

Afternoon School, Boys 130
 " Girls 120
 An increase since last October of 120 Scholars and 19 Teachers.

Large as this number is, it is only want of space which will prevent a much larger attendance; indeed the rooms are at present so inconveniently crowded, as to render it necessary to open a second school in the morning, with a view of dividing the attendance—but it has not had the desired effect, for while the early School is steadily increasing, the attendance in the afternoon is also larger, and it will be necessary to give up both rooms to the Boys, and remove the Girls into the Church.

The Sunday School Library is in a very satisfactory state, under the excellent management of the Librarian, Mr Ince; but Bibles, Testaments, and books of instruction are urgently needed, and the Committee trust that any member of the Congregation who can afford it will make donations to supply the deficiency.

The Committee believe that the existence of the Parochial Library is not generally known, or it would be more frequently taken advantage of. It consists of about 250 volumes, and a yearly subscription of \$1 constitutes a member, and entitles the party to any books to read, the subscriptions being employed in the purchase of new works.

THE DORCAS SOCIETY.

This Society resumed its charitable labours in October, and the Ladies who have undertaken the important duties connected with it, have regularly met every Saturday, to make and distribute clothing to the deserving poor. Very great benefit has been derived from their exertions; the number of children in the Sunday Schools has been greatly increased, from their being provided with decent clothing, and many families have been assisted, who from want of employment have been and are still in great distress.

The number of garments distributed has been	760
Pairs of boots and shoes	46
Comfortables	8
Pairs of blankets.....	7
Cords of wood.....	12

Of which six cords were given by a member of the Congregation

Receipts, £67 12s. 2d; Disbursements, £67 3s. 7d.; Cash in hand, \$s 6jd.

Notwithstanding this large amount of good, from the admirable management displayed, no debt has been incurred.

The usual statements connected with it are appended to the report.

FRIENDLY HELPERS

This branch of parish work, founded in 1857, with a view of assisting the Clergy in Parochial Visiting, have continued their exertions. Fifteen Ladies and Gentlemen have volunteered their services; but it is very evident, that in a parish comprising twenty-eight streets and lanes (and which are yearly increasing,) inhabited by a dense population of 11,000 souls, one-third of whom acknowledge themselves as members of the Church, a much larger number of visitors is required efficiently to organize the parish; and it is earnestly hoped, that there are many who will gladly devote an hour or two, even of an evening, once or twice a week, to assist in this most important duty.

The objects contemplated are:—

1. To find out the Church families resident within the parish, and enter them on their registers, with the number of children in each.

2. To induce the parents to send their children to the Day and Sunday Schools, and accompany them to Church

3. To inform the Clergy of those who have children for Baptism, and also of a proper age for Confirmation.

4. To visit the sick, and relieve the wants of those who are in distress, by assisting them to procure work, and in all other ways in their power. It is in fact to bind into one common brotherhood the rich and the poor—those who have the means of relieving the wants of others, and those who need assistance, to make the poor feel that they are not an isolated class, in which no one takes an interest, and on the other hand to enlarge the sympathy and Christian benevolence of those to whom Providence has granted the means of doing good; and in a word to carry into practical effect the Scriptural idea of the Church of Christ, which is a society for the discharge of every Christian act of love.

It is hoped that during the ensuing year a more complete organization of the various branches of parish work referred to will be carried out, and thus a much larger amount of good will be accomplished.

The Committee regret to observe, that the Offertory collections have fallen far short of the sum actually required for the wants of our own parish; but this has arisen not from a want of ability on the part of the large Congregation regularly worshipping in the Church, but from a lack of that self-denying principle which it is incumbent upon us all to practice, that of dedicating a fixed portion of our income, as God has prospered us, to his Service.

They would earnestly invite the attention of their fellow-worshippers to the dilapidated state of the Church. To prevent a complete decay, extensive repairs must at once be undertaken. The roof is in a very imperfect state, and the rain and snow are eating into the walls. They can hardly imagine (these facts being known) that those who stately worship within the Church, and enjoy her ministrations, unincumbered with pew-rents, will permit God's house to lie waste and go to decay, while they themselves are living in houses replete with every comfort and even luxury; they rather hope, that the Congregation, as a body, will gladly evince their gratitude to God for the many blessings they enjoy, by coming forward in that spirit of Christian love and devotion which has founded so many magnificent temples, and rendered our branch of the Catholic Church, in all ages, the glory of our country, and the joy of the whole earth.

They would also call their attention to the large debt still due for building the Schools, and which it is very necessary to provide for.

The Committee feel that they have a right to the support of every member of the Congregation; all can give something (and it is an ascertained fact that one-third of the Congregation give nothing,) and they cannot expect that God will prosper their undertakings unless they obey his commands. Freely have they received, and freely should they give, and return into the treasury of the Lord a portion of what he has bestowed upon them—not for their own use alone, but in order that they may evince their gratitude to Him, by dedicating a portion to His service from whom all temporal and spiritual blessings are derived.

A large number of this Congregation appear to misunderstand the intent of making a Church free—that they are at liberty to give or not to give according to their inclination, notwithstanding the express command of Holy Scripture to the contrary: they seem to imagine that a Church having been provided for them, unincumbered with the objectionable pew system—for which

they would have to pay a much larger sum annually than would, if offered freely to God's service, provide ample means for the decent maintenance of religion—that no obligation rests upon them, to offer of their substance to the Lord. In the earliest and purest ages of the Church, rich and poor met together in one body, and those who had wealth gave to the Church, that assistance might be afforded to their poorer brethren; and that such was the intention of the munificent foundress of our own parish Church, we have ample evidence to show. She followed out the scriptural practice, "that the rich and the poor should meet together, the Lord being the maker of them all;" and thus by relieving them from the compulsory payment of pews, they would be enabled to dedicate voluntarily a larger portion of their worldly goods to the service of Almighty God, and carry out in their fullest integrity the Church's objects, and the Church's charities.

They would further point out, as an additional motive for alms-giving, if any are needed, that the whole expense of the parish,—except about £196 of an endowment, out of which has to be paid insurance, &c.,—is borne from the weekly offertory, and that the small sum of six-pence per week, from each member of the Congregation, would provide ample means for our necessities.

In conclusion, your Committee would earnestly pray that God would so dispose the hearts of all the Congregation, so that such appeals may again be unnecessary, feeling as they do that it is humiliating to them to have to make them, and ought to be still more humiliating to the Congregation to receive them.

H. SCADDING, D.D.,
 Chairman.

W. M. WESTMACOTT,
 Secretary

PRESENTATION TO REV. E. W. BEAVEN.

On Saturday last, the teachers and scholars of St. John's Church, Prescott, presented their late Superintendent, Rev. E. W. Beaven, with a valuable silver inkstand, on the occasion of his departure from among them.—The device was a peculiarly happy one, and the selection reflected great credit on the donors: old father time, with his venerable locks, holding in one hand his scythe, and in the other the world,—surmounted by a scroll on which was neatly engraved (by Mr. Barnett,) the following inscription: "Presented to Rev. E. W. Beaven, by the teachers and scholars of St. John's Church Sunday School, Prescott, April 9, 1859."

The presentation took place in the school room attached to the church, which was well filled by the scholars, teachers and ladies of the congregation, who took this means to express their sorrow at the departure of the Rev. gentleman. The address was read by Mrs. Elms, and was as follows:—

TO THE REV. E. W. BEAVEN,
 Late Assistant Minister,
 St. John's Church Prescott.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Before your departure from the Parish the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School recently under your charge, desire to express to you their regret at the necessity which has led to their separation from you as their school superintendent and spiritual adviser. During their happy intercourse with you in the school and elsewhere, they have ever found you zealous, kind and anxious for the proper discipline and success of those engaged with you in the blessed work of religious education, and they doubt not but under God's grace you will continue