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Visits to Churches

District 46. (Greenwich)

22 July 1900.

Sunday 22 July 1900. Greenwich - Dist. 46

My map has not been fully marked with the places of worship so I went to see what I could find. I took tram from the Elephant to Greenwich Park & turned up Park Row. Mage Hill Congregational Church (Higgins) had signs of life - a nice congregation gathering at about 10.50 - but I passed on to Trafalgar Rd & went down Marlborough Rd to the Hall of the Brethren & saw through the open door a gathering of people & the Table of the Lord hospitably set out with large loaves of bread. There were no signs of seclusion - all seemed to be welcomed. Notices of the Evangelistic Service at 6.30 were posted up.

Next I came to the RC Church in Paxton St. It was full mainly children. It was a choral performance - not a mass.

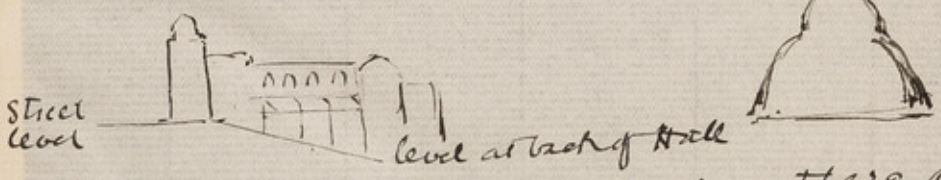
Christ Church (Mr Reaney) did come before the RC Church. It is a low roofed - wide spread Church rather beautiful & very comfortable Church. The slightly coloured glass in the apse is very effective. It had a good many congreg - mostly female. I

looked in again in the afternoon rather late & there was a christening party - the effect of the church was the same - really quite beautiful - Mr Reaney is away on holiday -

Turning up ~~[illegible]~~ Blackwall Lane I came upon Dacres & Hawthorne Sts - and a large group of LCC Cottages which look picturesque & desirable - near them there is a small S. Army place - a forsaken looking little iron hall - nothing going on - & close by is the Rothbury Hall a "no sixpence spaces" kind of a mission establishment - The Hall does not look religious at all. It is a neat oblong, decorated with terra cotta plaques - cornices & good red brick without - The morning service seems to be aimed at the children. The man who conducted it - addressed them - Told a story down to their level. There were not very many children & very few adults for morning service. To none of these places did I return in the evening. Opposite Rothbury Hall there is what seems to be a disused mission.

In Old Woolwich St. I saw "Christchurch Mission House" very deplorable looking – "Evening Service 7.30. Seats free – welcome to all" –

In the afternoon I walked on past Christchurch & in due course came to the "Victoria Hall" which is run as a Mission by the Wesleyans. It is a queer building. The only tall part is to the front. The hall behind is never high & slopes away to the back. The roof springs from the ground. Has an loft too as has the preacher. The "stage" level must be a good deal below the street



The sloping floor is set out with chairs. There are no galleries. You can see & hear well. There is a P.S.A (to which I should have come if I had remembered it). Service is at 6.30. I can only say that the place looks well cared for. – Further on along the road towards Woolwich

there is Mr Murray's Baptist church where efforts are made to reach the people. Pastor Thos Murray will preach – "Can you – will you come" – Men's & Women's Own (separately) at 3.15. – (this Baptist church does not seem to be on my list for 46 – Perhaps was in 48)

From the marsh I walked by Chester St & but (except Christchurch mission) came across no missions. I may have missed some. & passing to westward of Greenwich Hospital I went to St Mary's which was by no means empty – though not full. A very fair many congregation I thought it – considering the heat of the day & proximity of the park.

At St Alphege – which is quite a big church of the Georgian style – both body & galleries were well filled & evidently this church fills a place in the religious life of the neighbourhood. The evening congregation here was less numerous but otherwise similar – well dressed parochial hearty singing

St Peter in Briage St was occupied in the morning by 30/40 adults & a few children. They were listening to or at any rate sitting under a torrent of words

from an Irishman in the pulpit. I did not know that the English language could be spoken so fast. I could only catch a word or a phrase here & there. It was not eloquence but just earnest impetuosity pouring out in familiar language. I wished I could have heard what he said. I doubt if he carried his audience with him. He probably went much too fast for them. In the evening the congregation though slightly larger was still quite small & absolutely uninteresting & the church is a desperately dull building. It is quite low church. The sermon in the morning preached in black gown.

Some efforts after popularity are shown at "S. Peters Hall" on the opposite side of Mirage Street where I read a mysh announcement. Coloured chalk. "Mr Horan comes again Monday. Wont you come too" It was perhaps Mr Horan whose preaching I heard.

In the afternoon I should like to have attended Mr Spurgeon's Bible class but did not venture as though strangers are invited I think it is meant for young men. Instead I went to the P.S.A at Mr Morgan's Congregational Chapel in Greenwich road. The afternoon was quite oppressively sultry. Those present, about 50 in number, were evidently a selection of the congregation - younger members. They have a complete little orchestra string, & wind, pianos & drum even - & a lady soloist. Mr Morgan presided, very smiling & full of melting jokes about the weather. The address was given by Mr Moore a sort of Sunday School evangelist - very wishy washy stuff on Christ's visit to Simon's house when Simon's wife's mother lay ill of a fever. He always spoke of her as "the old lady" - the "mother-in-law" &c with the usual jokes & a serious but ill-placed attack on those who under such circumstances ~~[illegible]~~ got rid of the incumbrance by sending the woman to the workhouse.

The address was altogether below his audience – perhaps resting on the theory that the P.S.A attracts the classes who "do not otherwise enter God's house" – whereas those who attend are just the pick of the young people out of a respectable little body of non-conformists. It is very nice that they closed with an orchestra & meet on Sunday afternoon in this way, but the other pretence should be abandoned.

When this was over I went again to East Greenwich & going past Christ Church on the Woolwich Road came to the Victoria Hall which was still open after their P.S.A. So I looked in & made inquiry from the Minister who was just leaving as to the Evening Service – but was not able to go to that either. [I see I have already written about this in the earlier part of these notes which were begun when half asleep last night]

In the interval I also passed up Croom's Hill & came to the Ursuline Convent with the RC Church by it. A very beautiful old tower to which a modern spire has been added when (as I suppose) the Church was rebuilt. It was all shut & as I tried a side gate a voice - that of a woman - from an adjacent window told me the Church would not be open before the time for Evening Service. That is at 6.30 for 7. I was not able to go though tempted to do so as I should think it must be beautiful. On the lower side of the Church stands the old Queen Anne Presbytery & behind there must be very nice gardens belonging to the Convent. It is a picked situation on the rise of the hill with a glorious westward view over Lewisham - St Pauls standing up in the midst 5 miles away. I stopped to look at this view from the Common behind where Blackheath ends at Hyde Vale & again from the Point which is a small bare hill top in front left among the houses. Blackheath & Greenwich Park are very beautiful.

Continuing down Dartmouth Row I came to the Church of The Ascension (Unit 4) – a conventicle of a place. It looks neglected. A fine board with particulars of the Services held all faded out of knowledge. Dartmouth Row is shaded with large trees & the houses are covered with creepers – there is here a home of the Grey Ladies. Holy Trinity Blackheath Hill is a commodious ugly gothic Church – Ivy covered outside and dark within. They were lighting up for 6.30 Evy Service. The centre part of the roof is carried on high columns & arches with high pitched gallery. The Church is awkwardly built with its altar end on the Street. I suppose the shape of the land made an east end impossible but why not turn north away from the Street?
The Wesleyan Church in London S. opposite Greenwich Station has a very beautiful well proportioned interior finished in grey brick. There was hardly any congregation in the Evening but they turned out bravely afterwards & held service in front of their Church. I was passing

by on the way to the Station I heard a very well meaning young man trying to bring others to the better life he had found.

The Presbyterian Church (Mr Elder) a little way along South St. is more pretentious with a fine spire but far less successful inside. A commonplace gothic. The Service was over when I passed in the morning but the Church still open. In the evening at 8.10 all was shut.

St Pauls advertises pretty widely the usual Course of Sermons on Sunday evening - but the Congregation was small, a great contrast to that at Spurgeons Baptist Chapel which I reached in time to hear the sermon - & indeed as I stood in the doorway I heard the very long prayer which preceded - during which the doorkeeper who stood at my side - or moved about on his duties - made occasional pious ejaculations. The Church was practically full - I got a seat in the back row shut off by the open door - & a kind lady lent me her Bible to read the text for myself. Mr Spurgeon makes much of his

text reading it through twice & coming back to its words again & again. It was a great one, I Kings Chap VIII 38 & 39. on prayer & supplication by every man knowing the plague of his own heart – Solomon's prayer – with its wonderful repetition of "hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place & forgive" –
It was not a great sermon – but without having his fathers genius Mr Spurgeon has great ease & readiness & vigour & even grace of language. The sermon, like the prayer, was fully long – drawn out & filled with all the usual conditions of the Baptist views – but was I think satisfactory to his people. Next Thursday is the twenty first anniversary of the day when the first 60 members met in "an upper room" to inaugurate this church & invited Mr Spurgeon to be their pastor – they are now 600 – but only 17 of the original 60 remain.

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Woolwich.

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I have come here on a voyage of discovery without a map or any knowledge of the churches to be looked for. It was 10.20 or so when I arrived & walking up towards the Barracks I came to St Peters RC where the military mass which begins at 9.30 was just over & the soldiers coming out. The church had been filled with soldiers & others. The various detachments formed up in the road & marched off. At this church high mass is at 11 & vespers at 7 & there is (or was today) a great children service in the afternoon of which I saw the latter part being very thankful to rest there & listen to the really beautiful singing. There is a gallery over the entrance opposite the altar & there were the picked voices. I did not make out when the organ was. The children sang too - a great mass of voices as well as a full organ. excellently done. The service solemn & simple - mostly in English. The building too is solemn & simply decorated - nothing to exasperate. Next to the church is its school, a tall building. & next to that is the Presbyterian Church. The Revd Moore A Solid wide well kept building. Services 11 & 6.30

I was unable to return here or to do much in the Evening as it turned wet & I must content myself with recording the situation & outward looks of the Churches I came across.

Higher up the hill opposite the barracks is St George's Garrison Ch. a large very modern stone structure - high & imposing but more like a dissenting building of the best style than Ch of E - not Gothic or ecclesiastical at all. The bright brass instruments of the band lay outside & a sentry kept guard. Entering I found it packed with soldiers on the floor & in one gallery - there were civilians in the other. The collection was being made & the Clergyman sat in his pulpit - a high one at the side - ready for the sermon. Service was to be over at 10.45 - the sentry told me. There is a second Church parade at 11.45.

St John the Evangelist looks shabby with a tower that may be old & is certainly ruined - & a very bare dull interior. The Service is for 11 but at 10.55 no one was there. They advertise an organ recital for Thursdays.

Turning towards Plumstead I came to Carmel Chapel dated 1856. A square Baptist place - Pastor Witt. There were respectable looking people going in. Service had just begun. A little further on there came St Andrews Presbyterian - Sam Scott minister - where people of still greater respectability were going in. The subject of the sermon on notice board was

"The Perfect City" – & this subject ran through everywhere because of the new borough Council election next Thursday & the arrival of the CIV adds to the civic enthusiasm perhaps –

Further up again was Conduit St. Baptist The Rev T J Exley – a small place whence came the sound of weak singing. Some lower mid cl going in

In Crescent Pl there is a U M F C – Minister the Rev. J Hartley Dwerden – quite minute – painted brick some brother windows – looked & sounded very empty – a few lower mid class people still going in

Back to the Market place –

Holy Trinity Church shabby to last degree inside & out – The morning congregation counted about 100 mid class people – rather ambitious music – Repairs & renovation are seemingly intended & are wanted

Baptist Tabernacle – Foundation laid by ~~present~~ Spurgeon's mother in memory of departed Spurgeon – A large building with its side along the street – very commodious inside with a complete all round gallery It must hold about 2000 I should think – it was fairly filled – A good many children got when the service was partly aimed – they had a short special address

as there was here a genuine large congregation I stayed the service out & was rewarded – Mr Wilson [the pastor] preached an excellent sermon beginning at 12, after some of the children had left. He is by far the most attractive Baptist I have heard preach. His text was from the record of David's death "David served his generation & then fell asleep". It was not eloquent at all – but was forcible & rational & absolutely without pose or affectation of any kind. He was evidently absolutely at ease & although undoubtedly enormously superior in education & power of thought to his audience he never spoke down to them – he expected them to reach up to him. He brought in Bismarck, Napoleon, Cromwell & S. Francis of Assisi as instances of public work more or less or not at all marred by self-seeking ambition & seemed to assume that his audience were as familiar with their lives as he himself was

He spoke of the need of wide sympathies in those who sought to serve their generation – & of the changes of hopes & aims he coned remember – The time when science was to cure everything & supersede religion, and of the Positivist Ideal – & quoted from George Elliot a passage about belief in God in a future life & in duty – the last alone remaining sure – both these had passed & religion remained – So too with Socialism which was to cure everything & now only the religious side of socialism was any good – or Clubs were to be the solution of brotherly love – but ask any one – what good had they been? He stopped when his time was up – evidently having plenty more to say. It was entirely extemporaneous & full of matter. The only fault an effort after elocution – but I think the reiterations was partly to get time to think what was to come next –

As it had turned wet I spent all the evening at Mr Wilson's Church – without being crowded it was practically filled. I think the orchestra was in greater force & certainly in better form than in the morning – they occupy the whole of the gallery behind the preachin platform – In the centre is a large harmon & at either side are the strings – in the morning there were 6 of these – In the evening I could not see but thought there must have been 8 & about 40 singers. After the first lesson they sang what was called a "chorus" – being a hymn sung in parts with a chorus – The hymns were well sung. There was a printed paper with the hymns & other matter – it was strange that strangers were expected – & in giving notice as to the prayer meeting (for the salvation of souls) which followed after the regular evening service was held in the School room below Mr Watson exclaimed how the school room could be reached — But I suppose that

except myself there were few who did not know their way – The lesson was a fine Chapter of Isaiah – the text was a large portion of the 4th Chapter of Luke describing Christ's temptation in the wilderness, after Baptism. On the whole it was a less effective sermon than in the morning but it had the same ease of address & confidence in her audience. It was specially addressed to the young people – One did not need to be very old to experience the forces of temptation & sin – If we knew what went on at boys schools – if we knew what went on among girls in factories we prayed against the snares of the devil & it was a weak word – we might use the word vice – much of what he said was common place – but it was touched now & again with humour & he closed by eloquently with a story of the siege of Delhi – the soldiers in hospital when the doctor came round knowing the assault was to be made said "make us fit – fit to fight

tomorrow." The Doctor could not do that. but we might make that prayer & Christ could grant it. could make us fit. Then let us pray — "Make us fit to fight tomorrow".

After this the actual prayer meeting fell very flat. I do not think these people have either the sternness of the ordinary Baptists, or the emotional excitement of the Wesleyans. They are far more like the Congregationalists in manner & appearance & under Mr Wilson may be likely to move in that direction. He ~~led~~ conducted them through the prayers & exhortations in the usual way, but it lacked the genuine ring. I liked him less so. The first, & almost only one, to give an experience was very earnest & simple, but very without self-importance. He spoke so low & indistinctly that I heard imperfectly. It was he said Christ who came to him "knocking at the door" — not he who went to Christ.

A little further on past the Tabernacle is the Salvation Army barracks with an ample portrait of my namesake outside - a good brick building it was closed when I passed. I had seen & heard them marching along earlier with an excellent band but very few followers - mostly "hipers" - I saw some of them also going to the afternoon work - very trim well conducted young women - The barracks backs onto the slum district & right in it is St Saviours mission school church Shabby & incorr looking -

Going further west I came to the Enon Baptist Chapel - Ed White pastor An old small neat newly painted Chapel situated back from the street - built before there was a street frontage -

Further on is St Mary Magdalene finely situated fronting the river in a large nicely laid out graveyard - There seem to have been great doings last week 17/24 Oct - being they say the 1167th anniversary dedication feast. It seems a long time ago - The church is large & fine & has been enlarged - a rich structure - not very old

In Parsons hill - going down from the other side of St Mary's Churchyard is an abandoned Chapel & opposite a very small Welsh Chapel where there are services at 3 & 6.30

In Rectory Place - further up the hill is a Congregational Church - A E Abel. Minister. This is a nicely build gothic church with a spire - Ivy trained up the windows -

Wandering about I noticed the large Ch of E Soldiers Institute (just above St John's Church) and a very large "Free Masons Hall" in Mt Pleasant -

In Plumstead Common Rd is a large Wesleyan Methodist Ch - at which Mr Harlam had preached in the morning & Mr Jones was to preach in the evening. It is an ornate brick structure with pinnacles & lofty proportions.

Further on is St Margarets Church. Vicar Rev Ogle with Cowan, Sugden & Fearn curates - A handsome stone edifice. Red roofed - Square towers flag flying (on account the Chairman of Vestry being today)

across the common is a Unitarian Church in a temporary School sort of building – proper building projected – The subjects of discourse today "Our Dear City" – "The City Past Present & future"

Further on I came to a little church of the Brethren a quiet little wide gabled square roofed building – Then to All Saints ~~[illegible]~~ John to Morris Vicar –
Good Stone church – red roof – very pretty vicarage
Dark but business-like inside – nice schools adjoining –

Noble Christia – Methodist Ch – Trim & complete with a hall annexed – Sutton [illegible]
Then further on again (after a walk through the upper lanes & [illegible]) I came to another little Brethren Church in Nightingale Vale – very neat – Very poor or neither & a courteous man outside invited me to hear the Evangelist Preacher at 6.30 I should be much interested he assured me –
All saints have a mission Hall in Herbert Rd –
~~I did not get to the Church there~~

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Woolwich & Plumstead

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Visits to Churches – Woolwich 11 November 1900

I reached Woolwich by train at about 11.30 & went at once to S. James in Burrage Road, a large square conventical looking place, very comfortable within & fairly filled (for the morning service) with a particular, nice middle class congregation which would count up to 300 or more. There was a pleasant quiet devotional spirit & I have little doubt that the place would be full at night – possibly reaching a rather lower class but I had not time to go again. At the top of Burrage Road where it meets Plumstead Common Road is the large Wesleyan Church with the turrets. I crept up into the gallery & heard a few words of Mr Haslam's sermon (Mr W. C. Jones was to preach in the evening). The church was austerely empty. It is a large place & the congregation was hardly more than dotted about with a large proportion of children – no sign of vigorous congregational life here – the congregation may be better but middle class Wesleyans usually attend morning service regularly.

Then on to S. Margaret's of which the interior well bears out the exterior – a strong & stately modern church of the all stone type – like a country church in its avoidance of pinch-beck gothic. Here too there was a very poor congregation for a morning service – not quite so numerous as at S. James – but of rather lower class. Has all the look of a vigorous, growing church

St James is no doubt low church. St Margarets seems to avoid extremes but both do their service well. At St Margarets I heard the opening words of the Sermon. Extremely well delivered. It touched on Temptation its value. no one been avoided it. its difference from Sin & then he was going into the usual orthodox exposition of the scheme of salvation when I stepped out & pushed on to St Martin's hoping to hear Dr Hughes preach. One has to cross the Common & seen through a slight haze the towering St A's buildings on either hand, each seemed likely to be the church finally I had to ask & was told to go straight on it was a flat roofed building & I could not miss it. It is in fact a basement church whose roof is to be the floor of the church of the future when the crypt will serve for schools – if that time ever comes. One goes down steps & at the bottom were large doors very stiffly shut so that at first I gave it up & walked all round the desolate looking building to find some other entrance – finally a good push did it, with some excess of noise & I found myself in a large low subterranean place – lighted by & rather stifling with gas. At the far end was an elaborate altar & chancel & the priest was in the act of receiving the collection bags to deposit on the altar. He then gave the benediction with religious know

& fingers & gave out a hymn which we sang while the choristers & clergy formed procession and marched slowly down the aisle – boys one from the smallest to the biggest playing their harts sedulously. The Congregation was far from numerous & 5/6 ths of them were children or quite young people – of the adults a few were in charge of children & the rest were evidently individual souls captured by the church – When the last strains of the hymn & its amen ending had passed away – the congregation moved off & the clergy came back into the church playing still their harts – but has unreal – what a mockery! –
Either there is no sermon in the morning or I had missed it –
In the evening hurry as I might I again missed Mr Hughes sermon. at least I entered as he was ending & only gathered the impression of a man confident of his voice & of his powers over his audience – The church was transformed. It was quite full of working class people more women than men by a good deal but not a few men & in class clearly below that of Mr Wilson's congregation Mr Hughes's claim to success in this was quite justified. & the solemn dedication at the altar of the gifts of the congregation & the marching out of the choristers & clergy in slow procession & the whole thing though not less theatrical & unreal was not without the justification of success – The stage effect of the altar was noticeable. it was so arranged that a curtain could be drawn

St Marks was my last church in the morning, but I walked on to the Church of the Ascension which at present consists of two small school buildings & a chilly looking clergy house exposed to all the winds that blow across the common, with a corrugated annexe at the back. It looked painstaking but rather hopeless. I cannot see that these districts cut off from St Nicholas look promising as results of church activity as compared to church neglect. I dont suppose there would, either many or few, be any but the meagrest congregation in this school church. Building is very on fast here, but most is unfinished & all is new. nearly is the little Slade mission building

Taking Lakedale Rd (late Cage Lane) I came to the Cage Lane Mission at the fort. It occupies a corner block & has the look of money to spend & they spent. They are in the middle of a 14 day mission conducted by Colonel this or that. 2 or 3 names of evangelical gentlemen being given. There are services every night at 7.30 during the mission as well as on Sundays at 7. & they advertise a men's mass from 3 to 4 on Sundays. In the evening it was full & at full mission pressure. A military man conducted & there was an evangelist employing the usual language begging for a special manifestation of the spirit for the saving of souls this night. Or Moody & Sankey hymns & altogether a "Sunday Service". I suppose 300 were present, poor working class but genuine enough.

After lunch I went in search of the Polytechnic & its mens ones. The Polytechnic runs through from Wellington St to William St at back - covering a lot of ground & the Hall of the Young mens Christian Institute Entrance from William street. Before the service the O.S.A. band marches about & can be heard down the street. When I went in the men were gradually coming in & at the last the place was fairly filled that is about half or rather more than half of very full - I thought about 300 men of all ages very respectable upper working class religious minded people. There was a womans meeting at the same time in a small hall adjoining & applause was deprecated & suppressed on the ground that the noise would disturb them - but on the other hand we were encouraged to sing loudly & perhaps there is a desire to get rid of clapping. It was much more definitely a religious meeting than is usual with O.S.A. of the mens ones type
Besides the audience in front there were a number of men on the platform (I one little girl with her father) & the musicians - 9 string & a cornet - with Piano on the upper level & a lady soloist
A military man, Col. Yates I believe, conducted the

Service & I suppose always or generally does so. He was dressed in a frock coat. very Nonconformist & beside him at the table, sitting in the centre was the man who was to deliver the address. a Church of England Clergyman - who I believe was Mr Leake Rector of St James Kidbrooke -

The service was quite regular - hymn, prayer - hymn lesson, hymn, Sermon, ~~[illegible]~~ & hymn - with short prayer before & after the sermon & the solo lady's performance (which was a special hymn very badly sung) somewhere in the first part - The opening, & only long, prayer was of the usual type with "O God" very smooth word, and begging that some soul might find Salvation, here, this afternoon. But it seemed said almost as a formula - there was no attempt at stirring up up or making it into a Salvation meeting. The Sermon was from a text - of which the Preacher gave two translations or versions - quite different - but such (from Lord other texts from Matt in my Bible) complementing each other, as to the judgment executed by Phinehas on Zimri and the Midianitish woman (see Numbers Ch xxv) - a sermon on prayer & action - A well thought out Sermon - evidently valuing his audience & listened to by them very attentively - it turned a little on what could be done to check vice & drink as represented by Phinehas & his javelin & the culprits he punished

so seemingly after prayer on Sunday evening

S. Nicholas Church is the last building in London in this direction. It stands at the bottom of a very large churchyard full of graves, ancient & modern, across which runs a railed in path which belongs itself up & over & amongst the regular green planted rows of a Kentish field which bounds the horizon to the East. The Church tower is old, of red brick & most beautiful. The most beautiful tower in London perhaps. The body of the Church as it stands is also old though not so old as the tower, but shows that it was the memory of a very much older building part of the old walls being still evident. The whole effect is excellent

Within it is like an old fashioned country church and the congregation in the evening had this look also. The church is rather small. Smaller than one should expect & it gradually filled comfortably with quiet comfortable ~~quiet~~ looking people. One might have supposed that Plumstead was once more a village many miles from London town & that these were those of the inhabitants who came to church of a Sunday evening when of course the gentry do not come & having come with their carriages in the morning. The service was old fashi

to the last degree. There are no surpliced choir boys – no altar steps & rail – no paraphernalia of any kind – Just a curtain hanging near focus & in front a table, at one end of which the rector knelt while behind him a pace or two in distance, at a small desk knelt his curate. The organ stood out of sight & so were the few ladies who led the singing – Nothing could be simpler or better, if it does not in these days "connote" neglect if nothing new is done

I went on to S. Pauls Mission Church where Mr Latham has a special district to care for in S. Nicholas parish. It is a regular modern mission Church – fairly square inside – an altar of low Church kind but a full choir in white & a church full of poor people – mostly women but genuine enough I think in religious aim – a painstaking earnest piece of work it seems to be – There might be 200 there –

Off the High St in Pepperstone St there is a very neat little mission Hall – & further on at top of Street leading to S. Pauls Mission Ch there is a rather shabby looking Wesleyan Church – which however was bright enough in light & gathering its congregation at a little before 6.30 when I passed –

St Patrick's R.C. Church is a neat red brick structure with no particulars of its services, nor even anything to show what Church it is, outside. I said a Roman Catholic Church in which for long service there was a simple little audience listening to a simple sermon from an old priest on Purgatory & urging mercy, mercy, that God might be merciful to us. This is in Elgin St at corner of Robert St. Higher up in Robert St is the Scotch Baptist Church, a small wooden building.

On along Elgin St we come to the Prim. Methodist Chapel where stands a trim square wide gabled building in very good order. Its annoying sermon were today but I did not manage to get in.

Going upward we then come to St John the Baptist which by day & empty looked desolate, but at night when lighted up it was quite different. Inside it is a very long red brick church & at night there was a considerable congregation. almost all women & class not certain. They had smart hats. It is high Church & there was a highly lighted altar. When I was in the sermon was on the story of Mary Magdalene. It was very told well & simply. From this point I retrace my traces to Nepean St. Being service time already, I go

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(45) 1

St Luke Deptford — CXXIV. 1. — Prne

Vicar. 2 Curates. 2 Scripture Readers. 2 paid Lay Agents. Church. Parish room. 2nd Church wanted. Morng 200. Evng 700. 100 Sund Chn. 550 at Tea. 60 557 24 May 1881

almost all Churchmen. or have been S.

Ministering Mens Service once a month. managed by Com. tee

This month Archbishop preached. 1200 Comm 1200 last time. usual attendance about 250.

S. School 1000. read all Script in — no other of any Sect in parish

Dawn Hope 140. Lads Bible Class. Half holy for young Men (for discussion). Mens Club. Girls Treat. Tr. 170 *

is the strongest thing.

30 or a little over. but working union — Na Ke.

Well attended. the parish is large. The vicar an Evangelical with leaning towards ornate services. Warlow

Going down though the Curates visit. Mr P. tried to compromise between Ritl. Clas & Pleased no one. Crouchen

not much. Interim

* When he came the churches all around were utterly rotten — things have improved but Clergy not a bright set. failure due to Clergy being Sent forth — Prne

(45) 3

L C M. Evelyn S. (near Grt Ck. Third S.) — CXXV. 1. — Warlow

Mission Hall 1005 — was a chapel for 40 years (still so called). 4 meetings a week

Sunday Aft. Young Womens Bible class by lady from S Luke — Sony. Plain Gospel Service — gets place full. — Thursday Mothers meeting. Blackheath Lad. 70/80 Wednesday Sony Gospel Service 30/40.

Burly well built — Strong Square face. Com Grey Mons Clothes & greyer beard. Cloth, like the Army man. He Pleasant voice & easy manner. Years Secretary, adv. Ashell

There are 2 large mothers meetings run on the 'buy 'em' system one by rich people from Blackheath — Prne.

Large mothers meeting formerly managed by ladies for Blackheath with Music Lunch provided. Wallis

Meth: New Conn: Grove S. — CVI. 167. — Nicholson

See under ——

There are two small Chapels which dont get more than a dozen people — Prne

(45) 8

Wesleyan Lower Road — CXXV. 45. — Clenhalls

Assisted by Lay agent & Volunteers

Deptford Park Ch — worked with Deptford High S

Membership 29. "a more hard full"

usual Services —

See under St Paul's parish. (45) 2. 8

One of the small chapels mentioned by Mr Prne

(45) 5

St Nicholas Deptford — CXXIV. 117. — Wallis

Curate in charge. 2nd Curate Deaconess. Home help from Sloane family

Old church — rooms hired for schools

8 am. 11 a.m. (100) 6.30. 200/250. Daily morning Prayer. Sony been 8th Nov 7 pm

S. Sch 600.

Mothers meeting (2 ladies from Blackheath manage it)

Mens Club 40/50. Lads club.

Collecting Club 800 depositors — £400 collected (on Monday)

Curate in charge — Na Ke.

Complains of the opposition of St Nicholas to St Paul's. Tries on Ritualistic lines — Lewis

large number of Communicants. Chiefly young people. not adults — except the old folks. Work hard. Manners

Two L C Ms are at work — one a Wesleyan is a pod fellow the other a Churchman — no good.

Trin Meth Greek St — CXIII. 221. — Peatpied

See under ——

Small Methodist place — Wallis

(45) 7

St Paul. Deptford. CXXIV. 155 Hodson
Rector. 3 Curates. Nursing Sisters (Mitchell). 30 asst Ms
Church 850. Schools. 30/40. SS.S. – or 120 indep, chor
mor 200 (scattered) Missn Service in School. 80/100.
Eve 800 (full) Communicants 500.
S. Schools – Mothers Meeting – Noble classes.
Mens Club meeting at Albany Institute (Deptford Jnr)
Servants Club. Slate Club. Penny Bank
Working Girls Club.
Septemblic Visiting

The opposite of his neighbour Grundy – being gloomy dull & matter of fact – complained of suffering from influenza. Alves
not attractive or interesting – a good but with high sense of duty.
Churches very active. take all they can by promises or threats – St Paul's especially. Honour
Mr Crocker once not attend St Paul's Thro indifferent because rector allows dancing in the Church rooms. Crocker
acting at work first a good deal. do not teach. the people get rid of better class working people. Dodd.
The Church visits. Bennell

(45) 8

Wesleyan Deptford High St. C XXV. 45. Clenhalls
(Work with Deptford Park Church)
Assistant lay agent – & have 50 workers at the High St.
At High St a School Chapel 350/400 (with lower hall in basement) Sunday
Grow second or repair Creek Rd for
have premises – use Albany Institute for Boys Club
many service there. Sunday 150/200. Tuesday 20/50
at Class meetings (11) 1/3 to 1/2 membership attend.
(30 meetings in all weekly & 1000 prayer readings)
Mothers meeting 60 members (43 present for public sale)
Boys Club & Gymnasium.
Sat'y night temperance Concert 30/80 – some drunkards
Church Membership 160 "Thus matters."

Might pass young man – fine regular features
blue eyes small moustache. Slight lisper stature, 25 but
must be more. Quiet cultured & in earnest Arthell
alive. Crocker

They church the most aggressive in Deptford – Clenhalls

(45) 9

Congregationalists. Deptford CXXV. 29. Salem Road
A good many workers. 60. S Sch Teachers. but work always more
Church in High St 860. School & class room – another
school in Armada St & Trinity Hall Penge St.
Many Corp. 250. Every 400. (not much difference of class)
Shopkeepers & respectable working class. Engineers &c
(not the Mission Hall kind)
Wed. night 50/60 – Mens meet at 8. best time.

Thickly built man of 50. Spectacles beard & bald in front – easy manner & ready command of rich uncommon language Arthell
Seldom open. Clenhalls
a number go to Salem Road – Crocker
used to be very influential but the people now go to towns but still when they get better to wed. Maxton LCM.

Other Churches no better off than we are – nor worse. Reed

(45) 10

Baptist Octavius St Chard. CXXV. 15. Hmow
Minister. Very hard – splendid body of workers but not enough
Church & Schools on 20. SS & teachers & a very earnest set
S. Service. 11. & 6.30. Prayer Meeting Monday. Service Wednesday.
50. 200. 20/30 (old people & some young)
S School. 250 from locality – Open air band. S. Service.
Mothers meeting 40 – Comm. of Douglas St a very good service.
a good choir & have Bazaars & Sermons of long a winter
No regular visiting – but one sister visits neighbours & the sick
& M H spends 7 hours a day at it.
Membership 130 – sending away more than they receive

Tall about 60. dark eyes aquiline nose – beard & hair
beard black with lines of grey – pale & unpromising. Arthell

(45) 11

LCM. Hall Staunton St. CXXV. 15. Crocker
Mr C & his family. Mass Band 15 & a number of workers
Hall 250 & another room 50 – Kitchen &c
very clean & well kept
Morn meeting 8 am. Children service 10.30 (50)
S Sch. 3 pm (teachers) Gospel Serv. 150/180 & open air after
Wed Mission Serv 8. 20 mostly SS teachers.
Saturday. Chr Endeav. 14/15 yrs from Bible classes
Thursday Bible class women – Open air in Summer.
Mothers meeting 80 – not same as come on Sunday
Provident Soc (allowing 15% a deposit for first 6 months)
Womens Provident Club 200. Children 150 – Women
pay 6d a week for 8/ in sickness & share out. Children
4d per week & get 6/.
Mens Club 60 – Loan Soc in connection – Charge
10% insecurity 6/ 2 other members – depositor of the
three must be people than seem to need – the
Temperance Meeting. varied programme. fill the hall
with music. a temperance lecture on clean 200 Sons
Mens of Hope 150/100.

Finely built man about 50 – whiskers & hair trimmed
short grey at side – quiet school sensible. better since
acted than most. Arthell

(45) 12

LCM. Charles S. CXXV. 145. Pennell

number of workers 24 Man Nw 16 SS Teachers (mostly from Church) No Shaftesbury Hall 150 – Institute room 50 – Baptist Church was for the chapel S. then only a stable. this building 12 years ago plans prepared for acquiring 2 cottages in front & building large hall –
Children service 11. 60/70
Sunday school 3. pm full
Market with Brass band 6. open air 6.15. Gospel 7/80
Mothers meeting. Band of Hope. Temperance society

rather nervous about 50. middle height. fair slightly bald in front
Ashell

Have met a sister connected with Church & Mission visiting – bright capable woman Pennell

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(45) 12

LCM. Princes S. Oxford. CXXV. 163. Marriott

work entirely visiting & persuading – & accompanying to service somewhere

Stout man 40. full faced. Small moustache formerly a butcher.
Ashell

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(45) 14

S.A. Oxford Corps CXXV. 213. Joslin

2 officers Nw & 18 local Leaders one Nw 100 soldiers. with some probationers &
Citadel. a large Hall. once a chapel 1150 – small attendance largely Band
Sheet meeting S. evening when there may be 400 present
S. Sch 100 children in afternoon.
Those attending are a mixed class. Some by Nw.
Female services. in doors rent

Man about 32. neither physically nor mentally impressive. but must have persistence & pluck for details of his story from page 215.
Ashes

Come occasionally. Pennell

Did well at first but have dropped off owing to financial difficulties & disagreements Barnes LCM.

RC

a considerable number of RC live in the district
So to east mass. Platers in are drinking & quarrelling – Marriott
Mostly Irish but have made headway with English. Set full on Sunday mornings. Schools a great battle.
Barnes.

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(45) 15.

Christ Church. Oxford CXXIV. 107. Pratt

Near Curate (Sec. Lay reader) 3 Bible women 1 visitor
Church 2 mission rooms. Dispensary. Girls Institute
Org. small in many. Music not better in many
S. School
2 mothers meetings. Clubs. Girls Institute

Old & diffuse & incoherence
Baxter

a good & rather simple man. Has a Bible reader. Honorary active, at work – Board

Some time ago one church workers (Congregationalists & RC) – now all sorts are trying. Religious competition is fatal. Pratt

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(45) 16

General Baptist (Unitarian) CXXV. 225 Marchant

An old chapel & the tiniest community
attendance S. morning 50 for adults & 20 for children
Sun. Evening 25 – or 30 at most (the members double what they were)
Exclusively working class. 1/2 for nearly.
S Sch 100/70 with 5 teachers

about 55 bald. Side light whiskers. rather deaf. Has to speak to deacon. a fine intelligent man – & Ashes
Administration

Success of an unknown denomination in Oxford may be anything in order. RC – Congregationalists & lastly Ch of E. the last (Parish Ch) attendance trying also much charity – Marchant

(45) 17

Ragged Sch. Deptford CXXV. 73 Dodd — Called at Adelphi Th. by appointment. Brisk business man. Early middle life. Tall. dark. arrow in lay light over coat & top hat. Argyle

Sch. Morn & aft 70 volunteers.
Building Cost £1 lays rent for 600/700 Class room & gym.
Morn School 10.30. 240
afternoon 3 pm. 350.
Evening 6.30. 326.
Adult Sch 8.0 80
} about 1000 children in all. one time with some influence
Sewing class girls 8 to 25. 280. Band of Hope 120
Mothers Meeting 80. Adult Bible class 85.
Women Bible class 68. Boys Club 80. Boot Coal & Clothing Club
Goose Club. Penny bank
Mission to Coppers. 247.

(45) 18

S. Mark Amersham Vale CXXIV. 93. Stone — About 60. Stout comfortable looking old fellow with large double chin. weak self indulgent "Rudy" face. Baxter

Near. Lay Reader. Mission Women
Church S. Mark's Road
11. am 6.30 pm. well filled
S. Sch 200. (March & we have room for)
Mothers meeting. Clothing Coal Blanket Club
Mens Slate Club. Womens Slate Club. Penny Bk
Perseverance Club for boys. Band of Hope
Parish magazine. Mass band.

not much. Intrusion

(45) 18

Congregational Mission Hall Peckham CXXV. 91. Ellison — Tall grave bearded 40/50 Athell

Mr & Mrs Ellison. Leaders of Ch. aid 500
Hall (300). Smaller room & 2 cottages for class rooms
Girls Cl. Evening. Girls Cl. Evening. Girls Cl. Evening.

(45) 21

S. Catherine. Hatcham CXXIV. 99. Muscott Ill – Dr Shabba Church with Ken. Baxter
Vicar. Curate. 2 lay readers.
Church – School?
8. 11. 7 PM.
always full – (middle class)

Lads Noble Class. Girls Noble Class
"Sunday afternoon in instruction class"

(45) 21

Wesleyan Ch. Ketto Rd CXXV. 209. Paull Replied very civilly by card – no interview – Cattell
Peckham Circuit
Pilly brick & stone Ch with room for extension.
Service 11. 6.30. 143 members.
S. Sch. 461. aver. afternoon 239. 29 teachers
Dr of Hope 80. Ch. Sidesm. 40. Society classes.
Mutual Improvement. Cricket Club

(45) 21

S. James Hatcham CXXIV. 31. Kennedy Splendid specimen of humanity. 6'5" "Group in Mot"
5 clergy. 4 Bassley workers (S. James 1100 hearers) (S. Michael (S. George) 4 mission halls Strong & little active though attentive. SD – fine head
3 churches 1250. 750 & 450 – S.S. Schools. well shaved & poised – attractive face. Moustaches – Baxter
all with large congregations in morning & full in evening. (at night.)
S. James & S. George mis. class. S. Michael work by class
at least 1/3rd men. 1053. Last Communion.
Monthly men's service (S. James) 500/1200.
Weekly men's Noble class about 170 (mean)
Boys Noble class (14/18) 120. (Curate)
Hope S. Sch. 2000. Small Day School 225.
3 Mothers meetings. 200. Y.W.C.A. 300/400.
Dr of Hope 700. Lads Brigade 180. Cricket & Club.
Whole houses visited systematically visited – 5 centres of open air preaching.

Story – Selwyn was a very great man. Make the place Hornby
The most popular Ch in district Crouch
Churches & Chapels still mostly full & a great force. especially S. James. Hatcham. Lewis
The best of the Churches. Mr K. a splendid fellow. Parker
We might run as a possibly large one – but I prefer not an option
At S. George's the Curate in charge is Sonyer Wesley an & times be one of our not quite our standard. Parker
The strongest. Intensely – Strong & active Hopewell
Very splendid work. Bowers

(45) 23

Baptist Ch. Brockley Rd CXXV. 103. Lewis & Williams – Mr W. (missing) Elder, Scotchman Baxter
Pastor. Home Missionary. Little Woman
Church & 2 Mission. Schools
Usual Services. (474 members). Women's prayer meeting
S. Schools. Band of Hope. Young Ch. Union.
Chapel Guild. Dorcas Soc. Magazine
Blanket Soc. Maternity Soc. Benevolent Soc

Weak. Kennedy
Not doing so well as it did under Mr Kyzer Parker

(45) 24.

Wesleyan New Cross Ch. CXXV. 197. Hopewell Mild looking Elder, man – tall grey form SA
Peckham Circuit – 50/60 volunteers
Church 1000. Schools do below not seen
Congs. many & Soc. about 300 – Membership 180
Lectures. Tea to over 500 people & meal all for neighbourhood.
Something going on every day.
S. Schools. Afternoon attendance 250
Wesley Guild for the young people lectures &c
Dr of Hope. Moribund – Cycle recognition
Mothers meetings. Dorcas
Maternity Society. the most successful

Weak. Kennedy

There is a mission worked by the Brockley Church
Nest Children's Social Industrial Day Are by the Orange's Churches. Hopewell

(45) 18

Congregational. Ladbroke Hall CXXV. 91. Ellison. See the Report CXXV. 101. (page 8)
Connected with Lewisham High Rd Church
Sunday School & Pleasant S. Long Service.
Mothers meeting. Band of Hope. Slate Club
Pleasant Thursday Soc. Cottage meeting &c

(Mr A S Booth has most to do with Ladbroke Hall)

(45) 24

S. John Lewisham. not seen. Atkinson

a good Evangelical Church & at S. Cyprians things are shaping well. Parker

Sympathetic Evangelical Clergy. Hockin

doing good work. Soans

Gone down because district was divided. S. Pl. & Emmanuel disappointed at district declined socially. Thos. mission in Hanson S. Parker L.C.M.

(45) 25

Congregational Ch. Lewisham High Rd. CXXX.183. Soans
Pastor. assist. pastor. deacons & Mtg. women. 150 55 (a few of other) Church 1300. Hall & other rooms (Lindenwood No Chapel. Dais. Amersham Hall & Lewisham Hill Boys' School) fully in Study. Many Eve
our people many. Many visitors in Sey
Sittings all let. Visitors wait for seats
Congreg. mainly well to do. for considerable distance.
get some worthy people. a good deal of giving given

Stone pleasant full faced 50 or so. might pass for well to do farmer. Able talker. bright manner & smile. Atkell

doing real live work. Kennedy

The most prosperous of the Non Con Churches though not so full as union. Morty weight when it had the largest membership any Congregational Church in London. Parker

Story & Rachel Hopewell
The most active in the district. Parker L.C.M.

People must attend pretty well – read all the churches full. Soans

(45) 26

U. Meth. F. Ch. Brunswick Chapel. CXXV.137. Hockin
Minister appointed 1857 & a number of other Chapel 300 – School rooms below 120. Mission Room 80 (Chelsea meeting)
Services 11 & 6 30. 60 many. 120 at night
S. Sch 200 – & Chelsea Service – Membership 117
Weeknight prayer Service (20) – people come late
Bible reading – Young Mothers' Guild, for instruction, Mothers' meeting 50. Band of Hope 100. Adult Sewing Class

Sturdy middle aged man. good head. quiet self possessed manner. Atkell

(45) 26

Strict Baptist. Zion Chapel. New Cross Rd. CXXV.233. Jones
An old Church & large for the Strict Baptists – back from Rd. hours 300/400. Membership 239.
S School 300 Scholars 32 teachers 84/252 av. att.

Portrait – respectfully declining interviews – his handwriting more than full

Holds an open air meeting in Walton S. Bennett

(S. Peters Parish)

Presbyterian Brockley Ch. Brockley Rd. (45) 26 CXXV.237. McIntosh.
a great host of workers. in 557. No visitors (all volunteers) Church 1000. Hall 400. 500 rooms – People's Hall Broadway.
fair many. Cong. well filled Soc
Sabbath School – Teachers' Prayer Meeting
Christian Association. Mothers' Meeting. Dorcas –
Band of Hope – Choral Soc gymnasium.
Weekly evangelistic Service at the People's Hall (& Thursday)
Gospel Service Study Soc – " –
Gospel Temperance Cookery Class – " –

Pinched little man – over 60 in appearance. Keen twinkling eyes. humorous manner. modern nice gown the house. Atkell

Chancel – Chapel. Hall. Sunday School. Library. Tea Meetings.

My friend McIntosh will tell you he has 500 members but am credibly assured there are over 300 in the Ch. Parker

(45) 28

St Peters Brockley CXXIV.135 Bromley.
no Curate – no district visitors – no Sunday School
Church (1150) Parish Hall – good buildings
full many & Soc. (no late dinners) – many men come
Children's Service Sunday afternoon. 400 – bright affair

Full of life & character – rather a Boreas. uncommunicating & reasoning – living man of 55. Aves

Chancel full but the people seem to be entertained – the man of Bell of London. Parker. Keeps church full. Soans

Churches & Chapels still a great force especially S. Pauls & S. Peters. Soans

(45) 29

Wesleyan Meth. Hanfield Rd. CXXV.117. Parker
Church Schools. 2 small mission rooms. Trinity & Croydon Park
Usual services at Church & 1 at each mission
Total numbers at the 4 services. at least 1000 – is not full too
outdoor service in Summer – Slate Clubs at the mission rooms
S. Sch 400 – Weekly Meetings.

about 60 gray hair. Beard – face at first forbidding. Sermon to the point but became cousin & cheerful. Parker

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District 46

(46) 1

S. Peter, Greenwich CXXVIII. 71. Clarke

many Do Catholics, not more adult
Cong 140.
Mens Bible class by curate 30/40
Mothers meeting 80/100 - Active temperance work
Senior Tem. Soc. meeting weekly for 23 years
Band of Hope 500 - & 500 have passed thro' it.

about 60. Vivacious little grey haired Evangelical - a widow, probably - housekeeper relieved by sister. Made lady of 70 odd aspect which was present throughout & to whom he professed as "man clash" - Baxter

Visited 22 July CA

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no interview.

Working lads instit. Bridge S. CXXVII. 205 McClure
West Greenwich Ragged School
Children Service - Mayor meetings.
Sunday School.
Bible classes.
Mothers Meeting.
Institute with various Clubs

Secretary - Local school

Passed. 22 July CA

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(46) 2

S. Alphege with S. May. CXXVIII. 15 Brooke-Lambert

2 old churches within 5 min. throw of each other.
S. Alphege. 3 parts full - as many men as women
S. May almost empty
Sunday Schools. Band of Hope
G.F.S. Church Lads Brigade
Provident dispensary
Collecting Bank

about 55. rather handsome. fine blue eyes. wavy hair. healthy complexion. Purple velveteen jacket & smoking a big cigar - they needed a brush to look the better Baxter

Mr Brooke-Lambert as "brass" as they make 'em - most brotherly. Habbin

No cooperation - that sensible brass minister Lambert tried it but it broke down. Higgins

Visited both S. May & Alphege. 22 July CA

On cordial terms with all non-cons except Simpson - Abbott

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(46) 3

R.C. Our Lady Star of the Sea CXVIII. 135 O'Halloran

2 priests. 26 Ursuline Sisters.
Beautiful adorned Church - Schools (not with Ann) run by the Sisters.
Catholic Census 600
Visit broad night where there are 40/50 boys
Sunday mass 300 adult. 100 Ch. 20 Sisters.
Easter duties 300. 180 from Sunday School.
Sodalities, RC. Patriotic - no ordinary Social agencies

An old man - after a moment's hesitation, talked freely - received us in the old fashioned parallelism of priesthood. Elder

an excellent RC priest. Elder

Visited 22 July CA

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(46) 4.

Wesleyan Church Union S. CXVII 41 Hawkins

Minister. 2 sisters - inner band of 70 workers.
Church
many Cong. Small -
Chapel, because of liturgy,
Going about 350
} Membership under 200. Accessions not numerous. Outdoor service the most marked.
S. Sch. 364 - Children service - Boys brigade
Successful Temperance work - Band of Hope
Visitation in hands of sisters - Organized Poor fund (Expressed as tops to non church goers —)
Fellowship meetings & Bible classes &c
Mens Slate Club - Women's Slate Club

about 50 - very unministerial talker. Looks like a commercial traveller - rather coarse face but very jolly & frank. Baxter

Visited 22 July CA

As to other agencies - District "overdone" - too much competition for moral health of people. Hawkins

(46) 5

Congregational Ch Mage Hill CXXVIII.115. Higgins about 50. middle height grey beard pretty - a
ord, hard minister - Comfortable middle class congn. G.H.D.
Church 800.
11. am Sunday. + 6.30. about 400 each time
3 women to 1 man. "not a bad proportion"
Wednesday prayer Service 40 usual all women
Thursday Prayer meeting same number
No mission work. not needed or else owned.
Mothers meeting very successful only month. 160/60 average
in the stopping time. all wives of labourers -
S Sch. 300/400. Band of Hope 70
Literary Soc. men & women - age 40

Visited 22 July - CD

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(46) 7

L C M. CXXVII 207 Saberton about 75 rather deaf thoroughly white hair beard Spectacles
mainly supported by Blackheath Congregational Ch Pleasant voice good fatherly manner S.H.D.
650 families visited - gets round in 5 weeks.
Room behind "Three Cups" Coffee Tavern
40 to 60 Sunday Evening Service.

Here a long time. Knows the district well. Barrett

full account of the work on page 213.

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no interview

The Brethren. King George Hall CXXVII. 239. Jordan. See letter - (very excellent answers)
Fine building - head quarters of a strong body
and the second largest in London
Mr Jordan & his brother are leading members
& give their spare time to the work at the Hall
The meeting is mixed Social - wealthy men
from Blackheath & worthy men from East &
West Greenwich - most from West. those in
East Greenwich mostly go to Marlborough Hall
an off shoot from King George Hall

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(46) 8

St Paul's Greenwich CXXVIII. 1 Love
Vicar. Curate. Nurse 10 assistants 43 S Sch.
Church. Mission House. Schools
11. 6.30
300 500. Room S. Mission 20/40 Every Service near Gs. very cheery friendly man but tending to be garrulous & shallow. Baxter
A very nice man but does not do much - Morgan
Sunday School at 500
Mothers Meeting. Temperance meeting
Girls Club. Band of Hope S.
Dorcas meeting K
Visitors collect for Provident Fund in house-hold
little hand bills & at all the houses.

Visited 22 July CD

Though the other agencies are numerous the one, one by any strength is Spurgeon's chapel - the rest have a struggle for existence. Love

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(46) 9

Baptist Ch South S. CXXVII. 1 Spurgeon
Mr S. ordained. 4 deacons 2 elders. 65 SSJ. 30 local preachers
Chapel 950 - school below. Social Hall & class rooms behind.
Sunday Serv. 11. 600/700. Great stress laid on it - 6/p meeting
Every. 6.30. Chapel full - Crammed on occasion
S. School on books 925 - over 15. 46 -
Men's Bible Class 250/200. Short assistants &c (Class &c)
Two large young women's classes (all on Sunday afternoon)
Monday Prayer meeting 100/120 - Thursday Services 150/100 Tuesday
Mothers meetings &c

Has 21 years at Greenwich sit lightly & his sunny smile & urbane manner make a personality more attractive than his photo suggests. Arkell

Mr Spurgeon is always full especially with young people, & may slightly a little influenced by some who offer & does nothing in district. Another name was a power & then non conformists to them. Love

The big quiet voice that of Mr Spurgeon has the notes of a character from others. Robertshaw

The strongest but intensely exclusive - will work with no one will not even join in a week of London prayer. Hawkins

If all Baptists were like the late Charles Spurgeon he would join the Baptist Union - but - Jevons

Visited 22 July CD

(46) 10

Congregationalist. Greenock N^b. CXXVII. 105. Morgan

Minister only paid. Stipend extra of 40/50 winters
Chapel 1650 | vestries | Schoolroom
Services 11 & 6.30. Sing say the Lord's Prayer 300.
P. Sch 160 members 150/200 attendance.
S. Sch. 215. 22 teachers. Church members 170 (Kennedy Shipping)
Ch. Endeavour N^b of Hope & Work Song Service Arbitrary
Large mothers meeting drawing for "other sex" by lantern lectures 150/200 then.
Miscellaneous visitation with 'Monthly Visitor' &c
Benevolent fund. & Christmas dinner fund.
Large Foreign Soc

fair swing. Prime of life. Small. rather sharp face
brown hair. moustache & short pointed beard. well educated
familiar with life & talism. Arbell

Visited 22 July CD

(46) 11

Presbyterian. S. Marks Ch. South S. CXXVII 157. Elder
Pastor, & 60/70 Volunteers
Church 600 sittings. 1000 possible. School room beneath
Services. Morning 300/400 long & small. 300 Ch. members
2nd service. Nothing sensational. avoids politics
Small SSch at Church for Ch of Congreg.
Ch Endeavour &c
Mothers meeting well attended.

Little Canon Barnett in appearance. but lacks superior
keenness & intellectual love. if Son had has lost those qualities
does not do much. Morgan Argyle

Visited 22 July CD

Church of God. Baptists & Congregationalists all at work. Rev. Story. Elder.

(46) 12.

Street Baptist. Devonshire N^b. CXXVII. 197. Jarvis

Chapel seats 350. large schoolroom
Sunday fairly attended. "Congregation filled" in Sunday.
S. School. 9.45 & 2.45. 160 in afternoon.
Public class young people. Open air Greenock N^b.
Monday Prayer meeting 50. Thursday Preaching 80-90
Foreign Soc monthly.
Membership has 70 does not say much

Pleasant earnest man. middle life. Deep set full eyes
Small moustache heavy hair. Mostly, say 40! Arbell

Not much. Morgan

(Near S. Peters Church)

LCM. Randall Place CXXVII 87. Matthews

Works under Mr Clark (S. Peter)
Mission premises unusually good. but Mr M confines
himself to "Gospel work".
Study Sunday service 80 & Thursday night. 30
No. S. schools (all are women)

An old man. White hair & beard. feeble. a very old
type of LCM. just good gentle Nonconformity. no
doubt lots of kindly friendship with the religious
including women. little literary influence others. Baxter

(46) 13

Holy Trinity Blackheath Hill CXXVIII. 53. Payne

Vicar. Curate (just leaving) & Scripture Reader. Mission W. 2 nurses.
Church managed by Vicar. (Evangelical. Sunday Conv.)
Mission Chapel (Immanuel) by Curate (Decorative Sunday S. W. Connaught Square)
inclines to be higher but dare not so far.
Church Congreg. morning. 200. with more in Sunday
Non Ch to Church
Nat School 500. Blue Coat orphanage Sch.
S. Sch in all 1000 scholars. 50 teachers.
more than half Immanuel. more actively worked
by acting S. Michaels. "Splendid work" they do for us
Use Mission Room Kennett St & Div Room (Vicarage parlour)
+ Another room in Hog Sty.
for Mothers Meetings. Band of Hope &c
Healthy House in Kennett St. Kitchen & Club
3 distinct Mothers meetings. One run independently
by a parishioner but to which Mr P goes.

about 40. pale face. prominent cheek bones. robust.
'tooth brush' moustache. harassed looks. harsh voice. air of once
S.H.D.

Visited 22 July CD

no interview.

Baptist Lewisham No CXVII. 237. Now without a pastor. Mr Wheatham recently left & successor not appointed.

Chapel free building seating 600 - Schools 100 sitting
small mission in Coldbath S. 100
Usual Services
S. Sch. Lewisham No 350 - 35 teachers.
— mission Hall 90 - 6 —
Church membership 287.

(?) work not systematic - need a pastor. Barrett

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no interview

Mission Blissett St. CXVII. 39. George Report sent

Sunday morning service for children - S. School -
Gospel Service on Sunday evenings.
Mothers meeting - Womens Temperance Ass.
Band of Hope - Y. W. C. A
Poverty Society. Men 67. Women 168. Children 376
Christmas dinners. 16/8. 1.5.9. 15/7.
or £ 565 divided in all.

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(46) 16

Christ Church Greenwich CXVIII. 35. Reaney

Vicar. 2 Curates. 1 lay reader, 1 Deaconess. 2 Bible readers. 10 Blue coats. 12 lady visitors. 3 Nurses. 100 S. School teachers. 1 nurse.
Parish Ch — Mission Ch (with Marsh) (Mr Hills Curate-in-Charge) — 2 Mission Rooms 1 School.
Usual Services. See (46) 5.
at Parish Church about 400 morning & evening - all middle class
New church with a few free seats & a fair system
Mission Ch quite small & almost empty - see (46) 5.
Day Schools 700. S. Schools 150.
Mothers Meeting. Bible classes - Boys Guild.
Girls Guild. Mothers union. 3 Bands of Hope
Temperance Soc. Dramatic Soc

A man of about 65. spoke very confidentially of his religious views. Baxter

A good sort but apt to find the proper 'all round' he has no hold - Ryan

Object to Church to do very good work. Present vicar a ritualist. This may keep the mission. Probably free of drunkenness. Times

Visited 22 July CB.
Mission House Blackheath S. deplorable locality. CB

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(46) 17

RC. S. Joseph Pelton No CXVIII 145. Ryan

Complete contrast to Father O'Halloran - is in prime of life - body keen aggressive - pix first. Aves

Attendances at 2 masses 500 children, 100 children
Easter duties 600.
Applied to Grey Ladies for help with his sick

A good many very poor RCs - I often have to help them. Reaney
A good man who does not intermingle with others & is not much seen about. Traders

Visited 22 July CB

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(46) 18.

Wesleyan Victoria Hall Mission CXVII. 61 Barrett

Day, Lord's workers, 19 Great Staff, class leaders, open air workers
Mission Church (500) (seated with chairs) Small Hall 250
Forms & Band.
7 am Prayer meeting
S. School 400 local children. 350 often no attendance
11 am. Small congr 100. Equal men & women
6.30 very good quite full during winter
P. S. A men & women. 50 to 150. Good music. Reach some not otherwise reached.
10 Class meetings
Monday Prayer meeting - Thursday Service 50/60
Mothers meeting 120. Mens club 85. reading room & well used in winter
P. Sat Eve Strong musical programme 400 to full
Visiting by Mr B. & the Miss Greens for Mothers meeting & Class leaders.

Well dressed middle aged man. Tall & slim intelligent face black hair & beard. Ashall

Professes to spend 3 hours a day visiting but only gets to poorer people. Traders

Visited 22 July 1900 CB

Baptists work not systematic. Need a pastor. Barrett

(46) 19

Brethren. Marlboro Hall CXXVII. 75. Turner
40 Volunteer workers. Most trained here. Some of the Kingsway S.
Hall built 5 years ago. School & Comfortable deep gallery
instead of then S. Sch. Sch. for whom it was erected
seats 400/500. too small for the work.
Mr T usually conducts the Service. sometimes
an Evangelist comes.
Services for adults morning & evening on Sunday.
in afternoon crowded with children (300)
Mens meeting 25/30. Sen. Bible class 20 young women
& a junior class for those who fail.
On S. afternoon most keen for more work.
Open air service 6 p.m. all thro' the year
drawing a good many. some of whom come in.
Maintain good regular congregation. in summer
second service out door after the indoor one. these
are managed by the young people. portable organ
pushing to a corner of the road. Meeting in hall
is cheerful & musical. but pure Gospel service
nothing like it for holding the people.
Monday Prayer meeting. & Mothers meeting 40/50
with tea & biscuits. Clothing Club. etc. & 1/2 hour Gospel
Wednesday meeting for Bible Study. Thursday lecture
with lantern. Tuesday & Friday receives for occasions.

Elderly man. Pleasant face. Silver grey hair & beard
smoothly. of a set smile. attractive but not without firmness
J.A.

Visited 22 July 1900 CB

(46) 20

2 Cm CXXVII. 73 Fiader
works now under Mr Barrett
Room in Victoria Hall (80)
Service Wednesday 3-4. Mtg 7-8 means for men
Wednesday best attended
Overseas prayer club 60. Cadry lecture 17/6 books
more stories. much liked. no, one or two can neither read nor write

Old man. over 60, might be 70. White hair & beard
& hairy hands. Bent back & knees. Dressed in serviceable
suit of black. frock coat & trousers. pale pleasant face. GHD

Ladies of Church. Pastoral aid Soc. go into Cottages & are disliked
for asking too many questions. Price

(46) 21

Christchurch Church Nottingham
S. Andrew Mission Dist CXXVIII 99. Hills.
Curate in Charge & deaconess.
at present no church. Services in School room
30 in morning. full (85) in evening & in Campion Church there used to be 130 in evening
S. Sch. 250. 16 teachers. Communicants roll. 105.
no room for social work
Mothers meeting 70. Band of Hope 70.
Circulate 300 copies of magazine visit about

Must be over 30 but looks younger. tall lithe
athletic. bright looking. delightful smile & pleasant manner.
Had an iron church for 25 years holds 200. Now filled with
at harvest festival time last year. Deaconess visits. Curate
when sent for. Roots

Baxter

(46) 22

Congreg. Nottingham Hall. CXXVII. 27 Thurley
Mr J. (Congleton) Bible woman. music. paid. & 2 ladies
Hall (450) visit & 40 other volunteers keep. mostly
class rooms &c for Black health — 137 Church members
Mission Hall (Age of Sc) purchased for debt & for Gymnasium
S. morning. 100. Evening 250. Children in Gymnasium 200 on S. Day
S. School 1000/800 — 40 teachers
Week Evening. Ch. Endeavour (35). Wed. Service (40)
Many Social agencies —
Mothers meeting (90) seldom comes to other services
Boys Brigade — Gymnasium — Youths institute (60 to 80)
Girls Blanket Club &c reaches 60 Myrlads
Also classes in Winter
Ambulance, Cookery &c — do not get large numbers. have
Mr Th visits members. Ladies & Bible women visit
generally. £100 given in charity. mostly in kind.
Cases of illness. man ill no Club. Clothing & nourishing
work is growing — membership & contributions doubled.
Rev Mr Teaude.

Full bodied man 30/40. dark hair & moustache —
Capable but rather lethargic — Atkell

A mission which boasts of 1000 children in its S. School
"doing a great work for the Lord" "have given 750 free teas this winter"
"Gospel & Soul" Pearce

gets a good many children. Hills

does very good work similar to our own but gives more
relief. Barrett

Visitor little. he has too many classes. works at Nottingham hall
built at cost of £1000 by Mr Cadbury. Fiader

people come round with bills & some go. Roots

Visited 22 July. "No expense spared" — CB

(46) 23

L C M Has 8/10 volunteer helpers from Gas Greenfield & neighbours Mission Hall Malkesley Bldgs. belonging Gas Co. 200 Gospel Service 7 p.m. 40/50 for district S. School 200.. Bible reading Tuesday / Prayer Meeting Thursday / 12/14	CXXVII. 95 Roote	Fresh looking young man 30/35. vigorous & humble. Gets a good many children. Hills Marks people better attended than I saw in other parts. Go to Malvern Dobbing Marlborough Hall. Roote Askell
S/Army. Small corps. 32 soldiers Temporary quarters. Unsuccessful indoors Good out door meetings	(46) 24 CXXVII. 193	Pull. Captain of this corps. Big rather pretty little woman. Great head fuzzy hair. "Gun" party no success here. You'll forgive my saying it. Visited 22 Mt. Fraxton little place CB Baxter Salgado
St Johns Blackheath Vicar Curate Bible women Nurse. Visitors & S. Sch teachers in full force Church. Mission Hall. Schools. Memorial Room Usual evangelical services. Bible classes S. School. Band of Hope Boys Brigade Workers union. Institute. Mothers meeting.	(46) 24 CXXVIII. 117.	Mankell. Huge powerful head of Thurston type. More common in the churches. Curate was recovering in bed. chain surgeon for sciatica. in much pain. so short interview. Baxter
Presbyterian Vanburgh Park Ch. Church. Services thinly attended. 115 members Small city people. not the rich Not much gap in all their churches Small S. Sch. & Weekly Service. but some of the members have started a school on Sundays at Brown's school off Westwood Rd & get 100 children but not the poorer class	(46) 25 CXXVII. 55.	Thomson. Dim interior little Scotchman. Pleasant friendly but not much mentality or otherwise. Baxter
Wesleyan Church. Old Dover Rd Mr Ritson & a sister. & many volunteers Church small (300) seems for 600. to be full there will be fuller as the 'cause' is growing. Church full many young but many children in small the afternoon. afternoon & e. many. S. School 520 Ch & 40 teachers Band of Hope 200. Four Men's Slate Clubs. No senior temperance but use of mouth in place of sermon reader. a chapel of Plumstead & Shewell Road Open air Service in Summer large attended & listened attentively, has a wonderful strengthening effect on those who do it.	(46) 25 CXVII 227. Ritson	Not much over 30. tall rather good looking fair hair blue eyes. So far as any non-con church in the district is touching the working class, the Wesleyans are the most successful Thomson Baxter
St George Westcombe Park Vicar. Curate. Lay reader. Mission W. Sick nurse Church. Mission Hall. Schools. S. Service 11. 3.30 children. 7 p.m. & at mission S. Sch 500. exclusive of infants. Mothers meetings &c	(46) 26 CXXVIII. 87.	Kendall. Curate. Appearance admirable for the rascall, actor of melodrama. at best a fair counterfeit Baxter
Baptist Woolwich Rd Church Pastor Church 800. & 2 vestries for meetings. Services 11. 6.30. 100 morn. 200 evening. Means over 60 S. Sch 150. (has declined had over 300 in old quarters Mothers meeting Ch. Sundays. Open air meetings	CXXVII. 17. Wells	Dark slightly built man in the thirties. Sanest & most nervous temperament. Clerical dress. Askell Weak. Pastor too good for his people. above their heads. Kendall

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Work of the Churches.

District 48

(Woolwich)

Charlton

(48) 1.

Holy Trinity - New Charlton. CXXXIX. 43. Evans. About 40. under med. height. dark pale shaven. Methodist
Vicar & assistant Priest Mr Evans & 50 S.S.d Y. men from Blackheath. under L.P. not unpleasant looking. Almost mild. fair speaker. ave.
Church (500) Mission Room (West End). Institute (Sat &)
High Church. National Schools. Nominal a Sunday.
H.C. M. 8.0. Chil. Evening (Matins & Evening daily)
S. 11.15. 3.30. 7.0
Small attendances - 100 morn. 200 Evening - Small mission services
Sacr. Com 165 - 500 magazines sold.
S. Sch 600/500 - Bands of Hope Instit & Mission Room
Bible classes - 9 & 5 classes. Mothers meetings - Lively parish,
Men's Club (in) Lads Clubs. Library -
Parish visited House to House -

(48) 2

S. Paul Charlton CXXIX. 139. Scott Curate - Pleasant fresh coloured boy girl - Not long ordained. Nice.
Rector. Curate.
Church -
morning & evening Service 400/500 - Communion 300
Congreg. Pure, middle class
S. Sch about 600 - due to Mr Hamilton, Predecessor
Bands of Hope - 9 & 5.

Douglas-Hamilton - rather of the moons type (weak) - C.O.S

(48) 2

S. Luke. Charlton. CXXXIX 37. Swainson. The Rector had not answered our letters & a call brought an interview with Mrs Swainson - Ases
Rector - High handed - No School. No visitors. No Bibles.
Small picturesque red brick Church - Cash & Composition

all my letters unimportant for C.O.S point of view. Needs rest. - C.O.S

(48) 3

S. Thomas Old Charlton CXXIX 29. Shepherd Ord. 50. red face. close side whiskers. no features. Methodist
Rector. Curate - Son Reader - Magazine distributors. S. School teachers. but pleasant manner. GHD
Church built 50 years ago. red brick (1000) - National School
Bright morning Service - Evangelical teaching.
Morning Sen 300/400 Evening 500 - Men not 40.
Thursday 50. Sat 50. (a number of young men attend)
S Schools - 450 - attendance 300/400 - Bands of Hope
Bible class for men (40) 18-26 age
Confirmation Classes - 70 for the year equal boys & girls.
Temperance meeting unsatisfactory small
Gymnasium 50/60 young men - Ch Lads Brigade (50)
Working Guild for young women 60 - all from Girls taught in Ord Rel & Sch
2 Mothers meetings - Evening & afternoon - 25 each
all from respectable - working & educated mothers not admitted
Temperance lectures, monthly - 200/300 - for the music - collection pays expenses.
Magazine 700 sold

Queer, inactive, above all old fashioned. Manner seems to be many occupied looking after marks, necessary farming. C.O.S

Some of best work in Parish is done by the Min Shoe Brigade at the Soldiers Home (Hill S.) - Sun by Sat Evening Service -
Plymouth Brethren Prospect Pl. - a little room. Shepherd

Baptist. Samuel S. ✓

Baptist. Sand S. ✓ not strong. Connected with Wilson Tabernacle. Shepherd

Wesleyan Woolwich R. ✓ not doing much. Shepherd

(48) 4

S. Michael. Woolwich CXXIX. 127. Johnstone — Plain, unmatured active — about 35. Naxler

Incr. Curate — 20 Dist visitors (working class) (collect money as in St Serene parish) — Lewisham, very nice, active with good workers in wife. COS

Church with two Chapel — well attended — Lester

High Church Services — Cong. 400/450. Comm 280

Day Schools 700. S. Sch 300/350

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(48) 4

S. Mary Magdalene. Woolwich. CXXIX 1. Escreet — Portrait in the report (8 years old) is far too flattering — a sweet but stronger face than that of Dalziel. Naxler

Rector. 3 curates. 3 lay readers. Mission Woman. 30 Bible Women. 100/

Church (800). Mission Room (Artill. Pl) 250. Schools 500 / 1 class room — Chairman of the Committee & gentleman, very matured — largely due to him that the Parish is as strong as it is. C.O.S.

Congr. many 300. Sunday 600. — full all round. Hanna

Communicants 350 Cl & 50 Mission — (good supply of men) — Rector of them all — wide mind, open minded, able, energetic. 500

many quite 50. — Speaks carefully thought for section of working class with his Sunday

Day Schools 750. S. Sch 600 (half, Dr Parker) — good Table man. Henning

Dorcas Soc. — Guild of Mens of S. Mary — Excellent man but an High Ch man. Tells me he always prays for me on Saturday night. Wilson

Mens Social Club — District visitors Soc. — Temperance Soc. — Band of Hope — Energetic & kindly. Takes interest in social questions. Exley

Fails as does the Ch of England generally in work and power because the Rector is so jealous of any other High Ch. Wilson — Rector is so jealous of any other High Ch. Wilson — Hyde Soc.

S. Martins Mission. Nachtsand Artillery Place. — [Bible Christian & Peculiar People (Methodists) are strong.]

Children Service 11 am. — very serious Hymns 7.

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CD ✓

S. George Garrison Church — Visited 28 Oct 1900. CD

(48) 6

Congreg. Ch. Rectory Place. CXXXIX 127. Abel — about 40. fairly able — good deal of swing & tobacco & a considerable strain of vulgarity. Very intense. garrulous & chatty. rather dogmatic. Naxler

Pastor. 7 deacons

Churches — Mission — Pellipar Pl.

many Room. Service well filled

Thursday Prayer meeting. Numbers 60/70

Successful Literary & Debating Soc.

Sund. Schools. Rectory Place & Pellipar Pl. — 280 — 28 teachers. 350. 26 teachers

Mothers meeting. Matinee 50

Christian Instructions Soc (Meets Friday the 1st & 3rd)

Dorcas & Clothing Soc. Band of Hope

Just keeps a congregation together. a good man but not remarkable. Maintains Sociétés started by Young his predecessor. Is hyper in due training of all best fellows in Woolwich. Exley

Among its adherents the most influential man — Gardener. Escreet

Good & fairly successful. Henning

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CD

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(48) 7

Wesleyan Ch William S. CXXX 221. Cornelius Jones — about 50. Longish hair. brushed up & back. moustache looks like a pianist. strong — pleasant voice. deliberate speaker not any particular power. Hill

President of Woolwich Circuit has special care of this Chapel.

William S. — Plumstead Common Chapel. Plumstead Village & Shooters Hill — Good strong Wesleyan church. Escreet

William S. Chapel (600). — School room 700 — Institute. Recreation room. Soldiers Home. 150 sitting. hall for soldiers. — about 70 Comm. must be 120 before the war

many Serv 450. Comm. Afternoon (40 to 50) 600. Evening Service?

S. Sch. 10 am 100 - 12 teachers. 230. 180. 25.

Person himself there is Mr Harlam his colleague & the Army Wesleyan Chaplain & 20 lay preachers

Literary Soc for mutual recreation. Wesley Guild for devotional. Juvenile & adult Temperance Soc — not very forward. — 100 members in Comm.

The Church of England has the lead — by exclusive Jones

(48) 7

Strict Baptist. Zion Chapel. CXXX 125. White — Portly, grey headed. Ruddy face. friendly. Strike without rancour.

Pastor & deacon. 22 teachers. 2 sick visitors.

Chapel (285). 2 Sch rooms. Sunday service only. 11. & 6.30. Evening well filled. Prayer & open air meeting.

S. Sch. 250 Sch. — Membership 120.

Nonconformist Soc.

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CD

Primitive Methodist C. Woolwich Circ (48) 8 CXXXIX. 16 Hill Clarson – Mr Ls was out. Mr Hill kind & saw us. Does
Mr Ls. 8 Local Preachers 1 Exhorter. &c
Union Chapel Sun S. – Woolwich
Small membership
Chapel holders 40/500
Nothing besides S Services
Crowded S School & Wednesday Service –
Shooters Hill Ch. Rolinton Rd. Plumstead
members 60 – Chapel holders 200. Schools beneath
attendance – S. Serv 120/130.
open air Service – 53 of Hope
Sunday School.
Same class of people at both chapels & the usual Primitive Methodist congregation

Welsh Congregational C. Harris. not seen
Parnas Hill.
visited 28 Oct 1901 CD

Holy Trinity. Parish Ch (48) 8 CXXIX. GG. Wragge
Vicar. 1 Curate – 16 Ord M – about 40 LS Church
Church – Schools –
Usual Services
probably 40. Study shows a man of taste & culture with his refined face – Baxter.
one of those who writes closest in with us. C.D.S
Ablest of them all intellectually – has some personal charm – great power intellectually & morally Grinling
Does little – The vicar is seen as far as poor people go Harris
visited 28 Oct 1901 CD

Baptist – Woolwich Tabernacle (48) 9. CXXX 35 Wilson
Pastor. 1 paid Wilson – 200 written.
Chapel 2000 –
morning 800. Evening 1800 – Membership 1200 (?1500)
many artisans from Woolwich, Charlton Plumstead &c
S. Schs 1500. Band of Hope 700.
Mothers meeting: Orchestra 50 – Collections for them are paid
Cricket football & bicycling clubs – C.O.S for others
Cameron Adelphi Yes – a great burly Scotchman
about 45/50 – light hair & beard fine hazel eyes
very sweet sympathetic face – Baxter.
Out of the way the most orthodox – no one to touch him for congregation
rather narrow theology – homely speech – suits a certain sort of working man – home to the poor. Grinling
Draws the greatest numbers. Mr Hardcastle
The strongest religious organization in Woolwich but more recently from Plumstead. An able man – a powerful speaker – a heart of real power may more but also much religious humbug – pretty sacrificed Tabernacle empties other churches. Everest
Full to overflowing Sunday night – Only Chance of impartiality. Wragge
Far the strongest cause here – that of Plumstead
for distribution of tracts – not for giving. Wilson & Stay man Ogle
Wilson is sore & bitter – hurt by the app^t of Lees. Lees
The largest congregations – Lees
Does magnificently Seeley
Gets the largest congregation – Does it for things we cannot. White

Salv. Army Nevinford S. (48) 10 CXXX 241. Avery
Captain & wife & 51 local officers – 3 brigades.
Corps numbers 220 & 172 juniors
Large Hall holds 800 – Small Hall 300 (juniors)
Usual meetings – Bright children to the children meeting
S. Sunday get 400/500 – some from Plumstead
Week Sunday 20/100 – Open air 4 nights, Second on Sunday
Teach the Ch (No of Sons) footworks &c
Dark, well built. Mid aged – looks like an army man
Engaged in burning waste paper. cleaning out cupboards. Asbell
S/A struck in Dust Hole occasionally, rescue a mortuary
carry a man out of the mire. Wilson
visited 28 Oct 1901 CD

LCM. East Woolwich Circ (48) 10 CXXX 233 Harris.
no Hall
Heavy lothy bearded – nearly bald – big boned full faced
with crass features slow & deliberate in speech & movement
Asbell

(48) 11

St John the Evangelist - Belhaven St. C XXIX. 81. **Lester**

Rev. & 2 Curates. 1 Reader. 1 Mission & 8 deaconess.

Church 2000 - (Great overpowered) Mission Ch. 400 (S. Mary Hall 100. 6 at 8 am. 30). 6.30. 100.

Service mission - black stole - Eastward Position - Incense. Use the Church. St Michaels Succeeds better So - he of those who use the church. Many do so because it is moderate. So seems to work on quiet parochial lines. Has increased from 80 to 100. by visiting & preaching - doctrine in the Cong. & Education the money.

At Mission Ch. 50 morn & 100 evening

S. Sch. 50. Morn & 400. afternoon. Band of Hope. 90

2 Mothers meeting. 95

Literary Soc. - monthly. Men's Club Rejected - Gymn. up because of absent overtime.

Provident Club 80 members. District visitors collect.

Clothing Club 70.

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Clean shaven, brown hair, thin at top. 35/40. Quiet pleasant but vague - have a mission. B HO

new man - settling down. Liked. C.O.S

new man with making of good progress. Grinling

Visited 28 Oct 1900. CA

Baptists & Congregationalists are the strongest ha Cas. Plymouth Brethren small. - Polytechnic study aft. services. Salvationists are weak. - Lester

(48) 12

R.C. St Peter. Newhaven C XXX. 11. **Peter**

4 Priests - Nursing S. Vincent de Paul (15) - Collections &c

Ch. Pupil Ch (800). Schools.

4 Masses average 1200. including 250 Ch.

Same number make Easter duty. - Women well attend. 20 Conversions Cross Oyster. Number of R.C. Gov. are large. Branch of Leagues of the Cross - 40 Irish not foreign. Girls Club. 60/70

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Agreeable type of Priest - a touch of over smartness - hot robust. - Ill last year - seems quite up to his strength. Rev.

Family strong. Good Irish contingent. Lester

Strong & good. Many Irish - not the poorest. also a convent in Nightingale Place - Lester

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CA.

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Presbyterian - St Andrew. C XXX. 47. **Scott**

Minister. 9 Elders. 10 Managers. 40 S. School teachers

Church - Schools

On Sunday - 10.15 Y.P.S.C.E. - 11.0 Public worship. 2.45 S. Sch. 6.30. Public worship. 8. Monday Public class (Centre)

Monday 8 pm Y.P.S.C.E. - Thursday Mothers meeting - 1st of the Young People's Guild

Wednesday. Week night Service. Choir practice.

Thursday. Women's missionary association (fortnightly)

Magazine - ...

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Sent a postcard - saying there work dead not make much show - "really is not on much" - That's a report -

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CA

(48) 13

Strict Baptist - Carmel Chapel. C XXX 139. **Rose**

Minister & Catechist - 17 S. Sch. teachers all working class

Chapel 600 - Small School at back (Daughter of Sun)

Services 11 & 6.30. Coming 130 - holy alliance

has increased from 30 in the many wh he came

Practically a working class Church - 65 members

S. Sch. 120. - Y.P. Soc. Band of Hope

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Dark, spare, pleasant manner - just recovered from long illness. Astell

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CA

(48) 13

Presbyterian Ch. Newhaven C XXX 165. **Moore**

Minister & 2 Ch. & 1 Catechist

Church 1100 (500 reserved for soldiers) - Lecture Hall & Class rooms

11. am. 200 soldiers & 400 civilians

S. Sch. 250. Y.P.S.C.E. meetings & week night service

Mothers meeting - not wives of soldiers - women that is beneath men

Thrift Soc. &c

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Tall angular Irish grey man - very courteous & ready to speak of his work. Astell

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CA

(48) 15

All Saints Parish

Noble Christian Ch. Herbert St C XXX 203. **Sutton**

Church 350 -

always 1/2 full sometimes more. 80/90 members.

lower middle & mechanics - 15 members work at Arsenal

S. Sch. 140 - Small B. of Hope - nothing else

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Middle aged - big strong man of strong power. Baxter

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CA

(48) 14.

All Saints. Ripon. N. Plumstead CXXIX 227. Morris

Near. Curate Mission woman. 30 lack of workers
Church 560 Mission 350. 1 Schools - (Parish room - Wanted.)
full Congregations.
usual Evangelical Services. Noble class. 1
Mothers Meeting. Bar & Rife - Scripture women &c
Ladies Zenana working party - Y W C A
Young men &c. Youth Institute
Thurs. Mission Prayer meeting

40 but looks much younger - particular bright Bexley
Cheery, friendly little man
very nice - very weak - little control over visitors. a relief to clergyman. C.A.S
Good working incl. Smiling
Well attended - National Church feeling. Leslie
2nd full of the Plumstead working class (It was not 1/2 full & had no working class when S.H.D was there) Leslie
An excellent man. always a large congreg. Military & machine Sutton
Visited 28 Oct 1900 CD

(48) 16

St Margaret Plumstead. CXXIX 149. Ogle

Near. 3 Curates. 30/40 visitors 30/40. 5 Sch. teachers
Church (650) - Schools - Mission Room
Morning well filled - Evening full 500, 600. Easter Con. 250
Congreg a little better than Prop. Staff fr. outside
Middle rather than working class on the main
Large number of S. Sch. teachers.
Day School - not full (Competition of the good N. Schools)
Area rather by Morris Cheadon & as they move they leave
S. Sch. 800 - all the children go to S. Sch - on Sunday
2 Male Noble class 30/40 members
not much Sick

above 40 - Undenominational appearance & demeanour - but very
white tie. Nice looking. Orator - Congregation in spite of
train running so to be 3/4 hour late - Morris for Pall Mall Bexley

Hard worker - good man C.A.S
Best man after Bricket all round. Grimley
Good Tatt man - Hennell
Particular good. has main control number drawn by Albert
Morley - Leslie
Overwork Seeley
Visited 28 Oct & 11 Nov 1900 CD
Plumstead one of Chas. Stratford of the Peculiar People Ogle
? does he mean the Mother ?

(48) 17

Unitarian. Plumstead Common CXIX 147. Jones.

Minister & Volunteers
School room & site for Chapel -
Sunday Services 11 & 6.30 Any religious meeting
No estimate of attendance - must be small - 60 members
S. School 80 scholars & teachers
Social gatherings in week & various ones
Girls drill. Ladies Sewing Soc
Wednesday lecture or Question Class - the Minister
Sometimes Mr Jones others by outsiders.
Tennis & Cycling clubs & Sermon Debating

Fair Shaggy feathered red haired 30/40. bald. dressed
like cycling suit - looked little Dissenting as possible. Ashell

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CD

(48) 18

Wesleyan Plumstead Common N. CXXXIX 143. Runacres.

Minister. Local Preachers &c
Church - red brick & turrets. larger in Plumstead (1000)
Morning 400 many 600 Sunday - 268 members
Weeknight service (Mayn) 10. Week Prayer 15 (Prayer Meeting 20/24 Bottom the hyphen one)
Usual Wesleyan service (not lengthy)
Organ & Mixed choir led by Church man with good voice
Sermon the chief part 30 to 40 minutes
Old Church (Ebenezer) near the new one
Schools under the new Church
S. Sch. 400 children 40 teachers & officers. N. of Hyp. 700 1/2 Sunday
Wesley Guild - Cycling, Football, Cricket, Library & Flower Services

Age 77 well preserved. Marris. 54 years - Special
Healthy nose - White tape beard. Sailor's cap under clean shave
Chin & cheeks. Pleasant quiet manner reminds old man of
the a thing of his work - Man in 2 St. Annes G H D
Very magnetic - Ogle
Well attended. Marris
Visited 28th Oct & 11 Nov 1900 CD

Have had Mr Ogle (Mr Stratford) to open Congregation.
Very friendly - they are evangelical men. Runacres

(48) 20

St James. Armagh N. Plumstead CXXIX 187. Hennis

Near. Curate. Mission woman 100 volunteers
Church. Green yellow brick Gothic (643) - Hall 300/600 also
Small Hall & Class rooms
new roomed).
Services 11. & 6.30 Communion 8 pm Children 11. am
Morning Meeting 10.15 & 8 pm - Open air 8 pm
Church less than half full - many 3/4 - Evening
not as working man's church. Glorious Sermon.
S. Sch. 500 attend. nine or ten. Hyp. 200 Come
Sunday School morning & afternoon & Bible Class - (Many come the morning & afternoon)
Mothers Meeting really a Noble Class. - Coming not very, Nov
but what but are taught the Bible. 12 Come Habitual
20 on Bright "Priscilla Band" about 60 for Home & Foreign Missions.

60. Healthy, reddish beard. Pleasant face - Cathedral
Overcoated but sole & walk after. Vicars G H D
Whole socks & black shoes
Old fashioned - a scholar - Preaches narrow gospel gets all
the nice old fashioned man & woman. Prosperous Business
Being a good work - Low. Church always full. Marris
Visited 11 Nov 1900 CD

(x) Mid-Diaconal

(48) 23

Baptist Conduit St. CXXX 75 Exley — Dark grave man about 40 — Ashell

Pastor - 1 staff of workers
Chapel 400. Schoolroom - Curtained house
11.0 & 6.30 - average 100. a few more in Sun (pur low)
S Sch 200. 15 teachers from neighbourhood.
P S A 3.0 pm with Rochester. about 60.
Ch Endeavour flourishing - Bible class young people
Wed. Service (20) Friday Prayer meeting M. of Hope
Mothers Meeting - Thrift Soc -
Church membership 105. (very slow)

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How doing better but terribly impecunious. Hennig

Visited 28 Oct 1900 CA

(48) 24

U. M. F. C. Crescent St. CXXXIX 175. Dunckley — Mrs D wife of Ch Sec - Admirable specimen of wife of upper class. Wholly non-member of the Church — Aberd

New Minister - small body of supporters
Chapel
S. Morning may have 40. Sun 100 - (a great increase)
Membership 60/70
S Sch - 125.

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Visited 28 Oct 1900. CA

(48) 24

St. John Baptist (Wesleyan) CXXIX. 241 Doherty — Mid aged - Shy reserved - though quite good fellow - not of any importance — Baxter

Present Assistant Minister 2 Grade - 16 Orders 25 S Sch 9
Church 600 Parish Room.
Congr. many very scanty - every about 400. Com 150/200
High Church services
Mothers Meeting Band of Hope. & T.S.
S John's Club & Inst
S. School - Children Church 3 pm

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Main complaint lack of method - Metho does not mention letter. CAS
Hero worst - not bad - Drinking
A successful man. Leeke

Visited 11 Nov 1900 CA

Many dissenters but the non-com are active in Sunday work. They do not visit. Doherty

(48) 25

Prim Meth Albert St. CXXX 171 Lee — See before at Poplar - the same Cheery man a little groyne — Ashell

Minister & good staff. 60 S S teachers
Chapel 550 - Schools below. 12 class rooms & infant
Organ used in the day. morn Sung. collection Sunday (£1.12/)
S Sch 600 hails from closely - Some members children from a distance
Home Ch Help 100/60 } a gospel service not a sermon only
Thursday other agencies
V & S C E well attended -
Week Comm meeting better than at Poplar -
Young mens club & Christian Endeavour
220 members of Chapel - 4 to 8 classes -

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Well attended - Mann

Visited 11 Nov 1900 CA

Salv Army Villas Rd CXXXIX 121. Whitley - See in St Nicholas Parish (48) 8. 34

(not mentioned in the interview)

Street Baptist. Maxey Rd — not seen

Richmond Hall. Mearns Rd — not seen

(48) 25

St Marks Mission Dist. CXXIX.213. Hughes. about 40. Curate charge of mission. — Baxter

Mission Curate & assistant curate. & volunteers.
Temporary Ch. 400.
many 13 full. Soc. crowded. Communicants 170. Offerings £5. (for diocesan funds, £40)
S. Sch 350. Communicants guild
Mothers meeting. Band of Hope.
Mens Club. 120. Young Mens Institute

"Mr Hughes" strong in church uncertain. Does not read C.O.S.
Shares with Everest the greatest popularity. Good speaker. Sociable active. Grimley
Gets hold of the working man better than most straight for many of them. Mr Harbord
Wilson only none. Heanny
Draws great congregations
Visited 11 Nov 1901 CD

(48) 27

Union Church. Parish No. P'stead CXXX.157 Cole. A feeble old man almost tottering. White hair & beard. tall. a patriarchal figure. Ashell

Minister & 18. SS. teachers
Chapel 300. Small schoolroom
Sermon 11. & 6.30 & one week night
250 usual before Cong. many Soc. allied. 88 members
S. Sch. 200. Band of Hope. Y.P. Soc.

(48) 27

Bagstane Mission. Lakeside No. Plumstead CXXX 211 Anderson. An elderly lady. good, kindly, weak. has character. may be judged by her writings. Noxler

Mrs A. Bible woman & keeper.
Hall. Preachers supplied by Mr Wood of Congregational Soc.
S. Service 11. & 6.30. well attended. P.S.A.
about 100 families claimed as adherents
they are scattered over a wide area
Communion is administered to 70 respondents Commun.
Sunday School. Band of Hope
Bible reading Union.
Young Men's 12 mos 3 important missions 7/10 days each

Gives largely & impulsively & such success as the mission attains mainly due to this influence. Hughes
Does a real good work as a congregational union. Seeley
Has wealthy supporters & among the people many lives
Seek to get their rents cheap. On this point what there became
many bought a house on instalments he could not afford. Chapel Cole

Visited 11 Nov 1901 CD

(48) 28

Riccarton Miss Dist. The Slade CXXXIX. 23 Leale. About 30. Dark clean shaven. Short. bushy hair & beard. Reminds one of Clem Edwards. Western parts & Devon. Leale

Mr Leale works alone. 2 or 3 visitors & 20 S. Sch teachers
No church. a block of temporary mission buildings used for Church & hall (300) with 2 rooms for schools & clubs.
many Cong. perhaps 50 adults. (moderate High Church)
very perhaps 300. 60 communicants.
School 300.
Club. 40 men & 20 young men. Boys Club. Cricket Club &c
Girls Sewing Club.

Visited 11 Nov 1901 CD

Mentioned "2 very small Ch. Cong. missions" which see above below. Leale

(48) 29

Slade Mission. The Slade. CXXX 87. Brodie. Godly young man belonging Presbyt. Congreg. Church (abst) about 35. married. strong & high tempered Scotsman. 340
Carnegie Sup. mission. Brodie of S. Scot. not rated. 22. 5. 07.
Mission Hall (200) & 3 smaller halls. (100 together)
Services 60/70 many. 150 Soc.
Surface of it come for the Meadow. but congregation what they can get.
Through mos. about come.
S. School about 340. teachers drawn from outside.
Mission Hall to be turned into a church.
Institute. Band of Hope. Temperance assoc &c.

Visited 11 Nov 1901 CD

(48) 18 & 29

Wesleyan Mission. Sutcliffe No. CXXXIX.143 Ruracen. See interview under S. Margarets parish. Map 161 (48) 5-18

Mr Ruracen comes here every Sunday.
Mission Hall.
Services many & Soc. very few. not over 10 on average.
S. School about 30.

Visited (as seen) 11 Nov 1901 CD

(48) 30

S. Nicholas. High St. Plumstead. C XXIX 171. McAlister

Vicar & Curate. 40 Volunteers of a sort including 55? – visitors a difficulty. No one in parish above Publicans & graziers. Church 500. School house used as mission hall. ½ full morning – full evening.

S. School. 450. Allen well

Young Men's Bible class. Mothers Meeting – fairly attended little else going on –

Vicar has dayschools. not needed. N. Schools. very good plenty of Sunday classes. –

Parochial system broken down under pressure of the times. as much as can be to visit sick – very little relief – Relief Society disorganised. not needed

St Paul's Mission Church.

Tall slow grey, grey, worn & heavy Sycd. Going to railway vagrancy was very bad lately. but it has been. the hours of times not have mattered – One of the elders brothers is labouring by Mr Secrett. The other dead. Mobbs

not much. Stanley

The oldest Ch in Plumstead dating from the reformation times – used to be the chapel of an Augustine Priory. Whelahan

Lathan (St Paul's) A new district works well with Committee. CO3

visited 11 Nov 1901 CD

Wesleyan, Baptist & Prim Meth. all represented. Congregations have just opened a small place – No pastoral co-operation. Good priority. Plenty of room for an all. McAlister

(48) 31

R.C. S. Patrick Conway Pr. C XXX. 49 Whelahan

works single handed.

Mass 8.30 (200). 11. (200)
Sung 6.30. (100) – Afternoon Service Chiefly
S. School. & Benediction – (150 Chiefly)
week day mass 8. (10/20) – Sung service Thursday
Day Schools 300/250 – about 6 regular teachers

An Irishman. Stray brogue. handsome stray face. about 45. grey hair at sides, bald at top. twinkle in eye, great Charm of manner – Small 2 storey house. G H D

just a few Irish are Romanists – not stray. Seeley

visited 11 Nov 1900 CD

(48) 32

Baptist Ch Station Pr. East Plumstead C XXX 103. Seeley

Minister & Volunteers – pm congregation 15/20 visitors
Iron Church 500. School room. Chief Non-Conf Ch
Morning Cong. 250/300. Sunday 400/500. Offer Communion on
8 pm prayer meeting on Sunday. Christ. Mission hall all men & women
1/300.
Congregation all mechanics, Shop keepers. Servants &c
S. School. 800/700. one 40 teachers. Prospects Hope 400/500
Visitors leave a magazine & try to have a word & give may the
Prospects Hope of their transference to Gospel Temperance
offer 16 & a good Mothers group

Barely mid height. dark hair & beard – looks the regular gravy gody, Non Grand dissenting minister of the Congregation. but not so. Wheelalley seemingly be earnest & able. lives in lighter side but earnest. G H D

Full up. Mrs a very able man. Marrs
The most active Baptist in Plumstead – Seeley
almost full. Lee
visited 11 Nov 1901 CD

Plymouth Brethren. not strong but do much Gospel work

(48) 33

Salv. Army. High St. C XXXIX 121. Whitby

107 Soldiers. 14 Probationers
4 indoor services & 3 outdoor Sunday & Service for
junior at which there are about 120

Tall Gory Angular about 40. Great head of Coal black hair. awkward & intensely illiterate. Nixle.

Doing fairly well. Marrs

(48) 34

Ruppolsta Pr. mission Plumstead C XXX. 1. Marrs

No paid agents. 30. Volunteers. 60 members
Hall (150) was Skittle alley of P.H. & is rented from Publican
Sun. morning 40/50 – Sunday open air (2) & Hall practically full
S. Sch 150/100.
week Sunday Bible reading Tuesday (20) Gospel Th. (30)
Prayer meeting Sat. & 2 open air in the week
Visitation confined to those who attend

Tall dark nearly 50 – gray hairs Shaving Bleak pulpy in hair & beard – occupies cellar rage & Ch. a fine intelligent Comfortable working class family. Ashell

visited 11 Nov 1900 CD

(48) 5.18

Wesleyan. High St. Plumstead C XXXIX 163. Runacres – See interview (48) 5.18 –

Mr Middleton the Head – Mr Pearman Sch Sup.
Chapel going to be replaced by a new one – holds 250
Crammed at night
Chiefly the mind away from S. School.

visited 11 Nov 1900 CD

(48) a

S. Michael Blackheath P/C CXXIX S. Lawrence – Fine tall athletic looking man 6 feet. Moustache & small whiskers. Strong grey. Talks rather 40. Very pleasant manner & manner. Seems one with a place to help. Not intellectual but not heavy. SHD

Rector – Curate (Sunday only) – no women reader.
Church (800) & Church room (150)
Services 11. & 7. 600 morning 500 evening. well looked
Every seat taken except 120 free.
Week day Wednesday morning 100 of a congregation
Friday evening devotional service in Ch room. 120 come
Small day school. divinity only
No Sunday school because no room.
Upper class, middle classes, with boys. 150 in all
Middle class for men (40)
Sends 50/60 women to other churches – application to 6 work churches. S. Schools at Holy Trinity Blackheath Hill are entirely separate & have charge also Mothers Meetings &c
Collections for S. Peter, Holy Trinity, Christchurch & S. Paul, Greenwich – Christchurch Oxford and S. Thomas Woolwich – £35 to £40 each. Better than starting independent missions –
Subscribe largely to Mission Home & Foreign above £2500 in all

(48) a

R.C. Church of Our Lady of Help – Cresswell Park CXXX. 135 Skelton. about 45 short, florid, capable, & although occupied with taking confessions – one, friends & boys – Clever

3 Priests – chiefly engaged in teaching at the school
a boarding school for mid class boys.
Catholics 400 – scattered middle class.

(48) a

S. James Kidbrooke CXXXIX. 1. Leeke over 50 Clean shaven, attractive full face, voice does not look physically strong & rather pure. Runs along from house to church. SHD
Rector & 2 curates – 5 Asst Ministry for the poor
Church 980 – Mission Hall Shooters Hill – Parish room
Morning 11. looks full – say 750 to 800
Afternoon 3.30. Children service nicely attended
Evening 6.30 about 400.
Gets the cream of the rich. Middlemen
S. Sch for 110/90 Children 3. p.m.
Open air services for Shooters Hill Mission attracts audiences of passers by – visiting cemetery or Sundays coaches
Mens discussion society for well to do. Rector President
Collections last year £1000. missions &c

Other religious influence. Prophecy Chapel in S. Norman Herbert Hospital Chapel & Morden College chapel have paid a chaplain. (Georgian Boardman)

(48) d

Baptist Church Shooters Hill Rd CXXX 191 Mackenzie Rel. 30 & 40 – Evidently not a Presbyterian & from his covers himself as Baptist. Baxter.
Church 500 – getting too small & talk of building
Membership 275 giving 30 – 40 a year
Head always full on Sundays.
S. Sch 150 B. of Hope 120
United Total Abst. Soc held in the Lecture Room
not very successful.

Influence not so great in the Church – Leeke

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Police Notes

District 45.

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Boundaries

N. Windmill Lane & River Thames

S. S.E.R. Edwards S. Creek

E. River Thames Bellport Stn.

W. Surrey Canal

S Luke

S Nicholas

S. Paul

S Mark

13 W 97

Walks with Sergt. Vanstone 25/26 Inq Gg. - Ashell.
Starting corner Wootton St & Clydes (near Edward St.)
N. up Wootton St across Evelyn St to Grove St. all
look comfortable. Coal porters men in docks. make fuel
at lower end - Street has greatly improved. many houses
used to be empty. now filled & Street being its high character
Windmill Lane purplish place of light blue. a few colly
on north closed. light railway from docks to meat market
by Canal down in Grove S -

Junction St. much improved - mostly Boxboys men - One
house looked by now - man described as "pot lifter"
3 families in this house - caretaker (an old soldier) had
just given them notice - 2 families in each of the others
Rents had been allowed to fall into arrears - he is pulling them up
Could let to good tenants at once if the houses were empty
but if turned out they break the place so much that
repairs are serious - more applicants except them on than in
Purple - 16 on map - Hova St: neat little houses one bay
windows curtained - Venetians - flowers on table - passages
covered with carpet or floorcloth - labourers, ~~to~~ Middle class
& so on - Elms Terrace 16 in place of 16 - labourers people
"a great change here" - "Could hear oaths & curses here
whenever you went some time ago. has all quiet" -
Evelyn St West of Holt St: very mixed - Pink on the whole
Blackhorse St. (outside) many broken windows - some houses look
very poor - others are neat & clean flowers in windows &
most front doors open - some sorts of floor cloth in passages
Dock & waterside labourers - a few wood choppers - women
in woodyard & laundry - girls in tin factory - or as "gut girls"
in the meat market i.e. cleaning entrails -
Not much trouble to police now. Ashell notices a great
improvement Chelsea Cleaner - no longer the same groups
of women standing about - 16 in place of 16

Footway, leads from end of this street to Oakbro' Road. Ten years ago
the resort of men & boys for petty thefts &c. Police raided several times
& have stopped it.

13 W 97
Cont.

Passing into Costerwood St (or Gostenwood) a new neighbourhood is reached - 2 families each house - 3 room tenements. All these streets are of the same. Most of the inhabitants have been here for years -

Cluden St Late James St & Henry St facing N.7. is still hurtle but better than formerly. used to have "drunks" here nearly every night - gone now. Stanistreet St (late Nelson) Several broken windows. not so noisy as formerly. proper Comfortable. -

Next we started corner of Creek St - North to Bedford St old fashioned houses - mixed but hurtle - Hughes filed similar or poorer. several LCC clearance - women standing about young children playing in roadway.

Wellington St. old fashioned shops & 2 registered C.L. houses

St Nicholas garden. well stocked with trees.

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Armada St old inhabitants CC. LCC dwellings. well built locally good - a refreshing contrast to some others one fault the small windows giving heavy appearance aggravatingly small panes & solidity of woodwork.

Trevethick - CC in place of AB -

Cattle market near & tapiceers Cabinets - Orchard Place not marked on map is AB - Costers - dirty children filthy kinds. Men used to be decoyed here & robbed - hulk now be taken for the market.

Waterpole St North of Trevethick St is CC - S North as far Princes St is hurtle. South of this it deteriorates old houses mostly 3 storied let in tenements - faint fœtid smell prevails - overhowered in places by dirty stenches - rough loiterers - one with head bandaged others with black eyes - one old barrowman sitting on doorstep smoking dirty clay pipe - Shoulders children Costers, street sellers & gut cleaners - Some of the houses have been good family residences - one now occupied as tenement has fine carved overhanging porch with fat cherub supporters - DD as on map

13 W 97
Contd

Ground between James Alley & Blake S. cleared of waste
Rowley S. broken windows. Costers & fish hawkers –
Rough girls with coarse aprons standing or sitting about
Newkirk S. mixed old & new houses –

General notes

The district covered divided by Evelyn S. – on river side.
old Dep[ts] – red tiled small windowed – decadent but
quaintly picturesque – L.C.C. Maps show that the old order is
passing. River side & Cattle market workers are bulk of pop.
A careless hand to mouth class – large number of
fully licensed houses – some large gin palaces but even the
small ones have full licences –
South of Evelyn St. is a comfortable neighbourhood
wide airy modern streets – comfortable work people
few tips of poverty many of comfort – contrasts favourably
with Wood Street & Deptford. (beyond Ry. westward)
Throughout distinct improvement noticeable –
South of Evelyn S. light blue element has gone changing
purple to mauve – similar tendency near Grove S. though
it remains purple – houses were easily obtainable
here in former years – now demand greater than supply
& landlords are weeding out undesirable tenants.
East of New King S. change is working by demolition
newer buildings better occupied – & a great change –
has come over the people – instead of spending so much
in the public houses they go for excursions of all kinds
& this change Serg. Vanstone attributes the improvement.
Value of house property has increased enormously
(it had fallen below cost) – a man bought a house in
Grove S. for £40 some years ago & sold it lately for £105

Boundaries
N. Thames
S. Broadway
E. Deptford Creek
W. High St
St Nicholas
St Paul
Christchurch
13.W.7.

Walk with Inspector Gunner & Sergt. Goddard; 18 July 99 Arkell
The Inspector is a smart well dressed portly man - Jacket
Suit & straw hat - over 10 years service at Blackheath & knows
the district well - Begins at 10 - Goddard to relieve at noon -
Started at Deptford Bridge by the Broadway lk Church St
houses as yours north old fashioned houses. a few let
in tenements - Part free for factory extension - Creek St
South side business premises - Dockers north on Creek - pink
rather than purple - posts to north. East side nearly all
gone west side 16. in place of purple. Leonidas St purple
rather than light blue (all this is finally made light blue)
Hosier St 3 x cottages 0 one broken windows - Part take
for factory.. In Addey St a row of old houses footway 2 feet
below roadway - some prostitutes & criminals. Low type class
reckons this the worst part of Deptford - Went to arrest
a man here at 5 am - found father mother & 5 children
in one room. All rooms are small - this piece shown as
A6 lined. Houses opposite A6. (left 16 based)
Church St (from Railway southwards). opposite Smith St Giffen St
all are poor - Barefoot girl - group of women talking in doorway
Men sitting on pavement outside PH feet stretched across footway
Pony cart standing in road chalked 'for sale'. a few shops confectioner
South of Addey School houses pulled down - ground to let
Giffen St: many boarded up houses at East end.
Slattern, women standing about - some shoe less children
Low class. some prostitutes hawkers &c. some houses good
Road has been filled up with tar paving like some streets
in Hotham dale - Not many charges improvements in that.
DS & Black line as on map - Deptford St same - also
Deptford St. Two stories some broken windows. Some street
sellers. Two women talking in roadway - well clean prostitutes
The women moved quickly off. Hales St narrow & crowded
Broken windows - sills broken away - Street doors into room
Nets seen through ground floor windows - In morning women standing
about doors - in afternoon sitting in groups on chairs brought into
roadway. Sweep door home - Foul smell from Candle factory.
not much crime here -

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13 W. 7 Cont.

Stanhope St. - flush houses - broken windows - cemented roadway. Blocked with barrows - a few Italians some costers & prostitutes - Shoeless children running about & frowsy women gaping at doors - Roadway & side

Reginald Rd. - a few modern houses - some covered with creepers - clean curtains - has improved. Reginald Pl. land.

Reginald St. similar

High St. like Market Street - buildings of 30y style shop fronts mostly added or altered - shopkeepers live over. Best shops Broadway Sud. - north of Railway trade less good. Some assistants live over the drapers

[Sergeant Gordan now relieved the inspector - He is about 40 mottled-faced - slightly lame from rheumatism - over 10 years in Sth div & 18 months at Blackheath Rd.]

Queen St. partly demolished by construction of Creek Rd & some cottages boarded up - Rough labouring class. dl 6

Albany St. (the old Creek Rd) 3 st houses built for musicians, formerly occupied by sea captains &c. - panelled doors. Carved lintels &c. now 3 or more families of labouring class. Reg. L.H.

Mary Ann Buildings. at East end small cottage with large garden front filled with vegetables. new laid eggs for sale. old cottages. 2 steps below present roadway. dl not cl. S.A. banners

Crossfield Lane - very neglected. broken & dirty windows doors open - squalid poverty. dl rather than cl.

Rectory Bldgs - 3 blocks of 5 floor tenements Industrial Dwellings Co. - Labourers but dont look poor. much better than the street - all now full - were empty 10 years ago

Alva St. - cl. - archway to Bronze late Copeman Sq. - much litter. dirty ragged children. a murder here some months ago.

Benmore St. Hamar Pl & Dugald St. - on Knott St. - many costers &c for Italians.

Bronze St. late Copeman St. - windows broken - other close, curtained - low labouring class - signs of great & contemned neglect -

13 W. 7 Cont.

Church S. (No 7 to Creek No) 3 stories houses (with shops. On West side) have been good but both neglected now - Rough men & women at doors - Reg.d L.H. near Monge S. old double fronted house - 3 stories houses modern but neglected & knocked about. bricks peeling, flag stones broken. wood work perishing for lack of paint - Pender S. houses of same estate similarly neglected. Many children playing in street. Over Creek Road into The Stowage a stinking unpaved lane with wharves on north side - South side occupied by low rough water side pop. DG - gets better towards Church. houses well kept & few are poor.

Maude Court DG. not on map

Remarks:

This walk includes greater part of poor Deptford. Both officers say it is better than it was - not so much crime or violence - Arbell sees little or no improvt & doubts the knowledge of the police as to social condition - Measure marked by proportion of offences against the law & administration of these shows an improvement which they attribute to improved social cond.n - The Irish streets - Betts Sq & Hales S. appear little different to 10 years ago - possibly more congested. Excep Giffen S. where many houses are closed. East of Church S. the houses belong to Addey Charity. All are poor & small. Addey S. distinctly poorer than former. The Addey Charity has a school in Church S. or now building in New Cross No to take its place -

North of Railway the streets appear poorer & more neglected - Rectory Alley & Mary Ann Alley as bad as ever. Cross pieces lane distinctly poorer.

Most of those living here work at the factories on the Creek or at Parish Yard, Hay Wharf & Asphalte works & Penn & Humphreys on River Bank

Steam Nav. Co has large Yard in the Stowage

all these works are busy - work plentiful. no one needlessly unemployed - Italian colony (ice cream - Asphalte) strong up near Knott S. & Stanhope S.

Boundaries.
N. S E Ry. Edwards
S. New Cross Rd
E. High S
W. S & R.
S. Mark
S. Paul
13 W. 35

with Serg. Goddard. July 19. 1899. Arkell

Starting corner High S & New Cross Rd. West wards as far as Amersham Vale (by New Cross Station) Douglas St. Wide & airy. good brick. people rarely move. Watson St. now modern, opened out from Douglas S. small old 2 storey cottages. built any how. labouring people not all poor.

Bailan St. Entrance doors open, short blinds. Rough women. Opposite are two old wooden cottages. Bailan St. thickly 2 large registered lodging houses. Costers barrows. Knife grinders wheels & ice cream barrows standing in street. Women frowsy & half dressed. Eye you curiously. One asked the Sergeant if he had come for her "this time". Children some shoeless. all dirty & ragged playing in St. A few men getting ready to go out with their stock. Nick named 'Imp of War' Street because of the fights. Better than it was. fewer cases. used to have to send 20 men to make arrests. Would hardly call it Criminal now. To Arkell the street looks worse than 10 years ago. While if any men & women have the Criminal brand on their face. these bear it.

Charles St. Corner P.H. being re-built. huge 3 storeys building. New music Hall backs on the passage & the enlargement must be to catch its patrons. but it is 'a failure at present'. The street is of 2 St. Cottages. Non labouring class. decorators manglers &c becomes poorer to north. Italians coming in. at north end are Weybourne Cottages. Italians.

Across Douglas S we come to Octavius St. Adonis St. & Pink & Purple. Payne St. some better windows & town curtains. Warwick St. no signs of poverty. New Jerusalem Ch at N. end. Napier St. houses flush. two families to lodgers. Several bills "furnished rooms for gentlemen". 4 boys playing Cricket in road way with caps & coats for wicket. Police man appears. Coppers cries one & the 4 run off. Hasn't got a badge. Cries one. All stop to reconnoitre the enemy. He has a badge & off they go. Policeman walks on. Bystanders smile at the incident.

13 W. 35 Contd.

West of Amersham Vale Pink & Purple. Corner of Achilles No 1 Kerry Road a large Coffee Tavern & Institute usually men working at Stones Engineering Works. Opposite many of the men live in these Streets

Tizm St. some own their houses

Edward St: East of Railway to High St: fine old fashioned houses on north side. 2 & 3 storied roofs

Hide St: houses flush. poorly dressed children. Ub.

Hamilton St: old fashioned flush houses but tidy kept

Finch St: high class. not many signs of poverty except at Rly End where colony of Italians occupy some rooms on stairs

* Remarks:

This neighbourhood contrasts sharply with that East of High St. with exception of Baldam St & the poorer patches are small & surrounded by pink

Streets are well kept & neat all regularly laid out each house having a small garden or fore court & all some garden at back many quite a large piece

Plenty of light & air back & front.

The people seldom move. air of comfort about the homes. Milk evidently income sufficient to obtain not only necessaries. Many luxuries of life near New Cross in proportion of Rly mileage.

Boundaries.

N Surrey Canal
S. New Cross Rd
E S E Rly
W L B & S C Rly
St James Hatcham
13 W. 53

With Sergeant Vaustone. Sat 20/1899. Astell

Starting New Cross St. S.E.R. North to Railway Grove. One little bit with navvies & Ub. all the rest of the adjacent streets pink. Railway men & Achilles St has some mixture & is purple. Sheep skin dressing factory here. Lizardet Grove (one of Lewisham's) & 6 mos long gardens belong to Rly well kept occupied by their servants

up Milton Court Rd (left hand side) though not differing much from neighbouring pink streets. 10 years ago many houses empty. none now —

13 W 53
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North under Ry to Rolt St - bay windows with flowers or ornaments - clean - paint well kept -

Dare Boro' Rd: Great improvement here - was dark blue now purple - Road made up & footway paved - 2 Story flush houses - wood choppers & labourers - rougher than others but some are comfortable - 2 & sometimes 3 families

Trundleys Rd: new buildings & streets purple - 7 blocks of models built by S E R Co called Folkestone St 3 floors & dying grounds - wide asphalted yards between well built - venetian blinds - gas laid on penny in slot plan. Two southern & largest blocks full - third filling - & later we found a few families in the fourth block - all will be full soon - At first there were some people known to the police & the result was feared - but they have gone & the place looks decent -

Knyle St: Brick - West under Ry to Cold blow Farm Old farmhouse & 2 wooden cottages still occupied Road made north & ground used for factories Mafawattee tea sweating one (? what for*)

*for washing, packing etc. Drying - wet tea; pour compost etc.

Back under Ry South to Clubworthy St - Entirely built & paved - Comfortable working people with some poor

Chipley St: now looks slightly the poorer.

Cottesbrook St houses being built - none ready yet

Woodpecker Rd: Bay windows small gardens old inhabitants some pensioners - all pink

Dawtree Rd &c constitute Clifton Hill Estate - all houses alike 6 room 2 storeys bay windows - 2 families separate back & in some cases separate front doors Estate built by Hobman tar pavions - but roadway has been neglected & the paving is worn away in large patches mixed sort of people - but pink on the whole

Dalzwin Rd pink - North Rd better than it was - had 6 fortune tellers here now by men - leave hustle

Kew Cross Road - Private houses & shops which seem prosperous

13 W 53 Cont°.

Remarks -

Wedged in between two railways the Ry influence is very strong here. District has improved considerably within last 10 years - notably at the north where many houses were empty & many occupied by inferior tenants. - Increasing demand for houses has eliminated the more undesirable -

East of Woodpecker Rd the roads are wide & the houses have large gardens - West the railway open spaces may compensate for small gardens - On both sides the air is fresh & pure & the dwellings have plenty of light.

Sergeant Vanstone has good knowledge of the district lives in Deptford & has been stationed here over 9 years and remembers the district for 14

Boundaries

N. Railway

S. New Cross Rd

E. L B & S C Ry

W. New Cross Rd

All Saints

13 W. 69 (*)

With Sergeant Goddard - July 21/99. Arkell

(Sergeant Vanstone had a case at the Court & Sgt Goddard)

Started New Cross Station. L B & S C Ry North & West into Brighton Road

Hatcham Park Rd Ry men & clerks - well kept gardens & villas

Dillington Rd. Brechlehurst Rd - all pink

Egmont St. Cemented fore courts in place of gardens losing the green refreshing look - Other streets all same class of property - 2 storeys 6 rooms - Small gardens in front & large one behind. Ornamental flower pots in windows - a few little 'apartment furnishers' but these are rare - Comfortable people - railway men & clerks predominating

Triangle of land to north used as market garden

Eckersley Gardens in the centre - crowded in double fronts but no backs - occasional complaints of fowls missing & neighbours suspect Eckersley Gardens - a poor or holey curtain occasionally the only sign of poverty - but leave purple

Marlborough Rd & Mearsta St pink like the rest. Though they may not be quite so good

13 W 69
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Remarks

This district comprises the Hatcham Park Estate
Wide streets, long gardens, well kept houses & a
general appearance of comfort & respectability
Railway men Clerks & others regularly employed
Women are well dressed. door steps clean - & though
there are plenty of children they are not seen playing in
the street. Only two P.H on the Estate but 4 Grocers
licenses & several pubs on main road.
Homes of the well to do better class man - many
probably house leases - some houses 2 families - or if the
family is not large a gentleman lodger is taken
Like adjoining districts this has if anything improved
no houses are to let - nor do they come into market
Going westward from Deptford the status of the
people rises - culminating here - the houses
to west of New Cross Road being poorer again

Boundaries

N. New Cross Rd
S. L.C.&D. Ry
E. Kent Water Works
W. Lewisham High Rd

S. James Hatcham
S. John

13 W 127

With Serg Vaggs 28 July 1899. Ashell

Starting from marquis of Granby corner of New Cross Rd. & Lewisham High Rd.
along Lewisham High Rd. left Park road pink banded & illegible
Park Rd. respectable publicans & city people - Amersham Rd.
partly pink banded - Florence Rd. working class. 2 families
or lodgers - Plants in windows - clean windows - pink - not banded
New Cross Rd. pink banded tiled.
Wilson St. light blue - 2 story houses flush with pavement
windows curtained - door steps whitened - Italian & Cortes
Florence grove similar - but simpler - Florence cottages pink
Hesten St. people from Mill Lane have come - Cortes
free fights at night - purple or L6 & some L6 houses
Tanners Hill - mixed - partly rebuilt - Summer St. old
2 St. houses flush - Labourers & hawkers - Kentford Place
2 St. no backs - washhouses & WC (2 for 6 cottages) in front.
Small rooms but preferable tenements "not half the
convenience in them that you have here" said a woman

Boundaries
N. New Cross Road
S. L C & D Ry
E. Kent Water works
W. Lewisham High St
S. James Hatcham
S. John

13 W 127
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Near Railway in Stony St. - 2 & 3 st. broken windows stuffed with bundles of rags - dirty ragged Ch playing in the unpaved roadway. OD. Ll on map - part is still Ll

Deloraine St. (late Brunswick St.) Knotts Terrace - small crowded rooms Costers St. - two houses "mangly dowhere" Girl busy mangle & singing one of Sankeys hymns. Women come to door & stare at you - talk from door to door

Then twice the rag walk - next day started Corner of Broadway & Tanners Hill - Nelson (late Nile) St. modern houses - Venetian blinds - 2 families - not Ll - the block between this street & St Johns No. Friendly St & Tanners Hill has been rebuilt in this style & greatly improved

Friendly St. on South side near Mill Lane 4 v.p. houses some prostitutes & other bad characters - Cranbrook No (late Victory St.) like Nelson St. improved - pink - Stuck St. not much poor. Bungle in place of Ll

Dark blue patch behind Hatton St. (late Kirk St.) some Mill Lane West Side cleared by LCC - other side remains 4 ruined houses - prostitutes & thieves - & 2 houses begun Friendly S also bad - Kitchen windows OD to black

Albyn No. & new pink in place of pink banned

Remarks

Roughly the S & N divides this district in two parts. The western (& southern) suffers suffering from the proximity of Deptford to the north - ground higher - air fresher always a breeze - people comfortable - not crowded - East wards the land sinks to the Ravens Bourne.

In southern part the people tend to drink from both pink banned & purples - Between Friendly St. & Tanners Hill the improvement due to rebuilding is immense.

Sergt Bagg is a solid stolid officer. 10 years on the district & should know something of it - but it was difficult to get much beyond the obvious - save a few places such as Mill Lane.

Boundaries.
N. New Cross Rd
Sevenoaks Rd
S. Honor Oak Park
Wheatman Rd
E. Tressillian Rd
Brockley Rd
W. Pepys Rd
Crystal Palace Line

St Catherine
St James
St Peter *
St Saviour

partly (45) partly (47)
13 AB. 201.

With P.C. Moss Brockley Section D division. (does)
Moss is still a P.C though 17 years in the force
first years at Sevenoaks the rest at Brockley. Is
rather moodie beefy Monmouth but knows the
district well.
Starting from Police station crosses Rly at Brockley Station
turning S west to Arica Rd 2 storey houses some new
now pink in place of old Moreopt - Hornsey Rd the same
Moss lives there - Open fields S and S west. Board
school ready for scholars but seems to be full
Farewell St. a poor or carelessly staring class - old
Tolhurst S the same these two along the worst Rd
northwards to a pink Gamed district - with a few
pink Thistle lot - Tenement houses occupied by
Martin (dairyman) employees.
Pepys Road red. So are the new roads north of Pepys Rd
well to do shop keepers of New Cross Rd & Peckham
wide streets - & plenty of space between - a few houses facing
New Cross road standing in large grounds yet not touches
St James Rd. (notorious St James Hatcham)
Laurie Grove - Rebecca Grove all gone.
Sevenoaks High Rd West side many private houses
St Donats Rd & south was a pink Gamed district
Salesmen Engineers &c - some small pink places & some
working class flats
Passing South of Railway past Brockley Station - Brockley
Road has shops - a kind of parade - Wickham Rd
north of Railway is a fine broad road with good houses
Foxberry Rd - South of Railway - part running East &
West mixed - some houses 2 or 3 families 'tinkers
sweeps - labouring class -' hustler
Wickham Rd. Southern part. Smaller houses but fine wide
road with double rows of trees one in garden one in road.
Change here from yellow to red
Other streets & roads here mainly red

13 AB. 201.
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We pass here from (45) to (47) by Tyrwhitt Rd.
Hilly Fields Crescent - facing Hilly Fields Park - bricks green
when map was made. New villa residences - a breezy
open healthy corner & other new red streets.
South west to Arabin & Braxfield Rds. pink turns
to pink. Mostly single families. Comes first Rd. "Clay
hopes - clerks &c." some servants. rows of trees on
footway. Kneller Rd. crowded at next railway
partly purple. Lr Brockley Rd. some shops.
Holdenby & Hazeldon Rds. - lead nowhere. Summerdale
arranged for 2 families.

* Undeveloped London - avenues not yet laid
|| Naked filling of houses showing keenness of demand
* New local type of house with little lay pillars at the
porch - not unpleasing.
Crossing Radcoy & to westward is "The Tree Hill"
where the battles with the police took place a
year or two ago. The first Sunday they were manly
but the second being a stormy price & more in reserve
hidden the arrests were made & the sentences
of imprisonment without option of fine ended the
trouble. The Hill is still deserted to golf.
General remarks.
|| Socially Brockley stands something above Peckham
on West & Lewisham on East. The occupations are
generally reported vaguely as "The City". Trade seems
to be less well to do but on the whole a very comfortable
neighbourhood. Social problems are commonly
understood cautiously be said to exist.
|| Expansion active at the moment only at Honor Oak Park.
The Strand Estate will also be built over. The fate of
the still open grounds between the two railways Hill Mansfield
* Prostitution seems little known. Solicitation mainly confined
to Lewisham Rd. Some houses
have accommodated in Behalf.
Some cases of public indecency
St James St. assault.

mass says that there was no class living in the district who
could not have represented if they wanted it. They had
some brothers - no cases. The gardens are one of the
good things about Brockley. The charges (about 10s annually)
are mostly found satisfactory. Same proportion lives of the lower
a few cases of petty larceny occasional, of house breaking

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Police notes
District 46

Boundaries — with Serg. Osborne - 1 Aug 1899. G. & A.

N Greenwich Rd. Circus S. Detective Mercer had been detained but heavy case
S Blackheath Rd in court Serg. Osborne took his place - had only
E. Blissett Rd been a short time in division
W. Greenwich Rd Stately Blackheath Rd Station - along Greenwich Rd
S. Paul } S Alphege } no particular notes
13 W. 151. relieved by Detective Mercer at Greenwich Ry St.

N River Thames Lonan St. - principal shopping street. in state of transition
S Greenwich Rd Telma Court. narrow flagged - dirty old curtains
E. Church S refuse lying about. Children playing
W. Deptford Creek Across Railway - Straights Mouth & Maudels Place

S. Peter } S. Paul } S Alphege } 13 W 161. Looks quiet - Mercer says Mrs. Sally (Smut)
Hadda St. 2 or 3 families per house. Costers & Dock & Creek men. some just coming home grimy to dinner. some windows well kept
Pearson St. Thornham St (late Charlotte) all this part has improved. Roads made up.
Duchess Bldgs - 2 entries one on each side of Beer house. 2 st houses back to back. S. Side used to be very rough - better now. North side still very rough 16 & 18 - Cottage Place - Costers & Street sellers 16 & 18 - Rosa St. Skinners Bldgs 10 houses 2 rooms each small gardens in front 4/6 a week "quite enough for these little hovels" said a woman there. Rosa Place 2 rooms & scullery. small garden in front - windows broken stopped with paper. 16 to 18 - S. James Place narrow entry 3 st houses. 3 rooms one above the other big gardens in front with washhouses - one well kept. Bricklayers labourers, Street sellers. Women work & support the men. Other house back these & front the other way with small gardens - all 16 Morris Bldg 16 to 18
Returned to Straights mouth
Completed days walk.

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13 W. 161.
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Walk resumed – 2 Aug 1899.
Started again S E Ry Greenwich Rd.
Greenwich Rd marked purple on map. Street pavement bad
West of Norman Rd is Capella Place – 2 rooms & a
houses D.B. – Very poor class. Some come from Tale S. shops.
Norman Rd to Thornham St (near to Bridge Street). Men standing about waiting for work at Gas works or Wharves – Eastwards Lamb Lane
On So Side Drysdale Bldgs. 2 Sts. tenements separate
doors from ground floor & stairs leading to tenements
above – children playing in front D.B.
Four Bldgs built on back premises of Beehive
public house in Bridge St. Back way from pub
passes through – Urinal for P.H. in this passage. No
door. full of filth – People very poor – children dirty
Mother swearing at children D.B.
Hardley St late York S. One old wooden cottage
tablet 1810 – Sexton's Bldgs – two sets of 4 cottages
back to back – 2 rooms 4/ per week. Wash houses
in front – cemented courtyards – Women washing &
drying. Children playing taking – One in night shirt
(10.40 am) another 3 years old sent with a sister to
get beer but refuses to go & goes above returning
presently with pint of porter in can. – D.B.
Bell St better – windows well kept. acid & comfort
Mary Ann Place. 4. 3 storied houses. One room above
another – Plenty of furniture
At Lamb Lane entrance to recreation grd (old church yard)
two cottages. quite a picture. Mass of flowers.
At corner of Church St & Church passage 3. 3 storied
houses let in rooms D.B. – Richardson's Place 11 Nos
2 storied 2 rooms. with wash house & WCs near entrance
Everything filthy rent 4/6 & pay for keeping of WC
navvies & gas stokers D.B. – Girls (about 12) playing
"School" – a singing lesson – good voices. negro songs
The only bright thing about the place

13 W. 161
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Further north out of Church St a very narrow passage closed by a gate leads to an alley with 4 houses each 3 stories 1 room each story - rent 5/. wooden houses - scullery in basement. 66
Mirage St. Mixed Irish & French - some coalies - plenty of money but spend as they get - houses poor.
Out of Thames St. Bishops Bldgs (1825) facing wharf usually be very rough but people have gone.
Out of Horsefery Rd a court (? "A" Court) 8 4 room houses small front courts with WC - poor working people 66
Little Thames St usually be rough but is now better than Thames St though narrow - Nelson Bldgs facing Mirage St (Montreal Dwellings Co) - eight stairs - all look comfortable - many work on barges
Satans Bldgs: north side of Lit Thames St - built 1821 Single room occupants - broken windows - 66
Out of Welland St (late Cross St) are Townsends Cottages 3 cottages 2 rooms 2 stories - mess of all kinds in court woman here 7 years - Rent 3/ raised 6d 2 years ago. 66
Rochfella St Cul de Sac - 2 St. 4 r. clothes drying. 66
Coltman St 1837. 2 St. 2 families in each. not very poor
Coltman Place 4 2 St. 2 room houses Scullery in front 66
Back to back with these are Coltman Bldgs semi detached - broken windows - very poor - lot of dirty children playing with swing fitted in WC doorway. 66
Sherry Court - 4 houses. 2 r. & scullery - recently rebuilt. 5/3 & 6/. a week 66 to 66 - & other 66 places -
Decorpot Pl 5. 2 story houses. Hawkers & others. Several butchers offal rabbits - 66
Thames St. (Church St to Horsefery Rd) 2 St. houses with poor white curtains. Watermen & coal men - a large number of grimy men turn in for dinner at one o'clock most have food back garden - here & there a cottage at back wood cellars at end of Horsefery Rd "as poor as you like" Dealers, labourers out of work half the years. houses old dull & dirty - near Coltman St Sun Bright Hous. - woman in bar - baby crawling on floor. -

13 W. 161 cont.

Brewhouse Lane (near Billingsgate St) narrow paved court 3 & 2 st. houses let in rooms. windows broken and patched with wood & paper. a low lot. great huffy women & dirty children OS. At corner of Thames St 2 st tenement block belonging to Stanton Charity separate doors to 1st flor. Women stood at door huddled to W. Out of Church St opposite Clarence St an Alderman's cottages cemented yard with washtubs & we enquired. broken windows. lots of women & girls in yard. Men are coalies, gas stokers. W to dbr

North of Thames St is Pages Terrace. Knot of rough women standing listening to woes of elderly woman whose husband has ill used her & her two dirty wicked sons have beaten their poor mother. W to dbr. (these letters might describe the houses)

Billingsgate St. most 3 st. all old. some double fronts some let in tenements. Rooms very poor.

Remarks. This walk includes greater part of old Greenwich. unlike any other part of London. Only comparable is with a patch of old Lambeth near the River Wandle & the Melon Ground at Peckham. but neither of these are so large or so distinct from surroundings. Shut off by Railway. Great Thoroughfare (Mdge. Thames St Road) may be direct approach from the London side. the characteristics of a country town are retained. a few leading streets with little alleys & closes tucked in between. Cul de sacs & winding alleys branching off long 30 or 40 yards.

Houses nearly all old. Early years of century & some go back to 18th century. as as mile main street houses have long back gardens & passing down some court one sees scarlet beans, sunflowers &c & wonders whether Charing Cross can be within 7 miles. As in country towns the smaller houses are set down anywhere behind. back to back. drainage &c bad. but this is being or has been remedied.

Inhabitants, beside a few shopkeepers are working people. Coalies gas stokers. lighterman, bargeman, waterside & other labourers. As in Deptford the character of the people has improved. People not so rough or troublesome to police. The demand for houses has enabled landlords to get rid of the undesirable. or it may be that the one time roughs by increasing pressure settles down into the working man!

Boundaries.

N — Thames

S. Blackheath Hill to

E. Greenwich Park

W. Church St. to

Holy Trinity

St. Alphege

13. W. 203

Walks with Detective Mercer. 3 to 4 Aug 1899. Attell
starting from St Alphege's Church. northwards Church St.
on East side - Fryers Court narrow entry 2½ feet wide
to 2 st houses with cellars rent 3/. recently raised from 4/.
poor working people - woman scolding children. Yellow water,
only 1 water tap. OB
At end of Church St. is "The Ship" - people stay here
in Summer & local balls are held in winter.
Some poor tenements packed in round about Greenwich
market - the property belongs to the Hospital
to King William St. at South end the houses are occupied
by Hotel & Eating house keepers catering for all classes
of visitors - Nevada St. (late Silver St.) Paltheron's
Theatre of Varieties takes half street - the rest is occupied
by refreshment houses some advertising dancing Monday
Tuesday & Holidays Charge 6d
Good houses fronting Park & comfortable streets behind them
Luton Pl out of King George St. large Hall belonging
to the Brethren - Royal Pl. some bad poor
Neptune Cottages - narrow cobble paved - Honeysuckle
on houses - Ub. Further South along Grooms Hill
large detached houses Chesterfield Walk large mansions
including that of Lord Wolseley - we are here at one
of the highest points of Blackheath & command a
magnificent view of London.
Where Point Hill & Blackheath Hill meet there several
small streets & lanes Ub - [Days walk finished here]
Started on 4th Aug from Blackheath Hill No. 1 Station
along Smith St. narrow entry 2 Ub cottages. Grove St.
& Brigade Pl. all Ub or purple - Orchard Pl. old cottages
1812. Dutton St. (late Trinity St.) narrow steep. Street sellers
Trinity Grove steep slope narrow. all Ub to purple
Maidenstone Hill (now College Pl West) purple to pink
Point Hill. nice gardens pink - Blue Coat Girls School
1732
Down Blackheath Hill. very steep.

13 W. 203
Cont.

John Penn St: on N side are Penns Engineering works. to South are 66 cottages - windows poor - streets roads also 66 as far as John St: & South Crescent facing the Recreation grounds. - Orchard Hill steep rise towards Lewisham Rd steady working people
Bennett St: Labouring people rather rough 66
Mount Pod Square. improved greatly in last 3 years - people were v. poor. better now - purple
Remarks In whole of scattered area included in these 2 walks no extreme poverty - poorest part lies by Penns works - Elsewhere general impression comfort & cleanliness. Houses old but well cared for. Best part is high ground between Groom's Hill & Blackheath Hill - nice open neighbourhood - with good breeze when it is quite calm in lower streets. Fine views obtainable from many houses
Originally good middle class district - working class gradually gaining possession

Boundaries
N. River Thames
S. Trafalgar Rd
E. Pelton Rd & rs
W. Park Rw
S. Alphege
Christchurch
13 W. 231

Walk with Sergt Hardy 10 Oct 1899. Ashell
Starting from Park Row Police Station up Park Row to Station. The "Trafalgar" trade not very good. Owner carries on a confectionery business in basement.
East St: West side people think East side labouring people "Arcagers men watermen & thieves". Improves to the South but further South still begins Old Woolwich Rd. There are old houses all very poor & secluded pubs 66 & 66 - East Side cleared. Weymans Place paved court. Smiths and Smiths rents - several blocks built on former gardens. Few more than 1 or 2 rooms - 4 open WC - "You should visit us in Summer" - "The poorest place we have".
Old Woolwich Rd Coaches - Arrik. Sam Cost many but it does not go into the houses - One 66 house.
Queen St: old houses narrow paved street. Much dock traffic. East Side labourers - lives go out washing. men look about doing an odd day now & then - R. Sud the best 66 & 66

13 W 231 Cont.

Hoskin St (late Bennett St) surrounded by small lb & 2b places - such as Baxter Cottages. 8 & 2 St. 2 roomed houses 3/6 a week - all convenience in small front yards. Place full of mess - Costers Labourers - db. - (was black on map)

Marlborough St leads to river & Millwall Docks. Comfortable residents - Newcastle St purple Gibson St lb - Orlop St (Marlboro' St to Key Wharf Lane) mix of modern houses - 2 floors & basement. Venetian blinds many kept down. Very poor class 1 or 2 room people labourers who dont work - wives do washing - live on fried fish & beer. db. not on map

Bradwell St - new near Old Woolwich Rd - many police & mechanics - 6 rooms 2 families as a rule

Chester St purple. Canadore St lb - houses poor - street littered -

Case in Wellington Place (late Marlboro' Pl) of a lodger who went off with £10 worth of jewellery. Not missed most as there had been £40 worth in the house

Across fields at end of Chester St (foot ball ground) we reach Dellot St. Poor labouring class.

Continued in Book 13 Z 1.

General remarks. The area covered includes greater part of Old East Greenwich - West of Marlboro' St streets narrow - houses old - & people mostly poor. Eastwards a mixture of old & modern - streets more regular - mostly a patch, & time a long strip, of garden - Bulk of people dependent on Docks or adjacent factories - & a considerable number of tram men - termini near Christchurch

Boundaries
N & W. River Thames
S. Pelton Rd
E. Blackwall Lane / Marsh Lane
Christchurch
B Z S

Walk with Detective Sergt. Hardy. 12 Oct 1899. Arrived
Starting corner of Blackwall Lane & Pelton Rd / Tyler St. | West
Commercial Rd (late Hatley St) looks decent now (10 am)
Last night (Hardy says) the people were in the street &
it looked cobalt rio (rough)
Blackwall Lane (late Marsh Lane) West side was v/s
has been cleared - East side bb - Coalies carmen &c
a few dd houses - not all - but rather rough - Then some
shops mostly Rest by women whose husbands go to work
3 storey block LCC buildings with cottages between
all comfortable working people - Pretty & well built
a refreshing contrast to adjoining very built rubbish.
Ag off St - (Pretty Congrg Mission Ch) - on North side
(the River side) a stout rough woman was sweeping her
doorstep - until she came here a short time ago,
she had lived in a tent - family collected lion cans
from rubbish shoots & extracted the solder. Hold at -
N Side 2 dd to dd. S. side terrible - Street being splendid
westward - New houses 2 St. bay windows for 2 families -
Roadway & footwalks not made up - Centre a sea of mud.
Mauritius Road also not yet made up. 2 St. 6 r. houses
purple with bb tendency
North along Blackwall Lane - now main road to
Blackwall tunnel - market fast cars both side - no
dwellings till near Morden Wharf (outside the map)
Idenden Cottages (just shown) are a block of 50 LCC houses
look comfortable - pink.
Morden Wharf Rd is now called Sea Witch Lane
leading to Cement Works &c. Warnford Pl bb - Sidmouth Pl.
purple - Clouds of cement dust obscure the view
& there are most unpleasant fumes & one is thankful
to reach Mor. Bank & breathe fresh air - Here facing the
river is the "Sea Witch" with booths & benches sloping
down to river. But the gate has been disused & the whole
place is covered with cement dust -

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To the north (just beyond the limits of the Mar.) are various works & some small places purpose to L6 the better houses occupied by foremen or managers. The S. Metrop: Gas Co have huge works.
Returning from the Tunnel by Marsh Lane it is just 7 o'clock & a succession of Children are met - some 40 or 50 - taking dinners to Gas works & other places - some carry two dinners -
The lane crosses open fields some planted with rhubarb & crossed by ditches at intervals - near Blackwall Lane is a large Horse Slaughtering place & near this a fire work factory - with its little detached huts - away in the fields is a pigger & tumble down cottage - the last of the dwellings on the marsh

Chief interest of this East Greenwich promontory is its numerous manufactories fringing the river bank. These must provide employment for at least 3/4000 men - probably more - The dwellings are subsidiary to the works & some (as Blackwall Cottages) erected by employers for work people. (17 houses belonging to Gas C. 1 family in each comfortable)
The northern part is absorbed by works the only large vacant pieces being between Bow Rd S. & Tunnel avenue. This tract is mainly market gardens below level of roads & crossed by ditches - to punt (or fall into) these the most popular diversion of boys & girls. To the south the land is suited for dwellings but except Ag off S. none are being built. Further north the ground is lower & marshy & could not be used until raised. Rhubarb nurs. except a few managers & pub.ns are all cockney men & nearly all employed here

Boundaries
N Trafalgar Rd
S. S E Ry
E. Annandale Rd
W. Park Row
St Alphege
Christchurch
13. Z. 25.

Walk with Det. Serg. Hardy 13 Oct 1899. Cockell
Starting corn Trafalgar Rd: South down Park Row &
along Park Place. By P.H near East St: is a small
Court. 4 little cottages 6 & one 6 ale labourers.
In East St are the "Roan Schools".
Beyond Railway are Clarks Bldgs 3 st tenements
with waste ground in front - 1 & 2 room peoples
labourers, piecework there &. women do some
laundry work "Scoundrels our boys live here"
as bad as Smiths Bldgs - & at this end East St is
much poorer - broken windows dirty blinds - costers
& labourers &c.
Trafalgar Rd: Victory Pub - Widow Smith also has
a large coffee room - remainder, to Park St,
shops with poor class trade - a brewhouse the
most flourishing -
Beyond Creed Place & Woodland Place - a 6 district
Vale Place (late Fenton Rd) - Rose Rd (late Mary Ann St)
Fenton St - little cottages - costers & labourers
Miles St: 6 & 6 - South end East side cleared
Shops in Trafalgar Rd improve towards Christchurch
where the East Greenwich market begins
Woodland St: 6 to public - passage leads to Pleasant
Cottages - working people 6. To the South ground
drops 8 feet suddenly - probably sides of old gravel hill
Trafalgar Rd beyond Christchurch - good shops
the market of the district -
Annandale Rd. Some detached. Doctor & Electrician &c
Calvert Rd Comfortable working class - Thorburn Hill - do.
Cutbrook St 1 some others & 6 to public - Fenthorpe Rd Artisans wives
Armitage Rd 2 small blocks LCC cottages like those in Marsh Lane
Remarks district South of Trafalgar Rd is distinctly
better than that to north - Distinction recognised locally
locally - those in South regarding those in North as inferior
Apart from small area north of Woolwich Rd the poor patch
are East St Clarks Bldgs near Ry. & a small pond
& old cottages between Creed Pl & Woodland St - these
last have been improved by demolition of Courts
East & Miles St. reducing area & improving Miles St itself.
which was formerly as bad as East St

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Police Notes

District 48

(Woolwich)

Boundaries (Begins in District 46) with Sergeant Howell — Attell 16 Oct 95

N. River Thames — Starting from Corner of Woolwich Rd — North up Collerton Rd

S. S.E.R — 2 Storey. 6 rooms. Mixed working class — West to North S.W.

E. West St — leads to LCC cottages — then unbuilt land & market garden

W. Greenwich Marshes — Selcourt Rd similar — Men working at factories to the North

Holy Trinity (48) — Benford St. were empty but have been cleared up

St. George (46) — Flesforth St. 6 rooms 2 families. Automatic gas meter, refused

Christchurch (46) — by neighbours when occupants leave — began very empty has

13.Z 43. — improved somewhat — Fergus St. Some broken windows

Marlton St. Lower poorer

East to Lombard Rd. West side a row of 2½ St. houses

one & occupied remainder condemned most empty purposes

walls cracked even in occupied houses — workmen employed

to pile up lower rooms with earth. 10 occupied houses

treated thus.

(District 48) Boundary in Lombard Rd

North side Woolwich Rd succession little terraces with

spaces for future streets to cross the marsh. Road much

higher than land which is being filled with refuse. houses

poorly built

Anchor & Hope Lane. Open ground to west much

of London refuse tipped & slop brought by barge which is run

alongside land. Riverside. Wharves &c. travelling vans

& gypsy tents of the Shade. Coarse girls & children

about. boys playing cards. Men repairing a cart shafts. Some

of them always here. Make a living by selling & otherwise

Lower West St. Boys playing pitch. 2 M & 2 Gs

Remarks. In this walk by far poorest part is West St. Charlton

& streets clustered round. An extension of Woolwich

much ground has been covered by buildings during 10 years.

Boundaries

N S & Ry

S. Old Dover Rd. & Shooters Hill Rd

E. Charlton Lane & Westcombe Hill

N. Westcombe Hill

S. Georges (46)

S. Luke Charlton

S. Paul ..

Holy Trinity Charlton

13 Z 63.

with Detective Sergt Howell. 10 Oct 1899 — Arkell

Starting Corner Woolwich Rd & Church Lane (Charlton Station) — Southwards.

At Charlton 'The Village' Shows great diversity — small old houses & quaint shops — quaint old gables, side by side with modern plate glass fronts — rises & downs of old land pits & hollows in Church Lane.

Group of new streets South west of Charlton Station between Delafield Rd & Victoria Rd — In Priolo Rd the houses are sold on instalment system £40 down & balance as rent.

Sundorne Rd. xxxxxx own their houses.

Corner of Wellington Rd & Church Lane a big hotel has been built over the licencing of which there has been a fight — threat to turn it into a registered lodging house if licence refused as P.H.

Victoria Rd large (some detached) houses detenanted.

Charlton Rd going towards Village, north side detached residences with gardens — South (Early Marlborough Lane) by Park.

Marlborough Lane a regular country lane — fields both sides.

(46)

Passing into Greenwich parish the character of Charlton Road changes into a succession of terraces.

Invicta Rd — Children playing in Roadway — Change often. "People cannot pay their rent."

Remarks

Greater part of walk in Charlton — Village still retains much of its old appearance — People living in the new streets South of Woolwich Rd have their business in London Greenwich or Woolwich — they market at Greenwich — Woolwich exerts a strong influence — Military officers live in the better roads & artisans workmen in the other — There are a few labourers & two large electric & mathematical instr works.

Boundaries — All this walk is in (46)

N S E R Rd. Woolwich Rd — with Sergeant Hardy. 19 Oct 1899. Ashell
S Vanbrugh Park — Starting corner Mage Hill -
E. Westcombe Hill — Vanbrugh Castle now empty
W Mage Hill &c — Hilly roads South of Railway - detached & semi detached houses
Christchurch (46) — various classes. mostly keeping servants - Some old houses
S. George — some just built - some large grounds.
S John — Groups of public streets between Woolwich Rd & Westcombe Hill Station
13 Z. 79 — men from telegraph works & arsenal - building still going on near Westcombe Hill to South of Ry

Remarks - Except the group of streets north of Ry & principally Westcombe Hill, the district is mid. class.
Street character improves as one goes up or off - Westcombe Park Rd the best - Newhouses are occupied as soon as finished - & their superior finish & convenience leads people to leave the older houses - the houses to let are either very large or lack modern convenience.

Boundaries

N Charlton Rd & Woolw. Rd — Mostly in (46) - with Howell. 22 Oct 1899. Ashell
S. Morden College — Starting Cor. Westcombe Hill East along Charlton Rd
E. — Coulthurst Rd &c. 2 St. 5 room people - Gardeners, Dressmakers
W. Blackheath — insurance agents &c - mostly 2 families - all working people
S. John Evangelist (46) — Craigherne Rd leading to Sea Dover Rd. 4. 3 storey houses
S James, Red Cross. (48) — on narrow strip of land - only 1 room wide - look like toy houses at
13 Z. 93 — S. Johns Park - 2 St. houses long gardens - near The Avenue
the houses are large & several servants here - The Avenue is a fine real avenue of trees.
Shooters Hill Rd (48). Large detached & semi. det. houses.
St Henry Rd near Lowdwille Rd building is proceeding
2 & 3 storey houses long front gardens
Morden College Walk is a pretty footpath - the College is a fine block of almshouses for old merchants, or wholesale dealers
the path leads out into Blackheath
S. Germans Ter. old fashioned houses - standing back from Heath
S. Germans Ch & Christ. College here - Red Cross Lodge the largest house is adv. for sale as building ground.

B Z 93. Contd at 103.

General Notes

This area contains little poverty - working class confined almost entirely to small closely built area near Charlton boundary - remainder well to do & near Blackheath wealthy - Roads wide, houses large gardens, trees abound - neighbourhood has gone down somewhat chiefly owing to villainous Ry Service S.E.R. & L.C.D. Trains seldom keep advertised times & passengers frequently spend best part of an hour in travelling to or from London. Number of large houses to let - Chiefly in Eltham district but there are signs that the decline has reached its limit. There are acres of grass South & West ready for building.

Boundaries

N. River Thames
S. V
E. Hill St & (Rea barracks)
W. Hanger Lane S.
S. Thomas
S. Michael

Beth Constable Clyne May 11 1901 SHD.

Starting Comes West St & Woolwich Rd. N up West St which is on a lower level than Woolwich Rd & in bad repair. 2 Storeys - Poor & very poor - windows dirty & broken - Children dirty, blinds dirty - half rolled up & pinned - Waterside labourers - mostly RC.

B Z. 105

Ludenberg St:- worse than West St - dirty dingy smell of dirt - "but do drink, not poverty, nor want of work" says Clyne

North St. v.p. West of lower West St - rather better to East

Open Space N side used as pitch by gipsies in winter 3 vans stale here being hawked about - drops broken crockery & foul language abundant - a few small detached gardens unhealthy inhabitants of house opp - Orchard & Thubards Marion Est. - South of Woolwich Rd formed by St Stephen Mansion block -

York St. fœtid smell of dirt - dirty women & children

Harden Manor Way better - Small Railway fronts -

At corner of Woolwich Rd. S.A. Chapel - The Army is strong in Woolwich - Anwater St. poor - Trinity Rd poor & much 16 to 26 - bird cages, flowers - hart better (or in a Trinity Sq)

Siemens Rd. 2 storey dirty. newish houses smell of dirt women bare headed dirty aprons. mess of paper & rags - some 26 especially East end - "all your wife."

13 Z 105 Cont.

Eden Cottages - quiet well kept houses. Tax in proportion
Each house pay to Ch. - Miller Buildings old inhab.
Costers keep dogs & fowls. Ch to pay - part here to Sch
into old acct of houses called Charlton hall - garden
Some quite other Ch. those just west of N. Sch the poorest
S. across Woolwich Rd to Tamar S. - flush - labourers rather
rough - half belong to one & half to another man.
shown in character of inhab. - one rough & poor - other fairly
comfortable as tenants.

Sand S. - Acorn S. Oak S. Kiada S. - for Ch to pay thus
Prospect Mews to pay to pay to pay - Prospect Cottages v.p.
Harden St. mixed becomes passing up hill at S end - out
put at West end in Morris St. thoroughly bad except at
S.W. - very poor some prostitutes & thieves - at S end a
flight of steps leads up to Sand S. - much repair d.b.
windows broken & dirty - paper & bread in street. One gas
lamp or bracket gas wall. d.b.b. to Ch b.
Sand S. West side better than E. - Chapel & N. Sch at
S end - Ann S. old established quiet
Kiada S. & streets by it poor to mix
Wood S. - det & semi det. Some officers - S. side mix open
Hill S. mix b. & mix - Woodland Ter. new houses
S.W. of church - one family per house - leads to open
timbered fields. 'Hangingwood' - footpath to Charlton lane
Heathwood Gardens built thirty years so far as some built
£380 for 99 years - mix to mix b. apartments
Little Heath (or Charlton Rd) - large old & small new houses
Lower Wood S. mixed - Godfrey S. poor rough class. Ch
Scotsman street poor to Ch. - Dockyard workers
Nack Lane - two ends rough Ch houses middle mix
Daisy Cottages on west side - semi det with gardens. poor
Ogilby St. Clyne gives same character as Lydenburg St. for dirty
& noisy - but looks better - Haven Cottages long uncared for gardens
Frances St. noisy - shops below. poor & abouse - mixed - old
barracks - prostitutes - improves as it runs down hill to N

B Z. 105 Contd

Samuel S. - here are a lot of small places - old & quiet & a few "Railway Cottages - Poor drunks - labourers - 66

General remarks. - Many poor on this road. (1) Half Skilled Telep. Constructn workers between Woolwich Rd & Moor.
(2) Poor Rd in Morris S. off Lower Hayes S.
(3) Old cottages poverty in Marshalls Grove Rd Cottages Morris S. worst but block between Woolwich Rd & River the largest area of poverty.
If lower these streets could have looked attractive & times have been today - Fine - hot sun. Cold wind. all pass after yesterdays rain. but the low lying streets N of the Woolwich Rd are exceptionally decayed P.Hs not large or flaring - but the mark of poverty is on the people & the houses - all men women & children are young. If trouble is to come out of the East in times of unemployment it is from these streets & those lying N of Rd in Battersea that the worst would come. Men & women strong, young, unskilled & drunken with admixture of the military - If hungry, would be a real danger. In a new district like this - no tradition of orderliness & their dirty piece work - soap making or cable works does not encourage sobriety or cleanliness. -
Bread 4½d per quartern - Milk 3d per qt. -

Boundaries. P.C. Clyne - 14 May 1905 S. HO

N. George S. High S.
S. Artillery Pl &c
E. Powis St
W. Chapel S. Manor S.
St Mary's Parish
B Z. 119

Starting Corner George S. & Chapel S. - S. along Chapel S. Queen St Baptist Chapel - New. S. Hutchinson 'popular' Sarah Pl by Railway N Side - poor. Cottages. Slaughter Gulch Elgin Terrace. unusual for posts. rather better than Sarah Pl Small streets & blank wall here. rents being raised. Henry St improving at upper end to South. poor to poor built 1881. - on West Side Meads Alleys - Cement Co. V.P. Ab to 16 single drunks. Station Rd mixed - but that were of P.H. - East of Rd Station very respectable - Warwick St long well kept slips of gardens behind. Some poor cottages. a few poor streets Paradise Pl. old & poor - Clean well fed fairly dressed. Martyn Pass Rd poor

13 Z 119. Contd. Coleman S. & King S. - old houses. down lanes. Kitchen
S. May S: not quite so good. some prostitutes - runs up
hill to East but gets worse
Sun S. old chapel used for Children's School
Orchard Pl. clean but poor - windows unbroken. many
Chulam - well fed. steps whitened. but Clyne calls it rough
Orchard S. Sunken - some prostitutes live in these streets
but don't bring men home - room 2 together - much
drink in these streets but not the degraded appearance
of Lydenburg, Newcastle, Pinnel Street.
Parsons Hill. Churchyard with square tower
brick Ch. & plenty of trees. - large chapel closed - very
small Welsh Chapel opposite - still used though very
few come - leads to Powis S. main Shopping S.
passage for Soldiers & Girls
Eleanor Pl. Clara Pl. & Bute Terrace - William & near flush
much rebuilding. new red brick 2 St. White Mullions. house
6 r. & wash house 14/6 - old tenants had 8/6 to 10/6 but
may have come back instead of higher rent.
Upper Market is as William S. used to be - Pink
Brewer S. new. 2 St. Brewer Pl. still building - no some built
than tenanted. the new houses are yellow brick called 5 rooms
near flush (only low wall & rail) well built. downstairs
Kitch sitting room & washhouse. room over wash house too small for
a bed - rent 11/. - old houses same room sized for the
little place above wash house worse off. (Clyne goes in to see
of the new houses next week)
King S. out of Charles S. - broad quiet mixed - Chiefly lab
Wellington Pl. - broad St. Shops. New Theatre. Soldiers
Institute much patronized by soldiers.
Hertford Artillery Pl. & St into Catherine Sq. one
of the worst districts. 5 35 St houses - ashhalles Ct
tab in centre - built 1843. Irish - fights - drunken row
most nights. mess of place. no bread. Ch. dirty. Ab to Lb
Lyons Pl. - Country 1 room house - old woman lean cats but
clean yard. Ab to Lb

13 Z 119. Cont.

Mason St. old barracks. old, poor houses - rooms let to soldiers married off the strength - wretched lives led by such wives - Rushgrove St. a little better. Anne St. poor rough drunken - both sides bad some thieves & prostitutes - High & drunken - some prostitutes in each of these 3 last streets

General Remarks. Fine day. Strong cold wind. Woolwich a curious place remarkable for broad streets - contrast hills, unsuspected turnings - Clyne gives Neale all the streets a bad character - he would make the Purple U - U U barns. or d.b. "labourers" predominate but the streets look fairly comfortable - windows & blinds look clean & steps look white for there not to be a good deal of pride - May be the extra prosperity of the years too one more work than they can manage - for the moment they are certainly not U - not here the dirt & crime of the streets north of the Woolwich R.

not so much drunken roughness but more prostitutes they cling to neighbourhood of the barracks - Flies now the hour hot - usual charge to soldiers 9d or 1/. & the men are allowed tick & pay when their money comes in - Coffee shops here as Shrewsbury have notoriety but open spaces are more used than houses of accommodation

Streets fairly well cleaned. P.H numerous. - not many women seen in them. though it was mondy

Boundaries
N. River Thames
S. Charles St. to Plumstead Rd
E. Station Rd
W. Powis St to
Holy Trinity
St Margaret
St John Baptist
13 Z. 143.

with P.C Clyne 16 May 1901 G.H.D.

Starting corner Powis St & High St. & along Powis St then up Hare St (similar) to High St. very narrow congested small shops. tram lines. common lodging houses Seaport Lane Street - opening of brothels in coffee shops 2 C.L. 30 to 40 each tenanted by loafers dock & water side casuals & a few thieves.

Glass yard & Cross Alley. 2 st houses. drunks. some prostitutes. crones out under old house in Hale St. - empty upper story. C.L. high - Hale St has the free from at its end & has been much cleaned by LCC

Union St. used to be part of 'Dust Hole' - has been rebuilt but is not well tenanted

Myrtle Place old cottages 4b to 6b - one common lays of. house condemned & only houses available the new one in Union St. at 12/.

Beresford St: trams - narrow - some prostitutes. Church at S. Sun. & Wilson Tabernacle (Baptist) & a theatre.

Beresford St. (Market Place) - busy. crowded on Friday one of Arsenal main entrances - great crowd of men coming out at 7.0 in dinner hours - majority young men young men cads. middle aged bowler hats - most wearing collars some labourers - making for their homes S & S.W One, one man seen had dinner brought to him but Clyne says many bring it & cook & eat on the Arsenal - large coffee house corner of Cross St much patronised - 1 int & 2 v. 6° R

6 boys were selling ½ papers - not many buyers - Clyne says they read & discuss at dinner & return place their bets with the bookies - who wait in the Square agents of bigger men.

Salutation Alley out of Market Pl. very poor & rough Irish some costers some thieves - fair but some come to barrow to Ab. —

13 Z. 143
Ant.

Rope Yard Rails is the beginning of the Dust hole
16 C.L. in the street all on East Side - some bread
mess but street fairly clean - All the houses
practically brothels usually Sailors loafers, water
side labourers & lowest grade of Soldiers for Soldiers
are out of bounds & patrolled nightly by military
police - Street a fair block all through for vice
See further details pages 151/3.
High St - filthiest roads off contains Smallest Black
Pellwater Gate - leading to Ferry - 5 houses of which 3 are
P.H 1 a beer house & 1 Coffee house 'a notorious brothel'
New St (a passage) 6 houses all door open - Children well
but badly or none but all in good health & sufficiently fed -
houses beastly & stinks of dirt - Irish & prostitutes. 16 & Black
Globe Lane - downhill to river, women on doorsteps
Sore faces - bare towzled heads - aprons - Some brothels.
16 to Black. - helpless & rather belle. 16 to purple based
High St at this point the roughest of all the streets in the
Dust Hole - women broken noses, swollen faces - bare
dirty & unkempt. frizzled heads - draggled skirts
frayed sags - Coarse Irish faces - bare arms -
No men about
Collingwood St. broad & clean - some bread & broken
windows - noted for bad characters 16 6d. or black
Rodney St. 16 6d to black -
Meeting House Lane - rough Irish - poverty but less vicious
than the rest - no brothels 16 - not black.
Warren Lane is like Rope Yard rails in character
Except the alms houses which come through - the rest
in C Lodging houses & brothels - black. a foule hole
bread lying in the street - beastly worm hanging
about on the pavement. - This ends the Dust Hole

Remarks. Speaking generally of the character of this place, Clyne
said it was to the S & London which both places
was to the N West. From a house of call for tramps
in Tower Street

'13 I 143 Cont
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There is a regular exchange of tenant between here & Baugh St & Queen Giffen & Hale St. Detn from Police from Notting Dale find old friends in Rosebery rails. The casual traffic floats between the two male inhabitants are bullies, Dock & Water side labourers Costermongers & tramps. The women are prostitutes & the area between the Thames, Wandsworth Lane, Rosebery Road Rails High St & Mile St. which is the "East Hole" Clyne reckons 70-80 known prostitutes. Since the law against bullies Oct last year 45 men were run in & of them 42 were convicted gaoled 3 to 18 mos with hard labour.

The lowest class of women is of the rough Irish type of the Fenian Barracks Armley (Gale St &c). The younger woman is in appearance like the "Sailors wife" of Ratcliffe Highway (Sage & Albert St). Clean white apron frizzed hair & earrings is the mark of this class. Clyne says majority young & old male & female are Irish. No law runs in these streets. The priest is powerless & seldom seen. Police only come when there is a bad row & they are summoned. No man walks alone. Waits for at least one other. Missiles are showered on them from every window when they intervene. Area out of bounds for soldiers. The military patrol can capture & confine any soldier found there but nevertheless the low class soldier goes there. The Police know & see them but have no right to arrest. If a man has money or jewels he is made to hire a room & cleaned out. If not the street is used. No regular charge as much as can be got from him.

The war has had a great effect for the better. Making employment easier for men with no character & others have come to so depress.

Those who suffer most are the recruits. They may be caught & ruined for life.

The Ringleader of H is in Nelson St. [See page 209 for an account of Sabini, Italian boy]

13 I 143 Cont. East along Plumstead Rd - Plenty of P.H
(page 163) New Road. Cross St. Peacies Pl. (1795) v.p. d.b
Spray St. old part new to the new part
Scotts Passage nearly kept fronts - used to be Prop.
Taylors Alys. all poor. Some brothels. are cons. the
thy lock - Further East along Plumstead road are
Charlotte St. Snowman Pl. to Prince Pl.
Up hill to the South the streets improve Prince & Princes
Ann St. & Robert St. Prince & the to purple -
Dunn St. poorer still. bread. dirty children. Shining
poor parts -
Robert & Ann St. to are 2 storied. fairly broad & clean.
24 feet roadway & 7 of pavement on each side = 38 feet
& small fronts to houses - built about 1860

General Remarks

This district comprises two distinct areas (1) Dust Hole
already treated at length (2) Streets on either side of
Ply between Plumstead & Glyndon Rds - these are tenanted
by Arsenal workers skilled & semi-skilled & dockyard lab.
all mixed. Bear impress of drink. - Temptations in
shape of P.H. abound. Seems as though the men worked too
short hours & earned too much money not yet recovery has
to spend either time or money decently - Had the
8 hours higher wages but not usual to give the wife as
more for the home - Just now much overtime at the
Arsenal - men came home very tired pockets more
than usually full - result drink more deeply - From
Arsenal alone £30.000 paid weekly (this was told
G.H.D. by Fred Smalden the Director General of Ordnance)
The ground rises sharply in irregular series of hoppers
from Plumstead Rd South wards. There are occasional
sharp dips to west as in Dawson & Other Streets
Streets broad & well cleaned - the mess of paper bread &
was today not yesterday - or last week
Coal 1/6 per cwt - Bread 4½d.

Boundaries — with D C Clyne – 18 May. GHD

N Anglesea, to Glynn Rd
S Plumstead Common Rd &c
E Parkside Rd
W Moordale Rd
S Margaret
S James
S John Park
B Z 175

Starting corner of Anglesea Rd – pk. & other streets near are the same – Havelock Pl pk to tb on hill overlooking the valley to west – 2 more cottages with large gardens Wellington Cottages als – beans peas currants &c – 2 boxes live here & 1 in Havelock Pl

Brookhill Rd improves Southwood – opposite barracks there are some prostitutes – Walpole Pl in hollow had bad reputation – houses shaken by firing of guns at Arsenal – Bignell Rd – broad & clean – 2 houses but none living near home

Sandy Hill Rd – S side better than west – Constant shifting of tenants on west side – The Avenue pow tb

Bloomfield Rd & those round Molly Mill

Sweetenham & Sandbach Pl &c pur to pk

Hudson Rd poorer much tb – up on west side – Lee St Rd &c

S Margarets Terrace – pur – much drink in all these streets

Vicarage Rd – poor on east side tb to purple – Montrose Rd

Raglan Rd – somewhat poor – N side Corn Hudson Rd tb

Maxey Rd – Crest of hill is at the Board School – descent sheer to the north – gardens of the Oaks tenanted by Col Hughes MP for Woolwich reaches to end of the road

Ann S Robert S &c 40 years old (described before) have the look of tenants who earn money but do not spend it well – Clyne gives all a bad character for drink

Griffin Orchard Coxwell &c Roads – are newish with narrow backs – streets clean well kept. Artisan labourers – purple – East of Orchard Rd are new roads not yet named covering old Invicta Athletic ground built & building tenanted as soon as built

A number of newish purple streets – Piedmont Leighton Tuscan &c – purple to pink

Old Mill Rd pk – old mill cottages – tb to purple

Streets of Mowey Rd that of it – purple

Beatrice Road large houses

13 Z 175
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Remarks – A cold grey day – strong NE wind – very hilly district – Houses west of Griffin Rd old dating from 1850/1860 – Usually a farmer's cottage house & lots of garden. Long stripes at back small wooden railing fronts not much show of flowers but many hens fowls pigeons or rabbits – East of Griffin St. the houses have less garden Clyne says Bosloe Mapr an extra room to a large garden. The rooms built over the wash house –

Tenants are arsenal workers. Earn as labourers 22/ but men are making much overtime – Start at 8 am relays get home 6 8 9 10 pm – women wash & daughters do home work for clothing or farm factory – Of the 3rd streets in this road none are very bad – but all have a considerable admixture – Clyne says that round there is a tendency to shew many rooms in the P. Houses – there are no counter attractions – the Pub is the club. – Churches & Chapels abound. – They seem more frequent here than in any other part of London. but Crooke Wilson Tabernacle have little influence. Striking views from the hills – over Woolwich & arsenal & across River – flash & roar of big guns very testing on the marshes – making windows shake – sometimes they are broken – no plate glass – no redress obtainable –

Boundaries

N. Plumstead Common Rd with P.C Clyne 21 May 1901 GHD.
S. Herbert Rd. Plum Lane Starting Corner Plumstead Common Rd S. down Woolwich Com
E. Plum Lane Houses occupied by officers – & some official residences
W. Woolwich Common Streets at back Brick & pebble to 66 – Soldiers & their wives
S. Margaret majority kept by army pensioners & ex-soldiers – Tenants changing
13 Z 195 depending on the regiments stationed here – sometimes say the Irish are the worst – Clyne says many soldiers have temporary wives who are accepted in their society much drink – some prostitutes

Hambler Cottages, Nightingale Vale, 3 Us houses – the woman at the end who has posts & her yard has "with her mother who died 4 years ago, been 46 years here – pays 4/ for 3 v rk

13 Z. 195 cont.

Several small ll places - + Dicey St. in a valley down + up again ll 6d to a6 - tumbling down. Bricks. Dreary - mgh brick dwellings - Elvan St. mgh dirty class.
James St. Potter St. purple. Keemor St. pink to purple
Ordnance Rd. - broad + clean but rough "beef for breakfast" Soldiers, pensioners + labourers - not so many mis as Dicey St but equally poor ll to purple - Paget, Whitworth + pink Princes Rd (out of Plumstead Common Rd.) old. now mgh built 1845 - 57. Labourers + prostitutes - cheaper barefoot + dirty ll to a6 well based - The man keep, the P/H was committed some time ago for murdering his wife
Several small ll places 1 to a6 - a few patch
South of Genista Rd. a new unnamed street - still building taken before day - Bricks are made from the dug out clay
Plumtree - Vanbury Rd + Brute
Harger Rd off Plumstead Common Rd. - in hollow many poor - windows broken - + Palmerston Rd. - South of the are a number of 2 St pink streets + new fairly broad - houses have small fronts surrounded by low wall with fancy iron rail Small backs - 6 rooms - 12/ or 13/ - these streets are away the pink from the older streets

General Remarks. 3 divisions in this row.

1) The mixed streets E of Woolwich Common
2) The pink to pink 6d streets between Wootten Rd + Eglinton Rd
3) The new pink streets built Sunday - each has its own poor

No 1 the poorest + roughest in Dicey Elvan + Ordnance Rds
No 2 poor in Princes + Darnfield Rds
No 3 poor in Harger + Palmerston Rds

Drink + drink the prevailing cause of misery + poverty
No improvement - if anything the reverse by reason of poorness of the time - amount of money about - + celebration of Victoria
Speaking of Camps of Police - ordinary P.C. starts 24/ rises in 8 years to 32/ + there stops. Next rise to Sergeant - Then Station Sergeant - Then Inspector + the height is Superintendent - One shilling is paid by Publiean for taxi call not much extra service money. The theatre the most requisite - a job not much liked - for 5 to 20 persons to be here are good work - Among the 70 men at Woolwich 10% is the average yearly change
Out of an unmarried man's wages 4/6 is taken - 4/ for lodging 3d breakfast food - 1d bread 1½ - Oatmeal porridge -
Clyne an special service has to give prisoners with lists of stolen goods
Noise in Woolwich on Sun
Brighter less than formerly - in mgh streets police make a part of Knowing the men by name

(*) 1. New streets large houses are more valued than large gardens

(*) Brighter less than formerly - in mgh streets police make a part of knowing the men by name

Boundaries
N The Thames
S. Plumstead Rd
E Harrow Manor Way
W. Arsenal Walk
S. Nicholas
B Z 237

with PC Clyne 28 May. GHD.

Starting cor. Plumstead Rd & Arsenal Walk – Griffin Manor Way. Some cottages – Arsenal football grounds – grand stand crowded in winter – sometimes 25000 workers on of a Sat. – Boys 3d. Men 6d or 1/. Duffer's Gate. Plumstead Marshes like the fen country deep ditches cut on either side of road way – broad green grass fields. divided by ditches – now (May) full of flowers – whippet racing – Pigeon shooting. Fields dry now but very marshy in winter. Some thorns white with blossom – air heavy with scent of flowers. At R side the large gun treat grounds & Arsenal Rifle butts. A row of 3 storied house is being built on Griffin Manor Way intermented – probably governmental. Further built on Gipsy Camping grounds with groups of ragged dirty children living in tents made of old skirts stretched over hurdles – no school for them – Further built again near Abbey Wood St. "Freehold" lots of this desirable building land" to be sold & some have been bought – strips about an acre each & on them one storey wooden houses raised on concrete foundation – gardens filled with veg & fruit – one man has ventured on a 2 St. yellow brick house. mulberry acacias in winter – river kept out by high banks. Abbey Grove & its continuation to West Ct to the Wheatsheaf dirty base – Poor street work in market gardens. Home builders labourers & next above are Arsenal workers. most are employed locally – trains infrequent & unpunctual. Even workmen workers are shy of living at Abbey Wood. Bostall Lane – land on N side belongs to Woolwich Corporation which grows fruit & vegetables. Houlder's houses –
Bostall Heath – wild hilly, birch trees below LCC Karlgan, Cerces & Street. all new – 2 two windows 2 fam. To west of these are North Rd &c – not very poor but noisy & drunken – worst reputation in Plumstead – Ct to people all labourers – 2 St. yellow brick. Streets fairly broad clean but smell bread – young lovers & dirty children – husbands does not usually bring home the bacon.

General remarks

Except for Bostall Woods & the High Grove S of Bostall Lane & Plumstead High St. not a pleasant district. Flats though light in summer are damp & dreary in winter – Plenty room on a good smooth soil for new houses on either side of Bostall Lane. Wheat farm N & S. Many unusable built & quickly occupied were the train service better – 20 to 30 minutes late in 1½ miles long journey to & in 40 minutes

Boundaries. with P.C. Clyne 4 July 1902 S.H.D.

N. Plumstead High S.
Postill Hill Rd
S Plumstead Woods
E. Romney
W. Lakedale Rd & 13 AE 1

Starting corner Lakedale Rd & Plumstead High S. - a group of pink streets on strange hills & hollows across common to Macoma Rd &c
Garland St. poor old - Mashelgrove workers. ll
Pendrill St. a little better. long gardens behind - old red tiles
West end still open fields with Shooters Hill woods on S. side
grow rise to S. fields full of bricks & mortar & under foundations
Alabama St & Tilney Rd - unmade - houses still being
majority built & occupied - many look poor - purple & tb
(*) Conversation with master builder (see page 5)
|| Steady class coming in rough class (mashelgrovers) leave
following their work - many who come take 99 year leases
|| Corea sell 100 houses tomorrow if he had them
wishes he could get more land - there would be a
rush here if there were an electric tram
Nyanza Rd purple & tb - The Slade old houses
Frances St: older & poorer - gipsy vans - & brick
|| all doors open & a fine bright day
Elm Grove & Sutcliffe Rd - old purple & tb.
Swinggate Lane old brick purple.
Nassau Rd deep dip between S & N.
Wickham Rd runs along valley between Plumstead
|| Common & Postall Woods - the wood a real wild wood
2 CC police v. a good many people after wild roses
Steep hill down to Plumstead High S. - Wickham Lane
|| houses old & new - notices bad, written in motor way
|| faces to "Woolies, Wall Greens, Eggs & Cake
At Kings High way across common - big military, big nice & dry
Newland Rd still building. Congreg Ch. N.W.Co.
Rivendale Rd & Tolhurst Rd. Pepperson Rd hom. Gothic mansion
Sherwood St. many poor at S. end - allotments & market gardens
|| Description of Plumstead See page 17.
(*) Interview with Superintendent Wakefield - page 23

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Miscellaneous Notes

Districts 45 & 46

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see Booth, Life and labour.... 1902–3.
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[Booth's notes: Miscellaneous notes: Districts 45, 46. pbs. i, 13; District 48. pbs. i, 16.]

Deptford COS. Mrs Butcher. Cxxxi. 31.

Has been Sec'y 3 years – an able young lady of strong character probably a good organizer, but I should say with little or no sympathy. She has not I think been a success. Naxley did not seem to know much of her district. Previously the work had been left to the Agent who was also a parish clerk & did the COS business in a most perfunctory way. Mrs B claims therefore that COS has not had a fair chance & that there has been a considerable advance in 3 years. It seems that the only one of the Clergy with whom there is close cooperation is Mr Hough of Corpus Mission (Dist. 44). A good many make occasional use of the Society but generally go their own way.

The only Clergy Mrs B recognised as powers were Mr Keaney, Mr Gourley, the latter rather a buffoon – Of the non-cons mentioned McIntosh as raising large funds by sensational appeals & spending them most foolishly.

The Deptford Fund was mentioned as doing excellent work especially in training girls for laundry work & for service – though there is great difficulty in getting them to take to the latter.

Deptford Fund. Mrs Lamont. Cxxxi. 13.

A tall elderly lady – well but quietly dressed – Has been connected with the Fund from its inception & is strong spirited. Has strong force of enthusiasm behind a quiet manner. Evident when she spoke of the troubles & sorrows of her people. Fund instituted April 1894 – result of a "Grey Lady's visit to Bailan St. – Lady Templeton was interested & eventually the work was started "to help the people". Hours was from 47 Creek St. – the work has grown & has occupied a large new building called the Albany Institute in Creek Road. First thing started was a Sick Kitchen to provide well cooked food for invalids & over 10.000 dinners are now given yearly – Kitchen open 3 days a week. See report regarding. The dinner tickets are distributed by 43 "authorised visitors" residents in locality – each can give 6 dinners a week.

Deptford Fund. Lambert. The visitors are connected with the Church of
CXXXI. 13. Hon. Co. places of worship - non-denominational -
Cont. except RC - the Priest refused to have tickets
(not to be mentioned)
Visitors guarantee genuine poverty of case - & overlapping
is prevented by the list kept at the house. All are
sick or convalescent cases or occasionally maternity -
only to chronic cases when certified by doctor. to
avoid taking those which would be better in hospital
The district covered consists of parishes S Nicholas.
S Luke, Christchurch, S Paul, S Mark, S James
being the part of Deptford north of New Cross Rd.
The Fund is disliked by the well to do - they object
that it points out the poverty & wickedness of
Deptford, as unfair, & as lowering the value of property.
Mr L seems to have an exaggerated idea of the
poverty - agreed with colony of Giffen & area but
thought Hughes Fields poor & was evidently surprised to
see bulk of S Luke's pink -
The Girls' Club is the delight of Mr L's heart. began
with 22 girls from Cattle Market & has grown to 130
all factory girl class - meet on equal terms. one, those
leading an impure life excluded - the girls effect of this
themselves - will not associate with such a one. Mr
L however tries to keep in touch (with the rejected) - No caste distinctions
allowed in the club but they may exist outside. At
first the market girls divided into 2 sets - the difference
being those who dealt with oxen & those who dealt sheep
the latter being a grade higher in society - not quite
such disgusting work.
Club meets every Thursday - singing is a great point &
an attempt made to supersede coarse songs - & public
opinion now shuts up a girl who begins to hum a
ribald song - Instrumental music begins to be liked
at first a violin was greeted with roars of laughter

Deseg Stud. Lamert
CXXXI. B.
Cont

The girls are taught to make their own clothes which they pay for weekly work. All very methodical by classes. Each class in charge of a lady. A Bible class has 30 members. 10 or 11 go to church "where Mrs L's responsibility ends & that of the Clergy begins".

On Sunday the girls set up about 2 o'clock, Matron will go out for walks "with their mn or somebody else's young man"

Other branches are (a) "Refuge" combines with the work of the Refuge Reformatory union". (b) Children's Happy Society. 4 sections boy, little, boy & girls. (c) Children's Guild to draw money from Wesl Stud Children. (a) School of Domestic Economy.

Paid staff consists of Mrs L & an assistant. Matron, missia woman & charwoman. A number of ladies give voluntary help & last year "workers are experienced". "The work is growing enormously".

Considerable quantities of clothing are received — 2000 articles were dispose of last year. Sales are held. Used to give but found the new garments were pawned. Also give Hospital & convalescent letters & a bed at a convalescent home is maintained.

Church of England is doing all she can but is undermanned. Clergy working night & day. Non cons work hard with more money. The Wesleyans especially. No endowments but give so liberally. Boy taught to pay.

As to drink the elder women were the trouble. It is etiquette for a bride to stand a go of gin. These women got the young woman in & induced them to call for a drink. The want of proper housing a contributing cause. Only contract with wom. plan the public house

Schoolmaster. Farthing
D° School. CXXXI. 1.
Report: Deptford

Has been head master here 4 years.
Nearly all his children drawn from poorest streets
in neighbourhood – very few even from superior streets
recruited from black, dark blue & light blue
Two great foci of neighbourhood – Institution & drink
shops north & south of school swarm with institutes.
In Stanhope St are in almost every house – large
proportion of the married women as well as single
ly in the streets with practical connivance of
husbands – women worst all the main streets –
between Broadway & Greenwich but do not
bring men here –
Degraded as are their habits & filthy as is the
language which the children hear & use in the
streets Mr F was surprised to find writing of
obscenity very rare – almost unknown. Whereas
it was a constant trouble at a much more
respectable school in Bethnal Green (here as
elsewhere more of it among the girls than the
boys) Baxter suggested & Mr F agreed that
the probable explanation is that in such a
neighbourhood as this there is no mystery
or reticence & therefore no impulse to write things
which are "common in the mouth as household words"
Poverty of the children very great – indicated by clothing
which is always wretched. In winter by semi starvation
"two or three days of cold weather & they all look peaky"
In matter of clothing & feeding not much is done for
them – difficulties so great – clothes at new & worn
& hard to find out the suitable case for meals
verminous children not common – stress found a threat to report
boys reform – In this neighbourhood a most wholesome dread
of the R.S.P.C.C. whose officers are much more feared
than the police – Pretty frequent cases of cruelty take form of
neglect resulting in starvation & filth – more often than
of active cruelty

Royal Soc Prevention Cruelty to Children

School attendance by law 78% boys – less among girls – it
has been 83% in 1878 – but infectious disease brought it down
Infectious diseases are epidemic in the school. Another cause
of bad attendance is long hours of work out of school –

Schoolmaster Farthing — As to influences for good other than school
Regent's St Sch. CXXXI. 1. — Mr F.'s verdict is "practically nil & choos" —
Cont^d — Church utterly futile — only agency which seems to try and do anything is Ragged School in Giffon St.
L. Sch Bd has recently started Continuation classes. Mr F takes them himself. They are mainly a mission effort. Scarcely any attempt made to teach. Chief object to take a few out of the streets at night — at present abt 65 attend. Want of Institutes & Clubs for boys thro' is very crying.

LCM. — Baxter — Recommended Mr Hopewell (Wesleyan minister)
Visiting P.H. to Deptford — CXXX 1. 43. — as knowing Deptford well. —
A tall old man with white stubby beard. Has been a fine man in his day — now looks heavy & slow. Mind is still active & he speaks well — (Ashell)
Has been 44 years in Deptford — when he came Douglas St was very built & west of this was market gardens — Bulk of poor lived East of Hyde St Mowbray St — North of Evelyn St (where Dacca & Cyprus St now are, was Brunswick Sq., some cottages occupied by poor Irish who have shifted to Hyde St which is poorer than it was — Others shifted by Clearances have gone to Bridge & Knott St.
Blackhorse St was then occupied by wood choppers East & South Nott St was open fields — there were a few cottages near the Wood Reche Rd but there was no way through to Newlands —
The people stick to the neighbourhood — many of the parents of today are the children he knew when he visited. He then used an old building as a mission hall.
Morally the district is better — especially as to number of fallen women — laws against Solicitation made great difference

LCM Baxter
Public Houses CXXXI.43.
Cont

Number of P.H has decreased in last 10 or 12 years
32 houses closed – 10 were in Mill Lane portion
of S Johns parish – 3 in Wellington S: (the New Creek Nº)
2 near Cattle market – Licenses were easily obtained
in those days – very difficult get one now.
While number has decreased bar accommodation
has largely increased – The Brown Bear in High Sº kept
by an old couple was almost deserted. It has been
transformed into a very busy house –
Character of house depends on Publican – many
are much better than their trade.
Houses have special kinds of trade – those near market
supported by market men – near docks a big trade
done when the men come out for lunch in their tatters
10 30 & 11 oclock – a number are known as women
houses – The Pilot (High S.) – The Red Lion (High S near Charles S.) – The Gibraltar (Rochyn S)
The money is then time except on Monday when women
go in afternoon – have no dinner to cook & no market
to take them out in the morning –
Mr D visits the P. Houses at all times but mostly
many & young – never takes even a glass of water there
(avoid the appearance of evil) – The people will chaff
& he retorts in same style "That's one to him Bob"
not much drunkenness seen – The people have their
go & go off again except in the evening –
not so many drunken women are seen but many
more respectable working mens wives fill so in for
their drops – Some like to conceal it
Theatre & music Hall have not improved matters
but do not seem to have made a great change
in amount of drinking – Rows of respectable working
people stand waiting to get in – tradesmen (Publican
& Coffee House keeper) complain they gain nothing – perhaps
an Italian Café does but he is the only one

LCM Paxle
Public Houses CXXXI.43
Cont

The Churches are not so active as he wished like – there is not much to choose betwixt them – S. James the most influential – none doing so well as years ago except S. James. The Wesleyans used to be in many ann. Mags when S/A is now – since then have built four places – Taken collectively the Churches have made great advance in his time. There were only 4 Clergy Canon Money (S. Johns) Mr French (S. Pauls) & Skerstchley (S Nicholas) Mr Glanville (S James) now there are 24 – & it is the same with the non Cons who have multiplied their places of worship & RCM who have 10 missionaries against 6 formerly (40 years ago) notwithstanding the people seem unmoved. Indifference to real spiritual work is general – Men's interests are racing & betting – all the Pubs take sporting papers & see the men poring over the racing lists.

Much bad language but its fashion has changed not so many 'D' oaths but more filthy & obscene expressions – from women & children as well as men.

C.O.S. agent Greenwich. Denison CXXXI. 35

Miss Grant the Secretary invited Baxter to call.
It was a day of torrential rain (25 June 1900) &
the area not turn. wh – but the agent was there &
thought he knew as much of the district as the Sec
A nice old fellow – but not really particularly helpful.
Examined map carefully & approved –
During the 10 years he has been here there has been little
change in poorer parts of Greenwich – but on the
whole improvement due to some of lowest being evicted
Excess among widows not generally any crushing poverty
only sometimes in winter among water side labourers
C.O.S in Greenwich claims to be in complete co-
operation with all the Clergy. The only unsatisfactory one
be Mr Reeney who "has muddled his accounts
& mixed Church & charitable funds – The most satis-
factory parishes from C.O.S point of view are Mr Brooke
Lambert's & Mr Clarke's.
Mr Brooke Lambert came in while Baxter was there
& says he has written to correct any impression he
might have given that he was the only liberal
Churchman in the neighbourhood – He showed includes
Reaney & Bayne –

Headmaster & mistress Randall Pl. Pleydell School. Mr. Hicks CXXXI. 55

Mr P a round tubby man. middle height moustache turning
grey – head growing bald – between 40 & 50. pleasant voice
looks & talks like a Scotchman.
Mrs H lady of a certain age dressed in shirt. collar & tie
not exactly plain but not attractive to look at – favourite
formula "Well now you are asking me a question"
Mr P. here 6 years coming from Marsh Lane School. Mrs H
been here 6 years. – Chil
Children at this school drawn from area between Roan Rd
Norman Road & Church S. (S. Peters Parish). almost
without exception poor – worst street Roan S. & Conolly
Claremont. York S. & Wood wharf – & courts off Church S also mentioned

Pleydell
+Hicks
CXXXI. 55
Cont^d

St Peters Church School only other which caters for the poorest. Randall Place has about 400 boys & 400 girls. St Peters, held in an old chapel, perhaps 200 perhaps slightly better off than D^o School. ⊕

⊕ mean say 800
actual 600

Parents labourers – none hostile to school – no child stays beyond 14. very few past 13. Money too much wants. Mothers with many let them take it in turns to miss. Mr P. made out a return of those employed out of hours. Paperboys 30 to 34 hours. Pawnshop 34. 'General' 30. Barbers boy 36. & from this to 4 to 8 hours a week. Cinotca truant school. When Mr P came so named as "recurring" – now 12. Deptford Creek, River, & Greenwich Park offer temptations. Allendance officers constantly employed. but irregularly, nothing to what it was when Mr P was here as a young man. School taken over by L S B. 1874. New premises 1878. now the second generation are coming which accounts for greater regularity & absence of hostility.

"What is most important at this time?" both answer "Self respect". Boots & clothes are provided for regular attenders.

This is in comparison with the East Greenwich School described next

No football or cricket. No uniform connected with school. but has started a swimming club successfully. The football fell through because matches were interfered with by Saturday work outside. Plenty of playgrounds. Our principle does nothing with the boys out of school nor visit parents unless essential. Lets others manage night school.

Many more poor round Randall Pl than Old Woolwich Road & probably greater number of the casual class but great difference between methods employed (See next interview) The boys seen here looked no poorer than there. Here attendance is 85. fell after Whit Monday to 50% but was normal by Thursday.

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Reydell / Hicks
CXXXI. 55 * Cont.

makes great use of medal & merit system for encouraging regularity – 46 medals last year – Once one class had a perfect week – whole school has never attended it – too much sickness – diphtheria, Typhoid & Scarlet fever sporadically – no epidemics except measles – District healthy considering the houses. O'Hart medical officer says by rights every house between school & river should be pulled down

* Penny Bk very successful 200 boys 249 girls – Many drawn mostly spent during treats or on clothes

Mrs Hicks says girls more regular & more docile like school – never play truant – but are "horrid little story tellers" – boys are more truthful – both are honest – great stress laid on honesty – never had to pay for stolen things – very different to some schools. Boy girls & boys choose their schools to some extent To avoid this, as a noted poor school, the better off will go as far as Royal Hill or Blackheath R.d. Girls generally become domestic servants. all branch Blackheath supplied – Infactory at Deptford beginning to draw away some for sake of free evenings & greater independence. – Servants wages rise up – Two years ago at 14 usual wage 1/6 a week with board now no girl will go for less than 2/6.

* North Mr P & Mrs H said school was greater influence for good than any other Social or religious effort – Drink the great curse.

Neither were particularly glad to see us – but both will answer any written question.

Board School – Wagstaffe
Old Woolwich No CXXXI.75.

Head master – Upright young man 35/40. Married
been here 2½ years. Short curly hair, brisk manner
middle height well kept. Came here from Welltree St No
School in Blackheath Rd.
This school draws from Burrest Streets in East
Greenwich. Rises to be noted for truants. Low class
of boy – parents indifferent. Opportunities offered
by Avoirs Health Exceptional – Roll 240. W 98.202
Attendance for month (June) 85.7. Ten years ago
81–87 % – now 92–95 Except after Bank holiday
Fell after Whit-Monday from 94 to 85. Taken a
whole month to work up again – Better have
a different holiday – disorganisation greater when
every one is doing nothing at same time.
The problem when he came being to stop truancy
Mr W studied his clientele & decided to attract
through their muscles – High active boys – & gymnasium
& games have been basis of his success – Cricket
Football. Swimming – Ambition of every boy to
represent his school – Matches 50 say. Each
XI Special colours – & every member a boy with
Cap Coat Shirt, Knickerbockers, stockings & shoes.
to take home on Friday & bring back Monday.
Others apt underrate value of uniform – increase
of self respect – Ragged boys see they can look like
other boys when well dressed – never supposed so
before – hence self respect comes. Self restraint needed
to set up to appearance – & personal cleanliness
apart from special prowess is since qua non
of wearing the clothes – At first each boy had to
strip before Mr W to show that he was clean
this is no longer needed.
Fights filthiness by getting Soc. Prev. Cruelty to Ch to
prosecute parents – warns the boys first – but any
offence repeated – not decently washed – the Society
prosecutes. Mr W does not himself appear – Chief

Wagstaffe Cxxxi. 95. cont.

Mut parents know well enough –
Has managed to reclothe all who needed it by appealing to old Bo Sch pupils in Blackheath No
Mr W works at the school before & till aft 12 & from 2 till 4.30 or later
Boys are easier now they come up from Infants Sch all leave at 14 – At Blackheath No often stay till 15 or 16 – Started night school to keep old scholars 391 on roll – 79 come – encouraged by gymnasium –
They become unskilled labourers – Water side or carmen, or soap making or telegraph maintenance works – Parents too anxious for the immediate ½ Play grounds are too small – extension so costly. He has doubled time allowed from 10 & 15 minutes to 20 & 30.

Drink – 'no boys get drunk. it is not the custom nor do boys need the encouragement – 'not the least harm in fetching beer – Lives passed so much in an atmosphere of drink that they take no notice of it –

Gambling decreasing he thinks owing to School influence Pitch & toss survives but as a game – unconscious of harm in it.

Loyalty spoke highly – they would do anything in the world for him

Parents. never been attached by them but tact & decision needed – hostility to compulsion dying out

Punishment. Cant thrash these boys into anything too much used to it at home – no feeling of shame

Took GHD into school room 3.15 on Tuesday 75–77 in class rooms though large & airy tall windows open – Schools shut in Germany (he said) at 75° – All boys were awake – but two were standing out for having fallen asleep – One had been strawberry picking for 2.30 to 7.30. Night 1½ hours school come to school
A good lesson being given on Natural science on the Socratic question & answer system – Boy on tapis to answer. Subject the effect of friction

School Manager Greenwood. An old man of 65 - most active manager
CXXXI 95 of Old Woolwich R^d School of which Mr Wagstaffe is head master - Interviewed at his special request
Description - White hair & beard - squash black felt hat - pitch coat - looks like nonconf minister - Holds yr hand for nearly a minute when he shakes it with soft warm & moist pressure - hums & haws & hardly delivers a syllable under a minute
Talked for nearly an hour but not much came
Use to be head of Congregationalist Ch Somers Town & lived in Highgate which he thinks healthier than Greenwood - used to do business as Publisher & still is in some business but has leisure - which he gives to School & mission work - Uncle Sir Stock Exchange - Second is Congregationalist minister near Chicago U.S.A. - last year gave up sitting at Congreg Church because more of a Unitarian - follower of Martineau - can worship in any Protestant Community but not RC or High Church because of the transubstantiation superstition - Deplored lack of honesty, charity & tolerance in leaders of religious thought - as noticeable with nonconfs as Ch of E except for Brooke Lambert who belongs to no Church so far as dogma goes -
Speaks often in public & goes strong for pension
CB's plan the best - tell him make up his mind & stick to it -
Mr G gets at men by chumming with them speaking straight to - brings them to Every School all ages 14 to 35 - School hall converted to Gymnasium - Men are attracted by Gym^m & they will stay for arithmetic - 391 names 60% attend^d 75 with Chicago encourages reverence respect - & good manners as outward sign - not for Bible teaching but for encouraging good behaviour he commends S Schools -
An earnest Nonconf minded old gentleman but lets you have time to express himself

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Miscellaneous Notes

District 48

(Woolwich)

(Aves)

C.O.S. Woolwich Secretary. Larner CXXXI. 155

At Woolwich 4 years. Coming from Bermondsey & following Mr Toynbee after the latter 18 months. Tenure of a position made difficult by differences between Growing & the head office which is now a matter of ancient history. Mr G being an ordinary member of present Executive.

As to cooperation of local clergy Mr L is very fairly satisfied with non cons not through communication but with all parishes except two. Co-operation was active & in any one case cordial relations be considered unfriendly. Relations with non cons weakened by departure from district of Wesleyan who had been their vice President ~~whose successor~~ did not see things in same light. The other strong man among non cons held aloof. This is Wilson who Mr L considers a friend. Probably a sincere evangelical but made first business to fill the Tabernacle & to do this played to the Protestant gallery unfairly by attacking such a man as Escott as though he were an emissary of the Pope & a danger to society.

All the non cons confine charitable work to relief of the sick poor. They are not lavish or sensational given but Mr L has no great faith in the soundness of their charitable principles if tested by a severe scrutiny. In addition to non con churches a considerable number of missions. Wherever you have a lot of young men you will have religious cranks by whom these missions are supported or even run. From charity point of view they are not important. Except Cage Lane Mission directed by Mrs Anderson widow of a military man supported by people of her class. Refers cases to C.O.S but has less our methods. The Parish clergy holding along were Holy Trinity (Charlton) & S. Nicholas. In the latter case Mr McAlister is personally friendly but does not work his parish. Is called & has given it up. He had a brother a few years back at a neighbouring church & the McAlister reputation is not good in the neighbourhood. Either Church or C.O.S. point of view

C.O.S. Larner
Westwick CXXXI. 155
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Mr Swans of Holy Trinity was the only man Mr L spoke of with real Severity. Of him he seemed to have a very low opinion. Free to face a very "plausible" man but after some Shilly Shally Mr Larner has obtained the definite statement that Mr Swans wishes to have nothing to do with the Society. & at this Mr L may be said to be pleased as he has made up his mind not to have anything more to do with Mr S.

The charge is that he makes receipt of relief contingent on religious response. and has been convicted (he or his wife) of his statement with regard to some case. "narrow minded. unreliable man."

[For the rest see notes on the work of the Churches with the Roman Cath." the Committee is in close touch large though Col Ingram a member of the Com^tee & a catholic who has just become treasurer. Dr Sale of Screwing up the private charity of the Directors was he thought tax. but now as a Corporation I need not fear much. Bradford Talks. Deeds the late Duke highly in personal praise. Her funeral perhaps among the most largely attended ever held in Westwick.

Considerable amount of evidence of valuable character of work of this committee & the system in which it is held. had been of use in administration the Goldsmiths pension fund & the Wolseley fund.

Referring to exceptional recent prosperity the number of cases showed marked decline. Amount but more through agencies increased. On other hand a good deal of distress. The true notes of the men say so much but of the women whose husbands are at the front. who have never before been so well off. Case of one woman whose income came up to 34/11 against all she might get out of 28/ before the man left. not an unfair sample & the result was marked increase of intemperance.

as a consequence the men voluntary contributions have fallen from 10/- to 6/. a week for each family

C.O.S. Lamar
Woolwich
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Among thrift agencies especially strong in addition to Post Office & Co-operative Soc are the Building Soc. of which largest is the Equitable. Contributions to these have been considerably greater during the last few years. The considerable nucleus of permanent men at Arsenal explains importance of Building Soc.s & in one of its ramifications the Co-operative Soc is a Building Soc & now beginning the development of an estate acquired 2 or 3 years ago called the "Abbey Field" East of Plumstead just within London boundary on which proposed to build 2000 houses at rate of 100 a year. The purchase & impending development of this estate is one, one of the many signs of the good management of this the only great London Co-operative Soc. Another was mentioned by a COS agent (who is also a member of the Coop Soc) in the fact that they were generally in advance of population in planting new branches. Of these they have nine at present time started in seven cases before many houses have been built. Thus finding the stores ready. The custom is practically accounts of the people who come. Membership steadily increasing divided 1/11 - high for London. Agent complains that vast majority of members thought more of the dividend than anything else. Principle of co-operation counting for very little. But the Soc is much more than a successful business. Co-operation (Mr Lamar agreed) entered into structure of life in Woolwich & neighbourhood as no where else in London. Discussion "Some trouble" as a subject of inquiry. An important local influence. Strengthened not only by the large body of men working together at Arsenal but by presence among them of many north country men. One part of Plumstead spoken of as little Nottingham. Doubtful if a branch planted among Londoners in North Woolwich would succeed. Competition of local tradesmen not so strong as in more central parts but may have strong up including branch of Septons. Still the Coop Soc forges ahead.

the number is given elsewhere as 4000

C.O.S. Larmer Woolwich CXXXI 155 Cont

Housing problem as pressing in Woolwich as any where. owing to Expansion of Arsenal & Woolwich being itself full up & to unsatisfactory means of locomotion to outlying parts. Except certain well defined areas problem that of accommodation rather than sanitation & over crowding. In Plumstead for instance in spite of immense keen demand for houses satisfactory conditions prevail save in a considerable part of S Marks parish where shoddy houses have been put up & district is clearly marked as a bad slum of the future. Already decidedly poor. In Plumstead sanitary administration good - largely owing to Dr Dairs the Medical Officer. (a member of C.O.S. Exec.) In Woolwich administration not so good.

Rents high & during last 4 or 5 years thought to have gone up as much as any where in London. save some central parts. Single rooms 3/-4/ two 5/-6/. Large numbers have to live at distance from work many at Deptford & trains are packed at certain hours. 1/ to compartment irrespective of class.

On moral question Mr L agreed that lowest class of Woolwich prostitutes as low as any where - Acts of public indecency not uncommon - Scene came on when he was at the Police Court daily - usual penalty 5/ or 3 days - In one one case had the man been caught - a young soldier hardly over 17 - the woman an awful creature nearly 50. These very low class go with the soldiers. Wouldn't suppose an ordinary arsenal hand would look at them. Tommies can't pay - In general things have considerably improved in recent years - Strictness management at academy & presence of commanding officers who are keen about these general "welfare" questions among all ranks has been decidedly beneficial - Officers have told him of the sort of thing that went on 20 years ago

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The moral question is important & is exercising the minds of the clergy who meet to discuss it & one of the laxities is the behaviour of the women 'left behind'. The debauching of boys by the men at the Arsenal came up some time since & seems likely to come up again. It appears that moral tone as well as religious attitude of many of the men leaves much to be desired.

Woolwich Charities now nearly all pooled - only large to Mr Secretary & used as pensions - no considerable misuse was possible.

Poor Law administration average with a certain amount of out relief but not excessive but poor more easily during last few months - due to approaching elections & the Mr Chaplin (Madrid) circular.

Mr Lamen is about 45. one of most capable level headed & efficient of COS staff secretaries.

GHD

Gimling CXXXI.107

Is Secretary of Woolwich Plumstead & Charlton Nursing Assoc: & seen as such - but the interview covers much more.

Mr G is about 35 middle height, clean shaven - large ears dark rugby with a rather charming expression - keen convinced - talks very fast & fluently with pleasant voice - wore flannel shirt red tie & knickerbockers - on his table a brochure Fabianism & the Empire - Plans - photos of Watts & of Italian madonna - & of Ibsen, Hall Caine & Tolstoi "The three prophets of 19th Cent" he called them. The only men who have preached the Gospel in modern language & interpreted it to be understood by men of today - Has worked 12 years at Greenwich & before that was a Ch of E parson - but gave up for lack of orthodoxy. Told his Bishop he was ready to recite the Apostles Creed every day but should not mean what the Congregation thought he did & he

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if Bishop would allow him once a year to explain exactly how he interpreted it could he stay. Bishop thought better not - So he left & stands aside - while definitions remain as they are

Then took up C.O.S work being Secretary here - His aim to make things work together - See what there was - organise it effectively & prevent overlapping - In this Woolwich a favourable spot - Out of London - its people different from London - Arsenal & Dockyard a kernel of stability - steady work & steady men - not affected by metropolitan questions Population stays or comes to stay - In older parts society one relates to society one etc. In newer parts those who come mean to remain & many buy their houses.

As C.O.S secretary spent his salary on 6 Secretaries underneath - living on his own small means himself - Under him were formed the Nursing Com^ttee Invalid Children aid - Pensions - Ch. Country Holiday - Cent^l Provident dispensary - Tried to make his Committee the Centre of Charity & out of 673 application in 1893 report only in 99 cases did applicant come direct - After this he took strong line on Pensions (Mr North's line) lectured on it (Mr C.O.S Comy & Treating for him). The Central considered this disloyalty as they were fighting on the other side - He offered resignation it was accepted not Socks fault - a good & honest man & if he had seen me personally all w^d have been explained.

Mr G's Committee sided with him these persons an opposition committee called of but he refused this & asked Central send a good man down.. Harold Toynbee came & Mr G worked for 2 years under him to show that there was no hostility - then left to take other work (Cooperation - Women - University Ext) James (good & hard working) succeeded Toynbee but neither with one secretary & only giving half time to Woolwich Can do what was done before - Mr G wants - he thinks in a year or two it will again fall into his hands

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[For clergy notes see book of the Churches]

None of the Estab clergy have their churches full either many or few. A great moral force & better men in intellect & training than Non Cons but don't appeal to working classes as a body. Accounted by (1) their education (2) a suspicion that they are not quite sincere in the creeds they profess. Supposed to hold certain views & hold conditionally on this. Many don't but can't afford give up the living. Consequently on certain questions can't give direct answer & working man distrusts them accordingly. Always excepting those who can make allowances for circumstances & with these the Church is more successful than the Non Cons. Witness congregations of Secrett ogle & Morris. Church would have larger congregations if it could descend to the perfervid eloquence & claptrap of working Non Cons with its narrow gospel intolerance & denunciation. They can't. State Mr G thinks the future is with the Chof Eng and with broader views like those of his three Bishops.

Colonel Hughes. Vestry Clerk & M.P. is one of the astutest men that ever breathed. & has done good on the whole because good to Woolwich reflects credit to Col Hughes, but where public good clashes with personal ambition the former must give way. Mr G deplores the low tone set by him in politics. Winking at such. Bribery. Setting one against another. Leading off on side issues &c. Can tell you the occupation & interests of all his electors.

At this point Mr Secrett came & joined in the conversation.

Honing Sword. Worst of builders the small men who have been working men themselves. The worst houses & rack rent. One notable exception. A man who has by made his fortune lives here & spends his money in keeping his property in good order. Cameron Corbett MP is a large builder. Nuys estates & Beulan Wells outright freehold full. Hither Green built in that way. He now laying down 500 houses between Plumstead & Welling. Beulah well & Wells between £300 & £400. Small man can't compete in price.

One of the chief influences in Woolwich is Mr C H Smith who is now the head & soul of the University Extension. C H Jun. J.C.A.A. & Thomas has secured real cooperation from all. Secrett

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There are a few slumming spots in Woolwich but outside of Rotherhithe Rd – Morris St – Dacey St no real crowding or habitual dirt in

Prostitution is always to the front here – Soldiers are bad but not more soldiers said Mr Escreet – Assented men married as well as single – Neither Mr G nor Mr E in favour licensed houses – Mr E recognised force of argument for them & says Col Yates who has to clear the common at night confesses with tears to being almost in favour of them – "no, it can't be right to facilitate doing what is wrong" – this Mr Escreet's view also Question whether it may be a greater wrong to leave things as they are – Mr E would not definitely pronounce having been shaken by Col Yates a religious evangelical Emphatically definitely against on grounds that public pronouncement must set up an ideal & raise tone To allow licensed houses would be to lower it & to react on private morals – & they discussed the ideal. The women who come to Woolwich mostly mid aged at the business for many years – Often like the younger women to take it up – no business for them. & some have been sent by the elder women to the preventive home.

It was Col Yates who condemned P S at Polytechnic when I was there

[List of minor matters – & notes on contents]

Provident dispensary was aimed at getting rid of abuse of hospital letters which were so quite of ordinary Doctors recommended it – Many much better treated locally

Invalid Children Each child has a visitor to see that Children's Happy Home's more helpers wanted. They meet weekly to learn kindergarten games

A long rambling interview but Mr G an exceptional man though now he gave up both Ch & COS Secretaryship for Cinnamon Sec & stranger still continued to work amicably with both. Seems to have knack of making all sorts pull together. Also if his ideals do not run him ahead of his experience will probably continue to do an immense amount of practical good until he dies when his name will be added to the splendid list of forgotten benefactors

Should 3 meetings at Penn & have 6 lectures on one Sat. & Rev. on Parsons & plan to keep them at my house

Ashell

Mrs Harborne. Tall well dressed educated lady of mature age
Guardian. Cxxxi. 183. musical voice. Charming manner. Has known
Plumstead 25 years. Lives in family town house
at top of hill overlooking Plumstead. Active
member Wolwich D. of Guardians. her husband in the Plumstead city
Poor Law administration. Does not think there is
undue leniency or stringency in outrelief. Practice not
uniform in the Union. depends on ward Committee
& R. Os have much power. many Guardians would
be guided by them. Mrs H visits every person receiving
outrelief in her ward twice to see that it is adequate
acting up to L G B circular. All cases should
be visited, if possible by a woman. O.R list
overhauled every 6 months when recipient of able
must appear before the Board & before other each
Guardian has a list of cases in his district with
full particulars. O.R cases are ordered into the
House for drink - or feebleness when House would be better
Indoor Relief make not-able bodied comfortable as possible
Forms classification by character difficult especially
with old residents - record lost. they tried it in
accordance with L G B's circular.
First class privileges marriage separate teas & leave to
go out twice a week. The classes separate only during
the day. accommodation does not allow for more.
No distinction among able bodied, at present
which is an evil especially on women's side. mixing
deserted wives with fallen women.
Orphans & deserted Ch to Cutler Schools or boarded out
General feeling shared by Mrs H from Sheffield Colleges
home system. Among the sea the Brabazon system
works satisfactorily. See account page 184.
General result of Board's work is to improve conduct of the paupers.
Many of the Guardians take real interest. but desire for
improving the condition of their charges is tempered by
necessity for keeping the rates down

Mr Harborne — Guardian CXXXI. 183 Cont.

Vestry works fairly well - Parties more equally divided than formerly & vestry more active - a split has occurred in the Progressives & Moderates fear its results in coming elections. Labour Party votes & votes against general Progressive policy. This led to resignation of Rev J Hughes who was the leader & Mr Harborne also with others.

Mrs Hiss Sec'y of British Women's Temperance Ass'n. Hold monthly meetings - do not get the women who are becoming fond of drink - only 2 or 3 outsiders come.

Clubs a great blot - encourage drinking - especially the Radical Club "I am a radical & I am very thirsty so" The town has increased drinking - Bakers trade has declined while publicans has increased.

Gambling mostly connected with football

Housing - difficult especially for those with children. Had two men before Guardians at last meeting who could not obtain rooms - but special reasons in both cases. -

Medical officer splendid officer but not backed up by vestry so many vestrymen are house owners - That is the trouble.

(*) Some of able bodied paupers are sent to Salvation Army Colony - Guardians pays. - If they come back the Guardians prosecute - Complaints of vermin have been made - Municipal one that the place swarmed with vermin "They might almost be mistaken for lice" A deputation was sent to investigate & found the place a few weeks ago [result not mentioned] - on the whole the scheme has worked well. The men do not come back altho' many do not stay long at the Colony.

GHO

Secy of Nat. Vig. Soc. — Stephen Dowse
Ashley Stabler
Chap. to White Cross League — Col. Dowse

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– Interview held in Rational Club 1 Whitehall Gdns (this is the only Club in London, GHO thinks, which has Club prayers before breakfast)

We were advised to see Mr Stephen Dowse by Rev A. E. Barnes Lawrence Vicar of St Michael Blackheath who said that as an old resident Mr D would know a good deal & as Sec of the National Vigilance Soc. We could speak with authority about Prostitution on Blackheath.

Mr Stephen Dowse is an old man over 60 – Spectacles white hair & beard. Kindly looking – Father Christmas effect. Yet about the most reckless in statements & accusations I ever met. He may Temperance & that Vigilance alongside of one another. Belongs to the 'Shrieking Brotherhood' as far as such a naturally kind old man can & probably does much harm to his cause.

His colleague a tall man with dark beard & rather nervous – deferring to & not treated as of much account by Stephen Dowse.

Col. Dowse is a shoddy looking military man – son of Stephen – large unkempt moustaches – mid height. Not unpleasant to talk to when his father was called away. Kept talking for 2 hours but little came from it – & at end Mr S D said I should probably want to think over all he had said & then come to see him again –

The Nat. Vig. Soc's working members are Mr Dowse Mr Stabler, a detective, and a lady worker – with a small house off the Hay Market – Object to prosecute brothels & stamp out Prostitution –

The views of these gentlemen are given on pages 205 & 207

Col Dowse is in favour of C D acts for Garrison towns with material in a complete set of reports.

Col Dowse also named other publications – last year Mr S. D's accusations were levelled especially at Police, Restaurants & Public H. Drapers shops for prying, & at Pawnshops some reason – says Whitely Pele Dowson for not prosecuting & bestowing who got cleared among to conceal the fact that they were owners of brothels.

Dr Ryan Principal of Woolwich Polytechnic — Aves

79 Dudden Head of Technical Side

Woolwich Polytechnic. CXXXI. 215.

Dr R. an old Trinity Coll (Cantab) man with lot of letters after his name, is the capable man put in charge here but has only held the post since beginning of this year - So his knowledge of Woolwich past career of the Polytechnic is limited - but Mr Dudden has been connected with it from the past & to him in some sense it owes its existence.

Saw Dr Ryan first - wished us understand that the Polytechnic had had a somewhat disturbed career at any rate during recent years owing to bickerings & rivalry between 'Education' & 'Social Side'. He himself has considerable scientific attainments (lectures on various branches of physics - Steam, Electricity &c) but in addition to useful special knowledge he has comprehensive interest in most branches of the work & makes it his business foster the social as well as educational side. In the past it is probable that the social side has been starved. The first promoters had the social side most at heart & the place was a kind of young men's Christian institute - but time came when it fell into low water & then various educational bodies especially the 'Technical Board' came forward & found the money needed - at the same time the old friends of the institute remain influential. It was too soon to judge whether the changes made to strengthen social side had put things right & the crux still appears to be financial - they have to fix on which side expenditure shall be sanctioned & money is not plentiful. A survey of the rooms showed that it is the social rooms that have been neglected. Mr Dudden has faith in Dr Ryan's comprehension & sympathies.

Woolwich Polytechnic. The fees appear high but Dr R considers that
C XXXI. 215 with few exceptions the class intended are attended
Cont. not very clear who compose this class. Admitted
that great mass of adult workmen of Arsenal
& district held aloof - but only to be expected
as they had not been brought up to thoughtful
use of leisure. No limit of age but most students
are about 20 - rarely much over - There are
some 1200 separate students on various registers
of these about 250 female.
In addition a Technical & Commercial Day School
for boys & girls. about 130. fee 3/- a term - Successful
school. attracting good class of children
Fee helps to make it more exclusive than B° School
among which at Blomfield R° is a Science School
overlapping to some extent - & also Sunday work overlaps.
After some talk in which good intentions & intellectual
powers impressed more than organizing powers,
Dr R took us to Mr Bradden's Room -
Mr B is about 20. One of original members at Regent's
& coming to Woolwich (to the Arsenal) he felt the want
of some such institution as that of Mr Quintin Hoff.
Wrote to Mr Hoff - suggestion was taken up - large meeting
house secured & Institute started. It was popular &
& building soon was necessary. There were some classes
but place was dominant social centre for young men
The bickering & friction easily understood. Mr Bradden
a well meaning half educated sublimation of
Regent's Polytechnic young man - but he is happy with
Dr Ryan & looks for bright days on the social side.
Students need not & female students cannot be "Members"
The "Members" are thus a distinct body from Students
who from the Polytechnic - while the members from the
Institute - There are 266 members of whom 80 are also
students. See Calendar for particulars of admission pp 79

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Further attempt to strengthen the Institute is by allowing young men to join separate branches of it – eg. the Gymnasium – without becoming a member of the institute itself – This plan wonderfully has dangers & Mr Dixon was against it but overruled. For lists of attractions see Calendar 78–83. Athletic club the most important. Concerts, entertainments &c. On Sundays the rooms are set apart for religious uses & make the sub-title "Young Mens Christian Institute" not a misnomer – but attendance is open & has no particular connection with members. Most important is P.S.A. with average attendance of 500 – "A Bright hour of Gospel, Music, Song & Story." – Speakers of various denominations are invited. The meetings have a religious basis, the social topics are not eschewed – a well supplied book fund, but otherwise no form of P.S.A. membership. There is also a Bible class for young women. –

The most noticeable rooms after the Excellent hall (used as gymnasium almost every night except Sat) were the Chemical, Metallurgical & Physical laboratories. There are several good lecture rooms. The social rooms were not attractive. Where seen simply in daytime. Library small – dwarfed by free Public Library. The original building is almost lost in additions but much space is left on the large site once garden & when funds allow further additions are contemplated. Effect of overtime on attendance was noted – the most popular lectures starting with 70 in place of 400/500 of audience.

Originally started by Quintin Hogg became practically an annexe of the Institute but since he (Secretary) came has been put again on genuine undenominational lines. Has a big success for P.S.A. for men. Secretary apart from whom the only thing that counts is the P.S.A. at the Polytechnic. A Bible class of ladies started. All Church of England Soldiers Institute might not to be ignored. See Col Nampton Forte – Treasurer

Royal Arsenal } Cooperative Soc

W. S. Macher — Sec of Education Committee

Alex McLeod — Secretary and manager

CXXXI. 231 — The only cooperative Soc of importance in the County of London but ranks among the 25 greatest in whole country. Started 1869 with 47 members & £27 cap. & did £444 of trade — for 1st 6 mos 1900 had 15,738 members £243,604 capital & sales had (for 6 mos) reached nearly £170,000. — There are 6 branches in addition to Central Stores Powis S. & (including 300 300 working on the new Estate) 710 persons employed. Progress almost continuous but since 1897 membership has increased by 5000. New branches are contemplated & a large site for one of these bought — The record is remarkable & possesses exceptional interest for the whole co-operative world through the bold policy which has caused it to become owner of land (for development) to value of nearly £60,000 & to create a works department through which it proposes to build among other things some 4000 houses during the next 20 years & thus provide dwellings for a pop. of 25/30,000 souls at a total capital outlay of some thing like a million & a quarter — Much of this will be advanced by the occupiers but this draws on the same means savings, if they are members of the Soc. — As the annual increment of the Societies Capital is smth like £70,000 or £80,000 a needed outlet is provided in this way — The Society pays 5% on its members deposits — For further remarks on the work & influence of the Society & the part played by it see pages 233 & onwards & the printed material

£
4000 x 300
£1,200,000
(£60,000 a year for 20 years)

GHO

Police Supt. Waterford. Woolwich Police

Man 50 to 60 - drops occasional H thick at times.
Keen Churchman & Teetotaler. Father Police Supt before him & was fearly man.

13 A E 23 (*) Juvenile crime not increasing here. but lies getting loose.
Growing independence on part of children - Choose their own schools - go where their fancy go..

(*) All these societies for helping children weaken the ties

(*) Parents threatened by their children with Soc. for Prevention of Cruelty
Confirmation class take them for home - so do treats &
the ease with which employment is found.
Did not find fault with these agencies but thought their
influence on the homes was over looked

(*) Also it reacted on parents - with this connected increase
of drunk among women - Children among. more [illegible]

(*) Increase drunken women astounding - In Woolwich charges
have doubled in last 10 years. 224 1891. 500 1899.
507 for 9 months 1900.-
Drunk means not having had too much only but being
incapable of getting home
Both men charges have increased especially in last 2 years
Has never seen a child drunk - till last year when he
saw two boys who had found 2 bottles of whisky & were
found drunk & incapable
Strongly against children being sent for beer - never taken
a P.H himself

(*) Betting on increase - taps & bonds. so much money to
spend must get rid of it. More indulgence than drink
Men in streets, newspapers & barbers shops are channels.
Is watching a barbers shop but what good will it do
the day f.s from Cheapside & begin again like the brothers

* Why don't —— the police do this & that — Society are
in dread of the police - the clergy the most & about things
of which they have least knowledge.
Views on C.D. acts. see page 35 & 37
Action of military police in shielding soldiers —

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see Booth, Life and Labour..., 1902-3.
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[Reports by Booth's "secretaries":
Notes on visits to Churches, 1901.
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Note on visit to St. Mary Magdalene Church,
Woolwich - June 23.01 (Sunday evening)
[by Jesse Argyle]

The church, tho' built on elevated ground, is somewhat hidden from the main streets of the town, & so is not very readily found. But it has a fine peal of 8 bells, wh. rang for about 3/4 of an hour before service. The large churchyard has been converted into a public garden by the local authorities, & is a pretty, breezy & restful spot, commanding an excellent view of the river. The church is old & bare, badly needing renovation, but did not look or feel uncomfortable on this bright & balmy June evening.

The congregation numbered from 300 to 350, & sat entirely in the body of the church, the galleries,

wh. are at back & either side of the church, being apparently closed. All seats seemed to be free, & books were handed to such as did not possess them.

Those present were mainly of lower middle & decent working class, the large majority being females. There were evidently quite a number of young women of the working class, & a fair sprinkling of young working men. I sat between two of this class who were no doubt regular attendants. The clergy wore white surplices, & "processed" from the vestry to their places whilst a hymn was sung. The service was not fully choral, but there was a good deal of bright music. A broad church service & evangelism

I shd. judge. It was just an ordinary affair, with nothing in particular to attract; nearly all present were regular worshippers, & considering the beauty of the evening, it was rather a surprise to see so many.

J.A.

Passing thro' Bensford Square on my way home, I found 2 meetings in progress. The one was organised by the Salvation Army, who had a wagon & banner. A working man was propounding the advantages of the Church to some 700 or 800 of his fellows, who listened attentively. The other was a Gospel Temperance meeting, at wh. the speaker, tho' possessing a remarkably loud voice, ed. not hold more than 20 to 30 people.

Notes on
Visit to S. Michael, Woolwich,
Decr. 15th 1901 by J.A.

[Jesse Argyle]

Visit to S. Michael's, Woolwich.
Sunday, December 15th 1901. – J.A.

Morning Service at 11.

The church is modern and very artistic, consisting of nave, and side aisles, choir &c. There are no galleries. Above the altar there is a finely painted window. The altar cloth is of crimson velvet, embroidered in dull gold: there is a gold cross in the centre and several gold candlesticks with candles on either side, whilst between altar and window, and on either side, are pretty cross-like devices. The congregation consisted of about 90 grown up people ($\frac{2}{3}$rds women) and the same number of children, all appearing to be of middle class. There was a choir of 24 men & boys, which came from the Vestry to their seats in processional order. The whole service was extremely high; the priests, who were attired in the usual vestments, bowing & genuflecting at every turn, and burning incense at the altar, though not in the body of the church. This ceremonial was particularly marked during the celebration of Holy Eucharist, of which, however, only two persons – one man and one woman – partook. The sermon, preached I believe, by the Vicar, was thoughtful & effective. The people, as they entered or left, made obeisance to the altar, and bowed their heads elaborately every time the word "Jesus" was uttered. All knelt during the prayers &c. a bare kneeling

form being provided in each pew; and most joined in the singing. It was evidently a devout assembly of regular worshippers. All seats were free, and the attendants quite polite; whilst the place seemed well warmed & comfortable.

Evening Service @ 7.

I counted 164 persons as being present, including about 25 children. Again it was difficult to recognise anybody as being of working class, though not so uniformly well-to-do as in the morning; and again the large majority were females, most of them young. With the lighted candles, the appearance of the church was very bright and effective. The sermon, based upon the second advent, was well delivered, and attentively listened to.

It was a cold day, but the sun shone brightly in the morning.

Part V Chapter I (1) (2) (3)

Deptford

Part V Chapter II

Greenwich

map 2

River Thames.

Mauritius Rd

Agra Street

Church Street

Blackheath Road

Pelton St

Woolwich Road

Trafalgar Road

Christchurch

St. George

Maze Hill Railway Station

Park Place

Maze Hill

Westcombe Park Road

Park Row

Greenwich Hospital

Ship Tavern

Bridge Street

Greek Road

St. Peter

Deptford Creek

Railway

Greenwich Road

Devonshire Road

St. Paul

Blackheath Road

Blackheath Hill

Royal Hill

Royal School

Observatory

Greenwich Park

St. John

Alphege

Lewisham Road

Kingsgate Street

Vanbrugh Hill

Crooms Hill

Tranquil Vale

Powis Hill

The Paine

Shooters Hill

Chilton Road

Black Heath

Kent Inclosure

Hospital

Blackheath

(map 4)

Woolwich Kelly Map. (map 3)

Ecclesiastical Parishes } marked in red

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London - Kelly's Directories Limt^d. 182 to 184 High Holborn. W.C.

map 4

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Woolwich.
Coloured Street Map.

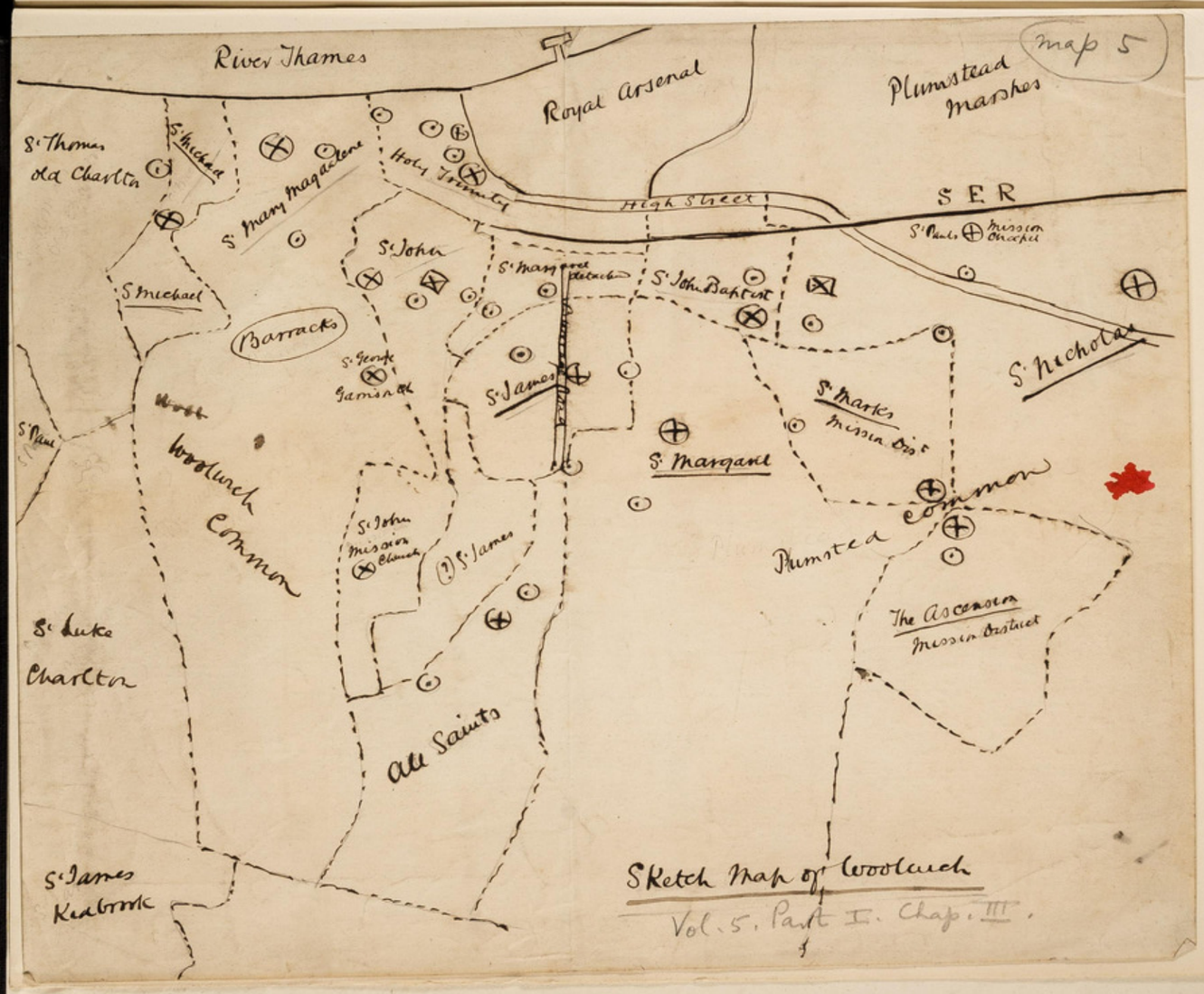
D.

THE STREETS ARE COLOURED ACCORDING TO THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE INHABITANTS, AS UNDER:—

- Lowest class. Vicious, semi-criminal.
- Very poor, casual. Chronic want.
- Poor. 18s. to 21s. a week for a moderate family.
- Mixed. Some comfortable, others poor.
- Fairly comfortable. Good ordinary earnings.
- Middle class. Well-to-do.
- NIL Upper-middle and Upper classes. Wealthy.

A combination of colours—as dark blue and black, or pink and red—indicates that the street contains a fair proportion of each of the classes represented by the respective colours.

PROOF.
31 DEC. 1901
STANFORD, LONG ACRE.



Sketch Map of Woolwich

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