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District 36

East Battersea

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District 36 – East Battersea

(1)				
S. George Nine Elms	Wilcox	CXIX	67	Parish church
	see Kinnings CXX 113			Wesleyan Mission, New Rd
				S. Army, 3 Ponton Road
	Moule	CXIX	81	S. James Mission church Ponton Road, Nine Elms
	Despard	CXXVI	97	Nine Elms Clubs (R. Cath.)
	Burden	CXX	97	LCM. Nine Elms District
				SG's Miss New Rd.
(2)				
S. Andrew New Road Battersea	Tapper	CXIX	13 & 21	Parish church
	Clamp	CXX	1	Prim Meth: New Road
	Noble	CXX	25	Trinity Presb^n Mission, Stewarts R^d
	Cannon Hale m^a	CXX	127	Mission, Linford Street
				New Road Board School
				Ch Miss. Hall
(3)				
All Saints Battersea Park	Harcourt	CXIX	103	Parish church
	~~Whereat~~	CXX	81	RC. Battersea Park Road
	Adams	CXX	p. 39	Bapt^t Battersea Tabernacle
	Page	CXX	101	U Meth Free, Battersea P^k R^d
				Church of Christ, 171, —"—
	Bannister	CXX	79	Railway Miss^n —"—
				Mission Hall, 1 Park Grove.
				All Saints Miss. Arthur St
(4)				
S. Philip Queens Road Battersea	Jones	CXIX	1	Parish church
	Goslett			S. Bartholomews Miss^n Church Wycliffe Road
	Peckham			S. Army, Queens Road
	Kinnings	CXX	113	Wesleyan —"—
				Protestant Mission church S. Philip Street
				Ch Mission, 30 Portslade Road
				S Philips Parochial Hall Jennyson St
(5)				
S. Saviour Battersea Park Road	Rice	CXIX	55	Parish church
	Dyer	CXX	p. 65	Gospel Hall, Dodington Grove
				Ethical Society, Henley Street
	Moffatt	CXXVI	137	[Churchwarden @ S. Saviours] Brethren, Dodington Grove
				SS's Miss Orkney St.
				SS's Hall adj. Ch.

(6)

The Ascension	Wallace	CXIX	31	Parish church
Lavender Hill	Dinning	CXX	p. 17	Prim. Meth: Grayshott Road

Miscellaneous

Battersea COS	Woollcombe	CXXVI	p. 1	
Battersea Polytechnic	Wells	CXXVI	23	

District 37

West Battersea

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District 37 - West Battersea

(1) S. Mary Battersea	✓	Canon Blake	CXXII	1	Parish Church
	✓	Stallard	CXXII	65	—·—
	✓	Douglas	CXXVI	31	—·—
	✓	Henry	CXXII	9	S. Mary le-Park, Albert Rd
	✓	(Macey) Harradon	CXXIII	193	R.C. Salesian Fathers, Trott St.
					Surrey Lane Baptist, High St.
	✓	Jarratt	CXXIII	39	Congregational, Bridge Rd.
	✓	Page	CXX	101	U. Meth. Free, Church Road
	✓	Little	CXXIII	199	Wesleyan, Bridge Rd West.
		Brown			LCM, 45 Surrey Lane
					Victoria Hall, 104 High St
(miscell:)		Burgess	CXXVI	57	Surrey Lane Board School
					Old Bap Union Miss 187 Priedgel Rd
(2) S. Stephen Battersea	✓	Russell	CXXII	33	Parish Church
(miscell:)		Mantle	CXXVI	45	Relief Offices, Latchmere Rd
					Ch Miss Poyntz Rd
(3) Christchurch Battersea Park Rd	✓	Cartwright	CXXII	91	Parish Church
	✓	(see Jarratt)	CXXIII	39	Milton (Cong) Hall, Cabul Rd
	✓	Kirkby	CXXIII	205	Brethren, 122 High Street
			Gone		~~S Army, Dorothy Rd Lavender Hill~~
	✓	Dyer	CXXIII	87	RSU, Cabul Road
					Kek Hall, Lubbock Rd, Latchmere Grove
(4) S. Peter Battersea Junction	✓	Bell	CXXII	103	Parish Church
	✓	Glossop	CXXII	133	Deaconess —·—
	✓	Sears	CXXIII	1	Providence Bapt: Meyrick Rd
					Cake Mission, 139 Plough Rd
	✓	Reader Harris	CXXIII	161	Sheke Hall, Sheke Road
	✓	Warren	CXXIII	111	LCM, Meyrick Rd District
					Grant Rd Miss House (Ch)
(5) S. John Usk Road Battersea	✓	Canon Toone	CXXII	121	Parish Church with S. Paul, S John's Hill
	✓	Sadler	CXXIII	57	Primitive Meth: Plough Rd
					Ch Miss Brittania Place
					Messrs Farton Hills Institute
(6) S. Mark Battersea Rise	✓	Gordon	CXXII	157	Parish Church
	✓	Edwards	CXXIII	91	Welsh, Beauchamp Road

(7) S. Michael Wandsworth bom^ts	✓	Blakton	CXXII	~~51~~ 49	Parish Church
	✓	Felmingham	CXXIII	71	Baptist, Northcote Road
	✓	Hegg	CXXIII	103	Strict Baptist, Bhatham Rd
	✓	Foster	CXXIII	213	U. Meth Free, Mallinson Rd
	✓	Benson	CXXIII	121	Wesleyan, Broomwood Rd
	✓	Mc Donald	CXXIII	225	S Army, Bennerley Road
					West. Old Church.
(8) S. Barnabas Clapham bom^ts		Metcalfe	No information as yet - working again		Parish Church
					S. Matthews Mission Church }
	✓	Lynon Lewis	CXXIII	47	Cong^l Stormont Road
	✓	Mackenzie	CXXIII	133	Presb^n Altenburg Gardens
(2^a) (lies between S. Stephen & Christchurch)					
Caius Mission Harroway Road Battersea	✓	Shillito	CXXII	77	Mission District Church
	✓	Hamilton	CXXIII	11	Battersea Tabernacle, York Rd
	✓	Raymond (see	CXXIII	159)	Yelverton Mission, 22 H. Road
	✓	Cannon F.W	CXXIII	141	LCM, Green Lane District
					Caius Hall.
					Services in Grand Theatre of Variettes Ch

Miscellaneous

Battersea COS	✓	Woollcombe	CXXVI	1	185 High Street. C.O.S
	✓	Bullock	CXXVI	117	Marmion Road Nurses.
		Bourne	CXXVI	129	Winstanley Rd Bd School
	✓	Cunningham	CXXVI	39	Reformatory Refuge Union
	✓	Gilmore	CXXVI	63	Deaconess Institution
	✓	Mantle	CXXVI	45	R. Officer, Latchmere Road
	✓	Gray	CXXVI	81	Guardian, S D F rc.

District 38

Clapham.

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Books covering District :- CXXXV: CXXXVII: 13 U & X

District 38 – Clapham

(4) Holy Trinity Clapham	✓ Greene	CXXXV	37	Parish Church S. Saviour's Cedars Road S. Peter's Mission Church Little Manor Street St Anne's Hall, Bromells Rd. R.C. S. Mary, Clapham Park Rd
	✓ Langer	Imported CXXXVI	1	Baptist, Grafton Square Ebenezer, Strict Baptist Wirtemburg Street
	✓ Guinness Rogers	CXXXVI	29	Cong. Grafton Square Bible Christians, Wirtemburg St
	Folly	CXXXVI.	121	S. Army, 3 Ship Street
	✓ North	CXXXVI	69	LCM, 73 Bromells Road
	✓ Smith	CXXXVI	79	Cong. Belmont Hall
(1) Christchurch Union Grove	✓ Ormsby	CXXXV	55	Parish Church
	✓ Dadswell – See	CXXXVI	103	Bap. Lion's Hill, Courland Grove
	✓ Worked with SW. London Mission			Wesleyan, Clifton St Wiworth Rd Xel Schoolroom
(2) S. Paul Clapham	✓ Danford	CXXXV	89	Parish Church
	✓ Henderson	CXXXVI	41	Victoria Bap. Wandsworth Rd
	✓ Cameron Taken by error in 39.	CXXIII	23	Presb. Union Tabernacle.
	✓ Clegg	CXXXVI	111	Queen's Place Mission (Cong.)
	✓ Jackson	CXXXVI	15	LCM, Grange Road S. Paul's Miss. Heath Rd Bapt Miss Rashleigh St
(3) S. John Clapham Rise	✓ Bowly	CXXXV	77	Parish Church Universal Brotherhood Organizat. York Terrace Ch. Schoolroom, Gaskell St.
(5) S. James Clapham Park	✓ Gritten	CXXXVI	101	Parish Church
	see Year Bk in Kennings	Interview CXX	13	Wesleyan, High St Clapham
	✓ Pannett	CXXXVI	105	U. Meth. Free, Park Crescent Schools (Cs service) White Square St James' Schools...

(6) All Saints Lyham Road Brixton Hill	✓ Gordlestone	CXXXV	1	Parish Church. Salem Bap. New Park Road.
	✓ Ibbott	CXXXVI	81	Bap. Union Hall, Lyham Rd
	✓ Rickard	CXXXVI	93	Wesleyan Miss. —"— Ch Institute Lyham Rd
(7) The Ascension Balham Hill	✓ Curtis	CXXXV Large meeting	19	Parish Church Brethren, Aldridge Rd Balham Ascension Hall

NB. This parish covers Clapham Detached

Miscellaneous

	✓ See Woollcombe	CXXVI	1	Clapham COS. YMCA. 396 Clapham Road

District 39

Wandsworth & Putney

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Books covering District :- CXXXII : CXXXIII : CXXXVII CXXXVIII
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District 39 - Wandsworth & Putney

(2) All Saints Wandsworth	✓ Reed	CXXXIII	147	Parish church
	[see Park]	CXXXII	151	Memorial Hall, Chapel Yd
	✓ Godwin	CXXXVIII	39	Down Lodge Hall, Merton Rd: Bapt Haldon Rd. West Hill Holy Trinity West Hill Ch: of Ease
	✓ Cunningham	CXXXVIII	61	Presbyterian, Merton Road Ch Schools. Putney Bridge Rd
(3) S. Ann Wandsworth	✓ Campbell	CXXXIII	161	Parish church
	✓ Park	CXXXII	151	Congregational, East Hill
	✓ see Sadler	CXXIII	57	P. Meth: High Street
	✓ see Cowl	CXXXII	87	Wesleyan Miss: South St
				Friends, 31 High Street
	✓ Berry	CXXXII	193	S. Army, South Street
				Bramblebury Hall.
	✓ Pitt	CXXXII	121	Bramblebury Gardens
	✓ Delves	CXXXII	107	LCM, 14 South Street
	✓ Tarrant	CXXXII	141	Unitarian, East Hill Fr S. Paul's parish
				S. Anne's Miss Ch Ironmillpace
(1) S. Faith Wandsworth	✓ Taylor	CXXXIII	95	Parish church
	✓ Townsend	CXXXII	35	Baptists, East Hill
	✓ Baker	CXXXII	1	Eltringham Miss 264 York R
	✓ Cowl.	CXXXII	87	Wesleyan, East Hill
	✓ see Cowl also Shillington	CXXXII CXXXII	87 213	Wesl Miss North Street
				Ch Miss Warple Way
(5) S. Stephen Wandsworth	✓ Rouse	CXXXIII	71	Parish church
	✓ Cooney	CXXXVIII	1	RC. S. Thomas, West Hill
				Ch Miss Point Pleasant
				— Putney Bridge Rd
(6) S. Michael Southfields	✓ Dobson Hall	CXXXIII	85	Parish church
				Baptist. Merton Road
				Granville Miss Presb
	✓ Beverley	CXXXII	103	Balvernie Grove
				Parish Room.

(10) Adjoins West Battersea S. Mary Magdalene Wandsworth Common	✓ Evans	CXXXIII	109	Parish church
	✓ Oakley	CXXXII	215	Baptist, Trinity Road
	✓ Baker	CXXXVII	5	Church Institute, Wiseton Rd
(4) S. Andrew Earlsfield	✓ Tudor Craig	CXXXIII	47	Parish church
				Baptist, [Earlsfield] Magdalen Road
	✓ Payne	CXXXII	13	
	✓ See Townsend	CXXXII	35	Wardley St Mission Bapt
	✓ Piggott	CXXXII	181	Cong Earlsfield Road Miss Thornsett St, Jarratt La. Home Mission, Jarratt Lane
	✓ Owen	✓ CXXXVIII	91	LCM, Bendon Valley St A's Miss
				— Earlsfield Rd.
				— Assembly Rooms Summers Rd
				P. Brethren See CXXXVIII. 10 Sd St
(7) S. Paul Wimbledon Park	✓ Brace	CXXXIII	125	Parish church. S. Barnabas, Merton Road Mission church.
(8) S. Mary Putney	✓ Henley	CXXXIII	23	Parish church. S. John Evangelist, Putney Hill All Saints, Lower Common Miss House Walker's Place
	✓ Wilkinson	CXXXII	23	Baptist, Werter Road
	✓ Rowland	CXXXII	165	Cong Oxford Road
	✓ Redford	CXXXVIII	77	Union, Up. Richmond Rd
	✓ Matheson	CXXXII	73	Presb Briar Walk.
	✓ Hew	CXXXVIII	17	Wesl Up. Richmond Rd
	✓ Roger	CXXXII	53	Emmanuel. Free Ch: of England
	✓ Sadler see	CXXIII	57	Prim. Meth: Coopers Arms La.
	✓ Hew	CXXXII	239	LCM, The Platt.
	✓ Cooper	CXXXII	203	Mission, Sefton Street S. Hall
(9) Holy Trinity Roehampton	✓ Barrington	CXXXIII	5	Parish church
	✓ King Wilson	CXXXVIII — " —	31 47	RC. S Joseph, Roehampton Mission, Medfield Street

NB There are two people of the name of Hew one a LCM, the other a Wesleyan minister (Rev)

P Meth Coopers Arm Lane

P. T. O.

Miscellaneous

✓	Hackford	CXXXVII	1	Wandsworth Benevolent Soc
✓		CXXXVII	29	"Bygone Wandsworth" a trac
				Wandsworth Association for
✓		CXXXVII	31	Nursing the Sick Poor
✓		CXXXVII	33	Royal Homes for Ladies.
see also	Woollcombe –	CXXXVI	1	Wandsworth COS.
	Summers			re Temperance work

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Parish Notes

District 36

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St George. Nine Elms — Wilcox — Does not seem to know his parish intimately, but
Ch of E — has been vicar for 4 years. & previously for a short time curate
(36) 1 — CXIX by — a stronger man than his predecessor (Mr Whidborne) but
✓ — perhaps less sincere in the extreme Evangelical piety which
is still the line of the Church.—

Pop 8000/9000. 2000 in Nine Elms parish & have a special Mission Church & a curate who gives whole time to it.
Wilcox himself sees little of this part but says half are Irish RC — whole pop morally "hopeless" — many gas workers earning high wages — all going in drink & gambling — If anything district gets worse — this opinion of priest also who thinks nothing for it but scattering.

Outside Nine Elms people mostly regular wage earners / Aristocracy guards — mostly Dy men — where squalid poverty exists it is caused by drink — work extraordinary plentiful even before the war the railways were advertising for men —
Attitude of people to religion (outside of Church adherents) indifference but no longer antagonism — or atheistic propaganda — Secularists weak
"We know our people — they are all in touch with us & know our ideas"
Except in Nine Elms drink not excessive — 10 PH in parish
Public House visiting special feature — boy management & tact. The number distributed has never reached 500 on Sat night or 250 on Sunday — 100 parishioners at wars & they in one case was the woman defendant not legally married

✓
St James (Mission Ch of St George's Parish) — Hoole — Mr Wilcox's Curate — has practically free hand in Nine Elms and
Ch of E — the most interesting part of the parish — Mr W never crosses the bridge
36) 1 — CXIX 81 — Only here about a year — but the district is small & people accessible
✓ — an earnest hard working worker — therefore knows more than usual
Prejudiced interview by protest against exaggeration as to poverty & vice
not so black as painted — Came from small town Northumberland
& thinks considering of poorest class there was morally & materially lower
But it has reputation of being as bad as anything in London & he may
not have known it long enough — Pop. at utmost 3000 of whom
1/3 at most are Catholics — Poorest class are street sellers
of whom a large number — not of the true "costermonger" class — but rather

(St George's Parish)

St James. Missn Ch Moles! those who have taken to street selling as last resource

(36) Chg to CXIX. 81 * whose earnings are of the smallest - most numerous

Cont are the Gas Worker & railwaymen. The former earn good money & spend a large part in drink & gambling.

Railwaymen poorly paid - generally poor.

Worst street Belgrave Sq nearly all Irish.

Pop not very shifting - many resident for years too 30 or 40 years since streets first made.

Religious attitude no opposition only indifference. Sermon often disturbedly loud but this due to high spirits rather than hostility.

People less responsive to religious effort than in Northumberland & altogether less go & enter. music - children lack initiative.

Mr Despard the chief influence in Mrs Elsons - devotes her life & money to the hopes of her own free will & they know it.

but her work is much more social than religious - Dec 9, the attractions of her mothers meeting that "there is no religion about it" - & "she does a great deal for them" as also for the boys in her club. She does not proselytize but some may become RC from admiration - but "she does not care a penny piece whether they are Catholic or not".

Mr M has visited thoroughly & got boy family in his book. They spoken with most but "a large proportion don't ask you in"

The only hostility shown by the more respectable Catholics.

Fears there are hopes of favourable time but "not great beginnings"

Not much relig prejs - Dinners for Children in winter good but not much needed.

|| Winter here the best time

|| Vestry work might be better done - Streets not well kept as to litter but are well watered in Summer.

Poor Law not well administered - Complaint against RO

Police inefficient & changed too often - definite complaints.

Local book readers notoriously use P H & Hawkers at gates of Gas Worker lady may

When he found in this out was told mind his own business.

Drink nothing out of the way - women worse than men - on most nights shouting singing

Three houses belong to Thorne excellent people but houses no better than others

No prostitution - housing between lodgers & frequent illegitimate children

Health general good - little zymotic but throat troubles also.

He thinks not a criminal area - but the police say, perhaps with more Known Criminals

|| Housing very bad - Some houses in a shocking condition

Parish of S. George.
Wesleyan Mission - Kennys (Nine Elms & New R.) See interview in S. Philips parish - below - p. 8.
(36) 1 CXX. 113.

S.C.M. Nurses Keeps almost exclusively to other parts of the parish, say
(36) 1 CXX. 97. speaking at dinner hour meetings at Nine Elms - audience
three women live at airlane.
Describes the population of other parts as not casual labouring class.
Her special task the children - the vicar a "man's man" of little use with the young - Is sec'y of all the S. Schools that N. of Hope
He finds it comfortable to have a vicar below him. had nothing
fresh to say - Is well received as a visitor. Goes in public
houses - "They say yes & no to all that I say" but all the
time one knows its a lie. I women much rather meet
with some opposition"

Deshard. Mrs Deshards remarkable work is mainly concentrated
R.C. (Nine Elms Clubs.) on Nine Elms & the interview is best reported here.
CXXVI. 97 She originally worked in S. Anne's & is still President
of the Club she founded there but since she turned Catholic
has started another Club at Nine Elms under Catholic
auspices - No one, does says, has left upon him
so strong an impression of a beautiful & gracious life.
The club is her home & her home is the Club - She has
lived here 3 years & is rarely absent - 2 servants look after
her & besides the Club she is a member of the N. of Guards.
She has known Nine Elms for 20 years & is devoted to
the place - She is a sister of Genl French & the district
takes a keen interest in the war - many have gone out
from rooms about - She calls herself a socialist & desires
some more fundamental change. She makes as good a
use as she can of her income which is a comfortable
one - She is impatient of the 'indifferent rich'.
The people in Nine Elms are mostly Irish & Catholics
& mostly poor. Some are costers. most religious as far as working

Carmen

Parish of S George. (Nine Elms) Despard CXXVI. 9 Cont.

Drink & gambling the great local vices - nothing worse. Quarrelling & violence follow drink. In spite of demolition Crowding not so great as it had been owing to better supervision - but still bad & on hot summer nights the streets the common sleeping place - Her servants have difficulty in keeping the house free of vermin - Smell from gas works & dust make place unpleasant - Loaning a curse - some of the worst are women who make this their business & tempt young women to drink & borrow - Her next door neighbour - a horrible old person - is of this kind. One of the local P.H. known as the Ladies House is the recognised drinking place for women - The men, except a few of worst, hate it.

Mrs D has a large mothers meeting with subsidised Clothing Club - & gives credit which is popular - It is aimed largely at the better clothing of the children. Her first cares are the boys & children & her club has about 50 members - mostly raw boys - 13 to 18. Problem of "after" beginning to loom ahead - she hopes she might drage into the Despard Club but the difference in class is too great - but the boys for Nine Elms are allowed to come for Gymnasium nights & the members will "help" -

Nine Elms Club is open every night - much as other clubs with billiards &c - but no cards because of the local weakness - Encouraged by penny packets & displayed in pitch & tossing for buttons - There are classes for carving &c & on Sunday Mrs D holds her conference which is of the nature of a Bible class, but religion has to be run light & she tells the boys stories - very always a good deal - boys pay 1d & boxes can buy refreshments & are allowed to smoke - if not wheat not come. They remain an unruly lot - notorious liars when not sober & always manageable by her - "you hurt no one's feelings" she tells them freely to the face - She laments the stunted growth of the children & early age at which they become their own masters -

The Despard Club in S Anne's was always social - never parochial.

As a guardian her chief care is the old.

With the COS she has no patience - The Kennington Co. Tone hard & detective unsympathetic

S Andrews. Tappan — About leaving parish for Comm. Rectory. too busy to see us
Chap Co — filled in answers to our queries very kindly.
(36) 1 — CXIX. 21 + 13 — Pop. working & industrial – all touched in some way. though country not large – little class antagonism – S. Schools &c
[see also page 13 for Baxter's description of Mr Tappan]

Prim. Meth. Clamp — Camberwell Circuit nearly 4 years ago to revive drooping cause
Battersea (Brixton Circ.) — & is shortly to go on to Leeds. Mr Cond from Hackney Comp. rec.
(36) 1 — CXX. 1. — The people in new Rd are many labouring people & quite different to those at Brixton.–
Congregation drawn from neighborhood – but the workers brought into it – General lack of interest though more done here than at Brixton to adapt the services to the people.
They conduct in by hundreds from P.H. for watch night service.
Get them to sing old hymns to familiar tunes.
Decay at the new Rd Church has been arrested – in last 3 years £500 of debt paid off –
General remarks (page 15) apply more to the Brixton Chs
At New Road a sister of the Rev. was employed for 6 months. Some friends paying salary.
Hopeful of future especially at Brixton – Battersea will probably be made a mission Station.
Mr Clamp has done good work & the three churches which were in a hopeless state are now stable financially & in better condition structurally.
At New Road the debt still handicaps them but it has been reduced.

Trinity Hall Presbyterian Mission Hall — Home missions. Here 15 years – 9 years at Glasgow
(36) 1 — Church — CXX. 25 — under D. Andrew Bonar. left professors mission there for simply Hall here –
Heart sets working folk. Mixture of costers – terrible one street turn up in another.
N. cases of sickness. Marmora Rd Nurses sent for. As good work not many cases escape notice. Charity by lectures. Contrasting gloom no need to go elsewhere. Stomp Patch last month. Hospital letters in demand.
* District has improved much. People were simple but have changed almost all have 2 suits of clothes now. Not the people but the old changed.
Mentions cases of conversion. Mission has been successful. Increased membership 300 since 9 years. 140 from S. Sch. Prepares candidates with care. growth of church

Parish Sundays

Excelsior Ch. Mission. Cannon (36) 2 CXX. 127

Mr C. is Superintendent – The Place is a hall in a yard behind one of the houses in Lupus St. – opposite of access – outside no indication of the Mission.
Two young men were arranging seats for Ch. Endeavr. Meeting which was supposed to begin at 8. (time fixed for our return)
But Mr Cannon was engaged elsewhere – Sing at Stormont Chapel + some other place in Pimlico Lane – Some one else was expected to take this meeting but no one came – Some Children were waiting outside at 8.30

All Saints Battersea P/C Harcourt Choyce (36) 2 CXIX. 103

Here 11 years – people roughly same class as when he came
Drink the great enemy – Dead level a source of complaint
Materialistic indifference – + difficulty of finding official helpers
But these are the complaints of a strong man who is
|| Exactly much + whose success is far above average
|| Always an eye on the unaccomplished task – a keen eye
Helped by command of money. wealthy friends –
Pop about 11000 – 1000 live in flats – fair character but modern tenants
neither strong nor healthy – many away week ends – 7000 decent
wage earners. railway men 1c – 3000 casuals
Proximity of Park accents further social decline.
Honing night crowd seats very –
Few of his helpers come from west end – are too English
The four ladies have use of Church house + board themselves
Their keep inestimable – Not much cooperation with COS but
giving limited research –
Little vice. no brothels

Railway Mission. Nottingham (36) 2 CXX. 79

Harassing industrial pop
Mission touches railway people chiefly.

Parish All Saints.

R.C. Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St John

Whitecat

(36) 2 CXX 81.

Here 11 years - Parish of 3500 Catholics -
Has only 1 assistant priest & for 3 years has lonely
hard as Guardian - a well known figure -
not been away for 3 years. His burdens overdoing it -
Defended nine times - admitted drunkenness, nightmare
overcomedy - but denied (mostly) the serious charges of crime
twice - The really bad spots - just outside his district
is Pascal St - Rochleigh St nearly as bad. Calvert St
& Sheepcote Lane are like nine times
The worst element (apart from Pascal St (where the
people are thoroughly vicious) was the floating degraded
folk who come to us from Chelsea & Westminster - far
worse than So. Londoners -
His own people many Irish - unskilled labourers
many of the worse work - Poverty of congregation complains
Small staff - Cannot support a third priest -
Children in the school tolerably clean & bright & happy
not much difference shown between free & 1d school
The teaching Sisters - not a tightly closed order.
Complaints of neglect to attend mass - Sunday average
about 1/3 of census - say 1200 of whom 200 are children
but remain in the fold - born married & buried
The two priests always on the go - might call very trying
Good terms with neighbouring clergy - no moderate clergy.
A Protestant mission goes for the High Church.
Story of the police's energy in arresting his little dog
House room very scarce - people appeal to guardians
Connects drink with bad home conditions
Sanitary administration satisfactory.

All Saints Parish

Baptist – Battersea Pk Tabernacle Adams (36) 2 CXX.37

Secretary – connected with the Church from boyhood (now 35) – has good position in Postal Telegraphs.
Minister Mr Stott resigned 12 months ago – successor not yet appointed –
The poor attendance on week nights due rather to want of spiritual life than lack of time or late business hours "Young people do not come out as they did"
Mr Stott drew congregations but they did not take up work – this was still carried only by the old people
He was not a visitor – The Elders do it – & Miss Sister
Summary of Sister Kathleen's Reports – Notes on visits (very interesting – simple account of her work) –
Drink lessening – do not see so many drink people
Licensing justices very strong in SW district
District improving – houses being fairly kept, tare new sanitary
Church prospects good –

Page Methodist (2 Churches) CXX101

Came straight from bench to be pastor but for some years has been a local preacher in Hull where he worked in brass – Enjoys his pastoral work though it is very hard to care for 2 Churches & prepare sermons for an exacting audience – apt to be censorious
& has his probationary exams to prepare for.
Work of both Churches small & decaying now though Pagnell is being put into work among the young
Battersea Park Ch is the larger but less prosperous –
Mr P. has increased the Ch Ideas from 5 to 50 regards them as the road to obtain adults – you must grow your staff
One of the Ch Ideas young lads was converted at last night's prayer meeting
At both Churches inner band tremendously keen. "almost too keen"
They wear themselves out – do all the working & all the praying "
[Very interesting account of "revival" & "conversion" services page 107]
Conditions as to drink awful compared to the part of Hull where he had lived –
[note on the position of such a pastor as Mr Page "Poor, Educated, green, gentle young fellow to stand – the flocks who are his readers] page 110

St Philip. Queen's Rd Battersea
(36) 3.

Jones Here 8 years – Parish made 30 years ago & first incu.
CXX. 1. by means of an excellent musical Service when Clapham was
Sleepy & Evangelical drew thence a large congregation
& even now a good many come from there – & most of the workers,
Inhabitants, except a few Labourers, are good working class
Railway men & small Clerks & Shop Employees – No Poverty
unless occasionally a case of illness – Stanley & Broughton St
slightly poorer than the rest – Parish does not now go west
of Stanley St. Nearly whole parish belongs to Rd Battersea
or the Flower trustees – Sublettings forbidden –
General attitude of people to Church "indifference" – don't
get up in the morning & in evening visit their friends & in summer
go to Park or Common – Children sent to School to get rid of them
& when they leave School are lost sight of – there is no agency
to keep them together now – Clubs have been tried.
Visitors not sufficient to cover the Parish – abt 2/3 visited
Chief Charity distribute Magazine (500 copies) & collective
Provident Fund (£260 last year) – Close coop: with C.O.S.
Local Gov active & efficient – progressive – but more standard
of some members low – frequent Police Scandals.
Police efficient – not enough – Drink not excessive
Health & housing both excellent
Church here evidently very little influence – but does
no harm – & Vicar has hard work with no Curate

Wesleyan Meth – Kinning
Queen's Rd
(36) 3.

Two branches under his immediate charge – Church in
CXX. 113. Queens Rd & Mission in Nine Elms – but seldom goes to Mission
& referred us to Mr Marten 16 Sussex Rd.

Spoke chiefly of the Church which appears unusually successful
"caught on from the first" – always reforms & progresses – drawn from South
of the Railway especially from the Estate "of from streets of Queens Rd & Battersea
Rise to Wandsworth Rd to Clapham Common. Many are trades people & a few wealthy
majority respectable working class – The work mainly one of "Continuity"
people brought up as Methodists – outside for outsiders. Church
full or overfull on Sunday night – "quite an inspiration to see them rise"
Outside Minister always "struck by number & forms – very generous – have
raised £1000 for new Church at Brompton Rd & £900 for 20th Century Fund.
Does not believe in cry of failure to reach working classes – Secular Journal
working man drawn away by the way in which Christianity has been presented – he
"appreciates good men but denounces cant" – not anti Christian or anti religious
but still thinking – There has been less music of "Come to Jesus" & more Hymns
necessary for children to take broader & more strong views of responsibilities – more
sympathy with material social wants – "Pulpit & Pew to be nearer together"
Christ Christianity largely confined to Woman & Children – 34 miracles out of 39. X

S. Saviour. Rice — Here 16 years & is getting to be an old man

Chapple — Parishioners almost exclusively working class & women outnumber

(36) 3. CXIX 55. — the better are leaving. Most now work away. Parish a dormitory.

Occupations much mixed — no distinctive industrial character.

Particular difficulty reach the men. Pop. about 11000.

Gipsy Camp in Sheepcote Lane — in the houses & vans. More in residence in winter. Some are well to do. All are ignorant — but give no trouble. Children brought to be baptised — & they are married in church.

Vicarage is outside parish. Vicar built stood alone. The partly between the Park & Battersea Pk Rd. Still is in Canon Prestwick Clarkson's parish — a grievance.

The flat population not easy to deal with but might be called on — Describes his neighbours as unions offensive & retiring. & some of more shady class to whom a parochially "no man's land" is a convenience.

The lady Hall behind church is in great local demand.

Mission Services are held in the schools (no longer day schools)

For the school treat those who have made 60% attendances go free. 30 to 60 half price — less than 30% pay all.

Charitable relief managed by Committee with C.O.S. representatives.

Secularists gone under — local branch S.D.F. used to be led by Timms who twice "got into trouble".

Mr Rice dislikes the vestry & distrains the class of men it muster "back scratching" — looking after beetles, fire frees &c & other scandals. but Joh Burns was warmly praised.

3 or 4 forced marriages yearly out of about 65.

Moral conditions fair — no brothels. Some prostitution & some doubtful "flatters".

Moffatt. — mentioned by Mr Wordcombe (C.O.S.) as the man who

Church warden, S. Saviour's — really runs the parish of S. Saviour's

CXXVI. 137 — A middle aged man retired from business. Lived for 12 years in one of the blocks facing Battersea Park — appearance manner & surroundings esp. sign. high culture & refinement

(St Saviour's Parish)

Moffat — Ch. Warden CXXVII. B.7 Cont.

Buys the parish by work on COS has considerable influence of all Battersea – & previously worked for sometime at the Ton Mission with Donalason. From point of poverty contrasted Battersea very favourably with Hackney Wick – people generally comfortable. & Tooting & St Saviour's one of the poorest parts seldom below 30/- a week. 1000 depositors in the Collecting bank which he has started – from this parish alone – but it was generally agreed that Battersea had become more conformed poor in recent years. The best off moved towards Clapham &c. & influx of poor for Chelsea –

Though working with him cordially thinking him personally has surrendered the poorest opinion of Dr Rice as parson & the same of almost all the Battersea Clergy. "The whole thing is dead" – a failure due to the "pitiable stupidity" of the Clergy who (at any rate outside theology) ignorant untrained & either unwilling or unable to learn; a "parish is simply what the parson makes it: give me a live man in a parish & there are sure to be results".

Especially blames the ignorance & untrained administration of relief – Hopes we will recommend that relief committees should be unofficial & Curates always attend COS – Bishop of Rochester advocates area sub-committees but Dr Rice alone spoke strongly for them. But it is Mr M who has organised it all in face of Dr R's lethargic opposition – Relief – Boundary Collection, Guild Boys Boots Clubs, Mens Service (which Mr M takes himself) & the whole body of Collectors Visitors – Slate Club alone dates back beyond 4 years.

As to nursing – the provisions through Battersea are quite inadequate & the clergy to administer – & visitation is perfunctory & does not go beyond door step – "whole parish visited" to influence of Church thro' visitation "all humbug" – "good visitors rare" usually "no Sal beyond the door" – As to drink no decrease but less street drunkenness. Very case seeking assistance has drunk in its history somewhere – The war has led to drink – wives at home spending the money poor in other way

S. Saviour Parish

Shaftesbury Welcome
Ethel Mission
Boddington Street
(36) 3.

Dyer
CXX.65

Paid agent of the Ragged School Union & manages the South Western Cripple & Gypsy work as well as the mission
[description of Mills Yard arrangements vacs - see page 65]
Mr Dyer spoke to say one - some pleased others tolerably, not —
He visits the gypsy encampments regularly & a number of ladies visit the cripples of whom there are 1000 in the S W district - supposed to do so weekly - a wide district.
Several churches & missions share this work
Work is growing - last thing a medical mission.
It is almost entirely among poor children & a minority of the parents including some Gypsy families - There are 3 distinct camps
It is for these people & the cripples that the mission means & exists
& it infuses some brightness into their lives.
Though belonging to R S U - The Shaftesbury Welcome is practically self supporting - bulk of funds raised by annual bazaar
This has just been held producing £100
Beside this place Mr Dyer has a small Hall of Central N respecting which a note is inserted CXXIII. District 37)

The Ascension. Wallace
Chap to
(36) 4.
CXIX 31.

Here 15 years - His Church the St Albans of Battersea originally a private speculative venture without Parish - now has the whole of Shaftesbury Pk Estate 1500 more houses to fill
Sent my questions to one of his lady workers - See notes Rap 69
Inhabitants Artisans Clerks Shopmen & a few labourers
The young women in large numbers work at the dress cloth & in West End Shops - note of panic "Respectability" especially on 'The Estate' where is no poverty - but in other streets cases of great poverty sometimes found - there have been many houses Rent Estate not so good as it was.
Many small N houses meant for one now filled by 2 families
Tendency for better off to move to new streets near Clapham Common
Mr Wallace has been continually building - slowly - Reading over and
Church now only lacks its Tower - it has typical high Ch. services
Interior - lights burning before altar - Stations &c

The Ascension. Wallace
(36) 4 Chor. CXIX 31 Conc.

Here as in other parishes there is much indifference but not the Salient feature – the bulk are not so – take the correct thing to go to some place of worship & certain no chaff or ridicule results, those some may incur hostility for going to that "Romish place" –
On the whole compares favorably in religious morality with any West End parish – no very high standard implied both among rich & poor religious morality not at high level. Except the Dissenters, who are rather numerous, the people have a great affection for the Church – Speak of "our Church"
The rather unusual success he attributes partly to systematic visiting – "District visitors for every house." "Sick visited very carefully" "you must go to them & not expect them to come to you" – & partly to the fact that he has always had excellent assistant masters but mainly to "definite teaching" – you must teach the Church system or you can only succeed by going to the other extreme – Protestantism – "Are the whole town wrong?" – Success in no way due to fine services – described his music as very inferior.
Number of children under religious instruction – 1000 or so
No Day School – but he administers Board School
No great feature made of social work – too much else wants doing – a good deal of relief for the place
No sick case too repelled –
No place of worship actually on the estate – no licensed house – neither Gin nor Beer allowed

Prim. Meth. Dunning
(36) 4. CXX. 17.

Here 5 years. We called twice & last time saw his wife a simple little lady – Chapel close to "the Ascension Church"
People drawn from Shaftesbury estate. Comfortable working class a few clerks. Hostment & few tradesmen – "Poorest they the young people" Membership remains same number but individuals change "it is like preaching to a procession" additions one for S. School & C. Class some by transfer – Church hampered by debt of £1300 to pay not Dark not conspicuous – kept off the estate but licensed at each entrance – Prostitution increases near the new theatre People thirsty as a mile –
Has had a difficult work & lost hopefulness & needed

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Parish Notes

District 37

S. Mary Battersea. Clarke. Has been here 28 years + after his time the double Chof Co parish will be entirely divided.

(37) 1. CXXII. 1. Originally extended from Bend of Rows to Clapham Common - intervening parishes have been created leaving the two halves separate - S. Mary B'sea at Park (the new Church by the Park) + S. Lukes which has grown from a little mural out post into a truly magnificent church.

The old S. Mary's Church is in old Battersea in the middle of a poor population, the new S. Mary fronting the Park - a large unpeopled Church of the rich, has population on one side only. S. Lukes is a mile or two away to the South West of Clapham Common - There are separate interviews for the first two -

The old church is run by 2 of the Curates + some deaconess from Mrs Gilmore's home - the ladies "practise on the Battersea poor" especially at "Ottille" - + some visitors coming from Elm Park Gardens who specially devote themselves to a girls Club - Miss Douglas gives her whole time (CXXVI. 31) for Dist Visitors + S. Sch. Teachers drawn on neighbourhood. Pop has fell in coming from Chelsea - + there is a large cigar factory + pencil works employing girls - the former careless as to their welfare

The vicar does not attach himself specially to any one but runs up where he pleases "all over the show"

The old Church is full in the morning + has a comfortable congreg in the morning lower middle + sup. artisan - hardly any professional - auctioneer + estate agent the top - fair proportion of men - what shall we say? 1/6th? Service not high just Anglican - music hearty

S. Mary at Park - mainly other two Curates with another group of clubs - smaller congregations - less going in.

S. Luke - 3 Curates + elaborate organization - music &c

Large congregation - full morning + evening - but proportionately rather small number of communicants -

S. Mary - Ernest Clark* - never ever any demand for small 2 story house
Battersea Chof S. | for 1 or 2 families - Many newmarried & no sign
(37) 1 CXXII. 1 | that he saw of reduced birth rate - These people
Cont. * | enough to live comfortably but (he thought)
nothing saved - depend on continued prosperity
Are not easy to visit tho not come much to
Church but good respectable people & not at all
irreligious. - would most of them go a long way
to hear Moody for instance - & would probably be
got to an advertised service in some special hall
in thousands - but question whether it would do them
any good - They had a great many Board Sch
teachers. who did not set a good example - all
* | alog for pleasure careless of religious duties
They live their lives independently 2 or 3 together
May have come from any where - no home life or
ties

-"- Stallard Clarke The two Curates in charge of the Old Parish Ch
(37) 1 CXXII. 65. S Mary Battersea - both young & green - here 2 & 1 years
✓ Their part of parish lies west of Bridge Rd & north of
Carlton - omitting Europa Place - 1450 houses. 12000 people
Only Squalid bit Orville Rd where inhabitants almost
without exception are of lowest class - If decent people
get there the Deaconess makes great efforts to remove
them - but this not so easy - as those from Orville Rd are objected to
After this come Cranfield & Parkham St with
C. L. H in Stormy Lane - inhabitants quite untouched
by Church - Elsewhere Artisans & Clerks -
Battersea Bd Rd almost all tenemented -
Church going not the fashion but people not irreligious
Habit of prayer much more common than you would suppose.
The Factory Girls Club brings a good many to church - always
some come for confirmation from it - used mainly by
girls at Price's & a cigar & box factory
members of men's club never come to church

S. Mary (Ch. Stallard) - Relig in part with COS but more less strictly

(37). * CXXII. 65 Enormous number of Hospital letters - 5 a day alone
Cont. for Children Hospital Chelsea

Very poor, mean & does its best. Police helpful to Clergy but won't stop fighting & roughness & take no notice of drink. Which is very bad - both men & women. Prostitutes live in Orville Rd & some in Cranfield & Battersea Sq. Centre for those of lowest class - Falcon Rd full of women.

Marriage almost universal - synthetic & nearly always proved -

Health fairly good - but consumption common. Houses damp & old & 'saturated' with consumption. Little overcrowding except - Orville Rd - but rents are rising & men with large families have great difficulty in finding accommodation.

S. Mary (Ch. Ch) Factory Girls Club. Miss Douglas

(37) 1 CXXVI. 31 Seen at her flat in Sarah Court - bright cheery pleasant looking lady admirably adapted to the work which is done on broad non puritanical lines with plenty of dancing music &c.

There are as many as 500 members in the year & about 200 use the Club weekly - mostly cigar or starch hands or boot choppers - some but not many from Prices whose girls are well looked after & rather too respectable but too in this Club necessary. Separate classes & the rougher girls from Orville Rd & Europa Pl have a night to themselves. Orville Rd "an awful place" - what can you expect (said the policeman) when you've got Scavenger there - Lounging boys the special terror - some agency needed to keep the boys out of the streets - Boys Brigade doing excellent work so far as it goes.

Work of Club on distinctly religious basis - closed nightly with prayer & hymn & 50 of the girls are in communicants class. Influence of Club traced in many ways. Especially dress which is quiet

S Mary (Ola Ch / Girls Club / Dongla) CXXVI. 31 Cont

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* Believes Club is strong deterrent to sexual immorality one of the girls said to her father "If it was'nt for the Club, Miss, I should be a bad girl" But there is often trouble about drink, & gambling is not uncommon - Club open in dinner hour & a book maker stations himself outside.

Girls anemic & underfed because of spending on Cloth. Miss D mentioned house room difficulty - no one dare quit - Box & Cox arrangements suspected in Orville Drawer. Canon Erskine Clarke highly - so broad minded & tolerant: will take workers of any school of thought so long as in earnest & prove them almost a free hand. Miss D. keen Ch. & says that in Battersea as elsewhere real all activity emanates from High Ch Clergy who show spirit of self sacrifice seldom found among the low.

S Mary (le Parte) CXXII. 9. Henry

(37) 1

Parish carved out of Canon Erskine Clarke's - lies between Battersea Bridge Rd & the Park - Has been here 9 years & works with Mr Norman under him both hard by Erskine Clarke who is rich - does not know what will happen when the leases due.

Two poor areas Europa Pl & Elcho St.

Europa Pl, never called so but always 'Little Hell' of the surrounding streets. Inhabitants wood chopper - rag & scavengers - Coalies - Fish hawkers - Builders labourers - all of low type - but not waterside labour - all thriftless & drink & all have been there as long as he remembers. Shift out from house to house - Much crowding. Many living together unmarried - no prostitution - Heads of Children - marriage good - only Criminal so far as being often in prison for drunkenness & lead stealing or such like. Elcho St better but has been steadily going down. Three 8 years. Householders stay - lodgers shift in & out. 3 or 4 families each house

St Mary le Park. Henry (37)' CXXII. 9 Contd

The fancy comfortable live between Battersea Bridge & Albert Bridge - Clerks better class artisans to Stockman's Bakeries. Slaters - Lower Class Cars Morgans Crucible works approx employment
The well to do between Prince of Wales & Battersea Park Rd. in the huge new mansions - all sorts young married couples - barristers. actors. actresses. Kept women & retired army officers - & though most of them spend Sunday on bicycle or on the river some of her best workers come from them & on the whole their construction has been rather against
rentals £45 to £100 per annum
Production of "Year Book" a Lenten penance
The Church holds 512 tis by no means full at any service - cold bare & comfortless inside - brick & not unhandsome - fine arches & architectural feature
It was meant to be the finest Church east in So London & when money is forthcoming it may be gone on with
Matins are held daily - sometimes 1 person is there besides himself - more often no one - red letter day when more than one - the same thing at 5.30 - but Each celebration on Thursday there are 5 or 6 communicants
Service not so high as at All Saints nearby - where there is a larger congreg - The 'mansions' do attend partly for the service but also it is nearer -
Pop reckoned 8000. - 250/350 come to Church on Sundays
Dissenters weak - The Church the greatest religious influence
of his District visitors only 9 or 10 are really ladies
At one time thought he could visit every house but soon gave that up. They don't like it in the fancy comfortable well to do streets - So now limited to poorer streets
Visitors go as Collectors for Provident Club - they are not allowed to give but recommend for relief - Provident Club shares out giving interest of money as spent on clothes &c - probably ineffectual -

Smarg. Park
Henry
(37)' CXXII. 9
Cont.

No hostility to religion - only indifference - Dr Sumner Pl. Pilchard St the more look on us as nothing but dispensers of charitable money! - a good deal of coal & grocery tickets given - but not to induce going to church. The poor never come - my clerks & their wives & many more women than men - The poor ask to special lantern service. Women crowds on Good Friday evening

Works with COS but is not official - sends his hard cases to them - spoke highly of Mr Woolcombe

Inquiries take some time but must be made

He makes rules for himself but breaks them -

Story of the girl a soldier left behind him (page 29)

Bible class for young men 18-21 combines with a hockey Club on Sat. afternoons - a great success always full -

"Maidens home" a sort of S. School for Sumner P. managed by a lady who has a genius for the Ragged - they crowd to her - Stench in Parish Room awful.

Drink increases among women - & does not decrease among men - Betting increases among women & children - Tents are daily outside each factory The police do nothing to stop it - Otherwise cases good. Streets well cleaned & sanitary inspectors do their work well -

A weak well meaning man - no head of his own Does the right thing weakly & therefore wrongly Any number of guilds & plenty of workers - & there must be considerable pressure from well to do flats & rich Chelsea to be employed - He is bewildered by it flung to one they after another - but shows no distinct social or religious object -

S. Mary. Battersea. Harrowby
R.C. Chg. Salesian Fathers. Potts St.
(37) 1 CXXIII. 193
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Parish adjoins that of St Whereat on the West & includes 1000/1100 Catholics. all working class - & scattered - & collected anywhere at Brixton Rd. Turnpike
People tending to get poorer - influx of lower class from Chelsea
Most of Father Harrowdons time given to the School
Educated in the Special Court of Salesian order - Headquarters at Turin. General Chapter mostly Italians

Battersea Congreg. Bridge Road
(37) 1 CXXIII 39
✓

Jarrall

When Mr J came 22 years ago. Church was in low water with only 70 members - for some years continual growth but about 11 years ago decay again set in - this attributed to Southward movement towards Clapham & of better class artisans - The people who have come to the new flats do not come -
Working class become more difficult to touch - more indifferent - "Respectable working man ashamed of going to church" - due to Socialist propaganda - yet people round about are mostly excellent, respectable sober & industrious
Rowdyness & drunkenness much less marked - Brixton Rd Turnpike & Henry St. Mkt degraded parts
Infidelity not form, makes no claim to success - but that with him & others also agencies for young people & children are unusually prosperous -

Wesleyan Chelsea Circ
CXXXIII. 199
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Little

Was transferred here from Liverpool Rd Church which has been made over to West London Mission - Mr Little better suited for a regular helper -
This chapel always attended by large numbers
Connection with Education - for Southlands Training College - Students & Staff Swell membership & attendance

S. Stephen. Russell Here 6 years - previously curate at S. Paul's Lorrimer Sq.

CXXII. 33 Parish awkwardly cut into 3 pieces by the Rys. Pop. c. 10000
✓ entirely working class. 2/3 respectable 1/3 rough
Practically no change in the 6 years - all the middle class people gone before then - Chief poor area Lattimer Rd
all poor labourers & porters - Soddenness with drink.
Henry St. also very rough - But the most unsalifiable people dwell in the one group of flats finished in Cambridge Rd. - actors, musicians, Kent women, prostitutes,
When Mr R came things in low condition - have been improving
ever & growing ever since - hampered by lack of accommodation
& of funds - He himself pays his curates.
When he came there was much hostility from atheists
Secularists & Socialists - Battersea a centre - visiting was
difficult - doors slammed to - now still indifferent but
owing to visiting persevered in are now well affected.
Ungracious reception rare - whole parish visited once
a month - & nearly every one known -
Slate Club of 400/500 formerly predecessor - Mr R taking the
chair was met by strong protests till last year when he
was welcomed - but the club no use to the church
The Sunday Sch. has grown from 500 to 800 - no other in parish
Nursing insufficient - Come across cases of graphic neglect
Working in co-operation with C.O.S
Great distrust of Vestry - attend to streets & drains - but take
no notice of complaints as to morals - Suspects robbery
Vestry dominated by John Burns influence & general
feeling that what he says is right.
Guardians work good - R.D. good sympathetic.
Police do not protect Ch. from stone throwing - & take no steps
against drink which is as bad as can be -
Great morass among women - Rum? a club of 40 women
who meet at 'The Latchmere' on Monday morning
Of crime there have been 6 murders since R came - & they
often come across cases of crimes against children - two in which
the children have died since - These cases are generally hushed up
by family - Health wonderfully good - Avenue Parish & admirable

Cairns Mission District — Very small mission district lying South of Gwynne Pl.
Shelton — pop. about 5000. nearly all poor (except Gwynne Pl.)
Chg Ee — but no squalor except in Lombard Mews & Sir Gilbert Pl.
(37) 2. CXXII. 77. — Nearly all information is in the Minutes papers.

People will not come to religious meetings but come in crowds to other functions such as concerts

Sunday & social agencies small because nothing is given. Children even pay for their treats. Late Missioner Mr Hopkins took strong line on these matters

Mens Club - large. was in existence before the mission

Men are helpful in various ways but none of them go to church - very good fellows but their habits are against church going.

For the Boys & Girls Clubs (40 members) Mr S has started compulsory Sunday class.

Relief through COS - £50 a year - special visiting of cases - branch of relief is refused.

Urgent to start relief committee instead - but thinks a committee leads to gossip

Gilbert Pl. Miss Raymond — only started 4 weeks. refers to LCM Cannon. See below
(37) 2 CXXIII. 159.

LCM. Cannon — 6 years in LCM & working at Battersea all the time
(37) 2 CXXIII. 141. — District includes whole of Cairns Miss. & small part of Mother Church (S Mary). Orville Pl. worst part but Lombard Pl. runs it close - people of same character but regulation Street act as a restraint.

Network of Gilbert Pl's declining

In Orville Pl. 40 or 5 families in 20 odd house. Sanction common - bailiff man comes to take things away. Stores them in bailiff yard - There are a number of criminals. Young men 17-20 - join Militia & when not in training hang about ready for anything - "behind cab" & other gangs - The road facilitates escape for police - pop. throughs the houses over the Ry - They steal metal from Railway works &c

(Cacius Missionary)

LCM. Cannon

(37) 2 CXXIII. 141

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Orville St is also a gambling rendezvous - Pickets at East End - Police Inspector says impossible stop them
Plain clothes men are recognised - the place is called 'still-born avenue' as an alternative to 'Little Hell'
None of the Churches or missions touch these people
House going as a minister - he himself goes as a man
The Priest visits the Irish Catholics - but they are backward members -
At the Gospel Service held at the Grand Hall of Varieties Clapham Junction under Mr Gann's management where Cannon helps the afternoon meeting is small but 700/800 come in today - Majority casual visitors - but some non church goers or those who wish to have the privileges without the responsibility of Church life & membership - Cheap selfish business.
Services bright - hall very comfortable - Choir & musical instruments

I went to an afternoon meeting - 8 May 1900

Church attendance generally very small - not more than 6 families (ie the parents) in my street - Children go to Sunday School but drift away ("if they have not been brought up")
The working men are given over to the social problem - gather at their clubs - discuss at Park Gate & at Princes St Sunday morning & afternoon & sometimes today - Social democrats (H B Rogers) have a Hall in York St - Have gone down since they seceded from John Burns - not powerful but rabid
Mr C never tackles them in a body but simply & it is surprising how little they know - no intellectual grasp - only some cries taken up from leaders
Attitude of working man towards ministers is: 'we cannot respect them because they are hard well to do their work - Let us get our betterment first & then we shall be able to attend to religion

Canus Mission Dist (*) Drink decidedly increasing among women.
LCM Cannon, Drink among men not to be compared to it. 3 times
(37)2 CXXIII. 141 to man. The C.D.S come of boys & a woman's house
Cont On Monday the women are out dodging the tallyman
landlords & agents of all kinds. – Collectors & tally
men a great trial here.
Several women get living by pawning for others
Few prostitutes but many immoral – many young
women have a child & then live with the man
(*) Questions wisdom of forcing marriage in such cases
leads to cat & dog life.
(*) No thefts – One or two slate clubs – Stranded when no work
(*) Large number of men over 50 always out of work.
Helpfully then chaam – Children go the same way
Join a dispensary & keep up payments for a time – then
(*) drop off through stress of work or the want of pd. or
through neglect.
Has no relief to give – Superintended 1½ dinners
one year 1000 in 3 months. refused to do it next
year – weather very open & dinners not needed
Cannot work with C.O.S. – recently sore case refused.
They showed not to 8 or 10 years back
Likes Mr Woolacombe personally – but those who
have never known want lack sympathy –
[Rexroot story p.]
(*) In onville No. of Lombard Blags nearly 30%
will shift between his assists – Some pay first
weeks rent & never any more – It takes 7 weeks
to get them out during which they destroy the
peace – has seen doors & skirting taken for fire wood

(Caccia Messin Dist)

Battersea, Baptist Tabernacle. Hamilton

(37) 2 CXXIII. 11

For 15 years pastor of this Baptist Chapel "the oldest church in Battersea dating back to about 1730 – When he came it was an old fashioned middleclass congregation & so continued for 5 years – When he realised that his duty was not to coddle the individual but to evangelise the neighbourhood – but ideally the first deed which gave him some practical of endorsement he carried his way & the present members sympathise with the "democratic & evangelistic spirit" & are all "active aggressive Christian workers" The results have not been remarkable – it has been easy to get at the children in the Sun Schools but the parents are "difficult & stubborn" – "we get at the parents through the children" but at present are in the darkest age" – The social work is a late development & its effect cannot yet be gauged but "the signs are hopeful" – the general attitude of indifference is modified by a "leaning to Christianity" – there is a desire for religious instruction for children both on day & Sunday schools – & willingness to come to special services – altogether he "cannot but believe that so much social effort must tell"

Names & addresses of members are given in detail in the main local church & class.

Apart from treats less & little is given & that strictly – As to other agencies there is a militant spirit – everywhere open air bands of earnest workers in the streets: few "visible results" but the influence must be felt

Vestry does its work well for pure considering class of men for whom recruited – Guardians a little lax

Police winks at a great deal that is bad. Especially at Prostitution which prevails round the Junction – Drinking increases among women – Neighbourhood of chapel drunken Prostitution not found except around Junction – No rescue work attempted – cannot get houses have tried – Thrift growing disposition to belong to friendly societies universally accepted

A cold & quite unattractive parish – no sign of unusual success

Is on L S D – was previously Guardian & is Sec of Bal & Clapham Free Ch Council

Christchurch Cartwright – Here 16 years & witnessed considerable social decline
Chapple
(37) 3. CXXII. 91 His own church tended to go down too & at present
is among the less hopeful of the Clergy – Attendances &
offertories alike declining "apathy utter apathy"
He is a very moderate High Churchman & tho' he
counts failure – "the very worst thing you can be" – Has
probably been here long enough – An honest man who
has lost his courage & perhaps ashes cui bono – he
is fighting against heavy odds – Pop. 15000 or more
half casuals costers unskilled &c & hard artisans
mechanics & tradesmen
Stainforth Rd much the same as Latchmere Grove
both dark blue without bars. Lettsom & Thibet Sts
little yet all better –

(*) Many baptisms – "the people superstitious about it & also
churching of women – & a similar motive crowds the Churches
on heart sore – Great infant mortality – Say many
not fully the place intended – Of 736 members of Band
of Hope 4/500 come to the meetings
No severe distress in parish for last 5 or 6 years – Relief
well administered.
As to intemperance the women perhaps worse than the men
Clapham junction great resort for prostitutes.

Brethren – Kirsch No mission work – Simply a few like minded men met
Hy. S. Patterson CXXIII. 205 to read their Bibles & for worship – He is an "Exclusive Brother"
(37) 3. & represents the 5 or 6 parties that have split off – but expresses
no opinion – Believes present outward condition proof that
they are not of God – Outward unity is wanting & cannot
recognise that there might be unity without uniformity –
Christ of God in Patterson leads to unity & differences are the result
of not yielding the human will to Christ – this is her argument
Takes very pessimistic view. The Church at present was rich in her
own eyes – whereas Christ saw her how miserable –
Objects to the announcement seen outside many Brethren halls as to the
breaking of bread meeting on S. May – as he regarded it as a quite private meeting
This is the "Exclusive" view – They being "dead to the world" have nothing
to do with its affairs & make no social engagements. Mr K had not been for
often a long time in as many years –

Christchurch Parish

RSU Mission – Dyer. The little hall is half of a Pig arch – the other half partitioned
(37) 3 CXXIII. 87. off is a blacksmiths shop through crannies in which the
smoke & soot penetrates – horses 15 & is filled with desks
& platform – texts & colored mottoes relieve the walls.
The place is reached by a very dirty unpaved road
which is the approach to the Gypsy encamp & stable.
The children knew & welcomed Mr Dyer & he is on
easy terms with their parents – these & a few others
are the attendants at the Hall – of which no one
would suspect the existence – It has no notice –
outside & looks like a stable or a workshop –

S' Peters – Bell Here S'gean & previously as curate at S' Johns nearly – knows
Plough Road Ch of E the district well. Pop. 9000/10000 – a few tradesmen
(37) 3. CXXII. 103. in Plough Rd & some or two residents on S' Johns Hill. Otherwise
poor, all of poorest class. Wages not averaging over 20/.
Distinct tendency to greater poverty & squalor in last 4 years
a good many come in who have been swept away, & others
Poorest streets Denfield Rd & armore – that of Livingston Rd
A fine church – Ecclesiastical attitude a "humble – going in
for what the people like"
Day & tent about 400 children attended Lantern Service on Wednesday
Social & charitable work a good deal in hands of the
Deaconess" Florence" – who is described by Mr B as afraid
to keep in order – The clergy have not much control over
the "Lapsed & successful" Mens club
very active & good – Police good. Drink – Excessive – Drunken men nightly
women worse than men – Money released by free Education gone on drink
much Prostitution in neighbourhood – of lowest class – distinction drawn between
a prostitute who keeps by her vocation & a "Comma working whore" who only supplements
their earnings – Much sexual immorality including incest – due to crowding.
Thrift – all insured in Industrial – Thrift must be done for them – must be collected
on Monday – Health fair – large infant mortality in Summer

S. Peters Parish.

Miss Florence Glossop works under Mr Bell (as mentioned above) - but
deaconess. QXII.133. belongs to the Deaconess' Institution for the Diocese of
Rochester 113 North Side Clapham Common of which
Mr Eckmore is the head of which the object is to train
ladies in parish work & then send them out to work
under the clergy - Probationers pay 20/ per week during
training & are taught Church history, dogma, nursing
& district visiting - when training is over they receive
£75 per ann - but some (like Miss Glossop) having private
means work unpaid - others take half pay: there are
25 deaconesses working in So London under this institution:
Miss G. started 12 years ago in S. Peters Pelly, her brother
who was curate there - Has been deaconess since 1892.
'Gets on all right' with present vicar but "between ourselves"
though a good man he is weak & does not work hard enough
Miss G is of a certain age - small - thick - neatly dressed in
blue serge with white cap collar & cuffs like a nurse. bright
short sighted eyes. healthy red cheeks - brisk practical sympathetic
The parish has rather under 10.000 pop - none rich - all
working class - many poor - But poverty not the difficulty
rather the way in which the money is spent - Only
exceptions of heads of families earn less than 25/-
30/. More often the income of their "poor" families
is 35/ owing to wife 18/ to 20/. to wife for rent & household
when husband earns 25/ to 30/. - Rent 2/6 to 3/ per room
a few exceptional are let 1/6 or 2/. - gradual rise in rent
in last 16 years - Houses not well built - but aest. healthy
Employments. Prices works (mostly women) Starch. sweats
Cigars - laundries - men largely railway workers. Carriage
washers &c. best are railway guards - District rets poorer
Those who improve do - incomers are from Chelsea -
Miss G has 30 visitors working under her - many of
them working women - money is collected monday & they
useless to go later -

S. Peters Parish

Miss Florence Glossop
Deaconess CXXII. 133
Cont.

Her chief interests are the Collecting Club & the Mothers Meeting – There are 3 working mens Slate Clubs & 1 womans & a penny bank
Twelve years ago her Collecting Bank took £50 in the year – last year she collected £1000 from 1500 persons
Deposits the money in Post Office Savings Bk – Money is drawn out at end of year & well spent "Look at that carpet which I got from your club". Depositors look at what they get almost as a present from the Club.
But apart from better organization people are more anxious to save than they used to be – They like to be visited offended if we do not go. – 16 out of the 30 visitors are working women.
Good description of the Mothers Meeting. page 141
Living together before marriage the rule – nobody thinks it immoral. Her own disapproval regarded as an amiable fad – Began by turning such women out but did not raise the moral tone & is now freely confided in – things are probably no worse but she now knows all about it.
Marriage follows (or precedes) the birth of first child
The church knows to regard previous connection as a bigamy
This sends the people to the register office 'So much less fuss than at church' – The clothes question comes in also – you must assist us for a church wedding –
Prostitution prevalent on Clapham Common of the 'Lily' not description – Chelsea charwomen are Battersea prostitutes
no way to prevent it –
Police neither encourage nor stop vice –
Drink on increase among women – why so she does not know – Everyone wants more excitement – Married women take it alone or in company – Mondays & Tuesdays P. Houses full – Young women seldom sober – may take too much on occasion but prefer sweet – Craving for sweets is succeeded by craving for drink – a direct consequence – knows one case of child drunkenness – a

S. Peters Parish
Miss Florence Glossop
Deaconess. CXXII.133
Cont.

Child of 7 - habitual thas been sent to a home
has never herself seen a child drunk - but would
be out Children going just to make getting drink less
Easy to the mothers - & the Child be saved "the sight
sounds & smell of those awful places". Has very
Seldom been in such herself - inspires her with horror.
Children become familiarised. -
Band of Hope flourishes but nothing will keep the
Children in it after leaving School -
Adult Temperance guild a stand affair of old foggys
Boys brigade wanted.
Among men little if any change perhaps some decrease
Men always most polite to her - & if rude when in drink
will come to apologise next morning.
Works with C.O.S. on their Committee - began by thinking
them hard - seldom helps when they refuse without reporting it
The more she knows the more convinced of necessity of inquiry
They are only resented when no help follows: those who
resent are the undeserving. Instances. Worst two ladies
trying Clergyman could realise harm done to Church
religion by indiscriminate giving
No feeling against religion - on contrary the people are
desirous Christian - but by feeling only - if asked wd.
not be able to explain why or what they felt -
Referring to Mr Reader Harris of Sheffield Hall.
While objecting to the excitement caused by his
Services is sure he means well - & recognises the
effect on the lives of some of her people - helped to
help themselves - One of the Church Communicants
goes on Sundays there instead of to Church "because
Service simpler & one does not have to be so well dressed"

Miss G's Sister is a nurse - only knows S. Peters as visitor
had been struck by two things - healthiness except in hot weather
when is fatal to babies - & messiness of side streets left
unclean - & needing scavenging.

St Peter's Parish

Shekettall Reader Harris Barrister. In earlier life civil engineer - at present
(37) 3. CXXIII. 161. Chief shoeshiner of "Pentecostal League" & it was
in connection with this that Ross saw him.
Portrait given in one of the books among material
Religious as varied as his professional experience
Began as S. Sch teacher - Agnostic for 8 or 9 years
at one time follower of Bradlaugh - sheered off when
'Fruits of Philosophy' was published - Considering this
neo Malthusianism harmful & dirty doctrine & says
nearly 1000 young men left Bradlaugh at that time
In early eighties opinions began to change - in 1884
"became a new creature" - & soon after began practical
work - Story of the first success - Shekettall acquired
soon after as evangelistic & mission centre. Supreme
need of deepening spiritual life resulted in the
Pentecostal League - & prayer unions -
Shekettall is almost the only separate building occupied
by the League - object being not to form a new sect
but to invigorate it by forming centres like those of
Christian Endeavour or Confraternity of Blessed Sacrament
These centres are said to exist in almost every
branch of Christian church (except R.C.) including
Greek & Coptic - They have detached R.C. members
Unitarians are not admitted
Wide spread sympathy is claimed - Bishop of London
was mentioned as having written recommending the objects.
"In some cases" High Church more cordial than Low.
Present membership - no measure of its influence -
he put it smelling much 30.000.
"From the commencement the seal of God's favour has
rested upon the League in a remarkable manner"
Membership rapidly increasing - Members mostly of
a poor class but all classes represented -
Shekettall retained - not primarily for Evangelistic work
but as centre & training ground for the 100 missions of the League

S. Peters Parish
Sheke Hall. Harris
(37) 3. CXXIII. 161

As regards actual work done at Sheke Hall Mr H. said little – & little importance is attached to social-religious agencies –

It is not drink but sin he wished discussed. Men become total abstainers as a natural consequence of adoption of spiritual life – there is no rule – the object is "to secure by humility & prayer a greater in-pouring of the Holy Spirit" – the rest follows – "if right with God he will be right with himself this follows".

Churches & Chapels most of them on the wrong road. Sometimes little better than clubs run on an exclusive religious basis – or when they open their doors with a wide welcome they resort to methods that are disguised forms of worldliness – teas magic lantern lectures attractive music – charitable agencies – social clubs &c "all on wrong lines" – if religious practice does not become more spiritual & prayerful – "religion is on its last legs" – Mentioned Chandlers meetings in Poplar Town Hall as excellent in intention but wrongly planned – Foreign missions also on wrong road hopelessly – The Church has sought to evangelise the Heathen without sanctifying itself & evangelising the masses at its own doors –

The influence of Sheke Hall had changed the character of several adjacent streets – value of P. House appreciably declined – & though the Congregation are poor he cared get anything he wanted done – £81 collected for soldiers widows & orphans

See fuller details p. 173/189 & account of visit to meeting at Exeter Hall

In London & Suburbs 42 centres are advertised in April number of "Tongues of Fire" – including Poplars & Bromley Tabernacle, Brunswick St' nearly simply 2 years ago now one of the largest Congregations in district – Mr or "League leaves" – without worldly organizations – as a centre of prayer & meeting – "seeking after holiness of life & the life of the Spirit"

S. Peters Parish
Strict Baptist Ch: Sears Pastor here 8 years – He & his people more liberal minded
Providence – Maynard Rd
(37) 4. CXXIII. 1. less purely sectarian in their aim than most of the sect
but the work is quite small & unimportant.

✓ Mr Sears knows little of the neighbourhood – never visits – spoke merely as to what he was told of it – said to be poor but the children who come to their school show no signs of it
There is a lack of schools in the neighbourhood.
The congregation desire to branch out into Social local work but lack of time is a difficulty – all fully employed in the day – & he says "our young people" attend the Polytechnic
General attitude of people indifferent – increased by bicycle & cycling
Mr S spends most of his time in visiting & preaching – Edits "Life & Light" 10,000 copies distributed monthly – began 21 years ago with 1000 circ. – half in neighbourhood – half by post all over the world

L C M. Warren District between Lavender ~~Road~~ & Wimstanley Rd: & a group
(37) 4. C XXIII. III. of streets N W of York Rd near Prices Factory – Has been 27 years
✓ on the district – It's changing & most rapidly the last 10 years
When he came each house had one family – now need 3 or 4 floors.
& in some cases more than one on a floor – Working Class people
large proportion employed in the factories – many railway men.
Visits regularly – covers the whole in 3 months – well received now, where
it was not always so – but he has become well known – 600 visitable
houses – & 900 visitable families – visits factories also – at Meadfoot
Avenue, Lane &c – Mrs yard on S. many
At Prices factory 10 minutes services are held 3 days a week from
8.40 to 8.50. one for women & one for men – managed by committee
Mr W takes Wednesday & Friday. That for girls is held in their
work room. Machinery stopped – meeting begins at once. about 170 girls.
Mens meeting held in mess room time is half the employers &
half the work people. (8.45 the time)
Of neighbouring people large proportion go nowhere. "you may make an impression
while you have your thumb on them – like a wasp sting" (Spurgeon says)
While must be deeper there are many cheering features – hears of results from time to time
Decrease in Sabbath observance. People dep. not dress – people more migratory
Drink the worst sin – one woman gets her living by taking parcels to pawnshops – sense of
shame seems gone – Earnest & steady mett more working – & well known & liked.

S. John. Toone
with S. Paul
Chap to
(37) 4 CXXII. 121

Here 18 years - one of Erskine Clarke's first curates
Population little changed. Britannia Pl. district as
bad as ever - people of lowest class mixed with criminal
many making no concealment - Roads of better sort such
as Bray Sarle Pl. have greatly deteriorated.
The parish is used as training ground for deaconesses
who have centre in Bray Sarle Pl.
£60/70 spent in regular relief £50 to £100 more for winter months
General attitude increasing friendliness - more people
living in close communion with God than in the past

From Bath Circuit. Sadler
near Wandsworth
Plough Road Chap
(37) 4 CXXIII. 57

Here 3 years - previously 10 years in New Zealand & at Calne
Church supporters respectable working class from neighbourhood
ie roads south of Clapham Junction - include a few
tradesmen - description of people agrees with map.
Condition of this church improving. They moved from
Knox Pl. building involved debt but have paid off £500
recently & now raise £300 a year
Free Church councils not doing much - all absorbed
in their own work
Drink largely the cause of poverty - a good deal of
Saturday night drinking & brawling in Battersea
Prostitution all about Clapham Junction in the
quiet streets - Theatre brings all sorts of people
Compared with Calne he thinks Londoners have the
best opt - Rent high but otherwise people better off
In Wandsworth there is no poverty - the poor there
same position as decent mechanics here.
Churches recruited in 3 ways - transfers mostly from
country - these generally all right - Converted - brought in
from public arena - but their best workers are trained in
S. Sch & pass into Ch through the Sunday school
This circuit of churches appears growing slowly
Mr S's work over night & preaching - bulk of work
falls on band of local preachers

S. Mark — Gordon Chapple — Here 9 years. Previously with Farrar at Westminster. Things going well with him & charge gently on downgrade still comparatively well to do — £9 to £10 in offertory. Energy & filling his church — Much of proper clerks & shop assistants — Smaller proportion shopkeepers — 3 or 4 streets of wage earners or 1000 souls entry 6/7000 — Tendency for proportion of 1 family houses to decrease & shops to increase but no competition & little change. Some theatrical & musical but no bad set — visit only 3 or 4 hour streets. Most women not welcome it — difficult to get to know his congregation for overhanging after names & addresses — but many are known & are a happy family. They give generously. Things go easily but no love of self satisfaction — knows he is more favourably placed than his neighbours

(37) 4. CXXII. 15

Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Chapel Beauchamp St. — Edwards — CXXIII 91 — This church is one of the newest "causes" of the 71 Welsh Methodist in London of which 'New Jerusalem' in Fann St. EC (LXI. 3) is chief — In planting these London churches the Presbytery have gone on for centralisation in having 2 or 3 attractive preaching centres of which Jerusalem is one — & decentralising by small local chapels. He reckons that 4000 Welsh people come to London every year but of these can only trace 1000 — to improve this has sent a central London address to every Chapel in Wales asking for addresses in London of those who come. Among the London Welsh there are those who have fallen so low as to be hopeless — The missionary may reach them but they will not come to the churches — those who they can get are the young people servants & shop assistants. With the Welsh their own language is the language of their emotions. English the medium of business — hence the importance of maintaining the language — Some who come learn to be satisfied without their church & forget their language —

District of this church extends from Clapham to Putney & South to Croydon.
Police might do more to check prostitution — more Welsh are thrifty at home but not in London — there of smaller things saving

(37) 4 ✓

Works doing good work as a pastor & does not think himself — a fatherly man with more sympathies readily conferred in by young people

S. Michael. Clapham Wandsworth Common (37) 5. CXXII. 49

Here for 9 years - during that time great change in character of people - a continual shifting resulting in "General Cooling"
Chatham & Early Rds (lowly class) a young age all the rest down.
passing from middle to lower middle - except in Bolingbroke Grove
single families rare & many of tenants let lodgings - There are many unsatisfactory 'Come down in the world' people
These changes have not affected numbers but made greater difficulty as to money & workers - Offertory figures show great increase in copper coins - decrease silver & gold.
People mainly lower mid class - small clerks &c whose daughters usually work in shops &c
Church badly placed in so far that it is left parochial & poor, the rich going either to S Mark or S Luke
Of those who come you might number on your fingers those who are deeply attached - people not vicious but careless - want looking up - have no innate idea of relig in - & are very lonely - easily give up.
The young mens institute has 80 members mostly connected with the Church as communicants or Choir but not "bothered" to come - provide 4 good officers for Ch Lads Brigade which is consequently uproarious & strong.
Vistry painful & imperfect - a good many closed doors - often difficult to find out where people live who attend Church
Relief £40 in 4/- tickets. Largely to regular pensioners aged or sick - Soup kitchen at times - but little demand.
Vestry active & efficient -
Drink not excessive except on Chatham Rd & there not noisy but Mr C "has never been there on Saturday night".
Thrift strong - most belong to clubs - Health & housing good though parts of Chatham Rd getting old & dilapidated.
Great complaint high & rising rents - a rise at every fresh tenancy.

S Michael's Parish — Has been here 8 years. People drawn drawn from roads
Baptist ch. Felmingham — between Clapham & Wandsworth Commons. Some from further
with cote No. (37) 5. CXXIII. 71. — Middle & lower middle class. Some working class. In his congn
majority are City people. Clerks &c. all live comfortably
but not half a dozen can spare a £10 note. all give some
thing & since 1892 have reduced debt of £5000 to £2000.
Sick pensioners on Communion Fund. not much poverty
many widows needy a little help. Some Christmas dinners given
Lose & receive 80 members every year. mostly removal
'Jonah is a restless place' - like a change
Drink appears increasing among women. Marked increase among
respectably dressed young women. fewer drunken men.
terrible cases of chronic inebriety among better class people.
Clapham Junction full of poor loafers. Immoral place
in the quiet roads. & stage people by shoals. Scores of
young fellows & girls promenading in S Johns Road
Housebreaking frequent. not safe leave a house day or night
The robbers must be on the watch.
Think people thrifty. many own their houses.
Prospects of church work good. large proportion teachers.
In his case certainly 2500 & 'ours is only one' Church
will succeed if they devote themselves to spiritual needs.
Tendency to give the Gospel a hearing. People
may be indifferent but are not opposed.
[Mr Fellingham has just retired from this Pastorate]

Strict Baptist. Flegg — Here about 10 months. in business before becoming a minister.
Chatham Pl. CXXIII. 103. (37) 5. — Church strict but not of the strictest. will admit other
Christians to the Communion of right on the total immersion question
Church started 5 years ago with 9 members. had increase to 34
when Mr F came. He has added 20. now is 65. (Green Arithmetic)
3/4ths come from immediate neighbourhood. Strangers from beyond.
Some want them much from beyond. mixed class. not many
from Chatham Pl. itself. Except the children
visit when desired. people don't appreciate it. 'don't care to
have a lot of parsons prying about their houses'
Prostitution by the Common. not much crime. People generally
thrifty. Two worst things Drink & aping people better off than
themselves. People with £100 a year try as the same as
those with £200. Results not good.

St Michaels Parish
United Meth. Fr. Foster
Wandsworth Comm.
(37) 5 CXXIII. 213.

Here 3 years – previously at Brunswick Chapel Deptford & at Islington – Thinks neighbourhood deteriorating. 3 families in some houses – People comfortable working people – clerks &c with strong theatrical & music Hall contingent.

(*) Strongest complaint is as to state of commons at night in summer months a scandal – making Clapham where commons unfavourably with other parts. Police very lax –

Visitation very difficult – don't know when to go. Wants to have a sister – who comes & go at any time.

In future thinks must go in still more for entertainments. The people will have amusements & the churches give it in good form to keep them from the theatres &c.

The sensational is some in for here – religious faculty not much developed – but the entertainments do not lead people to the services.

Other witnesses have spoken of strength of home ties in this district. Mr Foster spoke of the growth of Sunday visiting as one of their difficulties. People get up late on Sunday & after dinner went to see friends or else received them – Pianos & organs going in Almeric Road on Sunday night –

Wesleyan Ch. Benson
now cite No. 1 Bromwich Rd.
(37) 5 CXXIII. 121.

Here about 3 years. his first charge –

In describing the district he places Darley Rd with Chatham Rd as equally poor but better owing to absence of public houses. These two roads the happy hunting grounds of all the missions – Rapid development building at top of Broomwood Rd. – Church dist. from Clapham Jn to most of his people from the roads between the Common & Nightingale Lane & Lavender

(*) Some exchange between Clapham & Broomwood Churches. Service at Clapham is liturgical – some like this & some dont – Draw from all classes. Practice of Church attendance differs – Some attend long time the door is open & might be better, attending to home duties – Some never come on week nights – Those who attend class meetings also come to week night service.

Visits congregation systematically & elsewhere if opening offers. In sickness people keep each other – Any poverty due to accident or fault & fault frequently is drink.

Prospects very bright – shall have a full church in a few years. The neighbourhood is good for Methodism

(St Michaels parish)

S/Army: Mc Donald
Clapham Jn.
Kennedy Rd. CXXIII.225.

Came in Feb.y - District lies between the two commons
North as far as the Junction - Corps formed
about 2 years ago by transfer from neighbouring corps
Then people all working class from district
Hall is off Kennedy Rd main thoroughfare & so cannot get outsiders
At open air meetings the people stand round but will not
follow to the Hall - Are visiting district from house to house
Things are looking brighter - though roll has declined - take
17 names off since Feb - Servants who have left - but also
some "bad cases" Children meeting increasing 15/20 new
children last Sunday Sch.y

Fairfield hard district for S/A work - too respectable
& a great love of pleasure - Corps £7 in debt - Can't
boast any arrs 5/. a week each for Rent though allowed
by regulation 18/ & 16/. - The book showed they had not
exceeded the 5/. even in weeks when receipts had been good.

The Corps at Dorothy Rd (running streets off Lavender
Hill) is even worse off - it is quite a new corps - at
some meetings have only had 5 & have closed then
Hall & gone to Battersea I which takes the dist.
north of Junction - They join forces for open air
on Wednesday & probably will concentrate on Dorothy
Road & give up Kennedy Rd (where Mc Donald works)

Battersea I is the largest corps in the district.
Captain Harrison a very good officer
Battersea II has lost some bandsmen through a split

Capt McDonald has been stationed at several
London corps - old Ford & Walwich two of the
best - Limehouse was difficult but they
sold all kinds of people - Rotherhithe very difficult
Richardson's Church took the people.

(S Pancras parish)

Congregationalist. Cynthia Lewis
Lavender Hill (Stormont Rd)
(37) 6 CXXIII. 47

A young Scotchman who after some years of great success at Luton has been 15 months here.
Church of 14 or 15 years standing always fairly prosperous but since Mr L came new vigour has been imparted & there is a distinct revival. Membership was 288 & is now 413. Income rising from £263 to £717.-
Neighbourhood excellent for vigorous work - & steadily growing "not to go forward would be to go back."
Members & congreg. drawn mainly from streets between Lavender Hill & Clapham Common & rather more from Shaftesbury Park Estate & others north of Lavender Hill
Middle class people - with a few R.G. Guards &
Immediate neighbourhood religious & church going
No reason to complain of indifference or lack of response but too short a time to see anything of the population beyond his own people. He is forming a band of lady visitors - for purpose of systematically visiting Battersea Park
£70 spent in feeding mostly children dinners in winter 'Careful inquiry made into each case' but apparently no co-operation - (& query if any such dinners are needed)
Seems a quiet sensible earnest man who is sure to be a success.-

Mackenzie
Presbyterian CXXIII. 132
Clapham Rd

Started in 1894 with 6 members from Wandsworth & 10 for Clapham Rd. - an attempt to provide for the Presbyterians residing in this neighbourhood - being so far from Churches or Sabbath schools - An infant church
Mr M has been 31 years in the ministry & came here from Smethwick - Congreg here mainly middle class drawn from town & about - the best are a few solicitors & clerks with £250 to £500 income - Rank & file are high class artisans
* The literary society flourishes - & their people are better educated than most non cons - & they get those who "demand an educated ministry"
Mr M is "ultra orthodox" "some think me narrow" - but orthodoxy is not popular - Many would come if I told them there was no hell to
People were very domestic - fond of their fireside - home influences strong
with no church going. Sunday the day for outings! for some church goers long day cycle rides & to church in the evening - Influx of distinct good for church

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Parish Notes

District 38.

Christchurch Ormsby
Union Grove
Choyle

(38) 1 CXXXV. 55

Belongs to same rules as Chairman - Screw loose somewhere
Has been here 3 years coming from Mighton - practically repaired
his Church Bells interviews - which he gave us - See pp 71.
What follows is a commentary

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Parish contains 5000 persons - 4000 "the poorest of the poor". You may say they are not but that is because you do not know - "Those who are not the p. of the p. Keep a shut servant - District very down socially
Indifferentism the characteristic feature
Keen Protest & the mention of Mr Ormsby's name by Sir W Harcourt has been a good adv. to fellow the Church -
Calls himself a ~~broad~~ High Churchman - "goes in for everything that is possible" - has not added anything himself - but out of personal regard for Bishop has given up incense on Sundays - burns it on occasion - told the Bishop that if ordered publicly he should refuse publicly
Confession, masses, processions & all the practices of the Romish ch he follows - most particular about music in fine choir (must just enough to live) a good organ & dynamic
Professional singers helps - He only does not believe in infallibility of Pope - This could never be proved - Only 3 of his comp & 1 or 2 boys have become catholics - Sacred schoolmaster who was "in the pay of the Jesuits"
Never worries about money - has only to appeal from pulpit believes in making his people pay - & they do pay.
Curates visit - the place gone of them just taken by Mr Calcott of S. Alphege Southwark (wife invalid was invalided). "a good worker - the hard a disease"
Gives as much as he can away - in form of tickets
A great friend of Toole the actor - his confessor - is starting a Church & Stage Guild - visits Toole at Mighton Wells
Preaches twice on Sunday - Can preach - Open house to Sunday Society. Supper for actresses - Great believer in influence of theatre.
Police do not guard his church has had all his vessels & vestments stolen 2 or 3 times.
District healthy except growing children - he gives milk largely
Relations of boys & girls very old simple, awful
Suffers from overwork & want of sleep - sleeps best in a train
On Saturdays holds a "black mass" for repose of souls ✓

✓ but refuses to say a requiem for any particular soul

(Christchurch Parish)

Strict Baptist. Dadswell
Zion Hill Chpl.
Coventry Grove CXXXVI. 103
(38) 1

Declines interview. No wish for the publication of information as to the work carried on.
High reputation as a preacher amongst Strict Baptists.
Report to Metrop. assoc. says "Through mercy we have been spared in peace & unity through another year. Our dear pastor has been enabled to declare with no uncertain sound the Gospel of the Grace of God. Congregations at all services very good. Finances very satisfactory. Benevolent soc. doing excellent work. Sunday School prospers. We hope soon to begin to build a new school room. Pastor's week night Bible class is well attended. We thank God & take courage."

St Paul Clapham. Danford Chapel
(38) 1 CXXXV. 89.

Curate. The vicar has for some years been a notorious dipsomaniac & some weeks since under pressure from Bishop resigned & retired to an inebriate retreat for a year. Bishop promising (Mr D says) to find some kind of work for him afterwards.
Mr D here 15 months. Came preaching nothing of the vicar's habits. Was so charmed with him & the parish that he bought a house. Mr Hughes (the vicar) a man of great ability & a magnificent preacher & great organizer. But since Mr D came "from sunday to sunday we have never seen him." The trouble made no difference until the scandal which has been going on for years became more open. The Church has always been full. Well to do middle cl. congr. drawn from all over Clapham by Mr Hughes preaching. Population 8000 poor. 1500 lower mid. & 500 middle cl. Poor, near, all north of Wandsworth Rd. Rashleigh St. desperate, low & squalid. & "a criminal in almost every house."
Mr H seems to have had power of sending work from others. Never any organized finding volunteers for parochial organization. Mr D tried unity with C.O.S. & approves but finds it too expensive. Work classes in appearance to religion. So neglected.
Drink as bad as London. Among women terrible. 3 drunken women to 1 man.
Things. much improved in slate clean. many below 3 or 4.
Health. high death rate. Cora. lots bad & rheumatic.
Housing. Rashleigh St. bad. Foul, crowded, great overcrowding, rents very high. Seldom a room to let.

(Parish of S. Paul)

Baptist. Henderson Victoria Road Wandsworth N° CXXXVI. 41

Here 27 years - Congreg. mostly comfortable class - not so rich as formerly. Clapham going down socially - but not poor.

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Majority shop keepers - bakers. butchers &c a good many employed in Army & Navy Stores - easy access. some in City. Norwood are Railway men in L.C.&D.R. works.

Richest 2 retired Army doctors &c surgeon

The comfortable & rich live between Wandsworth N° & Common the poor between Heath N° & Wandsworth N. - both becoming poorer.

The Rich have gone further out or further in

the gay people when they marry go to Wimbledon - fashion has set that way & rents have fallen for good houses

New Electric Ry has brought the City very close -

As to the Church service he thinks people like music & of the congregation & faith women are so. but the sermons are the real feature of nonconformist service. "People sit up - there is a tracing of attention". People of London need Biblical exposition - what they like is topical preaching to choice of a text & a subject - The morning sermon is preceded by an address to the children - which is very popular with both young & old - likes to appeal to the imagination as "Jacob's ladder" Paul in a basket. Arrests attention by the picture - illustrates for 10 minutes with anecdote & draws lesson.

Here as elsewhere the Church fails to reach men - & the poor whether male or female - Men will go to political or socialist meetings - Church fails to attract. The poor are visited Cried to at open air meetings & coaxed - nothing touches them.

Very few come to the Mission Services in Rastleigh St - hold open air no one listens - visit coax relieve - no one cares - he hostility only indifference "It is not my, we who fail God's one does". - That those who come to Church fail to live up to their profession fre for something but is not sufficient However much you may dislike it you must admit that

(Parish of S. Paul)

Baptist Henderson
(38) 1. CXXXVI. 41
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Church going denotes a certain height in the social scale. The Sine qua non is a certain respectability. You must be fairly comfortable to come at all. They then go in very small numbers. In Scotland the streets round here would be black with church goers here one, 1 or 2 shops in streets containing a thousand people.

Large S. Schools. Children come at the age of 5. Play till 14 or 15. Cannot keep them after 15. think themselves above it. "don't care about being with the kids". Has started a Boys Brigade for over 15. So come. Have a uniform drill on Thursday, Catechise on attendance at Bible class on Sunday morning. Come for the drill & have to bump the religion in. Drill begins with prayer & 5 minutes talk. 100 boys have passed through. Excellent influence. Obedience & cleanliness. Camp at Deal 10 days 10/. Senior Band of Hope was revived by Ch Endeav. Soc. "Smoking has fallen off". Mr H attends the Y.P.S.C.E. meetings & assists the discussion.

John Burns has a good influence tho' he has lost much of his popularity. Can wake up the people. down on the treatment of Irish. a teetotaler himself. seems somewhat able to make the labourers ashamed of themselves.

Clapham very Conservative. No Public Hall. Sorting very slow & not much done. Battersea the other extreme. Men on derby there a low type. bear garden meetings. Water forced up by leaks & bounds. "those on the hill shall pay for me". Drink the curse. all P.H. in poor district thinner. Women drink more. puts it down to greater nervous strain of modern life & greater freedom. not to green licenses.

Prostitution fearful on Common. You cannot clear without relocation. a disgrace. More supervision wanted. Lighting necessary. Texas Inn. cause a public scandal. Women haggard. dirty. diseased. A plague spot. does not see his way to licensing houses. that women seem to change. Sort of fever fell & there were less diseases.

Marriage. I am delighted to see it. fast, young.

Health good though not so healthy as north London.

Housing. more room wanted.

Great fear of social distinction between the two sets of mothers at the Chapel & Mission. will not sit down together.

(Parish of S. Paul)

Missia Queen's Place. Gleggs Congregational. CXXXVII.III

Of the race of successful men of this mission. Large house with coach house - in a yellow road just beyond bridge of Dee. Mission attached to Guernsey Rogers Church - has been established 31 years - taken over from LCM. Mr Gleggs secretary for 18 years & then the mission was only used on Sundays by lease for a school - the SD acquired it & then built - so the hall is now but very devoted to missionwork - occupied every night.

Of those who attend small proportion come from the poor surrounding streets - special efforts at out door meetings tried in vain - & the streets are no better looking or spiritually than 18 years ago. Takes little account of these things satisfied with general growth of mission & specially prides himself on what is done for lads & girls by Boys & Girls Brigades. Good gymnasium - work under canvas for the boys - wildest boys tamed considerably - girls more orderly similarly treated.

Could not say what has become of all the children who had past through the S. School. Even not accounted for by boys or girls brigades. They did not join the parent Church - attempts at transference had quite failed - too much velvet cushion.

The Pleasant Wednesday evening "has bright music & good singing - short address - 10 minutes interval for coffee & bun - 1d charged - "Come just as you are" & the men come pouring freely.

"no Sunday wash"

Choir trained by a musical enthusiast - result the music is good - always a solo, anthem &c - one cause of success.

Nearly all workers from parent church.

[Parish of St Paul.]
Presbyterian
Union Tabernacle. Camden. – Slight sketch of his life appears in the "Kaiser Khalid"
Wandsworth N.
(38) 2 CXXIII. 23. His head suggests ability & power but the results of his labours in this district seem very small – possibly he is indolent – or perhaps better evangelist than pastor – but in private he has no gift of ready speech.

On spiritual side want of success. Even more marked than usual. – Nominal membership 100 drawn from larger area – 80/100 come to every service – a special meeting can occasionally be beaten up. – In spite of great increase of population just behind Chapel increasingly difficult get them in. Most of the chapels in neighbourhood are nearly empty. Is told that in the new highly respectable working class streets scarcely a soul attends any place. Attributes decay of observance largely to bicycle excursions. Sundays path &c. – Can only hope to get one here & one there – in 20 years claims to have brought into fellowship 400/500 – now scattered over the world. At the mission a good deal is given & probably those who come are attracted in that way – amount seems limited by difficulty in raising funds – is decidedly not the least bigotry or discrimination – though Mr C referring to free feeding said "I don't believe in it myself". In cold winter 1894/5. as much as £150 was spent in 3 weeks & very winter £20 to £30. & Blankets are given at Christmas in large numbers. – Showed old lists made when he was working in Stewarts Road. of meat & grocery tickets – & very other house in Stockdale. Stem dale Dashwood & other roads. must have received tickets mostly for 1/-. Had tried work with COS without success. – dare

A large part of Mr C's time spent in conducting missions. Special interest in the Tent mission – last year 3 tents in So London. No difficulty in getting large numbers. Sorry service 1000. Admitted that the frequenters are nearly all religious people "knows the hymns by heart" – but always a sprinkling of the unconverted. & still many of the backsliders on whom missions are effective. To be carried on on an extended scale in London this summer.

S. Pauls Parish

L & M. Jackson
(38) 2 CXXXVI. 15.

Came from Oxford 1875 to join L C M. & works 3 years in Shrewsbury. Has worked here 22 years. District comprises greater part of S. Pauls parish & a rating of 18/6 Tinney. The latter many well to do. Great contrast off North S.

Worst part is Rathleigh S. Houses let in rooms 6 rooms & scullery 3 or 4 sets of people. Costers & lower grades of labour. The Barracks some old houses off North S. also let in rooms. Women do washing & charring, men odd jobs. Rest of district fairly respectable on surface. Looks better than this. The house next of Mr D's in Lambourne St. 4.6. on mats is let in one floor by landlady. Two families in nearly every house. Not the average.

5000
365
13½ per day average
1095
365

500 visitable houses. 1000 families. Covered 5 or 6 times in the year. [almost impossible] Prior attention sick case. Constantly gets messages asking him to call. Mission hall built & bathing arrangements to the houses. Well built compact & clean. Very comfortable. Of middle class people in district a fairly good percentage go to church or chapel. With the poor the proportion would be small. Men are indifferent yet not actively hostile. Economically things bearing worse. L C & D works being transferred to Ashford. Younger men camping at reduced wages. Older men discharged. One man 33 years service put off with 5/ a week at company's pleasure. Elderly men find difficulty in getting work.

Mr Ashglen Hunt opinion. Things are hopeful. No hostility. Thing represented by Slate Club.

A successful meeting. General manner & plenty of common sense.

St John. Bowley Chapel

(38) 2 CXXXV. 77

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Half way through. Mrs B came in staggering occasionally putting in a remark. He told the story of the parish - what you might expect - at rather wearisome length.

Came here 6 years ago - during that time a steady downward move - Villa tops moving out. Place taken by two families to a house - or lodging letters - Church only, poets in the parish - drawn as much or more from Stockwell &c

Attitude of outsiders. Great friendliness - at worst they are religious & anxious the Children should receive religious instruction - And they flock readily to Social meetings - As to Church going "Has scant" is their attitude - day of rest & inaction & Mr B frankly gives it up as a bad job. Poor street through visited others above it. Apt to slam the door & say "I am a respectable person."

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Unknown Brotherhood

Holy Trinity. Greene Chap 6
(38) 2 CXXXV 37
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Rector & Rural Dean - Here 15 years - Advisers and administrator rather than militant churchman has 5 curates under him but have 6 - large rectory. Parish runs through all grades. Yellow to light blue none are very poor - old village type of long standing poor. Great changes going on. Merchant princes left & place taken by mrs of £40 houses. Old Clapham moved to Kensington or Surrey - new Clapham moved up out of Kennington - Constant changes - the new streets on 3 year leases - a landlord does more for a new tenant than an old one & many is thought nothing of - Eagle House & garden that belongs to Mrs Sagar (Swan Edgar) now covered with 600 brick or brick bd houses - a few large gardens remain - Pop estimated 13000.

Religiously main feature today High Church tone of its parish ch & its Catholic surroundings. The old Clapham Scot influence is gone - They are all the churches now definitely tho' not extravagantly High. Parish Ch Rest purposely lower than the others - It has a secular position in hearts of those who belong to Clapham - Mg. rather ugly. standing by itself surrounded by belt of potatoes at N E edge of Common - all who can claim any right come to be Christened married or churched here - The mother Church Rector still considered the natural head of society

The men's service council meets every month at Rectory to discuss Church affairs. have no house. but occasionally have Tea & the Clergy get to know what they feel & want.

Poor streets washed for society. Can't visit where servant is kept. Can be made medium of rude message - Mr Greene visits his congregation - 2 Curates visit the men & one the women - both well worked - Chapel goers don't mix. Sunday Ch to Church Schools. Parents say they see here or nowhere -

Charity with COS "Lovelcombe" an ex cellar fellow - Greene stopped all coals & blankets - has many sick cases. Prostitution on Common - usual account - worse be plenty of licensed houses - Most part the old women getting hold of the young.

Parish of Holy Trinity

Baptist. Hayes A long talk not greatly to the point – Here 14 years & not
Sington Sq. met much success – Slightly increasing membership but by no
(38) 3 CXXXVI. 1. means in proportion to increase of pop. round. On the other hand
this is not a case of a church being imperiled by changes.
Chapel was built by her predecessor & never was a success
Reasons given (1) Its hidden away in a quiet Square
(2) Clapham dead alive difficult to move in any way
(3) Its sympathies so far as they can be moved are on side of
Roman Cath. Ritualism & conservatism – Greatest centre of
Catholicism in London – RC church the fullest in neighbourhood
Even in Manor St. half the inhab are RC & many seats
the neighbourhood for the sake of this church. Of other
Church goers nearly all below Chr. Co. – Clapham always Church
but the Evangelicism for which it was famous has degenerated
to a pronounced ritualism – Only one Evangelical Ch. St Simon.
which Mr Billington has just left.
For these causes Clapham has been v. bad soil for Free
Churches very few of which thrive – none are full – most
prosperous the Wesleyan in High St. & Baptist Victoria Rd
Even Mr Emmens Rogers only half full for some years – this
more than any hit by Social decay
Mr H's own work evidently of steady kind – "how most
" encouraging features Christian Scheme 80 young people & really
" thoroughly earnest Christians – don't go in for amusements
" private theatricals or such nonsense, but for praying together
" genuine study of the Scripture etc etc" – & a mans Bible class 150
Mr H dwelt at some length on the enormities of the Chr. Co
Even her own flock approached by the Curates & urged to
come to confession – & described a mission with procession
& at each halting place the virtues of Mary were extolled –
Referred to changes in Clapham: especially Lecta No 1 Grafton Sq where
were "quiet respectable & very select" now white of South Sea let as flats & swarming
with Italians – Garden from being beautifully kept in pretty condition & the old
inhabitants remaining admired stars in "music halls" – "My wife calls this
we shall have to go"

(Parish Holy Trinity)

Congreg.ⁿ Guinness Rogers (38) 3. CXXXVI. 29

Resigned pastorate last January. no successor yet been found. he 'regretted to say' was 35 years minister of the church & has been 22 years in his present house. North side Clapham Common. A comfortable well appointed house where I was first received by Mrs R & then passed on by Mr R to his study.

Speaking of population he said it had nothing to "interest me" ie of poverty. I explained that my aim was broader & led me to the problem of new population & its religious needs.

Mr R expressed gloomy view. Growing neglect of Sunday. denounced the bicycle & the 3 years lease system. Sunday more & more a day of pleasure. & the 'unattached' Church going of those who want at all. 1st year trying now. 2nd year concentrating more or less. 3rd year breaking up for the move. Result don't care settling or become church members. Still the numbers who come are considerable. His own church fully represented. [others do not say so] Stoman Ch built & filled & another near Battersea Park for both for them his congregation have found most of the money & lost members to S Barnabas large congregation. flying from Ritual.

His own congreg used to be & still to some extent is drawn from wide area but less as it changes to middle middle or lower middle class.

The choir at this church is a great point. it is the work of an enthusiast. one of the Colman (mustard) house who gave his life to it. ransacks N Schools for voices & choir are repaid for their services by his teaching & training. Some may be paid a little too.

Cooperation in religious matters impracticable beyond the Mission. Carrying out districts of Free Ch Council plan. hopeless. & attempts at social gatherings apt to fall to pieces. 'if a member makes newspaper copy of what has passed'.

Congreg. Belmont Hall. Smith (38) 3 CXXXVI. 79

Postcard to say that the Hall is used for the S. Sch of the Congregational Ch. & for Philanthropic meetings

(Parish Holy Trinity)

L C M Bromells Rd North — Here 6 years – visits groups of low streets north of
(38) 3. CXXXVI. 69 — Wandsworth Rd between Queens Rd & New Road in centre
of which Mr Summers Rogers has his mission & in a
smaller group further South by Bromells Rd – Formerly, on
wished South of Lark hall have but rising character of
(his own) district led to removal of missioning North of him & to his
having both stations – Poor will be all turned out of the
Southern Section – Bromells Rd changes from Mostly to a
street of flats or rents above what the displaced people
can afford –

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In his visiting goes house to house. Generally well received
though often no further than door step – Even Catholics civil
Only hostility one or two High Ch families. "The people listen
& take your tract – & agree with all you say – that's all"
They perhaps promise to come to service but rarely do.
Confines visits to poor street. Can do nothing with the others
the people thinking themselves above mission level
Dr Cronin is his Superintendent (not connected with any Dispn
goes to S/A oftener than elsewhere)

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Is out done in Hospital letters to by the Churches
Holy Trinity & S Paul – They go in more further things
"I have to look to the religious side, they look after
the other – Blankets coals &c."

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Terrible amount of prostitution – well dressed &
respectable looking women accost you – do not live
about here – seem to be much lower class

leave

S. James - Sutton
Ch of E
(38) 4 CXXXV. 101
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The late vicar Mr Lillington retired from ill health some months since & was succeeded by Mr Hollins seen by Does at S. Georges Tufnell Park. Mr H being a newcomer referred us for other parish to the Curate Mr Sutton who has been here 1½ years than reason the parish much lower having worshipped here before he was ordained.

This is the Great Evangelical Church of Clapham. Church largely attended by Dissenters & they helped in S School & Mr Hollins (although Evangelical) proposes to insist that S. Sch teachers must be Communicants - & there will be defections & others are falling away not finding Mr H's preaching sufficiently stimulating after Mr Lillington. "all Dissenters that of the Roman

Parish large in area. Heard all Southern part of parish now but part has gone & the rest will follow. Present pop unknown - was 8000 at last census - now not less than 12000 Clerks, business men, Civil Servants &c. Av. income the class £600 to £900 - few or five very rich families left. but big houses fully vacant almost unlettable & taken at absurdly low rents for remainder of lease.

North of Clapham Pk Rd Pop. working class with large theatrical & music hall element in Tremadoc Road

Only Poor hit near White Sq - which had a very bad reputation not safe for there at night. though much improved still very rough scene of mud drunken brawling - Costers & poor labourers & Cadgers

In the Congregation Men unusually well represented

Personality of Mr Lillington has been the attraction no

Of anger but great social gifts - Commanding personal influence & very effective preacher of the Nonconf type.

'Poor go nowhere' - A good deal of 'unattached' work in dan in the parish by members of Congregation - this has been encouraged by the District Visitor 'all Cadies' for the most part very unwise. Men seems to have been out of control. Have given what they like sent in the bill months - though the Ch av £200 has been spent & they have given largely also out of their own pockets - Mr L used to lend a lot of money' not expecting to get it back - Altogether White Sq district seems to have been properly pauperised - Mr S admitted the unwisdom but hates C.O.S. methods - better be done occasionally than go in for espionage. Outside poor area much semi social visiting by clergy few houses deny admittance as friend first - religion admission later.

A Church going population South of Clapham Pk Rd.

(Parish S. James)

U. Meth. Free Ch. Parnett — Member of firm Parnett Theden - Seed merchants of Stewart
(38) 4. CXXXVI.105. Road Battersea - Found there was little to be said about
Park Crescent Ch. It was Congregational & closed for lack
of support: The Free Methodist Ch. Paradise Pl. Lambeth
of which Mr P is a member, took it over 2 years ago & have
been running a S. Sch. Now of hope to the meetings & during
last few months has been opened for Sunday Services &
a sister has been engaged preparatory to regular mission work
At present very few members & these not of poor class
The sister who has been visiting White Sq. is disheartened
by lack of success - people utterly pauperised by the Church
[Mr P. talked much of the Church in Paradise Pl. of
which he & his partner are moving spirits. They have
themselves risen from working class to be employers & are
the only members above working class - Spoke of it as a
genuine, successful working class Church full of organ
& enthusiasm - Success shown not only by being always full
but by ability & desire of members to branch out in
missionary work elsewhere - Attributes success to
spirit of friendliness & cordiality encouraging for leaders
"there is plenty of hand shaking - one of leaders stands at
"each door: people say 'we shall come to you again - you
"are so friendly here" - (I think I remember seeing this
congregation coming out & being struck with its pleasant
& friendly look). Mr P noticed however the increasing
difficulty of getting older members to teach S. Sch. - "We have
to depend now mostly on young people" -].

All Saints. Gildestone
Chap Ee

(38) 4. CXXXV. 1.

Here for 23 years - & seems to have administered his parish more efficiently than most - but his heart is much in his garden as in his parish - showed it with pride. this rockery filled with Alpine plants - "I consider it a duty to my parishioners to be in Switzerland once a year"
Had asked one of his parishioners Mr Rockell a gardener & very sturdy specimen of finest type of country men to meet Baxter - a man who had lived 46 years here
Papers supplied very complete - not much to add
The part of parish west of Thornton Rd he leaves to S. Stephens Church - near, all are rich there
In rest of parish some rich people left but most are gone away - & if people equally wealthy come they are Germans or Jews of little good to the church. Church is nearly entirely supported by non parishioners
Part is very poor & rough - the two worst being the Orchard Sts
These with upper end of Lyham Rd used to be known as the "Retreat". (of Shadrach Chandler) - "Still a good many thieves & other criminals here." Some of the worst of the vile - again "we have many decent self denying people but also many brutes without understanding"
Mr Rockell while admitting it was still low saw an enormous improvement in this part in 40 years - it used to be common to see men lying about drunk on the roads, & street fights often adjourned to waste ground

Miss Cooper vest vis for Lower Orchard St. came in she has visited the street 15 years sees no improvement in that time - as showing large income in some apparently poor streets, Mrs Lockhart (another visitor) mentions a family living in Grays Inn College behind Brixton Hill whose combined income - father mother son & daughter was about 75/ a week - yet their home was always a den as to work of the church usual verdict - complete freethinkers but utter apathy & indifference - "Always bell by church not to expect too much" & he quoted a remark made to him 24 years ago "You have to pick them up as you would a bear with a two pronged fork."

Older Londoners

All Saints - Gorseltine - With the class who attend her church (well to do as for outside parish) the bicycle & other forms of pleasure seeking are largely proving destructive of church going. The poor "dont believe in Church going because they dont believe in Church goers. When they see the Church going class spending huge sums in all kinds of luxury they look upon their religion as humbug -".

Chg E
CXXXV. 1.
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Spiritual indifference extended to all efforts at moral or intellectual improvement. Started a men's Club - just been closed - 2 years ago University Extension lectures at a Co-operative Hall Lyham Pl. No connection with church - at first well attended but dropped off "You cant hold men without beer & comic songs". Mr G does not work with COS but claims strict administration - "too strict sometimes" Relief refused to family of drunkard -

Much overlapping - 3 Baptist Chapels - Congrg. Wesleyan at work in parish - mostly poor have S visitors - see attempts to exchange pulpits - but it broke down.

Vestry work "beastly" - streets & houses neglected

Police fair good - too often to be seen "wiping their mouth"

Drink - no improvement lately

Prostitution - none professional - but lax sexual morality

Old Baptist Union Hall
~~House~~
(38) 4.

Abbott. CXXXVI 81. At some period in his career was for 18 months a great preacher "had plenty of money & saw the world". Then no doubt was converted & became a Wesleyan Minister (or rather Evangelist) & was attached to the Manchester mission (the biggest mission in the world". Two years ago seceded to question of Baptism & joined the Old Baptist Union & was sent to found a new Ch in Birmingham - had (he says) a phenomenal success & after 15 months came away leaving 3 new Chapels behind him. Came here last Dec to a cause which after 10 years fairly vigorous life had 5 years ago been hopelessly crippled by eccentric & dishonest minister who embezzled the funds

All Saints Parish Scores of very able men tried to work it up again but without
Old Baptist Chapel. Ibbott avail. When Mr Ibbott came it was still a struggle
(38) 4 CXXXVI. 81 for existence. In spite of fact that this is the hardest
ground he ever had to work he claims & apparently
with some justice that he has put life in. But the
work is necessarily on a small scale, Hall holding 100.
Contemplate building a new church to be the most important
church in neighbourhood. Meanwhile have started a second
chapel at Balham. Success due to his preaching.
"I can preach a bit". Preaches 5 sermons a week &
devotes immense care & study to their preparation. Never
exceeds 30 minutes. Repetition impossible because the Lyham
Road house where he hears many stray there go to Balham in
the afternoon. Devotes 4 hours a day to visiting & if those visited
not in 15 gos. to any place of worship.
No fixed salary (nor have any Old Baptist church members). Appeals
on voluntary subs but "God is the same yesterday today & for ever
& never allows his ministers to want". When things reach a
low ebb here I pray & never without response. Story of prayer
for clothing & the parcel arrived containing all they wanted
& all fitted exactly. Having come from a complete stranger. A
lady who had heard of him felt an irresistable impulse
or thing. If this was not answer to prayer what
was it?

Wesleyan. Richard Voluminous reports. Practically nothing to add.
Mission Hall
Lyham Rd CXXXII. 93. Appears an unusually successful little mission. Works
✓ very without bribery. Fills its hall every Sunday night
with purely working class congregation. But Mr Radmeller
cares do nothing with the poorest rough pop. which has
invaded the new streets. Built just north of the hall
premises unusually good. Sign that there is a vigorous
little work. Probably as they claim "the most successful
in the neighbourhood"

The Ascension. Curtis. Near here 18 years since it was formed a parish. Has been
Chap to on School Board & Boards with Board of works & is a member
CXXXV. 19. Chairman of Guardians. A man, hard & public character
one of most influential persons in district. Owing this with
to profound common sense & great charm of manner that
has gone great ability. Pop. 1891 was 5000. It is now
probably 10.000. Owing to new street. 18 years ago almost all
upper & middle though there were some working class
between Tempsford & Oldridge Roads. Some local gentry
& a considerable number middle class still left. But
new streets are working class or small clerks & many
of old streets have degenerated.
Report gives detail. Regan here with small church
that has built church, large Hall & vicarage.
Never any difficulty in getting as much money as was
wanted for any specific purpose.
In spite of his success does not regard this as a church going neighbourhood. Church well filled & never was
it regarded in more friendly way. But the friendliness is
due mainly to personal influence. Parish a relieving office.
Indifference increasing among the poor. Not to any great
extent among middle class. Though bicycle has damaging effect.
Complete touch with poorer streets through visitors.
Must give away. Direct relief adds up to £540 apart
from what visitors do out of their own pockets. 'We give too much'
* * Follows the plan of giving large amounts. Most to sick. Poor man
spared to set them on their legs again. Nurse carts blamed for food
& may sent convalescent home. Parish nearly all in Streatham.
No C.O.S. there. The C not in harmony of the Soc's.
Local G.O.S. not satisfactory. Mars ill kept. Very old building going to
fault of S.C.C rather than N. of works. Corruption Smeaton.
Poor Law policy. On humane side. Much & adequate outdoor relief
(yesterday N. gave 15/ a week to a widow for a month)
Classification in house. Home proposed at Totty. As comfortable as possible.
Constant appeals the able bodied loafer. Need more degree power.
Speaking of S.A. & members. Said Rogers was a buffoon. Mr May he
mistrusted & alleged that with are hard considerable.
Health generally good * Police fair. Drink very moderate. Prostitution Clapham. Common haunt of vice.
Housing. New very shoddy Much of it not professional. Girls shopping. Ready to seduction there. The
Police ought to do more. Many kept women & semi prostitutes in some
new streets of Balham hill. Thrift weakest point. Little saved.
Other bread slums. All poor in Pleasure. Women ~~artisan~~ clerk class amazingly feckless. Ad
late. Gossip. Poor parents & drink. Letter of orange peel left by boys.

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Parish Notes

District 39

S. Faith – Wandsworth (39) 1 — Taylor Chof England CXXXIII. 95.

Vicar 20 years since formation of parish – Knows parish well. Parish divided roughly north & south of Church – north rough & often squalid – labourers & costermongers. South people often squalid, poor but much more respectable – admixture artisans & clerks except on East Hill no servants. The few middle class are mostly dissenters. More men than usual attend the Church services attributed to the fact that they get "good sound practical teaching". Really poor do not come much – but meetings at at mission Hall seem to be unusually well patronised – Tuesday mission service "well attended". Mens meeting Thursday "Semi religious semi social" (including a cup coffee & tobacco) 70 to 80 coms.

Nurse, mission woman & clergy visit all sick & poor & help refuse (claimed with more justice than usual) – Mr J. spends nearly all his time in the parish & the curates visit assiduously. Visiting book shows with names & particulars as to occupant of almost every house – & carefully kept nurse's book. Maternity Society – mothers pay 5/- for which they get doctor nurse & box of the necessary clothes &c. Relief "judicious". Formerly there was a soup kitchen which produced superior soup but the people now "won't have soup". Very shifting pop – here today – gone tomorrow. On whom Church make no claim to exercise influence – but with large numbers of old residents sees complete alteration as result of Church ministrations – especially the mothers meeting women. Some go to chapels but non cons do no social work & neither visit nor relieve.

Much excessive drinking in lower parts – women great offenders. No prostitution but lax moral tone –

Baptist Ch East Hill Wandsworth — Townsend CXXXII. 35.

Baptist minister 26 years came here from Canterbury 4 years ago. People attending his chapel 3 classes (1) well to do middle class. the leaders. (2) Clerks & comfortable – the bulk – (3) Considerable section poor labouring people – Family represent people of neighbourhood – Nearly all go to City in the morning – Situation of Church has had some influence as to the people reached.

(St Faith Parish)

Baptist - East Hill (39)1 — Townsend CXXXII 35 Cowl

Difficulty is want of room especially for the Home School - are going to do something. Mr T favours an ambitious scheme being present chapel into school & building new chapel - getting the land chief obstacle. Visits among members & of sent gos to others - For sick & outside visiting have 12 elders (6 men & 6 women) & 40 magazine distributors - Communion funds for poor members. Mothers meeting fund & special Christmas supper.

Free Church Council is bringing churches together - have meetings at Town hall, lectures on subjects bearing on Free Ch life. Otherwise less association than in the country.

Working people cannot buy their houses - but cleaning to do - Rents high & rising.

Mr T hopeful though it is difficult to move the people & number interested in Christian work small not over 200 in cong. In better parts they bicycle on Sundays - Streams thus are full. Londoners easily moved by anything new - & that is why preachers take all sorts of subjects - if he were to preach on the 'African settlement' his place would be thronged but he will not do this - what use? The people would go following Sundays to the next sensation.

Wesleyan Ch East Hill (39)1 — Cowl CXXXII.87

Not at first attractive though an able face - but improves on acquaintance & above the run of Wesleyan ministers. Talk deal with the two missions in North & South St & then with the Church in East Hill which he first has started these missions differ little from other old established Wesleyan Churches in similar districts - It has gone down as the population around has increased - When a thickly populated suburban district with many rich, the church was thronged people had to wait for seats - Most of this class gone & their place taken by a poorer middle class - Any number of new roads have sprung up inhabited by small clerks & city people' almost more stubborn & difficult to reach than the working classes. Sunday a day of pleasure (tennis & cycling).

(Parish of S. Faith)

Wesleyan Ch. East Hill (39) 1 — Cowl CXXXII. 87 Cont.

"They won't be visited & they can't be missioned" "women look upon an open air service in their street as an insult". "They are not bad people. They have simply ceased to reckon with the immaterial side". In spite of this rather gloomy picture of the middle class poor of Wandsworth, this church is still fairly prosperous.

For the mission there is a good deal of subsidy by way of relief. first question "what claim have you on us?" If none, are left to Ch of E.

(Incidentally noted that almost 50% application to drink was due) Chief means, other than visiting, for reaching indifferent women open air service of which usually 5 each Sunday night. results not easy to trace. mentioned one case - and drunkard may be reclaimed by individuals. "Societies little good it is a work of man to man"

Special success at mission 'Cheapside Penny Bank' result to revolutionise the dress of those who deposit & enabled many to take advantage of C.H.7 - & the 'Step' girls club, confined to them, with 80 members

District a great one for open air service - walking back from the Putney Church passed 6 in main road alone - as a rule audience very small but as large as members of preaching reserved

Social Democrats alone get large audiences.

Drink bad. & women as bad as men. Notoriety & drunkenness about Wandsworth Common. The women try to reclaim others. Her husband was given a note, asking her to call at a certain address.

Mission Hall North Street (Local Wesleyan) See above (39) 1. — Shillington CXXXII. 213

Written particulars for the North St. mission which seems to be worked independently. Mr S. very superintendent. Hall recently repaired at considerable expense & now "bids fair to be a very successful centre of religious usefulness." "Future cost of carrying it on does not exceed £100 per ann. Continuous work which has been carried on for 20 years by the Wandsworth Church

(Parish of S. Faith)

L C M (Congreg) Baker
Stoneham Mission
264 York Road. CXXXII. 1
39) 1.

Better educated than most – under outlook – here 2 years
Mission conducted by Congregationalist Church East Hill (S'Ann)
Mr Bakers connection limited to service Sunday, Sat, & one week night
remainder of work under superintendent appointed by Church
Mission district large, between Thames & East Hill – the
Wandle & Johns – visits 860 houses & counts 216 more
he cannot & 574 he cannot visit – compares his work
to streets north of Rly between York Rd & River –
visits 1200/1300 families – average 3 families to 2 houses.
Also visits Gas works 300/400 men, Brewery, Piano works is
about 3 months occupied or more.
As a rule men are in regular work – many of Prices people.
People do not change much – most of those he knows
have been long in neighbourhood. [2 years is not long a long
time to test this] Fairly well received, but suffered for
following a under known man – new comers resented – majority
will not admit into home, but comparatively few he cannot
get into conversation with – Reception differs one time & the next
Seldom attend place of worship & those mostly women
So other to Chs of Baptist – South of railway
the people are Church goers –
Tried to work up his Wednesday service but has
prevented him – local conditions not nice – noisy corner
people standing about waiting for the Tulham buses –
talk audible in Hall –
Mission work becoming harder & harder – People have
got used to it & are different to what they were
Spirit of the age leads them to look with contempt that
were reverenced by their parents – Tendency to analyse
& spirit of descending to the working classes instead of raising
them [what is meant by this]
Thus plenty who will argue on religious subjects but
will not argue fairly – do not wish to be convinced & go off
on another subject if you come to close quarters
See letter with particulars of replies to queries
made as to Church attendance for 257 individuals
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All Saints. Reed
Chop 6
(39) 2 CXXXIII: 147

much more man of the world & affairs than parson
being a church probably connected with family living
but a good fellow & well suited to parish which needs
a gentleman for one part & man of sense & business capacity
for the other. Pop about 6000 - 1000 poor working class
& of these a considerable number of lowest type - a
common lodging ho pop. mostly in Hills Yard & near
The rest of laboring class - fairly respectable but inclined to think
Above the poor large & growing element of clerks - much lower
off (Mr R thinks) than the so called poor - & among the
middle class an increasing colony of theatrical & music-
hall people - At 10 when Mr R came 10 years ago
were many representatives of gentry & aristocracy - nearly
all of these have gone & place taken by plutocracy of
wealthy London tradesmen - as a rule richer than
those they have displaced - or replaced
The mixture made Church work difficult - but was
lightened by having two churches - All Saints in centre
of poor quarter & splendid new church of Holy Trinity
on top of the hill among the plutocrats - this the
more fashionable & better filled - pew rented - most seats taken
& though not yet always well filled with a rich
congregation - they are on the whole generous, especially
when he appeals for funds for the poor - will always give
£5 but less read, pay for more directly religious purposes
& has the universal tendency to laxity - give up Sunday to short pleasure
Mr R is not strait laced & no wish you men to come to cat, communion
before golf or cycling.
The old parish church gets fair middle class congr. with some
poor in gallery.
Poor streets are thoroughly visited & there are the usual agencies.
Mr R is President of Wanstead Worth C.O.S. believes in it more than say year
& takes his relief or C.O.S. principles. (but while we were there he found of
importunate French beggar with a ticket for an Italy house) -
Has been instrumental in petty scheme for the large Wandsworth Charities
& draws on his rich congregation to send money for relief purposes to poor parishes
Dissent a very poor hold. The rich have got beyond that stage & the
poor are directly looked by none.

Chairmanship of Bd of which he has the lowest opinion - but it is taken as
a better class of candidate hoped for -
Police good & helpful - Drink no improvement. Prostitution a (?) may
Health very good - Housing generally good - but some
insanitary property in Tiny more Field alleys off
the High St. all these small courts ought to come down

McCormack Hosp. Hosp

(Parish of All Saints)

Presbyterian Cunningham Appearance not inviting - seems to have mistaken vocation
Lebanon Gardens Morningside CXXXVIII. 61. & to pursue it without enthusiasm
(39) 2

Like other Presbyterians lives in a way which suggests a degree of wealth culture & refinement rare among ministers of other denomination. Large well furnished house - Kitchen Chem Not though man of culture not conscientious successful activity of church probably more due to Mrs C. who came in to "make sure we did not forget anything" a bright pleasant person - Church report from detail. Activity largely in missionary work in neighbourhood rather than congregational success - which with Presbyterian is not usual. Neither congreg nor membership large - sermons not attractive as congreg limited to staunch presbyterians. these almost entirely middle class - none poor by few rich. Missionary & eleemosynary efforts confined to West Broad neighbourhood. Mrs C evidently had glimmering idea of unsatisfactory character of the work of the & the church. "You could not prevent our good ladies from giving shillings" & there "is much overlapping" - & such as go to any place of worship go "for what they can get". At same time she disclaimed any attempt at proselytising by this church - visitors strictly forbidden to suggest attendance at church to recipients of relief. Wished the cocoa say some of others - but with them it was "I cant help you unless you come to the mothers meeting or to church".

No cooperation but most friendly feeling between the the Chg & - Mr Dolson. Mr Reed & Mr Dorse but Mr Healy of Putney is utterly inaccessible "high & mighty" terms which applied to the rest in Putney also. They seem a clean shaven set for the same they looked as if just only finish.

Confirmed other as to Godlessness of middle classes in this district - Referring to district between Oakhill Rd & West Hill - Mrs C said you might shoot off a gun at church any time & not hit nobody.

Large shooting element & the bicycle

Parish of All Saints

Mission Downhage Hall. Godwin (39) 2 CXXXVIII. 39

Hon Sec of this small mission for 8 years but has no time except on Sunday & the prime mover is Miss Ramsford (daughter of Marcus Ramsford) who does much visiting in the neighbourhood.

Work of mission fully described in reports. Entirely undenominational. Mr G is Baptist. Miss R. Ch of E. Aims purely spiritual. Meant for neighbouring poor & on the whole secures the right class. But they "top" the work up. Only largely attended meeting is S. Svcy 350/400 mostly people who do not go to a Church. Same people Sunday after Sunday. £2 a week in offertory, but £1 comes always from Mr G the worker.

£20 a year spent in Relief among those who attend. For many years a soup kitchen was carried on but 3 years ago the people "did not trouble to send for the soup" & last year it was not opened.

No work has been done in the Common Lodging House of Wandsworth. But Mr G has a friend who does & describes results as most discouraging. Altogether Mr G thinks mission work become more difficult & the people more indifferent.

S. Ann's Wandsworth (39) 2. Roman Campbell Ch of E CXXXIII. 161

Greatly averse to any interview. From dislike of self adv & they consented to talk on condition there should be no specific mention of him or his parish work. Only a general use made of any information given. Accounts also due to belief in futility of attempting to get accurate facts & figures from those engaged in religious work. Most of the results claimed by the clergy & others he described as "absolute humbug". People who are doing nothing & whose work is without effect talk as if they were heroes or saints.

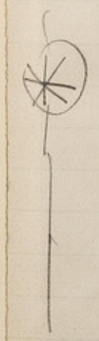
Mr C himself seems a genuinely modest man for despite of tone of great pessimism as to effect. It is clear from his magazine that his success is unusual & progressive

Parish of S Ann.

Campbell Pop now not far short of 15000 - perhaps 1/2 middle
Chapple + 1/2 working class - the latter all to west of Church
(39) 2 CXXXIII. 161 middle class all to east
Cont^d Mid class streets though many are almost new
are already much more commonly let to 2 families
than used to be case.

In poor parts nearly all connected with building trade
owing to enormous mass of building for some years
which is likely to continue - Owing to this people
really wonderfully prosperous - a good deal poverty &
squalor almost all caused by drink. Poorest streets
Easton, Vermont & Ironmill Pl

When Mr C became Church in hopeless low water - the
immediate predecessor a saint but died very young -
otherwise for many years vicars idle & not worse
result parish "honeycombed with Dissent"
In his own work has to recognise absolute class
cleavage. Middle class mix with poor Churchers
readily than the rich - poor never come to church at all
Services for them have been held in mission room & a
mission Ch is to be built but results measured in heads
have been slight - not hostile or atheistic - utterly indifferent
Results much slower than at Trinity mission Camberwell
where C was for 9 years - there the church has grip
of large long cong. always obtained.
Claimed little success with the middle class
who frequent church - are above district visiting
difficulty getting to know them very great - Soc.
calls by the Clergy, largely practised, are mostly
The men can never be seen - women keep me waiting 10 to 20
minutes while they adorn themselves - yet are people
to whom church or chapel ought to be & can be made
great religious & social centre - Church dull here
district has no attractions.



All ~~Saints~~ St Anns. Wandsworth. Campbell
Chg Bryden
(39) 2 CXXXIII. 161
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Still the figures of his communicants (see Mag) speak for themselves & as to Congreg the Church is huge & though never full is always well filled.

Attributes any success he has to the Clergy being all Celibate. & is convinced we shall find this is so wherever church is really active & powerful. Does not advocate celibacy from Ecclesiastical motives but for Economical & efficiency of working. & all the Clergy should live together.

For relief has put himself on C O S (Woollcombe.) hands. Relief committee of which Woollcombe is secretary but it is recognised that Church cannot be quite so strict as C O S. Spent £84 last year.

Alleges that bribery practised by non cons is appalling.

Drink cause of nearly all distress.

Prostitution increasing. much loose living. many forced marriages. behaviour of boys & girls in streets & on common as coarse as possible.

Health bad. Rising in poor street bad. Rents rising rapidly.

Congregational Ch. Park Parkhill
(39) 3. CXXXII. 151.
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Of 30 years of ministerial life 20 spent in Wandsworth.

The church's history goes back to 1572 (see manual). It is the richest & most wealthy strongest free church in Wandsworth.

The people of the district are mainly lower middle class & by them chapel chiefly attended. Coming from Pink Barred Streets.

Seems contradictory

District tends downward. Increasing proportion 2 families in one house.
{ Social condition decidedly improving on the whole.
Considerable changes in their membership. Their people moving down. as many come as go. 'Church not strong man son. Afraid the chg to be impeccable & intolerant' 'We might be healthier' Young men join chg

Chief mission work Memorial Hall. most successful meet Saturday popular entertainment. Concerts. S. Lang Service working people. Some family well employed. Others, who cannot afford to pay for their relation: no collection. Don't can come to church, imagine they are too poor.

Visit sick poor. 'Our own people'. no right visit others. Sunday Free breakfast to poor children in winter. See manual for all particulars (page 153).

Strong feeling co-operation between free churches. Clg & Rolas along. 1 around us. Ch of E active thinks parish charities would help them with the poor. 'Free church as quite as much rg L.C.M.S. S/A be included as number the Anglicans & L.C.M. have Mission in this local city.

Poor law (strictly) well administered. Police favourable & need pressure.

Prostitution not prominent. Women go to Gas clean for their young men.

Things fair. Children always pay for excursion. Penny Banks not well supported.

(In St Faith's parish)

Unitarian Ch. Tavistock East Hill
(39).3. CXXXII.141

* minister here 17 years - history of church in the report - very small & not growing cause - no theological tests. Each member free to believe what he likes & Mr J to preach what he likes. Members united only in their belief in the importance of a religious environment & upholding free inquiry - Members drawn as a rule rather from other churches than from agnostics. Mr Chudleigh will say "I have been going to such & such a church for years but have never believed what I heard there. I have been a Unitarian without knowing it"

Sometimes children are removed by parents from the schools on plea of objecting to the teaching - but they have probably been prompted. Unitarians being regarded as outside the pale - this attitude even more pronounced with Free Churches than Ch of E.

Mr J lives Geraldine Rd. - people immediately round family church going - probably 50% - but the poorer class in new streets off Wandsworth Common much less churchy.

* Unitarianism though no hold in poor districts - making way in London as a whole - Churches & membership increasing & still more - Unitarian principles are permeating other Churches.

Poor districts by Thames & Wandle very drunken - especially the latter. Bonnell Rd & as bad as can be. Great deal of old & rotten property - much crowding of bad characters in the Cross.

(St Anne's Parish)

Salv. Army. Miss Berry
(39) 3. CXXXII.193

Has been 16 years in the Army - mostly in Provinces - last 8 months at Wandsworth - rank seems higher than Captain Adjutant perhaps. District includes all Wandsworth & Garratt Lane as far as bound by Wardley St - also visit Putney selling warrants in P.H. & visiting towards -

Wardley St & Lepadan Rd the worst slums - yet have several respectable girls saved now living Christian lives.

|| Their people working class - not the poorest - & a few better off.

|| Some city people - most successful with those who have slipped down - drunkards &c - gave instance "women not know them again"

(Parish of S Anne)

S/A Miss Berry — Both officers visit - not as much as they would like
(39) 3 CXXXII. 193. — Outside visiting women be important if they had time
Cont. — "Heaps of people who go no where - we are only touching the fringe" - Not much charity except private. Soldiers help each other - People in winter come to them asking a lodging - never now give money
Corps healthy & growing - no double dealing or scandal
Prospect hopeful - recent growth due to more prominent position of the Hall has (giving her a chance)
Wanders with companions promiscuously with other London districts - At Islington fast living people - At Rushead Socialists who interrupt - Wanders with people more honest & open - Little have come from Country or other suburbs - not 1/10th natives

Undenominational

Brambleby Hall Mission. Pitt
(39) 4 CXXXII. 121
all faithfully have a Melody Pro

Is in business - and not say what - writes poems in the "Christian" & article & stories in all non Cons papers - Designed his own church & gave £1000 towards building it - his its head - The Hall cost £600 freehold & £3000 to build - Mr P. collected or borrowed the money beyond the £1000 given - Mr Mayer called it a "beautiful hall in one of the best situations in London. Situation chosen as centre of new district - magnificently served. Hall opened without preparation of a congregation. Here is a hall - here are my sermons - come of yourselves - & they came. Preaches the "Bible only" - Undenominationalism he thinks the Great Church of the future
The streets this new Pimlico based district are on side of hill sloping westwards to the Wandle river - The poor district west of Grove St. & St Anns Hill he hardly touches except for school cases - main support from Pimlico-based-down - Houses rent for £35 to £50. rents rising - & more than half are owned by occupants - those who paid £365 for 99 years 40 or 50 years ago could now sell at £400 to £450 for remainder of lease -

(Parish of St Anne)

Brambaly Hall. Pett

(39) 4. CXXXII. 121

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Those who live in these houses are Civil Servants - retired or active Shopkeepers - Doctors & Artists - Commission & Salaried travellers "Men who carry keep up appearances" & the black coat means no starvation - respectability no effort. Majority are married - Great distress for young married couples - Parents from inner ring - majority go to their work by train

The bicycle is the ruin of Sunday work - lament but does not blame - off on their wheels forgetful of all but material enjoyment

Come to Early Service - that's enough - old heathen idea of propitiation - that is why the majority of Church goers go

Her people don't like the fixed prayers in the morning service i.e. prayers with fixed Hymns - think all prayers should be impulsive.

The Chg So is friendly - Position so strong they can afford it. Baptists, Congrs, Methodists, & Brethren will have nothing to do with him - as "speaking without authority" - but said Mr Pett "Each one speaks with authority as he has it from above" - So he sends them his notices invites them to preach - but they do not reciprocate in the neighbourhood - Outside he preaches frequently. Still has worn both Surplice & black gown - No non conformist in London for whom he has not preached. The Eaton Chg for an Evangelist Clergyman in Eaton Sq district &c. but in our district tabooed - spoke bitterly of their want of brotherliness - Of the High Ch party he is himself intolerant "to them the Bible is nothing" -

(The man is recognised but not his church)

Her own people drawn Chiefly from those who dislike the ritualism of St Anne -

Charity distributed by Chief lady worker - not very much Poverty in - Common people at night - workers come from Battersea marriage not so easy as he would like - No facilities for courting - must do it away from home - Unpleasantness with parents arise on score of social position - not as high as desired &c - So when marriage the young people go off

Health excellent - Wandsworth Prison the healthiest Short days Hymn books - well kept Well looked after

Wandsworth an old Huguenot Cloth working district

Old Huguenot Cemetery still here

(St Anne Parish)

LCM. Delves District round about Iron mill Place + Cowha Place to Purple & Cl

(39) 4. CXXXII. 109 The poor roads date back some time. but much new building on Vicarage Estate - 2 storied flats. double doors to street Class coming in are Cl to Purple - The Vicarage has been transferred - rebuilt near the Church.

Pop - Bricklayers - Carpenters, plasterers - & with them labourers three fourths in her district are builders labourers - never was such a district for present & prospective building (they build the new while living in the old). Mr D's district more the old & settled part - the new & expanding are Brick Brook Barn to East & South - Nothing in it so poor or so bad as Wesley's & Bendon Vale area - Outside building there are superbrewery flour mill.

Here 7 years coming from New Cut. not the same extremes of vice & poverty here. Money more evenly distributed - no crowding no one room people - Mostly 2 families to a house - only one family in flats

All receive him - none hostile - but he must spend a long time discussing their private ings & sorrows before he can get a word in for the Lord. Can't go in on washing days - almost can "leave a thought" "just think of this over the wash tub Mrs Brown" "You are washing the clothes, but there is a text for & sermon" a conversion results - Story of the obstinate Army Pensioner.

A good deal of drink among women - Money still in hand & no work to do at beginning of week for those wives are in laundries

For men 3 quarts a day not unusual 3 x 4d = 1/- such an one could be called a heavy drinker - but not a drunkard - 12 half pints a common Saturday allowance. Gin still have a bad place because of "Chapel" travellers from Battersea. Works among the P.H & recorders success to "witty repartees" & sanctified Common sense.

Usual excuse for not going to Church - look at my clothes Mrs Brown - he replies you women can have clothes if you wanted them - try a pot of beer has

not a prostitute in the district - marriage not particularly sad,

Health fair - Houses passable

S.H.B. Almost tempted to think LCMs are the only spiritual influence in now districts - not too far removed from social status of those they visit absolutely convinced of truth of what they preach. Father Confessor & friend of their people. May not grant relief & are not handsome to. Though with instinctive horror of Rome they can speak with respect of both Church & Chapel - They relate their experiences with the conviction & naiveté of a mediaeval saint

St Andrew. Tudor Craig
Rochfield. Chap Ce

Vicar - works too hard & at enormous expense. Complained of it & of finding it difficult to keep attention

(39) 4 CXXXIII. 4

Church newish with bald bare West End waiting by Spire completion.
Inside red brick arches - yellow brick walls - one good col. plan nave
Small Chapel separate altar railed off with high rails
Wooden floor, clean - no pictures.
Ground S. & W. of vicarage still market garden but sold to building Syndicate who are to build 14 miles of new streets in next 2 years - Have not begun yet
Parish bounded to W by Wandle & to by the Grove - the Northern line is practically that of our Colonial Mat. & the South Burntwood Lane - near ~~Summers~~ Summers Inn
Contains 14000 & has increased by 2000 in last 15 months & will continue to increase.
Four fairly distinct sets of inhabitants
(1) Very poor Vicinity of Benham Valley area. (Lyada & Ricardo)
(2) Rather poor in Penrith, Thomsett & Stolen Road. (U)
(3) Mixed in Summerley. Steel Works & Trewint. (Middle)
(4) Fairly comfortable between Grove & Garratt Lane, getting poorer towards low road by Garratt Lane.
No servant kept except rare "generals"
The very poor are labourers, casuals, gipsies - the casuals & prostitutes.
The poor are labourers (including Market gardeners)
Mixed are artisans & labourers
Fairly comfortable clerks & artisans
The comfortable business men but not heads of business.
1300 leave Rochfield Station in workmen's train before 8
Most hatted majority between 8 & 9. - the few top hats 9 & 10
Come back between 6 & 9.
The very poor not new comers - always been here - have a floating connection with the "gipsy" streets of London & Mr Craig was familiar with their names from experience of Stolen Yard Battersea - At a gipsy wedding on Whit Monday the church was crowded - New comers to Brick streets are comfy people with some from inner London

S. Andrew, Tudor Craig. Chap. The established church the paramount religious power. Non cons no where. Thinks a large
(39) 4 CXXXIII 47 number have come over to him. But he "had rather they went there than no where."
cont.

Analysis of the reasons for going to Church. & note on the results
Is personally rather high. but does not push it too far
Finds that the non cons beat him at open air services. best work
Lately, social called "Home Mission". opposite the church
Parish too big for regular visiting. Certain streets are & all
are magnificent. over 1000 monthly. all know he is there if want
E.g. "last Xmas 15 men came round one day for coal. I could
not help all but some I could." Chant gives where he can
omits smoke CO2. but they investigate too fully
Soup kitchen sold rather under, & gave away rather over, 5000 gals
"Certainly at a farthing" but worth doing as we get hold of them
rich worth taking.
A charity called the Blind Charity which is the salvation
of a poor parish like this. pays them £250 a year & more
for specific cases. Sick poor have £71 from their S.P. fund.
[The amounts collected & disbursed by clergy who are always asking for more is astonishing. See magazine G.H.D.]
No cooperation. tries but "they are so apathetic when it comes to question of giving."
Men drink. but women drink more. they earn more & are more independent than they used to be.

|| See G.H.D.'s short description of the Benda Valley district page 65

L.C.M. Owen Worked formerly for 22 years in connection with Pear's Mission Westminster
(39) 4 CXXXVIII. 91 Has been 14 years at Sandfield. thus seen population trebled
to abt 15000 now. District between Garratt Lane & the Wandsw.
from Wandsley St. to Burton Road (opposite Burntwood Lane)
Visits 1300 families & 1000 in new house are not visited
In the house he began with he has more than he can do
& house being built so rapidly, if he went he would not get round more
than 3 times a year. "no comfort to me now keep on thinking" 50
concentration & get round every 6 weeks

(S. Andrews Parish)

L.C.M.	Owen	The description of the low people - largely of gypsy
(39) 4	CXXXVIII. 91 Cont^d	class on pages 93 to 97 - Completes that row by the area of the G.H.D.

Religious influence not great with either section of the population - the proportion to inhabitants there is less accommodation than 10 years ago
not accommodation for 3000 - against 8000 who might attend - but even so are half full
Story of the drunken dustman (page 103)
Law against serving drunken people practically a dead letter
Police keep the main road right - Residents in Wandle say they never see a Policeman - stops at the lock
Prostitution - the girls live here & go to Clapham Road and all
Things live from day to day - Penny Bank used by respectable working class
Rents have gone up 7/6 to 9/6 in last 5 years.

Baptist Ch. Tarlspield	Payne	Church in its infancy formed 3 years ago with membership
(39) 4	CXXXII. 13.	of 28 - Mr Payne came still earlier to take charge of iron building in Tarlspield R^d without congregation

In May 1900 the new church was opened - infine position
Most of those who attend the church go to London by train for their work - Earn 30/ to 40/ a week - living 2 families in a house
A fair sample of Tarlspielders - with a poor class, chiefly Cotton Labourers in Wardley & Denda Valley &
Neighbourhood still growing rapidly - Houses owned by occupiers both the best
Little need for relief except in Denda Valley & there Mark the Comm.
Much religious indifference - many are connected with theatres & some are waiters - "If we reached them their occupation would be gone" - they recognise they would have to give it up
Many spend Sunday lounging or gardening & yet hear Manns & Mandelson
Still Mr Payne is hopeful - they were crowded in the iron building & are filling up the new which is West side is "Amongst the Cabbages" but house coming soon. - Total seating capacity of Church 1600 for 10000 population.

(Parish of St Andrew
Congregationalist Ch Piggott
Earlsfield CXXXII. 181
(39) 4

Mr Piggott is partner in large wholesale tea business (he is a large house)
For 20 years Superintendent of the Garratt Lane Mission
at corner of Bendon Valley & Conversation turned first on
the work there - where they get the very poor, though Wandsw. S.
mission reaches a set town poor -
The Garratt Lane mission has been already referred
to in connection with the East Hill Congreg Ch (39) 3.9
In the Sunday School there are 450 children - & a lads class
to get the higher lads as they leave school & a lads club
The Band of Hope gets a higher class than the S. School
Penny Bank successful takes £120 a year. Members
mostly parents of Sunday scholars. Many drawn at Xmas & holidays
The mission is an ordinary house - largest room to 60 adults
& has 40 workers all members East Hill Congreg. Ch
District visited by 12 ladies with tract as excuse
No officials but a good deal of private charity -
Earlsfield Congreg Church - recent foundation - was original
Also a mission of the East Hill Church - but became independent
Pastors have been unfortunate - one dismissed - 2 other failures
So what was a flourishing mission fell away - Mr Piggott
is now working it not prior to settlement with new pastor.
People are working folk - not artisans - but railway people, milkmen
shop assistants, clerks &c - milk go to London further work -
Some fighting & rowdyism - not a great deal of crime -
"my wife goes down the worst streets".
Smells from bone works most offensive -

Home Mission & Moyer
Garratt Lane
Earlsfield CXXXVIII. 107
(39) 4.

Stout middle aged - puffy face - Moats scents to Mr Burdett Coutts
mission occupies upper part of corner shop Garratt Lane near Earlsfield Station
Aggressive Nonconformist - open air meetings - 18 workers of various denominations
Sunday Evening meeting at "Lively Corner" - does get the proper people - have a mission &c.
Hears comments "If no good they don't do any harm" - Gives all his Sundays to it.
also visit with tracts - little relief but tickets are given - Spiritual necessities of
a hard not neat, not - of the poor - the children only reached - only seen at the Summer
excursion - One of the hardest places for Christian work in London
This mission is comparatively unimportant.

S. Stephen Wandsworth — Rev. Chas. Taylor — (39) 5 — CXXXIII 71

Here 6 years. Parish growing rapidly. Pop. not far short of 10,000. Great admixture of class. "Everything from Dragon suckers to fourpenny doss!". Even in respectable part the variety is striking. In Oakhill Rd. West end is locality, & we are giving relief at the other end — real poverty. North Place & Point Pleasant (down by the river) would be a disgrace to Wandsworth. This is a Protestant church. Always full or well filled but quite half the people & most of seat holders come from outside — from yellow streets to south. It being the church of the Liberal Evangelicals of Putney.

Taking parish as a whole. Great & growing neglect of Sunday. Stream river parties, golf, cycling are not causes but symptoms. Very noticeable here.

Pew to about 700 attend Mission Hall in Point Pleasant but much is given. "We give too much".

No other place of worship except the R.C. but some go to Non-Con. Chapels outside. No commanding personality among the ministry.

Drink is the main cause of all the poverty. In almost every application there is a history of drink.

Began with determination not to preach much — but found this impracticable. Apart from drunkenness, fearful extravagance. Community for labourers who are seldom off work drunk to spend 1/4th of their earnings in drink.

No known prostitution but growing immorality between boys & girls.

R.C. S. Thomas — Father Cooney — (39) 5 — CXXXVIII. 1.

Head of the mission. With him was Father McCarthy of Battersea. The mission was founded for the Irish colony in Wandsworth Plain 50 years ago. First church was there. This one. Began 7 years ago, replaced it. A fine large unfinished building, more imposing inside than out. Only 2 of the Irish colony became rich. One a builder is doing this church for £20,000 out of his own pocket. & the other has given £2000 for the new presbytery. Very few original Irish left. They were market gardeners & labourers. & have gone further out or to the workhouse. Those who remain are factory labourers. Poor but not so high as those who have gone. Fewer in number. The mission from one of poverty has become one of the richest in London.

(Parish of S Stephen)

RC. S. Thomas. Comey
CXXXVIII.1.
Cont.

Cath pop. 2000. Well to do are Civil Servants, actors & artists. Gather round the Church. The gets all the many he needs. He has not to mention it. When there were many poor he had little for them. Now there are few he gives away £300 a year.

Putney has the old residents who keep to themselves & the new who are only staying down. Are antipathetic & distrust one another. Know nothing of each other. RC Church breaks this down. Their people are loyal only to such the Church & the Priest. & half are attentive to their duties. From youth up they know what their duty is. to go to mass. to fast a Friday. & abstain from work on Sundays. The poor come less freely than they did to the old church not so much question of clothes as of lagginness. Clothes not admitted as an excuse. tell them come a little later.

Large number of mixed marriages & not against them. The Church is officially against, but in every round. Father C in practise sees more gain than loss.

Is on COS comte. Visiting done by Soc S. Vincent de Paul. Insinuates to find out new comers. report & relieve cases £130. Society of ladies for visiting women. £120. & Priest fund £100. Hopes to give more next year. 'District becoming poorer'. No prostitution. & known of one kept woman.

S. Michael. Dolben
Southfields
CXXXIII.85

Took orders late. was an Irish landlord & spoke simply of having been in the past an athlete & fond lover. As is usually the case with men who have seen the world before taking orders he is a practical man & works his parish on a business like spirit. Parish was made a mission district abt 26 years ago with an iron church & was till 6 years ago when Dolben came, the only building. & little or no work had been done. It was said to be a hopeless district. The poor went to other churches & the poor nowhere. He has raised the money & built a fine church & will shortly build a vicarage. Has secured local support from Irish mid & upper classes. Pop abt 4000 & growing rapidly.

Has taken Gospel census & divides the people as under

33½ (A) 162 families with servants. 33½ attend S. Michael.
36½ 36½ All Saints Holy Trinity
24 24 S. Stephens. 7 S. Pauls. 7 RC. 54 non Co.
7 (B) 122 families £25 rental not keeping servants. (C) 539 families in 249 lens occupying 1 to 4 rooms each. (average rise of rent 2/- a week since 1894)
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54
162 Has himself been in every house in the parish

Spends £60 to £70 per annum in relief

Parish Notes (39)

St Paul. Wimbledon Pk — Brace — Formerly at All Saints Princes Gate - Follower of Scott Holland

Choyle — Parish was carved out of Wandsworth - 1874. W B came 1877

(39) 5 — CXXX III. 125. — Wimbledon — N. Pond on Putney Heath - Inner Pk Rd. Camperdown Rd. Wimbledon Park Road & Merton Rd to the Wandle
S. Wimbledon Commons
E. River Wandle
W. Putney Heath

Ground slopes first steeply & then gradually from the Heath to the Wandle
Rich on high Ground West of Southfield Station - & gradually poorer till
it reaches lowest depth in Burr Rd at the Wandle level
Connecting link growing up in new fancy comfortable street
between - artisans clerks &c.
Large area & ultimately large pop. of the 3 classes
Numbers have increased from 1500 to 4500 already
St Pauls caters for the poor. St Barnabas in the Mission Ch
Started building St Pauls in 1877 finished 9 years ago. Red brick, tiled roof
lantern - becoming gradually decorated on Pre arranged plan
The rich don't come in coming to service - it's fashion - will come
twice on the morning - at 8 & 11. - & the servants with cant or want
Good paid choir - Good organ - 12 or 13 minute sermon - Service High but
not very high - Eastward position but no ornaments. Congregation
like it higher -

District thoroughly visited. No lack of good visitors. Help
for every thing - Visitors give a good deal away -
No prostitution - Lanes full of well behaved Couples on Sundays
Good neighbourhood for burglars. Coming from other parts
Keene tone of working class in difference to lower religion
but when keen a good deal keener than the rich
W B won't have Bazaars - nor pew rents -
Is a good practical Social influence but not in the
least spiritual -

S. Mary. Putney. Henley. Ch of E. (39) 6 CXXXIII.23

Vicar of Putney 39½ years. when he came 5/6000 now 21/22000. Still increasing & available land for 10000 more in 2 storied houses. Are building high flats, etc. Shops in High S.
Inhabitants fairly comfortable. Well to do. - None really poor or really rich. - not rich like Roehampton - all are workers.
Rich are business men, lawyers - managers. Comfortable, Clerks & artisans - poor labourers & market gardeners.
Rich in top hats leave between 9 & 10 for City. Clerks 8 to 9 & the poor work in Putney. A top hatted man not in the day time explains why he is there. Rich get back to or 5 fairly comfortable 6 or 7.
Less poverty than formerly because fewer market gardens.
few market gardens because more 2 sty houses & more clerks & artisans to match the houses.
Poorest streets. North Place. South Place. Gay S. Sefton S. Gardeners Lane & Floss S. no abject poverty only 'untidiness' & dirtiness.
The very rich move back to central London or further afield. the very poor follow the market gardens. a semi genteel aristocracy replace them.
As regards religion says "You who are in front of the tapestry can see the general pattern will perhaps be less pessimistic than I who am behind & notice more the knots & ends." "But we must not complain we are much like the others. our people come & go" we are neither high nor low. & not religious enough to be bigots.
Grim story of burglars in the house of death.
Marriage early, frequent & fruitful.
Health good. - death rate 13 per 1000.
Old age a sort of pension to the old. he approves of. not room for all in workhouse. - Charity only to old & sick. with COS
Mens club run by Miss Healey is the distinctive feature. 150 members. my daughter is my man of business. He also started "wood chopping"
S. Mary has lost ground since 1876. more than counterbalanced by gains at S John & All Saints. (but the large increase of population is not considered in this)

S Mary (Putney)

Baptist. Mr Kinson Has been 8 years here – Ordinary Suburban Baptist Ch.
Wesleyan Meth No (39) 6 CXXXII. 23. appealing mainly to Mid class within 1 mile radius
with Shopkeeping artisans & servants – Congreg recruited
from Fulham where there is a dearth of Free Churches
The Thames Valley a difficult district given up
Mr Spurgeon is reported to have said "to the Devil
& High Churchism". And what was the cause
the comparison with North London where people
are of similar social & financial standing shows
in the one case a highly religious pop & full church
in the other galleries & empty – One reason adduced is
the rivers & Sunday boating – But other sports present too –
The only part needing mission work here West of High St
Here there are two missions & the only effort made
by this church is in tract distribution – & the Chr Endeavr
drives away X man hampers to the deserving –
nearly all police on side of publican – Evidence of Christian members
of the free – members also of this church

Congregationalist Portland
Exp to Rom (39) 6 CXXXII. 165. Son of the Congreg minister Cromer End – 3½ years pastorate here
Examined & criticised the man carefully – notes has at Putney
the hills come near the river resulting in a very mixed
pop & rich poor.
Pleasure loving people are attracted to the Thames Valley
a contrast to the graver Northern Suburbs. Pleasure dominates
On Sundy houses shut up – people off for the day
Church going is "against the stream". Especially a free church
Residents move about in the neighbourhood – house to house –
People attending the Chapel come from wide area & wide
social range – Analyses of those in closest connection

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- 3 Professional
- 15 Independent means
- 10 Managers
- 15 Clerks agents shopmen (young men)
- 12 Workmen
- 4 Retired
- 7 Ladies of independent means
- 15 Women music teachers governesses &c
- 3 Workwomen

Drink much more by people at the trade – hours being salaries.
Houses look better than they are
Putney people take little interest in religion or anything

Parish of St Mary
Congreg. Union Ch. Redgrave
Upper Richmond Rd CXXXVIII.77
(39) 6

Has been here 25 years & is on point of retirement on pension - his church amalgamating with the church in Oxford Rd described above
Union Ch is combined Baptists & Congregationalists
Was very wealthy - must have been worth at least £20,000.00 (said Mr R) Is still one of the most ancient of the Putney non con churches -
Talk of general character - Increase of pop of busts factory character - fast shortly, theatrical.
"From religious point of view work more discouraging among all classes - Stagnation due in many to do nothing attitude of priests - will give no lead - Thompson active "cannot add to his already heavy engagements" -
Has never spoken to Mr R in 25 years.
Everything left in the feeble hands of the non cons - All classes nevertheless attach to the church & follow its lead or want of lead - and the poor are relieved & pauped & pampered & warned against dissent
Result work among the poor complete failure.
Union Ch had tried a mission Hall - ~~no one came~~ failed
United Gospel Tent Missions have been held - Same result
Nearly every house visited - hundreds promised to read & come
The poor in Putney are so cringing & so ungrateful - go from Church to Church with same petitions & multiply the "Suck the orange dry & then throw it away"
Only success the Temperance Cause. Gospel Temperance Soc took 2000 pledges in its first 5 years & its Saturday night meetings still draw 500.
Putney badly off for young people organisations - no Polytechnic
Y.M.C.A moribund because in extreme Evangelical hands
The Free Library has been a success - proved by Sir Sc Hewson - but in infancy - the young people read little but fiction.
Middle class almost as hard to move as the poor - attend badly & have no interest in literature, culture or local affairs
Nothing will draw them out to any Society meeting religious or secular.
More prostitution than in the past - suspicious houses & entrance difficult to get

(S. Mary's parish)

Wesleyan – Wm Richd N. Flew — Here two years – does not know much of the district

(39) 6 — CXXXVIII. 17. — Church built 18 years ago replacing a smaller one. Congreg one 100. but Church built for 1000 to 1200 largest possible grant – Congregations 300/500 at largest – Drawn from upper & lower middle class – not the aristocrats up above on the hill nor the poor down below towards the river "we hardly touch them at all"

His Congreg are country born & have learnt church going there

Drink must be increasing for P. Houses are being made palace.

Health good. Housing fair – People more Tasty

LCM. — Flew (no relation to the Wesleyan minister).

(39) 7 — CXXXII. 239. — Has worked here 3 years. district boundaried Rivers Railway, Bective Road on East Rivers N^d on West with 600 visitable families – but most of his work lies in poor Streets now "The Platt" where his Hall is. Exceedingly high especially Mascotte & Olivet St^s & if anything deteriorated by advent of some of highest for demolition in towards north – Labouring class & river people women laundresses whose husbands long & some men may live on prostitution of wives – altogether lower level than Greyhound N^d district in Fulham where I was for 15 years. In spite of more success than most – reports the people as usually utter indifferent – & as for the middle & upper class Putney more than usually godless – due to facilities for pleasure.

Spoke – or would not speak – of Mr Henley in terms which show how much he is disliked by the poor cons – utterly ignores them – refuses to speak to any of the ministers – Ignored Mr F's presence in house of a dying man – Miss Henley however was spoken of as kind and sympathetic –

(Parish of S Mary)

Presbyterian Matheson, As with other Presbyt Ministers - a totally different atmosphere from that
upper Richmond Rd
(39) 7. CXXXII. 73 * which surrounds the vast majority of Non Con Ministers - They all are
Among Clergy outside the Ch of E are conventionally gentlemen who
would not be uncomfortable or produce discomfort in a Mayfair
drawing room - & as compared to Ch of E are usually better educated.
Has been in Putney 21 years - until 2 years ago in Putney Heath Lane
Centre of one of richest West London districts - Have now moved
to Upper Richmond Rd - fine church large hall attached
A few poor & some servants come, but essentially a rich church -
Some very rich - serves a large area -
Next year's campaign to be opened on the dwellers in the less districts
between church & river -
No mission work by the church but certain members
carry on boys brigades in Putney & Barnes with success
& others have worked at the Sefton Mission Hall (Sefton St.) &
Talk was mainly general.
Though mainly middle class Putney at low more good
a great place for Retired men. Chelverton Road Rd
swarm with both makers - general atmosphere pleasure
seeking - & the rich are inclined to snobbish exclusiveness
Generally have made fortunes in trade - want to be treated
as fine ladies & gentlemen which they are not. Hs defective
& their drawing rooms show that they are devoid of culture
Among these people the Churches do not prosper. The
Churches of E are well filled once or twice but the Free Churches
do not do well. The middle classes here as indifferent
to religion as the poor elsewhere. Where till recently he
lived in Dealtry Road - only 2 families out of 24 attended
worship regularly - & he has been assured that in Chelverton Rd
only 6 out of 100 do so. Many women professs. but in fine weather
go for a walk & will keep the house. Many have given
up going from Anglicanism to High Ch teaching but will not go
to a free church because it is bad form. Religious life
of Putney has suffered from absence of religious unity. No
Central Hall where united mission can be held

(Parish of Shaw)

Presbyterian: Matheson (39) 7 CXXXII. 73 Cont

Spoke at some length on Drink & Prostitution & the attitude of the Police (unsatisfactory) towards them. Police hamper ~~att~~ all efforts to deal with Drink traffic. Instances given – "bona fide" traveller found for Prostitution though bad slightly better than it was. About 20 years ago solicitation unknown here. About 15 years ago women began to swarm on Putney Hill – & again Destitute Ph came, Richmond Road between East Putney Station & Hyde S became regular promenade – increased.

Spoke in high terms of work of United Gospel Temperance Soc (Secretary Mr Summers – & mentions a Miss Lovell of 8 Disraeli Rd doing excellent work among Telegraph Boys.

Free Church of England. (39) 7. CXXXII. 53.

Rogers.

A genuine man with an intense hatred of the Roman Catholics – Came here in 1891. The Free Church of England is a body formed to monopolise Evangelical Services of the Webb Peploe type in Parishes which have only High Ch parsons – They originally belonged to the "Countess of Huntingdons Connection". This name ceased to please in 1863 – & the "Free Church of England" broke off in 1874. Mr R has never been a member of the Established Ch – before 1891 was in charge of Reformed Episcopal Ch in West Kensington "a miserable affair". Scheme for Free Ch. There are about 20 Free Churches in England of extent 5 in London. Object to maintain church service as before Parsons – main difference black gown in pulpit – white at desk – choir surplices. Each church elects its parson – a few are endowed but most depend on voluntary offerings – Position peculiar. They are not dissenters, nor are they Churchmen where the Establishment is High. They raise a "stir" some if Evangelical replaces ritualist. But as this would be a victory – they shower then move elsewhere – but such mobility is not possible. They play on & dwindle – it is so here –

(Parish of S Mary)

Free Church of England (39) 7 — Rogers CXXXII. 53 Cont^d

Her people well to do mid class - belonged to Established Church - were not dissenters - abominated High Churchism - women not to go to Chapel - Sent for Mr Rogers predecessor - Not an Ion church, 1876 they the present one 1881 - Called 'Emmanuel' Chuse - Competes with S. Stephen where was high & so now low -

No special feeling himself as to the flash point but half her people would leave if he put on white.

Putney a strange place little in common with North London more like S. John's Wood.. No Nonc. Ch well attended all about ½ full

There are remnants of old inhabitants not retired, & retired London shopkeepers, & business men & clerks away all day - And a large class of theatrical people - last train out of Waterloo goes to Putney - together with the theatrical people come kept women & pleasure seekers

Visiting impossible except among her own people - always "not at home"

When the old puritan stock die out - those who bring their Bibles & turn up the references, there will be no need for the Free Church

Working class children come willingly to Sunday School -

S. Stephens has no Sunday School - works with them & gets their children - No parent thinks of the doctrine taught - want to get rid of them. & the children think of the treats

Viccars System - we started 2 treats & got the children

now the others give 2 treats also. Establishd Ch, Romans & Non Cons all alike in the hunt for the children. persuade mothers to leave up other Sects treats - So the parents think they do you a favour "well if you are not pleased with the child so & so have a bette. treat than ye mo & I shall send her there". When S. Stephens starts schools he will lose his children. Cooperation as to treats reason - all share between day. "Get as much as you can" Church & Chapel fair game -

No cooperation - Free Ch Council have made first step in a united S Sch service Henley hardly recognise their existence - an antagonist - & in his three churches offers "tea coffee & cocoa" in the cos of Church Sermon to suit all tastes. If S. Mary too low & S. John of S Sth does not suit. go to all Saints -

Local Gos: Putney Story Tory - Horse fair. Inspectors Street.

Lecturing work from Monday to Thursd. Sat & Sun away lecturing for no popery - The Romans & especially Jesuits very hostile - stones & eggs are thrown at them - Romantic Jesuit tale -

(Parish of S Mary)

Mission – Sefton Street — Cooper — CXXXII 202

Has concerted his working class landlord (a painter) Confines his work to Sefton S. Pentlow S. & Moss S. People come to the Hall from beyond but are not Sefton Street not marked now enough – worst part of Pulteney bad as anything in East End only more village like having community to deal on.

Laundry work is the industry – men labourers in building trade or forestry

People with many children cling here – because others will not have them – 2 & 3 families – much crowding 6 or 7 children – lads & girls sleeping in same room with deration moral results –

For the mission the prayer meetings are the back bone of the work – the boys who come are difficult to manage The meetings are growing & help one's life deepening – (but few come from the immediate neighbourhood)

The appeal reads "Come! for an hour to worship & learn of God. It will quicken & refresh your Soul"

When Mr Cooper came the mission was a sort of little show place – S Sch best part of work – rest fetched with Teas & magic lantern but not a single Christian Child among them "If Christ is good for anything it is for practical application to life" –

Seeks by judicious visiting to establish friendly relations taking advantage of opportunities – 5 cases out of work reported this week – men unskilled – hard off already, work slack

Poverty mostly their own fault – Can always get beer.

& Constant anxiety begets dull deadness – have no moral sense. Will send their little girls late at night to P.H for beer "how can they remain pure?" – moral condition of Bad

think nothing of a girl having a baby – no street prostitution but commercial men offer opportunities.

Church visits & Mr Hewlett says there is no poverty – The Church regards them as interlopers – but they feel the Church as when the people get respectable they leave us & go to the Church

Holy Trinity. Camyton
Rochampton Ch of E
CXXXIII. 5.

Although within metrop area Rochampton can hardly be called London. There is only one Clergyman covering large area - so we saw him though it is doubtful if it was worth a long journey in pouring wet.
It's a pretty village & a fine church & a flourishing Congregation & the Vicar lives in a beautiful mansion
The only thorn in the vicar's lot appears to be the presence in strength of the Roman Catholics who tho not unfriendly are not helpful
Rochampton consists of large isolated mansions & avenues of semi detached houses - & in centre a few streets with shopkeepers & working class
Poorer section are gardeners servants & keepers appendages of the rich - & no poverty save isolated cases of sickness & direct improvidence.
Of exodus very little - but a slow influx of comfortable town people due to laying out of the Spencer Estate &c
Thus population an "old" good church going.
The old church was not central enough & money came in freely to build the new one
RCs peculiarly strong - large Ch. 2 convents & training college
Friendly understanding. Each to attend to its own. no antagonism
Dissenters have mission - little influence but also friendly lend him chairs room once a week for sick club. Clothing & to others & to their sick club
Sick club RC & dissenters both belong -
Is affiliated to poor parish of St Johns Waterloo Rd & raises money for them
Showed Argyle over his Church & schools of which justifiably proud - Evidently something in him to have carried through the work so well. Expressed himself as anxious to see proof of anything printed regarding his work -

(Parish Holy Trinity)
RC Mission - Wilson
Rochampton
(39) 8. CXXXVIII.4

Late head of the Mission - was head a year ago - Seems rather a weak man in weak health - Said this mission was much light work in such pleasant surroundings it was generally given to oldish or worn-out men.
Rochampton a small village tucked away behind Wimbledon Common & Richmond Park - a long way from anywhere except for private carriages - Every house in the place joggles slowly into Putney - Barnes the nearest station quite is 2 miles off - Consequently no poor or rich live here.
Merchant princes & their palaces - & the poor who keep them going
none around poor - Plenty of relig when received from either Romans or Anglicans - Chapel has no hold - Building for the rich middle class is beginning this year
Rochampton not a Catholic place but for the institution 'Manresa House - Convent & School of Sacred Heart - Orphanage connected with 'Poor Servants of the Mother of God'
There might be 230 RC in the village - or about 1/15 of pop
No hospitality except for small boys hosting petticoats sweets
Bicycle brings many to confession on Sat; come from miles and
Ride in hansom & make confession on way back
Prostitutes bad on common. Women come from Central London

RC Manresa Ho: King
CXXXVIII. 31

Large yellow brick building with 2 wings opened 35 years ago as college for novices of order of Jesuits. Father Considine is Rector & made him Father Henry T King
Father King talked ½ an hour on general question
Numbers of RC increasing in England - hope they keep pace with pop: recruits from higher classes - not middle classes - Anglican Church high flow produces equal numbers - how cons are not become Catholics.
Jesuit not ordained before 30 or 32 - first novices rare weeded out at Manresa - have at 18 for theologians for philosophy - then comes school teaching & then ordination - latter number 24 very exceptional - Musically poor, wheat illness made to celebrate mass once - Priests first mass the great moment of their life

S. Mary Magdalene
Evans — Just returned from holiday after nervous breakdown
Chof E — Still very unwell – Curates at prst but proved friendly

(39) 8. CXXXIII.109 — Came here 3 years ago. Succeeding a man who
✓ — yr had a controversy in it – but had an efficient
Curate (Mr Wood) who repaired his mistakes.
Mr Wood still here & the hrs Mr & Mrs attributed the
success of the Church. An excellent preacher. Areas the new
Pop. (Excluding 1000 in the Prison) is 5000. of whom
1000 working class – the rest small & lower class clerks
shop keepers &c – £200 to £400 a year – Only road with
any poverty Beechman Rd. – Pop shifting. – Only take the
* houses for 3 years & when dirty move elsewhere –
Not room for much mission work –
|| Essentially a church going people – give hearty moral support
& there is lack of church accommodation

Baptist – Ch of Christ (39) 8 — Oatley — Came here by invitation from Devizes in 1895.
CXXXII. 215 — Church formed 1870 – School room built 1877
Chapel built 1883. Lecture Hall built 1890
✓ — Chapel situated corner of Broderick Rd – middle of
Park Barn Prpd district – Congg from surrounding streets
none poor nor very rich – all successful. Its support to
live – very one has a margin.
North Malling in West End – Easy access – many civil
servants & West End shop keepers & assistants – All
services – near all from country – Go with top hat &
frock coat 8 to 10 am return about 7. Rents £40 to £120
average £45 – for £40 7 rooms kitchen & scullery, bath room
& electric bells – Young men lodgers common & one servt
almost always – District for last 5 years stationary –
Masters do not like their servants to attend same place of worship
* A master who has been hasty at home does not like &c
|| So Church masters have Chapel going servants & vice versâ
Mrs H often consulted as to servants & their places – the servants
make strict inquiries before accepting a situation

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Baptist Chap Christ — Oakley CXXXII. 215 Cont^d

The success of this church not due to his preaching he says "but they like my ways". gets to know every family their joys & sorrows & difficulties & consulted. Not the same as in a poor neighbourhood (where house to house visiting may be done). Mr Swan tried but "gave it up." "Missus says who are yer" & a card being sent in "Missus says she dont know yer" & he (Mr Oakley) had to go.

On one side of him lives a godly man but a high church man. Nothing in common "we shall both go to heaven but not in the same line". On the other side a free thinker with Chapel going wife sees the wife at Chapel but it might make difficulties to call on the man. So in a prosperous middle cl district answers best for Xtian to visit his own cl.

As to sermons the difficulty is that his people read nothing but their papers morning & evening. Exposition? theories bother them. Classics they are ignorant of. Criticism of books is above them. Never read books. Tried it at first. putting study into his sermons but it was disliked. He now aims at simplicity & chooses subjects easily materialised. A good man. a bad man or some well known object. Something that makes a picture in their mind. "Intellectual infancy of the business less business man" £3000/4000 a year & no books. For the children proximity decides the school. as with the children of the poor tho' the parents are religious & fully of

lectures of literary soc from the amusement of old & young is wanted. for summer there is lawn tennis & cricket. None go to theatres. or only very occasionally. not to race nor give balls. Marriage late because Sd May civil serv

are connected with small & useless mission in Blackshaw Hd. Summer in connection with two other chapels. but there have been motions & they take no part yet. Tells his people they are spiritually pleased if they undertake missionary work. so they have sent 2 missionaries to China & maintain a native preacher in India & a little Xtian boy in the Congo. £150 per ann.

Charity flows through the Gt Hd Baptist Chapel (Wallesey)

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Church Institute. Baker CXXXVII. 5.

Institute formed by Mr Baker 1868. for Promotion Education – Religion – Recreation – works generally on Ch of E lines but open irrespective of Creed
no clergyman may be on Board of Governors but may be members of Committee of Science & General classes
Incorporated to be able to hold property 1891.
Members drawn from Upper Tooting & Lower Tooting Broadway Common, Balham, Summerstown Garratt & Nallerson &c
Number of men & lads attending 1871 = 44 – 1899. 3739 based on 5 years average. Increase still going on. tho' they feel increased competition. Church Chapel LCC M'Sch.
At present there are 4000 { 1000 Clerks, 2000 Artisans & Labourers, 1000. boys just left School }
Subs. 1/. per annum – & special fees for each class. & the classes as far as possible self supporting – no general fund – if can't make ends meet must ask Mr Baker's help & he gives from his own pocket – They do not like asking, unless driven
(Mr B must have considerable means – he gave £150 in his own name & £42 anonymously as proof of active local interest to secure the largest possible Govt Grant towards Evening Schools & £412 was obtained – a wealthy man)
Use 3 halls & 15 class rooms – Big Hall (LCC licensed) 350
Lower hall 350 & gymnasium 500 (crowded in).
For subjects see report – Men & boys come chiefly to increase earning power – mix in the classes – but social distinctions assert themselves in the games & are much more strongly marked lower down than higher up – especially between Artisan & Labourer
different cricket clubs – different billiard rooms – different messes – needed or one class will oust the other – has 6 cricket pitches which must be near for evening practice – men will go some distance for a match but not for practice & this is one which affects health for
Evening classes 560 boys & 260 girls & women { free for the boys in consideration of the N. Lot
Technical 150 men & boys – Science 150 men & boys
Shorthand always the most popular – means £100 in wages
Lectures not popular unless practical bearing – overflowing for Electricity applied to motors – Simply on Astronomy. –

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30 of 35 teachers all paid except 2. 4/ or 5/ an Evening. Cant afford the 21/. LSA give some. They are mostly S.A. or Nat Sch teachers "need to know how special Exams must be prepared for" (a coaching institute). Used to boast that none of its teachers were paid but had to give that up.

As to Religion Mr Baker works that in where he can. The young must be prepared first. I would rather see them go off into the country on bicycles does them more good than Sunday School. More sexual immorality, personal abuse on Sunday, than all the other days. they must have something to do. — By far greater number attend no place of worship nor say their prayers. Religious carelessness the dominant factor. No hostility in looking through it. Survivors with some bitterness in Battersea Branch (now district comm Thessaly Sq. see Mr Holmes)

Indifference to claims of religion increased in 30 years. The young men (clerks) mostly sons of country people who came (the parents) to London

Gambling an increasing impossible to stop. Betting on anything & everything — if forbidden keep up activity

Slate Club one of the greatest features. 3000 members in existence 10 years. 6° a week & 6° a quarter & 1/ for funeral result 10/. a week sick & £10 death of wife £15. member. Shared 24/. out at end of last year. No members 18 to over 40. but old members may join. All young now. Not objection arising. Intention against saving for widows & fears the young will object to pay for the old. When there are children. The clerk work & visiting for the club unpaid work. friendly relations & desire of helping each other the best social work.

Police may his club members take to teetotaler to escape the Publicans influence.

Drink. Knows 2 pubs Queens Pl Battersea taking out £50 a night

Thrift. clerical class more so. Labour not. looking to the State in old age

Marriage is much consulted & advice as best he can

Prostitution rampant & common. Sad cases disease resulting women favour licensed houses. Public opinion tending that way but still far off. Young men more curious than vicious.

Mr Baker a man between 50 & 60. spectacled. beard whiskers. Slight build has twinkling eye.

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