MONTHLY CALENDAR

2. Elizabethan Literary Society: Professor A. W. Ward on "The Parnassus Plays."
3. Sydney Club Supper
5. Toynbee Natural History Society: Visit to Wanstead Park
6. First Meeting of the Elementary Classes for Men (Saturday)
7. Ethical Lecture: Professor J. Estlin Carpenter on "Brahmanism: Its Philosophy."
8. University Extension Society: First Lecture of a course of ten on "Practical Chemistry" by Professor V.B.Lewes.
9. Meeting of the Toynbee Natural History Society
10. Smoking Conference. Subject: "Co-Operation."
11. Meeting of the Toynbee Shakespeare Club
13. Excursion of the East London Antiquarian Society to Hampstead
14. First Fortnightly Meeting of the University Extension Society's English History Reading Party.
15. Smoking Conference
16. First Meeting of Mr. Pye's Laboratory Class in Physiology
17. General Meeting of the University Extension Students: Address by Professor Beesly
18. Toynbee Natural History Society: Excursion to Theydon Bois for Epping Forest.
19. Smoking Conference
20. Meeting of the Toynbee Shakespeare Club
21. Meeting of the East London Antiquarian Society: Mr. T. S. Widdowson on "Glastonbury in Legend and History."
23. Smoking Conference

THE PAST MONTH:
March 27th to April 26th

We regret to have to announce the departure of Dr. Alan Matheson, who has been a Resident here of the last six months. He has accepted a medical appointment in Scotland, which has necessitated his leaving London.

The visitors during the past month have been limited, owing to the small number of rooms at our disposal. They include Messrs. H.D> Leigh, of C.C.C. Ox.; H.G> Dawson, of Christ's Coll., Camb.; W.H. Denham Rouse, Reddie, from the Edinburgh Settlement; and W. H. Forbes, of Ball. Coll Oxford, one of the oldest friends of the Universities Settlement movement.

Fifty-one persons entered for the University Extension Society's examination last month. This was an increase of ten over the corresponding numbers last year.

Saturday Popular Lectures. Since our last issue the three concluding lectures of the series arranged for the past winter have been given. On March 30th Mr. R. Bosworth Smith lectured on "The Early Life of Lord Lawrence in India." We are glad to say that Mr. Smith has promised to lecture next winter on later chapters in Lord Lawrence's life, and we hope that then, as this year, the insight into a great life as given by the lecturer's words may be made still keener for the audience by the sight of Mr. Watt's portrait of the man who lived it.

On April 6th, Mr Leslie Stephen paid us another visit, and made us feel especially grateful to him this year, because he kept, and insisted on keeping an old promise, even at the risk of taxing himself severely. He lectured to a large and greatly interested audience on "Grub Street."

The last lecture was given on April 13th by Prof. Max Muller on "The Sacred Books of the East." The room was very full, and many were unable to gain admission. Those who did gave the lecturer a welcome that did one's heart good, and which we hope, prove the first of other welcomes that we may be able to give Prof. Max Muller in later years.

The Ethical Lectures are being continued until May 5th. Those given during the last month have ranged over a wide field – "The Life and Political Ideas of the late Prof. T. H. Green," "Agnosticism," and "Karl Marx and his Socialism." The lecturers were Mr. J. H. Macdonald, through the winter to this course of lectures will not scatter when Prof. Estlin Carpenter gives the concluding one on May 5th but either in small groups or large groups will be brought together in some form of active corporate life.

Poverty, Wealth and History in the East End of London
Smoking Conferences – Sir George Campbell on March 27th began what provide to be an excellent debate on "Imperial Federation." He was opposed to it, and evidently won the sympathy of a large majority of the audience, despite a telling speech from Mr. D. Stewart Smith on the other side. For the debate on "Vivisection," on April 3rd, the Anti-Vivisection Society failed to send any representatives, so Prof. Victor Horsely, who had come down to oppose them, opened the debate from his own side. He met with very little criticism from those present.

The interesting debate on April 10th on "Emigration and Immigration " was opened, at very short notice, by Mr. H. Llewellyn Smith.

On the 17th a large number came for the discussion on "The Housing of the Poor," Opened by Mr. R.T. Reid, M.P., and the vexed and complex question of "Sweating" attracted still more in the following week. The subject was introduced by Mr. A.A. Baumann, M.P., and an animated discussion followed. We have only one concert to record this month, but that a most successful one, given to Whitechapel neighbours by the Musical Society of Selwyn College, Cambridge. We wish we could be sure of having at least four such concerts during the Easter Term, and think that we shall be if members of college societies know how great the pleasure is that visits from them give.

Co-operative notes. – An interesting and highly practical conference took place here on the 7th between the directors of the Women's Co-operative Association and a deputation from the Co-Operative Aid Association. Captain Sinclair, one of the directors presided. Mr. Richard Stapley explained the origin of the Association, the founders of which were desirous of trying the experiment of supplying cheap, ready-made clothes to the wholesale houses for the purpose of testing what the profits were in the trade, and the proportion of them that went to the sweater. Their hope was gradually to turn over the business, which they had purchased to the workers in it. At present they had provided them with sanitary workrooms and regular work, and they were paid as good wages as the conditions of production would allow. In fact, wages in the neighbourhood had risen since their establishment. Their shirt-making department had incurred a loss; otherwise their year's work would have shown a profit. Mr Benjamin Jones, Mr. J.J. Dent, and other members of the Aid Association, gave advice as to the future conduct and extension of the business, with especial relation to its development on co-operative lines.

Lolesworth Club – Since the last record was published the day of quarterly reckoning has come, and it finds the club again with a large roll of members. The subscriptions alone amounted to nearly as much as the whole of the income in the corresponding quarter of last year, and the whole income for the quarter was nearly three times as much as that of a year ago. The club has now larger means of enjoyment and greater capacity for usefulness, and Mr. Aitken, who was re-elected secretary, unfolded new schemes and new possibilities of club work and club pleasure in the future.
In the last month there have been some capital Saturday night free-and-easies. One of the best, when Dr. Matheson brought several friends to help, had its painful side, being a farewell meeting to Dr. Matheson himself for some six months. His services on committee and his genial presence are much missed by the club. Mr. W.C.F. Anderson gave a very interesting and amusing lecture of "Early Writing and Substitutes for Writing." "John Bright" formed the subject of one of the Sunday evening talks. Club members have been to the fore in "watching" at the Picture Exhibition. R.W.K.

Whittington Club – A new club committee has been elected since the last issue of the Record. Twelve members of the club are elected by ballot every six months and a considerable interest always attaches to the election. It is carried out strictly by ballot, and the result has again proved the efficiency of the system. Dancing continues to be a great attraction at the "At Homes." The best of order is always maintained, and all heartily enjoy themselves. Country rambles on Sunday have again commenced, and it is unnecessary to say that applications to join them are numerous. There is much need of friends who will entertain small parties in the country. Eight handsome engravings have been presented to the club by Mr. Leggatt and have done much to improve the appearance of our walls. Such presents are most valuable. The very successful Shakespeare Class that has been reading with Mr M. G. Stuart was entertained at supper by him, on April 12th at Toynbee Hall and during the evening resolved itself into a duly constituted society. J.L.

On Saturday, April 13th, the East London Antiquarian Society visited Lower Edmonton and Enfield. At Lower Edmonton Church the vicar, the Rev. R.S. Gregory, met the party, and read a full account of the history of the church, introducing many details on points of interest near at hand. From Edmonton the members went by train to Enfield, where the vicar, the Rev. George Hodson took the party in hand, and proved to be an ardent and enthusiastic antiquarian, and an excellent guide.

On March 27th a meeting of the East London Branch of the National Association for the Promotion of Technical Education was held in the Drawing Room, where the Hon. Lyulph Stanley opened a very useful discussion on the New Code, 1889.

On April 10th and 11th, we had the pleasure of entertaining those who have attended the Chicksand Street Evening Classes. These classes are under the direction of the London School Board acting through ha local committee of managers of which three of our Residents and Associates are members. Good work has been done during the past winter. Besides the ordinary elementary subjects, geography was taught on the newer principle. One of the great northern lines was chosen for study, and, with the help of the magic lantern, the various towns between London and York were considered, with the chief manufacturers of the various districts. It is hopeless to expect boys who are at work all day to learn geography on the old lines, and the method which has been pursued in these classes could bear further development. Much interest was displayed by the scholars.
On Thursday, April 11th, some of the teachers from Dalgleish Street and Northey Street (Limehouse), Brewhouse Lane (Wapping), and Old Castle Street (Whitechapel), came to Toynbee to hear Mr. Richmond's lecture of "The Dignity of Handicraft," and see the pictures. After the lecture we had as usual at these friendly little parties, some tea and talk. After ten o'clock, the time when the exhibition is closed to the public, we had our private view, and the Sub-Warden took us round, and descanted on the merits of painters and pictures—an easy task with such a "show" as we have this year.

The Venice Party of the Toynbee Travellers' Club started on April 17th in high spirits, and with every expectation of realising the pleasure and the good that has been anticipated and prepared for through winter. About 60 have gone.

A conference of the parents of children attending St. Jude's Schools was held in the drawing room. On Tuesday April 9th. Owing to the number of other attractions, among which was the opening of the Picture Exhibition, there were not more than from 20 to 30 guests. Still, a very enjoyable evening was spent, and those present got to know one another better, and the parents to feel that they are part managers of the schools.

A number of lectures under the auspices of the Guild and School of Handicraft have been delivered in the lecture-room of Toynbee Hall during April. On the 9th, Mr. William Morris delivered a very valuable and suggestive lecture on "Gothic Architecture," treating the development of architecture from a "glorified joss-house," like the Parthenon, down to the last "geometrical vagaries of the waning middle ages." The lecture was illustrated by the magic lantern. On the following Thursday Mr. W.B. Richmond, A.R.A., discoursed on "The Dignity of Handicraft," talking chiefly on the attempts at decoration made by "the prehistoric man, and the unhistoric savage." A series of valuable workshop receipts closed his very interesting lecture, and the table was covered with works of art, which Mr. Richmond had collected in his various travels. These were most generously entrusted to the Directors of the Guild for further study during the succeeding ten days. On Monday, April 15th, Mr. Lewis Day gave what he entitled "A Talk on Art and Handicraft." He did not, like Mr. Richmond, give us any hints of technique, but touched on the ideals of workmanship and the inspiration of art. The Hon. Harold Dillon came down on Wednesday, the 17th and lectured on "Armour," illustrating his subject with several ancient pieces of mail and numerous drawings and rubbings from brasses. The lecture bore signs of the most minute investigation and knowledge of the subject, and brought a flood of information to the minds of his hearers. On the 23rd Mr. Earnest Radford talked very pleasantly on "The Beauty of Useful Things," and on the 25th Sir James Linton gave a very interesting concluding lecture on "Guilds."