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The Rev. J. H. Bishop was appointed to the East End Church in 1854 and had a rather hard time. One of those who stayed with the East End Church in its hour of trial was Mr. John Burrell. The work was maintained and in time recovered from the effects of the unfortunate circumstances.

Rev. J. Jones took charge in 1855; Rev. G. E. Sanderson in 1856-57; Rev. E. B. Ryckman in 1858-59; Rev. W. R. Parker in 1860-62.

The Rev. W. R. (now Dr.) Parker, was the first minister to remain for a term of three years.

During Mr. Parker's time a free school was started to supply the



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needs of those who were unable to afford education for their children even at a low charge. There were no public schools in the east end at that time and the fees charged by private schools were too high for many to pay. This school was kept up as a free undenominational day school for eight years with an average attendance of about seventy pupils. The poorest were even supplied with books free, and in addition to all this the ladies of the church treated the children to a Christmas dinner fit for the Queen. This speaks volumes for the East End pioneers, and many men filling positions of responsibility with success to-day can testify to having received their education there. The success of the undertaking was largely