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8 Report on Hackney and South Hackney by George H. Duckworth. Part I. fols. i, 39; Part II, fols. 39a, 40–80. [see remark on the report by Booth, fol. 39a]
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District 13

Hackney and South Hackney

Mr. Booth's List

ECONOMICS

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[Booth's list. fols. 2.]

District 13 - Hackney and South Hackney

Eton Mission Church, Gainsborough Road, Hackney Wick	Donaldson	XV	✓	179	District Church	
	Dyke	XXII	✓	5	I.C.M., Chapman Street	
	Nettleton	XVII	✓	12	Wesl. Miss. Dantzy Street	
	Smith	XXII	✓	40	S.Army Slum Post, Mallard Rd.	
					Ch. Mission, Chapman Road.	
S. Augustine, Victoria Park Road, Hackney	Bankes	XV	✓	115	Parish Church	
	Coad	XVII	✓	3	P. Meth: Brookfield Road	
	Bleale	XXII	✓	26	Victoria Park Congregational	
S. John of Jerusalem, Lauriston Road, South Hackney	Lennard	XVI	✓	1	Parish Church	
	Mee	XVII	✓	25	Wesl. Meth: Basland Road	
	Snashall	XVII	✓	33	Congregational, Wellwell Rd.	
	Weddows	XVII	✓	76	Lutheran, Shelduck Road	
	Kalbronn	XXVII	✓	53	South Hackney Synagogue, Devonshire St. Mare St.	
	Tozer	XXII	✓	15	Bruce Hall Mission, Havelock Rd.	
	Hellman Rec.	XXII	✓	59	Sanctuary Miss. 246 Cardand Road	
					Hampden Ch. Lawdston Road	
					St. Andrew's Mission, Wells St.	
Christchurch, Road, South Hackney	Walker	XV	✓	61	Parish Church	
	Rees	XVII		7	S.Army, Mare Street	
	Richards	XXII	✓	92	Cong. Mare Street	
	Denny	XII	✓	153	R.C. The Triangle, Mare St.	
	Fowler	XXII	✓	48	I.A. Cambridge Heath, Citadel, Triangle, Mare St.	
					S.Army Home, Tudoro Road.	
			✓		Christchurch Miss. Vyner St.	
S. Michael & All Angels, London Fields, Hackney	Morcom	XV	✓	29	Parish Church	
	Meath		✓		Catholic Apostolic, Mare St.	
	Hester	XVII	✓	53	Presb. S. Thomas Square	
	Porter	XVII	✓	40	P. Meth: Exmouth Place, L. Fields.	
	Bennett	XXII	✓	54	Baptist, Mare Street	
					Brethren large public Hall	
S. Philip, Richmond Road, Hackney	Box	XVI	✓	25	Parish Church	
	Alexander	XXII	✓	2	Bethesda Mission, London Fields	
			✓		Good Shepherd Miss. Milman Grove	
Holy Trinity, Mayfield Road, Dalston	Knapp	XVI	✓	59	Parish Church	
	Thomas		✓		Independent, Middleton Rd.	
	Little		✓		Wesleyan, Mayfield Road	
			✓		Homer House Mission Room, Blomfield Street	
					Mission Four Road	

S. John, Lower Clapton Road, Hackney	Thorneley	XVI		83	Parish Church	
	Gritton	XXII	✓	125	Trinity Cong. Devonshire Rd.	
	Porter	XXII	✓	106	YMCA, Mare Street	
	Nettleton	XVII	✓	12	Wesleyan, Richmond Road	
			✓		Brethren —"—	
	Goode	XXII	✓	99	Unit. Meth: Pembury Grove	
	Pedr Williams	XXII	✓	111	Congregational, Amhurst Road	
S. Luke, Homerton Terrace, Hackney	Hartley	XV	✓	161	Parish Church	
	Dunn	XII	✓	123	R.C. Ballance Road.	
	Mee	XVII	✓	25	Wesleyan, Church Road	
	Fletcher Williams	XXII	✓	65	Unitarian, Chatham Place.	
	Irving	XXII	(account of closing)	110	Cong. Old Gravel Pit Church	
	Riley	XVII	✓	121	S.Army, Durham Grove.	
	Holland & Hume	XXII	✓	10	Brunswick Gospel Mission, Brunswick St., S.Hackney	
			✓		S. Luke's Mission Kenton Road	
			✓		Hassett Shed	
S. Barnabas, High Street, Homerton	Blatch	XV	✓	3	Parish Church	
	Andrews	XVI	(see over)	109	S. Paul's (Mission Chapel)	
	Hamilton	XX	✓	31	Rams Episcopal Chapel, High St.	
	Reeve	XXII	✓	20	Evangelical Mission, High St.	
	Belcher		✓		Strict Bap. Homerton Row.	
	Miss Johnson	XVIII		53	Rhodesian Girls Club —"—	
	Neville	XXII.	✓	76	Grove Mission, 34 Brooksby's Walk	
All Souls, Pedro Street, Clapton Park	Hawkins	XV	✓	217	Parish Church	
	Britton	XXII	✓	102	Wesl. Meth: Miss. Blencoe Rd.	
	Blunt	XVIII		63	R.Officer, Clapton Park.	
	Moxham	XVII	✓	109	Baptist, Chatsworth Rd. Tabernacle	
			✓		All Souls Gilpin Road	
All Saints, Blurton Road, Lower Clapton	Fletcher	XV	✓	91	Parish Church	
	Harnes	XVII	✓	98	Cong. Lower Clapton Rd.	
	Neville	XXII	✓	76	—"— Miss. Glynn Road	
	Rees	XVII	✓	7	S.Army, Congress Hall.	
	Japp	XVII	✓	115	—"—	
	Jackson	XVII	✓	60	Prim. Meth: Blurton Road	
S. James, Lower Clapton Road	Gardner Brown	XVI	✓	41	Parish Church	
	Britton	XXII	✓	102	Wesleyan, Clapton Road	
	Medley	XVII	✓	87	Bap. Downs Chapel, Queensdown	
	Johnson	XXII	✓	87	Presbyterian, Downs Park Road	
			✓		Waterloo Rooms, 2 Front Road	
Christchurch, Kenninghall Road, Clapton	Sankey	XV		141	Parish Church	
	Swift				R.C. S. Scholastica's Retreat	
	Beale	XII	✓	193		
					Rendlesham Rooms, Heathcley Street	

P.T.O.

General Information

Davies	XVIII		1	COS. High Street, Homerton
Chesham	XVIII		37	Hackney Teetotal Evidence Society
Bradford	XVIII		23	—"— Benevolent Society
Young	XIX		1	Guardian and Vestryman
Warry	XIX		25	Hackney Medical Officer
Grocott	XIX		45	Hackney Vestry Clerk
Hosgood	XIX		55	Superintendent Registrar &c
Chambers	XIX		67	Chairman of Hackney Vestry
Lovegrove	XIX		83	Surveyor to —"—
Fitzgerald	XIII a		157	Police Officers
Hanagan	XIII b	183	~~240~~ 247	Police Officers
Kingsford	XX		3	Rural Dean
Blarke	XIX		101	Doctor
Friemis	XVIII		105	German Lutheran (District 14)
Parish	XVIII		119, 143	District Visitor
Donaldson	XVIII		133	Auctioneer
Unwick	XVIII		163	Hackney COS.
Buckmaster	XVIII		171	Relieving Officer
Lovegrove	XIX		109	Surveyor
Hoddart	XVIII		161 v 177	House agent.
Bearne	XXII		33	Waterloo Rooms Mission.

S Paul
Lower Homerton

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Parish Notes

District 13.

(Outer North Dnam)

(with which are included part of 6 & 14)

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St Catherine's Donaldson. Been here 6 years after some months interregnum

Meeting week Stor Mission (13)! (XV.179)

Found on arrival that people had struck against all religious observances — Had to begin all over again.

Strike after interregnum against all religious observances

Had to begin over again

Men are mostly labourers — bricklayers painters &c. Factories Supply more lighter trades

Migratory but not more so

All poor, many very poor — Colour of streets unchanged —

People very migratory — but do not move far. those who get on leave

Those who get on leave

Majority of a crushed down trodden lot who have given her

Majority angels here. Crushed down

Rents vary slightly owing to dirty mostly on. Concrete floors —

Concrete floors & rainy days

Average rent 2/- for a single room —

Residence essential for regular work

Mission about to build an Etonian House — Residence Creation for Oxford work

Open results from outdoor services

Outdoor Services Every Sunday in Summer outdoor Aft. poor results

Get those who lack courage

Get those who have not pluck to go to Church.

Attendance at Annual Club Service

* Annual Service for men's Club. only 500 out of 320 attend

Small congregations unless when Shocial appeal

* Sunday Congregations Small — 80–100 & 250–300. Women predominate

Two times as many Come occasionally — Specially appealed to

Love amount of ritual — Go in for Processions — Singing excellent

Earnestness of the poor why do take to religion

When the poor take to religion they are much more in earnest

Congregation Youthful

* Congregation rather youthful would have been among the young

The old are in the workhouses

Moreover the old are in the workhouses

Cleavage between Club & Church

Clubs disconnected with religion — Cleavage between Club & Church

Boys club — Weekly Service Compulsory & liked

Boys club — 140 members — no test but Weekly Service Compulsory Liked

* Service is liked, it has improved the tone of the Club

Girls listen more readily

Girls club 180 members — listen more readily to religious talk

Query whether more religious

Doubtful whether really more religious.

Temperance Soc. of old standing

* Temperance Society of old standing was continually breaking up but are keen — Societies of respectable artisans &c

Societies of respectable artisans &c

Good results from Band of Hope

* Band of Hope 600 members — large Congregation Continuous distant

Excursions & Entertainments

Annual Excursions & numerous entertainments — Flower shows

Good lectures given

with good lectures. Lectures succeed drawing 100 of audience

Visiting Deputies — almost always admitted —

Men religious not by Sermons

Men of these pass the week Spiritual — Not by sermons will

permanently improve condition — better Social conditions

Leave Social work to Laymen

Charity with poverty

* Character of Report of work poverty (See page 201)

Necessary modification C.O.S.

* Necessary modification of C.O.S. principles. (See page 203)

Patch more Vestry

* Round at vestry day & night — Gradual improvement

Police & Street Trades

* Position & action of police as to street trades (See page 207)

St Augustines – Donaldson (Last Two) * Sees no improvement as to Drink. Women more shameless in many ways
No improvement in drink. Women more shameless
No prostitution – much fornication – Open spaces. Offer facilities
No prostitution much fornication open spaces facilities
Marriage largely neglected – Clubs post poning age of marriage
Thrift – saving for holidays
Chief cause of early marriage. Discomfort of homes
Thrift consists of saving up for Christmas Holidays
Believes work tells but these wks improve so.
Donaldson hopeful believes the work tells greatly
But those who improve most go

Kettleton Wesleyan with (XVII 12) * Hackney circuit – 4 chapels with 2 ministers –
Rich church linked with poor – Richmond Rd with Hackney wick
At Richmond Road Active congregation
Linking of rich with poor
Mutual Improvement Society – attendance 200 including visitors
Strong mutual improvement soc
At Hackney wick. Good Temperance Society well conducted
Tea to drunkards
Invite drunkards – get them in – give them a tea &
Visiting of Sisters
The 2 sisters visit from house to house
Take care of them own poor & give advice – sometimes imposed upon
Vigorous action of Y M C A –
All the Churches friendly but not much co-operation
Temperance people need hands held up
* Temperance not strong – Temperance people need their hands held up

Dyke City Mission (XX II. 5) A man of 70. been here 40 years. Only 12 houses then
District continually growing poorer –
much shifting but many compensations were known to Dyke as children
District growing poorer
Only moral deterioration – Gambling
Only moral deterioration – Gambling
Spends all his time visiting – but has a mission room with regular services
Working classes neither know nor care about High Church
* As to high Church & the working classes neither know nor care

(Miss) Smith S.A. (XX II 40) Captain Lieutenant & 24 cadets – all female – live over the hall
One or two meetings held every evening – but visiting principal work
* Details of a week's work (See page 41) –
Visiting principal work
See details of week's work
Have been over the whole district twice since Christmas
Came (6 weeks) – Get into almost every house.
Have working members
30 members in the Corps – very beautiful people – work very hard
District compares well with Bethnal Green
District much better than Bethnal Green – but as Mrs Bramley S^t^ "they beat us"
At Bethnal green the poverty is caused by drink
Here they cannot keep it – poor things

S. Augustines (East End) Smith S.A.

As to results as not get many to join the army.
People thankful for visitation in when sick - Hand Chelsea
Most discouraging thing that Converts left -
Better so for the Converts - Getting away from old Company
Jealousy of the Wesleyans - Sneers on their faces.
Gives a little - Keeper who talks most near Heaven.
Officers changed Envy of Moulton - Nice to have the
Circumstances to help better but also nice to get away
from old cases that you had helped & cannot
help effectually again -

Disappointing results in some ways

Converts leave district

Wesleyan Jealousy

Advantage & disadvantage of frequent Changes - "Nice to get away from old cases"

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S. Augustines Bankes West End Chas E. (13) 1 XV. 115.

Been here about 15 years.
Population labourers, artisans - Some clerks & a good many boot makers
Used to be some rich tradesmen but they have left
Even in Victoria Park No more than 1 family per house
Rents of better kind of houses has fallen - in worst streets risen
Many very poor - but less actual distress than formerly
Few families in one room - most have only 2.
Ten Lady visitors from West End - no parishioners Capable
Church, mission Hall Mission House & all built (except a bit of the Church) by Mr Bankes - depressing work of begging
Bright musical Service - men attracted.
Those who come must attached - fashion is against Church going
Working man generally does not care in the least about doctrine
Likes the Service he is accustomed to.
Guilds have religious test - Clubs open to all -
Entertainments incessant - Plays - balls, dances, concerts, penny readings
Four Cricket clubs - foot ball clubs &
Immense social activity amongst men & boys
Object to get to know people - Nothing allowed to get too big
Individual personal attention the note of the work
Social work among the women unsatisfactory - Cadging spirit
Thursday Eve. Service for Children - to which they come willingly even in summer
School teachers two things for them are people - not efficient
Poorer streets visited from house to house.

Depressing work of begging

Attraction of music

Fashion against Church going

Working men indifferent to doctrine

Incessant entertainments

Social activity among men & boys

Object to get to know people - Nothing allowed to get too big

Social work among women Stunted by Cadging Spirit

Children's Thursday Eve. Service - willingly attended

Inefficient Sch teachers

Visits to those visited

S. Augustine Hackney (West End)
- Charity £80 a year - in hands by nurse
Difficult cases sent to C.O.S. come back in a rage -
Cases sent to C.O.S. come back in a rage.
People don't mind inquiry if they are helped - but if refused &c.
Clergy known to work for
"They all know us & on occasion send for us"
Influence of religion
* Religious influence small on mass but great on small band of adherents. Social influence of Church enormous.
# Hostility to religion quite died out - lost all bitterness
" Since Bradlaugh's time - don't take the trouble to argue
Attitude of working men clubs
Working men clubs Sunday entertainments are antagonistic but not almost so. Members usually send children to S. School
Fate of Dissenting Chapels
Dissenting Chapels going down - Short of money & quarrel among themselves
Spiritual Co-operation hopeless
Spiritual Co-operation hopeless -
Vestry v. less corrupt
* Vestry & Board of Guardians less corrupt than formerly
Police raids always instigated from head quarters
Drink
Drink decreases among men.
Need of fanaticism for temperance work
No school Temperance society - needs a fanatic.
Effect of Bands of Hope
* Bands of Hope not useless but effect very slight
Only cure increase of self respect
* Only thing to decrease drunkenness increase of self respect
No prostitution - much fornication
|| No prostitution. Much indiscriminate fornication
Result of open spaces
Fosters only the open spaces - Result all couples married
Age of marriage becoming later
* Age of marriage getting later.
People must be asked to put money by
* People unthrifty - will put money away if asked & not else
Will never take trouble about anything
Will never take trouble about anything - leads to much waste of time

Cleale Congregationalist (XXII 26)
Org. in London since May 1897
District maintained by Victoria Park.
No district visiting or Propagandist work except Open air Meetings.
Open air only propagandist work
Visits his own people but does not know them all
District groups amongst Congrs
Many groups of friends in the congregation who know quite apart
Lives Self centred
Lives mainly self centred.

Coad Prim. Methodist (XVII. 3) Brookfield Rd Chapel
North Bow Circuit. 3 Chapels -
Working class - Self respecting - does not claim Visitation *

S Doker Leonard
So. Hackney Chapels
131 (XVI. 1)

Here for 7 years – does not know as much as he ought of the people – time taken up with financial business
Half his life spent in trains & boats
Pop in 1817 29000 now 230.000
Decline in status of late years very rapid –
now half middle class – half working poor

Loss of time over finance
Decline of district

Religious influences middle class and the more stable working class
not much done by missions
only special men succeed
devotion of voluntary helpers

Religious influences touch mostly the middle class.
A considerable number of more stable working class also reached
Smelly (not much) done through Mission work or but
lower thrifty poor have to look out for only special men
Earnest men + devotion of voluntary helpers – succeed
a number who are young women, for poorer working class

Crowds in Church on Sunday
Roc comp from Public Houses

Only time the poorer class crowd into Church is midnight
" Service on New years Eve when they flock in from the Public Houses
Generally respectful & well behaved – Polish to the off Tube –
Open air services in Summer very thinly attended
Victoria Park too near –
Most of the visiting done in the poor district off Well St

The poor who rise Sq.
Mark of the poor man's house
Sals. army's original home not appreciated here now
No open prostitution – much loose morality

The few poor who rise quickly change their residence –
Mark of the poor man house – along the Passage on a level with the hips of those who walk against the walls –
So Hackney the original home of Sals Army – Now quite gone
Seems less drunkenness in London because later hours are kept now
No open prostitution but much loose morality

Mee
Wesleyan Meth
(XVII. 25)
Cas Lane Pl.

Hackney Circuit (with Mr Mellitt's ~~Hands~~ Pass) Cas Lane Pl. Church Pl.
never had a church where there were so few poor
Services too ornate to touch the poor – liturgy (Choir
X Church & Chapel has been consecrated into Class room
X No Separate school – all meetings held at Cas Lane Pl.

Well to do Congs – Ornate services

Mutual Improvement Soc. – not well to do people come

Prostitution on Hackney Common

Prostitution – Hackney Common the worst thing

Marriage at Church &c

Their own marriages are at 2 sessions 10 & 2 – both well dressed

St John Snaxhall
So Hackney. Congreg
(XVII. 33)

11 years in the district - Neighborhood going down
not so good as it looks - More Jewish than good?
Lower middle class - traders & clerks -
near Hackney common poor working class
Mother Congregation few of the poorest - a few Russians
Tendency of best people to leave
Ladies the best workers - men at business all day
Chapel seats 720 - debt £1000 trustees £1000 all
cleared in last 7½ months "hard work"
Tried to keep (adult) temperance Soc going but could not
Clubs & Societies all small
Co-operation in School Board work -
More Congregational churches than any others
in Hackney & all doing well -
A good deal of talking in the Parks - religious & other discussion
Drink saddest feature increase among women
most people live up to their means
Rents tendency upwards - had fallen previously
The Congregation holds its own with difficulty
Population increasing but new comers not church goers.
A very quiet work.

Widdows
Ex Monk
(XVII. 76)

He knows how to make his church a going concern
Penal Servitude from 68 to 75 for conspiracy under
Criminal Law Amendment Act - Prosecutes again in
1876 & acquitted -
£700 raised in 18 months to pay debt &c as
well as Widdows living. "I tell them they have got to pay
Church well filled morning - crowded in evening.
Has incense because he likes it -
Importance attached by some people to validity of the orders
Visiting - description of the difficulties met with (Page 84)

Neighborhood not so good as it looks going down -

In Congreg. few of poorest

Hard work to clear debt

Could not keep adult temperance Soc going

Congregationalists doing well

Talking in the Parks

Drink sad increase among women

most live up to means

Rents now tending upwards

Congreg maintained with difficulty

New comers in Pop. not Church goers

Congregation have got to pay

difficulties of visiting

Christchurch - Forster
S. A
(XXII 48)

Usual S.A. services - Give no reliefwork - no funds
To outside applicants give a note to Social Headquarters
Ex Navy soldiers has taken money from Corps funds
Women collect for them -

meetings held in Navy Streets
very decently received

Hold their meetings in the Navy streets - very decently received

Troublesome children

The children the most troublesome - language disgusting

Lovely place for work

Likes his Mosbeers - 'a lovely place for work' -
welcomes his work except visitation - hard when
people show they do not wish to receive you -

Building too large

Building too large for the Corps - financial difficulty

Clean too all themselves

To save expense. Clean too all themselves
Spends money for bills & advertising - must do this -
Altogether the Station is a 'hard place' -

Received

Denny
R.C
XII ?

Large district - few Catholics - quite scattered - Mixed Class
Harbour Master 2 years - he was here as Priest 24 years ago
Curate there for 9 years - Not much change in his people
No Endowment - Corps depends on voluntary offerings

Depends entirely on voluntary offerings

Case of the Church first Charge

no Source of wealthy

Dependence on the faithful no source of wealthy

all classes respond Equally

As to response to religious effort - One class same as another
No holding off among the Navy -

S' John
So. Hackney

Yoger
Bruce Hall
Mission
(XXII. 15)

Mission to young People

A smart young man whose hobby is to work among young people & children
Gives several evenings a week –
Entirely a mission to young people –
About 300 are connected – a mixed class
Work done by Committee & Officers – nearly 20 in all
Voluntary Except Care-taker who has £20 a year
Income about £120 per annum – (£10 from Ragged Sch. Union)
Not connected with any religious Organization
Runs the usual Agencies – Clubs – Gymnasium &c
Only those who attend the Services are eligible
The Cricket Eleven has just won the Challenge cup of the North Eastern Cricket assoc – team photographed in their flannels
Not indiscriminate visiting Merely little tracts –

Heilbronn
So Hackney Synagogue
(XXVII. 53)

Christchurch
(13)

Walker
Ch of E.
(XV. 61)

Streets near Parks poorer than they look

Congreg increasing – large proportion poor but don't look it

The working man Church goes

Mothers only come for what they get

Bands of Hope not much good
Children's sins – not drink

Musical prof. Chiefly working men – influx of Jews
Streets adjoining Victoria Park poorer than they look
Many let lodgings – all migratory – rich town more than poor
Mr Walker is a batchelor & afford. 5 Curates – University men & athletes
Very particular about his district visitors "easy to put one old woman to talk to another old woman"
About 10 Services on Sunday & 2 or 3 on week days
Congregation increasing – large proportion poor but don't look it
Ochravea poor never seen in church – a working man
" grows up a man if he becomes a church goer – not so the better class
Clubs of all kinds – Mothers meeting &c
does not believe in Mothers meeting – they come for what they get
Still some good is done – has Bands of Hope &c
* Drunkenness the last sin to which Christians have any tendency
Christian fellowship talk & lying

Christchurch Walker
Continued

Most temperance organizations fail from incapable management
Sunday schools the most important work -
Large proportion fall away but equal number are retained
"If we don't keep them it is our own fault"
Teachers assist from parish - attend teachers classes
Are expected to know their children homes parents &
Individual influence the thing aimed at - Worked
in this way Sunday schools are better than on the
Organisation system which moreover requires a coadjutor-
ful man to carry it out properly.
Treats universal but not necessary to success - Should
have as many children without as we if he can get them
likes his teachers to be able to box the ears not the least
Good to have men who throw a lot of body into their talk
Must be men to realise difficulties that beset childhood
Parish regularly visited house by house by Clergy & visitors
Walker will only visit as vicar - people don't like them
troll as anything to keep you off religion"
Salvation Army don't seem to do a scrap
Many signs of improvement in last 20 years -
Crime & drink & impurity be got rid of & advance towards.
be rapid - There is less drunkenness & rudeness
Gambling swearing & indecent language still prevalent.
Chief obstacle rather indifference than infidelity -
Aim entering Spiritual - but must take an interest in
their bodies to gain influence -

Failure of temperance &c
Sunday schools the most important work
"our fault if not retained"
Individual influence aimed at
better than Organisation
Treats universal but not necessary
Uselessness of "goody talk"
Need to realise children's troubles
Visits as vicar or not at all
Failure of Salvation Army
Signs of improvement in 20 years
Crime & impurity the curse
Aim entering Spiritual
the body the road to the soul

Richards
Cambridge Heath
Congregational
(XXII. 97)

3 missions connected with their Church -
Has a own Church & missions together
Church touches middle & working class - Missions the poor
Usual Style of activity
Mothers meeting chief results of the Mission
All workers from the Church.
all as usual

St Michaels Morcom
(13) 2 Ch of E
(XV 29)

Pop. bella of than most of both of sheets w. indicate

Those given to visiting & reading the word

People less easy to get at

Injury to religion by indiscrim alms giving

Services at which everyone received food or coal tickets

Indifference not hostility

Londoners compared to Countrymen

Sals Army assaults from R. Mellor

Co-operation comes to nothing

Vestry a good body

Kindness of doctors

Police tact-ful

Great temperance work among young

Marriage steadily older

Home relations better than Country

Social improvement as an end

Population entirely working class - Steady industrious
Little trouble with want of work - Better than one finds in West appearance
Got with Morcom & Pennell (Scripture Reader) Say district is Poor down
More crowded - 2 in place of 1½ families Bad houses
Pennell gives his time to visiting & reading the word - leading up to this
never met with hostility - our needs tact
Not poorest inhabitants less easy to get at than formerly
There used to be many shoemakers working at home -
Now nearly all in factories -
Give almost Exclusively to the sick - approve C.O.S -
Unpopularity of C.O.S due to talk of undeserving
Religion in this district has been injured by indiscriminate almsgiving
" Giving the idea that people of this to the Church should get [illegible]
" A lady took a hall that Services at which tickets
" who attended was given coal & food tickets.
Indifference to religion - no hostility -
* Londoners as religious & perhaps more moral than Country people
* Salvation Army drawn from Dissenters - Chiefly from Methodists
Was used to be more noisy & sensational than now
As to Co-operation - C.O.S formulated an admirable scheme but it came to nothing
Vestry a good body - no deterioration - since Sale Act
Out-relief less than formerly & carefully administered
* Great kindness of Doctors to the Poor.
Police tact-ful - less drink amongst men -
Great temperance work being done among the young
Marriage age steadily older - very rare under 21 & 18
Relations before marriage seemingly better than in the Country
Health very good throughout Hackney - Sanitation good
W. Morcom seems to accept Social improvement as an end in itself.

Hester
Presbyterian
(XVII.53)

Success of mission school appeared the other among Mission Sch. abandoned

Lived here 40 years - connected 15 years with "Christian Community"
District once well to do - houses subdivided & lodgers taken
Rents a little dearer.
Mission School was successful but killed the other
as parents feared contamination & it was discontinued.

St Michael Heiton

General changes in religious work

Mission of C.O.S

Efficiency of Police

need of changes to win success

Poverty

Surfeit of open air services

Porter
Inquiries
Prim: Meth
(XVII. 40)

Effect on the people

Congregation live a little way off

Same - meaning different

Police not strong enough

Burial theft

need of more workers more money

People apathetic & content

Loneliness of ministers life

General changes in religious work - becoming missionary & evangelistic

Salvation Army has lost hold

C.O.S exists only to kill other good work

Police very efficient - best class of men -

People live up to their means - no thrift

Lack of success of Church due to persistence in old methods

Services & hours should be changed

Poverty greater than it appears

Of open air meetings a surfeit - Ground covered

" Corners often some occupied in many St

Circuit contains 2 Chapels - Londonfields - & the Road

People are neighbours low - Labourers Costers &c - Police warned that there were an uncontrolable band of roughs

Ministrations in the Chapel touch none of these people

By external work they are all touched - by house to

House visitation - Ministering to their needs - hospitality

By open air meeting - Congregation live a little way off

" & are artisans & clerks - Can about the same as the rough set but Spend it differently & so better off

∴ All members of the Church Members of mission band

Young people Christian assoc" - Particulars of work (page 43)

The sisters go in to help the sick & get neighbour help

Support them our poor & make appeals for outside cases & aggressive work

all institutions self supporting

People regard you as hard hearted if you suppress Banish relief

Police not strong enough - People break lamps & destroy property

property - nobody is caught -

not so much Communal as horseplay -

A gymnasium would be useful -

Not much theft - except burial club -

Plenty of scope for work if they had more workers & more money

People apathetic - Expect to have everything done for them

" Are contented with their surroundings -

* Intense loneliness of ministers life - & intellectual stress -

S. Michaels Nesnett Rastus (XXII. 54)

Raised £1325 in the year - deficit of £111 cleared
Church one of the oldest - being 100 years established 1898
will celebrate its centenary by raising money for additional School
works on Evangelical lines - usual Services & Efforts

S. Philips Dalston (13)2 Cox Chapl (XVI. 25)

Enormous improvements since 1866

Been for 31 years in East London & 18 years here
Enormous improvement in condition of people since 1866
He then (in the Cholera time) got insight into homes -
The worst slums are gone & the present state of things
cannot be compared with the squalor misery & neglect the
Parish now stationary - going neither up nor down
Ten years ago there was an exodus of better class people
Some tendency now to return -

Well to do self made people Stand poor, but are cold to Ch

The well to do people are self made & stand poor, but are
no good to the Church. Necessary member of Vestry
About 30 Services held weekly - Church, Mission Church
& Constant entertainments Mission Room Parish Room

Character of Congreg

Congregation middle class & shifting -
Of an ordinary congreg half are strangers who may never come again

Service attractive - moderately high - people not responsive

disagreeable of visiting

" Curates don't like to visit I have door shut in their face
" "You want me to come to Church I suppose - well I'll give
" you a turn some day"

Special nurse seldom needed

Special nurse seldom needed - poorest to be informing

Vigour of the Church fearful apathy

* Vigour of the Church enormous - no idle class you now
needs to be many.
Instead of all the activity there is fearful apathy neglect of religion

at bottom believe in miracles

little infidelity - or atheism - at bottom believe in the miraculous
Church does its work better because less bitterness between various schools
A few extreme men at both ends - but on the whole much
more tolerance & readiness to work together than there was

Non Londoners have not Church going habits

Greatest difficulty with born Londoners - who have not
Church going habits as the country people have

Alexander Nettesda mission (XXII 2)

A private undertaking - No one paid
Parents of S. School Children do not form the congregation
Come sometimes to a tea - or School Anniversary

Holy Trinity Knapp Here 18 months - Coming to a wrecked parish
(13)2 Chap to * First day high - then very low - Congregation Kicked -
(XVI. 59) Mr Knapp seeks to follow a middle course -
* was a selection for some years to get that all the clergy could have day duty
Population tending downwards * Population working class tending downwards rapidly
Shown by boys in standards ‖ This shown by difference in the boys of Standard 1 & 5
Exterior of houses no guide Exterior of houses no guide - all contain 20 or more families
Much shifting of the thriftless "move-about" kind
Losses by lodgers Principal cause of poverty, after drink, speculating in lodgers
Property more valuable * Property more profitable as a working class than middle class district -
No unpaid visitors - people too much of one class -
Visits & the Class visited The poor resent visits from those of their own class
Church goers more well dressed Bulk of congregation from artisan class - many poor but all well dressed
Stylish among cheap ‖ Clothing so cheap even the poorest can dress stylishly if taught
‖ Many of the young women are milliners themselves
Most of congregation parishioners - 20 to 25% outsiders
Parochial boundaries little regarded * Parochial boundaries little regarded - any one who
Congregation can be got works steadily in any district can get a congregation -
& a man who does it for Christ can fill his church
London parson a Congregational minister with large mission district
Character of those who don't attend # Of those who don't attend at all for the large proportion
" as decent & respectable as those who do - not so in the country
Fashion with men not to go " With men especially the fashion is not to go to Church
When a boy leaves S-Sch " When a boy leaves Sunday School he says "I am a man
" now - men don't go to Church - so I shan't go."
" Many men who would like to go are deterred by fact that
To go is to be a marked man " he who does so is a marked man -
Aim social & spiritual former to help the latter Aim is social as well as spiritual - but the former must help the latter
His predecessor made dancing a feature - no one admitted
who had not been Confirmed & attended Communion
Day Schools get rather a lower Strata than the Board Schools
Many of the Children are dissenters - no difficulty exists
Irreligious Parents desire religious Education Even irreligious parents seem to desire religious Education
Parish music very popular - busy in winter. Stand Sermons
Relief from his own pocket in close Co-operation with C.O.S
no alternative between this & giving nothing
Dissenters have collared the Shop Keepers -

St John Hackney — Thornley Chapter (XVI.83) (13) 2

Compared to Bromley Less poor - less independent ? due to Hackney Charities

Church attracts poor in its area women preponderate

Mission Church built for poorest

Successful Open air services

Apparently lack of simplicity & democratic spirit

Strength of Dissent

Remedy Disestablishment

Controllers as to refusal you can still teach what you like

Only the young confess but will be old some day

Club officers to Communicants mention any kind of Protestant

Object

(Is Vicar the priest &c)

gratitude of those got hold of

prevailing note indifference

those in Earnest increasing &c

all classes get good congregations, people need no urging

bad influence of S.A. -

Compared to Bromley, border less poor than is measured at
may be due to the Hackney Charities
Congregation entirely middle class & upper, often parochial
Church has great traditions & has always drawn from wide area
Women preponderate - Poor do not come at all
Mission church meant for the poorest but does not get them
Open air services held all summer draws large numbers
Many men anxious & willing to listen will not go into a church
Beyond fashionable habit the great apparently is lack of Simplicity in Services
& the fact that the laity have no voice in management
Dissenters stronger on these points - Remedy disestablishment
Impossible to introduce Ritual but the services of the church
But you can teach what you like - Even most Popish Doctrine
Confession is encouraged - those who confess are only young
men & women but "will be old some day"
Important institute for young men - 130 members -
Officers & Committee must be Church-Communicants -
Members may be any kind of Protestant -
Object to obtain religious influence - I go about & play games & when I get them round to confidence
I go further" - difficult to get at - needs pluck - are
grateful & grateful when once you have got hold of them
Large sum in relief by tickets through visitors
As to religion prevailing note indifference - but a large number
themselves in earnest - The Earnest getting more so &
the indifferent also - One hopes that with increased
activity the Earnest will increase in numbers
All classes get good Congregations, in Hackney poorer
don't need urging to go to Church
Religious influence of S.A. bad - don't teach reverence
Conversion there don't - I imagine does not last - more
Converts Country people
Mr Thornley is curate in charge & a typical
priest

St John Hackney — Rev. William Cuthbertson (Congregationalist) (XXII. 111)

Congregation drawn from within 15 minutes walk
Of all classes - mixed like the population
Very few rich, nor many quite poor - except at the mission
Congreg of all classes drawn from near
\+ Growing poorer - but remaining of same class - taking longer
growing poorer - remain same class
« Numbers maintained - energies increased - buildings paid for
« Morning Lane mission a congregational attempt to reach the poor
Whole pop. touched by Sample
My Sample whole population touched - but individuals change
Individuals change - all depends on attractive preaching
* Thus society they depends on sustained attraction of preaching
\+ Many come to all three services (2 on Sunday & 1 Thursday)
Services & sermons demanded Nothing Secular
« Services & sermons are what the people want - nothing Secular
mission work among children
« What mission mainly among children - School & Services combined
Social activities
Socially, & otherwise a good thing on - ~~good works & improvement~~
Literary Society uses the schools for lectures & debates
Gospel of work preached
\+ A gospel of work preached - raised, dignified & associated with religion
Regular visits of Poor districts
« Poor districts mapped out & regularly visited
« Not a street or house in London which is not reached
Religious effort touches every street & house in London & overlaps
« One way or other by religious effort - Constantly overlapping
No theology taught Christ our leader & life of honest work
Mr W does not trouble with theology at all - Preaches
Simply Christ our leader & a life of honest work.
Admirable persistence in work among young men
\+ The way young men take each & stick to what they undertake
« Remarkable & encouraging.

Goodge Street Mission Hall (XXII. 99) — Rev. United Methodist Free Church

Members 44 years - Congregation working class & a few of middle class
by small affair - 175 members on Church roll -
\+ P.S.A. to attract the working men - Prospects very cheering

Porter Memorial Y.M.C.A. (XXII. 106)

Association 110 members 115 associates - Total 280.
Artisans, clerks & shop assistants - Senior & Junior P.S.A.
Evangelistic meeting 8.30 p.m. - Open air Thursday & Saturday for 6 months
Not much Educational - but extensive Social work
Holiday tours organised & outdoor admitted.

St Lukes - Hartley Chapel (13)2 (XV 161)

Whole parish how Shakespeare very poor -
In poor streets majority live in 1 room - always moving
Terribly drunken - chief cause of their poverty -
Congreg. middle & upper working class - Coming often in families
Out door services apt to be very Service or Study -
"Cottage readings" - held in rooms in the streets
Visiting should be with spiritual motive but needs tact
Almost impossible to see the men - If a man opens the door
" he says "Ask your from the Church - You want to see the
" Missus" & clears out - But if you get the men at all
they are much more thorough & satisfactory than the women
" much less inclined to hypocrisy -
Give mostly by tickets - don't often send cases to C.O.S. they
want you to Co-operate -
Most are indifferent but a few may hate the Church
Dissent strong but losing ground - Salvation Army have
a place & do a lot of work -
Church drifting to disestablishment - Regrets tendency
of people to live into themselves & careless for the truth

Fletcher Williams Unitarian XX 11 65

Congregation drawn from wide area - very slightly of set class - Slumming now done -
Males more numerous - as in all Unitarian Churches
Charity & Teaching greatly over done & badly administered
Neither Church nor Nonconf. get hold of the poor & Congregation
dwindle as the middle class leave the district
Most of the Churches high or go in for ritual to please the women
Result 60% women 10% men with effeminate minds
Obstacle with working men the undemocratic and rigid
Character of Government & services both Church & Chapel
Will attend P.S.A - Unitarianism is not growing as a
denomination but as a principle - The Preaching for
many now can pulpits is almost pure Unitarianism
Differentiate "doctrine" from "deity" of Christ - Give dose of
Orthodoxy with requisite - Relations between Church & Dissent
much more cordial than formerly -

Drink Chief cause of poverty.

Out door & cottage services

Visiting -

Men more thorough - if got

Most are indifferent - some hate

Dissent strong but losing ground

S/A do a lot of work

Church drifting to disestablishment

Congreg drawn fr middle class leaves - He draws from Unitarian

Ritual pleases the women

Obstacle with men the undemocratic Character of Govt & services of Church

Will attend P.S.A

Unitarianism growing as a principle

Many now can preach at usual with Orthodox dose when needed

Improved relations

S^t Lukes Ruley # Constant open air meetings - fill their small hall
S.A. likes Homeless as here you compel the right class of people
(XVII.121) & get crowds - better class more in attendance - People
likes the proprietor here respect the S.A - work is growing - need a larger building

Hollands Thame Both working men - a small mission started 15 years ago
Brunswick Gospel Mission Entirely undenominational - "free preaching of the Gospel"
(XXII.10) The members an Earnest band of 30 or 40 working men
working mans own mission work confined to small group of poor streets round
Two services on Sunday is done & 1 out - Wednesday meeting only
heard all members attend the Sunday services & a fair
number of strangers - Prayer & Preaching Extensive
In 1895 35 Conversions 1896 16 Conversions - & those
we got we stick to" - those who move constantly with
Sunday School 135 - Band of Hope 120 -

The poor only to be touched by their own class # The poor will never be touched except by their own class
Churches & Chapels above their heads # men who naturally speak language they can understand
Churches & Chapels are above their heads - too much
intellect" - Those who go, go for what they get
One chief obstacle the Chaff which assails a religious
disposition of workshop chaff # man in the workshop - this applies equally to temperance
applies also to temperance As a rule not meant unkindly but must be felt -
Can be lived over - Can be lived over -
Drink root of all great poverty Drink the root of all great poverty -
In poorer streets 20 to 25% of the men habitual
drunkards who what they can give only 1/- or 1/6 to
35% give the wife 15/ to 18/- only 2/- to 5/- spend
rest in drink - these men often call themselves moderate
drinkers - yet they occasionally go on the booze on Saturday
& come home penniless -
If Police did their duty half the P.H. could be closed
Spoke highly of Working Men Club.

St Lukes Dunn R.C. XII 123

drink the effect of the worst poverty

Neglect

Been here 11 years - about 1000 RCs of all ages
A very poor laboring class - not very drunken - but
drink + improvident - mainly the former - the root of poverty
Ont relief transferred - but so does all Charity
Houses in hands of small owners - Agents collect rents
"Get them in better so". Jews buying up property

St Barnabas Blatch Homerton XV 3 (13) 3

Has been here 21 years - poor working class - quiet +
well behaved - no crime - a good many from Clerkenwell
in Bethnal Green &c - little or no improvement in 20 years
. In ordinate number of P.H all seem to thrive

men more sober - women not

Men on the whole more sober - women not -
No shame felt in being respectable woman in going into P.H

bad influence of W.m clubs

Bad influences of working mens clubs of which many
* Men take their women folk to the Orgies at these places

always money for drink + sweet shops

In State of poverty always funds for drink + sweets

men on the whole less poor + more thrifty

" On the whole less poor + more thrifty than they were
† for Sweet Shops

Small shop Keepers Among the poorest

Among the poorest are the small shop keepers.

Temperance - preaching to the converted

Senior Temperance Soc practically in abeyance
Preaching always to the converted

S Sch teachers not conformists

Sunday School Sch - teachers from neighborhood - as their
best - teaching not worth much - women prefer Confirmation

visiting welcomed

Visiting not systematic - Visits everywhere welcomed

S.A. started with flourish now closed

Salv. Army by little effect - started a hall with a
flourish - now closed - In the main absolute indifference

in main absolute indifference to religion as such

" to religion as such - Sunday Supply a holiday

Sunday Supply a holiday but much better feeling -

little or no hostility - much better feeling than was to be

Personal of Vestry worse

N.B thinks personal of vestry deteriorating

Police not encouraged to do duty

Police as their duty as well as they are allowed to

Magistrates do not encourage them to look sharply and down

decrease in drunkenness

Still there has been a great decrease of drunkenness
Early marriage as common as ever Immoral intercourse increased
No stigma attaches to it

People save a good deal - £414 pounds Bank £177 Clothing Club
' £91 Mothers Meeting -

Sanitary and Committee no longer needed

* Sanitary and Committee duty excellent work no longer needed
and which allows no room for complaint

St Barnabas Andreas
St Pauls district Chap[e]
(13)3 (XVI.109)

Large working class - the poorest shifting - no general down grade
Rather improving than otherwise.
Very small congregations - Week night services were not successful
People not responsive - it is rather depressing - Very depressing
" sometimes " - Indifference to Church not active disbelief
People believe in the Christian faith - or at least are not
prepared not to believe - & they live hard lives
Only a small working mans club (25 members) Shortly formed
The Grocers Co (his patrons) are Liberal - but Exclude him
begging successful Elsewhere -
All send Children to S. School - Children like to come
No other place of worship - which makes the work response worse

Conditions rather improving
Lack of gentlemen depressing
People dont not believe
no other place of worship

Reeve
Wrangle Hall
Bressey
(XXII.20)

A Church grown out of a Sunday School -
The people touched by the Social & religious efforts are
not the poorest - not particularly working class - mostly
lower middle class - taking to religion like ducks to water (CS)

Those touched not the poorest & mostly Middle Class - taking to religion like ducks to water (CS)

Miss Johnson
Girls Club
(XVIII.53)

Old farms house turned into a club by Survivg. Members of family
Hence a pronounced agnostic - but has secured religious cooperation
Factory girls but above them in appearance
Dancing the chief amusement - goes on every night
Attributes success to elimination of religious element
Clergy suffer from suspicion of religious aims - hampering
Social work - People resent having religion thrust upon them
Never visits any of her girls unless asked to

Success due to elimination of religious element
Clergy suffer from suspicion of their aims
one visits who asked to

All Souls Hawkins
Clapton Chap[e]
(13)3 (XV 217)

Been here 16½ years - since parish was formed
Poor but not much actual destitution - but very down
Police give district a worse name than it deserves but
It is frequented by ticket of leave men & gaol birds
Low rents attract - intensely dull - the end of all things
no shops - no traffic - no amusements within miles
Congregation small - but all are now - not more than 250
More women than men - attend irregularly - double the
number come occasionally - 400 Communicants - 300 active

District not so bad as it sounds
but seems bad enough
End of all things
Small congn - all poor

All Souls Clapton — Hawkins # Clubs open & unsectarian - Religion & Politics never mentioned.
" Chaffe " There is a time for everything - mistake to force religion
" Cont. " down peoples throats at inappropriate times

Blackguards welcome to Club — # The biggest blackguard the better pleased to see them
" Club has a humanising influence - I take a hand
" at Whist or Billiards with the men
Says study recent on class system - teaches parishioners
Teachers own pain but take a great interest in the work
Bible classes for Men women & Girls - those for men by messenger Well attended
Visits made regularly - Relief not by strict admission, discretion

Visitors must have recog to administer — "You must prove your wisdom relief to administer in."

S.A - no notice taken of them — S A has frequent meetings but no notice is taken of them

Only very small minority of people come under religious influence — # Only very small minority of the people come under any
" religious influence at all - the bulk utterly indifferent

Women drink more than men — not particularly drunken - the women drink more than the men
Temperance work not effective - no use without total abstainers to direct

Adverse influence of W.M. Clubs — working mens clubs encourage drink & gambling - hinder religion
Medical Officer efficient - Landlords very bad need control measures

Marriages very early still — Marriage very early little or no improvement

Previous relations - living together - Common — Great deal of living together before marriage - those who
" come to be married frequently living in same house.

Enervating climate — Health poor but climate enervating - always fat sickly
Condition of Sea greatly improved

No illusions — not particularly active work # no illusions

Fairly decent people but drink & gamble - may have better time — Fairly decent people from a poor class to drink & gamble
* May have a good time. Women lead hard & clavish lives

Bitter Wesleyan XXII.102 — Clapton circuit - At Clapton none really poor
At Clapton Park (Mission) poor class is touched -
* not slum poor "all fetched their jubilee dresses to take her"
Worked by local preachers & voluntary workers -

Thousands round so nowhere — Thousands round Chapel never go any where

Great Sunday traffic — Great work of Sunday traffic along high Road - Thousands passing
If any body wants Charitable relief they get it

All Souls Clapton Baptist (XVII 109)

Started about 20 years ago - not successful - 8 or 9 years ago was nearly closing when Mr M. appealed his solution in the city to take up the pastorate on mission lines. The Tabernacle they now occupy was built by the Congregationalists who also failed & M.'s church bought it. Still a debt of £1800.

Successive failures

Reach some of all sections - four Congregations - Small PSA open for women as well as men - Open air band. Prospects good - work will go on growing - but needs a great deal of courage & perseverance - Raising funds the difficulty - Chief obstacle indifference of the neighbourhood & hard heartedness of Christian people.

Indifference that prevents men will come to hear the Gospel

Nelson (with Spurgeon) that people will come to hear the Gospel preached & was not need other attractions. His church well filled compared to some where social agencies are pronounced.

Mr. Hunt R. Officer (XVIII.63)

Has been relieving officer for 14 years in this district. Himself a converted man - formerly a professional Cricketer & great drinker. Clapton Park an awful place - people hopeless. Average of in worst streets London

Beer & Babies the Cause of poverty *

Beer & babies the cause of poverty, & wages good.

Earnings sufficient

Decent respectable people earn no more -

Drink among women increasing especially young women

Drink among women undoubtedly increasing - especially quite young women & girls.

Influence of Church nil *

Influence of the Church nil - of Wesleyans fanatical.

Show of religion for what can be got

Show of religion made simply for what can be got.

Landlords - lenient but will spend no money

Houses very little on low rents - landlords will do nothing Rents compelled. Unless compelled but are lenient as to rents.

Squaring of police by publicans

Universal custom of publicans to square the police - Co. Inspectors Superintendents &c. Suppers & champagne &c.

There are a few religious men in the force who cannot be bribed but they are as nothing to the whole number &c &c.

Clubs worse than P.H.

Clubs worse than public houses - harm of all that is bad &c. No things except Burial money which is all spent extravagantly & reliefs often applied for multiple weeks.

Guardians give a great deal of out relief - but compelled still there is imposition

All Saints Fletcher
Clapton Chap to
(13)# (XV. 91)

Connection between Success in this world & the next

Population of clerks, artizans & labourers - going down rapidly
Inhabitants pushed out of inner London
Close connection between success in this world & the next
Those of whom Church does most frequently move to better districts
At same time there is shifting among the unsuccessful
No increase in drink - but cannot be much worse
Service ritualistic - all tastes catered for in the neighbourhood
Congregation not representative of poorer streets but modern poor people

No increase in drink: but could not be worse

No religious test for social institutions -

Of mens club few go to church

Of the mens clubs very few go to Church
Small clubs for lads a dead failure - all Confirmed & all thoroughly vicious lot

failure of boys clubs - Confirmed — a vice

In winter dances & entertainments necessary

Necessary dances & entertainments

" Much trouble but worth the whole work for good

much trouble but work for good

to replace music halls

Respectable poor hate music halls & need a substitute

Duty of the Church to supply decent amusements

To those who are attached the Church is the chief

Church the Chief interest in lives of those attached

" interest in their lives - never happy unless doing some

" Unity in connection with it -

Annual pantomime

" Greatest function in the Boys Club annual pantomime
Made £30 a year profit out of Entertainments

Straws of the net

Social agencies are "Straws of the net"

difficulty as to S.S. teachers

Sunday School teachers not efficient - but any those who
least require it will come to classes.
Visiting supposed to be from house to house but is not
Aim Spiritual but actually Social in character

Waits to be asked for Spiritual advice

Waits to be asked for Spiritual advice - Great & Great to Poor people

Nursing arrangements bad - Mission woman does a little
Relief is given through district visitors at their discretion
Charges to the sick - Each visitor has 7/6 a month - five tickets
Mr F is chairman of C.O.S. Finds it of great use
More or less in touch with Boys out of Hours
Impression made by the Church (due to her predecessor Mr Keton) very great - Church a living concern -

Church a living concern

Annual S. School Excursion a big affair -
opposed to Sensational & Sympathetic work - See page 105/9
Cricket club in Victoria Park all names after Saints & apostles
Salvation Army work - See page 111

All Saints Clapton — Harries Congreg (XVII. 98)

old remain – young go

The "Rows Church & 2 missions & (See page 26 Neville) seating in all 2050
and a third mission run by Miss Pratt separate
Population greatly changed in 20 years. Social decline
Old remain – young go (of better class)
Rotten as a family Church – Bulk middle class related to last 10th
Missions touch the Rows –
Sunday many congregation in church 1000 – Evg 800
Christian endeavour Society fails. replaced by Bible class
Sunday schools 1815 on books 1345 Aver attendance
Literary Society, Philharmonic Soc & Cricket Football &
Have no nurses – Salvation Army nurses very useful
Not much given –
Ragged School in John St Homerton is worked by
members of the Congregation – independently –
Salvation Army doing a good work. suit those who
rove from mission to mission –
Drink supplied to drunken people – Police discouraged by magistrates
More early marriages in the north than here.
Does not know a case under 20 –
Backward flow to poor houses when rent fallen
Harries recognises necessity of changes to meet changes of Pop

Jackson Prim Meth (XVII. 69)

Huge mission business based chiefly on relief

Rapid growth of a huge mission (3 or 4 missions) business – based largely on relief – free meals &c – Plenty of money obtained outside of ministers this colleague (1) to raise the funds
(2) Conduct the services – (3) responsible for organisation
The lay missionaries & nurses minister to the wants of the destitute &c – Visit systematically

religious services not well attended

Usual religious services &c – not very well attended
Open air meetings &c – Coal Club bonus 2d on 10d
Poor peoples legal bureau – Sea side Home of rest – accommodates 60
Medical mission – Mutual help (loan club)
Summary of wholesale proving See page 69/71
Social agencies. Always religious heart of work –

Social agencies

All Saints Parish
Clapton S.A.
XVII. 115

In charge of Congress Hall -
Open air meetings 22 Companies - held in all parts of district
On Sunday morning 11 meetings - Afternoon 10. Every 2
Whole body combine in the Evening - Also Monday
Wednesday Thursday & Saturday nights
Indoor meetings 7. on Knee drill - 11. Holiness. 3. Free (Tax) (1000/1570) (400/900)
6.45 Salvation (2000/3000)
Every week night at 8 p.m. - Monday (Special) + 800/1000 people
Active S.A. work — Other Every 100 or 200 - Juvenile meetings Abroad &c
Corps numbers 630 soldiers not increasing
Those who go go in search of work -
Work Shelsley with the Police - Work not on hands
Have brass band 33 performers - Sell 90 doz of war cry
don't know the cause # Congregation consists of all classes - drawn largely from neighborhood - never know who is there
Expenses heavy — Expenses heavy - need £20 a week - Collections taken at all meetings but only pressed on Sunday - Special meetings are organized to help the funds
Have difficulties but always get what is wanted
It depends on the Soldiers

St James Gardens Brom
Clapton Clay
(13) 11 (XVI 41)

Succeeded a man who died nothing for 7 years & for last 3 was insane & never seen by anyone
Lower middle class people -
Lower mid. class people — Fairly strong parochial feeling - Children brighter than in the Mothers
Mixed area Club. No men and # Club for working men at Tea Bridge Entered by Mixed area
Church connected with Church
" few of the men have come to Church
day for mothers nearly a little one — Two mothers meetings - fairly successful - but then days are a little over
Consider it duty of clergy to civilise & brighten existence
Social agencies not a success - But Social agencies not an end in themselves
S. Schools on class system not satisfactory. Dramatic tried but was not successful - teachers all attend weekly class & are on the whole efficient - Great difficulty is that with growth of education the Children are often almost too far advanced for their teachers
Children get ahead of their teachers — *

St James Clapton — Gardner Brown Cont°

Large middle class theatre only members of congregation are visited - Dissenters very touchy on proselytising Clergy visit a good deal - Surprised how glad people seem to be to meet the parson

people glad to meet the parson

No nurse - Subscribe largely to hospitals & give letters A mission woman who can do nursing almost necessary Mr Brown is a teetotaler & keen on temperance work but discouraged at the small success - Large band of hope - no senior society.

discouraged as to temperance

Medley Baptist (XVII. 87) — # Comparatively wealthy church - raised £2200 1886
" Two mission stations - Back-bone solid middle class
" Large chapel - Library - Literary Soc. - Slightly falling off
" Philharmonic - 200 members - gives concerts
Clothing Society - Maternal aid Soc - Convalescent Home for 7 women

Back bone solid middle class

S/A intolerably

* Salvation Army makes Sunday worse almost intolerable

Church deserts on choice of Ministers

Prospects of church depended on choice of minister (Mr Medley has just left) - Gradual lowering of social condition a danger -

danger of letting the middle class slip by attending too much to working man

Baptists have given too much attention to reaching the working man - letting middle class slip & with them the means of evangelising the poor.

more needed to evangelise the poor —

Johnston Presbyterian (XXII. 87) — Becoming a tenement district - none have houses to show - Few Scotch - Congregation comes from tenements
Social meetings Thursday to read non church goers
A good deal of drinking not much drunkenness - Working People live up to all they get - No allowance for Non members
Many have meat for every meal - wont eat porridge
Prospects good - difficulty not the tenements but financial
Poor receive them well - Congregation growing

Becoming a tenement district

more drinking than drunkenness

People live up to their earnings

difficulties of church financial

well received

Christchurch Clapton — Sunday Chapels — (13)4 (XV 141)

Been here 3 years – parish neglected previously
working class tendency to displace the middle class
Chief want of the Parish more paid workers – Understaffed
Small congregations – majority women of middle class
Working class replacing middle class
Small congregs of mid class women
Few number of young men – no working men
no working men
Regular church goers always are communicants
London church goers not so in the country. where people go because respectable
Compared to country
In London those who come all keen churchmen
All the usual agencies – Concerts dances &
Duty of the clergy to encourage healthy amusements
Sunday School – under 10 Classes over 10 Dormitories
Teachers attend classes & told what to teach
Under old system impossible to know whether the
Dormitory system works well
Children learnt anything at all – Dormitory system
works well. Children produce admirable essays
Give £70 a year by tickets – almost twice as the "Island"
Relief quarterly visitors – cases discussed at weekly meeting
Deplores overlapping & regrets lack of Co-operation
All classes touched to some extent – men of labouring
men of labouring class touched least
class the least – among middle classes some hostility
Some hostility among middle class – some abusive letters
to religion – occasional anonymous letters of abuse
Poor more susceptible
Poor really more susceptible – less likely to be hostile
Saw Army do good work
Salvation Army do good work –
Efforts at encouraging thrift not successful – Must
Takes hopeful view of future of the Church – Many wasted
Getting greater influence – Work among the Children
Work among Children the most important
the most hopeful & important – among them there
has been a great improvement –
Great aim to bring the people to Church & worship
Aim to bring the people to Church
especially for the great central act of Christian worship

Sloyd Made — Mission a small one – district not known
St Scholastica — Interviews came to naught
(XII.193)

All Saints Neville Glynn D.D. Congrs Missn XX.11.76
Clapton
Contd
See Harmer page 22

A poor many out of work in winter - loafers take advantage to sponge - a safe rule those who cry out are not so much hurt - give little + get better class of people
Glad to get rid of Spongers - they drive better away.
"They go to All Saints or Clapton Park - There is a fair"
Not much poverty in Lower Clapton - some be well off but for the drink - a great deal of work done by women
Spiritual prospects excellent - Financial not so good
Too much done by the Church (parish) "Rooms" - no appeal to the people
Done give because they think no occasion
Mission should be made mission churches - guaranteed a certain sum & left the responsibility

Sponging loafers. those who cry at not much hurt
Spiritual prospects better than financial
Mission Church should be made independent

St Barnabas - Homerton
(13)3
Hamilton - Rams Chapel Clapton Co.
XX. 31

may be called Chaplain or Vicar -
Chapel is a centre of Evangelical ministration - has no parish but has been granted the district round the Chapel by Dr Hamilton
Population about 7000 - Congrs drawn from wide area many well to do - from Evangelical Hackney.
Poverty stationary - Individuals more
Population all poor - stationary as to degree - but moving as to individuals
300 families change in 6 years -
No paid staff except Dr Hamilton - Congrs stray a Mens
Plain black gown service - non choral - except hymns old Style
Church of England no real hold or affection of masses
Chapel no real hold
Signs of indignation against Confessionals
Objects - I Evangelistic (but not as centre of propaganda)
II Rallying point for Protestant Churchmen
Principles - Ante sacerdotal - Inspiration of Bible
Steady increase in Members + Subscriptions
Few Social agencies - only Mothers Meetings, Dr Sp Hobbs to
Day School Infants 200 Mxy 150
The poor receive all + get something for each
As regards visiting - the poor receive any one - don't say "we are busy or "or what not" - Get a little from any one
As to nursing the people manage amongst themselves
A great deal given - Sale. Army lowering Church influence
Much irregular Cohabitation - Widows the least particular
District screened on Dark holidays - all go -
Indifference the characteristic

Parish notes - District 14.

with district 13

Joyce. Parish on in District 13 - but Mr Joyce takes "The Island" in 14

Curate of Christ Church

Claptons

(XXIII. 15)

People poor or very poor - 20/ to 25/ usual earnings

Some wives go washing - majority do not work

The vicinity of the worst houses has caused some of my best to go

District has improved but still has a bad name

Main characteristics - Hopelessness & helplessness -

Not a good workman in the place - if needed

Four policemen induced to live here - found gambling with the keys

Gambling now largely stopped - Homes well kept - little drunkenness

Kean written attractive Children but helpless & inclined to beg

Work among adults chiefly social

don't & won't come to Church

allege want of clothes

Children keen witted attractive - but helpless & fonds of beg among adults

Work chiefly Social - don't & won't come to church -

Allege want of clothes but if these are provided don't come

Consequent partly on part neglect - ignorant & unthought -

Prayer book language above them

Those susceptible countrymen

Chief hope in the Children

Organ & the Org. System

See details

Prayer book language above them. Rousing mission greatly needed

Those susceptible to religious influences need always countrying

Chief hope to get hold of the Children(!)

Sunday School on Organ & the Org. System

Method opposed to Chaos - Children first Super- Must take adults or Parents &c.

Teaching by the Priest - much more doctrinal - See page 21/3

remarkable prayer

Influence of Baptist mission

Give much away

Influence of Baptist mission greater than that of Church.

Have been long there & give much away -

Flourishing S. Sch. most Children

Perfect indifference Clergy don't live

Dreaming for bread at Harvest festival

Have also a flourishing Sunday School - most Children for Sometime

The people now understand that the Clergy don't live directly

When first they came "were beset on every side"

Horrid scene at first Harvest festivals - women dreaming for the bread

Hull and Neadlesham Board School

(XXIII. 1)

The school is in the notorious poor patch "The Island"

A good deal of poverty - Chiefly result of drink & improvidence

Many earn very large wages - a few decent poor - not many

Cheap rents attract decent folk - but new comers usually worst

Children well behaved

Still an enormous improvement - Children well behaved

District decidedly better than Hackney work

Deluged with visitors

Deluged with visitors from Churches & Chapels

Very large number of the poor work in Londres

Many attend Church & Chapel for loaves & fishes

Wesleyans are best

Many go to Churches or Chapels - Chiefly for loaves & fishes

Wesleyans at Boat Cesham Mission decidedly best

Parish Notes. District 14.

with district 13

St John (25 Mark) West Hackney Church — Lukes (High) Ch of E — XXVII. 17

Church always crammed
or Shacklewell rd
Mission in Arcola St. has worked improvement in its neighborhood
Another mission to the North - Clevedon St

* Church always crammed — # Mixed congregation - rich from Stamford Hill - middle class mostly

mixed middle class congrs — Lodgers becoming more common

Indifference to religious doctrine — # No one cares much about religion as doctrine

Clerks for social side — # Clerks attached because of social side # the poor for what they can get
Poor for the man - or the gifts — # Clerks find in the Church a centre - with the poor it is the poor
best of the

Camp followers of the army — # Those below are the camp followers of the Church army

Women + men — # Women better Church goers than men - Every service best attended

Clothes & Church going — Church going largely a matter of clothes now - fashionable thing, Sit class

Out of 13000 pop. 2500 touched - There are dissenters as well
those rarely seen

Very strict mapping out of Visitors

Poor open the door to gifts — Visits the rich himself - the poor admit those who bring smelling

class of visitors — Visitors are wives of clerks & shop keepers - no ladies or gentlemen in the parish

great amount given — Relief by tickets - You can have no idea how much is given away
no way or other

Expenses from mans wages — Admittes expenditure always exceeds admitted income

Bands of Hope no cure for drink — Drink an evil - but Band of Hope not the way to cure it

Drink as mental Stimulus — * Drink that is not drunkenness the only mental Stimulus of the poor

The way into a new world — You or I take a book & get into a new world

The cure — The cure is to supply by degrees a different sort of Stimulant

Bicycling as a Preventive — With clerks the greatest Preventive the bicycle

* Every one bicycles - how they affords it I don't know

Sweating makes drink harmless — * If you sweat you may drink without harm

Bicycling & marriage — * Bicycle responsible for marriage by inducing healthy relations

Social side useful but overdone — Social side of Church work has its uses - but there is too much of it

magnificent heathens — There are magnificent heathens - but the working man needs religion

Religion brightens life — Even for the very poor. Religion makes dull seamless duty

Confession & Women — Encourages Confession - but will have little to do with Women

Sacerdotalism Tommy rot — Tommy rot to talk about Sacerdotalism

Heathen London — * London should be treated as heathen & worked as a mission
from one centre

It is a heathen land - not a quarter can be to come to Church by the
and there would be room although the Churches are all empty

West Hackney. Henry William Congreg (XXV. 3)

Arthis Church 12 years - Congreg entirely lower middle class

* Majority struggling to keep up a position they cannot afford.

In all sub-Christ of Jesus this class swarms - Pinches pathetic lives

* Pinched + pathetic lives of struggling lower middle class

* Popular "Question Service" once a month

All the Conventional Christian Services + efforts -

* Working left to others - appear when needed

More prominent part in 'Christian Social Reform League'

Impossibility of fixed rules in giving

* Impossibility of fixed rules in giving - (See page 9)

* Poverty due to want of self-respect. (See also page 5)

Mission work Hoxton

Mission work at Hoxton -

Proportion of working class who go to Church

Unaffected by dogmatic discussion

* Not 5% of working classes ever go to Church - but not Mohgan (See page 9) to Edmonds

Totally unmoved by dogmatic discussion

Cordial + complete cooperation between free + Evangelical churches

Cooperation between freedom + authority impossible

Good Public administration

* Press of public bodies in Hackney - Administration atmosphere clean

Police generally praised

* Gentle judgment on the Police - (See page 14)

drink prostitution thrift discussed

* Effect of drink. (page 15) - Prostitution (page 16)

* Thrift (page 16)

Improvement Athletics

Improvement - the old drunken, Sabbath, Sodden life disappearing

Saving for bat or bicycle

Growing love of athletics - saving for a bat or bicycle is thrift.

* For Mr Tebbs's character see page 18776

Ellerton

S Thomas's Mission

(13) 5 XXVI. 87

by merchant tailors

A district carved out of West Hackney - poorest part

Artisans, policemen, postmen + casual labourers -

Fearfully crowded in Millers avenue - a modern slum

Average earnings 23/- destitution consequence of drink

A modern slum

Drink + destitution

Flittings

People shift continually for arrears of rent - Can't get

Poverty of riches upon them

Relief is poured upon them - Mr Ellertons predecessor 6 or 700 pounds

General condition improved

General condition enormously improved in recent years due to mission work

Unsatisfactory district visiting

But why?

District visited by Middle class ladies not satisfactory

"Too much wrapped up in Provident Collections - don't understand has to Prosolytes."

Mission Hall + Church combined hope to build a Church

Congreg all communicants

Small Congregation practically all Communicants

Lantern Services

Out door Lantern services a success

Men Club + Church - Cleavage

Old Choir boys quit

Mens club - few come to Church - Cleavage between Church + Club

* Old choir boys give up church going -

West Hackney Ellerton — Senior Temperance Soc. doing no good - no aggressive work

Senior Temperance no good — Banns of Hope conducted in a nauseating way.

Banns of Hope nauseating — Mr E looks upon Social Clubs (Sunday) as proselytising agencies

Proselytising Spirit — very keen a Domandonal System - Children short of doctrine

Children need more doctrine but don't like it * — Children don't like it so much - more ground.

large giving - too much — Large giving by the Danish Church & Mission prevents

Altogether too much - no cooperation & much Competition

Necessity of the Church to the People — Though few come to Church "we are a necessity to them"

Church for the strongest influence.

Dreary Early marriages
Filthy talk of Children — Many Early marriages for reasons - much immorality - Filthy talk of children -

Young man with Worthy views — Mr Ellerton is a young man with priestly views

Honest & energetic - He also are a young man [illegible]

Beane — A set of Cadgy people who take anything they can get
of connection with Downs Chapel
Pendlebury Mission
(XXV 29) — A moderately successful mission
with all the usual methods of action

Hoon — Mission dates from 1848. Mr Hoon from 1852
Down S. Mission
Shackleton
(XXV 81) — Best part of the work among the Children - Parents come when
any thing Special is on - or to be got

Work mostly among Children — Rather hopeless tone "Enough to console the life and [illegible]"

Parents come for anything Special — Children try to qualify for tea treats by attending Sch[ool]

Hopeless tone — His life work - Affectionate centres in the Children -

Children qualifying for tea treats — A bright loveable person - with the elders morally too lazy -

S. Mark Dalston (135) — Sanders moderate Chap[el] (XXIX 5) — Followed a man who was tired of the Parish & for whom the Parish was tired

Improvement natural but remarkable - Socy Comp 1600

Pop. 18/19,000 - Poor but not very poor - except west of Kingsland Rd

Two families per house — Better houses near, all now have two families.

General decline - advent of Jews — Every new tenant sub-lets - General decline noticed - 3000 less

Mission House - used as usual - another projected

Any number of Sch Children — Sunday School Children - Quadrupled - Yet can always get them if you visit

"Like the Lord's Day & the School but don't go to Church myself" — I don't go to Church myself but I like the Lord to go to School

Visiting systematised in order to get to know the People
Record kept of Children according to religion or non religion

S. Mark Salford — Services

Work of other bodies

Recent Jubilee Service – non Cons combining with Ch[urch]es.
Baptists thriving – Congregationalists on their last legs –
S.A blows its trumpet but has no following.
8 non con families have joined the Church since the Jubilee!

Responsive classes – Clerks / poor

The most responsive class the Clerks & the poor – not the wealthy
The increase of numbers has been among the very poor
Parish relief committee – Co operates with C.O.S.
Outdoor relief recklessly given – a great nuisance & the cause for Whitechapel
Grocers licenses a curse –

Evils of Hackney downs ‖

Hackney downs an abode of iniquity

No comparison with Whitechapel possible

Comparison with Whitechapel impossible – so different.
Present Experience hopeful – If there is on a place a vigorous influence for good – Church or dissent – it checks the downward tendency

Vigorous effort checks down tendency ✱

Le Pla Congreg (XXVIII.77)

Declines interview – His work is "on its last legs" See above
The Memorial church is a P.S.A. perhaps 1000 Members
These are the usual adjuncts of social agencies. –

St Johns Baptist (XXV 34)

Congregation largely of young people – Still shortening as Burtons' Chapel
Drawn from radius of half a mile – not immediate neighbourhood
People not churchgoing – though respectful & come occasionally

Congreg of young people

Mixed Population – Jews coming – No abject poor

People not church going come occasionally

Poverty the result of vice or drunkenness
No mission at present – but arranging to take one over

Full congregations

Many services 1000 – Every Service full – Can get seats in aisles Sometimes

Extra Services

Open air & Lodging house Services
Church receives its main help from communion plate & Alms
Collections for special cases from a circle of acquaintances each of whom pays so much
Christmas dinners provided

Curses of Hackney Downs ✱

Hackney downs a scene of unblushing Prostitution – but better than 2 years ago

Secret process the Genial hand shake

Gone congregation – secret of success the genial feeling – Nobody ✱ goes away without being spoken to – Handicapped by inadequate buildings.

Buildings inadequate

S'Mark Johnson
Dalston Brimbeth.
(XXIV. 47)

Kingsland Chapel -
The men are casual, rather common Pt - not many mechanics
Place about 3/4 full - 124 members
Usual organizations -

Pleasance
Carlile S. Mission Hall
(XXVIII 55)

Rig headed rotten - rough customers - Casual labourers
Greatest cause of poverty about. Wives do not work.
Those who attend the Services are artisans

do not attract class sought

Our halls do not attract the class they are meant for

No one gets the very poor who are Gospel hardened

None of us get the very poor who are "Gospel hardened"

S.A. made religion too cheap

Sects of religion which Sally Army has made too cheap

Best course would be to shut up Churches & Chapels for 12 months

Next course would be to shut up Churches & Chapels for ayes & may with Missionaries after.

Moody the only Success

Moody the only successful working man Evangelist -
Converted thousands of whom many have stood firm

Proportion of working class

Of the working classes 5% at most to any where

Churches & Chapels above them

I heard all the missions - not churches or chapels
Preaching above them - You can bring but can't keep a congreg
Visits every house he can get into - about 50%

much giving

A great deal given by the various agencies -

more harm than good

It does more harm than good.

Improvidence from Childhood

Thriftless & improvident. On Saturday, all the children eat
Sweets & buy toys - by Friday have not bread

Honesty of artisan class

Mr P is of the artisan class earnest but not remarkable

Flanders
Shacklewell Lane
Mission
(XXVIII 85)

a small affair. now affiliated to the Old Baptist Union
Started as the result of open air services 8 years ago
Flanders, his father & brother & about 20 others work & no had been
Chapel a disused Shop. - Open air meetings in Summer
Money 20. Every full - All artisan class - but few

Small affair result of open air services

all artisan class - Few from the Surround ings - 'Gospel hardened'

from surrounding neighborhood who are "Gospel hardened" -
Few of their people women go to Church - want Gospel service

Their proper women not to go to Church

Give scarcely anything - have nothing to give - wish they had

Nothing to give - wish they had

& could so get hold of the neighboring poor - they won't come with

They won't come with us

S. Barnabas (Mr Ellerton) gets hold of them because gets down funds - Mr Flanders an excellent Godly

Competition with the Church

St Peters — Fmd. more high
Be Neandsers St. Chapels
(135) (XXVI 59)

Almost exclusively working class district – 30 years ago middle class
with few exceptions no extreme poverty – respectable artisan
work of the Church more than usually difficult.

Work of Church unusually difficult

Desertion of middle class because houses not convenient

High Church test of a good life

Coming to communion fasting regarded as test of a good life

Character of influence of Church

Influence of the Church great – but query whether spiritual or material

Attraction to Church

Majority who come to Church come from liking to the Manor

Disciplines the obstacle

Among the poor the obstacle is the discipline of life

Bruce Wallace
Brotherhood Ch
(XXV. 20)

Object worthy life rather than Salvation.–
Drunkenness are all meeted – do not comely families
Not the poorest – lower middle class

✳ Object worthy life ✳

Road to religious feelings of the people not yet found.

Those who come in drunkenness (not families) – middle class

Salvation many succeed to some extent – RCs Succeed

Road to religious feelings of people not found

Priests wield spiritual power & authority

Partial successes

Church supposed to side with the rich – to Gs is like a traitor

Working mans position

Christian Socialism the way out – dethronement of mammon

Christian Socialism

Difficulty & little success because of lack of moral ideals

lack of high ideals

✳ Steeped in low ideals from youth up – partly due to struggle with poverty

Chanty trust fund occasionally shows a balance – no one needy of it

Chorley
Earlham Hall mission
(XXV 88)

A Plymouth Brother – Superintendent Central mission & has been seen before).
Conducted with out sensational attraction – but he has
"Red Wright" advertised in big letters:
Christians bring unconverted friends – "Inflation" of mothers ready to return to the people they
In winter Soup kitchen & poor mens dinners – Total relief £850
Lads night school – very rough Lads

Hold them on & that is something now

Big members – "Hold them on that is something now"
Printed report exaggerates – The man probably a humbug.

Wirth
Working mens mission
(XXV 101)

Mission room a large loft above some stables.–
Preparing for Harvest festival – large vegetables – huge loaf of
about 100 members – Organised like Plymouth brethren –

Strict as to conduct

Strict – non Smokers, teetotalers – & Christians before admitted

All share the work

✳ All take part in the work – accession on various grounds to fellowship
Very mixed attendance – Open air meetings a great feature drawing now
Poor saints pass for their own people

S. Peters Ebbs
Dr Beauvoir Town S.A
XXV. 76

Things becoming too easy for successful war.

Gospel hardened

* used to have a lot of fighting but a lot of prejudice has been overcome now - Get too easy. If Mgher might have a more favourable war - it would urge the Soldiers to do more. Get a few in from the road but they are Generally 'Gospel hardened' People that attend are stationary in the district - majority of the children are children of Soldiers

Howlett
R.C.
XII. 164

Accepted

A distinguished young churchman - sent here to re-instate a bankrupt mission - R.C. Pops. 1500. much scattered & many dead or away -
Most crowded Conf at 10 a.m - usually most men then Poorer come then or earlier - rich at 11. Practically all R.C.
Improvement & Success of the Schools - Numbers doubled
How can religious influence of R.C Schools be good?

Popularity of the Schools

Wide Spread preference for voluntary Schools of efficient
10% of the Children in these Schools not Catholic

Result of mixed Marriage

Effect of mixed marriages - Either Catholics or infidel. resulted
Children losing faith & the Unhappy of Catholic homes

* Regular Supply & the best religious basis - see page 189/91

Districts 6 (Part of Order East London)

All Saints Shenley Hazeltine Chapel (13)5 L111,37

Here for 11 years - previously Reading in Mayfair
A tremendous talker - each subject suggests another
Parish very much as ever was given it - Getty Potters
in the north with the lower end of middle class coming in
in South owing to Boundary St. Clearance - a large number
of Jaggites have come on - Those in parish have been by
postcards for some years. Very little out of parish or in district
Postscard that Christmas dinners have not to be needed
not nice asked for.

Parish getting poorer
North lower grade middle class
South Boundary St people

Very little out of parish

Christmas dinners not needed

Navvy
Navvy & Cabinet makers - women box making

* # 16 Public Houses & 16 Sweet Shops -

Lack of backbone. Savage life #

Lack of backbone - sort of savage Bedouin life. No
Self control -

Heroic band of workers *

Small band voluntary workers - seems to me - Super heroic
All of working or lower middle class

of working or lower middle class

Dining Comp. 150/200 boys 300/400 - Exaggeration

Exaggeration the base of the Church * the base of the Church owing to competition & demon
to show numbers - "Blatant trifling of Devils" this from
Congreg for most part bred from working class - but don't
look it - what they save in drink they spend in others.
Choral service - A tyranny of organist & choir - a
lot of conceited duffers -

In order to show numbers

Working class but don't look it. Save in drink to spend in others *

Mission Service Tuesday

Mission service on Tuesdays 120 - Of the right sort -
S. Sch - 700 on books - Teachers must believe for only abt
to keep the Children quiet - answer to Confirmation

Incapable S. Sch teachers *

Parents neither know nor care

Parents don't know or care when the Children go

'Outside' District visitors more harm than good

District visitors from outside - more harm than good
Sine qua non that they should not live - A parish in
hopeless for Reformation effort by 6d tickets -

Must not give

Result of 6d tickets

House to house visiting useless

House to house visiting a mistake - only to who you can help me -

Relief inspection of religion

Relief Committee - given inspection of going to Church &c
result - no knowing here - Still [illegible] Crosby & Sabbath
Predecessor "I don't like it but what can I do?
Also denounced Sir Henry Burdett & his friends workers

Non Church going habits *

Non church going habits discussed page 52

All Saints Shenca Haggerston Cont° * L111.37

Even the best men are depressed by their surroundings – begging away against a dead wall. The fallacy of numbers – Bishop Billings says – Reduce your numbers

Even best men are depressed against dead wall

* Reduce your numbers

As to reading of the people – labourers of the S.P.C.K quite futile – but will read interesting literature

Popular reading

Has been for 9 years a vestry man – Duty of a Christian to be a citizen – Complaints of our Sanitary policy – inspectors sent after mischief has been done

Duty of Christian to be citizen

Denounced Cruelty of Bonnacy area Evictions

Cruelty of Bonnacy & Eviction

Denounced Poor Law System – believed Hr Booth's farm Colony to be a great success.

S.A. farm a great success

"Satanic System of Public Houses" – Rabid teetotalism quite useless – Common-sense needed –

Rabid teetotalism useless Common sense needed

St Pauls – Goodhart Haggerston. (Work B) 5 L111 87 #

Nineteen 7 years – Various wards Turner St Temple &c Artisan Hard working class

Parochial Congrs – Mission Church a failure Men's club failed – accommodation not for people Only the Schools for Evening Day Schools Good Cleaning – S. Sol 600 – 700 Non Cons Reforms in S. Sol – most to somewhere Parish divided & repeatedly visited – but not always welcome – more starchy than in St George. 1/3rd never entered – only Conversation on doorstep or through half closed door Nicholls Sq Nursery 'first rate' ladies – better than S & SA. Relieg in close touch with C.O.S weekly meeting of workers to discuss all cases –

Parochial Congrs – Mission Church a failure Mens clubs failed – for lack of proper premises

Visiting not always welcome more starchy than St George

1/3rd not beyond doorsteps or even half closed door

Careful relief

Non Cons wont Compare lists

Compares with St Georges as to Church going

People more difficult than in St George though more go to some Place of worship –

Fathers & Cleaners

Hostility of Clubmen – who never the less sent their Cleaners to S. Sol – any S Sol

S. Paul's Goodhart Cong^n L111. 87

Few R.H. dress at Church or home

Members of Friendly Soc^y

Not dressed — Invited to 3 R.H. — Drink at home & in the Club.
Most belong to Foresters, Odd Fellows or Friends of Labour
Children but largely in School Bands
Neighbourhood healthy but poor bad drainage

Udall Congreg Shrubland Road L11. 15.

Members moving out decayed property

Small attendance

Disadvantages of Elaborate building

Nothing on a large scale

Other Agencies very thick

Indifference to claims of God owing to struggle for life

Is minister here & Secretary of Society for the Evangelisation of London — by special services in Theatres &c. (38th winter)
Congreg. mainly lower middle class — suffers from tendency to move out — a good deal of "decayed poverty"
Attendance not large — Building not attractive — but elaborate buildings not to popular people —
Nothing on a large scale — difficulty of 'Holiday' Region
Other Religious agencies 'very thick'
Growing indifference to the claims of God: Struggle for life absorbs present thoughts

Farwell Congreg L11. 35

Public opinion & Church going

Formerly a Wesleyan — (Mr Udall suggested that there was something wrong with Mr Farwell's account)
Sh North of England public opinion that a man should go to Church or Chapel — if not is regarded as a bad fellow — Here no notice taken & certainly not 10% do —

Results of outdoor preaching

Outdoor preaching a great part of his ministry
Has 2 regular stands. People friendly, but does not get the results he expected — Generally indifferent
Has always preached "a full gospel"

devotion & disinterestedness of his own people

Spoke highly of his own people's devotion & disinterestedness

Shelgrove Baptist L11. 25

Congreg from better to well dressed — Large prop. men

Prayer meetings the Strength of the Ch

Fracture of Gospel temperance

Draws his congregation from the better class streets
A well dressed congreg. Large proportion of men
Monday & Saturday Prayer meetings the strength of the Church
Gospel temperance Cant of Good Templarism — General lethargy
Enthusiasm without ability —
No Mothers meeting. Have none who need it. Have no poor

St Pauls Shelgrove Haggerston Cont
LII. 25

Her people very thrifty
Haggerston W Sn Clubs
Congreg drawn from other Churches not at all from Poor Streets - Services would not suit
Cant get hus classes
does not want. nor get the poor

Prostitution very bad near Dalston Junction
Her people are very thrifty
Haggerston W Sn Clubs a terrible tool
Congregation drawn from other Churches &c
Does not get any from the Poor Streets - her preaching would not suit them - to get them he must alter his Style, as in a mission hall & his own people would not like it - You Cant get hus classes - middle & working class - together
At one time the Chapel was very populous - You had to come half an hours before to get a seat
[He does not want the poor, it seems, & does not get them]

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Work of the Church of England

District 13

(Outer North East London)

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St Augustine (Eton mission) Donaldson XV 179

3 Curates (besides Donaldson) – } Para (all Oxonians & Metaphor Art matters of name)
2 mission women & 1 nurse
3 Resident teachers & 50 Oxonians comp certain nights.

Church Mission Buildings – Mens Club – Boys club (2)

H.C Matins. Soon Classes S. Sch
8 am 11 am 7 p.m 3.45. 10.6m 3.p.m – Sundays –
80/100 160/250
many week day services – Special service Friday 8 p.m.
Outdoor Services in Summer after morning service
Sermons, walks, in Boys & Girls clubs – Quarterly in Guilds & annually in Mens Club
Mission Hall services Sunday evening 30/35 – Faithful congregation
People come in shoals to special preacher or services –
Communicants 278 on roll
Mens club 320 members – open to all – no subscription of religious & strong opposition against
Boys club 160 – no test but works, Xmas Competitions – Services asked
Selwyn Boys Club 30 members – Choir boys & Football – Rowing – Swimming &c attached
Girls Club 180 members – Sewing cooking, gymnastics &c
Temperance Soc 96 on books – but break away – real abstainers
Band of Hope 600 members } Occasional assistance to Eton or Training Colleges
Mothers meeting 40 mile from town } Numerous Entertainments
Sewing school 400/500 attend – 700 came to treat *
Lectures in Mens Club – 100 attend. Interesting subjects
Visiting magazine – out in district
Children's dinners in winter 200–250 a day.
Abt 80 Clergy annually to Convalescent homes.
Mission text-cards as spread by all.

Man of a cattle-man 30 – fair hair, (blue eyes), clean shaven
Frank open healthy face – tall strong athletic –
Has been here 6 years – Succeeded Carter a Minister (Oxonian)
Strong & vigorous personality – with personal charm – enthusiasm & Enigma power
District does no improvement but mission must be doing good
Those who are improved more especially the young – Baxter
Tremendously active – great deal done – Effect Hospital – hospitals &c – Davis
Strong man & does as much as is possible with the Population. Skinner

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(13) 3

St Augustines Parish Church XV 115. Bankes.

Vicar 2 Curates – Mission woman – Nurse – Hall
1 Curate & 1 Lady who give their services
111 West India Dock visitors – Irregular.

Church – Mission Hall – Mission House – Girls & Mens clubs
Meetings used for Boys Club

HC HC Matins HC Choral Evensong Children
8 a.m 9.30 11.15 11.45 7 p.m 3.45. Sunday
(except Mon) 250/300. 200/450
7 a.m – daily during week. 8 p.m Bedroom). Sermon high but not Ritualistic

Guilds for Men, Women, Boys, Girls & Infants – Religious
Mens Club 100 – Mothers meeting – Borrodaile Funds.
Two Boys Clubs 70 & 30 Girls Club. Band of Hope.
Cricket, Football & Church Lads Brigade
Necessary entertainments – balls, concerts, plays, harmonium
Sunday School about 650 – Teachers 2/3rds from own House (unofficial)
Visiting in poor streets. Hard to have – all known as & occasional visitors.

Man of 42 unmarried – frail – hectic – looks as if his work was too much – Oxford Man of fine family.
Quiet gentle unpersonal – No great force & ability
Has been here 15 years – Previously Curate in the Close Metropolitan
Where he came for mission has not been started
Does his work with devotion & success –
Has been very hampered by lack of means – Davis

Baxter.

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(13) 5

St John – So. Hackney Parish Church XVI. 1. Leonard

Rector – 4 Curates – 8 Lay helpers. 50 S. Sch teachers. Parish about 9/10,000
10 female district visitors. 40 other helpers – 50 men voluntary work in Church & district. Many young women of working classes.

Church (1100) Mission Room S Schools – Iron room & Horse – Social Hall – Band, reading
Morning Service 600/650.
700 Parish 900 Visitors. Non-Conformist Services.
Communicants 650 – 479 Seats – Union 151 (110 female)
St Andrew Mission – Services Sunday (Church) Sunday Evening 200
Open air services Summer. Thinly attended. Victoria Park Mission
Social agencies. CETS about 1/2 decade – Literary Society (Parish)
Concert. treats &c – Mothers meeting 200 – not classed.
Noble classes. Church Lads Brigade – A form corps of district –

Pleasant cheery Kindly disposition – Obviously very capable
been here 7 years – Previously North of England –
Fine Commandery Stephen – large Church yard – full many Leaders
Built 50 years ago on fields – Parish 29 000 now – 220 000 – Argyle
Active sensible Curate in charge. Curates work well – Davis.

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(13) 9

Christchurch – So Hackney XV. 61. Walkers.

Vicar – 2 Curates (1 unpaid) – Sch Master. Dea cross – 5 Lay workers
(Bachelor who shares his room with Curate – Gallery Boys man, Old Boy)

Church – Hall in Grove Rd. Mission Ch & Hall & Church Room St
(Room & Room)

About 10 Services on Sundays – attendance 500/1000
many. Sung
300 500 – Increasing Slowly – large proportion of poor
Clubs for Men, Boys & Girls – Social, Cricket, Football, Tennis
Temperance – Penny Bk – Provident, Maternity, Coffee, Mothers &
Band of Hope –
S. Schools – about 600 attendance

Big burly awkward coarse-faced man of 45 – dark hair red shaggy
thick lips, large tongue – thick speech – Genial suffrain beard
been here 7 years – & S. Hackney 14 – Moderate High Ch
very bad health – been away – Curates seem excellent – Argyle Rooms
Curates the best in Hackney – Hermet

(13) 9

St Michael & All Angels Lower Hale XV 29. Morcom
Vicar. 2 Curates. Scripture Readers. Deaconess. Hall
2 Lay readers & Staff of Lay workers. about 750

Between 60 & 70. Stout hearty looking. not long in Parish
not much Church manner. person above average
Pennell Scripture reader the authority here 32 years
Rather hampers. Pennell the greatest force in Parish Davis
Macleod known nothing of the people Utterton COS

(13) 11

St Philips Dalston. XVI. 25. Cox
Vicar. 2 Curates. 1 Lay readers. Various missions
Church. Mission Church. Mission Room. Parish Room.
about 30 Services weekly. Middle class congregations
Matins 200 Evening 400. Early Com. 45/10.
Guilds for men & women.
Constant lectures & entertainments —

Between 50 & 60. 31 years in East London.
Curates Shortest year. than Shoreditch & Bethnal
Pleasant looking handsome man. Early age parish heard
short sermons — Baxter. well written. very high Bellett. XVII 22
Visited 21 May good many congregations. Poor class.
Service at Mission Church ord. a "well kept little place" COS

(13) 12

Holy Trinity Dalston XVI. 59. Knapp
Vicar. 2 curates. 1 Lady workers. 1 Bible woman. Mission
no unpaid visitors.
Church. Parish Room. Mission Room. Schools.
Morning 150. Evening 250 — more than double men & came
Central class — many very poor — all well dressed
mostly parishioners — Early Communicants 210
Working men 50 — Young men 500. Ch Lads Brigade
Y.M.C.A. Mothers meeting
Day School — 650 average — lower Station than Board Sch.
no religion apparently — S. Sch. Average 250

Between 50 & 60. Small share in city — bright energetic. Wife a
Church man & head. Curate Oxford grey — moderate Churchman
Here 18 months. found a wretched parish — knocked about
for light to start — Army a Solicitor
Mr K is Earnest moderate sensible hard worker — was
Mr K about most sensible person in district. very active Davis
Visited 21 May — Guild & fair congregation Rather poor class. COS

(13) 13

St Johns Hackney XVI. 83. Thomas
Rector & 5 Curates (now only 3) Mission woman
60 district visitors.
Church. Mission Ch. Parish Room. Parochial Schools.
Institute & another building as temporary S. Sch
Morning. Service 600/700 — Evening over 1000 — Middle Class
Women predominate — many young men Entire parochial
Mission Church Sunday — Open air Service in Summer Mission
Early Communicants 400/500
Institute for young men. Mothers Meeting — Band of Hope
Girls guild. Sick & various things in connection
Day Schools. 570 in both. S. Sch nearly 1000

Senior curate. here 3½ years — talk their Sailors. Shows
Worthy in appearance — High Church — Typical priest
Keen on Confession & Baxter
Curates fairly good but remarks before everything the young curates Davis
Inefficient curates & still more neglect of Parish Church

(13) 15

St Lukes Hackney XV 161. Hartley
Vicar 2 Curates. Mission woman. Lay assist. City mission at Hamlet Hall
8 voluntary district visitors.
Church. Mission Hall — Mixed School for Sundays
11 am 7 pm 4.15 Morning
400/500 600
Mission Service St Lukes Hall 7.30 Hamilton 7 pm
Congregations mid class working class — very familiar hearty
Out door Services after Sunday Service
Cottage reading —
Early Communicants nearly 300
Mothers Meeting — Sons Temperance — C.E.T.S. total abst. not successful
Band of Hope 250. Ch Lads Brigade 24
Nominal Clubs for Boys & Girls — hardly exist
S. Sch 600 — Teachers middle class

About 40 long curly black hair — nervous about manner
gentle polite & pleasant — sincere — hazy & sensational
here 2 years — follows up energetic curate not his own
very active hands. Davis

(13) 17

S. Barnabas Homerton XV. 3. Blatch

Vicar 1 curate. 1 mission woman ~~+ lay~~, had
1 lady worker & deaconess. volunteers –
no district visitors.
Church & mission buildings (large Hall & class rooms)
8. 11. 3.30 & 7 pm
(200) (300/350). Early Conn 199
Sund (500) School - 10 10 & 3 pm on roll 279
mothers meeting - Bible classes. N. of Hope
Guild of Hope. Communicants Guild.
Young mens Clubs - Sewing classes - Lending. Penny Bank
Provident dispensary - Lads clubs for Shoreditch

man between 50 & 60 - Thin grey hair beard & moustache
Pleasant but not strong face - Quiet. Shy person not
been here 21 years - Med Evang. (Sons Church & Anglican
Sensible man with clear head - Mrs B. dy in com = 2 Curates Dans
Getting rather set & stereotyped in his plans of work | Unwork. 202

(13) 18

St Pauls (part of Parish St Barnabas) XVI 109. Andrews.

Called Rector - + 1 lady worker paid (Curate wanted)
27 S. Sch teachers + 4 pupil others - large choir
Church (1000) - 2 Club rooms rented
8. 11. 7. Choir: 3.15. & 3.45
(50) (300) - (Comm roll 128. Early 185)
Mothers meeting. Teachers meeting. Working men Class
Communicants Guild - Dau of Hope
Week night not more services failed - not responsive
Sunday School - 300

Been here 7 years - Living a grp of Grocers. Company
Moderate High Churchman
Good fellow - not an well educated - not very capable
but sympathetic, ingenuous & simple

(13) 26

Rams Chapel (part of Parish St Barnabas) XX. 31. Hamilton

O Hamilton org paid.
2 Bible class leaders - 2 Sund Sch superintendents 30 teachers
7 district visitors.
Rams Chapel (620) School - one room 200
Morning 300 Communicants 350. - Regular Catholics in Morning.
Communicants roll 90. average 50. fortnightly maximum 90 (not taken)
Mothers meeting. D. of Hope - Working Sewing Society
Day School 200 Infants

Man of about 40 (Vicar & Chaplain) - Very unassuming
+ unimpressive - rather Scholarly - Evangelical
Only an fashioned Evangelical in doctrine. Dans

(13) 18

All Souls Clapton. XV 217. Hawkins.

Vicar. 2 Curates. 4 Ladies 1 Music - paid.
12 Ladies unpaid - ?
Church - School. 2 Mission Halls -
Soup Kitchen - Working Mens Clubs
8. 10.45 11.15 (150) Ch 4. Evening 7. (300)
Mission room. Ch. 6. adults 7.
all Carols quite Poor - more women than men
Irregular attendance - double after occasions
400 Communicants. 300 at Easter
Coastal Opinions -
Mens Club. 60 members shared with 'All Souls'
Factory Girls Club 50/60 } Other Associations
Boys Brigade 30 } Religious Societies very strong.
Dramatic Society
2 Mothers meetings
Sunday School 600 average attendance
Class system all teachers parishioners
Bible Classes. Men, Women & Girls -
Mens particularly successful -
Soup Kitchen almost pays Expenses
Dau of Hope & Band of Hope (not effective)

Man of 40 - thin - red hair clean shaven - ugly
but pleasant kindly face - (1st Curate of Anthony Hopes)
been here 16½ years - since Parish formed
Unobtrusive a good fellow - not now by active
no illusions - Retiring but not keen Dans
active & known the most well Dans
Excellent Popular - Hitherto influence not XVIII by R.O
A good man known in proper hall, but they are sinking visibly. Unwork

(13) 21

All Saints Clapton. XV 91. Fletcher.

Vicar. 2 Curates. Mission woman par.
Diocesan Reader & Licensed Lay-reader. Preacher at Missions
21 District visitors all parishioners.
Church & Mission Church. Mission House. Schools
Club (200) house shared with All Souls.
about to erect another Mission Church.
7.15 8. 10.45 11.30 (400) 3.45 Ch. 4.30. 7 (600)
Weekday 7.30 and 8 am & 9.30 or 11.
Short extempore service - per Church.
Guilds. Members. Women & Girls.
Gymnasium - Cricket Club. Sewing classes.
Ragged Hope Sch & Juniors. Evening Library. Play Parties.
Mothers meeting. Provident Club - Dispensary. Maternity &
Nursing Charities & other agencies - Soup Kitchen.
No religious test for social intercourse.
Small Loan Club. a failure.
Intemperance & Gambling incessant in winter.
Sunday School on Class system.

Man of 37. tall thin pale ascetic looking.
Clean shaven. refined gentle intellectual face.
Typical Anglican - 5 years here.
Church work started by predecessor Keltie
who made it a "going concern"
Fletcher a man of Spiritual conviction & a hard worker
active - very similar to Hawkins. Days. Churchman & Ritualistic. Wrench

(13) 23

St James Clapton XVI. 41. Gardner Simon.

Vicar. 2 Curates. 2 Lay readers - 8 district visitors.
Church. Old School room used as Church at Sea Bridge
Schools -
8. (300) 11. - 3 pm Ch. 7. (500) (hasty when he came)
Music good - hearty. Non Conformist.
Working Men Club at Sea Bridge - musical and
2 Mothers meetings - Clothing & Coal Clubs.
Day School average 250. S. Sch 200 average.

Just over 50. grey hair & beard. Pleasant courteous friendly
Only here 2 years - Coming from country or small Town.
Succeeded a man who did nothing - Very insane
decision to be labelled high or low. Hospitality. Broad
Good sensible man. Days. Clergy to Lay L. Parties

(13) 25

Christ Church - Clapton XV. 141 Sankey

Vicar & 1 Curate - about 100 Lay workers. working about
Church - Parish room & Mission House
Many Services - Soc
150/200 300. Majority middle class women
Service high - Communicants 250. (202 Easter)
All confirmed members communicants.
Men's help - Women's help - Mothers meeting - Clothing Club
Church Lads Brigade - Cricket Club - Needlework Guild
Classes &c in winter.
S. Sch about 200.

Man about 38. Black hair - Sallow. Clean shaven
face of a Jesuit - looks as if he has been here
here 3 years - followed an old man who lives away
& has no curate -
Not a man of great strength but consecration. Sankey
Fairly active - not versed in ritual. Days

From District 14

(~~St John~~) **West Hackney Ch. XXVI. 17. Jukes**

Rector & 3 Curates - 36 Lay helpers.
Church (1600/1900). St Paul's Mission Cleveden St.
am 900/1000 including Children
Ecclesiastical 1200 adults.
Schools of Parish Church Co-ordinated - Boys Girls Infants
5 Schools 34 teachers.
4 Guilds & 3 Bible Classes - Church Council.
Church most active - Young Church - Mutuality - Shakespeare Reading
Old Westminsters

A clean shaven priest - rather fat. Pleasant man
Incumbent 5 years - High Church

(11 out of 13) 2

Barnabas Missioner Revd Taylor. XXVI. Ellerton. Young man under 30. here 2 years. Preaches ideas but attractive - Earnest & energetic.
Carried out of West Hackney
Mr Ellerton + 1 Lay readers paid - 1 unpaid Lay readers
12 Lady visitors (middle class not officials)
Church + mission Hall combined -
8. 10. 11. 6 7. 8.30
HC. 0h (50) Ch (150) Special services in open air (when necessary)
150 Communicants - Easter 142 all Church people Communicants
mens club open to all 180. Sees Temperance day not yet.
Band of Hope worked as a guild
Sunday Schools

West Hackney 14 (with 13) - 3

St Matthew Dalston. XXIX. S. Sanders. Followed a man who was loved + had lived here 30 years. Parishioners. Congregations succeeds ever. Great opinion of honesty + this work - necessarily trying about. Sees
Vicar. 3 Curates 1 Scr reader. 1 Missioner. 1 Nurse (2 town missions)
1 Lady missions, 1 Lay reader. 22 Visitors (leaders) 72 Bible readers
Readers 800 Sunday in 2 Schools - Clubs working 8. 100 + 50
Church (1950) all on ground floor. Lecture Hall 500
mission House 30 Campbell Rd used for Clubs. +
Another building contemplated.
morn 11. Even 7. Weekday 7.30 Thurs. 11.
(650) (1600) magnificent congregations. Parishioners
Dorcas meeting. Bible Classes - other meetings
Social Society - much active Church work.

14 (with 13) - 6

St Peter de Beauvoir Sq. XXVI. 59. Tmchs. Man of about 45 - short with bald head + beard
Vicar 2 Curates. 1 Missioner W. 10. Bible women
Church. Dining Hall. Schools. Home for Orphans
morn Evening
170/200. 300 (magnificent women) Communicants 280
Temperance Society + guilds - Church members 200
S. Sch about 400. Class system

Lacks self confidence - Curate here 1876/81. Hear Sunday
Moderately high - thinks he is doing a great deal
Visited 21 May. promised to use a small money Copy. CA

From 6 with 13.

6 (with 13) - 1

All Saints Haggerston - LIII. 37. Stevens. Man of about 50. Clean shaved. Gray hair flowing
Vicar 1 Curate - Small band volunteers "heroic" here 11 years. Eloquent talker - discursive
Church + Schools. but missions + interesting
morn 11. Even 7. Nice well dressed Congregation of better class people many seats
150/200. 300/400 21 May. CA.
Mothers Meeting. Boys Brigade - Band of Hope (3)
Temperance Soc. Boys Clubs (250)
S. Sch 700. 50 teachers (below par)

6 (with 13) - 2

St Paul Haggerston. LIII. 87. Gorhart. Man of about 40 tall thin dark sallow
Vicar 2 Curates. 2 Missionary women Lady workers here 7 years - Previously St Georges East
12 district visitors from West Ten. 60 Voluntary workers Gentle modest pleasing man -
Church Mission Church schools Visited 21 May. Good many Congs. not less than 150
8.30 11. 6.30 Berean Clergy Choir certain - all of good class. CA
(150) (400/500) Parochial
Communicants 350. Easter 310 -
Mission Church hitherto a Complete failure
Temperance Soc. Band of Hope Sunday Troops
Red Cross Guild. Library Soc. Choral Class. Mothers
Mothers Meeting (2). Penny Bank. Parish Bank.
Bible Classes - 2 Boys Clubs (Night + Smooth)
Sunday Schools 600 Boys Cricket. football. Swimming
Drawing. G.F.S. -
Mens club failed -
Day Schools 900

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(13) 2

Wesleyan Methodist - Hackney Circuit. XVII. N. Hattleton. A stout white headed old man - bright & cheerful with human
Circuit consists of 4 Chapels. Society hopeful with young people Askell -
Richmond Rd Cassland Rd Hackney Wick - Church Rd
2 resident ministers - Mr Hattleton & Mr Mac -
Mr Hattleton is responsible for Richmond Rd & Hackney Wick -
Hackney Wick & Church Road are the poor ones - linked to the rich.
Church Rd is the oldest - the parent chapel but Cassland
Membership Richmond Rd 255 - Hackney W 125. has shifted.
Ministerial Church staff is:
2 Ministers - 2 deaconesses from St Stephens - besides class leaders
Sunday School teachers - Local preachers - Mission band &

Richmond Rd Chapel (1000) (600)	Hackney Wick - 1000.
Large School room	used also as School
Morning 11 am	Evening 6.30
700 (200 Ch) largely same people	(Small 100 Chief Ch) 350 (most adult)
Open air meeting after.	Usual as many men as women
Wednesday & Thurs Prayer Meeting } 17 Class leaders	Open air meeting Many Town with brass band.
	Wednesday & Friday (Mayfield) meeting

Sunday School at East place
Mothers meeting - 80/55. Clothing Club
Penny bank
Mutual improvement Soc. (200) Young Men's
Lectures, papers, music & games attached
Cricket, Cycle & Swimming Clubs
Band of Hope 250 - Vocal & Instrumental
Dorcas meeting & Maternity Soc.

Mothers meeting
Scripture Union
Wesley Guild (50)
Gospel Temperance
Band of Hope
Mass band.
Sisters visit systematically

Primitive Methodist. Bow Circuit. XVII.3. Coad. Superintendent minister of the Circuit.
Circuit includes 3 Chapels:
Driffield Rd Bow - Smeed Rd Mile - Brookfield Rd S Hackney.
What follows concerns Brookfield Rd only
Ministers - Sister Mary - 14 local preachers - 18 prayer leaders
are the Circuit Staff - There are 15 S. Sch teachers at Brookfield Rd
Tyndale Memorial Church. Seats 500 - 2 services.

Morning	Evening	Boys S. School	
11. am	6.30.	2 pm 9.45.	3 pm 160
30 or 40 adults 90 Children	150. Chiefly adult	Well dressed Children.	60 - 120 May 40

Tuesday 8 pm Prayer Service 30/40 attend - all members
Wednesday A - class Meetings
Open air meetings Sunday Evening - band goes out.
Band of Hope - 60/70.
Sisters visits.

Congregational - Victoria Park XXII. 26. Cleale
Chapel (bought from Baptists) holds 350. Schools beneath
Ministers & Chapel Keeper the only Paid Persons
Evening S. Sch teachers abt 30 voluntary workers
No district visitors. No Propagandist work
Except open air meetings - by members of Xtian Endeavour
Morning Service 150 Evening Service 200. (same class of persons) Sunday
Week night lectures
Xtian Endeavour Prayer meeting Saturday.

Wesleyan Methodist - Hackney Circ. XVII. 25. Mee. Tall lazy bearded man - kind face - weary flow of language
See above formerly circuit enthusiastic wife

Cassland Rd

Morning	Evening
Class & other meetings - 10 pm	
15 Class leaders -	
Chapel holds 1000 - School 400	
7 am 11 am	6.30
20/30 (20 to adults)	600 (Many young people)
S Sch. 9.30 125 (9 am 300)	
Open air after Every Service.	
Week day Prayer Meeting 25/30	
Class meetings Every Year	Every Week
Band of Hope - Mutual Improvement Society - Penny Bank - Cricket & Swimming Clubs - Cricket to	

Church Rd

Morning	Evening
Service & Preaching Class.	
10 Class Leaders	
Chapel seats 400. No Separate School.	
7 am 11.30 - 12.30	7 PM
(12) Bible Study	(200)
S. Sch 100 200 491 many	2 pm 250 Every

Open air meetings - always at 8.
Mothers Meeting - Coal Society &
Band of Hope - 200 Penny Bank
Sick & Provident Club - Scripture Union
Library.

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Congregational – Wethersett Rd XVII. 33. Snaxhall.
Minister. Lay visitors – 10 deacons
Chapel (1200) Schools below (500) – Section 8 Class rooms
11 a.m. 6.30 9.30 & 2.45 S.Sch 10 AM
250 (on Stark) 400/600 412 in books Prayer meeting 30 & 20
Sunday S. Sen Ch. Sch. – Nightstop – Mothers Meeting
Cycling. Cricket. (Swimming. Rowing fell through) – all small

Elderly, grey hair – 11 years in district – intelligent well doing quiet work among our people – prospect not very great

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Independent. Stradbroke Rd XVII. 76. Meadows
Purely themself & run by lay.
Church (350) Schools in (Chapel not yet) 100
11 am 7 pm Prayer meeting 8.30. S.Sch 2.30
Name of Hope (Bible classes – 12th Easter Communicants
Ch. fellowship many. Cottage Meeting – new Congr. 163 members
Liturgy used – specially prepared – Decani & cantoris used
as to priority. only of adherents

Ex Franciscan Monk – untiringly exerted talents – Imprisoned by Commissioners in Russia for Conspiracy (Criminal Law Amendment Act)

Congregational – Cambridge Heath. XXII. 92. Richards
Mare St.
All volunteers except minister. 8 deacons. 6 visitors
Church (1200) Lecture hall 150
Morley Hall. The Triangle – two halls (120) Hackney
Nichols St. Mission Hg Wells St. (200)
Dove Lane. Mission. Dove Row (200) – Hackney Common
At Church middle & Young Class. Missions the Borough
3 Mothers Meetings – Different Grades.
Children Session & Mission Services. At each mission
at Church – 10.15. 11 am. 6.30 pm Thurs.
Morning 400/500. 600. 7.30
120/180

– Strong. Stately built – genial – talks much about the missions
Centre of great activity – strenuous worker. Strong faith
General Change. Becoming missionary. Evangelistic interests
Retired 1913

Salvation Army Cambridge Heath XXII. 48 Foster
Capt & Lieut – 2 cadets (Taimie S.)
Old Chapel. Seats 1400 (Galley, 500) – Outpost Parmiter St.
Open air 10 2 pm & 6 pm (corner Brick Lane) Bath Green
7 am 11 3 pm 7 pm 8 pm
Knee Holiness (100) Breakfast (80) Public (270) Cottage Meeting 50-100
132 soldiers 12 recruits – 45 juniors = 199

Newly come – Local place for work – Is a hard place to work
Has lost hold does not reach the masses. Hates

Presbyterian: St Thomas Sq. Mare St. (13) q XVII. 53. Hesters
Some ministers & volunteers – Committee of 7 – Sabbath Sch teachers &c
Church 600 (700) School 150
11 am 6.30. 2.45 S.Sch
(200/250) (200/250) (150)
Mothers Meeting – Social Endeavour – Ex (Small)
No Scotch here – have to find them Congs.

In district 40 years – Small thin man – 15 years with Christian community

Primitive Methodist Hackney Rd Circ. XVII. (13) 10. 40. Porter
London Fields Chapel & The Oval Hackney Rd. –
Particulars here given are for London Fields.
Chapel. 600. Schools 350 1 Class room
Sub minister & Leader of the Mission – 14 Local Preachers in Circ.
Small attendance – 100 – 150. all services
11. 6.30 & 8 Prayer meeting for others all day.
Open air meeting held about Christmas
Week day Prayer Meetings
Young people Ch. Endeavour – 6 Class meetings
Women's own – Coal Clothing & Visiting Clubs
Band of Hope – Young People Ch. Assoc. Papers &c.

Very hard working – fiercely Conservative – Intensely loyal type.

Baptist Church Mare St. XXII. 54 Bennett
minister here. 9 deacons 14 stewards - S. Sch teachers & Church roll 571. Seat 1896 mission workers.
Chapel. 2 School rooms beneath - Vestries &
Mission Hall. Annes Place Pitcher Row Bell St (200)
At Mare St. 11. am (300/400) 6.30. (500)
S. Sch - 623 on books - attendance 432. teachers 61/54
Bible classes - Mens fraternal - Young Christian Assn
open air meetings - Sunday Wash day by Ofcrs. on mission
Girls Club - Ladies Chandy - Lovely Pantries
Charitable work for St Annes Place mission -
Soup kitchen - dinners &c - Home mission. Queen Victoria Cases
Church a century old -
Sermon advertised by leaflet

Mr Bennett called away Church Sec. Mr Henry took his place at interview -

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Bethesda Mission - West Side. XXII. 2. Alexander.
(formerly a P.O Sorting Office) Seven Sisters
Mr Alexander. Son & daughter Tall Corrugated Iron.
Hall seats 160 - vestry room for classes
Chapel St Sch - adult Service 7. P.m. 30/60 -
Open air meetings

Pleasant quiet looking man of about 50 - Superior Tradesman

Whitefield Methodist - XXII. 69. Gordon
1st London Circ. See Church Pembury Road
One paid worker here - S Sch teachers mission band
No monthly here Christ Mostly Stewards + Local Preachers
Chapel (400/500) School (400) Lecture Hall + Gallery
Morning Evening O.S.A
not more than 100 - 200 - more women than men 3. P.m. 60 m
Open air 8.45 - Small week day meetings
S Sch 261 on books - Men adult School (30)
Reading Room Institute - Mutual Improvement Soc
178 Members in Church roll - Church growing -
An earnest little band.

A little keen alert man - more man than minister been here 4 years -

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Congregationalist - Amherst & Pembury Rd. XXII. 111. Peter Williams -
Hornsey & City Missions - Lay choir - 4 Collections
Church (1000 Lecture Room 400/500) Mission (100/250)
S. School at Each & Ch Service Combined many Same
Many Servers 700/800. Evening 600/1000 & Thursday Even
many come to all three
A good real Group on - all workers & practical

Genuine if not attractive or fearless
must have eloquence - & has been recommended back to him with often telling for work -
does not bother with theology

Unitarian - New Gravel Pit Chapel XXII. 65 Peter Williams - Many 50 Grey hair & beard - bright type genial
No one had but himself - 50 teachers & 20 Ladies assist. been here 4 years - Interests Charity Intellectual - Books
Church & School - A Cultured man - Brain
Morning Evening
150 200 - none poor - but high class in many
attend Mostly regularly - more male than female
Social Library & Debating Societies
S. Sch 150 Children from mean - Artisan Children
Friendly Society for women - Practically a Charity
Hospital Guild (Ofcrs. for Hospitals) -
Soup Kitchen in winter

Salv. Army Homerton. XVII. 121. Reiby
Cadet Theol. 12 Local officers 12 warrant men 130 Soldiers
An old schoolroom (140) 30 Junior
Services. 7 am 11 am 7 pm new large hall
(123) (70) filled
Open air meeting. or week days -
Nasty Hope for Christian - (50)
People all working class - work growing

Young man 25-30 - Heavy type - young, educated. Slow heart & soul in his work.

Brunswick Gospel Mission. XXII. 10. Holland & Herne
Brunswick St.
Earnest band of 30 or 40 working men
two Services on Sunday - one on Wednesday
Sunday Sch. 135 Children Nasty Hope 120

Both working men - Holland a fine young man

Evangelical Hall Mission. XXII 20 Reese
High St Homerton
A bible class missing young adult & Classes
Sunday many stage meeting Mission & out door Service
Clubs & Suite Rooms during the week
Thrift Soc - Book & magazine distribution
"Spreading the light" 20 agencies visited
no one in hand - Mr Mathews is the class leader
or practically the Volunteer Missioner
Attendance at Mr's class 130. Every Service nearly 300

Mission Secretary & Magazine secretary - A bright & pleasant man 35 yrs. from Mr Charles Dutton's Bible class. Which took over mission when abandoned by Mr James Stone. work under the Society for "Special Services for the People". & Clerk in the city - has lost his wife - left with a very daughter

Wesleyan Clapton Circuit XXII. 102 Britton.
Clapton Park Mission & Clapton Chapel

Clapton Chapel (1000)
Mr Britton in Minister
11. & 6.30
Never counted his people
S. Sch 305 - attend 331 & 208
34 Teachers.
Wednesday & Friday Services
(50)
Delany Street, was strong but has been burned - Wesleyan Gentlemen
Satisfactory.
15 Class meetings Membership 228

Clapton Park Mission
Local preacher charge here
& Clapton Mission Band
Services 11. & 7.
S. Sch many & poor 207 / 49 / 158 / 23
4 Class meetings.
membership 52
S. Sch the strongest feature

man between 40 & 50. Quaker cultured & gentlemanly works chiefly at Clapton

Baptist - Chatsworth Rd Tabernacle XVII. 109. Morkam
Built by Congregationalists - failed financially
then taken by Mr Clarke of Spurgeon's failed again -
Baptists bought it but have £18000 of debt -
Read all clerks - Some of my people
Minister & Class visitor my hand. 7 deacons & S. Sch
Chatsworth Rd Tabernacle 600/700 teachers 50 = all
Schools below Chapel Membership 250 to Evening
7.30 11. 6.30 -
250/300 600. Many proper Communicants
P.S.A. 3 pm. about 40 including women
Young women Bible class - 50-60
S. Sch 10.15 & 2.45 - Children Service 11
Mother meeting 60 / 40/45 - Work meeting - Prayer Meeting
Dr of Hope - Y.M.C.A. Splendid. 100. 70/80 attend.
Open air band - Branches poor work strong.

Gave up situation in City to take Pastorate
Young man in Clothes Trade - Strong man - Nice man
disciple of Spurgeon Sirkell
does no social work - but has firm congregation. Heeles

Congregationalist – Clapton Park XVII 98. Hamer – Middle aged robust man – Cattell
Congg Chapel

Minister – Evangelist. Welcoming. Harris. neville.
12 deacons [many voluntary workers – many ladies
The Round Church with School Rm & Church parlours 1150 + Class room
Brooksby Walk Mission – Glyn Rd Mission (Mr Neville) 460 (The Grove) 500 (Glyn Rm)
Chapman's Rd Mission built & sustained by Miss Pell 200 (Hackney Road) Sunday School run by the Church
Church is noted as a fashionable Church – middle class mostly
Mission under the Round Church

Church	Mission
Morning 1000 (including CE) Service 800 Membership 750	Glyn Rm. (500) 11. am (60) 7 pm. 250
Wednesday Bible Class for young persons has increased	The Grove Hall. 400
Ch. in decline what failed	Church services. many [too many.
S. Sch. Morning [Afternoon	S. Schools
Clapton 362 35 (562)	The Grove 378 42. (459)
Hackney 190 16 (250) (teach)	Glyn Rm. 415 35. (574) (leaders)
210 Scholars are members of	Adult Bible Class
International Bible reading assoc	Mothers Meeting
Literary Society – 50.	International Bible reading 180
Philharmonic Soc.	Young Peoples Band
For Missing Working Soc	Christian Temperance Band.
Cricket & Football –	Boys of Hope
Leagues are talked of	Gymnasium.
Benevolent Soc – Mothers [meeting	Homeless Bible & Domestic [Missions
Working party for many clothing	Christian Institute Soc
Ragged School in John St.	Australian Monthly Reports
Free dinners for School Ch	Free Dinners &c
Hackney Soc. Encouragement in Study	

Mr Neville is tall Square elderly – Iron grey hair Short beard Cattell
grave stony. Kindly face – Parson's Coat &c.
Do a tremendous amount of work Davis
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Primitive Meth. Clapton Mission XVII.6s Jackson
Clapton Park Tabernacle } missionary all
Hinton Rd Chapel } & South Mildmay Rd Chapel
(450 Sch 300) (670 12 rooms & lecture rooms)
2 Ministers – 2 Lay missionaries... 3 Nurses & lecturers
5 Sch teachers & 12 Local Preachers.

730. 11. AM. 3 PM. 6.30	11. AM 6.45
100 adults 100 Ch clan meeting 300	(60 adults 30 Ch) (150)
Open air before regular Evening Services	Open air –
Mothers meeting Cadets &c	Sunday Sch. 47. 120 150 14 Teachers
Christian Endeavour Scan & Junior (24). 120	Mothers meeting (30) Class &c
Band of Hope	Band of Hope (150)
Gospel Temperance meeting	
Social Openair Mission – Legal Lecture – Medical Mission	
Seaside home open at Southsea – Mutual help Soc	
Mothers carriages for the sick – Soup Kitchen Clothing Society	
Great distribution of clothing – from Meals to £1000 sheets	
Membership Hinton Rd. 202 South Mildmay Rd 50	

Middle aged tall thin man – clear cut face strong convictions. decided views. Theology Came to Clapton 1884 & the work has steadily extended. Cattell active energetic. Lamp lit at both ends Davis

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Salvation Army Congress Hall XVII.11S Sapte
In charge of Major Sapte & his wife – + 100 local officers 650 soldiers
Max Weir Road –
Congress Hall for Sunday Sections Hall week evenings
The Temple Almanack No 7 (600) for Members & to provide room
22 Companies for Open air work – 11 meetings during
10 in afternoon – 2 – young – all combine for the young.
held in all parts – also Mond. Wed. Thurs Visit nights
On Sunday 7. 11. 3. 6.45
70/200. 1000/1500. 400/500. 2000/3000 come for all round.
Week nights at 8 – Monday the Special night 800/1000
100/180
Junior meetings 10 3. 6.45 – Thursday meeting
100/150. 300. 100/200
Band of Love. 154 members. 100/150 attend on Tuesday –
classes for various accomplishments

Slim wiry man – intelligent face – about 40 to 50 Cattell
only here 5 months – quiet but enthusiastic
Corps doing a great work of any in inner circle
Workers. Don't here an excellent lot. Davis.
Only religious organisation which directly tries to reclaim the outcast. Preaches the Gospel mission of the Church (XVIII 47) Work appreciated
Salvation Army have made a great impression Hooker XVII.72
Salvation Army out the very character of the Russian Hooker XVII 165

Baptist - Downs Chapel. XVII. 87. Medley. - Resigned in 1896 - no successor appointed up to Sept 1897

Ministers - Maternity nurse - 100 volunteers
Downs Chapel 1000. Large Sch room adjoin 8 Class rooms
Mission premises Waterloo Pl 4 rooms - more than wanted
Rendlesham rooms - Hall (240) 8 Class rooms
Sunday Services 11 6.30
Body pews fills - more in gallery
Waterloo Room Crammed to suffocation
Rendlesham Rooms moderately attended
Mothers Meeting. Band of Hope Temperance guilds
Downs Christian Band - Downs Literary Soc
Young women prayer - Total Abstinence Soc
Classes Philharmonic (combined with Clapton Congs)
Tract distribution - lots done
Sunday Schools -

Presbyterian. Downs Pk Rd Church XXII 87. Johnston. Tall man below 30 & 40. Pleasant manner Gaelic
Ministers only paid. Name of position. 6 Elders 12 deacons
Church 500 - Hall 350. Class rooms below.
Sunday 11. am 6.30 Sunday
350 350 Bible Class - many
S. Sch Hall quite full. 150/160 -
Men Bible class. 12 or 20 not very successful
Ch Ind. 50 or 60 hopeful - Band of Hope very good
Social Meetings Thursday in winter - try to reach non Church goers
Difficulties financial

Downs District 14.

Congregational Ch Rectory Pl XXV. 3. Henry William
no one pew except Mr Williams. 12 Deacons at the Archive
window. Large number of volunteers.
Churches - Service 11 & 7. Wednesday. 8
"Quarter" Service monthly on the most popular.
Sunday School 300 Children
Mission work at Christian Institute Hoxton Market
Dorcas - Ladies Working party. Young Women Friendly
Mothers meeting. Boys Institute Girls Guild Library
Bands of Hope. Literary Soc. Sunday Concerts
Christian Socials reform League
Lectures Concerts & Entertainments

Man of striking appearance - fair Call 6 ft massive hands & face. Light curly hair. Long whiskers - dark eyebrows & eyes. Eloquence - slight theatrical.
25 years in London - here 12.

Baptist Rendlesham Room XXV. 29. Pearne -
(See Downs Chapel above)
Fine block of buildings - Large room below 300
Sunday Sch. 9.45 & 2.45. Ch Serv 10.45 & 6.45
Youths Class 3. pm & 6.45. Adult Service 8 pm 450
Mothers Meeting. Penny Bank & Coal Club
Dear Friendly Institute - Band of Hope Sewing Class
Sewing class. Library. Gymnasium. Total Abst. Soc

Downs St Mission. Primary Ragged School XXV. 81. Hoon General bright faced old gentleman - White hairs he addresses Superintendent since 1854 - Loveable Person
Children cluster to him like flies to a honey pot
perhaps too fond with adults

Services Mr Hoon. 11 & 12 Leaders
Mission Hall in two halves 250 150
S. Sch 2.45. 145/94. Ch Serv. 6.30. (90) Adult 40.
Band of Hope - 90 Penny Bank - Mothers Meeting.

Primitive Methodist. 3 churches. XXIV. 47. Johnson.

Castle S. Keighley. Stoke Newington Common. Oleron Rd Stamford Hill

2 ministers (Johnson & Chilvers) + a missionary
10 unpaid preachers & others who help. a large number
Each Chapel has its Committee & its classes

Services at each place 11 & 6.30 & often an afternoon
Stoke newington Chapel holds 600 general, full nearly
Keighley 3/4 th full. 124 members
Oleron road is a mission ½ full 40 members
fully half are male.
Days of Hope - Y.P.S.C.E. - Y.W. prayer
Slate Clubs with each (500 in all)
No Mothers meetings - Excursion teas &c
S. Sch at each place (400/500 in all)

Baptist. Dalston Zion Chapel XXV. 34 Johns.

Minister has. 9 deacons. 7 elders. 14 wardens
Chapel 1250 Schools 600/700. 2 services. Infant class from 60
arranging to take a mission room

11 am.	6.30	10 am Prayer meeting
1000 (½ men)	full (capstone)	120
		Monday 7.30. 130

S. Sch. 520/710. 50 Teachers. Interdenominational Bible. 350

Mens Bible class - Mothers meeting. NKT Class
Women - - Ch. Aid. Soc. Sick & Pension 80/100 30/40
Dorcas & Maternal Soc.
Days of Hope 237 (10½) - "one of the best & smartest"
Open air & Coasting No. mission - Band of Benevolence Soc

Tall slim man 33 years old. Quick in movements steady rapid - energetic resolute fluent
Secret of success general feeling aroused
Everywhere welcomed - Centre of great activity.

Congregational. Head St. Keighley XXVIII. 77 Le Pla

Interview declined as waste of time.

(Organ bought in the Pla volume
Chapel School room Church parlour & class rooms
Mr Johns was told he should amalgamate with Le Pla
"he has the building type & save the people")

Large P.S.A.I. usual adjuncts. Other meetings sparsely attended (150)
S. Sch - Y.M.C.A. Sick Visitors. Temperance Soc. Days of Hope
Mothers meeting. Sick Benefit Club. Debating Soc. Nat. Soc
2 Leaders Sewing meeting

London City Mission. Hall Castle St XXVIII. 55 Pleasance

Man of about 40 - Stout & portly - Pleasant kindly
of artisan class - Earnest yet intelligent face
Works a Cass district
Missn Hall "Castle St."
Ch Serv. many. Gospel Serv. Every (100) artisans.
S. Sch. 100 quite poorest ch - Penny Bank.
Dorcas Soc

Shacklewell Lane Mission (Baptist) XXVIII. 87 Flanders

Man about 35. small spare sinewy frame - pinky white
& sallow
an excellent soft
Small affair affiliated to the Baptist Union
Station Co-Workers not open on Services
Flanders (father brother & 20 other ordinary workers.
Chapel a disused Shop (70)
many 20 Sorry. Wednesday
full. all asia and class
S. Sch (120) from neighbourhood. not neighbours.

Brotherhood Church XXV. 20. Bruce Wallace - A most attractive personality - very believe 30/40 strikingly handsome - modest earnest interpretation. Cultured - an enthusiastic Socialist

Mr Bruce Wallace "assumes 20/. a week. all else is done voluntary. We the cleaning + the organist

Church taken over from Congtl. seats 1000
Lecture hall 350 - School 100/130
many seats 100 " Room 300? afternoon conference vans what fall. 200
S. Sch. 11 (Church Council) 245 (School)
Young women Guild. Ladies working Party. Girls working party
Boys Guild + Band of Hope
Young mens guild - Literary Soc.
Thursday Bible reading
Saturday Concerts + Sales. Entertainments

Attended Sunday afternoon conference 3.30. 21 May - 70 or 80 present. mostly men - See report.

Earlham Hall + Tollenham Sq. mission XXV 88. Chorley. Plymouth brother - high coarse creature abroad described at Cubitt Town -

The Earlham Hall was the first + is still the centre of Mr Chorley's work - 5 or 6 mission in all seats 800. 2 schoolrooms. 2 class rooms Map Kitchen
Besides Mr Chorley a Bible woman + paid
45 S. Sch teachers 12 open air preachers
11 am 7. pm (Wayfarers etc)
not above 60 (Church 300/400 - never below 300
S sch - 245 800/500 meeting Tollenham Sq.
Bible classes - Young men + women
Mothers Meeting 80/40/50
Chr. Endeavour 54/40/50 - Satg Prayer 8/pm 20/30

At Tollenham Sq. Christian meetings are held
Lads night School - high set
147 members on Church roll - "Keep them on"

Spoke quietly + tobacco, without exaggeration
Seems frank + friendly - Printed report exaggerates

Worthy Mears Mission Remixed Abbey XXV 101. Worthy. A German who keeps a shop in Kingsland Rd.

voluntary work
Mission Room a loft over stables.
Harvest festival on.
100 members - Plymouth Brethren Style - Strict Bible Christians
all take part in the work -
meetings 8 pm night + all day Sunday - in order.
Small numbers - make much of open air work

Salv. Army - Haggerston Corps XXV. 76 - 2665. Bright intelligent young man - wife fine young woman both are superior to the usual run

383 Kingsland Rd
Captain + wife - 12 local officers Band of 24 + 36 Juniors
135 Tollenham
Barracks (a shop) hold 250 in all
usual succession of services - get full at 6.45.

Saw their march to barracks - 40 regular Salvationists 21 May 1905. CB

Congregationalist Shirbland Rd. LII, 15. Hall Scarcely Soc for "The Evangelisation of London" by Sheard services -

Mr Hall + a paid deaconess + 30 S. Sch teachers
Chapel (500) Hall (300) Smaller room
many 100! Room 200. 110 members
S. Sch - 400 + 300. Band of Hope. Penny Bk
Mothers meeting 50 - Temperance Soc

Queer looking little man 55/60. Clerical shape, Nonconformist verging on Communal -
Visited 21 May - about 80 people - familiar - hearty + genuine atmosphere CB.

Congregationalist - Pownall Rd. LII.35. Farnell. Formerly a Wesleyan - nearly 50. Short but solid
Minister & deacons paid. 4 deacons 19. S.Sch pleasant manner. Earnest evangelist.
20 other workers teachers Favourable impression
Chapel (500) Schoolroom (over 200) Vestry
use chapel for Schools purposes.
11 (50) 6.30 150/200 - S. Sch & 2 bible classes 176/150.
Band of Hope 60 - Temperance 50.
Mothers meeting 20. Cricket Club &c
Choir 40. Concert working &c
Church members 70.

Baptist - Queens Rd. LII 25. Snelgrove. Mainly young fellow about 25 at most - curl hair
Minister no paid 6 deacons 4 visitors. 18 S.Sch'rs pale intelligent but abrupt - hard working Christian.
& 24 others. Post Sunday B. now 600
Chapel (800) Large vestries & schools (Pownall Rd) Visited 21 May - good Sunday many congregation fully 200
11 fair 6.30 600 3.for many men come - man meeting well overcrown S.Sch middle class pupils - 25.
Prayer meeting monday & Saturday (strength of the ch)
Preachers Service Thursday (100)
Christian Band - Gospel Temperance (general Lecturer)
S. Sch - 250/175 -
No Mothers Meeting.

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Local Gov. notes

District 13.

(5)

see Booth, Life and labour.... 1902-3.
Third Series. Vol. 1. Chap. II.

[Booth's notes: Local government notes:
District 13. fols. 1, 9.]

Charles L Young - A member of Hackney Guardians 5 years besty 3 years.
XIX. 1. In business a dealer in domestic machines -
Does electric & public Speaking & Connects with Midway
Socially Hackney District has declined last 10 or 15 years
by migration of better class - increase in pop. - no falling in rates
Public houses all thriving & very open bar -
no longer the enthusiastic temperance spirit -
Girls come before the Guardians in pregnancy do not know the
father by name or where he lives - He may be known by
* Tom or Jack but that is all - Bank holiday work
Laundry Girls or servants - The Sally Army home attracts the cases
Mabys looks after the fallen girls in the workhouse
Out relief largely given - Guardians believe in it - Relief
average 3/ other resources needed - Readily asked for. but
difficult to get the truth even when it will assist
Good results of boarding out children - more distinctive dress
Lack of amusements in Hackney
No increase in thrift - people spend what they make
Great religious activity - Every organisation has mission
Agencies - Open air preaching at every corner - much
drink - little result - not hostile many indifferent -
Many other ways of spending Sunday - 300 bikers has lea
Conference Hall sends out 30 men to preach (Midway) (Meals Sunday)
Attendance at places of worship varies greatly - depends on the
minister

J K Warry Medical Officer of Health for Hackney - Stolen clothing
XIX. 25. Region - by cases ago matters being on a backward state
There were then only 5 Sanitary Inspectors - 200,000 inhab
Systematic inspection impossible Not attempted
All was haphazard - now there are 11 Inspectors
Removal of dust weekly system - Destructor to be put up
in connection with Electric Lighting
* Increase of work under recent legislation - not yet
fully grasped - Cowsheds & Slaughter houses well looked after
Bakehouse brought into bette Condition & Canal boats

I K Hoare
Con.ᵒ XIX 25

Water Supply has given trouble - at times defective
Particulars of the doings of the various companies
Failure has seriously affected health
Pollution of the Lea - great risks of bathing there
Evil aggravated by recreation ground adjoining rivers
Effective improvement destruction back to back houses - Hanel
Troublesomeness of Hackney Brick at the Health -
Houses built on Roman refuse above area of clay -
Improvements - Concrete floors &c -
Hackney Good Health record. Hoare is not brilliant
or concerted. abroad but not heard of others but
Quietly determined "dogged as does it"

G Wrcott
XIX 45

Vestry Clerk - a stout dark bearded man of 50 ads.
solid comfortable official type - Dated office 33 years
United 3 years ago Hackney Stoke Newington were combined
under a Board of Works elected by Vestries - now separate
most Marked recent feature exodus of rich - Comp.ⁿ of
middle working class -
Temperance Societies Lavehouse fork Effect - & Open Spaces
Plenty of Amusements such as Music, Boating, Swimming &c
Free Baths lately added - 4000 baths a day (July)
Go to London for Theatres & Music halls -
Sunday Amusements have become a nuisance
Many Main Arteries for Thro' Traffic - Crowds of Brakes with Horses
Religion not made any headway by Quakers
Need of a Polytechnic - Overseers Vigilant in Suppressing bad Houses
Movement in part to revise & Consolidate the Hack. Charities

Hansford
XIX 55

Sup.ᵗ Reg.ʳ Births &c. & for several years member of Vestry
has Served as Overseer &c in new Churchwarden
30 years of present Service - 50 years of age - looks younger
Progressive & Humane - Professes to Record our work
well & be interested in it -
Houses mainly Modern & Clean & well kept

1895 Lond Cont. XIX 55

Vestry Progressive since act of 1894 - Altered but not deteriorated - formerly members also of one type now represent all classes causing more full debates more open interest in Election - Labour Party 15/20 Good class of artisans - not Socialists or Extremists & without any prominent leaders -
Progress in Sanitary matters
Less open drunkenness in Streets at Holiday times
Not Public Houses being Stately - Speculation in the trade
Desire among the people for improvement
Effort to bring Hackney Charities more consolidated control
Guardians by popular vote -
Poor Law very fairly administered - Out relief in suffers to live on - need is real which first draws to Guardians
Variety of modern recreation - Good concerts at Mary Hall
Exaggerate work produced to show the transition by which a Nottingham Manufacturer selected at Hackney Workhouse a number of boys & girls 6 to 8 years of age & took them to work in his factory undertaking to feed & clothe

G. Chambers XIX 67

Chairman Hackney Vestry - Connected with Public work for 35 years - Wholesale tobacconist by trade - about 65 Rather sad man - Liberal - Moderate, Progressive - very Conscientious & straightforward - Pessimistic perhaps disappointed - Strict non conformist - Congregationalist Has served the whole round of lay religious offices Member of Pedr. Williams Congregation - formerly - Particulars of P. W's debts & disappearance - Severance of Mr Chambers religious connections of a life time Views of religious work naturally discouraged Results of parental Example on 5 Sch Children Pleasure seeking & loosening of moral ties
* Cheapening of religion by S.A. methods -
Youth too prominent every where

Chambers — Hosing & Sanitation now well seen to
Omn. XIX 67 — Pollution of the Sea has Vestry's anxious attention
Doing all they can in getting open spaces
Sees no improvement as to drink - Work of temperance
Societies not permanent - Increase of morality
Need of improved dwellings + easier access to country
Education less important -
Doubts improvement in thrift -
* Story of the navvies who not understanding how to invest
money - hoot it + spend it in drink

James Lovegrove — Surveyor Hackney Vestry for 40 years - Pleasant old gentleman
XIX. 83 — Organisation of Street Sweeping - Street Lighting &c
Improvements in paving & introduction of Wood
widening of Streets - Opening of underground Conveniences -
Recreation grounds -
* Work for unemployed in winter 1892/3 & its Costliness
Labour Bureau 1893/4 - mainly Parish work
great rush for work - Loss in stone yard.
Raising of wages & Permanent employees
(See also page 5)

Dr Clarke — Has been for 42 years in practice in Clapton. 77 years old
XIX. 101. — Old house & fine garden - active & optimist - talker free
Tory of the old school - great contempt for Radicalism
not always consistent however - as a medical
officer found difficulty of getting things done for fear of
* raising the rates - In Sanitary matters thoroughly progressive
Impressed with the wretched dwellings of the poor
On these subjects his views coincide with those of
* Mr Chambers the progressive Chairman of a
Radical Vestry - only more drastic - See Supplement p. 103
Admits that people are healthier & cleaner than
formerly & gives Education Credit
* Favours Erection of Municipal dwellings
Deterioration of locality deplorable
Less open but more secret drinking - Open spaces but bars open

James Lovegrove. Is an old non con & many years deacon of Clapton Pk
2nd Interview XIX 109 Congreg. Church - Desultory & illogical conversation
Evils of high rents & overcrowding - Suggest relief of
all small property from rates -
Sanitary matters well looked after - Storm water difficult
owing to low lying parts.
Bad influence of open spaces after dark -
— Public house concerts & singing clubs. in parks
Removal of respectable tenants caused 20% to 30% fall in
* rateables & difficulties & dangers of finding work for the unemployed

Summary of Hackney Charities. XIX. 127
100 distinct Endowed Charities - & some have been
amalgamated - Still mostly quite small
Only 12 over £50 - only 6 or 7 reach £100 per ann
Particulars follow — Total 1894 £3730 -
Showing apportionment & expenditure

W. L. Bourke XIX 139
Vice Chairman Hackney Guardians &c
Anti-vaccinationist - teetotaler & vegetarian.
Popular candidate triumphantly elected -
no prosecutions under vaccination act since then (8 years)
Does not seem like a fanatic - very mild in manner
Seems well to do -
In out relief numbers relieved decreased - amount increased
Guardians confine themselves strictly to the law
Advocates classification - unification of London
Trouble over cottage homes for Children
Scheme for a Charity Trust now nearly complete
* Xmas doles to widows do no harm

Pease & Fenton - R.O's for Hackney Union - Burgmotory officials
R. Officers - Ealing XIX 159
Better to know nothing - & see nothing
Many cases kept off rates by Charity - Free dispensary &c
Some go to dispensary who could pay
Out relief strictly administered
Marked deterioration of the Beauvoir Town

D. Burch
XIX. 173.

Out door Medical Officer - Hackney Guardians for 16 years.
Amiable thoughtful worthy man - advanced mid age
Known Hackney 30 years - Great improvement in Medicine
& Medical appliances - & in general condition of people
Sanitation made wonderful Strides
* Scarcely any want of food among the People.
* Those who come for relief mainly hereditary Pauper class
Easily recognised - children familiarised come - their turn
Others influenced by surroundings - relief receiving neighbours
* Favours Gradual abolition of out relief - bad system.
Should not be left to voluntary workers like Guardians
administration lacks uniformity - favouritism or favour is shown
Opinion of voluntary charity is not high - Spasmodic & inadequate
Instances cases of widows - better the Guardians at once
* Drink as Expenditure serious cause of poverty -
Drunkenness not the main evil -
Insurance money goes largely in drink
Not drink not so great an evil as it was
Religious organisations though active, a failure as
to their effect on the mass of the People
Education has done more to check depravity
Only good homes lack -
Nothing can surpass scenes of Bank Holiday in morality & decency
* More amusements needed - Indoor & out - Places of
rest & recreation - Good music &c. - great faith in music
* Better means of feeding on Bank Holidays - Nothing to be had
but drink - beer & biscuits all people take - cannot
not come home hungry for drink of improper food
* Much drinking due to poor victuals & bad Cooking
Health of Parish Satisfactory - good soil
Police Efficient & Capable - try to keep People out of
trouble - never act cruelly

E L Crane - Asst appointed registrar of births &c - for 18 years R.O. -
XIX. 197 Advanced middle age - pale with white beard. Looks like a missionary - naturally cautious reserved.
As R.O. had kept along from religious or political organizers
Usual condition under which out relief is given
* Difficulties of Skeleton Guardians - Evils of out relief
Evidence supported that of his friend Dr Birch

Dr Gordon Resident Med Sup. Homerton Workhouse & Infirmary
XIX 215 Stout middle aged man - round cheery good natured face
Dressed unprofessionally in tweed suit -
Been here 16 years - People have come in for Shoreditch
Methods Green - Came Poor & remain so
He & one assistant have entire charge - train their nurses
No hospital nearer than Dalston - no hardship felt
though workhouse is recognised as a disgrace -
Many come who could afford to pay - a grievance
with the Doctors - but dare not refuse admission -
* Drink begs people in through exhaustion of means
Stimulants abolished in workhouse - Trace, usually in infirmary.
Health of workhouse inmates remarkably good given to
great ages - Comfortable contented easy lives
The infirm is beautifully kept

Coles Clerk to Guardians - short time allowed for interview
XIX 225 Young man - head clerk 18 months - previously assistant
Statistics of In & out relief
Guardian when newly elected favour out relief but
* Experience alters this - need of Special Officer to act
with Voluntary agencies COS &c -
* Present board effective - 1894 act led to more effective
representation all shades of opinion but work well together
* Triennial in place of annual elections good
Boarding out only to very limited extent yet - Cant stock of females
* Have sent 70/80 mentally S.A. farm @ 5/ a week - poor results in
isolated cases but not generally satisfactory
Sick not to be blamed for poor success of colony } Material too bad

Coles — Himself connected with mission in many years
Cont. XIX. 225. favourably impressed with results of mission especially
in direction of temperance by means of Band of Hope
Think a large number teetotallers there please.
* Magnetic influence of Sovereign — Come once come again
Police work well with local authorities
Complaints as to gangs of rowdy lads & girls —

J. Mason. — An officials at Hackney workhouse 24 years. Master
XIX. 235. for 18 years — medium age. thin stooping — Yankee look.
Says he knows little of world outside — but judging of
what he sees wonders that considering them house they are not
Regards huge workhouses as a mistake (Homerton
Whose heads 1400) & many spent larger, wasted
men might be made to do useful work — but necessity
* have not they arranged for them — Story of helplessness
of 2 sons of a Bank of England clerk — men who lack all
initiative — Belief in effect of personal influence
* impossible in great workhouses. Once in, appeal to escape
Easy to recognise the workhouse habitué no matter
* where met or how dressed — Easy shufflers stock
Chances of reform for such very slight — several discipline fails
permanent maintain discipline only possibly —
* S.A farm colony largely a failure — men break away
from it — Glad the experiment has been tried — Glad
they have sent men there — but if they could any
point to one really successful case — but they cannot
* Strong objection to casual ward — at least for women (Chelsea
no inquiries made — neither cleanliness nor decency required
Many men spend their lives roving from ward to ward.
Miserably fed & housed but never think of entering the House
To shelter those travelling in search of work — no longer applies
Substitution one ounce of soap for meal caused tremendous demand
* women less excuse than men for asking relief — they can always get work — use Laundry work as a test — They have plenty
of applications for domestic help.

Mass. Cont. XIX 235

Workhouse Children usually as well - unless they go back to bad parents - they ought not to be allowed

* Advocates removal of children from bad homes
Gradual lessening of the powers of guardians after 1st. 2nd & 3rd years -
Forms part Commissioner to administer relief - so as to obtain continuity of policy - also forms inspectors
Old must be decently cared for

Police notes

District 13.

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Police Notes 13.

Hackney Wick — Inspector Fitzgerald – [Romo faces mbrand – bitty a blarney]
District XIII A 157 — Has been here 3 years – (July 22 1897)

North – Graisbrook R^d
South – Hertford Union Canal
East – Hackney Cut
West – North London Ry

St Augustines (East) Hackney Wick (Eton Mission)

The district tends to be poorer than as expressed on the map & is perhaps becoming poorer – houses, all built becoming less habitable – No vicious looks – but the men lazy & the women (mostly what besets the home) Owners of surroundings the only good point (Duncan Chapman R^d)

Good effect of Allotments in the Graisbeck R^d on the neighbouring streets – Danger of the building over of the vacant spaces closing in the district –

Of Hackney Wick Fitzgerald said it was so much we don't go down there often –

Remarks — Tuesday afternoon (Thursday) between 2 & 4. many children about only one shoe-less – many "grollers" [growlers] Romos all ashes No place of amusement – Eton mission has 2 clubs – One fully licensed P.H. in Hackney Wick & 2 in triangle adjoining

Nomadics

North London Ry
South Victoria Park
East – (triangle)
West Regent R^d to St Augustines (West)
XIII A 175

Fitzgerald. Friday 23 July '97

Some prostitutes off Morpeth R^d but the LCC is down on the women who used to frequent the Park – These places (Victoria & Albert Grooves) have a vicious look

Houses opposite the Park are going up in character Park so much better kept than formerly – More like a garden Jews have recognised this

Remarks — Three distinct strata in this district – the poor between North London Ry & Wick R^d – Steady working class between Wick R^d & Hackney Common – Comfortable commercial (active & retired) round the Park & Hackney Downs – Common(?) The upward tendency only checked at Morpeth R^d where might be the best bit of all

Boundaries

North - N Lonsdale Pl
South Regents Canal
East { Wells St
{ King Edwards Rd
West Mare St
St Luke Hackney
& St Michael XIII Bs 195

Fitzgerald - Saturday 24 July 1897 - Fine - Hot & Thunny 2 P.M.
Chalgrove Rd Very rough Character - Prostitutes & Hawkers
Street ill kept - many children about -
Morning Lane a market St
Woolpack place & neighborhood partly dark blue
6 Cheaper shelly Beaver for Sunday.
"Retreat Place" - retreat for "widows of Protestant dissenting ministers professing Calvinistic principles" - formed 1812 for 12 widows - belongs to parish - Good position here
Fox's Lane out of Passage St mostly fine
Jerusalem passage & (Corner of Mare St & Warner Rd) improved
Curious block of granite of unascertained object - Middleton Pl
Rough bit in St Michaels Parish - much drinking
Young St a theroughfare resort -
Beech Rd nearly as bottom - drink & hustler - At one window was a man at tea with his children
The man an artisan in appearance reading the Daily Chronicle in his shirt sleeves. From the opposite side of the street the sounds of a piano very much out of time - a news boy running along the pavement shouting the Stars & Latest Winners
"But no buyers so far as I could see."

Remarks - Only dark blue patches are (1) Streets round Palace road & (2) those near Young St & Ada St (just mentioned)
In the first the poverty is of a struggling character
Only in the Ada St but that it is mischievous & grinding
Rest of the district old fashioned - easy going - independent
Jews have taken all the best places -
Mare St typical of the Whole - General Colouring Sober
Everywhere except in Ada St Quarter Sense of Civilization - & Order & Peace

Police Notes 13

Boundaries

North - Millfields Pct
South North London Ry
East Hackney marshes
West Lower Clapton Pct
All Saints (XIII A 223)
All Souls

Fitzgerald - Monday 26 July 1897

Neslett St dark blue - no longer black - Lydall, Hore

Prostitutes no longer here - never notorious place

All Children's boots - some grotto making.

Straw hatters rent collectors about

Coperdale & Glyn Pct purple now

Rowdy Pct men of small income but black coats

New streets - not yet properly paved sloping down to the marshes - New district - 1st tenants

Streets poorest at bottom but even where

Purple part approaching Cow Bridge poorer

Boys bathing in the ditch - can carry their clothes at sight of a policeman - Complaints as to decency

Open space opposite Millfields Pct not taken care of - LCC when probably take it in hand & then the Street would go also -

Gardens of houses in Elderfield Pct lower than Street

Colenso Pct - generally a grown up daughter sitting with needlework in her lap in front bow windows beside the usual Evergreen plant in China pot - Some pianos

Strumming (Lower Clapton)

Salvation Congress Hall - Stronghold of the army - have skimmed the best people away "

* Prince Arthur Corner of Elderfield St one of the few licensed houses was lately sold for £40 000

Group of streets off Brooksby's walk - Holmbrook St

Still very rough - many children about women & children babies of rags slatternly girls - " no brothers now - but there used to be " - It looked as though there might be

* Prostitutes at any rate about big men here said Fitzgerald

Old Houses in Homerton High St 1776 - Still old fashioned villages look

Manor St Caldecot Sq more than light blue - Prostitutes here

Other streets down to Hackney Similar low character -

Rough lot of Costers &c

Remarks - Monday - collectors about - women not in public houses -
Extreme north east going down in character - unhealthy & have to become worse -
Persistent dark blue runs about Brandon Closed - Pink district on the hill -

Boundaries
North. River Lea
South. Junction of Mare St & Amherst Rd
East. Lea Bridge Rd & Lower Clapton Rd
West. Amherst Rd & Mt Pleasant
St James Clapton
XIII B 13

Fitzgerald - 27 July 1897
South wold Rd runs down hill & its does its character
Hackney Downs in charge of LCC. band twice a week
Remarks The whole district is well to do varying from indifferent brick - one 2 class shots - at Estream N & S.W corners - otherwise no poor
Much open space both public & private

Boundaries
North. Dalston Lane
South. Broadway & London Fields
East. Amherst Rd & Mare St
West. Greenwood Rd to St John Hackney & St Philip Dalston
XIII B 29

Grove mews - rebuilt & better - Grove passage paved -
6 almshouses for "6 poore widows of your life & Corporation" founded 1666 rebuilt 1819 - Commonality Room -
2 fully licensed houses - Hackney Radical Club - Factories & then a church mission room at Richmond Rd end.
Florence Road distinctly poorer - So is Richmond Rd nearly
Here (Mentmore Terrace) is one centre of boot manufacture
Exmouth Pl. & Warburton Rd abutting on the place are very poor class. both dark blue - so also Triangle Rd & Place
"as rough & poor as we've got it".
Remarks Downward as to conviction from North to South
Strange to find so much poverty round London Fields
For some years under LCC but a dreary waste
Industries - Boot - pianos - cabinet work - Coslers & wood cutters - women on shoes & slippers
Factories built behind houses in the large gardens
Quite hidden away

Boundaries
North. Dalston Lane & Graham Rd
South. Haggerston Rd
East. Greenwood Rd & London Fields
West. N. L. Ry.
St Philips XIII B 45.

Inspector Flanagan - Thursday 2 Sept 1897
5 years inspector in this district - tall grey haired - delicate looking gentleman
Albion Square all kept - no gates - no flowers - mixed heads & trenches dug by the boys - old trees - dilapidated railing
Albion Hall for dancing Cost its licensee - baths also closed
Queens Rd - houses better than the people - built for a different class
Lavender Sweet and Raymond Rds all dirty - Clean Barnes milk cart & men called Shrimps the only signs of life (4 pm)
all houses have fore gardens

XIII B 45 Cont'd

Light blue patch West Side of London fields - Yellow brick Colored Woman sitting by beg leaned against near the door -

Duncan St. the darker patch further South not so bad as Duncan Pl. but all dark blue " down the road came a slattern girl of about 18. Slipshod with large holes in her stocking. Carrying a baby - many pieces of Sodden bread were lying about in the street

Freeman St. old fashioned houses good bath. Pigeons here Story of the Sweat shop lady of Woodland St. her yearly bust And of the notorious Nella "Freeman"

Neighborhood has bad reputation for brothels. Kept women Quiet + very quickly reached from the City - Poor & Moderate houses

Remarks

One poor spot by the London fields - rest well to do Houses well built roads good & wide large. Soil gravel Houses better than inhabitants - districts unfashionable There may be a return here

Streets near Dalston Junction harbour prostitutes

Kingsland Rd from late market & the Shoppy places

Not many Jews -

Public houses large - Corner Bottle Trade

look bright & clean - used practically as clubs.

Not much casual trade

* Women drink more - I can prove - feel no shame

Grocers licenses nothing to do with it.

Male heads allow so much - women can save & show both in working & middle class - no need hard work husband

Boundaries

North - Downs Park Rd

South Graham Rd & Graham Rd

East - Shrubland Rd Dalston Lane &

West Norfolk Rd.

XIII B 73

* Corner of Wayland Avenue & Dalston Lane an empty Public house - Licence taken away for harbouring prostitutes Police prosecuted - three door off was a notorious brothel since closed - Opposite is the Refuge for the fallen - the Girls are taken as Servants but paid so badly (take advantage of) that they revert to the Streets - General Servants also queer Characters - Managers informed - Small well to do district

Inspector Flanagan

Starting from Dalston Police Station –

Boundaries

North Arcola St. — N. Tyssen Passage is inhabitants rough & troublesome – Costers
South Dalston Lane — Pretty respectable shops at back – pretty respectable all down building.
East Norfolk Rd. — Used for Circus pitches occasionally –
West. High St. — Bath row inhabitants poor & rough – bare Cheap Clean
St Marks West Hackney. XIII B 81. — St Marks Road – many Jews here – Organ builders works
Streets bare inside Clean – Dalston Saturday Home No. a good
beaten thin factory – Back gardens weedy waste Hilarys many carpets
* Little Jew boy playing piece Flowers by himself – no flowers
or care – must kept a dog which howled as we approached
Downs Park Rd. Lyric & Spotters workers printing works
Corner of Amhurst Rd. prosperous Doctors large house & yard
& S.A. home for unfortunates & discharged female prisoners
Amhurst Rd. broad & prosperous almost yellow – many
have carriage drives – Norfolk Rd. fine old Mulberry Tree
Opposite neat little houses. Venetian blinds trimmed privet hedges
Shacklewell Green – well kept by vestry – large gardens
* especially Dr Lyle's house – [Tally Tailor Jew driving man
with servant Cockade behind him]
Arcola St. poor respectable – Eight Three not Number
Millers avenue recent but badly built by a friend of
* the vestry Clerk – a thieves resort – Opposite end in Arcola St.
* respectable Lodging Coffee house – really low class brothel
High St. Flats above Let – Shops below State trade – Shops
not successful here – Costers barrows do a good
trade & a lower class of Shop – Cats eye for the boys
One barrow selling fruit – man with Shirt sleeves turns up
life in fine hat with ostrich feather & Spangled red blouse
|| Tranquil place – creepers over houses & flowers in front
General remarks – 3 poor shots (1) Arches Police St. (2) near Arcola St. (3) [illegible] End of
High St. – Only the second really vicious – Mr Miller a local
American Estate agent is not well shown of
The district is not a Jews dwelling place – Intermediate
from Whitechapel to Hampstead – They are disliked by
Gentiles but never the less get on – Till their houses with lodgers
are dirty neglect their gardens & don't buy of local shopkeepers =

Moreover they study at home in the Day – & therefore other Public Houses

Boundaries.
North. Balls Pond Rd
South. Regents Canal
East. Kingsland Rd
West. Essex Rd &c

St Peter's de Beauvoir Square. XIII B. 99

Inspector Flanagan – 9 September.
Starting at Dalston Junction.
West as far as Essex Rd (passing into our next district). Dorset St. Tinbox factory – Mostly pubs & eateries – Wall St. 207 at South End a brothel noisy & disorderly women – Baxter Rd. all Calico lodgers – Flowers in garden –
Ockenden Rd. occupants mostly out of town –
Across Southgate Rd. (back into 13/14) – Upton Rd. Milkman out of sign of life – At apex Ardleigh & Culford Roads, Sussex Hotel old fashioned P.H. owned by Whitbreads with dancing licence & assembly room – a thing of the past – but still used as a Club – & for wakes, entertainments. Looks more like a Country town hotel than London P.H.
Then to "Boers" Square – poor inhabitants inside good rough looking houses "clean annuitants" of the Suburbs. Another retreat of Dalston & Shacklewell &
Church Rd. typical – pictures of typical houses page 104
Navigation Buildings next canal (District 6)
a poor clean court – doors shut no women about
Station Buildings – triangular light blue patch – Frederick Place a.b.c. & back – Small row women – no trouble to Police
Asphalted & in fair, good order.
Kingsland Rd – Great Saturday market – but more pitch now. The costers were moved south – but have gradually slipped back – Tottenham Rd – Kingsland Gospel Mission is here. No 102 is a low brothel frequented by the Dalston Junction women

General Remarks

De Beauvoir is Town has seen better days – Small houses & large gardens its features – Residential still but with some factories in back gardens – Inhabitants tend to get poorer as you approach the extremities North & South – Impulsory free of Jews – As to women and Hyde Park Army was the place at 11 am – 4 pm & 6–8 pm the great hours – all classes & in Tippler in pin – From butchers stall opposite every buyer of joint was taken for a drink – Monday the chief day – "Come along my dear you must put your husbands Clothes away till Saturday" – Poor married women – not the factory girls – Bank Holiday in the country days & young married people to the P.H. together for Change & amusement

Bonnaaner.
North. Nanett Street
South Dalston Jn.
East. High St.
West Doleys Pl.
St Marys
West Hackney XIII B 125

Flanagan — 16 Sept
Starting at Dalston Junction
Door & partly Wrights - much as shown on
the map.

General Police
Questions - Dalston
Subdivision
XIII B 163.

Inspector Flanagan
Public Houses - before obtaining a license must give
Police an account of himself & procure 2 references.
Undesirable persons manage to square referees -
Every class may become a Publican - better sort full licenses
Wrights bear hardest - Value of licensed houses Give up
Mystery how they pay on such value - £5000 to £40.000.
There is knavery in working up the values based on
certified sales - Women drinking increased - they drink
Spirits - men beer - Girls drink but it is married &
middle aged women who indulge & when increase comes
not only among poor - more noticeable among what would be
the middle class of this district - no shame - Grocers
licenses not much to do with it - drink away from home
Flanagan sees no harm in Children being sent to fetch
beer - Not Children but women who sick - Since 1894
it has been an indictable offence to give children
sweets - Beer House Chief offenders in this way - Public
Houses decrease since endorsement - Licenses rarely
endorsed - Magistrates chary of it - appeal may
go against magistrate at Quarter Sessions
One set of licensing magistrates favour men who have
several houses as more responsible - another body
holds that no man can look properly after more than
one house - result the putting up of many Straw Hard
Swearing - Publicans will swear anything - The third
body has no principles or men

General remarks – Drink accepted by constables on duty severely punished – but never the less pretty generally done tho' not so much here as elsewhere – Men have complained that Publicans wont serve them when asked – Flanagan warns the Publicans

A policeman who drinks two half pints at closing time is right for an hour or two & then drowsy the larger fit – Consequently Publican give ½ or ¾ half-watch instead – Publicans will give something just as always give a cigar or some tobacco to a constable summoned to Eject – they prefer to do it.

Publicans & police both human

Street walkers don't give to the Police – for the most part too poor – but brothels do – Only large sums come in this way – Police could prosecute but have orders from head quarters not to – Others may prosecute they will watch if requested & come as witnesses won't take initiative –

Police beats continually changed

Betting not largely carried on in P.H. – Betting men are known – Prosecution result of orders from head quarters – Complaints are anonymous sent to Scotland Yard direct –

Fair amount of betting in the streets – in dinner hour The £5 fine not heavy enough to deter – One man already convicted 3 times this year – Stands at corner of Oakley Square behind the Police Station "What's the Lord of carrying me off to fine me £5. "you know well enough it's not me but my Guvnor that pays "& I shall be at it again but what I do mean is the "majority – Cannot you manage it in the Long or down a "back way?" –

You must change the Bobby a bit before you'll stop "betting – Police orders won't do it — said Flanagan

General remarks Police-division Hornsey cont° XIII[B] 163.

Very little of working men in the Money men moves the City - a nice lot of business fine night watchmen or those who make it their trade now employed - Why? because of the beer - men get drowsy & can not be relied on Servig. drinker men might be more convenient but difficult to be sure of - men allowed to go home if they can manage it - but must go quiet. If disorderly & collect a crowd gets run in & Convicted - but hard to get evidence agst P. in Giving Evidence on the subject not agreeable to the police - long their test - or off duty. Constable uses his discretion

General remarks Hackney Sub division Fitzgerald - XIII[B]. 187

Policemens beats vary from 10 minutes to 2 hours supposed to move 2½ miles per hour Each man 8 hours - in two reliefs of 4 hours with 4 hours interval Fixed points placed so that no inhabitant may have unreasonable distance to go - Say householder informs where they are - time for 9 am to 1 am - in worst case may be 24 hours The man supposed never move out of sight of point Night patrols are put on in Special districts where people are late or noisy Six different men pass through the streets on their beats - 11 different officers employed in Hackney Does not believe any officer on duty takes bribes Charges of drunkenness against police used to be common since Sir C. Warren took it in hand in 1886 the thing has been completely changed - very few strictest - Police hands are - especially at closing time - those who do it are found out & dismissed - Against women to accost may does not believe it is done - never came before his notice (Fitzgerald was uncomfortable over these questions)

General Remarks
Hackney Divisn
Fitzgerald XIII[B] 187
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Class of men in the force has risen
Prices of Public Houses in Hackney about reached
there limit - Wonders is how they pay - Highest
price he had heard of was £40,000 for the House
in Blurton St - House in Moore St might buy
more of such in the market but were famous
properties.

No brothels in Hackney - There had been two
but were closed on notice from Vestry to Landlord
from Landlord to tenants - may have gone elsewhere
Extraordinary Comps of Constables insignificant
Nothing from loose women - Nothing from brothels as
there are none - Nothing from Early risers for
business has passed out of hands of Police - now
a regular trade - Dates the loss of the business
to the time of Special Trafalgar Sq. duties.
Fitzgerald opposed to Children being sent for beer.
Drunken men allowed to get home - if quietly
difficult to detect drunkenness before Sergt.
not himself a teetotaler - but has never accepted
drink or many when in uniform
Prices vary more between department & department
than between house & house - Object of publican to
Separate his Customers in Social Grades - as roughly
shaped by paying ability - different articles sold
not same thing at different times -
Usual prices quoted
As to Ex Convicts - Police never tell employers

Boundaries

N. Church Rd
S. Arcola St
E. Rectory Rd
W. Neville Rd + the High St

West Hackney - XIII[B] 239.

Inspector Thorpe - round Podgy man
Starting at Police Station Navarino High St - busy road
Becoming busier every year - traffic never ceases - all night
Carts from Market gardens Enfield
[West Side in next district - new Streets - Some houses built
begun the proper line 4th parcel off by LCC -]
Back east side - Clean Porters clean Comp one of school

Boundaries
N. North wold R.d
S. Church R.d
E. North R.d Pendlesham R.
W. Stoke newington High S.

West Hackney, Christchurch, S. Michael } XIII C 5

Inspector Thorpe - October.

Starting Police Station. Stoke newington High S. -
part west Hackney Ch.h very popular always full. Harvest festival
struggle to get in - Pendlesham R.d to "Manners Island"
"Tigers Bay". "Spikes Island". "Myrtle Grove" according to fancy
Roughest quarter of district - but much improved
Inhabitants low class English - no Irish - few Sanspeilers now
Used to be resort of Sx convicts - now none - Moved to Tewkes.
by Estate South Tottenham - No Public Entry except one
ought to be opened through Stellman S.t - Police can enter
from Jenner R.d + others by having 1.d - Police obtained
this knowledge to enhance them to live here rent free.
Rents still low but rising - Landlords Small men
A good deal of pitch + toss - Police can't stop it - What they do
Inhabitants give no trouble to the Police -
Children booted + cloth healthy -
Streets near Stoke newington Common better since 2 CC took
over the common - Union S.t (dark blue) has some better
tenements for better class being built - "Cross" at end
of Bull alley shows door as we appear - Cottages
remnant of old village labourers houses.
On west side of High S. (next district) other remnants
of former time inhabited by Cottagers who play in the High S.
(this is part of Hornsey)

General remarks Very few sole occupiers of their houses - lodgers usual.
One General Servant kept - all men go off. to Work in City
Very healthy district - houses taxed Justly - difficult to get
Typical house 6 rooms 3 on each floor - 2 very latterly
one over the other - 1 Scullery + WC - for common use
little plot railed off in front + yard space behind.
No part gives trouble to the police
Dis approves of any but working class children being Sent
for bear - they hear nothing they are not accustomed to
"with my class it is different" - Children about Sick
woman do - Children go where sweets are given - Sweets do
more than Sitting - Not given much (when out Came a child will
month time)

XIII C 5 Cont.* Women's drinking has increased - Grocers licences must have helped it - & they no longer mind. Have more leisure - no clothes to make - better bought ready made - taken out more - public houses more attractive - Clerkenwell the real spot for women drinking - & the change has come in the 6 years he was there -

Cox Manager of 5 Public Houses in Hackney. XIII C 179* About 50 years of age - Father, grandfather & great grandfather publicans & son will be (1) Pembury Arms Amherst N° (2) The Unicorn - Commercial N° Shoreditch (3) Tottenham (4) Dunmark Hall. (5) Hornsey Old fashioned publican a man of the past - with white apron & long pipe & drinking with customers now a new class - capitalists - Houses never so well managed as now -

At Pembury Arms 7 bars - 2 for men only - no women allowed - 1 for jugs & bottles

Chief custom residential - Clerks & City people who often support them out & meet them from work. Some houses main trade done with passers by depends on district.

Most important that house should be respectably conducted - Must serve no drunken men - Potmen fetches Police to turn out any who have had too much. Police not always near - don't like to turn men out themselves. Pays 1/- per week to Police as "Call money" nominally for calling Servant at 6 - this house open at 7.

Potman now called Porter in better class houses. Pots seldom used now - Glasses becoming more usual. The reason being that women at bars always give by measure to their favourites - & better measure is always given any how - must be the real half if tipped.

XIII^{c} 79 (Cox) * Those to whom most harm done in Public houses are the Servant girls sent to fetch beer not the Children - Separate department needed Chilan Sip - he has often noticed it - never gives Sweets as being unfair trade - but has lost the Custom of many Children by doing so - a child will go 100 yards further for a Sweet - did not Sweets stopped Sipping

Houses generally well conducted - still Sorry up Thinks many cannot pay at such Prices - more & more into hands of Brewers - value of a Public House monopoly - no new licenses granted - Population increases with it the demand.

Has noticed no increase in women drinking with regard to Customers treating - He who he Served always declined - Once annoyance at first - but finally Customers preferred the House where it was not Customary.

Inspector Thresher XIII^{c} 189. * Retired after 26 years Service - 12 years Police Thief Man of 50 teetotaler all his life - Keeps Sweet Shop in Upper Clapton Rd. - Knows little of neighborhood unwilling to say anything unfavourable to the force Indirect sayings practically nil - If drunk use not 1/2^{d} per month per house - Use cats to be called many - but this has become a separate business Loss to the Police a gradual thing - began before Trafalgar Sq. business - but every now & then men were left uncalled & Customers were dissatisfied Publicans may still pay call many - but Exceptional Policemen sometimes get treated - less common than formerly P. Hs much more strictly kept - so much more at Railway Beer Houses more likely - Admitted that men who looked as if they wanted like it did get - Has seen Policeman bring it round to the Arrival - Police more sober Cheaper do Sip - but they begin work at the Beerhouse - Good deal of betting in the Streets

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Miscellaneous Notes

District 13.

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[Booth's notes: Miscellaneous notes.
District 13. fols. i, 16.]

C. O. S. Miss Davis Secretary XVIII. 1

Only been here 8 months - information based largely on notes left by previous Secretary - (see next interview)
A bright intelligent energetic lady - Strict C O S views though a member of the Christian Social Union.

As to district on the whole, Hackney getting poorer.

District getting less well off

Area not simple parish in which this does not to same extent apply Hackney Church (Eton Mission) poorest & most depressed part

Eton Mission great activity little effect

No change since our map made - Great activity - not much effect

Loyal to C.O.S - but give largely in doles without referring

The worse the better treated

& the rule applies "the worse the better treated"

S. Augustines. Bankes hard working - hampered financially

Whole parish getting poorer. except East end.

Smith Hackney. Leonard active sensible careful

Opinion always worth taking. Curates work well

Palace Pl. (Priory Place as poor as Sewers & Streets

on other side of Well St becoming very poor.

The local Clergy

Christ Church Walker has very bad health - has been away mostly since Miss Davis came - Excellent Curates

very hard-working parish

S. Michaels Lonsdale Giles Morrow. rather pompous

Pennell the greatest prig

Holy Trinity Dalston Knapp - about most sensible

person in district - Works class reasonably well off.

S. Marks West Hackney Sanders - great opinion of himself

Other with whom is fairly good - does not give much time

being occupied with Maternal Societies &c - Parish well looked

S. John Hackney Parish Church. Mr Gardiner ill - his Curates

preach before any duty - bad Choir & bad music - Lady

visitors 4 dozen - Drunken & Worthless people off St Marks

S. Luke's Hatton very active - but give a great deal - parish poor

S. Barnabas Homerton. Blatch a very sensible man

with good steady head - Mrs Blatch worth two Curates

but less sensible.

Mares Chapel D Hamilton - the only old-fashioned Evangelical

in the district.

C.O.S. Miss Davis Cont[d] XVIII.1

All Souls & All Saints Fletcher & Hawkins - much alike - both active & known than keeper - Both send cases to C.O.S - both give doles

Millfields district going down rapidly -

Peace St about the worst

St James Clapton Garden Brown - only been here a short time - Parish has been neglected

Christchurch Clapton Sankey - fairly active but not stirred as to relief - Names blank in 14.

Non-cons & C.O.S

Non-cons know little of, few will help C.O.S in any way - Not because of principles but because of the Clerical Committee - but Non Cons require assistance of Soc much less -

"Indifferents" need the help & appeal to the Church

The "indifferents" to religion from whom applicants for relief are drawn - Go to the Church of the district for help & are sent to C.O.S by them

Lower Clapton Congl as much work & are seen like have 2 missions in Stamford

New Grove Pk Unitarian - Williams a Capital man See also Miss Gibbs & Mrs Green

Clapton Park Tabernacle - Jackson active, energetic easy to work with

Cath. Apostolic - One among our Proper - Dewsnap -

Dalston Mark St much work - Wood work with COS

St Thomas Sq Presbyterian - Mr Cook, active Well in touch

Chatsworth Rd - Typical - gives trouble & does

Salvation Army Adherents excellent - Belle there in most districts - Owing to Congress Hall - Always found them strictly upright - more than can be said of

General religious activity small results

Religious bodies generally tremendously active with apparently small results (Opinion not exactly based on teaching) - Drink usual opinions as to women drinking &c - Bands of hope futile effort owing to feeble management - Poor Law weak but improving Treatment in Workhouse more humane without Subsequent Thrift. Large amounts paid in to Church Banks &c but Must be collected to reach the pittance - No worthy Class C.O.S members

Miscellaneous Notes 13.

C.O.S. Ursicle
late Secretary
XVIII. 163

Miss Davis predecessor for 2 years. a very gay man
not much more to be got than Miss Davis had given
Highest opinion of Blatch. Lowest of Morcom (insolent)
Sennard devotes himself to the rich neglects the poor.
Gardner was a good organiser. Large band of workers
but bad material - inefficient curates & old ladies

The Local clergy

Parish very down - but Thornley is a good man. but
parish sticks in its ruts. Fletcher a churchman Simply
Donaldson a stray man & all that is possible in a one
effect more noticeable among women & girls than men
at first thought men not influenced - but the wives later.
Mission is too rich - Walker not well placed as a parson
but has curates the best in Hackney

Nonconformists work with the C.O.S but visit little
among the poor & know little - later, free meals
Thrift abnormally low - less than - Walworth Hampstead
especially So. Hackney - 12 Foresters lodges in Dalston to
3 in So. Hackney.

C.O.S makes no advance

C.O.S makes no advance in Hackney - very hopeless soil
District going down fast & C.O.S reforms we doctrines
are not attractive to Lower middle class.
Committee too weak to allow introduction of Women

Hackney Benevolent Society. - Bradford Secretary
XVIII. 23

- Society established 59 years. to give old age pensions
to deserving householders & others in Hackney
3 Classes (1) Ratepayers Subscribers - (2) Ratepayers not subscribers
(3) Persons in almshouses - Also for widows - no one under 60
or who is or has been in receipt of parish relief is eligible
Elections to vacancies half yearly by vote of subscribers - Income £700. Policy Select
large number of worthy applicants - useful Society

Ingenious Charitable Collections

Mr Bradford a great collector for Charities by ingenious devices
which fit in with his business as a grocer

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Hackney charities

There are 48 Hackney Charities
In Clapton the rich people have gone - replaced by decent middle class
Members of St James. Speak well of Garrison Neuman the activities

Hackney Spectator. Chisham & others XVIII. 37

Cadence Steel

Hon Sec. with members of this Committee formed a mon all Small tradesmen or working men.
The object "to go for the drink" – root of poverty misery
Work organised in opposition to the Socialists view of Capitalist & constitution of Society as the root of trouble
All of them are poor & many lived in the Slums are
Convinced though Many more than ever drink it is that makes them worse off –

Temperance Propaganda

Propaganda by open air meetings in Victoria Park &c
Town a hall too Expensive.
Society in a very Small way. not likely make much impression
Not all Excellent fellows & tremendously in Earnest –
All Strongly religious men – Connected with some body
✱ Point of view that of the religious working man.
In South Hackney drinking Enormously increased, Especially

Classes who drink

among women – Formerly only degraded women used to enter Public house without shame – now the most respectable women habitually do it – Young women out with their young men nearly always go into a pub. –
Shoemakers are heavy drinkers –
Increase due also to working mens clubs – more drinking there.
The improvements in the Public Houses has added to temptations & made it easier for respectable people to go into them.

Proportion of income going in drink

Society estimate that of poor 25/ income, 5/ goes in drink & that at least 75% of the Poverty of London is due to this

Grieved at my statements

Horace much grieved at my statement of 14%.
Find these figures thrown in their face by Socialists & feel sure if I could as much as they of the poor I should realise that I am wrong.

Other things Cheap – more for drink

Another cause is the excessive cheapness of necessaries nearly all the additional margin goes in drink
Police, Inspectors & all – Squared by publicans – have watched this

Police & Publicans

work Moseeate – Tuscless for Private individual to do it
If they interfere told to mind their own business or they may get a broken head "

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Police & betting — Police also paid by book makers & mostly bet themselves well known that almost any Small tobacconist, newsagent Barber is a book maker or agent - yet none are prosecuted except on complaint of some one wellwisher - or the Clergy.

Work of Salvation army & Small missions — Salvation army alone touches & reclaims the really poor. (Stated by Mr West a Baptist but agreed to by all) & the Small missions of their own class.

The religion for the Poor — The Poor never religiously touched by superior socially, by Education must have religion - simple plain & direct -

Clergy Taken in — The few who go to Churches Chapels or Mothers meetings go for what they can get - Clergy & Ministers terribly taken in have no Spiritual influence at all among the poor.

Useful Social work — Yet do much good by Social work Keeping people out of the streets & public houses -

misuse of relief tickets — Relief tickets never go to people who deserve them

Mr Barker on out — Mr Barker wears himself out in his efforts.

Action of the S.A — Salvation Army does not win the Chapels but reclaims Sinners Churches & Chapels filled with well to do. thinking

Fine dressy Religion — more of clothes than of religion - Any one badly dressed must take a back seat.

Loose relation between sexes — Relations between sexes becoming looser - less Stigma Among men Chief topic of conversation besides Sport is their successes or intentions. Hacking common

Fornication in open Street # — Woman Traffic fearful Contrast

Influence of education on manners — Education has made manners worse - less respect

Filthy language of the Streets — Language deteriorated - filthy language in the Streets

Districts deteriorating — Socially & morally Hackney is going down.

Chesterton Girls - Miss Faith Thurn Club XVIII. 54 — A lady between 30 & 40 - the Club becomes her old home turned by her into a club which she manages Herself an pronounced agnostic - belongs to Ethical Soc.

Co-operation of all denominations — but has secured co-operation of all denominations. Mr & Mrs Blatch (whose Church is opposite) are on her Committee Heads her the parish hall

Success due to elimination of religious element — Religion & no-religion equally excluded - Girls work in factories - appears better - Chief amusement dancing # attributes success largely to elimination of religious element

This evidence appears also in Parish Notes (13) 18.

Headmaster - Gardiner
Gainsborough Dr. XVIII.77
Hacking work

Assistant master 1870/81 - Headmaster since 1894.
Capable - a little opinionated & pushful
District neither Criminal nor poverty stricken except

Two classes at the work

Two classes - one lazy & needs well - Thrifless - work
a little & could get work but hanging about from choice

Casual workers Hoafers - women carry more

Mostly labourers supported by abundance of casual work
Conditions similar to what used to be with the docks
though not so bad [local demand for female labour limited

the other class mostly but industrious

As to the class mostly but industrious factory workmen
Boys from these classes equally

Comparison with past

* Compared with past less brutality more labour

more lazy - less brutal

* In old times a common thing for parents to come down
with a horsewhip to the schools - but not now. -

less violence - more loafing.

Generally less violence - more apathy & loafing. Men
get just enough to live on & are satisfied - women

Eam more. Eat more. waste more

gossip more - Standard of low animal comfort gone up
Earn more, eat more & waste more - more meat

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Good as far as it went but does not go very far.
Better more brutality with vigour

On the whole stagnation

On the whole stagnation with some internal movement
changing nothing - Those who can well leave - source

Those who can well leave

of regret mixed with satisfaction - Steady drift of failures

Failures drift here -

Thus locally no signs of improvement - life & work

Life & work disheartening

in the district disheartening - No one parson or schoolmaster

No one should stay long at it

ought to have to stay long - "A man can only make little

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only an immortal could keep it up"

Strong effort one can't keep it up
Not more than average drinking

No prostitution

Prostitution - little known & talked - now those here come

promiscuous relations

to sort with others around - Relations between promiscuous

difficulties as to boys names

morality at a low level - Illegitimacy shamefully different
as to names of boys at school -

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Two or three bands connected with Religious bodies.

Multiplicity of visitors

As whole thriftless - a good deal of visiting by
(1) Church Mission (2) Salvation Army (3) Wesleyan (4) Wesleyan Methodist
Mr Doyle known to come in the district

(Cont'd) Gardiner XVIII 77

Local Gov' fairly effective now & prompt on abuses

Mr Gardiner called on Mr Swift (assist' master) a member of vestry who said Health had been very bad but had much improved – Drainage. the Question – sanitation rather than condition of house.

Sanitary trouble – dust heaps. There is a 'shoot' for several local vestries near – a source of infection – mainly Skin diseases. The Chelsea still police about there – Dust destructor wanted

Local management of property. Local property managed on strictest "business lines" A good deal of 10 or 12 per cent owners among keen-eyed vestrymen – No single large Estate – mostly 6 houses or so – Exception Mr Peake with 200 houses Some financial corporations (Jews) – One owns 250 houses

Improved condition and its influences. Condition now fair because of influence – was strikingly bad as to the mission – Rev Mr Donaldson – the mission the largest & wealthiest but query the most advantageous very active – acts as a corps (good) – but the tone of Cadgers To find more real religion among the people you must go to Dykes Mission (said to be connected & supported by Congregationalist Chapel Clapton) – but Donaldson better than Dimsdale – dwells not hypocrisy – Bishop Carter before Dimsdale would go without blankets to give them to those whose money was given to drink An angel's good follow but an angel mischief makes Better no mission than one that dispenses

Sister Katherine. "Sister Katherine" was efficient – She would answer "You are dirty enough – go & dip" – You can wash go to the wash tub." – She has kept the district Thinks Donaldson is learning his lesson – but doubtful if more good or harm is done

Effect of the school. As to effect of the School – they do their best to make Children regular punctual & tidy – If they succeeded in the first the boys do not turn out bad – Taste could be cared if parents would support – but Children are the masters

* No help from parents – Children the masters at home. there is no discipline – If School not the 'real mission' – at least no influence so important – & the religion half learnt especially

Cm°. Gardener XVIII.77

Only then is there the chance to make boys feel they are getting into bad habits

Value of the religious bag of tools

No Sunday classes in this School - but some in a neighbouring School better situated - The exception when any of his boys go -

The loafing type of boy *

Looking round he can tell what boys will turn out loafers & in loafers read the parentage

Appearance of the children

Does see the boys march past - a ragged brigade - Also class of specially artificially utterly illiterate children The Work produces children of even worse type who are sent elsewhere - These bad & sad enough - Then the top Standard (6 & 7) contrast very strong - Must be good stuff in the Work - quite young boys - up 3 or 4.

S.R.D. Mrs Maynard XVIII.93.

Grey haired lady deputation &c - almoner of S.R.D. for Clapton - Hackney Downs as far as Homerton High St. does not know working district leave administration to C.O.S - but visits each case at least once.

Worst parts

Worst part - streets about Homerton Church & lower part of Clapton Park - but Streets off Southwold Rd became bad

Increase of drinking

Great wave of drinking since last General Election - great

Prosperity of P. Houses *

Signs of prosperity in the drink trade - insignificant houses blossoming into fine palaces.

Attitude of non-Cons

Member of Mr Harries Congreg Church. The Round Chapel Mr Harries absorbed in preaching - Considers it almost his sole duty though not a good preacher - Seldom goes out Has weak health - All non Cons too exclusively engaged with their own (wealthy) Congregations - Runs little or nothing of the poor - Shows zeal for foreign work, Israel without & among - Her brother almoner at Harries' Church - & doles the funds to any members of the Congreg.

C.O.S & non Cons

Name of C.O.S red rag to most non Cons partly because of Clergy on Committee

Chesterton Girls Club doing really Christian work Miss Johnson admirable moral influence - but it was difficult to raise funds because of prejudice on part of non Cong religious Clubs

S R D. Miss Parnell
XVIII.99.

Lady not over 30, Almoner of S.R.D. for South Hackney — leaves address at Mothy & C.O.S. District visitor Hackney Parish Church & Orchard Place out of Clarence St. & knows this bit well Purple on our map. 22 houses & 70 ms each — Generally one family per house but may take lodger Use to take long where — but find new tenants more difficult — & now 10 out 22 cannot get beyond area never sees the man & seldom a lodger — always "out"

difficulties of visiting

typical work class people & houses

All tidy well kept houses — typical work class parlours & back a bay garden well looked after
New tenants less respectable — hence greater difficulty
Visitors thro Parish not allowed to give relief — She prefers this.
Her Chief duty to induce people to attend Church — Majority utterly indifferent — few ever go to any place of worship of drink never any direct sign but she sees it many one — hears of drinking at night

Majority indifferent to Church going

no drinking noticeable

Mr Gardiner an excellent Clergyman much hampered by ill health
Work of parish very active but under increasing difficulties owing to falling off in funds — Richer people going.

Pastor Frisius — XVIII.105.
German Lutheran Church

Church next to German Hospital
Is a Tall curly headed grey haired man — Pleasant nice
Inclined to deplore wickedness of world & Germans in
particular & hopelessness of his task

hopelessness of task

The rich Germans have left. the Poor remain —
Chiefly tailors & makers of trousers employing girls & High class cabinet makers — men who left France 1870

French-germans

To German Steadiness have added French artistic taste
Also have a vices — taken to Masters Drink &
below an unemployed fringe always in misery
The young men by own fault — the Early Industry Speculation
Drink then great vice — many clubs — play drink & spend money
Wife just been complaining — half the money So Short.

Cnl. Pastor Frisius
XVIII.105.

Hospital was founded 1845. Have 125 beds
Open to every one who has had accident – ⅓ English
24000 out Patients annually ½ English – German
have a preference – need no letters.
German Jews in St Marks road from White chapel to
road to Hampstead –
Church built 1874. (old Church was in Seitz of Mr Moses Staff)
Two services a Sunday except in Summer when no German come
to Excursions. May are social Reunions & other that
come at all. S. Sch for Children Excepted – Summer for 5 wks
Service twice a week in Hospital – visits all his
congrg at least 6 times a year 600 persons out of 2000
Great Hostility not only against the Church but against God
some are Enemies of God. real hostility not indifference
Many Service 70 to 100 adults. Half male
Evening Service from – 30 to 70. Sat 75. of
whom do come regularly – Not a bad congrg because
may live so far off
At Xmas Shows £60 in blankets coal & food.
Has 25 Dressmakers helped by S.P.D & they have to find
many Coal & Bread tickets to Poor the Church – & Orchard
tickets to Stray Germans – No one goes away Empty handed if in distress.
Hopes to build a School room – has one in hospital now
for Saturday Sch & 2 small rooms – Church for S. Sch
No Clubs – but they want to start & dance.
Complain of Germans not having their trades thoroughly
& of Early marriages.
From Brandenburg & Pomerania Come girls who work for tailors
can make 11/ to 21/ – are freer there in Germany. Some
stay respectable & send money home – some not.
500 Germ Prostitutes said to be on Streets in London
Germans spend much on Pleasure – Go to Epping on Sunday
Too much Liberty here –
Most Germans Come as adventurers to London – All that
have – & the Poor for nothing are worse off than before –

S R D Miss Danish XVIII. 11g

Almoner of SRD & District Visitor St Johns parish
Poss & pretty old maid of about 60 lived 12 years here
Devotes whole time to Charitable work - has COS sees, once
Knows Money Lane & west of Clarence Pl° best
Says Money Lane - especially centre part as bad
as Chalgrove Pl°. & is besides wretched by unhealthy
Unhealthy basis of water cress bed
having been built on water cress bed - worst street Westbourne Pl
Clarence Pl has improved - & she finds the respectable Westbourne Pl
or somewhere near.
Of slums round London pleases Warburton Pl the worst
Bad district near Dalston Junction
All round Dalston Junction one map too favourable
This district steadily deteriorating.
Drink the Cause
Almost only cause of Sordid poverty - drink - Any
one who visits & watches must think so - 29 PHs in parish
29 Public Houses
Remedial Agencies cannot fight against their influence
Smoky closing reduction of licenses necessary - Suggests
Smoky closing reduction in numbers
publishing map of Public Houses
No reason to think drink amongst men increased but
Begun to drink younger
they begin younger - & great increase among women & girls
Women & girls take more to drink
At one time women used 'look round' before entering
& then slink in - now enter quite openly - Marsh &
or Smoky night full of parties of men lads & girls
Lads & girls treat grandmother
(one Lad to 2 or 3 Girls) who go to several public houses
& stand drinks round at each -
Accidents to Children from drunken mothers
Danger of Hope of little use if Parents are not abstainers.
Danger of Hope little or no use unless parents are
teetotalers - teacher says one thing & mother does another
& often sends them for beer just after they come home
So children nearly always "fail" when they go to work
Often drink. Crowding from high rents
Next to drink - high rents - leading to crowding. Cleanliness
is lost - decency unknown - loss of self respect follows
Loss of decency & self respect
Death Rate low even of improvement unless drink curbed & more
There has been improvement
house room provided but there has been improvement
in 12 years -

Cont°. Mrs Parish
XVIII 119

A few poor go to mission
Scarcely any to church

A few of poor go to mission - Scarcely any to church
Country Prospect of caught or arrival Can be brought to
church - with Londoners almost hopeless
Obstacles - 1st Drunkenness - Smoky habits - Late rising
late dinners (Seldom before 3 often later) Soaking of
liquor. (If you want to shape their character call on them
at 4 o'clock or Sunday) - 2° The Chapel where none
but the Strongest natures can face - Knew an old
woman who resorted to subterfuges to Conceal the fact
from her neighbours - started Early & Long in opposite direction
(3) Lack of simplicity in Service - nearly all above
heads of the poor - & the barricading of folding doors
makes it harder for the poor to go —
Chapel far the strongest body - poor Cons know nothing
of the poor - never combine for relief - funds must be left to
the Ch. Clergy
In relief much more sensible than poor Cons
By neither is there direct bribery -
Great fault - hopeless want of Organization & Cooperation
* Poor often have 3 or 4 different people calling - nearly
all giving Something however small - was once 7th visitor
Charitable relief in such fashion must do harm
See also * notes on page 143 which are in part as to Character & Causes of Poverty & Remedies

Auctioneer & House Agent

Omaha Office Oxford Street & Medway Road - Has Known
XVIII.133. district 30 years - Sharp business man
Talks freely of property & rents - Demand for houses great
a dozen applications for one vacant house - able to
pick & choose & select respectable people in decent work
Railway Employees both servants - Post men - Occupy for
long terms - some 30 or 40 years - little if any poverty
nearly all let lodging - some lodgers poor - Sometimes
married Children of occupant - Rhodes family Rich landlords
tenants very independent class - Shirt Show in boys clubs
Neighborhood has deteriorated in last 15 years -
Nearly the Jews - able to sublet at double rents
Kingsland Road Still in Existence
Education & Religion are improving influences people becoming more steady
a good deal more religious & Philanthropic work done Knapp Slaughter & accordingly
Some immorality - Improper houses are closed with detectives

House Agt. Stoddart XVIII. 161. Recommended by Father Dunn – Small man, wearing glasses, quiet pleasant mien – lives & works at home – between 50 & 60 in the district all his life – remembers when water cress could be picked up where Chalcots Rd NW is. Largest Estate of Sir John Cass – between Cass Land Rd & Holloway Rd. Valentine Rose Estate – West of Kentish Rd & 5 others are mentioned.

The St Thomas Hospital Estate notorious "black marks"

Charities shewn have a conscience

Hardly any freehold houses Short of outskirts

Most leasehold have 30 or 40 years to run –

Best built King Edwards Rd. – Worst Black Lion Yard built NW corner Hatching Common

Every neighborhood has ups & downs – first leases of fair class – These go when freeholders leases off – Lower class succeeds – they go when comes Crucial moment for up or down – if well built a better class comes – if badly a still worse class succeeds & neighborhood goes down irrecoverably – Instance Rose Roads do not always fall when this happens because of not being taxed in full – Rental not a test – Jews the worst tenants Nevertheless they creep in

R.O. Nuckmasters XVIII. 171 – District South of Clapton Park – R.O for 15 years previously at Hackney Wick – Pedro Street the most drunken & roughest neighborhood. much worse than the most Public house keepers living in their wives – The George & Glyn Rd the vilest house in London –

Condition largely due to weak administration of poor law Cases not followed up – Has reduced out relief by £7. If stopped the people shift to some other parish

* Out relief all right with proper administration needs Small districts & more ROs

R O

Coffin
XVIII. 191

Just now leaving for another district has been working for 9 years in Clapton Park & Hackney Wick & for last 4 in the Wick exclusively –
Clapton Park is different & has altered
Wick people mixed lot – socially rather than industrially
Some are respectable turned not be thought of there or wish to have the place labelled as of bad repute
Even when it was a thoroughly bad place – they were not unruly
Police action has done much for respectability –
In no sense a criminal district – Compares fag with Whitechapel
A good deal of money crimes – women helping – Terrible destitution in winter
Poor not migratory – precarious – so hop picking in Summer
Rents rather low – Health not so bad – saved by openness
Not enough Sanitary inspection – dirty bedding a danger – plague of flies
Public does an enormous trade – Eton mission provides the only entertainment – Football on the marsh a new thing – ground covered with sheep
The Board School has not places enough for the Children will build another
On good terms with & treats well of police – help each other
Owes credit to the Eton mission – doesn't know what the Wick would be without it in bad winters –
The Wick improving on the whole – Proposed new Bridge & direct road to Stratford will alter the whole character
Mr Coffin has an affection for the place & its people – of the Boys he says 'they are all very kind to him' & grateful
Remarks on Borough policing – Arbitrary acting – & Labour yard
A genial R.O

Head master Dawberry D.S.

Addiscote
XVIII. 205

Been at this School 15 years – great changes since he came
School is isolated when built – all built up now – recent expansion
new houses recently built & occupied – few Children have come yet
Poor School attendance – irregular now – Children removed home to Walthamstow
Clapton Park district low & unhealthy – low standard of life
Eton forsaken place – improving somewhat L.C.C. action – but
Takes a gloomy view – But School reacts tremendously on homes
Boys leave Take the first move, that open – p. 21 73 – teachers can do & have done much to improve the school – Description of the Children

Donaldson
The Eton mission
Special talk on
things in general
XII B. 205.

In bed with knee cap accident - bicycling -
His sister Hon Mrs Lawley wife of incoming rector
of Hackney was with him
In Hackney wick where there are 7 off beer licenses
+ only one pub & one out off beer - Object of
interview to learn about off licenses -
Just as much drinking where ever the licenses
A man will drink where he may - or opportunities
of road - law may prohibit this but is not enforced
Police cannot do it - can only go a little
in advance of morality of district - must have
moral support of better class of neighbours
Police wise in so acting - would soon find out how
weak they were - & neighbourhood worse for out cry
Your genuine soaker does not stay at P.H. but
goes home & comes again
[As to theory & practice of confession see bk 20]
"The Church must give the people what they want
of most use among women & boys 17 to 18.
Outspoken Mrs Lawley - as to non confessing women]
Police would be more than human if they did not
accept drinks - pressure on very scale - not much
+ does not lead to neglect of duty
Noisy public at Corn Victoria Pd + Lansbury Lr Pd
not badly kept - noisy people
Men not centres of evil as to drink - what harm
there is is done to himself - otherwise with
* women - One woman will set a whole street talking.
Will not drink alone - are sociable - talk + drink
Does not see improvement in the course of 6 years.
Worry is the cause with women - anxiety constant
Consequently getting a race of women with tendency to
Endure stupidly - Beat those needed & taught to drink
*: dulls the sense of present evil + gives a vision to what
is to come" - Why more now than formerly he does not know
Perhaps fashion - sees workers from the west

Donaldson — Mem Boys in Hackney lack Power of Concentration
Commission — never take of something for 5 minutes - no matter
Special Court — what - To meet them must fall in with them
X111[B]. 205. * "Tit bit Style" necessary - Even in Sermons
Boys now & then something will stick -
* A steady artisan will drink 2 Pots (quarts)
a day - "for ale" - or 8[d] per day.

Branham — Man over 50 pleasant willing to give information
Surveyor Values — Has plans with Nos of all licensed houses
Assessment Comm[n] — in Bow Bromley, Mile End, & Hackney - List not
Hackney Union — quite complete but with permission from Committee
X111[B]. 223. — would allow us to Check our Mss - Very busy till Oct
Duing last 3 years Houses have fore[n] Sermons
in value - began with loan of £1000.000 to
* Common Brewery by Mr Mc Calmont - with
this many the Brewers set to work to tie loans
Other Brewers had to protect themselves - Rents
went up - & the death duties pushed forward
reconstruction of firms as companies with increased Capital.
* Instance of value increasing from £4000 to £23.000
from 1895 to 1897 - another from £2000 to £32000
Public Houses meet a real want - as refreshment
houses - as clubs - as places of business - Pong Glass
(small half pint) outcome of business use
* "Comet have smelling" - neither Sex wants to
drink -
One man may not by law hold more than one
License but often is real proprietor of several
All classes become Publicans - best Men in largest houses
& if a man a bad servant - may take to do it well -
* Publican a little above his Customers socially as a rule
Number of houses may large - but not a vast
* Two sorts of Policemen - increase with great strictness
decrease by making large by out small - See page 229.
Wet weather worst for drink - especially wet Mondays & Thursdays
when men drink instead of work
* Any policeman who looks as if he were like it gets it"

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Hackney and South Hackney.

Maitland in his "History of London" written in the 18th century says "The village of Hackney being anciently ~~so~~ celebrated for the pleasantness seats of the nobility and gentry occasioned a mighty resort thither of persons of all conditions from the city of London. ..... And though this place at present be deserted by the nobility, yet it so greatly abounds with merchants and persons of distinction that it exceeds all other villages in the kingdom and probably on earth in the riches and opulence of its inhabitants, as may be judged from the great number of ~~people~~ ~~who~~ persons who keep coaches there."

This I think is something more than a piece of mere antiquarian love: the nobility &c. is true have long departed, leaving behind them no trace but a few tombs in the parish church: but the day of the merchants is ~~so recent~~ scarcely over: a few of the fine old houses in Clapton Road (and still more on Stamford Hill, outside the bounds of this district) are still in the occupation of wealthy City men; while ~~all~~ the streets of which the ancient village was chiefly composed - many of both of Dalston Lane, High St - are lined with the outer shells at least of the solid comfortable mansions in which dwelt ~~the fathers~~ generations of prosperous merchants whose ~~their~~ carriages ~~took~~ ~~took in the City~~ them daily to and from their office or warehouse in the City. So recent-ended

is the period of which we speak that it is still within the memory of the older among those from whom we have taken evidence: and no account of Hackney as it is can be complete which fails to recall the fact that latterly it was a pleasant suburb of large London surrounded by gardens or even parks, of Nursery Gardens, of watercress beds and ponds, intermixed with cowsheds and brickfields; and no doubt with courts, and alleys, and cottages inhabited by a class no less poor than that which still occupies the older slums which cluster around Nuns St. Moorfields Lane, and High St. Homerton. To connect the present with the past is not easy: no adequate account can be given of the evolution of modern Hackney - with its endless streets of lower middle class and artisan dwellings and its

modern shrines - ~~which has been added to the~~ from the Hackney which we have pictured: but at least we can trace some few points in which the wealthy generations that have ~~passed~~ gone have ~~possibly~~ helped to mould the conditions of life, and therefore the characters, of the ~~clerks~~ small professional men, the clerks the artisans and the labourers who have taken their place. It is in the religious field that their influence may be most clearly traced: they were a pious race much given to the building of handsome evangelical looking churches and to the endowment of non-conformist chapels; Hackney indeed seems to have shared with Clapham in the south the reputation of being a hotbed of Dissent; and among the middle classes at all events the traditions of evangelicism and non-conformity are still strong; the churches and the chapels (the latter especially) seem to attract

unusually good congregations: (we are told that the people of Hackney require no urging to ~~be~~ induce them to go to church): Non-conformity, though ~~with~~ it's influence is waning with the change in the character of the people, is ~~still~~ perhaps unusually powerful, and owing to the traditions of the locality seems still to be served by ministers of more than the average culture and power. While the evangelical richness of the last generation of churchmen can still be traced in the difficulty of ~~no~~ introducing ritual in the services of the parish church. It is chiefly the middle class no doubt that has felt the direct ~~religious~~ influence of these past traditions: there has been a religious atmosphere and environment which ~~it~~ has ~~not~~ probably attracted some to the district, and which has enriched and

drawn in others who have been led here by other causes.
But great religious activity among the class about
them cannot fail to influence the lives of the
poor: the multiplicity of churches and chapels, even
if not largely productive of religious observance among the
poor, must through the social agencies and activities
of the churches, bring them ~~in greatly under the~~
into constant contact with religious people, whose
influence on them must directly and indirectly be of
a far reaching character. ~~We may therefore fairly say~~
~~that~~ But a certain religious atmosphere is not the
only legacy that the past generations have left behind
them; in their numerous charitable bequests they
have bequeathed legacies of a more liberal and
material kind, which bring of a substantial character

Rect- has influenced for good or for bad hundreds of the poor of the parish; which may indeed has drawn to the district some of the recipients or expectant recipients of these funds.

~~How~~ The outward aspect too of Hackney still shows many traces of how recently it has ceased to be a pleasant village; ~~and has been changed to~~ many of the old houses and gardens are still left, the houses it is true often turned into factories, and the back gardens either built over or more wilderness of ~~back~~ yard: but in many cases with fine and stately trees still surrounding them —

[At this point I stuck ~~meaning to return to the~~ finding that I was not bringing out what I wanted to, and meaning to return to the attack at the finish, but from want of time I leave this opening for what it is worth as giving some indication of what I think wants doing.]

With so much by way of preface I propose to take this district by ecclesiastical parishes and try to form some estimate of the work and character of those who are ~~the~~ stationed in each parish, and of the measure of success with which their efforts are attended.

We begin in the extreme East with the parish of St Augustine and so first to the Eastern portion of it, that part which is known as Hackney Wick, and which from the ecclesiastical point of view is dominated by the Eton Mission. Here we find a population which ~~though~~, as a whole poor, crushed and downtrodden: but though all are poor and many very poor they may be divided into two classes of very different social standing; the one decent respectable people who, though very rough, are hard and industrious workers: their

All the following is fearfully dull, but my idea is that it will be useful for reference in the future and may save going back on the books.

poverty is chiefly due to the fact that ~~the book~~ they can only obtain ~~it only~~ casual and intermittent work. The other class consists of thriftless wagers who work only occasionally ~~from choice~~, and who don't depend chiefly on the earnings of wife or children for subsistence. But though there is this moral distinction between them, in one respect both classes are alike: all or nearly all are fallen who have drifted here from other districts; ~~they are~~ ~~ignorant~~ intellectually below the dockers in most slums, they are dirty, thriftless, helpless, lawless and undisciplined, but though they are their characteristics the evidence seems to show that though not in the part now they are wonderfully free from crime; ~~and~~ in this respect they compare favorably with the dwellers in the slums of Whitechapel and Bethnal Green.

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Among this difficult population the Church of England is represented by the Eton Mission of which Mr Donaldson

Hackney Wick.

1. A characteristic of the organisations is that the attendance on the books is out of all proportion to the attendance. Donaldson.

2. Training largely neglected. Donaldson.

3. Less suitability and more eagerness than in the past. Gardiner.

4. The women often earn as much as the men, and are often the mainstay of the family especially in winter. Coffin.

5. As a class the people are not migratory. Coffin.

6. Personal and domestic uncleanliness: dirty bedding a special feature. Coffin.

7. Improving and will improve. The new thoroughfare to Stratford will do much. Coffin.

has been the head for six years. ~~It is~~ A young man full of energy and enthusiasm, with abundance of common sense, ~~a man who~~ one instinctively feels to be doing good work, ~~and who keenly takes a hopeful view of the effect which the efforts of the Mission have had upon the district~~. Owing to the smallness of its area, its short- in character, and the universal poverty of the population there are probably two other parishes in London where the Church knows the people so well or is so closely in touch with them; "everybody", says Mr Donaldson "knows what the mission is, and what our object is. I believe they all look upon us as their friend." But here, as elsewhere among similar populations, the spiritual influence of the Church is widely very slight: only a very small proportion of the people are ever found at the religious services; and even of those who are

it is alleged by more than one witness that the majority are drawn by interested motives, and that the genuine religious fiction of the inhabitants, ~~who~~ made to conform ~~found~~ rather in one of the two chapels. Whether this is so or not it is clear that the dominating influence of the Mission in the district is due, mainly ~~entirely~~ to its wide spread social and charitable activity, to its clubs for men, boys, and girls, its thorough system of visitation, its treats and entertainments, its perhaps lavish administration of charity; to its ability in fact to draw somewhat gloriously from a rich-filled purse: we find, ~~therefore~~ widely a rather wide spread impression that the Mission is too rich, and that it does as much or even more harm than good. ~~Under~~ During the headship of Bishop Carter, ~~who was~~ an Anglican saint,

it is very probable that this impression was ill
founded, but my own feeling is very strong that so
sane and level-headed a man as Mr Donaldson is
dealing widely with the ~~difficult~~ problems which in each
a district must ~~be~~ be in a very true, and is
fully alive to the danger of making an improper
use of the resources at his command.

The Non-Conformists are represented here by the
Wesleyans, whose little chapel seems to draw a good
evening congregation for the district. Sister Mary
Broad and Sister Julia, who are connected with the
church, visit largely ~~among~~ the people, and Mr
Donaldson speaks of them as excellent people; ~~but~~
they have neither the means, nor probably the desire
to carry on any extensive social work.

Mr Dyke who has represented the City Mission in
this district for 40 years is a sweet-natured old
gentleman who devotes his time to visiting ~~in this~~
~~district~~. Mr M Donaldson speaks of him as having
little influence; and even if this is to underestimate
him ~~he is probable that~~ he is somewhat too guileless
to be successful in dealing with the more shifty portion
of the population: but among those who are al-
all susceptible to religious influences his genuine goodness
cannot ~~fail~~ altogether fail of effect.

Hackney which is one of the Slum Posts of
the Salvation Army: the Captain of the Corps
is Miss Smith, who with her lieutenant and
four cadets, works ~~day~~ hard, preaching, praying,
and visiting, but apparently without inducing many

to join the Army; there seems no reason to suppose
that the influence of the Army in the district is otherwise
than good.

I am dealing at unusual length with Hackney
which because I feel that here if anywhere
one ought to be able to gauge with some
accuracy the effect of the remedial influences at work
among the people; for short off as it is it bears
largely the character of a village. The impression left
on me by the evidence is that even if no
richer, the population is on the whole distinctly
improving from the moral point of view and this to
though the majority of those who are rising materially or morally
to other districts; in their improvement. I cannot but
think that the widely permeating influence of the Eton

Mission has been the most important factor: although a
Hole managed Board School, more activity in local
government and more efficient police control have no
doubt been contributory causes; though for the two
latter are probably to some extent due indirectly to the presence
of the Mission, which has been able to act as an effectual
spur for the local authorities, and urge them on to vigorous measures.

From Hackney Wick we move to the western portion
of St Augustines, where we find a population
of two social grades; at the end immediately adjoining
Hackney Wick the people are for the most part
poor, and there is a good deal of shifting from
this street to the East of the railway and back again, but
here there is said to be much less destitution than in
the past. The other portion of the parish is the home
of artisans and clerks. Here the Church is represented

by Mr Baxter, a man of extraordinary devotedness, ~~to~~ evidently wearing himself out with his unremitting exertions. ~~to~~ in other parishes where the population is mainly ~~of the~~ working class ~~but~~ only a small proportion are churchgoers, but of those who are, the majority belong to ~~the~~ ~~of~~ the male sex: indeed the most remarkable characteristic of Mr Baxter's work is his success in getting hold of the men and boys; he describes the women as being less straightforward and honest than the men. Here as at the Star Mission the social activity is great; and there are few inhabitants of the parish who are not touched directly or indirectly.

Of the Non-Conformists who work in the district the most successful is probably Mr Veale, the Congregationalist, who in the few months he has been here has nearly doubled the number of his congregation.

The work of the Primitive Methodists, represented by the Coad, is evidently in a small way; ~~and~~ they appear to be losing ground.

St. John.

The large parish of South Hackney is divided pretty equally between the middle class and the poor; here we get into a ~~district~~ parish, which, in common with the whole of the rest of District 13, is almost universally said to be going down: though some of our ~~xx~~ evidence seems to show that the roads in immediate proximity to Victoria Park have suffered no deterioration, except in so far as the increasing influx of Jews has to some extent driven away the wealthier Christians. Further to the north Lowman thinks seems no question as to the rapid decline, and holds it, one the home of wealthy men who could afford to

give largely to the Church, is now mainly given over to
boot-factories. The Rector of South Hackney, is Rev Leonard,
whose work, ~~seems to be~~ successful among the middle class;
but neither from the spiritual or social side, are the
poor ~~seem to be~~ touched except to the smallest extent.
Indeed the only organisation which ~~seems to~~ shows any
activity in the poorest part of the district (Pelham
Road, Priory Place etc) is the Bonner Hall Mission,
(conducted by Rev Tozer), which carries on a family
religious and social work among young
people; though it is worth notice that attendance at
the religious meetings is a necessary preliminary to
participation in the social activities.

Of the non-conformists we see the Wesleyan has
two churches in the district: that in Cassland Road

cations exclusively for the middle class, but at Church Road the artizans and lower working class are reached. Rev Sackett, the Congregationalist, also draws a considerable middle class congregation, but like more than others, he complains of the decline of the district, and of the difficulty of carrying on the work, owing to the departure of the wealthier supporters of the Church.

In this parish one cannot altogether ignore the strange personality of the ~~Ex-Mayor~~ Ex-Mayor, Mr Widdows; ~~a notorious~~ undoubtedly a criminal in the past, and almost certainly a lunatic, with a possible touch of insanity, his ~~shrewdness~~ cleverness and ~~his~~ eloquence give him an influence which his moral qualities fail to justify. He appeals to lovers of the sensational and to those

whom hatred and fear of Rome lead them to put-
faith in any~~one~~ who ~~tilt~~ pitch their denunciation of
Popery in sufficiently strong language.

The parish of Christ-Church closely resembles in
character that of South Hackney; it is
~~this~~ fairly equally
divided between the middle and working classes, though the
bulk of the latter are in the poor streets of Bethnal
Green which adjoin ~~South~~ Hackney. The Walton the Vicar
I have ventured to describe as a "genial ruffian"; ~~he~~
though full of enthusiasm, ~~but~~ he is wasting in tact, and the
success of his work is largely due to a wise choice of
curates, who bear the reputation of
being the best in Hackney.

Our information as to other religious agencies in this
district is at present rather scanty.

The adjoining parish of St Michael London Fields
is one of the poorest in Hackney it differs little
in character from the adjoining streets of Bethnal Green.
Though here as elsewhere we hear complaints of deterioration
there has evidently been no change in recent years except
in the increasing prevalence of factories in Mare St.
The narrow courts and alleys between London Fields
and Mare St (especially Warburton Road) and the
streets on each side of the Broadway to the south
of London Fields bear a very bad character for drink,
which some of them are the haunt of criminals.
Mr Morcom the Vicar has the reputation of being
rather indolent; ~~and~~ evidently he does little
work in the parish beyond conducting the services: the
people are known systematically visited by Mrs Pennell,

the Scripture Reader, who has been here for many years: in character he is a Father less esteemed than Dyke. Of the Non-Conformists the most virulent is the Pastor the Primitive Methodist, who knows confesses his failure to exercise any spiritual influence over the population of the Lanes which surround his Chapel.

The Rector the Presbyterian & the Roman Catholic has always depended for support on the middle classes in the neighbourhood of Mare St. and has evidently been especially hard hit by the change which is still in progress in the neighbourhood.

The large parish of St. Philip, Dalston, still retains a middle class character in the north, while in the south it is the home of artisans, with a sprinkling of the poorest class in a small block of

streets adjoining London Fields. As a whole no doubt they and the neighbouring parish of Holy Trinity are getting poorer, artisans gradually ousting the middle classes from certain streets, while themselves giving place to labourers in others: but up to the present no part of either of these parishes shows any tendency to become disreputable, and throughout the district outward signs of poverty are almost entirely absent.

Mr Cox the Vicar of St Philip's, is a pleasant genial man keen and energetic, but ~~evidently~~ not ~~much~~ a great power in the district.

Mr Knapp of Holy Trinity has been here only a short time, and came to a disorganised parish. He is one of the most sensible of the clergy, but his quiet unsensational methods have scarcely yet had time to tell.

~~Parish upon the district.~~

Of the Non-Conformists here we know nothing with the exception of a small and unimportant mission carried on in the poorer streets off London Fields by Mr Alexander.

We now pass to the largest parish in District 13. that of St. John, the seat of the old parish church. South of the North London Railway this district is now almost exclusively working class in character: in the angle formed by Mare St. and the Railway many of the inhabitants are of the roughest class: but with the exception of Chalgrove Road the poverty of this neighbourhood is evidently not here the character of the houses shows that they are inhabited for and have always been inhabited by the labouring class.

If anything the district, since the demolition of the
work-houses, has improved in recent years. Throughout
the rest of the parish however there has been a rapid
decline in social standing; the district to the north
of the railway is now almost exclusively given over to
the lower middle class, with a sprinkling of poor and
rough characters in Templar Road, and again in the
courts off Clarence Road.

Of the religious ~~influences~~ agencies in this district we have
little information with the exception of the Church of
England; and here, owing to the departure of Mr
Gardiner, who has been Rector for seven years, we have
had to fall back upon the Senior Curate, Mr
Romley. Mr Gardiner ~~effort~~ ~~appeared~~ had the reputation
of being a good organiser; no doubt he ~~was~~ took

work up to a considerable show of activity a parish which had previously been worked on rather old fashioned evangelical lines; he got together a large band of workers, and started a good many organisations, but- ing intercourse with the People, and information from other sources, leads me to suppose that the activity was largely misdirected. The old idea of the staff of "inefficient curates and still more inefficient old ladies" has been to get the people to church: in which object among the poor at all events they have ~~hitherto~~ signally failed, in spite of lavish and ill-considered distribution of charitable relief. It is true that the congregations at the Church are unusually large, but this is owing to its traditional hold on the members of the middle class drawn from

a considerable area. Evidently the chief object of the Guardian and his curates has been to ~~maintain~~ increase the authority of 'The Catholic Church' all social and charitable organisation has been subservient to this object, but owing to the traditions of the neighbourhood they have been obliged to work cautiously, perhaps even in a rather primitive manner: here it appears it seems time to say in the words of the Fleming Williams that "they are hiding the Priests behind the benevolent friend".

Report says that the most prominent non-Con. in this district is Rev Peder Williams, an eloquent Welshman, but owing partly no doubt to changes in the population, partly to the discreditable (*) episode in his life his influence is less powerful than of was.

In the parish of St Luke in Field Row is one more in an industrial poor district, in which the bulk of the population are of the laboring class; the poorest part here is the Westpart Place and Hockley St ~~Corner~~ Corner, and some of our evidence seems to show that this patch is Dorphan than when Own map was made but with this possible exception the district has probably been stationary for many years.

The Vicar of the Parish is Rev Hartley, who seems to me quite the greatest personality among the clergy of Hackney; he works hard, but is a foolish and futile person who cannot possibly exercise a ~~city~~ good influence either spiritual or social, on his parishioners. The fact that his church is ~~not~~ well filled is due to

~~&~~ its liturgical services and doctrine, as there is no other low church within a considerable distance, with the exception of Rev's Chapel, which caters for the small class who still insist on a black gown and spoken service.

The best known of the Non-Conformists in this district is Rev Fletcher Williams the Unitarian: but except through his Sunday School and some charitable work on a small scale he quite fails to touch the poor of the neighbourhood. His is the only Unitarian Church in Hackney, and he draws his small congregation from the middle class inhabitants scattered over a wide area. He is known as an intelligent man, who is probably doing something to ~~&~~ foster the "religious enlightenment" which the spread of which

he describes as his chief aim.

A corps of the Salvation Army, under Captain Riley, carry on a small but growing work in this neighbourhood; while the Bermondsey Mission - (which comprises its efforts almost entirely to the group of poor streets in the neighbourhood of Bermondsey Sq.) - is working on very similar lines: and judging from the strong personality of Mr Holland, who is chiefly responsible for the Mission, ~~they and the~~ it and other small Missions of a like character, are more successful in touching the really poor to spiritual issues than most of the Churches and Chapels.

The Roman Catholics are represented in this district by Father Dean, who is described by them as "brave but not strenuous"; ~~and his work~~,

his influence is common with that of the R.C's throughout Hackney, does not seem to be of a pure teaching character.

The parish of St. Barnabas is also in character to St. Luke's; but is no poorer it is probably rather more disreputable: though our evidence affirms to that the worst streets (Pitcham St. Holcombe St. etc) have distinctly improved in recent years. Mr Platch the Vicar is a thoroughly sensible man; who aided by a vigorous wife, has probably had so much share in such improvement as has taken place. Mr Platch's parish has been divided, a portion being formed into the new parish of St. Paul, while a portion has St. Luke has been given over to the ministrations

of Dr Hamilton of Dean's Chapel.

A small work is carried on by Mrs Dean and Mrs Matheson at the Evangelical Hall: as with most of the small missions all work is done for love, and a regular mission church is gradually being built up.

To the north of St Barnabas lies the district known as Clapton Park, which is divided between the parishes of All Saints and All Souls. Recently originally to be a middle class district the whole of this neighbourhood, though of recent growth, is rapidly deteriorating. The streets in the west close to Clapton Road are still respectable, but as one moves eastwards down the hill towards the Lea the poverty increases, until west of Elsyn Road one reaches in the parish

of the Souls ~~population~~ ~~district~~ which according to our guidance
is lower and more depraved than can be found in any
other part of Hackney, though to the Eye it is
certainly superior to Hackney Wick. One would expect
these two districts to be very similar; both are
built on low lying unhealthy, made ground; both
suffer from the bitter moaning due to an almost
complete absence of traffic on slopes, both are
on the outer edge of civilisation: if therefore it be
the fact that Hackney Wick has been going up
while Clapton Park has been going down this is
additional proof of the beneficent influence of the
Clapton Mission: for the religious agencies in Clapton
Park though vigorous have not been altogether like in
their vigour. But Hastin's the Vicar is a pheasant

See notes on following pages.

Clapton Parish.

1. A district when shady characters hide ✱ from the world. Hawkins.
2. People attracted by the lowness of the rents. Hawkins.
3. Much living together without marriage. Hawkins.
4. Ale Beer and Babies. Blunt
5. Many of the people driven out by clearances in Bethnal Green. Blunt.
6. More applications for relief to the Guardians than in any other district in Hackney. Blunt.
7. "The Scrope" the oldest house in London. Buckmaster.
8. Rents showing a tendency to rise because so few of them are paid in full. Stoddart.
9. A better class of house being built round Darnley Road

Board School, which may improve the district. H Addiscott.
10. School attendance very bad: average about 75 p.c. H Addiscott
11. Practically all boys leave school at 13. H Addiscott.

kindly man, who has become fairly reconciled to the condition
of affairs as regards it as chronic, and alleviates it to
some extent by various methods of which the Lowson
does much less harm than Mr Jackson, the Primitive
Methodist, who has ~~done all he can to encourage~~
declared the decay of the district by an "active system of
Christ and social work" which in spite of his
claim of "care, discrimination and prudence" in
administration is conducted on the wholesale
methods which ~~do preclude~~ inevitably preclude the
exercise of these qualities. Of the non-cars in the
district probably the most notable is Mrs Moxham
who carries on his work on purely spiritual lines
and without any help ~~&~~ succeeds in drawing much
better congregations than Mr Jackson.

The Fletcher, the Vicar of All Saints, is known as a priest, but ~~not~~ of the straightforward, unessential type. His church has always been a favourite with High churchmen in the district but its activities ~~do not seem to~~ only touch the poor to the slightest extent.

In the parish of All Saints is situated the Congregational Church of the Annunciation or the Rowland Church which draws probably the largest and richest congregation of any church in Hackney, most of them dwellers in the best-to-do streets of Upper Clapton. The Church known ~~as~~ is responsible for a Mission among the poor in Clapton Park.

Here too, just off Clapton Road, is the Congress Hall of the Salvation Army, their chief centre of work in London. The membership of the corps attached to this

centre is only 630, a number which does not point to any large increase in passing residents. The services held in the Hall are however attended by the same persons, the Salvation meeting on Sunday evening drawing from 2000 to 3000, many of whom are no doubt attracted by curiosity rather than by any desire to worship.

The parish of St. James is sharply divided into middle class and poor by Clapton Road, to the east of which there are two poor patches divided by the Mill Fields. Pront Road the border of the two bears a bad name for drunken disreputable poverty; the small colony by the river though poorly ~~[illegible]~~ and ~~[illegible]~~ has poverty & has a better ~~character, and is~~ reputation, the inhabitants having intensified many of the characteristics

of the ~~village life which~~ villages who was settled here
on the river bank long before London had spread so
far East. The Vicar of St. James the Less Bethnal
Green succeeded to a hopeless neglected parish eighteen
months ago; he is a moderate man with much common
sense who has already done much to put life into
the work.

The Baptist Church on Hackney Downs is an
active centre of work among the middle class: it
has too a mission at The Waterloo Rooms in Pront-
Road, conducted by Mr Pearce, with apparently more
than the usual success in drawing the poor to
meetings. A second mission at the Rendlesham Rooms
in "The Island" is on a larger scale, and owing to
its position is probably the most influential religious
agency in that poverty stricken district.

One parish still remains in District 13, that of Christ Church. Up to quite a recent period the whole of this parish except the Island was let to respectable tenants, but the decay which has almost done its work in South Hackney is creeping North, and here too several families now often inhabit one house. The poor patch known as The Island as Hamis Island, owing to its being surrounded by ditches stands with only one exit, it is in District 14, but it will be more convenient not to separate it from the rest of the parish. It is inhabited by the class "entirely by perpetual dependence on casual employment", but there is no reason to suppose that it has deteriorated of late; those who know it best testify to some improvement in the

character of the population. The Vicar of Christ Church is the Rector, who though an earnest & not an attractive man; such influence as he possesses is not likely to extend to the Island; his curate Mr Joyce however devotes himself to that district. ~~and~~ though he like his vicar is rather too much of the Priest, he is genial and cheery, and likely to be popular among the poor; he is probably increasing his influence at the expense of the Rev Roman Mission, which was planted here at a time when the Church completely neglected the Island.

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Report by Mr. G.H. Duckworth
(contd.)

Hackney and South Hackney. Part II.

District 13

Very good on general conclusions
to be used for Vol XII

To sum up this detailed survey of Hackney and South Hackney parish by parish we may note that the main impression one derives from the evidence is of a ~~district~~ changing district: the poorer parts of it is true remain much as they were; if a move at all it is in an upward direction, with the exception of Clapton Park which shows every sign of progressing from poverty to slumdom; but the great middle class districts between Victoria Park and Well St in South Hackney, and ~~East of~~ west of Mare St in Hackney are coming steadily down in the social scale: though we may note that in Dalston, where the older houses are both and substantially built, Mr Cox of St Philip's notices a ~~tendency~~ that there are signs that the middle classes are showing a tendency to return from the northern districts,

Devisa southward again by the Variation of Tottenham ~~to~~ and
Edmonton & by the Lordship Classes. On the whole however the
change from middle class to artizan, from upper to lower
middle class in the streets north of the North London Railway
and west of Mare St. and Clapton Road, and again
south of Lea and Road: from artizan to labourer and
lower in Clapton Park: is still in progress.

Under these circumstances he feid as he should
expect that the work of the Churches is carried on
under increasing difficulties. With the departure of the
habit to do the influence of Non-conformity is waning,
while the Church of England, with its endowments ~~and~~
its which plan is ~~to disregard~~ to a great extent
also financial embarrassment, is clearly from the material
point of view an important factor in the lives of the

less population.

Taking the Churches as a whole one is struck by their tremendous activity, spiritual, social, and philanthropic; an activity much more pronounced than we found in Bow and Poplar, with the possible exception of the former there is no one who is indolent: all are then in the prime of life working with purpose whether young: there is no Hackett here, no Caldwell, no Adamson, no Rogers: and omitting our Hartley all are men of high calibre, distinctly above the average intellectually as well as morally. Of the non-Conformist I cannot speak with the same confidence, but they too I think are the very pick of their class: certainly those I have seen in the neighbouring districts men whose influence extends over a wide area, are

remarkable for their power, culture and refinement: while
owing to the tradition of Hackney and the fact that
until recently the churches have all been working it
is only natural that he should find here ministers
of more than the average power and attainments.
How then if anywhere religious influences ought to be
holding their own of not making way; and accordingly
he find that among the large middle class element
in the population the influence of the churches is
unusually great; except in the purely working class
districts the churches and chapels are well filled and
especially those north of the North London Railway.
We are told that the people of Hackney require no
urging to induce them to come to church; of the
middle class this is evidently true: with few exceptions

they attach themselves to some religious denomination, and the women and children, and in many cases the men, are regular churchgoers. This is due partly no doubt to the fact that as in all middle class districts it is the correct thing to be regular in religious observance, and in so far as Hackney excels other districts in this respect, it is due to the local traditions which have drawn to this neighbourhood an unusual number of keen Nonconformists, and to the fact that both in churches and chapels the clergy are of an unusually high class.

When however we carry our investigation further and ask how far the working classes, the artisans and the labourers and their families are touched by religious influences the answer is much more difficult to give. Here as in Bow and

Perhaps the reasons seems to be that not more than a small fraction (possibly 5 per cent) are churchgoers. (though it seems probable that among the superior artisans a larger proportion are regular in religious observance in this district than is commonly the case; and this for the reasons similar to those which he has noticed in the case of the middle class). - The reasons assigned for this absence of the working classes from the Churches are numerous - their habits of life, the late rising on Sunday, the late dinner, the sleeping and subsequent sleeping in the afternoon; the spread of clubs with their Sunday entertainments; the business, late on Sunday or the great early holiday with its expeditions to the Forest or elsewhere; the fact that it is the

fashion to disregard religion, and that those who have the moral courage to defy this fashion are subjected to unmerited obloquy and unpopularity: the lack of simplicity in dress and preaching which are above the head of all but the most intelligent working men: the undemocratic character of church government (esp especially in the Church of England): the feeling that religion has been and still is the property of the "upper classes" with whom the working man will have little or nothing in common: (except the sermon) on his own initiative: & the absence of decent clothing, (for without clothing which is something more than decent it is clear that few will venture inside a church) - these causes probably all contribute to some extent to the decrease; but even

more potent an obstacle to Christian Knowledge the masses is
the fact noticed by Mrs Walker and emphasized by Mrs
Henry Williams that the working classes as a whole
have a lesser sense of ethical obligation than those
above them in the social scale: they will admit of
no divorce between novels and religion: ~~and so~~
to get religion necessitates the leading of a life of
the strictest self-restraint: ~~and so~~ for to them
morality means positive morality: and church going is
regarded as utterly incompatible with drink, cards, gambling,
music halls, and all the other worldly pleasures which
are not heavenly tabooed by churchgoers in the upper
and middle classes. It is for this reason no doubt
that we are so often told that when the masses
take to religion they are much more in earnest about

Quest the Unscrupulousness of the poor when religious.

On Bank Holiday, a few years back, I was passing near a drinking fountain on Hampstead Heath when suddenly a rough looking laboring fellow elbow his way thro' the crowd to the fountain with the remark "Out o' the way, you blokes; when Jesus Christ does the job he don't do it by halves." I think he had come for another in religious meeting near by.

J.A.

of them those who are above them; this is probably
untrue: the proportion of those who are practical religious
is no doubt much the same in every class: but
the observance of religious duties is much more common
among the rich and well-to-do than among
fashion, and partly to the fact that questions of
morality are viewed from a lower and certainly a less fanatical
standpoint.

But whatever be the cause it is clear that the
gulf between the ~~working classes~~ masses and the Churches is
~~on the spiritual~~ in spiritual matters
no doubt the gulf narrows as we pass from the
poorest to the richest of the working class: a larger
proportion of churchgoers will be found among the
comfortable artisans of Deloton than among the labourers

in the Summer of Hackney Wick or Clapton Park; in the
one case the prospects may rise to 10 per cent in the
other it will probably fall to 1 or 2 per cent.
but in matters other than spiritual the poorer and
more degraded the ~~poor~~ population the more likely is it
to be in close touch with the church; it is true
that artisans and labourers ~~are~~ alike lead their
children to Sunday Schools, but apart from this the
churches scarcely touch the life of the ~~higher~~ respectable
working-class at any point; it ~~they~~ those men
do not require charitable assistance; they rather
resent being visited; they have clubs and friendly
and benefit societies of their own; while the women
are for the most part too respectable to mix with the
younger ones who are usually met at mothers' meetings.

the very poor on the other hand are constantly leaving
on the Churches: they are visited (usually by unpaid
agencies) & relieved, ~~assisted~~ helped, brought into clubs, Mothers'
Meetings, penny banks, temperance societies etc to such
an extent that it is safe to say that among them
there is scarcely a family in the life of which the
religious agencies fail to play an important part.
~~The rich~~ The rich then seem to be that ~~the rich then~~
~~to which~~ the ~~working class~~ working may be roughly divided into two classes:
the first consisting of our E F, and a good many
of D which contains a ~~few~~ proportion of Germans
religious people, churchgoers to whom their Church and
their religion is the ~~#~~ chief interest in their lives, ~~and~~
~~who do~~ touching them at many points social as well
as spiritual; but with the other go pew rent standing

completely absent, (except in so far as some of them recognise the value of religious environment for their children) - whereas religion and ~~religion~~ seldom take hostility but always indifference not unmixed with suspicion. In the other class are our A, B, C, and some of D, scarcely some churchgoers except for the boys and girls, but with their lives touched on every side by the social and philanthropic activities of the religious bodies. Having made this distinction this further point seems to require ~~some~~ ~~some~~ - that the Church of England with its large funds and its wide interests in social activity plays a much more prominent part in the lives of the poorest than the hooligans, but that among the higher strata the reverse is true; for it will be found I think that the churchgoers among

the services are both comparatively few exceptions attended
to distasteful characters, attracted ~~partly~~ no doubt by
their more democratic constitution, ~~partly~~ by a greater
simplicity ~~in the liturgy~~ * of not and variety in the
~~liturgy~~ service, by a fathers more sensational and more
eloquent style of preaching, and to some extent possibly
by a natural leaning to their particular doctrines, which
these churches in teaching at all events are almost
alone in upholding.

This distinction however between the Church and the
Chapel is to some extent breaking down, and is
certainly less marked in Hackney than in Bow and
Poplar: on the one hand the Church is certainly not
losing and is possibly gaining ground among the artisans.
while on the other the Chapel, driven on to some extent

by association with the Church, is greatly increasing its social activities among the poor; and in this district he finds some of the non-con. bodies as or more active in the poor districts than any of the churches, though most of them still hold aloof and refuse to recognise that they have any other than spiritual duties.

Indeed here as in Bromley I cannot fail to notice the universal activities or spiritual aims: here as there clergy and ministers ~~alike~~ alike ~~that~~ insist that their social activity is directed solely to spiritual ends; does, all these clubs, ~~and~~ meetings, ~~and~~ entertainments exist simply as many things in the net by which they seek to draw the people to the Church and to religious observance, or to keep them when once they have

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been gathered in. /

So far we have only considered the influence of the churches from a general point of view, and it may be well to consider it more detail. Some of the manifestations of their activity in the light of the evidence gleaned in this district. We expect that so many services are held that the Sunday Schools, Institute or Clubs, Temperance societies, mothers meetings, district visitors Bands &c, does not carry us very far; we want to get behind these words, and to try and find out what they really mean in each case, and how far they are likely to be influences for good in the lives of those whom they touch.

The universality of Sunday Schools, and the fact that nominally all sects they are completely

To Map 56

Influence of Religion.

1. "Only a few special men can get hold of the poor" Lennard.
2. Earnestness and devotion of helpers and especially of a number of them who are young women of the poorer working class. Lennard.
3. The only service which really attracts the poor is the midnight service on New Years Eve. Lennard
4. The town Londoners the most difficult to get at. Cox
5. Neglect of parochial boundaries: the parson is little more than a Congregational minister with a large mission district. Knapp.
6. The earnest are getting more earnest and the indifferent more indifferent. Hornby.
7. Londoners field as religious and if anything more moral than country people. Morcom.

8. A working man always puts up drink if he becomes a Churchgoer. Walton.

9. 80 per cent of the Cricket-Clubs in Victoria Parks are named after one of the Apostles. Fletcher.

10. Women consider their attendance at a Mothers' Meeting is an adequate observance of their religious duties. Hartley.

11. The men if you can get hold of them much more through than the women. Hartley.

12. Men will come to open-air services who have not the pluck to go to Church. Donaldson.

13. The girls listen more readily to religious talk than the boys and men but doubtful if they are really more religious. Donaldson.

14. Great change in work of non-con. churches: becoming missionary and evangelistic instead of pastoral. Horton.

Sep.c

15. The adherents of the Salvation Army mostly drawn from dissenting bodies. Thomson.

16. A surfeit of open air meetings. Hooton.

17. Baptists are losing the middle class in their exclusive attention to the working man. Medley.

18. Salvation Army suit a roving class of people. Harries.

19. Salvation Army:- "We cannot draw in Homerton" Lyne

20. Methodists, Primitive Methodists, and Salvationists are most in evidence and seem to get hold of the people best: other sects have become too respectable. Deards.

21. Working men will attend a P. S. A. which is of a free and easy character in Hamlets. Fletcher Williams.

successful makes them perhaps the most important branch of religious work among the working ~~classes~~ classes. But does their success go much beyond numbers? Do they serve their object of producing a race of God-fearing living adults? Obviously only to a very limited extent: some of the moral teaching and some of the doctrine no doubt exists in and produces an effect in after life, but it is clear that the vast majority of those who belong to Sunday Schools grow up with a complete indifference to religion, and each succeeding day dims for the school is due not solely to the personal character of the teacher they happen to be under rather than to the actual lessons he imparts. For this reason there seems reason to regret the increasing desire on the part of the High Church clergy,

who have captured the Church of England, to substitute
the Dispensations for the old class system: they themselves
admit- that ~~a good deal~~ much which was good in the
old system is lost, but- they are prepared to sacrifice
it- for better method, more definite doctrinal teaching,
and the knowledge that the children are really learning
~~even~~ if not digesting that- which it is the object- of the school to impart,
the writers of the Christian religion as understood by
the Church. The movement- towards more definite doctrinal
teaching has been real as effect- even when the
Dispensations system is not in practice: almost-
everywhere among the High & Churches & especially the
teachers are expected to attend classes and are told
exactly what- they are to teach as to doctrine, but-
the result that there is much less ~~of the~~ men reading

and explaining of the Bible. ~~which was formerly the~~
This change of practice is so recent that it is too
early to estimate its effect; ~~but~~ though the forces
on the other side are too strong to admit of any
such extension as to the Priests as is found among
the Roman Catholics it seems probable that the school
of "authority" in the Church is getting an increasing
hold of the people, and that this is largely due
to the iron despotic teaching as to doctrine and the
claims of the Church in the schools and among
the young. However whatever the system adopted the
Sunday School, ~~given~~ when the teacher is a man of
character, is no doubt an influence for good.

Next to the Sunday School the means by which the working classes are most frequently brought into touch with the Churches is through visiting, which is carried on systematically, by the Church of England almost from house to house, and by the Non-Conformists ~~almost~~ generally only among the members of the congregation. A great deal of the visiting amounts to little more than the presentation of a tract or parish magazine, which if it does no good certainly does no harm. But as a rule it means more than this: the visitor goes into the house, sits down for some time, ~~listens to~~ chats on social subjects, listens to the woes of the family, administers whatever spiritual or material, ~~and~~ reads the scriptures, and endeavours to ~~induce~~ induce a Churchgoing frame of mind or suggests attendance at a mothers' meeting. How the effect of such visiting as this should depends

entirely on the character of the visitor; when she is strong she will probably be one of the chief influences for good in the life of those she visits: but there is reason to think that visitors as a body are remarkable neither for strength nor discretion, and if this be so these visits, accompanied as they are by the constant administration of shillings tickets, are ~~not~~ likely to lower the self respect of the poor, to sap their independence, and to aggravate their poverty. In any case there seems no question that visiting is overdone; we hear of one case in which a family was forced to be receiving visitors from ~~four~~ seven different organizations, and though there no doubt is an exception to one or three visitors to each family is evidently no uncommon ~~as~~ occurrence: ~~they~~ these seem little doubt that they are admitted not from a desire for their company, but from the feeling

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that- sooner or later something will be got- out- of them. That- something is of course charitable relief in some of its numerous forms; and on this point again there is little doubt- that- in teaching, as elsewhere, the Churches as a whole do harm rather than good. The methods and principles of the C. O. S. have taken some hold of the clergy; efforts are made at- adequate inquiry; there is an occasional sporadic attempt- to start- a relief committee instead of leaving visitors to rely on their own discretion; but the non-cos generally stick to the old methods, and refuse to listen to suggestions of reform; and even the more enlightened ~~clergy~~ administrators in either case are working entirely in the dark as to what- is being done by other agencies, for co-operation seems as far off as ever. On the whole

Visiting.

1. The poor are accustomed to be visited by ladies but resent visits from those of their own class. Knapp.
2. Efficient visiting an impossible ideal in London. Knapp.
3. Impossible for Hon. Secs. to visit like the Church because their right to do so is not equally recognised, and they are largely obliged to limit it to members of their congregation. Knapp.
4. Easy to get one old woman to go and talk twaddle to another old woman, but difficult to get efficient visitors. Walker

then seems little doubt that for one case where the charitable object does good there are at least six where evil results, and that the poor as a whole would be better off if there were no ~~charity~~ charity than they are under the present administration.

The temperance work of the churches again meets with but little success. Again we have to notice the large numbers in the Roads of Hope, and the failure on complete absence of Local Societies. ~~XXX~~ Temperance work among adults we are told must be conducted in a practical spirit if it is to be successful: ~~but~~ and for the comparative failure of Roads of Hope to achieve their object the reasons are not far to seek. As one Worker points out Intemperance is the last temptation likely to assail children; they ~~come therefore to it~~ are drawn to the

Bands of Hope, not by any enthusiasm for the Church but by the treats and entertainments which are a large part of the programme; the whole organisation is on a large scale and is generally well managed: and there is no room for the personal individual influence which might develop the self respect and self restraint from which alone permanence can spring. Indeed in this as in all the other social agencies it seems necessary to emphasise the point that everything depends on the character of the management: the mere fact that there is great activity in the work of a Church is not necessarily a sign that its influence is beneficial; it is the fashion now to have numerous organisations; each Church considers it necessary to supply as far as possible all the conventional

Christian Seniors" though, ~~only~~ unless they are richly
endowed ~~so~~ such Seniors are likely to be of little use
even if not actually harmful. ✓

There is one point known in which the activity of
the Churches is seldom if ever misplaced; that is
in Nursing; and we may note that the provision of
Nurses seems to be much less complete in Hackney
than in Bow and Poplar. There is no local society
of Nurses like the East London Nursing Association
and those Churches which have no Nurses of their own
are often sorely pressed to find the requisite
assistance

(From page 63)
All this is terribly
platitudinous, but it
has to be said
somehow. My idea is that
he should give a really
detailed account of what
the churches are doing
and what it really
amounts to. ✓

Outside the Churches charitable or philanthropic work in this District seems scarcely to exist. There is of course a local Committee of the Charity Organisation Society, which however covers a much wider area: it is chiefly clerical in composition, is not strong, and has evidently made no deep impression. Mr Wodnick the late Secretary is of opinion that Hackney is less antagonistic to the principles of the Society than most other districts in London, and owing to its non-conformist and middle class traditions this is probably the case. In & among the non-conrs. it is clear that the name of the Society is very generally hated: how far this is due to its repressive principles, how far to the fact that it so largely runs by the clergy it is difficult to say; but among

the Non-cons and the R. C's than in more than in
the Church of England there is an evident disposition to look
upon others giving as a "Christian" duty quite apart from
its effect upon the recipient.

The Charleston Girls' Club in Hoxton High St. is
noticeable for the fact that it is successfully conducted
by Miss Johnson on decidedly non-religious lines.
Miss Johnson is an Agnostic connected with the South
Place Ethical Society, but on condition that her
negative principles are not obtruded in the Club she
has secured the cooperation of persons of all
creeds, and at least one ardent non-conformist
among our witnesses has referred to this Club as a
"Christian work"

The Hackney Benevolent Society is of price pensions

to a certain number of old people (at present there are 57); it would probably do better work if the recipients were chosen by some other method than the votes of the subscribers.

Some mention ought perhaps to be made of the Hackney Charities which are annually kept the expenditure amounting to ~~one~~ one ~~£ 3[illegible]~~ £ 3700 a year; of this sum one £ 3000 is spent on various forms of ~~on~~ ordinary charitable relief, and the remainder chiefly in education. Whatever the intention of the donors the funds are now administered almost entirely through the Churches though an effort is being made to appropriate them for ~~the~~ educational purposes and have been administered by the Vestry.

£1370 spent in money doles. gs.

Having considered what is being done by the various religious and charitable agencies we may shortly marshal the salient points in our evidence as to some of the more general questions.

Local Government

The general impression derived from our evidence is that the work of the local authorities is carried on efficiently and vigorously, and that both the elected and the paid officials are hard working and conscientious. There has undoubtedly been a great quickening of activity in recent years, especially in sanitary matters, and much less than done to improve the conditions of life in Hackney such both by covering the sewers of the rivers, and preventing the pollution of the sea by Tottenham sewage. Something

however still requires to be done both here and in the low lying district of Clapton Park to prevent the flooding of the sewers after heavy rain.

Poor Law

The administration of the Poor Law leans to a policy of out-relief, but we are told as a rule that it is carefully administered and goes to the right people. The evidence however of the Relieving Officers tends rather to the opposite conclusion. Mr Buckmaster one of the officers in Clapton Park is of opinion that the condition of the district is largely due to lax administration of the Poor Law; it has in the past usually been under new and inexperienced officers whose inspection has not been thorough, with the result that numbers of workless

people has received out relief. In a year Mr Packman (who gives on the impression of being the most tardy of men) has reduced the relief by £7 a week, and he notes that when the workhouse paid their relief stopped they usually shift to some parish where the administration is less strict. Hackney in the past has suffered much from the strict administration in other districts.

It is to be noted too that Mr Coffin the officer who has been in Hackney high for four years, during which time there has been some slight improvement in the district is strongly opposed to the out relief policy, and has done what he could to limit its operation.

Mr Denny seems to be a consistent opinion that the administration of the Workhouse, the Infirmary and the Schools is admirable.

only post lately under recently the Brentwood Schools were administered on a bad system.

Police.

Our information as to the Police is much fuller than in Bow and Poplar. It ~~seems to~~ shows that their relations with the people are of the most friendly character and that even in the poorest districts they show no disposition to bully. It is clear indeed that they take the view of ~~their~~ no excessive interference with disorder of a mild character: we are told that in Hackney wick for instance they are for as possible keep out of the way of ordinary street rows, and they themselves admit that they do not go much into a street or district which is too rough: in fact they pursue the no doubt wise policy of not attempting to force upon a district a standard of conduct for which it is morally unripe: and they are the more ready to do so in that any undue zeal

in prosecuting people for minor offences against the law
is ~~to be~~ discouraged by the magistrates.

The charge so commonly made against the police that
they are squared by the publicans is to my mind more serious;
in spite of its denial by some, though not all, of the
police witnesses, there seems to be no doubt of its truth;
either in money or kind almost every constable receives
something, and it is even hinted that the higher officers
are no less guilty though this is much more doubtful.
As to how far this practice leads to a dereliction of
duty it is not easy to decide: one witness is of
opinion that "if the police did their duty half the
houses in London would lose their licenses". This no
doubt is to put it ~~too~~ much strongly: but the fact
remains that the publicans technically ~~are~~ serve drunken
men without prosecution, and that the police practically

~~Sir~~ Never give a house a bad character at the licensing
Sessions. Obviously however the police are placed in a difficult
position; not only is it exceedingly difficult to prove that
a Magistrate has been bribed, but then again a tendency
to prosecute meets with little support from the magistrates.
This putting at the lowest ~~too close a~~ the connection between
police and publican is too close, and gives the latter
~~Sir~~ more liberty than is desirable

The statement that police evidence given on oath is
practically worthless seems rather, though it comes only from
one witness; for that witness is Father Dunn who has
no doubt arrived at this conclusion from what he has
heard in confession.

Drink.

How is it in our mining districts then is the continual cry that drink is the chief cause of poverty, the greatest hindrance to moral and material well being, and we have some interesting statistics by working men as to the amount which is spent thereon; they put it as about x 1/4th or 1/5th of the total income of the working classes [I may note that after my interviews with Chisholm and Holland I asked a working man friend of mine, who is neither religious or a teetotaller, and who in my opinion knows the average working man as well as it is possible, the following question "How much does the average respectable working man earning 25/ a week who is not a teetotaller and not a drunkard spend on drink?" His answer was, without a moment's hesitation "He spends 5/ or 6/ on beer and

tobacco "]

As to whether drinking is increasing in Hackney the general impression appears to be that it is, but this is attributed rather to the greater power of the new inhabitants than to any increase among the population as a whole. Still one witness speaks of the great want of abstemiousness since the last general election, and several mention that the tavern houses Bank Holidays have recently been more drunken than in the past; while all notice the enormous rise of prosperity in the trade, the high rents at which houses change hands, and the lavish expenditure on their appearance. The point known on which there is practical unanimity is as to the increase of drink among women, both at home, and still more in the Public Houses, which they now are now habitually used by the most respectable women

without any feeling of shame

As might be expected from the general character of our
historians there is a rather general disinclination to work-
hours often foster the drinking habit, and are as a rule
simply public houses without any restrictions. No doubt
no doubt is that these clubs are very fairly representative
of the ~~district~~ neighbourhood in which they are placed; and as the
majority of those in this district are in or on the borders
of Clapton Park it is now time probable that they
are not favourable specimens

Prostitution.

The district seems to be wonderfully free from prostitution, and is said to have improved in recent years owing to greater police vigilance. There are however frequent complaints as to the promiscuous intercourse on the ~~road~~ highways open spaces of which Hackney Downs and Common are mostly mentioned. The chief centres of resort for professional prostitutes are round Dalston and Hackney Stations; in the neighbourhood of the former there are several notorious brothels.

Marriage.

The general impression is that the age of marriage is growing later. Overcrowding and crowded home is mentioned as the chief cause of early marriage; and for this reason Mrs Donaldson is of opinion that slates for boys and girls tend to postpone the age.

In the poorer districts we are told that there is much living together unmarried, and one witness thinks that in this matter widows are the chief offenders

Thrift-

As to thrift among the middle and artizan classes we have no information, but among the poorest the remark is constantly made "if thrift comes to them they welcome it, but they will not seek it": but even when induced to save it appears to mean little more than putting by for festal occasions.

The increasing expenditure on pleasure and dress is widely noticed and especially on Sunday parade to the Parks. One young says that ~~about 10 or 15 years ago~~ the workers crossing the Lea Bridge on Sunday morning are about 300 times as many as 10 or 15 years ago.

In the poorest districts there is a tendency to double on the unthriftiness of the women with regard to food. They will stand gossiping at the door when they ought

to be coming down, and end by handing out for cooked
meat.

Health

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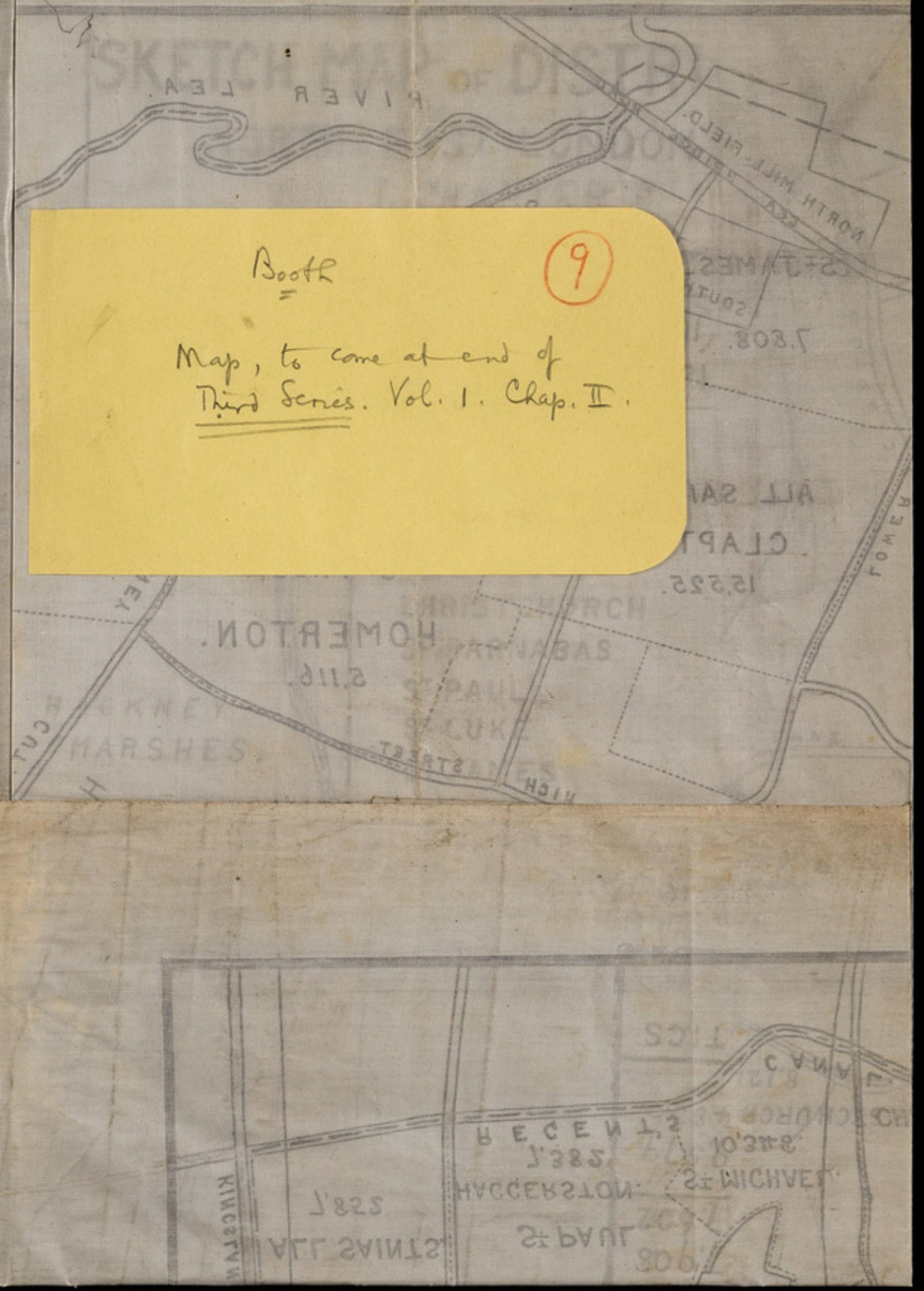

SKETCH MAP OF DISTRICT.

NORTH-EAST LONDON.

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POPULATION (1891) OF ECCLESIASTICAL PARISHES.

HACKNEY	
St JOHN	15,908
ALL SAINTS	13,711
ALL SOULS	6,989
CHRISTCHURCH	5,991
St BARNABAS	9,524
St PAUL	2,245
St LUKE	11,857
St JAMES	6,530
St PHILIP	11,599
HOLY TRINITY	7,390
SOUTH HACKNEY	
St JOHN	12,711
CHRISTCHURCH	7,763
St AUGUSTINE }	13,993
St MARY OF ETON }	
St MICHAEL	9,601
WEST HACKNEY	
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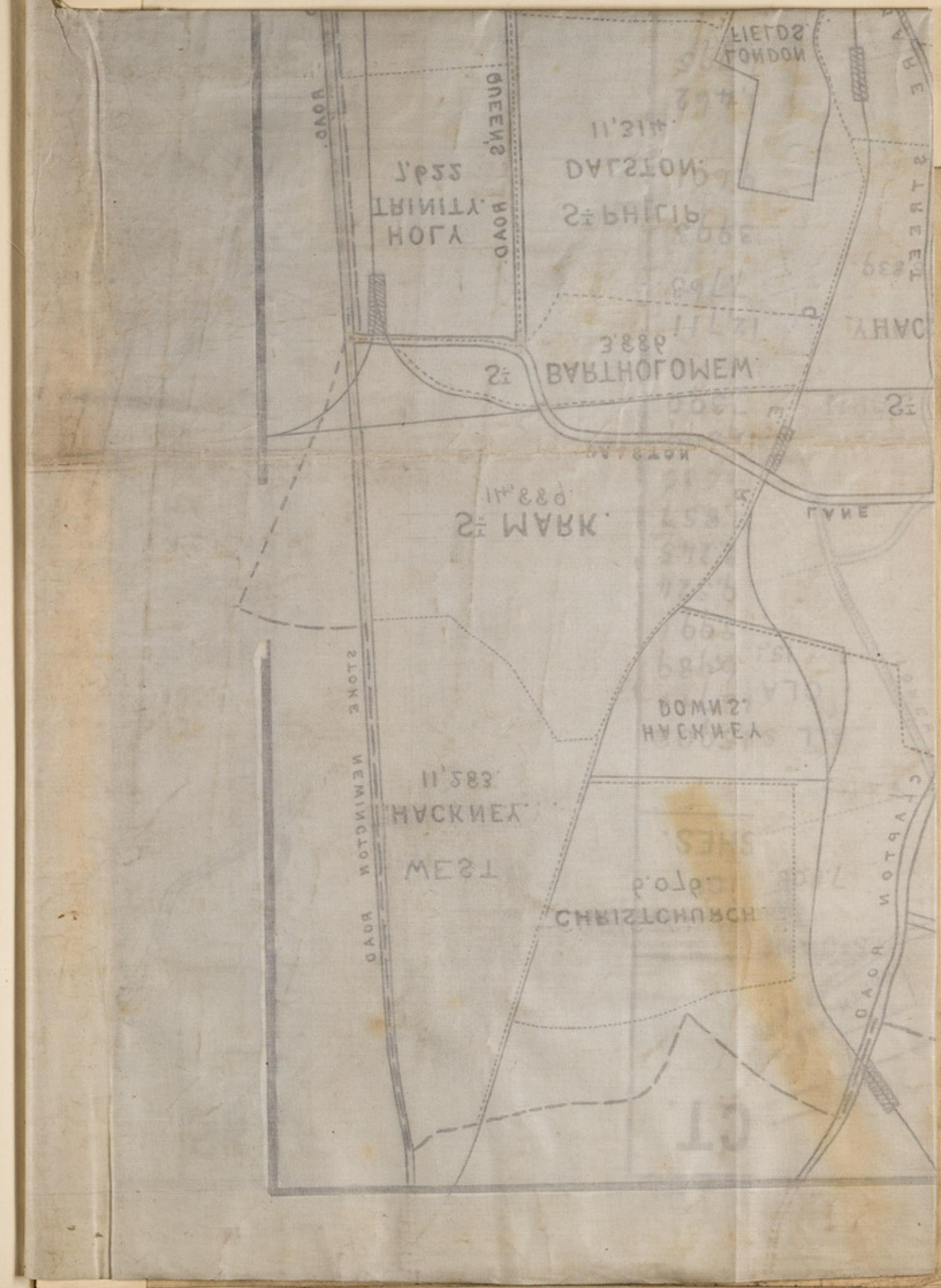
St MARK INCLUDING St BARTHOLw	16,795
HAGGERSTON	
ALL SAINTS	7,908
St PAUL	7,602

TOTAL – [1891] – 179,579
INCREASING TO [1901] – 194,836
[SEE FIGURES ON MAP.]

FOR OTHER STATISTICS SEE BACK OF MAP.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