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Mr W.C. Baker
London City Mission.

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April 19/1900

The Missionary

The Mission

The Mission District



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Mr W.C. Baker. L.C.M. connected with the Ellingham Mission. 264 York Road.

Mr Baker made an appt at the Mission. On calling there, I found he was unwell so proceeded to his house 7 Rosebury Road, Fulham, about 8 minutes walk from the Hall. He was in bed but expressed a desire to see me so I went up. He was suffering from an injury which compelled him to keep his legs up but was otherwise in good health so the interview proceeded with the victim in bed.

He is a pleasant, fair man of about 30; talks quietly and without affectation. Is better educated than most of his colleagues and has a wider outlook. Has been here about 2 years.

The Mission is worked by the Congregational Church on East Hill and Mr Bakers connection with it is limited to the services he holds on Sunday evening at 6·30 and another on a week evening. The remainder of the work is under the care of a supt appointed by the church.

The District is large lying between the Thames & East

Visitation

The peoples attitude toward the Missionary



East Hill and the Wandle and John Shed. He visits about 860 houses and reckons that there are 216 more that he could visit and 514 not visitable. Amongst the latter he reckons the roads near East Hill - Dempster &c. Mr Baker confines his work to the streets ~~south~~ north of the railway and those between York Road and the River.

He visits 1200 to 1300 families, the families living about 3 families in two houses. Also visits the Gas works (300-400 men), the Brewery piano works and several stables and tram yards. About 3 months are occupied in doing this round.

As a rule the men are in regular work. Many of Price's men here. So far as his experience goes the people do not change much Most of those he knows have been a long time in the district.

He is fairly well received on the district but suffers in that he ~~follows~~ succeeded a man, who had been on the district many years and was widely

widely known. Some people resent the presence of a new comer and Mrs Baker thinks this attitude quite reasonable from their point of view. "I am not him and a change of men makes a change of conditions" said he. The majority will not admit him into their homes but there are comparatively few, with whom you cannot get into conversation. The reception differs very much even with the same people. To illustrate this point he told how on one occasion he went to the Jar glazing works with his superintendent and although he tried for 15 minutes, could not get on at all. Two men turned everything into ridicule. On a subsequent visit the reception was "very encouraging."

The People & the Churches

The people seldom attend a place of worship. He asked a few hundred people, fairly representative of the district and found that only about one in three claimed any connection with any place & these were mostly women. He will send the figures later. Those who go, attend either the Church of England (St Faith) or the Baptist Chapel on East Hill. ~~North~~ South of the railway. (~~Dempster~~ Dempster Road &c) the people are churchgoers.

The Mission Bldg

Services held

Open Air Meetings



Baker- LCM. Eltringham Mission

The Eltringham Mission is a corner shop (holds about 40) + there is a room over, beside the rooms used by the caretaker.

He holds a service here at 6·30 on Sunday. If you get 20, it is a good meeting. Has to be out by 8 o'clock when another service is held by the chapel people. At a service on Wednesday he gets about 24. When he came, he tried to work up these meetings but has "given up trying now". The local conditions are not nice. The corner is noisy; people wait there for the Fulham buses and a number of people are always standing about [When I was there four rough youths were lounging on the doorstep] and the talk can frequently be heard in the Hall.

~~Most of~~ His chief meetings are in the open air. On Sunday morning he has a meeting at the waterside near the Whitehorse (deserves to be marked as black as you can paint it) where hundreds of men gather to get drink & patronise the cocoa nut shies. Here he get 200 to 300 men.

Other Local Agencies



On Sunday evening ~~he~~ a meeting is held in the main road by Townley Hill and another on Wednesday in the poor parts of the town. Jews Row &c. Here the people come and sprawl on the pavement to listen.

He has also started a class for christian workers at the Friends' Meeting house. Began with 3 or 4 & has now grown to an average attendance of 15.

The other meetings held at the Mission are small. The mothers meeting has ~~an average of~~ seldom more than 12" & the other Sunday evening service is not worse than mine nor better - about 15 to 20.

The Salvation Army works in the distrct. S/ had a hall in North Shed but the Wesleyans bought it & now use it. Two nurses work in the district; one belonging to the Church of England and the other to the Wesleyans. Excepting the three bodies named little is done in the district.

Personally Mr Baker thinks Mission work is becoming harder and harder. People have got used to it, and they are different to what they

the following:-

In 1898 I made some attempt to ascertain how many or how few of the people of my district attend Public Worship.

I asked 257 individuals, mostly women, only 84 said that they attended Public Worship, while the remaining 173 readily admitted that they went nowhere."

The 257 queried are fairly



they were. The spirit of the age leads them to look with contempt on things that were reverenced by their parents. There is a tendency to analyse & a spirit of descending to the working classes instead of raising them. He meets working men & like to talk to them. Tries to make them fight to get at their opinions. In personal conversations he finds plenty of men who will argue with you on religious subjects but it is not fair argument. They do not wish to be convinced and will go off to another subject when you come to close quarters with them.

7 Rosebury Road.
Fulham S.W.

April 19. 1905.

Dear Sir

One of Your Secretaries called on me this morning to enquire respecting my work in the Wandsworth (?) district where I am working as a City Missionary.

I promised to send him

representative, taking a dozen or 20 houses consecutively in various parts of my district.

But they were mostly women who were queried. Men, I think, more than women are busy from church goers. And there only 84 said that they attended. Many

My experience of what "women" mean when they say this makes me think that even the 84 must be reduced by 50%.

Yours truly
William Baker

Rev^d A. J. Payne
Earlsfield Baptist Church

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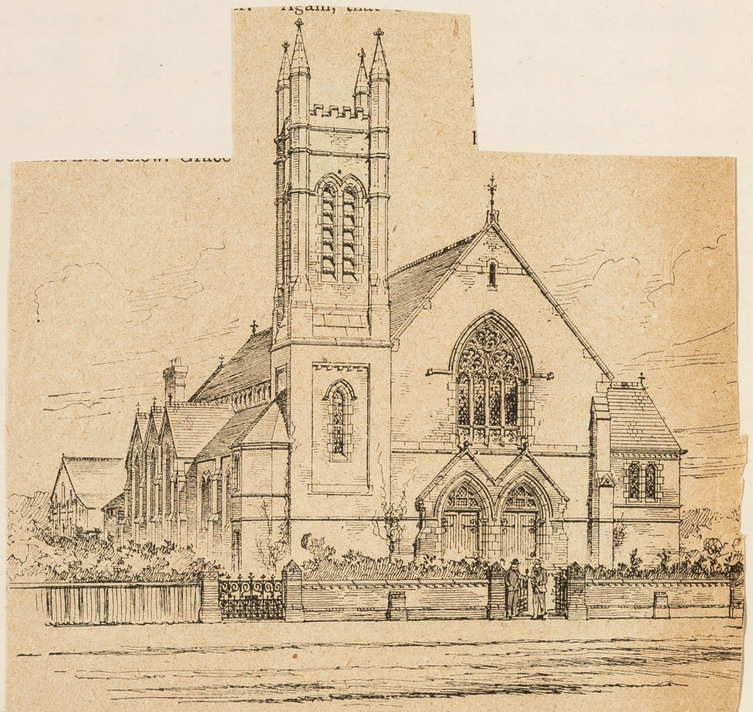
June 27/1900



THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH AT EARLSFIELD.
(*Opened, by Dr. Maclaren, on Tuesday last.*)

Personal Note

The Earlsfield People

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Rev^d A. J. Payne. 25 The Grove, Earlsfield Road S.W.
Minister of Earlsfield Baptist Church. S.W.

The Church at Earlsfield is in its infancy. It was formed nearly 3 years ago with a membership of 28. Mr Payne came here a short time before to take charge of an iron building in the Earlsfield Road, without a congregation. In May of the present year the new church was opened. It seats 800 people & they have ground behind for the erection of schools. It occupies a fine position, close to the Railway.

Mr Payne, a quiet unassuming man of about 30-35. Tall, regular features, small moustache, with nothing of the cleric in dress or speech. One of the quiet men, who get thro' a lot of work without any hurry or ostentation.

Most of the people attending the church are those who go to London by train. Warehousemen &c earning 30/- to 40/- a week and living two families in a house as a rule. These are a fair sample of the Earlsfield people. Beside these, a poorer class, chiefly costers and labourers

Those

Church Membership

Services held

Little social work



live in Wardlaw Street & the Benson Valley district.

The neighbourhood is still growing rapidly. Hundreds of houses have been built since Mr Payne came & they are still building - whole streets. The late Vicar. Rev Patrick Watson estimated that about 1000 houses were put up within 5 years

The church is a working one. Membership is now 80 to 90 and the greater part of these are engaged in some definite work in connection with the church.

Sunday services at 11 & 6.30. Get about 200 in the morning & nearly twice as many at night. Sunday School has 250 scholars on the books & 21 teachers. Many come from families that are not touched in any other way.

Have a number of week evening meetings. Christian Endeavour, Junior & Senior, Band of Hope. Prayer meeting and Wednesday & Saturday at 8 pm. These are poorly attended as the people do not get home until late. Leave the City at 6 to 8pm & then have the journey home.

No social work except Cricket Club -

Visitation

Charity.

Relations with other churches

Other Religious Influences



They reckon to cover the whole district once or twice a year by house to house visitation. Apart from this, visitation is congregational. Mr Payne visits the people of the church and also special cases that come to him, chiefly thro' Mr Owen the L.C.M.

Have the Communion Fund (small) for the poor of the Church. Very little need for relief however except in the Bendon Valley district and there Mr P. fears drink is the chief cause of distress.

Relations with the Congregational Church are very cordial. They have ~~combined~~ united Sunday School demonstrations, ~~& also~~ open air meetings during summer and gospel services during the winter. No co-operation with the Church of England but "it is not our fault".

St Andrews is doing fairly well since the new vicar 'Tudor Craig' came.

Congregationalists are without a pastor but Mr R. Pigott. B.A., 1 Earlsfield Road, ~~has taken~~ is practically in charge. He is a member of East Hill Congregational Church, of which this was originally a Mission.

General Questions



The Home Mission (over a coffee House) is in charge of Mr J F Noyes. Earlsfield Road.
Wandsworth Baptist Church (East Hill) has a Mission in Wardley St (Mr Mungeam in charge) and a L.C.M. Mr Owen visits in the Bendon Valley district. He lives at 9 Leith Terrace, Burntwood Lane.

Police are alright.
Drink is a great trouble in Garrett Lane, where most of the publichouses are crowded. Not much in the Earlsfield Road & streets off it.
Morality - good. Nothing to be seen outwardly wrong. People are fairly thrifty. A slate club at Congl Ch. to which some of his people belong.
Housing is rather unequal both as to the houses themselves and the character of the occupants. In the next road (Bassingham) for example, are some very nice people and close to them some who are very objectionable. Some own their own houses & these look the best. Others are delapidated; & the people do not care about them and they look quite old altho'

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## DR. McLAREN ON 'CHRISTIAN HOPE.'

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Christian World May 17 1900

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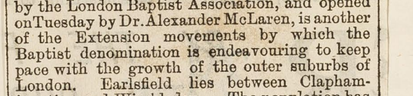

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all are comparatively modern. Rents are rising. In the Grove some of the houses are let at £32. Mr P. pays £34 and when people move they are raised to £36.

There is much religious indifference. A lot of the people are connected with theatres and music halls. Some are waiters &c and these ~~amongst them~~ they have little chance of reaching. If we reached them, their occupation would be gone; as they recognise that they would have to give it up. With many the Sunday is spent lounging about or gardening. In the evening you hear the tinkle of the piano & mandoline.

Mr Payne however is very hopeful. They were crowded in the iron building & are now filling up in the new, which on the west side is "amongst the cabbages" although the houses are coming round it soon. The total seating capacity of the churches is only about 1600 whilst the population is well over 10000 so there is "much land to be possessed"

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After the service luncheon was served in the temporary iron building in which the services have up to now been conducted, and which is shortly to be moved to Hither-green for the new church there. Mr. W. Vinson presided over a large company, and Rev. E. Henderson, during whose year of presidency of the London Baptist Association the erection of the new building was undertaken, made a statement indicating the steady progress which the church is making under the pastorate of Rev. A. J. Payne. The church membership is about 100, the evening congregations are large, the Sunday-school has between 200 and 250 scholars and everything is going successfully. In thanking Dr. McLaren for his service, Mr. Henderson caused some merriment by a naïve confession of his indebtedness to the preacher. 'I often,' he said, 'take one of the Doctor's sermons, boil it down, and preach it again, to the benefit of my people.' Later in the afternoon Rev. William Cuff preached a second sermon in the new building, and in the evening a public meeting was held. Mr. HERBERT MARNHAM presided, and a number of local ministers addressed the meeting, which was very enthusiastic. During the day £225 was raised by the collections and promises.

July 2nd. 1900.

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Interview with Rev. S. H. Wilkinson, Baptist Church, Worple Road, Putney.

Mr Wilkinson is a youthful looking man who might be older than he looks, as he has been at this church for eight years. He is a tall pleasant-looking man reminding one slightly of George Lohmann

The work at this church is quite unexciting: it is a very ordinary suburban Baptist Church appealing mainly to middle class people within a radius of about a mile with a sprinkling of artisans and servants. The membership is 200: the congregations about 250 to 300 in the morning, and 400 in the evening. There is a Sunday School of about 300 mostly of middle class children: and a Band of Hope and a

Christian Endeavour.

The congregation is recruited largely from
Putney where there is a dearth of Free Churches.
The district, according to Mr W., and
indeed the whole of the suburban Homes
Valley is notoriously difficult ground for
the churches: Spurgeon is reported to have
said that the Thames Valley was given up
to "the Devil and High Churchism": whatever
be the cause the comparison between such a
district as this and Strand Green on Stamford
Hill North London, where the people are of
similar social and financial standing, shows
on the one case a highly religious population
with full churches, in the other a godless
people and empty churches. One reason assigned
is the proximity of the river with its
flooding boating. But this too is a great

district for the sporting fraternity.

The most part of Putney when there is any need of Mission work is the poor hill work of the High St. Here there are two Mission at work and the most effort this church has made at evangelising the district is in the distribution from house to house of tracts and papers from the Free Church Council.

The Christian Endeavour Soc. too gives away hampers and other gifts to a few of the deserving poor of Christ.

Of other agencies - the Church of England is probably the strongest: it includes in its district though the Rector of Putney is reported to have said that he wished to be comprehensive and that as far as possible he appointed Low, Broad and High in turn.

The workers are the strength of the Free Churches: they are rich and inclined to

Ex exclusis.

Rev W. gave the district an excellent moral character. There is some drinking and gambling in Putney Heath, Lacrosse Road and Lacy Rd, and a few London prostitutes ply in Putney High and in Richmond Road: otherwise there is nothing to complain of.

Rev W. complained bitterly of the conduct of the police on the Heath generally. He had himself made observations and had obtained much information from Christian persons who are members of his church, and it is carried that nearly all are on the side of the publicans. Complaints made of outrages on Christian persons against publicans are invariably hushed up. Against a prosecutor who was a member of the church and who stood well in the district a trumpery charge of some kind was worked up

and he was moved to another division. She was
also anxious to do anything in the matter
complain that they are hampered in any
possible way at head quarters.

# PUTNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF
# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCHES,
INCLUDING
**Putney, Barnes, Mortlake & Roehampton.**

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Dear Friend,

If you do not already attend a place of worship, we earnestly invite you to attend the Sunday Services of one or other of the Free Churches. A great blessing is promised in the Word of God to those who unite with others in prayer and praise. Thousands owe the peace of their homes and the happiness of their lives to the good they have received in the House of God. You owe it to the present and eternal welfare of yourself and family to share in the worship of the people of God.

We would remind you of the great services the Free Churches have rendered to the people by their love of liberty, their trust in the Spirit of God, their simple services, and their earnest Gospel preaching. You will find our services bright and helpful, and you will receive a hearty welcome.

Allow us, therefore, for your soul's sake, and for the sake of all that are dear to you, to urge you to attend the House of God, and may its ministry and worship be a blessing to you.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

F. BARON, R. A. REDFORD,
W. S. HACKETT, ALEX. ROGER,
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S. HAMILL WILKINSON.

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# A New Year's Greeting

THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

From...

The PUTNEY DISTRICT Evangelical
FREE CHURCH COUNCIL.

## What do the Evangelical Free Churches Believe and Teach?

1. That the Holy Scriptures are a supreme and sufficient guide of faith and conduct.

2. The faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is the sole condition of salvation, and not penances, rites, or the absolution of priests.

3. That Jesus Christ is the only Head of His Church.

4. That the Church of Christ consists of all believers, each of whom should strive to bring in those that are without.

5. That the Lord's Supper is a rite of commemoration of the atoning death of Christ, and that Jesus Christ is present spiritually in the hearts of believers who feed on him by faith.

6. That true blessedness and well-being come only through union with Christ, and that His salvation is free for everyone who seeks it in faith.

7. That the Spirit of God is not limited to any sect or class, but dwells in all Churches that hold the Head, and blesses all who meet together in the name of Christ.

8. That the progress of the Kingdom of God will bring not only blessing to souls, but health to the body, the sweetening of home life, the cleansing of society, the rescue of the submerged, the knitting together of all classes in mutual brotherhood and service as children of One Common Father.

**The Evangelical Free Churches, Federated in this District, are the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches.**

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PUTNEY, S.W.,
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We are, dear Friend,

Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN TODD, President.
C. F. BARRETT, Hon. Treasurer.
F. W. PARKER, Hon. Secretary.

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## LIST OF CHURCHES, &c.

### PUTNEY.

**Baptist Church, Werter Road.**
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*Services*: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m.

**Congregational Church, Oxford Road.**
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*Services*: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Thursday, 8.30 p.m.

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*Minister*: Rev. R. A. REDFORD, M.A., LL.B.
*Services*: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m.

**Wesleyan Church, Upper Richmond Road.**
*Ministers*: Rev. J. FLEW and Rev. F. B. COWL.
*Services*: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

**Mission Hall, Sefton Street.**
*Service*: Sunday, 7 p.m.

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### ROEHAMPTON.

**Mission Hall, Medfield Street.**
*Services*: Sunday, 6.30 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Rev W. Townsend
East Hill Baptist

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July 4/1960

The People

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Rev W. Townsend. East Hill Baptist Church, Wandsworth. Seen at his residence: 25 Rosehill Road.

W^m Townsend is a stout well built man of 50 or thereabouts. Pleasant face with moustache & short pointed beard nearly grey. Reminded me very strongly of W J Mills of Walworth Road, both in appearance and manner. Has been a Baptist Minister 26 years and came from Canterbury to Wandsworth 4 years ago.

~~Interested in Map~~ W^m Townsend was much interested in the Map and pleased with its general accuracy, altho' here & there he dis-agreed. Eglantine & Geraldine Roads should be red, except the south end of the latter, which differs rest. In Rosehill Road, every house has a servant.

The people attending the Chapel may be placed in three classes. (1) The fairly well to do middle class, who form the leaders; (2) Clerk & comfortable class, forming the bulk of the people and (3) a considerable section of poor labouring people. These fairly represent the people of the district – commercial travellers, men in business

houses

Churches grouped near Main Road

Buildings used



houses; many civil servants. Nearly all go to the City in the morning.

The situation of the churches has had some influence on the people reached. Until ~~the~~ a few years ago, all the churches were near the High Street, ~~Town~~ & on the main road; Bapt, Cong[l], Friends, Wesleyans &c. Now two are built farther out. As a result he draws from abroad. Most from the road near East Hill; a smaller number from the roads to the South & Earlsfield. They recently sent a number of the people to Earlsfield to form the nucleus of the church there.

They have a good number of workers, Mr. T. is the only one paid, except one at their Mission Wardley Street

Beside the Church seating 900, they have a small school and some class rooms but these are not adequate for the work. The Warple Way Board School is hired for school on Sunday morning & afternoon; also the Technical Institute in High Street. They have also a Girls Home (Miss Newman) Upper Wandle House, Garrett Lane) and a Mission in Wardley Street, both run by their workers. Concerning these, Mr Edward Alvey of

Avonmore

Notes on Services

Holds two open air meetings. One at Buckhold Road & another at East Hill

Social Agencies



Avonmore, Viewfield Road, Southfields, can give us information.

Their difficulty is want of room, especially for the Home school & they are going to do something. Mr. T. favours an ambitious scheme for turning the present chapel into a school & building a new chapel. The difficulty of getting the land is the chief obstacle.

The Sunday services (11 & 6.30) are well attended the evening congregation being the greater - about 600. Get a larger proportion of working people and servants then. Sunday school has 460 at home and 200 at Warple Way. Will send the Manual giving further details - See also cop cover of Magazine.

Mothers' meeting has about 120 on books - women from north of the railway and the Plain. Have Blanket, saving, coal & slate clubs connected.

Week evening meetings are fairly well attended, altho' here as elsewhere they notice the difficulty about the late return from City. Commence Wednesday service with about 50 - about 80 present when address is given.

The Slate Clubs have a membership of: Men 340 & women 146. Band of Hope 200 at chapel and 80 at Warple Way Have social evenings with

Visitation

Charitable Relief

Nursing

Church Membership



games &c for the Sunday school children.

Mr Townsend does a fair bit of visiting, but almost entirely amongst the members. Finds that he can only manage to visit other cases when sent for. For outside and sick visitation they have 12 elders - 6 ladies & 6 gentlemen - who go wherever they are sent. They also distribute 2000 copies of their magazine "Kings Messenger" monthly in the streets of the district - about 40 visitors do this.

For the poor members of whom there are a considerable number they have the Communion Fund. The Mothers meeting also has a fund & they make a special effort at Christmas to give groceries coal &c. About £70 to £80 a year in all.

No arrangement for sick nursing. A visitor from Down Lodge helps them a good bit and the members are very kind to each other & help.

Church Membership is about 600 and almost stationary. Last year was bad for them owing to a great deal of sickness. He is also inclined to think that the war spirit is opposed to the spirit of Christ & hinders the reception of the truth. They lose a good many by transfers but gain as many as they

send

## Other Religious Agencies

send away. Many of the young people move away when they set up housekeeping - not necessarily further out. Mrs T. thinks the reason is to get away from relatives. Better to go away and start free.

The Congregational Church is very strong and does a good deal of mission work. Has a very good entertainment for the people. Their mission at Earlsfield is more successful than Wandley St. Mrs T. thinks that a mission should be planted on the verge of a poor district, not right down in it. You cannot get people to go into a slum but you can draw them out of it.
Wesleyans also have good missions.
Down Hodge Hall has a fine Bible class conducted by Miss Ramsford & a Sunday morning men's school. Mr Herbert Godwin, 35 Sackville St is the Secretary.
St Anns is the most progressive church. It is inclined to be ritualistic. Vicar & 3 or 4 curates.

## The Free Church Council & Co-operation

The Free Church Council is bringing the Churches together. They have meetings at the Townhall - these are fairly representative of the churches. Have lectures on

historical

Less Association in London
than in the Provinces

General Questions



historical & other subjects having a bearing on the Free Church life e.g. the Evangelical revival, ~~Sacerdotalism~~, John Bunyan &c. As regarding for the Mission: with the Church of England there is absolutely no association for work. Speak kindly when they meet but that is all.

There is less Association amongst the Churches in London than in the country. The ministers of a denom^n in London are sufficent to form a 'fraternal' amongst themselves & so do not see so much of the other other ministers, the only occasions being when they speak for each other &c. No time for visiting. In the country the minister meet each other; arrange so that their anniversaries do not clash &c

Drink is a 'dreadful thing'. A lot of drunkenness. The little publichouses get ~~so~~ crowded - Specially mentions two on St Anns Hill. As to the Police he does not know but thinks they wink at much in connection with the publichouses.

Prostitution is not bad in Wandsworth proper but is bad near the Junction.

Marriage. Many now get married at the Registrars Office. Those marrying at the chapel are of mature age.

The Sensation loving Londoner



Thrift. Slate clubs usual form. Working people do not buy their houses - dont see how they can - but the clerks and men employed in city houses do.

Health is fairly good - altho' they had a very bad time last winter - influenza etc.

Housing and social condition is also good. Very little slum property + very few families in one room. On other hand rents are high and rising. The cheapest is 7/6 for 3 rooms. Flats of 4 rooms, only one of which is a decent room let at 11/- on St Anns Hill.

Mr T. is very hopeful altho' it is difficult to move the people and the number interested in christian work is small - not more than 12 or 15 per cent. In the better neighbourhoods the people bicycle on Sunday. In the main streets, you see hundreds of bicycles; traps also whilst the trams + buses are full.

When he was fresh to London, he noticed that the Londoner was very easily moved by anything that is new. This was one reason why ministers preached on all sorts of topics. If he were to preach on the 'African Settlement' his place would be thronged but

he will not. What is the use? The people would go the following Sunday to the next sensation. Mr T. believes in working steadily + quietly.

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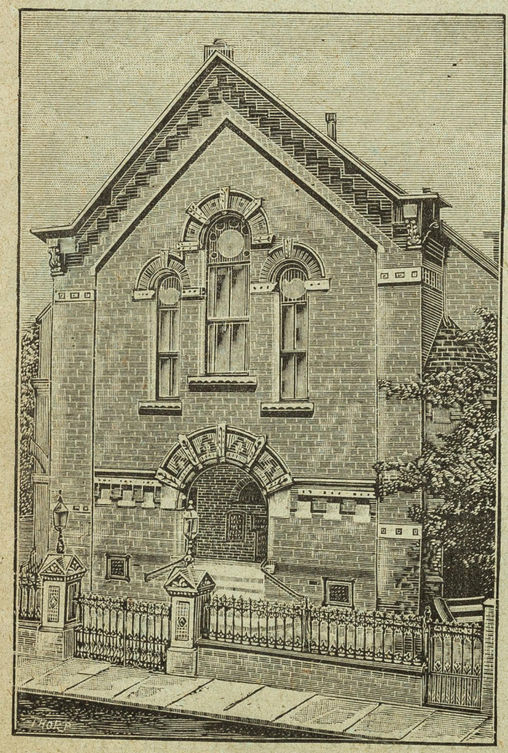

## SERVICES.

**SUNDAY.**

Morning, 11. Evening, 6.30.

*Sunday School:*

Morning, 9.45. Afternoon, 2.45, at Technical Institute.

*Bible Classes:*

Young Men's, Young Women's, 3

Prayer Meetings 10.30 a.m., 6 p.m.

**MONDAY.**

*Mothers' Meeting*—Afternoon, 3.

*Prayer Meeting*—Evening, 7.30.

**TUESDAY.**

*Band of Hope*—7.

*Slate Club*—8.

For Men and Women

**WEDNESDAY.**

*Women's Prayer Meeting:*

Evening, 6.30.

*Public Worship*—Evening, 7.30

*Christian Endeavour*—8.30.

*Choir Practice*—8.30.

**THURSDAY.**

*Young Women's Class*—7.

*Mutual Improvement Society*—8

**SATURDAY.**

*Prayer Meeting*—8.

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## SPECIAL SERVICE FOR JUNE.

**SUNDAY, 24th, 7.30 a.m.—Midsummer Morning Service for Young Men and Maidens.**
**Subject: "The Sunshine of Life."**

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## The Immutability of Jesus Christ.

HERE is, my friends, the centre round which all things revolve. Here is the great magnet of attraction, the great foundation on which all else rests—Jesus.

This is the One of whom I wish to speak to you. I would not come and tell of man alone; I would not come and speak of the mutability of the human, unless I could tell you of the immutability of the God-man—Christ Jesus. This is He whose birth into our world as a babe we commemorated at Christmas-tide; it is He who increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man; it is He who lived a life of hardship and trial; it is He who suffered the cruel treatment from the hands of His enemies; it is He who submitted Himself to become the great Sin-bearer. I rejoice then, my friends, to be able to come with these words to-day, and tell you of Jesus: for that name alone is sufficient; it signifies a Saviour—a Saviour for you—your Saviour, if you will only accept Him—One who is able and willing to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. Have you grasped Him, accepted Him as your Saviour? You feel that you are a sinner, and estranged from God; you realise, moreover, your need of a Saviour; you acknowledge the fact that nothing you have done, or can do, is able to save you: but have you taken Jesus as your Saviour; have you exclaimed, "My Saviour, my Substitute!" The mere head knowledge of Him being a Saviour is no use, unless you make Him your own personal Saviour.

This is the One, then, whom I rejoice at the very commencement of my ministry here to be able to tell you about—of an immutable, unchangeable Jesus; and I ask your prayers on my behalf that God will enable me in this sphere faithfully to preach His Gospel—to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified—to lift up Jesus very high, so that all may see Him, believe in Him, and be drawn to Him, according to His own words: "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me."

And what is affirmed of Him? That He is the same "yesterday, and to-day, and for ever." What He was in the yesterday of the eternal past, when dwelling in the bosom of the Father, He continued at the time of His incarnation; when still as God in very deed He dwelt with men on the earth, and He shall continue to be for ever.

And I would say He is the same Guardian. He who has shielded you in the past, He who has protected you when some danger seemed imminent; He who has protected you by night, so that no evil has come nigh your dwelling, and been about you by day, in your going out and in your coming in; He who at this very moment

is so mercifully watching over you, so that no harm happens to you,—He will guard you in the future, He will defend you, He will encamp round about you, He will place under you those everlasting arms, He will give His angels charge over you, to bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus Christ is also the same Guide. How have you arrived at the stage at which you are this day? Is it by your own unerring walk? Is it by your own perfect vision? Nay, my friends, left to yourself, to your own tottering steps and your imperfect vision, you would have stumbled and fell long since.

Has some human friend been taking you by the hand, who did not know the road any better than you did yourself? "If the blind lead the blind, shall they not both fall into the ditch?" No human guide has been yours. No erring pilot has steered you hitherto: but whether you have realised it or not, Jesus Himself has been your Guide; He has led you ever safely, although by a way that you knew not, and brought you here to-day to hear His word. And will He leave you now? will He forsake you at this crisis? will He quit you and let you wander on and on, until you entirely lose sight of your Father's house? Nay, listen, "I will guide thee with Mine eye"; I will guide thee continually"; "I will guide thee with My counsel, and after that receive thee to glory"; "I will never leave thee." O doubting Christian, that same Jesus, who has led you over rocks and mountains of difficulty, through valleys of delights, and by cooling streams, will still guide you—will still lead you on—

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone.

He who has steered your frail bark hitherto, will steer it yet again, and pilot it safely over the billows of this sea of life, and bring you safely into the harbour of eternal peace.

## Church Notes.

THE Sunday School Anniversary was held on the 13th and 14th of May. The congregations were large, and the response to the appeal for aid to the School Funds generous. The singing of the children was excellent; everybody was pleased with it, and much credit is due to those who laboured so assiduously to train them to such a degree of efficiency.

Mr. Briscoe's address, on the Monday evening, was very helpful, and will not soon be forgotten by those who enjoyed the privilege of listening to it. His emphasis of the need of the Sunday School as a counteractant out of the many dangers which beset the young, brought home to us all the immense significance of the mission of the Sunday School Teacher.

The Secretary read a very encouraging report. Mr. Middleton began by expressing thanks to God for the blessing which had rested upon the endeavours of the teachers. There are 390 scholars and 41 teachers on the books of the Home School. Thirty-three of the young people are members of the Church, and eleven of that number have joined during the year. One special feature of the work is the excellent attendance of the senior scholars, and the teachers are full of hope that many of these youths and maidens may be led to Christ, and grow up useful members of His Church.

The effort to reach the scholars by means of Social Evenings, which was inaugurated last year, was renewed again this year, and proved very successful. "If," said the Secretary, "we had better accommodation, we should like to extend our work in this direction, by holding regular week-evening meetings for our scholars. We believe that by this means the teachers would gain a stronger hold upon the children, and the children a stronger attachment to the School and Church."

During the year the school contributed £26 16s. 10¾d. to Foreign Missions and £4 9s. 3¾d. to other objects—a very creditable result. The Junior Endeavour, under the management of Miss Johnson and Miss Gambrell, has made good progress. Its membership now numbers thirty. Equally satisfactory has been the work of the I.B.R.A. Nearly 200 of our young friends are daily readers of the Word of God.

At the recent Scripture examinations, held under the auspices of the Sunday School Union, four of our scholars took prizes, and the rest of those who entered, except one, obtained certificates, which must have gladdened the heart of Mr. Kearns, the teacher of the preparation class.

No report of the "Onward School" was given, but the Superintendent, Mr. Naylor, gave a brief account of the work, and it is our joy to know that by its steady, and in some respects, striking progress, the school has justified its claim to its title.

Mr. Withers, Mr. Saunders, and Mr. Hassell all said a little, and said it well. We do not remember a more bright, hopeful, and prosperous anniversary.

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WE beg to call the attention of our friends to the Bazaar which is to be held at the Town Hall, Lavender Hill, on June 13th, in aid of the building fund of the Earlsfield Chapel. The effort is being made by the Churches of the district to help this new and very promising cause. East Hill is pledged to provide a stall, and Mrs. W. Mills, 61, St. Ann's Hill, Mrs. H. Hayward, 78, Bolingbroke Grove and Mrs. Townsend, 25, Rosehill Road, will be glad to receive goods or donations for the purpose.

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FRIENDS who have joined our river trips of the last two or three years, will be glad to know our friends are arranging for another. The date fixed is Tuesday, June 26th. Tickets should be secured early.

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OUR open air workers have opened their campaign with vigour. The positions abandoned because they were no longer tenable against the forces of winter, have been re-occupied and made the basis of vigorous attacks upon the powers of darkness. May the Lord bless His warriors!



## Are You Saved?

WHEN Jesus Christ was here among men, one end of the cord of Divine love was on earth, the other in heaven. Hence the Saviour could speak of God's love giving, and the Father's love sending the Son into this world, to seek and save the lost—to bring sinners unto Himself. Jesus could also add, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." He could also say "Receive Me as your Saviour, and you shall know God as your Father."

It may so happen that my reader is not a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Should such be the case, I affectionately entreat you to turn your eyes towards Jesus and see if He is not fairer than all the sons of men, and worthy of your love and service, on the ground of what He is in Himself, and what He has done for sinners, that they may be saved.

Do not deceive yourself by supposing that, because the Saviour said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me," all men will be saved, whether they believe in Him or not. The words prove the *universality* of the *drawing* but not the *universality* of the *coming;* just as the words, "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world," prove the official appointment and Divine office of Christ as the world's only Saviour, while they are far from proving the world's acceptance of Him as their Saviour, or the actual salvation of all men, whether they accept Him or not. The day is coming when you must appear before Him whom you now despise and reject. What an awful thought, going into the presence of Jesus with the sins of a whole life unforgiven! It can only be to hear from His lips the solemn, yet awful words, "I know you not." "Depart!" Do you, my reader, wish to escape such a fearful doom? Look to Him who is able and willing to save, even to the uttermost, and you shall know the blessedness of the man whose sins are covered, and whose God is Jehovah, and who can call God his Father.—From *Gleanings from the Life and Teaching of Chist.*

H. H. BOURN.

## The Legend of Saint Martin.

*Written after hearing a Sunday School Anniversary Sermon.*

SAINT MARTIN, so the legend goes,
Whilst yet a soldier, through the snows
Of winter once did take his way.
All cold and dismal was the day,
And bitter blew the biting blast,
And many a backward thought he cast
To where the fire blazed cheerfully;
But duty urged him on, so he
Pursued his way, right sturdily.
When, on a sudden, as he strode
Along, he saw beside the road
An aged beggar, worn and weak;
His rags scarce covered him, the bleak
Winds whistled through them, and the snow
Had drifted round his feet, and through
His scanty clothes. As Martin passed
The beggar, came an icy blast
And chilled him to the very bone,
And he would fain have hurried on,
But that the sight of that poor man
With pinchèd features, pale and wan,
All shivering in his misery,
Filled Martin's heart with deep pity,
So that he took without a word
His cloak, and cut it with his sword
In twain, and to the beggar gave
The half of it that he might have
A covering for his ice-cold limbs.
Dumb with amaze, a tear-drop dims
The beggar's eyes, he lifts his head
To bless the soldier 'ere he sped
In haste along his wintry way.
That night as in his tent he lay
Wrapped in deep slumber, Martin dreamed
A wondrous dream, for, lo! it seemed
As though the cloudy gates of heaven
Mysteriously asunder riven,
Showed unto his astonished eyes
The Saviour Christ in Paradise;
And As he looked with reverent awe
Upon that holy sight, he saw
That on His shoulders Christ did wear
A mantle o'er His raiment fair.
Then all amazed, Martin did look
Again, and lo! a soldier's cloak—
The half of one—the Saviour wore.
And then the wond'ring sleeper saw,
The white-robed seraphs, and he heard
Them say to Christ, "Whence came, O Lord,
That riven soldier's cloak?" and He
Made answer, "It was given to me
By Martin yester-eve."
"How Lord?"
They say to Him, and Martin heard
The Saviour say with smile divine,
"He gave it to the least of mine,
And thus he gave it unto Me."
And then the vision suddenly
Did vanish, leaving Martin full
Of rapturous joy unspeakable,
At having seen in such a guise
His Saviour Christ in Paradise.

A. T. PITTS.

## The Need for an Enthusiastic Belief.

THE refined and enlightened man of this century recoils from the very thought of hardships endured by his less cultured but stronger-principled ancestor, who embattled, courageously defended some sacred article of his faith, or marched to champion the cause of right against those who, absorbed in selfism, would stop the onward sweep of truth.

Owing to the upspringing of a cautious calculating spirit which only questions the immediate effect of an action on his material interest, the polished citizen of to-day refuses to sacrifice his cheerful comforts, in order to rigorously assert some principle whose profession may act disadvantageously on his own interests.

Nor does the religion of fashion, accepted by so many as a sop to their conscience, afford any hindrance to, much less make any determined attack upon, these weakening tendencies.

This is an age of excessive refinement: what we object to, we gloss over; what is rough and harsh, we polish down; we cry, unity is strength, extremes must meet, and men of opposing views must be made to see alike. We refuse to be bound by what we term narrow systems and set words and phrases, forgetting that words are the expression and very frequently the only exponent of thought, and thought the fruitful mother of action.

The man who holds tenaciously and determinately to some peculiar principle, we denominate narrow-minded, and fail to perceive among those who advocate breadth of view a lack of depth, and in their seeming liberal-mindedness, a moral laxity.

Finding our principles less sternly attacked from without we seem to have less to defend, and sink into a condition of smug complacency, and rejoicing in a higher social status we have grown to regard as vulgar a persistent assertion and determined defence of cherished principles.

Hideously vulgar is that ill named refinement which sets wealth and social position against the Eternal Verities. A vulgarity that tinges the moral character.

A cowardly fear of public opinion and a failure to see in a strict adherence to fixed principles true nobility of character have contributed to bring about the chill indifference and moral apathy of our own time.

Enthusiasm seems to have paled and died (enthusiasm for truth and right I mean) amid the modern tendency to look alone to material interests, and measure a man by his social advantages; and lofty aim and high endeavour (the offspring of a glowing effective enthusiasm) with their happy result—a moral elevation, will be less frequently seen as enthusiasm, their creator, diminishes.

There is nothing so calculated to make a man morally strong, as an enthusiastic belief, especially if the conviction held be not generally accepted. Our crying need is for the uprising of a disinterested enthusiasm for truth and right, and a faithful adherence to conviction.

L. W. TOWNSEND.

## Light in Darkness.

SOME years ago a respectable tradesman of London, of unquestionable integrity, was exceedingly troubled in his mind respecting the safety of his future state. During a bodily affliction, which eventually proved fatal, he became still more doubtful of his interest in Christ, although many friends endeavoured to encourage him in relying on the all-sufficiency of that grace on which his hopes had been fixed for years, previously to his being thus temped. A short time before his dissolution he exclaimed with horror and anguished, "I die a confirmed hypocrite!" A friend by his bedside, seeing him apparently motionless, said, "He is gone!" which the wife (who was in an adjoining room) hearing, immediately came in, and, with strong emotions of grief, threw herself on the bed of her supposed lifeless husband; when, to the great surprise of surrounding friends, he again opened his eyes, and, fixing them on his wife, said (as though he were quite assured of his eternal safety), "Cruel love! cruel love! I was just entering my heavenly Father's gate, and you have disturbed me!"—and instantly expired.

## Please Remember.

The Superintendents and Teachers of the Sunday School will cordially welcome children to its classes. Children will also be gladly received at the meetings of the Band of Hope. Parents should see that their children enjoy all the possible privileges of their golden days. Do not let the boys and girls drift!

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# FOR THE CHILDREN.

## Henry Ward Beecher's Childhood.

CHILDREN think much more, and much more deeply, than we are aware, upon religious subjects. I remember that I was seriously exercised upon the doctrines of election, free-agency, etc., by the time that I was eight years old. I was brought up on doctrine. The things that most influence children are *acted* things; not things that are said.

I don't remember to have been affected by any sermon until I was more than thirteen years old. But the prayer and talking meetings were the ones. I used to be convicted there; and I would go about trying to be "pricked in the heart." I had got that figure, and so tried to prick myself. I wanted to be taken up by some resistless wind of conviction, and to be made to suffer such agonies about my sinful state as I had heard others tell of; for I thought, that right after that would follow conversion, and I should be safe.

I don't think fear has much really good influence upon children—a *powerful* influence it certainly does have. I remember once we children were all called together into our kitchen—which we thought the best room in the house; its windows looked out upon trees and flowers, and its door, when opened, revealed the long line of road along which we always made haste to run as soon as we could gain our freedom. We were called into the kitchen to be talked to, by a minister who was staying at my father's. He told us how wicked boys and girls were by nature, and what an awful end was before them if they never repented. He told us the story of one wicked boy who saw the devil coming after him. The idea almost froze our young blood with horror, and we resolved with all our might to be good, that such a fate might not befall us. But, as for myself, I don't think that talk ever did me a particle of good; on the contrary, I believe I never was so bad any one week as I was that week, spite of all my efforts to stop myself by thoughts of that dreadful story, and of how I should feel to see the devil coming up the road after *me*.

I remember that one Sunday morning, as soon as I awoke, I began to play, picking the cotton out of the quilt, and rolling it into balls to throw at my brother. Suddenly came the thought, "You wicked boy! to begin the Sabbath by playing." At once I was condemned, and ducked beneath the bed-clothes lest something dreadful should catch me. There I lay quietly five minutes, as long as I ever kept still.

There came a woman to live with us—Aunty Chandler we were taught to call her; she became my fast friend, and used to beg me off from whippings. There was a tree whose apples used to get me up early in the morning. I was often whipped for stealing them; but whipping used to make me very brave. One morning, just as I was stealing out to go for the apples, Aunty Chandler stopped me: "O Henry!" she said, tears rolling down her face, "I cannot bear to have you whipped so; why *will* you go and get those apples?" This was a new idea. It had never struck me that Aunty Chandler got the whippings on her heart. After that, there were not ropes enough in old Connecticut to draw my young feet to that tree.

In those days, people used to get together and pray, and make a solemn time of it when a train of emigrants were about to start for Ohio. It was almost as if they were to start for another world. Well do I remember the long line of white-covered waggons that used to wind through Litchfield, and I used to run into the house and hide under the table that they might not steal and carry me off. Well, the time came when Aunty Chandler went away in one of those slow-moving trains. I shall never forget it, I thought I was near the end of *my* Gospel when she went. Her life was strong in its good influence upon me.

Next came a negro servant. He was my next evangelist. I used to watch him in the field, and in the house, and even now, with my mature reflection, I cannot remember ever to have seen him do a wrong act. As I worked beside him in the field, he used to tell me his experience, and where he learned this and that hymn; and then he would sing as only the African can sing, and I used to wish I could have such religion as that negro enjoyed. When we went to bed—he and I slept in the same garret, he in one corner and I in the other; some people would think it a dreadful thing to have to share a garret with a negro—when we went to bed he used to pile his pillows up behind him so that he could *lie sitting up*, take his hymn-book, and fasten his candle up somewhere so that he could see. He would sing hymn after hymn with such relish and enjoyment, the big tears frequently rolling down his dark face, that I used to be cut to the heart with remorse, that I, a minister's son, brought up with every advantage, should be so much worse than a poor negro. I would lie there and pretend to be asleep, while all the time he was singing right at my conscience, and I was crying heartily to hear him. Oh, how glad I

should have been could I have changed places with that poor negro serving-man, if it hadn't been for cheating him! I think that *lived, acted-out* religion does more good to children than all the talking that can be done, though talking certainly should not be omitted. That African did me more good than all the ministers that ever came to my father's house.

## The Refiner.

THERE was once a little bit of gold lying hid in the earth. It had lain hidden so long that it thought it should never be used, and it said to itself, "Why do I lie idle here? Why am I not picked up, that men may see me shine?"

One day a man dug it up, and said, "There is some gold in this lump; but I cannot use it as it is; I must take it to the refiner."

When the refiner got it, he threw it into a melting-pot, and heated his fire to melt the gold. As soon as the little piece of gold felt the heat of the fire it began to tremble, and cried, "I wish I had laid quiet in the earth."

But the fire grew hotter and hotter, and at last the gold melted, and left all the earthy part of the lump by itself.

"Now," said the gold, "My troubles are over; now I shall shine."

But its troubles were not over yet. The man took it once more, and began to hammer it into some shape.

"Ah," said the gold, "what a trouble it is to be gold; if I had been dross or earth I should not have been put to all this pain."

"That is true," replied the man, "if you had been dross you would not have had all this pain but then you would not have become what you are now, a beautiful gold ring."

The piece of gold is like a man or woman. The dross of common earth means his or her faults or weaknesses. Jesus is the Refiner. He sends trials and troubles to us to make us good and strong, and to take away our weaknesses and faults.

Pain is one of our trials. If we bear it patiently, Jesus will make us better by pain. He will make you brave and gentle. Next time you have to bear pain, say to yourself: "Jesus is taking away my faults; I must be patient."—*Baptist Herald.*

## Mrs. Baeyertz.

MRS. BAEYERTZ, the well-known lady evangelist, comes of a pure Hebrew stock, her father and mother having been both of pure Hebrew blood. Both of them were strictly orthodox in their attachment to the faith of Israel, and on her marriage to Mr. Baeyertz, who was of German ancestry, her father was so deeply incensed, thinking his name had been dishonoured, that he scored her name out of the family register, and thereafter reguarded her as one that was dead. Her married life, which was very happy, was a very brief one, through her husband meeting with a fatal accident while out shooting, and as a young widow she was left with two little children.

During her husband's lifetime she had been received into membership in a Christian Church while as yet her heart was far from God. But at the "communion" table she was overwhelmed with a keen sense of being utterly unfit to partake worthily. "How can you say, 'I believe in Jesus Christ,'" her conscience seemed to say, "believing deep down in your heart that He was a mere man (and therefore an impostor), since He declared Himself to be Divine?" The result of this stinging of conscience was that she never dared to go back again to the Lord's table until she had found the Lord.

In the distress of heart and mind that followed her bereavement, hard and bitter thoughts of God possessed her, but into this eventide of sorrow the blessed light of life came, and its coming opened up to her a new world, and started her in a path of usefulness such as she never could have dreamed of. Reading one day in the Gospel of John, while sitting by herself alone, the Holy Spirit revealed Christ to her astonished gaze. "Christ is God," she cried. "He died for me; He is my Saviour." Such a flood of love filled her heart as the revelation broke on her that on her knees she sobbed aloud, not for sorrow, but for joy. Old things had passed away; behold, all things had become new.

## A Japanese Mother and Her Son.

THERE is an old Christian woman, named Morita, living in Tokyo, who is very zealous in her efforts to bring others to love and obey her Lord and Master. She had a son who was very wicked, and wasted his mother's property: his wickedness went to such an extent that in the course of ten years he had been sent to prison seven times. So bad was his conduct that all his other relations and friends forsook him. Only his good and patient mother was left to pity and care for him in his wretched condition. Her faith in God did not waver, and whenever she saw him she told him of Christ, and endeavoured to persuade him to forsake his sins, and walk in the ways of righteousness and peace.



But he was so hardened in sin that he turned a deaf ear to all her loving entreaties. He only said in reply, "Dear mother, it is all right for you to be good, and to go to heaven, but I am so addicted to evil ways that I cannot stop, and it is my purpose to live on in this same course and go to hell." Still his mother did not give him up, and prayed for him day and night.

About two years ago he was sent to prison once more; and while thus in confinement his wife died of the cholera, leaving four children, of whom the youngest was only a babe. The grandmother was at first much troubled, and said, "There is surely no other way than for these little ones to die of starvation." Then after a while she said, "Oh, no, it is a great mistake to doubt the power and goodness of God, and He who has created us is also able to supply all our need. So she took the little ones to her home and cared for them tenderly.

In November, 1899, the son and father was released, and when he came to his home and found the motherless children thus cared for by the old grandmother, his hard heart was melted. He became a truely penitent and humble seeker after that religion which had strengthened and comforted his mother's heart. From that time his house was opened as a place for preaching, and frequent services were held there for his own benefit, and also to lead others to a knowledge of Christ and His salvation.

One day he read the second chapter of *Ephesians*, and was deeply moved by its appropriateness to his own case. He has been received into the Church, and is vigorously labouring to extend the blessings of the Gospel among all his associates and friends.

H. Loomis.

## Never too Busy to Pray.

JESUS appears to have devoted Himself specially to prayer at times when His life was unusually full of work and excitement. His was a very busy life; there were nearly always "many coming and going" about Him. Sometimes, however, there was such a congestion of thronging objects that He had scarcely time to eat. But even then He found time to pray. Indeed, these appear to have been with Him seasons of more prolonged prayer than usual. Thus we read: "So much the more went there a fame abroad of Him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness and prayed."

Many in our day know what this congestion of occupation is. They are swept off their feet with their engagements, and can scarcely find time to eat. We make this a reason for not praying; Jesus made it a reason for praying. Is there any doubt which is the better course? Many of the wisest have in this respect done as Jesus did. When Luther had a specially busy and exciting day, he allowed himself longer time than usual for prayer beforehand. A wise man once said that he was too busy to be in a hurry. He meant that if he allowed himself to become hurried he could not do all that he had to do. There is nothing like prayer for producing this calm self-possession. When the dust of business so fills your room that it threatens to choke you, sprinkle it with the water of prayer, and then you can cleanse it out with comfort and expedition.

Rev. Dr. Stalker.

## "My Father is Respectable!"

A LITTLE while since a gentleman caught a young lad in the act of robbing his garden. For some time the fruit had been disappearing, and the culprits could not be caught; but at last one was seen in the very act, chase was given, and the offender was soon seized. Many and fierce of course were his efforts to escape, many his kicks and struggles. He tried to slip off, and to bolt off; he tried a jerk, and tried an even pull; he wriggled, and begged, and prayed, and promised not to come again; but all to no purpose: a prisoner he now was, and a prisoner he must remain.

The culprit was being put into an outhouse, while the police were sent for, and at the dreadful word "Police" his howlings and bemoanings became more loud than ever. "Oh, don't send for the police! Don't send for the police: *for my father is respectable.*" And at the idea of his father being disgraced, he howled worse and worse.

The gentleman was struck with this plea, and being unwilling that a respectable man should be disgraced; and perhaps being moved by the boy's regard for his parent's name, gave the lad his choice,—either then and there to get a good flogging, or to be given up into the hands of police.

The flogging, as one or the other of the two must be chosen, was thankfully accepted; and the boy's father was sent for, and in his presence a good sound thrashing was administered, which we hope will, with the remembrance of his parent's respectability, keep that lad from picking and stealing for the time to come.

I could not but feel struck by the boy's argument, guilty as he was: "My father is

respectable." By his so willingly accepting the thrashing, it is evident that he did not advance this plea solely for the purpose of getting off. It would have been a real grief to him to have brought his parents to shame.

Surely we may learn, even though it be from the mouth of a thief.

Let no parent think that to be respectable is worth nothing, and that he need make no sacrifice for respectability's sake. Many a man has neither money nor money's worth, so far as this world's goods are concerned, to leave his children; but he can leave them the heritage of a respectable name. And it may be that that will keep them from evil, or make them ashamed of it when they have fallen into it. It is a great thing to a boy or girl to feel that they have something decent belonging to them: a decent home, a decent name, decent parents, decent friends. A man is reckless when he has nothing to lose; but let him at least have these.

And if he should fall, we cannot tell when it may please God to make use of this as an instrument to arrest a man in his course of folly. It will help to deepen his sense of unworthiness; it will give him something to rise up to. The prodigal in the depth of his wretchedness remembered what his father was,—that he himself was one with a household so ordered and provided for that, even the many hired servants had bread enough and to spare; and he determined no longer to remain perishing amongst the swine, but to arise and go to that father.

God has taught us in His holy Word to call Him "Father;" Jesus has said, when we pray to Him we are to say, "Our Father which art in Heaven."

This is wonderful love on His part; it is wonderful condescension. We can understand His allowing us to call Him "King," but "Father," is something altogether different. How God stoops to us, when He lets us call Him "Father!"

The angels, all bright and glorious as they are, are not allowed to call God "Father." They may call Him "Creator," and "Lord God Almighty," but not so near and dear a name as "Father." To us is given a much higher privilege than to them.

Let us try to act worthily of it. What should we think of a child of our own, who allowed our name to be dragged through the mire, who made it a by-word in the mouth of low people? Yet how often that is what men who call themselves Christians are doing!

Would to God that we always remembered the nobility and honour of our Great Father, that it were an argument with us why we should not sin, that we felt how shameful it were to bring His name into contempt before the world.

Would that we were so choice of our high relationship that, we would rather suffer personally than have it in any wise openly disgraced!

Yes: would that it met us before our sin, in the way of our sin, and said to us, "This thing is not worthy of your Father." David was visited with sore punishment because he had given the enemies of God cause to blaspheme; and how often have we done the same? May we be tender of the honour of our Father, of the name of the heavenly relationship, and be taught by the chosen and willingly borne stripes of this young thief. A shame, a pain, deeper, acuter than the rod, was the connection of the name of a thief with the respectability of his father.

Look upon yourself, then, good reader, if you profess to be a Christian at all, as one to whom in some measure the Father commits His honour. He says, "People will judge of Me, and My laws, and My ways, by the conduct of those who profess to belong to Me." Accept the great trust of God's honour, in the midst of a wicked world, and do not act worse than even a young thief who was tender of the respectability of his father.

Rev. B. P. Power, M.A.

## Stuck Fast in a Rut.

MR. DOUGLAS relates: "an aged farmer and a young man, who had recently given himself to Christ, were driving along a country road. The young man was talking about his newly-found Saviour with all the joyous enthusiasm of a young convert, when his old and somewhat cynical companion interrupted him, saying 'Oh yes, you know you are just in your first love, but wait a little, and then you'll—you'll—', and he meant, though he did not say it, that he would get cold, like himself. 'And what are you?' enquired the young man. 'I am an established Christian,' was the answer. They drove on for some time in silence, until they were somewhat roughly brought up by the cart wheel sticking fast in a deep rut. They got out to try and liberate it; the old man whipped the horse and spoke rather forcibly, but all to no purpose; the wheel remained immovable. After one of their fruitless efforts, the young man looked at the farmer and remarked, 'I guess, my friend, *it's got established.*' Similarly there are some Christians who get into a deep rut, and stick there, and mistake their criminal inactivity for established Christianity."

God is more willing to pardon than to punish.



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The Rev. Alexander Roger.

The Free Church of England.

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Interview with the Rev. Alexander Roger at 107 Oakhill Road. Putney.

Rev. Alexander Roger is a man of about 40, under middle height, ugly & ungainly with hideous hands, but earnest manner with a loud voice with the hoarseness that comes of speaking in the open air. A genuine man: with an intense hatred of the Roman Catholics.

He is minister of the Free Church of England & came here in 1891. The Free Church of E. is a body formed to provide Evangelical services of the Wesleyan Peploe type in parishes which only have high church parsons. They originally belonged to the Countess of Huntingdon's Connection. This name ceased to please in 1863 when the name Free Church of England was invented. But they did not break off until 1874. Mr Roger has never been a member of the Established Church. Before 1891 he was in

The position of the Free Church in England.



Roger. Emmanuel Free Ch:

in charge of the Reformed Episcopal Church in West Kensington which is "a miserable affair" & a schism from the Free Church. Since then he has been in Putney.

There are about 20 Free Churches in England of which 5 are in London mostly in the suburbs. They use the Church of England Service. Their object is to maintain the church service as it was in the time before Passey. The main difference is that the officiating clergyman wears a black gown for the pulpit but a white one for the Desk. Choirs are surpliced.

Each church elects its pastor.

A few are endowed but most depend on the voluntary offerings of their congregation.

Their position is peculiar as they are not dissenters, nor are they Churchmen where the Establishment is advanced.

They are quite out of it when the Bishop appoints an Evangelical in place of a High Churchman. Then their raison-d'être is gone.

In reality when this happens they have gained what

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that they wanted & should go somewhere else.
But ministers cannot be found to live in
shepherds hut or catmans shelters & be wheeled
from place to place as they are needed.
They are married or have bought a house
- as he has done - & don't want to leave.
So the Free Church in London starts success-
fully; is discovered by the Bishop who
then appoints an evangelical & after that
dwindles. This is happening in Putney at
the present time.

All Mr. Rogers people are well-to-do middle class.
They belonged to the Established Church but
were not dissenters. They abominated the
high churchism of the neighbourhood but
wd not go to Chapel. So they sent for
Mr. Rogers predecessor. Service was held in an
Iron Church from 1876 onwards but was
replaced by the present church - situated
between Putney & Putney Stations in the
Upper Richmond Road - in 1881. It is called
Emmanuel Church. The competing church is

St

Services & attendance

Character of Putney.



Stephen's which was high & is now low.
Emmanuel holds 300
at 11 on Sundays 170 come.
150
78 on Thursdays between 25 & 40.
The poorest are domestic servants.
Strange half of his evening congregation are old men. In the morning there is a good sprinkling of young women & some young men but the bicycle has raised the church attendance of the young.
Mr. Rogers has no special feeling about wearing a black gown in the pulpit but he knows that if he put on a white one half of his old people would leave.
Putney is a strange place. Though a suburb & well to do it has little in common with North London. "No non-con Church in Putney is well-attended, all about ½ full." "It is more like St. John's Wood than Stamford Hill." There are the remnants of the old inhabitants rich & retired, there are

native

The accessibility of Putney.

Visiting.



9 London shopkeepers, besides business men & clerks who only spend the night in Putney. In addition there is a large class of theatrical people. Actors, actresses & music hall artistes. "The last train that leaves Waterloo at night is a train to Putney." But Putney is not only dependent on Waterloo, there are innumerable omnibusses & both the Metropolitan & District railways as well. In the train of the theatre come the kept women & pleasure seekers who spend their evenings & Sundays upon the river.

Visiting is impossible except among his own people & "you can't even go to them as you would to your people;" the others merely say not at home & if you call again it is still not at home: 'they never are at home to me.' When the old puritan stock die out" they people bring their Bibles with them to church & turn up the references as they occur in the course of the sermon" there will be no need for the Free Church in Putney.

Sunday schools are a feature. Here he touches the work

Sunday Schools.

Treats.



Roger- Emmanuel Free Church.

working-classes. 160 children on books with an average attendance of 130-140 who come willingly. 'Not 6 of them are children of members of my congregation. St Stephens has no Sunday School of their own & the workers in it often regets their people. No parent thinks of the doctrine taught. They want to get rid of the children & have a quiet afternoon's nap in their armchairs. He does not think like Reaney that children are begotten on Sunday afternoons. The children like to come because of the treats. Here it was a case of the bitter bit. 'That is a vicious system' said Mr. Rogers. We started tea treats & got more children but all the others have started tea also. The Established church the Romans & the Noncons, all are alike in Putney in their hunt for the children. He knows cases where some persuade the mothers to tear up the other sects tickets. It has come to this that the parents think they do you a favour if they send their children to you. 'Well if you're not pleased with my child,

so

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So ~~so~~ "Let's have a better treat than yours & I shall send her there". Not one of them think of the trouble & expense that we are put to on their account. When St Stephens start schools as they are going to Mr Roger expects to lose the greater part of his own school.
Mr Roger wd. like to see Church & Chapel cooperate to fix treats on the same day. There is so much overlapping at present. "Get as much as you can out of them" is the idea of the parents who are not afraid of fibbing for the sake of their children. Church & Chapel are considered fair game.

Cooperation of Sects.

There is no cooperation with other sects in Putney with the exception of that mentioned above & St Stephens Sunday School children which is rather Polarization than ~~the~~ cooperation on the part of St Stephens. The Church Council has made the only real step in bringing sects together & their united service for Sunday Schools held last Sunday. Henley, Vicar of Putney hardly recognizes ~~of~~ the existence of dissenting bodies

Other Churches.



Roger - Emmanuel Free Church.

bodies. 'He is an aristocrat & thinks that a town is like a country parish, only rather larger. As it is larger & he has 3 churches under him he provides "what he humorously calls tea coffee & cocoa" in the way of church service those who don't like one may take the other. If St Marys (the parish church) is too low then go to St Johns - If St Johns does not suit then try All Saints.

He Romans are getting stronger every year & collect a large congregation on Sundays from a large area. Many R.C. families are coming to live near the big church in the upper Richmond road.

He holds monthly vestry meetings for special cases of sickness.

Local Govt. Putney strong tory. 'a Tory warming pan'.

Police. pleasant enough but in the publicans he believes

Drink. Believes it to be increasing among women.

Prostitution. Some kept women & prostitution on the Heath.

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Crime. None.
Health.. Good.
Housing. fair. LCC inspectors strict. Builders unreliable. not as good as they ought to be but not as bad as they might be. They shirked putting a concrete floor to his house & if he had not discovered it after the flooring was on it wd never have been done. His builder said to him 'I will never build a house for a parson again!
Rents. £100 to 120 in the red streets.
£60 to £70 in Kbarred -
£32 to £36 in the pbd to pk street &
£42 for a double fronted house -
Many small owners here both of free-holds & long leases -
Mothers Meeting. 12 come, all the coal + clothing club.

The Jesuits. On monday Mr Roger leaves Putney & returns on Thursday. He goes away lecturing. for the Prots against the Romans. The Romans esp

the

Romish plots.

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The Jesuits are very hostile to him. He has been stoned & had eggs thrown at him. The worst attack was one played him lately in Wales. He was lecturing at Carmarthen & shewing medals & thumbscrews etc. A lady came up & was very friendly. He noticed the medals & the police suspected the lady. They made enquiries & found she was staying in Carmarthen for this meeting, she came from central Wales from a R.C. stronghold & was known there as a woman of loose morals. If he had not met a friendly parson who had advised him to go to a temperance hotel on his way to London he too would have been staying in the same hotel as the lady. He has no doubt but that it was a Roman trick for executing damaging his (Rogers) character. Even as it was he was afraid of prosecuting the lady.

"The Jesuits, he said, make a special point of attacking the moral character of their opponents.

Incidentally he said Leakage preferred licensed to Temperance hotels though himself a teetotaller. "Except in the largest towns, temperance hotels are so dirty & the food is not good or so well served."

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Sept 4th. 1900.

Interview with Rev. Donald Matheson
Presbyterian Church, Upper Richmond Road, Putney.

Rev. Matheson is a diminutive, but very bright and intelligent Scotchman. In common with most of his brother Presbyterian ministers you find yourself with him at once in a totally different atmosphere from that which surrounds the vast majority of Ch. of Eng. ministers alone among the clergy outside the Church of England the Presbyterian ministers have been universally gentlemen in the conventional sense. Men who would not be uncomfortable themselves or produce discomfort in others in a big fine drawing room: and they have this advantage over the clergy of the Church of England that they are usually much better educated.

Rev Matheson has been in Putney for 21 years: until two years ago his church was

in Putney Heath Lane, in the centre of one of the richest districts in west London. When they have moved down to Upper Richmond Road where a fine church with a large hall attached has been built.

Except that a few poor and some tenants come the Church is entirely a rich church some of them very rich: his brother ministers tell him he that "no one less than a Duke" is admitted as a member. To attend this Presbyterian churches it seems for a wide area, members coming from Fulham, Wandsworth, Wimbledon etc. Though not to full the church is always well filled." Next year a new campaign will be opened on the Dwellings in the new Roads which are springing up between the church and the river.

So little has the work of the church been of a missing character that in the old place

There was no Sunday School: one has started
but had her start by children mostly of middle
class. There are too Debating Societies etc. for
church members

Certain members of the church have raised
an Boys Brigades in Putney and Barnes with
much success and others have worked at
the Sefton Mission Stack in Sefton St.

I had talk with Rev M. Scott chiefly with
general matters. Broadly speaking a middle class
district. Putney he thinks is at a low moral
level. It is a great place for sporting men:
Cricketers and Rowing Men & thereon with
bookmakers, and the general atmosphere of the
district is one of ~~gloom~~ pleasure seeking. The
rich people are inclined to be snobbish
and exclusive. "They are" said Rev M. "generally
people who have made fortunes in trade: they
come here and want to be treated as fine
ladies and gentlemen, which they are not: their

th.ʳ are very defective, and a glance at the pictures in their drawing rooms shows one that they have no culture."

"Many, even people the churches do not prosper: the churches of England are well filled one day, but the free churches do not. do well. According to him the middle classes here are as indifferent to religion as the poor classes: in Dealty Road, where he lived the majority only ~~two~~ 2 families out of 24 attended worship regularly, while he has been assured that in Chelsea Road only 6 out of one 100 go regularly to any church. Many would prefer to go somewhere but "on a fine day they go for a walk, which on a wet day they don't go because of the rain." But he knows two of many who have given up going to the church of

Stepney because they dislike High Church teaching, but who will not go to a free church because "it is bad form."

The religious life of Putney has suffered too from the absence of any religious unity: there has been no central body when the churches could hold any united mission.

On general questions has spoken at some length as to Drink and Prostitution and the unsatisfactory attitude of the police with reference to them. The police have an effort to deal with the drink traffic: two years ago a man connected with one of the churches caught the chief inspector of the sub-division and another inspector drinking in public house on Sunday morning: he reported the matter to Scotland Yard: the men denied the ~~[illegible]~~ and that they were theirs, as also the publican: there were no local witnesses and nothing was done, but the Inspector has since been moved.

A delegate of the Gospel Temperance Society has counted over 200 known Notting people visit one Notting house or more public-houses on Sunday morning: and a Notting policeman has known a bet-that he would get-round-at-any-hour in Notting on Sunday morning within two hours.

As to Prostitution the state of things is bad though slightly better than it was: 20 years ago solicitation in Notting was unknown: about 15 years ago women began to swarm on Notting Hill: and after the District Railway came Richmond Road between East Notting station and Hill Gate became a regular promenade: now the Police have clutched them pretty, and there counted as many as 20 women in that small stretch of road. The Police constantly complained to the police, but little is done.

Rev. Mr. spoke in high terms of the work of the United Gospel Temperance Society and strongly

Recommended us to the hearty hospitality of
He also mentioned a Miss Lovell of 5 Dixwell
Road who is ~~London~~ doing a very excellent
work among Telegraph boys.

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July 6th 1900.

Interview with Rev. F. B. Cowl - Wesleyan Church Leek Staffs Woodcroft

The Revd is a man of years 50. He is short and thin about cadaverous with large overhanging eyebrows and a hawk like look. He is not priest not an attractive though rather an able face, but he impresses much on acquaintance and in conversation I found him above the run of Wesleyan Ministers whom I have met.

Our talk dealt more with the two Missions in North St and South St than with the Church or Leek Staffs, which except that it lies down its vigour & branching out into these Missions differs little from other old established Wesleyan churches in similar districts. As is so often the case however the Church

has gone down as the population around it
& has increased: "when this was a thinly
populated suburban district with many rich
people in it the church was thronged: people
had to wait for seats": but most of this
class are gone, their place has been taken by
a poorer middle class, and any number of
new roads have sprung up inhabited by such
clerks and city people "who are almost more
stubborn and difficult to reach than the
working classes": they prefer spending a day
of pleasure visiting, and on off nights and
& cycling: "they would be visited, and they
can't be maintained" "they would look upon
an open air service in their streets as an
insult": "they are not bad people, they have
simply ceased to reckon with the unseen
side". In spite of this rather gloomy picture

of the middle class population of Wandsworth. The
this church is still fairly prosperous. There is
a membership of 220 and at the Evening Service
there are seldom less than 600: visiting Ministers
indeed almost always notice that it is a fine
congregation". In the Sunday School there are
about 500 children.

The Missions connected with the Church are
respectively in North St. and South St. both
poor and rather squalid districts. The North
St. Mission appears to be the more vigorous of
the two: here there is a Deaconess always at-
work visiting and relieving. At both the Mission
Rooms are the usual services, Class Meet. Mothers'
Meetings, Bands of Hope and Sunday Schools
all of which are large: but at neither the
Religious Services are not well attended. The
C. gave the membership at the two Missions as

about 100 (the highest yearly 87 & the
lowest) and the usual attendance is about
200; but the bulk of them who come are
women, and these can only be kept "by
constant attention". I enquired too that there
is a good deal of outdoor, & Mrs C. said
that about £100 a year was spent on
relief, all in their own people: to any
applicant for relief the first question is
"what claim have you on us?" If they have
no claim they are left rather to the Church of
England. (Incidentally Mrs C. mentioned that
in almost every application for relief the poor
have to add altogether to drink or part of man
or wife or both).

The chief means other than visiting
relied on for bringing in the indifferent is
open air Services, of which there are

closely connected with the church and
Missions. Each Sunday night Mr C. admitted
that the results were not easy to trace, but
quoted one case of a Japanese "who really
wore the robes of saints" who was saved in
this way, and is now one of the most
faithful members of the church and lively
preachers and preaches well at the open air
services.

In the same individual way efforts are made
to reclaim the drunkard: "souls are little good,
it is a work of man to man": and how
C. gave me a recent instance of the Lord
for ~~whom~~ reclamation from drink of a lost
Down fender costa who or her neighbours said
"don't ask drink"

A branch of the work of the Missions
which Mr C. spoke of as specially successful
was the Children's Penny Banks: the teachers

tells him that it has resolved to send the boys of the children who depart and has invited many of them to take advantage of the C.E.F.

Rev C. spoke of the "Step Girls Club" as an unusual feature: it is said to be confined to girls who clean ~~steps~~ steps and to have 50 members.

The district Rev C. thinks is very vigorously worked by the Church of England: "we are always coming across their workers" said Rev C.: especially is this true of the South St. mission district in the parish of St. Ann: Rev Norman Campbell is a "most excellent man" with a very large staff. The most energetic work among the non-Conformists is that of the Baptists on East Hill (Rev Townsend). The district is a great one for open air services: last Sunday in walking back from the Putney

Church Hon C. ~~used~~ paired six in the main road alone. At a rule the ~~attendance is big~~ audience is very small, but Hon C. thought generally as large as the merits of the preaching justified. The only ~~speakers~~ speakers who got a large audience are the Social Democrats.

On general questions: they were a bad account as to drink, the women as bad as the men.

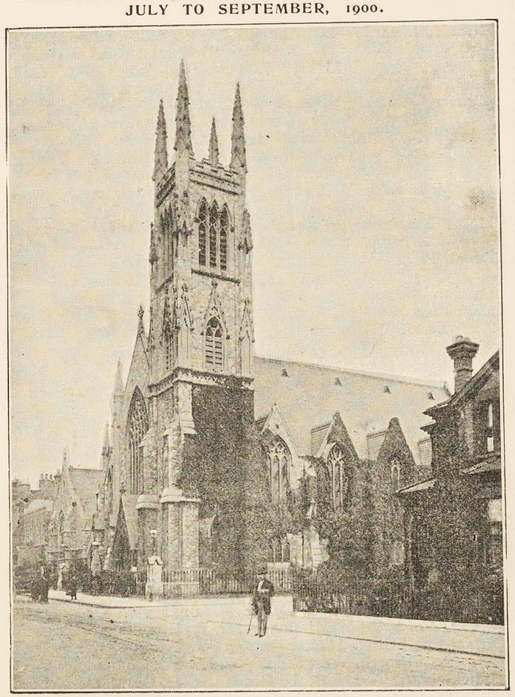
Prostitution is rampant about Wandsworth Common. Hon C. is accosted almost nightly. The women try to take others, and a few nights since his housemaid was given a note by one of them asking her to call at a certain address.

# Wesleyan Methodist Church,

WANDSWORTH CIRCUIT.

## DIRECTORY AND ORDER OF SERVICES,

JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 1900.



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Rev. JOSIAH FLEW, 54, Chelverton Road, Putney,

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Mr. Mayne, 128, High Street, Wandsworth
Mr. F. H. Greeves, 25, Balmuir Gardens
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,, Secretary—Mr. C. Wallis Boyns, Bankfield, Cavendish Road, Sutton
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General Secretary—Mr. P. Ross, Fanthorpe Street
,, Treasurer—Mr. James Hooker
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Secretary, Mrs. Edmonds
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Mr. W. Hole, 96, Chelverton Road

## North Street Mission.

Society Steward—Mr. T. H. Clarke, 40, Alma Road
Poor Steward—Mr. D. F. Shillington
Chapel Steward—Mr. Lee, 14, Flavel Road
Sunday School Supt.—Mr. John Long, 29, Birdhurst Road

## South Street Mission.

Society Steward—Mr. J. Parton, 82, West Hill.
Poor Steward—Mr. W. Neve, 86, Wilna Rd., Earlsfield Rd.
Sunday School Supt.—Mr. Narbeth, 6, Melody Road
Chapel Steward—Mr. J. H. Briant, 91, Fawe Park Rd., S.W.

## Ministers.

Rev. F. B. Cowl, 42, Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common
Rev. Josiah Flew, 54, Chelverton Road, Putney
Rev. Charles H. Kelly, Spanish Close, Wandsworth Common
Rev. C. F. Nightingale, St. Monica, West Side, Wandsworth Common
Rev. John Reacher, Kingston-on-Thames
Rev. Phillip Rees, London
Rev. G. W. Thorn, Handsworth College
Student, Richmond College

## Local Preachers.

Mr. J. G. Sissison, 51, Eglantine Road, Wandsworth
Mr. C. J. Wade, 14, The Grove, Wandsworth
Mr. E. Edmonds, Mona Lodge, Amersham Road, Putney
Mr. E. Hughes, 42, Meyrick Road, Clapham Junction
Mr. R. J. Hubbard, 12, North Side, Wandsworth
Mr. J. Comben, 4, Swift Street, Fulham
Mr. G. Arnall, 153, St. John's Hill, Wandsworth
Mr. W. W. Courtenay, 1, Wimbledon Pk. Rd., Southfields
Mr. J. Parton, 82, West Hill, Putney
Mr. T. D. Hill, "Ladysmith" West Side, Wandsworth Common
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*Exhorter.*

Mr. A. Norman, 340, York Road, Wandsworth

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Mr. R. Tweedie Smith, Lavant Lodge, Atway Rd., Putney
Mr. W. J. Davey, Wimbledon
Mr. A. Bate, Clapham
Mr. W. J. Back, Kensington



## General Notices.

The Circuit Quarterly Meeting, will be held at Wandsworth on Monday, September, 24th, tea at 6 p.m., business to follow immediately. The Circuit Stewards will meet the Society Stewards, at 5 p.m., to receive their money.

The Local Preachers' Meeting will be held at St. John's Hill, Wandsworth, on Thursday, September, 6, at 8.30.

Marriages.—The St. John's Hill and Putney Chapels are registered for the celebration of Marriages.

Pews and Sittings.—Information respecting Pews and Sittings may be obtained from the Church Stewards or from the Caretaker.

REFERENCES.

A—Aged Ministers and Ministers' Widows' Fund Collection.
B—Baptism. Both parents are requested to be present.
CA—Chapel Anniversary.
CF—General Chapel Fund Collection.
CS—Covenant Service and Sacrament.
E—Education Fund Collection.
FM—Foreign Missions.
GF—Good Friday.
H—Collections for Hospitals.
HM—Home Mission Sermons, or Annual Meeting.
HF—Harvest Festival.
I—Theological Institution Collection.
K—School's Fund Collection.
L—Love Feast. LM—Leaders' Meeting.
MCB—Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund Collections.
MP—Missionary Prayer Meeting.
Q—Quaterly Collection, towards sustentation of the Ministry
S—Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
SA—Sunday School Anniversary.
SM—Special Mission Service, conducted by Sister Helen.
SP—Sunday School Prayer Meeting.
TR—Ticket Renewal.
W—Watch Night. X—Christmas Morning Service.

# PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

| | JULY | | | | | AUGUST | | | | SEPTEMBER | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 |
| PLACES AND HOURS OF SERVICE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COLLECT | 3rd S. after Trinity. | 4th S. after Trinity. | 5th S. after Trinity. | 6th S. after Trinity. | 7th S. after Trinity. | 8th S. after Trinity. | 9th S. after Trinity. | 10th S. after Trinity. | 11th S. after Trinity. | 12th S. after Trinity. | 13th S. after Trinity. | 14th S. after Trinity. | 15th S. after Trinity. |
| MORNING LESSONS | I. Sam. ii., 1-20. Ac. ix., 23-43. | I. Sam. xii. Acts xiv. | I. Sam. xv. 1-23. Ac. xix., 1-20. | II. Sam. i. Ac. xxii., 23. xxiii., 11. | I.Chron.xxi. Acts xxviii., 1-16. | I. Chr. xxix. 9-28. Rom. v. | I. Kgs.x.1-24. Rom. x. | I. Kings xii. Rom. xv. | I. Kgs. xviii., I. Cor. vii., 1-24. | I. Kgs. xxii., 1-40. I. Cor. xii., 1-27. | II. Kings v. II. Cor. i., 1-22. | II. Kings ix. 11-37. II. Cor. viii. | II. Ks. xviii. 1-16. Gal. ii. |
| **Wandsworth** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday ... 11.0 | Cowl AS | Cowl | Kelly CA | Cowl | Flew | Flew | Flew | Thorn | Cowl | Reacher S | Cowl | Flew | Cowl Q |
| ,, ... 6.30 | Flew AS | Hubbard | Kelly CA | Flew L | Cowl S | Bate | Thorn | Flew | Davey | Cowl S | Rees | Student | Flew Q |
| Thursday ... 7.30 | Cowl | Flew | Cowl | Flew | Sissison | Flew | Flew | Hubbard | Cowl | Cowl | Courtenay | Cowl | Flew |
| Saturday, Pr.M. 7.30 | Cowl | Cowl | Cowl | Cowl | Wade | Long | Sissison | Clarke | Cowl | Cowl | Cowl | Cowl LM | Cowl |
| **Putney** Sunday 11.0 | Flew A | Flew | Cowl | Flew | Cowl | Courtenay | Thorn | Flew | Back | Cowl | Rees | Cowl Q | Flew |
| ,, 6.30 | Cowl AS | Flew | Flew L | Cowl | Flew | Flew S | Flew | Thorn | Cowl | Reacher S | Cowl | Flew Q | Cowl |
| Monday, Pr. M. 8.0 | Ross | Flew | Flew | Flew | Flew | Flew | Flew | Durbin | Liddell | Edmonds | Guppy | Flew | Flew |
| Wednesday ... 7.30 | Cowl | Flew | Cowl | Flew | Comben | Flew | Flew | Sissison | Cowl | Cowl | Edmonds | Flew LM | Cowl |
| **North St. Mission** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday ... 7.0 | Hill | Cowl CAS | Courtenay | Y.M.C.A. | S.M. | Arnall | Osborn | S.M. | Wade | Sissison | Edmonds | Hubbard | Arnall S |
| **South St. Mission** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday ... 7.0 | S.M | Parton | Cowl S | Osborn | Comben | S.M. | McDade | Hubbard | Arnall | Parton | Hill S | Cowl SA | Smith |
| **Boys' Home** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday ... 6.30 | Courtenay | | | Parton | | | Hubbard | | | Arnall | | | Hill |
| Friday ... 6.30 | Cowl | | | | | Flew | | | | Cowl | | | |
| **Putney Hospital** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Friday ... 6.30 | | | Cowl | | | | Flew | | | | | Cowl | |

## RESIDENCES OF LEADERS OF ADULT AND JUNIOR SOCIETY CLASSES.

*Wandsworth.*

Rev. F.B. Cowl, 42, Spencer Park
Mr. J.G. Sissison, 51, Eglantine Road.
Mrs. Hubbard, 12, North Side, Wandsworth Common.
Mr. H. Lockwood, 2, St. Ann's Road.
Mrs. Roker, 10, Elmsleigh Road.
Mr. Courtenay, 1, Wimbledon Park Road.
Mr. T. H. Barnes, 9, Geraldine Road.
Mrs. Allen, 36, Tonsley Road.
Miss Atkinson, 16, Summerley Road, Earlsfield.
Miss S. J. Kelly, 26, Rose Hill Road.
Mr. J. A. Thompson, 16 Gorst Road.
Mr. W. C. Kelly, 26, Rose Hill Road.
Mrs. Molland, 21, Birdhurst Road.
Mr. W. T. Stormer, 36, Knoll Road.
Mrs. Nightingale, St. Monica, Wandsworth Common.
Miss F. Bowden, 27, Earlsfield Gardens.

*Putney.*

Rev. Josiah Flew, 54, Chelverton Road.
Mr. C. H. A. Liddell, Pentowan, Rusholme Road.
Mrs. Lord, 77, Chelverton Road.
Miss King, 8, Stratford Grove.
Mr. Guppy, 26, Oakhill Road, East Putney.
Miss Greeves, 25, Balmuir Gardens.
Mr. Edmonds, Mona Lodge, Amersham Road.

*North Street Mission.*

Mr. Shillington, 7, Spencer Park.
Mrs. Linford, 14, Warple Way, Waterside.
Mr. T. H. Clarke, 40, Alma Road.

*South Street Mission.*

Mr. Parton, 30, West Hill Road.
Miss Holbrook, 179, St. John's Hill.

## PLAN OF PASTORAL VISITATION OF CLASSES.

The Leaders will oblige by calling the attention of the Members of their classes to the arrangements made without further Notice from the Superintendent or from the pulpit.

| LEADER | DAY | HOUR | DATE | MINISTER. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wandsworth.** | | | | |
| Mr. Sissison ... ... | Sun. | 10.0 | Sept. 9 | Cowl |
| Mr. Lockwood ... ... | Sun. | 3.0 | ,, 2 | ,, |
| Mrs. Roker ... ... | Mon. | 7.30 | ,, 3 | ,, |
| Mrs. Molland ... ... | Mon. | 8.0 | ,, 10 | ,, |
| Mr. Courtenay ... ... | Mon. | 8.15 | ,, 3 | ,, |
| Mrs. Hubbard ... ... | Tues. | 8.0 | ,, 4 | ,, |
| Mrs. Roker ... ... | Tues. | 7.30 | ,, 11 | ,, |
| Mr. Barnes ... ... | Tues. | 8.15 | ,, 11 | ,, |
| Rev. F. B. Cowl... ... | Wed. | 11.30 | ,, 5 | ,, |
| Mrs. Nightingale ... | Wed. | 3.30 | ,, 5 | ,, |
| Mrs. Allen... ... ... | Wed. | 7.0 | ,, 12 | ,, |
| Miss S. J. Kelly ... ... | Wed. | 8.0 | ,, 12 | ,, |
| Mr. J. A. Thompson ... | Wed. | 8.30 | ,, 5 | ,, |
| Mr. Stormer ... ... | Wed. | 8.30 | ,, 19 | ,, |
| Miss Atkinson ... ... | Thurs. | 6.30 | ,, 6 | ,, |
| Rev. F. B. Cowl... ... | Fri. | 8.0 | ,, 7 | ,, |
| Mr. W. C. Kelly... ... | Fri. | 8.15 | ,, 14 | ,, |
| Mrs. Molland (J.C.) ... | Mon. | 7.0 | ,, 10 | ,, |
| Mr. Stormer (J.C.) ... | Wed, | 7.30 | ,, 19 | ,, |
| Miss F. Bowden (J.C.) | Fri. | 7.0 | ,, 14 | ,, |
| **Putney.** | | | | |
| Rev. J. Flew ... } Mr. Edmond ... } | Tues. | 8.30 | Sept. 18 | Flew |
| Mr. Liddell ... ... | Tues. | 8.0 | ,, 18 | ,, |
| Mrs. Lord... ... ... | Tues. | 8.0 | ,, 18 | ,, |
| Rev. J. Flew ... ... | Tues. | 3.30 | ,, 18 | ,, |
| Miss King... ... ... | Wed. | 8.30 | ,, 19 | ,, |
| Mr. Guppy ... ... | Fri. | 8.30 | ,, 21 | ,, |
| Miss Greeves (J.C.) ... | Wed. | 6.0 | ,, 19 | ,, |
| **North Street.** | | | | |
| Mr. Shillington ... ... | Mon. | 8.0 | August 27 | Cowl |
| Mrs. Linford ... ... | Mon. | 8.0 | ,, 27 | ,, |
| Mrs. Linford (J.C.) ... | Mon. | 7.0 | Sept. 17 | ,, |
| Mr. Clarke (J.C.) ... | Mon. | 8.0 | ,, 17 | ,, |
| **South Street.** | | | | |
| Mr. Parton ... ... | Wed. | 8.30 | August 29 | Cowl |
| Miss Holbrook (J.C.) ... | Wed. | | ,, 29 | ,, |

## ANNUAL CIRCUIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONNEXIONAL FUNDS—1898-1899.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Schools' Fund ... ... ... | 22 | 4 | 5 |
| General Chapel Fund ... ... | 13 | 18 | 5 |
| General Education Fund ... ... | 15 | 8 | 6 |
| The Theological Institution ... .. | 17 | 14 | 1 |
| Aged Ministers and Widows' Fund ... | 41 | 3 | 10 |
| Home Missions .. ... ... | 67 | 16 | 5 |
| Foreign Missions ... ... ... | 145 | 6 | 11 |
| Metropolitan Chapel Building Fund ... | 29 | 3 | 6 |

## NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS IN THE CIRCUIT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wandsworth ... ... | March Quarter | 281 |
| Putney ... .. | ,, | 152 |
| North Street ... .. | ,, | 28 |
| South Street ... ... | ,, | 9 |
| | | 490 |

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED LADY DAY, 1900.

*RECEIPTS.*

| | Members' Contributions. £ | s. | d. | Offertory & Quarterly Collection. £ | s. | d. | Contributions from Chapel Trusts. £ | s. | d. | Total. £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wandsworth | 49 | 18 | 7 | 63 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 120 | 19 | 1 |
| Putney | 29 | 18 | 8 | 47 | 17 | 0 | | | | 77 | 15 | 8 |
| North Street | 4 | 6 | 0 | | | | | | | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| South Street | 2 | 7 | 0 | | | | | | | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Total Receipts | | | | | | | | | | £205 | 7 | 9 |

*EXPENDITURE.*

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ministers' Allowances, Rents, Rates, Taxes, Insurance, Repairs, and Renewal of Furniture, &c. ... ... ... | 201 | 4 | 6 | |
| Excess of Receipts over Expenditure for the quarter ... ... ... | 4 | 3 | 3 | |
| Balance due to Stewards at Christmas, 1899 | 104 | 17 | 2 | |
| Balance due to Stewards at Lady-day, 1900 | £100 | 13 | 11 | |

Card from Mr Beverley
re Granville Hall
Balvernie Grove
Merton Road

Ackd Rec.
10.VII.1903

192 Merton Road
~~Wandsworth~~

Re Granville Hall

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter
The work of the above Hall is
purely Religious Mission Work
supported by Voluntary Contributions
quite Unsectarian, Carried on
by an energetic band of Workers
who for love of the work and the
welfare of their fellow-men &
women devote their time & energy
We hold 3 Services on Sunday
morning at 11 afternoon 3 evening 7
Tuesday Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock
Thursday Temperance at 8 o'clock

Yours truly
B Beverley (Sec)

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July 10. 1900. G.H.S.

Interview with Mr. W. T. Delves. London City missionary at 197. Earlsfield Road. Wands-worth Common. S.W.

Mr. Delves is a man between 50 & 60. Above middle height. With grey hair & beard carefully brushed, a quiet pleasant voice & a deliberate manner., good features, nose & brow & dark brown eyes. His were an effort but not an unpleasant effort.

Mr. L.C.M.

Character of District

This district is bounded on the N by High Street on the E by St. Anns Hill & the Grove: on S by Iron mill Place & on the W by South St. It is a purple to W district. The poorest streets are Iron Mill Place, & Coimbra, Barnes & Algar-ve roads out of Malva road. The poor roads date back some time but there is much new building on the Vicarage Estate which now being covered by two storied flats with slate

New & Old houses & inhabitants.



double doors to the street. The class coming in here are the Coopers. The vicarage (St Anns) has been transferred & rebuilt next the Church higher up on the E side of St Anns road. All the houses are full but there are flats offered at 5-0 7/-. There is more demand for a 2 or small house than for a flat.

The class of people living are Bricklayers, carpenters, plasterers & with them a number of labourers. The better off turn the light blue of Ironmill road & Borrodaile Rd. to purple.

These quarters of the district are Labourers in the Building trade. Never was such a district for present prospective Building as Wandsworth. Fulham & Stotherd Green can. compare with it for the number of houses built & the never ending prospect of more.

The Dolves district generally represents the old settled & poor part as against the new & expanding part to both streets that lie E & South. There is nothing in it so poor or so bad as the Wardley st or Bendon Vale

area

The choice of Missionaries.



Outside the Bldg trade the Chief employers are Macmurrays the papermakers with about 110 men & boys & 60 women. & Pyms flour mills with 50 men.

Mr. Delves has been here 7 years, coming from the New Cut. There are not the extremes of vice & poverty here that are there. Not quite so much money but more evenly distrib-uted. No crowding here. No one-room people. Here mostly 2 families to a house: some with a little cottage for 8/6 & sublet. Only one fam-ily in the flats.

Missionaries said Mr. Delves are chosen by recommend-ation & examination. Before acceptation they work for 3 months on probation. They must give proofs of their conversion & good knowledge of their knowledge of justification by Faith & the nature of the Deity & "such like primary things." They start at £67.10 per annum.

See also page 114

He spends 5 hours each day in visiting: visits every house & gets round the district once in 5 months. He starts in the morning at

Missioners work

The story of two conversions.



at 10. All receive him, none are hostile. the majority are indifferent to religion as such & he must spend a long time discussing their private joys & sorrows before he can get a word in for the Lord. On washing days he cannot go in: at most he can leave a thought. "They come out covered in soap suds but always wipe their hands before shaking hands" "No time for me I see to-day Mrs. Brown, so I wont come in. but just think of this over the wash-tub. You are washing the clothes but there is a text that says 'Lord wash me & I shall be clean." A conversion followed the timely suggestion of the text in one case.

The dist had been visited 17 years before he came by a LCM & hostility broken down: but 12 houses at first refused him. now there is not one - The last was an army pensioner, a military schoolmaster: who used to say 'I know a deal more about the Bible than you do' 'so he did but he was ignorant of the spirit of it.' Mr. D made it a case of special prayer. The Lord

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answered. Man taken ill. dropsy. Curates called & were chased away. Mrs S called & was admitted. prayed & read the Bible - man got well. sent for Mrs S to ask his forgiveness - 'Ask forgiveness of God.' 'I've done that already; give me yours.' 'It is given": "the man is now in Heaven"

Drink the greatest curse. Good deal among women though he does not know if it is increasing. Mondays the great day for women because money is not all spent & work is slack in a district like this where so much of women's work is 'washing'. The Commercial Rd linen comes to Garratt Lane. Work does not begin in Earnest before Thursday & never before Wednesday.

For men he considers 3 quarts a day not unusual among builders labourers. 3 quarts at 4d. = 1/- per day. he wd call such a one a heavy drinker but not a drunkard. He knows 'quite 200' from his district who would absorb their 12 half pints on Sundays. Garratt Lane is a bad place on Sundays because of the 'bona fide' travellers

"Drink

Mission Services

Other Bodies.



ii men also come here from Battersea & call themselves travellers. Mr. D has worked among the public houses & has started Sunday services as a counter attraction. A good many listen - One or two have been converted & now address the meetings. Even those who don't believe tolerate his meetings & will not let them be disturbed by outsiders. Mr. D ascribes his success in dealing with working men to 'witty repartees' & 'sanctified common-sense'. About 50 come to his mission Service on Sundays. it consists of a prayer. Jolly hymns. an address & a chapter of the Word.'

Of the other Church he said St Anns is the most active & try to do most. They are high & get a good middle class congregation but none from his district Norman Campbell is a pleasant man & 'though not quite Romish he intones his service to such a degree that when he comes to the sermon he fairly sings it.' His 3 curates are active but Instrict systematically: Nor do the Baptists (Townsend) or the Congregationalists (Parke) though they hold

mission

mission services. Mr D thinks there is no love lost between
chapel & chapel & church & chapel.
The usual excuse given for non attendance at a place of
worship is 'Look at my clothes Guvnor' & his answer
is 'you'd soon enough have clothes if you wanted them
really; try giving up a pot of beer per day."
Not a prostitute in the district -
Marriage not particularly early.
Health fair exc for some fever & diptheria in the lowest
parts.
Houses passable: great many small ones in Iron Mill Rd.
Lower Grove & Borrodaile roads.

One is almost tempted to think that City Missionaries are the
only spiritual influence in poor districts. They are not
too far removed from the social status of those they visit.
are absolutely convinced of the truth of what they preach.
They are father confessors & friends of their people & hold a
special position among them as such. They may not grant
material relief & are not pandered to on that account. Though
with an instinctive horror of Rome they can speak with respect
both of church & chapel: & relate their experiences with the
conviction & naïveté of expression of a medieval saint.

Mr. Pitt Undenominationalist.

Brambleburg Stall.



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July VI. F.H.W.

Interview with Mr. F. W. Pitt head of Brambleburg Stall, an undenominational Building at the E corner of Alt farthing Lane & Melody road. Mr. Pitt lives at 8. Cicada Rd. Wendworth but he came to Adelphi Terrace for the interview.

Mr. Pitt is a ~~young~~ man of about 40. married. tall, with a fair beard & moustache, carefully dressed, came in a well-brushed frock coat & top hat. He is in business but did not say what. He writes poems in the 'Christian' & articles & stories in all the Nonconformist papers. Though not an architect he designed his own church & gave £1000 towards the building of it.

Brambleburg Stall cost £600 for the ground & £3000 to build. Mr Pitt borrowed or collected the money above the £1800 he gave himself. Mr

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F.B. Meyer told him it was a beautiful hall in one of the finest situations in London.
He chose all for this lane in which to place it as the center of a new district that was not sufficiently catered for by existing religious bodies.
He built the hall & then opened it without any previous preparation in the shape of hunting up a congregation. He merely said here is a hall & here are my services. Come if you like & don't if you don't want to & the people came.
For doctrine he preaches "the Bible only" - Undenominationalism he thinks the great church of the future

Brambleberry hall is in the midst of a new pinkbarred district. The streets run all on the side of the hill which leads westwards to the Wandle river from Wandsworth Common. West of the Grove & St Anns Hill is the poor district but he hardly touches that except for the relief cases. His main support comes from pinkbarton. The houses in

## The Neighbourhood.

House-rent

in All forking Lane are 2 st & attic: with 10 or 11 rooms. rnt let for £50 ages. in 1899 these same houses ~~were~~ were £45 to £48.
The smaller 2 st houses started at £34: last year they went to £36: now they are £38. "More than half are owned by the occupiers who paid £365 for 99 year leases between 7 & 9 years ago: the price for the remaining leases of the same houses is £400 to £450!" Mr Pitt knows this because he went into the matter when he bought his own house.

Inhabitants

Those who live here are civil servants, retired & active shopkeepers, Doultons artists, commission & salary travellers. "Men who easily keep up appearances". Their black coat means no starvation in other respects. Respectability is no effort. Majority are married. It is a great district for young married couples who are moving on their way out of London than from the country: ie the parents are from the inner ring. Majority start off to London in the

Church workers.

the morning in black coats. Train from Clapham Jn. to Waterloo in 10 mins, & back in the evening in 10 to 14 min.

Mr. Pitt is head of the Church.
Under him he has 4 Elders. & None are paid.
Below that are 5 regular workers at Sunday School or visiting. & as many as 24 who do occasional work. "The bicycle is the ruin of Sunday work in the n'hood. I lament this & don't blame them: off on their wheels, out to the country forgetful of all but material enjoyment."
They come to an early service but that's enough: it's the old heathen idea of propitiation: & that is why "even the majority of churchgoers go to church": was Mr. Pitt's opinion.

Sunday Services.

Sunday services at. 10. for Bible study. Men & women. 10 to 20 come, more men than women because women are putting things in train for Sunday dinner.
Worship from 11 to 12.15.
at Worship the Elders take it in turn to come up & pray extempore. This is followed

Sunday services.



followed by a hymn of praise. Then a special lesson is read (often the lesson of the established Church). After that a hymn & general prayer with a specific subject ie for Queen & country & other religious works. It is a specific prayer with a direct tendency: "This is the part of my service which is abhorred by the Brethren who think that all prayer shd be without intention." (approved by brethren) Then comes an address nearly always given by Mr. Pitt. The meeting closes with hymns & prayers: & after a short interval is followed by the Lords' Supper. 1-200 come to morning service & about 80 stay on for Communion. On the first Sundays there is also evening Communion

In the afternoon from 2.45 to 4 are Bible Class & Sundayschool. Bible class. 16 average attendance. For Sunday school 120 on Books & 80 come.

At 6.30 Prayer meeting. 4 to 14 attend. for m & w. but all are men exc 1 woman who com occasionally.

Other Churches.

From 7 to 8.15 is evening service. 300 to 600 com. with addrs.
Brambleberry hall contains 618 seats in the upper hall where Sunday services are held & 300 in the Lower Hall where Sunday school & Bible classes take place.

The other churches at work in the district are Church of England - Rev Norman Campbell. 'By far the greatest power in the district'. 'but ritualistic'. Then there are in addition Baptists, Congregationalists, Wesleyan Methodist & Brethren & London City Missionary.
The Church is friendly. 'Their position is so strong that they can afford to waive their importance & speak to me! But Baptists, Congreg. Methodists & Brethren will have nothing to do with him. They look on him as an outer lopper, as one who speaks without authority. But each one speaks with authority if he has it from above' said Mr Pitt. Mr P sends round all notices of meeting to the parsons, the asks them to preach in his church, but they do not send

Mutual Love & Brotherliness amongst the Churches.

Mrs. Pitt writes on the printed form.
No Cooperation, suspicion & dislike is the unexceptional treatment meted out to a church of voluntary workers, on the ground of want of authority.



-end their notices nor ask him to preach; that is, not in his n'hood: but outside he preaches for every sect. He has worn both surplice & black gown. There is no non-con sect in London where he has not given an address. He takes Sunday duty for an evangelist clergyman during Autumn in the Eaton Square district: in fact & is shortly going up to take two months duty in a Free Church in Sunderland. But in his own district he is tabooed. Why? Mr Pitt says it is because he will belong to none of them & will remain undenominational. "I am one of the Brethren if you will spell it with a small b, & a Congregationalist if you will not call me only that"; & believes in total immersion but is not a Baptist." The free church Bishop in Balham ("who wears hat-quarters & looks just like a Bishop") wants to ordain him but Mr Pitt refuses. Mrs Pitt spoke rather bitterly about the want of mutual love & tolerance, the want of courtesy & gentlemanliness among the Free church persons of his district: & himself

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There are also 2 weeknight meetings.
Sewing meetings occasional social meetings.

Charity.



was tolerant enough until the High Church party were mentioned when he said "to them the Bible is nothing, the form of church service everything". I suppose the fact is that outside Mr Pitt can be accepted by anyone as a preacher; but that to receive him as such in his own district would mean the acknowledgment of his church as a sect.

Mr P. thinks that his own people are drawn chiefly from those who disliked the ritualism of St Anns.

He has a Christian Endeavour society of between 20 & 30 in winter but in summer it is spoilt by the superior claims of cricket.

No educational work outside Sunday School.

No nurse though ladies visit any known sickness.

Charity distributed by their chief lady worker (widow of a ch of E person): also supports an old woman wholly supported in one of the poor streets near Garratt Lane; relief given in sickness: back rents paid up: just a few things like that: under £50 given away yearly.

Marriage in the middle Classes.

eg Stamford Hill meets Wandsworth in Hyde Park—



Vestry. streets kept clean.
Drunk none.
Police. never seen but never wanted.
Prostitution none exc at the Common which is
fearful at night. Where come out of Battersea &
are the ruin of many young men 'whose curiosity is
greater than their disgust'.
Crime. none.
Marriage. not so much among the young men &
women of his congregation as he wd like to see
"One of the great wants of the middle class are
proper courting places." "In the middle class
parents wont ask young men & young women
with mutual inclinations to meet at their own
houses." The young people meet outside often in
other neighbourhoods: they fear banter in their
own. The consequence is that he never hears
of an engagement without their being unpleasant-
ness with the parents: either son or daughter in
law-to-be are not high enough in the social scale
to be a fit match. Hence when they do marry
the first notion of the young couple is to set
up

The Huguenots in Wandsworth.



up house in another district.
Health. excellent "Wandsworth prison is the healthiest spot in London."
Housing: good. Houses well built & well looked after.

Glad to give any further information or help in his power.

Mr. Pitt mentioned incidentally that Wandsworth was one of the old Huguenot settlements in London. The silk workers went to Spitalfields & the Cloth workers to Wandsworth. Old Huguenot names such as Chappuis still remain tho' mis-spelt in a variety of ways & the old Huguenot Cemetery is still in Wandsworth.

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July 11th. 1900.

Interview with Rev. J. B. Tarrant, Unitarian Church, East Hill, Wandsworth.

Mr Tarrant is a man of about 50 who has been minister of this church for 17 years. A history of the church will be found in the Report.

It is a very much and not a growing centre. The church only holds 200: there are about 150 members, and the congregations vary from 100 to 200. With the exception of a very few intelligent working men all members are middle class or wealthy. There are absolutely no theological tests: each member is free to think what he likes; the Minister is free to preach what he likes: the members are united only in their belief in the importance of a religious environment and

in the upholding of the principle of free inquiry into theological questions.

The members are drawn as a rule from other churches, often from those who have definitely become agnostics and given up church going. A number of people have said to me I can live going to such and such a church for years; but I never believed what I heard there; I have been a Unitarian without knowing it."

The Sunday School has about 100 children of whom about 50 may be from Unitarian homes; the rest come from homes where the parents are indifferent as to what their children are taught. There have been instances but not many, of parents removing their children on the plea of the character of the teaching, but Mr F. thinks that such removals have always been prompted by dissensions

from other churches, who of course ask treat this church as outside the pale of religious intercourse: this attitude is seen more pronounced with the Free Churches than with the Established Church.

Any direct work among the poor is practically confined to the Collecting Bank, as to which the Report.

Rev T. lives in Geraldine Road: the people immediately around him he thinks are a fairly church going folk: probably 50 p.c. of them go somewhere, but the dwellers in the large block of new streets off Wandsworth Common are of rather poorer class and much less churchy. Rev T. hears that both the parish church and St Anne's are very sparsely attended. The Congregational Church at the corner of Geraldine Road has large congregations.

As to the prospects of Unitarianism though it has no hold in poor districts such as Wandsworth it is ~~in the whole~~ making way in London as a whole: churches and memberships are increasing: but still more unitarian principles are permeating the other churches.

On general questions - Mrs T. maintained that the poor districts of the Thames and the Wandle, especially the latter was very dreadful: Trinmill Place and the streets about it "as bad or can be". A great deal of the property here and in Wandsworth Main is old and rotten.

The "prowling of bad characters about Wandsworth Common" was mentioned.

# Unitarian Christian Church,

**EAST HILL,**

WANDSWORTH.

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## Historical Note.

THE movement which resulted in the establishment of the Unitarian Christian Church at Wandsworth, was commenced under the direction of the London District Unitarian Society in the spring of 1882. Several families residing in the district were united as the nucleus of a congregation, and services were held in the Schoolroom at Tonsley Hill, East Hill, being conducted by various ministers and others, till the settlement of a regular pastor in July, 1883, when the Rev. W. G. Tarrant, B.A., began his ministry. In 1885 the present building was erected on a freehold site at a total cost of nearly £3,000, and, in October of that year, the opening services were conducted in the new Church. In 1887 a Schoolroom was added on freehold ground to the rear of the Church. Formerly the income of the Church included a generous grant in aid, from the London District Unitarian Society; the amount thus derived was gradually decreased, and was finally dispensed with. There is no debt of any kind attaching to the site or building.

## Officers, 1899.

Minister—REV. W. G. TARRANT, B.A.,
4, Geraldine Road, Wandsworth.

*Chairman of the Committee.*
J. F. SCHWANN, Esq., J P.,
Oakfield, Wimbledon Common.

*Hon. Treasurer & Secretary (pro tem.)*
H. B. LAWFORD, Esq.
(Assisted by Mr. Benson Lawford)
Sherbrooke Lodge, Nightingale Lane, Balham.

*Committee.*

Mr. A. H. Biggs, LL.B.
Mr. G. L. Bristow.
Mr. C. Fenton.
Mr. Hugh James.
Mr. E. Langstaff.
Mr. Bernard Lewis.
Mrs. Noble.
Mr. C. A. Peek.
Mrs. Rackham

## Committee's Report for 1899.

In presenting their Annual Report the Committee have one special event to chronicle which is different from the ordinary year's record. On the 10th October, 1899 the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Assembly for London and the South Eastern Counties was held at Wandsworth, including a service at our church, and a business and public meeting at the Town Hall in the afternoon and evening respectively. While there was no noticeable attendance of strangers from the neighbourhood or elsewhere, the service and meetings were well attended and your Committee felt gratified at the interest taken therein by the members of the congregation, and the welcome shown to the many visitors from our other churches. The evening meeting, presided over by Mr. J. F. Schwann, introduced a series of interesting papers or speeches on the importance of the message our faith puts forward to different sections of the community, and for this meeting as well as for all the local arrangements of the day your committee is indebted to Mr. Charles Fenton, who had most kindly undertaken their organization.

The mention of Mr. Fenton's name leads to the notice of his retirement at the last general meeting from the office of Honorary Secretary, which he had held for eleven years, and a pleasing incident in this connection took place on the occasion of a Summer Party of the congregation held at the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Schwann, at "Oakfield," Wimbledon, when Mr. Fenton was presented with the "hundred best books" named by Sir John Lubbock, as a slight token of the appreciation by his fellow members of his many notable services.

In other ways the life of the Church has gone on as usual, and evidence of its vitality and usefulness can be gathered from the reports and accounts of the different societies and institutions working in and around it. A matter for more than passing mention however, is that your Committee have noticed, with serious regret, a distinct falling off this winter, in the attendances at our Sunday services. This is the more noticeable, as despite losses by death or removal, the membership keeps up, and the difficulty of allotting seats to new members is as great as in former years. If all who are enrolled were in fairly regular attendance, the Church would always be well filled. Your Committee feel bound to lay special stress on this, for while one effect is the decrease of our revenue from the offertories, there is another effect to be considered. The financial aspect can be left without further comment than is afforded in the accompanying balance sheet, the deficit on which, will, with the unpaid account for drainage work, require a special appeal for further funds.

But the consideration present to the minds of your committee, is that a danger exists that they believe is not sufficiently comprehended. There is abundant evidence in the history of our church

of the inestimable value of our Minister, not only in his spiritual guidance, but in the many philanthropic and social works of which he is the centre. The Committee believe that his services have been sought of late by several churches lacking a minister. We cannot better assure him of our attachment and appreciation than by regular attendance at the services, and by taking active interest in the other work of the Church. How far each member can individually help to remove the appearance of neglect or indifference is a question for each to determine; and if everyone feels that upon him or her depends the united life of the whole, under the same leadership, the Church will assuredly flourish with undoubted vigour.

As is now well known, the London Unitarian Bazaar will be held on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of May, 1900. As our church at Wandsworth was one of the offspring of the promoting body—the London District Unitarian Association, it is fitting that we should take an active interest in its organization, and the various lists of workers in one way or another, show that we are fully represented.

Reference has already been made to losses by death. Inevitable as these losses must be from time to time, their occurrence is none the less pathetic; and when, as this year, the list of departed friends includes some of the oldest and most faithful members of the Church, their vacant



places seem hard, if not impossible to fill. While we reverently and affectionately recall their names, we feel that their memory will be best honoured by our own continued and increased faithfulness in every good cause they had at heart.

During the year the office of Hon. Secretary has been temporarily filled by the Treasurer, Mr. Herbert B. Lawford, with the assistance of Mr. Benson Lawford. This arrangement, having tided over the difficulty caused by Mr. Fenton's retirement from office, will now, it is hoped, give place to a more regular division of responsibility. The Committee cannot allow the occasion to pass without expressing their hearty thanks, which all will share, to Mr. H. B. Lawford, who has so worthily discharged the duties of Hon. Treasurer in succession to his late much respected father, his only predecessor in this office since the formation of the Church.

The Committee have met five times during the past year, and have given the fullest consideration to all matters that have come before them. Mr. James and Mrs. Noble retire from the Committee and do not seek re-election, for which the remaining members are eligible.

By order of the Committee,

Herbert B. Lawford,

*Hon. Secretary.*

The Treasurer in Account with The Wandsworth Unitarian Church,
For the year 1899.

| Dr. RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Subscriptions received 1899 ... | 251 | 0 | 6 |
| „ Offertories — Morning ... 173 4 0 | | | |
| „ Evening ... 60 6 5 | | | |
| | 233 | 10 | 5 |
| „ Sundry receipts... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| *Income for the year* ... | 484 | 17 | 5 |
| „ Arrears received for 1898 ... | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| „ Special donations including Forward Movement ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| *Total Income* ... | 500 | 19 | 11 |
| *Due Treasurer ... | 26 | 6 | 5 |
| *There is also an unpaid Bill for £27 odd for drainage work, making the deficit for the year over £53 0 0 | | | |
| Audited and found correct, HUGH JAMES, F.A.C., Hon. Auditor. | | | |
| 13th February, 1900. | £527 | 6 | 4 |

| Cr EXPENDITURE. | £ | s. | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Minister and Supplies ... ... | 331 | 6 | 0 |
| „ Music, Organ Tuning, etc. ... | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Electric light, Coals, Gas & Water. | 27 | 15 | 0 |
| „ Insurance ... ... ... ... | 2 | 11 | 3 |
| „ *Printing, Advertising etc. ... | 33 | 1 | 6 |
| „ Cleaning etc. ... ... ... ... | 33 | 1 | 9 |
| „ Furniture & Capital a/c. ... ... | 8 | 16 | 6 |
| „ Charities viz.— ... ... ... | 41 | 19 | 7 |
| Provincial Assembly 2 10 0 | | | |
| Domestic Mission 2 10 0 | | | |
| Blackfriars Mission 2 10 0 | | | |
| Hospital Sunday Fund 10 10 0 | | | |
| „ Bolingbroke 8 0 0 | | | |
| B.&F. Unitarian Ass'n. 2 5 0 | | | |
| London District U. A. 2 5 0 | | | |
| Christmas Poor Purse 11 9 7 | | | |
| | 520 | 11 | 7 |
| „ Due to Treasuer, 1898 ... ... | 6 | 14 | 9 |
| *Printing includes about £10 for the forward movement. | | | |
| | £527 | 6 | 4 |

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ACCOUNT.

| Dr. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Sundry special subscriptions ... | 33 | 14 | 0 |
| „ Sale of Tickets ... ... ... | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Audited and found correct, HUGH JAMES F.A.C., Hon. Auditor. | | | |
| 13th February, 1900. | £37 | 15 | 6 |

| By Hire of Town Hall, etc. ... | 3 | 17 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|
| „ Organist, Caretakers at Church, etc. ... ... ... | 0 | 13 | 6 |
| „ Advertisements, Caretakers, at Hall & Vestry, ... ... | 3 | 16 | 0 |
| „ Postages, Printing, etc. ... | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| „ Stanley, catering ... | 18 | 7 | 0 |
| | 27 | 16 | 6 |
| Balance with Treasurer ... | 9 | 19 | 0 |
| | £37 | 15 | 6 |





## Sunday School.

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The principal feature calling for remark in connection with the life of the School during 1899 has been the regularity of attendance of the scholars. No fewer than 30 first-class and 8 second-class prizes were obtained, and, after allowing for a slightly reduced standard, these figures are decidedly higher than hitherto. All the classes furnished prize-winners, thus showing the improvement to be general. No doubt the scholars gain stimulus from the example, as well as from the precept, of the teachers, whose regularity and punctuality are most praiseworthy. It is also worthy of remark that of the eleven teachers now on the roll, seven have been scholars in the School.

The usual parties have been held, viz., a Summer Excursion to Epsom Downs, and the New Year's Party at the Church. Thanks are due to the friends who by funds or otherwise helped to make these occasions pleasant for the children.

The Library continues to be much used by the children, and the Teachers' books are in fair demand. The supply of class-books is well maintained.

The Minister's morning class has at times been considerably larger than hitherto, but the attendance is not so regular or so punctual as it might be. The lessons have again been founded on the Bible.

The Scholars' Fund for the Indian Mission amounted to £1 7s.

## WANDSWORTH UNITARIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

| Received. | £ | s | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Subscriptions .. .. | 5 | 15 | 0 |
| ,, Summer Excursion: | | | |
| Donations .. 3 9 8 | | | |
| Sale of Tickets 4 5 6 | | | |
| | 7 | 15 | 2 |
| ,, Christmas Party - Sale of Tickets .. .. .. | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| ,, To Interest on Deposits (per B. Lawford, Esq.) .. | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| ,, Balance due to Treasurer | 0 | 7 | 4½ |
| | £14 | 11 | 9½ |

| Paid. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Subscriptions (L. S. S. S. and S S. A.) .. .. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Balance due to Treasurer (1898) .. .. .. | 0 | 11 | 2½ |
| ,, Summer Excursion: | | | |
| Rail Fares .. 3 14 0 | | | |
| Tea .. .. 3 19 11 | | | |
| Printing .. 0 1 6 | | | |
| | 7 | 15 | 5 |
| ,, Linen for Books (per Mrs. Tarrant) .. .. .. | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| ,, Books (Prizes) .. .. | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| ,, Christmas Party: | | | |
| Tea Bills .. 1 5 9 | | | |
| Printing .. 0 1 0 | | | |
| | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| ,, Interest paid Depositors (per B Lawford, Esq.) .. | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| ,, S. S. A. (Class Books) .. | 0 | 17 | 4 |
| | £14 | 11 | 9½ |

Audited and found correct,

GEO. H. DYER.

ARTHUR H. BIGGS, *Hon. Treas.*





The Officers for 1900 are:—

Superintendent ... ... ... ... ... Rev. W. G. Tarrant.
Hon. Treasurer ... ... ... ... ... Mr. A. H. Biggs.
Secretary and Librarian ... ... Mrs. W. G. Tarrant.

Teachers.

Miss E. J. Dyer.
Miss E. B. Dyer.
Miss C. W. Dyer.
Miss Lickis.
Miss D. Lickis.
Miss Rounthwaite.
Miss C. Dean.
Miss Tarrant.
Mr. A. H. Biggs.
Mr. H. W James.
Rev. W. G. Tarrant

## Book Table.

UNDER the supervision of Mr. E. F. Langstaff the sale and distribution of our literature has continued much as last year. The sale of "Inquirers" averages about twenty weekly, the number being larger in winter and smaller in the holiday months. "Young Days" is in steady demand, and as a good number of the children receive copies gratis, as members of the Band of Hope, the monthly parcel is a large one. The sale of Mr. Page Hopps's "Coming Day" is limited to a few copies—probably this magazine is not known as it should be. The supply of sermons and pamphlets has been useful, especially for visitors. A large number of copies of "Our Faith" (by the Rev. W. G. Tarrant) have been sold, and the Rev. R. A. Armstrong's book, "Back to Jesus," has also been bought pretty freely. The Table does a good work; if all used it as readily as some do it would do a much larger one.

## Wandsworth Unity Band of Hope.

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The Band of Hope has held thirty-eight meetings during the year, with an average attendance of 96. This is a decrease in numbers on last year, the attendance during the last quarter being much smaller than for some time previously. While the Committee somewhat regret the falling off in numbers, they are gratified with the improvement in the conduct of the members, and feel better satisfied with their work; but at the same time if more helpers were available, regularly, the work might easily be extended. The number on the roll at the end of the year was 102, but the highest number during the year was 145. Thirty-six pledges have been taken.

A Recitation Contest, under the auspices of the "United Temperance Prize Committee" was held on May 1st, when in addition to the Silver Medal presented by them and awarded to the highest of the nine competitors, two book prizes were presented to the two next in order of marks. Mrs. Wilby, Miss Anstey, and Mr. P. H. Thomas kindly acted as judges.

On July 5th some of the members of our Society took part in the Children's Concert at the Crystal Palace Temperance Fête, for which they were trained by Mr. H. W. James.

On July 19th about 100 joined with the Sunday School in their Annual Treat, spending the day on Epsom Downs and returning safely after an enjoyable outing.

Festivals, (including a tea followed by games and entertainment), were held on April 17th and December 18th.



On June 19th we had a visit from Stamford Street Band of Hope, who under the direction of Mr. A. H. Biggs, gave a capital programme; and on June 26th a party from Grayshott Road Band of Hope gave us an entertainment, some of our members having previously visited them. On February 27th Mr. Montford arranged for some friends from the "Hope of Battersea" Section of the Cadets of Temperance to take the evening.

Eleven prizes have been awarded for regular attenddance (with good conduct) during the year, and a prize was given by one of the Committee to a boy who had shown a great improvement in conduct. Copies of "Young Days" and the "Band of Hope Review" have been distributed monthly to members.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the help rendered by Mrs. Wilby, Miss Hurst, Mr. Annan, and many other friends, either personally or by bringing performers to assist in our meetings.

Officers for the year:—

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| President .. .. | Rev. W. G. Tarrant. |
| Vice-Presidents .. .. | Miss E. B. Dyer.<br>Mr. G. H. Dyer.<br>Mr P. H. Thomas.<br>Mr R. Montford.<br>Dr. Mark Robinson. |
| Treasurer .. .. .. | Mrs. W. G. Tarrant. |
| Secretary .. .. .. | Miss E. J Dyer. |

Committee.

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|---|---|
| Miss A. M. Dean. | Mr. A. H. Biggs. |
| Miss C W. Dyer. | Mr. H. W. James. |
| Miss Ryall. | |

## WANDSWORTH UNITY BAND OF HOPE.

Statement of Accounts, 1899.

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Balance from 1898 .. | 1 | 8 | 1½ |
| ,, Members' Subscriptions.. | 8 | 2 | 5 |
| ,, Special Donation .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| ,, Honorary Members .. | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| ,, Sales of Books .. .. | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| £ | 10 | 4 | 8½ |

| Expenditure. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Magazines .. .. | 2 | 16 | 6 |
| ,, Affiliation fee .. .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| ,, Cost of Festivals: | | | |
| April .. .. 1 11 1½ | | | |
| July .. .. 2 10 0 | | | |
| December .. 1 6 3 | | | |
| | 5 | 7 | 4½ |
| ,, Books, printing, etc. .. | 1 | 15 | 9½ |
| ,, Balance in hand .. .. | 0 | 2 | 6½ |
| £ | 10 | 4 | 8½ |

Examined and found correct,
ERNEST JONES.

ALICE TARRANT,
Hon Treasurer.
January 27, 1900.



## Ensleigh Social Union.

THE Sixth Session (since its revival of this Society began in October last, with seventy-nine members; the roll has slightly increased since then. The average in attendance at the meetings has not been quite so good as previously, but as the programme has included a series of excellent attractions the falling off has probably been owing to general causes from which another session will be free. A small balance was in the treasurer's hands last session and may be again expected.

The committee have to deplore the loss of Mr. A. Bleach, one of the honorary secretaries, who has been compelled to leave London owing to ill-health. We all unite in hoping for his speedy recovery, and anticipating his early re-appearance in our circle. Mr. E. Bideleux, who has been appointed by the committee to fill the vacancy, has also been compelled to resign, having emigrated to France. The officers this year are: *President*, Rev. W. G. Tarrant, B.A, *Hon Treasurer*, Mr. Benson Lawford, *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. Hugh W. James, while the following ladies and gentlemen have formed the executive committee,—Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Wilby, Miss Ackroyd, Miss A. F. Bristow, and Messrs. Langstaff, Lock, Longworth, and Ryall.

HUGH W. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

## The Choir.

THE Committee charged with the musical arrangements have met as occasion needed, and have endeavoured to assist the Organist and Choirmaster as far as might be, in his work generally. An effort to increase the number of volunteers for the Choir was carried on during last year with some success; but it is highly desirable that fresh interest should be

aroused amongst our musical friends, in order to fill vacancies that necessarily arise, and to raise the standard nearer to the ideal cherished by all who care for an efficient and dignified service. An arrangement has been adopted by which the Church Committee will pay all charges, other than the cost of music-books, etc. Contributions towards the fund for this latter purpose will be thankfully received by either of the undersigned.

Bernard Lewis, Chairman.
(Miss) A. F. Bristow, Secretary.

## Work Amongst The Poor.

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The sums disbursed during the year amounted to £12 0s. 7½d., being chiefly applied to assistance in cases of sickness and convalescence. It is always difficult to discriminate between the time to give and the time to withhold; but as far as possible the assistance rendered is applied where it is of real use. The visits of the ladies who collect for the Provident Bank are often serviceable in supplying information that can be trusted. The number of our collectors is at present about the same as last year, viz., six. The sums collected amounted last year to £270 including balances, the withdrawals being £225. There were 425 depositors. We are again much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gresswell for their services as treasurers to the fund.



## Sermon Fund.

This Fund has now completed its second year and it is satisfactory to note that the subscriptions both in number and amount have considerably exceeded those of 1898, and have not only met the expenditure for the year but have gone a long way towards wiping off the deficiency of the previous year, thus showing that there is a growing interest in the movement amongst the members of the congregation.

The result of the work and expenditure involved (as in other branches of our Church work) may not be so marked as could be wished, but the propagandist character of it must not be overlooked, and there are signs that a larger interest in the work of our Church is being awakened in the neighbourhood—due in some measure it may fairly be assumed to the distribution of this literature.

During the year five sermons have been published numbering 12,000 copies. A special effort to reach the inhabitants of the district in connection with the distribution of Sermon No. 11 was made, and 5,000 copies were printed, and nearly the whole of these (accompanied by a leaflet, written specially for the occasion by Mr. Tarrant) were sent out in addressed envelopes to the residents in and around Wandsworth. This involved a considerable amount of extra labour, and it is chiefly owing to the very generous help afforded by many of our friends both in addressing and distributing that the work was accomplished, and I would here record my sincere thanks for their valuable assistance.

It is hoped that many more of our congregation, seeing the useful work that is being done in connection with this Fund, will give it their support and thus extend its scope and influence.

Edward Ryall, Hon. Secretary.

## The Sidesmen.

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The past year has not been a very eventful one. The Sidesmen held three meetings during the twelve months, and have attended to their usual duties of receiving visitors and distributing literature. It is gratifying to be able to state that some half-dozen more gentlemen have consented to act as Sidesmen. On the other hand we have sustained a further loss in the person of our late esteemed colleague Mr. Reid, who died in December last, after a long illness. Six of the Sidesmen were present at his funeral.

G. C. Boroughs, Chairman.
Ernest Jones, Hon. Secretary.

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## The Wandsworth Unity Total Abstinence Society.

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This Society is holding fortnightly meetings, one meeting each month being devoted to Temperance addresses, music, etc., and the other being a social evening for members only. The members to a large extent are those who have been formerly connected with the Band of Hope. Those who were attending last summer took part in the Third Concert at the National Temperance Fête held at the Crystal Palace on July 5th, for which they were trained by Mr. H. W. James. A Library for the use of members has recently been started and a Hockey Club formed. The Membership is 6d. a Session.

A. H. Biggs, Hon. Sec.
C. W. Dyer, Hon. Librarian.



## London Bazaar.

(Ladies' Sewing Society).

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In response to an invitation issued by the Minister a number of ladies attended a meeting in April at which it was decided to assist the London District Unitarian Society by promising to furnish a stall at the Bazaar to be held in May, 1900. Sewing meetings have been held on alternate Wednesdays except during August, and have been well attended, the numbers present varying from 8 to 23. With the assistance of several other ladies who have been unable to be present at the meetings, but have undertaken sewing at home, a good amount of work has been prepared. It is hoped that all friends of the Church will do their utmost in the short time now remaining to get together a large collection of suitable articles, so that our Church may be well represented at the Bazaar. We are hoping to have some help from the ladies of Richmond Free Church, but they cannot promise much, their number being small. It is therefore the more necessary that we should do our very best, especially as we owe the existence of our Wandsworth Church in a large measure to the London Unitarian Society. Further information will gladly be furnished by the Minister or either of the undersigned.

Mary E. Caiger, Secretary.

Alice Tarrant, Treasurer.

## Ladies' Flower Fund.

No appeal was made in 1899, but several friends sent in their subscriptions, and these with the balance in hand from 1898 were sufficient to meet the cost of the pulpit flowers and to pay for the occasional services of a gardener. Thanks are due to the ladies who support this Fund, and to those who kindly arrange the flowers Sunday by Sunday. The total receipts during 1899 were £4 17s. 4½d. and the expenditure £4 4s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of 13s. 3½d.

## The Guild.

The monthly meetings of our Junior Branch continue to be attractive and, it may be believed, profitable to a considerable number of young people. The attendance this year has been distinctly larger than of late. As the children pass on in years it is not so easy for them to attend, but it is hoped that the little manuals of devotion—"Daily Meditations" and "Night unto Night," which owe their existence to the Guild, will still be used by them and so the fellowship feeling may be kept up. It is gratifying to know that these booklets have proved serviceable to a wide circle of readers.



## Minister's Note.

In addition to the various sums raised in a regular way for uses connected with the Church and other institutions, I have to acknowledge one or two kind donations from friends not enrolled amongst us, but desirous of showing their interest and goodwill. By the aid thus given I have been able at times to supplement the equipment of the Church and Schoolroom in certain small but useful ways. To these sometimes distant and anonymous friends I must tender my hearty thanks for all the interest they show in our work.

But how shall I find words sufficient to thank those numerous faithful allies, young and old, who through seasons bright or dull are always the same, many of them year after year, loyal, helpful, self-effacing, cheery, and resolute! I wish everyone to know that beyond all I can say, I treasure their goodwill in my heart; and I pray that our united efforts in service and class, and society, and home, may continue and increase in signs of the best fruitfulness.

The past year has been in many respects a year of trial. Upon more than a usual number of homes there has been laid a dark shadow of sickness and bereavement; anxieties and troublous changes have probably come to most of us; while to all, as members of the larger community, the year has been made

sadly memorable by the outbreak of a dreadful war. We need all our courage at such times; but if we truly believe in goodness and truth and righteousness we shall not cease to hold on and to press ever forward, dutifully and trustfully. It is just at this time that a band of faithful and intelligent people, such as our Church may be, can best help the people around by a fearless and upright character, and a cheerful use of all wise helps to a happy life.

The gaps in our ranks, to which the Committee's report refers, summon us all to redoubled effort that, as far as may be, they may be filled. In recalling the year's history I am specially glad that a good number of my younger hearers have become Associate-members of the Church. I hope they will soon be joined by others; and that all, old and young, may feel the blessing and help divine in all their life.

W. G. TARRANT.

Rev. John Park.
East Hill Congregational Church

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July 2/1900

Personal Note

An historic Church



Rev. John Park. 12 Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth
Minister of East Hill Congregational Church.

J.E.A.

Mr Park is tall and sparely built, probably nearing 60. Thoughtful and rather care worn face, almost that of an ascetic; slight greyish moustache. Refined manner and quiet forcible speaker. Of the 30 years of his ministerial life, 20 have been spent at Wandsworth. He lives in a good house near Wandsworth Common and received me in an exceptionally well-appointed drawing room - ferns, etchings, ormulu cabinet, old china &c.

The Congregational Church on East Hill has a history dating back to 1572 (See Church Manual, p. 6 annexed) and is the richest and probably the strongest Free Church in Wandsworth.

The people of Wandsworth are mainly lower middle class, and it is by these people the chapel is chiefly attended. They come from the pink barred streets by Wandsworth Common: from all parts of Wandsworth: a few from West Hill, and also from Earlsfield. As a rule,

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## Motto Text for 1900.

"I am in the midst of you as he that serveth."

*Luke* xxii. 27.



## Minister's Letter to the Church and Congregation.

My dear Friends,

It does not yet appear to me to be the twentieth century—for nineteen can no more be twenty than four can be five—but this is the twentieth occasion on which I have had the privilege of sending you greetings from the pages of the Church Manual. I repeat those greetings now with all heartiness and sincerity, trusting and desiring that during the coming days of 1900 you and yours may receive from the Giver of every good and perfect gift such blessings as are requisite as well for the body as the soul, and that your homes may be made beautiful and brilliant through the presence of the Father of Lights.

As a Church we have suffered more than usual, because so many who were members with us in the body of Christ have been summoned to the higher places, and because others again have removed from our neighbourhood; and we are sorry to lose their fellowship and their prayers, their pure Christian influence and service. Nevertheless the power and helpfulness of the Church have not declined; others have come among us who have tasted the good word of God; and in the Church and the Schools, and the Mission Halls, and in all our manifold enterprises, I am convinced that the truth which forgives and sanctifies and saves has had faithful and effective witness borne to it.

As a denomination we are summoned, not a day too soon, to do great things in view of the twentieth century; and while rejoicing in the generous response which many of you have already made to the appeal for half a million guineas to spread a pure and undefiled Christianity in the land we love, and to make our Congregational principles a power for the saving and healing of our people, I do not doubt that *all* of you will determine to do your own part in this noble effort. We promised a thousand guineas to to the Central Fund, but while that sum and more has been already promised, it is desirable that many who have *not* yet responded will do so, remembering that the man who gives for God's sake is the man who gets.

Praying that God may be much with you this year,

I am, yours faithfully,

JOHN PARK.

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## Statement of Congregational Principles.

First, that "the visible Church of Christ is a *congregation* of faithful men, in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the ordinances duly administered." (19th Article of the Church of England.) From which it is obvious that the inhabitants of a country, or of a parish, cannot constitute a Church; a Church being a Congregation, not of citizens, nor of parishioners, but of professed believers in Jesus Christ, accepting the Scriptures as the revelation of the will of God.



Second, that in this visible Church, and over it, there are no persons who can claim from Scripture or from early history, arbitrary authority. Its only head is Jesus Christ, and His word alone is the law and rule of its existence. Hence, there is recognised no external interference in its temporal or spiritual affairs, whether that interference proceed from the State, or from a Bishop, from a Conference, or a Presbytery, or any other Christian Church; all these having no superior place or ruling power in its life. "It "appears plainly from the Scripture narrative, that though "the many Churches which the Apostles founded were "branches of one *spiritual* brotherhood, of which the Lord "Jesus Christ is the heavenly head . . . . yet there "were distinct, independent communities, united by the "common principles on which they were founded, but not "having any one recognised head on earth, or acknowledging "any sovereignty of one of these societies over others." —*Archbishop Whately on the Constitution of a Christian Church*, § 15.

As regards the offices in the early Church, it is believed they were distinctly two: One, spiritual, filled by the Bishop, or Presbyter, or Pastor (the different words refer to the same person); the other, chiefly temporal, filled by the Deacon. "It is even certain that the terms Bishop and "Elder were in the first instance, and for a short period, "used synonymously, and were indiscriminately applied to "the same order in the ministry."—Dean Waddington's *History of the Christian Church*, Chap. II., 2. A confession than which no more is needed to show that no such person as the modern Bishop was known in the early Christian Church.

## History of the Church.

The history of the present Congregational Church in Wandsworth is linked with the formation of the Presbytery of Wandsworth in 1572, and with the old chapel built that year in rear of the High Street, since replaced by the "Memorial Hall." The old chapel was succeeded in 1860 by the erection of the first part of the present Church on East Hill, chiefly through the exertions of the Rev. P. H. Davison; the nave of the Church as it now stands having been added in 1876, during the pastorate of the Rev. D. Bloomfield James.

During the pastorate of the present Minister, there have been built and opened successively the East Hill Lecture Halls, with Vestries, &c., in 1881; the "Memorial Hall," High Street, in 1882; and the Earlsfield Mission Hall, in 1884, at a total cost exceeding £9,000. These buildings have all been put in trust as the property of the Church at East Hill; but in the Earlsfield Hall a separate Church was formed in 1892, of which the Rev. Henry J. Weatherhead was Minister in 1899 until the end of November, when he resigned on being appointed to the pastorate of the Church at Alton, Hants.

In the year just concluded the Congregational Twentieth Century Fund was taken up with enthusiasm, more than 1000 guineas having been promised, and contributions amounting to £464 15s. 6d. having been already paid.



## Membership.

During the year 47 new members have been admitted—27 by profession of faith, and 20 by transfer from other churches. Our losses through death have been 14 (double the average number for several years past), and 14 members have been transferred to other churches; others have left our neighbourhood without seeking transfer, and the net result is a membership in January, 1900, of 601.

## Obituary.

| | |
|---|---|
| MR. COLE | MRS. MAXWELL |
| MR. HOOK | MRS. MOLD |
| MR. HOYLES | MRS. SPOONER |
| DR. HUGHES | MRS. STEPHEN |
| MRS. IDLE | MR. VINCE |
| MR. KEILLER | MR. WARNER |
| MRS. LILLEY | MRS. J. SAYBURN WILSON |

"That ye sorrow not as others which have no hope."

## Officers of the Church.

*Minister:*

Rev. John Park, Laurieknowe, Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth.

*Deacons:*

Mr. William E. Abel, 19, Spencer Road, New Wandsworth.
Mr. J. H. Bennett, 9, Wakehurst Road, Wandsworth Common.
Mr. Arthur Broad, 34, Lebanon Gardens, Wandsworth.
Mr. Stephen Collins, Harborne, 84, St. Anne's Hill, Wandsworth.
Mr. John Hennell, *Secretary*, 16, Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth.
Mr. Charles W. Toms, *Treasurer*, Meaburn House, Upper Richmond Road, Putney.
Mr. J. Turton Wright, 3, Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth.

*Chapel Keepers:*

Mr. & Mrs. Wiltshire, Chapel Premises, Geraldine Road, East Hill.

*Delegates to the Congregational Union of England and Wales:*

Mr. Toms, Mr. Hennell, Mr. Broad, and Mr. S. Collins.

*Delegates to the London Congregational Union:*

Mr. Bennett, Mr. S. Collins, Mr. Hennell, Mrs. Hennell, Mr. Bertram King, Mr. Milligan, Miss Nelson, Mr. Newby, Mrs. Park, Mr. Russell, Mr. Toms, Mrs. Toms, & Miss Tritton.

*Delegates to the London Missionary Society:*
*(Metropolitan Auxiliary Council).*

Mr. Hennell, Mr. Prismall, Miss Gerrish, and Miss B. M. Rogers.

*Representatives on the Wandsworth Evangelical Free Church Council:*

Mr. Calderwood, Mr. S. Collins: and Mr. Toms.

## Services.

On Sundays—Morning Service at 11; Evening at 6.30.

On Wednesdays—Prayer Meeting and Lecture at 8 p.m. The Minister is usually in the Vestry before and after this Service to see any persons who desire to confer with him, or who are seeking Church membership.

Church Meetings are held on the Wednesday before the first Sunday in each month.



The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of each month, at the close of the Morning or Evening Service alternately, commencing in January after the Morning Service. All who love the Lord Jesus Christ are cordially invited to commune.

The Ordinance of Baptism will be administered on any convenient Sunday by arrangement with the Minister.

Arrangements as to Marriages in the Church can be made on application to the Minister.

## Choir.

*Organist and Choirmaster* - - - Mr. C. E. Butler, 11, Crookham Road, Fulham.

Miss Abel, Miss Baker, Miss Bull, Miss L. Cole, Miss Duff, Miss Fincham, Miss Layton, Mrs. Lloyd, Miss Mills, Miss Park, Misses L. & E. Parker, Miss Toms, Miss Evelyn Toms, Miss M. Tritton; Messrs. Abel, Bridal, Bull, G. Bull, Digby, Howlett, Idle, Martin, J. A. E. Mulliner, Mitchell, H. Parker, Pilcher, Ronald, Sizer, C. B. Toms, Herbert Worsfold.

The Congregational Hymnal, containing in one cover Hymns, Chants, and Anthems, is the book used, and copies may be obtained, with or without music, in the Vestry after any of the Services.

Seats in the Church can be appropriated on application to the Deacons after the Services on Sundays or on Wednesdays. It is very desirable that all who attend the Church, but are not yet seatholders, should take an early opportunity of securing seats, that they may take their share in providing for the necessary expenses of the Church; and in order that all may thus share, a number of seats may be had in the galleries at the small charge of 1s. per quarter.

# Treasurer's Cash Account for the Year ending December 31st, 1899.

| 1899 DR. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| *Incidental Fund* :— | | |
| To Balance from 1898 | 17 13 3 | |
| 80 Collections | 269 11 3 | |
| Assessments | 138 9 9 | |
| Use of Memorial Hall | 13 0 0 | |
| ,, ,, East Hill Hall | 1 5 0 | |
| Proceeds of Jumble Sale | 50 1 0 | |
| | | 490 0 3 |
| Balance (overdrawn) | | 7 8 3 |
| | | £497 8 6 |
| *Special Objects* :— | | |
| To London Missionary Society | 36 9 4 | |
| London Congregational Union | 20 2 1 | |
| High Street Sunday School for ditto | 11 4 3 | |
| Church Aid Society | 23 11 8 | |
| Hospitals | 22 14 9 | |
| Colleges and Schools | 8 16 4 | |
| Sunday Schools | 44 2 1 | |
| Religious Tract Society | 7 12 7 | |
| London City Mission | 5 16 11 | |
| Mansion House War Fund | 51 15 9 | |
| Garratt Lane and Eltringham Missions | 12 9 5 | |
| Irish Evangelical Society | 20 0 0 | |
| Colonial and Evangelical Continental Society | 9 2 10 | |
| | | £273 18 0 |
| *Sacramental Fund* :— | | |
| To Balance from 1898 | 7 13 7 | |
| 11 Collections | 58 4 2 | |
| Christmas Collections | 10 0 6 | |
| | | 75 18 3 |
| Balance (overdrawn) | | 0 1 9 |
| | | £76 0 0 |
| *Organ Fund* :— | | |
| To Balance | | 153 17 4 |
| To Balance on Pew Fund | | 90 6 6 |
| | | 244 3 10 |
| Less overdrawn on Incidental & Sacramental Funds | | 7 10 0 |
| | | £236 13 10 |

*** Receipts from Pew Rents for support of the Ministry are not included in above amounts.

| CR. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| *Incidental Fund* :— | | |
| By Chapel Keepers | 52 0 0 | |
| Coals and Coke | 19 11 3 | |
| Gas, Water, and Electric Light | 50 1 6 | |
| Musical Service | 65 5 6 | |
| Supplies | 24 13 0 | |
| Stationery and Printing | 20 2 6 | |
| Repairs | 102 8 6 | |
| Memorial Hall | 52 12 1 | |
| Rent of Eltringham Street Board School | 27 13 0 | |
| ,, Garratt Lane ,, ,, | 26 3 8 | |
| Taxes, Cleaning, and Garden | 14 15 5 | |
| Insurance | 9 6 0 | |
| Annual Meeting at Town Hall | 10 6 0 | |
| Subscriptions and Small Expenses | 12 10 1 | |
| Contribution to Milton Hall, Battersea | 10 0 0 | |
| | | £497 8 6 |
| *Special Objects* :— | | |
| By London Missionary Society | 36 9 4 | |
| London Congregational Union | 31 6 4 | |
| Church Aid Society | 23 11 8 | |
| Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund | 15 7 9 | |
| Putney Hospital for Incurables | 5 5 0 | |
| Bolingbroke Hospital | 2 2 0 | |
| Milton Mount School | 4 8 2 | |
| Hackney College | 4 8 2 | |
| Sunday Schools | 44 2 1 | |
| Religious Tract Society | 7 12 7 | |
| London City Mission | 5 16 11 | |
| Mansion House War Fund | 51 15 9 | |
| Irish Evangelical Society | 20 0 0 | |
| Garratt Lane Mission | 6 4 9 | |
| Eltringham Street Mission | 6 4 8 | |
| Colonial Missionary Society | 5 0 0 | |
| Evangelical Continental Society | 4 2 10 | |
| | | £273 18 0 |
| *Sacramental Fund* :— | | |
| By Payments to Church Poor | 63 5 0 | |
| Colonial Missionary Society, Emergency Fund | 5 0 0 | |
| Communion Wine | 6 0 0 | |
| Printing Members' Cards | 1 15 0 | |
| | | £76 0 0 |
| *Organ Fund* :— | | |
| By Balance | | £153 17 4 |
| By Balance at Bank, as per Pass Book | | £236 13 10 |

Examined with Vouchers and found correct,
JOHN GOODMAN,
A. E. COOPER, } *Auditors.*

# The Four Sunday Schools.

*President*: Rev. John Park.
*Treasurer of General Fund*: Mr. T. E. Forsaith, 7, Rose Hill Road.
*Secretary*: Mr. Edward Worsfold, 61, Earlsfield Road.

The General Fund, as in former years, has been divided between the four Schools connected with the Church.

Particulars of each School will be found under their separate headings.

As will be seen by the balance sheet, the total receipts for the year have been £101 15s., this sum is larger than that received in any previous year.

Although the Schools have sustained a severe loss by death and removal of some of the old subscribers, the amount has been well maintained by new and increased subscriptions.

The total sum available for division, after payment of expenses, was £77 6s. 5d.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND.

*Collected by* Mrs. Pigott:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. J. Turton Wright (1898) ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Stephens .. ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Sinclair ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Goodman ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Silk ... ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Miss Nelson ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Pigott ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Layton ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs Layton ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss Layton ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Craggs ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Hennell ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Jas. Mulliner ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. S. Collins ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Bristowe ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Collar ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. King ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Mrs. Atkinson ... .. ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Yates ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Edwards ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. B. King ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. B. King ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Broad... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dr. T. E. Hughes ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Wright ... ... ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Wright ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Russell ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. O. Camburn ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Milligan ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Arding ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Cowdry ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Scutt ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Ferguson ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Mitchell ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. J. Turton Wright ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | £17 | 5 | 6 |

*Collected by* Miss Abel:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dr. Wallace ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Calderwood ... ... .. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Park ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Bennett ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Watts ... ... ... | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Mrs. Leach ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Abel ... ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Milligan ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Harrison ... ... ... | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Mr. Masson ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Sizer ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Miss Tritton ... .. ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Sykes ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | £7 | 15 | 0 |

*Collected by* Miss K. Palmer:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. and Mrs. White ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Mackay ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | |
| Mr. Duff ... ... .. ... | 0 | 10 | |



| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Rothon ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. G. Wade ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Dowling ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Kettle ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Robinson ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. H. Knight ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Palmer ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | £3 | 3 | 0 |

*Collected by* Miss V. Cole:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Rogers ... ... .. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| A Friend ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. H. J. Collins ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Gough ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Newby ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Prismall ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Forsaith ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Bridal ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | £4 | 3 | 6 |

*Collected by* Miss K. Lovett:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. J. Carmichael ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Rowles ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Mr. Stuchbery ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Ronald ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Watkins ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Bayley ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Spencer ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Abrahams ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mrs. Linford ... ... ... | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Mr. Evans .. ... ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Spooner ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Toms ... ... .. ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Jennings ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Adams ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Lovett ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | £5 | 11 | 0 |

*Collected by* Miss Thomas:—

| | £ | s. | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Nunn ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss Nunn ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Yates... ... .. ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Collen ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. J. B. Masson ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Purves ... ... .. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss Rowles ... ... .. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Bertram ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| I. A. M. ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| | £ | s. | d. |
| Mr. Martin ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Merrie ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Howlett ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. E. Worsfold ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Dr. Clarke ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Perrinton ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. P. Carmichael ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Goodman ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Mason ... ... .. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Arding ... ... ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Lough ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| J. R. ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | £10 | 3 | 0 |

*Quarterly Subscriptions.*

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miss Dunning ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Watson ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Mrs. A. Rapson ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Pocock ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Miss Oakley ... ... ... | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Miss Scrine ... ... ... | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | £2 | 1 | 0 |
| Acknowledged in Manual but not included in accts. of 1898 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| Total Subscriptions ... | £54 | 0 | 6 |

## *BALANCE SHEET of the General Fund for* 1899.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance from last year ..... | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Anniversary Collections ..... | 32 | 6 | 9 |
| Collection at Sacred Concert ... | 11 | 15 | 4 |
| ,, at Autumnal Meeting | 2 | 7 | 10 |
| Subscriptions and Donations ... | 54 | 0 | 6 |
| | £101 | 15 | 0 |

| Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anniversary Expenses ..... | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Sacred Concert ,, ..... | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| Sundry ,, ..... | 2 | 11 | 1 |
| Subscription to S.S. Union..... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Amount voted to— | | | |
| East Hill School ..... | 18 | 15 | 1 |
| Eltringham Street School... | 23 | 16 | 8 |
| High Street School..... | 16 | 9 | 1 |
| Garratt Lane School ..... | 18 | 5 | 7 |
| Balance in hand ... | 4 | 19 | 0 |
| | £101 | 15 | 0 |

Examined and found correct, 11th December, 1899.
(Signed) ARTHUR BROAD.

*Received too late to be included in above Accounts.*

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. J. Sayburn Wilson ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |

## High Street Sunday School.

*Superintendent:*
Mr. W. F. Watkins, 30, Park Road.

*Secretary:*
Mr. C. B. Toms, Meaburn House, Upper Richmond Road, Putney.

*Treasurer:* Mr. Blackwell, 24, Huntsmoor Road.

*Librarians:*
Miss Wood. Mr. B. Gerrish.

*Registrars:*
Mrs. W. F. Watkins. Mr. H. Waters.

*Missions Secretary:* Mr. H. Cook.

*Teachers:*

Mrs. G. Bull; The Misses Allan, Broad, Bull, Dowling, J. Duff, Gerrish, Hill, Keiller, Kennedy, Newby, Toms, E. Toms, Thomson, K. Tritton, Tippett, and Waters; Messrs. Blackwell, Bull, G. Bull, Evans, Gubby, Hatfield, Idle, W. Newby, A. Tritton, and E. H. Worsfold.

Number on the books, 336.
Average attendance, 265.

During the year work has been carried on at this School, which we pray may be much blessed.

The Bible Classes under the charge of Miss Toms and Mr. E. H. Worsfold respectively, as well as other senior classes in the school, are in a hopeful condition.

Through the winter Monthly Social Evenings for the Senior Scholars, are held with much success, and bring into contact the teachers and the scholars in the several classes.

The Infant Class has been without a regular teacher for some months, and has suffered in consequence. It is hoped the vacancy has now been permanently filled, and this interesting branch of the school will again be restored to its prosperous state.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence again gave their generous invitation to the two Bible Classes in the summer, and a very happy time was spent at their residence at Esher.



Feeling as they do, this now oft-repeated kindness does much good for the classes, the Teachers are very grateful for the practical sympathy shown to the School.

The School joined with the other Schools in the Annual Excursion to Bookham.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place in the early part of the year, Mrs. Park kindly distributing the books and medals.

A Flower Service was held in the summer, when an address was given by Mr. C. W. Toms, and a Harvest Service in the autumn, conducted by Mr. Rowles.

During the year the School purchased a new library, the old one, which had been read by a large majority of the Scholars, being disposed of to the Eltringham Street Sunday School. Miss Wood and Mr. B. Gerrish look after this branch of the school, and the scholars have already shown their appreciation of the new books by joining the Library.

The Band of Hope, of which a separate account is given, has a large membership, and much good work is done by it, under the able management of Mr. Rowles and Mr. Dowling.

The number of poor boys in the class conducted by Miss E. Toms and Miss Keiller, keeps up, and the School has again to acknowledge the kindness of the Y.M.C.A. for the use of the room in which this class is held.

The Teachers decided that an effort should be made in the School to raise something towards the xxth Century Fund. The Scholars took the matter up warmly and have commenced weekly subscriptions.

There is a branch of the Bible Reading Association to which many of the Scholars belong.

A record amount has been collected from the Scholars on behalf of Home and Foreign Mission, over £36 having been raised during the year.

During the year three scholars have joined the Church and one become a Teacher.

*BALANCE SHEET for 1899.*

| Dr. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | Cr. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance in hand ... | 1 19 6 | | By New Library ..... | 7 5 0 | |
| Balance received from General Treasurer after Accounts for 1898 closed ..... | 3 0 0 | | New Banners ..... | 0 14 3½ | |
| | | 4 19 6 | New Hymn Books..... | 1 17 6 | |
| Sale of Hymn Books ..... | 1 7 9½ | | Anniversary Leaflets..... | 0 8 10 | |
| Collection at Harvest Service ..... | 0 14 6 | | Prizes and Entertainment... | 5 5 3½ | |
| Sale of Old Library ..... | 4 5 0 | | Infants' Summer & Winter Treats ..... | 2 8 4 | |
| Sale of Treat Tickets ..... | 7 1 2 | | Star Cards, Registers and Printing ..... | 5 2 3 | |
| Received from General Treasurer ..... | 16 9 1 | | Infants' Bible Pictures..... | 1 17 10 | |
| Collected for Home and Foreign Missions ..... | 36 6 11 | | Treat Expenses ..... | 11 19 8 | |
| Amount transferred from Teachers' Fund ..... | 2 1 11½ | | Free Breakfast Fund ..... 1 13 6 | | |
| | | | London Missionary Society ..... 21 13 2 | | |
| | | | Country Holidays Fund ..... 1 16 0 | | |
| | | | Home Missions.. 11 4 3 | | |
| | | | | 36 6 11 | |
| | £73 5 11 | | | | £73 5 11 |

*Teachers Weekly Contributions for Special Purposes.*

| Dr. | £ s. d. | Cr. | £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance in hand ..... | 11 18 1½ | By Social Chain Expenses, Wreath, Scholars' Fares to Crystal Palace Choir, & Presentation Volume to Scholar 21 years in the School ..... | 1 15 5 |
| Contributed by Teachers ... | 5 4 0 | Amount transferred to General Fund ..... | 2 1 11½ |
| | | Balance in hand ..... | 13 4 9 |
| | £17 2 1½ | | £17 2 1½ |

Audited and found correct,
J. EVANS.



## The Excelsior Band of Hope,

(*In connection with the High Street Sunday School.*)

*Superintendents:*
Mr. Dowling. Mr. H. S. Rowles.

*Treasurer:*
Mr. Z. G. Cook.

*Registrars:*
Miss Dowling. Miss A. Lovett.

*Secretary:*
Mr. H. S. Rowles, "Fairlight," Santos Road, Wandsworth.

*Committee (in addition to above):*
Mrs. Orange, Mrs. West, Misses A. Rowles, R. Tompsett, and Woodall; Messrs. W. Blackwell and G. Bull.

In submitting their Twenty-eighth Annual Report, the Committee desire to thank most earnestly those friends who by personal assistance or by contributions, have helped forward the work of the Society.

A good attendance of members continues, and manifest interest and pleasure are shown in the weekly gatherings. The programmes have been varied, but with the hope that all efforts may lead to a common goal, the extension and upholding of total abstinence. Realising the need of Divine blessing, the meetings are begun with Prayer and Bible Reading. Temperance Addresses, Lantern Evenings, Recitations, Music, and Addresses on Kindness to Animals have been greatly enjoyed. The usual Flower and Harvest Services were held.

The number of members is 131, and the average attendance 83.

The Annual Excursion was made to Riddlesdown, and again the Committee have the happiness to record that beautiful weather made the day a most enjoyable one.

In the Inter-society Recitation Competition, arranged by the Band of Hope Union, one of our members gained the Third Prize.

The sum of £1 18s. 5d. was collected for the Temperance Hospital, and several of the members attended the Exeter Hall Meeting.

The Committee deeply regret the loss, by death, of Mr. W. Keiller and Mr. C. H. Vince, old and valued friends of the Society.

The Band of Hope will shortly be deprived of the zealous services of Mr. Dowling and Miss Dowling, on account of their removal from Wandsworth. Their very earnest devotion will be most difficult to replace, and the Committee wish to record their deep gratitude for the splendid work which they have done in the interests of the Society.

## East Hill Sunday School.

*Superintendent*: Mr. W. E. Abel, 19, Spencer Road.
*Secretary*: Mr. Sidney E. Bridal, 13, Morella Road.
*Treasurer*: Mr. H. Oultram.
*Registrars*: Messrs. F. Cole & C. Parks.
*Librarians*: Messrs. J. C. Abrahams & R. McFarlane.
*Organist*: Mr. C. Yarham. *Pianist*: Mr. C. Williams.
*Teachers*:
The Misses Abel, V. Cole, L. Cole, L. Fincham, K. Goodman, M. Lomas, Masson, Merrie, Park, L. Parker, E. Parker, M. Parker, Pressland, Robinson, B. Rogers. Sykes, Yates; Messrs. Bull, Coffee, Cooke, Forsaith, Gerrish, S. Lovett, Oldring, H. Parker, W. Parker, Sykes, W. Thompson.

A short Prayer Meeting is held every Sunday afternoon at 2.30 to ask God's blessing on the School, which commences at 2.45.

The number of scholars on the books is 370, with an average attendance of 270.

The sum of £38 11s. 11d. has been subscribed to the London Missionary Society during the year, and £4 10s. 6d. to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The International Bible Reading Association in connection with the School has a membership of 183.



The Teachers and Officers regret the loss of the services of Mr. Dowling, who is leaving the neighbourhood. The Bible Class, however, of which he was Leader, will in future be taken by Mr. Coffee, and we feel confident that the good work which has been done in the past will be maintained in the future.

Miss Fincham still continues to conduct the Young Women's Bible Class.

*BALANCE SHEET of East Hill Sunday School for 1899.*

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from 1898 | *12 | 19 | 8½ | By Infants' Treat | 4 | 17 | 1 |
| Amount from General Fund | 18 | 15 | 1 | Band of Hope | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Missionary Bags and Dr. Barnardo's Homes | 43 | 2 | 5 | Prizes (1898) | 5 | 0 | 0½ |
| Scholars' Contributions to Excursion | 5 | 12 | 10 | London Missionary Society & Dr. Barnardo's Homes | 43 | 2 | 5 |
| | | | | Stationery | 1 | 11 | 5 |
| | | | | Scholars' Holiday | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | Excursion | 8 | 12 | 1 |
| | | | | Balance in hand | 11 | 17 | 0 |
| | £80 | 10 | 0½ | | £80 | 10 | 0½ |

* Stated in error last year as £12 9s. 8½d.

Examined and found correct,
*January 8th*, 1900. JOHN DARCH.

N.B.—Although there is a large balance in hand, it will be barely sufficient to meet the expenses which will accrue during the next two months.

## East Hill Band of Hope.

*Superintendent*: Mr. F. Coffee.
*Secretary and Treasurer*: Mr. Herbert K. Parker.
*Assistant Secretary*: Mr. S. Bridal.
*Registrars*:
Miss L. Cole, Miss Fincham, Miss Thomas,
Mr. R. McFarlane, Mr. J. McFarlane.

The Eighth Annual Report shows that there are now 70 members on the books, with a weekly average of about 38.

The officers regret the loss of the services of Mr. Dowling, who has been Superintendent for several years.

We are, however, pleased to say that Mr. Coffee, who was the organiser of this Band of Hope, has kindly consented to again become Superintendent.

Among the various meetings which have been held, a Lantern Entertainment, entitled—"Africa: Egypt to Cape Colony," may be mentioned as having been a great success. A Lecture on Bees proved very interesting and instructive; and a miscellaneous entertainment given by some members of the Stormont Road Band of Hope was also highly appreciated.

The meetings are held on Thursday evenings, at 6.45.



## Garratt Lane Sunday School.

*Superintendent*:
MR. RICHARD PIGOTT, 1, Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.

*Secretaries*:
MR. H. L. RAMSEY, "Woodlands," Jeptha Road, Southfields.
MR. H. W. WORSFOLD, 49, Eglantine Road.

*Treasurer*: MR. R. RONALD, JUNR., 72, Cicada Road.

*Registrars*: MR. A. RUSSELL and MR. S. KNIGHT.

*Librarians*: MR. H. USSHER and MR. S. PELL.

*Teachers*:
MRS. GARDNER; MISSES DUFF, C. DUFF, FLUCK, GOODMAN, KIMPTON, N. KIMPTON, KNIGHT, LEGGETT, MASON, C. MASON, M. MASON, OWEN, PAGE, RAMSEY, RUSSELL, SKINNER, THOMPSON, USSHER, WILLIAMS, WORSFOLD, WRIGHT; MESSRS. CHAPMAN, CLAYTON, COOPER, FISHER, A. HENNELL, G. HENNELL, B. HENNELL, B. KING, F. KING, MUNGEAM, R. RONALD, G. RUSSELL, F. RUSSELL, SHARPE, H. TRITTON, H. W. WORSFOLD, and H. H. H. WORSFOLD.

The average afternoon attendance for the year 1899 was 305. The Teachers have worked faithfully and devotedly during the year and all the work of the school has been well maintained.

The total amount raised during the year for Missionary purposes was £14 2s. 3d., out of which £5 is allotted for the support of a native dispenser in the L.M.S. Hospital in Pekin; and a present in goods was sent out to Miss Price (an old Earlsfield Teacher), at the Zenana Mission, Jaunpur, N.W.P.

The Teachers most generously subscribed a sum of £12 17s. 6d. towards the amount needed for repairs, renovations, &c., at the Earlsfield Church.

Morning School is held in the Mission House every Sunday Morning, under the superintendence of Mr. A. Russell, with an average attendance of 66 and a marked increase of interest. Two Scholars passed the examination of the S.S. Union, and 153 belong to the I.B.R.A.

A successful Parents' Tea was held in February, when 77 Prizes for good attendance were distributad to that number of children. The School joined in the Annual Excursion as usual, and the Infants' Treat was held in July.

A week's Mission for Children was held in October by Mr. J. Tyler, of the Children's Special Service Mission. Much interest was shown and large numbers of children had to be sent away each evening for lack of room. It is believed that a number of children were deeply impressed.

Miss Ussher has charge of the Junior School, and Miss A. Leggett of the Infants.

Miss Russell's Young Women's Bible Class is a very encouraging part of the work, the numbers continually growing, and there have again been several decisions for Christ during the year.

Mr. H. W. Worsfold's Senior Boys' Class now meets in a separate room in the Board School, and good work is being done.

The Penny Bank (under the charge of Mr. H. Tritton and Mr. H. H. H. Worsfold) continues to increase in usefulness, there being now 417 depositors. The money is banked in the P.O. Savings Bank. Mr. B. King has undertaken the Treasurership.

The Band of Hope is held every Friday under the leadership of Mr. H. W. Worsfold, with an average attendance of 40.

The Christian Band is held every Thursday, under the leadership of Miss Russell, and is a valuable help to the work of the Teachers.

## Garratt Lane Mission and P.S.A.

The Sunday Evening Services at the Mission House continue to be well attended. Mr. H. W. Worsfold and Mr. B. Hennell have charge of these services.

The P.S.A. has lost the valued services of Mr. H. Mungeam, but his place has been taken by Mr. S. Chapman, who hopes with the help of Mr. Tritton to get a hold of the many very rough lads in the neighbourhood who do not attend either school or services.



The Gospel Temperance Society continues to meet every Tuesday, the room being well filled each week and several pledges have again been taken. Mr. R. Ronald and Mr. H. W. Worsfold have charge of the Meetings.

The "Mothers' At Homes" held by Miss Cook and Mrs. Bennett, every Wednesday afternoon, are much valued. The attendance averages 28, with 59 on the books. Mrs. Edwards, senr., and Mrs. Bertram have again kindly made a large number of garments for distribution to the poor, through the Mothers' At Home and the School.

Miss Russell continues the management of the Tract districts, and the fortnightly visits of the Tract visitors are always welcome. The Visitors are Mrs. Collar, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Mulliner, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Stephens and Miss Yates.

The expenses of the Mission House are raised for the most part independently of the Church, under the Treasurership of Mr. J. Turton Wright. The following is the balance sheet of the Mission :—

*BALANCE SHEET of Garratt Lane Sunday School for 1899.*

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from 1898 | 6 | 8 | 10 | By Annual Subscription to Mission House | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Teachers' Sunday Afternoon Collections | 12 | 11 | 3½ | Band of Hope | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| Collection in aid of Mansion House War Fund | 2 | 13 | 6 | Infants' Treat | 3 | 13 | 5 |
| Collection in aid of Special Service Mission | 1 | 0 | 0 | Mansion House War Fund | 2 | 13 | 6 |
| Collection for Parents' Tea | 3 | 0 | 0 | Prizes for 1898 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Collection at Parents' Tea | 1 | 11 | 0 | Donation to Clacton Home for Children | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| East Hill Church for moving School Furniture | 1 | 6 | 0 | Donation Special Service Mission | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sale of Hymn Books, &c. | 1 | 0 | 10 | New Hymnal for Sunday School | 3 | 17 | 4 |
| Cash from Teachers and Scholars for Excursion | 8 | 3 | 2 | Expenses for Summer Excursion | 14 | 8 | 10 |
| Proportion of General Fund | 18 | 5 | 7 | Printing, Stationery, Postage, &c. | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| | | | | Expenses for Child at Seaside Home | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | | Balance in hand | 5 | 15 | 9½ |
| | £56 | 0 | 2½ | | £56 | 0 | 2½ |

Audited,
SYDNEY M. MASON.
*January*, 1900.

ROBERT RONALD, Junr.,
*Treasurer.*

*BALANCE SHEET for Garratt Lane Mission for* 1899.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from 1898 ..... .. | 0 | 16 | 5 | By Rent ..... ..... | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Subscriptions and Donations | 21 | 9 | 1 | Rates ..... ..... | 2 | 13 | 11½ |
| Garratt Lane Sunday School | 10 | 0 | 0 | Fuel and Gas ..... | 4 | 13 | 4 |
| Evening Collections at the Mission House ..... | 5 | 14 | 0 | Alterations and Repairs ... | 4 | 16 | 0 |
| Sundry Receipts (including moiety of Collection at East Hill Cong. Church (£6 4s. 9d.)..... | 6 | 9 | 9 | Sundry Payments (Fire Insurance, Tracts, &c.) ... | 2 | 5 | 11½ |
| | £44 | 9 | 3 | | £44 | 9 | 3 |

*January 15th*, 1900. Examined and found correct, T. E. FORSAITH.

*BALANCE SHEET of the Garratt Lane Penny Bank for* 1899.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from 1898 ... ..... | 19 | 6 | 11 | By Amounts withdrawn in 1899 | 114 | 4 | 9 |
| Deposits in 1899 ..... | 119 | 1 | 7 | Balance due to Depositors 30th Dec., 1899 ..... | 24 | 9 | 7 |
| Interest on ditto ..... | 0 | 5 | 10 | | | | |
| | £138 | 14 | 4 | | £138 | 14 | 4 |

*12th January*, 1900. Audited and found correct, (Signed) T. E. FORSAITH.



## Eltringham Sunday School.

*Superintendent*: Mr. Killick, 145, East Hill.

*Secretaries*: Mr. Jennings, 58, Earlsfield Road. Mr. Milbourn, 50, High Street.

*Treasurer*: Mr. S. H. Spencer, 46, Cicada Road.

*Registrars* Mr. W. Wilder. Miss Marett. *Librarians* Mr. Wilder. Mr. Tom Wilder.

*Secretary of I.B.R.A.*: Miss Goldsmith.

*Teachers*:

Mrs. S. H. Spencer, Mrs. Jay, Mrs. Westhorpe; Misses M. Allen and E. Allen, Bennett, Baulkham, Blott, Dennis, Goldsmith, Howard, Killick, Lomas, A. Lomas, Strathie, Thomas and White; Messrs. Cottrell, Prismall, E. Lovett, W. Allen, Jay, F. A. Stephens, S. H. Spencer (Infant Girls), and Matthews.

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Number of Scholars on Books, 509.
Average morning attendance, 52.
Average afternoon attendance, 334.

The School is quite full, which need cause no surprise in such a crowded district; and, no doubt, with sufficient workers and school accommodation, the number of scholars might be easily doubled.

There is a great opportunity here for the extension of the work of the Lord.

With very great regret we have to report that, owing to Mrs. Calderwood's continued illness, Mr. Calderwood has been compelled to resign his position as Leader of the "Young Men's Bible Class." We would earnestly ask a gentleman to volunteer for this Class, and thus prevent a leakage among our senior lads.

The Annual Prize Distribution was held on February 12th. Mrs. Park kindly distributed the prizes, and, by arrangement with the S.S.U., a Lantern Entertainment, entitled "Half-hours at the Old Manor House," was given for the pleasure of the scholars and parents, of whom there was a large attendance.

The School joined with the other three Schools in July for the excursion to Bookham.

The Infant Treat took place on July 29th, in the field at the back of the Memorial Hall.

The Teachers' Whit Monday outing took the form of a drive to Walton-on-Thames, where arrangements were made for a few hours' stay.

The Infant department is ably managed—the girls by Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Spencer and the boys by Mr. W. Allen and the Misses M. and E. Allen.

The teachers have added a library (containing nearly 400 books) to the School. The interest which this has aroused among the scholars prove that a real need has been supplied.

The interest in the Missionary cause is well maintained.

Several special afternoon addresses have been arranged in connection with temperance and missionary work.

There is no lack of earnestness in other departments of School work—the Girls' Sewing Class, the Prayer Union and the branch of the International Bible Reading Association are all working most satisfactorily.

The Band of Hope numbers 98 members, and is carried on in an interesting manner by Mr. E. Lovett and Mr. Matthews, with a committee of all abstaining teachers.

"And in His temple every thing saith glory."—*Ps.* xxix. 9.

*CASH ACCOUNT*, 1899.

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance brought forward ..... | 7 | 9 | 5 |
| General Fund, balance of share for 1898 ..... | 3 | 18 | 2 |
| Ditto proportion for 1899 ..... | 23 | 16 | 8 |
| Church Treasurer for Caretaker | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Scholars' Contributions to Summer Excursion ..... | 7 | 11 | 2 |
| School Collections for year ..... | 18 | 1 | 2 |
| Subscriptions to School Funds from Teachers and Officers | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| | £66 | 5 | 1 |

| Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Books, Pictures, Star Cards, &c. | 5 | 13 | 7 |
| Caretaker, for shifting forms ... | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Winter Entertainment & Prizes | 7 | 15 | 4 |
| Fees for Scripture Examination (2 years) ..... | 0 | 9 | 10 |
| Summer Excursion, Elder Scholars ..... | 12 | 3 | 9 |
| Ditto, Infants ..... | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Sunday School Library and Cupboard ..... | 10 | 14 | 11 |
| Children's Country Holidays Fund ..... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| London Missionary Society, | 9 | 1 | 8 |
| Home Mission and Church Aid Society ..... | 6 | 19 | 6 |
| Balance in hand..... | 4 | 18 | 4 |
| | £66 | 5 | 1 |



## Eltringham Mission,

YORK ROAD, WANDSWORTH.

*President:* Rev. John Park.

*Superintendent:* Mr. H. Jennings, 58, Earlsfield Road.

*Treasurer:* Mr. S. Collins, "Harborne," St. Ann's Hill.

*Financial Secretary:*
Mr. G. Milbourn, 50, High Street, Wandsworth.

*General Secretary:*
Mr. E. Lovett, 18, Dempster Road.

The Sunday Evening Services have been steadily maintained, and we believe, have been duly appreciated and beneficial to the neighbourhood. During the summer months Open Air Meetings have been carried on without intermission and have been very successful.

On Sunday, October 15th, a Harvest Thanksgiving was held, when we had a crowded meeting, the useful gifts being afterwards distributed.

The Mothers' Meeting under Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Westhorpe, is held on Monday afternoons, at 2 o'clock, and is appreciated by many.

On Tuesday and Friday evenings the room is opened for men only, as a Men's Reading Room, with the object of getting in touch with the men of this district and also increasing the attendance at the Sunday Evening Services.

We sincerely thank those friends who have supported the Mission hitherto for the carrying on of this work, and on all our activities we pray that God's blessing may rest, as we strive in the name of our Saviour and for His sake.

*BALANCE SHEET of Eltringham Mission for 1899.*

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Subscriptions & Donations from— | | | |
| Mr. C. W. Toms | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. D. McLaren | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Mr. Mark Mayhew | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. G. F. Darby | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. James Mulliner | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Mr. H. Kimber, M.P. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Abel | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. J. Carmichael | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Dowling | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. J. Hennell | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. J. Calderwood | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. S. Collins | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dr. Clarke | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss Tritton | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Rev. F. Stephens | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Collection at Church (Half) | 6 | 4 | 8 |
| Officers, Teachers, and Bible Classes of Eltringham Sunday School | 6 | 17 | 0 |
| Ditto, for Mission Tea | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Rent from Caretaker and for Room | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Ditto, from City Mission | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Subscriptions for Men's Club— | | | |
| Mr. J. Carmichael | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. J. Hennell | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. W. F. Watkins | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Balance (deficiency) | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | £46 | 18 | 4 |

| Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Rent | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| Rates and Taxes | 3 | 13 | 8 |
| Heating and Lighting | 5 | 17 | 11 |
| Repairs and Sundries | 1 | 13 | 1 |
| Insurance | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Expenses of Mission Tea | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Expenses of Men's Club, Games, Papers, &c. | 1 | 12 | 11½ |
| Balance in hand of do. | 0 | 9 | 6½ |
| | £46 | 18 | 4 |

Signed) S. Collins, *Treasurer.*



## Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

*President*: Rev. John Park.

*Vice-Presidents*: The Deacons.

*Secretary*: Mr. Gardiner, 89, High Street, Wandsworth.

**MOTTO—"For Christ and the Church."**

The object of this Society is to promote an active earnest life among its members, and the "active" members pledge themselves to try to do "whatever their Lord and Master would have them do."

There are 70 Active, Associate, and Hon. Members.

The pivot of the Society is the Prayer Meeting, held every Thursday evening in the Lower Lecture Hall at 8 o'clock, to which all young people will receive a hearty welcome.

During the summer months, some of the members have conducted Open-air Services on Sunday evenings, opposite the Board of Works Offices. A similar Service has also been held at Hill's Yard on Sunday Evenings.

The "Lodging House Mission" continues to do useful work. Three of our members attend regularly once a week, and a short Gospel Service is held, which is greatly appreciated, and we trust will bring forth much fruit to Christ's glory. In connection with this Mission, a dinner was given on Boxing Day, subscribed for by members and friends of the Society, followed by a concert.

The members and friends are responsible for a People's Service in the Memorial Hall every Sunday evening, at eight o'clock; the attendance is, we are glad to say, fairly good.

Every week, flowers are taken to sick or aged people, families are visited and, where necessary, relieved. Letters of appreciation have been received from time to time. Tracts are also systematically distributed. In the summer 40 poor children were sent away by the Society, for a holiday in the country.

The "Men's Own" Club (started on Fridays at the Memorial Hall, with the object of getting in touch with the men of that district, and increasing the attendance at the Sunday Evening Services held there) is growing in numbers, slowly but surely. There are now more than 30 members on the books, and the refreshment stall has always a regular flow of customers.

## Literary and Debating Society.

*President*: REV. JOHN PARK.

*Vice-Presidents*:

MESSRS. J. CALDERWOOD, J. R. EDWARDS, J. HENNELL, B.A., J. LUSCOMBE, R. PIGOTT, B.A., C. W. TOMS, and J. T. WRIGHT.

*Treasurer*: MR. FRANK T. PRESSLAND.

*Committee*:

MESSRS. W. BLACKWELL, A. COOPER, J. R. EDWARDS, G. GERRISH, C. J. JOHNSTONE, W. LAYTON, C. B. TOMS, H. R. TRITTON, and E. H. WORSFOLD.

*Hon. Secretary*: MR. BERTRAM KING,
42, Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth Common.

As its name implies, this Society devotes itself to matters literary. Debates and lectures occupy the front place in its proceedings, but social and musical evenings are also included therein.

The meetings are held on Tuesday evenings, in the Lecture Hall, East Hill, at 8 o'clock, during the winter months.

There are 100 members, and an excellent average attendance; both in numbers and general tone the present Session may be considered an improvement on any previous Session.

There is a subscription of two shillings, which covers admittance to all Lectures, &c., for the whole Session, and any person over 17 years of age is eligible for membership. The Secretary will be pleased to give any further particulars to intending members, or to hear from friends able and willing to take part in next winter's syllabus.



## Auxiliary to the London Missionary Society.

*President*—REV. JOHN PARK.

*Treasurer*—MRS. PARK. *Secretary*—MRS. HENNELL.

*Collectors and General Committee.*

MRS. ABEL, MRS. ADAMS, MRS. BENNETT, MISS COLE, MISS I. J. BROAD, MISS NELSON, MISS E. PARKER, MRS. PIGOTT, MRS. TOMS, MISS TOMS, MISS R. TRITTON, MISS C. E. USSHER, MRS. WRIGHT, MISS WRIGHT, MRS. YATES, MISS E. M. YATES.

*BALANCE SHEET for the Year 1899.*

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Subscriptions and Donations | 124 | 2 | 0 |
| Boxes (private) | 13 | 16 | 1 |
| Contributions from Sunday Schools | 71 | 17 | 3½ |
| New Year's Offerings of Sunday Scholars | 9 | 19 | 1 |
| Collections | 36 | 9 | 4 |
| Contribution from Missionary Working Party* | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Contributions from Y.P.S.C.E. | 8 | 10 | 0 |
| Centenary Fund | 14 | 4 | 0 |
| Self-Denial Gifts | 3 | 1 | 1½ |
| | £306 | 18 | 11 |

| Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash remitted to Parent Society for General Purposes of the Society | 162 | 0 | 5½ |
| Centenary Fund | 14 | 4 | 0 |
| Self-Denial Fund | 3 | 1 | 1½ |
| Mission Work in New Guinea | 38 | 4 | 5 |
| Mission Work in Calcutta | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Zenana Home in Calcutta | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Support of Boy in Mr. Ashton's School, Calcutta | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Support of Girl in Mr. Ashton's School, Calcutta | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Missionary Ships | 9 | 19 | 1 |
| Widows' & Orphans' Fund | 11 | 17 | 4 |
| Dr. Curwen's Hospital in Pekin | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | 304 | 6 | 5 |
| Printing Expenses | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| | £306 | 18 | 11 |

Examined and found correct, W. LAYTON.

* A second sum of £25 from the Working Party, on account of 1898, was repaid to the Treasurer, who had, in 1898, advanced that sum, in order that the work at Calcutta might not suffer.

*Balance Sheet of the MISSIONARY WORKING PARTY.*

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance from 1898 | 1 | 8 | 11 |
| Subscriptions | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Work sold | 64 | 7 | 6 |
| | £71 | 3 | 11 |

| Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Materials for Work | 20 | 7 | 10 |
| *Cash to India, for 1898 and 1899 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance in hand | 0 | 16 | 1 |
| | £71 | 3 | 11 |

Examined and found correct, J. TURTON WRIGHT.

*January 22nd*, 1900.

* See note to Balance Sheet above.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to Missionary Working Party.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Arding ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Mrs. Park ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Carmichael ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Mrs. Pigott ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Collins ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | Mrs. Pressland ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Edwards ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | Mrs. Toms ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Hennell... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Mrs. White ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Knight ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | Mrs. Wright ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Layton ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Layton ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| Mrs. Palmer ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | £5 | 7 | 6 |

## East Hill London and Country Home Missionary Society.

*President*: Rev. John Park.

*Secretary*: Miss Tritton.

*Committee*:

Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Prismall; Messrs. Broad, Calderwood, S. Collins, Bertram King, Lough, Newby, Toms and Turton Wright.

*Collectors*:

Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Prismall and Miss Tritton.

The object of this Society is the help of those Churches of our denomination, which, being placed in country districts, or in the poorer parts of London and other large towns, are unable entirely to support themselves.

Subscribers are asked to state whether they wish their contributions to be sent to the Church Aid Society, which has the care of the country Churches, or to the London Congregational Union, which gives grants to the poor Churches of London. Subscriptions to the General Fund are divided between these two Societies.

The amount collected during the year was (including two Church Collections and Contributions from Teachers and Scholars at the High Street and Eltringham Sunday Schools) £106 10s. 0d., and of this sum £61 10s. 8d. went to the Church Aid Society, for poor Churches in the



Country, and £44 19s. 4d. to the London Congregational Union, for Church Extension and the poorer districts of London.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1899.

*Church Aid Society.*

(Appropriated to Country work).

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Abel ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Atkinson ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Broad ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Calderwood ... ... | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Dr. Clarke ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Collins ... ... ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Collen ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Dalziel ... .. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Duff ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Edwards ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Fawcett ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Miss Fawcett .. ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Miss Finchan ... ... .. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Hennell ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Howlett ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Kettle ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Leach .. ... ... | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Mr. Lough ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. Masson ... ... ... | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Mr. Newby ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Nunn ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Miss Page .. ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Rev. J. Park ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Parker ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Pressland ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Rogers ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Rothon ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Rowles ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mrs. Stuchbery ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Toms ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Misses Tritton ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. White ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Wright ... ... ... | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Mr. Turton Wright ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Yates ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Eltringham Street Sunday S. | 6 | 19 | 6 |
| Total ... ... | 35 | 4 | 6 |
| Half the General Contributions | 2 | 14 | 6 |
| Church Collection ... ... | 23 | 11 | 8 |
| Total for Country ... | £61 | 10 | 8 |

*London Congregational Union.*

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Abel .. ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Broad ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Dr. Clarke ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Hennell ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Lough ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Newby ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Rev. J. Park ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Rogers ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Toms ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Misses Tritton ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | £10 | 18 | 6 |
| Half the General Contributions | 2 | 14 | 6 |
| High Street Sunday School.. | 11 | 4 | 3 |
| Church Collections ... ... | 20 | 2 | 1 |
| Total for London ... | 44 | 19 | 4 |
| Total for Country ... | 61 | 10 | 8 |
| General Total ... | £106 | 10 | 0 |

*General Contributions.*

(To be divided between London and Country).

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Arding ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Dowling ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Forsaith ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. King ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. B. King ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Layton ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Laumann .. ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss Leather ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Lloyd ... .. ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Palmer ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Pigott ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Prismall ... .. ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Simpson ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. H. Tritton ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Wade ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Warner .. .. ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Watkins ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Eltringham Street Young Men's Bible Class ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| | £5 | 9 | 0 |

## The Evangelical Continental Society.

On behalf of the important work of this Society in France, Spain, Italy, Bohemia, and other countries, the following contributions were given last year :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Arding, Mrs. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Baynes, Mr. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Geard, Mr ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Hennell, Mr. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Park, Rev. J. ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Toms, Mr. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Tritton, Miss ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Collection in Church (Share of) ... ... ... | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Total ... ... ... ... ... ... | £7 | 6 | 10 |

Mrs. Hennell is at present acting as Collector for this Society, and will gladly receive subscriptions or donations.

## The Dorcas Society.

*Treasurer*: Mrs. J. Turton Wright.

*Secretary*: Mrs. D. Milligan.

*Managers*: Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Wade.

*Buyers*: Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Abel, Mrs. Wade.

*Cutters Out*:

Mesdames Abel, Chapman, W. T. Knight, Layton, Spencer, Wade; Misses Wright, E. M. Yates.

*Committee*:

Mesdames Abel, Broad, Chapman, Hennell, Hughes, H. Knight, W. T. Knight, Layton, Park, Parker, Pigott, Pressland, Spencer, Toms, Yates; Misses Nelson, Wright, E. M. Yates.

*Collectors*:

Mrs. Broad, for West Hill and Southfields.
Miss Wright, for East Hill and Town.
Mrs. Yates, for New Wandsworth.

The object of this Society, now in its forty-ninth year, is to cut out and make articles of clothing, which are sold to the deserving poor *at half the cost of the materials*. The meetings for work and for the Sales to the poor are held on the second Tuesday in each month, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Lecture Hall, East Hill. Any ladies willing to give one afternoon a month, or even to come occasionally, will be cordially welcomed. Other ladies who cannot attend these meetings, but are willing to do needlework at home, can be supplied regularly, month by month, on applying to the Secretary, who will be grateful for such help.



## The "Bee Hive" Working Society.

*Committee*:

Misses Fincham, L. Fincham, Goodman, K. Goodman, Wade, and Yates.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*:

Mrs. Bertram King, 42, Earlsfield Road, Wandsworth Common.

This Society has for its object the making up of all kinds of odd pieces of material into good serviceable garments for the poor, to whom they are given about Christmas time, after being exhibited in the lower Hall.

The Committee regret that the number of garments made during the past year is somewhat smaller than usual, owing to the fact that there was a considerable falling off in the number of parcels of pieces sent them, and beg to make an appeal for such gifts for the coming year.

The Society meets on the third Friday in each month, from 5 to 8 o'clock, at the houses of different ladies, notice of which is duly given from time to time.

The best thanks of the Society are hereby given to those ladies who so kindly entertained them during the past year, and the Secretary would be glad to know of any friends willing to perform a like kindness during 1900.

## Mothers' Meetings.

Mothers' Meetings are held at the Memorial Hall every Monday at 2.30, conducted by Mrs. and Miss Toms and Miss Tritton. There are about 50 members in regular attendance. In cases of sickness members are visited at their homes. In connection with these meetings a Penny Bank and Clothing Club are carried on, the interest being met by subscriptions.

*BALANCE SHEET of Penny Bank and Clothing Club.*

| Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Deposits in Penny Bank .. | 108 | 18 | 3 | By Repayment on Penny Bank | 108 | 18 | 3 |
| ,, Clothing Club | 32 | 2 | 6 | Interest on do. ..... | 4 | 11 | 0 |
| Discount allowed off Clothing Accounts ..... .. | 1 | 16 | 0 | Repayment on Clothing Club ..... | 32 | 2 | 6 |
| Subscriptions to meet Interest, Printing, &c..... | 9 | 4 | 5 | Interest on do. ..... ..... | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| | | | | Printing Cards ..... | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| | | | | Cheque Book ..... | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| | £152 | 1 | 2 | | £152 | 1 | 2 |

*List of Subcsribers to meet Interest and Printing.*

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Arding ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Mr. C. F. Toms ... .. ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs Bristow ... .. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Mr S. J. Toms ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Collins ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Mrs. Wright ... ... ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Goodman ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Mrs. J. T. Wright ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Layton ... ... .. | 0 | 10 | 0 | | £9 | 4 | 5 |
| Mr. C. W. Toms ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Mrs. C. W. Toms ... ... | 0 | 10 | 5 | | | | |

## Children's Sunday Morning Free Breakfasts.

This work, which has now been carried on for the past 17 years, at our Memorial Hall, is not entirely connected with our own Church, but is supported by friends of all denominations.

The work was started to reach a class of children who do not attend any Sunday School, and to clothe and feed the needy, and has been increasingly useful year by year.



No personal appeal for financial help is made, but the Lord has always provided sufficient, and put into the hearts of many to give of their time and substance.

The breakfasts are held every Sunday, at 9.30, from November to April, and the attendance this winter has ranged from 120 to 160. After breakfast a short Service is held, conducted by friends both from the Established and Free Churches

Children's clothing will be thankfully received by Mrs. Broad, and donations of money by the Treasurer, Mr. J. Turton Wright, 3, Earlsfield Road, or Mr. Broad, 34, Lebanon Gardens, Wandsworth.

## Working Men's Saturday Popular Entertainments.

TWENTY-THIRD SEASON.

These Entertainments are held in the Memorial Hall, High Street, on Saturday evenings, from November to March, and consist of Lectures (with dissolving views), Music, Singing, Recitations, and Readings. The charge for admission is one penny, twopence, and threepence, which amounts defray all expenses.

The Entertainments are conducted by Messrs. Toms and A. Kelly, assisted by a large number of ladies and gentlemen, who kindly give their services. After each Entertainment, Coffee and Bread and Butter are supplied on payment of one penny. The Misses Toms kindly undertake the superintendence of this department.

The attendance shows that the Entertainments continue, as in former years, to be fully appreciated by those for whom they are given.

The Christmas Club has been very successful again this year; 180 geese and turkeys, with 1-lb. currants, 1-lb. plums, as well as apples and oranges (the gift of friends), and onions, were distributed.

## The Evangelical Free Church Council of Wandsworth

WAS APPOINTED FOR THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS:—

1. To promote the spiritual life of the Churches by
   (*a*) Cultivating closer fellowship;
   (*b*) Organising united evangelistic work.
2. To consider questions relating to the moral, intellectual and social welfare of the people.
3. To enable Evangelical Free Churches to take concerted action upon questions affecting their common interests.
4. To discuss such other matters as may appear to the Council to be desirable.

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Mr. Dalziel having removed from Wandsworth, the Rev. F. Stephens (35, St. Ann's Hill) has undertaken the duties of Hon. Secretary, with Mr. F. Arnold Stephens as Assistant Secretary.

During the present winter the Council has arranged for a United Prayer Meeting to be held in the Wesleyan Church on January 10th; for a Conference on Temperance Reform in the Down Lodge Hall on January 18th, at which Mr. Joseph Rowntree, of York, is expected; and for a Lecture in the Town Hall by the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Bedford, on February 5th.



Subject to possible modifications, it is proposed to make the following:—

## Principal Collections in 1900.

January 28 - - Colleges and Schools.
February 18 - London Congregational Union.
March 18 - - Church Aid Society.
April 22 - - Sunday Schools.
May 13 - - - London Missionary Society.
June - - - Hospitals.
July - - - Eltringham and Garratt Lane Missions.
September - - Irish, Colonial, and Continental Missions.
October - - - Harvest Service.
November - - London City Mission.
December - - Church Poor.

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## Summary of Contributions

AND AMOUNTS RAISED FOR CHURCH AND MISSION HALL EXPENSES AND FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL OBJECTS IN THE YEAR 1899.

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| Treasurer's Account (omitting Sunday Schools and Home and Foreign Missions) ... | (see page 10) | 656 | 17 | 11 |
| Sunday Schools & Mission Halls | ( ,, 12 to 28) | 252 | 4 | 6½ |
| Mothers' Meetings ... ... ... | ( ,, 36) | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| Home Missions (Church Aid, &c.) | ( ,, 33) | 112 | 6 | 11 |
| Irish, Colonial and Continental Missions | ( ,, 10 & 34) | 32 | 6 | 10 |
| Foreign Missions (London Missionary Soc.) | (page 31) | 306 | 18 | 11 |
| Earlsfield Church Repairs Fund ... .. ... ... | | 91 | 0 | 0 |
| Twentieth Century Fund ... .. ... ... ... | | 464 | 15 | 6 |
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*** Tis summary does not include subscriptions to the Dorcas Society, or the Children's Free Breakfasts, the Balance Sheets of which contain contributions from members of other Churches besides our own.

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Notes on Services



those coming from a distance have not moved away from Wandsworth and retain an old connection. They have "gravitated to our church" The district tends downward, and an increasing proportion of the people are living 2 families in a house.

The minister is the only paid worker. Many voluntary workers, including 160 teachers in the four Sunday Schools, besides 7 deacons, and a 'fair proportion' of visitors.

The Church at East Hill seats 1100 people, and has a hall and vestries attached. Besides this, they have the Garratt Lane Mission at the corner of Bendon Valley [seats 100], the Memorial Hall, High St (500), The Eltringham Mission in York Road (see interview with Mr Baker p. 1). The Board schools at Eltringham Street and Garratt Lane are also rented for school purposes.

The congregation at the Sunday services (11 & 6.30 p.m.) averages 800 to 900, and are about the same morning and evening, the proportion of working people being greater in the evening.

The Sunday schools have over 1500 scholars, but

The Memorial Hall

Visitation

Nursing

Charitable Relief

of these and the Band of Hope &c. sufficient information is given in the "Manual."

Their chief mission work in Wandsworth is connected with the Memorial Hall and the most successful meeting there, is the Saturday popular entertainment, which is crowded. The Sunday evening service is well attended by working people - some fairly well employed, and people who "cannot afford to pay for their religion." No collections are made. Of these people, a few become members of the Church, but they dont care to come to the Church — "imagine they are too poor."

Social agencies include Literary Society at the Church, and mothers meetings and other agencies at the Missions.

Minister and appointed members of the Church visit the sick and poor, - as a rule our own people. Have no right to visit others.

No direct nursing agencies. Local nursing association is doing good work.

Relief to the extent of about £100 a year is given.

Co-operation of Free Churches.
Clergy will not co-operate

Other Agencies

General Questions



given, if the Garratt Lane Mission be included. About £60 goes to our poor, of which half would be to the poor members. On Sundays during winter, a free breakfast is given to poor children. (See Manual).

A strong federal co-operation between the different free churches. The Established Church holds itself rigidly aloof from all charitable and public co-operation. They avoid us even on the platform. Only one clergyman that will meet with them, the majority are distinctly against the Free Churches.

The Church of England is active amongst the people, and holds the parish charities, which help them with the poor. The Free Churches do quite as much, and if the LCM, and the S. Army be included, outnumber the Anglicans. The LCM does a very good work - it has 6 missionaries in the locality.

The Poor Law on the whole (re Out Relief) is well administered.

Police favourable to temperance. Do their work

well, but would not initiate any proceedings against publicans. Increase of Drinking but not of serious drunkenness. Decided improvement since the introduction of the School Board system. The Free Churches have just started a branch of the "London Council for the Promotion of Public Morality." [See E.F. Butlin 37 Norfolk Street Strand W.C.] The police only move in response to pressure by public authorities. The object of this new organization ~~being~~ to indirectly move the police by means of the Council and local authorities.

Prostitution not markedly prominent. The lowest class of women on Wandsworth Common would not attract their young men.

Marriages usually at mature age, but do not get the poorer people.

Thrift fair. Children always pay for their excursions. Penny Banks, slate club and goose clubs are taken up well.

Health very good.

Housing. Some crowding in the lower part.

Social condition on the whole decidedly improving.

Park - East Hill Bong$^{s}$

Amongst the membership, considerable changes occur. The elder people move away to Sutton and Croydon. Have as many transfers to as away from Wandsworth. "The Church is now stronger than ever it was, and they are getting hold of the people." Their difficulty is the Established Church, which is so unsympathetic and intolerant. - we might be heathen" Evangelicals are a diminishing quantity.

P.C. 17.VII.1900

Revd A N. Rowland M.A.
Oxford Road Congl. Church

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July 19/1900

The Poverty Map

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Revd A. Norman Rowland M.A. Minister of Oxford Road, Congregational Church. Seen at 32 Oxford Road.

Mr Rowland is a bright young Oxford man with none of the outward signs that usually denote the minister. Slightly built, of medium height, good regular features, slight mustache and a pleasant manner. He is a son of Alfred Rowlands, the well known congregational minister of Crouch End & has been 3½ years in this, his first pastorate.

We went over the map rather carefully and he agreed generally with the colourings, the only serious differences being that Spencer & Charlwood Roads (An adjacent Board school brings it down.) should be pink bared rather than red. They have become poorer and are not better than Chelverton Road. In East Putney, Cromford Road is no better than the adjoining roads, if any difference Galverston Rd is the best.

South of the Richmond Road, the yellow is right. The inhabitants are people, who have made their money in trade - Jays, Derry & Toms & other large shopkeepers. ~~Hos~~ To the north, near the river, the people are poor:

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## Characteristics of the People

laundries in Putney Bridge Road. Like Putney, the hills come near to the river and as a result you get the poor & well to do living near each, and a very mixed population. Pleasure loving people - the river attracts them. A contrast to the graver, staider northern suburbs. A tone of pleasure dominates here. On Sunday, houses are shut up & quite still - people gone off for the ~~dat~~ day. Church going is "going against the stream", especially if to a free church. People shift about a good deal. He has gone over the list & finds that of those on the list in January 1897, excluding servants, exactly half have changed their addresses during the 3 years, most however remain in the neighbourhood. Moved from one house or flat to another, attracted by some additional convenience. Putney is thus a hard place to work.

## The Congregation

The people attending the chapel are drawn from a wide area, extending from the pb.d woods off West Hill, Wandsworth on the east to Barnes on the west. & they represent a wide social range. Mr R. has made the following analysis of those in nearest connexion with the Church:- Professional 3, Independent business 15, Managers 10, Young men

Persons Employed

Building used

Notes on Services

"Do not get the parents of the Sunday scholars. Cannot even entice them by a Tea"

Rowland - Cong[l] Oxford Road.

men, clerks agents shopmen &c 15, Workmen 12, Retired 4, Ladies of Independent means 7, earning living as teachers, music, matron, clerk, business, governess 15, Workwomen 3. Total 84

Only minister is paid. Nearly all the members (115) do something. A good spirit of work in the place.

Church (an iron building holds 350 + they have a school room holding 80. In October they are combining with the Union Church, Upper Richmond Road. This will give them a substantial church building and the Oxford R[d] premises will be used for Mission purposes altho' not called a Mission.

For services &c see Church Calendars attached to the next page.

Sunday congregation is 120 in morning and 200 in the evening. More working people at night. To the week night service they get about 30

Sunday School has 150 on book and an average attendance of over 100. C. E. Society (7th) about 30. Notes on the other agencies are given in the manual - attached to this interview. Sup

Visitation. Lady Visitors are responsible for districts, and inform minister of cases of illness. Have visited the district assigned by Free Church Council.

# CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

**OXFORD ROAD, PUTNEY.**

## CALENDAR FOR FOURTH QUARTER, 1899.

MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

**He leadeth me.** Ps. xxiii. 2. **Commit thy way unto the Lord.** Ps. xxxvii. 5. **Follow thou Me.** John xxi. 22.

**Minister:**
REV. A. NORMAN ROWLAND, M.A., (Oxon), B.A. (Lond.),
86, High Street, Putney, S.W.

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Mr. C. FOAD. Mr. T. MATHIAS. Mr. S. J. TOMS.

**Superintendent of Sunday School:**
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**Organist and Choir Master:** Mr. S. J. TOMS.

**†Visitors:**

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Mrs. DAVIS, 53, Santos Road.
Mrs. MATHIAS, Carisbrooke, St. John's Road East.
Miss A. CARR, 8, Schubert Road.
Miss HANDS, 8, Bishop's Terrace, Fulham Palace Road.
Mrs. SHEARN, Homeville, Marlboro' Road.

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**Literary and Social Union:**
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*The Collectors will call for Quarterly and Monthly Contributions in March, June, September and December.

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## OCTOBER.

1st S. **Harvest Thanksgiving.** 11.0—Pastor. 3.0—Children's Service. 7.0—**Rev. W. Justin Evans,** of Lewisham.
2nd M. 3.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Introductory Evening.
3rd Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Opening Meeting. 8.0—Sunday School Teachers' Conference at 86, High Street.
4th W. 8.0—Meeting of Free Churches at Union Church. Sermon by Rev. D. MATHESON, M.A.
5th Th. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Meeting. 9.0—Choir Practice

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8th S. { 11.0 and 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. 8.10—Communion Service.
9th M. 8.0—Literary & Social Union. Debate on Transvaal Crisis.
10th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Children's Evening.
11th W. 7.30—**Social Meeting of Congregation.**
12th Th. 6.0—Sewing Guild. Christian Endeavour Meeting. 9.0—Choir Practice.

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15th S. { 11.0 and 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. 10.15 & 8.0—Half-an-hour of Prayers for Sunday School.
16th M. 3.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Journalists' Evening. Editor, Mr. S. BARRETT.
17th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. **Parents' Tea.** Address by Mr. HOWARD H. HART.
18th W. 8.0—Service. 9.0—Choir Practice.
19th Th. 8.0—Christian Endeavour and Scholars' Meeting.

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22nd S. { 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0—Rev. W. MUNCASTER, of Trevor Square. 3.0—School. 7.0—Pastor.
23rd M. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Illustrated Lecture by Mr. T. H. HOLDING, R.S.I.A., "Growth and Decline of English Architecture."
24th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Children's Evening. Games, &c.
25th W. 8.0—Service. Epistle of St. James (concluded). 9.0—Choir Practice.
26th Th. 6.0—Sewing Guild. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Consecration Meeting.

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29th S. { Citizen Sunday. 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0&7.0—Pastor 3.0—School.
30th M. 3.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Entertainment by Ladies.
31st Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Electric Flashes. Mr. OTIS KING.

## NOVEMBER.

1st W. 8.0—**Church Meeting.** 9.0—Choir Practice
2nd Th. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Meeting.

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5th S. { 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 and 7.0—Pastor. 12.15—Communion Service. 3.0—**Scholars' Thanksgiving Service.**
6th M. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Paper by Mr. A. J. EAGLESTON, B.A. Debate. Labour Question.

7th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Lantern Bible Story, Mr. DADE. Congregational Union Meeting in Queen's Hall.
8th W. 7.30—Meeting of Free Churches at Baptist Church. Young People's Social.
9th Th. 8.0 and 6.0—Sewing Guild. Christian Endeavour Meeting. 9.0—Choir Practice.

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12th S. 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School.
13th M. 3.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union Concert.
14th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Children's Evening. 8.15—Church Preparation Class.
15th W. 8.0—Service, 1st Epistle of Peter. 9.0—Choir Practice.
16th Th. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Meeting.

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19th S. { 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 3.0—School. 11.0 and 7.0—**Rev. E. Shillito, M.A.,** of Tunbridge Wells.
20th M. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Short Papers.
21st Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Address. Mrs. J. TOMS. 8.15—Church Preparation Class.
22nd W. 8.0—Service. 1st Epistle of Peter. 9.0—Choir Practice.
23rd Th. 6.0—Sewing Guild. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Meeting.

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26th S. 10.30 Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0. Pastor. 3.0—School.
27th M. 3.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Essays on some Novels.
28th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild, Children's Evening. Spelling Bee. 8.15—Church Preparation Class.
29th W. 8.0—**Church Meeting.** 9.0—Choir Practice.
30th Th. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Consecration Meeting.

## DECEMBER.

3rd S. { 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 and 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. 8.10—Communion Service.
4th M. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Manuscript Magazine.
5th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Lantern Bible Story. Mr. DAVIS. 8.15—Choir Practice.
6th W. 8.0—Meeting of Free Churches.
7th Th. 6.0—Sewing Guild. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Meeting.

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10th S. { 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. 7.0—**Rev. W. C. Loosmore, M.A.,** of Streatham.
11th M. 3.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Papers on the Queen's Reign.
12th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Children's Evening.
13th W. 8.0—Service. 1st Epistle of Peter. 9.0—Choir Practice.
14th Th. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Meeting.

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17th S. 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School.
18th M. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Social Meeting.
19th Tu. 7.0—Temperance Guild. Address. Mr. E. L. NUNNELEY.
20th W. 8.0—Service: 1st Epistle of Peter (concl.). 9.0—Choir Practice.
21st Th. 6.0—Sewing Guild. 8.0—Christian Endeavour Meeting.

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| 24th F. | { **Christmas Services**. | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. |
| | { 11.0 and 7.0—Pastor. | 3.0—School. |
| 27th W. | 8.0—**Church Meeting**. | 9.0—Choir Practice. |
| 28th Th. | 8.0—Christian Endeavour Consecration Meeting. | |
| 31st F. | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. | 11.0 and 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. |

86, High Street,
Putney, S.W.

My Dear Friends,

This Calendar will come into the hands of some whom I do not yet know. In the name of the Church I heartily invite you to join in our fellowship and work, and in particular to come to the **Social Meeting** of the congregation on October 11th. It can hardly be more enjoyable than the few we have previously had, but it will be much more important. For the Deacons are going to bring before you a scheme for the building of **a permanent Church**, which we want to incorporate in the supplementary account of the 20th Century Fund before November 1st. And in one sense everything depends on the response you make at this meeting. Will you take the matter into your prayers and earnest of thought.

I believe this Winter is going to be the best we have had as a Church. Ten new members are joining us, and this will lift our numbers above a hundred. We want two or three volunteers for our increasing Sunday School, especially one to take a class of very jolly boys. One gentleman is ready if another will join him. I have no fear for the success of the new Temperance Guild.

The **Literary and Social Union** has begun well with fifty members. But we must aim at continual enlistment among the young people outside, so that the influence of the Church may radiate in healthy and helpful ways further into our neighbourhood.

I have been encouraged by the increasing interest shown in our study of the Epistle of James on **Wednesday Evenings.** Before Christmas I hope to deal in a similar fashion with the First Epistle of Peter. We shall find a change from this series in the Free Church meetings for which each separate Church is giving up the Wednesday after the first Sunday in each month.

May I ask you not to overlook the opportunities we have of praying together that we may become better and work better. Our **prayer meetings** are not very frequent, but we want to keep them very real and fresh. If we count upon prayer it will not let us down. It is a means by which God restores our souls for His name's sake. We are looking too for fresh faces in our Society of Christian Endeavour.

On November 1st I shall have completed three years happy ministry here. I want to close the Church meeting early that evening in order to meet specially with those who have joined the Church here for the first time. And during the Tuesdays of that month I propose to hold a **class** from 8.15 to 9.0 with a view of helping those who are not quite clear as to the meaning of Church membership. Let me add that anyone who wishes to see me is sure to find me in any evening at 10.0.

Yours very sincerely,
A. NORMAN ROWLAND.

# Congregational Church
## OXFORD ROAD, PUTNEY.

## CALENDAR FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1900.

Motto for the Year:

***"The Truth shall make you free."***—*John* 8, 32.

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## JANUARY.

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| 2nd | Tu. | 6.15—Temperance Guild. Christmas Treat. |
| 3rd | W. | 8.0—**Church Meeting.** 9.0—Choir Practice. |
| 4th | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Meeting. New Year's Addresses. |
| 7th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0—**Motto Sermon.** 12.20—Communion Service. 3.0—School. 7.0—Pastor. |
| 8th | M. | 3.0 till 6.0—Women's Circle. |
| 9th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Practice for Service of Song. |
| 8th | M. | 8.0—United Prayer Meeting at Baptist Church. |
| 9th | Tu. | 8.0 „ „ Presbyterian Church. |
| 10th | W. | 8.0 „ „ Congregational Church. |
| 11th | Th. | 8.0 „ „ Union Church. |
| 14th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 and 7.0—**Rev. R. J. Evans, B.A.**, Mansfield House. 3.0—School. 8.15—United Communion Service at Wesleyan Church. |
| 15th | M. | 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Evening with Dickens. |
| 16th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Address by Mr. Howard Hart |
| 17th | W. | 8.0—St. Paul's Epistles (Introduction.) 9.0—Choir Practice |
| 18th | Th. | 3.0—Temperance Conference of United Free Churches. Mr. Joseph Rowntree. 8.15—C.E. Consecration Meeting. |
| 21st | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. |
| 22nd | M. | 3.0 till 6.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Debate: "War *v.* Arbitration," Mr. B. King. |
| 23rd | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Practice for Service of Song. |
| 24th | W. | 8.0—Epistle to the Galatians I. 9.0—Choir Practice. |
| 25th | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Missionary Meeting. Mr. W. G. Lobjoit. |
| 28th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. |
| 29th | M. | 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Concert. |
| 30th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Children's Evening. |
| 31st | W. | 8.0—**Church Meeting.** 9.0—Choir Practice. |

## FEBRUARY.

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| 1st | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Meeting. "Lessons for Simon and us." |
| 4th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. 8.10—Communion Service. |
| 5th | M. | 3.0 till 6.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Lecture on "Jane Austen," Mr. Warner. |
| 6th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Practice for Service of Song. |
| 7th | W. | 8.0—Free Church Social for young people at Baptist Church |
| 8th | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Meeting. "Things that endure." |
| 11th | **S.** | **Church Anniversary.** 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. 7.0—**Rev. J. D. McClure, LL.D., M.A.**, Headmaster of Mill Hill School. |
| 12th | M. | **Anniversary Meeting of Congregation.** 7.0—Social and Business Meeting. 8.30—Address by **Rev. R. J. Campbell, B.A.**, of Brighton. |
| 13th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Bible Lantern Story by Rev. A. N. Rowland. |
| 15th | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Temperance Meeting. Mr. E. Nunneley. |
| 18th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. |
| 19th | M. | 3.0 till 6.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Lantern Views of Venice. Mr. Chisholm Simpson. |
| 20th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Practice for Service of Song. |
| 21st | W. | 8.0—Epistle to the Galatians II. 9.0—Choir Practice. |
| 22nd | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Consecration Meeting. |
| 25th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. |
| 26th | M. | 7.0—Literary and Social Union. Evening with Shakespeare and his English Kings. Rev. A. **N.** Rowland. |
| 27th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. **Service of Song.** |
| 28th | W. | 8.0—**Church Meeting.** 9.0—Choir Practice. |

## MARCH.

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| 1st | Th. | 8.15—**C.E. Annual Meeting.** Mr. Piggott, B.A. |
| 4th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 and 7.0—Pastor. 12.20—Communion Service. 3.0—School. |
| 5th | M. | 3.0 till 6.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Combined Debate with Baptist Mutual Improvement Society at Werter Road. |
| 6th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Children's Service. |
| 7th | W. | 8.0—Free Church Missionary Meeting at Union Church. |
| 8th | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Meeting. "How God pays men." |
| 11th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 and 7.0—3.0—School. |
| 12th | M. | 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Evening with Rudyard Kipling. Miss F. C. Younger, B.A., Mr. A. J. Eagleston, B.A. |
| 13th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Address by Mr. Dade, |
| 14th | W. | 8.0—Prayer Meeting. 9.0—Choir Practice. |
| 15th | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Meeting joined by Union C.E. "Rejecting Christ." |
| 18th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. |
| 19th | M. | 3.0 till 6.0—Women's Circle. 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Debate: "Disestablishment," Mr. G. Johnson. |
| 20th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Entertainment given by members. |
| 21st | W. | 8.0—Epistle to the Galatians III. 9.0—Choir Practice. |
| 22nd | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Meeting. "Ye must be born again." |
| 25th | **S.** | 10.30—Prayer Meeting. 11.0 & 7.0—Pastor. 3.0—School. |
| 26th | M. | 8.0—Literary and Social Union. Social Meeting. |
| 27th | Tu. | 7.0—Temperance Guild. Musical Evening. Director, Mr. S. J. Toms. |
| 28th | W. | 8.0—**Church Meeting.** 9.0—Choir Practice. |
| 29th | Th. | 8.15—C.E. Consecration Meeting. |

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Astley House,
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*January 1st*, 1900.

My Dear Friends,

Writing on New Year's Day I heartily wish you such peace in your home and prosperity in your business as shall keep you free from all occasions of anxiety, mistrust and complaint during the year 1900. One message of the New Year is that none of us should be looking Westward in respect to Truth or Duty. God has yet more light to break forth from His Word, said John Robinson the Pilgrim Father, and that is true even of the Word which he speaks through our personal experience. We must live to the praise of

"The mighty God whose matchless power
Is ever new and ever young."

We have the right, yes, and the duty, to shake off every sentiment and habit that makes us begin to feel old.

Our **Church Anniversary** services will be held on February 11th and 12th. The preachers on preceding occasions have been the Revs. J. Morgan Gibbon, Ossian Davies and Henry Harries, all Welshmen. This year **Dr. McClure** comes, distinguished as preacher as well as headmaster. And on the following evening we shall have the favour of another visit from the **Rev. R. J. Campbell**, of Brighton.

It is probable you have heard of the proposal which is now before Union Church and ourselves that there should ultimately be an amalgamation between us. There is no doubt that the unity of front and the economy of resources which would result from this would benefit not only Congregationalism but the cause of Christ in Putney.

And if it proves unnecessary to proceed with the original Building Scheme, it is hoped that friends will be willing to contribute two out of the three annual payments they generously intended to make.

In spite of this special fund I am anxious that the **Altar forms** should not drop out of service. A copy is given to every seat-holder, and can be obtained by any member of the congregation. Any of the Collectors for the four institutions will gladly call on you for a shilling or more every year or quarter.

Our various societies must speak for themselves from the inner pages. But I might mention that the Registrar of the Sunday School has shown me a table of attendance giving figures for the various classes as well as for the whole school. The total average shows an advance on last year from 68 to 91. And this is only a typical case of our general progress. That we may bring more consecration and receive more power during 1901 is the prayer of

Yours faithfully,

A. NORMAN ROWLAND.

Charitable Relief

Church Membership

Relation of Churches

Wester Road Baptist in rather low water.

Putney Adult School. Started by the Friends – not v. successful.



Rowland- Cong[l] Oxford Road.

They have no systematic distribution of relief. Two members receive assistance from the fund. The Church is closely connected with Mansfield House, Canning Town and their official relief goes in that direction. Send about £25 a year to Mrs Alden.

Church membership is 115. Was 25 when Mr R. came & Has steadily increased since.

Free Churches are fairly in touch through the Free Church Council. Have monthly meetings during the winter and a United open air service near the Railway Station during the summer. Wesleyans are a little 'stand-off-ish'. They are a little tory and think the Council is political

No co-operation with the Church of England. The Rector has never recognised Mr Redford (The minister of Union Church who has been 22½ years in Putney) excepting that when Mrs Redford is out with him the Rector raises his hat. Mr Rowland does not come in contact with Rector or his 5 curates (some of the latter, he thinks, are very good fellows). The clergy are not on the Library Com[tee]

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Drink

Housing

Rowland - Cong.e Oxford Road.

Sciences + art school. Rev - Rouse (St Stephens) is the only one he meets - He is very broad minded and is on the School Managers Board.

A deal of drink in Putney. Much money is being put into the trade. The houses are being enlarged on every hand. On saturdays and late at night there is always a fringe of loafers, the worse for liquor. Some united temperance work is carried on by a number of free lances of all the churches. See Mr Summers. 2 Oxford Road respecting this - He is the Supt.

Housing is better than in some districts. The houses however most respectable look better than they really are. I instanced Disraeli Road, where some houses have several families and some are very poor.

In some senses, Putney is a churchy neighborhood but St Johns the most aristocratic church is small. Some of the people go across the Bridge to Fulham Parish Church. Really the place is irreligious. It is difficult to get the people to take interest in anything. Even in politics they don't take much interest. If 100 people are got to a political meeting it is thought very good. Very few take an interest in the neighbourhood.

The Union Church



Rowland - Congl Oxford Road.

Mr Redford, the minister of the Union Church referred us to Mr Rowland for particulars as to the church. Mr R. did not care to say much except that the Union Church had gone down and was now very small. Want of tact and disputes had aided the decline. Now the two churches are to amalgamate & a new Church Roll will be formed. The Union Church is a fine building seating 700 and occupies a good site in the Upper Richmond Road.

# Congregational Church,

OXFORD ROAD, PUTNEY.

REPORT OF WORK FOR 1899.

## MANUAL FOR 1900.

MOTTO FOR 1900—

"The Truth shall make you free."—John viii. 32.

## Officers of the Church.

**Minister:**

REV. A. NORMAN ROWLAND, M.A.

**Deacons:**

MR. C. DAVIS.
MR. C. FOAD.
MR. W. S. HART, Secretary.
MR. T. MATHIAS, Treasurer.
MR. S. J. TOMS.
MR. J. SHEARN, Pew Steward.

**Visitors:**

MISS F. BARRETT.
MISS CARR.
MRS. MATHIAS.
MRS. DAVIS.
MISS HANDS.
MRS. SHEARN.

**Delegates to the London Congregational Union.**

MR. BARRETT, MR. J. CORNOCK, MISS HANDS.

**Delegate to the Congregational Union of England & Wales.**

MR. S. J. TOMS.

**Delegates to the Surrey Congregational Union.**

MR. T. CLARKSON.
MR. J. CORNOCK.
MR. C. J. RIDER.

**Delegates to the Free Church Council.**

MR. BARRETT.
MRS. MATHIAS.
MR. DADE.
MISS A. CARR.
MR. MATHIAS.
MR. STEVERSON.

## Letter from the Minister.

My Dear Friends,

A manual means a book to have at hand, and no doubt this will be in your hand in proportion as the affairs of the Church are near your heart. Another year of co-operation and fellowship has surely deepened our harmony and made the very place where we meet more dear to us. But it may be that before long we shall be called upon to prove that our union is essentially one of spirit rather than of place. And we may be sure of this, that whatever change may be before us we can best be prepared to face it by a greater personal devotion to our Master. He will certainly show us His will, as He has done in the past, if we wait for Him together and alone.

I think it is true to say, and the following pages are a witness, that in almost every department of our Church life, we have gone forward during 1899. May we be made worthy for each new responsibility and opportunity that is given! The membership of the Church has now mounted to 114, a net increase of 27 if we reckon up to March 1st, our Anniversary date in 1899. We heartily welcome our new members. And yet we feel that no one can compensate for the recent loss of our beloved friend Mrs. Barrett, whose memory is fragrant for her gentleness and love.

It is a pleasure to note the quickened interest in our Church Meetings, and the creation of the Sunday morning Prayer Meeting, as well as the advance of all the Societies which can speak for themselves. But the outstanding event of 1899 was your response to the Twentieth Century Fund in which you were the first of all the churches in the country. Now we have before us the scheme for our own future extension, and whatever form it may take, I trust in the power of your faith and devotion to carry it through.

Yours ever faithfully,

A. NORMAN ROWLAND.



## Church Principles.

*Membership* of the Church is open to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and who are striving to serve and follow Him. Those who desire to become members should communicate with the Pastor without delay.

The following are the principles of Congregational Polity as laid down by Dr. Dale, with connecting notes in italics.

1. It is the will of Christ that all those who believe in Him should be organised into Churches *in order that He may be definitely and fully represented in the world, and that "the Body" may be knit together through every joint of supply.* (Eph. 4, 16 marg.)

2. In every Christian Church the Will of Christ is the Supreme Authority, *Because He is the Head of the Body and the source of the supply, and has promised the presence and help of His own Spirit.*

3. It is the Will of Christ that all the Members of a Christian Church should be Christians, *Because His Will can be known, His aims pursued, His Spirit realised only by those who take Him for their Saviour and Master.*

4. By the Will of Christ all the Members of a Christian Church are directly responsible to Him for maintaining His Authority in the Church, *And if only we are faithful we shall never discredit the democratic ideal which was initiated by the Apostles and is now professedly the principle of our Imperial Polity.*

5. By the Will of Christ every Society of Christians organised for Christian Worship, Instruction and Fellowship is a Christian Church, and is Independent of External Control, *This results from the preceding principles, is based on Apostolic practice, and constitutes a Church which is Free because it is subject to the Spirit of Christ.*

## Church

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| To Weekly Offerings | | | |
| January ... ... ... ... ... ... | 13 | 5 | 1 |
| February ... ... ... .. ... | 13 | 13 | 9 |
| March ... ... ... ... ... ... | 13 | 12 | 7 |
| April ... ... ... ... ... ... | 12 | 5 | 2 |
| May ... .. ... ... ... ... | 9 | 11 | 9 |
| June (3 Sundays) ... .. ... ... | 6 | 15 | 9 |
| July ... ... ... ... ... ... | 12 | 10 | 10 |
| August ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6 | 18 | 9 |
| September ... ... ... ... ... | 8 | 16 | 11 |
| October ... ... ... ... ... | 21 | 11 | 2 |
| November .. ... ... ... ... | 11 | 8 | 4 |
| December ... ... ... ... ... | 14 | 0 | 9 |
| January 11th—Mrs. Bonthron towards general Expenses ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Nov. and Dec.—Boxes at door for S. African Relief ... ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance due to Treasurer ... ... ... ... | 10 | 15 | 7 |
| | £165 | 11 | 5 |

* Required to Balance the Guarantees of £100 which have at the end of 1898.

## Communion

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| To Balance in hand ... ... ... ... | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Collections ... ... ... ... ... ... | 13 | 11 | 2 |
| | £17 | 14 | 3 |

## Altar

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| To Subscriptions for Canning Town ... ... | 19 | 2 | 6 |
| ,, ,, L.C. Union ... ... | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, ,, L.M. Society ... ... | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| ,, ,, Mansfield College ... ... | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | £49 | 3 | 6 |



## Account.

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| By Balance paid to Treasurer ... ... ... | 10 | 13 | 3 |
| ,, Pulpit Supplies ... ... ... ... ... | 15 | 19 | 6 |
| ,, Organ Blower ... ... ... ... ... | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Gas and Water ... ... ... ... ... | 17 | 12 | 4 |
| ,, Printing, etc. ... ... ... ... ... | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| ,, Tradesmen's a/cs (various) ... ... ... | 9 | 16 | 11 |
| ,, Chapel Keeper ... ... ... ... ... | 26 | 15 | 0 |
| ,, Subscriptions and Insurance ... ... ... | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| ,, Sundries ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 15 | 3 |
| ,, Lord Mayor's Fund ... ... ... ... | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, S. African Emergency Fund ... ... ... | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| ,, Carried to Minister's Stipend* ... ... | 59 | 1 | 3 |
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Audited and found correct, 23rd January, 1900.

A. GRAY,
JOHN R. JACKSON.

hitherto supplemented the Pew Subscriptions, but which expired

## Fund

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| By Fund for Widows of Missionaries ... ... | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| ,, Jamaica Distress Fund ... ... ... | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| ,, Fund for Widows of Ministers ... ... | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| ,, By donations ... ... ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| ,, In hand ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8 | 12 | 6 |
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| By Cheque to Rev. Percy Alden, M.A. ... ... | 19 | 2 | 6 |
| ,, ,, Rev. A. Mearns ... ... ... | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, ,, Rev. A. N. Johnson, M.A. ... | 12 | 1 | 0 |
| ,, ,, Mr. N. H. Smith, M.A. ... ... | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | £49 | 3 | 6 |

# For the Altar.

The following took part during 1899 in our united yearly offering to four causes which are beyond but not separate from us.

## THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Collector* ... Mrs. C. L. KING ... £11 6s. 0d.

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| Barrett, Mr. E. | Hands, Miss | Toms, Mr. S. J. |
| Barrett, Miss A. C. | Hart, Mr. W. S. | WITH BOXES 15s. |
| Barrett, Miss A. F. | Hughes, Mr. | Brooks, Mrs. |
| Barrett, Miss A. M. | Mathias, Mr. T. | Dade, Mrs. |
| Barrett, Miss M. | Mathias, Mrs. T. | Davis, Mrs. |
| Bolus, Mrs. | Nunneley, Mrs. | Dobell, Miss |
| Bonthron, Mrs. | Rider, Mr. | Gordon, Mrs. |
| Buttolph, Miss | Rowland, Rev. A. N. | Gray, Mrs. |
| Cornock, Mr. | Shearn, Mr. H. J. | |
| Foad, Mr. | Smith, Miss | |

## MANSFIELD COLLEGE.

*Collector* ... Miss FOAD. ... £7

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| Bonthron, Mr. | Hart, Mr. W. Scott | Shearn, Mr. H. J. |
| Cornock, Mr. | King, Mr. Otis A. | Steverson, Mr. |
| Dobell, Miss | Mathias, Mr. T. | Toms, Mr. S. J. |
| Foad, Miss | Mathias, Mrs. T. | Welch, Miss |
| Hands, Miss | Rowland, Rev. A. N. | |

## UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT, CANNING TOWN.

*Collector* ... Miss M. BARRETT. ... £19 2s. 6d.

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| Barrett, Mrs. | Carr, Miss | Mathias, Mr. & Mrs. |
| Barrett, Miss F. | Cornock, Mr. | Nunneley, Mr. & Mrs. |
| Barrett, Miss M. | Dade, Mrs. | Rowland, Rev. A. N. |
| Barrett, Miss Maude | Davis, Mrs. | Shearn, Mr. |
| Barrett, Mr. C. | Elwin, Miss | Shearn, Mrs. Miss A. Smith |
| Barrett, Mr. S. | Farrenden, Miss | Toms, Mr. C. W. |
| Bennett, Miss | Hands, Miss | Toms, Mr. C. B. |
| Birch, Miss | Hart, Misses A. & J. | Toms, Mr. S. J. |
| Bonthron, Mrs. | Hart, Mr. W. S. | Miss Welch. |
| Buttolph, Miss | King, Mr. O. C. | |

## LONDON CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

*Collector* ... Mr. J. CORNOCK. ... £11

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| Allerton, Miss | Foad, Mr. | Mathias, Mr. & Mrs. |
| Barrett, Mr. E. | Hands, Miss | Rider, Mr. |
| Barrett, Mr. C. | Hart, Mr. W. S. | Rowland, Rev. A. N. |
| Bonthron, Mrs. | Hughes, Mr. H. | Shearn, Mr. & Mrs. |
| Cornock, Mr. | King, Mr. O. | Steverson, Mr. |
| Dobell, Miss | Kingston, Mr. | Toms, Mr. S. J. |



# Sunday School Report, 1899.

*Superintendent*, MR. C. G. DAVIS.
*Treasurer*, MR. H. J. SHEARN.
*Secretary*, MR. W. S. HART.
*Registrar*, MR. OTIS KING.

*Teachers.*

Miss MINNIE BARRETT, Miss MAUDE BARRETT, Miss CARR, Miss E. L. CLARKSON, Miss E. M. CLARKSON, Miss F. CLARKSON, Miss KING, Mrs. NUNNELEY, Miss SMITH, Miss A. WALLACE, Mr. DUKE, Mr. HARROWER, Mr. TOMS.

As Teachers and Officers of the School, we are glad to be able to report that encouraging progress has been made during the year. The number of children on the books has risen from 115 to 151, of whom 94 are girls and 57 are boys. The average attendance has increased from 68 to 97. The teaching staff has also been strongly reinforced, although we have to regret that Miss Elwin, owing to her frequent absence from the neighbourhood, was obliged to give up her class.

Friends may remember that last year (1898) we were handicapped by want of teachers. The increase in our teaching Staff has largely conduced to the increase in the attendance of our Scholars.

The Bible Class for Young Women is still carried on with encouraging results, three having joined the Church during the year.

Ten scholars entered in March for the examination of the Sunday School Union, and all of them passed.

The Anniversary Services were held on June 25, our pastor preaching in the morning, and the Rev. Alfred Rowland, B.A., LL.B. in the evening. On the following day addresses were given by the Rev. W. C. Loosmore of Streatham, and the Rev. Fred. Barrett of South Africa. The Collections at the Anniversary Services and Meeting amounted to £13 10s.

The Summer Treat took the form of an Excursion to Worthing on June 27th. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were able to take part in it.

The Infants had a separate Treat in a field kindly placed at the disposal of the school by Mr. Rawlings of Merton Road, Southfields.

It has been resolved to devote £5 per annum out of the Missionary Collections to the endowment of a cot in a hospital at Pekin. We hope that with this definite object in view, the

scholars will take greater interest in Missionary enterprise During the past year, as previously, we have been greatly encouraged by the friendly interest and generous support of members of the Congregation.

We need hardly say that if any of our friends are prepared to offer their services either as permanent or auxiliary Teachers, the Superintendent will be most happy to find them classes.

There are many who are prevented from giving their personal service, but we are confident that all our friends will join with us in praying that God's blessing may continue to rest upon our School, and that we may have the joy of seeing many of our Scholars joining our Church, and in due time themselves taking up work in the School.

### Sunday School Account, 1899.

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| To Balance in hand | 5 | 13 | 6 |
| Sunday School collections ... | 4 | 4 | 4½ |
| Collected at Anniversary Services | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| Special Contributions ... ... | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| Sale of Hymn-book | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | £25 | 5 | 7½ |

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| Cost of Treats ... | 12 | 6 | 0½ |
| Hymn-books, Leaflets, Bibles, Stationery, Prizes, etc. ... ... | 7 | 0 | 5½ |
| Subscription to S.S. Union ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Cost of sending a child to Clacton-on-Sea ... | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Lantern requisites, and hire of slides | 1 | 16 | 8 |
| Balance forward ... | 3 | 8 | 5½ |
| | £25 | 5 | 7½ |

### Collections for Special Objects.

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| S.S. Collections in aid of L.M.S. | 3 | 12 | 10¾ |
| Balance in hand... | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| | £7 | 13 | 3¾ |

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| Handed to Miss Macey in aid of Work in China | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance forward | 2 | 13 | 3¾ |
| | £7 | 13 | 3¾ |



## The Temperance Guild.

*President*, Rev. A. Norman Rowland, M.A.
*Vice-President*, Mr. C. G. Davis.
*Superintendent*, Mr. E. L. Nunneley.
*Secretary*, Miss Maude Barrett. *Treasurer*, Mr. Dade.
*Committee.*
Mrs. Davis, Miss Birch, Miss Selby, & Mr. Otis King.

The Guild of last year is no longer in existence, but from its ashes there has sprung the present children's society, viz., The Temperance Guild.

It was decided not to confine it to Band of Hope lines alone, but to embrace all the aims and principles that help to fit the young for a noble and useful life.

Dr. Jowett has said "Abstinence when it stands alone is a very thin and niggardly virtue. It shines and puts on its dignity only when it forms one of a radiant band of virtues, mutually dependent upon one another for their glory and their strength."

It is not essential that members should be total abstainers, although it is the first aim of the Society to make them become so, neither is it necessary for them to be scholars in the Sunday School. By thus opening our doors in a wider sense, we have gained outside children who have appreciated the welcome and have become punctual and earnest members. It is a great pleasure to report a good increase in numbers. Whereas last year the total on the books amounted to 46, this year it has sprung to 76, with an average attendance of 40, against 29 last year and 18 in 1897.

The meetings are made as varied and as attractive as possible, temperance addresses, scripture stories with limelight illustrations, play evenings, etc., form the chief items of a well filled programme.

At the Xmas treat, as in former years, the children instead of receiving presents, brought gifts for distribution amongst their poorer friends at Canning Town, thus causing pleasure both to the giver and the receiver.

### Balance Sheet to January 2nd, 1900.

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| Balance forward | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Collections & Subscriptions ... | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| | £3 | 6 | 0 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| Music, Stationery, etc. ... ... | 1 | 11 | 6½ |
| Tea, etc. ... | 0 | 17 | 8 |
| Balance in hand | 0 | 16 | 9½ |
| | £3 | 6 | 0 |

Audited and found correct, Wm. Harrower, 24th Jan., 1900.

## Y. P. S. C. E.

*President*, Rev. A. N. ROWLAND, M.A.
*Vice President*, Mr. S. J. TOMS.
*Treasurer*, Miss CUBITT.
*Secretary*, Miss A. F. BARRETT.

The year 1900 has dawned for us with hope and gladness. During the past year our Society has been working quietly but decisively in the direction of making Christian character the only true qualification for Christian work.

We have had good times, God has been with us, and when a series of meetings leaves such an impression behind it means something.

The present moment is our opportunity of taking a farewell glance at past endeavours. Looking back we see that during the year we have added to our Roll six Active and eight Associate Members, making a Membership of thirty, with an average attendance of twenty-three.

We do not forget our Invalid Members at the Hospital, to each of whom we sent a Christmas gift.

Last spring we purchased a dozen Bibles for the use of friends at the week-night services.

In August the Society contributed to the Children's Country Holiday Fund, and in September associated itself with the Cripple Work in Putney.

The record of the Year must not close without recording the fact that this Society has promised £1 a year for three years towards the future Church Fund.

The Consecration Meetings taken each month by our minister have been seasons of refreshing and have given an extra incentive to renewed effort.

The Sewing Guild under the superintendance of Miss Annie Hart and Miss K. Farrenden, has done splendid work in making and repairing 211 garments for the poor of Canning Town.

The secret of success and the great charm of the work has ever been the abounding unity which exists here as elsewhere in our Church, and we cannot but rejoice in the steady quiet growth of our Society, and the secret results which cannot be tabulated.

Yet we feel we are only at the beginning of what may be accomplished, and our hearts' desire is that we may continue "to endeavour, by His Grace" to be loyal to our motto

"For Christ and the Church."



## The Literary and Social Union.

*President*, Rev. A. NORMAN ROWLAND, M.A.
*Vice-Presidents*, THE DEACONS.
*Treasurer*, Mr. FAWCETT.
*Secretaries*, Mrs. GRAY, Mr. F. W. KING.

*Committee.*

Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. W. S. Hart, Mrs. A. Mathias, Miss E. Wallace, Messrs. S. Barrett, Brooks, Duke, Johnson.

This Society has well maintained the excellent promise which it gave at its inauguration last October. The membership stands at over eighty and the average attendance is forty. The programmes have been so diversified as to suit all tastes. There have been concerts and illustrated lectures for those who like to take their pleasure passively, while the evenings devoted to debates and papers have given an opportunity to Members to develope their powers of speech and argument. It is hoped that the Society will more and more fulfil one of its chief aims, viz: to provide a recreative evening for young men and women who are in lodgings or houses of business.

## Report of Women's Circle.

*Convener*, Mrs. MATHIAS.
*Secretary*, Miss McGAW.
*Caterer*, Miss ARMSTRONG.
*Work Superintendents.*
Mrs. Jackson, Miss F. Barrett.

This Society has first of all to mourn the recent loss of its beloved Treasurer, Mrs. Barrett, whose interest and help have been unflagging, and whose presence will be greatly missed.

The Society continues its fortnightly meetings where useful work is combined with the social element. Music and singing as well as reading aloud add to the enjoyment of the gatherings.

Ever since the Bazaar, the work has been for the poor of the neighbourhood, and in December there was a sale of many useful garments. There has also been a contribution of Tam o'Shanters for our soldiers at the front. The attendance has averaged about fifteen, and the Secretary takes this opportunity of suggesting that it should be raised higher by members endeavouring to bring a friend.

For social enjoyment & work. Has set his face against distinguishing ladies' and women's. Members are well mixed socially. Tries to be kind down class distinctions and does not know how he has succeeded.

## Twentieth Century Fund.

In connection with the above Fund our Church was the very first to take up the scheme. So generous was the response that on the Sunday when the appeal was made to the congregation, more than the amount asked for from the pulpit was promised.

Of the total amount subscribed, viz, £135 15s (more than half of which has already been received), a sum of 100 guineas has been apportioned as our share to the Central Fund, the balance remaining to be applied to any special Fund that may be raised by the Church hereafter.

| 1899. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 31, to Amount paid into Central Fund... ... | 52 | 10 | 0 | By amounts received up to 31 Dec., 1899 ... | 73 | 6 | 9 |
| Dec. 31, Balance in hands of Treasurer ... ... | 20 | 16 | 9 | | | | |
| | £73 | 6 | 9 | | £73 | 6 | 9 |

## The Choir.

*Organist and Choirmaster*, Mr. S. J. TOMS.

Our Choir still maintains the principle that it is not a body separate from the congregation, but includes all the vocal interest and capacity which the congregation possesses. Thus it has no formal membership, but its meetings are open to all who are interested in the musical service of the Church. The Choir is gaining in confidence and ability through its good attendance at practices, and hopes to give two Concerts on its own account before the Spring is far advanced. Miss McGaw has rendered useful service on the piano.

HYMNAL —The Hymnbook in use is the "Congregational Church Hymnal," complete:—containing Hymns, Chants, and Anthems. Copies may be purchased from Mr. T. Mathias, (words only, from 1/-: or with music, from 3/9)

LETTING OF SITTINGS.—Sittings in the Church may be secured on application to Mr. T. Mathias, Mr. H. J. Shearn, or any other of the Deacons, after any Service. No fixed charges are made, and Sittings are allotted according to desire. Everyone is expected to give conscientiously according to ability. *It is hoped that none will shrink from applying for Sittings simply because their means are small; out of poverty or out of abundance let each one bring this offering to the Lord of the Church.*



## Church Members and Seatholders.

Those indicated by an asterisk are not Church Members.

Allerton, Miss, c/o Mrs. Barnett, 59, Upper Richmond Road.
* Armstrong, Miss, 2, Montrose Villas, Winthorp Road.
Barrett, Mr., Truddher, Montserrat Road.
Barrett, Mr. C., Truddher, Montserrat Road.
Barrett, Mr. S., Truddher, Montserrat Road.
Barrett, Miss A., Truddher, Montserrat Road.
Barrett, Miss F., Truddher, Montserrat Road.
Barrett, Miss J., Truddher, Montserrat Road.
Barrett, Miss Minnie, Truddher, Montserrat Road.
Barrett, Miss Maude, Truddher, Montserrat Road.
Birch, Miss, 118, Upper Richmond Road.
Burnage, Mr., 10a, Salvin Terrace, Worple Road.
Burnage, Mrs., 10a, Salvin Terrace, Worple Road.
Brooks, Mr., 4, Carmalt Gardens, Upper Richmond Road.
Brooks, Mrs., 4, Carmalt Gardens, Upper Richmond Road.
Bonthron, Mrs., Pitlochry, Putney Hill.
* Bolus, Mr. S., 4, Schubert Road.
Burris, Mr., 5, Deodar Road.
Burris, Mrs., 5, Deodar Road.
Buttolph, Miss K., c/o Mrs. Hudson, St. Ronans, Putney Heath.
Buttolph, Miss E., c/o Mrs. Hudson, St. Ronans, Putney Heath.
Carr, Miss A., 8, Schubert Road.
*Carter, Mr., Putney Bridge Steam Laundry, Putney Bridge Rd.
Clark, Mr., 15a, Roskell Road.
Clark, Mrs., 15a, Roskell Road.
Clarkson, Mr., 59, Cedar Gardens.
Clarkson, Mrs., 59, Cedar Gardens,.
Clarkson, Miss E. L., 59, Cedar Gardens.
Clarkson, Miss E. M., 59, Cedar Gardens.
Clarkson, Miss E. J., 59, Cedar Gardens.
Clarkson, Miss F., 59, Cedar Gardens.
Clarkson, Miss N. L., 59, Cedar Gardens.
Cocks, Mr. S., 68, Merton Road.
* Coles, Miss
Cornock, Mr., 66, Haldon Road, West Hill.
Cornock, Mrs., 66, Haldon Road, West Hill.
Cubitt, Miss, Gordon House, Upper Richmond Road.
Dade, Mr., 2, Ashlone Road.
Dade, Mrs., 2, Ashlone Road.
Dade, Miss, 2, Ashlone Road.
Dalziel, Miss, 5, Amersham Road.
Davies, Mr., 132, High Street.

Davies, Mrs., 132, High Street.
Davis, Mr., 53, Santos Road.
Davis, Mrs., 53, Santos Road.
Dew, Mrs., 69, Disraeli Road.
* Dobell, Miss, Gordon House, Upper Richmond Road.
* Dowsing, Miss, Elm Bank, Carlton Road.
Duke, Mr., 6, Salvin Road.
Duke, Mrs., 6, Salvin Road.
* Eagleston, Mr., 53, West Hill Road.
*Ellis, Miss
Elwin, Miss, 1, Church Parade, Barnes.
Farrenden, Miss, c/o Mrs. Page, The Limes, St. John's Rd., E.
Fawcett, Mr., 12, Mexfield Road.
Fawcett, Mrs., 12, Mexfield Road.
Fawcett, Miss, 12, Mexfield Road.
Foad, Mr. 50, Oakhill Road.
Foad, Mrs., 50, Oakhill Road.
Foad, Miss, 50, Oakhill Road.
Forrest, Miss, Weston-Super-Mare.
Gordon, Mrs., 20 Bective Road.
Gray, Mr. A., 43, The Avenue, Mortlake.
Gray, Mrs., 43, The Avenue, Mortlake.
*Gray, Mr. 194, Fawe Park Road.
Green, Mr., Colchester.
Gregory, Miss A., c/o Mrs. W. Carr, Erpingham Road.
Hands, Miss, 8, Bishops Terrace, Fulham Palace Road.
Harrower, Mr., 11, Deodar Road.
Hart, Mr. W. Scott, Newbury, Marlborough Road.
Hart, Mrs., Newbury, Marlborough Road.
Hart, Miss Annie, c/o Mrs. Chandler, Downshire House.
Hart, Miss Jane, c/o Mrs. Garrett, Drayton Villa, Oxford Road.
Hart, Mr. H., Wilton House, Rusholme Road.
Hart, Mrs. H., Wilton House, Rusholme Road.
Hill, Miss Emma, 129, Disraeli Road.
Howse, Miss, Twickenham.
*Hughes, Mr., 97, High Street.
Ireson, Miss, c/o Miss Neville, Twyford Lodge.
Jackson, Mr., The Limes, Wymond Street.
Jackson, Mrs., The Limes, Wymond Street.
*James, Mr., 1, Church Parade, Barnes.
Jones, Miss E.
King, Mr., 45, Amerland Road.
King, Mrs., 45, Amerland Road.
King, Miss A., 45, Amerland Road.
King, Miss, J., 45, Amerland Road.



King, Mr. F., 8, Schubert Road.
King, Mr. O., 100, Dalyell Road, Brixton.
*King, Mrs., J. C., Roselea, Galveston Road.
Kingston, Mr., Shepperton.
Kingston, Mrs., Shepperton.
Lake, Mr. G. W., 74A, Oakhill Road.
Lake, Mrs., 74A, Oakhill Road.
Lee, Miss Alice, 63, Haldon Road.
Mathias, Mr. T., Carisbrooke, Carlton Road.
Mathias, Mrs., Carisbrooke, Carlton Road.
*Mathias, Mr. A., Haroldstone, Rusholme Road.
Matthews, Mr., 41, Disraeli Road.
Matthews, Mrs., 41, Disraeli Road.
McGaw, Miss, 66, Munster Road, Fulham.
McKrell, Mrs., Little Mowshurst, Edenbridge, Kent.
Nunneley, Mr., 48, Cromford Road.
Nunneley, Mrs., 48, Cromford Qoad.
Parnell, Miss E., c/o Mrs. South, 21, Werter Road.
Parnell, Miss F., c/o Mrs. W. Hart, 77, Upper Richmond Road.
*Rawlings, Mr., Roselea, Galveston Road.
*Rider, Mr. C. J., 59, Mexfield Road.
Rowland, Rev. A. N.
*Schneberger, Miss, Claremont, Amersham Road.
*Selby, Miss M., 118, Upper Richmond Road.
Shearn, Mr. H. J., Homeville, Marlborough Road.
Shearn, Mrs., Homeville, Marlborough Road.
*Shereton, Mrs., 1, Cedar Villas, Putney Bridge Road.
Sims, Miss Jessie, 86, Disraeli Road.
Smith, Miss, Lime Tree Cottrge, Charlwood Road.
Smith, Miss A., Lime Tree Cottage, Charlwood Road.
Smith, Mr. A. E., 261, Upper Richmond Road.
Steverson, Mr., 15, Clifton Terrace, Southfields.
Steverson, Mrs., 15, Clifton Terrace, Southfields.
Stewart, Miss, 1, Cedar Villas, Putney Bridge Road.
Toms, Mr. S. J. Meaburn House, Upper Richmond Road.
Wallace, Mrs., 39, Ranelagh Gardens, Barnes.
Wallace, Miss Annie, 39, Ranelagh Gardens, Barnes.
Wallace, Miss Amie, 39, Ranelagh Gardens, Barnes.
Wallace, Miss Elizabeth, 39, Ranelagh Gardens, Barnes.
Wallis, Miss, c/o Mrs. Willis, Redmere, Hotham Road.
*Walker, Mrs., 5, Amersham Road.
Welch, Miss, c/o Mrs. Goldring, 90, High Street.
*Westcott, Mr.
Willey, Mr., 5, Merivale Road.
Williams, Miss, 79, Deodar Road.

*Wilson, Mr., 59, College Street.
*Wilson, Miss, 59, College Street.
Yorke, Mr., 98, High Street.
Yorke, Mrs., 98, High Street.

In Memoriam
MRS. BARRETT.

## Abstract of Church Roll.

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|---|---|
| Number on Roll on March 1st, 1899 ... ... ... | 87 |
| Removed during the year:— | |
| By transfer, 4. By resignation, 1. By death, 1 | 6 |
| | 81 |
| Added during the year:— | |
| By profession, 12. By transfer, 21 ... ... | 33 |
| Number on Roll on March 1st, 1900 ... ... ... | 114 |

## Baptisms during 1899.

MATHIAS, Thomas William
CLARK, Eric William
HART, Agnes Margaret
BENNETT, Lionel Alexander
HUMPHRIES, Hugh Gordon Albert

This Manual is being issued for our Anniversary Services on February 11th and 12th, so that it can only be said that we look forward to hearing Dr. McClure of Mill Hill School and the Rev. R. J. Campbell of Brighton.

Mr R Piggott. B.A.,
Garrett Lane Mission + Earlsfield Congl Church

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July 6/1900

The Garrett Lane Mission



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Mr Richard Piggott BA. 1 Earlsfield Road.
Wandsworth Common

Mr Payne, the Baptist Minister, advised us to see Mr Piggott, respecting the Congregational Church at Earlsfield, now without a pastor.

A sturdy, square-jawed clean shaven, middle aged man, with a fine forehead and nose, and deeply set dark eyes, Mr Piggott is a typical specimen of the hard headed business man.

He is partner in a large wholesale tea business and lives in a large, double fronted house, with carriage drive &c.

He is, and has been for 20 years, superintendent of the Garratt Lane Mission (at corner of Bendon Valley) and its Sunday school, held in the Board School. The conversation naturally turned first on this work. Here they get the very poor, altho' the Wardley Street mission reaches a set even poorer than they at Garratt Lane. Some particulars respecting this Mission and Sunday school are given at pp 21-22 of the East Hill Church

Visitation

Charitable Relief



Manual (see p. 153 of Note Book). The Sunday School has 450 scholars on the books. A lads class started to get the rough lads does well. They are mostly lads who have been in the school, drifted away, and then been picked up again. The Lads Club is attended by 15 to 18 of these young fellows. Temperance Society is weak. Band of Hope gets a rather rougher class than the Sunday School. Children come from immediate neighbourhood and from Earlsfield. Penny Bank is successful, takes about £120 a year – members are mostly parents of the Sunday scholars. Money is drawn chiefly at Christmas and the Holidays.

The Mission is a House, the largest room holding about 60 adults.

Has over 40 workers, all members at East Hill Congregational Church.

District visitation is done by 12 ladies with a tract as an excuse. Visit in Garratt Lane, and the streets north of Earlsfield station.

No official, but a good deal of private, charity. Garments made and distributed at Christmas &c.

Earlsfield Cong$^{l}$ Church.

Buildings used



Piggott- Earlsfield Cong$^{l}$

The Mothers 'At Home' has a small charitable fund.

The Mission seems to be active, and Mr Piggott's influence here is, no doubt, great.

The conversation then turned on the Earlsfield Congregational Church, and Mr Piggott gave me the Annual Report attached on next page.

The Church was originally a Mission of East Hill Congregational Ch; and it was formed into an independent church. The pastors have not been quite the right men. One was dismissed, and the other two failures: consequently a place that was at one time a flourishing mission has fallen off considerably. Mr Piggott has returned to it, and is now working it up, prior to the settlement of a new pastor.

The School-Church holds about 400, and they have a site adjacent on which a larger church is to be built. In addition they have a small iron mission room in Thornsett Street, chiefly used for children's meetings.

# Earlsfield Congregational Church.

## ANNUAL REPORT,

MARCH, 1900.

**DEACONS:**

MR. E. A. CLAPHAM. MR. I. PIKE.
„ J. DOLPHIN. „ A. J. SMITH.
„ J. HURCOMB. „ W. J. STOKES.
MR. C. E. WEBSTER.

**TREASURER:**

MR. J. MINTY, 49, Bucharest Road.

**SECRETARY:**

MR. F. W. NICHOLLS, 82, Brocklebank Road.

J. Briggs, Printer, 87, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction.

Piggott - Earlsfield Bong[e] 189

See List of services in Manual. At the evening service they get 250 people;- place looks fairly full. Morning service is small. People are working folk, not artisans, but railway porters, superintendents, clerks, milkmen, shop assistants, engravers &c. The bulk go to London.

During evening service, a children's service is held at Thornsett Street - last Sunday 78 present. Collection at Sunday evening service is about 12/- "but it will grow"

Have 50 or more workers - none are paid.

The tract visitors visit the streets near - not clashing with those from the Mission. Go once a month and take cards announcing the preachers at the evening service for a month. Go to all the streets as far as Burntwood Lane.

Other Agencies in Earlsfield are: -

Baptists with their new church: doing fairly well, but not so well as they might.

Home Mission - a sort of Speke Hall.

The Established Church doing well under Tudor Craig. Gets the place full and is hoping to

## LIST OF SERVICES.

SUNDAY—Morning at 11 ; Evening at 6.30 ; Prayer Meeting after Evening Service. Sunday School at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY—Provident Association at 6 o'clock. Very successful Take £3.10 - a week

,, Y.P.S.C.E. at 7.45.

TUESDAY—Women's Own at 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—Girls' Working Party at 6.30.

,, Service at 8 o'clock.

,, Choir Practice at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY—Temperance Meeting, first Friday in each month at 8.

SATURDAY– Slate Club at 8. (Iron Room, Thornsett Road).

# REPORT.

DEAR FRIENDS,

In bringing before your notice this brief report of our work, it is fitting that the first word should be one of thanksgiving to God for His loving-kindness to us as a Church and Congregation. Truly the hand of our God has been upon us for good.

The year that has elapsed since our last Anniversary has been an eventful one, mainly because in it we lost, as our pastor, the Rev. H. J. Weatherhead, who, after four years of difficult and faithful service, responded to a call in December last, to become pastor of the Congregational Church at Alton, Hants. It is with great satisfaction that we hear of his success in his new sphere of work.

We are most desirous that the Church should be regarded as the Spiritual Home for those needing such, and to this end may we urge all who have the interest of our Lord's Kingdom at heart to make the meetings known, and to bring in the thoughtless and careless ones, that the House may be full ? It is very gratifying to the Deacons to see the increased attendance at the Sunday services.

One of the most hopeful signs of our work, and one which is full of promise of future blessing, is the fact that the Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting is so well maintained, especially by our young people.

We should be glad if our friends would also resolutely set apart Wednesday Evenings for attendance at the mid-week service.

We are looking to the Y.P.S.C.E. for recruits for our Church, and for Workers in the various departments of service.

With reference to the financial aspect of the work, we are making an effort to raise £3 per week, and should be glad of your support in this direction, either by the weekly offering (envelope) system, or in the usual offertory.

Those of us who have the management of the Church on our shoulders, are deeply grateful to the many friends who so ably filled the pulpit since Mr. Weatherhead left us.

We cannot conclude without expressing our debt of gratitude to our numerous friends at East Hill Congregational Church for the generous financial help they have rendered in defraying the entire cost of Renovation and Repairs of the Church, and for valued assistance in many other directions.

Yours sincerely,

(on behalf of the Deacons,)

F. W. NICHOLLS, *Sec.*

## The Sunday School.

*Superintendent*—MR. J. SMITH.

*Secretary*—MR. W. J. STOKES. *Librarian*—MR. DYER.

*Treasurer*—MRS. WHITE. *Organist*—MR. F. OWEN.

*Teachers*—

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Dyer, Miss Alice Haines, Miss Martin, Miss E. Minty, Miss R. Minty, Miss M. Nicholls, Miss Owen, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Smith, Miss Alice Watt, Mr. Webster, Mrs. White, Mr. Young.

We have of late years been very severely handicapped owing to the lack of teachers, and, indeed, are still short of such workers, particularly of the male sex; but we record with thankfulness that the interest in the Sunday School during the past 12 months has been more than maintained.

At the present time there are on the register 246 scholars and 19 officers and teachers, with a fair average of each.



Eight of the scholars have become communicants during the past year, and we trust many others are enquiring "The Way of Life."

Our Free Circulating Library which is now augmented each quarter by loans from the London Sunday School Union Library is becoming increasingly popular, and this branch is well looked after by our Librarian, Mr. Dyer.

A branch of the International Bible Reading Association was commenced about a year ago, and we hope to very greatly add to the existing membership during the current year. Our Society now numbers 56.

The meetings of the Band of Hope which have been suspended during the past winter will shortly be resumed.

We are glad to report that all the scholars who sat for Scripture Examination in March last year were successful in obtaining Certificates, and two of them carried off Prizes out of the 15 awarded by the Wandsworth Auxiliary Sunday School Union. This result is very gratifying. The Missionary Cause is brought under the notice of the Scholars every Sunday in the classes, some of which subscribe regularly to the funds, and in connection with this a Girls' Working Party has been established by Mrs. F. W. Nicholls, who devotes one evening each week to this important work, from which we are hoping to see great results.

## The Choir.

The following are members of the Choir :—

*Organist*—Mrs. Dyer.

*Choir*—Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Dolphin, Miss George, Miss Haines (Pianist), Miss Minty, Miss E. Minty, Miss R. Minty, Mrs. Nicholls, Miss H. Nicholls, Miss Owen, Mrs. Pike, Miss Watt, Mrs. White, Mr. Clark, Master Dolphin, Mr. Dyer, Master Nicholls, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tomes, Mr. Webster, Mr. White.

*Violinists*—Mr. Waters, Masters Catley, Clark, and Minty.

The Junior Choir, conducted by Mr. Webster, has proved a valuable acquisition to the Morning Service; the practice begins at 10-15.

# Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

*President*—Mr. R. PIGOTT, B.A.

*Vice-President*—Mr. C. E. WEBSTER.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mr. C. E. WEBSTER.

*Recording Secretary*—MISS ROSE MINTY.

*Treasurer*—MR. CLARK.

*Look-Out Committee*—

Mr. Young, Mr. Webster, Mrs. Pike, Misses E. Minty, A. Haines, and D. Weatherhead.

*Prayer Meeting Committee*—

Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Webster, Mr. Young, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Clark.

*Social Committee*—

Mr. Webster, Mr. A. Nicholls, Mrs. Pike, Misses A. Haines, and D. Weatherhead.

Our Society, No. 6,527, commenced on September 20th, 1899, with an active membership of 12 and 1 associate member. The pastor became President, and the officers of the Church, together with the Superintendent of the Sunday School, became, by reason of their office, Honorary Members of the Society.

The active members pledge themselves to read the Bible daily, to strive to do what the Lord Jesus Christ would have them do, and to attend, whenever possible, the Weekly Prayer Meeting of the Society, and take some part therein. At the Monthly Consecration Meeting the active members respond to the roll-call by some expression of loyalty to their Lord and Master. The Y.P.S.C.E. engages many forms of Christian work, the main object of the Society being to win young people for Christ, and train them for His service; thus striving to carry out its motto:—

**"FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH."**



# Women's Own.

*Treasurer*—MRS. W. R. CLARKE.

*Secretary*—MRS. PIKE.

The Women's Own has been re-started under the leadership of Mrs. Russell, the meetings are held on Tuesday Afternoons at 3 o'clock, and are much appreciated by the members. It is most desirable that more of our friends should avail themselves of this opportunity of spending a quiet hour.

In connection with the Women's Own there is a Provident Institution and Sharing-Out Society, the object being to encourage thrift. The meetings are held on Monday Evenings from 6 to 7.30, and last year about £170 was shared out to the members. Secretary, Mrs. Furness; Treasurer, Mr. Pike.

# Tract Society.

*Visitors*—

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Hurcomb (Secretary), Miss Minty, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. White.

This Society has been recently formed and is doing useful service, the districts are visited fortnightly, and the visitors are well received.

# The Slate Club.

*Treasurer*—MR. I. PIKE. *Secretary*—MR. J. W. FILER.

There are about 80 members in this Society, the "Share Out" last year was £1 5s. 6d. per member, contribution 6d. per week.

## Temperance Society.

*President*—MR. R. PIGOTT, B.A.
*Treasurer*—MR. J. MINTY.
*Secretary*—MRS. S. W. CLARK.
*Assistant Secretary*—MRS. W. WHITE.

*Committee*—
Mr. and Mrs. Hurcomb, Miss Minty, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Allan, Miss George, Mrs. Well, Mr. Nicholls.

The Temperance Society has been re-started and meetings are held monthly. Several pledges have been taken, and good work is being done. The members are looking forward to their Summer Outing.

## Visiting Committee.

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. R. Clark, Mrs. Collar, Mr. Cousins, Mrs. Dolphin, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Furness, Miss George, Miss Groom, Mrs. Hurcomb, Miss Minty, Mrs. Nicholls, Miss Owen, Mrs. Pigott, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. White,

## SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31st, 1900.

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance in hand February 1st, 1899 | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| Collections | 48 | 14 | 5 |
| Envelopes | 46 | 7 | 5½ |
| Bazaar | 53 | 3 | 1 |
| May Festival | 12 | 10 | 4 |
| Sundry Receipts (Donations, Lectures, Collecting Cards, &c.) | 51 | 15 | 0½ |
| | £214 | 9 | 4 |

| Expenditure. | £ | s. |
|---|---|---|
| Cash to Pastor | 141 | 3 |
| Caretaker | 32 | 17 |
| Lighting, Heating and Water | 12 | 16 |
| Printing Account | 12 | 6 |
| Sundries | 14 | 11 |
| Balance, January 31st, 1900 | 0 | 13 |
| | £214 | 9 |

Outstanding Liabilities, **£26,** of which about half has since been paid off

General Questions



enlarge it.

The Plymouth Brethren have a gospel Hall. A Mr Iles of Wimbledon is one of the Leaders.

Baptists and Congregationalists combine for mission work. Always friendly with the Vicar, but never meet. Will not acknowledge them. When the Chapel was opened, Mr Piggott got Mr Park to write and invite him to the opening. Mr Colman (?) who preceded Mr Watson was the man. He replied that he "could not countenance the schism".

Much Outrelief in Groton Road and the poorer districts - Wardley Street. Police do well. Drink - much in the main road: not seen up Earlsfield Road. Not a great deal of Crime Child found in Wandle with throat cut: some fighting - rowdyism rather than actual crime is the note of the District. "My wife goes down the worst streets." Thrift a fair amount. Health Have outbreaks of measles and epidemic diseases. The smells from Wickens, Pease's Bone Works are most offensive. At times he wonders how

the people can live there at all.

Housing. Some of the houses are old - Cubitt's cottages &c. and should be pulled down. The new houses are jerry built and look miserable after a few years. Rents are rising. Whole rows have been advanced 2/- a week, driving some of the people to move.

Wandsworth Benevolent Society gives some relief. The Secretary (Miss Hackford, North St.) would give particulars.

Miss M. Berry
Wandsworth Salvation
Army Corps

GLA
July 13/1900

District worked

The people reached

Miss M. Berry: Officer in charge of the Salvation Army Corps, South Street, Wandsworth. Seen at the Quarters: 44 St Anns Hill.

Miss Berry is a bright, well cultured lady of uncertain age and medium height. A strong thoughtful yet kindly face. ~~A most attractive and refined lady.~~ Superior to most of the women officers I have seen. She has been 16 years in the Salvation Army, mostly in the provinces; the last 8 months at Wandsworth. I did not ask her rank but from the dress gathered that it was higher than Captain - Ensign or Adjutant I think.

Their district embraces all Wandsworth and Garratt Lane as far as the bend by Wardley Street. They also visit in Putney, selling War Cries in the publichouses and calling on converts.

She reckons that Wardley Street & Lyddon Road is the worst spot in the district; yet there they "have several respectable girls, who got saved and are now living christian lives".

The people they get are mainly working class; not the very poorest. A great many work at the paper mills

A recent 'case'

Building used



mills, mechanics, men employed at Covent Garden. A few better off – the treasurer is proprietor of some eating houses; some city people. They are most successful with those who have slipped down: drunkards or something of the ~~sort~~ kind. Here she told me the case of a girl they had a fortnight ago. The girls came to the open air meeting on Wandsworth Common and afterwards to the Hall. She had fallen through drink and an improper life and said "everybody had given her up". She was converted and taken to her mother, although ~~whom~~ the girl did not think she would receive her. She was welcomed however and as the mother, a housekeeper, could not take her in, she was received by a married brother on condition that the past life was given up. The girl has been to the Hall since and "you would not know her again" – the change was so complete – clean clothing and appearance.

The Hall, which is the Spread Eagle Assembly Rooms and connected with the saloon bar by sliding doors, holds 450. Have some rooms in the basement but these are not healthy and are only used for storage. The publican can use the Hall any night by

The Corps & its Officers

Meetings held



by giving 7 days notice. Formerly they occupied an out-of-the-way Mission Room in North Street now taken by the Wesleyans.

The Corps numbers 136 soldiers and 74 juniors. They have a Brass Band of 28, 13 local officers and a Singing Band of 21. Two paid officers.

The usual S.A. weekly routine of meetings is held, except that on Sunday afternoon they meet on Wandsworth Common and get a "lovely crowd round us". The Sunday evening congregation is about 180; nearly doubled since they came to this Hall. The week evening meetings ~~average~~ vary very much. Friday is a bad night for numbers - last Monday week they had 45, last Monday (special) 120; Wed. 73.
~~75~~. Four open air meetings are held on Sunday. The corner of Buckhold Road and Wandsworth Common are fixed points, while the venue of the other two meetings ~~are~~ is constantly changed. Also hold Open airs on Monday, Wed. Thurs & Friday. Get most of their people in this way.

Their Sunday school has an attendance of 74 & they have 13 teachers. Band of Love meetings are also held

during

Visitation

Charitable Relief



during the week (6.30 to 8pm) with classes of various kinds, musical drill, sewing and theory of music. The latter is taken by Miss B, her object being to give the children a knowledge of music and qualify them for the band later in life. Once a month have a meeting for games.

Both officers visit but have not time enough to do the work as they would like. Once Miss B. gave up visiting their own people, except the sick, to give more time to those outside. She knows of 3 people who came to the Hall as a result of this visitation. Five visiting sergeants also look after special cases.

Her visitation has convinced her that with all our church and chapel work, there are "heaps of people who go nowhere' and we are "only touching the fringe"

Not much charity given except privately the soldiers help each other. Thus at Christmas, one of the Bandsmen was out of work. Four half crowns were given her so that he might have a Christmas dinner. A number of people also find ~~from~~ out where they live and come asking alms;

mostly

mostly in the winter desiring a lodging (now they sleep out) Miss B. never gives money; has been taken in too often, but will send them to the S.A. shelter; if too late for this (for they call as late as 10 pm) she will send some one with them to pay for their lodging.

The Corps is healthy and growing. No double dealing or scandal. The prospect is decidedly hopeful. Miss B attributes the recent growth to the more prominent position of their hall. Doubtless this has given them an opportunity but without such a personality as Miss B. it would not have helped them much.

Wandsworth compares favorably with other London districts, where Miss B. has been stationed. At Islington they have a fast living people. At Stamford, many socialists are found; scarcely a meeting held without some interruption. At Wandsworth the people are more honest and open. Thinks the bulk of the people have come from the country or other suburbs. Not one-tenth would be natives of the place.

Mr. R. Cooper
Sefton Hall, Putney

GLA
July 12/1900

Mr R. Cooper, Superintendent of Sefton Hall, Sefton St. Putney: Seen at 31 Testing Road, Putney. SW.

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Mr Cooper is a well educated American: extraordinary not only in appearance but in his thinking and modes of speech. A tall thin man of uncertain age, probably 50 or thereabout. Strong face slightly wrinkled with care and age: small moustache, high forehead covered with a magnificent head of wavy silvered hair, reminding one of the aureola in the pictures of old saints. The effect is heightened by the sallow, leathern, complexion. Was dressed in a faded flannel suit, for which he apologized as being most comfortable in the great heat. He lodges in a small outwardly comfortable working class house. The landlord, a painter, has become a convert and worker since Mr C. came, six months ago.

Mr Cooper confines his work almost entirely to Sefton Street, Pentlow Street, and

District worked

Hoss Street, the short L13-barred street connecting the two first named. People come from beyond these streets to the hall, but they are not sought.

Thinks we have not made these streets poor enough. They are the worst part of Putney and as bad as anything in the East End, only more like a country village, the common providing a large open space for the children to play on. Laundry work is the industry. Nearly every house does mangling and many of the people do laundry work at home. Others go to the big laundries (one in Pentlow Street) and earn 12/- or 15/- a week. The men are labourers working on buildings or for the "corporation" (e.g. Vestry) masons and carpenters.

People drift here when they get a number of children, and become poor, because other landlords will not take them. Houses are let in flats - usually 2 and frequently 3 families. Much crowding - families with 6 or 7 children, have lads and girls sleeping in the same rooms with disastrous moral results.

A haven for large families

The Building

Persons Employed

Services

SEFTON HALL,

SEFTON STREET, LOWER RICHMOND ROAD,

PUTNEY, S.W.

PLEASANT SERVICES ON

SUNDAY AT 7 P.M. - - PREACHING.
MONDAY AT 8 P.M. - - PRAYER.
WEDNESDAY AT 8 P.M. - EXHORTATION.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 AND 3.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY 4 P.M.

COME!

FOR AN HOUR TO WORSHIP AND LEARN OF GOD.
IT WILL QUICKEN AND REFRESH YOUR SOUL.

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.
MATT. XVIII. 20.

Mr. & Mrs. H. WILFRED SCRIVEN, President.
R. COOPER, Superintendent.

Social Agencies



Cooper - Sefton Hall.

Hall seats 200: Small vestry also used for meetings. Superintendent and a young woman are paid. Latter gives all her time to the work and is receiving a small salary. A few workers - all working people.

For services see annexed card.

Also Monday 6.30 - Girls prayer meeting.
Wednesday 6.30 - Band of Hope.
Thursday - Boys prayer meeting.

About 120 on books of Sunday School. Attendance about 80. To the Sunday evening meeting about 80 come: a few from the immediate neighbourhood, some from the cottages on Barnes Common, and others from the streets on South side of Lower Richmond Road.

The prayer meetings are the backbone of the work. To the boys meeting they get 16 or 18 lads. - difficult to manage. The ~~#~~ meetings are growing, and the religious life is deepening amongst the people.

Slate Club (Saturday) has about 40 members, and has a loan club, in connection. Small

Visitation

Charitable Relief



Booper- Sefton Hall.

Mothers meeting (about 12) with coal club. (3° in 1/- bonus)

Mr C. here digressed to describe the Mission as he found it. A little sort of show place, - the Sunday school was the best part of the work. Rest fostered with teas and magic lanterns, - but not a single Christian child amongst them. "If Christ is good for anything, it is for practical application to the life. The practising of Christianity is the key note of Mr C's teaching for parent and child.

Visitation by the visitor and Mr C. The latter goes to any cases of which he hears, but does not go from house to house. Does not believe in house to house visitation. People see through it. He seeks more to establish friendly relations with the people, taking advantage of all kinds of circumstances for an invitation.

Does not give more than £1 a month in relief. Five cases of men out of work reported this week. The men are not highly skilled, and are put ~~over~~ off directly work is slack. Most of their poverty is their own fault.

Drink

Police

Morality

The Church + relation thereto



booper - Sefton Hall.

Drink is the great thing. Can always get beer, and the constant drinking begets a dull deadness: men have no moral sense. Will send bright little girls to the publichouses for beer late at night, when they are filled with coarse men. How can they be kept pure in such conditions?

Police very fair: straight forward and very prompt.

Moral condition is very bad: the people think nothing of a girl having a baby. No street prostitution but the Common and river bank afford opportunities for illicit intercourse.

The Church visits in the District. The Vicar Mr Henley says there is no poverty in the parish, but Mr C. does not agree with him. The Church frowns upon them and regards them as interlopers: but why, Mr C. does not know for "as soon as the people get respect-able they leave us and go to the Church."

The Wesleyans (Mr Hew) are doing good work.

P.C. 23.VII.00

4/7/1900

From D. F. Shillington, 7, Spencer Park, Wandsworth, S.W.

Dear Sir

The Postman handed me the circular from you tonight at the North St Mission Hall. You addressed it Mr Shelton, but I presume you had my name from some one in the neighbourhood whose pronunciation was not very accurate.

Anyhow I am the

Superintendent
of the mission have
filed that office for
20 years past as well
as being Treasurer.
The enclosed particulars
I think will perhaps
be all you would wish
to know. I hardly
think I could tell you
any more if you called
but if you want to know
more I will do what
I can to tell you
Yours faithfully
D. F. Shillington

# North St Mission Hall

7, Spencer Park.
Wandsworth. S.W.

This mission continues the work which was carried on for nearly 20 years by the Wandsworth Wesleyan Church at the Waterside. The work embraces open air services on Sunday evenings and one night in the week during summer. Mission services in the Hall every Sunday. A mother's meeting with 40 members. Band of Hope with 150 members Sunday School with 504 children on the roll; 130 of whom are taught in the Board school premises owing to want of adequate accomodation in the North St Hall. There is also a Penny Bank with 50 a more depositors. A Deaconess is maintained for the ~~work of~~ work of visiting ~~among~~ the homes of the People of the neighbourhood. The Hall has been recently repaired at considerable Expense and now bids fair to be a very successful centre of religious usefulness in the neighbourhood The entire Cost of carrying it on does not exceed £100 per annum.

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NB/ Mr Shillington was asked for an interview but has not replied. This mission is also referred to in Mr Baxter's interview with Mr Cowl. [see ante p. 87] P.C.

The Revd H. Oakley.



July 25. Upper Tooting. 89/8.31 S.H.D.

Interview with the Rev. H. Oakley. minister of the Trinity Road. Chapel. (a Baptist). (called The Church of Christ meeting at Trin Rd. Chapel) at 22 Onslow Rd. Balham Park Rd. Upper Tooting

Mr. Oakley is in appearance a regular little nonconformist minister, under middle height, brown hair & short brown beard & moustache, wearing a price-nez, black frock coat & trousers & white tie. A pleasant, quiet, earnest man. Married. About 40 years old.

Mr. Oakley came here by invitation from Deiges in 1895.

The Church was founded 1870
Schoolroom built 1877.
Chapel built 1883.
Lecture Hall built 1890.

The chapel is situated at the corner of Broderick road

## Character of congregation.



road in the middle of a pk[illegible] rd district
The congregation is drawn from the surrounding streets, none are poor, none are very rich, though a few are. 'All are successful'. There is no effort to live & everyone has a margin. Their week day work is for the most part in the West end. Easy access to Victoria: trains only take 14 minutes to it from Balham. Great many civil servants & west-end shopkeepers & their better paid assistants. All are serious & very many all hail from the country in the first instance. They go into their work wearing a top hat & frock coat between 8 & 10 in the morning & get back about 7 in the evening. They live in houses rented at between £20 & £120. The average wd be £45.
For £40 such as Mr. Oakley himself pays you get 7 rooms, a kitchen & scullery, bath room & electric bells. Young men lodgers common & one servant almost invariable. The district both in rents &

Church Services & attendance



& character has for the last 5 years been stationary, though with the building of maisonettes between Upper Tooting Park & Bounderies road there may be a tendency downward, prospective rather than present because its effects have not yet been felt.

Church holds between 550 & 600

Sunday ~~Services~~ 7.30 AM. Prayer meeting. 25 com
10. Children's service 80-100 come.
11. Morning service. 'Quite full'. 450 to 500 adults.
3. Sunday school. 280.
6.15. Prayer meeting 25.
7. Evening service 450 to 500 adults

11 AM Morning service is the hour of family worship. Man, wife & children come. The proportion of women to men not quite 3 to 1. He thinks it may be a little lower than this. He is always struck when preaching elsewhere that there are not so many men as in his own church.

Servants & Church.



The evening the congregation has fewer children. Here the one servant has her time out & either mother or father must mind the house. One or other does so & keeps the children. There are more servants in the evening, not servants of chapel goers, more often of church people or of masters who attend other chapels. Masters do not like their servants to attend their place of worship: "A master who has been hasty at home does not like his servant to hear him get up in chapel soon afterwards & testify to the value of meekness." Hence Church masters have chapel going servants & vice versâ. Mr H is often consulted as to the provision of servants from the Sunday schools & is struck by the fact that mistresses in the neighbourhood have quite as much to have a character as the servant: 'perhaps more.' 'It has been the fashion to pity servants but here at any rate they make strict enquiries before accepting a situation.'

Mr

Visiting in middle class districts



Mr. Oakley's congregation has increased by 200 members in 5 years. This is not due to his preaching. "I am not a great preacher but they like me & my ways & think me a decent fellow." He does not visit house to house but he gets to know every family of the congregation: to this he attaches great importance he learns their sorrows joys & difficulties & is consulted by them. It is not the same as in a poor neighbourhood. Mr Evans the Established rector of St Mary's when he came tried to visit every house but had to give it up. "Missus says 'Who are yer?' was said to him at the door by the servant. Then he sent up his card & the answer came back 'Missus says she don't know yer.' & he had to go. On one side of him lives a "pleasant good fellow man": but a high churchman: "I respect him but our views are so different on church matters." "We shall both go to Heaven I know, but not in the same 'bus." On his other side is a free thinker with a chapel

Say

Unlettered Balham.

Balhamicus.



going wife - He sees the wife at chapel but it might make difficulties if he called & talked to the husband. So that in a prosperous middle class district it is best & answers best for each to visit his own people only not go outside them as to sermons - Mr. Oakleys difficulty is that his people do not read anything except their paper in the morning & their paper in the evening - Exposition & theories bother them - Classics they are ignorant of - Criticism of books is above them; they never read books. When he first came he put a deal of study into his sermons & some were displeased & left - He discussed the matter with his church warden who pointed out to him that he could not expect book learning of them. They dont have the time: in the morning they eat their breakfast read their letters: have 15 minutes in the train each way for their newspapers: in the evening they go to sleep: all days their dealings have been with men & things, not with ideas. So Mr. O

Since

Balham's Ars.

Sunday School.



Since then has aimed at simplicity & never gives them a subject that is not easily visualized or materialized. 'It must be about some good man or bad man or about some well known object.' 'You are all right once you can form a picture in their minds.'
Now his sermons give great pleasure 'but they would have laughed at them in Devizes.' He spoke of the intellectual infancy of the leisureless business man - 'There is a man in my congregation with £30 or £4000 a year with every comfort in the way of furniture & food; & all the books in his house wd go on that little round table in the window."

At Sunday School the children are not all chn of his congregation. They are all well to do children & their parents probably all go somewhere. But the school is chosen that is nearest the home whatever the denomination.
'In a poor district the parents send them to get them out of the way; here they send them because they are religious but convenience

more

Literary Society.



more than Dogma decides the place.
No mothers meeting, no poor mothers.
Good literary society. Scientific lectures given in the Chapel "if the lecturer be known to be a godly man". To Dr. Dallinger or Sir Robt Ball the society gives a fee of 15 guineas for the one lecture. For next year they have arranged 14 lectures & 4 debates.
From last years papers was one on Dec 18. on Richard Baxter (a study in Christian consecration) - another on "Man & his occupations" by the lady members & "on April 3. "The Pond & its inhabitants" by Dr. Dallinger.
Dr. Dallinger is a great favourite. Originally an actor & still a Wesleyan minister: he was relieved of duties & granted a stipend for scientific work by the Wesleyan Council because of his reputation of Huxley's theory of spontaneous generation. He is now used to collect christian evidences from science.
This society forms the amusement of old boys in

Nursing.

Mission Work. the Special feature



Oakley- Bapt. Trinity Road.

in winter : & Lawn tennis in the Summer : cricket
some go to the theatre. 'Perhaps the family might go twice in the year.' 'But they don't get on with me if I give balls, or go to theatres or to races.'

Subscribe to a Balham Nursing Association & will send a nurse if recommended & one of the congregation.

They are connected with a small mocleo mission in Backshaw Rd. Summers Town in conjunction with two other chapels but there have been ructions & for the time being they take no part in it. 'Such we did I tried to start one of our own but had to desist for fear of reopening old sores; but I told my people 'you may think you are well enough but you are damned spiritually if you don't have an outside mission interest: as a result of this they sent 2 missionaries to china & maintain a native preacher in India & a little Xtian boy in the Congo — at the cost of £150 per annum. This mission work

Mrs

Other Churches.

Charity



Mr. O considers the special feature of his Church's work.
Cooperation with free Church Council.
The strongest religious influences in the neighbourhood are.
Mrs Evans at St Mary's
– Potter at Ebenezer Trinity Church } both good men but very high.
Of the Nonconformists the Presbyterians are the most thriving. (in the Beech croft Rd). Griffith Jones who used to have a large congregation has lost it through too much theorizing in his sermons.
He has no connection with the Established church. He sends them notices but they don't officially recognize him.
Charity is given in connection with the York Rd Baptist Chapel in Battersea. (Mr Warren).
£10 or £20 sent down annually in groceries, tickets & coal tickets: & 100 children & mothers had up here & clothed by their Dorcas Society.
No crime, drink or prostitution. Marriage late & becau

Oakley - Bapt. Trinity Road.

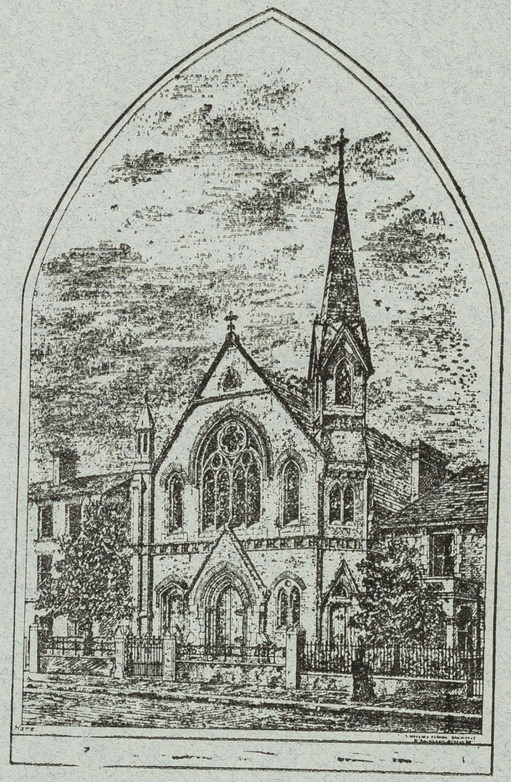
because as so many are civil servants they cannot afford to marry till late in life.
Health & housing good.
The Year Book in the next page gives a full account of all the societies in connection with the Church

Mr. Oakley is no great power in himself: but he is interesting as the expression of the religious & social beliefs of his congregation.

He is paid but noone else except the chapel keeper. There is no scope here for a missionary.

# Trinity Road Chapel,

UPPER TOOTING, LONDON, S.W.



# YEAR BOOK,

# 1900.

H. Palmer & Co., Printers, 14, Brownlow Street, Holborn, W.C.

**The Church of Christ**

MEETING AT

# Trinity Road Chapel,

**UPPER TOOTING.**

MINISTER - REV. HENRY OAKLEY

22, OUSELEY ROAD, BALHAM PARK ROAD, S.W.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

AND

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**For the Year 1899.**

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|---|---|
| *Church Founded* ... ... ... | *1870.* |
| *Schoolroom Built* ... ... ... | *1877.* |
| *Chapel Built* ... ... ... ... | *1883.* |
| *Lecture Hall Built* ... ... | *1890.* |

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PRESENT MINISTRY COMMENCED, 1895.

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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR:

**"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."**

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# In Memoriam.

"These died in faith."

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## Mrs. Mary Dawson,

FEBRUARY 22nd, 1899.

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## Mrs. Eliza Caroline Parkinson,

JUNE 21st, 1899.

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"No more death; neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain, any more."—Rev. xxi. 4.

# Minister's Letter.

*To the Church and Congregation worshipping at Trinity Road Chapel, Upper Tooting.*

My dear Friends,

Last year was one of much prayer and much prosperity. Mr. Carter's report tells you how much, by God's favour, we were able to accomplish. It would seem almost an impossibility to make an equal advance this year. But such a thought leaves out of mind our Blessed Master and the all-sufficiency of God. This year may be as last, and much more abundant, when God is the source of blessing. Let us make it our great care to please Him, that from us

"He may ne'er depart."

Our high calling, as a Church of the Redeemer, is to witness. "Ye are the light of the world." It is our main business to scatter our beams far and wide. Diffusion, rather than attraction, should be our chief concern. There is no behest, in Our Lord's last charges to His people, so prominent as the one which bids them to witness. As a light without a ray is no light, so a church without a witness is no church. At the root of the word lies the idea of knowledge (*witan*, to know). We must first "know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings" if we are to witness as we should. Let us, dear brethren and sisters, lay this to heart, that this year we may advance in our knowledge of God and His ways, having as Samuel Rutherford had, "close dealings with God." Then shall we be able to show forth His goodness and declare the name of the Lord.

This greatly simplifies Church life and duty. It relieves us from a score of things which engage and trammel. It liberates us to a splendid field of observation and experience. It settles, once and for all, what is to be, in the main, the method of our influence.

My heart warms within me toward you all, at the remembrance of how willingly and resolutely you have addressed yourselves to the task of supporting our own missionaries in China. It is a far ray we are flinging, but so much greater is the glory to our Lord.

I would not close this letter without saying what gratification it has given me and the Church to receive into our fellowship, during last year, the Rev. H. J. Tresidder and the Rev. R. Walker, both of whom have spent long years in the Master's service, and still worthily bear His name.

With all my heart, I wish you all much blessing in your spiritual and domestic life. May your souls prosper. To the officers I offer my grateful thanks for the readiness with which they always consider my suggestions, and for the generous thought and kindness I am always receiving at their hands.

Faithfully yours,

HENRY OAKLEY.



# Officers of the Church.

**THE MINISTER.**

**DEACONS.**

Mr. W. SHELLARD LATHAM (*Treasurer*).
6, Brodrick Road, Upper Tooting.

Mr. G. BUCKINGHAM,
146, Trinity Road, Upper Tooting.

Mr. J. E. READ,
22, Morella Road, Wandsworth Common.

Dr. J. H. GRAY,
95, St. James' Road, Upper Tooting.

**COMMITTEE.**

Mr. S. WOOLGER,
33, St. James' Road, Upper Tooting.

Mr. C. LAMPREY,
190, Trinity Road, Wandsworth Common,

Mr. E. J. H. CARTER (*Secretary*),
36, Hendham Road, Upper Tooting.

Mr. W. A. BARTER, LL.B.,
1, Morella Road, Wandsworth Common.

Mr. H SHEARS,
122, Trinity Road, Upper Tooting.

Mr. W. PERKINS
108, Trinity Road, Upper Tooting.

**CONVENER OF LADIES' COMMITTEE.**
(For Social Meetings.)

Mrs. W. S. LATHAM,
6, Brodrick Road, Upper Tooting.

**ORGANIST.**

Mr. E. C. MUDIE,
34, Brodrick Road, Upper Tooting.

**CHAPEL-KEEPER.**

Mr. DOWNING, 116, Trinity Road, Upper Tooting.

# Members of the Church.

The Church Roll was revised and renumbered at the end of last year (1899), the original order of seniority of membership being kept.—E. J. H. C.

| No. | Name. | Address. | Date of Admission. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Winsford, Mr. William O. | 14, Brodrick-road | 1870 |
| 2. | Winsford, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 3. | Campbell, Mrs. | 41, Althorpe-road | ,, |
| 4. | Wesker, Mrs. | 4, Wiseton-road | 1871 |
| 5. | Winsford, Miss | 14, Brodrick-road | ,, |
| 6. | Latham, Mr. W. Shellard | 6, Brodrick-road | 1878 |
| 7. | Latham, Mrs. W. S. | ,, | ,, |
| 8. | Evans, Mrs. | 44, Ouseley-road | 1880 |
| 9. | Stone, Miss | Garratt-green | ,, |
| 10. | Lugar, Miss E. P. | 120, Trinity-road | 1881 |
| 11. | Lugar, Miss E. J. | ,, | ,, |
| 12. | Head, Mrs. | 22, Brenda-road | ,, |
| 13. | Buckingham, Mr. George | 146, Trinity-road | 1882 |
| 14. | Buckingham, Mrs. | ,, | 1884 |
| 15. | Aldington, Mrs. | 21, Bellevue-road | ,, |
| 16. | Weavers, Miss | 146, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 17. | Jones, Mr. Thomas | Ivy Lodge, High-road | 1885 |
| 18. | Woolger, Mr. Samuel | 33, St. James's-road | ,, |
| 19. | Woolger, Mrs. | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 20. | Whitwell, Mr. | 4, Thurleigh-road | 1886 |
| 21. | Read, Mr. Joseph E. | 22, Morella-road | ,, |
| 22. | Read, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 23. | Godfrey, Mr. Geo. T. | Boundaries-road | ,, |
| 24. | Bartlett, Mrs. | 68, Sarsfeld-road | ,, |
| 25. | Head, Mr. Walter | 22, Brenda-road | 1887 |
| 26. | Rand, Miss H. | 18, Wandle-road | ,, |
| 27. | Mansell, Miss | 183, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 28. | Mansell, Mrs. J. T. | 44, Ouseley-road | 1888 |
| 29. | Kimpton, Mr. George | 6, The Grove, Wandsworth | ,, |
| 30. | Lamprey, Mr. Charles | 190, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 31. | Lamprey, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 32. | Godfrey, Mr. Joseph | 23, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 33. | Catt, Miss | 18, Dalebury-road | ,, |
| 34. | Gray, Dr. John H. | 95, St. James's-road | ,, |
| 35. | Stevenson, Mr. Herbert | 99, St. James's-road | 1889 |
| 36. | Rand, Mr. Ernest | Kimberley | ,, |
| 37. | Mansell, Mr. Joseph T. | 44, Ouseley-road | ,, |
| 39. | Shepherd, Mr. Leonard | 11, Morella-road | ,, |
| 40. | Godfrey, Mrs. | Boundaries-road | ,, |
| 41. | Rippin, Mr. Harry | 40, Blackfriars-road | ,, |
| 42. | Rippin, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 43. | Richardson, Mrs. | Gordon House, Baskerville-rd | 1890 |
| 44. | Mansell, Miss R. | 183, Trinity-road | ,, |



| No. | Name. | Address. | Date of Admission. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 45. | Perkins, Mrs. | 141, Ramsden-road | 1891 |
| 47. | Jones, Mr. William | 40, Franche Court-road | ,, |
| 48. | Jones, Mrs. | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 49. | Byrne, Miss Louie | 29, St. James's-road | ,, |
| 50. | Read, Miss | 22, Morella-road | ,, |
| 51. | Barter, Mr. W. A., LL.B. | 1, Morella-road | ,, |
| 52. | Barter, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 53. | England, Miss | 105, Endlesham-road | ,, |
| 54. | Eden, Miss M. | 6, High-street, Streatham | 1892 |
| 55. | Lemare, Mr. Frederick | 99, St. James's-road | ,, |
| 56. | Perkins, Miss F. | 141, Ramsden-road | ,, |
| 57. | Nicol, Mr. James A. | 23, Morella-road | 1893 |
| 58. | Nicol, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 59. | Shears, Mr. Henry | 122, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 60. | Stanesby, Mrs. | 13, Louisville-road | ,, |
| 61. | Shears, Miss E. | 122, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 62. | Simpson, Mr. | 17, Tooting High-road | ,, |
| 63. | Simpson, Miss | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 64. | Shepherd, Mr. Charles | 11, Morella-road | ,, |
| 65. | Shepherd, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 66. | Kimpton, Miss R. | 6, The Grove, Wandsworth | ,, |
| 67. | Carter, Mr. Edward J. H. | 36, Hendham-road | ,, |
| 68. | Carter, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 69. | Mudie, Miss E. | 34, Brodrick-road | ,, |
| 70. | Mudie, Miss A. | ,, | ,, |
| 71. | Mudie, Miss C. | ,, | ,, |
| 72. | Scott, Miss | | ,, |
| 73. | Bateson, Miss | 85, Louisville-road | ,, |
| 74. | Scourfield, Mr. Richard | 48, Hendham-road | 1894 |
| 75. | Scourfield, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 76. | Lamb, Mr. William F. | 15, Sarsfeld-road | ,, |
| 77. | Lamb, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 78. | Lane, Miss | 31, Wandle-road | ,, |
| 79. | Richards, Miss | 48, Hendham-road | ,, |
| 80. | Mickelburgh, Mr. J. T. | 85, Sarsfeld-road | ,, |
| 81. | Smith, Mrs. | 5, Holderness-road | ,, |
| 83. | Oakley, Rev. Henry | 22, Ouseley-road | 1895 |
| 84. | Oakley, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 85. | Potten, Miss | 173, Beechcroft-road | ,, |
| 86. | Rowsell, Mr. | 34, Holborn Estate | 1895 |
| 87. | Rowsell, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 88. | Jenkins, Mr. Joseph | 32, Holborn Estate | ,, |
| 89. | Cottrell, Miss | 51, Buckingham Palace-road | ,, |
| 90. | Warren, Miss L. | 31, Routh-road | ,, |
| 91. | Nash, Mr. George | 29, Althorpe-road | ,, |
| 92. | Nash, Miss | ,, | ,, |
| 93. | Hönick, Miss | 234, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 94. | Walker, Mr. | 257, Balham High-road | 1896 |
| 95. | Walker, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 96. | Huskisson, Mr. William | 16, Heslop-road | ,, |

| No. | Name. | Address. | Date of Admission. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 97. | Huskisson, Miss A. | 52, Upper Tooting-road | 1896 |
| 98. | Huskisson, Mrs. W. | 16, Heslop-road | ,, |
| 99. | Mudie, Mr. Foster | 34, Brodrick-road | ,, |
| 100. | Twelvetrees, Miss | 91, Louisville-road | ,, |
| 101. | Parkinson, Mr. G. R. | 18, Chetwode-road | ,, |
| 103. | Spiers, Miss | 135, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 104. | Smith, Miss | 18, Chetwode-road | ,, |
| 105. | Wallworth, Mrs. | 125, St. James's-road | ,, |
| 106. | Huskisson, Mr. | 52, Upper Tooting-road | ,, |
| 107. | Huskisson, Mrs. | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 109. | Read, Miss M. | 22, Morella-road | ,, |
| 110. | Barter, Miss | 1, Morella-road | ,, |
| 111. | Barter, Miss M. | ,, | ,, |
| 112. | Knight, Mrs. | 122, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 113. | Shears, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 114. | Perless, Miss | 277, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 115. | Downing, Miss E. | 116, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 116. | Downing, Mr. A. | ,, | ,, |
| 117. | Scourfield, Miss | 48, Hendham-road | ,, |
| 118. | Osborne, Mr. H. | 59, Thornton-avenue | ,, |
| 119. | Mead, Miss S. | 14, Brodrick-road | ,, |
| 120. | Perkins, Mr. | 108, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 121. | Perkins, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 122. | Perkins, Miss | ,, | ,, |
| 123. | Peacock, Mr. | 91, Byrne-road | ,, |
| 124. | Peacock, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 125. | Evans, Miss F. | 212, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 126. | Shears, Miss D. | 122, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 127. | Nall, Mr. | 62, Upper Tooting-road | 1897 |
| 128. | Nall, Mrs. | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 129. | Huskisson, Miss M. | 52, Upper Tooting-road | ,, |
| 130. | Huskisson, Miss N. | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 131. | Bartlett, Mr. W. | 68, Sarsfeld-road | ,, |
| 132. | Read, Mr. W. | 22, Morella-road | ,, |
| 133. | Leeming, Mr. A. | 74, Brodrick-road | ,, |
| 134. | Light, Miss H. | 72, Balham Park-road | ,, |
| 135. | King, Mrs. | 45, Ramsden-road | ,, |
| 137. | Watt, Miss | 261, Balham High-road | ,, |
| 138. | Palmer, Miss E. | 8, Baskerville-road | ,, |
| 141. | Dawson, Mr. | 91, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 143. | Head, Mrs. W. | 22, Brenda-road | ,, |
| 144. | Blanks, Miss A. | | ,, |
| 145. | Radley, Miss | St. George's, Balham High-rd | ,, |
| 146. | Gibbs, Mr. | 233, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 147. | Gibbs, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 148. | Hood, Miss M. | 78, Nightingale-lane | ,, |
| 149. | Elliott, Mr. | 31, Ballington-road | ,, |
| 150. | Elliott, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 151. | Haddon, Mr. | Hastings. | ,, |
| 152. | Haddon, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |



| No. | Name. | Address. | Date of Admission. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 153. | Haddon, Miss E. | Hastings. | 1897 |
| 154. | Brown, Mr. A. | 30, St. James's-road | ,, |
| 155. | Higgs, Mrs. | 40, Crockerton-road [road | ,, |
| 156. | Amor, Mr. | 1A, The Poplars, Boundaries- | ,, |
| 157. | Hayward, Miss | 36, Hendham-road | ,, |
| 158. | Bachelor, Miss | 44, ,, | 1898 |
| 159. | Hillier, Mr. | | ,, |
| 160. | Huskisson, Miss E. | 52. Upper Tooting-road | ,, |
| 161. | Tily, Mr. | 114, Fernlea-road | ,, |
| 162. | Tily, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 163. | Schrieber, Miss | 21A, Brenda-road | ,, |
| 164. | Driver, Miss M. | 65, Brodrick-road | ,, |
| 165. | Taylor, Mr. | 22, Laitwood-road | ,, |
| 166. | Taylor, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 171. | Wade, Mr. T. | 2, Wexford-road | ,, |
| 172. | Wade, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 173. | Mansell, Miss M. | 183, Trinity-road [road | ,, |
| 174. | Amor, Mrs. | 1A, The Poplars, Boundaries- | ,, |
| 175. | Christopher, Mr. | May Villa, Lucien-road | ,, |
| 176. | Christopher, Mrs. | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 177. | Horsey, Miss | | ,, |
| 178. | Welman, Miss | 191, Trinity-road | ,, |
| 179. | Taylor, Mr. C. | 22, Laitwood-road | ,, |
| 180. | Taylor, Mrs. C. | ,, | ,, |
| 182. | Taylor, Mr. H. | ,, | ,, |
| 184. | Gannaway, Miss | 10, Belleville-road | ,, |
| 185. | Turier, Miss | 9, Wiseton-road | 1899 |
| 188. | Drew, Mrs. | 65, Noyna-road | ,, |
| 189. | Gaze, Miss | 24, Bolingbroke-grove | ,, |
| 120. | Long, Miss J. | | ,, |
| 191. | Radley, Miss M. | 83, Louisville-road | ,, |
| 192. | Stanesby, Mr. | 13, Louisville-road | ,, |
| 193. | Parr, Mr. | 16, Heslop-road | ,, |
| 194. | Parr, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 195. | Batchelor, Miss L. | 9, Dalebury-road | ,, |
| 196. | Bamford, Mrs. | Parkhill, Tooting | ,, |
| 197. | Burnett, Mr. | 19, Tooting Bec-road | ,, |
| 198. | Burnett, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |
| 199. | Holloway, Miss M. | 45, Dafforne-road | ,, |
| 200. | Walker, Miss | 52, Rowfant-road | ,, |
| 201. | White, Miss | 11, Dalebury-road | ,, |
| 202. | Parsons, Miss | 15, Sarsfeld-road | ,, |
| 203. | Elliott, Mrs. | 5, Nightingale-lane | ,, |
| 204. | Batchelor, Mr. | 41, Sistova-road | ,, |
| 205. | Batchelor, Miss | ,, | ,, |
| 206. | Batchelor, Miss | ,, | ,, |
| 207. | Tresidder, Rev. H. J. | 1, Balham Park Mansions | ,, |
| 208. | Tresidder, Miss | ,, | ,, |
| 209. | Parsons, Mr. | 35, Althorpe-road | ,, |
| 210. | Parsons, Mrs. | ,, | ,, |

| No. | Name. | Address. | Date of Admission. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 211. | Mead, Mr. | 66, Hendham-road | 1899 |
| 212. | Walker, Mrs. | 52, Rowfant-road | |
| 213. | Izzard, Miss | 58, Elmbourne-road | ,, |
| 214. | Cotsell, Mr. H. | 16, Estcourt-road | ,, |
| 215. | Cotsell, Mr. W. | ,, | ,, |
| 216. | Warren, Mr. Frank | "Loddiswell," Dermot-road | ,, |
| 217. | Warren, Mrs. F. | ,, | ,, |
| 218. | Warren, Mrs. | 31, Routh-road | ,, |
| 219. | Walker, Rev. R. | 52, Rowfant-road | ,, |
| 220. | Pickard, Miss M. | "Claygate," Dermot-road | ,, |
| 221. | Pickard, Miss K. | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 222. | Pickard, Miss G. | ,, ,, | ,, |
| 223. | Pyle, Mr. | 18, Rowfant-road | ,, |
| 224. | Pyle, Mr. | ,, | ,, |

## Statistics of Membership, 1900.

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|---|---|---|
| Number of Members on Church Roll, January, 1899 | | 187 |
| *Additions* during the year:— | | |
| By Baptism - - - - - - | 9 | |
| By Profession - - - - - - | 4 | |
| By Transfer - - - - - - | 17 | |
| By Renewal - - - - - - | 10 | |
| | — | 40 |
| | | 227 |
| *Losses* during the year— | | |
| By Transfer - - - - - - | 9 | |
| By Death - - - - - - - | 2 | |
| By Erasure - - - - - - | 6 | |
| | — | 17 |
| | | 210 |
| By *errata* in numbering in previous years - - | | 3 |
| | | 207 |

Total Membership, as shown by revised Church Roll (January, 1900,)—207, being a gain of 20 Members.



## Seatholders.

(Other than Members.)

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Bell, Miss, Park Hill, Upper Tooting.
Bishop, Miss, 103, Trinity-road.
Bishop, Mr., 57, Wandle-road.
Byrne, Mr., 29, St. James'-road.
Carpenter, Mrs., 285, Trinity-road.
Coates, Mr., 21, Brenda-road.
Cotsell, Mr., 16, Estcourt-road.
Frankling, Mr. W. S., Dynevor, Tooting Bec-road.
Hodgkinson, Mr., 271, Trinity-road.
Ives, Miss, 263, Trinity-road.
James, Mrs., 14, Nicosia-road.
Jonas, Mrs., 12, Dafforne-road.
Leeming, Mrs., 74, Brodrick-road.
Mansell, Mr., 183, Trinity-road.
Mead, Mr., 66, Hendham-road.
Mudie, Mrs., 34, Brodrick-road.
Oakley, Miss, 86, Sarsfeld-road.
Palmer, Mrs., 48, Dafforne-road.
Piper, Mr. 128, Trinity-road.
Rand, Mr., 18, Wandle-road.
Robertson, Mr., 14, Crockerton-road.
Saunders, Mr. J. T., 13, Wandle-road.
Ship, Mr., 9, Bellevue-road.
Wade, Mrs., 20, Ouseley-road.
Whatman, Miss, 173, Beechcroft-road.
White, Mrs., 341, Trinity-road.
Whitney, Mr. J. H., 44, Bolingbroke-grove.
Wilson, Mr. J., 20, Granard-road.
Young Men's Bible Class.

## Services, &c.

| | |
|---|---|
| Sunday ... ... ... | Public Worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.<br>School, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.<br>Bible Classes, 3 p.m. |
| Monday (2nd in month) | Ladies' Prayer Meeting, 3.30 p.m. |
| Tuesday (alternate weeks) | Dorcas Society, 3 p.m. |
| ,, ... ... ... | Christian Endeavour Society, 8 p.m. |
| Wednesday (alternate weeks) | Band of Hope, 7 p.m. |
| Thursday ... ... | Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m. |
| ,, ... ... | Choir Practice, 9 p.m. |

Missionary Prayer Meeting, first Thursday in each month.

Church Meeting on the Thursday Evening preceding the first Sunday in the month.

On Saturday, at 8 p.m., during the winter / On Sunday, at 7.30 a.m., during the summer } A short Prayer Meeting is held in the Vestry.

The Lord's Supper is commemorated on the first Sunday *Evening* of the month, except in the months of January, April, July, and October, when it takes place after the *Morning* Service. Members of other Churches are heartily welcome to participate in this Communion.

The Ordinance of Believers' Baptism is administered on the third Sunday in January, April, July and October. Application to be made to the Minister.

## Pulpit Notices.

It is *particularly* requested that all Pulpit Notices be in the hands of the Secretary at least ten minutes before the hour of Service.

## Special Collections.

April—Baptist Missionary Society.

June (second Sunday)—Metropolitan Hospitals.

,, (last ,, )—Sunday School.

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**The Chapel is Licensed for the Solemnization of Marriages.**



## Admission to the Membership of the Church.

The Minister will always be glad to see, at the close of each service, any persons desirous of joining the Church.

The only condition of Membership is "Repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ."

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## Instructions and Requests to Members.

1. Members are affectionately urged to attend the stated Week-night Services and the Business Meetings of the Church as far as practicable; and to concentrate a portion of their time and energy on some branch of Christian work.

2. It is expected that all Members will regularly contribute, according to their ability, to the maintenance of Public Worship, and to the Societies of the Church.

3. Members in affliction, or desirous of Christian counsel, are requested to inform the Pastor or one of the Deacons.

4. Members changing their residences are requested to send their correct addresses to the Deacons.

5. All Members who have removed to a distance should, as early as possible, seek union with the Church with which they statedly worship.

6. Any Member absent from the Lord's Table for six consecutive months, without giving satisfactory reason, is considered to be no longer in Church fellowship.

7. Any Member finding another Member in extreme poverty should report the case to the Deacons.

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A Bath Chair, for the use of any invalids in the congregation, has been kindly presented to the Church by a lady friend. Application for the use of it should be made to Mr. Buckingham, 146, Trinity Road, or to Mr. Latham, 6, Brodrick Road.

# Secretary's Report.

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The year 1899, whether it was the last in the old century or not, will ever stand out clear and well defined, with a glory all its own, when in future days the history of this Church shall be read or told. So many are our causes for joyfulness and thanksgiving it is difficult to know how to begin. We will, however, give priority to what must be regarded as the key to our existence as a living Church of Christ, namely, the Roll of Members.

This record has, at some pains, been recently most thoroughly and carefully revised, and now for the first time we rejoice in an active membership of over 200, the exact number being 207. This shows a gain of twenty members during last year, and of 169 who have joined in fellowship since Mr. Oakley commenced his pastorate here. Surely this is a matter beyond all others for which minister and people alike should render praise. During the year nine members followed their Lord in the ordinance of believer's baptism.

Mention was made in our last report of the deeper interest that had been shown in Foreign Missions. Such interest has so far grown and increased that we have now our own missionary as the special messenger of this Church on the mission-field in China. On November 2nd, 1899, at a Church meeting duly convened for the purpose, the following motion was unanimously carried:—

> "That this meeting of the Church worshipping at Trinity Road Chapel, recognising the vast need of preaching the Gospel to the heathen, hereby affirms its willingness to do all in its power to maintain our brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse (through the Baptist Missionary Society) in China, the charge thereof being about £150 per annum."

The passing of that resolution marks an epoch in the history of this Church. We have entered into a serious but glorious undertaking, and we are determined, everyone of us, by God's will, to carry it through. The special valedictory service held on November 30th, to bid farewell to our friends, in which meeting Mr. A. H. Baynes, Professor McCaig and Professor Gaussen took part, will be to many of us one of the most memorable services ever held in our Church.

Another special occasion was December 7th, when thanksgiving was offered that at last our place of worship stood free from debt—free from a weight that had burdened and oppressed for so many years, and free from a penalty of £24 per annum, which can now be devoted to better and worthier purposes. This matter is but briefly mentioned here in order to focus and record the three grand objects achieved in the year 1899, viz.,



a Church with a living roll of 207 members, a Church supporting its own missionary, and a Church free from the incumbrance of debt.

Time and space fail one to tell properly of the marked increase in the congregations morning and evening, of prayer-meetings better and more regularly attended, of a Sunday School full to overflowing, of a Bible Class ably led and well supported, of a successful Literary Society, and of continued well-doing in every department of Church work.

Some might be inclined to ask whether, in view of such a record of success, we may be deemed to have reached our Ultima Thule or to have attained the zenith of our powers? We trow not. We dare not be satisfied and contented. Nay, rather have we laid upon ourselves individually greater obligations to do more and make further and increased efforts, lest this happy period of success becomes the preface to a time of sad failure. We understand readily enough in business life that no man can with advantage stand still; there must be movement, either progressive or retrograde. Does not this apply equally to our Church life? *Hitherto* the Lord hath helped us. He will continue to do so if we continue to strive in furthering His cause. We will remember the New Year messages on the first page of THE WITNESS for January, 1900. "Let every unit of our Church be a working power in the salvation of men. Let us be humble, let us pray, that God be with us still, that we live daily in His presence." So doing we may press forward into 1900 confident and assured that

> "Through the love of God our Saviour
> All will be well."

EDWD. J. H. CARTER.

# Trust Deeds.

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The Trust Deeds of the Church are deposited in the Strong Room of the Baptist Building Fund at the Mission House, 19, Furnival Street, Holborn, and can only be removed thence by vote of the Church, with certain prescribed formalities.

The names of the present Trustees are—

Mr. WILLIAM SHELLARD LATHAM,
Mr. CHARLES DE SELINCOURT,
Mr. JOHN JAMES EVANS,
Mr. GEORGE MANSELL,
Mr. GEORGE BUCKINGHAM,
Mr. SAMUEL WOOLGER.

# Treasurer's Report.

Once more we have to report "progression" in each department of our financial year, while with an eye to economy it will be noticed that the expenditure has been kept well within bounds. The grace of "giving" has been well maintained, notwithstanding heavy demands from other quarters, and the balance sheet is a cleaner one than we have experienced for some years. The Church, through its officers, thanks *all* for the ready response and the cheerful giving that have so well and truly distinguished 1899. Blessing others—we bless ourselves. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

W. SHELLARD LATHAM,
*Church Treasurer.*

## General Expenses Account.

RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Weekly Offerings | 303 | 14 | 7 |
| „ Seat Rents ..... | 186 | 7 | 0 |
| „ Other Sources ... | 20 | 1 | 0 |
| „ Balance due to Treasurer, Dec. 31st, 1899..... | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| | £514 | 5 | 4 |

PAYMENTS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Balance from 1898 | 40 | 0 | 4 |
| „ Salaries, &c.— | | | |
| Rev. H. Oakley | 275 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplies ..... | 9 | 4 | 0 |
| Organist, &c. ... | 23 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Cleaning, &c..... | 36 | 1 | 11 |
| „ Interest ..... | 27 | 17 | 4 |
| „ Printing ..... | 23 | 10 | 10 |
| „ Gas ..... | 16 | 18 | 5 |
| „ Rates & Insurance | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| „ Fuel..... | 2 | 15 | 7 |
| „ Social Gatherings | 3 | 19 | 6 |
| „ Repairs ..... | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| „ Other Expenses ... | 3 | 18 | 0 |
| „ Contributions to— | | | |
| Sunday School | 10 | 12 | 2 |
| Dr. Barnardo's Homes .. ..... | 8 | 16 | 6 |
| Bapt. Miss. Soc. | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| Lower Tooting Bapt. Church | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospital for Incurables .. ... | 3 | 13 | 6 |
| Winter Relief Fund..... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Debt Fund ..... | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Free Church Cl. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lond. Bapt. Ass. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | 42 | 12 | 8 |
| | £514 | 5 | 4 |

Audited and found correct, { THOS. HODGKINSON. THOMAS MEAD.



# The Debt Fund.

SECRETARY and TREASURER—Mr. S. WOOLGER.

In presenting the following Report and Balance Sheet, we must go back a few years in the history of the Church to see the source from whence our liabilities started.

The building in which we worship to-day was erected in 1882, at a cost of £3,500, and was opened in 1883, but not free from debt. The amount was, however, very soon reduced to £600.

The Officers of the Church then thought it wise not to put further pressure upon the generosity of their supporters, but to leave the £600 on mortgage, and so allow those who were likely to come into the Church later to share the responsibilities of ownership by contributing towards the cost of the fabric in which they would worship.

Under the pastorate of the Rev. D. Llewellyn two very important improvements were undertaken—viz., the alteration of the interior of the Chapel, in 1887, which cost nearly £200, and, in 1890, the enlargement of the Schoolroom, with the addition of a Lecture Hall, at a cost of £700. Had it not been for these alterations the debt could have been paid off some years ago.

It is nearly three years since the Officers of the Church considered that the time had come when some means should be devised for the discharge of this debt, and an appeal was made for subscriptions to the amount of £150 a year for four years. This met with general approval, and in 1897 the first £150 was collected. In 1898 there was a slight falling off, but in the early part of 1899, it was decided to make a strenuous effort to wipe out the remaining £350 before the end of the year, and a prayer meeting was held to inaugurate this attempt.

Besides a large number of individual subscriptions most efficient help was obtained by means of collecting cards, which were largely taken up in the Sunday School.

The Bible Class and the Christian Endeavour Society were also contributors to the fund.

The 9th of November will long be remembered as a "red letter day," when contributions amounting to more than £70 were gathered in, thus practically extinguishing the debt.*

The money was paid over to the mortgagees' solicitors on December 15th, and our friend, Mr. Carter, has seen that the Deeds are complete and in safe custody. We are greatly indebted to Mr. Carter for his disinterested service in this matter, he having acted throughout without putting the Church to any expense.

* The full text of Mr. Woolger's Report (of which the above is an abstract) was published in *The Witness* for January.

# List of Contributions to the Debt Fund.

| | 1897. £ s. d. | 1898. £ s. d. | 1899. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. W. S. Latham ... | 5 5 0 | 5 5 0 | 10 0 0 |
| Mr. G. Buckingham ... | 2 0 0 | 1 1 0 | 10 0 0 |
| Mr. J. E. Read ... | 3 3 0 | 3 3 0 | 10 0 0 |
| Mr. S. Woolger ... | 5 5 0 | 5 5 0 | 10 10 0 |
| Mr. C. Lamprey ... | 5 5 0 | 15 15 0 | 25 0 0 |
| Mrs Gray ... | 3 3 0 | — | — |
| Dr. J. H. Gray ... | 5 5 0 | 5 5 0 | 5 5 0 |
| Mr. E. J. H. Carter ... | 5 0 0 | 5 0 0 | 5 0 0 |
| Mr. J. A. Nicol ... | 2 2 0 | 2 2 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Mr. W. A. Barter ... | 2 2 0 | 2 2 0 | 5 0 0 |
| Mr. Shears ... | 2 0 0 | 2 2 0 | 2 2 0 |
| Mr. W. Winsford ... | 15 0 0 | — | 25 0 0 |
| Mrs. and Miss Knight | 1 0 0 | 1 0 0 | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Sinkins... | 0 5 0 | — | — |
| Mrs. Warren ... | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 3 0 0 |
| Miss Weavers... | 0 10 0 | 0 10 0 | — |
| Misses Lugar... | 1 1 0 | 1 1 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Mr. Evans ... | 5 0 0 | — | — |
| Mr. Scourfield ... | 5 0 0 | 5 0 0 | 5 0 0 |
| Mr. Lamb ... | 1 1 0 | 1 1 0 | 5 0 0 |
| Mr. Rand ... | 1 1 0 | 0 10 0 | 2 10 0 |
| Mrs. Hughes ... | 0 10 0 | 0 10 0 | 0 10 0 |
| Miss Simpson.. | 0 5 0 | — | 0 10 0 |
| Mr. Simpson ... | 0 5 0 | 0 5 0 | 0 10 0 |
| Mr. Mickelburgh ... | 1 0 0 | 2 0 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Mr. Tillotson ... | 2 2 0 | — | — |
| Mr. Shepherd ... | 2 2 0 | 2 2 0 | 5 0 0 |
| Mr. Hodgkinson ... | 10 0 0 | 10 0 0 | 10 0 0 |
| Mr. Leeming ... | 1 1 0 | — | 5 0 0 |
| Mr. Perkins ... | 1 0 0 | — | 2 2 0 |
| Mr. Streuli ... | 0 10 6 | 0 10 6 | — |
| Young Men's Bible Class | 1 1 0 | 1 0 0 | 3 3 0 |
| Mr. J. T. Saunders ... | 5 0 0 | 5 0 0 | 5 0 0 |
| Mr. Warren ... | 5 0 0 | — | — |
| Mr. and Mrs. Nall ... | 2 2 0 | 3 3 0 | 5 0 0 |
| Miss Cottrell ... | 0 10 0 | 0 10 6 | 1 1 0 |
| Mr. Lemare ... | 1 1 0 | — | — |
| Mr. Walker ... | 2 0 0 | 2 2 0 | 3 3 0 |
| Miss Twelvetrees ... | 2 0 0 | 1 0 0 | 1 0 0 |
| Mrs. Wallworth ... | 1 0 0 | 1 0 0 | 1 6 0 |
| Mr. A. Knights ... | 0 10 0 | — | — |
| Rev. H. Oakley ... | 5 0 0 | 5 0 0 | 10 0 0 |
| Mr. H. Stevenson ... | 0 10 6 | 0 10 6 | — |
| Mr. L. Shepherd ... | 0 10 6 | 0 10 6 | 2 10 0 |
| Miss Whatman ... | 0 10 0 | — | 1 0 0 |
| Miss Potten ... | 0 5 0 | — | 0 10 0 |
| Gratitude ... | 1 1 0 | — | — |

# List of Contributions to the Debt Fund.

| | 1897. £ | s. | d. | 1898. £ | s. | d. | 1899. £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. W. S. Latham ... ... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. G. Buckingham ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. J. E. Read ... ... | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. S. Woolger ... ... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. C. Lamprey ... ... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs Gray ... ... ... | 3 | 3 | 0 | — | | | — | | |
| Dr. J. H. Gray ... ... | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. E. J. H. Carter ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. J. A. Nicol ... ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. W. A. Barter ... ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Shears ... ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. W. Winsford ... ... | 15 | 0 | 0 | — | | | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. and Miss Knight ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Sinkins... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | — | | | — | | |
| Mrs. Warren ... .. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Weavers... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | — | | |
| Misses Lugar... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Evans ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | — | | | — | | |
| Mr. Scourfield ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Lamb ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Rand ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Hughes ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Simpson.. ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | — | | | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Simpson ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Mickelburgh ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Tillotson ... ... ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | — | | | — | | |
| Mr. Shepherd ... ... ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Hodgkinson ... ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Leeming ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | — | | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Perkins ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | — | | | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Streuli ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 6 | — | | |
| Young Men's Bible Class ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Mr. J. T. Saunders ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Warren ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | — | | | — | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Nall ... ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Cottrell ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Lemare ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | — | | | — | | |
| Mr. Walker ... ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Miss Twelvetrees ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Wallworth ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Mr. A. Knights ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | — | | | — | | |
| Rev. H. Oakley ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. H. Stevenson ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 6 | — | | |
| Mr. L. Shepherd ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Whatman ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | — | | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss Potten ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | — | | | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Gratitude ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | — | | | — | | |



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| Total Abstinence Society .. .. .. | | |
| Choir .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | | |
| "Witness" Fund .. .. .. .. | | |

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*give plenteously:*
*do thy diligence gladly to give of that little."*

| | 1897. | 1898. | 1899. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. and Mrs. Rowsell | 0 10 0 | — | 5 0 |
| Mr. Jenkins | 0 10 0 | — | 0 10 0 |
| Mr. Martin | 1 1 0 | — | — |
| Miss S. Mead | 0 2 6 | — | 5 0 |
| J. T. G. | 2 2 0 | — | — |
| Miss Richards | 1 1 0 | 0 10 6 | 1 1 0 |
| Mr. Wilson | 1 1 0 | 1 1 0 | 1 1 0 |
| Miss England | 0 5 0 | — | — |
| Miss Scott | 0 5 0 | 0 5 0 | 0 10 0 |
| Miss Catt | 0 5 0 | — | 0 5 0 |
| Mr. A. Johnson | 1 11 6 | 1 11 6 | 2 2 0 |
| Mrs. Lamprey | 5 5 0 | — | — |
| Mr. A. Bishop | 0 10 0 | — | 1 1 0 |
| Endeavourer | 0 10 0 | — | — |
| Mr. Bartlett | 0 10 6 | — | — |
| Mr. H. Latham | 1 1 0 | 1 1 0 | — |
| Mr. Moss | 0 10 0 | — | — |
| Miss Spiers | 0 2 6 | — | 10 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Allnut | 1 0 0 | — | — |
| W., per H. O. | 0 5 0 | — | — |
| Miss Bishop | 0 2 6 | — | 5 0 |
| Mr. Mansell | 0 10 6 | — | — |
| Miss Mansell | 0 10 6 | — | 10 6 |
| Miss R. Mansell | 0 10 6 | — | 0 10 6 |
| Mr. J. T. Mansell | 0 10 6 | — | — |
| Mr. Hadnutt | 1 0 0 | — | — |
| Mrs. Woolger | 1 1 0 | — | 5 0 0 |
| Mr. Carpenter | 1 1 0 | — | — |
| Miss Bell | 5 0 0 | — | — |
| Sunday School | 3 0 0 | — | — |
| Friend | 0 1 0 | — | — |
| Mr. W. Jones | — | 0 10 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Mr. Turier (Concert) | — | 4 8 0 | — |
| Mrs. Horley | — | 0 10 0 | — |
| Friend, per Rev. H. Oakley | — | 0 10 0 | — |
| W. B., per M. | — | 0 5 0 | — |
| Mr. Gibbs | — | 1 11 6 | 2 0 0 |
| Moss Side | — | 0 10 6 | — |
| Miss Perless | — | 0 7 6 | 0 10 0 |
| Friend, per Rev. H. Oakley | — | 0 10 6 | — |
| Miss Moss (Concert) | — | 2 2 0 | — |
| Mr. Newman | — | 0 5 0 | — |
| Miss Smith | — | 0 5 0 | 10 |
| Miss G. Moore | — | 0 2 6 | — |
| Easter Offering (In Memoriam) | — | — | 5 5 0 |
| Friend, per Dr. Gray | — | — | 5 0 0 |
| Miss F. Jennings | — | — | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. F. Gray (Crockerton-rd.) | — | — | 0 10 0 |
| Mr. King | — | — | 5 0 0 |
| Y.M.C.A., Fulham | — | — | 0 5 0 |
| Mr. W. Green | — | — | 1 0 0 |
| Misses Huskisson | — | — | 0 10 0 |
| Mr. J. Coxeter | — | — | 0 5 0 |
| Mr. Cooper Whitwell (Birmingham) | | — | 1 0 0 |

*Contributions to Debt Fund (continued)—*

| | 1899. £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. F. Warren ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Evans ... ... ... — ... — ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mansell .. — ... — ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mrs. Leeming ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Russell ... ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. Wade ... — ... — ... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. De Selincourt ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. W. Pyle ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Miss Saunders ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. A. H. Baynes ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. R. T. Whitwell ... — ... — ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. William Whitwell ... — ... — ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss E. Huskisson ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Rev. H. J. Tresidder ... — ... — ... | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Mrs. Lamb ... ... ... — ... — ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Batchelor... ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Mead ... ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. W. R. Rickett, J.P. ... — ... — ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Amor ... ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Jonas ... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| A Birthday Gift ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. E. J. H. Carter ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Miss G. Carter ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss I. Carter ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. Fisher ... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Aldington ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Campbell ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Perrinton ... ... — ... — ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| From a Consecrated Fund ... — ... — ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Drew ... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. Bamford... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Gabb ... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss M. Hayward ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Huskisson ... ... — ... — ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. Huskisson... — ... — ... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Messrs. A. and N. Leeming... — ... — ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| M. S. ... ... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mrs. H. Oakley ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Miss C. Mudie ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| A Friend ... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Pure Literature Fund, ... — ... — ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Misses Batchelor ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss M. Huskisson ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Mountain ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Miss Winsford ... ... — ... — ... | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Packham ... — ... — ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| K. C. ... ... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| W. ... ... ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Miss W. Perkins ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss Gannaway ... ... — ... — ... | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| A Friend, H. T. ... ... — ... — ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Burnett and Family — ... — ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |



| | 1897. | 1898. | 1899. £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. J. Carter ... ... — ... — ... | | | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Anon ... ... ... ... — ... — ... | | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Left at Rev. H. Oakley's house — ... — ... | | | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Winterbottom ... — ... — ... | | | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. E. Rawlings, J.P. ... — ... — ... | | | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Mr. Wade ... ... ... — ... — ... | | | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mrs. Osborne ... ... ... — ... — ... | | | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss M. Mansell ... ... — ... — ... | | | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss H. Hayward ... ... — ... — ... | | | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Horace Marshall, J.P. ... — ... — ... | | | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Mead (Brockley) ... — ... — ... | | | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Friend, per Rev. H. Oakley... — ... — ... | | | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Jenkins... ... ... — ... ... ... | | | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | £150 0 0 | £109 12 6 | £310 | 0 | 6 |

## Collecting Cards.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miss Smith ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Master C. Oakley ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss Hood ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Miss E. Downing ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss G. Downing ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Miss D. Downing ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Mrs. Bishop ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Gibbs ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss E. Catt ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss M. Hayward ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Mrs. Bartlett ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Bishop's Class ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss S. Walker ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| Mr. Glanville ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. S. Woolger... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Mrs. W. S. Latham ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Miss Scourfield's Class ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Miss R. Potten ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Miss Simpson's Class ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Miss C. Mudie ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Winsford ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Master Eric Packham ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Mrs. Oakley's Class ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| Mrs. Latham's Class ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss E. Pyle ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Miss Byrne ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Wesker ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Ship... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Miss S. Mead ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Miss Watts ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 0 |

*Contributions to Debt Fund (continued)—*

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miss Parsons ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Mr. H. Taylor ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Mr. G. Stanesby... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| Mrs. G. Stanesby ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Miss Weavers' Class ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| Miss Parsons' Class ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Mr. H. Osborne ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Miss Cottrell's Class ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Miss Cottrell ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. W. Jones ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Mr. Piper ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Turier ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Kimpton ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Miss L. Radley ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| A Friend, J. M. ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Balance from Collection, per Mr. Latham ... ... | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| | £32 | 9 | 9 |

## The Debt Fund.

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### Balance Sheet.

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Donations for 1897 | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| „ „ „ 1898 | 109 | 12 | 6 |
| „ „ „ 1899 | 310 | 0 | 6 |
| „ Collecting Cards | 32 | 9 | 9 |
| „ Interest ..... | 10 | 18 | 7 |
| Due to Treasurer | 0 | 17 | 3 |
| | £613 | 18 | 7 |

| Payments. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Mortgage on Chapel ... ... | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Printing, &c. ... | 3 | 10 | 9 |
| „ Expenses at Thanksgiving Service ... ... | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| „ Messrs. Rye & Eyre's Accnt. ... | 4 | 3 | 10 |
| | £613 | 18 | 7 |

Audited and found correct, { C. LAMPREY. F. C. BURNETT.



## Sunday School.

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PRESIDENT—Rev. HENRY OAKLEY.
SUPERINTENDENT—Mr. W. SHELLARD LATHAM.
TREASURER—Mr. C. LAMPREY.
SECRETARY—Mr. L. SHEPHERD, 11, Morella Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.
LIBRARIAN—Mr. W. PERKINS.
ASST.-LIBRARIAN—Mr. CHARLES NICOL.
SECRETARY OF BIBLE READING ASSOCIATION—Mr. F. E. LEMARE.
OFFICER OF LITERATURE—Miss FLORENCE SCOURFIELD.

TEACHERS—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Miss BISHOP. | Mrs. OAKLEY. | Miss SIMPSON. |
| „ BYRNE. | Miss PARSONS. | Mrs. STANESBY. |
| „ COTTRELL. | „ PERKINS. | Miss TWELVETREES. |
| „ F. EVANS. | „ POTTEN. | „ TURIER. |
| Mr. GIBBS. | „ SCOURFIELD. | „ WATTS. |
| Mrs. GIBBS. | Mr. SHEARS. | „ WEAVERS. |
| „ LATHAM. | Mrs. SHEARS. | |

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The number of scholars on the books is 254, and the average attendance has increased, during the year, from 187 to 198.

In our last year's report we thanked our friends for the sum of £80 contributed towards much needed improvements in our school. In March last these were carried out, and the general appearance and brightness of the room, added to the much more favourable conditions under which the work is carried on, have fully justified the expenditure.

We much regret the resignations of Mrs. Huskisson, Miss R. Mansell, Miss Moss and Miss Scott, who have for so long a period been associated with us as teachers; whilst we have been glad to welcome, as new teachers, Miss Parsons, Miss Twelvetrees and Miss Turier.

Foreign Missions have been well supported, the sum of £21 5s. 7½d. having been collected during 1899. This is exclusive of the amount (£15) collected in the Young Men's Bible Class.

Mr. F. E. Lemare reports an increase in the membership of the International Bible Reading Association, which now numbers 200 members.

Eighteen scholars entered for the Scripture Examination held in connection with the Sunday School Union. The subject was "Wonderful Words and Works." All passed, and one—Beatrice Mead—obtained a prize.

The Anniversary and Flower Services were held on Sunday, June 25th, and passed off most successfully.

The Annual Excursion took place on June 17th, when a large number of scholars and teachers, being favoured with fine weather, spent a long and enjoyable day at Upper Warlingham.

Numerous additions have been made to the Library during the year, and it continues to be much appreciated. For the funds to make these additions we are greatly indebted to our energetic friend, Miss Florence Scourfield, who most efficiently fills the position of Officer of Literature.

Above all, we have been glad to notice that the spiritual tone of the School has grown considerably, and that there have been decisions for Christ during the year. Two teachers and six scholars have been received into the membership of our Church.

Mr Arnold Leeming, the Secretary of the "Sunday Morning Service for Children," reports as follows:—

"We are glad to be able to report another year of successful effort. The services held on Sunday mornings before Public Worship have been bright and, we hope, helpful and instructive.

"A good average attendance has been maintained, although there is room for improvement, and we would like to see more of the children who attend afternoon school attending the early school.

"An important alteration has been made in the form of the services. The Committee found, on careful consideration, that the idea of carrying it on as a Junior Society of Christian Endeavour was unsatisfactory, and so the old form of service was adopted. Some of the Junior Committees, however, were retained, such as the Sunshine Committee, whose members decorate the room with flowers each morning, the flowers being taken afterwards to the sick poor of the neighbourhood; the Look-Out Committee, for the introduction of new scholars; and the Prayer-Meeting Committee.

"Our aim is to give the children some slight training before entering the Christian Endeavour Society or the Church; and, looking back, we are thankful to say that we have been not altogether unsuccessful, several of our elder boys and girls having passed into the Endeavour Society as active members.

"We should also like to take this opportunity of thanking all those friends who have so kindly helped us by attending our meetings and giving addresses. Still one more favour would we ask, and that is, that they and all who are interested in the welfare of the children will join with us in praying for the continued success of the Morning Sunday School."



## Sunday School Financial Statement.

| Receipts. Jan. 1st, 1899. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance | 6 | 15 | 8½ |
| „ Proceeds of Sale of Work | 75 | 3 | 3 |
| „ Anniversary Collection | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| „ Harvest Festival Collection | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| „ Subscriptions— | | | |
| Mr. Barter | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| „ Buckingham | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| „ Cotsell | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Carter | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. Evans | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Dr. Gray | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Jones | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| „ Latham | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Latham | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Lamprey | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Lamprey | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Lamb | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| „ Perkins | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| „ D. Robertson | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| „ J. E. Read | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Scott | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. C. Shepherd | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| „ Scourfield | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Woolger | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| „ Weavers | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Anonymous | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Sympathiser | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Two Friends | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Collection for Passmore Edwards' Home | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| „ Collection for Dr. Stevenson's Home | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| | £104 | 19 | 11 |

| Payments. Dec. 31, 1899. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Lowe Bros. Pence Envelopes | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| „ 200 Library Cards | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| „ Annual Prizes | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| „ Annual Tea to Scholars | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| „ 12 Months Lesson Papers | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| „ Sunday School Catalogue Books | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| „ Missionary Books | 0 | 11 | 6 |
| „ Sunday School Union | 1 | 2 | |
| „ Sunday School Excursion | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| „ Anniversary Music | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| „ Hymn Books | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| „ Meeting Notices | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| „ H. Johnson and Co. per account | 74 | 1 | 5 |
| „ Repairs and Incidentals | 0 | 8 | 4 |
| „ F. L. Shepherd and Alexander and Shepherd (Printing) | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Teachers' Social | 0 | 18 | 10 |
| „ Sundries (Straker) and Printing (Palmer) | 0 | 8 | 5 |
| „ Infants' Party, "Parkholme" | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| „ Postage, &c. | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| „ Passmore Edwards' Home, Clacton | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| „ Dr. Stevenson's Home | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| „ Balance in Hand | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| | £104 | 19 | 11 |

Auditors, { G. BUCKINGHAM, W. PERKINS.

# Young Men's Bible Class.

PRESIDENT—Mr. J. E. READ.
TREASURER—Mr. G. STANESBY.
SECRETARY—Mr. H. STEVENSON.

Many signs of blessing have we had during the year. The largest number of new members, and the highest average of attendances hitherto reached, speak of progress; but far better is the deeper interest taken in the subjects of study week by week and the higher spiritual tone permeating the Class; while best of all is the knowledge that some of our number have given themselves to the Saviour, to Whom be all the glory.

## Treasurer's Account.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Members' Contributions | 5 | 7 | 11½ |
| „ Donations— | | | |
| Mr. Read | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Woolger | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Scourfield | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | £7 | 13 | 11½ |

| PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Deficit, '98 | 0 | 10 | 8½ |
| „ Printing | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| „ Seat Rent | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Subscription to "Witness" | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| „ Half-cost repairing American Organ | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| „ Contribution to Debt Fund | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| „ Part Expenses "Social" | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| „ Balance | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | £7 | 13 | 11½ |

Audited and found correct, W. E. H. COTSELL.

## Foreign Missionary Account.

*To support Mr. BAROI, Native Evangelist, B.M.S., Jessore, Bengal.*

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| „ Contributions | 14 | 2 | 0 |
| „ Sale of Photos | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| | £15 | 10 | 6 |

| PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Donation to Harley House Missionary College | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Donation to B.M.S. for support of Evangelist in India | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Balance | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | £15 | 10 | 6 |

Audited and found correct, W. F. H. COTSELL.



# Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

PRESIDENT—Rev. HENRY OAKLEY.
VICE-PRESIDENT—Mr. J. E. READ.
TREASURER—Mr. HAROLD OSBORNE.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Miss WALKER, 52, Rowfant Road, Upper Tooting.
RECORDING SECRETARY—Mr. J. T. MANSELL, 44, Ouseley Road, Balham.

We gratefully record that our Society is larger, more fully equipped, and more responsive than at any earlier period. Our membership is now sixty-three, showing an increase of nine members during 1899. The meetings are uniformly largely attended, and the responses at the Consecration meeting are characterised by high Christian intelligence, and, so far as it is permitted for one to judge another, by sincerity and faith. The strictly spiritual and devotional character of the Society has been earnestly maintained.

## Financial Statement.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance in hand | 1 | 3 | 5½ |
| „ Donations— | | | |
| Mr. J. E. Read | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Mickleburgh | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Honorary Members' subscriptions— | | | |
| Dr. J. H. Gray | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Matthew Nall | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| „ Members' Annual Subscriptions | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| „ Collections | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| „ Special Offertories— | | | |
| Missionary Soirée | 1 | 9 | 8½ |
| "1900" Fund | 0 | 16 | 6 |
| Dr. Barnardo's Homes | 0 | 15 | 0½ |
| Anniversary | 1 | 15 | 7 |
| | £9 | 1 | 0½ |

| PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Printing— | | | |
| 200 Syllabuses | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Application Forms | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| „ Subscriptions to— | | | |
| C.E. Unions | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| "1900" Convention | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| "1900" S.W. Union | 0 | 16 | 6 |
| Y.P.M.A. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Dr. Barnardo's Homes | 0 | 15 | 0½ |
| „ Soirées— | | | |
| Missionary | 1 | 12 | 10 |
| Anniversary | 1 | 19 | 4 |
| „ Notice Board | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| „ Balance in Hand | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | £9 | 1 | 0½ |

Audited and found correct. Jan. 24th, 1900, EDW. J. H. CARTER.

# Band of Hope.

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PRESIDENT—Rev. HENRY OAKLEY.

VICE-PRESIDENT AND TREASURER—Mr. BUCKINGHAM.

SUPERINTENDENT—Miss WEAVERS.

SECRETARY—Miss C. GODDARD, 70, Trinity Road, Upper Tooting.

COMMITTEE—Mrs. OAKLEY, Miss MUDIE, Miss GODDARD.

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In giving our report this year we have to record some alterations. We regret having been obliged to receive the resignation of our secretary, Mr. Lamb, which he also regrets, but the pressure of more personal claims renders it necessary. We have also to fill one vacancy on the committee through the resignation of Miss Twelvetrees. We are glad to be able to state that these vacencies are now filled up, the one on the committee by Miss Goddard, whilst Miss C. Goddard will take the secretaryship.

Our summer outing took place in the grounds of Park-Holme, kindly lent by Miss Bell. The day was fine and a large number of friends came to show their interest and to enjoy the occasion.

There is a feeling on the part of those most interested in our Band of Hope that the Society was never in a better condition. We have had some interesting and useful addresses, to which the children have paid quiet attention, and the attendances have been uniformly good.

Our financial position is not very flourishing but that will receive attention soon.

## Financial Statement.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance in Hand... | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| „ Donations..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Tea Tickets ..... | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| | £5 | 15 | 3 |

| PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Band of Hope Union (2 years) ..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Printing ..... | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| „ Teas ..... | 2 | 17 | 2 |
| „ Toys, Swing, &c.... | 0 | 11 | 9 |
| „ Balance ..... | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| | £5 | 15 | 3 |

Audited and found correct, W. PERKINS.



# Total Abstinence Society.

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PRESIDENT—Rev. HENRY OAKLEY.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—

| | |
|---|---|
| Mr. G. BUCKINGHAM. | Mr. H. SHEARS. |
| Mr. E. J. H. CARTER. | Mr. C. SHEPHERD. |
| Mr. W. F. LAMB. | Mr. J. WILSON. |
| Mr. J. E. READ. | Mr. W. WINSFORD. |

TREASURER—Mr. W. WINSFORD.

SECRETARY—Mr. WILLIAM PERKINS, 108, Trinity Road, Upper Tooting, S.W.

COMMITTEE—

| | |
|---|---|
| Mr. M. NALL. | Mr. T. PYLE. |
| Mr. H. STEVENSON. | Mr. TAYLOR. |

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This Society was formed on November 23rd, 1898. Fifty-four persons have been enrolled as members. During the year addresses on the total abstinence question have been delivered by the Rev. W. Townsend, Mr. J. Warren, and Mr. D. J. Legg. These addresses were characterised by great earnestness and convincing argument. The first came from the minister's standpoint, the second was based on a City Missionary's experience, whilst the third was the testimony of a layman whose wide knowledge of men generally enabled him to speak with considerable weight. The absence of non-abstaining friends from the meetings is greatly to be regretted.

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## Financial Statement.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Contributions— | | | |
| Mr. W. Winsford | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Scourfield ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | £1 | 6 | 0 |

| PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Cost of Social Meeting on formation of Society ..... | 0 | 7 | 11 |
| „ Cards of Membership ..... | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| „ Bills, Mr. Legg's Lecture ..... | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| „ Balance in hand ... | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| | £1 | 6 | 0 |

# Christmas Dinners and Winter Relief Fund.

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A simple appeal by printed circular, and a word or two from the pulpit, without any personal application, resulted in contributions amounting in the aggregate to £15 2s., or an increase of £3 8s. 6d. as compared with last year, and this at a time when there were so many other pressing claims upon the generosity and charity of the contributors.

As stated in last year's report, a balance of £3 11s. 4d. was reserved for occasional relief during the winter months—past experience, in a peculiarly trying period, having shown the necessity for the retention of some portion of the subscriptions—but thanks to the renewed generosity of Mr. Martin, of St. James's Road, and an exceptionally favourable season, this balance remained substantially intact, and with this year's contributions gave an amount of £18 13s. 4d. to be disbursed.

The system of distribution is by printed ticket upon tradesmen who have served us well for some years. The ticket is signed, and the name of the recipient entered, every care being taken to select, from many necessitous cases, only those who are most deserving.

In addition to the bodily comforts granted through your kindness, it gives our tender-hearted, and yet withal discreet, almoner, Mr. Warren, better opportunity for furthering the self-denying work he has so faithfully undertaken for many years amongst the poor of Battersea.

Following the usual custom, forty tickets each for meat, groceries and coal, were distributed for Christmas Dinners in Battersea, and twelve each in our own district. In addition to these, further tickets have been issued for occasional relief during the winter.



## Contributions.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anonymous | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| " | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Amor, Mrs. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Batchelor, Mr. T. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Batchelor, E. and H. | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Bishop's Class, Miss | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Carter, Mr. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Elliott, Mr. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Frankling, Miss | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Godfrey, Mr. | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Gray, Dr. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Hughes, Mrs. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| James, Mrs. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Kerry, Mr. | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Lamb, Mr. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Lamprey, Mr. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Latham, Mr. | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Latham, Mrs. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Latham, Mr. H. G. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Martin, Mr. E. S. | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Nicol, Mr. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Perkins, Miss F. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Rand, Mrs. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Read, Mr. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Read, Miss Mabel | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Saunders, Mr. J. T. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Scourfield, Mr. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Shears, Mr. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Shears, Mrs. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Shears, Miss | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Shepherd, Mr. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Shepherd, Mr. L. | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ship, Mr., and friends | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Simpson, Mr. | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Simpson, Miss | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Tresidder, Rev. H. J. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Wade, Mrs. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Walker, Mrs. R. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Walker, Mr. E. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Warren, Mrs. | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Weavers, Miss | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Whitney, Mr. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Woolger, Mr. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Chapel Collection, Christmas Day | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | £15 | 2 | 0 |

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## Financial Summary.

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from last account | 3 | 11 | 4 |
| „ Subscriptions | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| | £18 | 13 | 4 |

| Payments. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Christmas Dinners, 158 Meat, Groceries, Coal and Vegetable Tickets | 10 | 11 | 7 |
| „ Printing & Postage | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| „ Balance in Hand | 7 | 15 | 9 |
| | £18 | 13 | 4 |

Examined and found correct, J. E. READ.

# Dorcas Society.

PRESIDENT—MRS. OAKLEY.

TREASURER—MRS. WOOLGER.

SECRETARY—MRS. NICOL, 23, Morella Road, Wandsworth Common.

This Society, which has for its object the providing of clothes for deserving poor, commenced its career in March, 1899. The members of the Society have met fourteen times and 130 garments have been made. Clothing has been forwarded to Mr. Warren and others in our own district from time to time to relieve necessitous cases, but the final distribution took place on January 2nd, when thirty-two women and children, selected from Mr. Warren's district in Battersea, were conveyed by brake to our Lecture Hall. A very substantial tea was provided, after which, through the kindness of Mr. Douglas Woolger, a magic lantern entertainment was given, and finally the clothing distributed. To quote from Mr. Warren's letter of thanks will best explain how much the evening was appreciated:—"I am thankful to say that we all arrived in safety and all the company were delighted; it was quite a red-letter day for them." The office-bearers desire to thank most cordially all those who have helped the Society in its initial effort, and trust that the following year may be still more fruitful in its good and useful work.

## Financial Statement.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Latham .. ..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Lamprey ..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Shepherd ..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Woolger ..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Knight ..... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Read ..... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Scourfield ..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Collections taken at Dorcas Meetings ... | 5 | 7 | 7 |
| | £8 | 7 | 7 |

| PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Material for Garments | 5 | 5 | 10½ |
| Scissors ..... | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Tea Meeting and Distribution of Clothing | 1 | 11 | 11 |
| Sundries ..... | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Balance ..... | 1 | 6 | 10½ |
| | £8 | 7 | 7 |

Audited and found correct, W. SHELLARD LATHAM.



# The Choir.

ORGANIST and CHOIR MASTER—MR. MUDIE.

TREASURER—Miss RAND.

SECRETARY—MRS. J. T. MANSELL, 44, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.

LIBRARIAN—MR. BARTLETT.

COMMITTEE—

| | |
|---|---|
| Miss COTTRELL. | Mr. PARR. |
| Miss N. HUSKISSON. | Mr. CARTER. |
| Mr. F. MUDIE. | Dr. GRAY. |

MEMBERS—

*Trebles*—Mrs. Amor, Mrs. J. T. Mansell, Mrs. R. Parsons, Misses Cottrell, Huskisson, N. Huskisson, Mudie, Parsons, Potten, Wade and Wilson.

*Altos*—Mrs. Bamford, Mrs. Parr, Misses Cotsell, Rand, Turier and Watt.

*Tenors*—Messrs. J. T. Mansell and F. Mudie.

*Basses*—Messrs. Amor, Bartlett, Jenkins, Jones, Kimpton, Parr, Piper, P. Mudie and Taylor.

We are sorry to find that the secretary has no report for publication this year; and, as there has been neither income nor expenditure, the treasurer has no account, the balance of cash in hand remaining the same as at the end of 1898, viz., £3 17s. 4d. A.D. 1899 appears to have been a "lean year" in the Choir, the members of which have become increasingly "conspicuous by absence." At a time when we have been rejoicing over so much progress in other departments of our Church-work it is regrettable (though very true to life) that there should be this little "rift in the lute." The Choir Committee are, however, making strenuous efforts to repair it, and already there are signs of renewal.

In the meantime we gratefully recognise the devotion to duty of the faithful few who have *not* deserted Mr. Mudie, but who, through evil report and good report, have remained at their posts. We believe that they have felt constrained by the highest motives to serve the Church of Christ in this way, and we trust that they may soon be joined by others of our members who are qualified by talent and by a like spirit; for then the leadership of our congregational psalmody would devolve upon a choir *consecrated to this service*—worshipping God not in the melody of song only but also "in the beauty of holiness."

# Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

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PRESIDENT—REV. HENRY OAKLEY.

TREASURER—MR. BUCKINGHAM.

SECRETARY—
Miss WEAVERS, 146, Trinity Road, Upper Tooting, S.W.

COLLECTORS—

| | |
|---|---|
| Mrs. BARTER. | Mrs. OAKLEY. |
| Mrs. CARTER. | Miss WEAVERS. |
| Mrs. GIBBS. | |

OUR OWN MISSIONARIES—

In **China:** The Rev. S. FRANK and Mrs. WHITEHOUSE, T'ai-Yuen Fu, Shansi (supported by the Church.)

In **India:** Mr. BAROI, native evangelist, Jessore, Bengal. (supported by the Young Men's Bible Class).

In **Africa:** WABIAKANA, native schoolboy, Wathen, Lower Congo. (supported by the Sunday School.)

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We have very much pleasure in presenting the report this year, seeing that we have successfully opened a new era. Most of us remember that in the month of April we held a Missionary Soirée. The Rev. J. B. Myers, in the course of his address, suggested that by a small effort we might maintain our own missionary, to which the meeting warmly responded. From the Mission House our minister was introduced to the Rev. S. Frank Whitehouse, who was eager and ready to return to China.

Mr. Whitehouse had already travelled extensively in China and had acquired the language. This opportunity of co-operating with our Society commended itself to the officers and Church alike. So ready and cheerful was the response that our minister felt justified in making the necessary arrangements, which were ratified by the Church. Since our friends have become personally known to us and since the inspiration of the valedictory service, we are the more assured that the step was a right one. May we all feel a deeper and more constant interest in the Mission-field and do all in our power to sustain the funds, and to pray that the Lord of the Harvest may give to our missionaries a large ingathering.



## Contributions.

COLLECTED BY Mrs. BARTER—

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. and Mrs. Barter ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Cotsell ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Lamprey ... ... ... | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Misses Lamprey ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Nicol ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Perkins ... ... ... ... | 0 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Read ... ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. Shepherd ... ... ... ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Wilson ... ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 11 | 18 | 0 |

COLLECTED BY Mrs. CARTER—

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Carter ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Carter ... ... ... ... | 1 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Cottrell ... ... ... ... | 0 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Elliot ... ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Hayward ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Jonas ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. W. Jones ... ... ... ... | 0 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Knowles ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. F. Lemare ... ... ... ... | 1 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. Mansell ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Mansell ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Miss R. Mansell ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Potten ... ... ... ... | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Rand ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Scourfield ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Smith ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. Stanesby ... ... ... ... | 0 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Stanesby ... ... ... ... | 0 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Woolger ... ... ... | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 16 | 7 | 0 |

COLLECTED BY Mrs. GIBBS—

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. Gibbs ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Haddon ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. Hodgkinson ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Hönick ... ... ... ... | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | |
| „ collected ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| Mrs. James ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. Kimpton ... ... ... ... | 1 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Kimpton ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Parr ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. Pyle ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Scott ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| Mr. Shears ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Spiers ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Wade ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Warren ... ... ... ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Watts ... ... ... ... ... | 0 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 7 | 19 | 6 |

COLLECTED BY MISS WEAVERS—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Allnutt | 0 | 11 | 6 |
| Mrs. Amor | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Mr. Batchelor | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Miss Bishop | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Buckingham | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Buckingham | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mrs. Chamberlin | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Evans | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| A Friend | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Miss Gannaway | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Goddard | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dr. Gray | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Huskisson | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Huskisson | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Kead | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Mr. Lamb | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Latham | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Miss Light | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Miss Lugar | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mansell | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Mickelburgh | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Mudie | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. Nall | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Rev. H. Oakley | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Oakley | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Oakley (Sarsfeld Road) | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Miss Palmer | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Parsons | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Mrs. Perkins (Ramsden Road) | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Miss F. Perkins ( „ „ ) | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Mr. Perkins (Trinity Road) | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss W. Perkins ( „ „ ) | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Miss Rand | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Mr. Rippin | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Shears | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Mr. Simpson | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Mrs. Stevenson | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. H. Stevenson | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr. Hy. Taylor | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Miss Tresidder | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Miss Twelvetrees | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mr. Walker | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs. Wallworth | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Miss Watts | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Miss Weavers | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Mrs. Whitney | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Miss E. Wooderson | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | | | 30 4 0 |

COLLECTING BOXES—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Master Bartlett | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Miss Gwen Carter | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Miss Irene Carter | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Miss Catt | 0 | 11 | 1 |
| Mrs. Haddon | 0 | 11 | 3 |



| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miss L. Mead | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Master Oakley | 0 | 6 | 7 |
| Miss Packham | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Miss L. Radley | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Mr. Hy. Taylor | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Miss Weavers | 0 | 8 | 9 |
| Miss Rosa Wellman | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| Monthly Prayer Meeting | 1 | 16 | 5 |
| | | | 5 19 2 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOXES—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miss Bishop | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Miss Byrne | 0 | 12 | 9 |
| Miss Cottrell | 1 | 11 | 10 |
| Miss F. Evans | 0 | 11 | 10 |
| Mr. Gibbs | 0 | 14 | 8 |
| Mrs. Gibbs | 0 | 16 | 8½ |
| Mrs. Huskisson | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Mrs. Latham | 2 | 11 | 4½ |
| Mr. Mansell | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Miss R. Mansell | 0 | 4 | 1½ |
| Mrs. Oakley | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Miss Parsons | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Miss Perkins | 0 | 10 | 7 |
| Miss Potten | 0 | 14 | 11 |
| Miss Scourfield | 0 | 18 | 6½ |
| Mr. Shears | 0 | 13 | 4 |
| Mrs. Shears | 0 | 14 | 4 |
| Miss Simpson | 0 | 13 | 9 |
| Mrs. Stanesby | 0 | 9 | 4 |
| Miss Turier | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| Miss Twelvetrees | 0 | 18 | 7 |
| Miss Watts | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Miss Weavers | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| | | | 21 5 7 |
| | | | £93 13 3 |

## Financial Summary.

RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Contributions (as above) | 93 | 13 | 3 |
| „ Self Denial Week | 19 | 3 | 9 |
| „ Annual Collection | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| „ Widows & Orphans | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| „ Balance from Valedictory Meeting | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| | £128 | 15 | 5 |

PAYMENTS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Widows & Orphans | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| „ Self Denial Week | 19 | 3 | 9 |
| „ Annual Collection | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| „ Juvenile Heralds | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| „ Balance in hand | 94 | 7 | 7 |
| | £128 | 15 | 5 |

Audited and found correct, { H. STEVENSON, J. AMOR.

# Miscellaneous Accounts.

## Communion Fund.

TREASURER - MR. BUCKINGHAM.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. | PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from 1898 | 3 | 10 | 7 | By Widows & Orphans Fund ..... | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| „ Widows & Orphans Fund ..... | 4 | 2 | 7 | „ Baptist Annuity Fd. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Collected at Lord's Table ..... | 19 | 8 | 9 | „ Wine..... | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Distributions ..... | 15 | 19 | 5 |
| | | | | „ Balance..... | 0 | 14 | 11 |
| | £27 | 1 | 11 | | £27 | 1 | 11 |

Audited and found correct, W. PERKINS.

## Literary and other Evenings

*Under the direction of the Deacons.*

1898-99.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. | PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To the Rev. E. C. Pike's Lecture ... | 0 | 13 | 9 | By the Rev. E. C. Pike | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| „ the Service of Song | 5 | 10 | 6 | „ Service of Song... | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| „ Mr. Hill's Lecture | 1 | 4 | 2½ | „ Mr. Hill ..... | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| „ Dr. Dallinger's Lecture..... | 22 | 15 | 0 | „ Printing ..... | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | | „ Social Evening ... | 0 | 7 | 4 |
| | | | | „ Dr. Dallinger's Lecture ..... | 16 | 11 | 6 |
| | | | | „ Mr. Downing..... | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | | „ "Witness" Fund for 1898 ..... | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| | | | | „ "Witness" Fund for 1899 ..... | 3 | 3 | 7½ |
| | £30 | 3 | 5½ | | £30 | 3 | 5½ |

Examined and found correct, GEO. BUCKINGHAM.



*Miscellaneous Accounts (continued)—*

## Curtain Fund.

TREASURER—MISS BYRNE.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. | PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from 1898 | 1 | 2 | 9 | To Flowers, etc. for S. S. Entertainmt. | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| | | | | „ Balance in hand ... | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| | £1 | 2 | 9 | | £1 | 2 | 9 |

## Pure Literature Fund.

TREASURER—MISS F. SCOURFIELD.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. | PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from 1898 | 0 | 17 | 8 | By Donation to Debt Fund ..... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| „ Profit on Sale of Magazines ..... | 4 | 1 | 0 | „ New Books for Library ..... | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Balance in hand ... | 0 | 17 | 8 |
| | £4 | 18 | 8 | | £4 | 18 | 8 |

## Junior Society of Christian Endeavour.

(*Morning Sunday School.*)

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. | PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance from 1898 | 0 | 9 | 1¼ | By Printing, Stationery, &c..... | 2 | 13 | 11¼ |
| „ Collections, &c. ... | 3 | 0 | 0¾ | „ Social ..... | 1 | 1 | 6½ |
| „ Social ..... | 0 | 14 | 10½ | „ Beechcroft Road Mission ..... ..... | 0 | 8 | 7 |
| | £4 | 4 | 0¾ | | £4 | 4 | 0¾ |

Audited and found correct, H. STEVENSON.

# "The Witness."

*Editor*—Rev. Henry Oakley.

We consider the journal has rendered a greater service to the Church during this past year than in either of the earlier years of its issue. The Debt Fund has reaped most definitely and largely, and next in order would probably be our Missionary Auxiliary; while there is not a single organisation which has not been more widely known and whose interest has not been more keenly felt by the publication of The Witness. As our membership grows, and the number interested in our Church increases, the service we can render will still be larger.

To say that we regret our balance-sheet is not more favourable does not at all express our feeling; we are bitterly disappointed, and seek in every way to make what amends are possible to us. The claims for the year's work partly explain it, together with incidents connected with the purely business elements of the magazine. If, however, the whole deficit fell upon the Church The Witness might still be claimed as one of the most cheaply worked Church journals, of any pretensions, of which we have heard. But our disappointment is not less by these considerations, as we had hoped for a balanced account.

We thank all our helpers, and especially Mr. W. S. Latham, for the costly and highly finished pictures he has enabled us to present to our readers. We have determined, with much reluctance, to reduce our expenditure, that in 1900, at least, there shall be no deficit.

## Financial Statement.

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Advertisements ... | 22 | 17 | 0 |
| „ Part of Balance from Dr. Dallingers's Lecture | 3 | 3 | 7½ |
| „ Sales ..... | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| „ Subscriptions— | | | |
| Dr. J. H Gray... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Lamprey ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Latham ..... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Mickleburgh | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rev. H. Oakley | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mr. Woolger ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Special Donation, The Editor ..... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Deficit ..... | 5 | 17 | 8½ |
| | £52 | 11 | 9 |

| Payments. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By *Home Messenger* ... | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| „ Printing ..... | 43 | 17 | 9 |
| „ Delivery ..... | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| | £52 | 11 | 9 |



"*The Witness*" *(continued)*—

FREE DISTRIBUTION FUND.

| Receipts. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deficit ..... | 3 | 16 | 0 |
| | £3 | 16 | 0 |

| Payments. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Printing 100 Copies Local Matter, 12 months ..... | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Delivery ..... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | £3 | 16 | 0 |

Audited and found correct, W. SHELLARD LATHAM.

## Summary of Contributions

**During the Year 1899.**

| Page. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20. | General Expenses Fund ... ... ... | 488 | 4 | 9* |
| 26. | Debt Fund ... ... ... ... ... | 342 | 10 | 3 |
| 29 & 43. | Sunday School ... ... ... ... ... | 103 | 15 | 3 |
| 30. | Young Men's Bible Class ... ... ... | 7 | 14 | 0 |
| 30. | „ „ „ (for Missionary Soc.) | 14 | 12 | 6 |
| 31. | Christian Endeavour Society ... ... ... | 7 | 17 | 7 |
| 32. | Band of Hope ... ... ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| 33. | Total Abstinence Society ... ... ... | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| 35. | Winter Relief ... ... ... ... ... | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| 36. | Dorcas Society ... ... ... ... ... | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| 41. | Foreign Missionary Society ... ... ... | 128 | 15 | 5 |
| 42. | Communion Fund ... ... ... ... | 19 | 8 | 9 |
| 42. | Literary Evenings (partly in 1898) ... ... | 30 | 3 | 6 |
| 44. | "The Witness" ... ... ... ... ... | 23 | 15 | 8† |
| 20 & 29. | Collections and Grants for other objects ... | 21 | 17 | 10 |
| | | £1,215 | 19 | 4 |

* Sums applied out of this Fund to special purposes are deducted here, and included under their several headings—*e.g.*, "Sunday School," "Missionary Society," &c.

† This sum is exclusive of the income derived from advertisements.

# Literary Society.

PRESIDENT—REV. H. OAKLEY.
VICE-PRESIDENTS—THE DEACONS.
TREASURER—DR. J. H. GRAY.
COMMITTEE—

| | |
|---|---|
| Mrs. J. T. MANSELL. | Mr. W. A. BARTER, LL.B. |
| Miss LAMPREY. | Mr. W. PERKINS. |
| Miss M. READ. | Mr. J. T. MANSELL. |
| Miss F. SCOURFIELD. | Mr. A. LEEMING. |

HON. SECRETARY—C. V. COATES, M.A., 21, Brenda Road, Upper Tooting.

The members of the Young Men's Bible Class having expressed a strong desire for the formation of a new Literary Society, a meeting to discuss the question was held on October 9th, Mr. Oakley presiding. After valuable suggestions by Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Read and others, the meeting unanimously adopted a resolution, moved by Mr. Osborne, to form a Literary Society, which should mainly look to debating power while not neglecting recreation. Mr. C. V. Coates and Mr. W. C. Knight were appointed joint hon. secs. By the subsequent departure of Mr. Knight to South Africa this new venture has suffered the loss—for a time at least—of one of its most zealous promoters.

The meetiings have so far been successful and the attendance has varied from 35 to 110 members and visitors.

1899. SYLLABUS.

Oct. 16th.—*Debate*—"South Africa."
Opened by Mr. C. V. COATES.
Oct. 30th.—*Adjourned Debate*—"South Africa."
Opened by Mr. W. WINSFORD.
Nov. 13th.—*Impromptu Speeches*—on "The News of the Day."
Nov. 27th.—*Debate*—on Mr. Sheldon's "In His Steps."
Opened by Mr. E. S. E. EVANS.
Dec. 11th.—*Limelight Lecture*—"America's Wonderland."
W. H. SHRUBSOLE, Esq., F.G.S., F.R.M.S.
Dec. 18th.—*Lecture*—"Richard Baxter (a study in Christian Consecration.") Rev. H. OAKLEY.

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Jan. 15th.—*Scirée.*
Jan. 29th.—*Paper*—"Electricity (with Demonstrations)."
Mr. F. C. E. BURNETT.
Feb. 12th.—*Papers*—on "Man, and his Occupations."
Lady Members.
Feb. 26th.—*Debate.*
Mar. 12th.—*Paper*—"Heroes of our Faith."
Mr. W. E. PERKINS.
Mar. 26th.—*Lecture*—"Lazare Hoche."
T. MAGEE, Esq.
April 3rd.—*Lecture*—"The Pond and its Inhabitants."
Rev. W. H. DALLINGER, D.Sc., F.R.S.



# Lawn Tennis Club.

PRESIDENT—Rev. H. OAKLEY.
TREASURER—Mr. E. J. H. CARTER.
COMMITTEE—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Miss LAMPREY. | Mrs. WOOLGER. | Mr. J. E. READ. |
| Mrs. J. T. MANSELL. | Mr. W. KNIGHT. | ,, D. ROBERTSON. |
| Miss M. READ. | ,, C. LAMPREY. | |

SECRETARY—Mr. F. E. LEMARE, 99, St. James' Road, Upper Tooting.
GROUND—The Victoria Field.

We may congratulate ourselves that at the close of this, our third season, the Club stands on a firmer basis than heretofore.

The membership now numbers 53 and there is every promise of this number being exceeded in the coming season.

As to the financial state, there would have been a balance in the hands of the Treasurer but for the outlay on the awning attached to the pavilion. The benefit of this outlay (£3 10s. 9d.) will extend for several seasons.

We accord our sincere thanks to the officers and many kind friends for their liberal support in the past. With a continuance of this assistance there is every promise of the coming season being even more successful.

## Financial Statement.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. | PAYMENTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance brought forward from 1898 ... | 1 | 0 | 6 | By Rent of Courts ... | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| ,, Subscriptions ..... | 29 | 15 | 6 | ,, Ground Man ..... | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| Proceeds from photos. taken by Mr. Colyer | 0 | 4 | 0 | ,, Awning..... | 3 | 10 | 9 |
| Collection at Social ... | 1 | 3 | 0 | ,, 8 doz. Balls ..... | 3 | 10 | 9 |
| Balance due to Treasurer ..... | 0 | 16 | 10 | ,, Netting ..... | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| | | | | ,, Social Evening ... | 1 | 11 | 7 |
| | | | | ,, Repairing Courts... | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| | | | | ,, Chairs ..... | 0 | 10 | 4 |
| | | | | ,, Sundries ..... | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| £32 | 19 | 10 | | £32 | 19 | 10 | |

Audited and found correct, E. W. STEVENSON.

*Lawn Tennis Club (continued)—*

## Subscriptions.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Miss Barter | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss M. Barter | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss Byrne | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. E. J. H. Carter | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. Carter | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. Coates | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. C. Colyer | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss M. Colyer | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. W. Cotsell | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss Cotsell | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. S. Evans | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. A. Goddard | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Dr. J. H. Gray | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. S. Henniker | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. O. Jenks | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. W. Knight | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss Knight | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. C. Lamprey | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Mrs. Lamprey | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss Lamprey | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss M. Lamprey | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. W. S. Latham | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. Latham | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Master N. Leeming | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. F. E. Lemare | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Mr. J. T. Mansell | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. J. T. Mansell | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. C. Mudie | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss. A. E. Mudie | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss Nash | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. H. Osborne | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. A. Perkins | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. J. E. Read | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. A. Read | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. W. Read | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss M. Read | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. W. Richardson | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. D. Robertson | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Miss E. Robertson | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. L. Shepherd | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. G. Wade | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss Wade | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss K. Wade | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. T. Warren | 0 | 10 | 9 |
| Miss E. Warren | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss L. Warren | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss O. Warren | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss Wilson | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Mr. S. Woolger | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Mrs. Woolger | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Master D. Woolger | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Miss L. Woolger | 0 | 10 | |
| Master C. Woolger | 0 | 10 | |
| | £29 | 15 | 6 |

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July 18th. 1900.

Interview with Rev J. Flem. London City Missionary.

Rev Flem has been L.C.M. for Putney for three years, his district being bounded by the River the Railway, Bective Road on east and Werss Road on west. He has 900 visitable families: but most of his work lies in the poor streets around the Mill where his hall is situated. This district Rev F. describes as exceedingly rough especially Marcotte and Oliver streets: of anything the district has deteriorated in these years owing to the advent of some of the roughs who have been thrust out by demolitions in Wandsworth. The inhabitants are mainly of the labouring class: but many are connected with the river as lighters and so on. Among the women are a very large number of laundresses whose husbands often load ships

Mrs F. respects a good many men in the neighbourhood of living on the prostitution of their wives. Altogether Mrs F. finds the district at a lower moral level than the Greyhound Road district in Fulham where she was for 15 years.

Mrs F. has a hall which was built about 100 years ago as a Congregational Chapel. It holds about 270 and Mrs F. appears to be much more successful than most of the L.C.C. in getting the people in. She claims a congregation of about 240 in winter and 150 in summer of whom from 1/6 to 3/- would be men. Mrs F. attributes her better success largely to the fact of her hall being better suited for services than most. That in common with others Mrs F. finds the people for the most part attend indifferent and think that Putney so far as the middle and upper classes are concerned is more than usually godless attributing this as do others to the facilities of

their dons for ~~trade~~ boating, lawn tennis, golf
and cycling.

Beyond the handy services in the Hall and
in the open air not much is doing in the ~~Hall~~ mission
there is no handy school, no mothers' meeting,
no Board of Hope: but as a substitute for
handy School there is a School for rough
children on Tuesday, attended by about 100:
and then T. has a Bible class and a talk for
policemen, which is attended at times by 12
of the 60 police at the Putney Station.

The only agency besides the mission which
is doing much in this district is the Church
of England, which has a number of
agencies, such as mothers' meetings. Besides
etc. "as to the spiritual results" said
Mr T. "I will say nothing". Mr Hanby is
kindly disposed to the mission: he attends
ignores them; refuses to speak to any of the
ministers, and only takes off his hat to them

if he heeds them in keeping with their wives.
~~And~~ The Healy Bros were met in the
house of a dying man and ignored his presence.
Miss Healy however was spoken of as kind and
sympathetic.