anything at one's own house, or
at the schools or church alike, it is impossible to tell
how many one may expect, or who is likely to come,
and who not to come. A great deal of time is spent in
writing and getting out letters, and it is a little hard
if no notice is taken of them. Before Easter, the
Vicar wrote with his own hand a two-page
personal letter to 29 people about a special matter
and ended with the words "I shall be very glad
if you will let me have an answer to this" but
12 of those 29 people have never sent an answer to
this day. It is just thoughtlessness and the dislike to
that we all have to take trouble, no doubt, but it is
the kind of thing to be resisted. The same kind of
slackness produces a chaotic condition of things at the
beginning of our morning prayer on Sundays. People
come to church at any time between 11 and 20 minutes
past 11: during the Confession and Absolution even
somebody is sure to be strolling in. There is no
discipline about our religion: but we ought to be
like a regiment on parade," every button in its right
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"Our register of communions made at Holy Trinity for the six months ending with June of this year, (1899) A.D. tells a tale as compared with last year which ought to fill us all with anxiety. Reduced to its simplest statement it is as follows:-

	1898		1899		
	Total Sunday Communions for the Month	Grand Total up to end of Month		Total Sunday Communions for the Month	Grand Total up to end of Month
Jan.	134	145	Jan.	152	166
Feb.	116	281	Feb.	111	292
March	150	480	March	110	433
April	263	778	April	280	720
May	293	1096	May	222	1016
June	143	1274	June	133	1158

That means that there must be a good many of us who are living a less earnest and strenuous religious life than they were living this time last year. The only way to settle this is for each of us to ask the question "Lord, is it I?"

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Mrs. Wraggie's experiment of having two little girls at a time from the Parish, living at the Vicarage, in preparation for service has now been long enough at work to be considered a real success. Two girls have already been sent to places, one at Blackheath, & one to St Leonard's-on-Sea and two more are still being trained.

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We believe that the majority of our congregation and a fair proportion of the parish like to have a Parish Magazine, and in all humility we say that we do our best to provide them with one worth reading. But if things dont improve the Editor will be £18 out of pocket this year on the magazine If every reader would try to get one friend to take it in, we should soon pay our way. We have never yet been successful enough to cover expenses in the magazine fund but we have never before had the prospect of such a deficit.

We have taken the bold step of converting the upper room at S. Saviour's into a home for the Men's Club in the evenings and during the day into a free kindergarten for children under school age. The kindergarten will open after Xmas. Miss Muriel Wragge, who is a trained and certificated kindergarten teacher, will give us her whole time as head of this. She will bring one or two volunteer workers with her, and the kindergarten is to be a sort of mission attached to the Blackheath Kindergarten, which is in charge of the Vicar's sister.

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Interview with Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, St. Michael's, Woolwich.

Rev Johnstone is a very plain and unattractive man of about 35. who has been vicar of this parish for 18 months, succeeding the first vicar of Rev Dalton, of whom Mr. he gave me the interesting record with the method.

The population of the parish is about 6500 of whom 30 p.c. may be artisans. the rest tradesmen. Rev J. speaks of the parish as excending poor. (which it is not) and of Francis St. and Godfrey St. as squalid. Rev J's tendency is always to magnify the powers of the parish and the influence of the church.

This has been and remains the great
stronghold of ritualism in Woolwich and as
such draws the discontented from other parishes.
The Communicants are 281 and the congregations
from 400 to 450: nearly all are of working
class, and men are much more numerous "better
than in any other church in Woolwich":
"men like definite teaching". Prot. is instead
the main feature in the majority of homes
is "apathy and indifference": they care for
little beyond eating and drinking." (At the
same time Mr J. noticed that "owing to the
steady wages of the Arsenal" there is among
a certain class of workmen in Woolwich an
~~unhealthy~~ unusual spirit of thrift which
amounts almost to meanness: their sole
object in life is to buy a house. Mr Wragge
noticed this too and said it was especially

notwithstanding the teetotallers).

The two great curses of Woolwich, and the chief obstacle to church work are Drink and Prostitution, always prominent in garrison towns. The condition of the streets on Saturday and Sunday nights is disgraceful. The police manage little in the matter: even in the case of brothels nothing is ever done unless a complaint is made direct to Scotland Yard: the local police are tied.

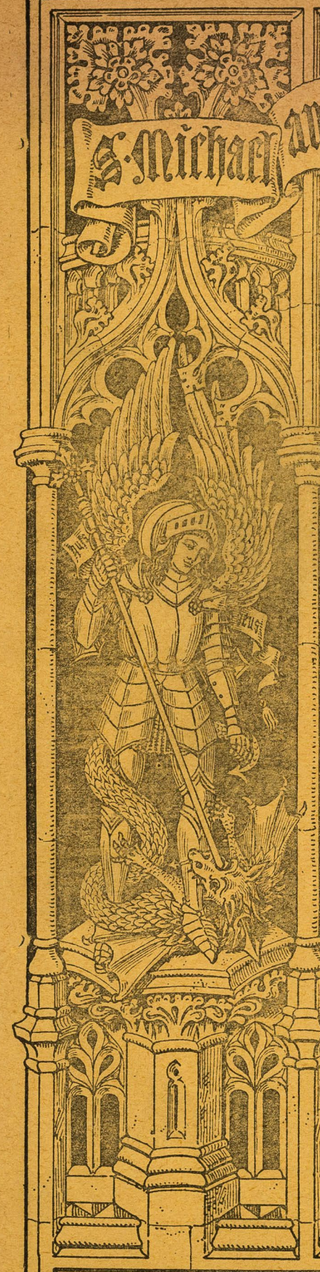
Of agencies not mentioned in the papers I. mentioned Clubs for boys and girls, and Band of Hope, but they are quite much.

There are Day Schools with 700 and Sunday Schools with from 300 to 350

There are 20 District Visitors chiefly of working class: their duties are as in the Convert's parish. They collected about £130

Last year

The Relief given is very much: not
more than £15 a year. There is cooperation with
the C.O.S



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CHURCH SERVICES.

Holy Eucharist -	Sundays 8 and 11-15 a.m.
,, ,, -	Tuesdays, Thursdays and Holy Days, 8 a.m.
Mattins - -	Sundays, 10-45 a.m.
,, - - -	Week Days, 10 a.m.; Saturdays, 9.30 a.m.
Evensong - -	Sundays, 7 p.m.
,, - -	Week Days, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 7.30 p.m.
Litany - -	Sundays, 10.30 a.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays after Mattins.
Children's Service	Sundays, 3-45 p.m.
Weddings - -	Any Day between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Baptisms - -	Sundays, 4.15 p.m.; 1st Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.
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THINGS TO NOTE.

Sept. 5th—Litany of the Guild of All Souls 9 p.m.

„ 11th—Office of the C.B.S, with short address, in the Side Chapel after Evensong.

„ 18th—Quarterly Devotional Meeting of the District Visitors in the Side Chapel at 3 p.m.

„ 19th, 21st & 22nd—Ember Days.

„ 21st.—S. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr, Holy Eucharist 8 a.m.

„ 28th & 29th—PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

„ 30th—HARVEST FESTIVAL.

A Mothers' Meeting will be held at the Vicarage, on Mondays, at 2.30 p.m. The doors will be closed between 3 and 4 o'clock for reading, &c., after which it will be opened for those wishing to purchase goods. A second Mothers' Meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Wednesdays, at 2-30 p.m.

The Vicar holds an Instruction Class for Women in the Parish Room on Thursdays, at 3 p.m., commencing September 20th.

Choir Practice for Boys on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m., and for Men and Boys on Fridays at 8 p.m.

Mr. Earl conducts a Bible Class for Men in the Parish Room on Sunday Afternoons at 3.30, and the Rev. F. Swales one for Young Men in the Side Chapel at 3 p.m.

S. MICHAEL'S GUILD NOTICES.

MEN'S WARD OF S. JOSEPH—Communion Sundays, Sept. 2nd & 30th, at 8 a.m. Preparation Service in the Side Chapel, on the Saturdays before, after Evensong.

YOUNG MEN'S WARD OF S. JOHN THE DIVINE—Communion Sundays, Sept. 9th and 30th at 8 a.m. Preparation Service in the Side Chapel, on the Saturdays before at 8-30 p.m.

WOMEN'S WARD OF S. ANN—Communion Sundays, Aug. 16th and 30th, at 8 a.m. Preparation Service on Thursday, Sept. 13th, in the Side Chapel after Evensong.

YOUNG WOMEN'S WARD OF S MARY—Communion Sundays, Sept. 23rd & 30th, at 8 a.m. Preparation Service on Friday, Sept. 21st, in the Vicarage at 8 p.m.

BAPTISMS.

"The washing of regeneration."

July 28th—Emma Georgina, d. of George Henry and Emma Earl.

Aug. 1st—Robert John Charles, s. of Robert and Ethel Elizabeth McCollough.

Aug. 1st—Frederick Thomas s. of Edwin William and Martha Jane Bishop.

„ —Edward Walter Henry s. of Edward James and Eleanor Maud Percival.

„ Thomas William s. of Francis and Harriet Watson.

Aug. 8th—Cecil Charles, s. of William and Matilda Watson (privately).

Aug. 12th—Harry Arthur s. of Harry James and Edith Hutchens.

„ 16th—George, s. of Charles Alexander and Minnie Emma Jane Brennan (privately).

„ 21st—Albert Edward, s. of Thomas and Maria Sinclair (privately).

„ 26th—Richard John, s. of Robert and Mary Brewer.

MARRIAGE.

"They twain shall be one flesh."

August 5th—Arthur Randall and Alice Hiscock.

BURIALS.

"The Paradise of God."

July 31st,—Alan Wayne, aged 13 months.

Aug. 17th—John McLaughlin, aged 64 years.

„ 18th—William Brinkworth, aged 64 years.

„ 27th—Albert Edward Sinclair, aged 2 years.

THE CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

The Offerings in Church have been as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
July 29th—Church Expenses	...	2	19	5½
Aug. 5th—Church Expenses	...	2	3	3
„ 12th—Church Expenses	...	2	7	3
„ 19th—Church Expenses	...	2	3	2¾
„ 22nd—Church Expenses	...	1	17	7
Week Days—District Nurse	...		9	6
Sick and Poor	...		10	11
Foreign Missions	...		9	10¾
Flower Fund	...		1	8
Total		£13	2	9

PATRONAL & HARVEST FESTIVALS.

Michaelmas Day, when we observe the Patronal Festival of our Church, falls this year on a Saturday. The first Evensong of the Feast will be sung on Friday, September 28th, at 8 p.m. The service will be of the usual festal character, and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Rhodes Bristow, who has been one of the friends of S. Michael's from its earliest days: We hope that we shall have a crowded congregation. On Michaelmas Day, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m., and the other services will be at the usual hours. On the Sunday following we hope to keep our Harvest Festival and to thank God for the fruits of the earth. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m., and 11-15 a.m., (choral), when the sermon will be preached by the

ev. E. J. Doherty, Vicar of S. John the Baptist, 'lumstead. Festal Evensong, Procession and Ser-ion by the Rev. C. J. Wiltshire, of S. Stephen's ewisham, will be at 7 p.m. All those wishing to ecure seats at this latter service are asked to come arly. Everyone of our Communicants is invited to ake a point of receiving the Blessed Sacrament on ne or both of these Festivals. Donations towards he decorations will be gratefully received and ac-nowledged by the Vicar. Gifts of fruit, flowers, egetables, &c., should be sent to the Vicarage, on 'riday, Sept. 28th, before 10 a.m.

E.C.U.

All our Communicants are asked to attend a meet-ng of the English Church Union in the Infant School, on Thursday, September 20th at 8.30 p.m. The Chair will be taken by Colonel Barrington-Foote, R.A.

DISTRICT VISITORS.

The Quarterly Meeting of our District Visitors for prayer and spiritual communion with God will (D.V.) be held on Tuesday, September, 18th, in the Side Chapel. at 3 p.m. These devotional gatherings are most important as they emphasize the spiritual char-acter of our work. Subsequently the usual monthly business meeting will be held at the Vicarage Lieut. Neve has taken charge of part of Ogilby Street and Robert Street, but we are still in need of more lay-workers, men and women, as several streets are still untouched.

MUSICAL.

A work of some importance, treating of organ building and the care of organs, by Dr. J. W. Hinton, our esteemed Organist, has just been published by the Composers and Authors' Press, Ltd., 18, Featherstone Buildings, Holborn. The work is nicely got up, and very profusely illustrated with plates and working diagrams. We read in the review of this work in "The Organist and Choirmaster," of July 15th, that "no candidate for the Royal College of Organists' examination can afford to be without a copy, and every organist and village parson (*sic*) should possess one for constant reference. There is much thought and practical experience embodied in the book, and Dr. Hinton speaks as a man who can *do* the things he writes about."

These are words of high praise and we hope that all our musical readers will provide themselves, as soon as possible, with a copy of Dr. Hinton's book.

CONFIRMATION.

Our Confirmation will (D.V.) be held on November 14th, and will this year be held in our own Church. Classes of preparation for this holy and apostolic rite will be commenced at once, and it is hoped that candidates will send in their names to the clergy without loss of time. God-parents are asked to bring their influence to bear on their god-children who have not yet been confirmed to make use of this opportunity of coming forward to receive the gifts of the Holy Ghost Who comes in His sevenfold might just as really now-a-days as of old He came to the early Christians at Samaria and Ephesus. The classes will begin during the first week in September, and will be as follows :—

Men on Tuesdays, at 9 p.m., in the Parish Room.
Young Men on Tuesdays, at 8-30 p.m. in the Side Chapel.
Boys on Wednesdays, at 4-30 p.m., in the Side Chapel.
Women on Tuesdays, at 2-30 p.m., in the Parish Room.
Young Women on Mondays, at 8-30 p.m., in the Parish Room.
Girls on Fridays, at 4-30 p.m., in the Parish Room.

Special arrangements will be made for the preparation of those who cannot come at these times, as we want to meet the convenience of everyone. The earnest prayers of all our people are asked on behalf of our candidates that God may bless to their souls this blessed time of preparation.

INSTRUCTION CLASS.

The Vicar's Instruction Class for Women, which is held at the Vicarage on Thursday afternoons, at 3 p.m., will re-commence on September 20th. The subject of instruction will, this year, be "The Parables of Our Lord." The Vicar also desires to resume his instructions on "The Holy Gospel according to S. John," on Wednesday evenings, on Sept. 12th, and hopes that the attendances will be as satisfactory as they were in July.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

For several days before the Outing of our Sunday School, we had been anxiously watching the weather, and most thankful we were to secure on Thursday, July 26th, a glorious summer day, which was tempered by a refreshing breeze. We commenced the day by a service in Church at 7 a.m., when we asked God to bless us in our proceedings. Immediately after the service, the children went in orderly procession to the G.E.R. Ferry-boat, and soon after crossing the river, we were seated in the train at North Woolwich, where Mr. Brown, the Station-Master, had made every arrangement for our comfort. We changed at Bethnal Green into a rather crowded train (in fact one carriage had 20 persons in it) which we were glad to exchange for the open air at Chingford. Children and Adults seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves in the sylvan beauties of Epping Forest and on the fascinating waters of the lake. The usual attraction of donkey-rides, cocoa-nut shies, brakes, swings, &c., were largely patronised. By the time the afternoon arrived everyone was ready for "the cup that cheers," which was awaiting them at Earée's Retreat. The children had their tea in a fine large tent, and the adults sat down in an airy and commodious room. Full justice was done to all the good things which were provided, and (what does not always happen) everyone was satisfied and pleased. It was hard to leave the forest and lake but the little flock was duly assembled at Chingford Station at 7 p.m., and Woolwich was reached safely after a rather noisy journey at 8.30 p.m., when one and all declared that a most happy and enjoyable day had been spent. The party was made up of 80 adults & 220 children. The statement of accounts is as follows :—

RECEIPTS.

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Contribution of friends (per Mr. F. Martin)	9	16	3
,, adults	4	13	0
,, children	2	19	4
	£17	8	7

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Earée & Co., for Teas ...	8	10	3
G.E.R., for railway fares	7	18	4
F. J. Cattermole, for printing tickets ...		5	6
Balance in hand		14	6
	£17	8	7

The Balance in hand will be devoted towards giving the Sunday School a treat at Christmas time, when the prizes are distributed.

WANT.

A candle-bracket is badly wanted for the pulpit, as it is found that visiting clergy who preach in S. Michael's are sometimes in difficulties when the gas is lowered during the sermon. A bracket of pleasing design can be obtained for about 30s., and full particulars can be obtained from the Vicar by anyone wishing to make a useful and permanent gift to our Church.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

The Reports of Her Majesty's Inspector on the work of our Schools have just been received and shew that our Schools are being maintained in the highest state of efficiency. The reports are as follows :

Boys' School—"Discipline is well maintained, and the instruction is carefully and energetically given. It is, however, scarcely possible to recommend the higher grant for the specific subject (Algebra). A new Map of England is wanted." [This the Managers have already provided].

Girls' School—"The order is good and it is evident that the instruction is making progress, especially so far as the lower classes are concerned. Attention has been called to various details in which improvement still seems desirable."

Infants' School—"The infants are carefully and successfully taught; they are in very good order, and at the same time they are not unduly repressed."

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INFANT SCHOOL.

The Vicar and Mrs. Johnstone hope to entertain at Tea, at the Vicarage, all the Infants who attend S. Michael's School, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 5th and 6th. It is to be hoped that the weather will be propitious, and that our little ones will have a happy time.

ONLY A PEARL BUTTON!

One evening about the middle of March, a crowd was gathered in the Market Square of the little town of Dalton-in Furness, eagerly watching some pictures and scenes connected with the war, which were being thrown on to the side of a house by means of a powerful lime-light. After a while "Three cheers for the Queen" appeared and drew forth a hearty response. Then a collection for the War Fund was made from the people, realising £3 2s. 0d., and a common pearl button. Among the managers of the show was an Auctioneer, full of enthusiasm, stirred up by having a son at the front. He told the audience that some cur had put in a button instead of money, and said, "Now I am going to sell it by auction."

He began asking for bids, and someone offered sixpence, and another a shilling, and soon it was knocked down at 5s. The purchaser paid the money, and giving back the button, cried, "Sell it again," and speedily it had been knocked down once more for 5s. The process was repeated until the button had fetched £1 15s.

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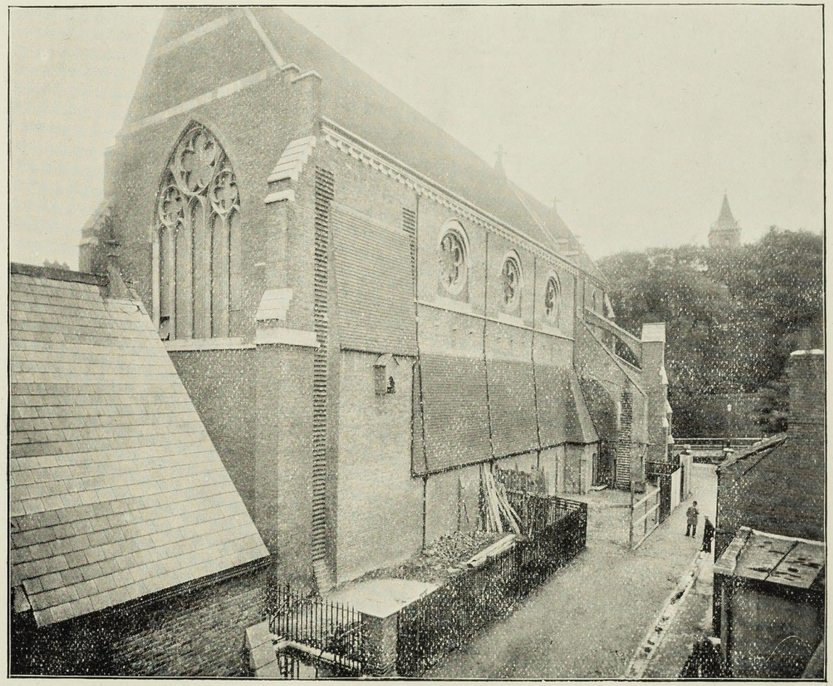

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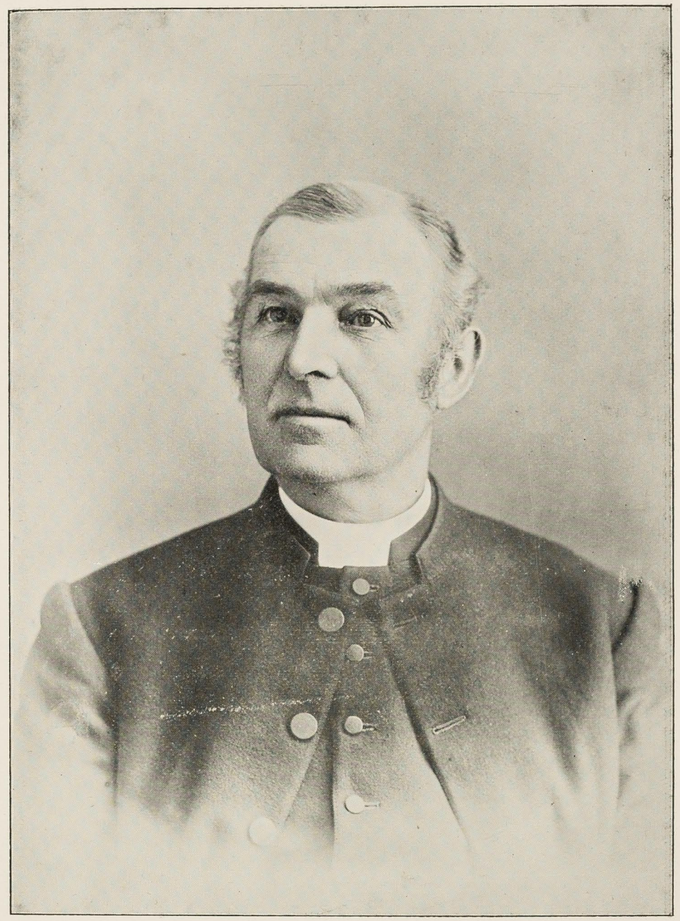

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IN publishing, for friends, as a little "Memorial" of the Work, the sketch which appeared in the *Church Times* early in 1896, (when we were keeping the Thirtieth Anniversary), I thought it might be useful to unite with it the "Appeal" now being made for the Completion of our Church.

This will in all probability be the last Appeal I shall be able to make. At my time of life it is hardly likely that I shall put out another. I am all the more anxious that this one should be successful in crowning the work with a good finish.

Added to the "Memorial" are some letters written from time to time to me about the work, which may be of interest; also, the history of the Mission is a story of Church progress and growth, which it may be useful to call to mind at the present time.

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"HOME MISSION" WORK IN SOUTH EAST LONDON.

Reprinted from The Church Times *of February 21st,* 1896.

Thirty years ago, Woolwich was in the Diocese of London, and when the urgent cases of spiritual destitution in East London had been somewhat provided for by the Bishop of London's Fund, attention was drawn to the not less urgent needs of the Parishes south of the Thames.

A spirit of contentment with the existing state of things was one of the difficulties which met the Committee of the Fund in many instances, and a dislike to contemplate a future division of their Parishes on the part of Incumbents.

This misplaced Conservatism obliged the Committee to bring a certain amount of pressure to bear, and did not make the work easier for the "Mission priests" nominated to the charge of the new Districts.

In Plumstead and Woolwich—both having immense populations—four nominal Districts were formed on the outskirts of the mother Parishes, each containing a population of about 5,000. This arrangement caused the District lying west of St. Mary's, Woolwich, to be a very awkward shape for parochial working. It consisted of two large blocks of houses just touching each other at an angle, and it will be seen how this peculiarity increased the difficulty of finding a site for the Church and other buildings. To the charge of this District was appointed—in September, 1865—the Rev. Hugh Ryves Baker, M.A., T.C.D., who had received his Orders some ten years before from Bishop Philpotts, of Exeter, and was working at this time in the East-end parish of St. Mark's, Victoria Docks, then known as "London over the border." It was unfortunate that at this time a request to have a Saint's name given to the Mission was refused. "Western Woolwich" was too unmeaning a name to take root amongst the people, but "Baker's" was not, and seven and twenty years of endeavour to eradicate that title has failed to do so. Not long ago, a parent remarked, "I was recommended to take my children to St. Michael's Schools, but I cannot find them, so I have brought them to 'Baker's!'" This indicates the sort of obstruction to which the Mission priests were subjected.

In these days of Missionary effort, when each Church has one or more large buildings in which to supplement the old-established services, it is hard to realise the poverty of the old overgrown parishes in this respect. The only rooms obtainable, sufficiently large to hold services in, for the East and West Missions in Woolwich were attached to public houses. That in the West District had been used as a "Skittle-alley," and opened on "Back-lane." It had the advantage of an upper room, and would accommodate about a hundred people, who were contented to be squeezed! This place Mr. Baker was thankful to obtain, and the Fund paid the rent. Previous to the partial separation of these districts the Mother parish had a population of 30,000 with two churches (neither free) and one National school, which provided for 500 boys and girls, but no infants.

Coming from a parish amply provided with Schools by the foresight of the Rev. Henry Boyd, Mr. Baker felt that his first care, after commencing Sunday services, must be to provide instruction for the ragged, shoeless children growing up in ignorance around the Mission-room.

Here a struggle occurred with the Authori-

ties. That a "Dame's School" might be of use in such a locality was admitted; but that a second National school, with proper staff, should jeopardise the existence of St. Mary's school was fraught with danger! Yet the next report of the School Committee opens with these words—"The Woolwich National schools have been compelled by the objections of the Privy Council to limit their operations, as the number on their books had begun to exceed the capacity of the building. This difficulty had suggested to the Committee the idea of increasing the accommodation; but financial considerations compelled them to postpone their plans. Meanwhile, the promoters of National education in the neighbourhood may find in this state of things decided evidence of the efficiency, and acceptability of their efforts." That a school which only accommodated 500 children should be full to overflowing in a population of 30,000 does not seem to warrant this congratulation, and while thus admitting the urgent need of increased accommodation, all the correspondence shows that hindrance was thrown in the way of every attempt made to secure new Schools for the District. This was within four years of Mr. Forster's Act, and, fortunately for West Woolwich, one of the "promoters of National education" was not so easily satisfied, and did not rest until he had insisted on procuring the services of a first-class master from St. Mark's, Chelsea, and had started a Mixed school of about 110 children (at once placed under Government inspection) in the two rooms of the "Skittle alley." This took place on January 7, 1866, and was a great strengthening of the hands of the Mission priest, and brought him at once into touch with the parents. But in those days a Mission priest with Services in a room not licensed for the celebration of the Holy Communion or Holy Baptism had difficulties which are now happily almost unknown. All the religious people in the District were already attached to a Church; the indifferent and irreligious could hardly be got to seek the higher privileges in distant Churches where the sittings were paid for or appropriated; and the Priest himself had to shorten his morning Service once a month, and hurry (with his Communicants) to the Mother Church to catch the happy moment between the coming out of the great body of the congregation who did not communicate, and the locking of the doors by the beadle upon those who did, in order to secure their Spiritual sustenance! With regard to Churchings and Baptisms, however the matter might be explained as referring to registration, there was a fee of not less than 1s. 6d. expected from the mother on these occasions, and many a woman has walked round the Churchyard, and returned home unchurched, because she had no fee to offer; whilst numbers of children were left unbaptized for the same reason.

It was at this time that an excellent and well-intentioned person carried to the Rector an accusation that Mr. Baker taught "Baptismal Regeneration," and was surprised to find that the Rector himself held that Doctrine.

All the year 1866 was spent in seeking a Site which should commend itself to the Authorities, and the difficulty of finding a suitable spot of ground was great.

There was hardly any land in the District not built on—a site at either extremity was not to be thought of, and the centre was so narrow and closely built over, that it seemed almost impossible to obtain a position without pulling down valuable property. One proposed site was in the fork of two streets—an imposing and convenient position — but so narrow that no Church of any size could have been built on it, and the Schools must have been left out of the scheme altogether. It will be readily understood that where there was no great desire to separate the Parish, the loss of time was not thought much of; and only those who have waded through the mass of correspondence relating to this period of the work can understand the difficulties, real or imaginary, which became stumbling-blocks, in turn, in the way of getting a Site.

At last a piece of ground was found just below the "Marine Hospital," more central than could have been hoped for, having on it some eleven houses, none of them, however of great value. Meanwhile the Day-school was making way. The first Report of H.M. Inspector praised the work done, and urged a removal to better premises; and Night schools were held, to make up in some degree for the want of education of the rough lads in the neighbourhood.

When the negotiations were entered into for the site in Station-road, a fresh difficulty arose in the shape of a "right of way" across it. This obstacle was, however, more imaginary than real, and was overcome, but it caused fresh delay. In the spring of 1867 the

Bishop of Rochester died, and this portion of the London Diocese was put back into the Diocese of Rochester, to which it had before belonged, and with the change came a new anxiety.

Would the London Fund continue to pay the Living agents, and conclude the negotiations for sites, before the new Bishop could start a Fund of his own? For many months the Mission clergy scarcely knew what their position would be, and it is not uncharitable to say that the Committee of the Fund would have liked to have escaped the payment of such a heavy sum. More generous counsels however prevailed, and it was considered that negotiations had gone too far to recede, so the site was bought for £1,000—£50 being paid afterwards to buy out the occupier of the largest house. For the successful issue of this most important part of the work Mr. Baker was much indebted to the kindness of the owner, J. Spencer, Esq., of Blackheath.

At this time there were also anxieties of another kind. The Services held in the Mission-room were necessarily of the simplest description, and where there was no Celebration of the Holy Communion there could be but little Ritual. But it so happened that on a certain occasion Mr. Mackonochie and his principles were attacked in Mr. Baker's presence; a defence of his friend followed, which was not appreciated, and opened up some difficult questions in the future.

In June of that year the Clergy about to be transferred to Rochester were formally introduced (at Fulham) by the Bishop of London to their new Diocesan, Dr. Claughton. Mr. Baker was already slightly acquainted with him as Vicar of Kidderminster, and in September, the Bishop, paying a visit to Woolwich, found Mr. Baker and his teachers keeping Sunday-school in the mission-room one hot afternoon, and greeted him with the kindly words, "Your old friend, Canon Woodgate, gave me no peace until I had promised to find you out." Bishop Claughton's Confirmation addresses were the most fatherly and helpful ever addressed to young people; and it was always ascribed to his influence, backed by a little playful sarcasm, that about this time the dreadful "Threedecker" disappeared from the Parish Church, and the Black gown from the pulpit!

The Education Department was now grumbling, not without reason, over the very inadequate premises in Back-lane; there was as yet no security that the stipends of Living agents would be continued; reports of Mr. Baker's "advanced views" made it probable that there would be war before peace, and the horizon looked a little dark; yet better times were coming. It may be mentioned here that just at this time the Woolwich Dockyard was closed, by which much distress and poverty were caused for months—especially in the Western District, in which a large portion of the Yard was situated, and Woolwich was injured permanently. A large part of the District was depopulated for the time, and has been much poorer ever since.

The Site being now secured, it was decided, not without opposition, to put up a temporary building at once, for present needs, and erect permanent Schools during the "year of grace" allowed by Mr. Forster's Bill for voluntary efforts. So subscriptions were got in, and a large Iron Church, costing £340, was erected on a corner of the ground, which should be licensed for the administration of the Sacraments. Then, at last, the District had a name given to it, and the building was opened on the Octave of the Feast of SS. Michael and All Angels 1868, with a full Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion. The roomy iron and match-board building was like a small Cathedral to the thankful worshippers after the poor little Mission-room in the "Skittle Alley." It was one width throughout, and the Chancel was about one-third of the whole, carefully curtained off when not in use. The Altar was of solid oak, and cross, candlesticks, and vases were on the re-table from the first, while coloured stoles and frontals indicated the different Seasons of the Church.

To realise what that Iron Church was to the Mission priest and his flock, it must be understood that for a radius of many miles there was no early Celebration at all, only a late Celebration once a month in any Church. The Surplice in the pulpit was quite the exception, as were also Congregational Baptisms; a surpliced Choir was a thing unknown; and to take no pew rents, and exact no fees, argued a man lost to all sense of consideration for his brother Clergy or successors. That the "Tin Church" should be the exponent of such views and doings was intolerable to the good Protestants of Woolwich and Plumstead. A Surpliced choir, walking in orderly fashion, singing during the Celebration of the Holy Communion, from which no reverent person or child was ever banished, was

"Ritualism" of the worst description, if not "Romanism" itself, and it needed only the scarlet hood of the Reverend Doctor who was the Evening preacher at the opening Service to set the wildest stories afloat.

Although Mr. Baker had not concealed his plans from the Authorities, yet formal complaints of strange practices and innovations caused much irritation, which was, perhaps, to be expected, and a storm broke over the Mission and all connected with it. It was saved by the wider views and experience of the Bishop, who sanctioned all that was done, and who, writing some years later when the living of the Mother Church was vacant, quaintly remarked, "One of my difficulties in filling the Living is to find some one who will have a due respect for St. Michael's." That person was the Rev. the Honourable A. Anson, its most kind and considerate friend. In 1867 Mr. Baker had said in his pastoral letter, "I feel that it is impossible for a Mission to succeed, or be what it should be, whilst the highest Act of Christian worship is excluded from its Services." Never again would he have to say this; there was That in the Mission now which brought Its own Blessing, and would secure it against all storms—a weekly Celebration of the Holy Communion. Further, this was known to be a working-man's Church with seats free and unappropriated, and it was curious to see the look of surprise which would come across a stranger's face when told to sit where he liked. Meanwhile the Schools prospered, and an Infant School was continued in "The Skittle alley." They had the lowest fees of any Day-schools in Woolwich, and were within the reach of all. Plans and Appeals for the permanent buildings were got out, and "begging" was carried on with vigour. The Schools were built on a portion of the site at a cost of £2,500, and were ready for use in the Easter of 1871, accommodating 560 children. The Education Department gave £600; the National Society £200; the Diocesan Society £500, and the rest was got in private donations. The Iron building being now free for use wholly as a Church, Daily Service (Matins and Evensong) and Celebration of the Holy Communion on Saints' Days and on Thursdays were at once commenced, and being the first Services of the kind in the neighbourhood the cry of "Popery" was again raised.

In June, 1872, a branch of the "English Church Union" was formed in connection with St. Michael's, and it was mainly due to this that in the following year a large meeting of Churchmen was held in the Town Hall for the defence of the Athanasian Creed. The rector of Woolwich (Canon Brown) consented to take the chair, and Rev. Dr. Irons was the chief speaker. When the first great London Mission was held in the spring of 1874 St. Michael's, Woolwich, took part in it, and the Mission, which was preached by the Rev. L. H. Wellesley Wesley was a great success. Such numbers flocked to the Church that every available foot of space was in use; the people were seated in Chancel and Vestry, overflow services were held in the Schools, and numbers went away disappointed. It was evident that Church principles were beginning to make their way in Woolwich. The immediate outcome of this Mission was a large number of Baptisms and the formation of a Parochial Guild, while the increasing numbers of the Congregation and of the Communicants —the latter more than the Church would hold at one time—made it clear that plans must be prepared, and money raised at once, for at least a portion of the permanent Church.

Upon this some trouble arose. It must be remembered all through these events that while it was tacitly understood that the Mission clergy should be the Vicars of the future Parishes, yet they were licensed subject to the goodwill of the Incumbent, who could at any moment withdraw his permission.

When, then, it became necessary to provide for the permanent Church, an attempt was made to pledge Mr. Baker as to the mode of conducting the Services, and the amount of Ritual to be adopted, especially as regards the use of the Vestments, which, it was declared, would not be permitted. This pledge was firmly resisted whenever pressed, but the fact that it was so, left matters in an uncomfortable and doubtful position.

The status of the Mission priest was also made difficult in another way. He was, from the outset, required to undertake the care of about 5,000 souls, and gather a new Congregation, while at the same time he was expected to raise money for bricks and mortar, for Schools, Church, &c., and provide all the machinery of a Parish. An inquiry was made every two or three years by the Diocesan Committee, and if he failed in either respect he was liable to be dismissed. Hence it will be seen that if he was hindered in his efforts to get the Church built the Committee might withhold his stipend, while

if he refused a pledge he might find his Licence withdrawn! That summer the Iron church was rolled into a position which would allow of its being used as the temporary Nave, and the foundations of the Chancel were laid. A suggestion had been made to build the Nave first, but it seemed better to begin with that portion which has to do more especially with God's honour and glory. The excavations for the foundations led to a terrible discovery—the site was all "*made ground.*" In the last century silver sand for the London market had been dug from this spot, on which water afterwards collected, and when the dockyard was being formed all the *débris* from the side of the river was thrown into this pond, on which houses were presently built. No blame could be attached to any one, and the site was still the best for the District; but the expense of putting in the foundations was more than doubled, the workmen going down forty feet in one spot before finding the "old" ground. Want of funds stopped the work for many months, but on July 15, 1875, Bishop Claughton laid the foundation-stone of the new Church. No one connected with the Mission will ever forget the downpour of rain on that St. Swithin's Day. It even affected the good Bishop, and on that day of promise the workers "sowed in tears." The Evening Preacher was the Rev. R. R. Bristow.

The Rectory of Woolwich was at this time vacant. The Rev. Canon Brown died suddenly at his post in church. R.I.P. The new rector was the Rev. A. Anson; and he had not been long in Woolwich before the people began to perceive that St. Michael's had been but the Pioneer of a standard of Services to which the whole neighbourhood was gradually rising. Mr. Anson had required the Churchwardens to provide a "Credence table" before he arrived, and an Official paid a visit to the Mission church to see what such an article of Church furniture might be. In 1877 the diocese of Rochester was divided; Dr. Claughton became Bishop of St. Albans, and Dr. Thorold was consecrated to Rochester. It was, perhaps, to be expected that the advent of the new Bishop would be the signal for a fresh attack on the Services of the Church; and unfortunately he had, by his announced "Policy of isolation," given ground for supposing that he would not be unwilling to hear complaints against certain Churches. Accordingly, upon representation made, an Agent was sent down one Sunday in the Autumn of that year to see and report upon the Services at St. Michael's. The Bishop took exception to the position of the Celebrant during the Ante-communion Service, the Mixed Chalice, and the singing of *Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei*. With regard to the two former, Mr. Baker respectfully intimated that he could make no change, but undertook to give up the latter for the present. They were afterwards resumed when Mr. Baker became Vicar, and have continued ever since. The building of the Chancel progressed but slowly and as funds came in, and partly on account of the solid character of the work; but in the summer of 1878 Chancel, Choir, Side-chapel, Vestries, and Organ-chamber were ready, and to these the Iron church was attached as a Nave. And here sprung up a new difficulty. The question was raised as to how far a portion of a Church could be consecrated and accepted and endowed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners as a Parish Church. The Bishop naturally objected to consecrate until he was assured that the endowment would be forthcoming, while the Ecclesiastical Commissioners objected to endow a Parish with an incompleted Church. It was a very nice point to settle, but ultimately it was got over (to be raised again subsequently), and on July 1 the Chancel, &c., was consecrated by the Bishop of St. Albans. Months before he had kindly consented to preach on the occasion, and at the request of Bishop Thorold he undertook the whole Service. Now those who had "sown in tears reaped in joy," the bells of St. Mary, the mother Church, giving the first note of sympathy in the early morning. The day was bright, the attendance good, the service most impressive, and the Bishop at the luncheon—presided over by Earl Nelson—was his own genial, sympathetic self. This was his last visit, ten years after the first, and none could have wished for happier remembrances of him.

The following year was eventful. When the Chancel was consecrated, Daily Service and all Week-day Celebrations of Holy Communion were carried on in the Side-chapel, where the Altar so long used in the Iron church had been placed. This having been objected to by the Bishop, Mr. Baker, after some correspondence, was advised to withdraw it until he should be in a better position—*i.e.*, Incumbent really and legally, as well as designate.

The question again arose with the Ecclesi-

astical Commissioners whether the Church in its incompleted state was suitable to be the Parish church of a separate and independent cure. This difficulty, however, was got over by showing that there were precedents for such a course, and the Parish was "gazetted" in August, 1879. The Patronage was after much trouble and hindrance vested in Keble College, Oxford, the governing body of which presented Mr. Baker to the Living, and he was licensed as the first Incumbent November 3rd of the same year. It was the wish of the principal subscribers that the Patronage should be so arranged, and it is difficult to see why the Bishop resented this act, and afterwards referred to it as a reason for not helping the Church and Schools more liberally from the Diocesan Fund. This year the Day-schools were so full that it was necessary to enlarge them by building additional Classrooms. On Whit Sunday, 1881, white linen Vestments were used for the first time. They were presented by the Churchwardens, having been subscribed for by some 250 communicants—nearly all poor working people—and the Lights were introduced at about the same time. It has been said that "you may preach what Doctrines you like if you do not symbolise them; or you may have what Ritual you like if you do not preach the Doctrines"; but at St. Michael's, the people having been taught what was right, desired the Ritual of their own accord, and there was never a word said against it by Parishioners at any time. In the summer of 1881 there was further trouble about the second Altar. It had been restored to its place after the institution of the Vicar in the autumn of 1879, and it had been used peacefully enough, to the great comfort of the Congregation, for nearly two years, when all of a sudden, at the instance, it was supposed, of the "Church Association," the Vicar was requested to remove it, and, if he so wished, to apply for a Faculty for it. Things then were not as they are now, when the second Altar has become usual, but it was then regarded with great suspicion, and strong pressure was brought to bear to have it removed. The Vicar, however, was firm, and having declined to remove it, was urged to apply for a Faculty to retain it, a Commission consisting of the Archdeacon and Rural Dean being sent to report as to the *convenience or otherwise* of the Side-chapel. The legality of the second Altar *per se* was *never denied.* The report was to the effect that as the Side chapel was not sufficiently screened off from the Chancel, it would answer all purposes that the Congregation should worship either in the Side chapel or Chancel, the Celebration taking place at the high Altar.

This was obviously a most unsatisfactory compromise and was not accepted, and the matter was ultimately settled by the Bishop giving a sort of guarantee that *if a Faculty were applied for it would be granted.* Uncertainty as to this had prevented the Vicar from applying hitherto, and doing so now, the Faculty (almost the first granted for the purpose) was issued.

All those years the Vicar had been working single-handed, but in 1882, by the liberality of Mr. Richard Foster, he was enabled to give a title to the Rev. C. E. Osborne, since then of St. Agatha's, Landport, and now Vicar of Seghill, Northumberland, whose hearty co-operation lightened his work very much and led to the opening of a Club and Recreation-rooms for men and lads. There was also now commenced a second Celebration of Holy Communion on Sundays. In 1884 an opportunity presented itself of purchasing a freehold house, not far from the Church, suitable for a Vicarage, which was secured for £2,409 for the Benefice, including needful alterations. A second Mission was held in 1886 in conjunction with the rest of the Rural Deanery. The Rev. J. Vicars Foote and Rev. A. Bowyer Sharpe were the Missioners; the Services were well attended; a great many children were Baptized, and the Communicants' guilds reorganised and enlarged. About this time the growing Congregation and the shaky condition of the Iron church necessitated a move for the Nave. On May 16th, 1887, a Public-meeting to promote this object was held in the Town Hall, Woolwich, at which Lord Halifax was Chairman; and early the following year Lord Addington presided at a meeting at the Mansion House, for the same purpose. The Architect of the Chancel, Mr. J. W. Walter, had left England to settle in America; but at Mr. Foster's request Mr. Butterfield kindly consented, after he had seen the Building and arranged for some little alterations, to make plans for the completion of the Church. This he did, and a simple but exceedingly well-proportioned and noble Nave, in keeping with the style of the Chancel, was commenced, being built over the Iron church.

When it became impossible to use this, the Vicar was fortunate enough to obtain the use of the Dockyard Church at certain hours for the Sunday Services. The Daily Services were still held in the Side chapel.

The Nave was ready for opening on November 7, 1889, when there was held an Octave of Services, and the Warden of Keble College preached on the opening day to a large and thankful Congregation. The Iron church, which was still loved as the old home, was transferred, on a reduced scale, to a Site in another part of the Parish (bought by the kindness of Sir S. Maryon Wilson), where Services and meetings are much needed, and is still useful after twenty-seven years' work. On May 6, 1892, in the evening, the new Bishop, Dr. Davidson, was good enough to hold the first Confirmation that took place in St. Michael's. It was much valued by the Parishioners, and was an eventful day in the life of the Mission. Fifty-two candidates from the Parish were Confirmed.

On July 7 of the same year a very beautiful new Reredos and Stained window, designed by the Rev. Ernest Geldart, were placed in the Church to the memory of two very dear friends of the Mission. The work is in keeping with the handsome tile and mosaic decoration by Mr. Butterfield of the North wall and Credence table, in memory of Dr. Alfred Sharpe—a constant worshipper in the Church—and his Wife. In January, 1894, a third Mission was held by the Rev. C. H. Sharp, assisted by the Rev. D. Borrie Clarke, since gone to his Rest. It was productive, as far as can be judged, of much deepening of Spiritual life to all who took part in it.

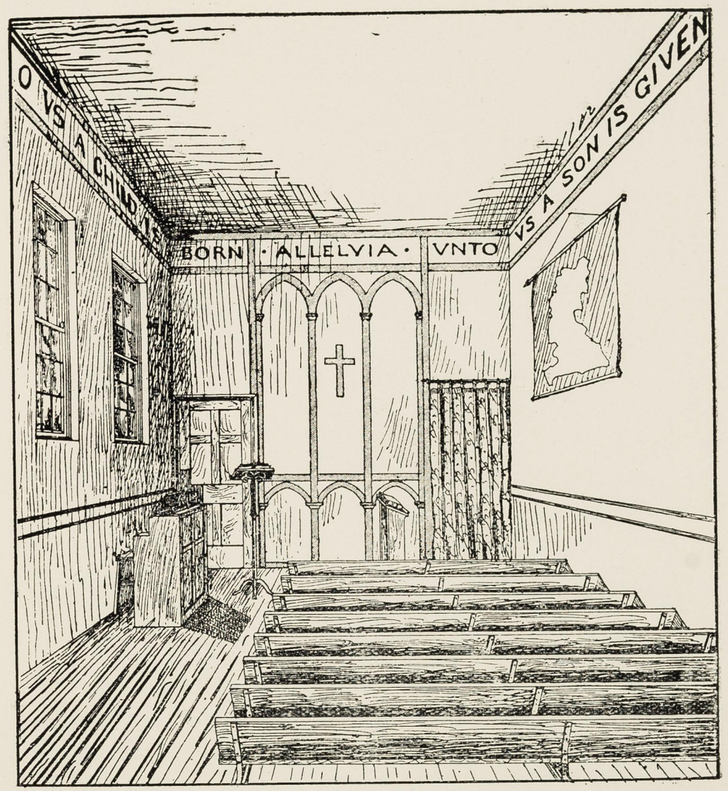
This year—1894—the Education Department required certain alterations and improvements to be made in the Schools, which are doing good work, and have for many years received the highest Merit-grant in all Departments; and in order to comply with the modern requirements they have been enlarged, and Schools for carpentry and cookery established. Eight hundred children are now under instruction. There still remains a debt of £400 on the Buildings, for which the Vicar is begging. The Church still lacks the tower, aisles, and porches; and Mr. Richard Foster (ever a friend of the Mission) has remitted a large debt which remained on the Nave, so that Mr. Baker may be free to collect fresh funds for these purposes. Thirty years is a large slice out of a man's life to be spent in begging for bricks and mortar. No one can tell what the wear and tear is save one who has experienced it. In that time £23,237 have been raised, and it requires some courage to begin again at the age of sixty-three! "The Mission"—it is still such—has had always these great blessings, kind and liberal friends and a united Congregation; and it may not be amiss to place on record some of those men of note and of saintly lives who have preached in Church or Mission room under the varying fortunes and circumstances of the work. The Right Revs. Bishops Claughton and Piers Claughton, Anson, Legge, Yeatman, Smyth, Archdeacon Thornton, Rev. Canon Boyd, Rev. Father Benson, Rev. Father Page, Rev. A. H. Mackonochie, Rev. A. Tooth, Rev. S. F. Green, Rev. Canon Knox Little, Rev. Dr. Edghill, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. C. E. Brook, Rev. C. Gutch, Rev. S. G. Scott, Rev. Canon Murray, Rev. Canon Carter, Rev. H. M. Villiers, Rev. E. Hoskins, Rev. L. S. Wainwright. Amongst the early friends of the Mission gone to their Rest are Dr. Pusey, Canon Liddon, the Rev. R. Porter, Canon Pritchett, the late Lords Addington and Beauchamp, and Sir H. Lefroy.

The Vicar's appeal for his Mission work has had the imprimatur of five Bishops, and as he is still asking for further help, a letter from the one who knew him best may appropriately close this narrative:—

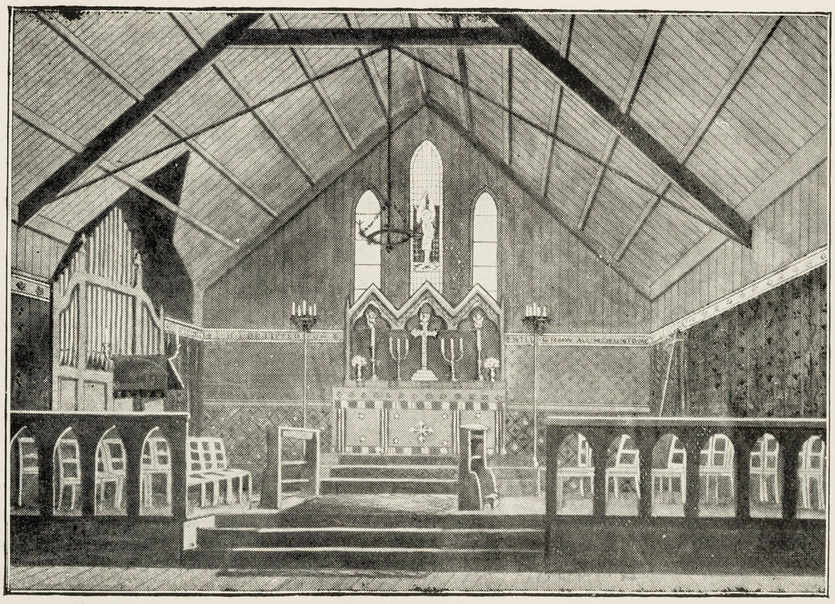
Danbury Palace, Chelmsford,
December 15, 1890.

My dear Baker,—I have just read your letter to the editor of *The Morning Post*. I have known you for twenty-six years as a worker for the "Evangelisation of the masses." No more competent witness than yourself could have been called to describe the real wants of the Church of England at this crisis. Even if a few of those who read that letter could know what the labour and self-sacrifice of the writer have been, neither would your own *destitute* parish, nor the cause you advocate, fail of obtaining some of the help you plead for.—Yours most truly,

T. L. Claughton, Bishop.



THE SKITTLE ALLEY, 1866.



THE IRON CHURCH, 1868.

J. N. WALTER, ARCHT.

St. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS MISSION SCHOOLS
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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS' CHURCH, WOOLWICH.
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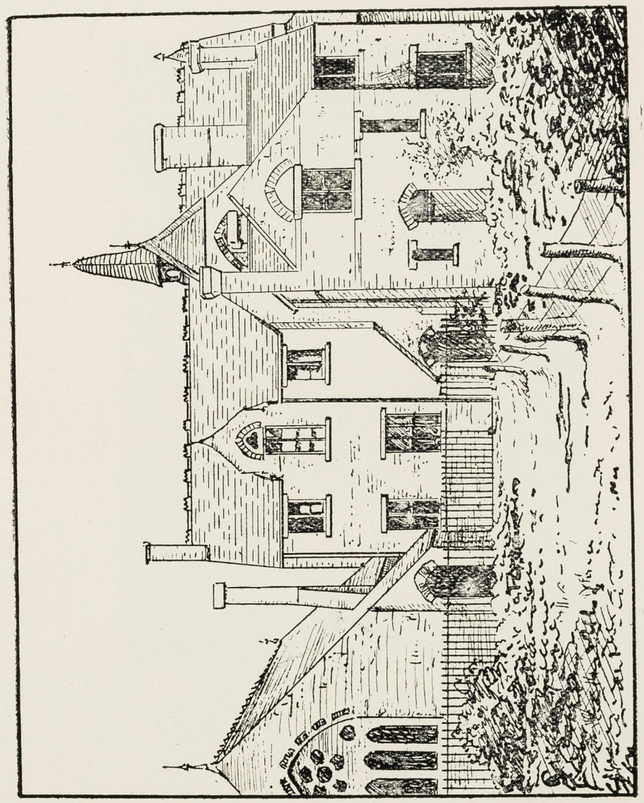

THE SCHOOLS, 1879.

THE MISSION ROOM, 1889.

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SS. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS' CHURCH,
WOOLWICH.

APPEAL
FOR THE
COMPLETION OF THIRTY-TWO YEARS' WORK.

We, the undersigned, as Trustees of Keble College, and Patrons of the Living, desire to call the attention of the Public to the Appeal of the Rev. Hugh Ryves Baker, for contributions to complete the above-named Church.

We know the good work that Mr. Baker has been doing for more than Thirty-two years at S. Michael's, and we hope that when it is brought under the notice of Churchmen they will readily respond to a call made on them by such a place as Woolwich, which, as one of the great workshops of the nation, has a right to look for help from the public at large. Employers of labour may fairly be asked to aid in the spiritual training of their people, and in this case the *Nation holds that position.* The Parish is the poorest in the locality, and the population—6,000—is mainly composed of persons who either are or have been in Government employ.

E. Roffen.
Cranbrook.
Halifax.
Aldenham.
E. Lincoln.
W. Lock, Warden of Keble Coll.
Henry O. Wakeman.
J. A. Shaw-Stewart.
William E. Sackville West.
Hugh Cecil.
P. G. Medd.

Letters from the former and present Bishop of Rochester, *and the* Archbishop of York.

Bishop's House,
Kennington Park, S.E.,
28th Jan., 1895.

Dear Mr. Baker,

You ask me to promote, so far as I can, the effort you are making to complete St. Michael's Church. I gladly authorize you to say that your endeavour has my most cordial support. I know that it is simply impossible in your very poor Parish, or indeed in Woolwich, to raise the necessary funds. It is therefore essential that you should obtain material help from outside. All who know Woolwich and its difficulties are aware how manful and persevering has been your work there, both for Church and Schools, during the last quarter of a century.

St. Michael's Church, when completed, will be a really grand structure. The fact that the Parish Church of Woolwich has itself required during the last few years so large an expenditure of money has of necessity interfered with much of the help which might in other circumstances have reached you for St. Michael's; but I am sure there are many who would be willing to aid you in this final effort if they only knew the facts.

In setting them forth, pray make any use you like of this letter. Residents in well-to-do Parishes, who rightly thank God for the beauty of their own Parish Churches, and maintain by ample gifts the dignity of Divine Service therein, need sometimes to be reminded how real are the claims of poorer worshippers in Parishes like St. Michael's, where an endeavour is being made to erect a Church of like beauty to the Glory of Almighty God, and for the help of His people.

I am yours very truly,
Randall T. Roffen.

June 21st, 1897.
Bishop's House,
Kennington Park, S.E.

My Dear Baker,

I sincerely hope that you may have good success. I think that you know how much I feel that your splendid long spell of work in Woolwich, against tremendously hard conditions, financial and other, makes a very strong claim on all of us. Your repairs are necessary

and to complete your building is very desirable, and will put a sort of finish and crown on your work. If you can get one or two really handsome contributions I think your much tried energy will be equal to this last demand and put the thing through.

Believe me, with sincere regards
and respect,
Yours very truly,
EDWD. ROFFEN.

I have also received the following from the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, *who knew the work at its commencement as one of the Committee of the Bishop of London's Fund. We were then in the Diocese of London :—*

Bishopthorpe,
York,
6th July, 1898.

Dear Mr. Baker,

The work of my recent Synod has so filled up all my time that I have not been able to write to you till now in answer to your letter of June 23rd. I remember you very well in the far off period to which you refer and would gladly have helped you had I been able to do so, but I was not in Town on July 1st. I trust you may have continued success in your good work. Be assured of my prayers.

Yours very faithfully,
WILLIAM EBOR.

LETTERS, &c.

The Rectory,
Newington, S.E.,
12th July, 1878.

My Dear Sir,

I would gladly have been present with you on Thursday next at the laying of the foundation stone of your new Church, but I have an important meeting at half-past two which will prevent my coming to you.

With all good wishes,
Believe me, very faithfully yours
in our Blessed Lord,
W. D. MACLAGAN.

Christ Church,
Oxford,
My Dear Mr. Baker, 1879.

I am no longer a member of the Council of K.C., having resigned my seat on account of my loss of hearing. But I may perhaps still be a Trustee, so I express my interest in your good work, and enclose a draft, but it is a great sum which you need.

God help and bless your work.

Yours very faithfully,
E. P. PUSEY.

Christ Church,
Oxford,
My Dear Baker, Nov. 12th, 1879.

Indeed you are very welcome to use my name. I wish I could send you anything more substantial, but I cannot now afford to do so.

Ever yours sincerely,
H. P. LIDDON.

In sending a donation from THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, COL. ELPHINSTONE *says :—*

"His Royal Highness hopes that you will soon succeed in obtaining sufficient means to complete this building which is so urgently needed."—9th July, 1886.

BISHOP THOROLD *wrote in* 1886, *when Bishop of the Diocese :—*

"It is for many reasons important that the fabric of S. Michael and All Angels', Woolwich, should be completed, and at once. The work is an arduous one, and cannot be done without liberal help from outside. The Rochester Diocesan Society has made liberal contributions to the need of this poor but diligently worked Parish, and I think that local resources must be exhausted by what has already been effected by the untiring Incumbent."

The late COLONEL MAJENDIE, R.A., *wrote as follows :—*

"I most sincerely sympathise with the work which you have in hand, and which you have so faithfully and diligently pursued for many years. The very poor and difficult district in which your labours lie is not only subject to the influences which beset ordinary parishes, and which the Church alone can successfully combat, but it is exposed to evils of a very exceptional, and I fear extensive character, from its immediate proximity to a large, or I should say several large Barracks. This evil cannot be successfully dealt with by the Military Chaplains, however zealous and faithful. It overflows into adjoining neighbourhoods, and must be stemmed and controlled by those who, like yourself stand, so to speak, on the frontier, and have to guard the passes. Without a proper and well-ordered fortress, such as I conceive an adequate Church to be, I do not see how you, or any one else, can hope to accomplish this. Therefore, you have my sincere sympathy, and hearty wishes for full and early success."

The REV. S. G. SCOTT, *Rector of Woolwich and Rural Dean, at a public meeting held in Woolwich in* 1887, *to promote the completion of the Church, spoke as follows :—*

"There was a solid foundation of careful training in the Church schools, and he thought they should have a more dignified and ample Church to house the children. Per seat there were more communicants in that Church than in any other in the deanery. There are 400 seats in that fine Chancel and insignificant iron Nave, and at Easter there were 214 communicants. It was a standing disgrace to the district and diocese that such a magnificent Chancel should end in such insignificent proportions. Woolwich was a parish in which Church extension must be supported from outside."

The CHAPLAIN-GENERAL, (DR. EDGEHILL), *wrote in* 1888 :—

"The parish of St. Michael's, Woolwich, has strong claims for help. The parishioners mainly consist of those who have been brought to Woolwich through the great national manufactory. For many years the Incumbent has been working among these people, and by his schools and parochial machinery has done much to promote their good. He has also, during the same time, opened the temporary church for daily prayer and frequent celebrations of the Holy Communion, so that he has done his utmost for the well being of this population drawn together for the Nation's work. The temporary Nave must soon be removed, and Mr. Baker most earnestly desires to finish his work by the completion of the Church.

Important letter from the late LORD ADDINGTON, (J. G. HUBBARD). *From "The Times," Wednesday, 18th July,* 1888.

S. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, WOOLWICH.

To the Editor of "The Times."

Sir,—Permit me to repeat to the large circle of your readers the appeal which, as chairman, I addressed to a meeting at the Mansion House the other day, by kind permission of the Lord Mayor, on behalf of S. Michael's Church, Woolwich.

The meeting was addressed by Colonel Duncan, M.P., Sir Spencer Maryon-Wilson, Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., Canon Gregory, Mr. J. A. Shaw Stewart, Dr. Edgehill (Chaplain-General to the Forces), and others, who set forth the peculiarly strong claim of Woolwich, of which the population has enormously increased the supply with labour the important Government works which provide so much of our war material.

The Government provide churches and chaplains for the officers and men in the permanent employment of the Crown, but they take no cognizance of the multitude of labourers serving the State, which pays their wages, but leaves to the charity of the community at large the supply of the religious ministration which they need.

The Rev. H. R. Baker has during the 22 years of his residence at Woolwich, in charge of one of the five districts, laboured indefatigably under great difficulty in the cause of his parishioners, and his immediate need is the collection of £4,500 to complete the Church which his exertions founded, and is now urgently requisite for the decent and edifying performance of Divine worship.

I venture earnestly to ask the liberal assistance of your readers, and especially of the Merchants and Bankers of London, for this meritorious work at Woolwich.

Contributions will be thankfully received by Mr. Richard Foster, Homewood, Chislehurst. as a treasurer to the fund.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ADDINGTON.

4, St. Helen's Place.

Dartmouth House,
Blackheath Hill, S.E.,
Oct. 5th, 1892.

Dear Mr. Baker,

The condition of Woolwich, as well as your own sacrifices, give your Parish a claim upon the outside world. I trust you may achieve the completion of the Church on which your heart is set.

Yours sincerely,
HUYSHE SOUTHWARK.

The Rectory,
Woolwich,
7th July, 1892.

My Dear Baker,

During the nine years I have been resident in Woolwich I have watched with much interest the unflinching efforts you have put forth to maintain your Schools, together with the success they have achieved. I was rejoiced to hear of the increase in the number of your Communicants. I shall indeed be glad to hear of the completion of your noble Church. That Church, together with the Schools, the Vicarage, and the Mission Chapel, planted in a most vicious and degraded locality, will form no mean legacy for the Churchmen of a future generation. Only those who, like myself, have had personal experience in the arduous work of raising funds in this Diocese can form a right and adequate idea of the toil and discouragement you have faced and undergone. I doubt not that when the sheepfolds are finished those folds will be full of sheep.

Trusting you may soon see the accomplishment of your wishes,

I remain, my dear Baker,

Yours very truly,

SAMUEL G. SCOTT,

Rector of Woolwich & Rural Dean.

MORE THAN £25,000 HAS BEEN RAISED

And spent already on Sites, Mission Buildings, Schools, Church, Vicarage House, &c., &c.

THE FULL COMPLETION OF THE CHURCH

Includes Aisles and Tower, with Organ Front, Screens, Sedilia, Reredos, and other Decorations which are needed to make It a worthy House for God's Worship.

SOME OF THE DONATIONS :—

R. Foster, Esq.	£1,000
Captain Ogilby	£500
Rochester Society	£250
Church Building Society	£150
The War Office	£40
J. A. Shaw-Stewart, Esq.	£50
D. Christopherson, Esq.	£50
The Late Sir Spencer Maryon-Wilson	£50
A. Day, Esq.	£25
Keble College	£20
Lady Maryon-Wilson	£20
The Duke of Connaught	£10
Lord Aldenham	£10
Dr. Boyd	£10
Canon Murray	£10

Etc. Etc. Etc.

32 YEARS' MISSION WORK
IN THE
NATION'S WORKSHOP.

APPEAL FOR THE COMPLETION OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, WOOLWICH.

On Friday afternoon, July 1st, 1898, a meeting was held at 79, Eaton-square, by permission of Viscount Halifax, to promote the completion of S.S. Michael and All Angels' Church, Woolwich. The Lord Bishop of Rochester presided, and amongst those present were : —Lord and Lady Halifax, the Archdeacon of Middlesex, Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., Mr. George W. Russell, Rev. H. R. and Mrs. Baker, Rev. J. C. Leeke, Rural Dean of Woolwich, Canon G. T. Palmer, Rev. S. G. Scott (former Rector of Woolwich). Mr. R. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw-Stewart, Colonel Grubb, Colonel Swinton, Major Malet, Messrs. G. M. Tapp, D. Christopherson, Marmaduke Hart, etc.

The Right Rev. Chairman said it had long been the hope of Mr. Baker to persuade his friends—who were many and much attached —to join him in completing what he had been about so long. If consistent and veteran service in the cause of our Lord and His Church was to appeal to their hearts, then he knew very few people who had a greater right to have that appeal made for them than Mr. Baker (hear, hear). He had worked away there in perhaps not one of the most attractive spots of the world, among a people whose needs were an attraction to a man who desired to serve them, and among whom there were great capacities. In a place where work had much in it that was discouraging he had pegged away for more than thirty years. On the table before him were evidences of what externally had been accomplished—the rise from little beginnings in a "Skittle alley" and "tin tabernacle" to a beautiful and dignified Church. Woolwich was one of those places which tended to lose their individuality as they were more and more drawn into the great whirl of London. It was a place which might fairly look to London for the support it could not give to itself ; but that which was true of Woolwich was true of Mr. Baker, that exertion on his own part had preceded

the attempt to make others exert themselves. With extensive Barracks and a National Workshop in which nearly 20,000 were employed Woolwich had a claim which was peculiar and emphatic. They knew what were the needs of a place where great bodies of men were congregated, and Woolwich was not a place that England could afford to leave unhelped, or that English Churchmen and Churchwomen would desire to leave unhelped. The work of Mr. Baker was on lines which some called rather advanced, but he knew of his own knowledge how carefully Mr. Baker had tried to conform to the lines of dutifulness to the Church and Prayer Book, and he had heard with pleasure the witness of the Rural Dean—who differed in some things from Mr. Baker—as to the value of Mr. Baker's work. The work done at St. Michael's was one which he could commend thoroughly to careful and sympathetic consideration (applause).

Right Hon. J. G. Talbot, M.P., moved "That the position of Woolwich and the neighbourhood as a centre of great national importance (the population being drawn together almost entirely by very extensive Government works, the Nation thus becoming the chief employer of labour) raises that place out of the merely local or private sphere, for all philanthropic purposes, and constitutes a solid claim on all who have the welfare of the people at heart to extend the influence of the Church among the operatives there; and, therefore, that a public appeal should be made for the furtherance of the Mission work so successfully carried on during the past 32 years by the necessary completion of the Church of S.S. Michael and All Angels." Mr. Talbot spoke of the work carried on at St. Michael's from an experience of many years. Mr. Baker certainly did not belong to the "great host of the apathetic and indolent," and from the first he had been doing a good work in the very difficult parish in which he was placed. Nor should Mrs. Baker's work be ignored on an occasion like this, for he believed the schools were largely indebted to her for the excellence and success which they had attained (hear, hear). The resolution was in the same terms as that moved at the Mansion House ten years ago, and it was as true now as it was in 1888 that Woolwich was "a centre of great national importance." Having paid a surprise visit to St. Michael's, he found one of the most beautiful modern interiors that he had seen in the course of a long experience. It seemed to combine solidity and strength with a considerable amount of gracefulness. The surroundings of St. Michael's cried out for the ministrations of the Church in their abundance. There were few places which called more eloquently than Woolwich for every spiritual and moral help. If the Nation brought working men and soldiers in great numbers into a crowded and not very attractive place, then if it neglected to provide them with the help which the Church could give, it incurred a very heavy responsibility (hear, hear). He would submit that to build a beautiful Church in Woolwich, which they knew to be a centre of living Church work, was an effort as noble as any to which those who had money could devote their resources (applause).

Rev. S. G. Scott, Rector of Havant, formerly Rector of Woolwich, seconded the motion. The vicinity of St. Michael's Church was naturally squalid, in the purlieus of an old Dockyard, and under the shadow of a vast Barracks. An experience of nine years in Woolwich, during eight of which he was a Guardian, had shewn him what an immense amount of pauperism existed there. He knew what dreadful slums the Sanitary Committee unearthed in Mr. Baker's parish. In the very centre of that area Mr. Baker put down his "tin tabernacle," stamping out immoral houses to make room for the buildings which he erected. Good, solid structures had been provided, such as would go down to posterity. St. Michael's Church was a magnificent haven of holy peace, and Canon Erskine Clarke had said of it, "This is a legacy to posterity; this must uplift the minds of the people." When they considered what the nation expended in testing one gun at Plumstead Marshes, when they saw the great buildings for national defence and glory, then he thought they ought not to grudge a few thousands to uplift the souls of these people. In one alley, "where the shadows deepest lay," was a Mission Church. A good, sensible Vicarage had been secured, with a small endowment for the living, and all the time Mr. Baker had had to provide for current expenses as well as for building. He and Mrs. Baker had toiled with a tenacity of purpose and steadiness of devotion which had not been surpassed in London. Such a work should receive recognition (hear, hear). How long were our best Clergy to be degraded into mere begging machines, devoting to such work energies which might be applied to uplifting the souls of men? (hear, hear). They scarcely knew what they owed to Woolwich and Portsmouth, and he thought there should be some Spiritual compensation to the people who worked for the nation in those places. He asked Church people to give the two side Aisles and a beautiful Tower. They ought to do something to help Mr. Baker, so that before he quitted this mortal scene he might be able to say in one sense, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do." Lord Addington had spoken of Mr. Baker as "a clergyman who thought it more blessed to give than to receive, and who was anxious that all should share that larger blessing." The opportunity now presented itself for Church people to soothe that tender solicitude, and gratify that generous aspiration (laughter and applause).

The Archdeacon of Middlesex supported. He was sure that the eulogium which they had heard of his friend and connection, Mr. Baker, was well deserved. He thought the testimony which they had heard would satisfy them that the work was wanted, and that it was being carried on properly. That being so Churchmen were bound to do what they could to support it. If anyone needed money and deserved it he thought Mr. Baker was that one.

Mr. G. W. E. Russell, formerly Parliamentary Secretary to the India Office, also supported, remarking upon the need of Spiritual provision for the men of the Arsenal, the pick and flower of intelligent, effective Artisans, the men by whose skill and knowledge, pluck and endurance, the material prosperity and safety of the nation was built up. The testimony of those who knew concerning the moral atmosphere of that Arsenal tended to show how pressing was the need for such influences as radiated from St. Michael's. One longed to see these men brought into touch with the Church, vast numbers of whom did not attend any Service. He had come into contact with the authorities of the Polytechnic who were inside the Arsenal. The condition of things there appeared to be ghastly. There boys and young men were exposed during their daily work to terrible temptation. The great mass was untouched by the means of Grace.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. A. Shaw-Stewart moved a vote of thanks to Lord and Lady Halifax and the Chairman, observing that if the Vice-President of the Education Department were to inspect Mr. Baker's schools it would improve his ideas on the subject of Voluntary schools in the Metropolis (hear, hear and laughter). He longed to see this work of Mr. Baker finished before he passed away. They had in that room a most noble, most generous almsgiver, who had helped liberally this work of Mr. Baker, of which he would say that Churchmen ought to be ashamed of themselves if they did not bring it to a conclusion (applause).

Rev. H. R. Baker, seconding, said he felt very grateful to Lord Halifax and to the Bishop, who had been very kind to him since he had first known him as Warden of Keble College years ago. He had received sympathetic letters from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Earl Stanhope, Lord Aldenham, Lord Cranborne, the Bishops of Winchester, Lichfield, Lincoln, Southwark, Bishop Anson, Lord Llangattock, Hon. E. Hubbard, M.P., the Chaplain-General, the Right Hon. Sir J. R. Mowbray, M.P., the Archdeacon of Rochester, Dr. H. Boyd

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(Hertford College), Sir W. Hart Dyke, Canon Murray, etc. The Earl of Cranbrook kindly looked in, but had to leave. The work of raising money for these Mission purposes ought not to be left to the Clergy, who had other more important work to do, i.e., "Cure of Souls." It was absolutely impossible to do the two things together. He thought the Laity scarcely realised what a terrible wearing and grinding work was this constant begging, in which he had been engaged for 32 years. They required for St. Michael's £8,000. of which £2,200 had been paid or promised. One dear friend had given £1,000, another £500, the Rochester Diocesan Society £250, the Church Building Society £150, the late Sir Spencer M. Maryon Wilson (always a kind and ready friend) £50, Mr. Shaw Stewart £50, the War Office £40, Mr. A. Day £25, Lady Wilson £20, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Lord Aldenham, Mr. W. Hoare, Dr. Boyd, Canon Murray, £10 each, Mr. Dyer Edwards £5 5s., Lord Llangattock, Lord Cranborne, Hon. E. Hubbard, Mr. E. Barrow, Mrs. Barrow, Mr. J. Charlesworth, the Archdeacon of Rochester, Mr. O. Wakeman, and other "Friends," £5 each. The next point was the responsibility of the Government, which meant really the Nation. At a time when so much is heard about National Defence in a purely materialistic sense, it may be well to point out that the truest National Defence will be found in caring for the Spiritual welfare of the people, and enabling them to see, by the power of religion, in what their highest responsibilities as Citizens consist. Lord Cranbrook said at the meeting held at the Mansion House ten years ago: "Employers of labour may fairly be asked to aid in the spiritual training of their people. In your case the Nation holds that position." Mr. Baker went on to detail the reasons why the church had taken so long to build. The work was begun in a "Skittle alley" in 1866, but a site was not obtained till 1869. A temporary Iron Church, called "the tin tabernacle," and School was opened, and permanent Schools in 1871. Nothing was done as to a permanent Church until 1875, when the foundations of the Chancel were laid, the Chancel being consecrated in 1878. I
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The motion was carried unanimously, an
briefly acknowledged by Lord Halifax, wh
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Interview with Rev P. C. Scott, Curate of St. Paul's, Old Charlton.

The Vicar of St. Paul's Rev Dowglas-Hamilton, who had arranged to meet me, was taking a service on my arrival and had sent his Curate to act as deputy. Rev Scott is a pheasant, fresh coloured, bright young fellow, who the Canon has been advised by, and has only been here about a year. He was not very helpful. Just at the end of our interview Rev Hamilton, who I found confused us with the Salvation Army, came in. Though I think he had intentionally kept out of the way he proved quite cordial. He is a man of pheasant manners, who

has in the past been Private Chaplain to two members of the Peerage: but I should say utterly weak and ineffective; physically he looked very ill.

The parish has a population of about 7000. On the hill around the church are a few middle and upper class people, London merchants, retired officers and so on, but the bulk of the people are either lower middle class, city clerks etc or working class finding employment in the Arsenal, Siemens' or the Dockyard. One street was spoken of as exceedingly poor and inwardly though not outwardly often squalid viz: Cedar Grove, close to Charlton station: here there are said to be 1000 in 50 houses. But the poverty here Mr Scott said was always the result of improvidence.

As to the work of the church there is little to be said. It draws a fairly good congregation of poorish middle class people the numbers being from 400 to 500 morning and evening and the Communicants 300. The church is badly placed: it is close to the old parish church of St. Luke, and right away from the bulk of the population, which is around the railway at the bottom of the hill: if the church is to touch these people a second church down the hill is essential: those who of them who go anywhere now go to chapels, but few or churches, few go to any place of worship. The middle class people on the hill are known ~~mostly~~ mostly churchgoers.

There is a Sunday School of about 600 but this seems to be largely due to the Hamilton

predecessor, who was keen on work among the children.

Relief is given apparently without much system: the amount Mr Scott did not know. He said there was cooperation with the C.O.S.

This I imagine is a commonplace suburban church drawing its congregation of natural church ~~goers~~ goers, but with little effect on their lives, and none on that of the great mass of the people in the parish.

ST. PAUL'S, OLD CHARLTON

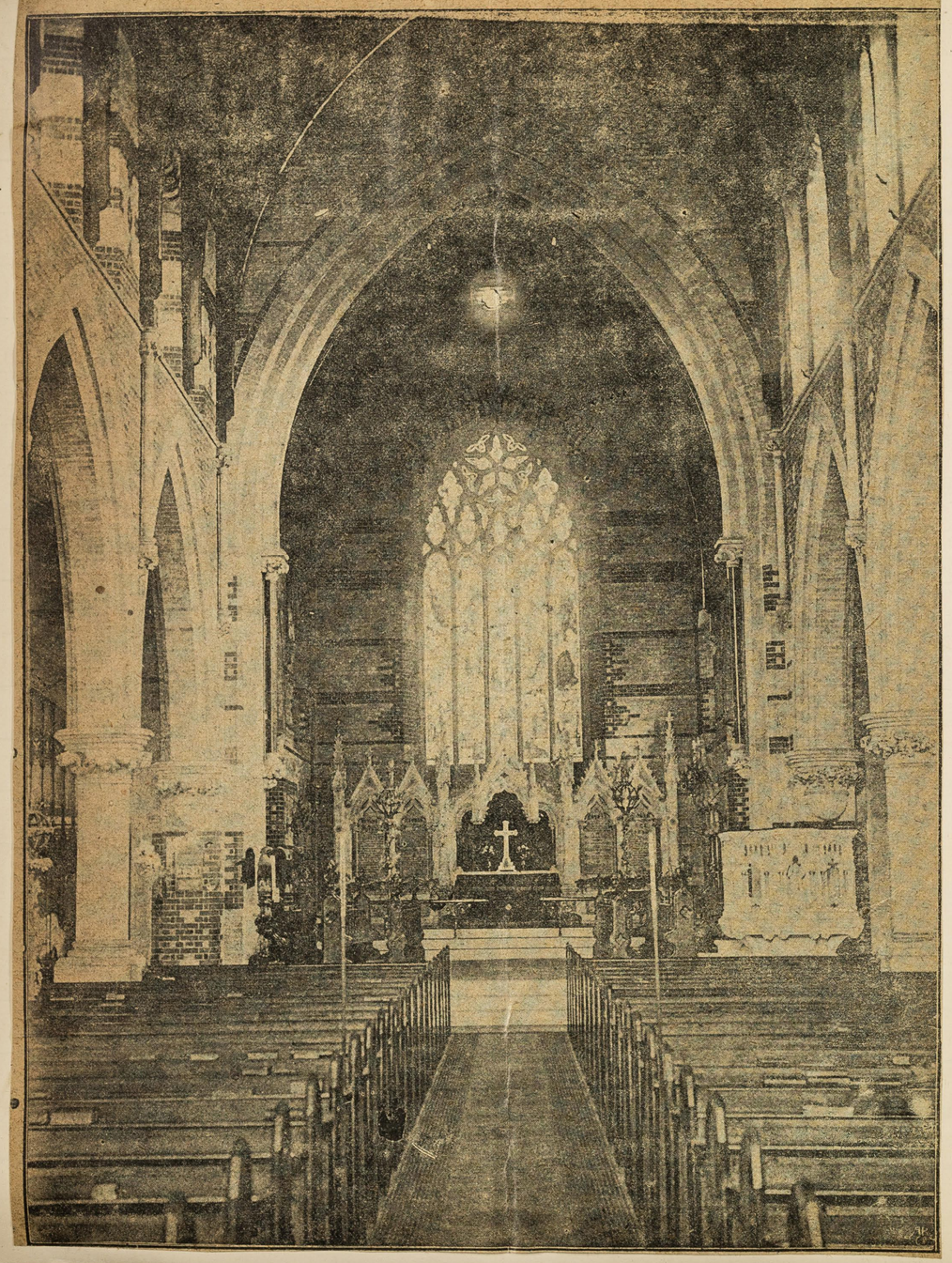

TABLE OF SERVICES & MEETINGS:

Holy Communion— SUNDAYS. 8.30 a.m., every Sunday; 11.45 a.m., the Second and Fourth.
WEEKDAYS. 8 a.m., Thursdays, Ember and Rogation Days; 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m., all Festivals of Saints, The Festivals of the Circumcision, Epiphany, Purification and Annunciation.

Matins & Evensong— SUNDAYS. 11 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.
DAILY. Matins: Saints' Days, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m.; other days at 9.30 a.m.
Evensong on Saints' Days and Wednesdays at 8 p.m., with address; other days at 4-30.

Children's Service— 3.15 p.m., First Sunday in each month, and all great Festivals.

Baptisms— First Sunday in each month, at 3.15, Wednesdays at 8 p.m.; other days by special arrangement.

Churchings— Before or after any Service.

PARISH ROOM (Delafield Road.)

SUNDAYS. Children's Service, 11.15; Evening Service, 7 p.m.
MONDAYS. Mothers' Meeting, 2.30.
SATURDAYS. Girls' Friendly Candidates, 3 p.m.
BAND OF HOPE MEETINGS.—Suspended during the Summer Months.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

Meetings at the Rectory, Second and Fourth Tuesdays in the Month, at 8 p.m.
Special Service, with Address, for Admission of Candidates will be held in the Church on the 3rd Sunday in January, April, July, and October, at 4.15 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

ASSEMBLY ROOMS: 10 to 11 and 3 to 4. | FOSSDENE BOARD SCHOOLS: 3 to 4.

Marriages & Banns: All Information obtainable from Miss LIGHT, 47, The Village.

H. A. DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, M.A., *Rector.* **PERCEVAL C. SCOTT,** *Assistant Curate.*

H. L. BERNAYS, Esq., Rivoli, Church Lane, Commander CHEVALLIER, R.N., 111, Victoria Road. — *Wardens.*

Col. SWINTON, R.A., Messrs. MACFARLANE, R. MONTAGUE, and RATCLIFF, — *Sidesmen.*

F. G. NICHOLS, Esq., *Organist & Choirmaster.*
Mr. POTTER, 7, The Village, *Verger.*
Mr. TANNER, Grove House, Lansdowne Road, *Caretaker.*

Those who have Sickness in the house are earnestly requested to leave word at once at the Rectory.

Copies of Magazine may be had of District Visitors; Mr. Clementson, The Village; Mr. Ellson, 68, Church Lane.

NOTICES FOR THE MONTH.

SEPTEMBER, 1900.

21st—St. Matthew's Day and Ember Day. Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.; and 11. Choral Evensong and Address at 8 p.m.

22nd—Ember Day. Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The following Meetings will be resumed for the Winter:—

IN THE PARISH ROOM.
Monday, October 1st, at 2.30—Mothers' Meeting.

AT THE RECTORY.
Tuesday, October 2nd, at 3 p.m.—Sewing Party.
Tuesday, October 9th—Girls' Friendly Society.

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Interview with Rev. H. L. Ogle. St. Margaret's, Plumstead.

Rev Ogle is a man of about 40: of quite unclerical appearance and demeanour: but for a white tie one would take him rather for a doctor. In spite of the fact that, owing to the accursed S.E.R., I arrived 3/4 of an hour late for my interview he received me with the greatest courtesy, and hoped that our experience in this district might enable us, if it could be fitted in, to say something of the intermittent accessibility. (This morning it took me two hours to get from Park Road to Plumstead Vicarage.)

Rev O. has been here for two years. I had heard from the Council of the parlous condition of affairs from the Church point of view

before his arrival. Rev O. hinted at the deficiencies and neglect of his predecessor, but quite kindly, and did not, as most do in similar circumstances, labour to attribute the comparative failure of the Church to this cause. On the question of numbers &c. he said nothing, as to the condition of things when he came, but if as Rev Everard inspired the Church was absolutely empty. Rev O's success has been considerable for so short a tenure of office.

The population of the parish is at least 16000 (at the last census 12000) and it is growing rapidly. At the extreme south on Shooter's Hill are a few wealthy people, and near the church in Burrage Road a few of the middle class: but with this exception the people are natives of the working

class, and as in Woolwich almost entirely dependent on the Arsenal for work. Plumstead indeed contains the pick of the Arsenal workmen. There are a good many women clerks etc. who go up to town: but they are nearly always the children of Arsenal men. The prevailing note is one of "great prosperity": "any decent man can always get work at the Arsenal": indeed at present the supply by no means meets the demand. There are however three little patches of poverty, due mainly to improvidence: there are (1) The cottages about Eton Road, close to the Arsenal station. (2). Village Park, close to the church, where houses of a very bad type have been built. (3). Palmerston Road, Hanger Road etc. just off Plumstead Common.

The "great drawback" to church work

is the inadequate supply of Buildings: there are only 4 permanent Sunday Church and Schools: and these are "on the side of a steep hill" and therefore practically useless for the low lying part of the parish. The C. has taken a Mission Room for Palmerston Road, ~~but~~ and enlarged the church; but another Mission church is essential.

"There ought not to be any difficulty in getting workers" as there is "a superior class of women" to draw from, but they are not easily obtained, but besides the four clergy and one lady worker there are from 30 to 40 Visitors and the same number of Sunday School teachers.

The Church is seated for 650: on Sunday evening it is full (say 600): in the morning it is well filled. The weekly communicants are from 50 to 60 and at Easter 250. "The congregation is a little better than the population" i.e. it is drawn to some extent from outside the

parish and is middle rather than working class in the main: it contains a large number of Board School teachers.

The Broad people are a whole and the rest of the working class are even more indifferent and difficult to touch "than in most places." This is due partly to "past neglect" partly to "the strong anti-religious spirit throughout the Borough" which makes it bad form "even to nod to the parson." Rev O. thinks that the working classes here take a more exclusive class view of Church and other questions owing to the fact that they are "all men and no masters: the men are masters": they envisage all things from an unusually narrow class standpoint. So far as the working classes here are touched by the religious bodies the Non-Cons. and especially the Baptists are much more successful among them than the Church.

Social agencies are on a very small scale and are designed rather for those already interested

in the church than as recruiting ground. The Church "controls the Polytechnic" and the arrangements for social and educational recreation in the Hostel are excellent and complete. A club which was started for men on a small scale and which met at the Vicarage failed "because they don't like to be seen entering the Vicarage gate."

There is a Day School connected with the Church which is not full: it has to meet the competition of "extremely good Board Schools". It is used rather by the poorer children, and the teachers complain that as children improve they usually go off to a Board School.

The Sunday Schools have about 500 children. It is practically unvisited by the children of all the working class people. Attract as well as others, to go to some Sunday School but then O. is convinced that the main factor is the desire of the mother to get the children out

of the way.

There are two Adult Bible Classes both from 30 to 40 members. The members of the Senior Bible class are "very steady" but "won't be confirmed" and without exception attend the Service at the Wilson's Tabernacle.

There is much visiting by the District-Visitors, but mainly for collecting purposes and when I enquired particulars as to a family he is often told by the visitor in whose district it is "I don't go there." "They tend I think" he said "to go only to the houses where they have to collect and perhaps a few pet families." Even so a good deal of the parish is uncovered from lack of visitors.

Loans are obtained from the Woolwich Association.

The amount given in Relief is very much (the Rector) "We only help cases that

he knows, and work with the C.O.S."

As to other agencies - though not in the parish Mr Wilson's Tabernacle is far the strongest. Canon Lee: "they visit the whole of Plumstead and a great many go to the services." The visiting Mr O. thought were entirely for the distribution of tracts, and as far as he knows nothing is going. Mr Wilson is "a strong man."

There is another Baptist Chapel in the parish also strong; and a large Wesleyan Chapel which is "very energetic"; while Plumstead is one of the chief strongholds of the Brethren People. ? Brethren.

On general questions: Drink is not a particular evil in the parish: there is "not much disorder". But it "is generally reported that there is a great deal of drinking in the Arsenal": but most of the drinking takes place in the public houses of Woolwich.

Prostitution is not common in Plumstead: here again "a gravitates to Woolwich and centres round the Dockyard".

Marriage has lately been very common and very youthful "owing to the work in the Arsenal": but in normal times here the people are provident in this matter.

Thrift. "Slate Club work" flourishes greatly, and most of the men belong to some Friendly Society. In the newer parts of Plumstead many buy their own houses.

Health is "not as good as it ought to be." Even in the hills diphtheria and scarlet fever are almost chronic.

Housing. There is much fine building: but little or no overcrowding.

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Parish Church, Plumstead,

(S. MARGARET).

- SECOND ANNUAL -

Statement of Accounts

. . OF . .

Parochial Institutions

Together with Lists of Subscribers,

FOR THE YEAR 1899—1900.

INCLUDING :

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNT.	SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOUNT.
CHURCH ENLARGEMENT FUND.	SICK AND NEEDY FUND.
CENTRAL SCHOOLS ACCOUNT.	PROVIDENT CLUB.

ETC., ETC.

REV. H. L. OGLE, M.A., *Vicar.*

WM. GINMAN,
JOSEPH HARPER, } *Churchwardens.*

PRYCE, PRINTER, WOOLWICH.

PARISH CHURCH, PLUMSTEAD

(S. MARGARET).

1899-1900.

Church Officers:

Clergy:

Rev. H. L. Ogle, M.A., *Vicar.*
Rev. H. R. Sugden, M.A.
Rev. F. C. Cowen, B.A.
Rev. W. W. Fearon, B.A.

Churchwardens:

Mr. Wm. Ginman. (*Vicar's Warden*).
Mr. Joseph Harper. (*People's Warden*).

Sidesmen:

Mr. J. Bearfoot.
Mr. T. Green.
Mr. R. J. Jackson.
Mr. E. A. H. Jay.
Mr. W. Kemp.
Mr. F. Taylor.

Treasurer of Church Fees and Auditor:

Mr. W. Tailby.

Choirmaster:

Mr. J. Myatt.

Organist:

Mr. J. A. Arnold.

Vergers:

Mr. Dorey.
Mr. Fuller.
(*Receiver of Church Fees and Pew Rents*).

REPORT.

THE Vicar and Churchwardens have much pleasure in presenting their Second Annual Financial Report of the Parochial Institutions connected with S. Margaret's Parish Church, and hope that their Parishioners and Subscribers will be encouraged by the general progress of which it is evidence.

The Churchwardens' Account shows that the offertories have been well maintained in spite of the six weeks during which the services had to be conducted in the Schools. The actual amount collected in Church for all objects being £335 18s. 3d. as against £330 0s. 3d. during the preceding year, giving an average increase of 2/3 a week. To this might be added £41 19s. 0d. specially subscribed towards the Church cleansing.

The enlargement of the Church, with the exception of the new Choir Vestry, has been completed during the past year; and a debt of £500 remains to be cleared off. It is hoped that the greater part of it may be raised during the ensuing year.

The Vicar's Fund has been established to meet the many incidental expenses of the Parish, a perusal of the account on page 11 will show that the Fund has been largely augmented during the past year by the Chaplain's fees at the Woolwich Union. This item has necessarily been in a measure counterbalanced by an increase in the Parochial staff: but it has also helped materially in meeting the many incidental expenses for which the Vicar is responsible. The Vicar hopes that when this temporary source of income is exhausted, his Parishioners will help him to meet this expenditure.

The Building Fund for the new District Church, an account of which will be found on page 9, shows that this new work has already aroused considerable interest. The plans are now in hand, and it is hoped that the next *Blue Book* will chronicle the completion of this important undertaking. It is felt by all who share the responsibility of the work, that no time should be lost in taking steps to meet the spiritual needs of our new population on the side of Shooter's Hill, and they earnestly pray that God may continue to bless this and all the organizations connected with S. Margaret's Church.

Churchwardens' Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Parish Church (St. Margaret's), Plumstead.

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

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance forward from last year ..		10 1 10
*COLLECTIONS FOR—		
Church Expenses	154 13 11	
Church Enlargement Fund ..	40 0 3	
Church Missionary Society ..	16 3 2	
Woolwich Ruridecanal Church Extension Association	6 16 0	
Day Schools	28 13 7	
†Sick and Poor	4 18 1	
Woolwich, Plumstead and Charlton Nursing Association	3 3 4	
Society for Propagation of Gospel	7 2 9	
Hospitals	14 17 10	
Choir Outing	6 15 0	
South African War Fund ..	18 11 6	
Rochester Diocesan Society ..	6 16 0	
Plumstead Almshouses	10 12 9	
		319 4 2
Donations received on behalf of Church Cleansing Fund		41 19 0
Government Grant		25 0 0
		£396 5 0

Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries of Organist and Choir Master		40 0 0
Do. Organ Blower and Bell Ringer ..		3 0 0
Do. ‡Assistant Verger (and Cleaning) ..		35 13 8
Washing Surplices		4 7 6
Bread and Wine		5 9 8
Visitation Fees		18 0
Faculty Fees		5 5 0
Insurance		3 14 0
Printing and Stationery		8 13 6
Gas and Coals		27 16 7
Repairs and Incidentals		18 17 7
Choir Fund and Music		10 19 6
Hymn Books		3 0 4
Special Collections appropriated to—	£ s. d.	
Church Enlargement Fund ..	40 0 3	
Rochester Diocesan Society ..	6 16 0	
Church Missionary Society ..	16 3 2	
Day Schools	28 13 7	
Choir Outing	10 0 0	
South African War Fund	18 11 6	
Hospital Sunday Fund	12 15 10	
Woolwich and Plumstead Cottage Hospital	2 2 0	
Plumstead Almshouses	10 12 9	
The Woolwich Ruridecanal Church Extension Association	6 16 0	
Society for Propagation of Gospel ..	7 2 9	
Woolwich, Plumstead and Charlton Nursing Association	3 3 4	
Sick and Poor Fund	4 18 1	—167 15 3
Paid towards Church Cleansing Fund ..		60 0 0
Balance forward to next year		14 5
		£396 5 0

10th April, 1900. Examined and found correct, WILLIAM TAILBY, Auditor.

*These Collections include £7 2s. 3d. contributed at Sunday School Services towards objects here specified.

†To this must be added £14 19s. 4d. Holy Communion Alms, when not devoted to special objects.

‡The Head Verger's Salary is paid from the Clerk's Fees.

St. MARGARET'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. Hugh L. Ogle, *Vicar.*

Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure from Advent Sunday, 1898, to 31st March, 1900.

1.—WORKING EXPENSES.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1897-'98 ..	12	4	11
,, Sale of Hymn Books ..	1	17	6
,, ,, Bibles	1	1	6
,, Subscriptions & Donations	11	11	6
,, ,, from Teachers	13	10	0
,, School Fund, per Overseers*	15	0	0
,, Savings Bank Interest ..		7	9
	£55	13	2

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Hymn Books	2	5	1½
,, Bibles		17	4
,, Prizes, 1898	9	7	6½
,, ,, 1899	9	7	0½
,, Gratuities to Vergers ..	1	0	0
,, School Treat (700 Scholars and Teachers present) ..	22	15	2
,, Registers, &c.		17	0
,, Syllabi	1	19	0
,, Lesson-notes . .	2	15	1½
,, Printing	1	2	0
,, Bunting, &c.	1	1	10
,, Material and Repairs ..	1	9	9
,, Church Hymns (100) ..		12	10
,, Balance		3	5
	£55	13	2

* Exclusive of rent paid direct to Treasurer of Central Schools.

2.—SUNDAY AFTERNOON COLLECTIONS.

Dr,	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1897-8 ..				4	1½	
,, Ordinary Collections ..				26	12	8½
,, Special* viz. :—						
Hospital Sunday Fund	1	13	10			
School Gift to Church of Clergy Desks	21	7	9			
				23	1	7
				£49	18	5

* Exclusive of Offertories at Afternoon Services included in the Church A/cs,, viz. :
£3 7 4 in 1898-1899
7 2 3 in 1899-1900
£10 9 7

Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Hospital Sunday Fund ..	1	13	10
,, Donations voted by Teachers in Meeting :—			
Plumstead War Fund ..	5	0	0
Trinitarian Bible Society ..	5	0	0
S.P.C.K.	3	3	0
Church Missionary Society	2	10	0
Cottage Hospital	2	0	0
Local Nursing Institution ..	2	0	0
Sunday School Institute ..	1	1	0
Church of England Waifs and Strays..	2	0	0
S. Africa Clergy Relief ..	2	0	0
Parish Sick and Poor Fund	1	1	0
Indian Famine Fund ..	1	1	0
Balance—Ordinary 10			
Special 21 7 9			
	21	8	7
	£49	18	5

Audited and found correct,
MALCOLM B. PERCY.

J. E. DRAKE, *Hon. Sec. & Treasurer,*
239, Burrage Road.

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St. MARGARET'S SUNDAY SCHOOL—(*continued*).

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS, 1899-1900.

	£	s.	d.
Cook, Mr. J. O.	1	1	0
Ginman, Mr. W.	1	1	0
Hunt, Colonel	1	1	0
Drake, Mrs.		10	6
Ogle, Rev. H. L.		10	6
Dawson, Mrs.		10	0
Hughes, Mrs.		10	0
Perrott, Col. Sir H., Bart. ..		10	0
Bearfoot, Mr. J.		5	0
Harper, Mr. J.		5	0
Hutton, Mr.		5	0
Imrie, Mrs.		5	0
Kelham, Mrs.		5	0
Randall, Mrs.		5	0
Renshaw, Mr. W. J.		5	0
Russell, Mrs.		5	0
Smith, Miss H...		5	0
Smith, Mrs. M. A.		5	0
Turner, Mrs.		5	0
Anon		2	6
Braund, Mrs.		2	6
Day, Mrs.		2	6
Driver, Mr.		2	6
Easton, Mrs.		2	6
Foreman, Mrs.		2	6
Gilbert, Mrs.		2	6
Gladwyn, Mrs...		2	6

	£	s.	d.
Green, Mr. T.		2	6
Harper, Mrs.		2	6
Henderson, Miss		2	6
Jelley, Mrs. H...		2	6
Malcolm, Mrs.		2	6
Robson, Mrs.		2	6
Barker, Mrs.		2	0
Campion, Mr.		2	0
Friend, A		2	0
Hartley, Miss		2	0
Jackson, Mrs.		2	0
Myatt, Mr.		2	0
Tomlin, Mrs.		2	0
Topley, Mrs.		2	0
Walters, Mrs.		2	0
Back, Mrs.		1	0
Griffiths, Mrs.		1	0
Henderson, Miss M.		1	0
James, Mrs.		1	0
Jameson, Mr.		1	0
Milne, Mrs.		1	0
Moore, Mrs.		1	0
Page, Mr.		1	0
Paterson, Mrs.		1	0
Morris, Mrs.			6
	£11	11	6

J. E. DRAKE, *Hon. Sec.*

N.B.—The authorised Collectors, on behalf of the School Working Expenses, are Miss Drake and Miss Tailby, who will be glad to receive the names of new Subscribers at any time. The subscriptions are usually collected in June and July.

CHURCH FURNISHING ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
By proceeds of Concert, per Mrs. Barker	10	10	0
,, Churchings Alms.. ..	4	3	2
	£14	13	2

Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Prayer Desk	2	12	0
,, Kneeling Mat	1	11	2
,, Curtains	5	7	3
,, Curtain Rails and Rods ..	3	14	0
,, Frame for Frontal ..		4	3
,, Balance	1	7	6
	£14	13	2

The following gifts to the Church have also been made during the past year :—
Stained Glass Window (West end), Mr. W. Ginman; Ditto (South aisle), Mrs. Drake; Seating for Nave, Mr. J. Harper; Renovation of Font, Mr. and Mrs. Kelham. Frontal for Holy Table, Mr. and Mrs. Hastings Jay; Fair Linen Cloth, Assistant Teachers, Central Sunday Schools; Sacramental Linen, Anon; Sanctuary Carpets, Mrs. Braund; Sedilia Cushions and Sacramental Cruet, Mrs. Ogle; Sanctuary Mats and Kneelers, Miss Smith; Office Book Desk, Schools Bible Class (Boys); Vases, Ladies of Congregation; Clergy Stalls, Central Sunday Schools; Prayer Books, Schools Bible Class (Girls); Hymn Books, Vicarage Bible Class; Book-markers, Mrs. Kelham; various fittings, Mr. W. Ginman.

CHURCH ENLARGEMENT FUND.

COMMITTEE:—

The Vicar (Chairman)
Mr. Churchwarden Kemp (Treasurer)
Mr. Churchwarden Harper
Mr. J. Bearfoot
Mr. W. G. Dawson
Mr. W. Ginman
Mr. T. Green
Col. E. Hughes, M.P.
Mr. R. J. Jackson
Mr. E. A. Hastings Jay
Mr. G. Kelham
Mr. R. T. Smith
Mr. Fred Taylor
Mr. J. E. Drake } Hon. Sec.
Mr. A. R. Clark }

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Contributions (as per list) to 31st March, 1900 ..	1960	0	0
Still required	500	0	0
	£2460	0	0

Liabilities.

	£	s.	d.
Contractor's Account ..	2218	0	0
Fees, &c. (say)	190	0	0
Shifting, &c., Organ ..	52	0	0
	£2460	0	0

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS to 31st March, 1900.

	£	s.	d.
Per 1899 Blue Book	1772	2	9
Deduct errata	3	11	0
	£1768	11	9
Rochester Diocesan Society's Grant	100	0	0
Consecration Offertory ..	20	0	3
Interest, Deposit a/c ..	17	0	0
Per Re-opening Tea ..	5	15	9
,, Sale of Photographs ..	1	2	6
,, Box and Cards ..	4	5	1
Mr. R. G. I. Spence, R.A. (further)	6	0	0
Mr. G. Kelham (further) ..	5	5	0
Dr. W. C. Wise	5	5	0
Mr. J. Joss	4	4	0
Per Band of Hope	2	5	0
Miss Lambert	2	2	0
Misses and Mr. H. Grute ..	2	0	0
J. A. A.	1	11	6
Mrs. Campbell	1	1	0
Mr. C. W. Hunt	1	1	0
Mrs. Milne	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Miss & M. & N. Dobbings ..	1	0	0
Mrs H.	1	0	0
A. L.	1	0	0
Mr. Mattey (further) ..	1	0	0
Per Miss Mackay (further) ..		15	0
,, F. Kidd		12	0
Mrs. Lane		12	0
Mrs. Robson		12	0
A. H. O.		10	6
Per H. L.		10	0
Mrs, Raby (further)		10	0
Mr. H. Smith ,, ...		10	0
Mrs. Crowe ,, ...		7	0
Mr. and Mrs Adams ..		5	0
Mrs. Back		5	0
Mr. Gower		5	0
Mrs. Graves		5	0
Mrs Lock		5	0
Mr. Warren (further) ..		5	0
Sums under 5s.		6	6
	£1959	5	10

N.B.—Of this total £51 11s. 8d. (including one third of the R. D. S. Grant) remains to come in.

J. E. DRAKE, *Hon. Sec.*

CENTRAL SCHOOL'S ACCOUNT.

From May 1st, 1899 to April 30th, 1900.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Annual Grant ..	503	0	6			
,, Fee Grant ..	247	5	0			
,, Special Aid Grant ..	160	0	0			
				910	5	6
,, Endowments:						
Slade School ..	40	0	0			
Burrage Road School ..	60	18	0			
				100	18	0
,, Contributions:						
Cloth Workers' Company ..	20	0	0			
War Office ..	25	0	0			
Subscriptions & Donations ..	49	2	6			
Church Offertories ..	30	15	1			
				124	17	7
,, Lettings:						
Sunday Schools	25	0	0			
Other Lettings	11	7	0			
				36	7	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer				100	16	2
				£1273	4	3

Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance overdrawn ..	7	1	9
,, Salaries:			
Teachers	973	0	7
Caretaker and Scrubber	66	6	0
,, Books and Stationery ..	113	18	9
,, Fuel and Light	27	12	5
,, Furniture and Repairs ..	31	12	9
,, Rates, Taxes. & Insurance	16	1	7
,, Special Fees	35	16	0
,, Bank Charges		4	2
,, Postage	1	10	3
	£1273	4	3

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

LIST OF DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS, 1899-1900.

Collectors—Miss Drake, Mrs. Jackson.

	£	s.	d.
War Office	25	0	0
Cloth Worker's Company ..	20	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. Hastings Jay ..	6	0	0
Mr. G. W. Fowler	5	0	0
Mr. J. J. Jackson	3	0	0
Rev. Stilon Henning ..	2	2	0
Mr. J. Bearfoot	1	1	0
Mr. J. O. Cook	1	1	0
Mr. W. G. Dawson	1	1	0
Mr. W. Ginman	1	1	0
Mr. J. Harper	1	1	0
Mr. G. Kelham	1	1	0
Rev. H. L. Ogle	1	1	0
Sir H. Perrott	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Mr. W. J. Renshaw	1	1	0
Mr. W. Tailby	1	1	0
Mr. F. Taylor	1	1	0
Mr. J. T. Taylor	1	1	0
Capt. Vyvyan	1	1	0
Dorcas Society	1	0	0
Colonel Swinton	1	0	0
Mr. G. F. Cruickshank ..		10	6
Mr. W. Fletcher		10	6
Mr. W. Kemp		10	6
Miss Langtry		10	6
Mrs. Russell		10	6
St. Margaret's Prayer Meeting (2 years)	1	1	0

LIST OF DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS—(*continued.*)

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Braund	10	0	
Mr. G. Fletcher	10	0	
Mr. H. S. Syer	10	0	
Mrs. Turner	10	0	
Children in Day Schools ..	8	0	
Mr. W. Gladwin	7	6	
Mr. T. Moors	7	6	
Mrs. Back	5	6	
Mr. J. Baglow	5	0	
Mr. J. Clarke	5	0	
Messrs. W. and J. Clarke ..	5	0	
Mr. A. Cleall	5	0	
Mr. J. S. Drake	5	0	
Mr. T. S. Green	5	0	
Mr. J. Myatt..	5	0	
Mrs. Robson..	5	0	
Miss Smith	5	0	
Mr. Hodgin	4	0	
Mrs. Barker	2	6	
Mr. Brew	2	6	
Miss Browning	2	6	
Mrs. Campbell	2	6	
Mr. Cummins	2	6	
Mr. Cumper	2	6	
Mr. Dorey	2	6	
Mr. Ellis	2	6	
Mr. Foreman	2	6	
Mr. Forster	2	6	
Mrs. Hallock..	2	6	
Miss Hallock..	2	6	
Miss Hartley..	2	6	
Mr. Helyer	2	6	
Mrs. G. Hunter	2	6	
Mr. S. Humphreys	2	6	
Mrs. Hutchings	2	6	
Mrs. Jackson..	2	6	
Mr. H. Jelley	2	6	
Mr. Leach	2	6	
Mr. G. Lockwood	2	6	
Mrs. Martin	2	6	
Miss Martin	2	6	
Mr. L. Mills	2	6	
Mrs. Milne	2	6	
Mr. E. Neary	2	6	
Mrs. Paterson	2	6	
A. S.	2	6	
Mr. J. Simmonds	2	6	
Mrs. M. A Smith	2	6	
Mr. R. Spence	2	6	
Mr. F. Sumner	2	6	
Mr. E. Topley	2	6	
Miss Wilkins..	2	6	
Mrs. Boyten	2	0	
Mrs. Collins	2	0	
Mr. J. Easton	2	0	
Mrs. French	2	0	
Miss M. and L. Giles ..	2	0	
Miss Green	2	0	
Mr. Jamieson	2	0	
Mrs. Moore	2	0	
Mr. Ray	2	0	
Miss Taylor	2	0	
Mr. Tomlin	2	0	
Mr. Walter	2	0	
Mrs. Wilson	2	0	
Mrs. Froude	1	6	
Mrs. McCoy	1	6	
Mr. Akherst	1	0	
Mrs. Ballard..	1	0	
Mr. Belsten	1	0	
Mrs. Bramble	1	0	
Mrs. Briggs	1	0	
Mrs. Carrington	1	0	
Mr. Channon	1	0	
Mrs. Churchill	1	0	
Mr. Fuller	1	0	
Mr. Folkes	1	0	
Mrs. Giles	1	0	
Mrs. Graves	1	0	
Miss Graham..	1	0	
Mrs. Hayes	1	0	
Mrs. Heaney..	1	0	
Miss Hewett	1	0	
Miss Hopper..	1	0	
Miss Hopperton	1	0	
Mr. Housden..	1	0	
Mr. Mattey	1	0	
Mr. Martin	1	0	
Mrs. McGrath	1	0	
Mr. Melbourne	1	0	
Mrs. Myers	1	0	
Mrs. Mayer	1	0	
Mrs. Norris	1	0	
Mr Pearce	1	0	
Mrs. Pope	1	0	
Mrs. Raby	1	0	
Mr. Rae	1	0	
Mrs. Rogers	1	0	
Mr. Rogers	1	0	
Mr. Rosamund	1	0	
Mr. Tombs	1	0	
Mr. Turner	1	0	
Mr. Wain	1	0	
Mrs. Walker	1	0	
Mr. West	1	0	
Mr. Weyda	1	0	
Miss Willett	1	0	
Mr. Williams	1	0	
Mrs. Linney		6	
Mrs. Sutch		6	
Mrs. Moore		3	
Mrs. Robinson		3	
	£94	2	6

MISSION CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Treasurer—Mr. J. Harper, 18, S. Margaret's Road.

Donations promised and received to May 31st, 1900.

	£	s.	d.
J. Harper, Esq.	100	0	0
E. A. H. Jay, Esq.	100	0	0
Woolwich Ruri-decanal Church Extension Association	50	0	0
Dr. Ogle	25	0	0
Mrs. Ogle, senr.	25	0	0
J. J. Jackson, Esq.	20	0	0
W. Thompson, Esq.	20	0	0
Per Rev. H. R. Sugden ..	17	10	0
Mrs. Hastings Jay	10	15	0
W. G. Dawson, Esq. ..	10	10	0
Col. Hughes, M.P.	10	10	0
J. R. Jolly, Esq.	10	10	0
A. W. Drayson, Esq. ..	10	0	0
C.W.M.	10	0	0
R. T. Smith, Esq.	10	0	0
Miss Smith	10	0	0
Vicar's Fund	10	0	0
Per Mrs. Jay	6	3	0
Mrs. Wilkinson . ..	5	5	0
Miss Baily	5	0	0
Mrs. Carver	5	0	0
W. Cooper, Esq.	5	0	0
C. H. Currey, Esq.	5	0	0
Rev. P. Edwards	5	0	0
G. W. Fowler, Esq.	5	0	0
Miss H. Lambert	5	0	0
A. McRosty, Esq.	5	0	0
E. T. Tarner, Esq.	5	0	0
Mrs. Vidal	5	0	0
Mrs. Thornely	3	0	0
The Misses Tarner	2	10	0
J. Baglow, Esq.	2	2	0
Rev. W. H. Windle Cooper	2	2	0
Lord Teynham	2	2	0
Rev. Canon Birch	2	0	0
Mrs. Gordon	2	0	0
Captain Vyvyan, R.N. ..	2	0	0
E Kemp, Esq.	1	1	0
H. Hodgin, Esq.	1	1	0
H. Middleton, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs. Eyre	1	0	0
Rev. A. J. Hutton	1	0	0
F. A. Speer, Esq.	1	0	0
Anon		10	0
Anon		10	0
Miss Loft		10	0
Miss Windle		10	0
Sums under 10/-	1	0	0
	£537	2	0

SICK AND NEEDY FUND.

Treasurer—The Vicar.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance	4	10	10½
,, Holy Communion Alms..	14	19	4
,, Half Christmas Offertory	3	3	4
,, Donations E. P. Godson, Esq. ..£5 0 0			
,, Do. Dorcas Soc. 3 3 0			
,, Do. Sun. Schools 1 1 0			
	9	4	0
,, Churchings Alms		18	2½
,, Balance on Provident Club a/c (2 years) ..	1	10	8
	£34	6	5

Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Tradesmen's Accounts ..	19	2	9½
,, Pensions	4	12	0
,, Convalescent Aid.. ..	1	10	6
,, Surgical Aid	1	5	6
,, Homes for Boys	2	10	0
,, General Cases	3	16	0
,, Balance	1	9	7½
	£34	6	5

BAND OF HOPE.

Treasurer—Rev. W. W. Fearon.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance forward	7	4	10½
,, Members' Payments ..	17	1	7
,, Workers' Subscriptions..	2	3	3
,, Proceeds of Concerts ..	8	18	7
£	35	8	3½

Cr.	£	s	d.
To Summer Excursion ..	15	6	4½
,, Winter Treat	5	1	0½
,, Rent	2	10	0
,, Refreshments, &c. ..		4	9
,, Affiliation Fee		5	0
,, Cards, Printing, & Postage	2	5	7½
,, Returned Payments ..		3	10
,, Donation to Church Enlargement Fund ..	2	5	0
,, Balance in hand ..	7	6	8
£	35	8	3½

PROVIDENT CLUB.

Treasurer—Mr. E. TOPLEY.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Members Contributions ..	228	15	11
Bank Interest	3	2	5
£	231	18	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Tradesmen's Accounts ..	213	11	4
Money paid out	15	4	7
Printing and Stationery ..	1	15	0
Balance transferred to Sick and Needy Fund	1	7	5
£	231	18	4

Offertories and other Parochial Contributions to Foreign Missions.

	£	s.	d.
Society for Propagation of Gospel Offertories	7	2	9
Church Missionary Society Offertories	10	2	2
Ditto ditto (Centenary Fund) ..	3	12	0
Ditto Donations and Boxes ..	6	4	0½
Ditto Sunday Schools	2	10	0
£	29	10	11½

VICAR'S FUND.

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Vicarage Room—Caretaker				2	12	0
,, Gas and firing				1	0	0
,, Glazier					1	6
,, Chairs				4	11	3
,, Bibles					14	0
				8	19	9
Plum Lane School—Rent.. ..				8	19	7
,, Books				1	10	6
				10	10	1
Chaplain's Fees allotted to Stipend of Staff ..				*29	0	0
Gymnasium—Repairs				10	10	4
,, Athletic Club				5	11	
				10	16	3
Church Army Mission					1	4	6
Donations—Mission Church Building ..				10	0	0
,, Sale of Work (Materials) ..				1	0	0
				11	0	0
Gratuity for use of Crescent Road Chapel					7	6
Choir Salaries (Workhouse)					1	5	2
Printing..					1	14	6
Balance					2	4	5
				£77	1	2

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
Donations—						
Miss Lawrence				5	0	0
Mrs. H. L. Ogle				1	1	0
Captain Vyvyan				1	0	0
Miss Smith (for chairs)				1	0	0
Miss Smith (for Mother's Meeting)					5	0
Mrs. Hughes ditto ..					5	0
				8	11	0
Offertories (Ascension Day)					1	14	9
Concert					6	2	8
S. James' Mission (for services rendered)					2	2	0
Chaplain's Fees (Woolwich Union)				54	0	10
Balance on Magazine Account					4	9	11
				£77	1	2

* The total cost of Staff for year ending March 31st, 1900, was £348 3s. 4d., towards which Rochester Diocesan Society contributed £60, and private friends £76.

SEPTEMBER, 1900.

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CHURCH SERVICES:

Sundays.

8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. (Monthly), 6.30 p.m.

Week-days.

8.30 a.m., (Fridays, 11 a.m.), 7.15 p.m.
(Wednesdays, 7.30 p m.)

Holy Communion.

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Evening (Monthly), Saints' Days, 8 a.m.

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Sundays, 3.45 p.m.; Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER NOTICES.

Sept. 19, 21, 22. *Ember Days.* Prayers are asked for the clergy, and especially for those about to be ordained.
" 21. *St. Matthew's Day.* Holy Communion, 8.
" 22. Band of Hope Industrial Exhibition, Woolwich Polytechnic.
" 27. Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 7.30.
" 29. *St. Michael and All Angels'.* Holy Communion, 8.
" 30. S. Harvest Festival. Holy Communion, 8 and 11.
The offertories will be for Church Expenses (except at the Harvest Festival).

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of the Diocese has arranged to hold a Confirmation in the Parish Church on Tuesday, November 20th, at 8 p.m. We hope that many will come forward as candidates this year. The classes will commence about the middle of September, and names should be given in to the clergy as soon as possible.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The Harvest Festival will be held on September 27th and 30th. The preacher at the special service on Thursday evening at 7.30 will be the Rev. J. A. Faithfull, M.A., Vicar of Whitechapel.

We hope on that day to dedicate to the service of Almighty God the new oaken clergy desks and choir stalls, which will add much to the beauty of the new chancel. It will be remembered that at a general meeting of parishioners, held in the Schools on March 1st, a list of contributions for the choir stalls was started. The secretary to the Church Enlargement Fund has received several answers to that appeal, but we shall be glad to hear from any members of the congregation who will help towards the remaining £40, which is still required. The clergy desks are a gift from the teachers and scholars of the Central Sunday Schools.

CHURCH ENLARGEMENT FUND.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging the following subscriptions, paid or promised, since our last issue. The cost of the work already carried out has been £2,506 6*s.* 11*d.*, while the new choir vestry remains to be taken in hand, at an estimated cost of £200.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Sale of Work	281	7	5
Mr. R. J. Lovell	5	5	0
" W. Parmenter	2	2	0
" W. Dobson	1	1	0
A Friend	1	1	0
Mrs. Moors	1	1	0
Mr. J. Baglow (further) ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Everson	0	10	0
Mr. H. Grute (further) ...	0	10	0
Mrs. Foreman (further) ...	0	5	0
Miss H. Kearton	0	5	0
Per box...	1	1	1
Lent savings, per Vicar ...	0	11	0
Per sale of photographs ...	0	3	0
Amount previously acknowledged	1,980	17	10
	£2,276	10	4

Some further contributions to the Sale of Work have also been received since the last statement of accounts was published.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Donation—Mrs. Everson	0	5	0
Sale of Tickets	1	5	9
" " (entertainment)	0	4	6
Previously acknowledged	281	7	5
	£283	2	8

CENTRAL DAY SCHOOLS.

Several of the supporters of our Day Schools assembled in the Vicarage garden on Tuesday, July 24th, when the Vicar, assisted by Mr. W. Ginman, presented a large

number of medals and prizes to the successful scholars. Twenty-nine boys and twenty-four girls were awarded medals for regular and punctual attendance during the whole school year. We would especially mention Allan Gladwyn and Frank Fletcher in the Boys' School, and Emily Nunn and Kate Hindes in the Girls' School, who carried off a large number of prizes for efficiency in various subjects. The report of the annual Government Inspection has not yet been received.

ST. MARGARET'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Annual Sunday School Treat was held on Saturday, July 28th, in Shrewsbury Park, and many thanks are due to the teachers and members of the Bible Classes, assisted by a few friends, who so willingly gave their assistance. Tea was provided for 830, as compared with 700 last year. This increase, which we are glad to notice, is due partly to the presence of the Plum Lane Sunday School, and partly to the larger numbers at the Central Schools. Nearly 400 parents and friends were admitted to the grounds in the evening.

The Lads' Bible Class, accompanied by Mr. Jackson, paid a visit to Waltham Abbey on July 7th. They were met by Rev. J. Stamp, who pointed out the many objects of interest.

When the Sunday School weekly collections were distributed last Easter, £2 was given for relief of the clergy in South Africa who had suffered through the war. Letters of acknowledgement from the Archbishop of Capetown, the Bishop of Natal, the Bishop of Pretoria, and the treasurer of the Bloemfontein fund, have been received by Mr. Harris, who forwarded the subscriptions.

The following letter comes from the Bishop's House, Maritzburg, and is dated May 17th, 1900:—

"My dear Sir,—

"Please convey to the children of your Sunday School, and to the teachers, my very warm thanks, on behalf of the clergy of the diocese who have suffered through the war, for the kind thought of us in our troubles. It is good to know that so much sympathy has been with us in England, and that the happier days which seem at hand are an answer to many faithful prayers.

"Believe me, yours very truly,
"A. H. NATAL."

MATTERS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE.

At a meeting of the Senate of Trinity College, Dublin, held on June 28th, the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Rev. F. C. Cowen, Curate of St. Margaret's.

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The gentlemen of the Church choir paid a visit to Windsor on July 14th, and had a pleasant drive through the Park to Virginia Water. The boys went to Southend-on-Sea for a second time.

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A combined excursion of the two Mothers' Meetings to Hainault Forest was held on July 17th. Several of the District Visitors joined the party, and a delightful day was spent. The meetings will commence again on Monday, September 17th, at 2 30. One is held at the Vicarage Room, and the other at the Kent Artillery Club Room, in Crescent Road. New members will be especially welcome on that day.

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Seven brakefuls of members of the Band of Hope went for their Annual Treat on July 31st. They started from the Schools at 10 o'clock, and with a half-hour's rest at Woodford, reached Chingford about 2 o'clock. Boating on the lake was the chief attraction of the day. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 17th, when the Vicar will give an address.

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The last of the long list of summer excursions connected with our various parochial organisations took place on Saturday, August 25th, when the members of the Young Men's Bible Class, held at the Vicarage on Sunday afternoons, took a trip to Brighton, accompanied by Rev. F. C. Cowen.

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We have just received the annual subscriptions for advertisements in this Magazine during the current year, and beg to thank all concerned for their kind support.

BAPTISMS.

June	6.	William Frederick Humble (private).
,,	17.	William George Black.
,,	20.	Nora Phyllis Letts.
,,	24.	Shurley Gwendoline Mary Ixer.
,,	,,	Doris Munn.
,,	,,	Alice Edith Stevens.
,,	27.	Francis Hugh Teesdale Rudkin.
,,	29.	Clarissa Beatrix Warne (private).
July	1.	Bessie Maud Housden.
,,	8.	James William Blundell.
,,	,,	Lilian May Burch.
,,	,,	Daisy Edith Staughton.
,,	,,	Edward James Kent.
,,	,,	Sidney James Coveney.
,,	11.	Thomas Redvers Gadney.
,,	,,	James Willoughby Gadney.
,,	,,	Gladys Muriel Edgerton.
,,	15.	Fred Harold Bottomley.
,,	,,	Ellen May Chappell.
,,	,,	Ivy Louise Miller.
,,	18.	Violet Pretoria Cape.
,,	,,	Olive Liller Pretoria McCabe.
,,	,,	Reginald Revill McCabe.

MARRIAGES.

June	25.	Herbert Harker Luff and Beatrice Alice Avey.
,,	28.	Andrew Harvey Mathie and Florence Sarah Sands.
,,	30.	Henry John Engel and Florence Louisa Kershaw.
July	1.	Charles Henry Davidge and Lydia May Clark.
,,	7.	Sydney Charles Davis and Maud Mary Randall.
,,	,,	Benjamin Alfred Naylor and Louisa Bartholomew.
,,	10.	Alfred Gregory Moody and Kate Marion Brown.
,,	14.	Henry James Hinklin and Jessie Gillespie.
,,	21.	Ernest Edward Williams and Georgina Esson Frost.
,,	22.	William Abraham Vaughan and Isabel Cox.
,,	28.	Frederick John Richards and Alice Ada Robinson.
,,	29.	Mark Lavender and Annie Louisa Saunders.

The Verger may be seen at the Church Cottage from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 6 to 8 p.m. Persons wishing to arrange for banns, Churchyard graves, pews, and other business are requested to apply during office hours, or by letter.

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The Rev.
J. McAllister
Vicar of S. Nicholas, Plumstead.

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Interview with the Rev. J. McAllister Vicar of S. Nicholas Plumstead —"— Octr 1st 1900 J.A.

Mr McAllister has been here 36 years. I saw him at his residence "Heathfield" Plumstead Bommon; - an old fashioned house standing in fairly large grounds, which are shut off from the bommon by a black wooden fence.

It was a beautiful morning and as I crossed the breezy, though very bare, common, I had a capital view of the locality, for the land here lies high, and it is a fairly stiff walk to it up the old Bage Lane, now modernized into Lakedale Road, with its highly ornamental co-operative store. To the east of the Common, Bostall Woods stand out clearly; northward the Thames, with its flat, marshy valley; and westward, the many tall chimneys of the Arsenal belch forth huge clouds of smoke. North, south, and west, small piles of scaffolding tell of the builder's presence, and it is evident that, save perhaps on the east side, the bommon will soon be quite enclosed by houses. —

This rapid growth of population was the keynote of Mr Mc's talk, and it gave a despondent tone to the interview. Tall and slow going, grey, worn and heavy eyed, he has

neither energy nor fitness to cope with the religious needs of these shoals of new comers. It seemed almost an effort to answer my questions, and he evinced little interest in the interview. Owing to the vagaries of the S&R, I was half an hour late, but had I been an hour behind, I dont think it would have mattered to him. ※

S. Nicholas which lies at the foot of Plumstead High St. beyond the tram terminus, and hard by Bostall Heath, is the oldest, and was formerly the mother church of Plumstead; but 40 years ago, the then vicar built a new church, (S. Margarets), and transfered to it the rights and documents of the parish church, leaving S. Nicholas with a large straggling district. To cope with the more recent increase of population, 3 mission districts have been carved out of S. Nicholas Parish: (S. Mark, Ascension, and S. Paul), and 2 new churches are to be built, but even these, Mr M. says, will be insufficient. S. Mark & Ascension appear to be practically independent parishes, but S. Pauls Mission is still connected with S. Nicholas, tho' Mr M. seems hardly clear as to his own position now.

※ Note This must be one of the sleepy brothers referred to in Mr Baxter's interview with Mr Escreet. The other one has gone – dead, probably.

He at first spoke of the parish as having 90,000 people; then 40,000, and later it became "20,000 under his own immediate charge." The largest figure, I suppose, includes all 3 missions, the middle figure S. Paul's mission, and the 20,000 are what is left to the Church proper, the other 20,000 being allotted to the mission, which is managed by his curate. Nor was Mr M. clear about parish boundaries: Mr Ogle, (S. Margarets) had a map, he said, which would show these.

The population consists largely, of course, of workers at the Arsenal, but has increased rapidly, not only because of the great pressure there, but also because of other works, such as 4 large brickfields: a number of people who work on the other side of the river, taking advantage of the free ferry, have come here to live, on account of the healthiness of the place; so also have many whose occupation is in the city. The people are as orderly a class as you can find anywhere. They observe all the decencies of life, but are not religiously inclined. Cycling has done much to foster this attitude: the lads in the Arsenal earn such high wages that they can all purchase bicycles. The LCC, too, has

Persons Employed.

Buildings and Services.

done great injury by establishing a band stand & having a Sunday band; 10,000 people assemble to hear it. Then the trams are running all day, taking people to Bostal, &c.

The people are all in a prosperous condition, and work is plentiful for all who can or will do it. As much as 8½d per hour is paid for ordinary labour, and Mr M. has for some time been without a gardener - cannot get one.

Vicar and curate. About 40 voluntary workers; of a sort, including S.S. teachers. Having no one in his parish higher in social standing than a publican & greengrocer, voluntary workers are a difficulty. The working class resent being ministered to by people of their own order.

Church holds 500. About ½ full on Sunday morning: seldom any vacant seats in evening.

Schoolhouse used as mission building, - for Sunday School.

Sunday School, with 450 on books. Attend very well.

Young Men's Bible Class; and mothers meeting; both fairly attended. Little else going on. Never had Day Schools or needed them. Board Schools in neighbourhood very good, with plenty of evening classes.

Visiting and Nursing.

Relief.

Other Religious Agencies.

The parochial system, (says Mr. M), has broken down under pressure of newcomers. Almost as much as they can do now to visit the sick. You cannot catch the men at home, & the shifting character of the population increases the difficulty.

Nurses are obtained as required from the local nursing association.

Very little. Apart from sickness, there is no poverty but what is self made, and experience has taught him that such cases are best dealt with by the Guardians. There used to be a relief society, but it was dissolved, because there were no cases to relieve, a balance in hand of £25 being sent to charitable institutions.

Wesleyans, Baptists and Prim. Methodists are all represented, and the Congregationalists have just opened a small place. No particular co-operation, but all are friendly "Plenty of room for all of us" - we've a very uphill, in fact, almost overwhelming task". The Wesleyans are probably the most influential.

Mr. M. expressed his opinion that the richer London parishes ought to send workers to help them, & money to

Local Government.

(Vestry)

build more churches and other buildings. The people here, tho' not needing help, will not give anything for church work.

Mr M. used to be on the Guardians, and claims to have initiated reforms in the management of the schools. Thinks the Guardians adopt a very progressive policy. Outrelief is not encouraged, but is given whenever it can be so supplemented as to provide a sufficient income. New schools on the 'block system' are being built, & generally the poor are well looked after.

Vestry – not much to speak of.

Police

Police very efficient.

Drink

Drink the great evil of the place.

Prostitution

Some Prostitution: there must be with so many young men about. People otherwise law-abiding.

Thrift

A good deal through the cooperative society. Every man who has lived here a few years ought to own his house – many do.

Health

Upper part very healthy, – all south of the main road.

Housing

A Poor Production.

but the North side lays low, & here health is not so good.

The houses are well built now. District surveyor very efficient. Used not to be so, and the older houses are not what they should be, but there are 5 sanitary officers, who keep things well in order.

Demand for houses very great: 20 applicants for every new one built & premiums paid for right of entry. The new houses usually contain 5 rooms & washhouse, let at 10/6 a week.

Mr M. publishes no report, but said they had a parish magazine. He did not offer me a copy, but I managed, after considerable search, to buy a back number on my way back. It is the ordinary 'Home Words' with a cover assumed to be devoted to local affairs. A remarkably barren example, as will be noted. Even the advertisement spaces are not taken up.

Inserted on next page

St. Nicholas Church, Plumstead.

DIOCESE: ROCHESTER.

CLERGY { Rev. JOHN McALLISTER, *Vicar*, Heathfield.
Rev. J. K. QUARTERMAN.

Churchwardens.—Messrs. LEDGER and RENGERT.

Sidesmen.—Messrs. TOWNSEND, CROUCHER, DIPLOCK, SKELTON, McDERMOTT, and ALLWAY.

Organist.—Mr. BARBER. *Verger.*—Mr. GEO. KING.

Sunday School Superintendents.—Boys: Rev. J. K. QUARTERMAN. Girls: Miss PENNINGTON.

SERVICES.

Sunday.—Morning, 11 a.m. Evening, 6.30 p.m. S. School, 3 p.m.
Miss McAllister's "Young Men's Bible Class," 3 p.m.
Week Days.—Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.
Choir Practice.—Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.
Holy Communion.—1st and 3rd Sunday after Morning Prayer, and 2nd Sunday after Evening Prayer.
Baptisms.—Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Churchings.—After any Service.

PARISH NOTES.

July, named after Julius Cæsar, who rectified the Calendar, reminds us of the difficulty of shaking loose from Roman customs even in civil life; all the more need of watching Romanism in the department of religion—her Paganism is now harmless, not so her bastard Christianity. —

We are contemplating the plan of holding our Sunday School Treat about the middle of this month, when the weather will probably be more settled than it has been of late—only we must give a wide birth to St. Swithin's Day. So says the legend:—

> "For if on Swithin's Feast the welkin low'rs,
> And every penthouse streams with hasty showers,
> Twice twenty days shall clouds their fleeces drain,
> And wash the pavements with incessant rain!"

The two "brilliants" illuminating our evening skies recently are Venus in the west, and Jupiter in the south. We showed the former through the late Mr. Blennerhassett's astronomical telescope to scores of Plumstead folk, and they were truly astonished to find it horned, undergoing all its phases like the Moon. As for Jupiter, 480 millions of miles away, it remains a mystery how he can reflect so brilliant a surface—for its all *sunshine* we are looking at in both planets!

Our enterprising youngsters who prepared smoked glass for the Eclipse on May 28 were not disappointed; it was well seen throughout England, and the calculations of astronomy were absolutely correct. At 2.47 the dark Moon began to eat away the Sun's disc, at 3.55 was the darkest phase, and at 4.57 it was all over. Exactly as our almanacks predicted! How are we to account for this marvellous accuracy? "Only by reference to the uniformity of Nature's laws," says the secular philosopher. True, but there's no law without a law-giver, and Nature is only a name for an *effect* whose *cause is God*. The Christian philosopher, therefore, will never rest till he arrives at the *Great First Cause*, and devoutly chimes in with the Psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

A well-known periodical drops a timely word concerning our recent festivities. It is indeed characteristic of human nature to forget its sorrows before the *moral* benefit has been brought home and the heart is made better. Our nation is no exception—we too have short memories. A few months ago, when wholesale disaster and reverse threatened our army in South Africa, there was talk of humiliation. In the hour of weakness we remembered God, who until then had been left out of the reckoning in connection with the campaign. But now that the war seems nearly over, men are beginning to talk in the old boastful style. It will be a thousand pities if our country forgets the *moral* lessons which the earlier part of the campaign was calculated to teach. Christian leaders on platform and pulpit ought now to seize the opportunity of insisting more than ever upon the need of religious reform at the heart of the nation, for troubles are ahead, and it is one of the responsibilities of our Imperial position that we have no less than three wars on hand. Is there not a cause? Isa. v. 25.

MATERIAL PROSPERITY:

Is it an unmixed good?

This question would be answered generally in the affirmative by those whose sole idea of human happiness consists in having plenty to eat and drink and spend in self-gratification. Time is to such persons very essential to enable them to take their fill, and therefore the hours of labour must be shortened and the powers of production lessened in order to obtain higher wages and larger scope for conviviality, sport, and frivolity *à la* "Vanity Fair." The industrious are seldom vicious—and if they were they would soon cease to be industrious; for vicious habits enervate, debase, and unfit the human subject for activity, either of mind or body. Hence the ever-increasing cry for more money, more leisure, more amusement and recreation, of which the supply is always considerably less than the demand. It is to no purpose that hospitals, infirmaries, convalescent homes, and lunatic asylums (to the erection and maintenance of which these persons contribute little or nothing) are built and maintained at the public expense. It is to no purpose that their children are educated free of all charges, and that they have free libraries, free baths, free reading rooms. We have all these advantages free of charge, and we have had for years past great *material prosperity*; but, alas! they have not made us, as a nation, more satisfied or grateful to Him from Whom cometh every good and perfect gift. Undoubtedly material prosperity is a gift of God, and a great boon when rightly used, as it is by a few; but when abused, as it is by multitudes, it makes men and women proud, heady, self-indulgent, "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," in fact, dissolving the moral fibre of men as it does of nations. Lord Byron tells us that Cervantes' satirical work, *Don Quixote* drove chivalry from Spain. It would have been more correct to have attributed the downfall of Spain to her material prosperity, caused by the influx of the wealth of the Indies, by which the people, as a nation, were enervated. Therefore every true patriot amongst us must acknowledge that material prosperity, apart from the fear of God and keeping His commandments, *is not an unmixed good*, but rather the reverse—the precursor of a nation's moral downfall, as all past history shows; for thus saith the Lord, "Them that honour Me I will honour, but they who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed."

THE PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS IN MAY.

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Kate Palmer.
Hannah Elizabeth Eve.
William Edward Howard.
Percy Bertram Howard.
Mabel Winifred Howard.
William Henry Broome Lamb.
Vera May Huggins.
Alfred William Goose.
Lily May Cooper.
Lucy Lilian Richardson.
Lucy Grace Blackeley.

MARRIAGES IN MAY.

Garnet Wolseley Pearce *and* Alice Hearn.
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Edward James Aldridge *and* Kate Smith.
Frank Weeks *and* Annie Frances Bennett.
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Parish Boundaries

Inhabitants

Thursday. Oct 11. 1900. Dist 4d. 4d / 5.20 J.H.D.

Interview with the Rev. Stilon Henning, Vicar of St James' Plumstead: at 202 Burrage Road.

Mr. Henning is a man of 60 years, portly, reddish beard, pleasant face & voice, rather an invalid but able to walk about, Evangelical "but not so much as my congregation," preaches in a black gown, has been here 22 years, wears white socks & black slippers.

The parish is bounded on the N by Crescent Rd Charles St: on the E by Maxey Rd: on the South by Plumstead Common Rd & on the West by Hanover Rd & Sandy Hill Rd.

In general character it is fairly comfortable artisan. The only part that keeps servants is Burrage Rd. South end. & Plumstead Rd. These two streets are going down socially: the

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Character of population.

houses are old: the leases half through: they have no baths or hot water taps upstairs & only one W.C. Their tenants are clerks & professional men.

The poor live on the W side of Sandy Hill Rd & in the 'Avenue' behind it. The Avenue has been the same all the time he has been here, labourers, gardeners etc: but 'not picturesquely poor' but you 'sometimes find two families to a house'.

The majority of the population are regular wage earners earning good money & working at the Arsenal.

The parish covers 73 acres & contains 5000 souls. It is now except for the leaving of the servant keepers, much as it was 22 years ago.

Church.

The Church is a queer yellow brick structure standing back from the road, surrounded by trees. It holds 643 persons. Behind it is a hall holding between 5 & 600. & another smaller hall & a class room.

Democratic methods

Church services.

He used to have a daily service but gave it up as none came. Has a service on Saints day mornings.

Congregation.

It is pewrented & the vicar is paid from this source. All money affairs he leaves to lay men. Nothing is paid directly to him. His church wardens collect & distribute: it gives them a share & interest in church work, the responsibility is theirs & the credit is theirs. Relief also is given through them. The vicar recommends, they give.

Sunday services.

11. A.M. Holy Communion 8 PM.
6.30 PM. Childrens service 11 AM.
Sunday schools 10.15 AM. & 3 PM.
Prayer meetings 10.15 AM & 8 PM.
Open air meeting 8 PM.

Church is rather less than half full in the morning. 'I don't like statistics, if I gave you figures they wd probably be wrong.
It is about $\frac{3}{4}$ full in the evening.
It is noted as a working mans church.
'The glorified section of it come'.
'The best part of his congregation & perhaps the most remarkable part of my church work'

Character of congregation

are the number of his church workers. over 100. None rich. foremen, artisans, etc: perhaps there are 10 people with £1000 a year in the congregation. They may have more but the tendency of Plumstead is to make little show & live below its income. His rich men live outside the parish. 'Where everyone is fairly comfortable the parochial system does not work: men go where the services suit them. Not that they care much about doctrine. Preach what you like so long as it is in a black gown.' They are much more particular about Ecclesiastical fiddle-faddle than I am: They leave the church at their door for one half a mile off. much picking & choosing.
His reputation is evangelical & artisan & therefore his church is chosen by those holding those views. They like the sermon. 'But noone can claim a great superiority in this respect whether churchman or non-conformists'. 'I get a steady set here but it does not increase with the population'.

Reasons for & against going to St James'

I am sometimes tempted to think that there is a fixed proportion of church & chapel goers according to social status. An increase in my church means a decrease in Ogles or Escreets. My people are more naturally chapel goers; some of the younger men drift off that way, want something newer & livelier: chapel goers are more 'their class'. On the other hand I leave much in the hands of my churchworkers & the Established church is a little higher socially than the chapel: my people manage the church money & preach out of doors, go forth as missionaries: & are loyal because they know that as a partial invalid I must have their help: so that they put up with the greater discipline of the English church service [they might sit down for the hymns as they do at Wilson's] & also with the general feeling that it is considered a little above their social position.

Of his parish he thinks that ½ go nowhere, ¼

Respectable indifference.

Sunday School.

¼ to church & ¼ to chapel.
The general tone of the half who go nowhere is indifference: some play off the chapel against the church: it is 'respectable' indifference ie they take in the Sunday paper & the Sunday beer, are pious when they die, send for the parson & don't feel they have done wrong in their lifetime in not having gone to church: with it all they are always friendly to the min-ister, they respect him as a man or regard him as a useful adjunct. There is a falling off in the fear of God: too much stress is laid by men nowadays on his mercy & forgiveness. "I pray that some great calamity may not befall us as a judgment for our ungodliness" said Mr. Henning.

Sunday school. 500 attend. but there are more than this on the books.
Band of Hope. 200 come.
Mothers meeting - really a mothers Bible class the women are not very poor & don't work but are taught the Bible. 12 come, perhaps 30

Interest in foreign missions

Persons employed.

Visiting

Nursing.

Charity.

30 are on the list.
Sunday school children sent to get them out of the way at home & to shew their parents recog-nition of the Church.
Band of Hope has won the ruridecanal banner for general excellence for 3 years.
There is also a Priscilla Band of about 60 whose care is home & foreign missions.
Altogether about £700 a year comes from the congre-gation. Of this £140 to 160 is given to missions. 'More than twice as much to Foreign as to Home missions'.
Persons employed. The Vicar.
The Curate. £172 a year.
" Bible woman. £36.10 "
110 Voluntary workers.
Mr Henning visits only the church workers. The rest of the parish is visited by the curate & voluntary workers.
Bible woman does a little nursing. Jubilee nurses come for more serious cases.
Not much given in charity now because so little is wanted.

The Success of Wilson

Wilsons methods of work.

painfully anxious not to seem stuck-up & I think the rest of us are the same."

wanted: perhaps £30 in the year directly: all applicants referred to churchwardens who are pleased with this patronage & not so liable to be taken in as their Vicar.

Wilson the Baptist at the Tabernacle is the most successful man with the working class. 'But I do not see in what his particular strength lies, though I have tried to find out his secret. He is a good preacher, a good man but not particularly clever or intellectually strong. 'We are as good men, as good preachers & perhaps rather stronger intellectually, but we fail, why is it? Mr Wilson is a man who always has a book in his hand, keeping his mind alive though not a student, he gives his congregation a great deal to do for him, appears to delegate his authority but in reality rules: are these the secrets of his power, or is it that he is more of their class & can say things which somehow we cannot?" For myself I am pain-

[Part of Mr Hennings success seems to lie in the fact that he gives his churchworkers more power.

Other influences.

Cooperation

Changes in the workingman.

powers than do most parsons]
Secret & Ogle are both good & able men: 'there are no scandals in the Church here': Hughes (? is this the mission C[of] parson) is Wilsons only rival. Baptists in Conduit road are now doing better but are 'terribly impecunious'. Abel is also good & fairly successful.
Mr Kenning said that Hughes gets 30 or 40 schoolmasters to his church.
Summing it all up Mr Kenning was inclined to trace the workers success to the political & republican element which they introduced into their church work.
He said he was one of the few who worked well with the Noncons. He makes a point of visiting them when they first come. He meets them on the Bible Society platform & on the City missionary platform. "Not that I am fond of non-conformity but I like to recognize our common Christianity."
The changes he has noticed in the working man in the last 20 years are especially in respect of cleanl-

Changes in men.

Changes in women.

The influence of the Arsenal.

Changes in children.

cleanliness & speech. In the matter of speech there is a far smaller gap between the classes & the masses than there used to be. But twangs are developing. The same words are used by east & west end but the tone & accent in which they are pronounced are different. Mr H. notices a distinct Plumstead twang.

Among women the noticeable thing is the increase in cleanliness & refinement: pretty furniture & pretty dresses. Also a great love of music & anxiety to have a piano. 'There are more pianos I believe in Plumstead than in any except a west end parish.'

The Arsenal is the great influence in daily life. For men & boys it is a great mental stimulus with its exams for boys & certainty of good wages & good training to follow. The tone is not particularly bad now but at times it has a very bad name for swearing & blackguardism. 'The authorities shd be more careful in these respects than they are.'

The great loss in the last 20 years is in Mr H's opinion the

General questions.

The loosening of the family ties as between parents & children. Children don't look after their old people according to their means. They don't like to let them go into the house but are quite willing they sh! go into the infirmary or begin on relief: no stigma felt as to out relief. The fault lies in the fact that family ties are broken so early: as soon as a boy earns 10/- he can be boarded & lodged by some family other than his own; he goes away because he is freer.

Police good: not needed much less.

Drink. no drunkenness: more is drunk but not considered the thing to get drunk;

Prostitution. None

Crime None.

Marriage. The better off men are the later they marry

Health: very healthy.

Housing. good some streets wholly owned by their occupiers, eg Frederick Place & Charles-Street.

The tone of Plumstead he said was strongly Evangelical. They speak of the Scarlet Sin; the scarlet

Lady

Antipapist Plumstead.

Lady ? hold the Papacy in abomination. He going think they have a mission to fight it.
A short time ago they asked him to lecture at the Tabernacle? on England before the Reformation. This he did & ended by telling them that the great danger they had to fear was not Rome but division among themselves. "What fear is there of any one of you becoming a Papist: not the smallest: that is not the moral of my lecture". They had hoped to leave with their Protestant loins girt anew for the fight. Instead he scolded the nonconformist of breaking up into small sects, founding new chapels on infinitesimal differences of practice rather than opinion. "They were not pleased but I am an old man & they know me well & as they asked me to lecture I had the right to tell them what I thought".

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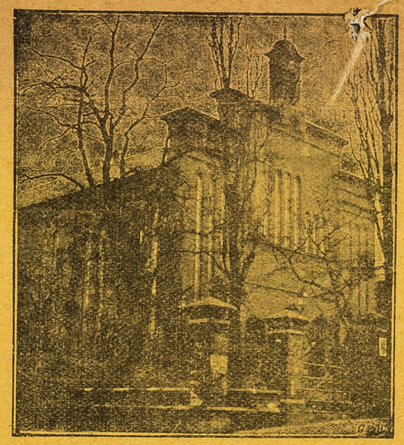

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Clerk.
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OCTOBER, 1900.

1	M	Band of Hope, 6.45 p.m.
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3	W	Evening Service and Sermon, 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice, 8.30 p.m.
4	Th	Sindhis' Meeting at 8 p.m. Discussion: "What use can a Band be to a Parish?"—Opened by Rev. S. Henning.
5	F	Mothers' Bible Class, 3 p.m.
6	S	Sowers' Band in Vestry, 3 p.m. Prayer Meeting in Hall, 8 p.m.
7	S	17th Sunday after Trinity. Services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, Noon. Children's Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Schools, 10.15 a.m. and 3 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 10.15 a.m. and 8 p.m. Open Air Meeting, 8 p.m.
8	M	Band of Hope, 6.45 p.m.
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10	W	Evening Service and Sermon, 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice 8.30 p.m.
11	Th	St. Priscilla Band—Games, 7 p.m., Missionary Band, 8 p.m., Miss Cullison, Peru.
12	F	Mother's Bible Class, 3 p.m.
13	S	Sowers' Band, in Vestry, 3 p.m Prayer Meeting, in Hall, 8 p.m.
14	S	18th Sunday after Trinity. Services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Schools, 10.15 a.m. and 3 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 10.15 a.m. and 8 p.m. Open Air Meeting, 8 p.m.
15	M	Band of Hope, 6.45 p.m.
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17	W	Evening Service and Sermon, 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice, 8.30 p.m.
18	Th	St. Luke, Evangelist.
19	F	Mothers' Bible Class, 3 p.m.
20	S	Sower's Band in Vestry, 3 p.m. Prayer Meeting in Hall, 8 p.m.
21	S	19th Sunday after Trinity. Services, 11 a.m and 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Children's Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Schools, 10.15 a.m. and 3 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 10.15 a.m. and 8 p.m. Open Air Meeting, 8 p.m.
22	M	Band of Hope, 6.45 p.m.
23	T	St. Priscilla Band, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m., (Genesis xxxiii, 1-16).
24	W	Evening Service and Sermon, 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice, 8.30 p.m.
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26	F	Mothers' Bible Class, 3 p.m.
27	S	Sowers' Band in Vestry, 3 p.m. Prayer Meeting in Hall, 8.
28	S	20th Sunday after Trinity. Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion 8 p.m. Children's Service 11 a.m. Sunday Schools 10.15 a.m. and 3 p.m. Prayer Meetings 10.15 a.m. and 8 p.m. Open Air Meeting 8 p.m.
29	M	Band of Hope, 6.45 p.m.
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"Prithee let some drops of modesty quench thy skipping spirit."—*Shakespeare.*

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.

A Congregational Tea and Music occupied Thursday evening, the 13th September last, the major part of the Congregation being present.

After the tea the Orchestra played several marches and selections, and the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell" was sung by the company with full orchestral accompanyment. Prayer having been offered by Mr. Corke, the special business of the evening was entered upon.

Mr. F. Johnson, who presided, asked the special attention of his friends while Mr. Hamilton, his sidesman, read the following Address:—

"Dear Mr. Henning—We take this opportunity of presenting our best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Henning, not that you need to be assured that you already have them, but it is appropriate at this time, we think, because of your recent marriage.

We remember that you have been about 21 years in this parish, and have during that time preached the Gospel in plain and earnest words. You have besought us to live in the fear and love of God, and to flee from all known sins, and for such faithfulness we thank you.

In addition to this supreme work, you have had under your care a large and prosperous Sunday School, and an important Band of Hope for the protection and instruction of the young.

The duty of sending the Gospel to the Heathen Lands has always been near your heart, and everal Church Members from St. James's have gone out into the Mission field, and the Congregation of this Church has contributed a goodly sum to Mission work, a work which we know to be in strict accordance with our Saviour's commands.

The Church officers, and the Congregation of St. James's wish you God-speed, and a long and happy life with the estimable lady you have taken for a wife.

We need her assistnce in the Parish work you are devoted to, and hope she will take a foremost place in all these good enterprises women can best carry on.

The tray we ask you to accept, bears the following inscription:—

PRESENTED
as a token of respect and esteem
to the
Rev. STILON HENNING, B.D.,
on his Marriage,
by the Congregation of St. James' Church, Plumstead.
September, 1900.
Fredk. Johnson, Harry Tonge } Churchwardens.

Mr. Tonge then asked Mrs. Henning to accept a handsome silver mounted dressing bag, fitted, and he observed that these gifts were the spontaneous offerings of nearly every Church member and were tokens of the universal wish that the recent marriage of the esteemed Vicar would be a very happy one, and that Mrs. Henning would be able to help in every good work and be much blessed.

Mr. Henning thanked his friends for the gifts so kindly offered to him and to his wife. He said he highly valued the kind wishes that had been expressed. There were times in a clergyman's life when the knowledge that he was sustained by the prayers and love of his people was of great consequence to him. All sorts of duties fell to the clergyman's lot to carry out, and sometimes he feels unable to get through them as well as he might desire. But when he knows that the members of his church do their best to assist him he is encouraged. As for himself he was conscious that the flattering terms in which he had been mentioned in the address were not always deserved. He especially thanked his friends for the present to Mrs. Henning. It was totally unexpected and it gave her great pleasure to receive it.

Hearty thanks were given to the choir and to the ladies who had superintended the tea.

An enjoyable evening was then closed with singing and prayer.

F. JOHNSON.

HIGHER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Arrangements have been made for the Plumstead centre as follows:—The Rev. S. Henning's course of lectures on the Psalms (book v.) at St. James' Hall will commence on Monday, November 5th, at 8 p.m. and will be given fortnightly.

The Rev. J. M. Lester's course on the Prayer-book (Collects) at All Saints' Mission Hall, will commence

on Tuesday, November 8th, at 3 p.m., and will also be given fortnightly. Bibles and Prayer-books will be required.

Ten lectures will be given on each subject; the first in each case will be open to all who wish to attend. Members' names and subscriptions will be taken at the close.

The Diocesan Society consists of Members and Associates. The subscription for Members is 2/6 (Teachers 1/-), for Associates 5/-. The Members are expected to study at least one subject, and are invited to enter for the examinations. The Associates are those who, without pledging themselves to study, approve of the movement and wish to promote it.

Persons who are neither Members nor Associates may attend the lectures on payment of 2/6 or 1/-.

It is hoped that all Church-people who feel the importance of definite Bible and Prayer-book study will endeavour to support the centre in one of these ways.

For Text-books, etc., see last month's Magazine.

The event of September in the child-world of St. James' was the Exhibition of the United Bands of Hope, held on the 22nd, at the Polytechnic.

As most of our readers know St. James's once more led the way and by this third success in four years secured the challenge banner.

The competing Churches were St. Margaret's, which scored 317 marks; All Saints', with 271 marks; St. Mary's, Woolwich, with 115; St. James's, with 684; St. John's, Plumstead, with 66; and St. Paul's, which gained a prize though it made only 3 entries.

There were altogether 40 different ways of shewing excellence: in reciting, solo singing, penmanship, composition, drawing, painting, needlework, cooking, laundry work, handiwork, collections, flowers, plants, and cut flowers. Under these larger heads were sub-divisions. Thus cooking afforded eight varieties and needlework ten, penmanship included large round hand, small hand and ornamental hand

Three of the competitions were by bands of children of 20 or less in number, these were denominated; choir, action song, and musical drill. In all three St. James's was successful Another, to us, gratifying feature of the Exhibition was that in the recitations we carried off both the silver medals, and in the solo singing one of the two silver medals offered by the United Temperance Council.

It will be easily understood that such results were not achieved without much effort, both on the part of our dear good children and of their parents who encouraged them to persevere.

But as the best of armies needs clever and enterprising officers, so with our Band of Hope children, both the ordinary and extraordinary workers did their best in organization and detail. Mr. Rowe is the superintendent, Miss Oliver the secretary, Miss L. Green her assistant in that office, while Messrs. Charlesworth, Green, Frank Green, and the Misses Rickwood, Green, Corke, Fletcher, Foster, and Woolgar all help in various ways.

The Exhibition staff consists of Mr. Webber, secretary; Mr. Inglis, drillmaster; Messrs. Fuller and Baxter in charge of the woodwork; Mr. Gray of the basket work; Miss Ridge played the drill accompaniments, and mainly trained the choir, though Mrs. Blennerhassett also kindly helped; Miss Campbell taught cookery; Miss Keeble, laundry; Miss Holmes made herself responsible for the various kinds of needlework; Miss Hunter trained the solo boy singers.

The following is a list of those whose work earned prizes or commendation:—

P—Prize, 6 marks. C—Commended, 3 marks.

GIRLS.

Aubrey, Ethel—Penmanship, Penmanship.
Baker, E.—Penmanship, P. Composition, C. Needlework, twice, C Member of choir and of musical drill.
Baker, V.—Needlework, P. C. Penmanship, twice, C.
Bowden, H.—Needlework, P and C. Composition, C. Member of choir and musical drill.
Chalkley, J.—Penmanship, C.
Collison, V.—Penmanship, two P's. Member of choir and of musical drill.
Dobson, F.—Recitation, P. Needlework, P. Cooking, P. Handiwork, C. Member of choir and of musical drill.
Dobson, R.—Needlework, twice, C.
Denny, K.—Penmanship, P. Needlework, C. Cookery, C.
Farlie Stella—Composition, C. Cookery, C.
Forster, M.—Needlework, P.
Fletcher, A.—Needlework, P. Laundry, twice, C. Member of choir and of musical drill.
Fox, Ethel—Penmanship, C. Needlework, P.
Hann, M.—Recitation, C
Hilling, M.—Penmanship P.
Jones, Bertha—Handiwork, C.
Jones, W.—Penmanship, C.
Lawless, C.—Writing, P. Composition, P. Member of musical drill.
Lawless, Lily—Penmanship, C.
Le Huray, L.—Drawing, C.
Mottley, Emma—Laundry, P.
Monck, G.—Recitation, C.
Maidment, Maud—Needlework, C.
Mallett, Louie—Penmanship, two P's.
Mallet, Lily—Penmanship, two P's.
Palmer, M—Penmanship, two P's. Member of choir and of musical drill.
Palmer, G—Penmanship, twice C. Drawing, C. Member of choir and of musical drill.

Paterson, Q.—Cooking, C.
Ryder, E—Penmanship, P and C Member of musical drill.
Roseberry, H.—Penmanship, P and C. Cooking, P. Handiwork, two P's. Member of choir and of musical drill.
Rule, E.—Needlework, P. Cooking, C. Member of musical drill.
Scott, M.—Penmanship, C. Member of musical drill
Spriggs, Alice—Penmanship, C.
Smith, A.—Penmanship, C. Needlework, C. Handiwork, P.
Smith, E.—Handiwork, P.
Smith, K.—Penmanship, C. Needlework, P and C.
Smith, M.—Composition, C. Needlework, P. Member of musical drill.
Spriggs, Amelia—Handiwork, C.
Stark, C.—Silver Medal for Recitation. Solo Singing, P. Penmanship, P and C. Needlework, C. Collection, P. Member of choir and of musical drill.
Sumner, B.—Composition, P.
Webb, K.—Penmanship, twice C. Composition, P. Member of musical drill.

BOYS.

Baker, W.—Composition, C.
Barnes, P.—Penmanship, P. Composition, C. Member of action song and of choir.
Chalkley, R.—Drawing, two P's.
Chalkley, W.—Penmanship, P. Handiwork, P. Drawing, C.
Collett, S.—Recitation, C. Member of action song.
Davies, W.—Penmanship, P. Member of action song.
Dobson W.—Penmanship, C. Member of choir and of action song.
Fletcher, W.—Silver Medal for Recitation. Silver Medal for Solo Singing. Penmanship, C. Cooking, C. Member of choir and of action song.
Fox, E.—Penmanship, C. Member of action song.
Fox, W.—Drawing, C. Handiwork, C. Member of action song.
Gausden, W.—Penmanship, C.
Jones, S.—Collection, P and C.
Leppard, F.—Penmanship, C. Member of action song.
Leppard, G.—Penmanship, C. Member of action song.
Mickleborough, E.—Drawing, P.
Mickleborough, M.—Drawlng, P. Member of action song.
Monck, C.—Penmanship, P. Member of choir and of action song.
Paterson, Bert—Penmanship, P.
Roseberry, J.—Solo singing, C. Penmanship, C. Cooking, P. Handiwork, P. Member of choir and of action song.
Scott, E.—Composition, C.
Sheppard, G.—Penmanship, two P's. Member of choir and of action song.
Smith, F.—Handiwork, C. Member of action song.
Stark, W.—Drawing, P. Member of action song.
Steggall, L.—Handiwork, two C's.
Webb, H.—Handiwork, C.

There were 80 exhibitors, sending in 300 exhibits, from St. James'.

MUSICAL DRILL—20 Girls.

Violet Baker	Ethel Baker
Clara Stark	G. Palmer
Edith Baker	Violet Collison
Ada Fletcher	Clara Lawless
Florry Dobson	Katie Webb
Hannah Roseberry	Esther Rule
Mabel Scott	D. Scott
Millie Smith	S. Farlie
Minnie Palmer	M. Smith
H. Bowden	E. Rider

CHOIR—11 Girls, 9 Boys.

Clara Stark	V. Baker
F. Dobson	C. Monck
G. Palmer	W. Fletcher
Ada Fletcher	J. Roseberry
Violet Collison	W. Fox
H. Roseberry	W. Dobson
E. Roseberry	G. Sheppard
M. Palmer	E. Bristow
Ethel Baker	P. Barnes
H. Bowden	T. Scott

ACTION SONG—20 Boys.

Roseberry	Leppard
Fletcher	Smith
W. Fox	P. Barnes
Sheppard	F. Collett
Mickleborough	S. Collett
F. Smith	W. Dobson
T. Scott	C. Monck
W. Davies	Monck
S. Wilson	W. Stark
F. Leppard	E. Fox

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

	LESSON.	
Oct. 7.	VIII.	Paradise Reserved. Read Gen. iii, 14-24. Learn Matt. xiii, 38.
,, 14.	IX.	The Two Sacrifices. Read Gen. iv, 1-7. Learn Psa. lxi, 17. Prov. xxi, 27.
,, 10.	X.	The First Murder. Read Gen. iv, 8-16. Learn Exod. xx, 13. 1 John iii, 15.
,, 28.		Address.

BAPTISMS.

Sept. 2. Lambert Edgar, son of Lambert and Bessie Amos.
,, 5. Gladys, daughter of Charles J. and Marion A. Boon.
,, 5 Victor Stuart, Alfred Edward Thomas, and George Walter, sons of Benjamin S. and Flora Griffiths.
,, 16. Leonard, son of William and Alice Thomas.
,, 16. Grace Florence, daughter of Alexander G. and Emily G. Dewar.
,, William George, son of William C. and Maria E. Boyden.
,, 16. Violet Mary Jane, daughter of Alfred and Mary J. Brooker.
,, 16. Edward Albert, son of Edward and Alice K. Chenery.
,, 19. Freda Phœbe, daughter of William H. and Annie Shelley.

Oct. 5th. 1900. 40/25.

Interview with Rev. J. Hughes. St. Mark's, Plumstead.

Rev Hughes is a man of about 40 who has been Curate in charge of this Mission for 6 years. The district was cut off from St. Nicholas, Plumstead 7 years ago and until quite lately included the district of the Ascension. Both districts are still nominally under Rev Mr Allister who as he St. said "has been the ruin of it all". From what we have heard from other sources and from Rev H's information Rev Mr Allister is one of the scandals of the church: his parish has been utterly neglected, while he has been acquiring shares & property in the neighbourhood. In the Mission of the Ascension at the back of the Slade he owns or did own a lot of property which promises to be one of the slums

of London. However quite lately he has transferred this property to his curate.

Mr H. estimates the population of his district at 7000: nearly all are artisans in the Arsenal or teachers: none are poor, and a large proportion own their ~~own~~ houses.

Mr H. describes them as "Absolute Heathens", as the result mainly of the neglect in the past. Such few as were church people all went to Woolwich, but "the tradition of Woolwich is now broken" and the church people in the district now mainly frequent their own church; but on the bulk of the outside indifferent population little impression has been made.

The temporary church holds 400. In the morning it is 1/3rd full: in the evening "crowded". The Communicants are about 170. The people give about £5 weekly in offertories, and for

the soldiers Orphans and widows contributed £40.

Rev H. is I fancy a broad churchman and an advanced Progressive in politics and he seems to have made great efforts to get hold of the working men. He has been elected to the Vestry and is thick with the leaders of the Labour movement here. The result is that he has a fairly successful mens Club of 120 members: but it does not lead to much churchgoing and then is the greatest difficulty in competing with the Plumstead Radical Club when about £1500 a year is spent in alcohol, and which is open on Sunday.

Rev H. also made a great attempt to secure the rough Hooligan lads about the Slade and in his opinion was getting on well: the method was a Sunday afternoon Club and entertainment, ending with prayer as churchgoing. The entertainment was secular in character, and

his colleague injudiciously had a programme printed one Sunday: this got into the hands of the Ruri-decanal conference where it was severely condemned and the 150 to 200 lads who had been gathered together have been again let loose on the streets.

There are about 350 children in the Sunday School. Mr H. thinks that even Sunday School going has been neglected here: Mr Allister has practically none; and it is doubtful if more than 2/3rd of the elementary school children are in Sunday Schools.

There does not seem to be any systematic visitation of the parish: the difficulty is that the people are all of one class and ladies cannot be got from outside.

Very little is spent on Relief: not more than £10 a year: there is little or no need for it. Nor with the exception of Mrs Anderson

of the Cage Lane Mission does anyone else give: but she gives "largely and injudiciously" and such success as the ~~th~~ Mission attains is mainly due to this influence. The Mission is supposed to be undenominational: but the late General Anderson looked upon "Drink and the Church as the two great Enemies"

On general questions:- There has been a low municipal tone, largely owing to Colonel Hughes: but things have improved lately. *

The Police are "lethargic" and under suspicion of being bribed by the publicans.

Though unusually thrifty in many respects and not drunkards the people spend an enormous proportion of their earnings in drink: "there is no temperance feeling": the leaders of the labour movement are all more or less tainted with the drink curse. For this reason Mr H. thinks that the working men of Plumstead

though naturally much better off are morally at a lower level than those of Battersea where John Burns has created a distinct feeling for temperance.

Prostitution: Very professional: but a great deal of immorality on the many open spaces.

Hockey is good.

Rowing in this parish is good: but a great deal of foul iniquitous betting has been abroad in Plumstead, especially in the ~~Ridham~~ Ridham Road district.

Parish Magazine

FOR

S. MARK'S,

Plumstead.

Clergy: Rev. J. HUGHES, M.A., LL.D., 100, Chesnut Road.
Rev. M. HAY, B.A., 22, Admaston Road.

Churchwardens: Mr. Mellor, 20, Genesta Road.
Mr. Wellard, 12, Bebington Road.

Organist: Mr. W. Beale, 171, Griffin Road.

Sacristan: Mr. Beale, 113, Park Road.

Sunday School Superintendent: Mr. Berry, 175, Griffin Road.

Teacher of Young Men's Bible Class: Mr. Walls, 48, Ennis Road.

Superintendent of Band of Hope: Mr. Beck, 26, Acacia Parade.

Services, etc.

SUNDAY—**Holy Communion,** 8 a.m.
Matins, 11, with Holy Communion at mid-day on alternate Sundays.
Sunday School at 2.45 p.m. (Children's Service on last Sunday of the month).
Evening Service at 6.30.

Baptisms and Churchings on Sundays at 4 p.m., and on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Communicants' Guild on Thursday preceding first Sunday in the month

Band of Hope, Monday, 6.45 p.m.

Mothers' Meeting, Monday, 2.30 p.m.

Choir Practices, Wednesday, 7.30, and Friday, 8 p.m.

The Men's Club is open every evening from 7 to 10.30 p.m.

Young Men's Institute, Tuesday and Thursday.

ST. MARK'S, PLUMSTEAD, PARISH MAGAZINE.

THE BUILDING FUND.

Another £75 has been paid to the builder, and now £75 only remains. Will all those who have not yet given or promised anything do whatever they can straight away, for we are anxious when the debt is paid off, and the full list of subscribers published, that the names of all our people shall be found there. It is not a question of the amount given, but of the spirit willing to help bear one another's burdens.

In order to get clear of debt, the Council has decided to inaugurate a series of entertainments, the first (of which notice will be found in this Magazine) to be held October 19th. The expense will be comparatively little, and we hope all our people will not only take tickets, but try and come, and so make the experiment a success. Nothing in our work has been more disappointing than the pettiness and jealousy shown in the past with regard to such efforts as these. If certain people were interested in getting up a concert, then others would do nothing to help it forward. Let us forget all littleness and personal feeling and think only of the success of the cause.

The outstanding balance on present building is only £80. The Council hope the congregation will make an effort to clear this off before the end of the year.

CHARLES COTON,
Hon. Sec.

In the hope that the workers and congregation generally will appreciate their action, the clergy have decided to hold a social evening at S. Mark's on the second Thursday of each month, when all who are in any way connected with S. Mark's, either as workers or members of the congregation, will be most cordially welcomed from 8 to 10.

The Clergy will be glad to receive the names of those who desire to be confirmed at the Confirmation to be held by the Bishop of Rochester at S. Margaret's on November 20th.

We desire to press home to the men of the Congregation the advantage of joining our Men's Club. More and more we feel the necessity of some such resort for men, where there is no temptation to be always drinking, and we shall be most glad to welcome any of our men, that they may see for themselves what the Club is like.

The Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on Thursday, October 4th, and the following Sunday.

Thursday.—Celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. Evensong, with Sermon, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. H. Lester, S. John's, Woolwich.

The preacher on *Sunday* evening will be the Rev. S. Henning, S. James's, Plumstead.

Children's Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Having received very urgent requests from Battersea that he should represent that division of West Lambeth on the London School Board, Dr. Hughes has, after consultation with the Bishop and the Rural Dean and others, decided to contest a seat in the forthcoming election.

BUILDING FUND.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Templeman	1	0	0
Rev. Ed. L. Balmer, per Rev. Dr. Hughes..	5	0	0
Friends, per Miss Pitt ..	0	5	0
	£6	5	0

CONCERT, OCTOBER 19TH.

We want you to keep free of engagements on the 19th of October.

On that date there is to be a Concert in aid of some of the Church Funds.

It is intended to have the entertainment in two parts. The first part will be mainly musical, and the second portion will consist of a dramatic recital or sketch.

A very enjoyable evening may be looked forward to. Arrangements are now in an advanced stage, and offers of help are very numerous.

Tickets are to be 6d. and 1s.

Please note the date—Friday, October 19th.

BAND OF HOPE REPORT.

During the past Band of Hope year meetings have been held weekly from September to July, the number on the books averaging 100. Addresses have been given by the Clergy, Secretary, Wardens, and other friends, and the children have been encouraged to assist by means of recitations, songs, and music. A panorama was given in September, and a tea, followed by games in the Hall, heralded in the New Year. In May a choir of eighty took part in the Church of England Temperance Festival at the Crystal Palace, when several friends accompanied the choir, and an enjoyable day was spent. A concert rendered, with the help of kind friends, by this Choir, and generously supported by the congregation, realised enough to cover the expense of the Children's Tea at Keston, their own contributions paying for the brakes. The drive to Keston on July 4th proved most agreeable to all, the clerk of the weather evidently being in a complacent mood. The Committee take this opportunity of again thanking all friends who, by their personal help, or purchase of tickets, have assisted them in the work.

The Band of Hope re-opened on September 24th, and meets each Monday evening at 6.45.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Children's Subscriptions	8	1	11½
Books Sold	2	5	10
Tickets Sold (Palace and Keston) ..	2	19	4
Proceeds of Entertainments	3	6	11
	£16	14	0½

Expenses.	£	s.	d.
Band of Hope Cards	0	15	0
Palace Books	2	5	10
Band of Hope Union Expenses	0	14	0
Tea Accounts	4	6	5
Brakes	8	0	0
Sundries	0	11	6
Cash in hand	0	1	3½
	£16	14	0½

(Signed) J. BECK.
M. HAY.

BAPTISMS.

Sept. 4—Arthur, child of Samuel and Julia Sarah Warburton, 53, Parkdale Road.

,, 18—William Henry Francis Pearce, child of William Pearce and Amelia Wills, 44, Durham Road.

,, 18—Loveday Matilda, child of John Francis and Matilda Frances Pennicott, 44, Durham Road.

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Oct. 9th. 1900

Interview with Rev. J. W. Morris, All Saints', ~~Woolwich~~ Plumstead.

Rev Morris is 40 years of age, but looks much younger. He is a brother of the Rev Morris whom I met when staying with that strange ancient Chapman of Eastbourne, and so like him in face that they might be brothers. He is however a more genial person than his brother, being indeed a particularly bright, cheery, friendly little man. He has been here for 7 years.

The population of the parish is about 6000, of whom about 1000 are gentry, 3000 middle class and 2000 poor. Among the gentry are the officers, many of whom support the church, but they are birds of passage and so introduce a great element of uncertainty into finance. It is the middle class (Arsenal officers, foremen etc)

who are the "bulwarks of the church." Among the working class there ought to be no poor: here there is work in plenty so prosperous: labour is not to be had: "you can't get a gardener: you can't get a man to clean your windows": the demand absorbs everyone: so much so that "it is ~~very~~ ruining our schools": the boys all work at the first possible moment: and there is great difficulty in preventing their going before they are entitled. It is even difficult owing to the prevalent custom to get the choir together on Sunday. Quite young fellows are ~~now~~ earning £2 a week: and the earnings of families are often very large. But many of them are getting sick and worn out with the new stress. But in spite of all this prosperity there is poverty, due to drink, in Barnfield Road and Prince's Road.

Besides the Church there is Mission Hall and

Schools. There is much want of a Parish Room.

Of workers there is no lack: indeed "in one particular rather too many". In the days when St. Margaret's was still under St. Alkmund and this was the only church in the neighbourhood little any life there was "a superfluity of help" but St. Margaret is getting back its own and the new mission districts cut out of St. Michael's Plumstead are also raising church life and to some extent drawing from here. But though not now, as it was, overcrowded this church is still practically full. The congregation is making to do but looks even better off than it is.

Mr. M. complains much less than most of the spirit of indifference: "there is of course the sad" much of it: but there is too a most peculiar keenness as to religious questions. Here is a geographical unit of the most varied Protestant [illegible] running along the hill from Plumstead to Blackheath. They are intensely interested

in Connexion. Connexion is the Alpha and the Omega instead of the Alpha only as it ought to be. One is struck by the strength here not of Church or Chapel, not of any one sect - but of Undenominationism - the Undenominational spirit - a sort of Erastian Faith religion."

Mr M. calls himself an Evangelical, but he is a "Liberal Evangelical" and a firm churchman. His aim here as he told the Bishop has been "to preach the Lord Jesus Christ" and to strive to make them better churchmen". The latter part of the task, owing to this undenominational spirit which was encouraged by his predecessor, has been very difficult. Even to put the Choir into Cassocks was no easy task, and led to much opposition, while to give up Evening Communion as urged by the Bishop, would be to wreck the work of years. The spirit abroad even leads to attempts to defy the plainest rules of the Church. A man will say "I love the Lord Jesus Christ, I'm coming to the Lord's Table"

and will refuse to go through the necessary process of Confirmation. To prevent these people from going over to Dissent is a constant difficulty.

When Mr M. came he found "Soul saving experience Meetings" in vogue: but he found that the talk was such a mixture of ignorance, drivel, and conceit that he put a stop to them. Nor has he a much better opinion of the Open Air Meetings which still continue. Here again there has been a difficulty in curbing the passions of utter strangers, who express a wish "to testify for the Lord Jesus Christ."

For Social work see Report. The exceeding weakness of temperance work was noticed, in spite of the profession of "rabid" temperance principles. Among the Y.M.C.A. and the men of the church generally Mr M. noticed a tendency to be "~~sawneys~~ sawneys" and "namby pamby". They want more "manliness" which he hopes may be instilled into them by that

Irregular Christian Knowledge of St. James' Hatcham who is conducting a Mission next week. (Mr Ph. said that his people delighted in Missions: "they would like to have a Mission going on the year".)

Except at Mission time the Parish is only visited from house to house in the poorer streets: but "no sick are neglected." The people do receive you with "if they like you" but they are very "independent": there is no spirit of cadging.

Figures &c to Relief are given in the Report. Mr Ph. cannot go altogether with the C.O.S. The object of the church should be "to try to benefit low, not to discourage charity." Still there are many cases which the C.O.S. can deal with more successfully than the church, and darken the hs. of the C.O.S. is "kind". Mr Ph. tries to ~~[illegible]~~ counteract the evil effects of some lack of discrimination & giving less" to visitors who are "slack".

ALL SAINTS'

PLUMSTEAD.

Parochial Report

For Year ending 31st March, 1900.

Motto for 1900.

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The Police "wink at immorality" but "are true as the keeping of dogs". But they are always "polite and helpful".

Drink is "pretty bad." "The Royal Oak" is an especially bad house.

Prostitution: There is "a nest of bad places" about Bamfield St.

Immorality is almost universal. "There is a strong feeling for churching."

Health and Housing good: no overcrowding except in Romer Cottages.

Rise on the whole I think is a well organised and successful church.

List of Services, Meetings and Classes in All Saints' Parish.

Sunday—Divine Service in Church .. .. 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
Service for Children, fourth Sunday in the month 3.15 p.m.
Service for Children* .. .. .. 11 a.m.
Sunday School* .. .. ‡3 p.m., 11 a.m., and 3 p.m.
Bible Class for Young Women† .. .. 3.30 p.m.
Bible Class for Young Men† .. .. 3 p.m.
Boys' Meeting* Service‡ .. .. .. 6.30 p.m.

Monday—Mothers Meeting‡ .. .. 2.30 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday—District Visitors' Meeting, first Tuesday in Month 3 p.m.
Band of Hope and Scripture Union‡ .. .. .. 6 p.m.
Adult Temperance Meeting every Alternate week‡ 8 p.m.

Wednesday—Divine Service in Church .. 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Youth' Institute .. .. 7 p.m.

Thursday—Ladies' Zenana Working Party, second Thursday in month† .. .. 3 p.m.
Young Men's Society Meeting from September to May, first and third Thursdays† .. 7.45 p.m.
"The Arrians," fourth Thursday† .. ..
Adult Missionary Meeting, Second Thursday‡ .. 8 p.m.
Y.W.C.A. first, third, fourth, and fifth, Thursdays October to May* .. .. .. 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday—Morning Prayer 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting* .. .. 8 p.m.

Saturday—Youths' Institute .. .. 7 p.m.

* Schools. † Vicarage. ‡ Mission Hall.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered as follows:—
First Sunday in the Month, at Morning Service.
Second and fourth Sundays at 8 a.m.
Third and fifth Sundays at Evening Service.

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the second and fifth Sundays in the month, at 2.30 p.m. *precisely*, also every Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 *precisely*, except first and fourth Wednesday in the month, when it will be at 6.45 p.m. *precisely*. There are no fees.

Banns of Marriage are published and Marriages solemnized in All Saints' Church. Notice to be given to the Verger, School House, B. Two days' notice, if possible, should be given.

Notice of Sick Cases should be sent at once to the Clergy, the District Visitors, or Miss Farrow.

Sittings may be had on application to the Churchwardens, or at the Church after any of the Services.

The Hymn Book is Bickersteth's Hymnal Companion, 2nd edition.

All Saints', Plumstead.

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All Saints', Plumstead.

ALL Saints', Plumstead Parish, was separated from the mother Parish of Plumstead, and worked as a separate District by the Rev. W. NESBIT MCGUINESS. The Church was built between 1873 and 1881; the body of the Church, the Chancel, and the Tower being erected at different times. The Church, with temporary Chancel, was consecrated in 1875. The total cost of the building was £7300. The money for the Church, Schools, and Vicarage was all raised by the indefatigable labours of Mr. MCGUINESS, who served the Church until his death, whilst on a voyage abroad for his health in 1881. He was succeeded by the Rev. T. VINCENT WILLIAMS in 1882, under whose earnest ministry the Parish was thoroughly organised, and a large congregation gathered together. Through ill-health Mr. WILLIAMS resigned the living in 1888. He was assisted by the Rev. G. MARTIN and Rev. R. E. CLARKE who were ordained in 1885.

From 1888 until October, 1893, the living was held by the Hon. and Rev. TALBOT RICE; during his energetic and earnest ministry the parochial machinery was considerably enlarged and the Mission Hall built. He was assisted throughout by the Rev. R. E. CLARKE, and for the greater part of the time by the Rev. P. H. CHAPMAN. In June, 1893, the latter was succeeded by the Rev. J. S. CALLIS. In November, 1893, the present Vicar was appointed and the Rev. J. S. CALLIS remained in the Parish as his colleague until September, 1896, when he sailed for Uganda, with a band of C.M.S. Missionaries. Rev. C. M. GIBBENS succeeded Mr. CALLIS in November, 1896.

The population of the Parish, according to the Census of 1891, was 5,800.

The Church seats 560; 326 seats being free.

The Mission Hall was built in 1892-3. Seating 350.

All Saints' Parish.

INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING ROADS.

Barnfield Road
Brent Road
Cantwell Road
Eglinton Road (Upper and Lower)
Edge Hill Road
Fox Hill
Graydon Street
Hanover Road (West Side)
Herbert Road
Llanover Road
Paget Road and Paget Terrace
Plumstead Common Road (between Barnfield Road and Herbert Road)
Portland Place (North Side)
Princes Road and streets adjoining
Ripon Road
Shrewsbury Lane
Westdale Road
Whitworth Road (Upper & Lower)
Willenhall Road (North Side)

Report.

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am sending you my Seventh Annual Report. Before touching upon Parochial Details, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude that I have been permitted by God, for another year, to be the guide and pastor of this Parish. I desire also to heartily thank my colleagues and the many Christian workers who have so willingly and loyally laboured with me. It is now nearly seven years since I came here, and though this cannot be called a long ministry, I am often conscious of a lack of freshness and originality, on the other hand the closer knowledge and deeper friendship which have grown amongst us year by year, inspire me with the hope that this may balance any staleness or want of 'go' you may have observed. After all the great question is, does God bless the kind of work which is being done, and very humbly but thankfully, I believe, we may answer yes.

Plumstead has considerably changed in the last six or seven years as regards Church life, and the change is for the better.

St. Margaret's now is full of organisations and work, and the Mission Churches of St. Mark's, St. Paul's, and the Ascension are gathering numbers together. These changes have not affected us very much, possibly the evening congregations are not quite so large. Several gaps, however, in the evening are due to the fact that we have more families who only come once a Sunday than formerly; this is a pity.

Steady work goes on at the Mission Hall, but the numbers on Sunday evenings should be larger.

A word should be said about our Men's Societies and Boys' Sunday School. These have been affected by the War. Many of the members and teachers are Arsenal men and so have been engaged with the overtime work not only during the week but on Sundays.

The Lads' Institute for instance has been obliged to drop several meetings. Mr. F. Harwood, however, is as indefatigable and thorough as ever, and doubtless when the war strain is over members will rally together again.

The Men's Sunday Class has renewed its strength and vigour. Capt. Young now conducts this, and his spiritual influence and constant kindness are telling for good upon the men.

The Boys' Brigade prospers, and all the officers deserve praise for the energy and love they throw into the work. Parents have every reason to be thankful for this Institution for their boys.

No Society has suffered more from 'overtime' than our Young Men's Christian Society. An excellent programme was arranged for the Autumn

and Winter months, and most instructive lectures on varied subjects have been given. The small attendance at some of these is solely due to the above-mentioned cause. The new Secretary, Mr. Barnard, is a worthy successor to Mr. Greenhill which speaks volumes.

The Young Women's Christian Association has done really good work. The energetic Secretary, Mrs. Gibbens and the Committee, have studied the young women's wishes in the matter of subjects for addresses, and the tone of the Association is excellent. The Monday Bible Class has been a help to many, though more might well avail themselves of this privilege.

The parents should again recognise the value of the 'Odd Minutes' Society, under the direction of Mrs. Wallick, the Parochial Fund is mainly supported by this excellent organisation.

Mrs. Young's Sunday Class has not been so well attended as it should be, though the members who come thoroughly appreciate the faithful Christian teaching of their experienced leader.

The Communicants' Union (new). This meets once a quarter and has 169 members at present. The object of the Union is to bind and keep together the Communicants of the Parish.

The Temperance Society does not flourish as much as could be desired, but All Saints' is not peculiar in this respect. Many parishes realise the difficulty of sustaining interest by weekly or fortnightly gatherings. The solution of the problen is not easy, but seems to lie in the direction of making the different Societies understand the solemn importance of Temperance work, &c., and urging these to bring the subjects forward at their different meetings.

The Band of Hope does flourish. Owing to the untiring efforts of Mr. Gibbens and his helpers, the work is most cheering.

The Mothers' Meeting is held every Monday afternoon at the Mission Hall; the numbers keep up well, an address is given each week.

The year has brought changes in more ways than one, and the parish has lost friends. Col. Watkin and his family have left, Capt. Cooper, too, has gone, and Col. Travers has passed away, though the beautiful influence of his life will not be forgotten.

I cannot close without asking you very earnestly to pray for your Clergy and all the workers. Your prayers are needed, they are heard, and have oftener than you may think, are wondrously answered.

Your affectionate Vicar,

JOHN W. MORRIS.

Directory.

Clergy.

Rev. J. W. Morris, M.A., The Vicarage.
Rev. C. M. Gibbens, M.A., 192, Eglinton Road.

Churchwardens.

Mr. T. Stone, 84, Whitworth Road.
Mr. C. Spencer, Eglinton Road.

Sidesmen.

Alexander, Mr. W. J.	Collison, Mr.
Knowles, Mr.	Taylor, Mr.
Mandy, Mr.	Turner, Captain
Rose, Mr.	Welsh, Mr.

Mission Woman.

Miss Farrow, 35, Paget Road.

Choir.

Organist and Choirmaster.

Lewis G. Thomas, St. Wolfran's, Blackheath.

Members—Men.

Ellercamp, Mr.	Alexander, Mr.
Spencer, Mr.	Foster, Mr.
Clutterbuck, Mr.	Onslow, Mr.
Davis, Mr.	Clarke, Mr.
Harwood, Mr.	Bryceson, Mr.

Boys.

Schierloh, A.	Chapman	Cross
Mulry	Stanton	Davis, F.
Page	Hesketh	Prince
Thatcher	Somers	Clutterbuck

Probationers :—

Schierloh, Davis, Moulson, Holiday, Iggleden, Bowyer.

Holy Communion.

From April 1st, 1899, to April 12th 1900, inclusive.

Hour.	8 a.m.		Mid-day.		Evening.		Total.
	Total	Men.	Total	Men.	Total	Men	
Communicants ..	1251	330	901	289	1180	346	3332 Men 965
No. of Communions	35		15		17		67

Summary of Church Collections.

Easter, 1899 to Easter, 1900.

		£	s.	d.
1899.				
April 16th	—Woolwich P. & C. Nursing Association ..	13	4	3
,, 30th	—Church Extension General	6	19	9
,, ,,	Ditto St. Paul's	23	17	0
May 7th	—Church Missionary Society	10	0	8
June 11th	—Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund	18	10	10
,, 25th	—Curate's Fund	10	4	6
July 16th	—Sunday Schools	6	4	8
,, 30th	—Mission to Seamen	4	19	3
Aug. 20th	—Rochester Diocesan Society	8	3	4
Oct. 1st	—British and Foreign Bible Society	8	10	0
,, ,,	—Heating Fund..	6	7	4
,, 15th	—Choir Fund	3	0	0
,, 29th	—Day Schools..	9	7	6
Nov. 12th	—Soldiers and Sailors F. Association	12	18	2
Dec. 17th	—Curate's Fund	6	5	2
,, 25th	—Dispensary Letters	5	4	6
1900.				
Jan. 14th	—Soldiers and Sailors F. Association	8	3	2
,, 21st	—Day and Sunday School Prizes	5	9	0
March 4th	—C.E.T.S. Police Court Missions	3	0	4
,, ,,	—All Saints Branch	3	0	5
,, ,,	—Church Expenses	183	17	1
,, ,,	—Sick and Needy	35	12	7½
,, ,,	—Winifred, Woolwich	5	1	4¼
,, ,,	—Choir Fund (Wednesday)	1	1	1
,, ,,	—Invalid Child's Aid Association	1	2	4
,, ,,	—Native Catechist	2	11	0
		£402	15	3¾

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SHOOTERS' HILL.

Dr. *Churchwardens' Account of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending Easter Day, 1900.* Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1899 Account	16	6	2
,, Offertories for Church Expenses during the year	183	17	1
,, Donations (Harmonium £3)	4	0	0
,, Proportion for Printing Parochial Report received from—			
Temperance Society .. 5 0			
Sunday Schools .. 10 0			
District Visiting Society 5 0			
Day Schools 5 0			
Curates' Fund 5 0			
Maternity Society .. 5 0			
Church Missionary Soc.. 5 0			
Young Men's Society .. 5 0			
Young Women's Society 5 0			
	2	10	0
	£206	13	3
To Balance carried forward	6	6	11
Estimated Liabilities—			
Gas 6 0 0			
Tuning Organ .. 3 3 0			
Salaries and Wages .. 2 10 0			
Printing 1 10 0			
£13 3 0			

	£	s.	d.
By Churchwardens' Admission Fees ..		18	0
,, Verger and Sextoness' Wages ..	37	12	0
,, Organist's Salary	32	10	0
,, Organ Blower	3	0	0
,, Bell Ringer	4	0	0
,, Choir Music		14	0
,, Washing	9	16	6
,, Sacramental Wine	3	16	0
,, Fuel	10	2	6
,, Gas	15	14	8
,, Gardening	4	10	6
,, Repairs to Church	11	2	4
,, Insurance	4	7	0
,, Printing	14	9	9
,, Cheques, Certificates, Stationery, &c...	2	0	1
,, Tuning Organ	3	3	0
,, Choir Boys	11	17	3
,, Sundries	3	0	0
,, Heating Fund (Deficit paid out of Church Expenses)	5	16	1
,, Do. Painting Coils, &c. ..	5	0	0
,, Do. Plan of Heating Apparatus	1	9	0
,, Harmonium	6	0	0
,, Gas Fittings	7	7	8
,, School Gate and Fencing	2	0	0
	200	6	4
,, Balance	6	6	11
	£206	13	3

CHAS. W. SPENCER, THOMAS STONE, } *Churchwardens.*

Audited and found correct, 17th April, 1900,

W. WELCH, J. NEWTON, } *Auditors.*

All Saints' Schools.

The Day Schools continue their good work. The staff of teachers is loyal and efficient. The difficulty, however, of getting pupil teachers has been felt. The number of children are, Boys 160, Girls, 174, Infants 146.

Parishioners must feel glad that the Schools have been maintained by the help of aid, grant, and subscriptions, and that no extra effort in the shape of a Bazaar has been needed. The adverse balance has been wonderfully reduced, but it is probable that next spring an extra effort will have to be made, as the Schools will have been cleaned and repaired during the Summer, and the expense will be considerable.

Managers.

Rev. J. W. Morris, M.A., the Vicarage, *Correspondent.*

Mr. T. Mandy, The Mount, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Rev. C. M. Gibbens, M.A., 192, Eglinton Road.

Mr. J. G. French, Burrage Road.

Mr. J. J. Jackson, Lowood.

Mr. W. C. Charlesworth, West Heath Villa, Abbey Wood.

Boys' School.

Assistants—Mr. A. T. Phaisey & Miss Guest.

Master—Mr. Spencer.

Girls' School.

Mistress—Miss Cree.

Assistant Mistresses—Miss Stevens and Miss Gallafent.

Pupil Teachers—Miss Foster and Miss Ginno.

Infants' School.

Mistress—Miss Parsons.

Assistant Mistress—Mrs. Chamberlain. *Pupil Teacher*—Miss J. Hay.

NO FEES.

Donations, Subscriptions, &c. received in year between 1st November, 1898 and 31st October, 1899.

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous, to make up Church Collection for Schools	11	1	
Aylan, Mr. and Mrs. L. ..	10	6	
Bainbridge, Colonel ..	1	1	0
Batston, Miss		2	6
Betton's Charity	15	0	0
Bevan, F.	5	0	0
Charlesworth, W. C. ..	1	1	0
Churchwardens, Collections in Church ..	12	16	5
Clarke, Rev. R. E. ..	3	0	0
Clothworkers' Co. ..	10	0	0
Crofton, Miss	1	0	0
Dawson, F.	1	1	0
Dawson, J. F.	1	1	0
Dawson, W.	1	1	0
Donaldson, F.	1	1	0
Duncanson, Mrs. ..	1	1	0
English, Miss		5	0
Farrow, Miss		2	0
Fawkes, Colonel ..	1	0	0
French, J. G.	1	1	0
Hardy, Miss		5	0
Henderson, Mrs. ..		2	6
Hewson, Mrs.		10	0
Holmes, Mrs.		10	0
Hughes, Colonel ..		10	0
Jackson, J. J.	4	0	0
Jay-Hastings	3	0	0
Kennedy, Mrs.	1	0	0
Lockett, Doctor ..	1	1	0
Mandy, T.	1	0	0
Maxwell, Dr.		5	0
Miller, Miss	1	0	0
Morris, Rev. J. W. ..	1	0	0
National Society ..	20	0	0
Pasley, R.	2	2	0
Pirie-Logie, F.	2	0	0
Radley, Mr.		5	0
Ratepayers Association	12	6	
Reed, Mr.	10	0	
Ritchie, Captain ..		5	0
Robinson, Mrs.		10	0
Salter, Mr.		10	0
Stuart, Dr.		5	0
Smith, Mrs.		4	0
Sunday School	1	1	0
Topham, Captain ..	1	0	0
Travers, Colonel ..	1	0	0
Ward, Captain ..		5	0
War Office	30	0	0
Wright, Mrs.	1	0	0
Young, Captain ..	2	0	0
Young Women's Christian Association ..	1	10	0
Youths' Institute ..	5	0	0
	£146	8	6

All Saints' Day School. Balance Sheet for Year from 1st November, 1898 to 31st October, 1899.

Income.	£	s.	d.
Grants from Education Department ..	752	3	3
*Voluntary Contributions of Private Individuals	50	8	7
*Voluntary Contributions of Societies ..	75	0	0
*Collections in Church	12	16	5
*Contributions for use of Schools ..	8	3	6
Miscellaneous	4	17	6
Balance overdrawn, due to Bank on 31st October, 1899	47	2	8
	£950	11	11

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance overdrawn on 1st November, 1898, repaid to Bank	113	14	10
Salaries of Teachers	647	13	0
Books, Apparatus, &c.	34	6	6
Fuel, Light, Cleaning	55	12	10
Furniture and Repairs	56	6	2
Rates, Taxes, Insurance	8	4	2
School Prizes and Medals for Attendance ..	14	15	9
Instruction of Pupil Teachers	15	3	0
Other Expenses	4	15	8
	£950	11	11

THOS. MANDY, Hon. Treasurer.

1st November, 1899.

E. S. KNOWLES, Auditor.

*Note.—For particulars of these receipts amounting to £146 8s. 6d., see accompanying list.

Sunday Schools.

The Sunday Schools continue their intensely important work. The number of Scholars are as follows :—Boys, 150 ; Girls, 180 ; Infants, 170. The Boys' School has suffered on account of the war. Several Teachers have been obliged to put in work on the Sunday.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Mrs. Morris.

Teachers :—

Miss Bell
,, Cree
,, English
,, French
,, Gallafent
,, A. Green

Miss L. Green
,, Hardy
,, L. Jackson
Misses Jeans
Mrs. Kimber
Miss Kimber
Miss Stone

Miss S. E. Mandy
,, Mitchell
,, Newby
,, Newton
,, Parson
Mrs. Toy

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Mr. Spencer.

Teachers :—

Mr. H. Alexander
Miss Birts
Mr. Benn
,, Davis
,, Greenhill

Mr. Hamer
,, Harwood
,, F. Harwood
,, Jameson
,, Kemp
Miss Mandy

Mr. H. Mandy
,, Marshall
Miss Rose
Mr. Stephens
,, Toy

INFANTS' SCHOOL.

Superintendent :—Miss Mildred Jackson.

Teachers :—

Miss Brooks
,, Davies
,, Greenhill
,, J. Jeans
,, A. Hume

Miss G. Mandy
,, Nicholls
,, F. Sisman
,, A. Sisman
,, Stephens

Miss Robinson
,, Waters
,, Wells
,, M. Weston
,, K. Weston

Morning Teachers :—

Miss Barnes, Miss L. Ludlow, Miss Wells, Miss French, Miss M. Ludlow, Miss Gibbens, Miss Poole.

MISSION HALL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Boys, 25 ; Girls, 47 ; Infants, 73.

The improvement in order noted in the Report of last year continues, but there has been a decrease in the number of children attending.

Superintendent—Rev. C. M. Gibbens.

Teachers—

Miss Bastian
,, Bunce
Mrs. Elliott
,, Gibbens

Mr. Kemp
Miss Leathard
,, Rose
,, Topley

Miss M. Topley
,, Wells

Sunday School Fund.

31st March, 1899, to 31st March, 1900.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from Treat Fund	6	18	7
,, Collection in Church (Half)	2	14	6
,, Subscription from Capt. Young R.A. (Two half-yearly)	4	0	0
Donation—			
Mr. Reid ..		5	0
Anonymous per Rev. J. W. Morris	1	0	0
Due to Treasurer		3	2½
	£15	1	3½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Treasurer ..		1	1
,, Prizes for Scholars	7	12	8½
,, Notes on Lessons, Syllabus, Class Register, Roll Book, &c.	4	15	6
,, Subs. to Church of England Sunday School Institute..		10	6
,, Subscription to Day School	1	1	0
,, Lighting fires, &c.		10	6
,, Share in Printing Parochial report		10	0
	£15	1	3½

Examined and found correct,
May 2nd, 1900. G. SPENCER.

J. HARWOOD,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Sunday School Missionary Fund.

31st March, 1899, to 31st March, 1900.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Collections—			
In Boxes	15	14	4
	£15	14	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Donations—			
To Church Missionary Society	8	0	0
,, British and Foreign Bible Society ..	3	13	0
,, Curates' Fund ..	4	1	4
	£15	14	4

Examined and found correct,
May 2nd, 1900. G. SPENCER.

J. HARWOOD,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To amounts collected by—			
Mrs. Benn		15	6
,, Bowyer		13	0
Miss Bunce		16	6
,, Farlie		9	2
,, Farrow		3	6
,, M. Jackson	3	17	6
,, Jeans	1	18	8
,, Robinson	3	3	0
,, Sisman	1	11	6
,, Topley		4	6
,, Wells	2	8	7
Mr. Barnard		11	0
,, Fuller		4	0
,, Gray		5	0
,, Hamer		5	6
,, Marshall		4	6
,, Toy		12	4
Donations—			
Mr. and Mrs. Kimber		5	0
Balance from Rummage Sale per Rev. J. W. Morris	1	0	0
Sale of Tickets	2	7	2
Sale of Cake		4	4
Collection in Church	6	4	8
(Milk kindly given by Mr. D. J. Large).			
	£28	4	11

Examined and found correct,
May 2nd, 1900. G. SPENCER.

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Cake, Bread, Butter, Tea, Toys, &c. ..	11	7	0½
,, Flags		9	3
,, Band (Wrights)	2	10	0
,, ,, (Boys Brigade)		7	6
,, Police		15	0
,, Hire of Cups and Saucers		8	6
,, ,, Vans		15	0
,, Sundries	3	9	0½
,, Hire of Tent	1	5	0
	£21	6	4
Balance to Sunday School Fund ..	6	18	7
	£28	4	11

J. HARWOOD,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

District Visiting Fund.

From 3rd April, 1899, to 15th April, 1900.

This Fund is distributed to the Sick and Needy through the Clergy and District Visitors, by means of tickets for food, &c. The Fund also provides four Dispensary letters a month which are much valued.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand per A/c ended 2nd April, 1899	23	14	10
Alms presented at Holy Communion	35	12	7
Alms given at private administrations of Holy Communion ..		8	0
Offertory at Christmas to provide Dispensary Letters and for general purposes of the District Visiting Fund	5	4	6
Donations by—			
Anonymous Donor ..	4	0	0
Mrs. Henderson ..		10	0
Mr. Jackson		10	0
,, Kimber		5	0
,, Large		10	6
Capt. Young	1	0	0
	£81	5	5

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Grocery, per Tickets ..	20	12	3
Meat ,, ..	8	17	6
Milk ,, ..	10	0	5
Coal ,, ..	2	6	0
Special Cases, per Vicar	6	18	4
Charity Organization Society, Subscription in consideration of its General Aid	1	0	0
Contributions towards meeting Grants by the above Society in Special Cases ..	5	4	0
Royal Kent Dispensary to provide "Letters"	4	4	0
Mission Woman, in part payment of Stipend..	4	18	0
Printing — Forms for District Visitors and Relief Tickets, 13/6; and share of Parochial Report, 5/-		18	6
Total Expenditure ..	64	19	0
Balance in hand, carried to next Account ..	16	6	5
	£81	5	5

Audited and found correct,

JOHN W. MORRIS, *Vicar.*

THOS. MANDY, *Hon. Treasurer.*

April 17th, 1900.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE

All Saints' Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society,

(Total Abstinence Section),

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1899.

Some of the Meetings have been well attended, but more zeal and enthusiasm is wanted.

1899.	Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Dec. 30.	Tickets Sold for Entertainments	3	9	4
	Tickets Sold for Annual Tea ..		10	10
	Subscriptions, Members ..	2	7	1
	,, Honorary ..		6	6
	Proportion of Offertory in Church	2	10	2
	Song Services Sold		2	0
	Members' Cards			8
		£9	6	7

1899.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	Due to Treasurer		1	7½
	Song Services		3	6
	Printing	2	7	0
	Hire of Piano	1	19	0
	Cost of Annual Tea		17	0
	Hire of Lantern		7	0
	Expenses of Speakers and Choirs		8	9½
	Proportion of Printing Report ..		5	0
	Subscription to Parent Society ..		10	0
	Rent of Mission Hall	1	17	6
	Postages		4	11
	Balance in hand		5	3
		£9	6	7

W. J. ALEXANDER,

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, this 27th January, 1900.

E. S. KNOWLES.

Curates' Fund.

Cash Account for year ending 31st December, 1899.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1898 ..	31	6	7
Subscriptions	137	14	10
Collected in Church ..	16	9	8
,, Sunday School	3	17	6
Interest on Bank Deposit		14	2
	£190	2	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
The Vicar	150	0	0
Printing Parish Report ..	5	0	0
Printing Appeals ..	12	6	6
Stationery, &c... ..	1	6	
Balance, Cash	39	3	9
	£190	2	9

Audited and found correct,

E. S. COOPER, Capt., R.A., J. MARTIN THOMPSON,

Hon. Treasurer.

21st February, 1900.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£	s.	d.
Adams, Mrs.	10	0	0
Alexander, Mr. & Mrs.	10	0	0
Ashdown, The Misses..	5	0	
Anonymous	6	0	0
Bainbridge, Col., C.B..	1	0	0
Batson, Miss		2	6
Boxshall, Mr.		5	0
Bunce, Mr., Mrs., and Family		12	0
Blythe, Mr.		10	0
Booth, Mr.		10	6
Benn, Mr.		2	6
Bryceson, Mr. and Mrs.	1	1	0
Budd, Miss		6	0
Carthew, Mr.		10	0
Charlesworth, Mr. ..		2	6
Clarke, Rev. C. E. ..	2	0	0
Clarke, Mrs.		10	0
Clutterbuck, Mr. & Mrs.		10	0
Collison, Mr.	1	0	0
Cooper, Capt.	2	0	0
Craig, Mrs.		2	6
Cree, Miss		2	6
Dawson, Mr. W. G. ..	1	0	0
Dawson, Mr. J. F. ..	1	0	0
Donaldson, Mr... ..	2	2	0
Drew, Mrs.		6	0
Dye, Mr.		1	0
Elliott, Mrs.		5	0
Emby, Mr. and Mrs. ..		10	0
English, Miss	1	0	0
Farrow, Miss		5	0
French, Mr.	2	2	0
Fuller, Mrs.		3	0
Goldthorpe, Mr. ..		10	6
Green, Miss		5	0
Harvey, Mrs.		5	0
Harwood, Mrs... ..		5	0
Hastings-Jay, Mr. ..	9	0	0
Henderson, Mrs. T. ..	1	1	0
Hewson, Mrs.		4	0
Holmes, Mrs.	1	0	0
Horton, Mr.		5	0
Jackson, Mr. J. J. ..	40	0	0
Johnstone, Mr... ..		2	6
Jukes, Rev. A.	1	0	0
Kennedy, Mrs.	1	10	0
Knowles, Mr.		10	0
Lacey, Mrs.		10	0
Large, Mr.		5	0

Curates' Fund—continued.

	£	s.	d.
Lockett, Dr. and Mrs..	1	0	0
Logie, Mr. F. Pirie ..	5	0	0
Mackinlay, Miss ..		5	0
Mandy, Mr. T... ..	1	10	0
Mandy, Mr. W. H. ..	1	0	0
Do. 1900..	1	0	0
Maynard, Miss.. ..		15	0
Miller, Miss	1	0	0
Morris, Rev. J. W. ..	5	0	0
Mould, Mrs.	1	0	0
Nash, Mrs.	1	1	0
Newby, Mrs.		2	0
Newby, Miss		2	0
Newton, Mr.		7	6
Newton, Mr. & Mrs. J.		15	0
Norman, Mr. and Mrs..		10	0
Onslow, Mr.		10	0
Paine, Mr.	1	1	0
Paisley, Mr. R. S. ..	2	2	0
Parsons, Miss		2	6
Pearce and Foster, The Misses		2	6
Pembrey, Mrs... ..		4	0
Phillips, Mr, ...		5	0
Pirie, Mr. F. L. ..		5	0
Pitt, Capt.		5	0
Radley, Mr.		5	0
Randall, Mrs. H. ..		10	0
Randall, Mrs. J. ..		10	0
Rastrick, Miss		5	0
Reed, Miss		10	0
Reid, Mr.		10	0
Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs.		5	0
Robinson, Mrs... ..		5	0
Robinson, Miss M. ..		2	0
Ronald, Mrs.		4	0
Rose, Mr. and Mrs. ..	1	0	0
Rose, Miss		2	6
Salter, Mr.		5	0
Silver, Mrs.			10
Sissman, Mr. and Mrs.		10	0
Spencer, Mr. C. W. ..	1	0	0
Spencer, Mr. G. ..		10	0
Stephens, Mr. E. H. ..		5	0
Stewart, Mrs.		2	6
Stone, Mr.	1	0	0
Taylor, Mr. W.. ..	1	1	0
Thank Offering.. ..		12	0
Thompson, Mrs. ..		2	6
Thompson, Miss ..		2	6
Topley, Mr.	1	0	0
Travers, Col.	2	0	0
Truscott, Miss		5	0
Turner, Capt.		15	0
Watkin, Col., C.B. ..	2	0	0
Welch, Mr.		10	0
Wells, Mr. C.		5	0
Wells, Mr. R.		5	0
Whale, Mrs.		10	6
Wright, Mrs.	1	0	0
Wallich, Mrs.		10	0
Do. collected by		16	0
Ward, Capt.	5	0	0
Young, Capt.	4	0	0
	£137	14	10

All Saints' Band of Hope.

FROM JANUARY 1st, TO DECEMBER 31st, 1899.

Steady and thorough work is being done. The work of the Juvenile Branch is much more successful than that of the Adults.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Hand..	1	9	8½
,, Children's Subscriptions and Entrance Fees	21	10	4½
,, Collected ..	4	18	0
,, Bibles and Hymn Books		4	7
,, Donation — H. G. Gibbens, Esq. ..	1	0	0
	£29	2	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
For Printing Subscription Cards ..		13	6
,, Hymn Books ..		19	4
,, Members Certificates		2	6
,, Summer Outing ..	16	7	11
,, Affiliation Fee ..		5	0
,, Subscription to Mission Hall ..		10	0
,, Christmas Treat ..	6	17	0
,, Printing.. ..		5	3
,, Book of Addresses			9
,, Postage, &c. ..		1	0
,, Stationery ..			11
	£26	3	2
,, Balance	2	19	6
	£29	2	8

Audited and found correct,
JOHN W. MORRIS,
January 29th, 1900

F. SISMAN,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Parochial Fund.

This Fund is kept for incidental purposes and parochial expenses. The Odd Minutes Society has again been the main stay of the Fund.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ..	3	7	1
Odd Minutes Society ..	7	10	0
Private Donations ..	4	0	0
Anonymous Gift ..	5	0	0
Almanacks		3	0
	£20	0	1

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Hymn Books	2	2	10
Slides		17	11
Decorations		11	11
Treats	1	15	8
Harmonium	3	0	0
Parish Box & Sundries	1	12	9
Special Distress Cases	2	7	6
Communicants' Cards..	1	6	0
Almanacks		13	11
Postage		9	2
	14	17	8
Balance ..	5	2	5
	£20	0	1

Young Women's Christian Association.

The number of members and average attendance at the Thursday meetings have remained about the same as last year, being respectively 67 and 30.

The Missionary Working Party has been continued, and the sum of £3 was taken for Y.W.C.A. work at the sale held in December, at the Vicarage. Some garments were also made by individual members and sent at Christmas to the Society for Promoting Christianity amongst the Jews.

Some Lectures (including a course on Nursing) were introduced on the programme this session in the place of Recreation, and by some of the members the change was decidedly appreciated.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
October, 1899			
Balance	2	7	11½
Subscriptions—			
Honorary Associates	2	10	0
Members	2	6	0
Special Donation, Miss L. Jackson		4	0
Profit on "Our Own Gazette"		8	0
C. E. Z. M. S. Sale of Work	3	0	0
Work sold privately ..		1	6
Donations to Work Fund		4	5½
Library Subscriptions			5
Interest in P.O. Savings Bank		2	3
	£11	4	7

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
October, 1899			
Use of Schoolroom ..	1	10	0
Printing Programmes		16	6
,, Circulars ..		4	0
Almanacks and Cards		5	4
Subs., &c. to Headquarters		5	0
Materials for Work ..	1	12	9¾
Forwd. to C.E.Z.M.S.	1	10	0
Library Subscriptions		5	1
Carriage of Books ..			10
Stamps		1	6
Teas		15	7
Kettle		1	4
Share of Printing Report		5	0
Balance	3	11	7¼
	£11	4	7

K. GIBBENS, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Parish Magazine. January to December, 1899.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand ..		19	8½
,, Annual Subs. ..	9	6	8
,, Advertisements ..	17	15	6
,, Monthly Sales—			
January	1	8	6
February .. .	1	6	11
March	1	9	9
April	1	9	8
May	1	6	9
June	1	6	2
July	1	6	1
August	1	4	10
September ..	1	4	9
October	1	7	3
November ..	1	8	7
December ..	1	6	11
	£44	8	0½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By January	3	6	4
,, February	3	6	4
,, March	3	2	0
,, April	3	4	0
,, May	3	4	0
,, June	4	0	0
,, July	3	1	5
,, August	3	1	5
,, September	3	1	0
,, October	3	3	2
,, November	3	3	2
,, December	3	1	2
,, Postage and Carriage		13	7
,, Balance in hand ..	5	0	5½
	£44	8	0½

Maternity Fund.

From April 1st, 1899, to March 31st, 1900.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
By Balance	2	4	4
,, Mrs. Dawson ..		10	6
,, ,, Jackson ..	1	0	0
,, ,, Kennedy ..		5	0
,, ,, Mandy ..		10	0
,, ,, Watkin ..		10	0
,, ,, Wright ..		5	0
,, Churchings ..	3	12	0½
,, Surplus from Tea ..		9	2
	£9	6	0½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
April		8	2½
May		2	7
June		2	1
July		11	5
August		4	2
September		13	11½
October		8	4
November		11	11
December		7	10
January, 1900		18	8½
February		3	8
March	1	0	10
By Balance	3	12	4
	£9	6	0½

All Saints' Photographic Society.

Balance Sheet for the year ending Michaelmas, 1899.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Donations—			
Colonel Watkin, R.A...	1	0	0
Subscriptions—			
16 Members at 3/6 ..	2	16	0
3 ,, at 2/- ..		6	0
Entry Fees "Negative Competition" ..		3	0
Donation toward Prize (Mr. Clutterbuck) ..		2	0
	£4	7	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Booking Fees for 'A.P.' Lectures		8	6
Carriage on Slides, Lectures, &c.		5	8
Lantern Expenses, 15/11/98		3	0
Ditto 13/1/99		7	6
Cards for Notices, &c ..			11
Library Book—			
"Trichromatic Photography"		2	9
Stationery & Printing ..	1	0	2
Rent of Room		10	0
Postage		10	0
Towards Parochial Report		5	0
Gratuity		2	6
Prize, Negative Competition		5	0
Balance in hand ..		6	0
	£4	7	0

Audited and found correct,
C. ARNOLD,
C. STONE, } *Auditors.*

G. V. TAYLOR,
Hon Sec. and Treasurer.

Young Men's Christian Society.

ANNUAL REPORT, SESSION 1899—1900.

In presenting the following Report, your Committee have to state that the experiment in reverting to fortnightly meetings has been, on the whole, successful. Its want of greater success has been due almost exclusively to the abnormal state of affairs in Woolwich produced by the war in South Africa, which has rendered full attendances impossible. In fact, your Committee thought it only right, both to speakers and to hearers, to postpone some of the fixtures to a more convenient season.

MEETINGS.—There have been, altogether, 16 meetings, of which two were sermons to men in Church, with an average attendance of 75; five were open meetings, with an average attendance of 180; and the remaining nine were ordinary meetings—open to members and their male friends—with an average attendance of 30.

SUBJECTS CONSIDERED are as follows:—(1) Of a Religious character: "Why I am a Churchman," "How we obtained our Bible," and address by our late Vicar the Hon. and Rev. W. Talbot Rice, M.A., all of these lectures being of a highly valuable and interesting character. (2) Of a Secular nature: "How Plants and Animals Breathe," "Our Luminary," "The Steel Age," "Some Electrical Apparatus," "Behind the Scenes of Popular Journalism," "A Chat about Chas. Kingsley," "How to Learn History from a Dictionary," "Hat Night," and "How we Determine what Books should constitute the Bible," and the New Year's Social, had to be abandoned on account of the causes given above. An Impromptu Social on Saturday, February 3rd, was, however, a success.

SUMMER OUTINGS.—In the past summer the members of the Society visited Cobham Park. on June 4th. Mr. Charlesworth's, West Heath, on July 1st, and the General Post Office in September. All of these outings were highly successful.

MEMBERSHIP.—There are now 80 members on the Register, this is an increase of 20 on last session. Two members have left for various reasons, and 22 new members have been elected.

THE SECRETARYSHIP.—Mr. Greenhill has resigned, and Mr. Barnard has accepted the vacant office. To both these gentlemen and to their assistants your committee is much indebted.

IN CONCLUSION, your Committee feel that the Session has, on the whole, been a successful and encouraging one, and can report definite progress, and one which enables them to look forward to the future in confidence. They, however, must again remind members that the uniformity and success of the Society depend to a large extent upon the mutual co-operation of all the members, and in conclusion they beg to announce that they will be only too pleased to consider any suggestions for extending the usefulness of, or improving the conditions of the Society in any possible way.

Young Men's Christian Society Balance Sheet for Session 1899-1900

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
To Members' Subscriptions	6	2	0
,, Donations ..		19	6
,, Collection at lantern lecture		2	0
,, Sale of Social tickets	1	13	0
,, Deficit to Balance..		4	6
	£9	1	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Deficit from Session 1898-9		3	10
,, Printing Parochial Report		5	0
,, C. F. Thorn's a/c ..	2	1	0
,, Postage and Stationery		16	0
,, Refreshments at Meetings		15	0
,, Use of Mission Hall (2 years).. ..	1	10	0
,, Lantern Expenses..		11	8
,, Cost of Socials ..	2	4	6
,, Gratuity		10	0
,, Sundries		4	0
	£9	1	0

R. W. BARNARD,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Gleaners' Union.

We regret the removal of the late Secretary, Mr. Boxshall, whose heart was in the work.

There has been a large increase in members during the past year, and several meetings have been well attended.

The "Gleaner" is more widely circulated.

Help has been given to the Medical Mission in Toro, and it is hoped to continue this as well as the support of the Native Teacher in India.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Collected at Meetings..	9	2	7½
Proceeds of Sale of Work	5	5	6
Fees and Subscriptions	6	1	3
Donations		13	0
	£21	2	4½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Native Teacher ..	6	0	0
Toro Medical Mission..	5	0	0
Fees and Subscriptions sent to C.M.S. ..	6	1	3
Library Expenses ..		6	11
Rent of Hall, ¾ year ..		16	6
Speakers' Expenses ..		1	3
Printing, Stationery, and Literature	1	8	6½
Balance in hand ..	1	7	11
	£21	2	4½

Audited and found correct,
F. MARSHALL.
April 27th, 1900.

G. SPENCER,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Mission Hall Fund.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING EASTER DAY, 1900.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1899 account	3	11	11
,, Collections	6	2	3
,, Proceeds of Rummage Sale	15	14	4
,, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOCIETIES—			
Church of England T. Society ..	1	17	6
Church Missionary Society		16	6
Slate Club	1	0	0
Band of Hope		10	0
Mothers' Meetings		10	0
Photographic Society	1	0	0
Youths' Institute	3	2	0
Young Men's Society	1	10	0
,, DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS—			
Donaldson Hay, F., Esq.	2	10	0
Jackson, J. J., Esq...	10	0	0
Jay, E. A. H., Esq...	1	0	0
Gibbons, G., Esq.	1	0	0
Reid, Esq..		10	0
Young, J. A., Capt. R. A.	1	0	0
Donations	7	14	0
	£63	8	6
To Balance	15	10	1
Estimated Liabilities—			
Gas £6	0	0	
Water	10	0	
Wages 1	0	0	
Printing..	13	6	
£8	3	6	

	£	s.	d.
By Caretaker's Salary	18	14	0
,, Gas	8	2	6
,, Coal	4	1	6
,, Water	1	10	0
,, Insurance	1	0	0
,, Wood, etc.	1	6	6
,, Printing	3	13	9
,, Wirework for Windows	1	8	3
,, Cupboard	1	2	0
,, Repairs	2	2	3
,, Sundries		17	8
	£43	18	5
,, Balance	15	10	1
	£63	8	6

Audited and found correct,

THOMAS STONE.

CHAS. W. SPENCER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

17th April, 1900.

Youths' Institute.

"As well for the Body as the Soul."

"Overtime" in the Arsenal has seriously interfered with the work, and for the present the Institute is temporarily closed.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance last year ..	17	9	
Mr. J. J. Jackson ..	3	0	0
,, W. G. Dawson ..	1	1	0
Capt. Young	1	0	0
Anon (per Vicar) ..	1	0	0
Capt. Cooper	10	0	
Mr. Gradidge	2	0	
Collected by Hon. Sec.	1	0	0
Sundry Receipts ..	10	3	
Profit, Lantern Account	7	2	
Members' Subscriptions	2	2	6
Due to Hon. Sec. ..	13	4	
£12	4	0	

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Rent of Schools ..	5	0	0
Papers, Reading Room	1	6	2
Xmas. Gratuities ..	13	5	
Share, Repair of Harmonium ..	5	0	
Prizes, Junior Boys ..	2	6	
Share, Printing Report	5	0	
Sundries	7	6	
Gymnasium Account ..	1	17	8
Football Account ..	2	6	9
£12	4	0	

F. J. HARWOOD, *Institute Hon. Sec.*

C. S. LEATHARD, E. KEMP, } *Hon. Secs.*

COT FUND.

We continue to support a Cot in an Indian C.M.S. Hospital.

LIMELIGHT LANTERN.

Receipts, £1 10s.; Expenditure, £1 2s. 10d.; Balance to General Account, 7s. 2d.

E. KEMP, *Hon. Treasurer.*

GYMNASIUM.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance last Session ..		7	8
Members' Subscriptions		7	4
Capt. Cooper		10	0
From General Account	1	17	8
	£3	2	8

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Rope			8
Hall Expenses	3	2	0
	£3	2	8

W. GRANT, *Hon. Sec.*
W. H. GREEN, *Hon. Instructor.*

FOOTBALL CLUB.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance last Season ..	2	11	4
Profit, Sale of Refreshments		5	5
Members' Subscriptions	2	14	0
From General Account	2	6	9
	£7	17	6

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Use of Ground	4	10	0
Repairs, Dressing Room	1	3	6
Footballs		15	0
Do. Repairs ..		8	3
Postage, &c.		4	8
London Football Assn.		2	6
Printing		3	6
Goal Posts		7	9
Sundries		2	4
	£7	17	6

G. STEPHENS, *Hon. Sec.*

All Saints' Choir Fund.

March 31st, 1900.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Collection in Church for Fund	3	0	0
Ditto after Service at rendering of "Last Judgment"	1	1	0
	£4	1	0

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Books, Music, &c., as per Vouchers ..	3	12	2
Balance in hand ..		8	10
	£4	1	0

J. HARWOOD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

H. CLUTTERBUCK,
Hon. Librarian.

All Saints' Branch Church Missionary Society.

The Interest in this Society is still maintained, the centenary and three years enterprise leaving, it is hoped, a sure foundation for the future. The Gleaners' Union gives its own report. The weak part of our work at present is the boxes. More should take them and be in earnest about them. There is not nearly enough keenness in this respect Miss Cree, the School House, will gladly supply boxes.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Centenary Fund—			
Mission Hall Collection	1	14	2
Sale of Hymn Books		11	10
Cards	1	6	2
Medical Mission Fund—			
Youths' Institute Cot in Hangchow Hosptl.	4	10	0
Toro Medical Mission	5	0	0
C.M.S. General Fund—			
Sermons	10	0	8
*Subscriptions and Donations	30	1	0
*Boxes	34	0	2
Interest on Bank A/c.		4	6
Sunday School—			
Contributions ..	4	5	0
Church Boxes ..		8	3
	£92	1	9

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Remitted to C.M.S. (per Rev. J. K. Quarterman)	92	1	9
	£92	1	9

A. W. ONSLOW, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Examined with Vouchers, and found to be correct.

May 1st, 1900. THOMAS STONE, Churchwarden.

* Detailed list of names will appear in the Report of the Woolwich, Plumstead, &c. C.M.S. Association.

Parochial Mission Women's Fund.

Hon. Treasurer.—Mrs. MORRIS.

Half-yearly Account from May 27th, 1899, to November 25th, 1899.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand ..	15	13	2½
Deposits	42	15	11¼
	£58	9	1¾

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Paid for goods ..	16	0	5
Cash in hand ..	42	8	8¾
	£58	9	1¾

STATEMENT OF STOCK.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Due to Depositors ..	49	0	7½	Value of Stock in hand	9	3	11
Surplus	2	12	0¼	Balance of cash in hand	42	8	8¾
	£51	12	7¾		£51	12	7¾

Half-yearly Account from November 25th, 1899, to May 26th, 1900

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in hand ..	42	8	8¾	Paid for goods ..	68	15	1½
Deposits	45	12	9½	Cash in hand ..	19	6	4¾
	£88	1	6¼		£88	1	6¼

STATEMENT OF STOCK.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Due to Depositors ..	28	1	8½	Value of Stock in hand	11	13	7
Surplus	2	18	3¼	Cash in hand ..	19	6	4¾
	£30	19	11¾		£30	19	11¾

SUBSCRIPTIONS—1900.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Balance		15	0	Rev. A. Jukes ..		10	0
Mrs. Kennedy ..	1	0	0	Mrs. Donaldson ..	1	0	0
Miss Miller ..	1	0	0	Mrs. Wright ..		10	0
Mrs. Holmes ..		5	0	Captain & Mrs. Young	1	0	0
Rev. R. E. Clarke ..	1	5	0	Mrs. Jackson ..	1	0	0
Mrs. French ..		5	0	Colonel & Mrs. Travers		10	0
Mrs. Lockett ..		10	0	Mrs. Carthew ..		5	0
Mrs. Watkin ..		5	0	Mrs. Dawson ..		10	6
					£10	10	6

THE "ARRIANS"—Season, 1899-1900.

The Arrians have been unable to present a report owing to the Arsenal overtime. The members, however, have met together from time to time for prayer and missionary reading at the different houses. The Committee only decided to abandon regular meetings after careful consideration.

Church of England Zenana Missionary Account.

From June 1st, 1899, to May 31st, 1900.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
By Balance		17	1¼	To Purchase of Work	8	10	11¾
,, Donation		10	0	,, Printing Cards for Sale		3	0
,, Sale of Pillow Cases		4	8	Forwarded to Society from Sale of Work..	15	0	0
,, Subscriptions ..	4	3	0	Y.W.C.A.	1	10	0
,, Sale of Work ..	19	9	8	Forwarded to Society	2	10	0
,, Sale of Tea Cloth..		12	0	Balance in hand ..		13	5½
,, Miss Hardy's Subs.		10	0				
,, Mrs. Wallick's Don.	1	0	0				
,, Miss Cree's do. ..		10	0				
,, Parson's do. ..		10	0				
	£28	6	5¼		£28	6	5¼

GERTRUDE A. MORRIS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

1st Woolwich (West Kent Battalion) Company of the Boys' Brigade.

The latter part of the year has been so influenced by the war, with reference to work in this Company, a large number of the members being employed in the R. Arsenal and working overtime that the report on paper must appear at a disadvantage comparing it with previous years. The captain himself being compelled among many others to resign his duties temporarily during stress of work.

However, a very healthy tone prevails in every branch of the work and we look forward to a lively summer's programme. Miss Miller has kindly granted permission for cricket to be played in Shrewsbury Park.

The Company with great regret says good bye to its Treasurer, Mr. Hastings Jay, who for so many years has proved a good friend; his place is taken by Captain Frank Young, who, in 1892, first organized the company.

It will be noted that a considerable debt hangs on our account and we hope that any friends who may approve of the work done among boys, may shew their approval in a practical manner.

F. J. HARWOOD, Lieut.,
For Captain Comdg. Compy.

May, 1900.

Statement of Accounts :—

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
By E. A. H. Jay, Esq..	2	0	0
,, Mr. Goldthorpe ..		5	0
,, H. F. Donaldson, Esq	2	0	0
,, Capt. E. S. Cooper, R.A.		10	0
,, Anonymous (2 sums)	3	5	0
,, Capt. Frank Young, R.A, ...	2	0	0
,, Sunday School for Band		7	6
Collected for Camp Fund—Mr. G. P. Wright, 25s.; Miss L. Jackson, 10s. ..	1	15	0
,, Balance Mrs Bunce Subscription, 1899		4	6
,, Company Subscriptions	2	10	0
,, Equipment on Repayment.. ..		10	0
,, 29 Boys Subscriptions for Camp at 10s.	14	10	0
,, Balance due to Treasurer on this account	6	17	4
	£36	14	4

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Hire of Football Ground (Share) ..	4	10	0
,, Equipment ..	1	5	7
,, Football		7	6
,, Head Quarter Subscription ..	1	0	0
,, Battalion Subscription		5	0
,, Tea, etc.		8	10
,, Postage		2	6
,, Sundries		6	3
,, Camp for 29 Boys..	21	3	0
,, ,, Sundry Expenses		7	0
,, Mission Hall ..	1	10	0
,, Due to Treasurer last account, 1899..	5	8	8
	£36	14	4

FRANK YOUNG, Capt.
Treasurer.

May 1900.

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District Visiting Fund.

No. of Dist.	Name of Street.	No. of Houses.	Visitor's Name and Address.
1	Princes Road ..	1—27	Miss Robinson, 55, Herbert Road
2	,, ..	29—39	Mrs. Clark, Laurel Villa, Cantwell Road
3	,, ..	41—53	Miss Kimber
4	,, ..	55—71	Mrs. Kimber, 245, Eglinton Road
5	,, ..	73—113	Miss Robinson, 55, Herbert Road
6	,, ..	6—40	Mrs. French, Mountain Villa, Burrage Road
7	,, ..	42—62	Mrs. Foord Kelcey, The Shrubbery
8	,, ..	64, 66, and Brookhill Row	Vacant
9	,, ..	68 — 74, Cumberland Cottages, May & Portland Place, right hand side	Vacant
10	,, ..	76—84, and Portland Place, left hand side	Miss McKinlay, 21, Plumstead Common Road
11	,, ..	Thomas Cottages	Miss S. E. Mandy, The Mount, Eglinton Road
12	Barfield Road ..	2—32	Miss Wells, 14, Llanover Rd.
13	,, ..	1—51	Vacant
14	,, ..	53—73	Mrs. Gelling, 245, Eglinton Road
15	,, ..	75—103	Mrs. Donaldson, Wood Lodge, Shooters' Hill
16	Barnfield Place ..	1—8	Miss M. Jackson, Lowood, Shooters' Hill
17	Lr. Whitworth Rd.	East side	Mrs. Rose, Joss Cottage, Willenhall Road
18	Llanover Road ..	1—43	Vacant
19	,, ..	2—30	Vacant
20	,, ..	45—65	Vacant
21	,, ..	32—60	Vacant
22	Westdale Road ..	1—83	Mrs. and Miss Mandy, The Mount, Eglinton Road
23	,, ..	2—36	Mrs. Whale, 8, Vernham Rd.
24	,, ..	58—84	Mrs. Paine, 221, Eglinton Rd.
25	Graydon Street ..	—	Mrs. Gibbens, 142, ditto
26	Lr. Eglinton Road	14—40	Vacant
27	,, ..	42—60	Vacant
28	,, ..	29—59	Mrs. Clutterbuck, 107, Herbert Road
29	,, ..	61—75	Vacant
30	,, ..	77—91	Mrs. Adams, Cantwell Road
31	,, ..	64—78	Mrs. Pasley, 202, Eglinton Road

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Interview with Rev. E. J. Doherty, b. 24.
St. John's, Plumstead.

Rev Doherty is a middle aged man who has been here 18 years. He is a shy, rather reserved man: and though quite a good fellow is not a person of any importance. I imagine that he does his duty capably, but without much energy or enthusiasm. There is no sign of scandal himself he is a relic of the days when church work in Plumstead was utterly neglected. Probably when he came he was a bright contrast to his neighbours But Mr Allister but- his more vigorous neighbours have now left him behind and his parish is now one of the less active.

The population is about 6000 almost Exclusively Roman Catholic artizans: there ought to be no poverty: there is "loads of money about": but here and there is a

sporadic use of powers and then ignored.

There is a Church and Parish Room.

There are 16 Visitors and 35 Sunday School Teachers.

The Church holds 600: it is "very seamy" in the morning: but a good evening congregation "perhaps 400". The Communicants are 150 to 200.

The people are friendly "no hostility" "come to us in trouble" but exceedingly difficult to move spiritually: there are a few true churchmen" but indifference is the general attitude.

The Visitors act mainly as Collectors and take from £200 to £300 a year.

Relief amounts £ to about £50 a year. It is administered as nearly as possible on C.O.S. lines, and there is close cooperation with the C.O.S. Most of the poor are sickness and convalescence.

Rev many divisions in the parish, but the Rom. Cath are "most active in Church work": they do not visit.

On general questions: Drink is "the thing". It is increasing. Hundreds of men spend 10/ a week on Drink. Men who are older than Drink. The Radical Club is a bad influence.

There is much Thrift. Many men belong to Building Societies and buy their houses. Almost all belong to the Royal Co-operative Stores.

Health is fairly good: also Housing, but rents are very high and rising: "You can't get a house for less or money".

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Clergy and Church Officers.

Bishop	Rt. Rev. E. S. TALBOT, D.D., Bishop's House, Kennington Park.
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Assistant Priest	Rev. J. E. LANGLEY FROST, A.K.C., I, Vicarage Park.
Church-wardens	Mr. DUNN, Park House, Chesnut Road.
	Mr. HARVEY, 56, Heavitree Road.
Grey-ladies	Miss HARGRAVE, 26, Manthorp Road.
	Miss AMIE HARGRAVE.
Choir Master & Organist	Mr. HUDSON, 20, Vernham Road.
Sidesmen	Messrs. RICHARDSON, MAY, HOLDER, ELLIOTT, CLISBY, and J. BLACKBURN.
Sunday School Secretary	Mr. WHITE, 16, Ancona Road.
Verger	Mr. METCALF, 45, Glyndon Road.
Hon. Editor of Magazine	Mr. HARVEY, 56, Heavitree Road.

Services, &c.

SUNDAY	8 a.m.	Holy Communion.
	10 ,,	Sunday School.
	11 ,,	Choral Matins and Sermon.
	12 noon	Holy Communion (Choral).
	3 p.m.	Children's Church, Sunday School and Bible Classes.
	4 ,,	Holy Baptism.
	6.30 ,,	Choral Evensong and Sermon.
MONDAY	2.30 ,,	Mothers' Meeting. 7 p.m., Club and Institute.
WEDNESDAY	6.30 ,,	Band of Hope. 7.0 p.m., Holy Baptism. 7.20 p.m., Churchings. 7.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.
THURSDAY		Girls' Friendly Society, 6 p.m. for Candidates, 8 p.m. for Members.
FRIDAY		St. John's Club & Institute at 7 p.m.

Monthly Meetings.

Church Council the second Tuesday of the month at 9 p.m.
Sunday School Teachers second Thursday in the Month, at 8 p.m.
District Visitors on the first Thursday in the Month, at 3.30 p.m., at the Vicarage.

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Priest.—Rev. E. J. DOHERTY, M.A., S. John's Vicarage, Vicarage Park.

Assistant Priest.—Rev. W. F. Wentworth-Sheilds, M.A., 1, Vicarage Park.

Churchwardens.—Mr. Dunn, Park House, Chesnut Road.
Mr. Harvey, 56, Heavitree Road.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon.
12 noon Holy Communion (Choral).
3 p.m. The Children's Church.
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

Evening Prayer daily, at 7.30 (Sermon on Thursdays).

Holy Communion on Saints' Days, at 8 a.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sundays at 4 p.m., and Thursdays at 7 p.m., at other times by arrangement.

The Churching of Women on Thursday, at 7.20 p.m., or on any day immediately after Evening Prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

10 a.m., Sunday School; 11 a.m., Children's Service.—3 p.m., Bible Classes and Sunday School.—The Infants' Sunday School is held at the Earl Street Board School.

Sunday School Secretary.—Mr. White, 16, Ancona Road.

THE LADS' CLUB AND INSTITUTE

Is held at the Schools every Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Games, Magazines, Newspapers, Refreshments, &c. Football and Cricket Clubs. President, The Vicar. Secretary, Mr. Harvey, 56, Heavitree Road.

THE GIRLS' CLUB

Is held every Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Games, Music Magazines, Newspapers, Tennis in summer months. President, Mrs. Doherty. Secretary, Mrs. Dunn, Park House, Chesnut Road.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.

Junior Society.—(Band of Hope) on Wednesday, at 6.30 p.m., conducted by Mr. and Mrs. White.

Senior Society on Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Secretary, Mr. George J. White, 16, Ancona Road.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING

Is held on Monday afternoons from 2.30 to 4 p.m., by Mrs. Doherty, assisted by the Parish Visitors. An interesting story-book is read—a short address given at the close, and members may buy material for garments by small weekly instalments. If members wish, the garments are cut out for them.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

The District Visitors call on the members at the beginning of every week for subscriptions. Occasionally the members meet together at the Schools to have tea and to spend a social evening. Last year the members saved nearly £150, which was refunded to them in the first week in December in time to make their Christmas purchases. If a visitor does not call, inform one of the Clergy.

THE MOTHERS' UNION.

The Object of the Mothers' Union is threefold.

1. To uphold the Sanctity of Marriage.

2. To awaken in mothers a sense of their great responsibility, as mothers, in the training of their boys and girls (the future fathers and mothers of England).

3. To organise in every place a Band of Mothers who will unite in prayer, and seek by their own example to lead their families in Purity and Holiness of life.

Meetings are held quarterly. For membership, apply to Mrs. Doherty.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting on the second Friday of month, at 8 p.m.

District Visitors' Meeting, at the Vicarage, on the first Thursday of the month at 3.30 p.m.

Please inform one of the Clergy at once of any case of sickness or distress.

VICAR'S NOTES.

September, 1900.

We hope that the readers of our Magazine will make a point of being present at the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, which will be held early this year before the flowers are all gone. Should we not remember how dependent we are upon the Annual Harvest, and therefore regard it not only as our duty, but as our privilege to make a special act of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the world's harvest.

List of Services.

Thursday, September 13th, 1900.

7 a.m. ... Holy Communion.
8 p.m. ... *Preacher:* Rev. Canon Brameld.

Sunday, September 16th, 1900.

8 a.m. ... Holy Communion.
11 a.m. ... *Preacher*: Rev. Canon Leeke.
12 a.m. ... The Holy Eucharist.
3 p.m. ... *Preacher:* Rev. J. E. Langley Frost.
6.30 p.m. ,, Rev. J. W. Horsley.

Both on Thursday and Sunday evenings the Choir will sing Dr. Garrett's Harvest Cantata.

The Offertories on the Thursday will be devoted to the Plumstead Nursing Association. The object of this Association, which deserves so well our support, is to nurse the sick poor in their own houses by means of trained nurses. Last year 78 cases of sickness were nursed in St. John's Parish. Our offertory at our last Harvest Festival was £3 10s. 6d. I hope this year we shall far exceed that amount. It may be useful to explain that the services of the Nurses are not restricted to the very poor but may be obtained also by those who are not able to pay for the services of a private nurse but whose circumstances allow them to contribute something to the cost of a daily visit.

The Offertories on the Sunday will be devoted to the Grey-ladies' College. The work of the Grey-ladies in St. John's Parish is so well known that I am sure the College will be heartily supported at our Harvest Festival Services.

I shall be grateful for gifts of corn, fruit, flowers, etc., for the decorations, and workers will be heartily welcomed. The loan of plants for the Chancel and Sanctuary will be appreciated.

WEEK-DAY RE-ARRANGEMENTS.

Please notice the new list of week-day fixtures as given on the first page.

The Club and Institute have Monday and Saturday evenings until the 15th September, after that date until further notice, the Club nights will be Monday and Friday.

Thursday evening, being the early closing day, will be devoted to the girls and young women.

Wednesday will be Evensong and Sermon night at 7-45 with the hope that the service being a quarter of an hour later, more members of the congregation will be able to come. Baptisms at 7 o'clock, Churchings at 7.20.

Tuesday night is reserved for social gatherings. These new arrangements will come into force immediately after the Harvest Festival.

The Mothers' Meeting will begin again on September 10th.

The Working Meeting will be held at the Vicarage, on Wednesday, the 5th of September. During the winter season, members will meet every week, instead of every fortnight.

The Girls' Friendly Society Meetings will begin on Thursday, September 20th; Candidates at 6 o'clock, Members at 8 o'clock in the Schools.

The Work from the Members of the South London Needlework Guild, must be sent to the Vicarage not later than September 30th.

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THE FIRST SOCIAL.

The Tennis Club are arranging the first Social evening of the season, which will be held on Tuesday, September 4th. Tickets 6d. each. May we ask for a good gathering so that our socials may be successfully inaugurated.

THE PIC-NIC.

At the Congregational Pic-nic, held at Bostal Woods, on Saturday, August 25th, the Vicar, on behalf of the parish and congregation, presented the Rev. W. F. Wentworth-Sheilds with a pocket set of Communion Plate and pair of Silver Candlesticks on the occasion of his leaving the parish to take up work in St. George's Bloomsbury, and as tokens of the esteem in which he is held at St. John's.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

	Sick and Poor. £ s. d.	Church Expenses. £ s. d.	Sunday School £ s. d.
Aug. 5th	3 8	1 12 0	—
,, 8th	1 8	1 11 2	—
,, 15th	4 9	1 19 9	—
,, 22nd	2 6	2 1 3	—

BAPTISMS.

August 2nd—Nellie Hart-Still, George William Henry Denyer, Alfred William Paice, Florence Isabel Chadwick.
Elsie Ridge, William Harold Ridge, Jack Mannering.
,, 16th—Ethel May Harradine, May Lilian Beadle.
,, 19th—Louisa Isabel Seccombe, Lydia Theobald.

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