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Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green,

IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

24 JAN 1873

ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT
OF
RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE,

For the Year ending 25th March, 1872,

TOGETHER WITH

A Summary Statement of all Contracts entered into,

AND OF

MONEYS DUE TO, AND DEBTS OWING BY, THE VESTRY ON THAT DAY;

ALSO, THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT BY VESTRY,

WITH A LIST OF ITS SEVERAL

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

LONDON:

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1872.

THE VESTRY

OF THE

PARISH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

In the County of Middlesex,

UNDER THE

METROPOLIS LOCAL MANAGEMENT ACT.

REV. SEPTIMUS C. H. HANSARD, M.A., *Rector.*

Years to
serve.

East Ward.

3	AMES, Mr. THOMAS	77, Green Street.
2	BRADBROOK, Mr. THOMAS FREDERICK	117, Green Street.
3	HALL, Mr. JOHN	10, Chisenhale Road.
3	JACKSON, Mr. HENRY	Lansdown Terrace, Grove Road.
2	MANSFIELD, Mr. WILLIAM	35, Approach Road.
2	PATERSON, Mr. JOHN	9 & 10, Peel Grove.
1	WARD, Mr. EDWIN	13, East Side, The Green.
1	WEBB, Mr. GEORGE SAMUEL	St. James's Place, Old Ford Road.
1	WRIGHT, Mr. THOMAS	17, Park Terrace, Old Ford Road.

WATSON, Mr. JOHN, 6, Sewardstone Road East—*Auditor.*

West Ward.

1	ASHFORD, Mr. RICHARD HENRY	244, Bethnal Green Road.
2	AVENELL, Mr. WILLIAM JAMES	63, Squirries Street.
3	BRADBROOK, Mr. WILLIAM JOHN ..	258, Bethnal Green Road.
1	COLLINS, Mr. WILLIAM DAVIS	40, Old Castle Street.
1	DYER, Mr. WILLIAM	184, Bethnal Green Road.
1	FRANCIS, Mr. THOMAS WATSON	2, Hackney Road.
3	HOOKE, Mr. WILLIAM THOMAS	170, Bethnal Green Road.
2	JACOBS, Mr. JOSEPH	27, Nelson Street, Friar's Mount.
1	NICHOLSON, Mr. GEORGE HENRY	124, Bethnal Green Road.
3	PAUL, Mr. JAMES	80, Bethnal Green Road.
3	PAYNE, Mr. GEORGE FREDERICK	180, Bethnal Green Road.
2	PERRIN, Mr. WILLIAM	162, Hackney Road.
2	SMITHERS, Mr. DANIEL	142, Hackney Road.
2	TURNELL, Mr. WILLIAM	17, Tyssen street.
3	WILLSON, Mr. JOHN	252, Cambridge Road.

CHILD, Mr. BENJAMIN, 172, Bethnal Green Road—*Auditor.*

Years to
serve.

North Ward.

2	ATTWELL, Mr. ORLANDO THOMAS ..	278, Hackney Road.
3	BEALE, Mr. ROBERT	4, Victoria Place, Oval, Hackney Road.
1	COOK, Mr. THOMAS	435, Hackney Road.
3	EDWARDS, Mr. JAMES HENRY	56, Elizabeth Street.
3	ENGLEBURTT, Mr. WILLIAM	371, Hackney Road.
1	KEITH, Mr. WILLIAM	9, North Side, Bethnal Green.
1	MILES, Mr. HENRY	250, Cambridge Road.
2	OWEN, Mr. EDWARD	328, Hackney Road.
2	THORPE, Mr. GEORGE	453, Hackney Road.

South Ward.

1	BEVEN, Mr. THOMAS	King Edward Road, and Pollard Row.
1	BROWN, Mr. JAMES	1, Gibraltar Place, Bethnal Green Road.
2	COKE, The Rev. EDWARD FRANCIS ..	The Vicarage, St. James the Great.
3	COOK, Mr. JOHN	326, Bethnal Green Road.
2	COOK, Mr. EDMUND MIALL	326, Bethnal Green Road.
3	FORREST, Mr. CHRISTOPHER	17, East Side, Bethnal Green.
2	GOODWIN, Mr. JAMES ANTHONY	344, Bethnal Green Road.
1	GREGORY, Mr. JOHN	291, Cambridge road.
3	LACEY, Mr. GEORGE	471, Bethnal Green Road.
3	LINK, Mr. JOHN DAVID	30, Weaver Street.
1	MEADWAY, Mr. GEORGE	354, Bethnal Green Road.
2	PEREIRA, Mr. HENRY	429, Bethnal Green Road.
3	PRINGLE, Mr. WILLIAM BIGGS	270, Hackney Road.
1	REEDER, Mr. FULCHER	12, Prospect Place.
2	SMOUT, Mr. JOHN	378, Bethnal Green Road.

WRIGHT, Mr. WILLIAM, 233, Cambridge Road—*Auditor.*

Member for the Parish of the Metropolitan Board of Works:

THOS. BEVEN, Esq., Stanley Villa, King Edward Road, E.

Medical Officer of Health.

THOMAS SARVIS, Esq., M.D., 350, Bethnal Green Road.

Surveyor.

MR. WILLIAM MUNDY, the Vestry Hall, Church Row, Bethnal Green Road.

Collectors of Poor, General, and other Rates.

MR. WILLIAM ISAAC SHENTON, Charles Terrace, Victoria Park—*East Ward.*

MR. HENRY LIEBRECHT, 379, Hackney Road—*North Division, West Ward.*

MR. WILLIAM NATHANIEL EAGLES, 30, Approach Road—*South Division, West Ward.*

MR. EUSTACE SHEPHERD SMITH, Princes Terrace, Bonner Road—*North Ward.*

MR. HENRY JOHN BLISS, 164, Bethnal Green Road—*South Ward.*

Beadle.

MR. JOHN WILLIAM BURROWS, Ivy Cottage, Prospect Place, Cambridge Heath.

Sanitary Inspectors.

MR. CHARLES ALEXANDER CRISTEY,
MR. JOHN WILLIAM BURROWS,
MR. WILLIAM WALTER BURROWS, and
MR. JOSHUA LAPWORTH,

} The Vestry Hall.

Vestry-hall Keeper.

MR. WILLIAM PAGE.

ROBERT VOSS, *Vestry Clerk.*

*Office. The Vestry Hall, Church Row,
Bethnal Green Road.*

Memorandum.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, Auditors of the Parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, in the County of Middlesex, having duly Examined and Investigated the Accounts of the said Vestry, from the 25th day of March, 1871, to the 25th day of March, 1872, and the Vouchers in support of the same, together with the Books, Papers, Instruments, and Writings relating thereto, Do HEREBY CERTIFY that we have this day Audited such Accounts at the Vestry Hall, Church Row, Bethnal Green Road, in the said Parish, and that the same are True and Correct.

Given under our hands this 24th day of May, 1872,

WM. WRIGHT,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
B. CHILD,		
JOHN WATSON,		

The Vestry of the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, in the County of Middlesex.

Abstract and Summary of Accounts from the 25th March, 1871, to the 25th March, 1872.

GENERAL RATE.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Goddard's Rents, One Year (less Commission)	18	19 8	Debit Balance on the 25th March, 1871, being an excess of Payments over Receipts	968	15 8
Contributions by Owners of Property in New Streets, towards cost of Paving	575	0 0	Roads, Labour, Carting, Granite, Flints, Hard Core, Implements, &c.	2569	13 4
Scavenging:—Fines imposed on Contractors.....	100	0 0	Scavenging	5128	4 4
Fines received on Prosecutions	5	10 0	Lighting	3497	15 7
Commercial Gas Company, for reinstating Roads, &c.	£11	12 9	Paving Repairs and Alterations	1846	0 4
Imperial Gas Company ditto.....	144	15 1	Interest on Mortgages granted by the late Paving Commissioners	614	15 0
East London Waterworks Company, ditto.....	151	5 0	Collectors' Poundage	423	16 5
	307	12 10	Watering, Repairs to Stand-posts, &c., and for Water	360	12 0
Amount paid into Bank subsequently to Lady-day, 1871, of Rate made at Christmas, 1870.....	481	9 10	Compensation Annuities to Collectors of the late Paving Commission (less Income Tax) ..	58	15 0
Amount of Rate at 6d. in the £, made at Lady-day, 1871, and Arrears of former Rate collected at Midsummer	5697	8 8	One Year's Rent of Wharf to Michaelmas last (less Income Tax)	29	7 6
Amount of Rate at 6d. in the £, made at Midsummer, 1871, and Arrears of former Rate collected at Michaelmas....	5848	1 8	Incidentals:—Parliamentary Agent, Sundry Repairs to Hall and Offices, Water Supply, and Petty Disbursements ..	318	19 0
Amount of Rate at 6d. in the £, made at Michaelmas, 1871, and Arrears of former Rate collected at Christmas	5694	1 8	Sanitary:—Bedding supplied, Disinfectants, Destroying Beds, and sundry Disbursements ..	217	16 0
Amount of Rate at 5d. in the £, made at Christmas, 1871, and Arrears of former Rate collected and paid into the Bank on the 25th March, 1872	4270	0 0	Royal Exchange Assurance (1st Loan), Sixth Annual Instalment of £10,000, advanced on Mortgage 6th December, 1865	500	0 0
			Ditto, Interest on Balance of Mortgage for One Year, at 5 per cent.	365	12 6
			Ditto (2nd Loan), Fourth Annual Instalment of £10,000, advanced on Mortgage 11th July, 1867	500	0 0
			Ditto, Interest on Balance of Mortgage for One Year at 5 per cent.	402	3 9

Proceeds of Sale of Green Yard	100	0	0
Loan from Special Fund for Paving Carriageways	1500	0	0
Fees on granting Licences to erect Hoarding	50	0	0
Half of Interest allowed by the Central Bank of London on account current..	7	5	5

£24,655 9 9

London Life Association, Fourth Annual Instalment of £16,000, advanced on Mortgage 5th June, 1867	800	0	0	✓
Ditto, Interest on Balance of Mortgage for One Year at 4½ per cent.	596	14	0	
Ditto, Second Annual Instalment of £7000, advanced on Mortgage 8th of April, 1869	350	0	0	✓
Ditto, Interest on Balance of Mortgage for One Year at 4½ per cent.	285	6	10	
Ditto, Second Annual Instalment of £10,000, advanced on Mortgage 3rd March, 1870	500	0	0	✓
Ditto, Interest on Balance of Mortgage for One Year at 4½ per cent.	416	16	3	
Paving New Streets:—Payments to Mr. J. Griffiths, for Curbing and Paving Peel Grove	260	10	5	
Assessment Committee:—Printing and other Disbursements, and Preparation of Valuation Lists	171	7	11	
School Board, Amount of Precept for Expenses of	541	16	8	
Half of Payments for Stipends, Printing, Books, Stationery, Overseers' Expenses, and Sundry Charges common to Sewers and General Rates	975	19	8	
Balance on the 25th March, 1872	1954	11	7	
	<u>£24,655</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	

REDEMPTION OF MORTGAGES GRANTED BY THE LATE PAVING COMMISSIONERS.

Amount Payable at Michaelmas, 1871, as per last Account	£927
To 4 per Cent. on £15,600	624

Amount Payable at Michaelmas, 1872

£1551

SEWERS RATE.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand 25th March, 1871	1125	8	2	Cleansing, Repairing, and Flushing Sewers.....	491	16	7
Amount paid into the Bank subsequently to Lady-day, 1871, of Arrears of Rate, made Christmas, 1870.....	185	8	8	Collectors' Poundage	48	9	6
Amount of Rate at 1 <i>d.</i> in the £, made at Midsummer, 1871, and Arrears of former Rate, collected and paid into the Bank at Michaelmas, 1871	925	13	5	Provident Life Office—Interest on Balance of Mortgage for One Year at 5 per cent	79	11	8
Amount of Rate at 1 <i>d.</i> in the £, made at Christmas, 1871, and Arrears of former Rate, collected and paid into the Bank at Lady-day, 1872	847	0	0	Ditto, Fourteenth Annual Instalment of £5,000, advanced on Mortgage 7th May, 1857.....	250	0	0
Half of Interest allowed by Central Bank of London on account current.....	7	5	5	Eagle Assurance Company—Interest on Balance of Mortgage for One Year, at 4½ per cent.	97	8	10
				Ditto, Twelfth Annual Instalment of £5,000, advanced on Mortgage, 4th August, 1859	250	0	0
				London Life Association—Interest on Balance of Mortgage for One Year, at 4½ per cent.	199	12	8
				Ditto, Eighth Annual Instalment of £7,000, advanced on Mortgage 30th December, 1863	350	0	0
				Incidentals:—Bricks, Lime, Cement, Stoneware, Glazed Pipes, Gully Gratings, Brooms, Lanterns, Repairs, &c.	62	10	2
				Urinals—Water Supply	6	2	10
				Metropolitan Board of Works, pursuant to Precept dated the 10th February, 1871, for proportion of Liabilities existing before the expiration of the Metropolitan Sewer Act, 1848	173	7	5
				Half of Payments for Stipends, Printing, Books, Stationery, Overseers' Expenses, and Sundry Charges common to the General and Sewers Rates	975	19	7
				Balance on the 25th March, 1872	105	16	5
	£3090	15	8		£3090	15	8

METROPOLITAN CONSOLIDATED RATE.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand on the 25th March, 1871	1614 18 11	Metropolitan Board of Works for Principal and Interest of	
Amount paid into the Bank, subsequently to Lady-day, 1871,		Securities granted before the passing of the Loans Act,	
of Arrears of Rate made Michaelmas, 1870	42 10 8	1869, Fire Brigade and General Expenses, pursuant to	
Amount of Rate at 1 <i>d.</i> in the £, made at Lady-day, 1871,		Precept	3575 15 3
and Arrears of former Rate, collected and paid into the		Collectors' Poundage	38 3 1
Bank at Midsummer, 1871	933 15 4		
Amount of Rate at 1 <i>d.</i> in the £, made at Midsummer, 1871,			
and Arrears of former Rate collected and paid into the			
Bank	996 2 5		
Balance at Lady-day, being an excess of Expenditure over			
Receipts	26 11 0		
	<u>£3613 18 4</u>		<u>£3613 18 4</u>

SUMMARY.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance due from Metropolitan Consolidated Rate	26 11 0	Balance of General Rate Account	1954 11 7
Cash at Central Bank of London, Shoreditch, £2158 11 0		Ditto of Sewer Rate Account	105 16 5
<i>Less Uncleared Cheques:</i>			
Peter Ernst's Executors ...	£13 13 0		
Commercial Gas Company ..	67 2 6		
G. Ludbrook & Co	4 5 6		
East London Water Works			
Company	1 6 10		
R. S. Bond	2 11 0		
David Brooks	33 14 6		
J. Roberts	2 0 8		
	—124 14 0		
	<u>2033 17 0</u>		
	<u>£2060 8 0</u>		<u>£2060 8 0</u>

LOAN FOR PAVING CARRIAGEWAYS.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
1871.		£ s. d.	1871.		£ s. d.
March 25.	Balance at Lady-day, 1871	1728 8 7	June 31.	Loan to General Rate	1500 0 0
	Interest allowed by Central Bank of London .	16 19 9	1872.		
			March 25.	Balance on 25th March, 1872	245 8 4
		<u>£1745 8 4</u>			<u>£1745 8 4</u>

LOAN FOR PAVING FOOTWAYS OF OLD STREETS.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
1871.		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
March 25.	Balance at Lady-day, 1871	197 7 6	J. J. Griffiths, paid on account		197 7 6
		<u>197 7 6</u>			<u>197 7 6</u>

STATEMENT OF MONEYS DUE TO, AND DEBTS OWING BY, THE VESTRY ON THE 25TH MARCH, 1872.

MONEYS DUE TO				MONEYS OWING BY			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Central Bank of London, as per foregoing Summary	2033	17	0	Stipends	384	10	0
Central Bank of London — Balance of Loan for Paving				Poundage to Five Collectors	114	5	10
Carriageways	245	8	4	Compensation Annuities	30	0	0
Amount of Rates in hands of five Collectors on Quarter-day,				Robert Wright—Rent of Wharf to Lady-day	15	0	0
and paid into Central Bank of London	807	19	1	Imperial Gas Company	804	12	1
Arrears of General Rate at Lady-day, 1872	223	3	10	Commercial Gas Company	66	17	5
Ditto Sewer ditto	41	4	7	Aird & Sons—Repairs to Stand-posts	1	2	0
Ditto Metropolitan Consolidated ditto	1	0	9	S. Toye—for Brooms	54	9	6
Half Year's Rent of Goddard's Rents (less Income Tax and				J. G. Butt—Lime, Cement, Bricks, &c.	11	17	0
Commission)	9	9	10	W. Fox—Disinfectants	3	6	8
East London Water Works Company, for reinstating Roads	47	19	4	W. W. Burrows—for Disbursements	3	9	0
Commercial Gas Company ditto	6	14	1	Joseph Brooks—Smith's Work	2	1	5
Imperial Gas Company ditto	29	10	11	G. Carter—Plumber's Work	7	2	2
				Income Tax	50	0	0
				J. Mansfield—Carting	34	15	2
				Forsyth & Sons—for Printing	29	11	6
				Stacy Brothers—for Stationery	15	11	9
				Surveyor—Disbursements	13	2	11
				J. J. Griffiths (General Account)	2066	19	2
				Ditto, Special Paving Account, about	1500	0	0
				Hall Keeper—Disbursements	2	12	6
				East London Water Company	3	15	0
				Woods—for Beds	2	11	6

LIABILITIES.

Amount unpaid of Mortgages, granted by the late Paving Commission, and chargeable on the General Rate, £15,600.

Compensation Annuities of £30 each, payable for life to two Collectors of the late Paving Commission.

- 1,500—Balance of Mortgage of Sewers Rates for £5000, borrowed of the Provident Life Office in May, 1857, for defraying cost of construction of New Sewers, and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at 5 per cent.
- 2,000—Balance of Mortgage of Sewers Rates for £5000, borrowed of the Eagle Assurance Company in August, 1859, for defraying cost of construction of New Sewers, and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.
- 4,200—Balance of Mortgage of Rates for £7000, borrowed of the London Life Association in December, 1863, for defraying cost of construction of New Sewers, and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, to be reduced to £4 10s. per cent. per annum on payment of the instalments of principal and interest within thirty days after they respectively become due.
- 7,000—Balance of Mortgage of Rates for £10,000, borrowed of the Corporation of the Royal Exchange Assurance in December, 1865, towards defraying cost of Paving Footways of "Old Streets," and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum.
- 8,000—Balance of Mortgage of Rates for £10,000, borrowed of the Corporation of the Royal Exchange Assurance in July, 1867, towards defraying cost of Paving Footways of "Old Streets," and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum.
- 12,800—Balance of Mortgage of Rates for £16,000, borrowed of the London Life Association in December, 1867, for defraying the cost of Paving the Carriageways of Hackney Road and Whitechapel Road, and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, to be reduced to £4 10s. per cent. per annum on payment of the instalments of principal and interest within thirty days after they respectively become due.
- 5,300—Mortgage of Rates for £7000, borrowed of the London Life Association in April, 1869, for defraying the cost of Paving the Carriageway of Green Street, and the unpaved portion of the Carriageway of Bethnal Green Road, and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, to be reduced to £4 10s. per cent. per annum on payment of the instalments of principal and interest within thirty days after they respectively become due.
- 9,000—Mortgage of Rates for £10,000 borrowed of the London Life Association in March, 1870, for defraying the cost of Paving the Footways of "Old Streets," and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, to be reduced to £4 10s. per cent. per annum on payment of the instalments of principal and interest within thirty days after they respectively become due.

STATEMENT OF ALL CONTRACTS

Entered into by the Vestry of SAINT MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN, from the 25th March, 1871, to the 25th March, 1872.

CONTRACTS for the Performance of GENERAL WORKS and for SUPPLY of MATERIALS.

Date of Contract.	Name of Party with whom Contract was made.	Nature of Works to be performed, and Materials to be supplied.
1871—4th August	Mr. JOB MANSFIELD	Scavenging and Watering for One Year, from 11th August, 1871, of Divisions Nos. 2 and 3, for £2750.
” ”	Mr. HENRY CRANE	Ditto, for One Year, from 11th August, 1871, of Division No. 1, for £1360.
1872—13th February..	Mr. SAMUEL TOYE.....	For Brooms.

RATES MADE BY THE VESTRY.

LADY-DAY, 1871:—

Poor Rate	at 1s. 2d. in the £	
General ditto	at 0s. 6d. ,,	
Metropolitan Consolidated ditto	at 0s. 1d. ,,	
		1s. 9d.

MIDSUMMER, 1871:—

Poor Rate	at 1s. 1d. in the £	
General ditto	at 0s. 6d. ,,	
Sewer ditto.....	at 0s. 1d ,,	
		1s. 8d.

MICHAELMAS, 1871:—

Poor Rate	at 1s. 4d. in the £	
General ditto	at 0s. 6d. ,,	
Sewer ditto.....	at 0s. 1d. ,,	
Composition ditto	at 0s. 1d. ,,	
		2s. 0d.

CHRISTMAS, 1871:

Poor Rate	at 1s. 3d. in the £	
General ditto	at 0s. 5d. ,,	
Sewers ditto	at 0s. 1d. ,,	
		1s. 9d.

7s. 2d. Total Rates in the £ for the Year.

REPORT

*Of the Proceedings of the Vestry of SAINT MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,
from the 25th March, 1871, to the 25th March, 1872.*

NEW APPROACH FROM SHOREDITCH.

The Metropolitan Board of Works having declined to include in the Bill promoted by them in 1871 the Improvement proposed by the Vestry, it was determined again to submit Plans to the Board, and sufficiently early to afford ample time for consideration, and for taking the requisite steps before the then ensuing Session. Fresh Plans were accordingly prepared, shewing two alternative routes from Chilton Street to Shoreditch. The Plans were submitted to the Metropolitan Board of Works, and the Board ultimately decided to include the Improvement in a Bill which they had determined to promote in the Session of 1872, for the purpose of procuring powers to effect various Metropolitan Improvements. Plans were deposited by the Board in compliance with the standing orders of the Houses of Parliament, and the Bill has been brought in. Great efforts are being made by some of the London and Suburban Parishes in opposition to the measure, on various grounds. Objections are taken to the scheme itself, as not being the best that could be devised. The Engineer of the Corporation of London has reported strongly against it. But, apart from the merits of the scheme, as a whole, or the merits of any particular parts of it, it is objected that the Improvements should not be treated as Metropolitan, and that the cost of each should be borne, to a large extent, by the Parish or District in which the Improvement is to be made. Without going into the difficult question of what abstractedly is the most just way of defraying the cost of Improvements on a large scale, which more or less benefit the Metropolis generally, it is manifest that it would be unjust to Parishes and Districts like Bethnal Green, that have for years contributed, and will have to contribute for years to come to the New Streets in Southwark, the Covent Garden Approach, the Kensington and other Improvements,

now to make the execution of any great Improvement impossible by annexing a condition, compliance with which would be hopeless—except, perhaps, in the more opulent parts of London. The Vestry have arranged to produce before the Committee of the House of Commons, the evidence of competent witnesses from this and neighbouring Parishes, not only as to the existing necessity for the Improved Approach, but that the necessity becomes rapidly more and more urgent by the continual building of houses and manufactories at the Eastern end of the Parish and the contiguous Districts. The Vestry felt it advisable to concentrate its effort on the Improvement at the Western end of the Parish, and not to press, for the present, the formation of the New Road across the Green from St. John's Church to the Western end of the Approach Road. The Bill, promoted by the Metropolitan Board, seeks for power to make a direct communication by way of Old Street, Clerkenwell, and Bloomsbury, to the West of London, and the Vestry are supporting this Improvement, as well as that which is to this neighbourhood of more immediate importance, the much-needed widening of High Street, Shoreditch.

TRAMWAYS.

At the date of the last Report, three separate plans for Tramways, which would pass through this Parish, had been deposited by (1) the promoters of "The North-East of London and Columbia Market Approaches Bill;" (2) the promoters of "The North-Eastern Metropolitan Tramway Bill;" (3) "The North Metropolitan Tramway Company." The last named Company applied to the Board of Trade for a provisional order under "The Tramways Act, 1870;" but the Board of Trade ultimately decided to leave the scheme to be dealt with entirely by Parliament. The before-mentioned promoters (1) and (2) amalgamated their schemes, and the Vestry presented a petition to the House of Commons in favour of the amalgamated scheme. The promoters of the amalgamated scheme agreed to insert clauses in their Bill providing for payment to the Vestry on account of the paving laid in the Hackney Road, for laying paving in the roads and streets between and outside the lines of rail, and for various other matters. The North Metropolitan Tramway Company refused to come to any satisfactory terms as to clauses with regard to payment for the paving in the Hackney Road; and it became necessary to appear by counsel before the Committee of the House of Commons. The Vestry of St. Luke's being interested in a similar way, appeared in like manner, and the result was an intimation by the Committee that the Company should come to some terms with the Vestries.

The Company accordingly agreed with the Vestry to pay 10s. per superficial yard for so much of the paving in Hackney Road as would have to be laid by the Company when putting down their trams, if the road had been a Macadamized road. It was also provided that the surplus material of all Macadamized roads shall belong to the Vestry, and that whenever a tramway is laid in any road not exceeding 28 ft. in width between the curbs, the Tramway Company shall pave the whole width of the carriage-way, and not merely pave between the rails and 18 inches beyond, as provided for other roads.

The Committee of the House of Commons reported that the preamble of the North-Eastern Metropolitan Tramways Bill had not been proved, and that the preamble of the North-East of London and Columbia Market Approaches Bill, so far as it related to the tramways, had not been proved. So much of that Bill was passed as will enable the promoters to effect the widening of Birdcage Walk, and to form the new street continuing Brick Lane to Columbia Market; and also to construct a tramway from the goods depôt of the Great Eastern Railway Company to Columbia Market. The Bill of the North Metropolitan Tramways Company was passed with certain modifications, one of *which* was rejecting the proposal to lay down tramways in Prospect Place.

COAL-OWNERS' ASSOCIATED LONDON RAILWAY.

Arrangements were made with the promoters for the insertion in the Bill of clauses providing for Iron Girder Bridges, in lieu of the existing Bridges over the Canal in Old Ford Road and Grove Road, and for the protection of the interests of the Parish, in other respects. The Bill was strongly opposed, and was before the Special Committee of the House of Commons more than a fortnight. The Committee reported the preamble not proved.

FOURNIER'S CHARITY.

There were forty candidates eligible; out of whom the following were elected and received the gift:—

Thomas Grant Atkins, 7, Mount street,
 Stephen Baker, 4, Hague street
 William Bond, 9, Wellington row, Hart's
 lane
 Sarah Faber, 43, Squirries street
 John Isaac Ferdinando, 31, St. Peter's
 street
 William Filer, 29, Barnet street
 Sarah Harris, 346, Hackney road

Mary Parker, 2, Globe terrace, Globe
 street
 Maria Parry, 3, Abingdon street
 John Prior, 5, South street, Pollard row
 Sarah Trinniman, 51, Mape street
 John Webb, 37, Pleasant place, Bonner
 street
 Francis Whitworth, 31, Pleasant place,
 Green street

LEVERINGTON CHARITY.

Of the recipients last year, seven were dead or disqualified. The remaining thirty-three recipients were re-elected, and the number of forty recipients was made up by the election of the following:—

Richard Anneron, Austin street
 Sarah Cherry, 1, Victoria place, Hackney
 road
 John Cleveley, 6, Busby street
 James Petigree, 37, Fuller steeet

Mrs. S. Swift, 3, Globe street
 Sarah Tyerman, 15, Peel grove
 Isabella Trevellyan, 73, Bethnal green
 road

TREASURER.

MR. NATHANIEL HARDINGHAM, one of the Treasurers, died on the 18th of February, 1872, and MR. THOMAS WATSON FRANCIS, of No. 2, Hackney Road, has been elected to succeed him.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The cost of scavenging being now so serious an item, and increasing every year, it was suggested that some alteration in the mode of carrying out the work might be devised, and the matter was referred to a Committee, but after considering it, the Committee advised that tenders should be invited as before, which was done.

The Vestry considering that the whole of the land reclaimed, at the cost of the ratepayers, from the Thames, should be preserved as recreation ground for the public, petitioned the Legislature against the proposal to appropriate any part of the reclaimed ground for building purposes.

The Great Eastern Railway Company applied to be allowed to move the entrance gates to their depôt from Artillery Street to Clarence Street, and to alter the level of the carriageway of Clarence Street. After investigating the matter, the permission was granted, on condition that the Railway Company obtained the consent, in writing, of the owners of the houses, Nos. 12 to 17, and that the cost of paving the surface of the carriageway be paid by the Company.

Several complaints have been made of disorderly houses being kept, but the Vestry have succeeded in putting an end to the nuisances, of which complaints were made, without having recourse to legal proceedings.

A copy of the Regulations under the "Metropolis Water Act, 1871," submitted by the East London Water Company to the Board of Trade for approval, was sent by the Board for consideration by the Vestry. The regulations are intricate, and appear onerous. They have been referred to a Special Committee for consideration and report.

A great nuisance was occasioned by the assembling in Winchester Street, on Mondays and Tuesdays, of numbers of disorderly young persons, under the pretence of holding a fair. There was some difficulty in dealing with the evil, but it is hoped that the efforts of the police have at last put an end to it.

Complaints were made of great inconvenience being occasioned by the works of the Great Eastern Railway Company blocking up an old thoroughfare called Three Colt Corner, or Three Colt Street. The Vestry communicated with the Railway Company, who (although they allege they have only exercised their statutory powers), have shown a desire to obviate any inconvenience to the public. It has been arranged for the Company to erect a foot bridge over the line at Three Colt Corner; but the Company reserve the right to remove the bridge should it be found to interfere with the working of the railway.

The Vestry Hall Keeper having resigned, the Vestry decided that the qualification and duties of the Hall Keeper should be those defined in the Report of the 19th Sept., 1867, but that the salary be £75 per annum. There were 19 candidates for the office, and, on the 7th March, Mr. William Page was elected.

The subject of providing a Mortuary has been repeatedly before the Vestry, and plans for converting the old Watch-house into a Mortuary have been prepared and approved; but it is feared there would not be sufficient space without encroaching on the churchyard, and the Rector contends that the Vestry have no right to convert the Watch-house into a Mortuary. At present the matter remains in abeyance.

ROBERT VOSS,

Vestry Clerk.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

OF WORKS EXECUTED,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING LADY-DAY, 1872.

GENTLEMEN :

The work executed during the past year, although not involving so large an expenditure as in the preceding years, has, nevertheless, been of a very extensive character.

The works of the greatest importance have been carried out at the expense of the Great Eastern Railway Company, consequent upon the formation of their new line to Broad Street, and the alteration of the old.

They may briefly be enumerated thus:—viz., the formation of a new street 40 ft. wide and 470 ft. in length, connecting Winchester Street with London Street. A new brick sewer, 4 ft. 0 in. \times 2 ft. 6 in., with side entrance and gullies has been constructed, and the surface of the street paved—the footways with 3 in. York, and the carriageway with 7 in. \times 3 in. granite.

The quantity of paving laid by the Company in the above and other streets upon the line of their works, has been 3,101 yds. super of new carriageway, 2,269 ft. run of new curb, and 25,970 ft. super of new 3 in. footway paving.

Also a new brick sewer, 3 ft. 9 in. \times 2 ft. 6 in., with side entrance, man holes, and ventilating shafts, has been constructed in Brick Lane, between Saint John Street and Bethnal Green Road.

In my Report for the year ending Lady-day, 1868, I drew attention to the very unsatisfactory condition of many of the sewers which had been laid down by the Vestry a few years before, and expressed a fear that, before many years, extensive works would have to be carried out, so as to maintain the sewers in working order.

During the past year, it has been found necessary to open in the under-mentioned streets, and in each case the pipe sewers have been found completely choked through improper construction.

Princes court
Sarah street
St. John street
Christopher street
Nelson street
Wolverley street
Selater street
Sherwood place
King street

Queen street
Digby walk
Digby street
Princes street
Gosset street
Wellington place
Cross street, Globe street
Nelson street, Collingwood street

In a few cases, the sewers have been opened frequently, and it now becomes a question whether it would not be expedient to forthwith make provision for other sewers in some places.

Additional pipe sewers have also been laid in, as follows:—The sewer pipes in Pollard Street have been extended to the corner of Pollard Place, a distance of about 120 ft. The pipes in Busby Street continued (about 130 ft.) to connect with the sewer in Edward Street. Pipes have also been laid in Wolverley Street, Gardner's and Kenilworth Roads.

Numerous gullies have been re-constructed and trapped, and new ones built where required.

Seventy-six private connections with the sewers have been made, and a considerable amount of work carried out in flushing and otherwise cleansing the various sewers of the Parish; this has all been done by men in the employ of the Vestry.

The undermentioned paving works have been carried out during the year by the Vestry's Contractor:—

In Spicer Street 453 yds. super of carriageway paving has been taken up, dressed, relaid, and grouted, and the deficiency made good with new 7 in. \times 3 in. granite; 1,553 ft. super of footway paving has been squared and relaid; 255 ft. super of new 3 in. has been laid; and 640 ft. run of curb reset.

In Fleet Street the carriageway paving has been taken up, the ground levelled, and a new bottom of 4 in. concrete laid in; 626 yds. super of new 7 in. \times 3 in. granite paving has been laid; 399 yds. super dressed and relaid; and the footway paving and curb relaid and reset where necessary.

In consequence of the increased heavy traffic in Selby Street and Tent Street from the Whitechapel Coal Depôt of the Great Eastern Railway, it was found necessary to pave the same. This has been done with old carriageway removed from Saint John Street and other streets, and the deficiency made good with new.

The following is a list of the principal streets in which jobbing Paving Works have been carried out by the men in the employ of the Vestry:—

NAME OF STREET OR PLACE.	Carriageway Relaid and Grouted.		Footway Relaid.		Curb Reset.	
	yds.	ft.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.
Canrobert street	265	0	4395	0	725	0
Pollard row .....	..	..	2978	0	362	0
Foster street .....	..	..	2009	0	581	0
Treadway street .....	..	..	1168	0	84	0
Virginia row	308	0	..	..	..	..
Artillery street	227	0	..	..	..	..
Weaver street	130	0	..	..	..	..
Tyssen street	175	0	..	..	..	..
Wheeler street	170	0	..	..	..	..
Pitt street	91	0	..	..	..	..
Fleet street	185	0	..	..	..	..
New Church street	85	0	..	..	..	..
Princes court	105	0	140	0	20	0
Old Ford road	270	0	..	..	..	..
Pritchard's road .....	..	..	428	0	108	0
Providence place .....	..	..	960	0	..	..
Ann's place	1000	0	..	..	196	0
Hare street .....	..	..	180	0	..	..
Collingwood street .....	..	..	175	0	..	..
Victoria street .....	..	..	575	0	57	0
Sarah street .....	..	..	553	0	40	0

In my last two Reports I submitted a tabulated statement, shewing the annual cost of material, cartage, labour, &c., for the roads, and which I think advisable to reproduce, with the statistics of the past year added thereto. In doing so, I think it right to call attention to the increased traffic upon the roads, consequent upon the large works that have been going on for the Great Eastern Railway Company, and also through the development of the omnibus traffic to the extreme east of the Parish.

STATEMENT shewing amounts paid for Materials, Labour, &c., and amounts received by the Vestry, from March, 1864,
to March, 1872 :—

MATERIALS	1864 to 1865.	1865 to 1866.	1866 to 1867.	1867 to 1868.	1868 to 1869.	1869 to 1870.	1870 to 1871.	1871 to 1872.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Broken Granite.....	3846 15 1	3329 18 0	3575 11 8	2913 13 3	2081 11 0	1552 14 7	1843 8 2	1602 12 11
Flints	536 7 5	625 5 2	760 5 0	1144 8 6	194 5 9	....	....	....
Ballast	36 2 6	70 3 10	23 7 0	59 10 0	....	....	....	....
Total for each Year....	4419 5 0	4025 7 0	4359 3 8	4117 11 9	2275 16 9	1552 14 7	1843 8 2	1602 12 11
	In addition to Paving and Sewer Contractor's Accounts.			The Jobbing Sewer and Paving Work done by the Vestry's Men.				
Amount paid for Labour	1761 8 8	973 0 0	2764 0 0	2082 7 0	2640 0 0	2590 0 0	2531 4 9	2407 8 1
Amount paid for Carting	728 18 5	402 17 11	520 1 6	567 12 0	245 12 8	155 14 11	201 5 2	179 13 5
Total	2490 7 1	1375 17 11	3284 1 6	2649 19 0	2885 12 8	2745 14 11	2732 9 11	2587 1 6
Amount Paid to the Vestry by the Gas and Water Companies from March, 1867, to March, 1870 (for making good Paving over Trenches opened by them).....								
Ditto ditto ditto ditto				from March, 1870, to March, 1871				£378 4 0
Amount paid to the Vestry for Licenses from March, 1867, to March, 1870								270 6 9
Ditto ditto ditto from March, 1870, to March, 1871								271 0 0
Ditto ditto ditto from March, 1870, to March, 1871								74 9 0
Ditto ditto ditto from March, 1871, to March, 1872								50 0 0
Amount paid by Gas and Water Companies from March, 1871, to March, 1872								252 2 1

LIGHTING.

During the year the Lamps have been discontinued and additional ones fixed, as follows :—

LAMPS DISCONTINUED.

Thorold square
 St. John street
 „ (*Corner of Hare Marsh*)
 „ (*„ Three Colts street*)
 Blackbird alley
 Five's court, Fleet street
 Winchester street (*Corner of Carlisle street*)

ADDITIONAL LAMPS.

Old Ford road
 Suffolk street
 London street
 Anglesea street
 Ainsley street
 Camden gardens
 Ion square

The total number of lamps lighted by the Imperial Gas Company being 733, and the Commercial Gas Company 64. The amount paid for lighting and repairs being to the former £3,205 0s. 3d., and to the latter £269 10s. 11d.

RENAMING AND RENUMBERING OF STREETS.

During the year, the streets below-mentioned have been renamed and renumbered.

Date of Order, 1871.	Name of Street Abolished.	Name of Street as directed by order.
May 23rd	William street, Green street	Warley street
„	East street, Green street	Moss street
August 4th	Essex street, Bethnal Green road	Blythe street
„	Gloucester street, Hackney road	Kay street
„	Charles street, Hackney road	Hassard street
„	King street, Hackney road	Diss street

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Yours obediently,

WILLIAM MUNDY.