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Purple to pink streets

Police 13

Dist. 13.

Monday. July 26th 1897. G.H.D.

Walk with inspector Fitzgerald round Homerton & part of Clapton - continued from Police Book. 13A. page 247.

College Avenue. is better on the South side than on the North - as red is to pink. At the corner of the Warwick Rd and College Av. is 'Rams Episcopal chapel Infants school.' Turning out of it on the North side is Lesbia Avenue with one of the London General Omnibus stations. South West into Portland Place & North to look into the Median Road - which at this extreme end of it has shops and looks purple. Portland Place is the road joining Mare Street and the Clapton Road. The train lines run along it. Good houses and large gardens on the South side in one of which lives a Miss Wilks a lady Doctor who has come to live there. She is not looked on with a favorable

eye

a Feather Duster.

Mehetabel Road - purple

Link St. lb

Homerton High Street

The British Xylonite Factory is in the High St. Xylonite is very inflammable being a species of gun cotton. The company has its own fire Brigade. Even when alight they will allow no outside brigade to enter. The men were leaving work as we passed. Lighting their pipes at a flaring gas flame coming out of the outside wall.

eye by the police because they are afraid she may cut into the practise of their Divisional Doctor, an old man, very popular with them, who lives there.

South down the Warwick Road which has the factory of a 'Feather Duster' on the East side – he remakes mattresses: down the Isabella Rd already mentioned into Mehetabel Rd which looks purple though the map makes it pink.

The next street Eastwards which the map calls 'Balls Buildings' is now called Link Street. is also worse than the map. Fitzgerald said it was poor & rough. It looks light to dark blue. (2).

Then along Homerton High St which has on its south side Marian St, Talyors Bldgs, Bridge St, Shepherd's lane, Rosina St, Digby & Sedgwick St. Homerton High St is a street of shops & factories. Many of the houses having been solid dwelling places formerly. The old house is seen behind the newish shops which is built out on the old front garden. Some of the houses are dated 1776. The present shops are neither

Dark blue streets

Marian St. lb bs.

Shepherd's Lane N of Railway DB
S —"— lb

good nor bad in appearance. The whole still has an old fashion village look. Marian St. is on the map light blue but it is worse than this. Prostitutes live there. It is a cul-de-sac. There is a small general shop at its N.E. end. "It's as low as we have 'em." Taylor's Buildings, also a cul de sac with a large house at the bottom of it led up to by a flight of stone steps; 2 carved stone lions, one very rough. as if some one had started to build a house & had also been stopped by cost or death from finishing it. Now it is inhabited by many families. all poor noisy & rough. Many children. The upper sides of the street are occupied by dining table & cabinet makers. Shepherds' Lane has houses along its East side only. Very poor. Prostitutes here. Taylors Maravilla Cocoa works at the North end. The map marks the Northern & the Southern ends light blue but the centre pink & purple. It is the blue that has prevailed over the rest. Rosina Street the turning up some steps east out of Shepherds lane ends in the blank wall of abbotts factory. The

Drink among Dustmen.

General remarks.

The map marks it light blue. It varies from light to dark - more dark probably than light. Abbotts are the large coal merchants and dust removal contractors & the men in the street, those that are not carters on their own account are employed by them. They are a rough lot all Abbotts men. "One day at work & two days drink is about their character." Digby Road purple to light blue. Opposite the end of it is a large Building & garden of the Homerton Congregational College. Building closed & garden running to waste. Sedgwick St is rough & poor & has a little general shop of its own half way down the East side.

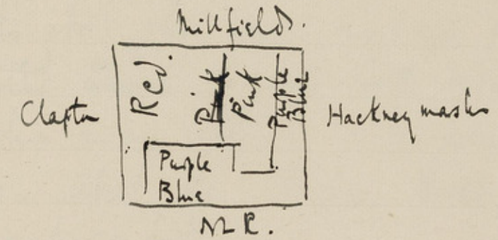
General Remarks. The day was fine & cool with occasional showers. It was a monday & therefore many rent collectors were on their rounds: Women were not noticeable in the Public Houses. Homerton & Clapton have no "Crushed" day.
As to the general character of the neighbourhood. In shape it is a rough square bounded on the South by the North London Ry, on the E by Hackney Marsh

The character of the different districts whose streets have been mentioned above.

Blue districts

on the North by Millfields Rd & on the West by the Lower Clapton Road.

In character the East & South sides are purple to Blue, the centre is pink & the ~~Rdest~~ Rdest corner is red.



The extreme N.E backing on the marshes is purple to light blue, going down in character & now more blue than purple, an unhealthy district & likely to become worse. Pedro, Maclaren, Oswald, Mende-ville, Mainwaring & Etropol Streets come within it. The block south of the Fever Hospital is dark blue & was dark blue 10 years ago. St Barnabas Church with its large church yard has had no apparent influence on it although Belshaw St the worst of the group nearly touches it. South of Stoke Newington St again, between it and the railway is a poor bit which seems to have got worse rather

Pink lists.

Red..

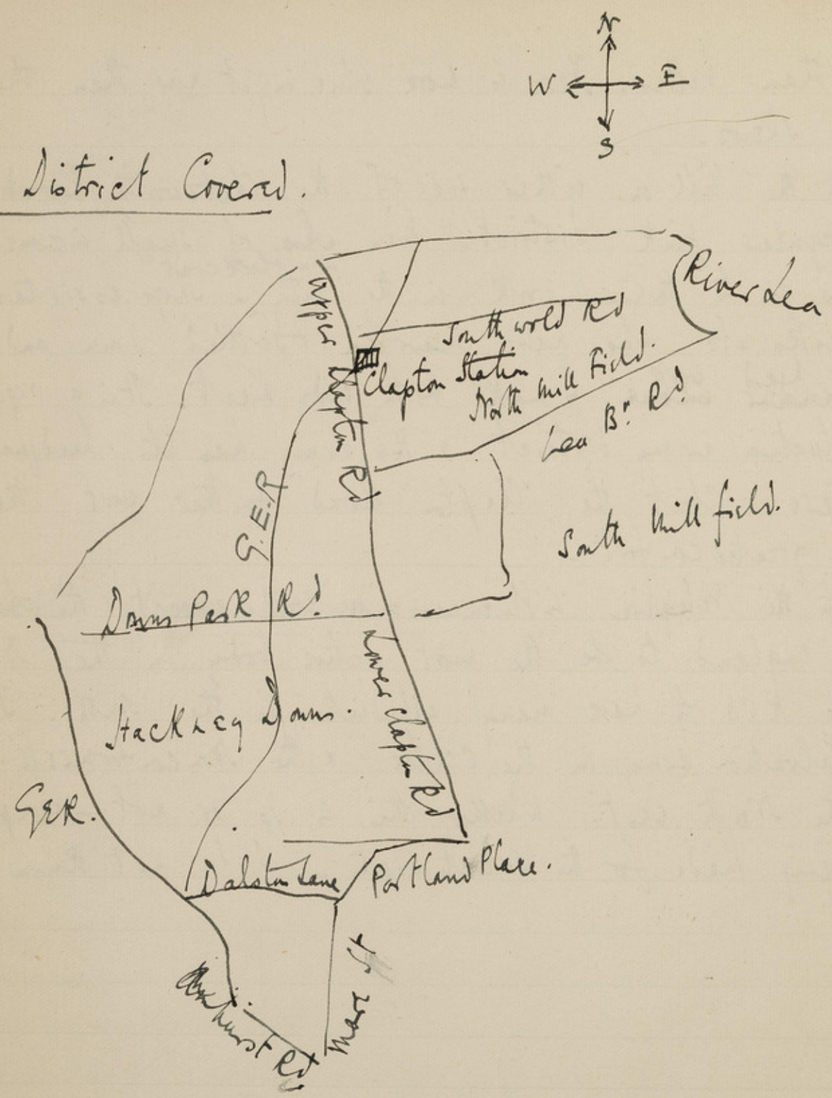
Probable religious influences.

rather than better. There is more blue in it now than the map shews.

Upon the hill on either side of the Chatsworth Road is a regular pink district. Men ~~who~~ of small incomes who go to their work in the city in a black coat - shop assistants, clerks etc who have married & settled down and have ~~stretcher~~ hard work ~~incomes~~ to make both ends meet. It is a regular Salvation army district & the army has its headquarters there. About the Clapton Road further west there is greater comfort.

(As to the religious influences: one would expect the church of England to be the most active body in the NE. the RCs to have many adherents in the south. The Salvation army in the Centre & the Nonconformists in the North west. Whether this is so or not - except in being made for the salvationists - I do not know.)

The District Covered.



Tuesday July 27th Dist 13. Police 13 G.H.D.

Walk with Inspector Fitzgerald round Lower Clapton. The district is bounded on the South by Dalston Lane & Clapton Road: On the East by the Lower Clapton Rd & Lea Bridge Road & the Hackney cut: on the north by Mount Pleasant Lane, Evering road: on the West by the Rendle-sham Rd. & Hackney Downs.

Starting at the G.E.R. Clapton Station. Southwold Rd runs down hill to North Mill fields from Clapton Station: So does its character; the North end being red and the East pink to purple. The next street Eastwards is Comberton Rd: red & respectable, the next, Aveley not quite so good - pink. All the houses in these streets have two or 2½ stories & there is plenty of air & open space about.

Then up the Theydon Rd. which is purple - All houses are tenements holding 2 or 3 families the gardens at the back are a good deal lower

Purple to light blue streets

Mundford Rd – lb
Dudlington Road – purple

Middlesex St lb

Lea Bridge Rd.

Comfortable red pink

lower than the road. On the west side of Theydon Road are Detmold & Shore Roads. both pink to purple in character. Two storied houses. Small bow-windows & front gardens. Farthest is Mundford Rd. poorer. purple. Dudlington Rd. tenement houses pretty fronts but backs on a much lower level. Middlesex St. poor riverside street. light blue.

Then along the Lea Bridge Rd which separates North from South millfields westwards into the Clapton Rd. there turning North to look into Brecholme Front & Cassimer Rd. Brecholme Rd. is pink. Front Rd. two-storied houses: little bow-windows. The west end is light blue & decidedly poorer. Out of it is a court: light blue whose inhabitants sweep chimneys & take in washing. Cassimer Terrace looks like a retired working-class road a purply pink. Many tramway men live round about here.

Then up the Clapton Rd to Clapton Station & a little further North the roads on the West side being Brooke Rd red to pink. "Nearly all take in lodgers." Ickburgh. red. very comfortable.

that

Comfortable streets

Cross Rd pk

Oakfield Rd pkb

Charnock & Heyworth Roads pkb

mostly business people the inhabitants. There is a private house at the East end of the Brooke Rd – the house itself being in the Clapton Rd with a very large kitchen garden of its own. Evering Rd. another comfortable red road that does not take in lodgers – green front gardens with trim privet hedges & broad clean, empty roads on which several young ladies were learning to bicycle. Walsingham Rd. not ~~quite~~ so good – pink – Kenninghall Rd. red –
Running South out of the Kenninghall Rd is the London Rd. – pink. It has shops on its E side. This houses are better at the South end where it approaches Hackney Downs than at the North. They are for the most part 3 storied.
Then East along Cross Rd. pink. running out of which are Avenue Rd. pink. Good gardens. & Oakfield Rd. more comfortable than the preceding. red. Some houses with wooden gates & a short carriage drive
Further east is Nightingale Rd & Grove Lane. From Rd. Charnock Rd, & Heyworth Rd. all of two- or 3-storied houses. & pink toned in character with

Hackney Downs.

Queens Down Road - red

with clean & quiet roads & fair gardens.

Then into the Downs road which runs along the North side of Hackney downs. There are good houses here but not such good ones as on the South side. The Downs themselves are managed by the LCC. They are bare green & open. In the middle is an attempt at landscape gardening and a few flowers: also a band stand where a band plays twice a week. Queens Down Rd. bounds the East side of the Downs. Eastwards along the Downs Rd is Powell Rd. pink & red & rather better than Cricketfield Rd. on the dark side. Clarence Rd. the next Rd. eastwards is a road of fair shops. It is the direct continuation of Mare street Hackney & would make the shortest way for the trams into the upper Clapton Rd. but they have preferred to turn off along Portland place & then go up the Lower Clapton Rd.

Then in to the Lower Clapton Rd. & up to the Thistle croite Rd. on the East side. respectable houses. Trees on pavement look about 10 yrs old. The next St. South is

New.

Rents & leases in Newick Rd.

Lower Clapton Rd.

Retired publicans & fishmongers.

Newick Rd where Fitzgerald himself lives as a lodger. The inhabitants of his street are he says commercial travellers & men in the shipping business. The houses are let on 99 yr leases & nearly all belong to owners. They are 2 storied with bow windows top & bottom. Their price is £480 for a single & £680 for a double-fronted house. ground rent £6 per annum. Young trees on the pavement in front.

The Lower Clapton Rd. at this point is an old fashioned broad country looking street flanked by a mixture of shops ~~of~~ & dwelling houses. There is in it a pond full of water with a notice board in the middle of it "this eligible site to be let for building purposes". Many doctors live in the Clapton Rd. Driving up the middle of it was a clergyman driving in a low pony-cart. Past Southwards past Atherden Rd. & Laura Place - red. The Southern Rd. a red brick road. Fitzgerald knows 3 of its inhabitants "One keeps a fish shop in Mare Street; & two are retired publicans." The houses have good gardens "beautiful backs."

Then along Portland Place. Before you come to it on the

Green grocery prices in Portland Place.

A blue corner

Clarence Terrace - db

the west side is Clapton passage. pink. leading to Clapton Square also pink. there are a good many houses to be let in Clapton sq. & they look rather past their prime. Opposite the end of Clapton passage is the Clapton park Congregational chapel known to the neighbourhood as the 'Round chapel'.

On the North side of Portland Place are many linen-drapers shops. On the South side large dwelling houses. & below it are more shops. Small green apples in the green grocers shops at 3d per lb. Red currants 3d. Cherries 6d. Tomatoes 2d & plums at 1½d. ~~Clarence~~ Then North a little way up Clarence Road on the west side of which is Clarence Terrace very poor - dark blue. The map gives it light blue. The Clarence Rd at the lower end looks purple & the houses have work-shops in their back gardens. Clarence Terrace leads into Orchard place which looks purple to light-blue which in its turn leads to Pembury Grove a better street - pink. 3 storied houses taking in lodgers, with ~~the~~ a Methodist Free Church (Rev. E. Coote) half way down on the north side. Westwards into Pembury Road

Rents.

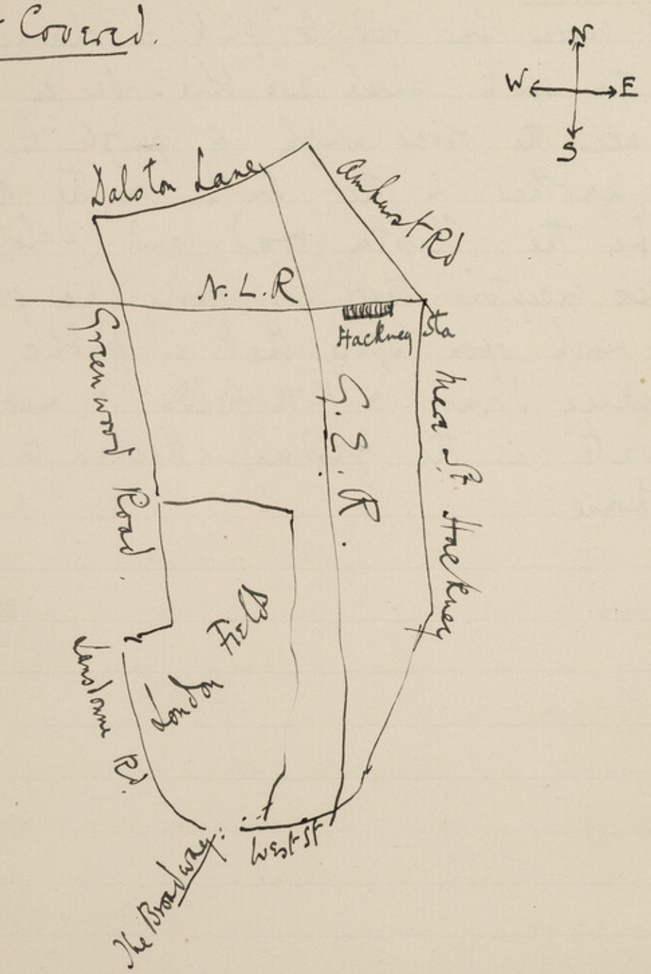
red. Bodney Rd pink to red. André Rd just under the Railway - consists of Railway arches where there are ferriers, stables & filthy plaster works. The East end of the Amherst road varies between pink & red. more red than pink. The inhabitants usually take in lodgers. Manor place running South out of it looks pink to red as map. Further along the Amherst Rd on the North side are Kenmure & Brett roads. both pink. Kenmure with 2 storied houses consisting of 6 rooms & a scullery & letting for 17/- per week & Brett Road a large block of tenements 5/6 at the tops & 8/6 at the bottom for 4 rooms & a scullery. Kenmure Avenue, which runs South out of the East end of Kenmure Rd looks light blue. & Aspland Grove ~~at~~ a the South side of Amherst Rd looks pink to purple. The map marks it all pink.

At the corner of the Amherst Rd & Mare street is a large public house kept by one Hiss (?). He is a great betting man & is said to make more money that way than by selling spirits.

General

General remarks. The whole of this district is well-to-do: and varies from red to pink in character. There are only two spots which are blue. One in the N. E corner near the river which is purple to light blue & another in the South in the angle made by the Clapton road and Dalston lane. With these exceptions there are really no poor. There is much open space that is public such as Hackney Downs & Mill fields & much that is private in the gardens attached to almost every house.

District Covered.



Police 13/4

Dist 13.

August 30th Monday. S.H.D.

Walk with Inspector ~~Flanagan~~ Fitzgerald. Local inspector of the ~~Dalston~~ District of the J Police division - round district bounded on the North by Dalston Lane & Amhurst Rd: on the East by Mare Street Hackney: On the South by West Street; & on the West by Lansdowne Road & Greenwood Road.

Starting at Hackney Station N.L.R. then south down mare St & west along Graham Rd. red & pink as map. a few shops at Western end; & a block of flats in place of the waste ground shewn on ordnance map a little way down on the South side. Houses generally 3 storied. Tram to Dalston starts at the mare St end. Behind it entered by the Penpoll road is Sylvester Rd. big dark houses with gardens at the back built originally as dwelling houses 4½ & 2½ storied, many of which are now used as factories: boot etc. "Many railway people live here." Then south down

East

Streets between Mare St. & London fields.

Pigwell Path - purple

Pink to purple streets

Cecterton St. - purple to pink - (map marks it pink) a two storied street. Gymnasium on East side. Inhabited largely by labouring class working at the Hackney Furnishing Co. in Mare street. This company ~~was~~ is owned by a Mr Sorgenberg who on Saturday last. (Aug 28th) was elected a ~~pro~~ Vestry man. ~~can~~ Conservative Guardian. Pigwell Pigwell path. which runs out of the North end of Cecterton St. is now nearly built up. The map marks it light blue and calls it Grove mews. It now looks purple. The new little houses must have replaced former poorer cottages. It leads to Grove Passage. a very various street with two fully licensed houses at its North end. It has also 6 almshouses "for 6 poore widdowes of good life and conversation." founded 1666. rebuilt 1819. Also a common lodging house for men only beds 6d per night. Also the Hackney Radical club, a boot & shoe manfactry & Jaffs confectionery works. which last are situated just behind the Town hall. At the South end the grove becomes ~~very~~ respectable with a Church mission room it ~~an~~ stops at Richmond road

Florefield Road - lb

Light blue streets

Tower St S of Railway Arch - lb

Boot factories.

Richmond Rd. Florefield Rd. the turning out of Grove Pass. north of the Mission room is much poorer. The map marks it purple, it looks light blue, at the back of it are 4 very poor cottages almost dark blue in looks. Houses in Florefield Rd are two storied. "Some costers live here" especially at the west end at the bottom. There is a small general shop in the street. It is probable that the light blue inhabitants of Bywell path who were crashed out by the new houses & have come to live down here. Tower St. which is a continuation of Grove passage on the South side of Richmond Rd runs under the railway & has some poor light blue houses just on the south side of the rlwy arch but gets purple & better lower down. The map marks the whole purple but just by the rlwy is distinctly poorer. Ellingfort the turning at the south end is still pink as map. Collins' organ & piano works are at the East End. London lane. though pink in map does not look quite so good. Kentmere terrace also pink. Houses of 3½ stories. Boot factories in the houses & boot & leather factors under the rlwy arches. Here &

Lamb Lane S. side pk

Cabinet factory

Rents.

Boots

Exmouth Place & Warburton Road - db

Dark blue streets

Triangle Place & Road db

& round Bethnal Green are the centres of the boot trade.
Cranston & Fortescue Avenues - cement paved - gas lamp in centre. 2 storied houses - respectable - take in lodgers pink. Kent lane. The north side looks poorer than South - as light blue is to purple - map gives both as purple. Sidworth & Bagford Sts both look purple - map gives them as pink. On the E side of Sidworth St is a cabinet makers factory - Rents in Bagford St for 5 rooms & scullery. 8/- poor pk.
Helmsley St at the bottom of Sidworth St is poor - light blue, so is Helmsley place - doors open - woman at a machine working on baby's slippers. Helmsley Terrace which faces on the Field is all boots & shoe factories, fancy, nursery shoes. They should be good dwelling places. They look low purple rather than the pink of the map.
Exmouth Place & Warburton Rd. are two very poor streets. "very rough characters live here." a ~~[illegible]~~ litter of paper in the streets - cracked windows. They look dark blue. The map gives them light blue. Triangle Rd & Triangle place South out of the Warburton Rd are equally dark blue.

Rents in Warburton street

Lodging houses.

More rents

"Very rough & poor." "As rough & poor as we've got it" "Some no doubt live by their wits but I don't know any of them personally." "As bad as the streets behind the Fever hospital in Stoneton." said Fitzgerald. Their backs are small & crowded. Houses 2 storied. Inhabitants costermongers and wood choppers. In Warburton St was a notice that 12 freehold dwelling houses were to be sold bringing in £218.8.0 per annum. let at 7/- per week. land lord paying rates & taxes. These were 2 storied houses. South into West street whose north side the map gives as pink & south as purple on the S side is a "manufacturer of coalboxes & bookshelves." & small maker. At the Triangle is a Registered Lodging house with beds at 6d. 9d. & 1/-. Six houses on the South side of west street were posted to be sold "bringing in £514 per annum." 3 storied flush with the pavement unpleasant looking. London Place opposite the base, asphalted end of London Fields is purple on map. Addis Brush works here.

Then along Dalston Terrace at the South end of Lond. Fields

The Western side of
London Fields.

(from G. Stoberts. monthly property list)

Richmond Rd. (Best part). 2 houses. £385 each.
10 large rooms, bay windows, forecourts, long gardens - rents £45 & £42. Lease nearly 50 yrs. groundrent £8 each
Navarino Rd. Dwelling hse. 10 r & scullery, good garden & stable. Let at £50 per annum. Lease about 60 yrs. Ground rent £8.5. Price £500.

small shops. The 'New Lansdowne Liberal & Radical club" is here & there is a small dark blue looking Terrace just before the ~~corner~~ public house at the corner of the Broadway, not marked in the map.

Then North up Lansdowne Rd. & London Fields Terrace. which is pink as map. Richmond Rd. red as map. Lodgers usually taken in: front & back gardens. rents 20/- per wk. 3½ stories to the houses.

North up Wilton Rd. across the Wilton Rd. which has some medium shops at the East end. East into Navarino Rd. which is rather better at the South than at the north end, as pink is forced. & Navarino Grove. pink to purple which is a turning East out of the north end. & so out into Dalston Lane which has here 3 storied bow windowed houses of the type very common in the Brighton side streets & good gardens front & back. Then South down the Sparstone Terrace - which has some tenement houses & chimney sweeps into Cottrell Rd under the railway arch to Manor Place - both

General Remarks.

Poverty progressions.

2 striped purple to pink streets inhabited largely by railway employees.

General remarks. On the East side of the London Fields: in the streets lying between London fields & Mare street Hackney there are two gradual progressions from good to bad as one goes from north to south. Graham Road at the top is a mixture of red and pink. Bywell path, purple & Florefield rd. blue. The blue is here broken by the red respectability of Richmond road. ~~Here~~ Then the first progression ends and the second begins. Then there is Richmond Rd red, the streets about Cranston avenue a purply pink, & those round Warburton St. blue.

On the West side of London Fields, there is only the Richmond Road progression - ie Rich Rd red, Sayhurst pink, Blackstone St blue. (These last streets are mentioned in a later walk).

It is strange that there should be so much poverty

London Fields.

Industries in district

Factories in back gardens.

poverty in the neighbourhood of a fine open space like London Fields. The fields themselves seem to feel the influence of their surroundings & although they have been for some years under the County Council are still rather a dreary waste. The grass is coarse & tussocky. There are no shrubberies, no ~~shrubberies~~ flowers & the only trees are long lines of aspen poplars. Very few children were playing on them. The lower end has been asphalted but only adds to the general appearance of barenness.

The industries are Bootmaking (principal), piano & cabinet making, & coster & wood cutters in the poor street. Women seem to be employed more in the shoe & slipper line than anything else.

The large gardens behind so many of the houses have tempted manufacturers to start in their own homes & then to build out behind as soon as they become large employers. In this way many factories are quite hidden away & their fronts look like ordinary dwelling houses except that their front doors are generally open & in at the ground floor windows one can see piles of cardboard boxes.

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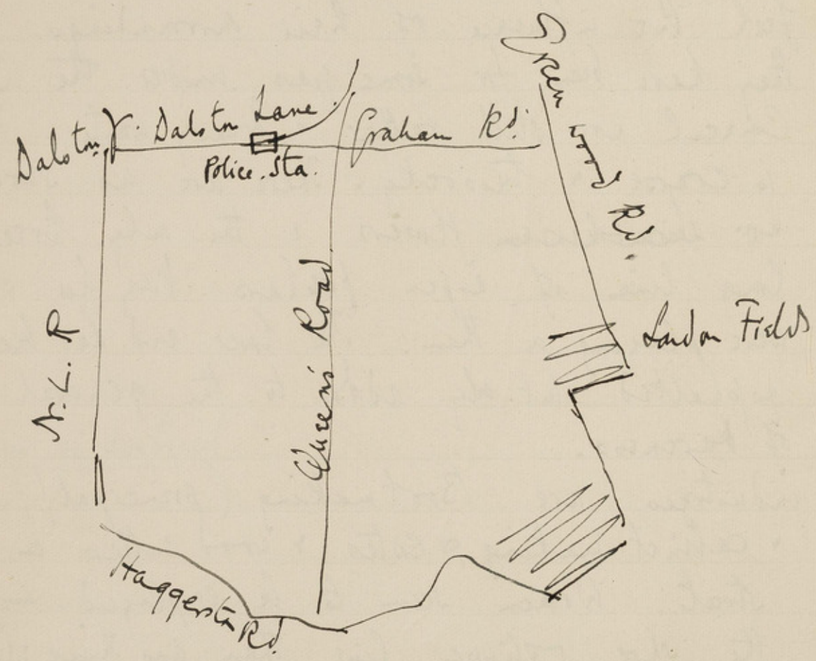


= the poor blue portions of the District

Sep. 2. Thursday. Dist. 13. Police 13/4 G.H.D.

Walk round part of Dalston with Inspector Flanagan Local District Inspector of the Dalston subdivision of the J. Police division: the Head quarters of the Dalston subdivision are in the north side of the Dalston Lane not far from Dalston Junction station & just opposite the end of Holly street.

Inspector Flanagan has been 5 yrs in this district as Inspector. He has ½ yrs more service & then retires. He is a tall man, grey haired, delicate gentlemanly looking, none of the robust rotundity of the ordinary police inspector; looks more like an American on tour, soft brown hat; purply brown coat: grey eyes: ~~shaven~~ very short hair: clean shaven except for a fair moustache turning grey. Is a native of the North of Ireland.

The District covered is bounded on the North by Dalston Lane and Graham Road: on the east by Richmond road & London Fields; on the South.

Streets south of Dalston
police station

by Brougham, Shrubland, Livermere, & Haggerston Roads: & the west by the North London Railway.

It is all in District XIII except a long thin piece lying between the NLR & Mayfield St. which properly belongs to XIV. It is included here as it is of the same character as the rest & consists chiefly of roads whose greater part is in Dist XIII.

Starting at the Dalston Police Station.
First south down ~~Lancaster~~ Holly Street a purple to pink st, the map marks it all pink. Rents 11/6 for a whole house. Some of the police force lodge there. Turning out of it on the East side are Laurel & Temple streets. also purple to pink, Temple St being the poorer of the two. A small general shop is at the corner of Temple & Holly streets. Then across Forest Road which is better off, as map, ~~pink~~ barred with red. some good trees in the front gardens. Two-

storied

Houses better than inhabitants

storied houses. Bow windows on the South side. Small fronts. The East end of the road is better than the west. All the houses look a little neglected, but solid, as if the houses were better than their inhabitants. South again into the Richmond road; as map, red. it is better at its East than at its west end. Houses 2 storied. Southall Road. also improves at its East end the west end of it harbours some doubtful characters: houses 2 storied.

On the West side of the South end of Holly St are Myrtle St. pink as map. some houses detached. good gardens behind. 2 storied. Bay street is poorer, looks more purple than pink. Shrubland Grove on the East side is as Myrtle St.

Across Middleton Rd. a 2½ storied street with front gardens & also good back gardens, pink as map. Here Holly St is called Trafalgar Rd. Again South & into Albion square. good 2½ storied houses round it, but a very badly kept square. No gates, no flowers, only mud heaps & trenches dug by street boys who were playing in them: 40 or 50 year old trees, remnants of former care:

The Queens Road.

& a dilapidated iron railing round with the only things to shew it had once been used for. Albion Hall, a litterary Institute & swimming baths, is now closed. Dances were formerly given there & the baths open. Now the institute has lost its licenses owing to the character of the dances given: & the swimming bath is also closed. It adds to the ill kemptness of the spot.

Then out into the Haggerston Road, skirt part the end of Acton St. a poor two-storied, purple to light blue street; Eastwards into Divermere St. - two storied houses with good gardens behind; containing 5 rooms with a washhouse in the back kitchen. Let at 14/- to 14/6 per house per week. Nearly all take in lodgers. Old fashioned houses with ornamental capitals to the pillars holding up the lintel (?) over the front doors. So into the Queens Road a fine broad road of detached & semi detached houses. Big trees in the front gardens. Some houses let out in tenements. Dated 1844. "Houses better than the people": They seem to have been built for a different class than now

Bare, clean & empty streets

Houses dated 1861.

a nursery garden.

now occupies them - retired tradesmen or Germans shd be their occupiers. Then North along the Queens Road passing a large new Board school on the west side of the street at the corner of Albion Road. Then East down Albert Rd whose houses are of yellow brick & 2½ storied, with iron rails raised on a low wall round rather badly kept fronts; the back gardens are large. ~~across~~ up Malvern Rd which is as map pink barred with red like Albert Rd, past Lavender, Thornland & Gaghurst roads, all two storied pink roads - quite clean & bare, a milk cart here & there & 2 men calling shrimps the only signs of life (4.P.M.). All the houses have good gardens.

Then northwards across the Richmond Road into St. Phillips Rd which is red as map 3 storied on the north side & 2½ on the south, fronts with trees, houses dated 1861: across the Forest Rd which is like it, bare, clean, empty into the Wilton Road which here has a small florists garden on the north side. (The owner of this garden keeps a flower shop in Dalston Lane). Then westwards

into

The Rhodes Estate

The poor block on the West side of London Fields.

into ~~Dalston Lane~~ Parkholme Rd. This is on the Cecil Rhodes estate & has recently been improved - i.e. the old houses pulled down & new red brick one set up instead. The new houses allow a little more front garden but take a corresponding amount off the back. They are only on the west side at present. They are two storied, with ornamental fronts, terra cotta pots at the entrance steps with small aloes in them: window boxes with ornamental tiles. China pots very large & very ugly on tables in the front windows & lace curtains over the windows both up & down stairs.

Then east again down the Wilton road out of the south of which are Salisbury & Lansdowne Roads both about the same, pink ~~in~~ colour.

Down South along the Lansdowne road to the light blue patch on the west side of the London Fields - Wilman, Blackstone, Blandford, New & Blanch streets - a poor block - two storied houses with small backs - No front gardens, houses flush with the pavement. Built of hard yellow brick. Coloured and worn shiny about

Houses dated 1844.

Streets which look purple rather than pink

4 ft up on either side of the door. Plaster worn away between the brick edges at corners.

Then West along Shrubland ~~Grove~~ Road which is rather ~~poor~~ at the east end. Behind No 70 is a cabinet factory. Close to it are the works of Belotti's, the plate glass levellers & silverers, & on the tongue made by the junction of Albion & Shrubland Roads is Dunmo Ellis & Hills' piano factory. On the South side is a corrugated iron Congregational chapel, pastor Rev J. C. Udall. The houses are for the most part semi detached. Date of building 1844.

Then South East down Brougham Rd past the end of Marlborough road which has some shops and looks no better than purple tho' the map marks it pink. Brougham Rd has small railinged ill-cared for fronts. 2 storied - working class - purple - map marks it pink. Brownlow Road on the West side, is 2½ storied & the South side & here looks pink; in the ~~South~~ North side the two storied houses are poor & look more like light blue. The map makes no difference. Brooke Rd

Lower

The Broadway, a shopping street

Duncan street, Dark blue.

Though rough Flanagan said he did not consider Duncan street so bad as Duncan road on the East side of the Broadway.

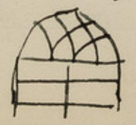
lower down on the west side of Brighton Rd. also looks no better than purple, many children here coming home from school (4.55. PM.). so does Pimlale Rd. also a 2 storied street. Then also the Broadway, a market street, with barrows & a rather poor class of shops. it looks no better than purple. Its shops would be used by the poor in Duncan St & Duncan Rd & also by the poor block on the West side of London Fields. Duncan street running N.W. out of the Broadway is a very poor rough street. houses two storied. Dark blue in character on map - some broken windows about, a sweetshop in the middle of it. litter of paper in the street & many children. doors generally open & women at them holding babies, two empty barrows in the street. Costers are its inhabitants. The top of the street is taken up by 'Hope Cottage' a 3 storied house with a large front. now a tenement but evidently originally built for other uses, a wooden balcony supported from the ground runs round the first story. Here Duncan street narrows & takes a turn & goes past a red brick building which is the

Hamburg and Bremen streets

Hamburg St purple

Bremen St purple

the St Pauls Mission Church; down the road came a slattenly girl of about 18 slipshod, with large holes in her stockings carrying a baby. many pieces of ~~[illegible]~~ sodden bread were lying about the street. The road has more respectable houses at its north end, ~~[illegible]~~ suddenly it touches Frederwen ~~street~~ Rd which is quite respectable, pink in map but really more purple, a quiet street inhabited by men working in boot factories - Houses 2 storied! bow windowed on both stories.

Then East to London Fields & south turning west again into Hamburg street. perhaps light blue as map, ~~[illegible]~~ certainly no worse: The City of Dublin Bottling Co have office here & also Smith & Dandge Boot factory Note that the West end of Hamburg St does not run into Duncan St. the way is stopped by the mission chapel which is meagly placed in the map. Bremen St running SE out of Hamburg St is also light blue. houses two and 2½ storied, old fashioned with windows something like this  on the ground floor.

Roads near Dalton Junction - E side

Bloomfield St. {N end lb / S — pk

Prostitutes.

2. Woodland Street at the North End is a notorious brothel. It is of a lower & rougher class than that at 36 Mayfield St.

A gay sweet stuff seller.

Woodland St. purp: S end pk.

good backs but lower than the road. Many pigeons kept by the inhabitants. Character light blue & purple.

Then westwards up Bromham Road, along Albion Road, & into the west end of Middleton Rd. where there are a good many mantle machinists employed. Then North along Bloomfield Street: two storied houses, rather poor, purple, some prostitutes known to live here. No. 2 Lenthall Rd. at the corner of Bloomfield St. is a dancing place, well conducted.

Then down steps looking along a row of 2 storied houses which have a passage & low wall between them and the railway. Light blue in character. Flanagan said its inhabitants were rough. Then into Roseberry Place. railway people. 2 storied. good gardens but more purple than pink & into Woodland St. purple, working class, 2 stories, the map marks it pink. On the East side a sweet shop kept by a middle aged woman Rose by name. Flanagan said she was in the habit of 'going on the spree' about once a year. She takes a drop too much & takes up with chance men who fleece her. Last year a man borrowed about £20 off her & she never got it back. This year

Brothel in Mayfield Road.

The Notorious Bella Freeman

year another man has tried to do the same. She went off to Yarmouth & sent to her for the money. She replied that she was sending it but having her suspicions she asked the police to meet him as he came to fetch it. So he was caught. How does such a woman have £20 to spare out of the pennies & the farthings spent by children on sweets? Flanagan says he knows of no other allowance made to her. As far as he knows she is & always has been a respectable woman except for her annual spurees.

Between Rosebery Place and Woodland St. is Mayfield Road. No. 36 at the South end is a brothel kept by "the notorious Bella Freeman." This Mrs Freeman said Flanagan used to keep brothels in Stepney and Leicester Square & she still has one in the City. From Stepney she was turned out by the efforts of "Charrington & Co." She charges a good price; has everything very comfortable & not only has women living with her but keeps rooms for those who bring women with them. Her women work Liverpool Street & the City.

This neighbourhood has a bad reputation for brothels & kept

wom-

Character of the whole District

women. The district is quiet and very quickly reached from the city. Rents not excessive and houses good.

General Remarks.

There are only two poor spots in this district & they are both in the South East corner near London Fields. The rest is well-to-do, the houses well-built, the roads broad, the gardens large and the air fresh. The houses indeed are better than their inhabitants. It is distinctly an unfashionable neighbourhood & that may perhaps partly account for the fact that so many go to West Kensington or Leyton - much further away - instead of coming north to Dalston which is reached from the centre of the city in 9 or 13 minutes as the train is ex-press or not. As the suburbs get filled up there will probably be a return to this neighbourhood.

The streets near Dalston Junction have the inevitable reputation spoken of above of harbouring prostitutes but this is not sufficient to keep people away from the whole neighbourhood.

Kingsland Road which is a first-rate market street

Public Houses.

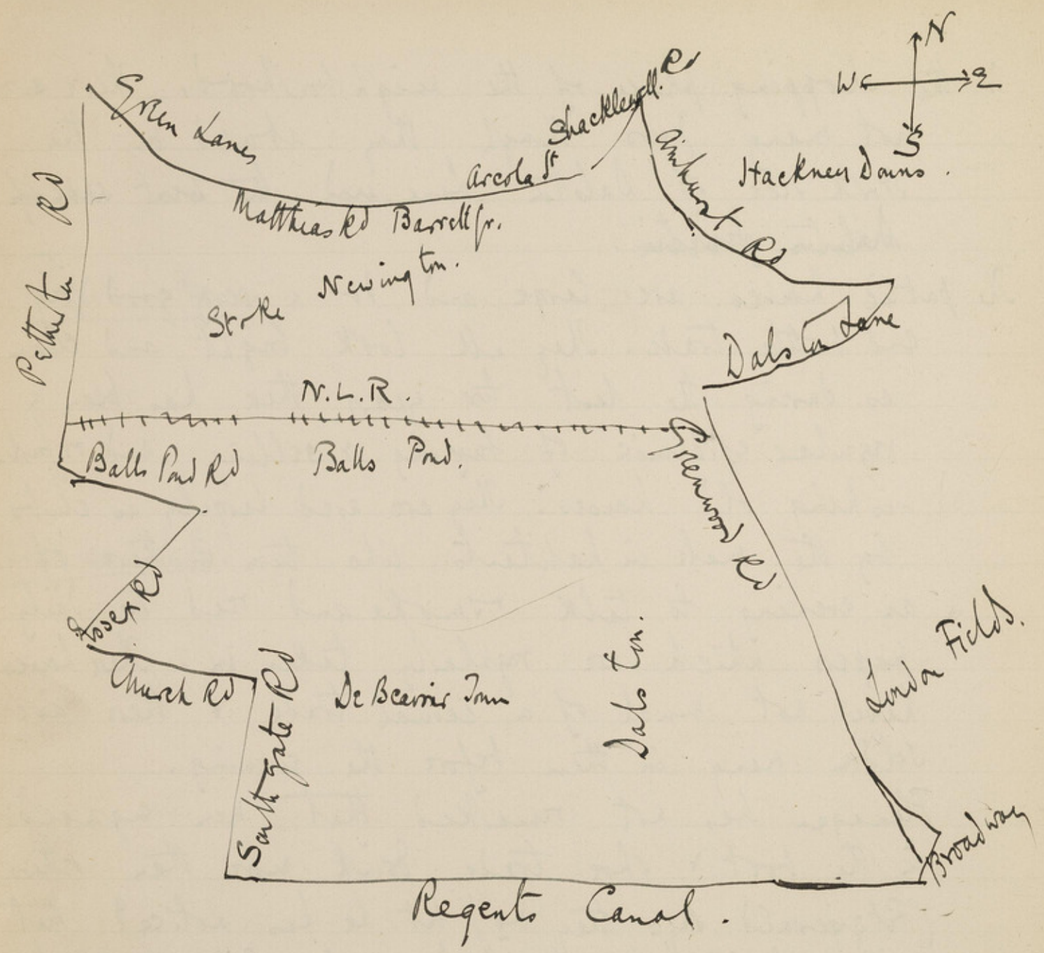
used as clubs.

Effect of grocers licenses

is the shopping place of the neighbourhood. There are not many Jews though they abound on the North side of Dalston Lane. and the east side of ~~Dalston generally~~.

The public houses are large and do a very good jug and bottle trade. They all look bright and clean as during the last two years there has been a regular epidemic of buying & selling and refurbishing old houses. They are used largely as clubs by the male inhabitants who turn in there of an evening to talk & smoke and read the daily papers which are regularly taken in. These houses have not much of a casual trade & there are seldom many in them before the evening.

Flanagan has not remarked that men engaged in the boot & shoe trade drink more than others (Fitzgerald says they do) but he has noticed that women drink more than they used. Perhaps it is because they earn more. They have no shame at entering a public house for that is where they generally go to drink & he did not think that the granting of grocers licenses had anything to do with the in-



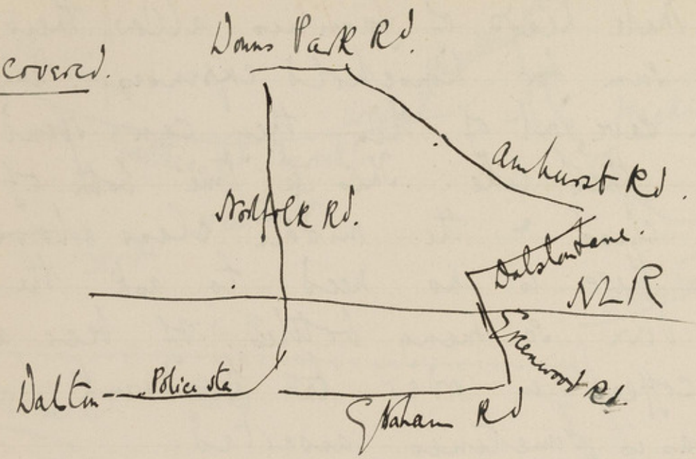
The Dalston Police Boundaries.

increase. Male heads of families allow their wives a fixed sum for household expenses, anything they can save out of this they can spend how & where they like: This is true both of the working class & the middle class above them so that there is no need to ask the grocer to put down so many bottles of beer as so much coffee in order to hoodwink the husband, as is sometimes asserted.

The Boundaries of the Dalston Police Subdivision are, starting at the S E corner of it working westwards

Regents Canal as far as Southgate Rd. up South Gate Rd. to Church Road. Essex Rd. St Pauls Rd. Wallace Rd. Petherton Rd. Green Lanes. St Matthias Rd Barretts grove, Arcola St. Shackleswell Rd. Amhurst Rd. Greenwood Rd. Dalston Lane, London Fields, Broadway, Regents Canal.

District covered.



Graham Road.

Sep. 3. Friday. Dist 13 - Police 13/5 S.H.D.

Starting at Dalston Police station; walk with Inspector Flanagan round district bounded on the South by Dalston Lane and Graham Road, on the east by Greenwood Rd, Dalston Lane & Amhurst Rd. On the North by Downs Park Rd & on the west by the Norfolk Road

Along Dalston Lane to the Graham Rd down which the tram runs to Mare St. Hackney. Graham Rd is a pink red road inhabited by respectable city clerks, houses 2½ stories. Up Dalston Lane & into Ritson Rd on its east side with Stannard St. south out of it both quiet & respectable pink red characterred 2 storied houses.

Then Eastwards along the Graham Road which has Clifton Grove on its north side and Masons Street, Fassett Square, & Fassett Rd. - pink to red in character. Fassett Square is very well kept & tidy with beds of bright geraniums & some trees

Public House license
Taken away for harbouring prostitutes

The General servants of the District

trees about 50 yrs old. Houses 2 & 2½ storied.
Then North up Green Wood Rd into Dalston Lane, built
used as map. Green wood Rd ~~to~~ is red, table houses
for the district of 3½ stories; across to Wayland
Avenue which runs between Dalston Lane and the
Sandringham Road. There is a large public house
at the corner of Wayland Avenue and Dalston
lane which has been shut for 6 months,
its license was taken away for harbouring
prostitutes. The police prosecuted and obtained a
conviction; Three doors off it was a notorious
brothel since closed also. The public house is
kept clean & smart as its owner is anxious
to sell it
Just opposite is the Refuge for fallen females, a
kind of rescue home which has had a
peculiar effect on the district. The superiors
of the home try to get places for the inmates
as soon as they have been sufficiently re-
-claimed: they generally get them taken on
in the neighbourhood. "Their new employers take
advantage of their having been unfortunates
to

Pink red street

Factory in back garden.

to give them as low wages as possible with the result that they are often driven to the streets again. Not only this but the general servant of the neighbourhood has the reputation of being a very fleer kind of girl. "It is a monstrous shame" said Flanagan.

Running East out of Wayland avenue is Segdon Road; pink & red, as map, 2½ storied, street dull houses with china pots in front windows steps up to front door, an ornamental iron railing on a low brick wall round the small front garden. Nearly all take lodgers who may be either families or single men in furnished or unfurnished apartments. Women are rarely taken as lodgers by outsiders unless they come with written characters. One general servant suffices for the housework, the wife of the house generally does the cooking.

Then across Sandringham Rd. into Fincliff Rd also pink red & 2½ storied: out of which on the west-side runs Mount Ford road a quiet respt. street, pink & red in character. All are dwelling

dwelling houses apparently but in one & in the garden behind there are 100 women employed in making bead trimming.

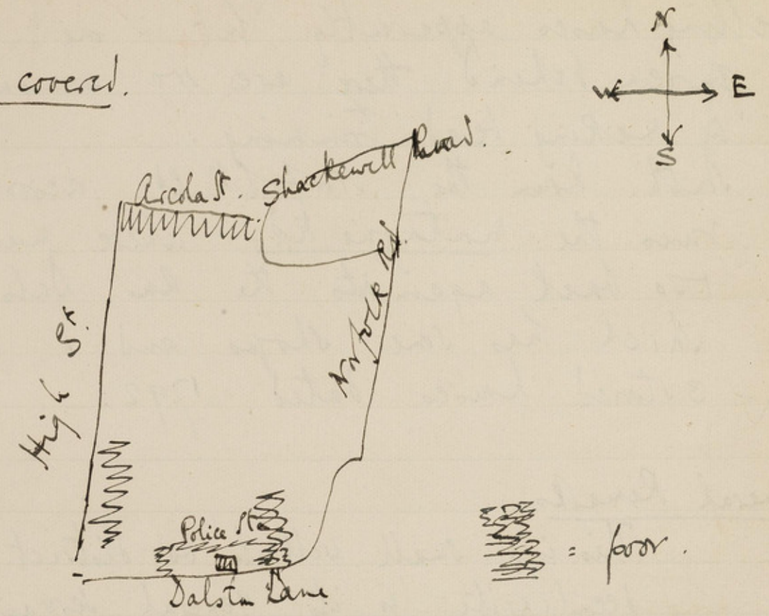
Then South down the Norfolk Rd across which runs the Montague Rd where many Jews live & so back again into the Rd Saloon Lane which has some shops and a row of 3 storied houses dated 1792.

General Remarks.

This is a small well-to-do district - Its only peculiarity is its general servants -

This walk completes our District 13.

The District covered.



Light blue & Dark blue pieces behind the police station

Sep. 7th Tuesday. Dist 13/14 6 C.D. S.H.D.

Round district bounded on the South by Dalston Lane on the East by Norfolk Road: on the North by Shacklewell Road: & on the West by High Street.

Starting at the Dalston Police Station.
There is a block of light blue with some dark blue at the back of the police station.
In Tyssen Passage. there are 37 2 storied cottages whose inhabitants are rough and troublesome. many costers - light blue on map. Behind it there is a bare space where rubbish has been shot for a great many years. It owner wants to let it as building land but the vestry wont allow it until the rubbish is all cleared. The rubbish now is as high as the top of the garden walls of the passage cottages so it is improbable that it will ever be built upon unless the vestry relents. From time to time Sangers circus pitches there & the round

En.

Tyssen St. - lb

Bath Row - purple

Ridley Street rents

entrenchment made for the ring is clearly visible. Hartwell St. which runs into the west end of the passage has also poor cottages. Tyssen St. out of the east end of the passage is like it in character. Dysoell St. leading out of Bath row (which joins the Northern ends of Tyssen & Dysoell streets and is of a rather better class than either of them) is a two storied street paved right across, there is a common lodging house in it, inhabitants poor rough, bare legged ragged children playing about, in it the Atlas mineral water factory is at the south end of it!

Then North along Dalston Lane past Charles St. on the west side just before crossing the railway, St. in character.

Ridley St. runs west on the N side of the railway. A few Houses 2½ storied on south side, let at 15s per week. lodgers usual. Further along the houses stop & their place is taken by a wall along the top of the rly embankment with aspen poplar trees growing up behind it. The south side of the road is not paved. On the north side, there are good houses pink in

Char-

The Habitat of Jews.

Jewish back gardens.

Character as map with good backs. One or two of these backs are taken up by L. G. Omnibus Co's stables and by confectionery works. Then North again up St. Marks Road a good road sloping up hill to the north. St. Marks Church with chiming clock, tiny crooked, in a large green is on the East side of the road. Many Jews living here. Jewish organ builders (estab. 1832 & 1860) have their works at the North end. Colverstone Crescent & Montague Rd. on the West & East side of St. Marks Rd. also harbour many Jews. Houses 3½ storied. Small front gardens with shrubs. Streets bare, wide, clean. No flowers. Further N. is Sandringham Rd. pink toned like the other roads round here. Between the backs of Sandringham Rd and St. Marks road runs a lane between low walls leading to a Gold beater's skin factory. Over the walls the back gardens were easily seen. In many of them was the weekly wash hung out to dry & slavey's sweeping carpets; in one, a little Jewboy of about 4 yrs pitching halfpence by himself; in none of them were there any signs of care or order or flowers. Most kept a dog which barked at our approach.

Jan's park Road. 2½ storied, pink toned in character has

The prosperous Amherst Rd.

Old gardens.

Eyre & Spottiswoodes printing works at its West end. At its East End where it runs into the Amherst Road there are some shops & trees on the pavement at the North corner is the Big house & garden of a very pros-perous local ~~gardener~~ doctor Doctor Daley and at the South corner (No. 183 Amherst Rd) is the Salvation Army home for unfortunates and discharged female prisoners. Amherst Road at this point is very broad & prosperous, almost yellow, 2½ storied detached houses on its East side, trees in front Gardens, & many with their own Carriage drive.

Abersham Rd. South out of Downs Pk Rd. 2½ stories bow windows on lower story. front garden. pink in character: map marks it pink barred with red.

Up Norfolk Rd. which has small houses on its West side but large old gardens behind them in one of which is a very fine old mulberry tree. On the East side are the ordinary 2½ storied. pink character houses. with 18 ft frontage. bow windows on the lower story, green or white Venetian blinds to the windows or shutters and lace curtains. trimmed privet hedges in front shut off from the pavement by

From Whitechapel to Shacklewell Green

J the Jews progress.

(1)

A thieves' resort.

Millers Avenue lb l.

by iron spear-head railings. At the North end of the street is a German orphanage founded in 1879.

So into Shacklewell Lane. where there is a large well kept Green under the Hackney Vestry with old fashioned houses round it and large gardens behind them especially to Grove House on the South side belonging to Dr. Lyle. Round the green was driving a Jew smoking a cigar with his wife by his side, a servant in livery with cockade in his hat behind. Flanagan recognized him as a small telly tailor whom he had known when he was stationed as a constable in the Whitechapel Division. ~~Ha~~

(1) Then Westwards along Arcola Street. which is a poor but respectable working-class street, light blue; map marks it purple. Dunn St. on its South side has a few houses but is chiefly made up of the ends of the Shacklewell Lane gardens. // On the North side of Arcola St. is a court entered by an iron gate not marked on map, known as Millers' ~~Buildings~~ Avenue. not long built but badly built by one Miller "a friend of the Vestry Clerk's". 2 storied. a thieves resort. Opposite the

End

A brothel.

(1)

New flats in old gardens.

Laundry charges.

end of it on the South side of Arcola St. is a respectable looking coffee house with a "Good full-up for cem" in large letters across the window*, which is in reality a well-known but low-class brothel. // (1)

Then into the High Street, on the west side of which are a few red brick mansions built on what were formerly the front gardens of old houses as can be seen from the old houses & gardens still remaining a little higher up. The flats have let well but the shops are still empty though they have been there already 2 yrs. On the other side of the road are shops but some of them have shut up. It seems a bad ~~shop~~ district for shopkeepers the probability being that the class of shop attempted was too good for the class of tenant living in the immediate neighbourhood.

Alvington Crescent on the East side of the High Street runs rather downhill. a dark street. at its corner a laundry. collars 1d per doz. Shirts 3½d to 4d each. Cuffs. 1d per pair. Fronts 1d were the charges printed into the window. The houses are

3½

The High Street.

Costers fruit barrows & prices

Blue streets

3½ and 2½ storied. 18ft frontage.

Then down the High Street on the left side of which running south out of the Sandringham Road is Birkbeck Road, which is mostly workshops. The New Dalston Synagogue at one end. At the South end down steps is Winchester place. 3 poor cottages light blue. but well-kept gardens.

The High St. is a street of shops with costers barrows in front who do a good trade. One barrow kept by a man & his wife who live behind the police station was selling. Tomatos, medium quality English at 3d. lb. Small hard pears at 1½d. Sweetwater foreign grapes at 4d. golden pippin apples 3d. plums 3d. blackberries 4d. fair mushrooms 5d. filberts 4d. The men in shirts sleeves rolled up. The woman in a fine hat with black ostrich feathers & a red blouse with spangles on it. On a Shellfish barrow were crabs at 3d. 6d. & 8d. according to size.

Cob nuts

Further down on the East side is Abbott Rd. a 2 storied street running east & then turning north at right angles into a cul de sac. nearly all its inhabitants are Costers, the houses two storied. light blue as map. The turning north is paved across

Rents in a poor street

The 3 poor spots

(2)
Vice in Miller's Buildings

across. Two boys racing iron hoops against another running barefooted down the middle of it. Houses back on the railway but are open behind. They have a 9 ft frontage & let for 8/ or 9/ per week. No. 18 Abbott St is a dwelling house licensed to sell British wines off the premises. a very old license. a remnant of former times. Except for the notice over the door there is no outward appearance of anything being sold there. Out of Abbot St. at its East end is a little open court known as Tranquil Place as poor as Abbott St. but more refined with creepers over the houses & flowers in the fronts.

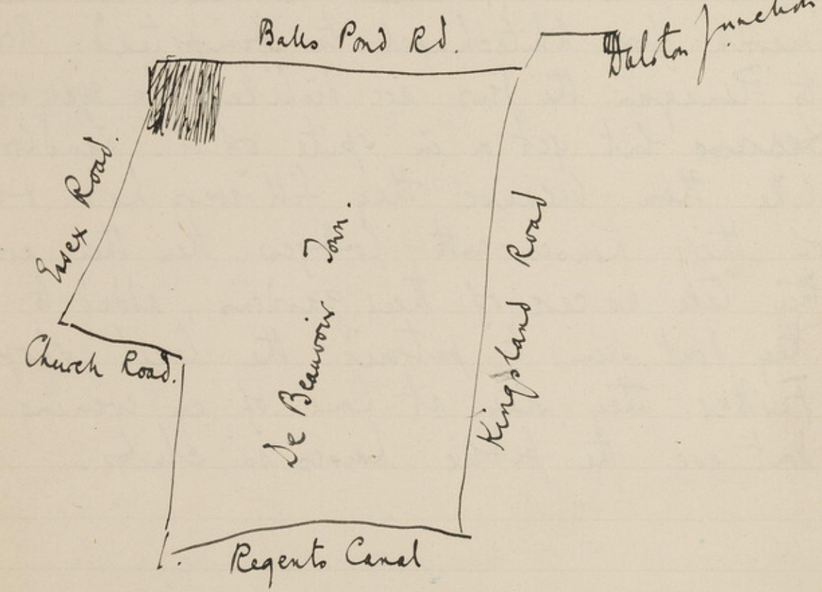
(2)
General remarks. The three poor spots in this neighbourhood are 1. That behind the police station 2. That near Arcola Street 3. That off the S.E. end of the High Street before you come to Dalston Junction. Of these only the second is really vicious. The houses known as Millers' ~~buildings~~ Avenue are new & let to a bad class of tenant, there is a low brothel in Arcola Street just opposite. The landlord a Mr. Miller, local auctin

Jews.

Their unpopularity

auctioneer & estate agent is not well spoken of 7/(2)
The rest of the district is a noted Jews dwelling place. It is the intermediate stage on their march from Whitechapel to Stamptead. According to Flanagan the Jews are disliked by everybody ~~because~~ but get on in spite of it. Landlords dis-like them because they fill every hole & corner of their houses with lodgers, then they are dirty & they take no care of their gardens, added to this they dont seem to patronic the local shopkeepers. Further they stay at home of an evening and dont use the public houses as clubs.

District covered.



= poor.

Blue streets

Dist 13/14

September 9. & 13 Thursday. & Monday. 9/9 G. H. D

Walk with Inspector Flanagan round District bounded on the North by the Balls Pond Road, on the West by the Essex Road; On the South by Church Road and the Regents canal; & on the East by the Kingsland Road.

Starting at the Dalston Junction

Westwards along the Balls Pond Road (which comes in our district 16) as far as the Essex Road. The Essex Rd. is a wide road with trams down it, shops on the East side and dwelling houses on the West. The shops are of a substantial class at the North end. At the South Flanagan said there was a street market with costers and street barrows but not so much frequented as the Kingsland High Street. Eastwards out of the Essex Rd. is Dorset Street, 2 storied, poor, light blue in character as map. Houses flush with the pavement, small back gardens. Two general shops in the street and a large tin box factory which takes up 5 of the dwelling houses on the

failed go.

A brothel.

the South W-est end of the street. Many girls of a rough class employed here. The firms name is Jahncke. South down Cross St into Orchard St. also light blue as map but rather better than preceding, the street broader & better kept. Houses flush with pavement 2 storied on South side but with small front gardens with wooden railings on the North. Some of these fronts were bare or untidy others full of flowers, Dahlias, cornflowers, tobacco plants in blossom. East wards into Wall Street, better still, purple as map some children under school age playing about. No. 7 at the South end is a brothel, not of the very lowest class, but the women there are very noisy and disorderly. Houses all 2 storied. Baxter Rd out of the West side of Wall St is a working class St. 2½ storied with 6 stone steps leading up to each front door, white lace curtains to the windows both up stairs & down stairs. all take in lodgers. Purple as map. Norfolk Rd looks much the same, the map marks it pink. Its houses have small back gardens in which newly washed clothes were drying. Over the walls you caught sight of the heads of

Sun.

Red streets between Southgate Road and Essex Road

I think pbl. to rent – a good many lodgers. JR.

? It is a large watchmaker's.

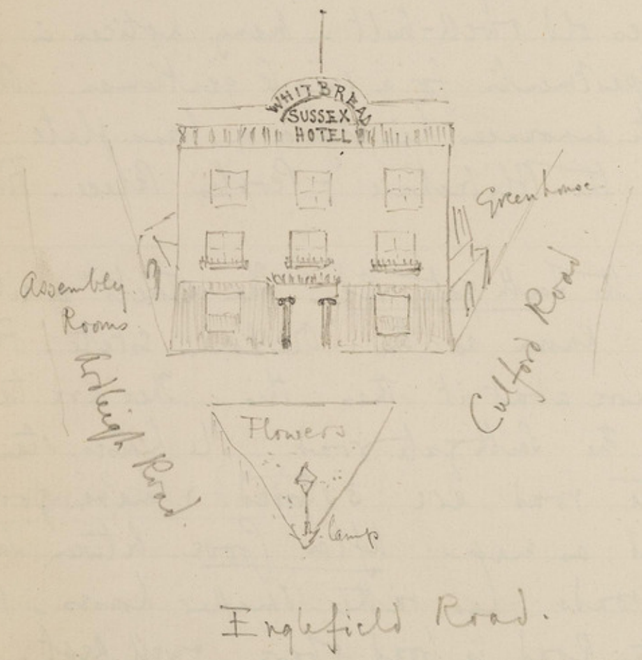
sunflowers and hollyhocks. Then down Baxter Grove. at the bottom of which are 6 small cottages, three of which a the East side are one storied, while the 3 on the west are 2 storied. No room here for a garden but several plants & creeping jennies in pots. It is a cul-de-sac, paved across, very much out of the way. Light blue as map. At the corner of Baxter Grove & Wall Street is a beer house kept by a woman "What you don't very often hear of." Down Wall St. & into the Dickenson Road. Red as map. Its inhabitants were for the most part still out of town & the houses in the hands of the builders and painters. 3½ storied with small green fronts and good back gardens. At the corner of the Essex Road 'Jays' the big Regent Street mourning warehouse have an ordinary pop-shop. "Advances made to any amount." Down the Essex Road as far as Englefield Rd. semi-detached 3½ storied houses. Red as map. A richer class here "Some even occupy the whole house themselves." "Some are city solicitors." There is a common lodging-house next to the public house at the corner of Englefield & Essex Road. Church road. looks the same

Lodgers.

The Overtoun Estate.

same as the foregoing. The map marks it pink barred with red. Houses 3½ storied. Good gardens & trees behind.
Crowland Terrace, Oakley & Church roads are also much like it. Houses old & well-built. Many notices in the window of 'apartments for a single gentleman'. One of the inhabitants announces himself on a brass plate as a 'lecturer at the Polytechnic & Peoples' Palace. Fine trees about.
Then Eastwards into the South gate Rd. The streets on either side of it are known as the 'Overtoun Estate'. Flanagan cd not say more about it than this. There are trams running down the South gate road. The houses stand back from the road are 3 storied & have good gardens. Red, as map. Upton Grove. between South-gate & Upton roads has rather smaller houses – pink as map. Upton Road is broad & bare & well kept. The milkman going his rounds the only sign of life.
North into the Englefield Road. which tails off to pink as map at its east end. Houses 2½ storied inhabited by many builders & potential agent. Good gardens. sunflowers, holly hocks, chrysanthemums, golden-rod, tobacco plants in flower. Trees chiefly limes

An old fashioned public House.

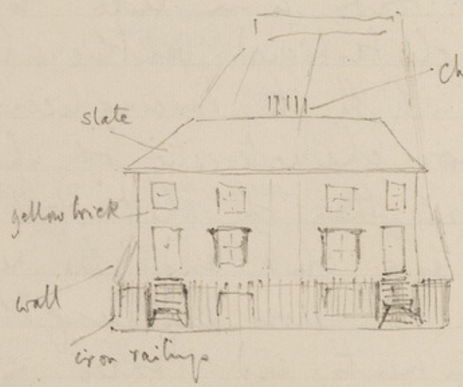


lines and elders. Ardleigh Road, running N. W out of Ingleficld Rd is ~~red~~ pink barred with red as map-Culford road. though marked the same does not look better than pink. At the triangle apex made by Ardleigh & Culford roads ~~in a large~~ is the Sussex hotel a large old fashioned public house owned by Whitbreads. With its dancing license and assembly rooms it is more characteristic of what the neighbourhood was than of what it is. But even now it is used as a club and the neighbourhood goes there with its wives and daughters to the variety entertainments and dances given in its assembly rooms. There are flower boxes above the doorway and at the windows of the first floor and a small railing ~~plain~~ green also bright with daisies & geraniums in front of the house. It is more like a country town hotel than a London public house. The Culford Road is clean & bare with small fronts & large backs. Builders plates on the doors. Only the East side of the road has a pavement. The West is still a gravel footpath. No Jews in this neighbourhood. Then on

down

De Beauvoir Square.

(The square a resort of prostitutes – J.A.)



House in Church Road.

Type of 2½ storied semidetached house in De Beauvoir Town.

down the Mortimer Road to De Beauvoir Square. (pronounced locally de 'Bover' square) – Two factories are built into the large back gardens of the Mortimer road. One belonging to a straw hat maker. The other an artificial flower makers employing about 60 girls. Flanagan thought the hat maker employed about 25 but was not sure. De Beauvoir square is surrounded by old fashioned looking stone-built houses with odd shaped window panes thus. They looked good enough houses but Flanagan had ~~not~~ been surprised at the poorness of the inhabitants & the insides once when he had occasion to visit a house on the west side. The west side has good large gardens & shd be the better side. The East has practically none & backs on the purple Derby Road. The houses about here look as if they had been the habitation of the 'lean annuitants' of whom Charles Lamb speaks as living in the "suburban & northerly retreats of Dalston and Shacklewell". Church Road is typical of the whole of De Beauvoir town. 2½ storied semi detached

The Downham Road.

Downham Rd. N side of E. end - pk

a pink red district

Benyon Road pk

Balmes Road pk

yellow brick, slate roofed, houses, with long gardens behind. The level of the gardens is rather lower than that of the street. The house shewn in the sketch on the last page is at the Corner of Upton ~~Road~~ & Church Road at the N.E. corner of Church Rd. Pink barred with red in looks as map. Southgate grove. out of the Upton Road is pink, 2½ storied as map. across the Downham Road. which is as map on the west end ~~but~~ (pink barred with red) but gets worse as it goes eastward. The north side of the East end is certainly no better than purple. The map marks it the same as the rest. Then south down the Culford Road into Benyon Rd. pink in character 2½ storied, good fronts. no jews. into Balmes Rd which is much the same, houses flat roofed so into de Beauvoir Crescent which is not so good in the character of its inhabitants. The houses on the south side which the map marks purple are much the same as the rest marked pink. All of them look purple. Then Eastwards across the South end of

A dark blue spot.

In our district 6

Rents

De Beauvoir Road to look into the patch of dark blue shewn in the map next the Canal. It is known as Bankstock Buildings and consists of 16 houses, entrance from de Beauvoir Road under an archway, a poor clean court with ~~two~~ one gas-lamp standing out on brackets from the wall. Houses two storied, flush with the court, 4 houses had flower pots with flowers on the first-floor window sills. The doors were shut (this was Monday afternoon 4.PM.) no women about. The backs yards of the northern side form the South side of the end of de Beauvoir crescent (not marked on map) in nearly everyone of them was a flower box. Then into the Mortimer Road. Seven-roomed houses. Numbers two & 4 to be sold. "let for £85. 16 per annum, landlord paying rates and taxes." Eastward again into Hertford Road. purple on map. rather lower in character than de Beauvoir Crescent. There are a whiting works and a large dust contractors wharf & works (Crane by name) on the East side. The houses on the West side are

The north end of Hertford Rd. is better. Small houses. 2 windows opening down to road. in character like the rest of de Beauvoir Jun

Rents

Dark blue streets on the East side of Ringsland Road.

Staten Bldgs - purple

Frederick Place - lb

2 storied, many of the inhabitants work at Cranes. Eight of the houses bringing in £282.2.0 placarded for sale. Then East along the Downham Rd which at this point is decidedly poorer than the west end, and then ~~South along~~ across Ringland ~~street~~ Road into Acton Street on its East side. 2 storied houses, purple as map - Gatti's chocolate works here. Under the railway bridge & northwards up a dark passage leading to Staten buildings which is the triangular blue patch shewn on the map. Factories are on the South & West sides. Spaces above cases enters living here. houses two storied, well clothed children playing - flowers in pots at the windows some litter in the street - curtains to windows. Then ~~South~~ again into Hoppestn Rd. and up into Frederick place which lies on the West side of the railway. The map marks it dark blue lined with black. It consist of 17 houses, 2 storied of which the 3 northern ones have small front gardens, ~~fairly~~ kept with flowers. Some broken windows. inhabitants no trouble to

the

The Ringsland Road.

NB. The black piece marked on the map behind the Ringsland Road does not seem to exist any more. The passage along side of the Railway is wholly taken up now by Dutch Cocoa works, boot factory tin plate works, printers etc.

Effect of removing costers.

Tottenham Road.

Tottenham Road, E of Bulford Rd purple

the police. passage asphalted. It does not look any worse than light blue. Flanagan had never heard of any brothels being there:

Then into the Ringsland Road. a shopping street, not so active at the south as at the north end. On the west side are shops and some dwelling houses with long front gardens. The shops where they exist have been built at a three. The road is broad & has very wide side walks not paved all over, ~~resembling~~ like mile end waste though not so broad. Saturday is the great marketing night. There are costers barrows down this end but not nearly so many as at the north end in the 'High Street'. Some years ago the vestry ordered all the costers away from the High St southwards to the waste: but business was not so good & one by one they have gone north again & no one has said a word against it. This is a repetition of the experience of the shops in the Poplar High street. Barrows bring buyers both for themselves and for the adjoining shops.

Then went into the Tottenham Road. marked pink in map

Tottenham Square - lb

a Brothel.

General view of Dr Beauvoir Town.

No Jews.

but looking no better than purple. Houses two storied with very well kept wooden palinged front gardens full of flowers. There are poorer streets northwards out of it eg Bently Road. 2 & 3 storied & Tottenham Square. which looks light blue & has a rough commalodging house in it. beds 6d per night & 2/6 per wk. The Ringsland Gospel Mission is here.
Number 102 Tottenham Road is a brothel, of a bad class frequented by the women who work the Dalston Junction & neighbourhood.

General Remarks. Dr Beauvoir Town has seen ~~another~~ better days. Small houses and large gardens are its features. It is a residential neighbourhood though here and there factories have been built into the back gardens. A great number of small fitting builders also live there. Generally speaking its inhabitants tend to get poorer as they approach the Ball's pond road on the north and the Canal on the South.
The District is singularly free of Jews. Flanagan said

Women's drinking.

Honoret origo mali

You will take them out again when you get your money from him on Saturday!

he did not know of any. "The People will not neighbour with Jews and Jews will not intermarry with Christians."

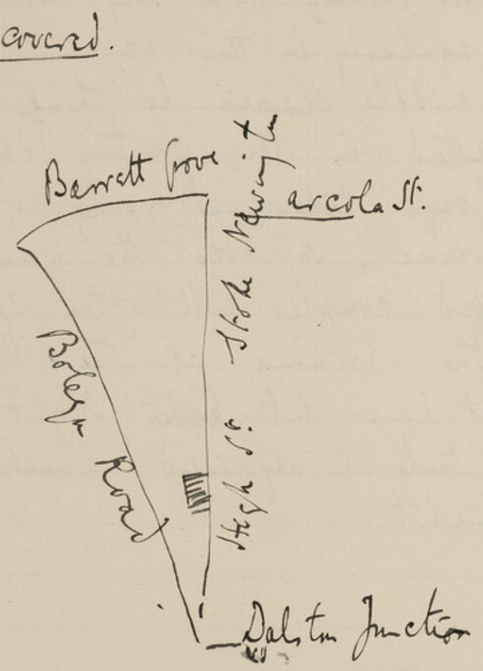
Speaking of women's drinking Flanagan said that the King's Arms was the 'crowded' par excellence of the district. The King's Arms is in the High Street, it is an old established house & has been lately done up. This was confirmed by a Mr. Young one of the guardians for the parish who has a perambulator shop nearly opposite. He said. "11 AM and between 6 & 8 PM were the great hours for women's drinking. All classes go in, no one seems in the least to mind being seen. Their tipple is gin. He has watched a butchers stall just opposite and noticed that every taper of a joint was taken off there for a drink. Monday is the chief crowded day. Sometimes in a poor street you will hear an old woman say to a young married woman. "Come along my dear, you just put your husbands clothes away, he will never find it out, besides every one does it!" That is how the women of the lower classes begin

In the lower middle classes.

begin drinking. As factory girls they dont indulge them selves at all regularly in this way.

In the lower middle classes he thinks the drinking habit is started in the courting days. A young man now always takes his young woman into a publicx house, so does the young married man. Young married couples will often spend many hours of the evening at the Public house, it is dull at home but ~~cheer~~ bright & amusing out, There the taste is acquired, which afterwards becomes a habit.

The District covered.



Light blue houses.

Sep. 16. Thursday. Dist 13/14/8 CP S. H. D.

With Inspector Flanagan round the remaining part of our District 14. (ie such of it as is within the J. police division.) Of the remaining portions of Dist 14, the Northern part is in the N police Division

The district is bounded on the North by Barrett Grove; on the East by High Street Stoke Newington; and on the West by Boleyn Road. In shape it is a triangle standing on its apex near Dalston Junction.

Starting at Dalston Junction, westwards across High Street into Kingsland Grove. Some old houses. Purple to pink. North, past Elizabeth Buildings which now stand in a patch shewn in the map as light blue. They are a block of 4 storied dwellings on the N E side of the grove, built about 5 years ago inhabited by a poor working class

A Brothel

Light blue to purple houses.

Castle St S. side purple

Shellgrove Road - pk

Millard & Hayling Streets - pk

purple to light blue. Frederic place. first by is poor also light blue, cottages built 1826, front gardens with flowers. Salt a Place. also poor, drunken costers. The Lord Clyde Coffee House at the corner has been a noted brothel for years. Bradbury street. 3 storied a street of shops, middle class, owners living above them. Gillett St. the next street north on the East side of Bolega Road, 3 storied, poor rough houses, generally sub-let, light blue as map. Bolega Road. is 2 storied & purple in character, streets runs up-hill to the north. John Campbell St. 3 storied. pink as map. Coffee works at the west end. Castle St not so good as former though pink in map. 2 stories on south side. purple. Wolsey Grove. 2 storied poor rough though not badly kept, wash hung across it to dry, light blue. Bolega Road here is rather poorer. 2 stories on west side. Dr Ridge's food factory on the East Side. Then up Shellgrove Rd which rises a little up hill. looks pink - map marks it purple as it does Millard & Hayling Streets. The houses are two storied with low windows on the ground floor, painted china flower pots on the

Trumans Road (exc W end) pk

Salcombe & Eagle Mansions - pk

High Street

Johns Place - lb

Barretts Grove - pk

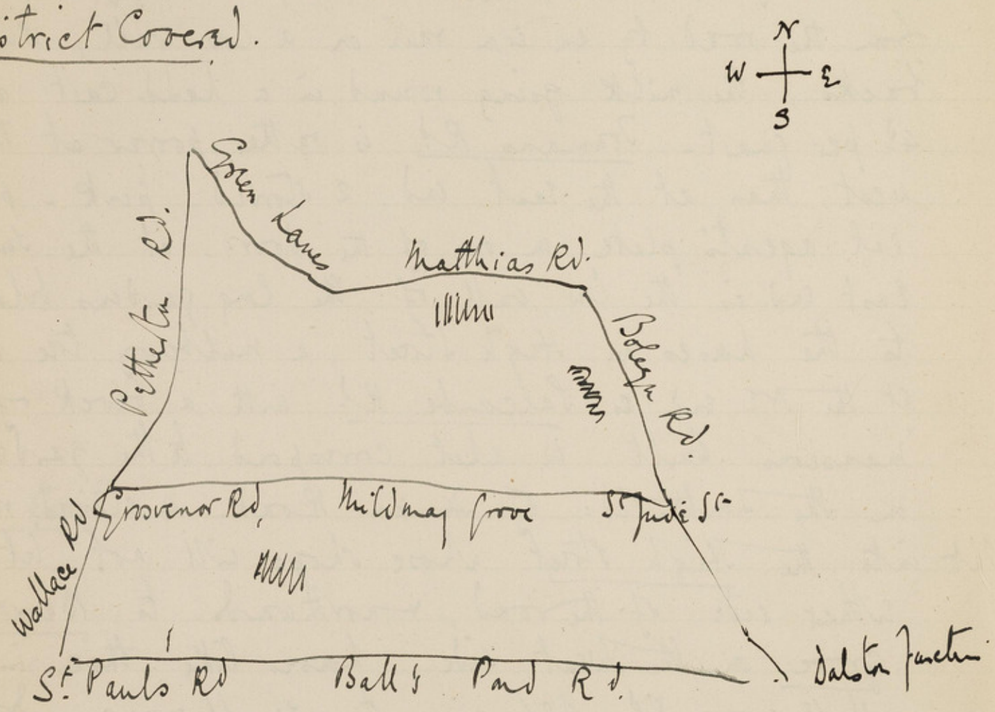
Pellerin Road - pk

table in the front window, lace curtains, small front railing from the road by an iron rail on a low wall, small backs, the milk going round in a hand-cart at 4d per quart. Tramans Rd is rather poorer at the west than at the east end. 2 storied - pink - prudential agents plate on one of the doors. at the South East end is the low wall of the long gardens belonging to the houses in High Street, a mulberry tree in one. at the NE end is Salcombe Rd with a block of 'mansions' built in what correspond to the gardens on the South side of Tramans Road. 4 storied, red brick.

Out into the High Street whose shops will not let on either side of the road, & northward to Barretts Grove on the West side, houses like those in Shell Grove Rd belonging to small owners, dress-makers plates on some doors, sometimes a privet hedge inside the railings in front. Like Barretts Grove is Pellerin Rd just to the South of the west end - pink.

Here the walk crosses the limits of our Division 14 & enters District 16; which is continued on the next page.

District Covered.



= poor.

Garden Villas - lb

Poor houses South of Matthias Road.

Coach & Horses Passage lb

Police 16/13 District 16 G.H.D.

Sep. 16. Thursday.

With Inspector Flanagan round District bounded on the North by ~~Barrett Grove~~ Matthias Road & Green Lanes. On the West by the Pettherton Road. On the South by ~~Grosvenor~~ Rd ~~Mildmay Grove~~ ~~St Jude Street~~. St. Paul's Rd & the Balls Pond Rd.

Starting from the Junction of Bolsover & Matthias Rd.

Elton ~~Elston~~ St. (late Prince Dawson) 2 storied houses flush with the pavement. Doors open - 5 women gossiping bareheaded, bare arms, aprons, at one door - very few flower pots - a general shop with good bacon at prices between 7d & 10d per lb. "Selected" eggs 12 a 1/- : butter 1/- Suffolk Place which is further up hill is a little better on its West side: light blue as map. Pretty gardens at the back of the East side: hedges of scarlet runners between each - a washhouse and closet built out behind each house - sunflowers, ~~roses~~ tiger lilies, chrysanthemums in blossom & children playing. At the end of it on the Sr side ~~off~~ Wolverhampton Rd ~~Garden~~ Garden Villas close by, a poor ~~two~~ storied row of houses, ~~two~~ off the main street full of touselly-haired women & babies. Coach & Horses

A historical question.

Woodville St pk
Woodville Grove pk

passage. 2 storied very poor houses but with well kept gardens, boarded off from Mayville Grove. Matthias Road has a mixed set of houses, on the whole very poor. Mayville St is better though jerry built, bowwindows on ground floor, 2 storied, pink. Woodville St 2½ storied pink & Woodville grove also pink, a row of 50-or-60-year-old poplars on the east side of the st which has no houses, but only the walls of the back gardens to the houses in Mildmay road.

Then east along the Mildmay Rd to King Henry St. (on the north side) at the corner of which St & Arundel St is a public house new done up, Flanagan has watched it, never sees any customers or only very few & wonders how it continues, it was empty as we passed (about 4 pm) Arundel Grove. 2 storied, light blue to purple, bare armed, bare headed women gossiping in groups. Arragon terrace 2 or 3 storied, purple to light blue - all round here is poor & very poor. Again into the Mildmay Road. which has houses of 3½ stories on on its North side & 2 stories on the South - fair gardens - pink tired in character.

Many

Newington Green.

Hy VIII's hunting lodge.

Green Lanes (N6) pk

Many builders

many Jews on its NE end. Then NW into Newington Green very well kept, flowers, & grass like a billiard table, old fashioned houses all round; shops on west side; on the south side the hunting lodge of King Henry VIII with an underground passage (reputed) to Anne Boleyn's house a handsome, gabled, red brick house on the west side of the green. There used to be an open space at the back, now the China Salvation Mission buildings and the Jews Synagogue occupy it. R

Then north west up Green Lanes; flats "Mate Chuto Mansions" at the corner, built 1892, 4 storied with shops below (steaks good, 9d & 10d! tomatos 6d apples 3d) Much building has been going on in the neighbourhood. in Green Lanes four different builders live next door to one another. At corner of the turning into the Lennfield road is a low old fashioned public house only 2 stories high with 5 separate entrances

Then into the Petherton Road, down the middle of which runs the "New river"; the river can be seen just by the Wesleyan chapel (Rev. J R. Dixon) where it emerges

Jews neighbourhood.

Rents in Grosvenor Rd

emerges. The Petherton Rd is a very broad rd 2 rows of small plane trees down the middle, a very favourite road for cyclists & would be cyclists. shops on its east side, all closed its being early closing day for the district. Dwelling houses on the west side - many lodgers, city men. Canonbury station is at the south end of the road. Lecmfield Rd running south out of it, pikkd, 2½ storied, many Jews. Poets' Road. like Lecmfield, Frontwes 2½ to 3½ storied. pikkd topped. Pytland Rd 3½ storied, bows on ground floor windows - red. Berrsford Rd. broad clean road empty 3½ storied houses with the front sloping away to give light to the area windows. yellow brick. Grosvenor Rd. like the rest. No 67 which is typical of the other houses is "to let". "Estimated rental £55. 52 years unexpired lease. 2 attics 4 bed 2 dressing rooms, dining, drawing, Breakfast rooms. Kitchen, scullery, lavatory, 2 W.C's etc, garden at back with pleasant outlook.

Then down Wallace Rd and across the railway. There is a nursery garden still here, as map. Northampton Park. Rd as map semidetached houses

Improvement in a black patch.

Mildmay Avenue - lb

Mildmay Park.

Shops in gardens.

3 storied with very good gardens. Northampton Grove. at the top end is poorer, purple as map. Porto fex's boiler works here. St Paul's Road which is the name given to the west end of the Bella Pard Road, semi detached houses on south side. On north side 3½ storied 18 ft. frontage. Then up St Paul's Place. 3½ storied houses like Wilton Place Knightsbridge, not quite so good as St Paul's Road. Compton Street running East out of it, pink as map. North up the Essex Road past Mildmay St purple as map to Mildmay Avenue. this the map marks dark blue lined with black. now it looks no worse than light blue. Flanagan knew nothing against it, the houses on the North side have come down & their places been taken by a yard of the London Parcels Parcels delivery company, and also by an engineering and electrical firm.

Then S.E. down Mildmay Street into Mildmay Park. houses 3½ storied, gardens behind, dwelling houses but some have factories (one a shirt factory) built into gardens behind trams up the middle of the road. The Wesleyan Chapel

Kingsbury Road - purp.

Hawthorn St purp

poor shops - seldom have what you want. J.A.

Chapel at the south end is very well attended - Mildmay Grove has good houses 3½ stories, 18 ft. frontage red as map - North up Wolsey Road. & into Queen Margaret Grove. pink as map. 2½ stories - & eastwards to St Jude St. houses 2 storied on south side & 2½ on north, purple as map - Kingsbury Rd good plain 3 st houses

Then South down Kings ~~Bury~~ Road. houses 2½ storied. Jews Burial ground on west side: map marks this & the neighbouring streets pink but they do not look better than purple. Hawthorn St. looks decidedly poor. 2 storied houses some with virginian creepers up them, "not particularly nigh" at the back of it is the cluster of Almshouses which with the Jews Burial Ground nearly fill the triangle made by Kingsbury Road on the west, King Henry's ~~Road~~ Walk on the NW & Balls Pond Road on the South (Metropolitan Benefit Society's, Book binders, Cutlers, Dyers, Bricklayers, Asylums), East Canterbury, Stanley, roads, ~~nothing less~~ ~~more purple than~~ pink, as map so into Balls Pond Road, a shopping but not a market road, many private houses on the south side;

General Remarks. The poor bits in this district are 1. The block of streets behind the High Street, lying between it and Mildmay Road 2. An isolated bit between Mildmay Grove and Ball's Pond Road.

Superintendent Weston of the J Division.

Character of publicans.

Police 9/15

Sep. 27. G.H.D.

Interview with Superintendent Weston at the Bethnal Green Police station, chief of the J Division. Supt. Weston is a big fat man who has risen from the ranks; very anxious to give all assistance possible, said that it was Sir Edward Bradford's special wish that the best men should be placed at Mr. Booth's disposition.

With regard to the character of the men who are publicans. 'There are all sorts. You will generally find that the publican is of the same class as those he serves. The best men are in the largest houses, the largest houses are generally in the hands of the Brewers or companies who put men into them as their paid servants. In the case where a house is owned by a large company you will find that the publican is of a class above those he serves but these are practically the only exceptions to the rule stated above.'

Mr. Weston did not approve of the system of allowing companies to own houses. The licensee is by law

The ownership of licensed premises.

Plural ownership

law supposed to be ~~same man as~~ the man that has the chief interest in the business, lives in the house & manages it. Where a company holds many houses the license is granted to a man of straw; while for rating purposes the actual conductor of the house is put forward. This leads to great confusion. A year ago the police tried to make an enquiry as to the actual value of houses in order to help the rating authorities. But they were ~~[illegible]~~ baffled. These big companies always manage to turn what seems a matter of common sense into a question of law: they pay the best lawyers: & that means that the police have to do so too & cases are dragged out at length. It was impossible to press home the charge of divided ownership so they dropped it. It was hoped that the Licensing Commission would lead to a revision of the law "but they do not seem to be taking evidence on this point."

Although he disapproved of ownership by companies Mr. Weston admitted that the houses held in this way in his division were the best managed. The Tower licensing magistrates ~~[illegible]~~ so

The rating of licensed houses.

Small & big houses.

who grant the licenses in his division (& the greater number of them) approve of plural ownership saying that a man or a company who has a great stake will not risk its existence by bad management, also that a man who manages one house well will be the more likely to manage two houses well than an untried man.

The market value of houses has so much gone up in the last two or 3 years that no house would stand being rated at its full market value. A house near the police station he quoted as an example. Three years ago a man who paid £12,000 failed because the business was not large enough, since then it has been sold for £25,000. Rates in Bethnal Green are 6/- in the pound. Houses are now at a fictitious value; in Mr. Westons opinion, they have reached their high-water mark.

The small houses are the worst conducted & most difficult to deal with. "Say a man has £500 of his own, the brewer advances him £1000, this is the general thing, he must make it pay

some

Subterfuges to sell drink.

Hard treatment by brewers.

Children to fetch beer.

somehow or other." In order to pay, his customers must drink & be shielded from police interference. These men then have a private room at the back into which they put the drunk & disorderly & keep them there until they are sober. It is impossible for the police to enter into the private rooms of a manns house even if they suspect that drunken men lie hidden there.

Brewers are very hard upon small men. He has known many a man ruined by spending all his own money on interest ~~to~~ on the brewer's loan & when that was done finding that the brewer had sold the house over his head to a new man, so that he is turned out in the street penniless.

There is not much harm in sending children to fetch beer. "Absolutely none in this district." The language & atmosphere is no worse in a public house than what they hear at home. Besides it would not prevent children frequenting the houses. "They look upon them as a sort of paradise" It is always to them that they are taken by their ~~their always~~ parents for a cake or sweets, they go

there

Decrease in licensed houses.

Serving policemen with drink.

there from babyhood upwards. To send them there to fetch a pint of beer is no demoralisation for them or introduction to anything new & harmful. In better class districts where parents do not frequent the public house it wd probably be better not to send the children. Children always sip the beer they are sent to fetch, he has noticed it scores of times & often wonders that any of it reaches home but he does not think they acquire their taste for beer in this way.

The number of licensed houses ~~has~~ in the J Division has practically been stationary for a number of years. In point of fact it has slightly decreased. The exact decrease for London cd be obtained at Scotland Yard. Every year the superintendents send it in but it is not published.

For a policeman to be served with drink while on duty is a dismissible offence. 23 years ago when he first entered the service drunkenness was not thought much of, a constable was fined 5s & that was all. Now it is very different, a foreman "the" found

Complaints made by publicans.

Publicans from a distance.

found drunk practically destroys all chance of his promotion. So stringent is the punishment that Mr Weston thinks constables ~~are~~ rarely dare offend. Sometimes the publicans themselves complain, only the other day a publican in a large house was suspicious of a boy who had been sent to fetch a pint of beer, he told his little girl to follow the boy & see where the beer went to, the girl followed, saw the boy put down the pot in a corner & afterwards saw a policeman come up & take it, she reported to her father. her father reported to Mr Weston & now the man has been transferred to another part of London & his pay cut down.

Mr Weston does not think that the police are now paid money instead. Even to obtain a loan from a publican is a police offence.

Publicans in small houses are more often local men than not. In larger houses they are men of more capital & come from a distance. It is easier for a man from a distance to start straight and to keep straight, he is not so tied by the claims

Magistrates & quarter sessions

Difficulty of obtaining convictions for drunkenness.

of personal acquaintance with his customers.
It would be much easier to obtain convictions against houses & individuals if the magistrates took a more common sense view of drunkenness. It is not that they are afraid of having their decisions upset on appeal to quarter sessions. The Justices of the peace who make up the bench at quarter sessions are generally easy going retired gentlemen among whom you will not find more than one strong man. A stipendiary magistrate is generally a strong man & constant practise has given him a thorough knowledge of his business. Therefore it is not fear that restrains his granting convictions. It is rather the absence of any rule. Some say the publican must be told not to serve a drunken man warned by the police as he enters the house, while with others it is enough that the publican has been warned at the time his license is renewed. Between the two the drunken man escapes. Again magistrates will not accept the word of a constable that a man was drunk; they must have witnesses and witnesses are hard to find against a drunken man. In practise it comes to the result that men are only taken up when drunk & fio.

Barmen & Barwomen.

Women's drinking

& disorderly, & disorderliness is the complaint on which they are convicted rather than drunkenness. Hence the police are deprived of the possibility of following up the case against the publican.

The practise of the police is pretty well uniform as to the treatment of drunken persons & Mr. Weston referred me to the evidence of Supt. Smith given before the licensing Commission.

Men serve behind the bar in all except shoddy neighbourhoods

With regard to women's drinking there could hardly be any increase in Bethnal Green. It always had been & still was noted for ~~[illegible]~~ it. Here they drink like the men not as a relaxation but as a necessity or habit. They are most of them working women & they go across to the public house not to sit there and talk but to take their half pint & then go back to their work again. In Chelsea & the Brompton Road where Mr. Weston was for many years on duty, you see the better dressed women turning in to the public house after their shopping. Here it is not

so

Increase in the West but not in the East.

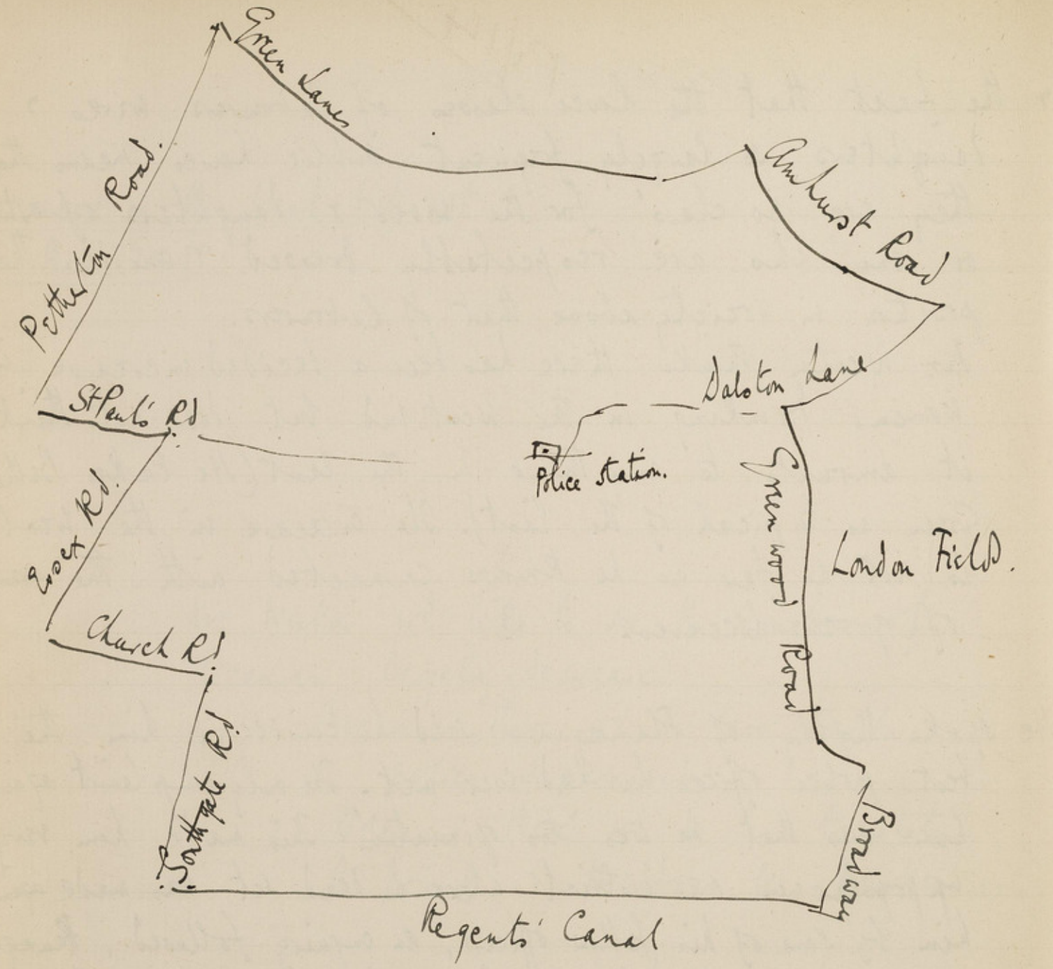
Mr. Weston wd. like to see the number of licenses largely decreased.

1. Because there wd. be less trouble in police supervision.
2. Because there wd. be less temptation to drink & therefore less drunkenness.

so: & the fact that the lower classes of labourers wives & daughters so largely frequent public houses means that they are 'no class' for the wives & daughters of artisans or any who are respectably dressed & consider their position in society above that of labourers.

Mr. Weston thinks there has been a decided increase in women's drinking in the West end but does not think it amounts to any thing in the East (He takes Bethnal Green as typical of the East). The increase in the West is not as far as he knows connected with the granting of grocers licenses.

He spoke highly of Flanagan: said he considered him the best police officer he had ever met. The only complaint against him was that he was 'too opiniated'. This made him very unpopular in one district where a dead set was made against him by some of his fellow officers, an enquiry followed, Flanagan came out of it perfectly clean but the fact of their having been a row somewhat unfairly has stood in the way of his further promotion.



The extent of the Dalston Subdivision of the J. Police Division.

Sep. 21. 1897. Mostly 14 13/14 8 G.H.D.

General police questions with regard to the Dalston sub-division of the J. Division - Talk with Inspector Flanagan - at the Dalston Police Station. Dalston Lane.

The Dalston police subdivision is bounded on the South by the Regents' Canal: on the west by the Southgate Road & the Church Road & the Essex Road, St. Pauls Road, Wallace Rd & the Petherton Road; On the north by Green Lanes, Barretts grove, Arcola St. & Shacklewell Road & the Amhurst Road: On the East by Dalston Lane, Greenwood Road, London Fields and the Broadway.

With respect to Public Houses. A man before he is granted an ~~applic~~ license has to put in an application to the police, ~~saying~~ stating who he is where he lives and what he has been doing. He has further to procure two references as to character. This done the police go to the two referees and take their testimony. Naturally they

How to become a publican.

Protective licenses.

Magistrates certificates.

they have to accept what the two say even though they may have their own suspicions that the would-be publican is not so desirable a person as he is made out to be. Undoubtedly, Flanagan said, undesirable people do become publicans, because they are able to square their referees before the police see them. (But it is questionable whether it would be better to place any more power in the hands of the police by allowing them to use their own judgment as to an applicants fitness). Every class of man becomes a publican. The better sort as a rule go to the fully-licensed houses, the rougher to the beer houses. There are regular transfer days for licenses. If a man takes a house before one of these days he has to apply to a magistrate for a protective license. Then he is said to be 'under protection'. At transfer day he applies for a full license and if his conduct has been satisfactory meanwhile, he is allowed the magistrates certificate without which he cannot ~~put his~~ ~~make any use of his~~ obtain an excise license. The excise license is obtained from the Inland Revenue

Increased value of licensed houses.

Extremes in Dalston

Some of its consequences.

Revenue and is a permit to sell.

The value of licensed houses has gone up greatly of late years. It is a mystery now how they pay their way when one considers the prices ~~paid~~ given for them. Flanagan put the extremes in this Division for a fully licensed house lying between £40,000 and £5,000 or £6,000. An example of a house worth the first is the at the corner of Ringland Rd and Dalston Lane. A house lately sold for between £6,000 & £7,000 is that at the corner of the Forest Road & Queens Road.

The test of the worth of a house is the amount of beer & spirits sold. Lately the prices of houses has been so high that men with local knowledge have made it their business to buy houses 'work them up' and then sell them to the Brewers or anyone else who will buy them. There is one 'Dyke' who is known for this in the district. He it was who first had the house mentioned above at the corner of Forest Road & Queens Road. Then he sold it to a local newsvendor. The newsvendor has just broken & the house been resold for between £6 & £7000. The Bankrupt has re-

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Increase in Women's drinking.

Among all classes.

Grocer's licenses.

turned to his Newspapers. There was no reason for the newsvendor failing, he was a local man & knew his neighbourhood. There is some knavery in working up a house, but Flanagan did not know in what it consisted. Carters in Poplar spoke once or twice of men pouring away beer into the drains in order to shew a large consumption. The greater the consumption the greater the capital value of the house.

Womens drinking has certainly increased whereas men's has if anything diminished. Men drink beer but women more often spirits. It is beer upon which the working man gets drunk. Factory girls drink but it is more often the young married woman & middle aged women who indulge too much. It is in these latter that Flanagan has noticed the increase; not by any means only among the women of the poor, "it is more noticeable among what would be the "middle class of a district like this." They have no shame at going into a public house either during or after their shopping; between 4 & 6 of an afternoon are their hours. Grocers licenses have not had much to do with it because it is away from home

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Cowsheds in Dalston.

Children & Public Houses.

the women indulge. In this district there is nothing in the allegation that women buy spirits and charge them as groceries to their husbands accounts. "Why should they? It is the immediate stimulus that they want and they have no shame at going into a public House".

The Houses known popularly as "Cow-sheds" in the Dalston subdivision are 1. The Kings Arms on the East side of the Ringsland High Street just a little north of Dalston Lane. 2. The Bull just opposite it which is now being rebuilt. 3. The Spoon Arms in the Dalston Lane opposite the north end of the Mayfield Road. 4. The first two are in the market centre of the district and the third not far off it. The Spoon Arms is not doing quite so well as it used and its owners are anxious to sell for £17,000.

Flanagan sees no harm in children being sent to fetch beer. It is not the children who sip the beer when they come out but the women. He has over & over again noticed this. Since 1894, by a police order from head quarters, it has been an indictable offence to give

Unwillingness of magistrates to endorse licenses.

Licensing bodies for Dalston

give children sweets when they come to fetch the family beer away. He warns each publican of this as he gets his license and has only had one case of it since he has been here. Speaking generally the beer-houses are the chief offenders in this way the keeper of a public House dare not do it. It means so much to them to have their license endorsed.

Not that licenses are often endorsed. Magistrates are very chary of doing it. An endorsement always means an appeal now-a-days. Appeals go before quarter sessions who may veto a ~~licensing~~ magistrates decision. Magistrates dont like this at all, especially at the hands of quarter sessional magistrates.

Quarter session JP's 'are a very pettifogging body.'

There are three sets of licensing magistrates concerned in the Dalston subdivision. 1. the Tower body 2. The Stoke Newington body 3. The Highbury body. The Tower magistrates will allow a publican to hold more than one licenses saying that a man who has many will be more careful that they are all looked after because damage to one will naturally affect the reputation of the

Their differing policies.

Drink & Tips offered to constables

lot in their eyes ~~of~~ when they have to consider the renewal-als. ~~The Highbury~~ And they argue that a man who has already two or 3 well kept houses ~~are~~ is more likely to see that a fourth or fifth is also well-kept than a new man altogether. The Highbury body says no, a man shall have more than one house under his care because no man can properly look after more than one house: The result being that there is a deal of hard swearing among would-be publicans in their division & men of straw are put up to take the oath. ~~because~~ "With respect to this swearing business there seems to be nowhere any notion of morality among publicans." The Stoke Newington body does not care, has no principle or rule on the matter at all.

With regard to the receipt of drink by constables on duty, it is an offence that is very severely punished & if a man is caught red. handed his character is damaged for ever. He is fined a week's pay and his chance of promotion or at any rate of being drafted into the Reserve is practically nil. Nevertheless it is pretty generally done though not so

Publicans prefer to bribe

so much in this district as in others. Men have even complained to him that the publicans wont serve them when they ask them to. "I know I am considered a pretty hard nail by publicans but it works for the best in the end. I warn them when they first start that they will have no mercy if they offend, & if they do offend its no mercy that they get at my hands. A man who has had his two half pints at closing time is brisk enough for an hour or two but after that he gets drowsy he is no longer properly fit. A ~~better~~ custom has grown up in this district in consequence. The publican gives the man a 1/- or two shillings perweek instead which at any rate leaves him with his wits about him." The publicans will pay something just in the same way that they always give a cigar or a packet of tobacco to any constable whom they have summoned to eject a drunken man. I have told them often that the police are bound to come for nothing but they prefer to do it." The publicans are human & the police are human. The street walkers (women) dont give any thing to

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Prostitution & the Police.

Betting

the police. They are for the most part too poor a class. But the brothels do; the only large sums that are given come from bawdy houses. The police could institute proceedings against such places if they liked but they have orders from head quarters not to do so. Others may prosecute, then they will watch the house if requested & may be summoned as witnesses: but they wont take the initiative.

(The good things that come in this way seem to be evenly distributed amongst the force because later on Flanagan stated that no man was allowed to be on one beat for more than one month at a time nor ~~is~~ ~~to~~ allowed to come on the same beat again within a twelve-month.)

Betting is ~~bar~~ not largely carried on in the Public Houses. The betting men are known by sight & when they see them about the police can pretty well tell which houses are the offenders. Prosecutions against them are generally the result of orders from head quarters. Complaint is made by anonymous letters, that is the general thing

A lot source of income.

thing in complaints ~~received~~ of this class, & "curiously enough they are nearly always sent direct to Scotland Yard so that our orders to prosecute or watch come from there in the first instance." Then there is a fair amount of betting in the streets, generally between the hours of 12 & 2 ie the dinner hour. A magistrate can only impose a fine of £5 & that is not heavy enough to deter. One man has already been convicted 3 times this year; he stands at the corner of Dalston Lane behind the police station. Last time he said 'What's the good of carrying me off to fine me £5, you know well enough that its not me but my guvnor that pays & I shall be at it again, but what I do mind is the indignity of your leading me through the streets between two officers, couldn't you manage it in the evening or down a back way?"

"You must change the people a bit before you'll stop betting", said Flanagan "police orders won't do it."

Very little is done now in the way of waking men up of a morning. "More's the pity its, a very nice little bit of business that is gone." Night watchmen or men who make it their business are

Complaints for serving drunken men.

vid. Sir J. Bridges' evidence before the Licensing Comm.

are now employed ~~to~~ ~~deal~~ instead. Why? "Well I think its the fault of giving beer to the police about closing time, they get drowsy & forget to call men." The public have lost their confidence in the police as early callers.

Undoubtedly there might be more complaints and convictions for serving drunken men than there are. But it is a difficult thing to be sure of. A man is almost always allowed to go home without interference even though drunk if he can manage it either by himself or with the help of a friend. But he must not make too much noise or be disorderly & collect a crowd in doing so. Then you may run your man in for being drunk & get him convicted but it is very hard to get evidence that he has been served while actually drunk. Those in the bars at the same time are very unwilling to give ~~evidence~~ it, besides, a man may be right enough inside and not ~~be~~ aware he has had too much until he gets into the air outside. Asked whether having to be up early at the police court the next morning had anything to do with it, police magistrates Flanagan said it had certainly because a

Date of the North London Rly:

man on a night beat would lose some hours of his proper sleep while attending to the case. It is also inconvenient to his superiors to have a man away from his duty for he has very often to attend several mornings at the court. The constable ~~generally~~ uses his dis-cretion about running in drunken men and complaints against publicans, a little more on the negative side than perhaps he should do.

The Railway from Dalston to Broad street was made 33 years ago. Before that (how long before he did not know) there was a line between Chalk farm & Poplar with a station at Ridley Road. When the new line was made the Ridley Road station was abolished, turned into a coal depôt as it is now, and the Dalston Junction set up in its present place.

Inspector Fitzgerald.

A Policeman's beat.

Fixed points.

Sep. 29. 13/10 S.H.D.

Talk with Subdivisional Inspector Fitzgerald of the Hackney subdivision of the J. Police Division.

Policemans beats vary in extent from taking 10 minutes to cover them to ~~a~~ two hours. Every beat is measured up and each policeman on a beat is supposed to be continually walking at the rate of 2½ miles an hour. Each policeman is on duty 8 hours per day, in two periods of 4 hours with an interval of four hours.

Fixed points are placed so that no inhabitant may have to go more than a reasonable distance in search of a policeman. Every householder is informed of the locality of these fixed points. A man is always there on duty both night & day. In the outlying districts fixed points are on from 9 AM to 1 AM. ie 16 hours in the west end they may be on for the whole 24 hours. A fixed point

Night patrols

Hours of work.

point is supposed never to move out of sight of his point.
In the Stackney & Victoria Park subdivisions there are four night patrols, from 5 PM to 1 am.

1. Wells street & Morning Lane.
2. Mare Street
3. Chatsworth road & High St. Homerton.
4. Lea Bridge Road & Clapton Rd.

Night patrols are men put on in special Districts in which people either stay up late or are especially noisy.
In a big street like Mare St. Stackney there are two beats and two fixed points. Point duty is from 9 AM to 1 AM. ie 16 hours. ~~For instance in Mare Street Stackney~~
That is four different men are on duty

A comes on	9—1 PM.	C comes on	9 – 1 PM
B ..	1 – 5	D ..	1 – 5 ..
A ..	5 – 9	C ..	5 – 9
B ..	9 – 1 AM.	D ..	9 – 1

In addition to them there are two beats who are walking all the time. These beats about on Mare Street ie a part of Mare street is a part of each beat. The beats are continued day

The Integrity of policemen.

day & night: thus during the 24 hours there are six different men passing through the street on their beats. At night there is one evening patrol who does his duty straight off. In all there are therefore 11 different officers employed in ~~the daytime~~ these street during the 24 hours.

He does not believe any officers on duty takes beer from the publican. Sir Charles Warren in 1886 first started the crusade against drunkenness amongst policemen. Before that it was a common thing to have seven charges a week. Seven charges a year now would be above the mark. Every year the superintendents are stricter & there is less mercy shown offenders. A policeman hardly dare take drink while on duty it is not worth the risk. As to taking drink at closing time that is not the time when he would do it if he did it at all, there are too many about & people are not so friendly with the police that they hesitate to report a man. There may be a few men who will take a pint but they are soon found out & dismissed. He also strongly disapproved of policemen being given anything; whether beer or money. 'It's against orders'. He does not believe constables are given

A better class of men now.

Prices of Public Houses.

given money instead of beer. 'Not of them would not stoop to accept it.' A case of money being given has never come before his notice. [F. Fitzgerald was very uncomfortable during these questions which may have been natural nervousness but rather gave the impression that he was putting his estimate of police integrity too high.] The class of men who have become policemen in the last 10yrs has also risen so that in addition to there being greater danger in the acceptance of drinks there is less likelihood of the men wanting to have them.

The prices of public Houses in Hackney have about reached their limit. The wonder is how they pay at all at present. The highest price actually given that he has heard of was the £40,000 for the house in Bluston Road. Some of the houses in Mare Street wd probably fetch more if they ever came into the market but they are handed down from father to son. Examples. The Britannia near the town Hall and the Amhurst Arms at the end of the Amhurst road opposite the Hackney station. The latter is held by one Stymes the son of the great betting man. No betting is done in the house. Stymes is

No brothels.

Nothing extraordinary earnings for the police

The loss of the early calling business.

Stymes is too big a man to do things in such a paltry way. Besides it is not worth the risk. The house is too good a property, he estimated it at £60,000 & then said he was sure Stymes wd not take even such a price. The trade there is very paying - so many passengers. It is at the end of the Amhurst Rd, opposite the Stackney station and in the middle of a crowded thoroughfare.

There are no brothels in Stackney. There were two, one in Navarino Road and another in Morning Lane. But they both disappeared on a notice from the Vestry to the Land Lord & from the Land Lord to the tenant. They may have gone elsewhere but he knew nothing of it.

"The extraordinary earnings of constables are so insignificant that they may be disregarded." They are always said to take money from loose women but they never do. They would not stoop to it. Nothing is received from brothels because there are none. Nothing is received from early risers for the business has completely passed out of the policemen's hands. Now it is a regular calling & he knew a man when he was in Deptford who used to make 30s. a week from it for 3 hours work

Children & beer.

Difficulties of drunkenness.

Prices in public houses.

work a day is from 3 or 3.30 am to 6 am. He dates the disappearance of this source of income to the time when so many extra constables were necessary for the maintenance of order in Trafalgar Square. At that time in the outlying districts many beats were combined. Policeman could not get round them in time to call the early risers & they had to find some one else.

Fitzgerald is opposed to the sending of children to fetch beer "he would never let a child of his do it."

Drunken men are allowed to get home if they can do so quietly by themselves or with the help of friends. Drunkenness is a very difficult question. A man goes into a house who is obviously drunk outside he gets to the counter without being noticed there he keeps him-self steady by holding on to the ledge under neath the bar. The publican can't tell that he is drunk enough not to be served, serves him & if he is run in for doing so suffers great injustice for what was really not his ~~an~~ fault.

Fitzgerald is not a teetotaller but he has never taken a glass of anything or accepted a penny of money while in uniform throughout his whole police career.

Prices vary more from department to department in a

The separation of the classes.

'Old six' & 'four ale'

a Public House than they do between House & house. It is the object of the publican to separate his customers as far as possible into their social grades. That is why there are so many divisions. Social grade is roughly gauged by ability to pay, or rather quality as well as price considered, so that different articles are sold at the saloon bar than are at the public bar & not the same thing at a higher price. At the saloon bar you will only get "Special" whiskey at 3d per glass. At the public bar you ask for whiskey & you are given a "two" of ~~[illegible]~~ "Scotch" or "Irish", the whiskey is not so good but it costs 2d instead of 3d. If you want better ~~[illegible]~~ at the public bar you must ask for it specially.

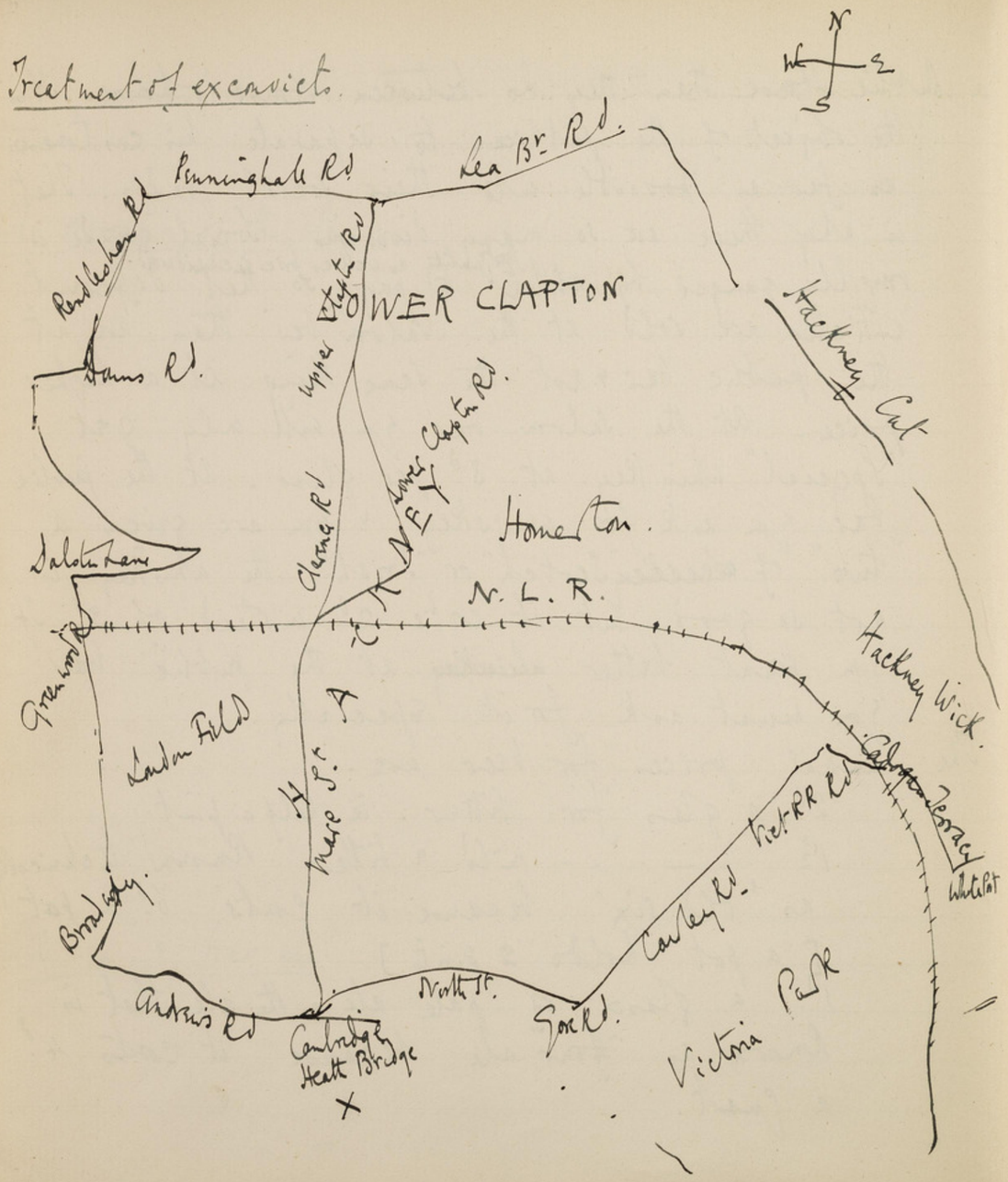
The usual prices for beer are.

2d a glass for bitter. ie half a pint

1½ . — . . . mild & bitter known technically as 'old six' because it costs 6d a pot. [a pot holds 2 pints]

1d. a glass of pale ale; the ale that is known as 'four ale because it costs 4d a quart.

Treatment of excovicts.



As to excovicts – the police never tell employers. Their orders are against it. The convicts always alledge that it is done but it is a libel.

The boundaries of the Hackney police subdivision are. starting from the South side & working to the west Cambridge heath Bridge, along Antwis Road to the Broadway, east side of Broadway along centre path across London Fields to Field view & Greenwood Road to Dalston Lane. South side of Dalston Lane to Amhurst Rd & Rectory Road to Downs Rd, south side of Downs Road to Rendlesham Rd; east side of Rendlesham Rd. to Renninghall Rd, south side of Renninghall Rd & Lea Bridge road to Lea Bridge; along towing path by Hackney Cut to Duckett's Canal to Wallis' Rd; North side of White post Lane, Cabogan Terrace, Victoria Park Rd, Cawley Rd, Rockmead Rd, Gore Rd, North street & so back to Cambridge heath bridge.

The Rev. S. C. Donaldson.

The Off-license policy

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Sep. 30. G. H. D.

Talk with the Rev. S. C. Donaldson, Vicar of St Mary's Hackney Wick. The Eton Mission. 20. Gainsborough Rd.

Mr. Donaldson was in bed having just had his knee cap sewn up the result of a bicycle accident. His sister the Hon. Mrs. Lawley wife of the incoming rector of Hackney was with him.

In Hackney Wick proper (ie N of the G.E.R.) there are seven off beer licenses and only one full license & one on & off beer license.
It was to find out the effect of this 'off-license' policy, that I went to see him.

'There is just as much drinking whatever the license as far as I can see.' If a man cannot drink on the premises then he drinks on the opposite side of the road 'off' them.
The law may be that the man may not drink within sight of the off-licensed house which

Police interference

The practise of drinkers.

which supplied him but the law is not enforced. Very few policemen come down here, but even if those who do come tried to enforce it they would find it impossible to do so. Police practise can only be just a little ahead of the morality of the district. "In all they do to suppress rowdyism they must have the moral support of the better class of the neighbours if they are to be successful." Public opinion here does not distinguish between drinking five or fifty yards away from the beerhouse. The police are really wise in acting as they do; they would soon find out how weak they were if they came into real conflict with the neighbourhood on a question like this. The people would find it out too & there would be an end of all respect for their authority.

The regular soaker ie the man who 'blobs' (the slang word for drinking) for 10 days or a fortnight on end without eating any solids does not spend the whole of his time in the public house, at least very few of them do. What he drinks, he

The Confessional in the English Church.

he drinks at the pub, but your genuine (ie your out & out soaker) man does not sit long over it & when he feels he has had enough he goes back home again: as soon as he is ready for more he goes back again.

Asked as to his practise with regard to confession he said that he approved of it in certain cases and practised it but always as an exception and never as a rule. "The whole spirit & teaching of the Church of England is against it," "My rule is not to do it except in special cases." There are certain people he said who go on from day to day bottling up their grievances & sorrows & becoming bitter & hardened & at the same time confirmed in evil living merely because there is no outlet for their feelings. It is taking a load off such peoples minds to allow them to confess. "I have known several people to lead new lives after solemn confession, people whom it had been impossible to touch in any other way." "It is because there is no general practise of confession in the English Church that so many go over to Rome." "After all the Church must give the people what they want." But he implied that the means of confession should

A woman's view of confession.

should only be given ~~them~~ to those that asked and not ~~to~~ upon the initiative of the priest. Confession is of most use among women, more than among men, & among boys of about 17, 18. "I cant say that many boys come to me but I think it would be helpful for them if they did." Those who most use it are women, it is especially valuable to middle-aged women between 40 & 50. "I do not approve of it for children though a great many do especially of the younger clergy." Mr. Donaldson recognized all the dangers of the practise but said that he had become convinced that in certain cases there was nothing that did equally well & that the people wanted it.

Here Mrs. Lawley (who has only been married about a year) broke in "Let the clergy confess men if they like but ~~let~~ them give over the women to women, you ~~[illegible]~~ clergy seem to think you are always priests and forget that you are also men". The answer was that women wont confess to women so that it is as good as denying it to them altogether to lay down that as a law.

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Police & Publicans.

Women & mens drinking

As I went away he said 'But mind you if Mr Booth is going to publish any statistics about confession in his book he will bring a regular hornets nest about his ears and we all shall be for having a pot shot at him, but it will be mighty interesting.'

Asked as to the acceptance of drinks by Policeman. 'They would be more than human if they did not take them, there is pressure on them on every side, everyone likes to be on the right side of the policeman & the first thing that strikes a man is to offer him a drink. But it is not much and does not lead to neglect of duty though it would be better undoubtedly if they did refuse them.

The noisiest public house is that at the corner of the Victoria Road & Cambridge Rd but he cannot say it is badly kept. The noisiness is more the result of the character of the people than of the conduct of the publican.

It requires a man with peculiar qualities to be a centre of evil. A man generally drinks for the enjoyment of it or because he has nothing better to do. Nearly all

Qualities of a contagious drunkard.

Drink & anxiety.

all the harm he does, he does to himself. The disease does not become contagious until it reaches women. One drunken woman in a street will set the whole of the women in the street drinking. Somehow women are born with the persuasive qualities necessary to make others follow in their steps. One thing, they will not drink alone, a man will, certainly he does not mind drinking alone. Sociability is one of these qualities. A woman is so often talking with her neighbours; if she drinks, they go with her.

In this district he has not noticed much improvement or worsement. He has been here 6 years. People tell him the men are rather better and the women distinctly worse. "I don't know why the women should be worse than they were but it is no wonder that they are as bad as they are." Worry is what they suffer from. A woman here never knows whether she will have her money at the end of the week. Anxiety is constant. In consequence you are getting a race of women with hereditary tendencies to endure stupidly, unresistingly. Rest & hope are what they want. Drunkenness dulls the sense of present evil and gives a mirage to what is

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The Tit-bittian mind of Hackney Wick.

The amount spent in drink by a temperate man.

to come. That is why they drink: but he did not know why it is now that they have especially taken to drink rather than before. "Perhaps it is fashion". This is a district of washed women. Women who have learnt drinking in the smart bars further west. One or two of these settling here are enough to set the fashion.

Speaking generally of the character of men & boys in Hackney Wick he said that lack of the power of concentration of mind was their greatest failing. They never cd talk about the same thing for 5 minutes together no matter what the subject. A person to succeed must meet them on their own ground. It is useless to claim their attention for the whole of one sermon or set of sermons on one matter. They tire of it at once & don't attend. The tit-bits style of information is what they will listen to & every now & then something will stick. It is no good for a person to come down here & sit at home & read books.

His estimate as to the amount drunk by a steady artisan was 2 pots ie 2 quarts per day. The drink 'four-ale' ie 4d per pot, which makes 8d per day.

William Hoare.

The value of licensed Houses.

Publicans of every social grade.

Oct. 5. S. H. D.

W. Hoare. Chairman of the Red Lion Brewery (Hoare & Co.) Lower East Smithfield.

Went to see him about 1/. The class of men put in by them as publicans 2/. The rise in the prices of public Houses 3/. Views as to the varying policies of licensing bodies.

Looks rather a weak man. Has no fixed views or policy with regard to any of the above.

The value of the house he said depended on the value of its trade. A trade in spirits is more lucrative than one in beer only. The profit on spirits was about 100%. That on beer only 5%.

Publicans reckon every month as 28 days and every year as consisting of 13 months. Trade is reckoned as so much per month.

All classes of men are put into their houses. There are always a number of applicants among our private

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Increase of prices.

connection - Some send their sons to the university. The best men are in the largest houses. The worst in the beer houses.

Public Houses cater for a public need. If you did away ~~with~~ them, what wd. take their place?

Prices have gone up partly because of the immensely greater stability in the trade. Brewers now see they will not be done away with. When he entered the business 30 years ago everyone was afraid of Sir W. Lawson and his followers. Houses were then no assured source of revenue. Now they are to all intents & purposes.

He gave an introduction to one of their publicans.
Mr. E. B. Donet of the Hope & Anchor - Hereford St. Lisson Grove, whom he said wd. be able to tell most about the relations of police & publican.

Mr. Bramham. Valuer & Assessment Committee of Hackney

Rise in the value of Houses.

Oct. 5. Muscell 13/16 CP G. H. D.

Mr. Bramham. Surveyor & ~~Valuer~~ Valuer to the Assessment Committee of the Hackney Union. 115. Bow. Road. on an introduction from Mr. C.A. Young a member of the above Comte.

Mr. Bramham is a man over 50 yrs of age. pleasant & willing to give all the information in his power.
He has plans with prices of all the licensed houses in Bow, Bromley, Mile End, & Hackney. His list is not quite complete but on permission being given by the Assessment Committee he wd. be very glad to allow it to be used as a check on our map. But he is very busy till Oct. 23rd after which date he will be glad give the matter his attention.

During the last 3 years houses have gone up enormously in value. It began by the loan of ~~One~~ millions made to the Cannon Brewery by a Mr. McCalmont. With this money the brewery set

Reasons for the rise.

Examples.

set to work to tie houses. The brewers looked on without mind-
-ing until they found that their own trade was
being touched & affected irrecoverably. Then they set to work
to buy also. Prices went up with a run. Then came the
death duties act & increased difficulties about the sub-
-division of property held by partners jointly for the
purposes of taxation. So that Brewers found themselves
at the same time wanting more money and a simpler
method of reorganizing their own personal property.
They turned their businesses into Companies in consequence.
Mr. Branham gave as an example a public house in
the parish of St Johns Hackney.
In 1892, this house with a lease of 49 years, at a
rental of £105 per annum was bought in for
£9500
In 1895 £8.750 was stated to Mr. Branham as the
price that had been paid for it.
This year 1897. It has been resold for £23.000.
Another house he mentioned as being sold in 1895 for
£20,000 & resold this year for £32,000 in addition
to which the buyer paid £4000 in its redecoration &
internal alteration. These are only two out of many.
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The uses of a Public House.

Publicans as a class.

instances, Mr. Branham could give.

Public houses meet a real want; by some they are used as a refreshment house, by others as a club, by others as a place of business. The 'poney' glass or small half pint glass is the outcome of the use of public houses as places of business. Come & have something, is the regular prelude to doing business with some people. Neither side wants to drink much but they want an office. They ask for a poney glass, they get their apology for drink & their office. The publican charges the same for a 'poney' as for an ordinary half pint & so recoups himself for wear & tear of premises.

One man may not by law hold more than one license. but one man very often is the real proprietor of several houses. But the license is issued in the name of the manager or of his wife or his son

He confirmed the evidence of others in saying that all classes became publicans & that the best men were found in the largest houses. & That one man who managed two houses well was more likely to see that

Policies of Increasing & decreasing the number of licensed houses.

3 or four were well kept. He thought the publican as a rule was a little above the generality of his customers socially but at once gave an instance of a man who found his clientèle too rough for him, & wanted to get a ~~team~~ of his own ~~[illegible]~~ trade into the house as customers & straightway proceeded to make things very uncomfortable for those below it. At the same time the higher the class of trade the more profitable the business.

The number of licensed houses is undoubtedly very large but "they must meet a want otherwise they would fail." Said there were two policies that might be pursued either the numbers of houses should be increased & very great strictness be used with regard to them or they should be decreased by making several houses in one district combine to buy out a few recouping themselves by so doing by the increased trade that wd result. In the first instance you would bring down prices & be able to regulate the rate at which they fell by the rate at which you granted the increase. In the second you wd increase the value of the houses that remained

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Wet weather & drink.

Police & publicans.

at the same time it reduce the number of temptations to drink. Some will hesitate to go at all when it is a question of going a hundred yards further.

Wet weather is the worst for drink. Especially wet mondays & Tuesdays when working men will make their wives give back to them some of the money they have given them for housekeeping.

With regard to the police — "Any policeman who looks as if he wd. like it is sure to get it," "there can be no question about that". Doubts if it amounts to very much but it wd. be better if it were not done. Publicans do it wherever they can because they know they will get help in turning out drunken men more easily if they do. A man who makes a noise drives a way trade, therefore the publican is only too anxious to get rid of him. A policeman who takes drink is more likely to be rear and to come quickly if he is called. "Well at any rate the publicans think so."

National United Temperance Convention

meeting. Tu. Oct 5th at Royal Albert Hall

Wed. Oct 6. at Memorial Hall.

Thurs. Oct 7. .. .. ..

Imperial Sunday Closing

Oct. 7. G. H. D.

At a meeting held by the "National United Temperance Convention" at the Memorial Hall. Farringdon Rd. &c
Secretary. C Pinhorn. 33 Memorial Hall. EC.

Subject. "How to prevent addition & obtain reduction in the licensed facilities for Drinking."
Introduced by. W Joynson. Hicks.
Debate opened by G. Blaiklock.

The lecturer assumed that all licensed houses were harmful & that the number must be decreased. He gave instructions as to how it should best be done.
As throwing light on the questions ~~upon~~ which the Convention thought the most important; the following are the resolutions proposed & seconded.
1. This conference views with satisfaction the great blessings that have accrued to Scotland, Ireland & Wales from the enactment of Acts of Parliament closing licensed premises upon the Lord's Day; & hereby affirms the principle of Imperial Sunday Closing for the whole of the United Kingdom.
moved by the Archbp of Canterbury.

Sunday closing for Ireland.

Suppression of sales on Sunday in England.

Temperance Sunday.

Temporary Suspension of the grant of new licenses.

Closing drink-shops on Election Days.

Drinkselling clubs.

2). Entire Sunday closing for all Ireland.
moved by Sir. Th. Lea. MP.

3). 'The Suppression of the sale in England of Intoxicating Liquors upon the Lords day'

4). That the 2nd or 3rd Sunday in November be Temperance Sunday.

5). 'That it is highly expedient that Her Majestys' Government should at once pass a measure suspending the power to grant licenses for the first time or by way of removal whether granted by Justices of the Peace or by the officers of the Inland Revenue.' ie pending the report of the Liquor Commission.

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~~V.~~—Closing Drink-shops on Election Days.

Whereas: There is abundant evidence, that the open sale of intoxicating drinks upon election days is a fruitful source and ready means of bribery and corruption as testified by numerous witnesses before the Commissioners at Election Enquiries:

And *Whereas*: It is especially desirable that the sacred trust of the discharge of the rights of citizenship should be fulfilled with sober judgement after deliberate conviction:

Be it therefore Resolved:—"That the Conference is of opinion that all Licensed Premises within the boundaries of any polling district shall be entirely closed during the whole of the day on which a poll is taken for all Elections—for Parliament, Councils, School Boards, or other Public Authority."

7 **~~VI.~~—Legislation as to Drink-selling Clubs.**

Whereas: The existence of Clubs mainly formed for drinking purposes, and which by reason of being so designated, can, without being licensed, sell intoxicants at any hour of the day or night:

Be it therefore Resolved:—"That this Conference would respectfully represent to Her Majesty's Government that all attempts to restrict the Licensed Liquor Traffic are likely to be partially nullified unless some drastic legislation is passed to prevent a gigantic evil in the shape of the continuance and multiplication of Drink-selling Clubs."

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Discretion to refuse.

Sale of Intoxicants to children.

Abolition of Grocers' licenses.

8. ~~II.~~—**A Discretionary Power Wanted to Refuse All Licences.**

"*Whereas:* The present law gives to the Licensing Authority full power to refuse or grant certain 'Off' Licences, and leaves them no option, under certain conditions:

"And *Whereas:* The present law also gives the Licensing Authority full discretion over the grant or renewal of Ordinary Public-house and Beer-house Licences, but denies to them the discretionary power to refuse to 'renew' Beer-house Licences granted prior to the year 1869:

"And *Whereas:* There are yet other licences, granted direct by the Excise for the retail sale of intoxicants by the holders without any authority from the ordinary Licensing Benches:

"And *Whereas:* It is contrary to the whole of the principles underlying the licensing system that any Licensing Authority should be practically *compelled* to annually renew a licence—the true tenure of which is only from year to year;—and that in certain cases the Licensing Authority have no choice whatever:

It is therefore Resolved:—"That there is urgent need for the passing of a Bill or Clause to make the law uniform in so far as to give give the Licensing Authority *full discretionary* power to refuse to grant every kind of Licence for the Sale of Intoxicating Drinks."

9. ~~III.~~—**Prohibition of the Sale of Intoxicants to Children.**

Resolved:—"That in the opinion of this Conference, there is urgent need for legislation to prohibit Drinksellers from serving Intoxicants to Children under sixteen years of age, whether for their own consumption or for that of others."

Whereas: The Licensing Authorities are of opinion that it is desirable that children and young people should not be permitted to purchase intoxicating liquor for any purpose:

10. ~~IV.~~—**Abolition of Grocers' and Other Shopkeepers' Drink Licences.**

"*Whereas:* The granting to Grocers and other shop-keepers licences to sell intoxicants has been a terrible source of evil in the domestic circle, as testified by a protest signed by 920 Medical Men and published in *The Lancet* as far back as the year 1879:

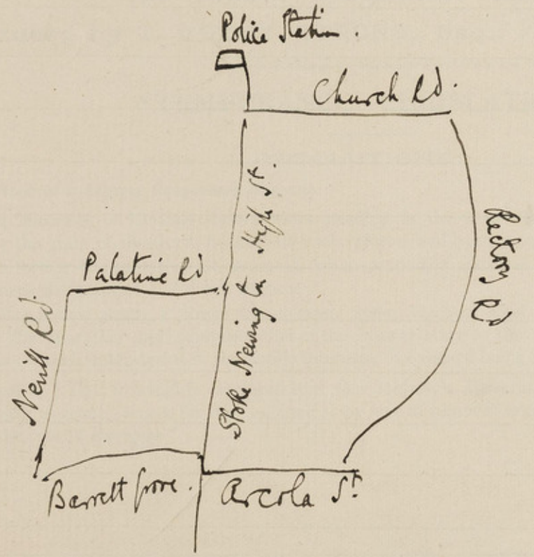
And *Whereas:* This evil has continued up to the present day, calling forth additional petitions, protests, and resolutions in favour of the entire abolition of such licences:

And *Whereas:* Witnesses before the Royal Commission now sitting have testified to the rapidly increasing evils arising from this system:

Be it therefore Resolved:—"That Her Majesty's Government be entreated to take early steps to repeal the Acts under which these licences are granted."

The meeting on the Suppression of licenses was attended by about 100 persons. I counted 60 men & 29 women. Men mostly clergy. All the younger men were clergy. The ~~rest~~ lay men being for the most part middle aged. Women of all ages.

District covered.



Oct. 11th

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G. H. D.

Walk with Inspector F. Thorpe of the N division. Headquarters of the Division are at the Police Station in the Newington High Street. The Superintendent is Macfadden. Thorpe has been 21 years in the service. Ten years ago he was stationed in this Division. After that he went as a sergeant to Clerkenwell. Now he has been here 3 yrs as an Inspector.

He is a sound podgy man of medium height, moustache, pleasant good humoured face & voice

The walk is bounded on the north by Church Road; On the East by Rectory Rd, On the South by Arcola St & Barrett Grove; on the West by Neville Rd, Palatine Rd and Stoke Newington Rd.

Starting at the police station in the High Street.

Then a little way south turning east at Church Road here are the National Schools built 1837. Pink in character. Houses rented at £32 a year. running North out of it are Gleding Terrace and Leswin Road. roads of 2 storied houses with bow windows on the ground floor. Pink.

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Rectory Road - red

Tenanted by city people, clerks, warehousemen. Two families in most of the houses. Rents £30 to £32 for a whole house. No house to be had under a 12 months' tenancy & some held under a 3 years agreement. Tenants pay rates & taxes. Evering Rd runs NE out of the Church Road to Clapton Road. Character Pink barred with red. Houses 3 storied with fronts. Gets better as it goes eastwards. Is a better street than Leswin.

Then South along the Rectory Road. Many old houses - Rents £45. Old fashioned wooden palings round front gardens. Semidetached. Red. Running west out of it are. Sydnes Rd. Pink. 2 storied. Poplars in front gardens nearly whole length of S side of street: asphalt pavements. Bare, empty, clean street - very small backs to the houses. Rents £32 to £34 Foulden Rd has better backs. 2½ storied. Rents £36. Low iron rails on low brick wall round fronts at its west end rents are higher £40 to £45 & houses larger, 3 & 3½ storied. Farleigh Rd. Pink. 2½ storied. blocks of houses the corner one of each being larger than the rest. Rectory Rd. There are shops on the west side of the lower end. At the corner of the Rectory Rd & Amhurst Rd is a large red brick building

building with a boy in buttons at the entrance, the 'Amherst Club', patronised by the locality, is a social club, subs 2gs per annum. Amherst Rd. houses 2½ storied. Red rents £18 to £50. Not more than one family in the majority of the houses

N W along the Amherst Road & into the Newington Stoke St. a busy road 'and becoming busier every year'. Traffic never ceases. All night there are carts from the market gardens round Enfield. South past the Fordsden & Fakeigh Roads, then west along the Wellington Rd. an old street houses all shapes & sizes, mostly with 2 families. Street was better than it is now. Now mostly artisans. Purple. But large gardens & remnants of many flowers. Many houses built on the square packing-case shape with windows at regular intervals, dated 1847. The road itself is narrow, rents £26 to £30. In it the Wellington Road Hall, to let, lately tenanted by Salvationists. Trees on either side of the road. Somerford Grove further South is much like it. Trees along both sides of the road which was paved for the first time this year. Semi-detached 2 & 2½ storied houses. One small 2 storied house on the North side of the street

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Palatine Road - pk

Prince George Road - pk

Wiesbaden Road pk

was sold this year. 22 yrs still to run. r fetched £200. The 4 mile circle notice is on one of the lamppostsin ~~the~~ Into the Newington High St. again on the west side of which is a block of new streets marked by a blank in the map. 10 yrs ago when Thorpe was last here it was a field used for grazing purposes. Palatine Rd. 2 stories, bow windows on ground floor. £34 rent. this is the oldest street of the block. ~~Brecon Grove~~ Prince George St. 2 storied, 7 roomed houses letting at £34. In this street Thorpe himself lives. House not worth the rent 'but people like new houses'. At the ~~East~~ end on the north side are 4 houses laid bare by the County Council because they had been built up beyond the pavement, i.e. they came too far forward. Builder owner refused to pull them down, so County Council paced off the outer wall & made them level with the street. Pink. Wiesbaden Rd. the next southward is the same as Prince Geo. exc that the houses have a bathroom. built only 2 or 3 yrs ago. Rents the same because rooms are slightly smaller to make space for the bath. Coloured tiles let into the side of the entrance porch

many Jews of the lower class living in Prince George & Princess May streets.

Princess May Road - pk

Dunn St. lb

Princess May Rd. like the foregoing but the houses at the west end are not yet finished building. All these have very small backs. 17ft. allowed only between one house & the next in each has only 8½ ft of yard at the back.

Then East across the High St. & into Arcola St. past Nutters Buildings, turning north into Dunn St. purple to light blue in character. 2 storied. large gardens, two with glass houses in them, flowers & clothes-lines. Like it is Hindle St. with wooden palinged fronts. Children coming out of school. all booted & particularly clean looking. Inhabitants of street are costers & labourers. Women engaged in laundries several standing about gossiping, bare armed, in white aprons, bare headed. Street no trouble to the police. Hope put the earnings of the men at 18/- to 20/- a week. Hindle St. like the others, 2 storied. All these streets might easily become a bad slum; but are probably saved from it by the large Board school at the north end of Dunn & Hindle streets which has steps leading down into each of them. 'A very good school'; Head master exercises great influence on the chil.

Barretts Grove - pk

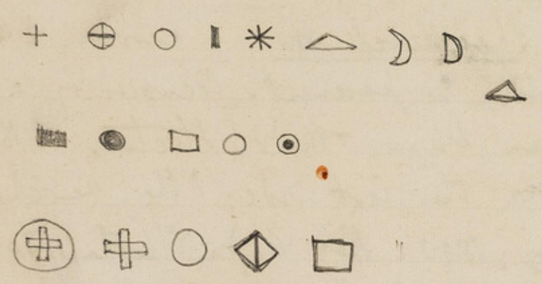
Cressington Road - pk

children who come from the neighbourhood & through them on their parents. Then out into Shacklewell Road. which has a mixture of new & old houses. The newer two & half storied houses on the East side are dated 1866. On the North side of it is Shacklewell row a narrow, 2 storied street houses flush with the pavement. Occupied by a better class of labourer than Dunn & Middle Streets. S. Barnabas Mission room on the East side; "the Merchan Taylor's School Mission, 1893". Rev. A. J. Ellerton. 307 Amhurst Road. Out of the North end of Shacklewell Row into Leal Street. which with Perch St. & April Street were built between 1881 - 1885. Each house consists of 2 flats. with a Parlour, bed-room, Kitchen with range & ? scullery, W.C. Ground floor 8/- & 7/6 per week. First floor 7/6. 8/- "Combining the advantages of a model dwelling with the privacy of a small house" as a notice said. The top floor has a separate entrance to the yard by steps running down behind. All these streets are purple in character.

Then West across High St. Stoke Newington & down Barrett Grove. pink exc for No. 4 which is a model dwelling & purple to blue in character; 20 to 30 families in this one house. Cressington St. outfit. pink, 2 storied, 2 families in each.

Here we enter District 16.

Possible signs for Maps.



Public.	Beer	Off.	Grocer.	Refreshment
P	B	O	G	R

in white.

Map of licensed Houses. explanation of colours.

Red. All fully licensed Public Houses.

Dark-blue. Beer Houses with on and off licenses.

~~Light-blue~~ Green. Houses with 'off' beer licenses. ie all houses selling 'draught' as op-posed to 'bottled' beer to be drunk off the premises.

Pencil-black. Grocers shops with licenses to sell wine, beer or spirits in bottles to be consumed off the premises.

Yellow. Houses which are used chiefly for the purposes of refreshment but have a license for wine or spirits. If they have a bar they are marked as fully-licensed.

Note. Dealers in wines, spirits, or beer in bottles, for consumption off the premises are not marked. ~~marked~~ a few of these have off beer licenses, when they have they are marked light blue.