

up some four years later, and a suitable building erected and opened free of debt in 1893, at a cost of nearly £4000. The Rev. E. A. Stuart was then appointed Vicar of St. Matthew's, Bayswater.

Under the present Vicar, the Rev. E. Grose Hodge, M.A., who was appointed to St. James's in 1894, the work of the parish is well maintained. The Day and Sunday Schools are loyally supported by the congregation, and in the last four years some £400 or £500 has been expended in meeting the requirements of Government to secure their efficiency. The hearty co-operation of upwards of thirty men teachers, and a similar number of lady teachers in the Sunday Schools, many of whom give time in the week to the carrying on of youths' and girls' institutes and gymnasiums, render these agencies amongst the young an incalculable power for good.

Reference has already been made to the Nurses' Home, through which the sick poor are carefully attended in their own homes as well as at the institution itself, and supplied with nourishing food, well cooked. In addition there are clothing societies, locot

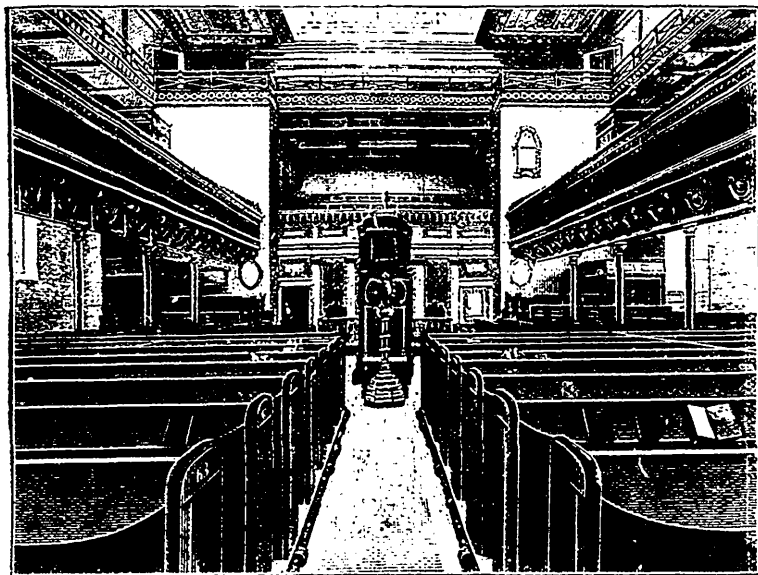
clubs, a sick benefit society, and penny bank, etc., to help the thrifty. The whole system of poor relief is under the control of a committee, to whom the district visitors report cases for investigation. A Christmas club has also been most successful for the last two years.

The coffee tavern started by the Rev. E. A. Stuart has not succeeded as such, but the building is occupied for a working girls' rest, to meet the needs of factory hands in the neighbourhood, and is used for other services on Sundays and week-days.

It has been found advisable to double the Mothers' Meetings, affording an opportunity of an evening as well as an afternoon meeting.

Great prominence has been given under the present Vicar to a development of the Temperance Society's work, and there are at least two or three meetings weekly through the winter, and open-air meetings in the summer, for this object.

A monthly *Messenger*, containing a letter from the Vicar on matters of parochial and general interest, has been inaugurated, and is distributed by the Visitors, free, to every house in the



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