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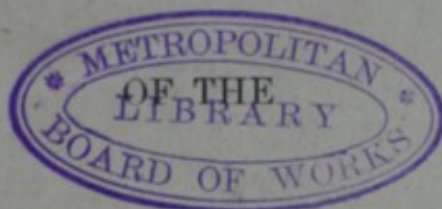
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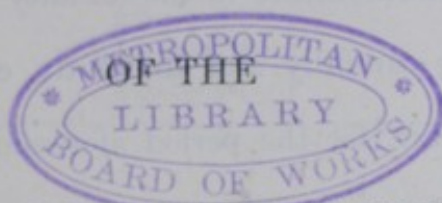
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WE, Bartholomew Robson, Richard Burcham, Thomas Knight Tippet, and John Cox, the Auditors appointed by the Parishioners of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, to examine and audit the accounts of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, for the year ending 25th March, 1864, having carefully and diligently examined and investigated the accounts of the said Vestry for the period aforesaid, and the vouchers in support of the same, and the books, papers, instruments, and writings in their custody or control relating thereto, do hereby certify and declare, that we have this day audited the said accounts of the said Vestry, at the Board Room at the Workhouse, Rotherhithe, in the County of Surrey, in the presence of the following, viz.:— Bartholomew Robson, Chairman, Richard Burcham, Thomas Knight Tippet, and John Cox, and that the said accounts are true and correct in all particulars; and we do allow the same accordingly, and sign the same in token of such our allowance thereof.

Given under our hands this 11th day of May, 1864.

(Signed)

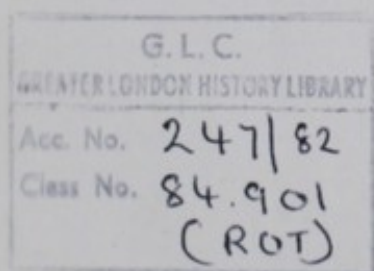
BARTHOLOMEW ROBSON,

RICHARD BURCHAM,

THOMAS KNIGHT TIPPETT,

JOHN COX,

Auditors.



VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHIRHE, SURREY.
ACCOUNT IN ABSTRACT,
Showing the Receipt and Expenditure for One Year, ending 25th March, 1864.

RATE, &c.	Cash Balance at commencement of Year		RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.					PAYMENT DURING THE YEAR.							Cash Balance on the 25th March, 1864.	
	In Credit	In Debit	Rates, &c.	Contributions, &c.	Loans, &c.	Incidentals	Total	Assessment by Metropolitan Board	Works	Establishment	Loans, &c.	Watering	Lighting	Total	In Credit	In Debit
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
	318 8 8						318 3 3			Salaries 503 0 0	Interest 21 16 10					20 1 5
Paving and General Purposes.....	...	...	2866 15 7½	...	...	...	2866 15 7½		Pavement Labour 323 1 6	Commission 74 9 4½	Deposit 250 0 0	...	...	21 16 10		
				Gas and Water Companies 62 3 10		Rent 10 10 0	10 10 0		Day Labour 384 5 2	Valuation Committee 190 10 0		...	...	250 0 0		
				Plough Bridge 200 0 0					Cartage 190 10 0	Accounts 30 0 0						
				Wellington Street 8 12 6	Deposit 250 0 0				Stone 339 12 8	Scavenging 447 10 0				747 2 1½		
				Cross Street 61 19 8	Interest 3 0 8		253 0 8		Plough Bridge 1000 0 0			Horse Hire 92 14 0		1684 19 4		
				Wyndham Road 39 2 3					Accounts 404 18 6			Labour 18 4 0				
				Sundries 46 10 8								Cart Hire, &c. 17 6 6		128 4 6		
Lighting.....	...	...	1870 14 4½	...	...	...	418 8 11		Accounts 11 14 0			...	1619 10 2	1404 18 6		
				...	...	...	1870 14 4½			Commission 48 17 4½		...	...	11 14 0		
				...	Deposit 250 0 0	...	253 0 8					...	...	48 17 4½		
Sewers .....	...	...	3514 18 6½	...	...	...	3514 18 6½	2210 10 4			Deposit 250 0 0	...	...	250 0 0		
				Drains, &c. 87 2 6	Loan 1600 0 0	...	1600 0 0			Salaries 400 0 0	Loan 1600 0 0	...	...	2210 10 4		
				Road Trustees 15 0 0					Sewers 344 17 7	Commission 90 19 6	Interest 48 17 5	...	...	1648 17 5		
				Cross Street 10 8 7	Deposit 1000 0 0	...			Labour 323 14 0	Accounts 45 1 2		...	...	536 0 8		
				Wyndham Road 3 0 0	Interest 12 2 9	...	1012 2 9		Cartage 14 19 0			...	...	693 0 7		
				Wellington Street 0 12 0		Rent 1 12 6	1 12 6		Accounts 4 10 0			Deposit 1000 0 0	...	1000 0 0		
				...	...	...	116 3 1					...	...	
							12235 10 5							12235 11 10		

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.
CONTRACTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF GENERAL WORKS AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS,
Subsisting at the commencement of, or entered into during, the year ending 25th March, 1864.

Rate, &c.	Date of Contract	Name of Party with whom Contract was made	Nature of Works to be performed, and Materials to be supplied	Observations
Paving, Cleansing, and General Purposes	26th November, 1863	Alfred Thomas Hobman	Scavenging and dusting, at £440 per annum	Entered into for 1 year, from 17th November, 1863
"	31st March, 1864	Messrs. H. George and Company	Supply of York paving, as per schedule of prices	Ditto ditto from 25th March, 1864
"	2nd April, 1864	Samuel Cooper.	Supply of granite spalls and chippings, as per schedule of prices . .	Ditto ditto
"	27th May, 1864	A. and F. Manuelle.	Supply of carriage paving, curb, &c., as per schedule of prices . .	Ditto ditto
"	28th March, 1864	W. and T. N. Gladdish	Supply of ground lime, as per schedule of prices	Ditto ditto
"	26th March, 1864	A. T. Hobman	Team hire and cartage, as per schedule of prices	Ditto ditto
"	31st March, 1864	John Smith and Company	Printing and stationery, as per schedule of prices	Ditto ditto
LIGHTING	3rd November, 1863	Surrey Consumers' Gas Company	For lighting the public lamps, at £4 10s. 0d. each per annum . . .	Entered into for seven years, from 29th September, 1863
SEWERS	8th April, 1864	William Kent	General jobbing works, as per schedule of prices	Entered into for one year, from 25th March, 1864.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF WORKS.

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. Year ending 25th March, 1864.

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works

CONSTRUCTION																				Repairs and alterations to Sewers, Gulleys, &c.	Cleans'ng. including Flushing, Casing, Lifting, Cartage and Repairs caused thereby	Incidental Works	Improvement Works	Total Cost																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
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Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. Year ending 25th March, 1864.

Paving and General Rate							Paving		Lighting	Watering	Cleansing and Repairing	Improving	Removing Dust	TOTAL					
							Footway	Carriageway											
							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
	Paviors and Masons employed by the Vestry						...	207	10	0									
	" " "						...	...		115	11	6							207 10 0
	York paving ... ..						...	151	16	0									115 11 6
	Carriage paving ... ..						...	...		187	16	8							151 16 0
	Mrs. Wright, cartage ... ..						...	...		...									187 16 8
	Wages of day laborers and stone-breaking ... ..						...	...		...		190 10 0							384 5 2
	Removing dust, &c. ... ..						...	...		...		...							574 15 2
	Watering, viz—									...		...							447 10 0
	" horse hire ... ..						...	...		...		92 14 0							447 10 0
	" labor ... ..						...	...		...		18 4 0							
	" cart hire, &c. ... ..						...	...		...		17 6 6							
	Aird & Son on account of Rebuilding Plough Bridge						...	...		...		...		1000 0 0					128 4 6
										...		...		1000 0 0					1000 0 0
																			£2813 3 10

VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF WORKS

Executed under Contracts, Agreements, &c., for Special and General Works. Half-year ending 25th March, 1864.

Lighting Rate	Lighting	Contribution	Commission	Salary	Sundries	Loan		TOTAL
The Surrey Consumers' Gas Company	£ s. d. 1615 0 8	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. ...	£ s. d. 1615 0 8
Mrs. Ackland ... ..	...	2 7 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mr. W. J. Blake ... ..	...	2 2 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hogg and Son Lamp Standards ... ..	...	...	...	...	11 14 0	...	...	4 9 6
Collector's Commission ... ..	...	...	48 17 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	...	...	...	...	11 14 0
Deposit, London and Westminster Bank ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	250 0 0	...	48 17 4 $\frac{1}{4}$
							...	250 0 0
								£ 1930 1 6 $\frac{1}{4}$

Account of Moneys owing to, and Debts owing by, the Vestry of Rotherhithe, Surrey, on the 25th March, 1864.

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VESTRY OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

SUMMARY STATEMENT.

Paving, and General Purposes. One Year ending 25th March, 1864.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on 25th March, 1863	57	15	10 ³ / ₄
Cash received from Paving Rates, viz. :—						
No. 12, made October, 1861, at 3d. in the pound	0 19 7 ¹ / ₂			
No. 13, made April, 1862, at 4d. in the pound	31 16 8			
No. 14, made October, 1862, at 4d. in the pound	174 17 0 ¹ / ₂			
No. 15, made April, 1863, at 3d. in the pound	1186 18 8 ¹ / ₂			
No. 16, made October, 1863, at 4d. in the pound	1472 3 7 ¹ / ₂			
			2866 15 7 ³ / ₄			
Surrey Consumers Gas Company, Repairs to Trenches	39 19 10			
Southwark Water Company	21 1 0			
Kent Water Company	1 3 0			
Contributions towards Paving Wyndham-road	39 2 3			
" " " Cross-street, Deptford-road	61 19 8			
" " " Wellington Street, Albion Street	8 12 6			
Grand Surrey Dock Company—Contribution towards rebuilding Plough-bridge	200 0 0			
Rent of house, Trinity-street	10 10 0			
Sundry Contributions	46 10 8			
Deposit and Interest London and Westminster Bank	253 0 8			
			3606 11 1 ¹ / ₂			
Balance	630 10 2 ¹ / ₂			
			£4237 1 3 ³ / ₄			

	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Medical Officer of Health, Clerk, Surveyor, Inspector of Nuisances, and Street Keeper, one year	503 0 0
Commission	74 9 4 ³ / ₄
Paviors' Labour	323 1 6
Day Labour	384 5 2
Cartage	190 10 0
Stone	339 12 8
Scavenging and Dusting	447 10 0
Interest on Loan (Mr. J. Arnold)	21 16 10
Rent	10 0 0
Valuation Committee Expenses	30 0 0
Removal of Nuisances	12 4 7
Lime	15 1 0
Ballast	112 14 0
Watering, viz. :—			
" Horse Hire	92 14 0
" Cart Hire, &c.	17 6 6
" Labour	18 4 0
			128 4 6
Law Costs opposing Railway Bills, 1863, &c.	99 1 10
Stationery and Printing	27 7 5
Fire Escapes	160 0 0
On account of rebuilding Plough-bridge	1000 0 0
Deposit London and Westminster Bank	250 0 0
Sundry Tradesmen's Bills, &c.	108 2 5
			£4237 1 3 ³ / ₄

Lighting, One Year ending 25th March, 1864.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on 25th March, 1863	91	18	2
Cash from Lighting Rates, viz. :—						
No. 5, made October, 1861, at 2d. in the pound	0 13 1			
No. 6, made April, 1862, at 5d. in the pound	15 18 2 ¹ / ₄			
No. 7, made October, 1862, at 3d. in the pound	130 3 1			
No. 8, made April, 1863, at 2 ¹ / ₂ d. in the pound	988 2 5 ¹ / ₄			
No. 9, made October, 1863, at 2d. in the pound	735 17 7 ¹ / ₂			
			1870 14 4 ³ / ₄			
Deposit and Interest London and Westminster Bank	253 0 8			
			£2215 13 2 ³ / ₄			

	£	s.	d.
Lighting, one year	1619 10 2
Commission	48 17 4 ¹ / ₄
Lamp Standards	11 14 0
Deposit London and Westminster Bank	250 0 0
			1930 1 1 ¹ / ₄
Balance	285 11 8 ¹ / ₂
			£2215 13 2 ³ / ₄

Sewers, One Year ending 25th March, 1864.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on 25th March, 1863	...	...	...	168	9	2½
Cash received from Sewers Rates, viz. :—						
No. 10, made October, 1861, at 5d. in the pound	...	3	14	4½		
No. 11, made April, 1862, at 5d. in the pound	...	41	7	0		
No. 12, made October, 1862, at 5d. in the pound	...	213	0	9		
No. 13, made April, 1863, at 4½d. in the pound	...	1781	9	4½		
No. 14, made October, 1863, at 4d. in the pound	...	1475	7	0½		
				3514	18	6½
Cash received for putting in Drains, &c.	...			87	2	6
Trustees of Roads contribution towards five Gulleys	...			15	0	0
Contribution towards Gulleys, Cross-street, Deptford-road	...			10	8	7
" " " Wyndham-road	...			3	0	0
" " " Wellington-street, Albion-street	...			0	12	0
Rent of surface over Sewers	...			1	12	6
Loan from London and Westminster Bank	...			1600	0	0
Deposit and Interest, London and Westminster Bank	...			1012	2	9
				£6413	6	0½

Assets to 25th March, 1864.

Net outstanding Rates, viz. :—Paving, No. 16	...	...	...	120	0	0
" " " Lighting, No. 9	...	...	...	55	0	0
" " " Sewers, No. 14	...	...	...	110	0	0
Accounts rendered Gas and Water Companies for Repairs to Trenches	...	...	...	17	3	3
Contributions to be received for Paving, &c., Wyndham-road	...	...	...	17	5	8
" " " Cross-street	...	...	...	23	1	7
" " " Re-erection of Plough-bridge	...	...	...	866	13	4
" " " Commercial Dock Company for	...	...	...
Paving at New Exit Rotherhithe-street	...	...	...	54	3	3
				£1263	7	1

	£	s.	d.
Salaries, one year	400	0	0
Commission	90	19	6
Loan, London and Westminster Bank	1600	0	0
Interest on ditto	48	17	5
Parker, Contractor, General Drainage	344	17	7
Stationery	24	17	9
Metropolitan Board of Works	2210	10	4
Labour	328	14	0
Cartage	14	19	0
Burton and Son, Sewers, side entrances, &c.	4	10	0
Sundry Tradesmen's Bills	20	3	5
Deposit London and Westminster Bank	1000	0	0
	6088	9	0
Balance	324	17	0½
	£6413	6	0½

Liabilities to 25th March, 1864.

Balance overpaid 25th March, 1864	...	...	...	20	1	3
Loan, London and Westminster Bank	...	...	...	800	0	0
Mr. Arnold on Loan	...	...	...	500	0	0
Balance for rebuilding Plough-bridge, about	...	...	...	500	0	0
Precept for Expenses of Metropolitan Board of Works, for year 1864, payable 24th June, 1864	...	...	...	1395	18	6
				£3215	19	11

EIGHTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe,

SURREY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH,

1864.

During the past year the Vestry has held twenty General and Special Meetings, and twenty-six Committee Meetings.

Sewers Works.

The lengths of drains and sewers laid by the Vestry to Lady-day, are :—

6 inch pipe drain	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	248 feet
9 " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	498 "
12 " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	819 "
18 " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 "
Total								<hr/> 1595 "

Twelve road-gulleys, fifteen gratings, two side entrances, ninety-six drain mouths and junctions to sewers, and three flushing shafts have been formed.

Ninety-eight applications have been made to drain houses into sewers, including notices of intended new buildings, and plans checked and approved, comprising about 272 houses and premises, 187 of which have been drained and completed.

About forty cesspools have been done away with.

The owners of the houses in Gardner's-row, Debnam's-row, &c., Rotherhithe New-road, have carried out and completed their house drainage into the 12-inch pipe sewer laid by the Vestry.

The Vestry have caused a 12-inch pipe drain to be laid up Wells' Tenements, Deptford-road, to take the drainage of the houses there; also, to provide means of drainage for part of the Workhouse premises and Claremont house.

Paving Works.

The following works have been done with new and old stone :—

New Granite carriage-way	33	tons.
Old carriage-way relaid	4802	yards.
Granite carriage-way rough dressed	479	"
New York paving	7838	feet super.
Old York paving relaid	15587	" "
Old York new faced	271	" "
New Granite Kerbing 12 by 7	1079	feet run.
Old Granite Kerbing reset	2400	" "
Kerb reworked	1500	" "

The following materials have been used in the reparation of the roads, footpaths, &c. :—

Guernsey Granite	206	yards.
Common "	61	"
Thames Ballast	139	"
Rough Ballast	391	"
Ground carted	494	"
Street slop carted	930	"
Lime	22	"
Sand off roads	30	"
Sand from river	2	"
Foundry Clinkers	463	"

The carriage-way and foot-paths, Rotherhithe Wall, between Love-lane and King-street, have been taken up and relaid at a cost of £78.

The carriage-way paving in front of Mr. Weeks's premises, at the Platform, has also been relaid.

Cross-street, Deptford-road, has been made up, paved, and drained, the several owners of houses therein having paid their proportion of the cost as agreed.

Lighting.

During the past year four new lamps have been placed as follows, viz. :—One in William-street, Plough-road, two in Corbetts-Lane, and one in King-Street, at the corner of Sernes-alley, making the total number of gas lamps in this Parish lighted under contract with the Surrey Consumers' Gas Company, 343 (for particulars of contracts see page 4.)

In September, 1863, the Surrey Consumers' Gas Company entered into a contract to supply gas for lighting the public lamps of this Parish for seven years, at £4 10s. 0d. per lamp per annum, being a reduction in price upon the old contract of five shillings per lamp per annum.

Watering.

The Vestry still continue to contract with Messrs. Brady for the supply of two water carts at £7 10s. 0d. each cart for the season. The horses and drivers being supplied by Mr. Alfred Thomas Hobman, also under contract.

Cleansing, &c.

Mr. A. T. Hobman is the contractor for removing the dust from the dwellings of the inhabitants, and out of the Parish, also for cleansing the paved streets, (for particulars of contract see page 4.)

Removal of Nuisances' Proceedings, &c.

From 25th March, 1863, to 25th March, 1864, 166 notices have been served in duplicate under the Nuisances Removal Act, upon complaints made by the Medical Officer and Inspector of Nuisances, twenty of which have been effectually abated by proper drainage being made from the respective houses into covered sewers. One hundred and thirty-one have been abated by removal, and fifteen are in course of abatement and standing over.

Fifty-four Summons have been issued, in fifty-one cases of which Magistrates Orders were obtained and carried out; in one case the summons was withdrawn at the suggestion of the Magistrate upon the Defendant undertaking to discontinue the cause of nuisance, and in two cases (Whitworth's) an indictment was preferred.

Ninety-seven notices to make and cleanse drains and provide water-closets, ash-pits, and water supply, have been served in duplicate by order of the Vestry. In sixty-three cases the owners have properly complied therewith, and thirty-four are in progress or standing over.

Thirteen notices of intention of butchers to apply to have their slaughterhouses licensed in this Parish were received by this Vestry, which were severally inspected and reported upon by the Medical Officer of Health. These slaughterhouses were all licensed by the Magistrates in October, 1863.

Four notices from cowkeepers, of their intention to apply to have their cowhouses licensed under the provisions of the "Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862," were received by the Vestry, and the same having been inspected and approved by the Medical Officer of Health, they also were all licensed by the Magistrates in October, 1863.

For further particulars as to Sanitary measures taken during the year, see Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report, hereto annexed.

Financial.

The loan of £800, borrowed of the London and Westminster Bank at 5 per cent., and the loan of £500, borrowed by the late Commissioners of Pavements of the late Mrs. Arnold, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., still continue.

Charity Estates.

The Accounts of Messrs. Edmond George Dannell and John Woodward Barrett, the Churchwardens for the year 1863-64, have been audited, and the following is a copy of the Charities Account:

To Cash received from—	£	s.	d.
Stratford Estate	70	14	10
Plaistow Estate	25	4	10
Smith's Charity	42	5	0
Bennett's Charity	9	0	0
Hill and Bell's Charity	6	0	0
Coat and Cloak Charity	6	0	0
Mrs. Embleton's Gift	5	0	10
	£164	5	6
By Balance paid to the late Churchwardens	2	4	3
„ Cash paid for Bread, viz.:—			
Killian	5	13	0
Sandwell	10	12	0
Smith	10	12	0
Power	10	19	6
Kegan	10	12	0
Lambert	10	12	0
Colls	10	19	6
Clark	10	12	0
Maret	11	2	0
Andrews	10	12	0
Adams	11	7	6
Farmer	10	17	0
Evans	10	16	0
Fountain	2	19	0
	138	5	6
Bennett's Charity distributed in Coal, &c.	9	0	0
Hill and Bell's Charity, Treasurer of Charity Schools	3	0	0
Coat and Cloak Charity	6	0	0
Mr. Embleton's Gift	5	0	10
Smith and Co., Printing Tickets for Bennett's Charity	0	9	0
	£163	19	7
Balance in hand	0	5	11
	£164	5	6

Miscellaneous.

The old Plough Bridge having been condemned as dangerous by the Commissioners of Police, and a Magistrate's Order obtained for its demolition, it was resolved at a Meeting of the joint Committees of the Trustees of the Roads, the Commercial Dock Company, the Grand Surrey Docks, and Canal Company, and this Vestry, that the Bridge should be taken down and a new iron bridge, forty feet wide, be constructed in lieu thereof. The cost of rebuilding the Bridge was roughly estimated at £1200, which it was agreed should be apportioned as follows, viz.—the grand Surrey Docks and Canal Company, to pay £200, and to give sufficient land to allow of the new bridge being built forty feet wide, on condition, however, that in future the Company should be relieved of the repair and maintenance of the Bridge. The trustees of the Roads likewise agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding £333 6s. 8d., and the Commercial Dock Company the sum of £300 towards the expenses of erecting a new Bridge. It was further agreed that the Vestry should carry out the works and apply to the Metropolitan Board of Works for a contribution in respect of the improvements in the roadway, and the Metropolitan Board of Works consented to contribute £233 6s. 8d. towards the cost of the bridge. The work was tendered for, and the Vestry ultimately entered into a contract with Messrs. Aird and Son for the erection of an iron girder bridge, forty feet wide, upon brick piers, for the sum of £1325. The works were immediately proceeded with, but in consequence of the unsatisfactory nature of the ground, extra care, labour and material had to be used in constructing the foundations of the piers, which will add to the cost of the works. The bridge has been completed and opened for traffic and the approaches thereto widened and improved.

Messrs. Cowan having applied for permission to bring out the front wall of their new Mill, Church passage, and Mr. Hill having also applied to bring out his adjoining shop in a line therewith so as to do away with an angle in the footway at that spot which was likely to become a nuisance. The Vestry granted their applications upon condition that they should build upon or effectually fence in the ground so as it should not hereafter become a nuisance to the public.

In consequence of a suggestion made at the General Meeting of Parishioners for the election of Vestrymen and Auditors in May, 1863, the Vestry caused Counsel's opinion to be taken upon the question whether under the Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 19th and 20th Vic., cap. 112, the Churchwardens of this Parish were to be appointed by the Parishioners in open Vestry, as it had been done previously to the passing of the Act, or whether section 3, vested that power in the Vestry constituted under the Act 18th and 19th Vic., cap. 120.

The opinion of Mr. Lush, Q.C., was accordingly taken, and the following is a copy thereof:

"I am of opinion that the power of appointing Churchwardens is transferred to and belongs exclusively to the new Vestry constituted under the 18th and 19th Vic., c. 120, but that the making of Church Rates remains as it was before, with the open common law Vestry of the Parish."

The Grand Surrey Dock and Canal Company have abandoned all their Appeals against the Paving and Lighting Rates of this Parish.

A Memorial having been received from the Inhabitants of Russell-street and that neighbourhood, complaining of the annoyance and nuisance experienced by them in consequence of certain houses in Russell-street being kept as brothels and disorderly houses, the Churchwardens and Overseers, at the request of the Vestry, caused Indictments to be preferred at the Surrey Sessions against the Occupiers of Nos. 18, 43, and 52, Russell-street, which resulted in the Occupiers of the houses Nos. 18, and 43 being found guilty and, the former sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, with hard labour, and the latter to 9 months imprisonment, with hard labour. The Occupier of No. 52, Russell-street removed out of the Parish, and he not appearing on the day appointed for the trial of the Indictment, his recognizances were estreated. These indictments have had the good effect of abating the nuisances and annoyances complained of by the inhabitants in that part of the Parish.

Notwithstanding the opposition of the City of London, and the several parishes on the south side of the Thames, the Authorities of St. Thomas's Hospital obtained the decision of Vice-Chancellor Sir Page Wood in favour of the Stangate site for the new Hospital. The Vestry set apart a sum not exceeding £50 towards the expenses that might be incurred in opposing the removal of the Hospital to Stangate, of which the sum of £29 13s. 11d. only has been expended.

In November last the Vestry received Parliamentary Notices from the promoters of the following Railway and other schemes affecting property in this Parish, viz.—The East London Railway (Thames Tunnel Line), Metropolitan District Railways; the Thames Tunnel Railway; the Commercial and Grand Surrey Dock Amalgamation, and the Southwark Park. The Vestry presented Petitions against the East London Railway (Thames Tunnel Line), and the Commercial and Grand Surrey Docks Amalgamation Bills, to protect the interest of this Parish, and a Committee was appointed to watch the said Bills.

The Commercial and Grand Surrey Docks Amalgamation Bill was apposed by Counsel in the Committee of the House of Lords, and ultimately clauses were inserted in the Act, providing for the better accommodation of the public at the Bridges over the entrances to the Grand Surrey Docks; also for regulating the opening and shutting of the said Bridges, and empowering the Vestry to recover a penalty for every offence, neglect, or omission, on the part of the Company in not complying with the provisions of the Act. The Bill has passed the Legislature as amended in Committee and embodying all the requirements of the Vestry.

An arrangement was also made with the Promoters of the East London Railway (Thames Tunnel Line), for the adoption of an easier gradient in the incline of the approach to the proposed bridge to carry the Deptford Lower Road, and the Deptford Old Lower Road, at Westfield Terrace, over the said Railway; also for the insertion of clauses in the Act for the protection of the foot-paths and the Parochial Rates. This Bill has been lately thrown out by the Committee of the House of Commons.

The portion of the line of the Metropolis District Railways, proposed to pass through this Parish, was abandoned on the recommendation of the Committee of the House of Lords, to whom the same was referred.

The Thames Tunnel Railway Bill was not proceeded with, in consequence of the Promoters not having complied with the Parliamentary standing orders.

The Act for the formation of the Southwark Park in this Parish passed the Legislature, and the Metropolitan Board of Works (the authority authorized for that purpose) have resolved to carry the same into effect without delay.

The site of the Park contains about 60 acres of land, and is bounded on the east by the Deptford Lower-road, on the south by the Rotherhithe New-road, on the west by Messrs. Frosts' Rope Ground, Jamaica-level, and Jamaica-level, and on the north by the Gardens in the rear of the houses, Paradise-row.

The Vestry presented a Petition to Parliament, praying for a Repeal of the Duty on Fire Insurances, and a Committee was appointed, and had an interview with John Locke, Esq., M.P., one of the Members for this Borough, on the subject.

A clock having been erected in the tower of Christ Church, by subscription, application was made to the Vestry to bear the cost of lighting the same with gas. This the Vestry agreed to do during the winter months, commencing on the 29th September, and ending on the 25th March, in each year.

The Metropolitan Board of Works has ordered that the whole line of thoroughfare heretofore known by the names of Union-place, Mill Pond-row, West-lane, and West-buildings in the respective parishes of Bermondsey and Rotherhithe, be called West-lane, and that the same be renumbered throughout, the odd numbers commencing from 1 and ending with 45 being assigned to the houses on the west or Bermondsey side, and the even numbers commencing from 2 and ending with 64 to those on the east or Rotherhithe side, such numbers to commence at the southern end.

The Metropolitan Board of Works has sanctioned the formation of the following new streets in the parish, viz. —

Four new streets, each 40 feet wide, on land southward of the Rotherhithe New-road, and abutting upon Manor-row.

Two new streets, each 40 feet wide, to be called respectively Hawthorne-road and Bush-road, on the site of the Cricket Field, Deptford Old-road, and Medway-place.

One new street, 40 feet wide, to lead from Dodd's-place to Clarence-place; and

Two new streets, each 40 feet wide, Jamaica-level, one to be called Hickling-street, the other has no name appropriated to it at present.

APPENDIX No. I.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, From 25th March, 1863, to 25th March, 1864.

To the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, Surrey.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to lay before you a table of the causes of death in Rotherhithe during the elapsed year, namely, from March 25th, 1863, to March 25th, 1864, and to present you with a report of the Sanitary work done during that period.

The fact upon which all calculations relating to the mortality of any place must necessarily be based is population; now the population of this Parish, according to the rate of increase from 1851 to 1861, when the Census was taken, ought to be 26,512 souls, or in round numbers 26,500, which I believe to be nearly correct.

Eight hundred and eighty-one children, 434 males, and 447 females, were born during the elapsed year, giving a small fraction more than 33 births for every 1,000 inhabitants, which is about the average all over Great Britain, and an increase of 22 births on the year preceding, the increase of births being exactly proportioned to the supposed increase of population.

There were registered 664 deaths, namely: 354 males and 310 females. This representation of the mortality is not, however, perfectly correct, because it is erroneous to include in the mortality the deaths of 17 persons upon whose bodies inquests were held, and who, not belonging to the place, were found dead in it or washed ashore from the Thames. These 17 deducted from 664 leave 647, upon which number our calculations must be made.

There died, then, last year in Rotherhithe, about 24 persons in the 1,000, which is a little above the average death rate of the whole of London in previous years. This increase may be explained by the fact that this Parish, in common with almost every other metropolitan Parish, was visited last year by two epidemic diseases, viz.: the small pox and typhoid fever.

Small pox broke out early in the year 1863, and during the spring and summer months spread itself in this locality. The alarm excited in the public mind by its appearance caused every human effort to be made to stay its progress, and apparently with some success.

The children in all the public schools were examined and either vaccinated or revaccinated, and hundreds of other children and adults underwent the same operation. The disease gradually died away in the winter, still, however, a solitary case of small pox occasionally shows itself.

Typhoid fever, which had been nearly absent from the neighbourhood for some years, and very rarely manifested itself sporadically among us, gave signs of its presence in the year 1862, during which year (25th March, 1862, to 25th March, 1863) 16 deaths were registered from that malady. In the months of April and May, 1863, it attacked the inmates of the miserable tenements in Fisher's-court. It travelled thence to Hanover-street, New-place, Cross-alley, Kenning's-buildings, Eve's place, Adam's-gardens, Staples-rents, William-street, and other places. The only parts of the Parish which seem to have been free, or nearly free, from the complaint, were the line of Rotherhithe-street along the waterside, Paradise-row, and the Deptford Lower-road. I have no means of ascertaining the relative population of the eastern and western divisions of Rotherhithe, but certainly the cases of fever were far more numerous in the western than in the eastern district, the proportion being about 1 in the eastern for 9 in the western. This may be, to a certain extent, explained by the more crowded state of the western district, and by the fact that above 200 acres of the eastern, occupied by the Surrey and Commercial Docks, are open space, allowing free circulation of the air, which must be conducive to the healthfulness of any place.

It would not be proper here to attempt to discuss whether typhus and typhoid fever be the same disease or perfectly distinct in their nature and origin, as some have asserted, but it is quite true that the two maladies often showed themselves simultaneously among the inmates of the same house, and sometimes among members of the same family.

The Parish Authorities, throughout the trying circumstances of these visitations of disease, acted with energy and humanity. Every means was used to stop their progress. The Board of Guardians supplied liberally comforts, and even luxuries, to the sufferers, some were attended at their homes, and others sent to the Fever Hospital. Nor was the Local Board of Health idle, the cleansing and scavenging of the various streets was everywhere carefully attended to. Summonses were taken out against the owners of houses who would not effect such improvements as the Sanitary Officers thought necessary. Every house in Fisher's-court and Cross-alley was cleansed and whitewashed, in New-place the drains were cleared; in Hanover-street dust bins were built, the water receptacles repaired or renewed, and, above all, the overcrowding of the houses was discontinued.

There was, however, and is still, one thing wanted, which, alas! Sanitary Boards and Sanitary Officers cannot communicate, I mean habits of order and cleanliness among the people. Let us hope, however, that the day will come when the humbler classes of society will be well educated enough to know that cleanliness and attention to the decencies of life bring not only comfort and health, but also improved morals in their train.

I shall consider, as I did last year, the table of mortality appended to this Report in regard to the seasons, the ages of the persons who died, and the diseases to which they succumbed. The most unhealthy period was the summer quarter from June 24th to September 29th, 1863, when 191 deaths were recorded. The number of deaths in the other quarters were nearly equal, being 152 from March 25th to June 24th, 1863, 159 from September 29th to December 25th, 1863, and 162 from December 25th, 1863, to March 25th, 1864.

In respect of age 205 deaths, or less than a third of the whole number, were of children under 2 years, and 85 were between 2 and 5 years, making together, 290, or considerably less than half the mortality. A glance at the annexed tabular arrangement will give a good idea of the fatality of different diseases at different ages of life.

The Zymotic diseases destroyed 179 persons, viz.: 79 died from fever, 23 from small pox, 46 from scarlatina, 18 from whooping cough, 6 from measles, 18 from diarrhoea, 2 from cholera, and 1 from diphtheria; 45 deaths were registered from natural decay, 6 between 60 and 70 years, 17 between 70 and 80, 21 between 80 and 90, and 1 between 90 and 100. The last was of a man aged 99 years 11 months and some days. He followed actively his calling as a chimney sweep till within about 3 weeks of his death.

Let us now pass to the Sanitary work done. During the elapsed year 166 nuisance notices were served, the drainage of 187 houses was completed, and 1,595 feet of pipe sewer and drains added to those already existing.

Fifty-four summonses were issued, one against a wharfinger for storing and kiln-drying damaged grain, one against a coal tar distiller, 50 against an owner of property for allowing his houses to be overcrowded and not attending to their Sanitary arrangements, and 2 against a fish manure maker at the China Hall Gate.

This last manufacturer was afterwards indicted at the Old Bailey. In the meanwhile his premises at the China Hall Gate were incorporated into those of the Grand Surrey Dock Company, and he transferred his business to the Atlas Works Jamaica-level. This Board then consented to stay the proceedings on condition that he, the manufacturer, should erect proper buildings for storing the ingredients used in the manufacture of fish manure, and also the

manure itself, and that he should put up efficient machinery, so that all gases generated in the factory should pass through a fire and be burnt before escaping into the atmosphere. This he has since done. (See Monthly Reports).

At Messrs. Miller and Johnson's, Manure Makers, Rotherhithe-street, the shaft has been raised, and the smells arising from the factory thereby much diminished.

At the Globe Wharf, which has been much complained of, the manufacturer has promised to use every practicable means to abate the nuisance, and has set about it by consulting at once the Surveyor of this Board.

The cowhouses and slaughterhouses have been inspected as usual, no complaint has ever been made against these places, and I believe them to be well conducted.

Thirty-three bakehouses in Rotherhithe have also been personally visited by me, and I must say that I was everywhere received by the bakers with kindness and courtesy. The bakehouses in Rotherhithe are, as a rule, clean and well appointed. The master bakers generally eulogising the recent Act of Parliament relative to the regulation of bakehouses, and often describing in no measured terms the dens in which they had been obliged to work when journeymen, or in the days of their apprenticeship.

The Petroleum Works at the back of the Noah's Ark have been discontinued, the premises having been taken by the Commercial Dock Company.

The Water supplied to Rotherhithe is of good quality. Complaints, however, have often been made to me by inhabitants of some of the new streets branching off from the Deptford-road of scantiness of supply for several days consecutively.

The scavenger work has been better done than during the preceding year.

The Black Ditch, or Earle Sewer, and the Surrey Mill Stream, than which there are not two more disgraceful receptacles of filth in all London, still continue in the same state as heretofore.

It is refreshing to turn from these streams of putrefaction to the park which is about to be formed in Rotherhithe. The inhabitants are already enjoying in anticipation its green turf, pleasant avenues, shady walks, and cooling water jets. We must all congratulate ourselves upon this coming event, which will not only afford to the people a place of innocent recreation, but tend also much to improve the healthfulness of the Parish.

I shall conclude by expressing my cordial thanks to the Vestry and its Officers.

Yours respectfully,

W. MURDOCH.

1st June, 1864.

Table of the Mortality in Rotherhithe, from March 25th, 1863, to March 25th, 1864.

	Under 2 years	2 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	TOTAL.
Inquests	3	1	2	8	9	5	3	5	...	1	...	...	37
Fever	3	6	2	7	6	8	18	13	11	4	1	...	79
Small Pox	5	7	4	2	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	23
Measles	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Scarlatina	10	27	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Whooping Cough	12	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Diarrhoea	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	18
Diphtheria	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cholera .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Bronchitis	25	6	...	1	...	...	2	7	7	9	...	...	57
Pneumonia	18	3	...	...	4	4	2	8	5	2	...	1	47
Phthisis	5	2	...	5	13	13	13	6	2	...	...	...	59
Croup and Laryngitis ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3
Phthisis Laryngea .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Laryngismus Stridulus ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Heart Disease .....	...	...	...	...	1	4	4	...	3	1	...	...	13
Cynanche Tonsillaris	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cerebral Congestion	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Apoplexy and Paralysis...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	6	10	2	1	1	23
Meningitis and Acute } Hydrocephalus	10	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Chronic Hydrocephalus ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Convulsions	40	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Ramollissement .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	6
Delirium Tremens .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2
Chronic Disease of } Stomach and Bowels }	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	4
Hæmatemesis .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tabes Mesenterica	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Dysentery	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dyspepsia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Gastric Irritation	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hepatitis, Acute .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	2	1	...	...	...	11
" Chronic .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Intersusception of the Colon	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Peritonitis .....	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Puperal Fever .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hæmorrhage .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Decay, Natural .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	21	1	45
Congenital Debility	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Schirrus and Cancer .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	6
Disease of the Joints .....	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Spinal Diseases .....	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Disease of the Jaw .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Marasmus	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Tuberculosis	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Ovarian Dropsy .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pyæmia .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Debility .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Want of Breast Milk	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Gout and Rheumatism .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Purpura .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Remittent Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dropsy .....	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3
Phlegmon .....	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
Albuminuria .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Emphysemæ of the Lungs	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Anthrax .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Congenital Syphilis	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Epilepsy .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Burns and Scalds .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inanition .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
	205	85	22	31	39	43	69	56	49	37	25	3	664

APPENDIX No. 2.

Water Companies' Accounts.

Copy Account of Receipt and Expenditure of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company, from 1st October, 1862, to 30th September, 1863, both inclusive.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bankers, 1st October, 1862.....				8880	4	3
Water Rates				68784	17	10
Shares, Loans, &c.				87600	0	0
Paid on Account of—						
New Work	21049	4	0			
Extension of Services	11340	4	2			
Law and Parliamentary Charges	925	5	0			
Repair of Works and Premises	1088	12	3			
Pumping Establishments	8393	8	5			
Salaries of Officers, Men's Wages, Collectors, Commission, &c.	10590	12	6			
Rent and Taxes	5397	15	10			
Loans	46800	0	0			
Interests	16968	14	4			
Dividends	26459	19	6			
Balance at Bankers, on 30th September, 1863.....	16251	6	1			
				165265	2	1

W. CLAY, Chairman.

T. F. MARSON,

E. O. COE,

} Auditors.

APPENDIX No. III.

VESTRYMEN, AUDITORS, AND OFFICERS OF THE PARISH OF ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

Under the "Metropolis Local Management Act, 1855."

1864.

Vestrymen.

REV. EDWARD BLICK, M.A., Rectory, Church-street.		
MR. JOHN WOODWARD BARRETT, Ramsford-place, Plough-road.	} Churchwardens.	
MR. DANIEL SERLE, James Place, Deptford Lower-road		
MR. WILLIAM JAMES BLAKE, St. Albyn House, Deptford		To go out of Office in 1865
MR. EDWARD TALBOT, Church-street		"
MR. ROBERT ALLEN, Union-road		"
MR. EDMOND GEORGE DANNELL, Bedford-place, Deptford-road		"
MR. JOHN SANDERSON, Portland-terrace, Deptford-road		"
MR. WILLIAM CASTON, JUN., Lower York-street		"
MR. CHARLES HAY, Deptford Lower-road		"
MR. WILLIAM POWER, Neptune-street		"
MR. SAMUEL TILLEY, Paradise-row		1866
MR. THOMAS WILLIAM CLARKE, Rotherhithe-wall		"
MR. JOHN BROWNJOHN PERKS, Rotherhithe-wall		"
MR. CHARLES ERWIN, Walker-place, Deptford-road		"
MR. ROBERT BRAKENBERRY, Rotherhithe-wall		"
MR. JOHN COX, "Albion," Albion-street		"
MR. JOHN BULMER, Chilton-street		"
MR. ROBERT STRANACK, Paradise-row		"
MR. JAMES ARNOLD, Church-passage		1867
MR. ROBERT TALBOT, Albion-street		"
MR. ROBERT NEWHAM, 381, Rotherhithe-wall		"
MR. JAMES DOUGLAS COWAN, Rotherhithe Wall		"
MR. JOHN HEDGECOCK JENKINS, Princes-street		"
MR. JAMES FORD, Rotherhithe Wall		"
MR. WILLIAM JONATHAN SMITH, Claremont House, Deptford Lower-road		"
MR. JAMES ROBERT GOODHEW, Lower York-street		"

Auditors of Accounts.

MR. BARTHOLOMEW ROBSON, Lucas-street.
MR. THOMAS KNIGHT TIPPETT, Deptford-road.
MR. WILLIAM VANE, Rotherhithe-wall.
MR. BENJAMIN BATT, Rotherhithe-wall.
MR. LUKE SEAR, Crystal-terrace.

Officers of the Vestry.

ROBERT SHAFTO HAWKS and JAMES JOHN STOKES, Clerks, 61, Paradise-street.
WILLIAM MURDOCH, M.D., Medical Officer of Health, Rotherhithe-street.
GEORGE LEGG, Surveyor of Sewers, 61, King William-street, City.
JOHN KELSEY, Surveyor of Pavements, 72, Paradise-street.
WILLIAM MATTHEW MARSHALL, Collector of Paving, Lighting, and Sewers Rates,
Rotherhithe-wall.
JOSEPH BISHOP, Clerk of the Works, Paradise-row.
JOSEPH JOHN SANDERS, Sanitary Inspector and Street Keeper, Goldsworthy-place.

Representative at the Metropolitan Board of Works.

B. L. JUDKINS, ESQ., 71, Tooley-street, S.E.

PARISH OF SAINT MARY, ROTHERHITHE.

 1864.

Churchwardens.

Mr. JOHN WOODWARD BARRETT, Ramsford-place, Plough-road.
 Mr. DANIEL SERLE, James-place, Deptford-road.

Overseers of the Poor.

Mr. JAMES HURD, Princes-street.
 Mr. WILLIAM HENRY KELSEY, Paradise-row.
 Mr. THOMAS WILLIAM CLARKE, Rotherhithe-wall.
 Mr. ROBERT ALLEN, Union-road.

Valuer.

Mr. CHARLES ERWIN, Walker-place, Deptford-road.

Assistant Valuers.

Mr. JAMES ARNOLD, Church-passage.
 Mr. JOHN WOODWARD BARRETT, Ramsford-place, Plough-road.
 Mr. EDMOND GEORGE DANNELL, Bedford-place, Deptford-road.
 Mr. WILLIAM JAMES BLAKE, St. Albyn-house, Deptford.

Vestry Clerk.

R. SHAFTO HAWKS, 61, Paradise-street.

Parish Clerk.

EBENEZER BRADSHAW, Eden-terrace, Paradise-row.

Sextoness.

HARRIET NOWNE, Princes-street.

Beadle.

HENRY JOHN HAMBROOK, Portland-place, Deptford-road.

Turncocks.

EDWARD EASTON 10, Riley-street, Bermondsey.
 RICHARD TERRY, 4, Ridgewell-road, Deptford.

PARISH OF SAINT MARY, ROTHERHITHE.

*Guardians of the Poor, 1864.***Chairman.**

ROBERT STRANACK, Esq., Paradise-row.

Vice-Chairman.

JAMES FORD, Esq., Rotherhithe Wall.

Mr. JAMES ARNOLD, Church-passage.
 Mr. CHARLES ERWIN, Walker-place, Lower-road.
 Mr. EDWARD TALBOT, Church-street.
 Mr. ROBERT TALBOT, Albion-street.
 Mr. CHARLES HAY, Deptford-road.
 Mr. EDMOND GEORGE DANNELL, Bedford-place, Deptford-road.
 Mr. JOHN BROWNJOHN PERKS, Rotherhithe-wall.
 Mr. JAMES PAYNE, Plough-road.
 Mr. WILLIAM MISKIN, Deptford-road.
 Mr. WILLIAM JAMES BLAKE, St. Albyn House, Deptford.
 Mr. ALFRED THOMAS HOBMAN, Ramsford-place, Plough-road.
 Mr. JOHN WOODWARD BARRETT, Ramsford-place, Plough-road.

ROBERT SHAFTO HAWKS, 61, Paradise-street, Clerk to the Board.

Medical Officers.

WILLIAM SOWERBY WALLEN (West District and Workhouse), Portland-terrace,
 Deptford-road.
 JOSEPH THOMAS FORBES FIRTH (East District), Paradise-row.

Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and Collector of Poor's Rates.

GEORGE HOUSTOUN CLARK, 2, Goldsworthy-terrace, Deptford-road.

Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

JOHN JAMES BAYLEY, 61, Paradise-street

Relieving Officer.

DANIEL FILDEW, Paradise-street.

Master of the Workhouse.

JOHN JETHRO SANDWELL.

Matron.

MISS MARY ANN SANDWELL.

