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# Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green,

IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

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## ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT OF RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE

*For the Year ending 25th March, 1882,*

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TOGETHER WITH

*A Summary Statement of all Contracts entered into,*

AND OF

*Moneys due to and Debts owing by the Vestry to that day ;*

ALSO, THE

## TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT BY THE VESTRY,

WITH A LIST OF ITS SEVERAL

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

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LONDON :

FORSAITH BROTHERS, PRINTERS, 329, BETHNAL GREEN ROAD, E.

1882.

# 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  
from May, 1882.

### EAST WARD.

1	BAUGH, Mr. GEORGE	..	..	..	..	146, Green street.
2	BRADBROOK, Mr. THOMAS FREDERICK	..	..	..	..	117, Green street.
1	EDROFF, Mr. WILLIAM	..	..	..	..	26, Old Ford road.
3	ETRIDGE, Mr. JOSEPH	..	..	..	..	492, Bethnal Green road.
2	HALL, Mr. JOHN	..	..	..	..	338, Old Ford road.
3	HILDITCH, Mr. JAMES GEORGE	..	..	..	..	208, Grove road.
3	HUGHES, Mr. JAMES	..	..	..	..	63, Gore road.
2	LOVEDAY, Mr. GEORGE	..	..	..	..	210, Cambridge road.
1	PITT, Mr. JAMES	..	..	..	..	170, Grove road.
2	RICHARDSON, Mr. WILLIAM	..	..	..	..	76, Bishop's road.
2	RIPPIN, Mr. THOMAS HENRY	..	..	..	..	195, Green street.
1	STONELEY, Mr. FREDERICK GEORGE	..	..	..	..	28, Roman road.
3	WARD, Mr. EDWIN	..	..	..	..	13, Victoria Park square.
1	WEBB, Mr. GEORGE SAMUEL	..	..	..	..	33, Old Ford road.
3	WRIGHT, Mr. THOMAS	..	..	..	..	Bridge Wharf, Old Ford road.

HUGHES, Mr. JAMES, 35, Chisenhale road—*Auditor.*

### WEST WARD.

2	CHILLINGWORTH, Mr. ROBERT JESSE	..	..	..	..	20, Mount street.
1	EWIN, Mr. ALFRED	..	..	..	..	25, Columbia road.
3	EWIN, Mr. ALFRED, Jun.	..	..	..	..	25, Columbia road.
3	FRANCIS, Mr. THOMAS WATSON	..	..	..	..	2, Hackney road.
2	GOULD, Mr. HENRY COLLINS	..	..	..	..	7A, Gibraltar walk.
3	HARRISON, Mr. LOUIE	..	..	..	..	Columbia Market.
1	JACOBS, Mr. JOSEPH	..	..	..	..	27, Fournier street.
2	KEY, Mr. THOMAS	..	..	..	..	122, Brick lane.
3	NICHOLSON, Mr. GEORGE HENRY	..	..	..	..	106, Bethnal Green road.
2	PAYNE, Mr. GEORGE FREDERICK	..	..	..	..	180, Bethnal Green road.
2	PERRIN, Mr. WILLIAM	..	..	..	..	162, Hackney road.
1	RICHARDSON, Mr. JOHN CHAS. BAYLIFFE	..	..	..	..	117, Brick lane.
3	SCHMIDT, Dr. ALFRED EDWIN	..	..	..	..	150, Bethnal Green road.
1	SMITHER, Mr. DANIEL	..	..	..	..	142, Hackney road.
1	THARP, Mr. WILLIAM ANTHONY	..	..	..	..	30, Hare street.

MEAN, Mr. THOMAS, 328, Hackney road—*Auditor.*



Years to serve  
from May, 1882.

### NORTH WARD.

3	ATTWELL, Mr. ORLANDO THOMAS	..	..	278, Hackney road.
3	BARNARD, Mr. ALFRED	..	..	76, Columbia road.
2	BEALE, Mr. ROBERT	..	..	Oval, Hackney road.
1	BISHOP, Mr. JAMES	..	..	35, Approach road.
1	COOK, Mr. THOMAS	..	..	435, Hackney road.
2	EDWARDS, Mr. JAMES HENRY	..	..	St. Peter's square.
2	HOOVER, Mr. WILLIAM	..	..	107, Old Ford road.
3	LAMB, Mr. ROBERT	..	..	St. Andrew's rd., Cambridge heath.
2	LATHAM, Dr. CHARLES WILLIAM	..	..	442, Hackney road.
1	LUCKHURST, Mr. THOMAS	..	..	8, Providence place, Columbia rd.
3	MILBOURN, Mr. JAMES	..	..	176, Columbia road.
1	NORRIS, Mr. JOSEPH	..	..	220, Cambridge road.

HASLOP, Mr. THOMAS, 409, Hackney road—*Auditor*.

### SOUTH WARD.

3	ABBOTT, Mr. JAMES	..	..	6, Old Bethnal Green rd.
1	AVENELL, Mr. WILLIAM JAMES	..	..	63, Squirries street.
3	BEVEN, Mr. THOMAS	..	..	King Edward rd. and Pollard row.
3	CARTER, Mr. JOSEPH	..	..	414, Bethnal Green road.
1	COKE, The Rev. EDWARD FRANCIS	..	..	St. James the Great, Bethnal Green road.
2	COOK, Mr. JOHN	..	..	2, Old Bethnal Green rd.
3	DOBSON, Mr. HARRY FREDERICK	..	..	218, Old Ford road.
2	FORREST, Mr. CHRISTOPHER	..	..	17, Victoria Park square.
2	JONES, Mr. JAMES VALENTINE	..	..	Oval, Hackney road.
2	LINK, Mr. JOHN DAVID	..	..	30, Weaver street.
3	MEADWAY, Mr. GEORGE	..	..	354, Bethnal Green road.
1	PEREIRA, Mr. HENRY	..	..	429, Bethnal Green road.
2	PICKARD, Mr. ROBERT	..	..	39, Hague street.
1	THURGOOD, Mr. EDWARD	..	..	450, Bethnal Green road.
1	WENTZELL, Mr. ANDREW	..	..	Victoria Park.

### Member for the Parish of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

ALFRED EWIN, Esq., Norlington House, Leytonstone.

### Medical Officer of Health.

GEORGE PADDOCK BATE, Esq., M.D., 412, Bethnal Green road.

### Surveyor.

Mr. WILLIAM HENRY GATHERCOLE, The Vestry Hall.

**Assistant Surveyor.**

Mr. JOHN ALFRED THARP, The Vestry Hall.

**Collectors of Poor, General, and other Rates.**

Mr. WILLIAM ISAAC SHENTON, 79, Gore road, Victoria Park.—*East Ward.*

Mr. HENRY LIEBRECHT, 35, Approach road, Victoria Park.—*North Division, West Ward.*

Mr. WILLIAM NATHANIEL EAGLES, 26, Approach road, Victoria Park.—*South Division, West Ward.*

Mr. EUSTACE SHEPHERD SMITH, 62, Bonner road, Victoria Park.—*North Ward.*

Mr. HENRY JOHN BLISS, 164, Bethnal Green road.—*South Ward.*

**Beadle.**

Mr. JOHN WILLIAM BURROWS, Ivy Cottage, West street, Bishop's road,  
Cambridge Heath.

**Sanitary Inspectors.**

Mr. JOHN WILLIAM BURROWS,	}	The Vestry Hall.
Mr. WILLIAM WALTER BURROWS, and		
Mr. JOSHUA LAPWORTH,		

**Hall Keeper.**

Mr. WILLIAM PAGE.

ROBERT VOSS, VESTRY CLERK.

OFFICES—*The Vestry Hall, Church Row,  
Bethnal Green Road.*





## Memorandum.

WE, the undersigned Auditors for the Parish of St. 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, 1881, to the 25th day of March, 1882, 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 the same are true and correct.

*Given under our hands this 11th day of May, 1882.*

(Signed)	THOMAS MEAN, JOSEPH MITCHELL, THOMAS HASLOP,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
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# The Vestry of the Parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, in the County of Middlesex.

*Abstract and Summary of Accounts from the 25th day of March, 1881, to the 25th day of March, 1882.*

## GENERAL RATE.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand at Lady-day, 1881 .....	73	13	4	Interest on Mortgages by late Paving Commissioners ..	386	0	6
Amount paid into Bank subsequently to Lady-day, 1881, of Rate made at Christmas, 1880 .....	2549	16	0	Collectors' Poundage .....	715	4	2
Amount of Rate at 7d. in the £, made at Lady-day, 1881, and Arrears of former Rate collected at Midsummer..	9202	18	1	Compensation Annuity to Collector of the late Paving Commissioners .....	29	6	3
Amount of Rate at 7d. in the £, made at Midsummer, 1881, and Arrears of former Rate collected at Michael- mas.....	9279	3	4	Roads—Labour, Carting, Steam Roller, Granite, Hard Core, Implements, &c. ....	3821	14	11
Amount of Rate at 7d. in the £, made at Michaelmas, 1881, and Arrears of former Rate collected at Christ- mas.....	9314	13	0	Scavenging .....	7009	14	0
Amount of Rate at 7d. in the £, made at Christmas, 1881, and Arrears of former Rate collected and paid into the Bank on the 25th March, 1882.....	8544	0	0	Paving Repairs and Alterations .....	717	17	0
New Streets .....	920	16	9	Lighting .....	4092	18	8
Paving Licences .....	296	16	0	Incidentals—Repairs to Hall and Offices, Gas Lanterns, Coal, and Petty Disbursements .....	198	6	7
Re-instating Roads .....	836	17	5	Watering—Repairs to Hydrants, &c., and for Water ..	378	6	3
Sale of Old Iron .....	13	0	0	One Year's Rent of Wharf, less Tax .....	29	6	3
				Grove Road Improvement—Moiety .....	500	0	0
				Principal of Bond for £500 granted by late Paving Com- missioners .....	500	0	0
				Nuisances — Disinfectants, Bedding, Removing Dead Bodies, Inspectors' Disbursements, Returns, Analyses, &c. ....	958	2	11
				Mortuary Keeper's Salary and Sundries.....	34	2	4
				Hollybush Gardens Improvement—Paid on account for temporary entrance during the work .....	14	0	0
				Digby Street Yard and Premises—Purchase-money and costs of mortgage to the Metropolitan Board of Works	4512	19	6
				METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS—			
				Amount in balance of London .....	628	2	6

Improvements to the New Road Bridge, 1 and 3/4 square, and Old Bethnal Green Road .....	691	13	0
Metropolitan Board of Works—Amount advanced on Mortgage for purchase of Digby Street Property ....	4500	0	0
Poplar Hospital—Admissions to Hospital .....	16	16	0
Old Bethnal Green Road Improvement— Mr. Crane for materials as per Contract ..	29	0	0
Less for hoarding as per Contract .....	13	0	0
	16	0	0
Mr. Geary—For purchase of strip of ground in Old Bethnal Green Road .....	105	0	0

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Second Instalment of Loan of £15,000 .....	260	0	0
Interest on Loan for £14,000 at £3 15s. per cent. from Nov. 10th, 1881, to Jan. 31st, 1882 .....	117	18	11
Costs of the Mortgage .....	24	17	0
ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE— Sixteenth Annual Instalment of £10,000 advanced on Mortgage, 6th December, 1865 .....	500	0	0 ✓
Interest on balance of Mortgage for one year, less tax	122	8	0
Fourteenth Annual Instalment of £10,000 advanced on Mortgage, 11th July, 1867 .....	500	0	0 ✓
Interest on balance of Mortgage for one year, at 5 per cent., less tax .....	159	2	3
LONDON LIFE ASSOCIATION— Fourteenth Annual Instalment of Loan of £16,000 advanced on Mortgage, 5th December, 1867 .....	800	0	0 ✓
Interest on balance of Mortgage for one year, at 4½ per cent., less tax .....	246	15	0
Twelfth Annual Instalment of £7,000 advanced on Mortgage, 8th April, 1869 .....	350	0	0 ✓
Interest on balance of Mortgage for one year, at 4½ per cent., less tax .....	130	15	10
Twelfth Annual Instalment of Loan of £10,000 advanced on Mortgage, 3rd March, 1870 .....	500	0	0 ✓
Interest on balance of Mortgage for one year, at 4½ per cent., less tax .....	198	5	8
School Board for London .....	8749	1	3
Poplar District Board of Works—Rent of Hospital for three quarters .....	90	0	0
Ditto, payments for six patients .....	25	4	0
Old Bethnal Green Road Improvement, Vendor's Solicitors and Surveyors, Stamps, Counsel's Fees, Levelling and Carting, &c. ....	144	3	10
Half of Payments for — Printing, Books, Stipends, Stationery, Expenses of Quarterly Survey, Rates on Vestry Hall, and Sundry Charges common to General and Sewers Rate .....	1154	18	6
Balance on 25th of March, 1882 .....	5754	16	2

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# SEWERS RATES.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand at Lady-day, 1881.....	1036 19 8	Collectors' Poundage.....	47 7 4
Amount paid into Bank subsequently to Lady-day, 1881, of Rate made at Christmas, 1880 .....	367 6 9	Cleansing, Repairs, Carting, and Flushing Sewers ....	1073 12 10
Amount of Rate at 1d. in the £, made at Midsummer, 1881, and Arrears of former rate collected at Michael- mas .....	1321 4 2	Incidentals—Boots, Oilman, Advertisements, &c. ....	39 2 8
Amount of Rate at 1d. in the £, made at Christmas, 1881, and Arrears of former Rate collected at Lady- day, 1882 .....	1068 0 0	Urinals—Water Supply, Painting, &c. ....	91 14 5
Licences .....	247 12 1	Construction of Sewers .....	811 6 5
		LONDON LIFE ASSOCIATION—	
		Eighteenth Annual Instalment of £7000 advanced on Mortgage, 30th December, 1863 .....	350 0 0
		Interest on Balance of Mortgage for one year, at 4½ per cent., less tax .....	46 5 4
		Half of Payments for — Printing, Books, Stipends, Stationery, Expenses of Quarterly Survey, Rates on Vestry Hall, and Sundry Charges common to General and Sewer Rates .....	1154 18 6
		Balance .....	426 15 2
	<u>£4041 2 8</u>		<u>£4041 2 8</u>

# METROPOLITAN CONSOLIDATED RATE.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in hand at Lady-day, 1881 .....	411	2 2	Collectors' Poundage .....	149	4 4
Amount paid into Bank subsequently to Lady-day, 1881, of Rate made at Michaelmas, 1880.....	67	15 6	Metropolitan Board of Works, pursuant to their Precept	8880	16 6
Amount of Rate at 3d. in the £, made at Lady-day, 1881, and Arrears of former Rate collected and paid into the Bank at Midsummer, 1881 .....	3954	18 0			
Amount of Rate at 3d. in the £, made at Michaelmas, 1881, and Arrears of former Rate collected and paid into the Bank at Lady-day, 1882 .....	3925	4 2			
Balance .....	671	1 0			
	<u>£9030</u>	<u>0 10</u>			
				<u>£9030</u>	<u>0 10</u>

## SUMMARY.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance due from Metropolitan Consolidated Rate ....	671	1	0						
Balance at Central Bank, Shoreditch ....	5838	3	0						
Less Uncleared Cheques—									
Ernst's Executors .....	13	14	2						
Commercial Gas Company .....	78	16	0						
McFarlane .....	160	0	0						
Edie .....	9	10	0						
Smith .....	65	12	6						
				327	12	8			
							5510	10	4
							£6,181	11	4

	£	s.	d.
Balance of General Rate Account .....	5754	16	2
„ Sewers' Rate Account .....	426	15	2

£6,181 11 4



**MONEYS DUE TO, AND DEBTS OWING BY, THE VESTRY ON THE  
25TH MARCH, 1882.**

MONEYS DUE TO.		£	s.	d.
Central Bank of London, as per foregoing Summary ..	5510	10	4	
Amount of Rates made at Christmas, paid after Quarter-day by Five Collectors into Central Bank of London..	1095	6	6	
Arrears of General Rate at Lady-day, 1882 .....	198	7	10	
Ditto Sewers Rate ditto .....	22	17	8	
Ditto Metropolitan Consolidated Rate .....	17	17	3	

MONEYS OWING BY.		£	s.	d.
Stipends .....	475	0	9	
Poundage to Five Collectors.....	231	17	3	
Compensation Annuity .....	15	0	0	
Gas Light and Coke Company .....	919	0	0	
Mr. Joseph Brooks—Smith's Work .....	10	8	3	
R. Wright's Executors—Rent of Wharf .....	15	0	0	
Commercial Gas Company .....	79	14	8	
Mr. Ward—for Carting .....	33	3	0	
Mr. Cramp—for Bedding.....	8	5	6	
Forsaith Brothers—Printing .....	36	2	0	
Mr. J. J. Griffiths, for Bills passed.....	3446	10	10	
Mr. Burrows — Removing Dead Bodies and care of Mortuary .....	11	0	0	
School Board for London—one quarter of Precept ....	2209	2	11	
East London Water Company—Flushing Sewers .....	16	15	0	
Sundry Small Bills .....	49	9	6	
Mr. C. Thomerson—Plumber's Work .....	8	14	1	
Mr. Crane—Waggons for Sunday Scavenging .....	49	8	0	
Mr. Blain—Lanterns .....	18	9	3	
Mr. Webb—Income Tax on Bonds and Mortgages ....	33	18	4	
„ Key—For Brooms.....	13	16	0	
Poplar Board of Works—One Quarter Rent of Hospital	30	0	0	
Messrs. Sugg—for Lamps .....	16	0	10	
Messrs. Doulton & Co.—Lime, Pipes, &c.....	7	9	10	
Sanitas Company—Disinfecting Powder .....	10	0	0	
Messrs. Waterlow & Sons—Lithography .....	11	14	0	
Mr. Armstrong—Balance on Contract .....	23	9	1	

## LIABILITIES.

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Amount unpaid of Mortgages, granted by the late Paving Commission, and chargeable on the General Rate, £9,600.  
 Compensation Annuity of £30, payable for life to a Collector of the late Paving Commission.

- £700—Balance of Mortgage of Rates for £7000, borrowed of the London Life Association in December, 1863, for defraying costs 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.
- £2,000—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.
- £3,000—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.
- £4,800—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.
- £2,800—Balance of 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.
- £4,000—Balance of Mortgage of Rates for £10,000, borrowed of the London Life Association in March, 1870, for defraying the cost of Paving 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.
- £16,000—Balance of Mortgage for £20,000, borrowed from the Metropolitan Board of Works in March, 1878, for defraying the cost of Paving the Carriageways of various Streets, and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at £3 15s. per cent. per annum.
- £13,500—Balance of Mortgage for £15,000, borrowed of the Metropolitan Board of Works in March, 1880, £13,000 for defraying the cost of Carriageway Paving, and cost of Footway Paving between the Parks, and £2,000 for constructing Mortuary, and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at £3 15s. per cent. per annum.
- £14,000—Mortgage of Rates for £14,000, borrowed of the Metropolitan Board of Works in November, 1881, for defraying the cost of paving the Carriageways of various Streets, and to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest at £3 15s. per cent. per annum.
- £4,500—Mortgage of Rates for £4,500, borrowed of the Metropolitan Board of Works in March, 1882, for defraying the cost of purchase of property in Digby street, and to be repaid by fifty equal annual instalments, with interest at £3 10s. per cent. per annum.



# RATES MADE BY THE VESTRY.

## LADY-DAY, 1881.

Poor Rate .....	at 0s. 7d. in the £	
General ditto .....	at 0s. 7d. ,,	
Metropolitan Consolidated ditto .....	at 0s. 3d. ,,	
		<u>1s. 5d.</u>

## MIDSUMMER, 1881.

Poor Rate .....	at 0s. 8d. in the £	
General ditto .....	at 0s. 7d. ,,	
Sewers ditto .....	at 0s. 1d. ,,	
Composition ditto .....	at 0s. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. ,,	
		<u>1s. 4<math>\frac{3}{4}</math>d.</u>

## MICHAELMAS, 1881.

Poor Rate .....	at 0s. 8d. in the £	
General ditto .....	at 0s. 7d. ,,	
Metropolitan Consolidated ditto .....	at 0s. 3d. ,,	
		<u>1s. 6d.</u>

## CHRISTMAS, 1881.

Poor Rate .....	at 0s. 9d. in the £	
General ditto .....	at 0s. 8d. ,,	
Sewers ditto .....	at 0s. 1d. ,,	
		<u>1s. 6d.</u>

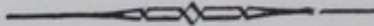
Total Rates in the £ for the Year.... 5s. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.



## CONTRACTS

*Entered into by the Vestry during the year ended 25th March, 1882.*

DATE.	WITH	FOR
1881.—June ..	Mr. Crane .....	Scavenging and Watering No. 1 District from 11th August, 1881, to 10th August, 1882, both inclusive, £1,830.
" " ..	Mr. Parsons .....	No. 2 District, £1,838.
" " ..	Ditto .....	No. 3 District, £1,935.
" Dec. 15..	Mr. Armstrong .....	Sewer in Hollybush gardens.
1882.—Jan. 5 ..	Mr. Finch .....	Sewer in Columbia road.
" Mar. 22..	Messrs. Forsaith Brothers .....	Printing.
" " ..	Mr. J. Williams-Cook .....	Stationery.



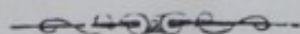
### REDEMPTION OF MORTGAGES GRANTED BY LATE PAVING COMMISSIONERS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Messrs. Towne and Booth, the Assignee of the Mortgage granted to H. Booth, the Executor of W. Carter—the balance of principal .....	500	0	0			
Amount payable at Michaelmas, 1881 .....	427	0	0			
	<u>£73</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
To £4 per cent. on £9600 balance of principal due on the Mortgages .....	384	0	0			
Less overpaid at Michaelmas, 1881 .....	73	0	0			
Amount payable at Michaelmas, 1882 .....				<u>311</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

# REPORT

OF THE

*Proceedings of the Vestry of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, from the  
25th March, 1881, to the 25th March, 1882.*



## SCAVENGING.

IN April it was referred to the Works Committee to consider and report as to the execution of Scavenging work after the termination of the then existing contracts.

The Committee reported that, as the experiments proposed to be made by other parishes had not yet been made, it was advisable to wait until those experiments had been made, and recommended that it should be referred to that Committee to issue advertisements inviting tenders, or to arrange terms with the then Contractors for the work for another year. The Vestry decided to advertise, and tenders were received in May. None of the tenders was accepted, and it was again referred to the Works Committee to consider and report as to the execution of Scavenging work after the expiration of the contracts.

The Committee had before them copies of the report (mentioned in the note p. 16 of the last report) by Dr. Saunders, the medical officer of the City of London, as to the "Destructor." Dr. Saunders had visited most of the large towns in which the "Destructor" was in use, and recommended the adoption of the "Destructor" by the City. But the Committee felt that further information was required before deciding as to the adoption of a "Destructor." It appearing probable that the "Destructors" would come into use, the Committee thought it unwise that the Vestry should then make arrangements to execute the Scavenging work instead of contracting for it. The Committee



again recommended that under the circumstances it was advisable to contract for another year. The tenders of Mr. Crane and Mr. Parsons were the lowest of those which had been sent in. Mr. Crane and Mr. Parsons attended before the Committee and offered to reduce their tenders £20 in respect of each of the three districts. The Committee recommended the acceptance of the reduced tenders, and the recommendation was adopted by the Vestry. The amount of the contracts was £5,603, and exceeded the amount of those of last year by £653.

Since the tenders for the execution of the work during the current year have been accepted, the Committee have made further investigations as to the "Destructor." They have had interviews with the agent of the Patentee, who gave information as to the probable cost of construction, and the quantity of room required, and furnished tracings of two plans. The Chairman of the Committee, to satisfy himself and obtain information for the benefit of the Vestry, took the trouble to go to Leeds to examine the "Destructor" there, and make inquiries as to the results of the working of them. So far as Leeds is concerned, and indeed as far as other large provincial towns are concerned, the results are extremely favourable, but the conditions of those places are not the same as London. The Corporation of the City have decided to have a "Destructor," which is in process of construction, and it is thought desirable before coming to a final conclusion to see how that "Destructor" works.

#### FOURNIER'S CHARITY.

The following were the thirteen candidates who were elected and received the gift of £10 each:—

Baldwin, Mary, 17, Marian street.  
 Copland, Rebecca, 271, Globe road.  
 Dormer, John Alfred, 9, Teale street.  
 Downs, Sarah, 3, Queen street.  
 Gill, Ann, 399, Cambridge road.  
 Jacob, Thomas Pursey, 22, Cambridge circus.  
 Jansen, Teresa, 487, Cambridge road.  
 Kendrick, Alfred James, 2, St. Helen's place, Green street.  
 Lamy, George, 10, Hart's lane.  
 Lemay, Henry, 29, Canrobert street.  
 Ray, Thomas, 43, Fournier street.  
 Whitehead, William, 33, Ravenscroft street.  
 Williams, Richard, 17, North place.



## LEVERINGTON'S CHARITY.

The thirty-seven surviving qualified recipients of last year were elected recipients for this year. To make up the number of forty there were elected by ballot the persons following :—

Town, William, 2, Bayst terrace, Russia lane.  
Long, John, 9, George street, Turin street.  
Walters, John Thomas, 5, Granby street.

## METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS.

The amount required by the Board is £9,452 14s. 4d., being £571 17s. 10d. more than the amount of the last precept. Hitherto the precepts of the Board have been payable by half-yearly instalments, but they are now and will in future be payable by quarterly instalments. This will assist in equalising the amount of the total rates required for each quarter.

## SCHOOL BOARD PRECEPT.

The amount required by the Board to be paid in quarterly instalments is £8,836 11s. 10d., being an increase of £94 18s. 0d. on the precept of last year.

## NEW CARRIAGEWAY PAVING.

The Vestry have paved with 3×7 granite cubes on a bed of 6-in. of concrete the carriageways of the following streets :—

Warley street  
Columbia road  
Barnet grove  
Bonner's lane

Hart's lane  
Pritchard's road  
London street, Hackney road  
Wellington row

The estimated cost being a little over £14,000, the Vestry borrowed of the Metropolitan Board of Works £14,000 towards defraying the cost of the new paving. The loan has to be repaid by twenty equal annual instalments, with interest quarterly at £3 10s. per cent. Mr. J. J. Griffiths, the contractor, agreed to execute the work at 17s. 5d. per yard, and entered into a contract accordingly. The work has been completed, but not having been measured up the precise cost has not been finally ascertained.



## IMPROVEMENTS.

It became unnecessary for the Works Committee to consider and report on the letter (mentioned in the last report) with reference to the Vestry putting in force their powers for acquiring the house in Club-row, at the eastern end of Little York-street, as after that letter the Metropolitan Board of Works proposed to defray the expenses of and incident to the Vestry acquiring the house. But it was found impracticable to carry the proposal into effect, and the matter remains at present under the consideration of the Metropolitan Board.

With reference to the proposed opening of Hollybush-gardens at the north end so as to make the gardens a thoroughfare, it has been arranged to pay £199 19s. for the freehold and £20 for the leasehold interest in so much of the ground as is necessary to form the opening, on condition that the Vestry erect fences and make good the structures interfered with, and that the permission of the Metropolitan Board to erect buildings up to the line of either side of the opening be obtained. The necessary application to that Board to give the requisite sanction and to contribute a moiety of the purchase-money will be made.

An arrangement has been made with the Trustees of the late Mr. Remington Mills (subject to the approval of the Chancery Division) for an improved line of frontage in Old Bethnal Green-road between Blythe-street and Mansford-street, and for a similar improvement at the south end of Blythe-street and in the part of Bethnal Green-road immediately east of Blythe-street.

The Vestry, after offering to the late owners the strip of surplus ground in Old Bethnal Green-road remaining after completing the improvement at the junction of Old Bethnal Green-road and George-street, have sold the strip of ground to Mr. Geary, the adjoining owner, for £105.

## GORE ROAD.

In the year 1859 the Vestry, by its surveyor, accepted the part of Gore-road in this parish. The fact of the acceptance was recorded in the minutes of the Vestry, and from that time until the present year the road has been repaired and maintained by the Vestry. When the road was so taken to by the Vestry the neighbourhood had not been



developed, and the idea of paving the footpaths was not then entertained. A question has been raised as to whether notwithstanding what took place the road did not remain a "New Street," and the "Owners" liable for the cost of paving, although the Vestry had for twenty-two years taken to the road and the dealings with the various properties in the road been upon the understanding that the road had been absolutely taken to by the Vestry. The owners and the Commissioners of Woods and Forests objected to the road being treated as a "New Road," contending it had been absolutely taken to. The ground on one side forming part of Victoria Park, and the Crown being exempt from any liability, would have thrown the entire cost upon the owners of property on the other side. The question was fully considered, and it was ultimately arranged that if the owners would pay £5 per house for paving the footway abutting on the houses, the Vestry would repair the road and gravel the footpath on the park side. An application has been made to the Office of Works for a grant in respect of the path on the park side, much of the repairs to which had been rendered necessary by work done by the Office of Woods in connection with the park fencing.

### RAILWAY BRIDGE, BRICK LANE.

The Railway Company, requiring to alter the bridge on the south side, submitted a plan showing the proposed alteration and for improving the appearance of that side of the bridge, and asked the Vestry to consent to the proposed alteration being made. The Whitechapel Board of Works being as much interested in the matter as the Vestry, the Works Committee arranged to meet a Committee of the Whitechapel District Board of Works and to consider the application. The joint Committee visited the bridge twice. A deputation from the inhabitants of Brick-lane and its vicinity attended the Vestry to urge the desirability of having the arched portion of the bridge altered so as to have the railway carried over entirely by girders. A deputation from the Works Committee and a deputation from the Whitechapel Board of Works attended by appointment the Chairman of the Railway Company. The result of the interview was a consent by the Chairman to convert the arch into a girder bridge of 40 feet span throughout, with a heading of not less than 14 feet, and as much more as the inclination



of the street afforded, at an estimated cost of £2,400, of which one-half should be paid by the Company and the other half in moieties by the Whitechapel Board and this Vestry, but if the actual cost should exceed the estimated cost, the excess should be paid by the Company. The Whitechapel Board and the Vestry accepted the offer, and made an application to the Metropolitan Board of Works to contribute a moiety of the £1,200 to be paid by the Whitechapel Board and the Vestry. The Metropolitan Board has consented to contribute the moiety, so that the other moiety of £600 will have to be paid in equal shares by the Whitechapel Board and the Vestry. The improvement was greatly needed, and its importance will no doubt be generally appreciated.

### SMALL POX.

The Vestry, with the view of providing hospital accommodation for patients who were not paupers, entered into an agreement with the Poplar District Board of Works for the use of ten beds in the hospital built by that Board for twelve months, from May, 1881. The Board undertook to supply medical attendance, nursing, and to defray all other expenses, except that of burial in the event of death. The Vestry were to pay the Board for the twelve months £120, and also to pay for each patient sent to the Hospital £4 4s. If the Vestry had attempted to provide a hospital of its own, a far larger cost would have been incurred. Some building would have had to be taken, adapted, and furnished, a medical and nursing staff and servants procured and paid, and the maintenance of those employed; and of the patients provided, Six cases only have been sent to the Hospital, and of these four of the patients paid each £4 4s., the fee payable to the hospital in respect of a case.

### THE COMPOSITION RATE.

On the account of Mr. Churchwarden Perrin being presented and passed, the question what payments may be lawfully made out of the "Composition Rate" was referred to a Special Committee to consider and report. The Committee met, when the question raised appeared to be not whether any special payments were lawful, but whether any payments for "Ecclesiastical Purposes," as defined by the Church Rate Abolition Acts, could be lawfully made. In effect the question is,



whether a Composition Rate can be made for any purpose beyond providing the Rector's stipend, and the expenses incidental to making and collecting the rate.

### CHALET DE NECESSITE.

The consent by the Lord of the Manor to the erection of the Chalêt on part of the alleged waste was obtained. The agreement with the Chalêt Company was sealed in June; but in consequence of some intended alteration in the construction of Chalêts, the erection of one in this parish has been delayed.

### SEWERS.

An 18-in. pipe sewer has been laid in Columbia-road from Barnet-grove to Ravenscroft-street. Tenders were advertised for, and the tender of Mr. Finch at £247 5s. was accepted.

### RENUMBERING STREETS.

At the request of the Postal Authorities, application has been made to the Metropolitan Board of Works to issue orders for renumbering 131 streets in the Parish.

### RAILWAY BILLS.

The Railway Bills affecting this Parish introduced into Parliament in the Session of 1882, are :—

1. THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY.—In accordance with the agreement between the Company and the Vestry and the Whitechapel District Board, a clause is inserted providing for the improvement of the Brick-lane Arch, in manner above mentioned (see p. 19).

The projected works do not affect the streets or roads of the Parish, but in addition to the usual protective and rating clauses the Vestry are endeavouring to induce the Company to provide for improving the very objectionable foot-way bridge crossing the line from "Three Colt Corner." Models (prepared by Mr. Hilditch) showing possible modes of effecting improvements have been furnished to the Company and are under consideration.

2. THE EAST LONDON RAILWAY BILL.—This Bill asks for power to abandon the construction of the line from the Great Eastern Railway at Cambridge-road to Whitechapel, which was authorised by the "East London Railway Act, 1876." The Vestry then opposed



the Company's Bill on account of the lowness of the arches intended to be made across several streets, but under existing circumstances it is suggested that the proposed line would be an advantage to the Parish in furnishing increased facilities for traffic from the eastern part of the Parish to the City and westward. A petition against the Bill has been presented.

3. THE REGENT'S CANAL RAILWAY, CITY, AND DOCKS BILL.—The Bill seeks for power for the promoters to acquire, on terms specified in the agreement and scheduled to the Bill, the canal and the property belonging to the Canal Company, and to construct a railway, running for the most part along one side of the canal.

In consequence of the levels of the canal in this Parish, the projected works will not affect any of the streets or roads under the control of the Vestry, but the Vestry have presented a petition in opposition to the Bill with a view of obtaining not only the requisite clauses as to rating and sewers, but an improvement of the bridges crossing the canal. The worst of the bridges (that in Old Ford-road near the south-west corner of the park) will not be interfered with, as the intended railway will curve and run about 150 feet east of the bridge. With regard to the other bridges negotiations are pending. The privilege of the Canal Company to have the canal assessed only as land is regarded by many as unfair; and now that it is sought to make use of part of the property of the Canal Company for a railway, and to make the Company really a Railway and Canal Company, it is considered the privilege should cease and the property be assessed in the ordinary way, and the Vestry (in common with other vestries through whose parishes the canal passes) ask by their petition that if the Bill be passed the privilege shall be abolished.

#### PURCHASE OF YARD AND PREMISES IN DIGBY STREET.

For more than three years the Vestry had at a nominal rent the use of a large piece of ground in Hare-street, belonging to the Great Eastern Railway Company, for the deposit of stone and other materials. The company, requiring the ground for their work, gave the Vestry notice to quit, and resumed possession of the ground. It was thought the company might have some other property in the parish suitable for stores, and negotiations were entered into with the company's land



agent, but nothing that would suit was available. Some freehold property in Digby-street was offered to the Vestry at £5500. It consisted of three cottages and a piece of ground (divided into two yards) and containing 32,670 square feet. On the ground some stables and sheds had been erected, and the surface of the ground roughly pitched. It appeared that the property was not only sufficient for "stores," but that there would be room for the erection of a "Destructor," should the Vestry decide to have one, and also for stables and cartsheds, which will be required in the very probable event of the Vestry altering the present mode of executing the scavenging work. The result of the negotiation with the owner of the property was a reduction of the price to £4500, at which sum the property has been purchased. That amount has been borrowed from the Metropolitan Board of Works on the terms of being repaid by fifty equal annual instalments with interest in the meantime at £3 10s. per cent. per annum. One of the two yards will be let for the present at not less than £100 a year clear. For the first year there will be paid the annual instalment of principal .. .. . £90 0 0 Interest at £3 10s. 0d. on the £4500 .. .. . 157 10 0

	247	10	0
Less rent of one yard .. .. .	100	0	0
	£147	10	0

Rent will also be received from the cottages, but as they will require repair, or be used by the Vestry, the income from them is not taken into consideration. Assuming therefore the payments to continue as in the first year, the Vestry would have obtained an adequate store for £147 10s. rent; but the interest will diminish yearly, and ultimately cease; and £90 of the £147 10s. is merely an instalment of purchase money, against which a proportionate part of the value of the property purchased must be set. And in addition the Vestry has provided itself with the means of carrying out improvements in executing the important work of cleansing streets and removing refuse and filth from the dwellings and premises of the parishioners.

## LIGHTING.

The various alterations of and additions to the ordinary gas lamps will appear in the Surveyor's Report.



One of Sugg's Patent Westminster Lamps has been erected on the "Refuge" at the junction of Sclater-street and Bethnal Green-road. The light afforded by that lamp admitted of the lamp at the junction of Bethnal Green-road and Church-street and the lamp opposite No. 112, Bethnal Green-road, being removed. The erection of some more of Sugg's lamps is contemplated. The gas for the Sugg lamp is supplied by metre.

### STEAM ROLLER.

Notice was given to the Gas Light and Coke Company that it would be necessary to use the steam roller to properly repair Hassard-street after the opening of the carriageway by the company. The company objected that the use of the roller would injure their main and pipes; to which it was replied that if injuries were caused, the Vestry would be liable to repair them. The roller was used without any injury being caused, but the company sent in a claim for £45 18s. 6d. for alleged injuries. The claim was for damage done in May, 1881, but previously to that date the roller had not been used in Hassard-street for two years, and the claim proving to be groundless was withdrawn.

### BATHS AND WASHHOUSES.

A Special Meeting was convened, pursuant to a requisition made under the Act "To encourage the Establishment of Public Baths and Washhouses," to determine whether the Act should be adopted for this Parish.

The subject was referred to a Committee of the Whole Vestry.

The Committee reported that it was not advisable to adopt the Act for this Parish at present, and the report was adopted by the Vestry.

### NEW STREETS.

Herat street having been paved and drained to the satisfaction of the Vestry, the future maintenance and repair has been assumed by the Vestry.

### PARMITER'S CHARITY.

Some copies of the Draft Scheme for the future administration of the Charity have been forwarded by the Charity Commissioners for the consideration of the Vestry. Further copies have been printed and one supplied to each Vestryman. The Scheme has been referred for

consideration and report to a Special Committee consisting of the Chairmen of the three Standing Committees and twelve other members.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The subject of procuring a Disinfecting Apparatus has been considered, but after inspecting Lyons' Apparatus the further consideration was adjourned. Should the Vestry have a Destructor, it is thought the Disinfecting Apparatus may be an adjunct to it, and so be more economically erected and worked.

An application by the Inspectors of Nuisances for an increase of their salaries was not acceded to.

An application by the Medical Officer for increase of salary was withdrawn.

The application by the junior clerk in the Surveyor's office for an increase of wages was referred to a Special Committee, who recommended that the wages be raised to a maximum of 15s. per week.

Mr. Robert Brookes having resigned his office as one of the trustees of Margaretta Brown's Charity, Mr. James Bishop, then Upper Churchwarden, was elected a trustee in the place of Mr. Brookes.

Permission has been granted to the Coroner to hold inquests in the Vestry Hall on payment of 5s. for each inquest, but if more than one inquest be held at a time, then a half fee for each after the first. Of these fees one-half is to be allowed to the hall keeper.

Some new buildings being about to be erected on the east side of Russia-lane, an arrangement was made with the owner to set back the building and to give up the ground in front to widen the footway.

Five Delegates, viz., the Member of the Board of Works, Mr. W. Richardson, Mr. Perrin, Mr. J. V. Jones, and Mr. Thurgood have been appointed delegates to attend a proposed conference on the Bill for the Municipal Government of the Metropolis, to be held after the Bill has been introduced.

Petitions have been presented to the House of Commons in favour of the London Riverside Fish Market Bill and the Metropolitan Outer Circle Railway Bill.

ROBERT VOSS,

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