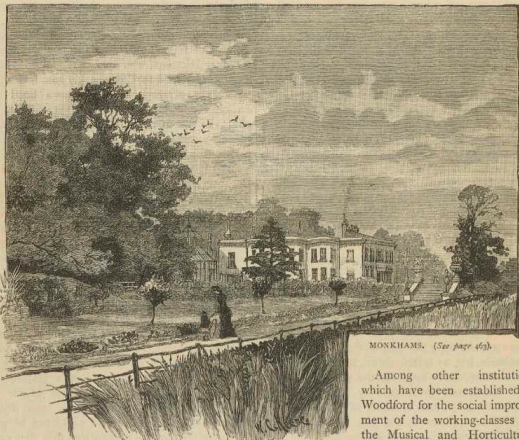


author of the local Directory above quoted, "dates back to the latter end of the eighteenth century, when Christian men came from London, and preached the Gospel under a fine old tree which stood on the village green. This led to hiring a room for Divine service in Horn Lane, and in 1798 the first chapel was built, under the direction of two of the trustees of Cheshunt College, in which for a considerable time the students of the college

The village is well supplied with water by the East London Water Company.

Woodford has its Art and Industrial Society, which was formed in 1879, for the purpose of encouraging art and industry, especially amongst the poor. Numerous prizes are competed for each year, and the exhibitions are held annually, in Easter week, in the lecture hall at the rear of the Congregational Church.



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preached. This chapel is now used as the Mission Room, and is commonly known as the Old British School." In 1837 a new and much larger chapel was erected; but though it was again enlarged in 1862, and otherwise improved, it was taken down in 1873, to give place to the present structure.

The Union Church, so called from its members being composed of "Congregationalists" and "Free Methodists," was erected in 1869, on the site of a former chapel for the Independent Methodists. A conspicuous feature of the building is a tall clock-tower. The Wesleyans have a chapel in Derby Road: it was built in 1876. There are schools in connection with it.

Among other institutions which have been established at Woodford for the social improvement of the working-classes are the Musical and Horticultural Societies, the Becontree Philanthropic and Debating Club, and a "Young Men's Mutual Improvement Society." The "Temperance cause" is well supported here, for besides the Woodford Temperance Society and the George Lane Institute, which have been established for the purpose of affording the working-men of the district the means of social intercourse, mental improvement, pleasant recreation, and non-intoxicating refreshments, there is on the Green, near Higham Hall, a very large and conspicuous Temperance Hotel, or "coffee tavern," named after Sir Wilfrid Lawson, who opened it in May, 1883. It was erected under the auspices of Mr. Andrew Johnston, late M.P. for South-Essex. This latest