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These Pages are printed at the repeated request of many of the workers at Avenue Hall during the War, and by desire of many supporters. They wish to have some record, however slight, of those days of strenuous and useful service. As the Secretary's report, read at the final meeting on January 22nd, 1920, found favour, it is here given practically as it was then delivered. The Treasurer's statement of accounts presented at that meeting and since brought up to date follows, together with lists of Helpers and Subscribers, and the names of the Regiments of the men using the Hall, as recorded in our Visitors' Books.

The interesting and unique photographs of Troops outside and passing the Avenue Hall were taken by Miss Analise Robinson.

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AVENUE
HALL,
about
September
7th, 1914.



Hon. Officials of the Hall

President and Hon Secretary.

Rev. H. T. SPENCER,

M.A., M.SC., O.B.E.

Hon. Treasurer :

Mr. HAROLD B. LANKESTER

Hon. Assistant Secretaries :

Mr. E. H. ROSE.

Mr. J. C. SMITH

Hon. Canteen Managers :

Mrs. J. HARRISON, O.B.E.

Mrs. J. J. LEACH, O.B.E.

Hon. Assistant Treasurer :

Miss ETHEL HAMILTON.

Executive Committee :

Miss ROBINSON.

Mr. A. E. BANCE.

Mr. J. HARRISON.

Mr. C. PHILLIPS.

Mr. R. SHEPHERD.

Mr. J. STEPHENS.

Hon. Auditors :

Messrs. HAMILTON AND
ROWLAND.



The following Ladies
and Gentlemen
also acted in an official
capacity :

Hon. Assistant Secretaries :

Mr. B. TILLY (Jan. 1915—
April, 1915.)

Mr. A. E. HENLEY
(May, 1915—Sept. 1916.)

Hon. Canteen Manager :

Mrs. T. H. SMITH
(Aug. 1914—Nov. 1915.)

Hon. Treasurer :

Mr. HORACE B. COX
(Aug. 1914—Feb. 1915.)

Member of Executive Committee :

Mrs. HY. BOWYER.

AVENUE
HALL,
September
21st, 1914.



The Report

It falls to my lot as Secretary to give the report of the five years' work of the Avenue Hall for Soldiers and Sailors. Time prevents giving any more than an outline sketch. The task is not easy ; much can be done in five years. Again, certain facts must be stated which may seem to imply that we attempted, at least, great things. But it is not intended to suggest that we did anything extraordinary ; we simply availed ourselves, and that right gladly, of any opportunity that arose to do all that we could for the comfort and happiness of the men who were prepared to sacrifice everything for us.

War was declared late on August 4th, 1914. In a day or two crowds of men in khaki streamed into the town and camped on the lower part of the Common. On Saturday evening, August 8th, three ladies—Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Rowland, and the late Miss Edith Lankester—saw men on the Common writing letters, with one another's backs for desks, their efforts being greatly hampered and injured by the pouring rain. They approached the late Mr. J. T. Hamilton and Mr. Ronald Shepherd to know if the Lecture Hall could be thrown open to the men. The Deacons were consulted before the Sunday morning service, the idea was warmly received, an announcement was made at the service, and the Hall was thrown open the same afternoon. The men entering in found writing-tables, stationery, books, magazines, and a hearty welcome from a number of willing workers. The Hall was opened day after day, and all day. Mr. Harold B. Lankester undertook the duties of Secretary, arranging a rota of helpers and summoning them ; Mr. Horace B. Cox became the first Treasurer, receiving the generous subscriptions that poured in.

It was soon found that many soldiers arrived from considerable distances, and that, in many cases, they had had no food for several hours. One or two ladies began to bring baskets of provisions, and the Avenue Church Tea Committee undertook to provide meals regularly. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. T. H. Smith, the

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THE
THIRD
ECHELON.

GENERAL
HEAD-
QUARTERS
STAFF.



*Photo Applin,
taken
August, 1915,
at the Rest Camp,
The Common,
Southampton.*

Honorary Secretary of that Committee, who organised and managed that department splendidly for fifteen months. On her resignation the management was undertaken by Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Leach, who continued their able superintendence as long as the Hall was open. Special mention must be made of the work of Mr. Osborne, who controlled the coppers, the tea and coffee making, and the storekeeping with such enthusiasm. His skill at all kinds of repairs and contrivances, and also his caligraphy, were a great asset to the Hall. Often he was laid up by ill-health resulting from his duties, but he always returned smiling.

Among our earliest visitors were officers and men of the Third Echelon, who, on August 15th, gave us a silver-plated epergne, some photographs, and a book containing more than two hundred signatures, prefaced by these words :

“ The following Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of His Majesty’s Forces desire to convey to the Subscribers and Workers of the Avenue Congregational Church their thanks and appreciation for the kindness bestowed on them during their stay at Southampton, pending embarkation for the European War, 1914. No words of ours can sufficiently express our appreciation of the efforts of all those who so kindly co-operated in our interests.

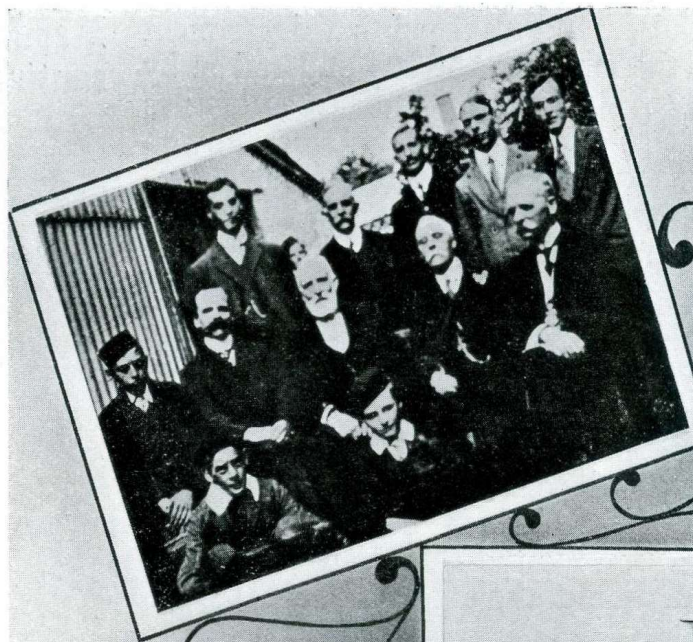
“ The kindness and forethought that has been extended to us will never be forgotten by His Majesty’s Troops who have been fortunate enough to be able to avail themselves of the same.

“ The memory of the people of Southampton will long live in our minds.”

From the first everything was provided free of charge—stationery, food, tobacco, and cigarettes—and the first 27,000 letters and cards were stamped by us, at a cost of nearly £100. Oh, those letters! On the record day 3,500 were written, stamped, and posted. After the first 27,000 the next 40,000 were franked by the Post Office—by mistake, as it afterwards transpired. For the rest of the time the men bought their

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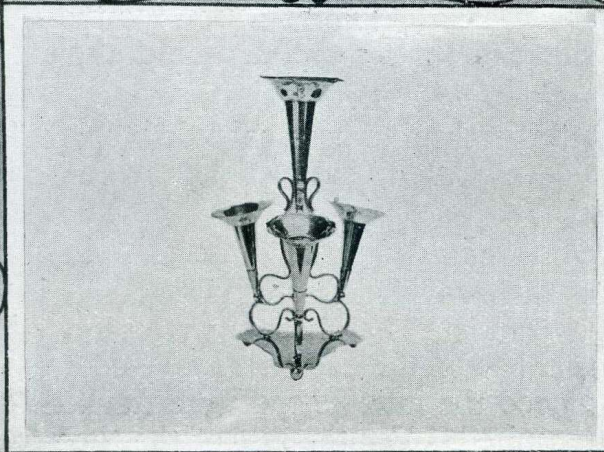
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GROUP OF WORKERS,
August 16th, 1914.



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August 16th, 1914.



EPERGNE PRESENTED TO THE CHURCH
in gratitude for the hospitality and work carried on at the Hall,
from the General Headquarters staff, 3rd Echelon, Rest Camp,
Southampton, August, 1914.

stamps from us, but were at no expense for anything else they required for nearly three years.

From very early days certain " comforts " began to appear and disappear. Socks, shirts, scarves, gloves, mittens, helmets, vests, pants, belts, bachelor buttons, boracic ointment, &c., &c., came from many sources, but particularly noteworthy was the kindness of Miss Robinson, Mrs. Henry Bowyer, and Drs. Tebbs, Le Quesne, and Bathe. The last-named also most generously contributed a gallon of milk *daily* for several years.

In August the ill-fated Seventh Division began to form on the Common, remaining some weeks before departing for Lyndhurst. We were thrown into close contact with these men, who *lived* at the Hall whenever they were off duty. Many had returned from India and Malta, and wives and children came here to see them. Several of our ladies received these visitors into their homes, and rooms were obtained for many more. I am told that on one occasion 100 beds were found by Members of the Congregation and Helpers. Large numbers of these men attended the Church services, and at their own request a Bible Class of several hundred was held in the Church late on Sunday afternoons as long as the regiment remained.

All this time we had been busy, too, with the Base Kit Details (including our good friends the Band Sergeants), Frontiersmen, Remount men, and others. And in addition to these, who were resident, regiments of all descriptions were constantly passing through, and adding to our numbers of visitors; and frequently, either by our invitation or at the request of the Commandant, hundreds of men slept in the Small Hall or Large Hall, or both, during the cold, wet nights before the new Camp was constructed on the upper part of the Common.

There were added during the autumn facilities for men to wash and shave, dry their clothes (by a wonderful arrangement in the Small Hall), and have their laundry and mending done. Mr. Rose's celebrated collection of sixty razors, and Mr. Knight's

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constant attendance in the washing department for many months, are memorable, the latter stripping his fine orchard to provide the men with vast quantities of apples.

It was not surprising that in the winter a great many men were troubled with terrible coughs. Miss Martin came to the rescue with a most palatable and effective cough mixture, and she and her family kept up a constant supply of this popular "dope" as long as the work continued.

In December, 1914, the first attempt to feed Divisions on the march from Winchester or Hursley to the Docks was made. We used to ride out and request the Officer in Command to order a halt at the Hall. If they stayed for three minutes every man received tea, coffee, food, oranges, &c. If they stayed five minutes we could manage two cups; if seven minutes we could water the horses and mules. Often they could not stop. Then, as far as possible, food and drink were handed to the men as they marched, and the cups were collected some hundreds of yards down the Avenue. Frequently trams brought back the empties hours afterwards. It was rather sporting to carry a tray full of filled cups high up for mounted men, and encounter a restive horse or an arm too eagerly stretched out. Many Helpers found that it made very little difference to their state of moisture whether it was raining or not!

This work was done six times in 1915, frequently continuing for three days, and it became highly organised. Tables were placed in the Avenue up to Winn Road and beyond, and portable boilers were obtained, thus enabling us to deal with a whole battalion of infantry or a train of artillery at once. Three thousand five hundred bags of bread-and-butter and cake were prepared overnight, and the ladies were always hard at work throughout the day keeping up the stock. In July, 1915, the work began at 4.30 a.m., lasting till 1 or 2 p.m. We know that the impression made upon the men was deep; echoes of their gratitude have often come from the other side. It appealed to our townsmen, too. Though it cost £60 each time, our balance was always at its best soon after

one of these occasions. Once a spectator took off his rings and gave them to us, and there was a similar gift of a bicycle.

It nearly always happened when we were feeding the Divisions that large numbers of men, just arrived upon the Common, came to the Hall to seek their first meal after a fast of some hours. Then indeed the resources of the establishment, and the strength and patience of the workers, were strained to the utmost, and they never failed. On one day we catered for a passing Division and for many hundreds who came to the Camp, and the same night the Hall was crowded with soldiers sleeping.

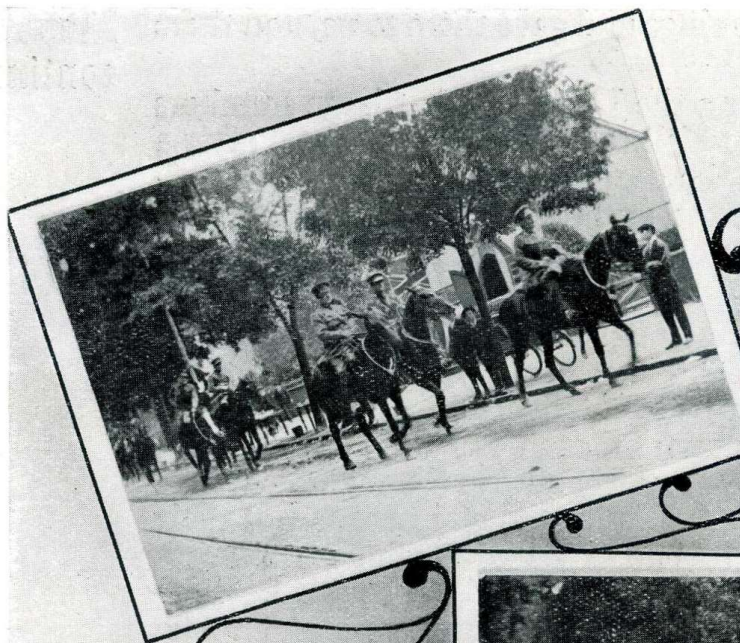
To return to the first Christmas. We made arrangements for a high tea and cinematograph entertainment, but had only 100 guests. But as the years went on these Christmas parties became a great feature. Many of us spent five Christmas Days and Boxing Days there, and we generally had about 300 men on each day for excellent teas, concerts, games, and competitions. It was curious that nearly always the men for whom the festivities were provided had to leave on Christmas Day or the day before, but their places were always taken by men newly arrived, who had no expectation of any Christmas cheer in their fresh quarters, and were all the more thankful to find it provided. Particularly at Christmas, 1918, a number of Welsh and Lancashire miners about to be demobilised had just reached Southampton, and could not proceed at once to their homes. The Commandant of the Camp told the officers about our Christmas parties; they brought their men, and themselves participated in the provision of meals and games.

Early in 1915 came the Honorable Artillery Company, containing men who had acquaintances in the town, and with whom we had very pleasant comradeship.

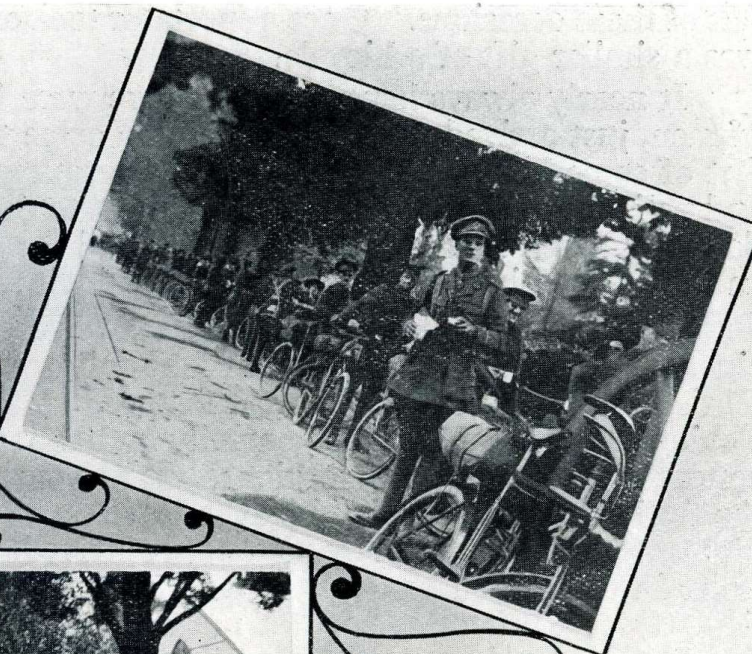
As the Congregation left Church on Good Friday evening, 1915, we became aware that many soldiers were drawn up in the Avenue, waiting to go to their quarters on the Common. They had come unexpectedly, having disembarked and returned after sailing. There were about 1,200. The Secretary visited the Camp Commandant and offered to

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R.F.A.
(17th Division).



ARMY CYCLISTS' CORPS
(17th Division).



R.A.S.C. (No. 3 Coy.)
17th Divisional Train.

give supper in the Hall to 200. These were sent, and the Captain, hearing that 200 were to come, quite innocently chose and sent another 200. And then a third 200 invited themselves, having failed to find accommodation elsewhere. When all the seats were filled the rest of the 600 were formed into a queue by corporals, and allowed to enter as places became vacant. Workers arrived on being summoned, or by chance. The food from Australia stood us in good stead, but we had to trouble bakers and milkmen at 10.30 on Good Friday evening. Messrs. Lowman Bros., then as always, supplied us with whatever we needed at any hour. Without their ready co-operation we should often have failed. Every guest had a good meal and some cigarettes. They were abundantly grateful, and gave the Hall a tremendous cheer on marching off next day.

The food from Australia referred to consisted of a huge quantity of flour, cheese, butter, roast beef, boiled beef, mutton (the meat in tins), sugar, &c., supplied by the Queensland Government and allocated to us through the good offices of Mr. W. F. Hamilton, K.C.

The formation of the Labour battalions on the Common throughout the summer of 1915, and later, added greatly to our opportunities. These men received their khaki after coming here, and used to send home their old clothes from the Hall. There was great demand for paper and string, and Chaplin's van used to call every day. Some of these men could not write, and would secure the services of our helpers as amanuenses. One lady was charged one hot evening to write :

“ Dear Martha,—I be a-sweeatin. I hope you bean't a-sweeatin same as I be a-sweeatin. So no more at present from

“ Your loving husband,

“ DICK.”

The lady selected to write this effusion, so suggestive of tropical heat, was named Snow !

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Once a man rushed in, dumped down a bit of paper with an address on it, and said, "Here, write to my missis," and was tearing out again. "But what must I say?" asked the Helper. "Dunno, that's as you like," and off he went. But the lady was equal to the task, and sent messages of love from the husband, and a statement as to how nice he looked in his new khaki, and that he was well and happy.

It was a sight to see extra tables laid in the garden, and men taking refreshments there by candlelight—this was before the Daylight Saving Bill.

One week's supply included 264 gallons of bread, 8 hundredweights of cake, 156 pounds of butter, 55 gallons of milk, 23,350 cups of tea and coffee; 6,454 letters were posted in the Hall that week.

In October, 1915, we had 2,000 men per night in the Hall for some time, both Halls being crowded, and men in possession had to be asked to leave in order to make room for hungry newcomers.

In December, 1915, when we fed the Welsh Division on the march, we used 67 gallons of milk, 229 gallons of bread, 560 pounds of sugar (bought then, but not all used), 1 ton 2 hundredweights of cake (35,000 big slices), 252 pounds of jam, and 2 hundredweights of butter. The cake cost £54.

In the summer of 1916 came the R.G.A. Signalling School. The men were billeted in empty houses in Winn Road, Westwood Road, Northlands Road, Hulse Road, Archers Road, Hill Lane, &c., and used our Hall as their home. Many of them were professional and business gentlemen, and were frequent and welcome visitors in our homes. They included men of great musical and histrionic ability, and their fortnightly vocal and instrumental concerts, organised and attended by their officers, were delightful, and are memorable.

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The School remained for eighteen months; individuals were here for about three

months. Many brought their wives and children. Miss Ethel Hamilton and Mrs. H. B. Cox prepared a list of lodgings numbering eighty houses, and took an immense amount of trouble to secure accommodation as required. We kept most of these apartments full as long as the R.G.A.'s were here.

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In October came the record crush, the R.G.A. men being enough to fill the Hall, and big military movements causing our Common to be crowded.

At Christmas, 1916, we provided a number of bicycles for men who obtained Christmas leave but could not secure railway passes.

In May, 1917, when the Hall had been conducted on the "all free" principle for more than 1,000 days, we received orders to charge for all food and drinks at a fixed tariff. True, voluntary collecting boxes had been placed on the tables for many months, and on busy days yielded from 30s. to £3, but that, of course, was nothing like making a charge, and the men recognised this. Mr. Dudley Kimber, writing from France, said he had met crowds of men out there who talked gratefully of Avenue Hall, and described it as "the place where you can get anything for nothing." But thenceforth all was altered. Contributions fell off at once when it was known that men were charged for food; but we still needed money for heating, lighting, cleaning, and stationery. As time went on, and bread and cake were severely rationed, the ladies rose to the occasion and provided porridge, rice pudding, baked potatoes, Bovril, malted milk, and other foods.

A prominent feature always was the free gift of tobacco and cigarettes. Most of these were specially provided, and not purchased from the funds. The late Mr. Larbalastier gave us two large boxes of cigarettes every week from the commencement till after the Armistice. I rather think that was the largest individual gift we received. When remonstrated with, he always said, "There is that scattereth yet increaseth." In June, 1917, we started a Tobacco Stall. Being able to buy wholesale, and obliged to sell at

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ENTERTAIN-
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WOUNDED
SOLDIERS,
November
22nd, 1918.



Photo
Southampton
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regulated prices, we made a useful profit by this stall, and should have made far more but for the difficulty of obtaining supplies on account of the shortage.

Miss Ethel Hamilton and Mrs. H. B. Cox started their famous stall for the supply of *everything* but food and tobacco in August, 1917. This stall was not only a boon to the men, but was of assistance to the funds.

In September, 1917, the Americans began to arrive. Numbers would come into the Hall, stare hard, and the boldest would ask for a drink of water. "Won't you have tea or coffee?" "I don't have the price of tea or coffee." The helpers subscribed considerable sums to supply the men, though many were too proud to avail themselves of this kindness. The Secretary saw the Commandant, the American Consul and American officers, and the Southampton O.C., and with a lot of trouble permission was obtained to supply these men gratis. Their Pay Office had gone in one ship to France and they in another to England. The men were now glad to accept our hospitality.

At the first we had had a hint that we should not suffer for this kindness, and in January, 1918, we received from the American Red Cross a most flattering epistle, and a cheque for £30, which about balanced our expenditure under this head. Of course the cash breakdown did not continue long. The Americans, being Americans, soon had plenty of money.

Their coming was largely the cause of the installation of the cash desk. We had exchanged foreign money from the first days, but henceforth we did it systematically, and on quite a large scale.

At this time there were to be seen in the Hall, beside the Americans, men from all our Colonies, and from most of the Allied countries—blacks and whites, seamen and soldiers.

During the latter part of 1918 and early in 1919 it became possible to entertain parties of wounded soldiers from the Hospitals, the Hall being no longer so busy as it was

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formerly. This was right royally done, not from the Hall Funds, but by the workers themselves, who provided the entire cost.

On January 11th, 1919, some of our ladies saw the announcement in the *Echo* that a number of Belgians had come to the Camp, and that the Belgian representatives here would be grateful for offers of hospitality. Arrangements were made at once for the whole of the 66 to come to Avenue Hall on Sunday afternoon. After a very good tea there was an impromptu concert. Later they attended an organ recital by Mr. Percival Withers in the Church, and returned to the Hall for supper. Throughout the week they made use of the Hall, and on Friday a concert was arranged for their benefit, some of them contributing items.

These Belgians had been taken prisoners at Liège and Namur on or about August 7th, 1914, and had been working in German salt mines ever since, suffering innumerable hardships. Some time after the Armistice they were sent, together with a large number of French soldiers, to Denmark, thence to Cherbourg, and had been brought here *en route* for Antwerp. Sunday evening was the first quiet, happy time they had spent since before the War. The cake they had then was the first they had tasted for over four years. They were loud in their praises of England, Southampton, and Avenue Hall. One of them, in spite of the attractions of home, wished his furlough in England could extend to one month.

We worked quietly and usefully till August, 1919, and closed with devout thankfulness that we had had these opportunities of service.

We record our thanks to Mr. F. Cox and Mr. Gilham for the loan of billiard tables, to Mrs. Hamilton for billiatelle, to Colonel Bance for a piano, and to many friends for articles of furniture. We were indebted to Mr. F. W. Smith for the gift of a fine flag-staff, and to the late Mrs. Henry Laver, of Johannesburg, and to other friends for flags.

The Boys' Life Brigade, under Captain Horace Furminger (now Captain and Company Commander in the 2/26th Punjabis), was active in the early days in stamping and posting letters and running errands. The boys made a garden, which was later taken over and vastly improved by Miss Ethel Hamilton. It became a delightful and very popular resting-place on summer evenings.

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Reference has already been made to the part taken by Mr. J. T. Hamilton in the inception of this work. He contributed most generously to the funds, and spent every moment he could spare in the Hall until his death on September 17th, 1914, by which the Hall suffered a great loss.

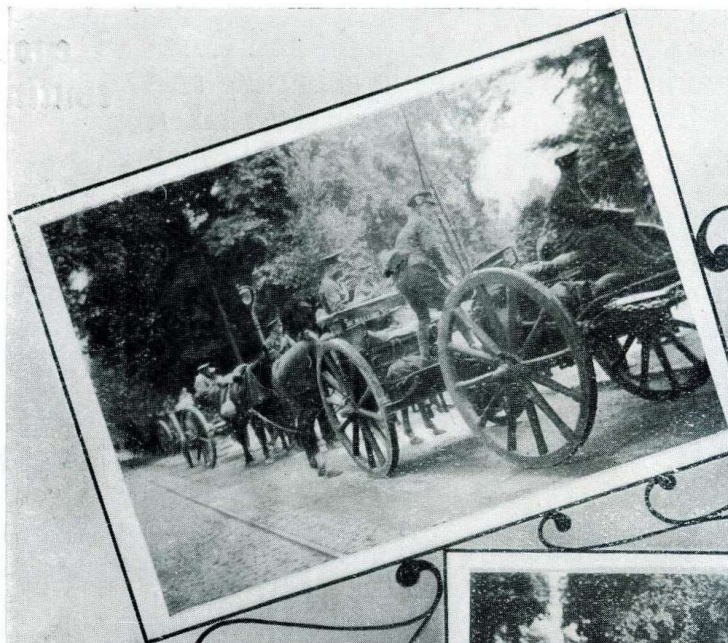
On the retirement of Mr. Benj. Tilly from business, early in 1915, he undertook the work of Assistant Secretary (together with Mr. E. H. Rose), and continued to render yeoman service till the day of his sudden death in April, 1915.

He was succeeded by Mr. A. E. Henley, who was most diligent and courteous until his long illness, which culminated in his death early in 1917. Before that Mr. E. H. Rose undertook all the work with characteristic ability, energy, and devotion, first alone, and later with Mr. J. C. Smith as colleague. On Mr. Rose's retirement, through ill health, Mr. Smith continued the work to the end, and rendered loyal and untiring service.

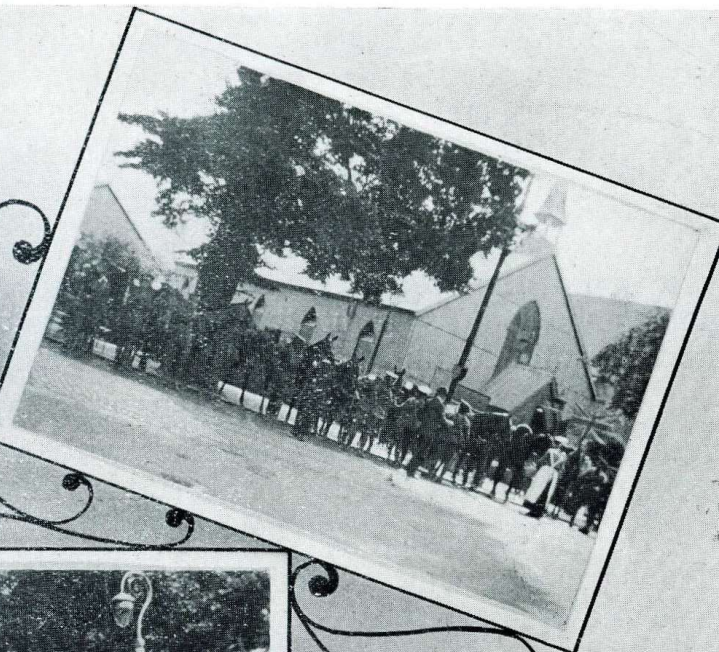
Great help was given in the secretarial department in the early days by Miss Veal, Miss F. King, Mr. J. J. Leach, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Fewings, and Mr. Grose. Miss F. King made an analysis of the earlier visitors books, and Miss Fewings made an index of all the gifts in kind—a colossal piece of work.

As has been said, Mr. Horace B. Cox was the first Treasurer. He resigned in February, 1915, having received a commission in the R.G.A. He was succeeded by Mr. Harold B. Lankester, who had served as Secretary for the first few weeks.

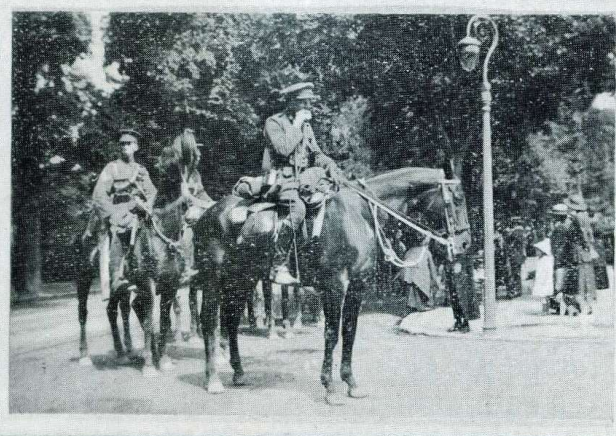
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SIGNALLING STORES
(17th Division)
Handing back the Cups.



ARMY VETERINARY CORPS
(17th Division)
Handing round Cigarettes.



YORKSHIRE DRAGOONS
(17th Division).

From the very beginning of the work till his departure on military service a unique part in the work was taken by Mr. " Jack " Jordan. Arranging the Hall, sweeping and dusting, locking up late at night, removing the furniture to the Small Hall and arranging it for the men, to free the Large Hall during the first winter for Avenue Lectures, and for the people to whom the Hall was lent occasionally for military charities during the first year, superintending the sleeping arrangements of the soldiers, carrying out through his firm considerable repairs—these were some of his activities. And the goodness, the bonhomie, the perfect good-humour of the man ! It was a delight to have anything to do with him. The awful German advance of 1918 claimed him as a victim. Even earlier another splendid Helper, Mr. Henry John Deagon, had given his life for us.

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Though it would be invidious to speak of individual helpers when from first to last there were nearly 300, and all were faithful and diligent, it ought to be mentioned that when Mrs. Dacombe became Mayoress of Southampton, and therefore the busiest lady in the town, she continued her regular work as one of the Helpers-in-Charge right through her year of office, and to the end of the work. Alderman Dacombe, too, continued whilst Mayor to take a very keen interest in our activities, was often in the Hall, sometimes addressed the men, and contributed generously to the funds.

We are often asked how many men used the Hall. We have not the faintest idea. The visitors' books contain 40,000 signatures, but obviously they are not one-tenth of the total. The letters written *and posted* in the Hall were 358,744. Some men wrote many letters ; very many wrote none. Enough free stationery was supplied for three times the above number of letters ! Thousands of letters were written in the Hall but posted outside.

Mention should be made of some friends who gave concerts and entertainments for the benefit of the Hall funds.

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The following names occur : Mr. C. H. Brightiff, Mrs. Bellamy (Miss Doreen Eathorne), Mrs. Julius Caesar, The Class Teachers' Association, Avenue Church Choir, Sir Frank Benson, Madame Grace Hobbs, Dr. Rigby, Mr. Percival Withers, Miss Hutchens, the Misses Dawson and Allen, the Misses W. Cook and Stella Williams, Madame Russell Lloyd, Miss Ella Forbes, Messrs. Payne and Gibbs, and Miss Cheeseman.

In addition many of the above, and also the following, entertained the men in the Hall, Mr. Allan Cooper, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Norton Child, Mrs. Moody, Miss Rose Hickley, Mr. Harold Lankester, Miss Conroy, Miss E. Hamilton, the Misses Rowland, the Misses Matthews and Bacon, Sergeant Carter, the Merry Mauvettes, Commander Gaud, Mr. Young, Mrs. Bishop, and musicians and entertainers amongst the troops themselves.

For more than two years the Avenue Orchestra, commonly known amongst us as Mrs. Clift's Orchestra (leader, Mr. Stratton), gave a fortnightly concert, besides playing on special occasions. No words are adequate to convey our gratitude for the splendid service they have rendered.

Early in our career, through the good offices of Professor Watkin, lectures were given to the men by Dr. Alex Hill and several of the University College Professors ; and at one time there was a considerable demand for French Classes.

By the kindness of Miss Robinson, Miss Lankester, the Bible Society, the Scripture Gift Mission, and others, we have been able to give away many thousands of Testaments and Gospels to the men. I have visited men in hospitals who have had these gifts with them for years of active service, and have used them for themselves and others. For the greater part of the time we closed each evening with hymn and prayer, and the Sunday evening hymn-singing was a great feature. During the sojourn of the R.G.A. Church Parades were held in the Church on Sunday mornings at 9.0.

The following letter from Colonel A. W. Swalm, U.S.A. Consul, who took the liveliest interest in the work, and was the donor of vast stocks of notepaper, much of it bearing the printed headings, of which a few specimens are given on page 48:

September 14th, 1919.

Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, California.

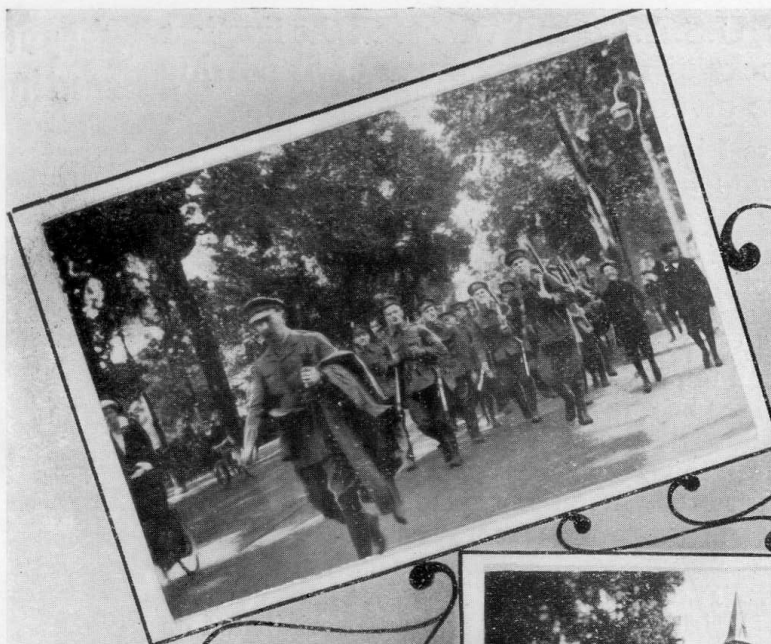
DEAR MR. SPENCER,—I note in the "Churchman" that the Avenue Rest Hall has closed its doors as the spot of much blessed comfort and rest to the hosts of marching men when the war drums were throbbing and great things being done for the honour, safety, and protection of King, country, and the best interests of the whole world. I have a very keen sense of remembrance of the first days of the opening of the Hall, for the soldier purpose, and you and I know what interest I may have taken in its success in some branches at least. At all events, from the very beginning it served actively a splendid purpose, in which there was displayed on the part of the women a devotion to hard work at all times that will for ever call for the highest praise and sincerest recognition. Nor will the service of the men be forgotten, for they were as instant and sure as were the sainted women. In a personal way, on behalf of the many men who wore the uniform of my country's army, and who found welcome, care, and shelter in the Hall in times of stress and need, I beg to thus record the deepest appreciation. They were taken in as brethren in the common cause, and served so finely, so hospitably, that the act will not be forgotten, but it will go to add one more strand to the weaving of the unbreakable cords that shall serve to hold our two great English-speaking people together in ties that shall serve for the world's betterment, unselfishly considered. Therefore the Hall should be considered as having served its place and time in a noble way, coupled as it is with that very great work that originated its purpose—the last English home for the multitude that used it to send a last message home before taking on the journey that led into dire battle, and for so many of them to the great test of the waiting beyond, and where they wait, and where they shall be met again by the bereaved hearts here left. Save every record of that work and Hall. Precious beyond all price they are and as part of the life of the Avenue Church, so far as it lies there—and so much of it does—it will always be a crown unto it. The blessings of a gracious God attended it from the beginning in this work of soldier relief, and the light and happiness sent into English homes by reason of all its conveniences in correspondence alone is light on the path of duty for ever luminant and glorious. I shall treasure my remembrance of the Hall, its workers and supporters—every phase of it—as one of the precious things of life, and as long as life may hold me in its embrace of worldly duty. Faithfully, and in remembrance dear, Sincerely yours,

ALBERT W. SWALM, American Consul on leave.

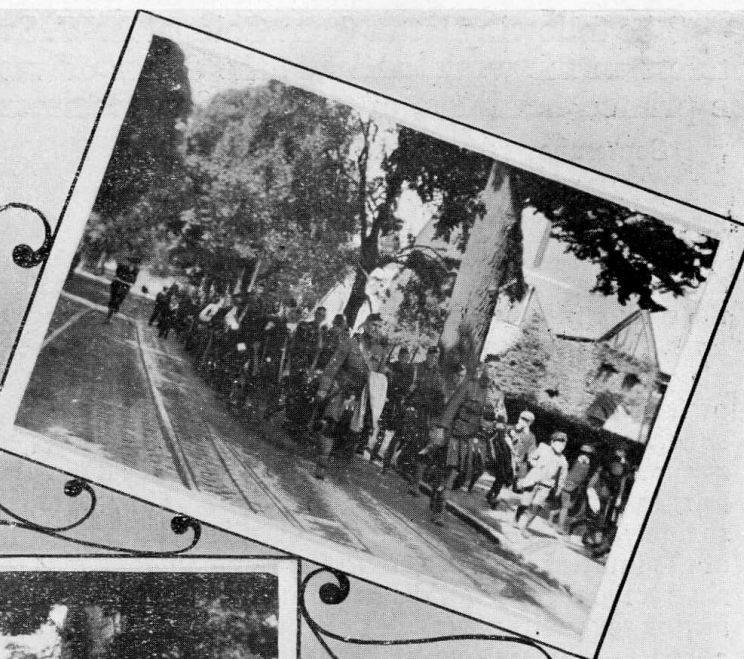
Rev. H. T. Spencer, Pastor Avenue Congregational Church, Southampton, England.

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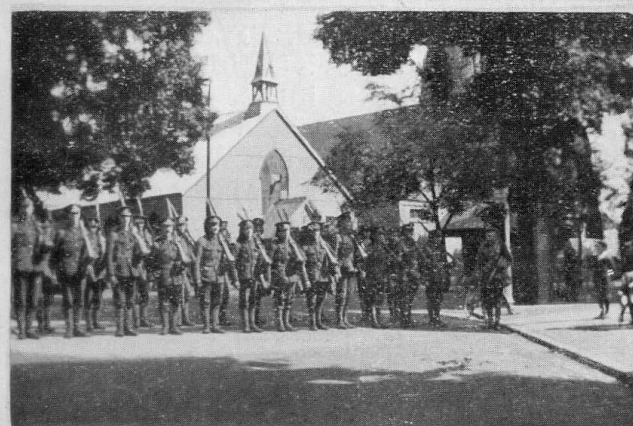
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2/9th LONDON REGIMENT
(Queen Victoria Rifles).



14th LONDON SCOTTISH.



2/13th LONDON REGIMENT.

I close with a personal incident :—

Not long ago I was walking in London in Farringdon Street not far from Ludgate Circus, when a porter flung a huge parcel from his back to the ground almost on my toes, laughed, shook hands and said, "Ain't you from Southampton? Ain't you the Vicar of that little red Church with the tin hut, on the Common?" I agreed, except for disclaiming the title. "Well," he said, "I came into that hut two years ago, feeling bad. I had had to leave the missis and the kids at Camden Tahn, while many young fellows were left at home and at their old work. I had a bad time training, and there I was on the way to France, and I'd got the hump. But I went into the Hall; it was bright and warm, there was plenty of good food, and the ladies were like friends and spoke to you as if you were a gentleman. It did me real good, and I went away feeling happy again. And, what's more, I met others out there who said just the same about the place. So, what I says is 'Gawd bless Avenue Hall and everybody that worked there, and gave new life to us poor chaps'."

I like to think that there were thousands of men who went away to France and every battle-field saying, "God bless Avenue Hall and everybody that worked there." I like to think that there are men to-day in France, Belgium, Italy, Serbia, U.S.A., Canada, Jamaica, Australia, New Zealand, and India saying, "God bless Avenue Hall and all who worked there." I like to believe that there are heroes who died for us, now in the presence of God, who are saying to God face to face, "Bless Avenue Hall and all who worked there."

At least I bring you that assurance from one; perhaps from all.

H. T. SPENCER,
President and Hon. Secretary,
Avenue Hall.

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Financial Statement

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AS presented by the Hon. Treasurer at the final Meeting on January 22nd, 1920, with an additional paragraph showing the position at the date of printing.

The financial history of the Hall can be divided into

TWO PERIODS—

The First, a period of 33 months, during which everything was provided for the Troops without charge.

The Second, a period of 27 months, when under Military orders a regular tariff price was charged for all food supplied.

Dealing with the First Period, two and three quarter years, August 9th, 1914, to May 6th, 1917, I have summarized the Audited Accounts, and the record is as follows :

On the Receipts side, under Six headings :

1	Subscriptions and Donations	£1789	3	11½
2	Other receipts, which include the Proceeds of Concerts, Lectures, Entertainments, Whist Drives, &c., organised for the Hall Funds	617	13	6½
3	Voluntary Contributions by the Troops put in Boxes on Tables in the Hall	621	16	9¼
4	Contributions in Box placed first in the Lobby and afterwards on the Brick Gate Pier at the Hall Entrance	85	16	9¼

5	The proceeds of a Box placed in the Canteen Dept. to which the Helpers contributed	56	6	9½
6	Collecting Boxes at Business Houses	10	5	9
Total Receipts		£3181	13	7

On the Expenditure Side for the same period disbursements as follows were made under Ten headings :

1	Groceries	£738	6	0½
2	Bread and Cake	1366	10	5
3	Butter	166	3	0
4	Milk	171	11	3
5	Tobacco and Matches	64	1	1½
6	Free Stationery, Postage	140	15	7
7	Lighting, Warming, Cooking	216	17	8
8	Fixtures, Utensils, Repairs	96	6	9
9	Wages (Hall Cleaners and Caretaker)	168	8	4
10	General and Petty	52	18	0½
A Total of		£3181	18	3

It will be noted from this Statement that for the "Free" period in the History of the Hall the needs of the work were met, almost exactly, entirely by the voluntary donations of a generous and sympathetic public and by the Troops themselves.

The Expenditure	£3181	18	3
The Receipts	3181	13	7

Dealing now with the Second Period, two and a quarter years, May 7th, 1917, to August 2nd, 1919 :

The Receipts are tabulated under Eight heads :

1 Subscriptions and Donations	£272	13	4
2 Other Receipts, Concerts, Entertainments, &c. ..	109	19	1
3 Boxes in the Hall	7	14	11
4 Outside Box	9	12	0
5 Helpers' Box	27	13	6
6 Boxes, Business Houses ..	6		3
7 Canteen Receipts	3284	12	6
8 General Stall, Tobacco and Matches	1131	4	1
A Total of	£4843	15	8

On the Expenditure Side the disbursements are tabulated under Ten headings :

1 Groceries	£ 976	4	2
2 Bread and Cake	1363	12	0
3 Butter	133	3	6
4 Milk	250	1	10
5 General Stall, Tobacco and Matches	964	2	8
6 Free Stationery and Magazines	179	16	6
7 Lighting, Warming, and Cooking	241	13	1

8 Fixtures, Utensils, and Repairs	100	10	6
9 Wages	143	1	6
10 General and Petty	45	13	2
A Total of	£4397	18	11

During the Second Period the Executive Committee began to invest the profits, when any were earned from the Sale of the Food, Tobacco, and the Proceeds of the General Stall, and they were able during the last two and a quarter years to set aside for a Repairs and Renovations Account the sum of £300. At the time when the reserve was started the sum of £300 would have been sufficient to have repaired and renovated the Buildings used by the Troops to enable them to have been handed back to the Trustees of the Church in a clean and usable condition. Owing to the extraordinarily increased cost of work this has not proved to be sufficient. This matter will be dealt with in a final statement. The hearty support the work has elicited from all classes of the community can be gathered from the Report of the Hon. Secretary, and on the financial side is no less interesting. For the purposes of condensation I have tabulated the gifts under different headings. The First and perhaps the most interesting was the enthusiastic support received from the Colleges and Schools, some of the Schools giving from no less than five different departments. Under this heading the following Schools contributed :

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Ascupart.	Mount Pleasant.
Bevois Town.	Northam.
Bitterne Park.	Portswood.
Central.	Regents Park.
Eastern District.	St. Denys.
Freemantle.	Shirley.
Foundry Lane.	Western District.
Granville College.	Westmount School.
Girls' Grammar School.	York Buildings.

These contributions, to a large extent in pence, halfpence, and farthings, amounted to no less than £59 9s. 1d.

Under the Second heading is grouped:
Lectures, Elocutionary and Dramatic performances.

We should specially remember:

Mr. C. H. Brightiff's Lecture ..	£34	14	6
Miss Eathorne's Recital ..	31	4	6
Miss Cheeseman's Recital ..	23	14	0

and the valued help of Sir Frank Benson and the Southampton Dramatic Society.

A Total of £105 14s. 5d.

Under the Third heading, Organ Recitals, Concerts and Dancing Performances, are the following:

Mrs. Julius Caesar's Concert ..	£51	11	0
The Class Teachers' Concerts	38	7	2
The Misses Hutchens' Pupils' Entertainments	31	10	0
Dr. Rigby's Organ Recital ..	26	0	7
The Young Helpers' League Entertainment	25	0	0

Mr. Withers' Organ Recital ..	18	0	3
Prof. Firmin Swinnen's Recital	13	2	4
The Australian Band Concert ..	14	6	10

Also should be mentioned the Concerts of Madame Grace Hobbs and the Misses Cook and Stella Williams.

A Total of £233 10s. 11d.

Whist Drives were of great assistance, and under Heading Four these are grouped. We particularly recall the Whist Drives arranged by Miss Way, Mr. F. Kimber, and the Society of Oddfellows.

Receipts totalling £48 11s. 0d.

In the Realm of Sport we have had helpful friends, and the results are grouped under Heading Five.

The following should be mentioned:

- The Military Sports Committee.
- The County Bowling Club.
- The Banister Bowling Club.
- The Town Bowling Club.

A total of £49 12s. 11d.

Under Heading Six are placed Political and other Associations. Among others the following helped:

- The Southampton Liberal Club.
- The Northam Women's Liberal Association.
- The West Countrymen's Association.
- The Gladstone Ladies' Guild.
- Peace and Harmony Lodge of Freemasons.
- The Royal Gloucester Lodge of Freemasons.
- The Dickens Fellowship.

A total of £40 11s. 6d.

We have had subscribers in all parts of the world. Donations came from: America, The Leeward Islands, Australia, Canada, South Africa, &c.

With particular pleasure we received from American friends in New York, through Mrs. Haddock £55 18 0
 From Business Men in Johannesburg, through Mr. H. Laver £70 0 0
 And from the Government Engraving Staff, Ottawa, Canada £2 5 0
 Our own Ordnance Survey Office gave generously, and from four different Funds contributed £28 0 0

I should specially like to remember the self-denying efforts of our ladies to supply cake for the Troops during the time of scarcity—no less than £37 12s. 3d. was raised, and the supplies of cake were kept going over a period of eight months.

We never had a "Flag Day" for the Hall, but one gentleman gave us £2 because we refrained. We, however, benefited from the "Twiss" Flag Day, per Colonel Bance, to the extent of £15.

From the Churches in the Town and District we received sympathetic support. I might mention Albion, Above Bar, Avenue, Bitterne Park, Bitterne, Eastleigh P.S.A., Holy Trinity, Polygon, Portswood Mission, St. James' Shirley, St. Edmunds' Catholic, St. Barnabas', The Spiritualist Church, and Totton Congregational Church.

A total of £55 12s. 5d.

I think you would not wish me to omit a record of some of the larger subscriptions:

The Employees of Messrs. Day, Summers & Co. Ltd. ..	£285	0	0
The Employees of Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft & Co. Ltd. ..	104	13	0
Miss Cooper	80	0	0
Mr. Anderson, Bassett ..	55	0	0
Miss Cotten	50	15	0
Mr. and Mrs. H. Parsons ..	32	17	0
Mr. A. J. Day	30	0	0
Mrs. Greenup (per Miss Nichols)	24	0	0
Mr. A. W. Oke	17	17	0
"A. C. H."	17	10	0

Before giving you the final figures of the present financial position I cannot omit the names of three faithful subscribers whose regular and systematic giving was a great encouragement. I refer to:

Miss Acland	38	Donations
Miss Wilson, of London	34	"
Miss Farrant	27	"

There were also those helpers who, sheltering behind the name of "Anon.," contributed £29 16s. 10d. And others of an equally retiring disposition, under the designation of "A Friend," who subscribed £34 2s. 6d.

To Mr. Horace Cox is due hearty recognition for his able work as Treasurer in the early days of the Hall. Mr. Cox made out no less than 456 Receipts in a comparatively short period. It is perhaps worthy of mention as a remarkable coincidence that *the* One thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteenth subscription was received in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen,

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and in the week in which Peace was celebrated. To Miss Ethel Hamilton I cannot express sufficient gratitude for constant daily assistance in collecting the money; without her help I could not have carried on the duties of Treasurer. Also to Mr. J. Harrison and the Rev. H. T. Spencer hearty thanks are due during the time in which they had charge of the Tobacco Sale Receipts.

To Messrs. Hamilton & Rowland is due the very sincere thanks of the Finance Committee for their voluntary services in auditing the Accounts of the Hall from the beginning. We are specially indebted to Mr. W. H. Rowland in this matter.

The present financial position is as follows:

The Receipts for the five years amount to a total of	£8025	9	3
The Expenditure to	7579	17	2
Leaving a Balance of	£445	12	1

The responsibility for the return of the Buildings, Fixtures, and Contents to the Church Trustees in a thorough state of renovation and repair was accepted by the Finance and Executive Committee, and the necessary work has been carried out.

The most important items of expenditure the Committee have found it necessary to deal with have been:

The Repairs and Renovations to the large Hall	£323	2	6
Architect's Fee for same	18	15	0
Repairs and Renovations to the small Hall	137	8	0

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Repairs and Renovations to the Organ in the Hall damaged by Rats attracted to the Hall when it was used as a Canteen
For Repairs and Renovations to the Heating Arrangements, Electric Light Installation, Material for the Repair of hundreds of Chairs (work on same all voluntary), the Repair and Renovation of the Piano (loaned), Repair and Recovering of the Billiard Tables and Bagatelle Boards (loaned), Printing Reports and Balance Sheets, Supply of Memento Badges for Helpers, Replacement of Crockery, and many other items—involving an Expenditure of

34 0 0

225 12 0
£738 17 6

Credit Balance, Aug., 1919 £445 12 1

Sale of Stock and other small receipts since

received	34	15	8	480	7	9
Leaving a Deficit of	£258	9	9			

The Finance and Executive Committee appeal for subscriptions to clear this indebtedness. Donations will be gratefully received.

HAROLD B. LANKESTER,

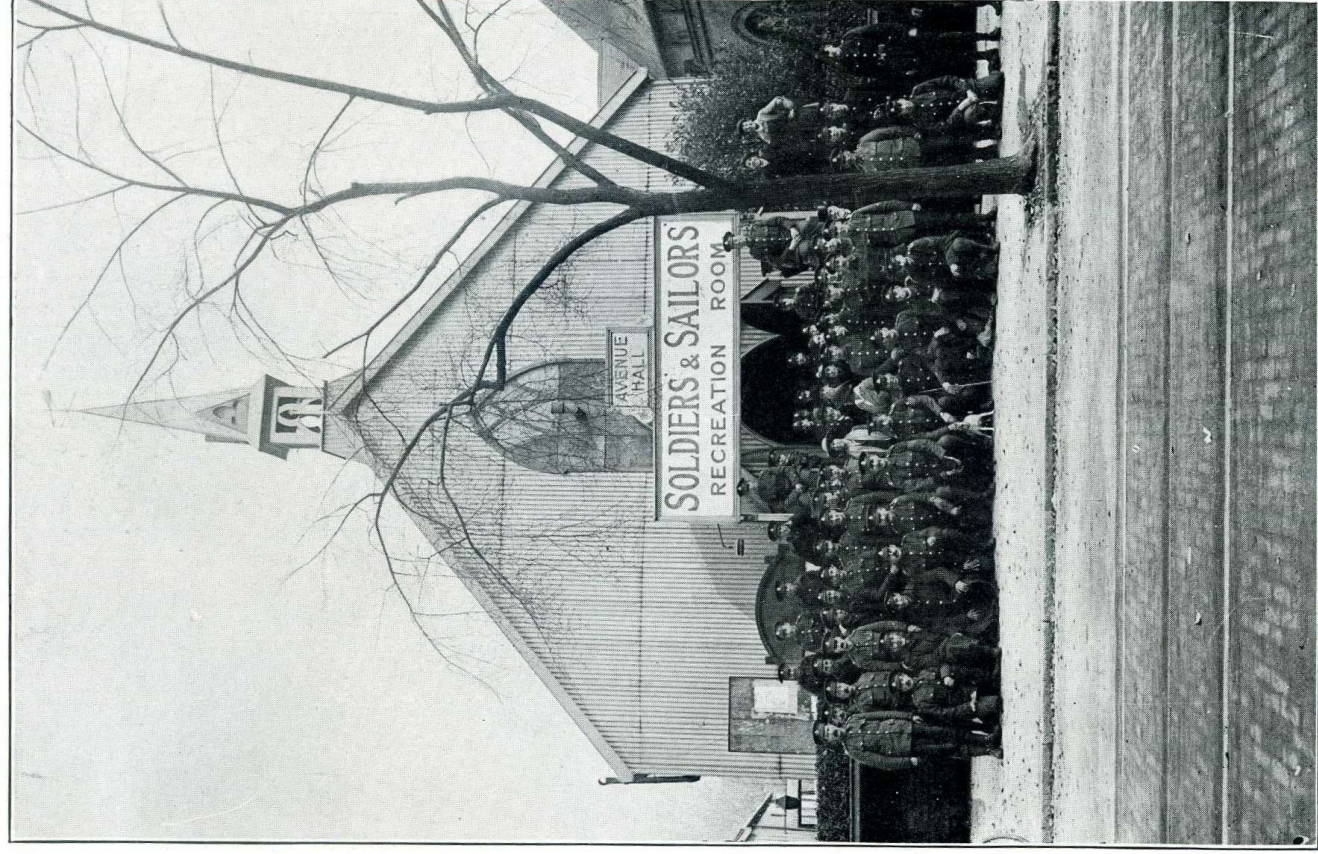
Hon. Treasurer.



THE
AVENUE
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SOLDIERS'
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AVENUE HALL,
NOVEMBER,
1917.



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SOME OF



A QUIET AFTERNOON.



A SUNDAY AFTERNOON ;
Men on Leave from the Front.



2/5TH LINCOLN REGIMENT.

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ANDREWS, Miss MARGUERITE
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BOWYER, Mrs. WILLIAM
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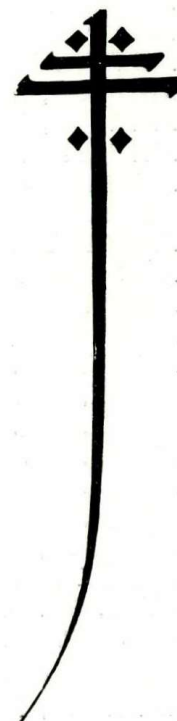
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the work done by
the above Helpers,
in many cases
throughout the
whole five years,
we were indebted
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Put His loving arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again!

"God be with you till we meet again!
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BRITISH FORCES.

3RD ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGH-
4TH " " LANDERS
7TH " " "
9TH " " "

THE BEDFORDSHIRE YEOMANRY

1ST BEDFORDSHIRES

1ST BORDER REGT.

2ND " "

5TH " "

7TH " "

8TH " "

9TH " "

1ST BRECKNOCK REGT.

1ST BUCKS LIGHT INFANTRY

3RD " " "

1ST CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1ST CAMERON HIGHLANDERS (QUEEN'S

5TH " " [OWN)

6TH " " "

7TH " " "

1ST CHESHIRE

2ND " "

3RD " "

4TH " "

6TH " "

7TH " "

13TH " "

2ND COLDSTREAM GUARDS

2ND CONNAUGHT RANGERS

5TH " "

8TH " "

1ST DERBYSHIRE YEOMANRY

1ST DEVONSHIRES

3RD " "

4TH " "

8TH " "

10TH " "

13TH " "

1ST DORSETSHIRES

6TH " "

7TH " "

10TH " "

1ST DRAGOON GUARDS (THE KING'S)

2ND " " (SCOTS GREYS)

3RD " " "

4TH " " (ROYAL IRISH)

5TH " " "

6TH " " (CARABINEERS)

1ST DUKE OF CORNWALL'S LIGHT INF.

3RD " " " "

7TH " " " "

10TH " " " "

11TH " " " "

5TH DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY

6TH " " " "

7TH " " " "

8TH " " " "

9TH " " " "

11TH " " " "

13TH " " " "

1ST EAST KENTS (THE BUFFS)

1ST EAST LANCS

2ND " " "

3RD " " "

4TH EAST LANCS.
 1ST EAST SURREYS
 4TH " "
 11TH " "
 1ST EAST YORKSHIRES
 2ND " "
 3RD " "
 10TH " "
 5TH EAST YORKS AND LANCS
 7TH " " " "
 2ND ESSEX REGIMENT
 THE ESSEX YEOMANRY

1ST GLAMORGAN YEOMANRY
 1ST GLOUCESTERS
 3RD " "
 4TH " "
 5TH " "
 6TH " "
 13TH " "
 1ST GORDON HIGHLANDERS
 4TH " "
 5TH " "
 6TH " "
 7TH " "
 8TH " "
 THE GRENADEIR GUARDS

1ST HAMPSHIRE
 2ND " "
 3RD " "
 4TH " "

5TH HAMPSHIRE
 6TH " "
 7TH " "
 8TH " "
 9TH " "
 10TH " "
 13TH " "
 15TH " "
 1ST HERTS.
 2ND HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY
 3RD " " "
 8TH " " "
 9TH " " " (GLASGOW
 HIGHLANDERS)

51ST HIGHLAND DIV. CYCLE C.
 64TH " " "
 THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY
 THE HOUSEHOLD BATT., RESERVE
 4TH HUSSARS (QUEEN'S OWN)
 7TH " " "
 8TH " (KING'S ROYAL IRISH)
 11TH " (PRINCE ALBERT'S OWN)
 13TH " "
 14TH HUSSARS (KING'S)
 15TH " (THE KING'S)
 18TH " (QUEEN MARY'S OWN)
 19TH " (QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S OWN)
 20TH " "

6TH INNISKILLING DRAGOONS
 1ST IRISH GUARDS

1ST KING'S LIVERPOOL REGT.
 3RD " " "
 4TH " " "
 5TH " " "
 6TH " " "
 7TH " " "
 8TH " " " (KING'S
 LIVERPOOL IRISH)
 9TH " " " "
 2ND KING'S OWN ROYAL LANCASHIRES
 5TH KING'S OWN ROYAL LEICESTER-
 SHIRES
 1ST KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS
 2ND KING'S OWN YORK. LIGHT INF.
 3RD " " " " "
 5TH " " " " "
 8TH " " " " "

THE KING'S ROYAL REGT. (NORFOLK
 YEOMANRY)
 1ST KING'S ROYAL RIFLES
 3RD " " "
 11TH " " "
 26TH " " "
 KING'S SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INF.

1ST LABOUR CORPS
 4TH " "
 5TH " "
 7TH " "
 8TH " "
 9TH " "

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16TH LABOUR CORPS
18TH " "
304TH " "
378TH " "
5TH LANCERS (ROYAL IRISH)
9TH " " (QUEEN'S ROYAL)
16TH " " (THE QUEEN'S)
17TH " " (DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE'S
OWN)
24TH " " (QUEEN'S)
2ND LANCS. REGT.
2ND LANCS. FUS.
6TH " "
1ST LEICESTERSHIRE
2ND " "
3RD " "
4TH " "
5TH " "
LEICESTERSHIRE IMPERIAL YEOM.
1ST LIFE GUARDS
1ST LINCOLNSHIRE
3RD " "
4TH " "
5TH " "
1ST LONDON (ROYAL FUSILIERS)
2ND " " "
3RD " " "
5TH " " (LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE)
6TH " " (RESERVE)
8TH " " (POST OFFICE RIFLES)
9TH " " (QUEEN VICTORIA'S RIFLES)
12TH " " (THE RANGERS)

14TH LONDON (LONDON SCOTTISH)
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18TH " " (IRISH RIFLES)
19TH " " (ST. PANCRAS)
20TH " " (BLACKHEATH & WOOLWICH)
21ST " " (1ST SURREY RIFLES)
22ND LONDON (THE QUEEN'S)
23RD " "
24TH " " (QUEEN'S)
28TH " " (ARTISTS' RIFLES)
4TH LOYAL NORTH LANCS.
9TH " " "
MACHINE GUN CORPS
2ND MANCHESTERS
4TH " "
7TH " "
8TH " "
20TH " "
21ST " "
23RD " "
1ST MIDDLESEX REGT.
4TH " "
5TH " "
7TH " "
8TH " "
9TH " "
10TH " "
17TH " "
30TH " "

MIDDLESEX HUSSARS (DUKE OF
CAMBRIDGE'S OWN)
1ST MONMOUTHSHIRE
2ND " "
3RD " "
1ST NORFOLKS
4TH " "
1ST NORTHAMPTONS
2ND " "
5TH " "
7TH " "
NORTH IRISH HORSE
1ST NORTH MIDLAND DIV. CYCLE C'RPS
1ST NORTH STAFFS.
4TH " "
5TH " "
6TH " "
8TH " "
10TH " "
1ST NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS
3RD " " "
4TH " " "
5TH " " "
6TH " " "
7TH " " "
1ST NORTH SOMERSET YEOMANRY
5TH NOTTS & DERBY (SHERWOOD
FORESTERS)
6TH " " "
7TH " " "
8TH " " "

2ND OXFORD & BUCKS LIGHT INF.
 3RD " " " "
 4TH " " " "
 10TH " " " "

16TH QUEEN'S LANCS. REGT.
 1ST QUEEN'S OWN OXFORD HUSSARS
 QUEEN'S OWN ROYAL WEST KENTS
 1ST QUEEN'S OWN YORK. DRAGOONS
 5TH QUEEN'S ROYAL WEST SURREYS

ROYAL AIR FORCE
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 ATTACHED :—

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 24TH FIELD AMBULANCE
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 7TH LONDON " "
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 4TH HOWITZER " "
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ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY
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 6TH " "
 56TH " "
 68TH " "

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 51ST " "
 63RD " "
 64TH " "
 65TH " "
 137TH " "
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SIGNAL SCHOOL
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3RD " "
 4TH " "
 8TH " "
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 ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS
 ROYAL EAST KENT YEOMANRY
 2ND ROYAL FUSILIERS
 3RD " "
 4TH " "
 9TH " "
 10TH " "
 17TH " "
 25TH " "
 45TH " "

1ST ROYAL HIGHLANDERS (BLACK
 3RD " " WATCH)
 4TH " " "
 5TH " " "
 6TH " " "

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7TH ROYAL HIGHLANDERS (BLACK
WATCH)
1ST ROYAL INNISKILLING FUS.
3RD " " "
12TH " " "
1ST ROYAL IRISH RIFLES
2ND " " "
3RD " " "
4TH " " "
7TH " " "
9TH " " "
11TH " " "
15TH " " "
ROYAL MUNSTERS
1ST ROYAL SCOTS FUS.
2ND " " "
3RD " " "
8TH " " "
9TH " " "
11TH " " "
2ND ROYAL SUSSEX
5TH " "
1ST ROYAL WARWICKS
4TH " "
7TH " "
9TH " "
1ST ROYAL WELSH FUS.
2ND " " "
3RD " " "
4TH " " "
1ST SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS
2ND " " "

4TH SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS
5TH " "
6TH " "
7TH " "
9TH " "
1ST SCOTS GUARDS
2ND " "
1ST SCOTTISH HORSE
2ND " "
5TH " "
2ND SCOTTISH RIFLES
3RD " "
5TH " "
6TH " "
3RD SOMERSET LIGHT INFANTRY
5TH " " "
6TH " " "
SOUTH IRISH HORSE
2ND SOUTH LANCASHIRES
3RD " "
4TH " "
2ND SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRES
4TH " "
5TH " "
6TH " "
1ST SOUTH WALES BORDERERS
3RD " " "
7TH " " "
1ST SUFFOLK REGT.
2ND " "
4TH " "
5TH " "

5TH SUSSEX
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1ST WELSH GUARDS
3RD WELSH REGT. (PIONEERS)
5TH " " "
6TH " " "
11TH " " "
12TH " " "
13TH " " "
14TH " " "
20TH " " "
21ST " " "
1ST WELSH HORSE
3RD WESTMORLAND & CUMB. YEOM.
1ST WEST KENT MILITIA
4TH WEST RIDING REGT.
7TH " " "
1ST WEST YORKS
5TH " "
6TH " "
7TH " "
8TH " "
1ST WILTSHIRES
3RD " "
2ND WORCESTERS
3RD " "
4TH " "
5TH " "
8TH " "
15TH " "

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OF WALES' OWN)

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4TH "

15TH "

19TH "

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5TH "

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9TH "
37TH "
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104TH "
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