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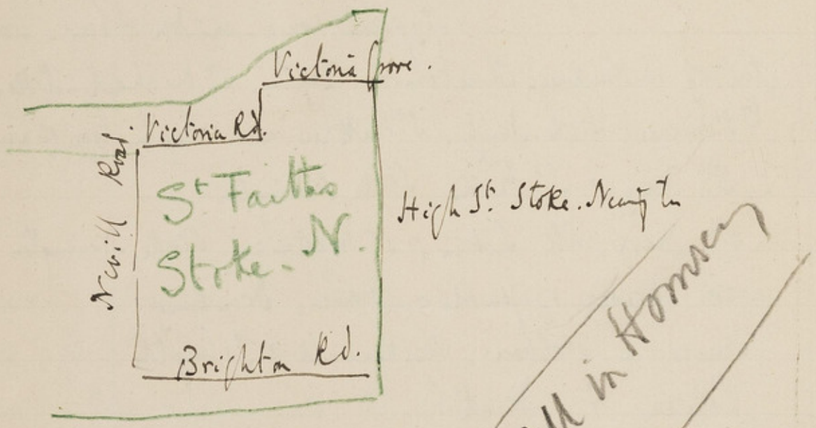

All in Hornsey

Has South Hornsey Elementary School.

Nevill Road.

Nevill Road { S of Walford Road pump.
rest pk

October 11th 1897. Omitted as being in "Hornsey" Dist 16. G. H. D.

Walk with Subdivisional Inspector Frank Thorpe of the N. Division.

Walk bounded on the South by the Brighton Road: On the West by Nevill Road: on the North by Victoria Road & Victoria Grove: & On the East by Stoke Newington High Street.

Out of Crossington Rd into the Wordsworth Road & along the West ends of Prince George & Princes Way roads, & Wiesbaden roads. At the bottom of the Wiesbaden road is still a fairly large waste space. North past the 'South Hornsey Public Elementary Schools' which are under the County of Middlesex & not under the London School Board because Hornsey refuses to be amalgamated with its surroundings. Along the Wordsworth road which has shops at its N end into the Nevill Rd. - purple - a mixture of shops & dwelling houses. Some model dwellings. Allan Rd

Brighton Road - pk

A Pink district

Walford Road - pk

Arthur, Gainsborough, Warwick and Victoria Roads – pk

Victoria Grove West - purple
Victoria Grove - pk

Shipway & Chalmer Terraces - purple

Rd running west out of it is a street of poor class shops.
Brighton Rd. running East into the High St is one of the Nineey 2 storied streets. Bows on ground floor. Fair backs. 8-roomed houses & a scullery - Pink - Let for £34 - 12 chimneys between two houses = 6 rooms each + 4 = 2 rooms & 2 Kitchens behind
Then comes Walford Rd. 3 storied. Two or 3 families generally in each house. Rents £40. a few occupied by one family only.
Gordon Road. 3½ stories. Maynards confectionery factory at the N.E. end using buildings which were formerly a Brewery - Running north out of it are Arthur & Gainsborough, Warwick Roads. 3 storied - Pink - Victoria Rd is like them. Houses 2½ & 3 storied. holding 2 & 3 families as a rule. Into Victoria Grove West and Victoria Grove. houses here are older. & have larger gardens. mostly 1 family & a lodger - of the square box shape. Purple - Shipway Terrace. & Chalmers Terrace are also purple. labouring class - 2 storied. The South side of the Victoria Road here is made of the large gardens to the High St houses, one of which is a nursery garden. All to be built over as soon as the rents fall in.

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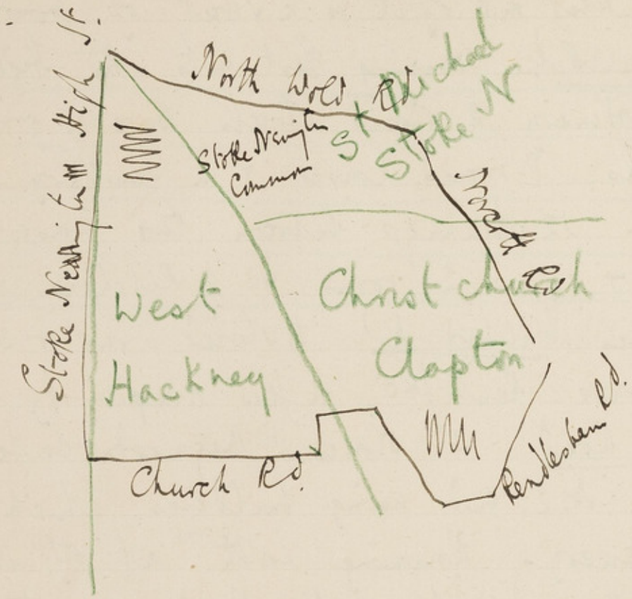
District covered.



Maury Road Send pkd

Navvis Island.

Oct. 12. Tuesday. 11.30 – 1.45. Dist 14 S.A.D.

Walk with Inspector Thorpe round district bounded on the South by Church Road: on the west by the Rendlesham Road: on the North by the Northwold Road & on the East by Stoke Newington High Street:

Starting at the Police Station in the Stoke Newington High Street.. South & then East along the Church Road past the West Hackney Church. Rev. Mr. Jackson - "Church a very popular one, it is always full. Last Sunday the harvest festival there was a regular struggle to get in." Along the Evering Road. which is still red as map. South down the Maury Road. this end of it is pink map marks it red. 2 storied. 8 rooms & 2 kitchens in each house. rent £36. Shops at the south end of it. Then South west along the Rendlesham Road. here 2 storied pink. Then N.W. up Landfield Street into the Block of streets On the way St. Kellington St. Landfield St. Heathersley St. & Speelman Street; known as 'Navvies Island' 'Tiger's Bay' 'Spikes Island' or 'Myrtle Grove'. Why 'Myrtle Grove'. Oh an aristocratic name given Ser-

Police & ex. convicts

sarcastic. like." This is the roughest quarter of the district but much better than it used to be. Its inhabitants are low-bred English - some are Irish - of no particular occupation. Some are labourers very few earn a regular wage. Some of the women wash but most of them - "You had better fidge for yourself" said the policeman on the beat. It used to be the resort of ex convicts, now there are none, they have moved to the Tenterbury estate in South Tottenham, especially the St Anns Road. There is only one 'licensed' man in the neighbourhood & he is a "reformed character. "It is a foul libel that the police give information to employers." Well, but it is sometimes done because I certainly knew of at least one case - "That must have been where the employer asked of the local police whether any of his men where on ticket-of-leave, then it might be done."

There is no public entry into Stanvics' Island except through Rendlesham Road. There is only a wooden hoarding between the lower end of Bonthell Road & Stellman Street but the ground between the hoarding & the street is private property. It would be a great advantage

advantage to the Island if this were opened but not to Ban-
-thall road. The backs of two houses in Ottaway street
back upon Jannes Road from which the police have a
right of entry into the district: the public may do so on
payment of 1d as they go through. Twelve years ago the land-
-lords in the Island wished to raise the tone of the inhabitants.
One of them invited the police to go & live there rent-free
& at the same time offered them a right of way through
his back yard. They accepted. Six of them are now
living in the Island. Rents are still much cheaper than
any where else but inside the district has improved so
greatly that instead of as King no rent the Landlords
now demand 7/6 per week. Since Jubilee this has been
raised 6d which makes 8/- for 4 rooms & 2 kitchens.
Houses two storied, flush with the pavement, narrow
backs. There is a good deal of pitch & toss. police
have orders to stop it, every now then they make a
raid but the 'crows' at the corner always give warning.
"Besides what's the good of it, you with a lot of
trouble you may get half a dozen fellows fined 5/-,
they pay or go to prison, & then come back & start
again." What stat the police having been caught

gamb.

Rents in Norris's Island.

Street gambling

Ottoway St. lb

Landfield St. pk

Narrow Island.

Mellington St. purple

Stillman Street - pk

gambling themselves? "Not in my time." He has been here 3 years. But evidently there was some truth in the Rev Joyce's statement that four had been caught.
The Landlords of the 'island' he thinks are small men. The largest owner has 8 houses. Ottaway St. is marked the best of the lot, on the map is purple; it does not look it. Landfield Street is the best & looks it. (according to the police)
The tracks to the houses are larger, rents to higher is 10/ per week for the same amount of room as in the rest of the houses. Mellington St. which the police call 'middle' street is the worst but hardly looks as poor as Ottaway Street because it has small railinged fronts. Heatherly Road consists of the end of the other streets on its south side; on its north side are the 'Kendleshaw' Rooms - a mission place with an announcement of a ~~se~~ meeting for the 'band of Christian police' - and Jenner's mews a ramshackle stabling place for horses & carts. Stillman St. has 8 shops and a beer shop. "the shopping place of the district."
The inhabitants give no trouble to the police. All the children about were decently & looked healthy. All the houses 2 storied. Landfield St.

Brooke Rd pk b.

Reighton Road pk b.

Rents in a pink toned district

Stoke Newington Common.

Sanford Terrace pk b.

Smalley Road – purple

street purple & the rest an improving light blue is about the character of the district. Not more than 2 charges from here have been entered at the police court during the last 3 years.

Then N.W. along the Brooke Road. Pink barred with red. Lodgers usual. Two stories on the N. side rent £36. 3½ stories on the south rent £40. The Reighton Rd on the North side. 3 storied: rents £34. 2 inspectors live here. Two or 3 yrs ago rents were £30; 15 yrs ago the houses would not let at all. Rents are going up all round. 'Anything will let or sell in Stoke Newington now'. Character pink toned. Norcott Rd 2 storied 7 roomed houses. 2 rooms in front 3 at the back & 2 kitchen. Many good the same. So too Boultall Rd.

Then North up the west side of Stoke Newington Common. Some new & some old houses: the new built in 1882 & the old in 1788. They are called Sanford Terrace. Map marks them purple but they are better than this. pink barred with red; probably their character has bettered since the LCC took over Stoke Newington Common. Sanford Lane is decidedly poorer. Light blue to purple. 2 storied houses, 2 families in each. Smalley Road

ha

The poor lit to the NW of the Common.

Bull Alley - bb

Gibson Street - purple

Garnham St pk

has 2 & 3 stories. Neighbourhood improving. Houses on the East side being done up, evidently by contract, 6 men & 6 six ladders working on 6 houses, belonging to one owner. rents £28 to £30. 4 rooms with 2 at the back. Clevedon St. 2 st. purple as map. Union Street which is dark blue on the map has gone, its place being taken by tenements, built for a better class than lived there before: these are not yet finished. Bull alley. a 'cow' at the end of it shuts down 'Bull alley' as we appear. Caters its inhabitants, a remnant of Labourers houses built for the poor behind the High St. when Kennington was a country village, each with little gardens in front. Bowling Green St has also disappeared. There are a great many tenements & model buildings about here: Gibson St on the North, entered under an Iron Gateway with a cemented court consists entirely of 4 storied model dwellings built by "the Metropolitan Association for improving the dwellings of the Industrious classes rents 5/- to 6/9 per week." Fairy Street is now called Garnham St & has been run right into the High St. at the High St

Lawrence Terrace - lb

Poor courts on the West side of the High Street

Chapel Court - lb

Kynaston Avenue - purple

Masonic Sq - lb . called Rochester Place

There is another similar court between Masons & White Hart Court

Rochester Place - db

White Hart Court - lb

High Street end is the "Jolly Butchers" public House with a picture on the side-wall in coloured tiles of the Duchess of Devonshire buying a vote for Fox with a Kiss. Lawrence Terrace behind has 3 storied tenements, inhabited by a poor light blue class. built in 1887 belonging to the owner of the public House.

Then down the High street on the West side of which are 3 or 4 small courts with low two storied houses, remants of a former time, inhabited by carters for the most part who ply their trade in the High St. The first of these is Chapel Court. 2 storied, 5 houses, light blue. Then Penn brokers alley. now called Kynaston Avenue Court. 6 houses, with good front gardens & remnants of a fine show of dahlias, very well kept. Masons Ct - rather lower down looks very poor, Carters children playing all looked. another court lower down nearly opposite the end of Union Road called White Hart Court. entered by a very narrow passage past a butchers shop, which is built entirely of wood, also light blue - Alley 7 houses. The passage not more than 3 ft wide & opening on a flagged court. Turning West into the Victoria Grove & up into another Court cul

Hamilton Place - db

General character of Stoke Newington.

cul-de-sac on its North side pastes the Methodist free Church, called Hamilton Place 9 small 2 storied houses, roadway full of chickens, light blue.

Note. These courts being on the west side of the High St. properly belong to our district 16.

On the East side of the High St. are a set of 2 storied streets, Lescan Road, Bayston Road, Darville Rd. which are more pink than red in appearance.

One of Maynards confectionery factories is in Lescan Street.

Tyssen Road, Union Road, Johns Rd. are equally two storied & pink.

General Remarks.

The general character of that part of Stoke Newington included in these two walks with inspector Thorpe is pink barred with red. The inhabitants of the houses are probably better off than those in the pink district to the west of the Chatsworth Road but very few of them are the sole occupiers of their houses. Single lodgers are usual. One general servant is kept in the larger houses, the heads of families or lodgers all turn out in the morning to go to the City to their work.

"Gas

"You may meet regular droves of them any morning between 8 & 9 am." Stoke Newington is very healthy & has a great reputation. Nearly all the houses are small, "it is very seldom that you will find any one of them empty." Thorpe knows by experience, as he knows the rents of the neighbourhood, because he has lately had great dificulty in finding one for himself. 'You would have thought that where there are so many you would have been certain to find one without dificulty but you don't.' Anything will let or sell in Stoke Newington.

Its Inhabitants

The typical House.

The typical house of the neighbourhood is 6 roomed. Two on the ground floor, two on the first floor, & 2 ~~ca~~ ~~ca~~ ~~ca~~ ~~ca~~ ~~ca~~ the Kitchens one over the other at the back; then there is one scullery & one W.C which are at the back & for the common use by both upstairs & downstairs separately. In front of the house is a small green fruit with an evergreen hedge & an iron rail on the top of a low brick parapet which separates it from the street; behind there is a fair back garden.

Poor bits

No part of the district gives any trouble to the police. The poorest bits are 1. The groups of streets behind Somerford

Rose

Children fetching beer.

Grove Board school, 2. Narrow Island 3. the small piece at the NW corner of Stoke Newington Common 4. which is now largely in course of rebuilding 4. The Snake courts off the West side of Stoke Newington High Street.

Outside of the High Street there are remarkably few Public Houses.

Thorpe strongly disapproves of any but children of the working class being sent for beer. "With the children of Labourers it does not much matter, they don't hear any language different from what they are accustomed to at home but with my class it is different" & he never w.d send a child of his. He has noticed however that children of his class are sent for & has often watched them go. "Children don't generally sip the beer but women do". Children when told to fetch beer choose the bar naturally where they are given sweets. Publicans are not allowed to give ~~them sweets~~ and the police have orders to prosecute where it is done. "Some of the agitators got hold of head quarters & had that order passed." If children did sip, sweets w.d if anything tend to prevent them doing so. Said he did not think sweets were often given, at that moment out came a little

Reasons why women's drinking
has increased.

little girl with a jug, from the public house next to the police station, & her mouth evidently full of them:

Women's drinking he is sure has increased. "The increase of grocers' licenses must have helped it. Then women seem to have ceased to mind going into Public Houses. They have more leisure at home, no clothes to make because clothes can be had better-made & as cheap when bought ready-made, in addition to which they are taken out much more than they used to be, further, public houses are more attractive." "But Clerken-well where I last was is the real spot for women's drinking. You never saw anything like it." He was there six years, at the beginning of his time all the cases of drunkenness were men (practically all), at the end of it four out of every 6 were women.

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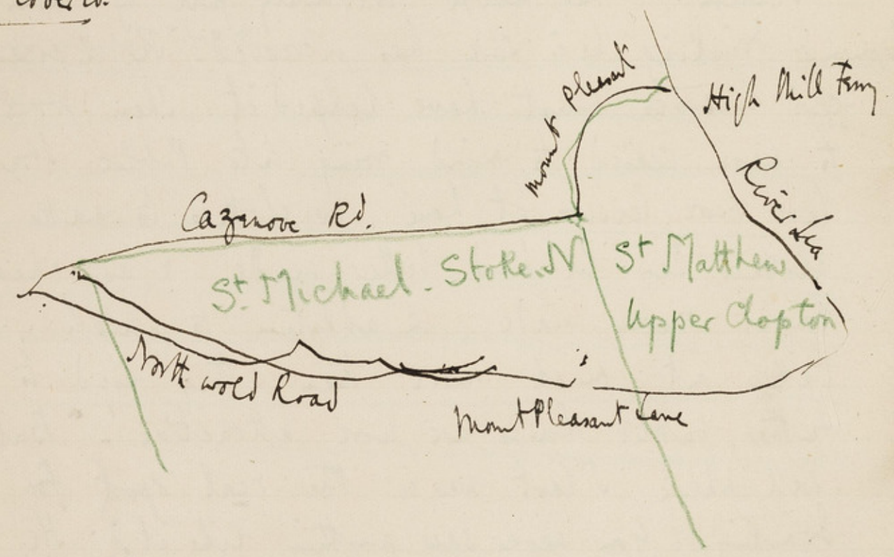

Rents.

Northwold Rd N. side pkb÷

Old & New.

Durleston Road pkb÷
Geldeston Road pk

Police 16/12

Dist 16

Oct 14. G. H. S.

Walk with Inspector Thorpe round district bounded on the South by the North wold road (Mount Pleasant Lane) on the East by the river Lea; on the North by the Warwick Rd & Cazenove Road:

Starting at the Police station up past the Stoke Newington Common & into the North wold Road at the St. Michael & All Angels Church. Fountayne Rd. red. 2½ stories. bow-windows and gables on both floors. Mostly tenanted by one family only. 8 to 9 rooms per house. Rents £40 to £45. One general servant the usual thing, but sometimes two.

North wold Road. a mixed road. Some old houses on the South side waiting for their leases to fall in: when that happens they are to be replaced by the new two storied gabled houses which are a feature of the neighbourhood already. Durleston, & Geldeston, & Cransley roads are all built a this principle. The old cottages which were before them were 2 storied dating from 1828. They are all built by a builder Bement who has his work

Poor dist. round Rossington St.

Sovereign Lane - pk

Caroline St. - lb

Conduit St. - lb

Upper Clapton Rd.

Houses on either side Clapton Common detached yellow / undetached red

workshops on what was formerly Frederick street.
Sovereign Lane. on the south side is quite new, not
yet paved. all these streets are becoming pink or pink
Then N into Winsdale Road. purple - working class
where ornaments men live. Into Rossington street
which runs through the middle of a poor
but fine block of streets: poor but respectable
no trouble to the police. Houses generally 2 storied.
with 4 rooms & a scullery. Rossington Street itself
is purple - long stripes of garden behind & evidently
a great care for flowers. The gardens of these older
& poor houses are much larger than those of the
modern 2 storied street. The older the house the
larger the garden is generally true. Caroline St. light
blue. Caroline Passage - one storied cottages. Conduit St.
light blue & purple.
Into High Street Upper Clapton. shops taking the place of the
~~long~~ ~~way~~ ~~for~~ the old houses that used to line both sides of the
road. District going down in so far that the rich
are not so rich as they used to be. But a
good many pheasants & partridges for sale in the
shops. Then East along Mount Pleasant Lane.

Muston & Sach Rds - pk bs

Modern building land.

Poor Detwold Road dest.

two storied houses - red. brick. An ink factory built in the garden of an old house on the South side & the house itself used as offices. Muston Road & Sach Road. built in the garden of Sir Wm Bird's old house (the gen manager of the G.E.R.) On the South side of the Pleasant lane is Cranbrook Rd. the west side of which is the garden wall of an old house, one of the few that still remain. Cranbrook Rd runs down hill.

Then down the hill on to a waste bit of land on the East side of the railway lying between the railway and the river. This was first a brick field & then a rubbish heap, now it is to be built upon - 800 houses. Thorpe thinks it belongs to a Mr Bathews who lives in Stamford Hill & is owner of the Craven Park estate.

On the South side of this waste (which is not nearly like the other side of the river because the rubbish has raised its level) is a poor block. Theydon, Hounsfield & Sudbington Roads. many tenements built in 1885 with gardens much lower than the streets. They remind one of the poor district on the S.E side

Bakers Hill - purple

The Poor Stiff Hill Ferry Dist

Elizabeth Place - purple
Lea Place - lb
Orchard Hill - lb

side of the hill fields, just across the way. purple to light blue - labourers. Then N.E. over the waste, under the G.E.R. railway arches & up Bakers Hill at the bottom of which is Connell's dyeing, cleaning, washing factory, employing a number of girls from the neighbourhood: a good class. they were all coming at to dinner, some taking it on the open green on the South side of Bakers Hill. Nearly all had their front hair done up in metal hair curlers. North of Bakers Hill — which has a few 2 storied houses & is purple — is a block of very poor lanes rather than streets which run down the hill from Mt. Pleasant Lane to the river. District known as Stiff Hill Ferry. The streets are Elizabeth place, Lea Place. Retreat place & cottages Orchard Hill. All very poor but respectable. Inhabitants, coolers & poor labourers. Two beer houses & one large tavern the 'Robin Hood' "They exist on a Sunday trade among bonâ fide travellers, many are not bonâ fide at all, they come merely for a drink." Thorpe wishes that the houses cd be enclosed altogether on Sundays or at any rate only allowed open from 1 to 3 PM. men when accused of not being bonâ fide travellers

Constable x caught nipping

Warwick Road - yellow

Warwick x Cazenove Rds

travelers give wrong addresses, you can't disprove them, it is dangerous to run them in because every now & then one may be telling the truth.

Orchard Hill & Ely Place look the poorest part of the street here, Then up the Harrington Hill & into Mount Pleasant Lane. At the top of the Hill is a beer house. Two policemen at its door one of whom had no business there & had been drinking. "Fairly caught" said Thorpe. On the west side of the lane is the Springfield park estate gradually being cut into by 2½ storied houses with an attic, red in character. Remnants of large old trees, old gardens & old houses still about. The new houses are tenanted by one family only: rent £36.

Then West along the Warwick Road; large old, double fronted ugly, yellow brick houses, each with a carriage sweep of their own. Trees on either side of the road. Three storied. Rented at £80 to £90. Too good for the neighbourhood as it is now. Cazenove has equally large houses at its east end which become semi-detached at the west end. The old will soon have to give way: Fieldcote Road is creeping up from the North world road with the houses that modern occupiers want. Twelve to fifteen years ago there was

Filey Chardmore & Osbaldestone Rds - red

Rents.

Poor districts

Rich & poor leaving

Osbaldestone Rd,

was a barrier at the end of Cazenove Rd & all to the north of it were fields. Now there are Chardmore, Forbury & Osbaldestone Filey Rds some all red brick & some a mixture of red & yellow brick. 2 & 3 storied gabled houses. Generally one family in each.

Number 66 Cazenove Road which is typical of the houses on the western portion of the road, is to let. 6 bed rooms 1 dressing. 3 reception. 97 yrs lease from Dec. 25. 1877. ground rent £13. gravelled front approach held in Common with number 64.

General Remarks. The 3 poor spots in this walk are 1. Rossington St dist 2. Osbaldestone Rd dist 3. Skipton Hill Terr. Nothing vicious only very poor. "You may say that Intoxicity is a thing of the past in London, any more we have now have none of the roysterers of former days"

The rich are leaving the district, so are the poor: the first in search of the green fields they used to find here: the second to Walthamstow where houses are cheaper and fares to London by the G.E.R only 2d. Their places are taken by a middle class who if they have a family rent a whole house at £30 to £35 & let off some of the rooms. The houses

Typical new houses.

Police & publicans.

houses are all built for 2 families: 2 rooms & a Kitchen on the ground floor, 2 rooms & a kitchen on the first floor & a common Scullery & W.C. at behind. The garden belongs to the tenant of the whole house. "If you have children you practically must take a whole house, none will take a man & wife with encumbrances". Tenants may leave at a weeks' notice but the landlady has to agree to remain in the house for a twelvemonth.

Police very rarely drink. Everywhere they do so much less than formerly. In the outskirts of London it is less usual than in the centre. "A crowded district with many beerhouses is where you will find that the police are offered & accept most". Said he used himself always to have his half pint of an evening when he was a constable but ever since he has been an inspector he has made it his practise not to drink away from his own home, where he takes regularly a glass at dinner & another at supper. He has never heard here of the police taking money in these parts instead of beer.

Why the publicans offer beer & money is when they they have frequent occasion for police services in turning out drunken men etc". Here the neighbourhood is respectable

they

New licenses.

they very seldom have to send for the police, therefore they don't put temptation in the constables way.

The best way to get a new license now-a-days, is to start with one for wine & spirits, these are granted very freely, next time offer to give this up for an 'off' beer license, as often as not you will be allowed to. After that there is more difficulty but from an 'off'-beer you may get and 'on & off' & in the end obtain a full license. But an application for a full license right away is sure to be rejected. Thorpe attends the licensing court regularly. Both the Vestry & the teetotallers regularly oppose any new licenses. But the Vestry will probably be less keen about it in time. "The saving a general rate is so large owing to the extra rates they are getting from the public houses that they will be loth to do so."

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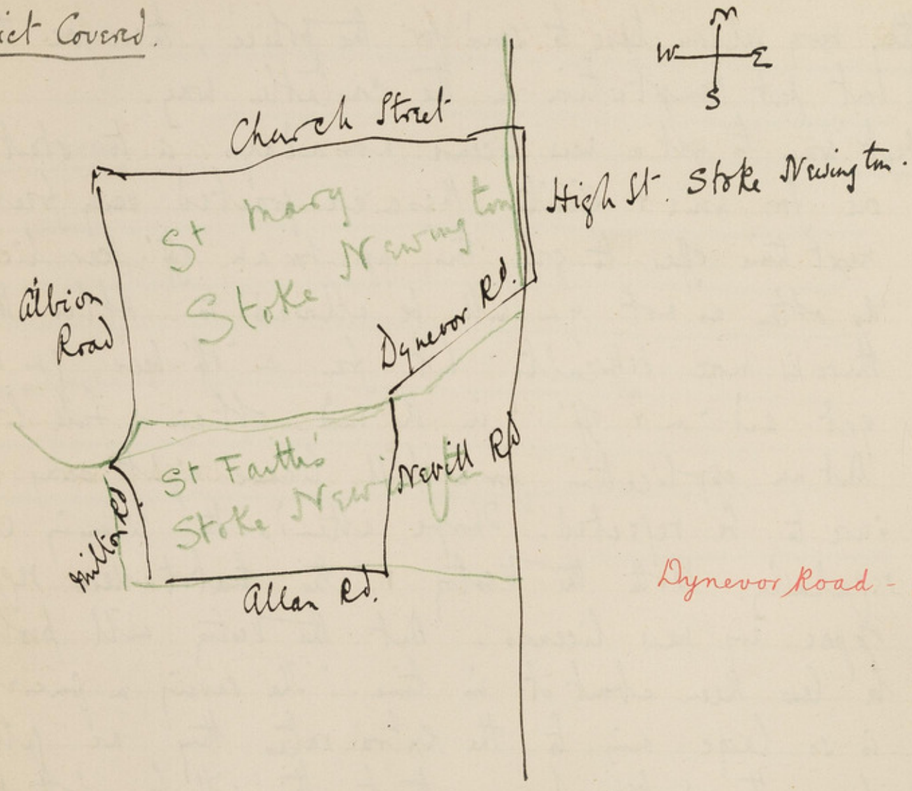

Dynevor Road - pk

An artisan neighbourhood.

Rents

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

Oct. 18.

Walk with Inspector Thorpe round district bounded on the North by Church Street, on the East by High St Dynevor Road & Neville Road. On the South by Allen Road. On the West by Milton Rd, & Albion Road.

This district looks pink and clerical but is inhabited more by artisans than clerks. ~~The roads are shorter~~

Dynevor Rd. 2 & 2½ storied. 6 & 8 roomed (including 2 kitchens) lodgers usual - pink. Chesham Rd. running north out of it is like it. Broughton Rd running west out of the South end of Dynevor.

North out of the Broughton Rd are Oldfield. Harcombe Wood Land & Sandbrook Roads: all two-storied road inhabited by skilled artisans and shop assistants from the High Street. These houses were let at £26 to £28 four or 5 years ago. They now fetch £30.

Then north along the Old field Road into Rectory Rd. which is also 2 storied - purple to pink. some shops: out of it on the north side are Defoe, Brodia. Rectory

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Church Street

Lancell St. - pk

Summerhouse St. - pk

Marton Arcoome & Painsthorpe Rds pk

Poor courts out of it

pink to purple

& Dumont Roads. all of the same two storied class.
Then up Resley Street into Church Street which with High Street are the two shopping streets of the district. Out of Church Street are. on the South side, Lancell St. pink to purple 2 & 3 storied houses. & nearly opposite on the North side, Summer-house St. 2½ storied of the same character.
Then West along Church Street. The streets running both out of it are all poorer the nearer they get to it. i.e. poorer at their Southern extremities. Bowers St. 2 & 3 storied, pink. Park St. purple at its southern end. some 3 storied tenements let out by floors.
Then south down Marton Rd. into Painsthorpe, Arcoome Rds working class. purple. 2 storied. with small backs.
Then back into Church Street again. There is a small triangular block at the S end of Lordship Lane Road occupied entirely by a public house, at the back of which the police 30 years ago had a lock up. The southern end of Lordship lane is purple. Barn St. the next street westward, is a poor st, 2 storied, purple to light blue. no trouble to the police; all the children with boots on.
Falcon Court. on the South side of Church Street nearly to Hall opp

Old Houses in Church Street

Church St. NW end and S opp Chissold Pl. } yellow

opposite Barn St., is still poorer: entered down a passage at the east end of which is a very offensive open dust heap. In the passage also is the urinal of a public house. Character of coat, light to dark blue.

Further west on the North side is Edwards Lane. now ~~very~~ poor. An old House at the bottom west end has now been turning into 6 3 storied houses let out by floors. Purple.

At the west end of Church Street some very pretty old houses between the free library & the church at Nr. 7 used to live Mrs Baxter the coroner for N. London. There are two Churches at the west End of the street Old St Mary's on the North side with a country like Church yard and a red-tiled roof & New St Mary's on the South side, of stone with a great spire & slate roof. (Mrs. Stephen father of Mrs Stephen who was mother of Sir James Stephen (under-secy for the colonies) and therefore great-grandfather of Leslie Stephen, is with his brother buried here. This Mrs Stephen was always in financial difficulties, had been imprisoned for debt. & lived

St Faiths Church.

Londesborough Road – pk

Knebworth Road – pk

Typical Lower route

lived in Stoke Newington because it was then considered one of the cheapest places to live in near London).

Then South down the Albion Rd. wood paved. the bus route between Stoke Newington & Victoria 3 storied. formerly inhabited by one family only but now lodgers are usual, artizans at the northern end. Character, purple to pink to red. Hawkesbea Rd. on the East side is 3 storied purple to pink.

Then East along the Broughton Rd. South down Londesborough road past St Faith's Church a massive monument of yellow brick ugliness. Houses 3 storied. pink, through the Knebworth Rd. 2½ storied - purple. & through Victoria Rd. up Chalmers place & so into the back entry to the yard behind the police station.

General Remarks. On the whole this an artisan district. Artisans who live in 6 & 8 roomed houses and let off 2 rooms. Houses generally 2 storied, 15 ft. frontage, letting for £30 to £34. Flowers in pots usual in the ground floor

Poor bits.

Police & Publicans.

Tally men.

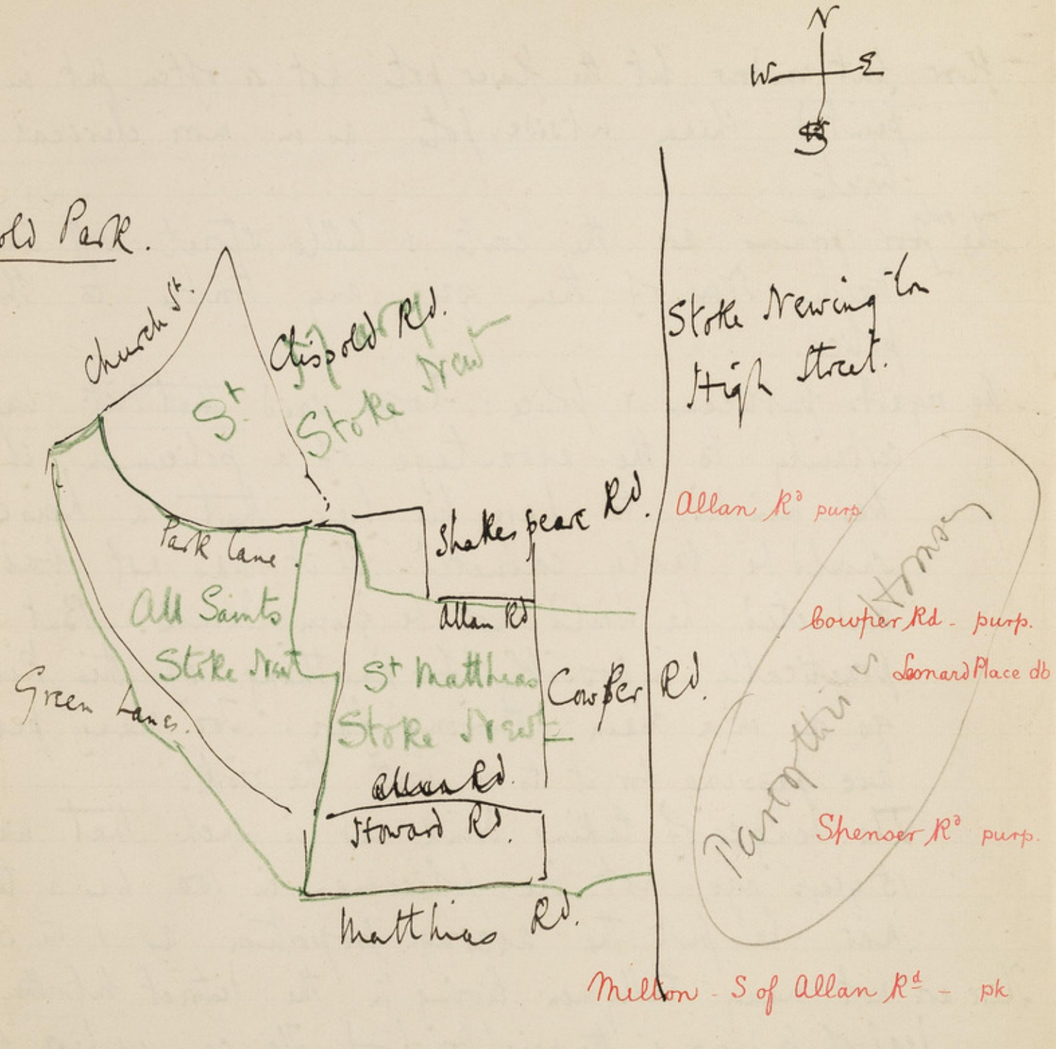
floor front window but the flower pots not so often put in painted china inside. pots as in more clerical districts.

The only poor portions are the courts & little street off Church Street. None of them give any trouble to the police.

As regards publicans & police: Thorpe said that it was certainly to the advantage of a policeman, if he has minded to have his beer that a house should be badly conducted. If it was not badly conducted he would not be given drink! But it is practically impossible for anything of this kind to go on in a main thoroughfare. Too many people are passing for it to be worth the risk.

The danger of taking drink now is such that whereas 15 years ago not one policeman in 100 was a teetotaller now he put the average proportion as 1 in 5.

There are not many tallymen living in the district but they do a deal of business in the neighbourhood. They come up here from Bow. "Its their power of talk". Wives left at home all day, dull, along come a tally men with an oily tongue: they like a gossip & don't have the chance of seeing many men: so they talk & then buy.



Police 16/14 Dist 16

Oct. 19. G.H.D.

Walk with Inspector Thorpe round district bounded on the north by Church St. & Clissold Rd on the East by Shakespeare Rd & Cowper Rd: On the South by Howard Rd: on the west by Green Lanes.

Starting along Allan Road, which is a road of rather inferior shops & public houses. Going west from Cowper Rd which is an artisan pink to purple St. There is a culde.sac on the north side called Leonard Place - very poor - wood choppers - 2 storied - light to dark blue, no trouble to the police. On the south side of Allan Rd is Spenser Rd. 2 storied. Houses rented at £30 to £32. Then come two roads running between Allan Grove on the North and Howard Rd on the South, Shakespeare & Milton roads. both of which are better at their north end than at their southern ends. 2 to 3½ stories pink to purple. Milton Rd was built in 1852. all the houses about here were built about 50 yrs ago. Then

Beer houses & poor streets

Howard Road - purple

Thomas Place - lb
Philip St - db
Watson St: extreme W. pk: rest lb

Poor streets off Howard Road.

Goldsmith Square - pk

Matthias Road.

Matthias Road - purple

Then down Milton St to Howard Road. purple. working class. some 3rd rate shops 3 public houses & 2 beer houses these last an almost sure sign that there are some poor streets in the neighbourhood. On the south side of the road opposite the end of Shakespeare Rd is Thomas' Place leading to Philip St. & thence to Watson St. The first two are very poor. labourers. light to dark blue - no trouble to the police - children booted but in ragged clothes. Watson St has a rough character but is not so poor. Some 3 storied houses inhabited by respectable people at the west end "they came in before the neighbourhood went down, they are the owners of their houses & would move if it were not so expensive to do so, they own one or two houses about here & so don't like to be far off but if it were not for these two reasons they would not stay."
A coal cart here going its rounds coal 1/2 per cwt.
At the East end of Howard Road with its end blocked by the west end of St. Matthias Church is Goldsmith Square. 2½ & 3½ storied - pink to purple.
Then west along Matthias Road. which has shops on its north side. rather poor & decidedly poor

The Mildmay Radical Club

Streets off Green Lanes.

Winston Lavell & Reedholm Sts pk

Lidfield Road - pk

Springdale Road - pk 6d

Aden Terrace - red

poor dwelling houses on its south side (these back on Garden Cottages) purple to light blue). Past Hornsey Place - 10 houses. 2½ storied purple. along the north side of Newington Green. where is the Mildmay Radical "A club that's kept in very good order". Thorpe thinks that to some men clubs do a good deal of harm, men who might have been kept out of it if it had not been for clubs. There are not a great many of them he said but he knows some who stay in the Public House until closing time when, instead of going home, they go across to the Club where "the enough they have had becomes too much".

Then along Green Lanes. on the North side of which are Winston Rd with Lavell & Reedholm Streets out of it on the East side - all 2 storied, artisan pink to purple streets, venetian blinds, lace curtains, flower pots. Frontage of 15 ft. So too is Lidfield Rd. Aden Grove. 2½ to 3½ is rather better, pink. Springdale Rd better still, pink barred with red, 2½ to 3½ Stories many take in lodgers. Like it is Burma Rd

Aden Terrace. along side of which the new river runs.

is

Popular Wesleyan Chapel.

Statham Grove - pk b°

Hoxton for thieves.

red. At the corner here is the Wesleyan Chapel which Flanagan mentioned as being well attended. Thorpe said "very large congregations, every service crowded which is most unusual." Statham Grove at the corner of Church St. & Green Lane. 3½ stories pink barred.

Then East along Church street which has many large houses with large garden, two or 3 of which are schools.

Then South down Chissold Rd. red. Some take in lodgers.

General Remarks. The poor district here is that which lies between Howard Rd & Matthias Rd. It belongs in character to that which is south of it — Garden Cottages etc.

Thorpe says they have no trouble in the district. There are no thieves. 'Both thieves & 'fences' live in Hoxton, they come out here to do a bit of business occasionally but don't live here.'

The only people of whom there is any complaint now are the Socialists. They have come up here from Bow & try to hold meetings. But the neighbourhood

Paradise for Doctors.

. Lord wont stand them & are constantly complaining to the police to turn them out. Thorpe in consequence has attended meetings, but has never heard anything in. dictable spoken & they are not disorderly.

There never was such a place as Stoke Newington for Doctors. Especially the middle class bits of it. None of them walk. The poorest drive a gig. Next above them hire a single horse open victoria. Above these there are a few in pair-horse victorias. "Its a very paying neighbourhood for doctors though it is the healthiest district in London."

Mr. Reeve. Manager of Baxton's Brewery

More drunk but less alcohol.

Sept. 22. G. H. B.

Talk with Mr. Reeve Manager of Truman, Hanbury & Baxton's Brewery. at Brick Lane.

People generally drink much more beer now than ever they did but the proportin of alcohol consumed is not any greater. Statistics of all countries shew this, even in spirit drinking countries. ie that the amount of alcohol consumed per head is a steady quantity. The beer brewed now is much lighter than the beer of former days. Men will have beer. Coalheavers and all who want a quantity of drink dont care for water but on the other hand they dont want to get drunk, they are insisting more & more on a light beer. Brewers are now recognizing this demand. The great bulk of the beer drunk is four ale. Those higher in the social scale who have no extraordinary thirst to quench prefer something little heavier. They drink less in quantity but as far as alcohol is concerned there is not much

£300,000 for 3 Public Houses.

much to choose between the two
The profit on spirit is more than on beer but ~~beer~~ is always the more important item. In not one per cent of their houses is a larger sum paid for spirit than for beer. In a fair house the payment to the Brewer per month would be £50 for spirit and £100 for beer
The price of houses has gone up enormously. Only yesterday he heard that a man came to him - a speculator who had bought three 'untied' Public Houses and had paid £300,000 for them. One either of them being a good deal more valuable than the others two. There is a great deal of speculation. Men buy houses without any intention of keeping them, do them up, then resell them. They have thought for many years that top prices had been reached but they still move upwards. (Noel Buxton said that at present prices they did just pay. The lowest price for a beer house in London would be £500. "but anything worth so little as that would not be worth it at all.")
With regard to the policies of licensing magistrates they

Effect of increasing number of licensed Hs.

System of Managers.

they have no policy.

If you gradually increased the numbers of licensed houses he did not think it would increase the amount of drunkenness or make people drink more but it would give the rowdy ones greater opportunities, you would probably have more noise & the cost of supervision would be greater: what you want is just to keep abreast of the demand. If you stint it there will be a natural resort to illegal practices, if you give much greater latitude you will be providing a greater number of places to which noisy fellows will be able to resort.

The system of putting in managers answers very well. The supervision is much greater. They have men constantly going round to see that their beer is not adulterated. Salaries of managers vary from 30/- per week to £500 a year in a very large house: the ordinary rate for a man working with the help of his wife and a potman is 50/- or 60/- per week. A bonus on profits is sometimes given

All the police are paid or given drinks: with Inspectors it

Publicans v Police.

it takes the form of a testimonial when they are leaving the district. It is more of a bribe to them to do their duty than to neglect it. a policeman will come at once when called if he gets something. he will keep loafers from the door, he will take less notice of a drunken man (it may not be the publicans fault that a man has been served). It is a trade custom to tip him. Buxton said the payment went under the guise of service rendered in calling the publican in the morning.

Mr. Reeves promised an introduction to a friend of his ~~over~~ the clerk to the Tower Hamlets licensing justices and also to some publicans both managers & free men. Himself he has risen to the position of manager of the Brewery from being an office boy in it. He is now about 60 years old and his father was a poor dissenting minister.

Uses of Mr. Booth's map.

Trumans regularly use the 'map of London Poverty' before buying any new house in London as a check on the would-be vendors statements as to the character of the neighbourhood round his house.

Public House in Red Lion St.

Working up a trade

Police & Publican.

Oct. 22. G.H.D.

With Noel Buxton to see 3 of their managers in
1 Red Lion Street. Holborn.
y. Clerkenwell.
Corner of Chapel St & Liverpool Rd
in Islington.

The first had been in the place a year. He is now doing a business of £50–£60 a month (13 month to a year). Before he took it the house only did £42. & was very rough in character. He determined to get rid of the rough ones - refused to sell to noisy customers. got the policeman on his side - gives him about 6d per week so that he shd always be there when wanted & more important than that should clear the neighbourhood of his door of loungers and rough characters.

He now does a good spirit trade - two thirds spirit to one of beer. Gets the 'legal gentlemen from the Sheriffs court & Bedford Row close by

Drink & Refreshments

The Cellar

Drinking with Customers.

by. Opens at 6 am with hot coffee and rum for workmen ½d of coffee & 3 halfpenny worth of rum is the usual thing - Closes at 12.15 because the neighbourhood is deserted by midnight - Has one joint a day from which he serves himself & wife & 5 or 6 dinners. "I started this because I like to have a fresh joint every day and also it certainly has increased my custom".
Wife, potman, himself & one servant is the household.

Cellar below with beer & wine. tubes running up from the casks to the beer machines above. Four bars up stairs, are generally taken by women - One saloon bar - One bar that ranks socially with the women's bar as a convenience for those who don't want to meet one another and one public bar. Does not sell many sandwiches or pies except at dinner time.

Has to drink with customers but has a concoction of tea to look like rum - 'You cd not possibly stand it if you drank spirits every time you drank with your customers'.

Oct 22. C.D. S.A.D.

Talk with Mr. Clews of in Clerkenwell.

A great neighbourhood for womens drinking. Women take rum in cold weather gin in ~~cold~~ hot. Dogs/ nose they also drink which is a compound of beer and ~~gin~~ rum. Wont have any noise in the house, it drives away trade - gives the police-man a the beat a pot of ale about twice a week - gives no money - Knows some who give nothing at all but not many - finds it well to be a the right side of the policeman because then he comes at once if he is wanted. has been 5 years in the house - his father was a publican. great thing to have a reputation for turning people out if they make a noise - his is one of the 'womens houses' of Clerkenwell. Coloured tales at entry of the house, bars opening out of a long passage. This is the usual system in all newly modelled parts.

He complained of the amount he had to drink with his customers

Public House in Clerkenwell.

Dogs/

Police & Publican.

Drinking with customers

Horse in Islington

Police 15/11

Oct 23. G. H. S.

Talk with Mr. manager of the Public House at the corner Chapel Street and Liverpool Road. has been a publican 20 yrs.

Chapel Street is one of the cheapest market streets in London 'the second after Chrisp Street in Poplar so they say.' Great many women turn in to the shops after marketing. Also many prostitutes come in here 'crowds of them in the neighbourhood.' Womens drinking on the increase. Thinks grocers licenses have much to answer for. Women put dam spirits in tea. Men if anything drink rather less. Friday night very busy as well as Bank Holidays.

Police & Publicans

Gives 2/- a week regularly to the policeman - 'It's a trade custom, everyone does, so I do.' Says they (police) divide it up among themselves. He gives to one only. Police wont come at once if wanted unless they are given something, they can make themselves very disagreeable if they like. thinks their services cheap at 2/- per week. About twice a month he

Trade

Employees.

Barmaids

Sweetmeats to children.

he calls them in to turn out drunkards. 'Its too danger-
-ous to give them drinks, you can only do that in the
back streets, there it is usually done.'
House depends for its main trade on a regular nucleus
of customers but not so much as the two fore-
-ceding ones. 'Casuals' i.e. passengers come in here.
but every house has its regular set of customers
even if they it does a large casual trade as well.
She employs two men and a potman besides herself.
Bars ranged all round a hollow in which the
barmen stand. Payments all put into a slot
and change taken from a little wooden box
with one side open and a row of trays with
change. The sum in this box at one time should
always be £5. 10. 0. The saloon & private bars here
wd look straight across to the Public bars
if it were not for small revolving windows put
to screen them off
Does not like women as barmaids 'but you must have
them where you have a "City trade"' Says they are
slower in serving and should be talking too much.
Thinks that children do sip a good deal when they beg for

for beer. Is not allowed now to give sweets. 'One of these Commissions decided it was "illegitimate trade".

Supt Macfadden. Islington Div.

Increased values.

Free trade in Licenses

Police 16/14

Oct 25. G. H. D.

Talk with Supt Macfadden, of the N or Islington Division at The Police Sta Stoke Newington High Street. He is a Scotchman & very cautious speaker.

He deplored the great increase in values of licensed Houses. A license is practically never endorsed. Magistrates chary of doing it unless the offense is very serious indeed, result, it is never done. "When a stroke of the pen can rob a man of £20,000 you will naturally hesitate, its only human nature."

On the other hand he said it seems unfair that by granting a license you should increase the value of one mans property by thousands while you leave his neighbour who paid the very same amount at the outset with his plot worth only hundreds.

Does not like to give a decided opinion, has always refused to do so to the licensing Justices, but is inclined to think that a great increase in the number of licenses wd do no harm. Dont do away with the preliminary enquiries as to a man's character but when you've got

Women's drinking.

Sunday drinking

got that grant him a license without more ado." This Wd he said
have the additional advantage of reducing values. a magistrate wd not hesitate to endorse a license worth but £50.

As to women's drinking - it has increased but he doubted whether grocers' licenses had helped it. "I know it's always said that they have, but I never have come across actual proofs, if a woman is inclined to drink she will have it whether she can get it from a grocer or no."

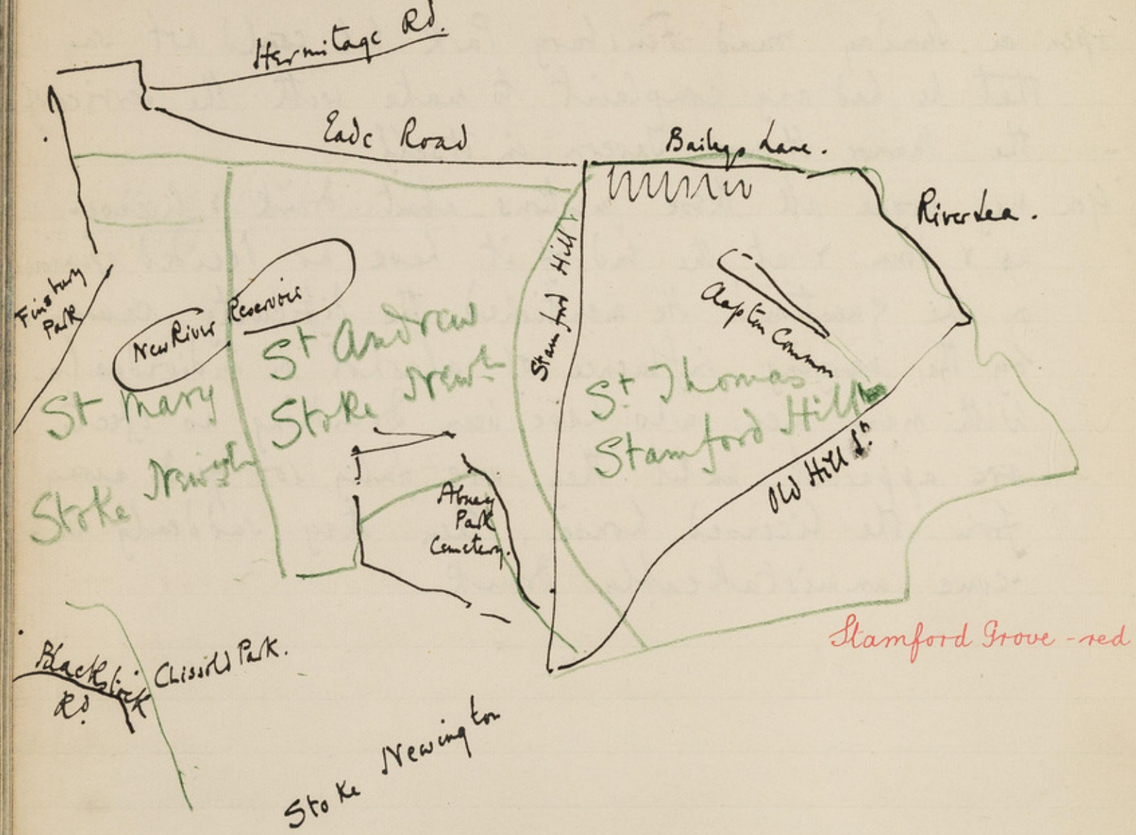
As to Sunday drinking - The Manor House is their great Sunday house. Its owner has 2 men at the door to find out whether customers are bonâ fide travellers or not (One of them is a pensioned ex-police sergeant who get 7/6 per day for the job). In his opinion it is kept in a very orderly way. The beer house about 20 yards down is not open during prohibited hours. Why? "I think it is because the Sunday traveller drinks spirits & not beer. it is not far enough out for them to drink because they are really thirsty. Then Sunday is a holiday & the custom everywhere is to have something extra good." He thought that the interests of the public would be better served by having several houses

for

Difficulty of Drink questions

open on Sunday round Finsbury Park but could not say that he had any complaint to make with the service of the Manor House Tavern in itself.

'You may argue all these questions about drink & licenses up & down & at the end of it have no decided opinion on the question.' He mentioned the difficulty caused by the varying influence of alcohol on individuals. With many men who have been drinking no effects are apparent until they are fully 100 yards away from the licensed house, then they suddenly become unmistakeably drunk.



Stamford Grove - red

Braydon Rd pk b°

Firsby Road pk b°

Mmm = four.

Police 16/15 Dist 16 G.H.D.

Oct 21.

Thorpe has corns on his feet so I went round this district on a bicycle & then went over the street with him on the map afterwards. There is a marked absence of Public Houses and poor streets. Olinda Rd at the NE corner of Stamford Hill is the only exception.

Starting at the Southern end of Stamford Hill. North as far as Chapel Road then E up Old Hill St. contrified with shops at its East end - red. So are Stamford Grove E & Stamford Grove W out of it. Out on to Clapton Common the West side of which is better than the E. On the West side are 4 storied houses, Mews at the back, red. tiled old houses letting at from £80 to £100 per annum, occupied by one family only. Character red to yellow.

Then went to the streets lying between the Common & Stamford Hill. Braydon New houses, 7 roomed, £40 to £45 rent, no basement in front, gardens rather lower than the street which allows for an extra room behind in the basement Built 1894. Like it are Firsby Rd. Keyerdale Rd with a large depot of the North Met Tramways Co. stable for horses

Portland Avenue – pk

The elaborate Agapemonite Church is at the end of the Rookwood Road.

N.E. End of Clapton Common.

Olinda Rd. ½ pk : ½ purple

Olinda Road.

houses & cars, Dacruth Rd. which rather better at the N end than at the S (as red to pink) & Portland Avenue.

Out at the N.E side of Clapton Common and down the Castle-wood Rd. out of which run the Rookwood, Heathcourse & Mound field Roads. Ground runs down hill to the East. Houses built 1877. 3½ storied - pink to red. Built before the modern demand for small houses such as those in Brayda & Dacruth roads & therefore not so well occupied. Much open spaces: houses stop suddenly, bricks and iron latches sticking out from their sides. Londons ragged edges. Remains of hedges ditches & trees. Football grounds on the E & N sides of the Board school. Distant view over canal & filtering beds to the Essex Hills. Behind the stones on the East side of Clapton Common are still green fields. Like the above is Ravensdale Rd.

Then past the Board School into Baileys Lane & westward along Olinda Rd. The Eastermost end of the street is light blue - but it gradually & visibly improves as it runs uphill to the west. Many trammen, car washers horse keepers, etc living here. Also 3 ticket of leave men.

Then North into South Tottenham as far as the Railway Station

South Tottenham.

Highbury New Park.

Rents

Highbury Quadrant S yellow : N red

station along the High Road which has a new unfinished look. Some old shops tenanted, & some new empty. On the West side of the Road are the Crescent 2 storied. built 1877. purple & Sherboro' Rd also purple. On the East side are a set of new streets Fernedale, Kealand & Gladesmore Roads. purple to pink in character 2½ storied, the half story being an attic. Poor clerks here, low ground but close to station. Many houses still building.

Then to lunch.

Starting afterwards at the S.W. corner of Clissold Park Highbury New Park. yellow. a large corner house to be let with fair sized garden & summerhouse. Box room 6 bed. rooms. bath room & lavatory. passenger lift to Hall - drawing dining & morning rooms, Conservatory Lancer & outer entrance Halls - Pantry. Lavatory - break-fast or Billiard room & Domestic offices - Estimated rental value £130. 52 years unexpired lease - £18 ground rent.

Then Westwards along the Highbury Quadrant the South side of which is yellow, semi detached houses with good gardens. On the North side are 2½ storied row of houses of a lower class - pink barred with red which are like the

F. Queens Road - Finsbury Park.

Pike fishing

the houses on the N side of the Riversdale Rd. Those on the south side of Riversdale Rd & the streets off it are Power again. 2 storied, pink to purple. Canning, Wyatt & Stenwick streets.
Then into the Blackstock Rd. which is a second-rate shopping street. The streets behind it Finsbury Park Rd, Wilberforce Rd & Queens Rd get better as they get further away from it. Pink to red. Lodgers in the less good streets. The Queens Road is 2 storied. Some double fronted houses. runs rather up hill towards the Park. Front & back gardens. a few 3 storied on west side - single fronted semi-detached houses fetching £75. City men & retired tradesmen.
Digby, Brownswood & Kings Roads out of the East side of Queens Road are red but not quite so good as the main road.
Then East into Allerton Rd & Queen Elizabeths' walk 2 & 3 storied, 6 & 7 rooms. red but not so good as Queens Rd.
North along Lordship Road detached houses with carriage sweeps red at the bottom or lower end but yellow over above the filtering beds. Into Woodberry Down yellow, detached houses, carriages, menservants Hot houses, fishing allowed in the river, a member of

Hermitage Rd

Red roads.

Vale Rd. purple
Eade Rd pk

Cranwich, Bergholt, Denver, Durley Rds red
West Bank & East Bank red

Glasterton and Wilderton Rds red

of the police force caught an 18lb. pike there this year -
Bethune Rd at the east end of Woodberry Down is red.
2 storied - many of them to let. Seven Sisters Rd
yellow. Houses standing in their own grounds.
Woodberry Grove red. 2 & 3 storied - fine view to the
North
Then down the Hill along the East side of Finsbury Park
to Hermitage Road. built 1883 which begins red at its west
end & then gradually becomes worse, ending purple.
At its East end are open fields with Dust heaps,
Cows, horses & gipseys. Vale Road 2 storied Eade Rd
purple. Eade Rd newer, 2 stories & an attic, pink.
Along Eade Road Eastwards to Amhurst Park. yellow
to red. The streets off at Cranwich, Bergholt,
Denver, Durley Road are red. So too are
East bank & West bank 2 stories & an attic - 1 family.
On the East side of the railway are Northfield. Linthorpe
Glasgerton & Wilderton roads - all red though North-
-field Rd is rather better than the others. They
are modern gabled houses, faced with red-brick.
Dunsmure Rd. has some shops at its West end. character
red brick with brick. Some furnished lodgers. houses

Cork

Manor Road - red
S. Andrews Road - pk b.

look better than the former roads but it is a main through fare & nice noise so rents are rather lower and Company not so select.

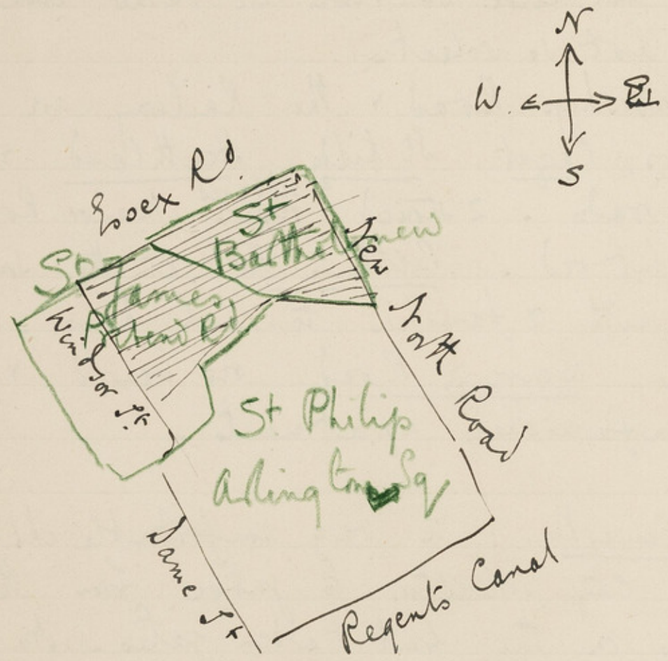
Between Lordships Road & the Railway are Fairholt St. Andrews. Paget. St. Kilda. Heathland & Grange-Court - roads. 2 striped & ridgared red. Manor Road rather better but red. Bittern Rd at the south end has flats with 2 families to each house.

Nen down the Bowerie Road. red brick & pink. Some unfurnished apartments.

General Remarks. a very comfortable district. many city solicitors to judge from the brass plates on the front garden gates. No public Houses. Remarks in the Manor House Tavern will be found in the preceding interview.

'Furnished apartments are generally let by better-class families than 'unfurnished'.

District covered.



Poor.

Quinn's Buildings - db

Cottages - lb

Police 14 / 1

Oct. 26. Dist 14 G.H.S.

Walk with Subdivisional Inspector Mason of the N or Islington Division. The Head-quarters of the Sub-division are in Upper Street.

Round District bounded on the N W by Essex Road on the S W by Windsor St & Dame St: on the S E by the Regents Canal & on the N E by the New North Road.

This walk includes the great block of black & dark blue streets lying off the south side of the Essex Road.

Starting from the Essex Rd down Popham St a dark narrow street flanked on either side by buildings marked in map dark blue lined with black. On the N.W. side are the 'Cottages', Edinburgh, Cornwall & Albany, which are high buildings flush with pavement, outwardly like a prison, fronting inwards on a court in the centre of which is a

Dark blue streets.

Popham Street

is a very much fenced in plot of flowers with a gas lamp in the centre itself protected with wire netting to keep the glass from breakage. All round the floors inside run open passages. Neatly tenanted by labourers 'not of the lowest class' earning 25/- to 30/- per week. Quinn's buildings on the opposite side of the road have a rougher character. The wall fronting on the street is broken by low windows & does not look so forbidding as the 'Cottages' but the tenants are rougher notwithstanding. The Buildings are 4 storied.

"2 large rooms weekly rent 5/6 & 5/-
Single room 3/- & 4/-
Extra size room 4/6
"All rooms with good ranges."

Rules at the entrance

1/. all gambling reported to the Police
2/. Hawking prohibited
3/. all Games stopped by superintendent.
4/. Tenants only allowed within the gates
5/. Disorderly conducted stopped by sup.t
6/. Wilful destruction prosecuted. broken windows mended at tenants expense.
7/. Landings & staircases to be cleaned by tenants

The

These buildings were built, Mason said by the Irish Parnellite M.P. Quinn. There has been a great alteration for the better since a Committee of Ladies took them in hand. They took light to dark blue, more light than dark. A Miss Mackay was the ruling spirit of the Committee, Mason said, she has been there 3 yrs at least, not living in the buildings but constantly about.

In Edinburgh Cottages was a notice 'No fireworks allowed till Nov. 5.' & the M.A.B.Y.S. has a free registry & library in one of the southern blocks. On the S.W. side of Popham St. near Popham Road are a row of 2 storied cottages "the Buildings are generally pretty full but these cottages are never empty" generally held by an old couple at 10/ a week who sublet. "a little house is always a greater attraction to the working classes than Buildings & a safer investment for speculators."

Popham Rd. which runs along the bottom of this poor block is a little road full of small shops which supply upon credit the wants of the neighbourhood. Fry, butchers, Newspaper, oil & general shops. Mason said it wd. be cheaper

Small shops to supply poor neighbourhoods.

Poor Streets

Pickering St. db. both sides N end.
db. E side all through.
cb. the 'cottages' on W side.

Dibden St. opp Bd Sch. cb & db.
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Dark blue & Black Sts

Newhall St db

cheaper to buy at the North end of the roads ie in the Essex Road but you ed only go there if you had ready money. Cat'ers wont supply upon tick not even if they know their customers. Its not their system of business. The proof of it was he said that many of the Essex road caters did live in the neighbouring streets. The Board School is here. all the children just coming out. All booted. Some rather but none very ragged. fairly clean faces

Pickering St. has more 4 storied buildings of the same character as the foregoing (ie the same as the Cottages.) on the N.E side they are flush with the pavement but have railings on the S.West side. These back in to Dibden St. & are 4 storied yellow brick & unrelieved. At the South end of the St. are some 2 st. cottages. No trouble to the Police. In the N. side are Peabody Bldgs which run through to Green man Street.

Newhall St. the next one running West out of Popham Rd. is about the worst of the lot. Many caters. a rough fighting set but not thieving or vicious, no brothels. 'Might catch a thief here now & then but should not come here to look for them.' At the top of it

Called Sun Row.

it are some old 3 storied & an attic houses, built 1751, now let out in tenements. the outside wall of one dotted about with small bird cages containing larks - House doors all open, the side entrances being polished a shiny black & chipped below, just above the heels of a person standing against them. Green man St. has poor shops at the lower end looks light blue, maps make it purple is of a lower class than the inhabitants of Peabody Dwellings. New Public Baths at the St. E end & road lately widened, handsome building the extra light & space is already improving the inhabitants - one can move the very poor & bring them to the light you improve them, at least that's what I've noticed said Mason.

Then into the Peabody Buildings 5 storied with wash houses at the top, ugly looking with a bare broad asphalted court in the centre, but windows clean & blinds; regulations that none is accepted as tenant who is not in receipt of a certain minimum wage. 'an ex army sergeant is superintendent & keeps them in good order'. purple as map.

Then through the Bldgs & out into the Essex Rd ends of Dibden

Peabody Buildings

Shepperton Road - purple

Adelaide Square.

Adelaide Square - db

Dibden & Pickering street. Dibden St. having 3 storied tenements of a fair class but Pickering St. 2½ storied houses marked in map light blue but very rough now according to Mason & looking dark blue. windows broken - doors open - dirty blinds - slatternly women - slops shot out into the street out of the front door.

N.W. along Essex road a few yards & then SE. down Norfolk St., better - light blue to purple. some costermongers here. 3 storied fronted houses 12 ft frontage.

Tibberton Sq. at the South end of it, working class, purple as map. Square badly Repd

Then down the Shepperton Rd which is better on its N then on its South side but as purple to l blue. map gives both as dark blue but there has been some improvement. Adelaide Sq. marked in map black is also not so bad. Mason says not more than rather poor of the same class as Cumming Street, rather better than Queens Place. All people in the Square he said were of the same condition. most have been there for some years. No trouble to the police. Light to dark blue. 'Would not do for any in a place like this to have opposite views'.

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South St. purple

A pink neighbourhood.

at into South St. looks better than light blue. House of same shape as those in Rosebery Rd Dalston. (built 1826)

Then come a set of pink streets, fairly broad, house between £32 & £40 mostly letting furnished apartments - 'all always full'. used to be tenanted by a better class than now but still very respectable. Many of the 'Post-office' young women live about here, in single furnished bed-sitting-rooms. Houses 2½ to 3½ stories. Such are Poolman St. etc a broad st. 15 ft frontage. St Paul St. Worlington Sq open. Union Square. Ann St. Coleman St.

Then North up Packington St. same as foregoing but rather dingier. Many young women coming up over the bridge over the Canal from Stoxton to have dinner at home in the Buildings & Purple Sts. South of Essex Rd (Chas. I. 15. Pop) most of them artificial flower makers & envelope folders said Mason.

Then into Windsor St. light blue, 2 storied, labourers & coster not so rough because not so many inhabitants as Popham St. Britannia Row. on map light blue - looks rather dark blue - a narrow st. old houses - costers

the

Police & Rows.

Beer & Public Houses.

the inhabitants.

General Remarks. District much improved, less rough - "None of the squalid poverty that ye see in Canning Town." not even in the poorest Rows." Much less brutality in crowds now than formerly. The great thing is to know your rough characters - "If they are known it takes all the fight out of them". When there is a domestic row the police dont interfere but if it comes out of doors they have to. Policeman once he sees the row is going to be big whistles for aid he never goes away to seek it "it wd be thought cowardly". Help is always near. There are a great number of men on duty round about.

Beer houses here as in other districts make the poor neighbourhood. They always have a local clientèle - Each has its own set of customers. Even a neighbour if he did not belong to this set wd be looked on as a Rance. "In fact he wd hardly dare go in".

The Public Houses also have a nucleus of customers, but they depend on casual passengers as well. No public house is set apart in the same way as a beerhouse. In the south

Grocers licenses.

part of the walk there are the Public Houses of the residential neighbourhood ~~the~~ type doing a good jug trade like those in De Beauvoir Town.

Between 8-11 PM are the hours when the habitues are found in their favoured houses. They are the fullest hours for all houses. Women go to public houses just as the men in poor districts: they are not likely to have been affected by the granting of grocers licenses: Mason cd not say he had noticed an increase of drinking among women of the middle class but said he was hardly in a position to judge of it. Children he said do not sip the beer they are sent to fetch "their parents are too sharp after them for that."

Oct 26. G.H.D.

T.B. Richards of the Ordnance Tavern. Barking Road Canning Town. A man recommended by Mr Reeve of Mess Trumans as having a special knowledge of the trade & being reliable.

Mr Richards is a big man looks more like a policeman than a Publican. He is proprietor of the Ordnance Tavern having been advanced money by Trumans fut works the house by means of a manager – he is therefore a sort of middle-man manager. Before he came here he managed the Great Eastern Hotel for Trumans.
This is not such a big house as the 'Great Eastern' but at the same time does a large trade. In 1891 when he was in the Great Eastern his gross takings for a whole year were £17,300. He did, that is, a trade of £1300 per month. As manager there he was paid £5 per week.
Here at the Ordnance Tavern he is overseer to his manager does the accounts, is always about but does not live on the place. Since then he has had as many

B. Richards - Publican

The gross turnover of the Great Eastern.

Prices.

Causes of rise.

many as 6 houses under him but has disposed of them.
Houses have risen so much in value that it has been more profitable to resell them than to trade in them. A short time ago two houses were bought by Charrington's, one, a smaller one than the ordinance for £4,000 and another - a free hold in the West India Dock road for £66,000 - (This I think was the Aberfeldy Tavern) Mr Richards at the time of the sale tried to reckon what the house would be worth & priced it at £50,000: he cannot think it will be a successful venture at the higher price -

He had several reasons for the rise in prices.

1. The greater security felt by investors that there wd be no temperance legislation for some time to come.
2. The amount of money seeking investment and the much lower rate of interest that would be taken now than formerly.
3) The population was increasing but the number of licensed houses was decreasing slightly in total number & largely when considered in ratio to

to the population.

With regard to reason 2 he said that he had had offers from Bank managers for loans of money at 4% a thing unheard of some years ago when the Brewers were the only lenders to publicans. The outside public indeed are content with so much lower a rate of interest than Brewers that in spite of the fact that Breweries have been turned into ~~Limited~~ Companies and trebled their Capitals yet it is probable that the proportion of the ~~outside~~ publicans' interest to the brewers' interest in licensed houses is greater now than 10 years ago. ie that although brewers have been tying houses in every direction yet that the publicans themselves put into each house a larger sum than ever they did before.

The custom at the 'Ordnance' is entirely working class whose tipple is beer.

Friday & Saturday nights & Sundays between 1-3 are the busiest days of the week. On a Saturday evening he will often serve 4000 persons.

The household staff is 11 in number one of whom is a general servant employed in house work. Two are bar.

Busy nights

The power of the police.

Early calling

bar maid, two potmen: leaving 6 men to serve behind the bar ~~as well~~ in addition to the 2 women.

'If you serve 4000 men of a working population you must serve a few who ought not be served! They get near the windows if they are too drunk to come to the bar & a pal passes a pot back to them. There is a policeman on the point duty just outside & if he chose he could run each one of these men in as they came out.

'If the police made a set against you they could ruin you certainly!

Mr. Richards said he was still & always had been on very good terms with the police. They invite him to their dinners, send him excursion tickets to Yarmouth at the time of their annual outing etc. He thinks they do their duty and are always policemen first & friends afterwards.

When he was an acting manager he always gave 1/- per week to the man on the beat 'for calling me in the morning!' Now he gives nothing himself personally but thinks his manager probably does. He said it would be no good to pay the

Check on police blackmail

the police to wink at any illegal proceedings such as allowing adulteration, for the public house was far too much under the public gaze. 'You have always to remember the risk of anonymous complaints to head quarters, which always means an enquiry from head quarters without the knowledge of the men in the subdivision.' This he implied ~~would~~ is sufficient to prevent the payments by publicans ever from becoming so large as to be a public scandal.

"Its quite certain you will never stop drinking by legislation just as you will never stop betting."

Mr Richards had just engaged two private detectives to watch his house as he suspected a man of betting but had never been able to catch him. To day is the Cambridgeshire, rather than run any risks he had gone to the expense of these two men. He said it would not affect the amount of betting in any way but it might save him from having a man caught by the police in his house. He said that betting tipsters were no good to the custom of a house. The way they carry on betting in spite of his vigilance is this. The bookie knows his customers and only wants a place to meet them

Increase of betting.

them in, the bets are exchanged by means of slips of paper. If
you object the man rolls up the slip walks to the gas &
pretends he has only taken out the piece of paper to light
his pipe. His urinal at the side of the house is also
used for the exchange of wagers.

He said that, commercially speaking, it was much more
profitable for him if the police did do their duty. It
was not gain to him to serve drunken men for it only got
the house a rowdy character & drove away more business
than it brought, for the same reason above he did not want to have loafers
round the door. But as he could not help serving drunken
men occasionally he wished the police to recognize
the spirit in which he did his work and therefore not
to run them in. This is why it is so important to
be on the right side of them."

He said there was a good deal of betting in small sweet-shops
and that it was increasing: was declined to deplore it
'because there is less money left for beer.' Women are
taking to it as well as men: there are even women
bookies.

His trade depends on the 'connection of the house' as well
as on casual passengers but much more on the former
than

Drink & Refreshments

Women's days.

Children

Womens drinking

Suppers to Police Inspectors

than the latter. "But a beer-house depends a good deal more on a local connection than a 'public'.

During the day there is practically no drinking for pleasure that begins in the evening. In the morning ~~[illegible]~~ men come in for bread & cheese with their beer but no meat 'it wd not pay'.

Women come on mondays & Tuesdays. They generally drink gin neat except when the weather is cold when they like hot water with it.

Children don't sip. their parents are too careful that a full measure is brought home to them for that. They are not often given sweets now since the police orders against it. Language if anything better at the pub than at home.

He should not say that womens drinking was not on the increase: it is not among women of the working class with whom he has to deal. This class is not affected by the grocer's licenses. 'A higher class go to them, they don't touch our trade".

Three years ago he heard of suppers being given to Police inspectors but has not heard of anything lately: police rules are much stricter than they used to be, testimonials are not approved of: concerts where tickets are taken by the neighbourhood

for the good of police pensions & orphanages are more general now: but he said there is less indirect taxation of this kind than there used to be

Salary & allowances to managers.

Mr. Richards's manager here is paid 50/- a week. The wages of servants, barmen & potmen is charged to Mr. Richards apart. Food is also allowed at the rate of 10/- a week per head up to 8 persons & 8/- per head above that number. Drinks & cigars are allowed ad lib. House-rent free. "So that the manager has really nothing but his own clothing to pay for."

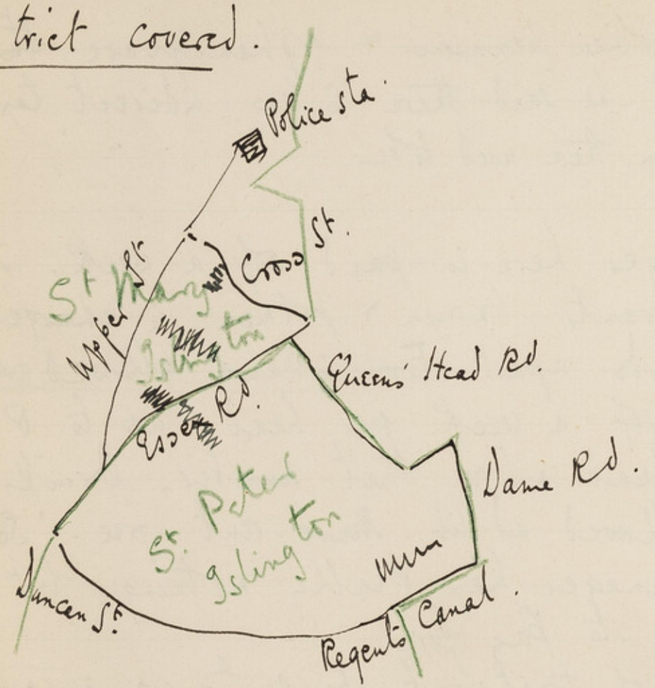
Treatment of publicans.

Here the question of treatment by customers is not an important one. Sailors are the worst for it. West enders & City men the next worst. Here it is purely working class. Mr. Richards used always to accept a glass of gin with his customers & then help himself to plain water.

Working class expenditure on beer & tobacco

"A man earning 25/- a week down here would certainly keep 5/- of it himself for beer & tobacco."

District covered.



Parish of St. Peters

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Oct 28th G.H.D.

Walk with inspector Mason round part of S. Islington. Bounded on the North by Upper Street; On the East by Cross St. Queens Head Road & Dame Road: On the South by the Regents Canal and on the West by Duncan Street. Being part of the parishes of St Mary's & St. Peters Islington.

Starting from the Police Station in Upper Street, then South down Cross Street: working-class some dwellings: old houses: more purple than pink. Then down Queens Head Road. 4 poor two storied light blue cottages at the Essex Road end (built 1787): better lower down, purple as map 2½ storied.

Then come a block of streets named after the Apostles John, Thomas, James & Peter - all of the same class, map marks them pink: Mason said all were working class, purple: unfurnished apartments usual - Some rooms he knows let to 2 or 3 single men (in one room) workmen. 6 roomed houses

Public House doing
a "cutting" trade

& a wash-house, 2½ storied ; no servants kept : fair small gardens behind, not built out into

Rheidol Terrace is 3½ storied & 8 roomed but otherwise like the foregoing.

Then West along Danbury St. (the new name for Essex st) at the Corner of which is the Duke of Cambridge public house : covered with bills : "does one of the largest trades in the Sub-division" said Mason, is a cutting house, sells "Special" Gin at 4½d a quartern which you buy elsewhere at 6d and 8d beer (bitter) for 6d.

On the South side of the road are Clarence & Hanover Streets, both pink to Purple - Canal smelling very bad & looking beastly : gardens of Hanover St. back on to it.

Then East along Hanover St. & across St. Peter St. to Baldwin Terrace (called in map Canal Terrace) light blue as map 2½ & 3½ storied : engineers shop & foundry along Canal bank : the East end of the street with the higher house looks poorer than the west : houses with 4 yds unexpired lease : a bird fancier at the E end.

Then north up St. Peter St. past Grosvenor Rd. map marks the

Grosvenor Rd. dark blue & black

This dark blue barred with black. 'A very very bad street now & always has been, always seems to be a bad set in it somewhere which makes all the rest bad.' 2½ & 3½ storied houses. Some newly done up, empty & for sale. Some prostitutes here but no brothels: all doors open: People worse than in Popham St: it is a cul-de sac & Mason said they had more liberty in ~~bad~~ doing wrong: very rough women about: "if there are thieves about you are pretty certain to find them here", said Mason but Stoxton he said was more the district for thieves: Is not a very rowdy place though one or two will run amuck occasionally.

From & William Streets north of it 2½ storied look worse than Grosvenor St. but are not so: road badly Repd: purple to light blue: all this bit is inclined to go down in sympathy with Grosvenor St.: saved from being so bad by not being cul-de-sacs.

North again up St. Peters Street which at the S. end has shops. At the North end is an old house called 'Bleak House' supposed to be the Bleak House of Dickens Said Mason, now occupied by a Mr. Repake an undertaker.

Between St. Peters St. on the E and the Canal on the West lie

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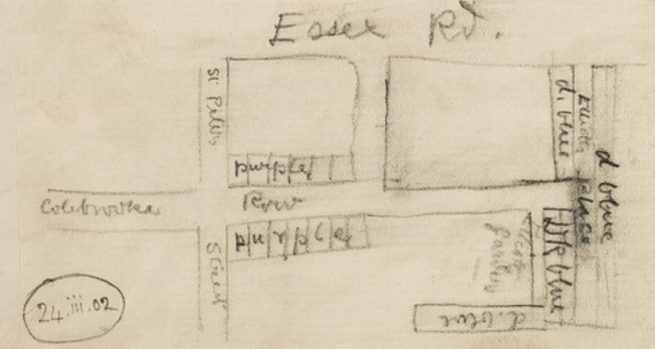
Noel, Gerrard & Devonshire Sts – pk

Old-fashioned Colebrooke Row.

† This is a branch mission of St Peter's Church.

Elliotts' Bldgs. very bad.

Elliotts Bldgs – db bs



These alterations have been put on the map. GHD. 25.iii.02

block of pink streets inclining to purple: they are not so good as they were: map marks them pink & pink barred with red. these are Cambridge Terrace. Devonshire St Noel St. Gerrard St.

Then into Colebrooke Row. Red as map. Old fashioned houses: city people: on the ~~W~~ N side of the Row runs the New River covered in under grass: very quiet: will become more noisy when St Peter St North end is opened & widened (now being done). At the East end of Colebrook Row after crossing St Peter St is an old Sta standing back called † Ruffords R.C. Mission. Further on Eastwards is a little block of cottages with gardens, old fashioned one & 2 storied: remnants of flowers & cocks & hens: quiet respectable though poor. One side is entered down steps through a door way & the other down a passage past Elliotts Buildings in Elliotts Place. 3 stories & an attic: very rough as bad as anything we've got' said mason: worse than Popham St (Queens Bldgs) & quite as bad as Grosvenor St. Dark blue barred with black. Map gives it light blue: Probably bad characters have come here from Queens Bldgs.

Then across to the North side of the Essex road: to a patch marked

Progress of Collins' Music Hall.

Charlton Place - purp.

Little Pierrepont Row - lb

Tichborne Claimant.

known as Board Court

marked dark blue in map: is still dark blue: nearly every windows had at least one pane broken: On one side of the Court open WCs on the other 6 open refuse bins behind which were the washhouses of the Cottages.

A little further west is another nameless passage with 4p 2 storied light blue cottages leading up to what will be a side entrance to Collins Music Hall.

Then round Islington Green past Collins' music Hall which is being enlarged. This was an ordinary public House, now it is a full-blown music hall having passed through intermediate stages of informal sing-song, formal sing song and now Music Hall.

Further west on the South side of the Essex Road, are Camden St. 3 st old houses - working class. purple. Camden passage with shops on either side: Charlton Place. old houses, purple, as Camden St. 3½ storied dromed hs. Just west of it is Little Pierrepont Row. l blue. not marked on map. 5 cottages

In one of the short turnings out of Camden Passage to Essex Rd is a small tobacconists shop kept till a short time ago by the Tichborne Claimant. He has now left, fallen to pieces, too fat, said Mason. His ex

The Rev. Sims.

Dagmar Terrace - purple

existence there was discovered by the Police when a thief was caught who on being given some tobacco had hit him in the wind & tried to make off with his watch chain.
At the corner of Camden Passage, The Rev. Sims Rector of St Peters used to come & preach temperance with his brass band. One of his curates one evening declared that 'the devil was among them selling spirits': on this a neighbouring publican prosecuted & won his case.
Then East along the Essex Rd on the North side of which is Church St 3½ storied: purple & pink: district recently sergeant lives here. into Chapel St. corner - a donkey house. barrows. ~~cats~~ night coffee stall at home - with a passage on the N side of it ½ocdt - all light blue as map. Then along Essex Rd to Dagmar Ter. 3½ storied. tenements. working class - more purple than pink. at the Essex Rd. end is the Albert Home with beds at 6d per night or 3/ per week. Through Church passage which is light blue as map & back again to Cross St.

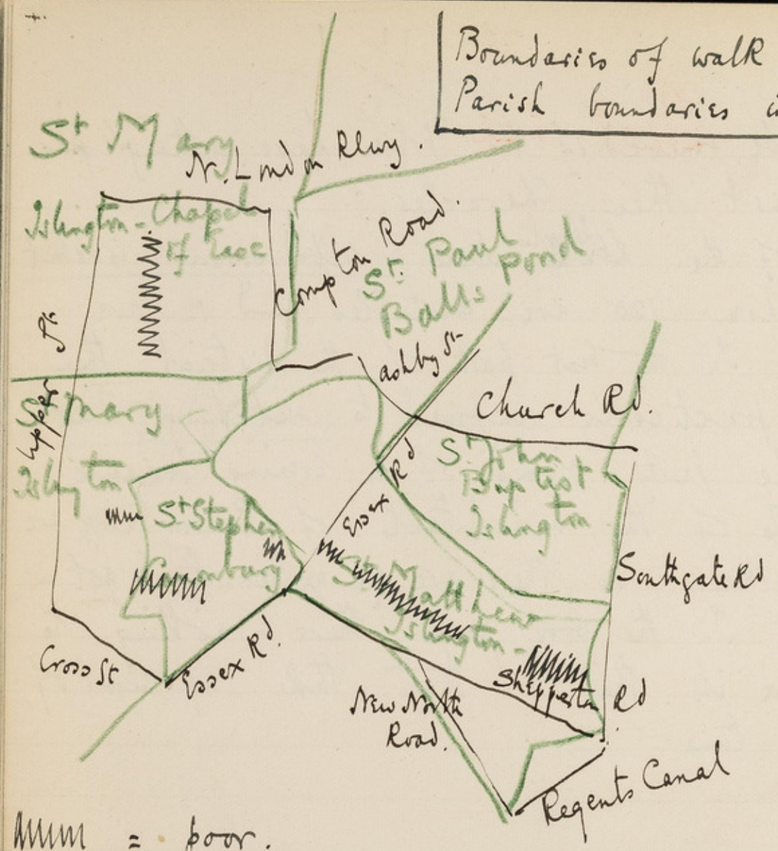
General Remarks. The little knot of beer houses shewn round Charlton Place are of the prior to 1869 close

Police Force in Islington.

Jews & party giving

is they must be renewed if the police have nothing par-
ticular against their Characters.

The Police staff of the ~~Islington~~ New subdivision is about
150. of whom 120 are constables and 12 are
Sergeants. In the best part of the district their
duties are practically confined to watching. There
is very little party giving of an evening because
about 80% of the inhabitants of Canonbury are
Jews said Mason, so there are no extras to be got in
this way. In the poor parts "there is nothing to
bring"; there its the rows that take up most of
the police's time.



District Covered.

Dark blue & black streets

Wilton Square - pk

Police 14 4

Dist 14.

Oct 29. S. H. J.

With Inspector Mason round district bounded on the North by the North London Railway: On the East by Compton Road, Ashby St. Church Rd, & Southgate Road: On the South by the Regents' Canal, New North Road, & Essex street: & on the West by Cross St. and Upper Street.

From the Essex Road into the New North Road; having round of second rate shops: out of it on the East side is a patch of dark blue lined with black, namely, Queensbury St. N end of Eccleshourne Rd. & E end of Norton Road. 2 & 3 storied - all tenements - coalers labourers, perhaps a shade better than Newhall St. the back of Eccleshourne Rd is a passage between Eccleshourne & Norton Rds has been demolished: now belongs to Vestry who are debating what to do with it. Queensbury Place which runs across Queensbury St. 2 storied: much better: purple as map.

Turning into the New North road at its S.E. end is Wilton Square - has gone down in character: Square very untidy

(M. E. Green)

untidy with a dilapidated Salem Chapel in its midst: is private property & let to whatever sect cares to rent it: on the West side of the square is the Welsh Calvinistic Church: "services very fully attended" said Mason.
Houses 2½ storied: rented at £35 per annum.
Barons St. purple working class: an engineers picket outside some works: has gone down in character: map marks it pink.
Then across the Shepperton Rd to the block of dark blue streets on its East side. Lampeter, Cardigan, Camarthen & Rosemary streets - 'a funny lot here & always have been' said Mason. White lead works behind must exercise a baleful influence: 2½ storied: houses themselves look well kept-enough: ornamental mantel-shelves & photographs seen thro' open ground floor windows: but Mason gave them all a bad character: some thieves: some prostitutes & some lead workers. Coal being sold at ½ cpt.
Then up Rotherfield St. very poor light blue block of houses at the South end of the street. New Bd School being built a little higher up. Old fashioned country house at the Δ made with Shepperton Rd. now let out by rooms. Sherborne St. part of it map marks light blue

Carmarthen St. bit, dark blue.

Lampeter. purple bpk. } purple
Cardigan. purple blk. } purple
Camarthen. purple. ~ } 9.xi.98.
Rosemary. purple. ~ }
They all look fairly comfortable. }

Bd School
lb.
Sheppeton Rd
purple
purple
Sherborne St.
Rotherfield St
Rotherfield St
Sherborne St.

{Rotherfield St
{Buildings - lb
Rotherfield St purple
purple

Corner of Sherborne & Rotherfield Sts lb

Pink district.

Oxford Rd (W. of Halleford St.) pk

Morton Road pk

Comfortable Canonbury.

Canonbury St W side

Ch. 'it is certainly better than Baring St' Ekid mean which the map marks pink. It looks purple to pink. 3½ storied.

Across the Downham Rd to a block of pink streets Almorah Road, Charles St Cleveland Rd, Oxford Rd Elmore St Morton Rd, Eccleshourne St (west end), Halliford Road St District gone down. Houses many semi detached good gardens: built for one family: now all take in lodgers: & most let unfurnished apartments.

East along Eccleshourne Rd & north into James St (Light Blue as map. 3 storied, flush with the pavement, no trouble to police. one or 2 servant usual)

Then across the Essex Rd into comfortable Canonbury. Ashby Rd Marquess Rd, Clephane Rd, Canonbury Crescent Rd, Canonbury Grove - not so good as they used to be but still red. a great many music hall artists live in Canonbury said Mason. The smallest houses in Canonbury Grove 2 storied, fetch £30 a year + rates & taxes.

On the South side of Canonbury Grove are Canonbury St. pink toward on East side but not so good on West. Northampton St purple as map. The large gardens behind are taken up by the Cormicos builders shops.

Then.

Canonbury Road - pk

Canonbury Avenue - pk

A Possible slum.

Goldsmith Place - purple

Compton Avenue - purple

Northampton Cottages - lb

Then up Canonbury Road across Canonbury Square. pink based. only 2 or 3 houses now inhabited by one family. going down. The open space on the map north of the Canonbury Square Gardens is now occupied by Canonbury Avenue. 2 rows of buildings next to the Board School. 4 storied - working class - paved passage down the middle. 2r 7/- 3r-9/-

North of the Board School but on the East side of Canonbury Road is a nest of small courts with one & two storied houses, Carters Yard, Compton Mews. North & Friends Cottages. respectable working class but once a bad family got in would rapidly become a slum of the worst sort, shut in all round difficult of approach.

Then South down Compton Avenue. Goldsmith Place. to the North of it the map marks pink is no better than purple 2 storied, no trouble to police but poor.

Then South down Compton Avenue. which used to be the stables & coach houses of the large houses in Upper St whose gardens abut on it. Now some keeps a carriage. The mews have become works shops & shops. Gas stove works & cooperage here. also Northampton Cottages. light blue. The back entrance to

Edwards Place - purple

Hyde Place E & W. - purple

Rents

Halton Road N of Allan St pk b: purple
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Purple to light blue.

Halton Cross St purple

Union Chapel (Mr. Harwood) is here 'always very full at all services, not like St. Mary's where they only get about 200 in the ev. & less than that in the morning on Sunday; paid Mason. Hyde Place West & Hyde Place East are here - purple to light blue. the latter being the better of the two - rents 8/- per week : 2 stories : some policemen live here 'it is so very difficult to find a small house about here'.

Then South down Halton Road. 3½ & 2 storied : some semi detached houses - much better at North than at south end. pink bessed with red to purple.
Richmond Grove & Sebbon St. out of Halton Rd. on the west side - 2½ storied. large gardens. A large nursery garden is at the back here : waiting for the leases of Tyndale Place to fall in when it will all disappear & make way for small houses. Out of Sebbon St. is a little court. 2 storied - light blue as map.
Spencer St. pink 3 storied : no servants kept.
So is Florence St. : lodgers usual
Between Allan St. working class - purple to light blue
& Cross St. are. Fowler Rd. 3½ storied - purple

to

Edward's Place - purple

Hyde Place E & W. - purple

Rents

Halton Road N of Allan St pk b: S — purple

Purple to light blue.

Halton Cross St purple

Union Chapel (Mr Harwood's) is here 'always very full at all services not like St Mary's where they only get about 200 in the ev. & less than that in the morning on Sundays', said Mason. Hyde Place West & Hyde Place East are here - purple to light blue. the latter being the better of the two - rents 8/- per week : 2 stories : some policemen live here 'it is so very difficult to find a small house about here'.

Then South down Halton Road. 3½ & 2 storied : some semi detached houses - much better at North than at south end - pink bearing with red to purple.

Richmond Grove & Sebbon St. out of Halton Rd. on the west side - 2½ storied - large gardens. A large nursery garden is at the back here : waiting for the leases of Tyndale Place to fall in when it will all disappear & make way for small houses. Out of Sebbon St is a little court. 2 storied - light blue as map.

Spencer St pink 3 storied : no servants kept. So is Florence St. : lodgers usual

Between Allan St working class - purple to light blue & Cross St are. Fowler Rd. 3½ storied - purple

&

Pleasant Place.

Pleasant Row - lb

Rivers Street

General Remarks.

as map. Stayman St better purple to pink, all working class. Stallon Cross St. light blue -

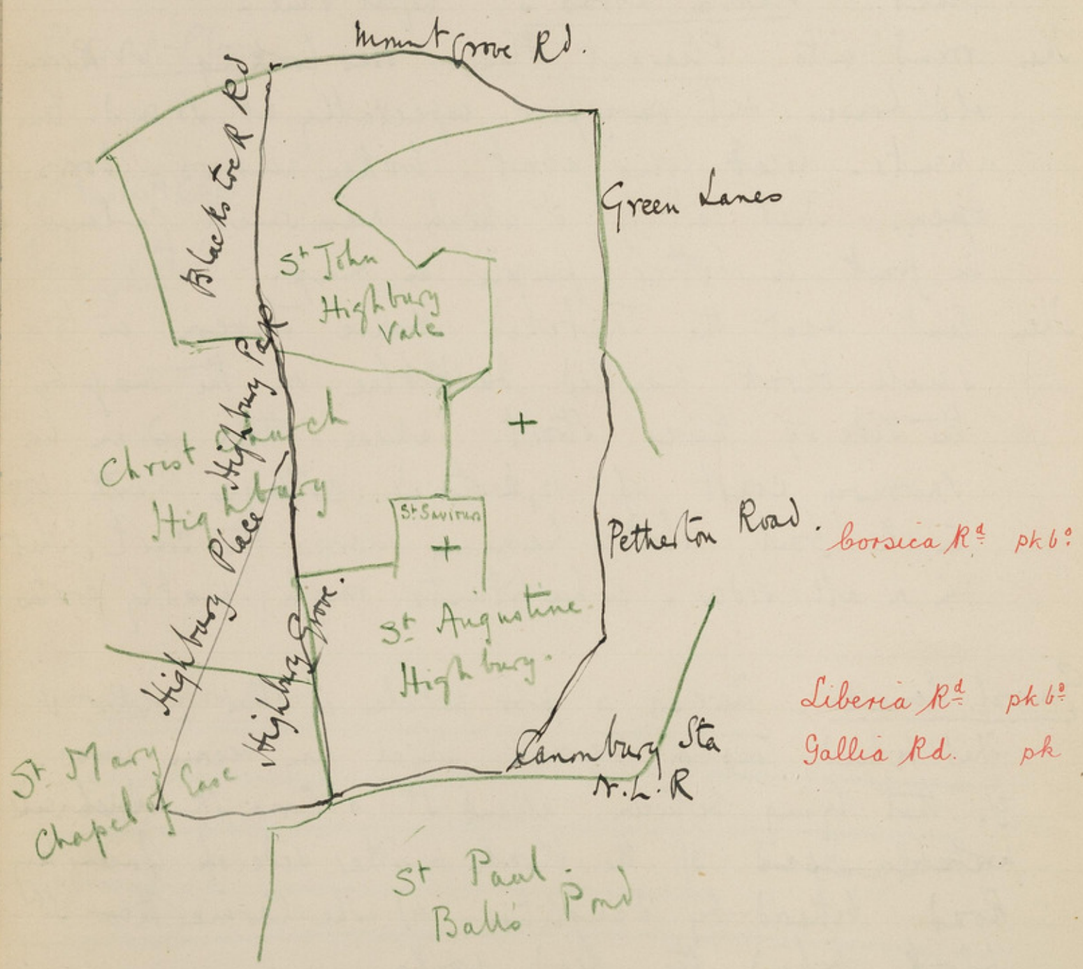
Then round into Pleasant Place. over looking N. River. old houses but very poor especially at N end. Tenements. Greek lying about. broken windows. doors open. That part of it which has small gardens in front is better - purple as map. called Pleasant Row

Then East past the Thatched House Tavern into a small block marked dark blue on the map by the side of Rivers Street where there is an unsavoury court of 12, 2 storied cottages, with WCs in the front, clothes hanging across the court. Shut in on all sides, inhabitants rough, mostly costers.

General Remarks.. There are 4 poor patches in this walk. 1. That behind Compton Terrace, which may become worse. 2. that lying between Allen St & Cross St. which probably will depart 3) the blocks on either side of Queensbury Road: bettered by demolition 4) The Carmarthen St block behind the lead works.

The first two blocks are light blue: the last two dark blue.

District Covered.



Nov. 2. Dist 16. C D G. H. D.

Walk with Inspector Mason round district of Highbury bounded on the North by the Mount grove Road, on the East by Green Lanes & the ~~Petherton~~ Petherton Rd: on the South by the N. London Rly & on the west by Highbury Place, Highbury Park & the Blackstock road.

Starting at the South end of Highbury Place. Balwcen Highbury Park & Highbury Place. lie a block of streets Calabria Road. Corsica Rd. (formerly Highbury Mews is the mews to the houses in Highbury Place who no Longer Keep carriages) Liberia Road. Fergus Rd. Gallia Rd. - all of much the same class. Lodges Road. many have two families. Houses built 1889 - 1890. - mixture of red & yellow brick. no basements below the level of the ground. small gardens. two & 3 storied. rent paid monthly, 6 or 7 rooms in the 2 storied houses 15 ft frontage except the corner houses which

are

are rather larger.

Almost all the inhabitants said Mason are city men a good proportion of the single lodgers are women clerks. Their condition generally is better than that of the Stoke Newington clerk. "There is hardly any flitting at quarter-day." Highbury corner has become a very busy one in consequence. In the morning "It is as much as the Companies can do to send off a sufficient number of busses, between 8 & 9 am they are sent off at the rate of two a minute."

Gaillia Road is the rather poorer than the rest of the block. Baalbec Road. pcisk barred. 3 storied. rents £50 to £60.

Then up through Highbury Fields. well kept by LCC. Better houses on the west than on the East side. yellow to red. At the north end of Highbury Grove - red, pcisk - Lodgers usual.

North East Christ Church, Rev. Banning, good congregations: to Highbury barn. formerly a great holiday place. dancing merry making etc, now all built over. name remains in the Public Ho which has no music license. The streets behind it are named

Highbury Grove - E side red

Highbury barn

Mentone & Kelvin Roads - pk 6d

Kelross St - red

Aberdeen Park.

Northolm and Sotheby Sts pk 6d

Ardelaun St pk 6d

Mentone & Kelvin Sts built in 1881. 3 & 3½ storied.
all take in lodgers, clerks: pink banned.
Along Highbury Park, to Highbury Grange -
yellow toned. Mrs Griffiths the road contractor has a
house here. all on their own knees.
Then East down Kelross St which was formerly New-
-ington Farming, 2 sts. & down Aberdeen Rd to
Aberdeen Park. The South end of Aberdeen road
is older than the north end: the houses at the
North have no areas like those at the South.
Aberdeen Park. with a church in the middle. (St
Saviours, private property, entrances to Park
are barred. LCC has tried to remove them but
unsuccessfully. 'a canon in the best of England
is the ground landlord'. 2 & 3 servants kept here.
Northolm & Sotheby, new streets, pink banned.
Many green grocers carts going round 'they are
cheaper than the shops in Highbury Park, &
upper street is too far to go' said Mason.
Ardilaun St the same.
Then north along the Blackstock Road, turning East
at Montgrove road. Blacks Cock Rd. runs down

down hill; the houses & streets a either side of it are much
poorer than those above - Highbury vale looks alto-
-gether poor - County Council are making an improvement
on a semicircular news-post before the Montgrove
Road. All the houses being pulled down with the
exception of a beer-house - The Public House at the
corner of the Montgrove Road is called the 'Sluice
House' - "There are some of the inhabitants who can
still remember when there was a bridge over the
Open New river here." Now it is covered over
On the South side of Montgrove Rd lie Canning, Wyatt &
Herrick roads working class - purple & pink.
Then South down Highbury New Park. many
Jews - (Baxter calls it Highbury Jew Park) the
fixed point constable has a pet cat on the beat.
'Mrs Mike' who is passed on from one to another - Her
Kittens command a ready sale in the neighbourhood. One
old lady has given a little Kennel for her which
is placed just inside the Church railings. The
neighbourhood feeds the cat: altogether, it is a public
character. Stradbroke & Balfour Rds. east of it
on the West side are not so good. Lodgers
used

Pet-cat

I think Canning Rd shd. be light blue.
many poor widows &c. J.A.

Wyatt & Herrick Roads - pk

Stradbrook & Balfour Roads - red

Difficulties of dealing with young men.

Betting

Prostitution

usual.

General Remark. There is not a really poor bit in this walk. The west side of the Blackstock Road is poor but it is in the V Police Division. Mason said he thought the real problem that required solution was what to do with young fellows of an evening. In the N Division this is the great Police question. Every evening crowds of them come back from their work & loaf about the streets: they join in with whatever fun is forward & embarrass the police. They dont belong to Clubs, there are not many places of amusement for them to go to.

Betting goes on 'as always will'. Police have had complients & warned men. Men disappeared & they thought they had got rid of them now they hear there is a lady bookmaker in their place. What is a £5 fine to a book maker, he pays it & starts again.

Prostitution - Only one suspected brothel near Canonbury station. "A regular business" he said "not a place where you would need go to look for suspects: men come out of it with all their goods & chattels

Detectives.

chattels on them as they went in." Not like the East End (Mason was 7 years in Shadwell) where brothels he visited were convenient for the police, bad characters went there & they always knew how & where to put their hand on them.

He would like to see one very large Public House for each district. Less temptation to drink & "It would have to keep many servants & we shd always be able to find out what was going on."

There are 4 or 5 plain clothes detectives in each subdivision. "No particular part of London is more liked by the policethan another, it depends on individual tastes."

G.C. Whiteley. clerk to licensing magistrates.

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Petty sessions.

No police.

Nov. 4. G.H.D.

G.C. Whiteley. Town hall Chambers. High Street. Southwark. Clerk to the licensing Justices. (Newington) His district covers all County Council London South of the Thames, as far west as Lambeth is all Bermondsey & Southwark.

Mr. Whiteley is about 55 years old: very prolix. so talkative in fact that it is almost impossible to ask him a question once he is started.

He said there were 12 petty sessional bodies (ie licensing magistrates) in London.

He sends out 73 summonses to Justices to attend his court. The usual attendances varies from 5 to 10. He says it is the same everywhere.

No body he said had a well-defined policy. In practice they all try to restrict the numbers of licenses. He urges his body to grant only full licenses. Beer houses he abominates - would get rid of them all but must keep those in Bermondsey are under the previous to 1869 clause

Against beer-houses.

Children, the serving of.

clause + ~~for~~ unless there is any distinct complaint a-
-gainst them their licenses must be renewed/granted
It is in the beer houses that there is adulteration and
treating of the police. The large houses have
too much at stake to venture on it. He does not
believe there is any regular corruption of the police.
Knows of no money payments - Sometimes he said
an inspector is given a supper in order to make
things pleasanter "but no more than you or I
would do if we wanted the presumption to
be on our side."

His bench has just passed a resolution that licenses
should only be granted subject to a promise
not to serve beer to children. This is
being sent round to all the petty sessional
bodies but on the whole he does not ap-
-prove of it: He would like to insist on
a separate compartment for those who
come to fetch draught beer. The harm is
not so much to the children as to the
general servant: children take their beer
& go straight away with it, they are

Sub.

Danger to young girls

subjected to no annoyance. But the young girl of 16 or 17, who has just left school and is at work in a small household as general servant, gets chaffed when she goes to fetch the beer, makes undesirable acquaintance & often it is the first step in her ruin. Therefore, he says, have separate compartments for jugs; a great many of the better houses have recognized this & have already provided them. It wd be no good he added to pass a law against the serving of children: mothers take them in with them from babyhood they are accustomed to going in, they prevent them from going in on particular occasions only. Probably the law if passed wd have no effect: thousands of respectable men send their children for beer & see no harm in it.'

Uselessness of laws that cant be enforced

An example of useless enactment be pointed out may be seen in the licensing act of 1874 which in order to encourage the restaurant department of public houses declared that each PH must have 2 rooms exclusively reserved for the use of the Public: likewise every beer house must

No map of licensed houses in existence

must have one. But there is no definition given of a room. In practise one of the rooms has become the Saloon Bar, the other room is used by the Patrician as his private sitting room.

He has a list of all the licensed houses in his division & thought he had an official map shewing them, but on reference to the map which he had not looked at for several years he was surprised to find nothing on it.

He thought it wd be best to have free trade in licensed houses but was afraid of the sudden demoralisation that wd come from granting it. As things are he wd prefer to see licenses gradually diminished & the increased capital value of the remaining houses be put into the pockets of the public. The objection he thought to the gradual increase of the numbers of houses would be the decreasing value of existing houses consequent on such a policy. It wd be robbing the existing proprietors!

Free trade in licensed houses.

Prices of houses, he said, had reached their highest: there was bound to be a 'slump' soon. Previous he

Prices -

he thought beerhouses cd. not possibly pay a legiti-
-mate trade. Therefore we find the abuses of
adulteration, betting, police treatment etc in
beer houses.

Very willing to give any further information.

T. Cox. Pembury Arms - Amhurst Road.

5 horses under him.

Publicans now & formerly.

Nov 10th. Police District 13/13 C.S. G.H.D.

Interview with Mr. T. Cox. Manager of 5 Public Houses at the Pembury Arms in Stackney. Amhurst Road.

Mr. Cox has dark brown hair, beard & whiskers, is about 50 yrs of age, middle height: his father, grand-father & great grandfather were publicans & his son is going to be one.

He has 5 houses under him. v. Pembury Arms Amhurst Rd 4/. The Unicorn at the Junction of the Commercial St. & Shoreditch 3/. One in Tottenham 4/. One in Denmark Hill 5/. One in Homerton (?)

Mr. Cox said that the old fashioned publican was a man of the past, with his white apron long clay pipe & his habit of drinking with his customers. Now you have a different class of manager - a capitalist - a better class.

He

Bars.

Customers.

Serving drunken men.

He thinks that houses never were so well managed as now.

At the Pembury Arms there are 7 bars. two of which are reserved for men only. One is for jugs & bottles. Women are never allowed in the mens Compartments not even wives of customers.

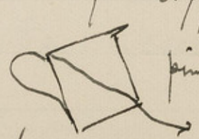
His chief custom is from the residential class of the neighbourhood, clerks & city people who come home have their supper, then take a turn out of doors & come in to meet their friends at the Pembury Arms. With same houses the main trade is done with passers. 'It depends of the Kind of district you are in'.

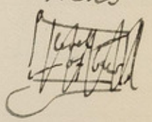
It is most important that your house should be conducted respectably. Therefore you must serve no drunken man. If a Potman fetches the police & he turns out anyone they see has had too much. He sends for the Police in preference to letting his potman turn them out because of the remarks that will be made. 'Look at him turning a man out & treating a man

man like that after he has made him drunk. The Police are not always near. He has tried for years to get a pointsman placed opposite his door but unsuccessfully the Commissioner always says he cannot spare any more men.

Every week he pays 1/- per week to the police as 'call money'. Nominally it is for calling the servant just before 6 o'clock. This house opens at 7. His house in Shoreditch at 5.30.

The potman is now called 'Porter' in better class houses pots are seldom used now. Glasses are becoming more & more universal; the reason being that when you have women at the bar you can't prevent them from having favourites & it used to be their habit to give nearly a pint to such as these at the price of half a pint. Men too when they asked for a half pint always liked to have it served them in a pint pot & insisted on full measure; which they told by tipping up their pot thus:





With a glass you serve ½ a pint just which both

Payments to police.

Potmen.

Servant girls & children.

Prices of Houses.

go & your customers can judge of before you hand it to him.

Those to whom most harm is done in public houses are the servant girls sent to fetch beer - not the children. In his houses he now has a separate compartment for jugs & bottles so as to prevent this source of annoy-ance. Children sip, he has often noticed it. He never gives sweets. Considers it unfair trading but has lost the custom of many children by doing so. 'a child will go 100 yards further for their parents beer if they will get a sweet by so doing'. He did not think that the gift of sweets stopped the habit of sipping.

Houses have gone up enormously & still are going up - Thinks many of them cannot pay at the present prices. 'They are getting more & more into the hands of brewers'. They are worth more to them than they can give a return on now because of their prospective monopoly value. No new licenses are granted. Population increases & with it the demand for beer.

He has noticed no increase in women's drinking

with

Treatment by customers

With regard to the treatment by customers. Mr Cox when he served behind the counter always refused to accept drinks. People were offended at first but rather glad of it later. They gave a preference to the house where they knew they w.d not have to stand a drink to the publican.

Inspector Thrasher - retired policeman.

Indirect police earnings

Nov. 11. G. H. D.

Inspector Thrasher - retired after 26 years service in the London police corps. of which 12 years were spent in Whitechapel.
He Keeps a sweet stuff shop now in the Upper Clapton Road. Address. Swanley Ho. The Pond. Upper Clapton Rd

Thrasher is a man of about 50 years of age. A teetotaller & has been all his life. Has left the force now 3 years.
He knows very little of the neighbourhood he has now made his home & was, like the active police, unwilling to say anything that could be construed as unfavourable to the force.
As to indirect earnings he said they were practically nil 'if they were divided among the whole force I dont believe they wd amount to ½d per head per month'. There used to be call money for waiting men & chops in the mornings but this has gradually become a business of itself &

Each

Treatment of Police.

Each district row has its own early callers. The loss to the police has been a gradual thing. Began well before the Trafalgar Square days. Fact is that every row & then there was a case to be run in & that meant that a whole batch of men had to be left uncalled. Customers were dissatisfied & so cast about for some more certain means of being woken. He fancies that ~~such~~ some publicans ~~do~~ still pay call-money though he said it was quite exceptional that they should pay anything at all.

Policeman sometimes get treated to beer but this is less common than it used to be. Public houses are so much more strictly Regt. There is so much money at stake in them that it is not worth the publicans while to run any risks. Beer houses are more likely to offer beer than Publics. He admitted that any man who looked as if he would not mind a drink would get it. He has seen potmen bring it round to the constable in the urinal at the side of the Public. But policemen are a

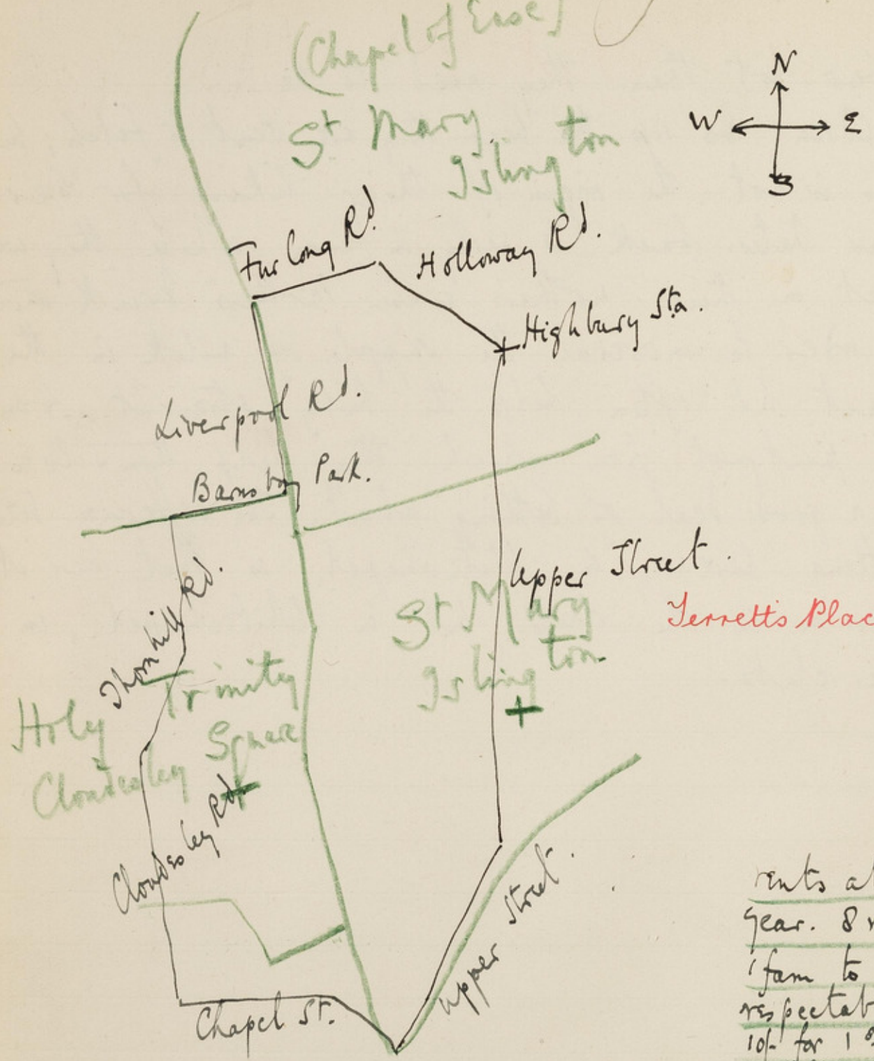
more

more sober lot than they used to be.
Children do sip the beer they are sent to fetch; but this is not the origin of their liking for beer this dates back to early infancy while they were yet in their mothers arms. Mothers drink stout in order to increase the supply of milk in the breast but often help the baby straight from the pint pot from which they help themselves.
There is a good deal of betting about. The difference between betting here & in Whitechapel is that here it goes on in the streets but in Whitechapel, in the clubs.

Nov. 11. & 15th. Place 15/5 Dist 15 C.D. G. H.D.

Walk with Inspector Mason round district bounded on the North by Farlong Rd (formerly Albion Rd) on the East by Holloway Rd & Upper Street. On the South by Chapel street, & on the West by Barnsbury Road, Thornhill Road, Upper Park Street & the Liverpool Road.

Starting at the Police Station in Upper St.
Nearly opposite is Jerrett's place - old houses, dating from end of last century with ornamented door lintels, 3½ stories - decent class - rather better than the L. Blue of the map - purple.
Down the Upper St. turning west at Almeida St. late Welling Ton St. with Napier & Standing St. out of them. Tenements at N. end occupied by good class - pink to purple on map - South again down Upper St. on the W side of which is Thebes Ln St.. 3½ storied - artisans & clerks - pink. Out of it are Studd & Moon Streets 3- map marks them light blue - mean said resp working class - purple - Dove's Buildings



Jerrett's Place - purple

rents about £40 a year. 8 rooms 3 & 3½ stories 1 fam to each floor. respectable working class 10/- for 1st floor. 8/- for top floor.

Moon & Studd Sts purple

Gibson Square - pk b³

Liverpool Road.

Agricultural Hall. Court W. of Agricultural Hall lb

Courts off Upper Street

Building works take up the large open space behind & many men in neighbourhood are employed by him.
West into Gibson Square. houses built for a better class than now inhabite them. 3½ storied - pink barred with red. Square ill kept. inhabitants cant afford to pay a square Keeper.
Into the Liverpool Rd. (as map) & then south past Fever Hospital. for private paying patients 3 guineas a week. into Barford St. owned by men whose business it is to let lodgings to people who come up in connection with the different shows at the Agri.-cultural Hall. Wesleyan Chapel at the west end of it. 'declining congregation' said mason - Rev. W. Little the pastor. South again & into King Edward St. Liverpool St & Park field St. 30 3½ storied - pink to purple. Furnished apartments. Fork Cottages. 2 ft. only extend under a tunnel.
Then into Upper St. northwards. On the west side of it just past the Agricultural Hall is a small memorial court. at the end of wh is a ~~bridge~~ entrance to the agricultural Hall. Here are 6 cott. light blue. clothes lines across it - litter of paper.

Poor

Want of small cottages.

Rents.

Dark blue no more.

Street market in Chapel St.

Poor as they look, they are never to let said the man. If you wanted one you wd have to wait till the owner died, all small cottages are much sought after. They are hard to find about here."

Then into Charles St. 2 storied - purple on map - quiet. A notice of an old house to be sold containing "3 bed & 2 sitting rooms. Kitchen with copper & sink, washhouse W.C. Brick stabling with 1 stall coachhouse. Let to long standing tenants (one over 20 years) on quarterly tenancies at low total nett rental of £36 - tenants paying rates & taxes - 52 years unexpired lease - £4 ground rent."

The dark blue spot behind the Fever Hospital has given way to the extension of the hospital on one side and on the other to the building up of factories.

Then South along Upper street turning W at the Liverpool Rd and West along Chapel Street. one of the largest of London street markets. (see page 79 of this notebook for an account of the public house at the corner). Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays are the busiest of the market days.

Large

Rough courts out of Chapel St.

Courts N of Chapel St lb

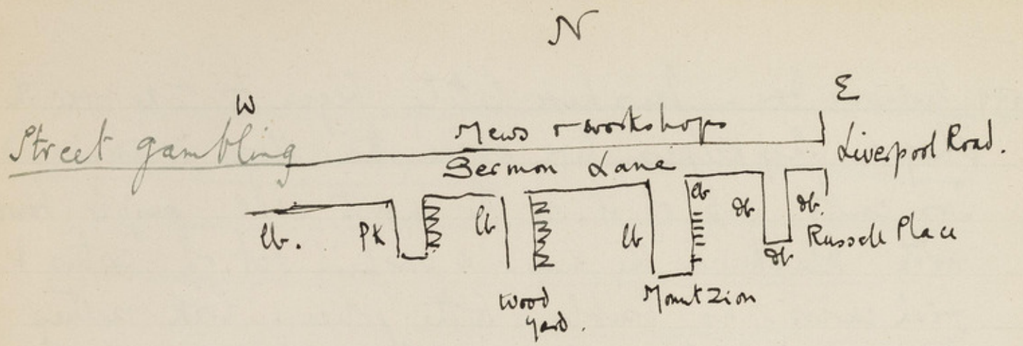
Dist 4

Brothels

Mews of former houses.

Courts out of Sermon Terrace - lb

Large business done - Jews have lately begun to take over the shops - Shopkeepers live above their shops or stalls -
Two courts out of it on the north side - purple barred with black in the map - a roughish set of costers & fish curers - no trouble to the police - look rather light & dark blue than black. Union Square has 15 2 storied cottages - Chapel Place - is the other court.
Then north into White Lion St. as map through Warren street into Barnsbury Rd. Some brothels in the back streets off the main road - you will always find them in one or two of the quickest streets to public thoroughfares in any part of London - you go to. Barnsbury Road. has good looking 3½ storied houses. which are better than their inhabitants - district & street going down.
Then East again through Denmark Rd. Denmark Grove. to Richard St. 2½ & 3½ & 3 st. working class - people to pick - Behind Richard St. in what were formerly the coach houses of the houses in Richard St. is Sermon Terrace. now tenanted by small Tinkers & sheetworkers - out of it are some courts & mews Mount Zion., Russell Place. 25 storied cottages - A great



Milner Square - pk b.s

Rents in Milner Square.

Angelo Nearly opposite the end of St Geo. Terrace is a small C. blue cul de sac called Seymour Place. 5 cottages - 3 storied. Shirt & collar dressers in one - hot potato man & coke carter about.

great place for gambling on Sundays & only regularly looked after then. As he said this we came up on 12 young men & lads at pitch & toss in a mews yard. boys made off hastily at the sight of mason - the young men went on.: 'it is private property & I question whether we have any right to turn them' said mason.

Then north up the Liverpool Road. turning East at Barnsbury street. houses now all tenements. 3½ stories - unfurnished apartments to let - pink - South into Milner Square. 4½ storied. evidently built for a very good class now all tenements - clerks live here - furnished apartments - whole house costs £60 a year. Square has a Keeper of its own - pink barred with red

Westwards through Milner St & along the north of Gibson Square to the Richmond Road. (formerly St. George's terrace) 3 storied with an attic & basement. South down Stonefield Street ugly yellow brick bare 3½ storied houses - good gardens - clerks the inhabitants & a few tallymen - red barred - Into Clonbrock Square

wh.

Holy Trinity Church.

Advantage of gardens being kept by Vestry

Thornhill Gardens pk bs

which has Trinity church (Rev Hatchis) in its midst. 'Fairly well attended' said beacon. 3½ stories each floor let out - pink. Clerkenley St is rather better. substantial squat houses. 2 stories with an attic & basement - one or two occupied by one family only but not many.

West along Clerkenley Place - as map - turning north into a little light blue yard. cabs & cabmen - called Milton Yard - poor but no trouble to the police.

Then north up the Clerkenley Road. where there are some shops. of a third rate kind. better houses on the East than on the west side. All this is on a hill which runs down-wards to the west to the Caledonian Road.

At the North end of the Clerkenley Rd are Thorn hill gardens - bright & well kept by vestry a contrast to Gibson, & Milner Square - many city clerks about here.

Then along Thornhill Road. past an old fashioned pub with stables alongside of it to Barnsbury St

Collegiate aspect of Lonsdale Square.

Prospect Place - purple

Bookmakers

Failure of Labour bureau.

An odd license.

formerly Felix Street & into Lonsdale Square. a square of ecclesiastically built houses. belonging to the Drapers' Co. I mean thinks. along Barnsbury St & then south down Prospect Place. marked light blue on map - looks more purple. at the South end of it is a tunnel into the Liverpool Road

Then North along the Liverpool Road at this end of which live a number of bookies - a lot of betting done about here. So many cabmen & men connected with cattle brought to the Caledonian Market: their 'shop' is racing & betting news. at the Corner (West side) of Barnsbury St. is the Islington Racing Depôt with a Labour Bureau. 'It does not do much' said Mason.

North again past John Street. purple to blue - 2 storied. Between it & Brooksby St. is an off licensed house which has is a grocer as well & holds a grocers wine & spirit license. 'a rare thing to find a grocers license combined with an off license. This man does a

Cutting prices.

a large business & is gradually cutting the profits of the fully licensed house at the corner of Bamsbury St & the Liverpool Road. He sells Burton at 7d per pot ah. is usually sold for 8d
Bitter — 6d — — — 8d
Stout — 6d — — — 8d
Mild ale — 4d — — — 4d.
Porter 3d — — — 3d
His cutting is done only in the higher class of ale.
Brookaby St is a shade better than John St.
2 storied - purple - map marks it pink - some cab yards. Upper Park St better still, is pink as map. The East side of the Liverpool road known as Park Place was built in 1799.
North up the Liverpool road past the Cattle Pens which are old & ramshackle - hoarding covered with advertisements on the Liverpool road side - used now as workshops - stables - London Gen Omnibus depot etc - after passing over the railway along the Liverpool Rd the west side bears the date 1835.
Then East along Furlong Rd. formerly Albion Road past

past Union Rd & Crane Grove - very quiet streets by day but noisy by night. are just off the main road. Prostitutes come & ply their trade in the street. Crane Grove has semi detatched little packing cases as houses 2½ storied.

Then down the Holloway Rd. & into Upper street. passing Wilson's Yard. which is the same as the Cattle Cairs mentioned above. At the entrance is a Common Lodging House. beds 6d a night.

Then East into Park Street, down College street at the bottom of which is the Islington High School for boys now closed for want of custom (since 6 months)

General Remarks.

Bookmakers are a feature of the northern end of the Liverpool road. who work from their lodgings. Mason said that 'corner pins' ie the men who used to stand at the street corners & take bets have disappeared owing to police vigilence. So many cab men & men connected with animals in the neighbourhood. Another feature of life in Islington is

Betting.

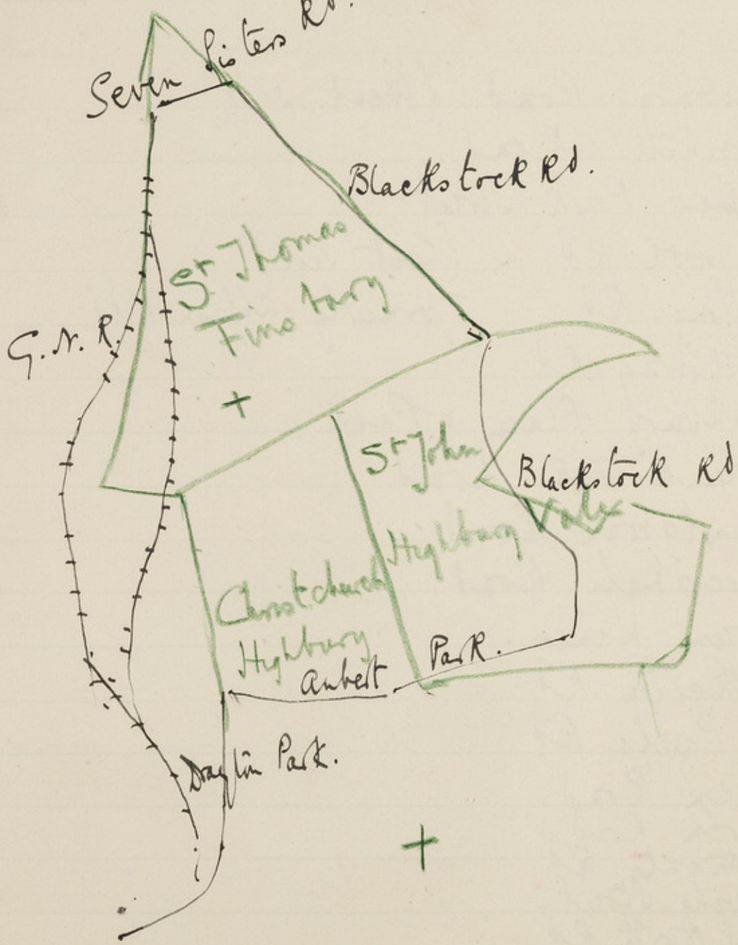
Loose cattle.

are the droves of animals on their way to the
& Metropolitan Cattle market. Some go astray.
They had a bull the other day for 36 hours in
an area. Another time a flock of sheep got loose
into Rackstraws drapery shop, one went in, the
rest followed. Loose pigs are about the worst
to tackle they will squeal so: attract a crowd
in no time: make the police ridiculous.
There is a special act of Parliament preventing
animals from being driven through Islington
on a Sunday.

The boundaries of the N. Police Division.

Barnsbury Road (West side)
Thornhill Road.
Upper Park street.
Liverpool Rd (East side).
Farleng Rd (formerly Albion Rd).
Holloway Rd.
Highbury Place & Park.
Blackstock Road.
Mountgrove Road.
Riversdale Road.
Green Lanes.
Petherton Rd.
St Pauls Rd.
Essex Road.
Church Road.
Southgate Rd.
Baring Street.
New North Rd.
Gerard St.
Duncan St.
High St. & Upper St.
Chapel St.
Barnsbury Road. (W side)

District Covered.



Police 16/17

Dist 16

Nov. 24. G. H. S.

Walk with Inspector Wm Dyball of the Y. or Highgate Police Division. round the extreme west end of our Division 16. Bounded on the west by the great northern Railway. On the North by the Seven Sisters Road. On the East by Blackstock Rd. & on the South by Aubert Park. Being part of the perishes of St Thomas' Finsbury. Christchurch Highbury. & St Johns Highbury Vale.

Superintendent Vedy, head of the Y Division. (Headquarters. Holmes. Road. Kentish Town) recommended Inspector Dyball as intelligent & knowing district well though he had only been in it a year. They have no old inspectors in this Quarter "owing to many recent changes". Inspector Dyball has black moustache & beard, rather over medium height. Has been been in the service 8yrs: is now about 40. Was in Whitechapel 12 years. then in Greenwich

Blackstock road.

then in Bethnal Green.

Starting from the Junction of the Seven Sisters Road with the Blackstock Road (one of the boundaries of our Division 16). Out of the N.W. end of Blackstock Rd. is Rock Street. 3 storied. 6 to 8 roomed houses with washhouse. letting for £36 - £38 per annum. All take in lodgers. Some shady characters a the south side of the street. Prah St. Romilly Rd. Plimsoll Rd. & St Thomas' Rd all adjoining are better. Pin R in characters 2 & 3 storied. clerks. city men, some mechanics & a great many railway men of the better sort. Guards ticket Collectors etc. Houses have fair though small gardens behind. No shops in these streets. The smaller houses (2 storied) are very quickly snapped up. "before the out going tenant is well out of the door they are taken" said Dyball. There is a great demand for small houses both among working class & middle class. Ambler's Road. is the same as the above.

Demand for small Houses.

Then along the Hanover Road. a good deal poorer. Labourers 2 storied. looks purple to light blue - some broken windows but some very respectable looking. East into

into the Blackstock Road, which is a mixture of Dwelling houses & Shops. The south end of it is being widened & improved together with the crescent opposite by the street, by the County Council. The Shops are not nearly so good as those in the Seven Sisters Road. There are some passages out of it on the South side; one by the side of the Board school leads to a Cooperative Stall known as 'Park Stall' & further on to a cottage built 1889 with a cabbage garden in front. What were formerly Grosham Villas with large gardens behind are now part dwelling houses & part offices. The backs have been swallowed up by Factories & piano works, bedstead works - great many piano work in the neighbourhood - & Builders works. One of Pickfords yards is also behind these houses.

Then East into the Chatterton Rd. people to pink 2 storied. 6 rooms & washhouse. £28 to £30 a year. ~~£~~ tenant paying rates & taxes or 15/- per week

Down the Blackstock Rd. & west into Myrtle St. part of a little colony of poor streets: houses old

Another Bd. school is being built a little lower down in addition to the one already mentioned.

Many pianos works.

Myrtle St & Cts out of it db : rest lb

Poor streets off the Blackstock Road

Highbury vale.

Elwood St W. end pk
rest pur

old. A village apart. The fraged hen of wealthy Highbury. Highbury Vale Mission in it. very popular said Dy ball, poultry shows there which are largely attended. The population is a mixture of respectable & rough poor, labourers & costers. Cottages with tiny strips of garden in front separated by wooden palings. Characters purple to light blue. Canterbury Place at the very end of it looks poorer & rougher. Light to Dark blue. but all the children about booted & fairly clean. Some cottages have passages on the South side of the street where fish boxes were packed in heaps & a woodchopper at work. "No thieves or prostitutes here" said Dy ball, "people quiet only poor".

The streets south wards gradually improve as the ground rises. Elwood St. 2 storied. purple getting pink as it approaches the open grounds of the London College of Divinity on the west. Inhabited by clerks, city porters & warehousemen. Conewood St. Legard St. further south 2 & 2½ storied. Conewood St. has is old & Legard, New. (1884) ~~Conewood~~ in Conewood St. are the St. John's National Schools. all the children waiting out

outside for the school bell to ring. a class above the Board school child: all without exception well dressed and clean. Next the school is a row of old cottages. Legard road bears the date 1884. Arvenell Rd. is better again at its East end houses tenanted by 1 family. 3 storied. Runs uphill to the East. furnished apartments at West end. Gillespie Rd. 3 storied. purple to pink. houses let by the Landlord in floors & not by the tenant. Fine buildings (red brick) of Stephens Ink factory (M P for Stornsey). Club etc for workpeople. West to Highbury Hill. New 2 storied houses. pink. South along Drayton Park. pink & over the railway bridge red. at the Holloway Road end of it live a number of Jews & Gentlemen mostly in the cigar business said Dyball: Albert Park. pink. good. 3 storied, very respectable. Whistler St. at the South end of Drayton Park before crossing the G.N.R. is a row of about 100 2 storied cottages with a pavement instead of a road. houses let for 12/ to 14/ per week. purple to light blue.

General Remarks. Dyball said that the beer houses were always used by particular sets of men who

passed

Highbury Hill

Whistler St purple

Beer houses.

Offbeer-licenses.

Pawnbrokers.

passed their evenings in them: over a pot of ale sitting & smoking
generally labourers, they are their clubs & not places
where they get drunk: he said they met a real want
and spoke more highly of them than of public houses
whose object he said was to send you away as soon as
you ceased to drink. The number of off-beer licenses
is noticeable. In this district they are generally com-
-bined with wine & spirit dealing or retailing (in
bottles) or with grocers shops. Clerks wives prefer to
send their children to them rather than to the beer house
or public house, so does the better artisan: their beer
he said was no cheaper but supposed to be purer
than that brought at the public-house. He has noticed no
increase in the drinking of women.

Pawnbrokers he said have every morning a list brought to
them by the police of goods that have been stolen
& that possess some mark of identification on
them. Pawnbrokers do a fair business here, not many
of them. Monday & Tuesday the days they are
most used. On Friday or Saturday the wife receives
her housekeeping money from her husband. With it
she pays for the goods she has bought on credit
during

during the week & also the sunday dinner, further she takes the family clothes out of pawn for sunday. On monday or Tuesday the rent collector calls & the clothes are put away again to raise money for him: then the process is repeated. The chief motive is the raising of money said Dyball the safety of the clothes in the pawnbrokers shop is only a secondary consideration. (Donaldson of Hackney Wick told me last week that the Wick pawnshop took regularly 2000 bundles every monday & gave them out again every saturday. Heabo said that the sufferings of the boys in the stowing away room from flea bites was something awful. He knew one of them)

Dyball repeated what others have said of the impossibility of being a lodger if you had a family. Hence it comes that the families are the tenants of the whole house & let off as much as they can.

Tenement houses are those in which the different floors are taken directly from the land lord, lodging houses, those in which the tenant is the subletter. The ordinary small house in the district

Womens drinking

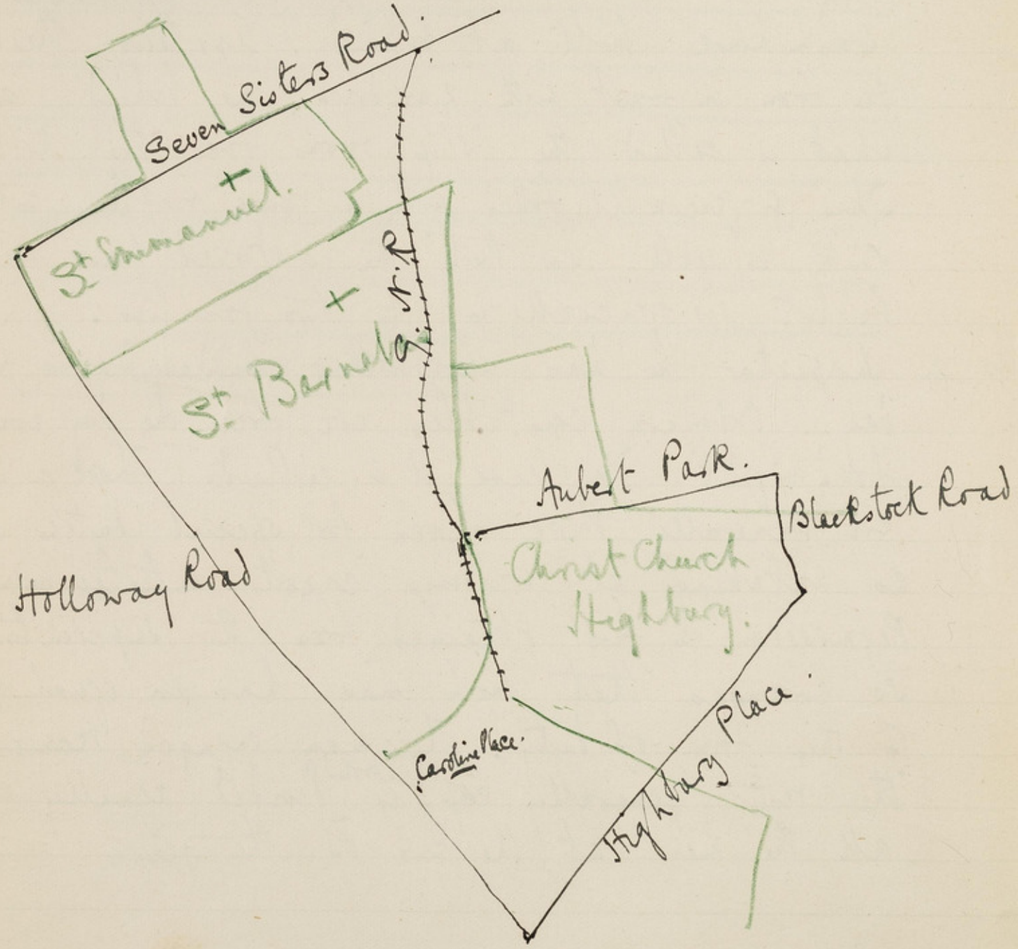
Tenement Houses & Lodgings

Typical small house in the district

District, ie the house with 2 stories has a front & a back room on the ground floor, a kitchen & a wash house built out behind. Upstairs there is the room in front with 2 windows, one behind, and what is called the 'slip' room over the kitchen. This is generally fitted with a range & often with a sink as well so that the 2 storied house may be let, (& generally is) to two families.

Leave for Inspectors & constables

As an Inspector he has every other Sunday as a free day. Ordinary constables are free one day every fortnight. 'On leave' it is called. Those on leave are generally those chosen for special duties such as watching at weddings, concerts entertainments etc Permission is first obtained from the superintendent who so arranges that each man has an equal amount of this form of duty. The man engaged receives 5/- the rest (generally 15/-) is pooled & divided equally among all the men at the end of the year.



Police 16/18

Nov. 26 & 29th. Dist 16. G.H.D

Walk with Inspector Dyball round district bounded on the North by the Seven Sisters Road on the East by the Great Northern Railway, Aubert Park, Blackstock Road & Highbury Place, & on the West by the Holloway Road. Being part of the parishes of Emmanuel, St Barnabas & Christ church.

Starting at Caroline Place which is a court of 8 2 storied cottages, no outlet except by a passage to the Holloway Road. Casters quarters - but quiet. light blue on map. Then across Horsell Road into a block of pin Rboard Streets. Withering Rd Horsell Ronalds Rd & Helgund Road - all inhab. -ited by City men - 2 stories a basement & an attic - groomed horses - all let furnished apartments rents £40 to £45. The Salvation Army citadel is in Ronalds Road. The streets run uphill to the East, across Avon Rd. 3 storied into Highbury Crescent - red to yellow. map marks

Battledean St - pk b°

New streets.

Framfield Road - pk

Highbury Terrace

Highbury Hill - yellow

Roseleigh Avenue - new.

Roseleigh Avenue & Leigh Road - red

marks Highbury Terrace yellow but the Crescent red
by ball said the inhabitants of the two were
much the same. Battledean Rd. (called
in map Brecklebank Rd). 2 storied. built 1895.
many Music Hall artistes about here. Spencer
the Balloon maker & parachutist lives in the
corner house with his brother. Framfield road
out of it 2 storied. pink. Into Highbury Terrace.
old houses with stables at the end of each back
garden now used by tradesmen for their carts & horses.
Houses built 1789. used to be going down but
descent has been arrested since LCC put Highbury
Fields in order & assured them as a well-kept
open space for ever. Bramwell Booth lives in one of
the houses. Highbury Hill in map red but looks
yellow - semi-detached houses. stables behind them toilet.
Leigh Road. (formerly Park Place South) runs
right round from Highbury Grove to Aubert Park.
a new street by name Roseleigh Avenue. has been
cut out of the garden of Highbury House
2½ storied houses faced with red & yellow brick.
The old Manor House was a school till a few months

New streets & rents.

Ancona & Lucerne Roads— pk b°

Elphinstone Road - pk

Railway men.

rents.

Martineau Rd pk

Power street - Benwell Road.

Benwell Road - S. end pk

ago but is now untenanted.
Then East along Hamilton Place pink bands red into Keighley Grove. The large blacks shewn in the map are now built over, by Ancona Rd running out of Aubert Park at right angles to Lucerne Rd. both new 2 storied with an attic & basement, 8 rooms, 9 or 10 rooms, letting for £40 to £50. Through Elphinstone Rd. 2 storied - pink into Arnell Rd, then up hill Southwards past the Church Missionary Society's College & westwards along Aubert Park. passing Elfort Rd on the north side. 2 storied, rent £28 to £30 - many railway men. On the South side Stanwood Dale Rd rather better - families of shop keepers on the main roads. 1 servant Rent 3 stories & attic, like it is Martineau Rd. rents £36 to £40
Then S.W. across the railway into Brygant wood Rd. Tall gaunt whitish brick houses, 3 storied, £40 rent, quiet 2 families to each house - Like it is Courtney Rd. Benwell Rd. at the west end grows gradually poor as it approaches Queensland Road 3½ Storied. 10 roomed houses at the South end. Xylonite Company has works here (also in Stanerton) Mr have

Queensland Road. Vicious.

Queensland Rd. d b b.

have never had any fires here said Dyball. Tenement Buildings
near the Queensland Road. The Queensland Road itself
runs East out of Benwell road - about the most
vicious place in the neighbourhood - it & the
Campbell Road. but there are some quite respectable
people in it nevertheless - the West end has houses
built in 1800 for a diff.t class of tenant; on the
north side are Common Lodging houses for women, on
the South for men. Women troop home between 1 & 2
A.M. - from the neighbouring streets & also from as
far off as King's X. St. Barnabas Mission Hall
at the S. W end carried on by a London City
Missionary who also visits the police stations
(& visits the police themselves not their prisoners)
& is known to them as the Bishop of Queensland
Road. Instead of being an open square the oval
at the East end is built over. Out of it on the
North side are Emily Place. Albert Pl & Victoria
Pl. 2 storied houses. The Great Northern Electric
light station & dust wharf block up the northern
Ends of them. Neighbourhood noted for thieves, prostitutes
rag pickers & common Labourers. Out into the Benwell
Rd.

Small Landlords.

a coster quarters.

Cats' meat men.

Rd & then last into a much wider road, 2 storied, poor but respectable - So too Ashburton Grove. £25 to £30 rents paid monthly as a rule though a few by the week -

Then West along Hornsey Road which is poor at this end. Some new 3 storied Encments (Ingram Sts & Forsyth Sts) just built & a common lodging house for men with beds at 6d per night - on the north side. On the south side is a block of dark blue streets - 'all very poor but people who work hard for their living' said Dyball - Brunswick Grove - with ill palinged fronts - many broken windows - 2 storied. let out in separate furnished rooms - light to dark blue. Then Brand St. further west with Brand Court out of it. dark blue, 2 storied, whelks & vegetable refuse lying about in street, costers the inhabitants. cats meat seller - cooked horseflesh 2½d per lb, & men make a very good living at it too for nearly every poor family is a customer for its cat even though it can hardly afford to feed itself'. Then into Stanley Place - noisy & rather rough, & roomed 2 storied houses 7/- & 8/- per week.

dark blue

Pink streets off the Holloway Rd

Brothels.

dark blue, like it is Pleasant passage. paved. The greater
part of this dark blue bit belongs to the little greengrocer
Allen who has a shop in the Hornsey Rd near the
end of Brunswick Grove, a man who looks like a
Labourer, we saw him doing a little bit of bricklaying
on his own account, "but he must be worth a pile of
money." said Dyball.
Then into a block of pink & pink banded streets.
Jacks n Rd Dunford Rd Annette Rd formerly Lorraine Rd
Spencer Rd & Sketchley lying between Holloway Rd & Hornsey
Road - rents £36 to £38 for 9 or 10 rooms 3 storied.
Lorraine is rather older than the rest, some houses
occupied by one family only, 3½ stories, rent £50.
There are about 4 suspected houses in the district,
the Vestry proceeds against one of them now &
again but they always break out again close
-where so it is not much good: then it gets into
the papers, district gets a bad name, so even
where neighbours do complain the vestry is very
slow on taking the matter up.
Liston Mews is the stable & depository for some
seven large drapery stores - Then across the

Tollington