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WESTMINSTER SCHOOL MISSION.

THE Committee are now able to submit some account of their proceedings, and in particular the detailed scheme for the practical working of the Mission, which was adopted on June 21.

In doing so they would express their earnest hope that the plan selected may commend itself to O.W.W., and that the effort the School is making to organise its charity may meet with a general and generous support in the O.W.W. world. Some donations have been already received and are published below; but the Committee may venture to say that they would set most value on promises of subscriptions to be given for a term of years, as unless there is a guarantee of this kind it will be difficult to conduct the Mission with proper confidence and

energy. The Committee are also most anxious to obtain personal assistance from O.W.W. in the way of giving lectures, directing Sunday or other services, and superintending classes. Even a visit from those interested in any portion of the work is of use. This more than anything else will stamp the undertaking with the character of a Westminster School Mission. It is impossible to overestimate the good which may spring from such personal interest. Not only will those whom we wish to assist be benefited directly, but nothing else will tend to produce in the School a deeper consciousness of the value of the work and a wider sense of individual responsibility for its support. Mr. H. G. Rawson, 23 Old Square, W.C., and Mr. M. W. C. Marklove, 1 Little Dean's Yard, S.W., Hon. Treasurers, will be happy to receive contributions; or they may be paid into the credit of the Westminster School Mission Fund at

Messrs. Cocks and Biddulph's, Charing Cross, S.W. Any offers of personal assistance should be made for the present to the Secretary, the Rev. W. Failes, 14 Barton Street, Westminster.

The Committee had various schemes presented for their consideration, and they did not without careful deliberation decide on the Charing Cross Road scheme, nor without a full appreciation of both the advantages and the difficulties attending some other plans which looked at first sight attractive, and were influentially recommended to them.

The subjoined scheme, among other merits, in their eyes possessed these, that, while the Vicar of the parish offered his hearty co-operation, he did not in any way fetter the discretion of the Committee in their management of the Mission; and also that it involved no large initial outlay for a site or building, nor standing charges for rent and taxes, as the rooms are placed at our disposal gratuitously. There was only one condition attached to the use of the building, viz. that the technical classes already in existence there should not be displaced. This condition the Committee were ready to accept; and they thought, indeed, that the concurrent working of a religious as well as an industrial side of the Mission might enlist an even wider sympathy with the work in hand.

With this preface the Committee commend to O.W.W. and the School generally the scheme embodied in the report of their sub-Committee, and they also append a financial statement up to the present date.

No apology will be needed for the appearance of an extra number of *The Elizabethan*. For the last fifteen years *The Elizabethan* has furnished the chronicle and brief abstract of our life here. Now that a new departure is being taken, there seems no more appropriate mode of circulating and commemorating the fact than the issue of a special number of this paper; and the Committee must not omit to tender their thanks to the Head Master for generously rendering possible a step which they feel will insure a welcome to their appeal.

SCHOOL MISSION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE Sub-Committee appointed to draw up in detail a scheme on the basis of that proposed by Mr. Rawson met in the Old Library on Thursday, May 31, and on Tuesday, June 5, 1888.

On the former of these occasions the Rev. R. Gwynne was present.

They recommend that the Mission should make use of the school buildings adjoining St. Mary's Church, Charing Cross Road, which have been placed at its disposal, free of charge, by the Rev. Robert Gwynne, Vicar of St. Mary's, for each evening of the week, and for part of Sunday afternoon in addition. The accommodation provided consists of three large rooms, each capable of holding forty boys, and three class-rooms holding about twenty each. One of the large rooms is occupied by the School Board during three evenings in the week, but, if necessary, it is very probable that the use of this room could also be secured on those evenings by application to the Board. The only expenses connected with the rooms would be for lighting, firing, and caretaker—say £20 a year.

The scheme of the Mission should be as follows:

I. THE RELIGIOUS WORK.

This would be either under the superintendence of Mr. Gwynne and his curates (who have offered their assistance if desired), or, perhaps preferably, under that of some person receiving a salary out of the funds of the Mission—say £70 or £80 a year. A mission service would be held for boys, and, if desirable, for their friends and relatives, during Sunday afternoon or evening, according to the time of year, in one of the large rooms above mentioned. A Bible-class would also be held on one or more evenings during the week. The initial outlay for this part of the work would probably amount (including a piano) to £40.

2. THE BOYS' CLUB AND GYMNASIUM.

A portable gymnastic apparatus—horizontal and parallel bars and horse—can be erected in the lowest of the three large rooms, which is very well suited for the purpose. This, with musical drill and other athletic exercises, will give a good opportunity for O.W.W. to assist personally in the work. Entertainments should also be given, if possible, once a

week. A lantern and slides may either be provided from the Mission funds, or borrowed as required from the Recreative Evening School Association. The expense at starting for the club and gymnasium is estimated at £13. There would also be, in connection, cricket and swimming clubs. The outfit for the former would probably cost about £5. The annual expenditure for this branch of the Mission is estimated at about £20, out of which the expenses of expeditions to places of interest would also be paid.

3. THE RECREATIVE EVENING SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASSES.

This term includes the various classes taught by volunteers provided by the R.E.S.A. These, as a rule, embrace the following subjects:—

(1) *Commercial*, viz. geography and arithmetic applied to practical purposes, modern languages, shorthand, book-keeping, drawing—of various sorts—and the like.

Several of these classes are already in existence.

(2) *Practical*. Technical classes have been started provisionally by Mr. Churchman, the manager of Messrs. Elliott Bros., the well-known opticians and instrument makers of St. Martin's Lane, and they have been organised by means of volunteer teachers in the employ of that firm. They embrace cabinet-making, carpentry, fretwork, wood-carving, repoussé, metal work, and might also include electrical engineering.

The expense for tools, &c. if the classes are restricted to about forty boys, would amount to about £60, which might well come out of capital, as it would represent a plant which would deteriorate very slowly in value.

It would be desirable to have a paid responsible teacher in this department. The name of Mr. Degerdon, who managed Professor Stuart's technical school at Cambridge for some years, is suggested. His salary would be about £30 a year. He is a teacher of exceptional ability. The cost of materials for these classes would amount to about £10 a year.

If the funds of the Mission would admit of it, it would perhaps be desirable to make some additional outlay on tools and apparatus, especially for electrical engineering classes, as Elliott Bros. and Woodhouse & Rawson offer to take into their employ those who pass through the electrical classes, and this would probably be a great attraction and benefit to the pupils. At present there are twenty-six in the technical classes; but there are both space and competent volunteer

teachers for a very much larger number, who, it is believed, would be anxious to join in the autumn. After July these classes will be temporarily suspended, as outdoor attractions will prove too great, and excursions and swimming and cricket clubs will be employed for keeping the pupils together until the classes begin again in September.

The expenses of this scheme, initial and annual, are estimated to be as stated below:—

I.

For Furniture, Plant, &c., to come out of Capital.

	£	s.	d.
Furniture and fittings	10	0	0
Books and cupboard	10	0	0
Piano	20	0	0
Gymnastic and musical drill apparatus	10	0	0
Cricket outfit	5	0	0
Lantern	5	5	0
Tools for 40 boys in four subjects	60	0	0
Evening classes	5	0	0
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	£125	5	0

II.

Annual, to come out of Income.

	£	s.	d.
General superintendent	70	0	0
Technical classes	30	0	0
Materials for the same	10	0	0
Firing, lighting, and caretaker	20	0	0
Expeditions, entertainments, &c.	20	0	0
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	£150	0	0

June 21, 1888.

The following donations, contributed before the issue of any appeal, have been already received:—

	£	s.	d.
B. Gidley, Esq. (annual)	1	1	0
Rev. H. M. Ingram	100	0	0
Oswell Macleay, Esq.	1	1	0
Rev. J. Marshall	10	0	0
Rt. Hon. Sir J. Mowbray, Bart., M.P.	10	0	0
J. R. Turle, Esq.	5	0	0
<i>Westminster Review</i>	1	16	3
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	£128	18	3

The capital of the Fund, including Mr. Ingram's £100, is now £300, invested partly in Metropolitan Consolidated Stock and partly in Indian Three per Cent. Stock. Cash at bankers', £69. 17s. 7d.

One or two other promises of subscriptions have been given, and in particular the Head Master has kindly promised to increase for the next five years the School offertories collected in Abbey by one-fourth of their amount. These offertories have lately produced about £70 at year.

M. W. C. MARKLOVE
(for the Committee).

IN reply to our correspondent, W. W. J., we beg to say that though we should gladly have printed any letters containing practical suggestions for the management of the Mission, the time is now past for discussing what scheme should be adopted.

Another correspondent, singing himself 'D. W. Mande,' raises some points to which also the above remark applies. He adds, however, his 'great disappointment that it is considered quite impossible that any boy while at the School should be permitted personally to inspect the working of the Mission, the only compromise being apparently the vague promise of an annual entertainment.'

It may be observed that what, if any, part the boys are to take personally in the Mission, is a question purely and simply of School discipline, and its decision must rest with the School authorities. But, so far as we are aware, School Missions are in no case dependent on the boys for personal assistance. To mention no other reasons why this should be so, there is the obvious risk of infection, and masters would ill discharge their responsibility to parents and boys if they allowed the latter to incur any avoidable risks.—ED. 'ELIZABETHAN' (*pro hac vice*).

General superintendant	75
Technical classes	30
Masters for the same	10
Printing, lighting, and cleaning	20
Expeditious entertainment	20
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The following donations contributed before the close of the year, have been already received:—

R. Gidley, Esq. (annual)	1
Rev. H. M. Ingram	100
Oswell Mackley, Esq.	1
Rev. J. Marshall	10
Rev. Canon Sir J. Mowbray, Bart.	10
M.P.	10
J. R. Tait, Esq.	5
W. H. Tait, Esq.	10
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It would be desirable to have a paid teacher in this department. The name of the teacher who managed the classes was mentioned at Committee for some time, it is suggested that a salary would be about £200 a year. His salary would be about £200 a year. The cost of instruction of exceptional ability. The cost of instruction for these classes would amount to about £200 a year. If the funds of the Mission would admit of it, it would perhaps be desirable to make some additional provision for boys and a general expenditure for educational engineering class, or other class, and Woodhouse & Harrison offer to take the boys employ those who pass through the technical class, and the world might be a great advantage to the public. At present the boys are in the technical classes;