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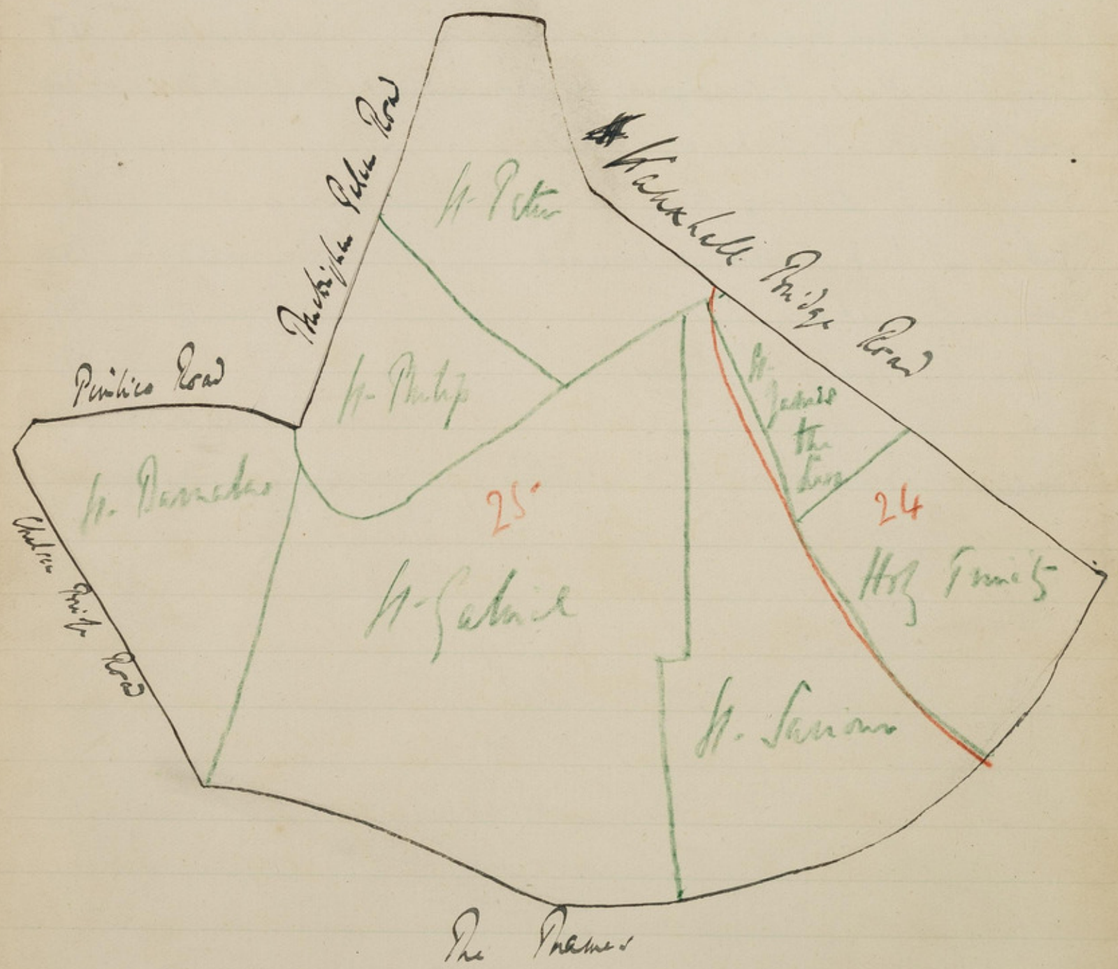

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Dist. 25 4 and 24

Feb. 16th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Walks with Sub. Divisional Inspector Hornsby and afterwards round district bounded on the north west by Pimlico Road and Pimlico Road, on the south west by Chelsea Bridge Road, on the south by the Thames, and on the north east by Vauxhall Bridge Road, being the parishes of St James the less, St Saviour, St Gabriel, St Philip, and parts of St Barnabas, St Peter, and Holy Trinity.

Starting at Victoria Station south to Wilton Road: 3 sh. shops: a large number of Italians and other restaurants and eating houses with one private Hotel: A quiet parade for prostitutes. Hornsby says that all the Restaurants are decently conducted, and that none of them have private rooms: of the Hotel he is very suspicious. Pink lined on map.

East to Vauxhall Bridge Road: the additional names given on our map to the various houses in this road have disappeared and the houses are

all numbered in Vauxhall Bridge Road: the
Northern portion is 4½ st. houses mostly let
in furnished apartments, with some Private Hotels.
Many prostitutes living here and the Hotels all
probably used as Brothels: they are similar in
character to those in Euston Road. South of
Gillingham St. is a row of 2½ st. houses
and south of this 3 st. houses let in lodgings
and Apartments, interspersed with shops: throughout
the road are a number of prostitutes. South of
Gillingham St. Vauxhall Bridge Rd. should possibly
be finished rather than p.b.

Wed. to Gillingham St. 2½ and 3½ st.
Fairly respectable on north side east of Hilton Road.
the rest of the street notorious for Brothels and
by the Hilton Road prostitutes: also some decent
furnished apartments and lodgings. Finish on map,
possibly with a line of black.

Wed. to Belgrave Road 4½ to 5½ st.
Yellow on map: but showing signs of decay: some
lodging houses between Eccleston Sq. and Warwick St.,
and many of the houses especially to the south

S. Leonards St – purple

want painting badly.

Back to Warwick St: 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 st. Tenements with a few apartments. Purple as map.

Back to Hindon St: 2 st: much shops: purple as map.

Back to Hen St. Cottages. Two rows of 2 st cottages some with small front gardens. L. R. as map.

2 rooms 2 st

South to Hindon Place: similar cottages with gardens. "A bit of a village here sometimes on Saturday" said Hornby: but no signs of squalor. L. R. as map.

South to Gray's Inn Place: similar to the two previous courts but perhaps a little poorer: quite quiet. L. R. as map.

South to St Leonard's St: 2 and 2 1/2 st.: decent working class: poorer side of Hindon St. Purple to purple.

South to St Leonard's Place: four 2 st cottages. L. R. as map.

South to Warwick St: 3 st. shops to Polperro Road: also had as market street on

Saturdays and few stalls on week days. West of Pelham Road on S and to st. houses ch lit as lodgings, mostly respectable though in this as in every street about here except the yellow on prostitutes, and I shall only note their presence when they form a large proportion of the population.

South to Charlton St. S and to st. shops. Red as map

North to Charlton Place: 3½ st. Tenements: pink to purple: pink on map.

South to Charlwood Place. 3½ st. Apartments and tenements: pink as map.

East to Tedbrook St.: 3 and 3½ st. Shops north of warrick St.: tenements with a few furnished apartments south: a good many prostitutes. Pink as map.

East to Gillington St.: 3½ st.: all tenements: crossed yellow: purple as map.

East to Upper Garden St.: 2 st. cottages and Work of Philanthropy, Temperance Hotel.: quite working class people: many police in Hotel. Pink

Garden St – pk

and L.D. as map.

South to Moreton St: 3½ st. shops. Pink-band as map.

South to Garden St: late rebuilt with 2 st. model cottages much like those in Ranelagh St. bisson fever: they front right on to Dorset St. Pink rather than L.D.

South to Dorset St: 2 and 3 st. shops and cottages. Purple to pink: purple on map.

South to Dorset Place and Russell Place: 2 st. cottages: quite quiet: L.D. as map.

South to Rosebrough St: 4½ st.: very mixed: some respectable, but a number of kept women and prostitutes: one house certainly used as a brothel. Red to pink: red on map.

South to Rosebrough Gardens: as Rosebrough St. but more disreputable. Notorious brothel at corner of Vauxhall Bridge Road, but not sufficient evidence to convict it. Hornby called here one day and a woman came down to see him in her chemise. Red to pink: red on map.

Trinity Mews - purple

Pulford Street - lb b.

S. George's Square Mews - purp.

West to Bessborough Place 3½ st. except at right side where row of stores, one st. higher. The lot is tenanted: pink on map.

East to Trinity Mews: L.D. rather than pink of map.

West to Pulford St. and Pulford Place 3½ st.: no great viper of poverty but stores give the street a very bad name especially at the north end: constant rows and trouble to the police. Many gas lamps here: a very rough lot. L.D. wind into decks rather than L.D. of map.

West to Ryder Yard St.: 3½ st.: in appearance much as Pulford St.: rough but not so rough: purple to L.D.: purple on map. In these roads are some prostitutes but of a lower type than in the rest of Pimlico.

West to St. George's Sq. Mews: Pink to purple: pink on map.

West to St. George's Sq.: 4½ and 5½ st. Yellow on map.

West to Chichester St.: 3½ st.: some

Lupus St. – pk bd.

Rutland Terrace – purple

private, some lodging houses. P. D. as map.

North to Worcester St. Cornwall St. and Colchester St.: all 3½ st.: tenements. Pink as map.

West to Clarence St.: 4½ st.: some private some lodging houses: beginning to look very shabby. P. D. rather than red of map.

North to Dupont St.: side of Glasgow Terrace 4 st. and 4½ st. Shops and dwelling houses, some private, some boarding and apartments. P. D. rather than red. West of Glasgow Terrace are 3½ st. houses let in tenements: pink as map.;

South to Randolph Road: 3½ st. tenements: very mixed: purple as map.

West to Johnson's Place: 3½ st.: a little more uniform poor than Randolph Road. purple to L. D.: purple as on map.

West to Rutland St.: 3½ st. ~~as~~ much as Randolph Road: purple as map

West to Rutland Terrace: 3½ st. double fronted: let in tenements: purple rather than pink.

North to Hanover St.: 3½ st.: tenements: purple as map.

Caledonia Place - lb

Grosvenor Road - pk bⁿ

Peabody Buildings - purple

West to Caledonia Place ; only five 2½ st. houses : dirty and going : L. P. rather than pink.

West to Glasgow Terrace called Caledonia to st. south end : 2½ st. : mixed or poorer streets : purple to L. P. : purple on map.

South to Grosvenor Road : only scattered houses : colored right except at south end of Clarendon St. where the houses appear to be in tenements : P. P. rather than red.

North to Effingham St. : 2½ st. tenements; family w.-to. do : pink as map.

West to Westmoreland St. : 2½ st. : all tenements rather mixed : purple to pink : pink on map.

West to Peabody Buildings : a very large block of middle class lodgers : open and well planned : a number of policemen here. Pink to purple : pink on map.

West to Westmoreland Place : 2½ st. : tenements : mixed : pink to purple : pink on map.

Sutherland St. - pk

Cumberland St. - pk

Winchester Street - pk

East to Sutherland St. : 3½ st. : now all let in tenements : full of prostitutes : quite to purple : P. P. on map.

East to Cumberland St. : 3½ st. : tenements : full of prostitutes and some brothels : one vacated lately. Quite to purple. P. P. on map.

East to Winchester St. : 3½ st. and little ne tenements : full of prostitutes. P. P. on map. quite to purple.

East to Aldersey St. : 3½ st. mainly tenements but some apartments : full of prostitutes : Quite in character. P. P. P. on map.

East to Cambridge St. : 3½ better than the previous streets : great many more furnished apartments and some private houses : prostitutes at north end. Pretty full P. P. on map.

East to St. George's Road : 4½ and 5½ st. : still able private residents but looking rather shabby genteel : yellow on map.

North to Hugh St. : 3½ st. : apartments and some tenements : prostitutes best of St.

Stanley Place - pk

Gloucester Street - pk b²

George's Road: P. D. to point: point on map.

South to Stanley Place: tenants and some apartments: decent people as a rule. Point rather than P. D.

South to Sutherland Terrace (late St George's Row): 4 st. shops. Point to red

South to Sutherland Place: 2 to 4½ st: tenements: prostitutes: point to purple. P. D. on map.

South to Sussex St: 2½ st: very mixed: some shops: some furnished apartments: a few private houses: some prostitutes: possibly title P. D. as map.

South to Gloucester St: 2½ to 4½ st. Private houses mixed with lodging houses. Red to P. D. as map.

South to Charlwood St: 2½ to 4½ st. Furnished apartments and few private houses. Shops and tenements east of Belgrave Road. Point to P. D. as map.

South to Moreton Terrace and Moreton Place

Warwick Place Mews- purple

both 2½ st.: tenements: family respectable: pink to purple: pink on map.

North to Denbigh St: 2½ st.: some good private residents: many furnished apartments: notorious street for high-class prostitutes and kept women: north of Pulteney Road shops and tenements: then pink as map: south probably red as map.

West to Denbigh Place: 2½ st. Furnished apartments and shops. P. P. as map.

North to Warwick Sq: 5½ st.: yellow as map.

North to Clarendon St: 2½ st.: tenements and apartments: pink as map.

North to Warwick Place West: tenements: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Warwick Place Mews: cabs: light blue: note marked on map.

North to Eccleston Mews: pink as map.

North to Eccleston Sq: 5½ st.: yellow as map.

Buckingham Palace Road - yellow

Bloomfield Terrace - red

Church Street - pk

North to Scott's Mews : pink as map.

North to Buckingham Palace Road : shops and some private houses. Red to P. B. Red on map.

West to Pimlico Road : 4 st. shops. Red as map. The P. B. piece S. of St Barnabas Church is done with exception of Public House at corner.

South to Bloomfield Place : 4 1/2 st. : lodging houses and some tenants. P. B. to pink. P. B. on map.

East to Bloomfield Terrace : 2 1/2 st. South ~~part~~ semi-detached : rather better than Bloomfield Place. P. B. as map.

North to Church St. : 3 1/2 st. : tenements : pink rather than P. B.

South to Randolph Row : 2 st. and 3 1/2 st. Tenements : pink as map.

South to West St. : 2 st. cottages : purple to pink : pink on map.

East to Commercial Road : 3 st. : tenements : pink to purple : pink on map.

Commercial Place - lb

Chelsea Gardens. pk bk

West to Commercial Place: not marked on map: price 3 st. houses: dirty: broken windows: quiet. Dark to light blue.

South to Robert St: 2 st: labourers cottages: rough and reckoned to be troublesome. light to dark blue. L.D. on map.

South out of Robert St is Robert Place only two houses: as Robert St.

South to Gatliff Buildings built 5 Date of Westbrook 1867: open not high: healthy: quite to purple: blank on map.

South to Wellington Buildings: large block of houses: gloomy: light that out in front: quite as map.

South to Chelsea Gardens: really built as part of Wellington Buildings but owing to their price position appropriated by a wealthier class. Many prostitutes and kept women in them. Some tenants. L.D. rather than Red of map.

General Remarks:-

The salient feature of this district is clearly the extraordinary number of prostitutes who live in it: as I have said they are found throughout the district except in the Pimlico Road corner west of the canal, but the area which faces Warwick with them is that bounded by St. George's Road, the Railway, Westmoreland St. and Chapter St.: Hornsby says that in this group of streets more than 1/3rd of the houses are inhabited mainly by prostitutes. Most of them he thinks merely live here; ply their trade in the West end and do not bring men home; using rather the various houses in Soho: many houses are however used for immoral purposes: how many it is difficult to say: it is ~~not~~ not a district in which the neighbours complain of the traffic. Many of the houses in which the women live are tenanted by foreign waiters who let the rooms.

Of striking poverty there is none in the district: there is a poor patch running parallel with Vauxhall Bridge Road to the West, but with no signs of squalor. Again south of Chapter St.

there is a good deal of sporadic poverty, and in the Pulford St corner much roughness accompanying it: the tendency in the poor streets, as indeed in the other streets south of Lupus St is distinctly downwards. The area however in which the change is most marked from the point of view of the map is the great prostitute patch east of St George's Road: it is partly I suppose their evil reputation which has pulled them down: but whatever be the cause these streets and especially those running north and south are quite the exception of part of Lambeth ~~St~~ now remarkable those houses not ~~given over to~~ which are prostitutes being given over to the working class respectable for the most part, but on the upper floors, and sometimes even on the lower evident signs of real poverty: it is a question indeed whether some of these streets have not already sunk to purple, and unless something is done to arrest the decay they will soon be blue. At their best these streets can never have been other than depressing: the houses are high for the width of

the street, they stand at an angle which makes prominent the entrance of the bar on either side, they are built with the smallest possible space at the back: but whatever may have been their aspect in the past now even on a bright sunny day they are unspeakably depressing: nowhere else in London have I received such an impression of ~~stark~~ shabbiness: though they have not yet reached quite such a low ~~level~~ level of poverty their structure reminds me to some extent of the groups of streets in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Paddington, Woodchester St. Lincoln's Inn etc: like them they are built for the middle class and are quite unfitted for their present use. The result of the social decay is that ~~on~~ outwardly at all events the houses are getting grimy, filthy, and dilapidated: they look as if they had not been painted for years, the plaster is peeling and cracking, the stone balconies and pillars of the doorways are showing signs of collapse: it may be partly the effect of imagination from a knowledge of their evil character, but to me certainly these streets appear particularly sordid

and degraded, and the memory of them is something of a nightmare.

The shabbiness which marks these streets extends in a lesser degree over a large part of Pimlico south of Buckingham Palace Road: but while here it is sordid in other streets it is ~~more than to~~ often shabby genteel, and of this I should say there is a great deal in such streets as Chapter St, Clarendon St, Gloucester St, Bessborough St, Sussex St, and Warwick St: even in the yellow streets, St George's Road, ~~and~~ Belgrave Road, and St George's Sq, the shabbiness creeps, not universally but sporadically: here one the inclination to do them to take little pride in their houses, and it is only in Rochester and Warwick Sqs, and at the north end of Belgrave Road that the signs of real wealth are prominent.

This impression of the district has been derived almost wholly from the exterior of the houses; my glimpses of the inhabitants have been of the poorest: as usual in a district which is at least outward respectable the streets have been

almost empty ~~in the~~ both mornings and afternoon, and a few at the window has been rare: three or four unmistakable prostitutes we have met, one whom Hornby had lately raided in Cumberland St for keeping a brothel: she gave us a smile of recognition as much as to say "I'm at it still" as no doubt she is, and very probably, as Hornby admitted, in the same street.

Of some of the poorer children I caught a glimpse as they were coming out of St Saviour's School in Glasgow Terrace: they were well clad and shod, and looked well fed.

One type of house prevails in the main throughout the district: from three to five storey brick and stucco with a small area: over the area a pillared porch leading to the front door: the building I suppose is about 60 years old: at all events it belongs to a period of the most degraded architecture and is more hideous, because slightly more pretentious, than the plain brick walk with holes in it of a slightly earlier period. The ~~the~~ building was I think fairly good to start

with but the signs of age are apparent, and the houses will I should think only drag on to the end of their lives in a state of decay.

The most cheerful places in the district are the Models: Wellington Buildings perhaps are rather gloomy but Sutcliff Buildings and the large block of Peabody Buildings are particularly bright and cheerful.

The number of licensed Houses is not large; ~~and~~ they are thickest between Belgrave Road and Vauxhall Bridge Road. They are well conducted, the only two where there is any trouble being those which guard the northern and southern ends of Pulford St. and here the rowdiness is due to the customers: the keepers do all they can to control it. Of Public Houses keepers I saw very few, and those mostly by the Houses in and just off Grosvenor Road.

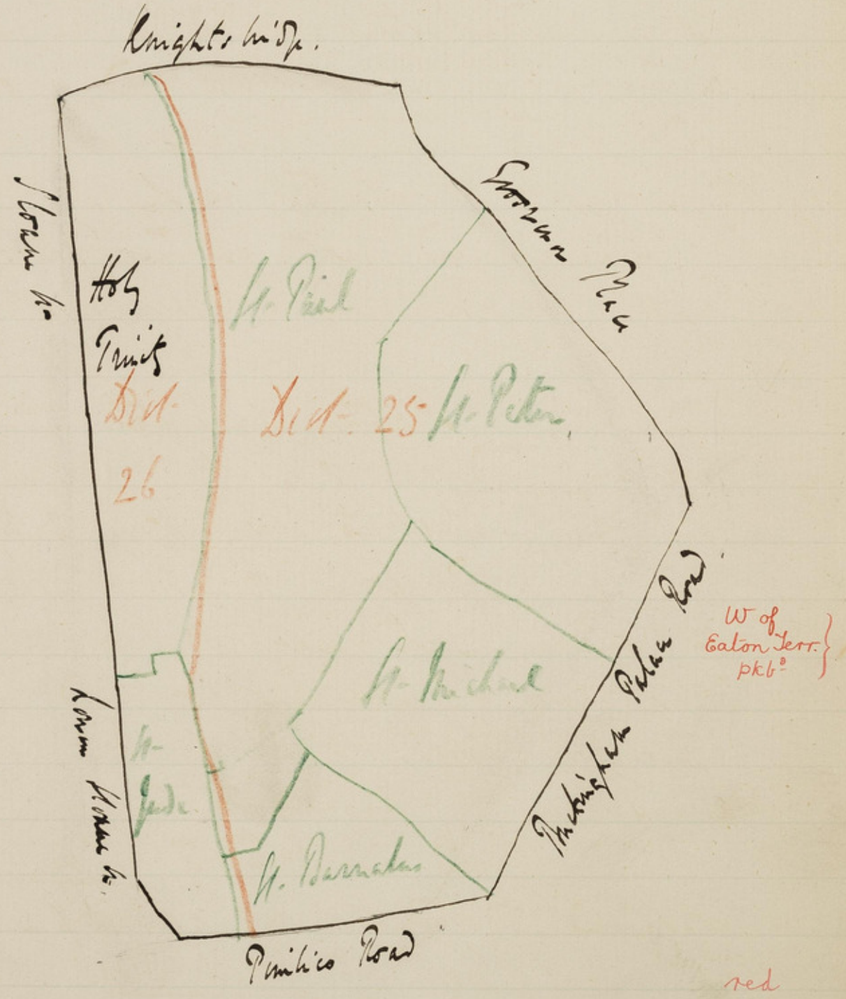
Of open spaces beyond the Squares - which are private and with keys - there is only one, a narrow strip of land adjoining on the river at the south of St George's Sq., lately laid out

by the L.C.C. and called St. George's Gardens.

The work of the vestry seems to be well done; the streets even in the poorest parts were admirably clean: the only street I think when I saw any garbage in the roadway was Robert St off Commercial Road: here it is due to the position of courts

Inspector Hornby is an excellent fellow and in spite of some lack of intimate knowledge, the best police guide I have had so far, as he is I think the only one who has told the whole truth, as far as he knows it. He has only been in the division for two years and confessed that he was glad of the opportunity of going round it with me: some of the courts we went into he had never been in.

District covered



Western 25 + 26 16 Dist. 25 and 26

Feb. 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Walks with Rev. Dir. Insp. Hornsby and alone round district bounded on the north by Knightsbridge, on the east by Grosvenor Place and Buckingham Palace Road, on the south by Pimlico Road, and on the west by Sloane St. being the parishes of St Paul and St Michael and parts of the parishes of Holy Trinity, St Jude, and St Barnabas.

Starting at Victoria Station north to Grosvenor Gardens: 5½ st: yellow on map.

West to Chesz St: 3 to 4½ st: mostly all good dwelling houses interspersed with shops: at extreme south west end are a few poorer houses, west of Little Chesz St, and the whole street deteriorates towards the west. Red on map south side of Eaton Terrace: perhaps pink to west.

North and south to Belgrave St: 4 st: shops and appurtenants: red on map.

North to Hobart Place: 5½ st. private houses: yellow on map: and some shops by St ~~Pet~~ Peter's church: red.

South to Eaton Row: a mews: pink as map

North to Milton St: 4½ and 5½ st: yellow as map.

South to Dorset Mews: pink as map

North to Milton Mews: pink as map.

East to Little Chester St: I st shops of poor class with Pen Houses and Public Houses. Pink as map.

East to Chester Mews: pink as map. This is a great corner for gambling, one of the Pen Houses has been barged lately by bookmakers.

West to Upper Belgrave St: yellow as map.

North to Chester St: 4½ and 5½ st.: yellow as map.

North to Chapel Yard and Chapel Mews: small shops and mews: pink as map.

North to Chapel St: on south 4½ st houses: yellow as map: north shops, offices and private houses: red as map.

North to Belgrave Mews and Pembroke Mews: pink as map.

North to Halton St. S. side: lodging and butchers premises; red on map.

North to Grosvenor Crescent: 5½ st.: yellow on map.

South to Penshurst Mews North: pink on map: does not go into Halton St.

North to St George's Place Knightsbridge: 5½ st.: yellow on map and left of the Alexandra Hotel good shops: red on map.

South to Old Barrack Yard: not inhabited: here a number of sandwichmen resting from their labours, and a bootmaker plying his trade with a ~~a~~ number of lads round him.

East to Grosvenor Crescent Mews: pink on map.

South to Percy Cottages and Phillips Terrace in a passage connecting Grosvenor Mews and Crescent Mews: 2 st. and 3 st. Pink on map.

South to Crescent Mews: pink on map

West to Hilton Place: 4½ st.: yellow on map. At No. 5 lives "The Diamond

Queen", a notorious Piccadilly prostitute

South to Milton Crescent: 5½ d.: yellow as map.

South to Belgrave Mews North: pink as map.

South to Belgrave Sq: 5½ d.: yellow as map.

South to Belgrave Place: 5½ d.: yellow as map.

East to Belgrave Mews South: pink as map.

South to Eaton Place: 5½ d.: yellow as map.

South to Eccleston Mews: pink as map.

South to Eaton Sq: 5½ d.: yellow as map.

South to Eaton Mews South: pink as map.

South to Chester Sq: 4½ d.: yellow as map.

South to Chester Pl. Mews and Sq Mews: pink as map.

South to Eccleston St: 4½ and 4 d.: lodging houses and shops mixed: new shops with flats over on left: red as map.

West to Eccleston St. East. Dollar's dying bath: pink as map.

West to Eccleston Place: south side down: in rear back of good houses in Buckingham Palace Road which should be yellow: the remaining

portion of Leicester Place is 3 st. houses: marked purple to pink: purple on map.

West to Wigmore St.: 2 to 3 st.: shops: better north than south of Oxg St.: red and P. P. on map.

East to Royal Oak Place: stables and small houses: pink on map.

North to Argyll St.: yellow on map

East to Sutton Mews North, Argyll Mews, Lowndes Mews and Roberts Mews: all pink on map.

North to Chesham Place: 5½ st.: yellow.

North to Belgrave Mews and Chesham Mews: pink on map.

West to Lowndes St.: 4½ and 5½ st.: yellow on map.

East to Halkin St. West: shops ~~on north~~ and private houses: red to yellow: map is red on north yellow on south.

North to Motcomb St.: 4 st. shops and some private houses: red on map.

North to Kinnerton St.: stables on East: small 2½ and 3 st. houses and some shops on

Anns Place - purple

Kinnerton Place - purple

Kinnerton Place North - purple

College Place - purple

West: all good working class: paint as map.
Kinnerton St: is a great street for letting: the Public House at the corner of Holecombe St is largely used: it is also the main barber's shop on the west side.

From Kinnerton St on the west side run Kinnerton Yard: 4 mews: paint to purple: paint on map:

Carpenter's Yard: 4 houses: paint as map.

Ann's Place: there 2 st cottages on south: main 4 st building on north. Paint to purple: paint on map.

Frederick Mews: paint as map.

Kinnerton Place: there 2½ st houses: purple to paint: paint on map: ~~and~~

Kinnerton Place North: ~~the~~ 2 st cottages: no front: paint to purple: paint on map: and

College Place: two houses only: paint to ~~purple~~: paint on map.

West to Williams Mews: paint as map.

North to William St: 4½ st: yellow as map.

West to Seville St: 4½ st: yellow as map.

West Eaton Place Mews - pk

West to Sloane St: good shops: red on map.
East to Hamilt St: two shops only: red on map.
East to Lowndes Sq: 5½ st. yellow on map.
South to Hamilt Mews and Cottage Place: both mews: pink on map.
South to Cadogan Place: 4½ to 5½: yellow on map.
East to Pont St: 4 st. shops. Red on map.
South to Little Cadogan Place: 6 mews: pink on map.
East to Cadogan Cottages from the centre of Little Cadogan Place: pink on map.
East to Chelsea St: yellow on map: except a few shops in the corner house: red on map.
East to Lyall Mews East: pink on map.
South to Eaton Place and West Eaton Place: 5½ st: yellow on map.
North to West Eaton Place Mews: not coloured on map: pink to purple.
South to Eaton Terrace: 4½ to 5½ st: a few private houses on N.S. yellow on map: the rest mostly lodging houses: red on map.
East to Eaton Terrace Mews: pink on map.
West to Grosvenor Cottages: from 2½ st. houses: pink on map.

Sloane Terrace Mansions - yellow

Wilbraham Place - yellow

Lower Sloane St - yellow & red

Sloane Gardens - yellow

South to Cliveden Place (late Sloane Terrace and Westbourne Place): 4 1/2 do: many lodging: red as map

West to Sloane Sq: shops: new building on r.h. side, much better class than old shops. Red as map.

North to Sloane Terrace: on south side first north of church row of 3 1/2 do. lodging houses: red to P.D.: beyond this to east new block of flats Sloane Terrace Mansions: red to yellow.

The block between Sloane Terrace and Ellis St is remodelled: Charles St East St and D'Oyley St are ~~gone~~ gone: a new street Wilbraham Place is run through from Sloane St to D'Oyley St: here backing on to Ellis St are flats which will be built also backing on to Sloane Terrace. On the north of Ellis St a few houses are left: paint as map.

South to Lower Sloane St and Sloane Gardens: new Willett buildings 4 1/2 do. houses on the space left uncoloured on the map. The only bit

Holbein House - pk

Holbein Mews - pk

of the New Chelsea in this sub-division. Parcel is yellow. The houses in Sloane St extend to Turk's Row then in Sloane Gardens to the old Chelsea Market: now Holbein Mews. South of this is on the east side a row of old 4 st. shops: pub. ls map. Opposite on the lit market grounds are new flats: unfinished.

East to Pimlico Road. The space between Lower Sloane St and Holbein Place is occupied by Holbein House a lofty block of middle class flats with shops below: should be red. East of Holbein Place and running some way up Union St is Lumley Buildings a good lot of models: pink on map. East of Union St are shops: red on map.

North to Holbein Place. North of Holbein Mews the west side is the backs of Sloane Gardens: the east side is all down south of Whitelaw St. North of which are a few new shops: red to p.b.

East to Westbourne St: 2½ st: small shops and dwelling houses: good working class: pink to p.b.: pink on map.

From the north west end of ~~Whitelaw St~~

Harts Buildings - lb

Chester Cottages - purple

Skinner Street - purple

Whitaker St - purple

Belgrave Cottages - lb

Grosvenor Cottages - lb

West side to run Hart's Buildings: four 2 st. cottages and stables: rather dirty and squalid: light blue rather than pink on map:

Chester Cottages: six 2 st. cottages: purple to pink: pink on map: and

Skinner St.: 2 st.: similar to Chester Cottages: pink to purple: pink on map.

Opposite Hart's Bldgs. on the left side is Salem Cottages: eight 2 st. cottages with small front gardens: light blue on map. There are no inhabitants on north side.

West to Whitaker St.: 2½ st.: pink to purple: pink on map.

North to Belgrave Cottages: 2 st.: small gardens: poor. light blue rather than pink.

South to Grosvenor Cottages: 2 st.: similar to Belgrave Cottages: lb. to purple: purple on map.

South to Paradise St.: 2 st. pink on map.

South to Graham St.: the piece called Gregory St. on the map is now part of Graham St.: it is 2 st. cottages and is state

Bun House Place - purple

poor ; purple on map. Between Passmore St. and Westbourne St. Pecham St. is good working class, pink on map : and left of Westbourne St. 2 1/2 st. houses of better class, some with single families ; p.b. on map.

South to Union St. ; 2 st. ; purple to l.b. ; purple on map.

Left to Bun House Place ; three cottages off Union St. ; purple to pink. l.b. on map.

North to Caroline St. ; 2 1/2 st. to 3 1/2 st. ; working houses and good working class ; some tenants ; pink to p.b. ; pink on map.

South to Chester Terrace (late Newland St.). Private houses, lodgings and shops ; p.b. on map.

South to Ebury St. at the corner of Chick and Pimlico Road on Cobbhill Dwellings ; good block ; should be pink, not pink and red as on map.

Left to Clifford Row ; two houses only ; purple to l.b. ; l.b. on map.

From Clifford Row runs east Elizabeth Place terrace 2 st. cottages ; purple to l.b. ; l.b. on map

Little Ebury Street - purple

Ebury Gardens - db

Semley Place - purple

South to Avery Farm Row : 3 st. to 3 1/2 st. : small shops : pink as map.

East to Ebury St. : 3 st. pink as map.

North to Little Ebury St. : 2st. and 3 st. purple to pink : l.b. on map. Houses said rather rough.

West to Ebury Gardens : 3 cottages into gardens : drift wall separated : l. to dark line : l.b. on map.

East to Warwick's Court : 2 st. Purple to l.b. : l.b. on map.

East to Semley Place : 3 st on west side : l.b. to purple : l.b. as map.

West to Susannah Place : three 2 st. cottages l.b. as map.

On east side of Semley Pl. and Ebury St. are Ebury Buildings : two good wing blocks : pink as map.

East to Elizabeth St. from which run on west side Eliza Place : 2 st cottages : l.b. as map :

Spring Gardens Place - 8b.

There are no cats or tradesmen but there are big Post houses, such as Westbrook and the Loyal Company.

Spring Gardens Place: six 2d. houses with gardens: dirty and squalid: not coloured in map: light to dark blue: and

Elizabeth Mews: five houses: 2d. rather squalid, one house especially: l.b. on map. In this court is a house with a wonderful old door; thick, studded, painted green.

General Remarks:-

Now then half the area covered by these weeks is, with the possible exception of Mayfair, the yellowest district in London: so far it remains absolutely unaltered: & nowhere is there any rebuilding or alteration: the huge, hideous palatial mansions remain as they were, and are inhabited by the same wealthy class as of old: an indication of the character of the district and of the permanence of ~~wealth~~ its wealth is given in the fact that here, almost alone in London, the mews are still all private and remain quiet.

Outside the yellow area there exists a good deal of poverty, and a still larger element of

lower middle and good working class: this also centres in the area bounded by Ulrich Place, Elizabeth to Hobart Place and Pimlico and Buckingham Palace Roads. Here there remain a good many old streets and courts, some of them wonderfully grassy in their formation, inhabited by a population of whom a few are obviously very poor: signs of squalor or destitution are however almost totally absent. Here too are the three large blocks of models, Cluny, Coleshill and Lumley Buildings, all favourable specimens of their class. In this district great changes are imminent and, apart from the Buildings which I suppose will remain, it will probably cease to be working class: all changes here lead to an upward move: the district is too central to be given over to the poor: Lowndes Gardens is built on the site of similar courts: the brick and red patch between Lowndes Sq. and Elm St. is in process of becoming yellow: already the whole of the small houses on the east of Hobart Place are down and very shortly the whole

given up to Woolloomooloo & with great way to Flats! the coasts to the south of Cooks River are also doomed to early destruction. From here then again a considerable working class colony will soon be evicted, and will be able to find no resting ground in the neighbourhood: and one is inclined to sympathise with a loafer who, as Howard and I entered Paddy's Cottages audibly expressed the opinion that "It is a blood shame to pull down the houses of the poor".

The only other district where there is the smallest semblance of forest is in the stretch of harbour coast off that curious little place ~~Kingsgate~~ Kinnetan at between Milson Point and Longueville: but as a whole I think Howard is correct in his opinion that throughout the whole of his subdivision the amount of real forest is very small.

On the question of crime Howard says that there ~~is~~ are no thieves on his ground: such crime as there is is mainly due to blackguards in the southern part of Paddington.

Prostitution we have seen is very rife, as

too is letting, — a constantly growing trouble: it is universal among the servants, coachmen etc of Palpania: lodgings are constantly found, but a fine does no good.

It is to drink. Hardly confirmed the general opinion that there is less of it: certainly less drunkenness. The public houses known in Palpania, though not round, are largely used for letting

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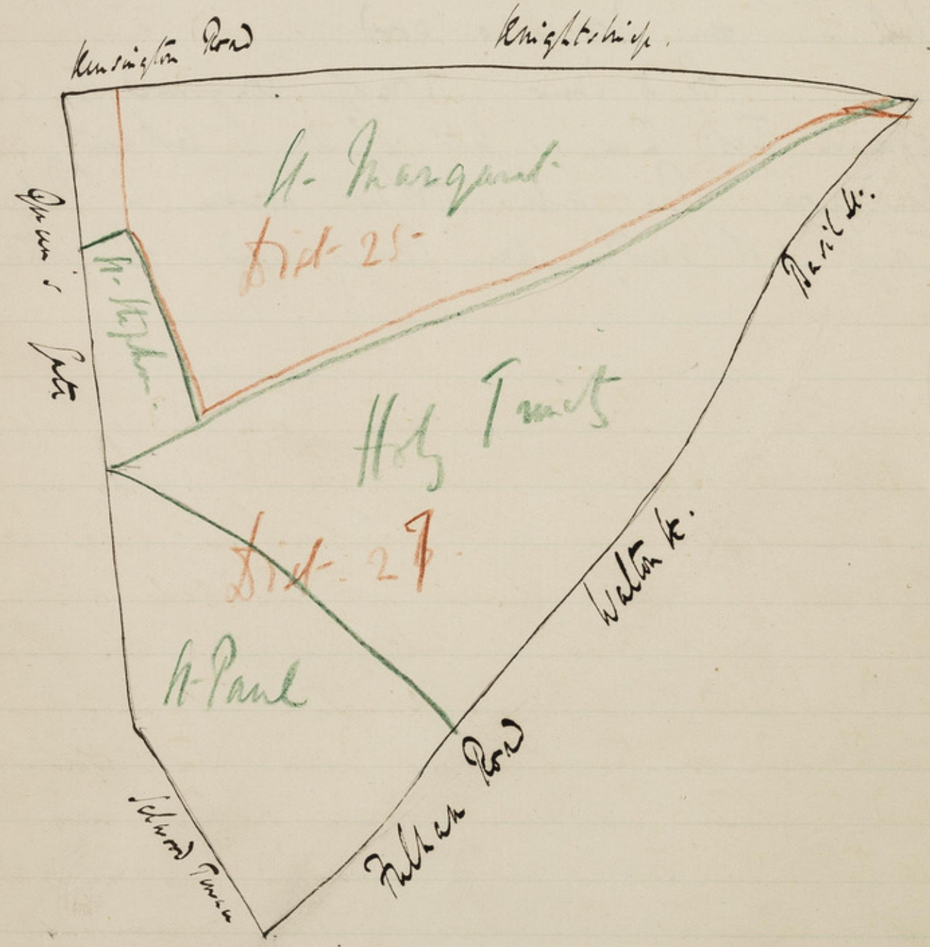


West End 25/27 12

Feb. 27th and 28th. 1855. Dist 25 and 27

Walked with Inspector Andrews round District bounded by Kensington Road and Knightsbridge on the north, by Basil St, Walton St and Fulham Road on the south east and by Selwood Terrace, Onslow Gardens and Queen's Gate on the west being ~~part~~ the parish of Holy Trinity, and St Paul and part of the parishes of St Margaret Westminster and St Stephen

Starting at the north end of Sloane St south to Basil St (late North St): now in process of transformation: a few old dilapidated shops are left at the N.E. corner with the east side of Hooper's Court behind: but these with all shortly to be demolished: with this exception the whole of the north side of the street is down with Hooper's Court and the other L.L. courts shown on the map: the south side too is all demolished and the rebuilding has begun with two blocks of flats one Peant Mansions similar high class flats will be built ~~on~~ along the whole street and will I imagine be yellow in

New St - pk

Hans Road - yellow

character. West of Sloane St on the north side is Harrod's with at this point flats over the shops: on the south side again are flats, Hans Mansions. Yellow

North to Sloane St which now only extends as far as Basil St the continuation being Hans Crescent which includes ~~Lowndes~~ Lowndes St. The west side of Sloane St is Harrod's which has taken in the Dark Blue coach and Queen's Gardens. On the east side of Sloane St are 4½ st shops of poor character: paint rather than p.b. No doubt they will soon be demolished.

North to Brompton Road: good class shops throughout: red as map

South to Hans Road: now rebuilt with the exception of two shops at north end: now a bit of Modern Chelsea: 5½ st red brick, ornamental porches etc. Yellow rather than p.b.

West to Lloyd's Place: 2 st. cottages: very quiet and decent: paint as map.

West to Beaufort Gardens: 5½ st. yellow as map.

Yeomans Row: studios - red

West to Beauchamp Place: old fashioned 3½ st. brick: rather like a shabby Bayswater St.: furnished apartments and a number of what Andrews called "respectable working shops": i.e. prostitutes from Piccadilly living there and working near home.

South to Walton St.: East of Ovington Sq. it is 2½ to 3½ st.: yellow on map. West of Ovington Sq. the character changes completely always getting poorer as it goes west. It is from 2 st. to 3½: many lunatic lets some lodging houses and shops. Pink or P.D. P.D. on map

North to Ovington Sq. and Ovington Gardens 4½ st.: both yellow on maps: there should be colour on the East as well as west side of Ovington Gardens.

West to Yeoman's Row: on west side now stables at north studios at south: on East 3½ st. old houses: ~~rather~~ rather mixed: purple & pink: purple on map.

West to Egerton Terrace: pink on map

Egerton Terrace - yellow

Crescent Place - pk

West to Egerton Terrace late Michael's Grove which really includes Egerton Place: at the north end are flats and 5½ st. new red brick houses: should be yellow: at the south end are still left the two terraces of 2½ to 3½ st. houses with gardens in front: red to yellow: red on map. I am inclined to think that the new yellow in this district has had a tendency to revive some of the old red.

West to Egerton Gardens: 5½ st. red brick. yellow as map.

South to Egerton Crescent late Brompton Crescent: 3½ st. yellow as map.

South to Crescent Place: 2½ st. cottages, some double fronted: on north side some 3½ not coloured. Decent working class: pink to purple: purple on map.

North to Fulham Road: at this point called on the map Onslow Place and Onslow Terrace: shops throughout of rather poor character: from P.B. to red: red on map.

North to South St.: ~~some~~ 4½ st.:

Thurloe Mews - purple

Pelham St - pk bd

some private, but numbers of lodging houses. Red on map.

North to Alfred Place and Alexandra do: similar to South do: and on map.

North to North Terrace: 3½ do: rather inferior to the previous three but not much. Furnished apartments. Red on map.

South to Thurloe Mews: behind Alfred Place, perhaps purple rather than pink.

North to Thurloe Place which now includes what is called Old Brompton Road on the map: at the east end Old Brompton Villas, at the west main shops. Red throughout on map.

West to Exhibition Road: good class shops. Red on map.

South to Alfred Place West: 4½ and 3½ do: some private houses mixed with shops and lodging houses: Red on map.

South to Pelham St: opposite the railway station are 2½ to 3½ do houses: some new, some old: looking rather shabby: red on map. East of Pelham Place on the south side

Pelham Crescent - red

Sydney Place & Onslow Square - yellow.

are only stables and the red comes off: on the north side are small semi-det. villas and a terrace of 12 or 14 houses: the majority of them are inhabited by foreign prostitutes: a colony who came here when they were turned out of Old Compton St.: they are very quiet and there are no complaints from neighbours. Behind Pelham St. are a few middle class villas & cottages and studios, with a large tennis ground.

South to Pelham Place: 3½ st.: mainly all lodging houses: red on map

South to Pelham Crescent: 3½ st.: mainly private houses, like some apartments. Yellow to red: ~~and~~ yellow on map.

West to Sydney Place and Onslow Sq: 4½ to 5½ st.: should all be yellow instead of only parts on map.

Sydney Mews (late Cranly Mews) is now practically uninhabited and the pink comes off.

West to Summer ~~Pla~~ Terrace: 4½ st.: mainly private but some apartments: yellow to red: yellow on map.

Glendower Place – red

Harrington Road – red

West to Fowlis Terrace: as Summer Terrace: yellow to red: yellow on map.

West to Neville St.: 3½ to 4½ st.: more aristocratic than surrounding streets: red as map.

West to Selwood Terrace: 3½ to 4½ st.: all private residents: red to yellow: red on map.

North to Onslow Gardens: 5½ st.: yellow as map

North to Onslow Mews: paint as map.

North to Cranley Place and Summer Place: 3½ st. to 4½ st.: yellow as map

Between Cranley and Summer Places in Old Brompton Road ~~is~~ is new block of flats Sussex Mansions: red to yellow. The rest of Old Brompton Road is good class shops: red as map.

North to Glendower Place: 5½ st.: now flats, Hotels, Nursing. Red rather than yellow

West to Bute St. 2 st. to 3½ st.: fair shops and lodging houses. P.D. as map.

North to Harrington Road: 5½ st. Now almost entirely Hotels, shops, business and flats: Red rather than yellow.

Prince Consort Road — yellow

South to Rosa and Kendrick Mews: both pink as map.

West to Pearson Place: 5½ st. yellow as map.

North to Queensberry Mews: pink as map.

West to Queensberry Place: yellow as map.

East to ~~Oxford~~ Cromwell Place (late Pavilion Place): 4½ to 5½ st: yellow as map.

West to Cromwell Mews: pink as map.

North to Cromwell Road: 5½ st: yellow as map. The houses between Cromwell Place and Exhibition Road on the west and Brompton says have been for years.

West to Queen's Gate: 5½ st: yellow as map: but there is a good deal of new building on the uncoloured part of east side: the principal new red brick houses.

From Queen's Gate to Prince's Gate run two new roads Imperial Institute Road: only one yellow house at n.w. end: and Prince Consort Road: only large block of new flats at east end: should be yellow.

North to Bremner Road. Flats: yellow as map.

East to Jay Mews: pink as map.

East to Albert Hall Mansions: huge blocks of gloomy flats: yellow as map. Behind Albert Hall Mansions is the new block of flats (they are called "maisonettes") facing on to Prince Consort Road.

East to Prince's Gate, Prince's Gardens, Dennison Gardens and Rutland Gate: all yellow as map.

Rutland Mews, Prince's Mews, Dennison Mews, and Dennison Gardens Mews (2) are all pink as map.

East to Hill St.: 2/2 d.: nearly all furnished apartments: red ~~as map~~ or p.b. as map.

East to Charles St.: as Hill St. but not quite so good: one Brothel here and several prostitutes living in the street. P.D. as map.

North to Knightsbridge: shops, some with flats above: red as map or yellow barred with red.

The extreme East block at the corner of Knightsbridge and Brompton Road is being rebuilt with shops and flats.

South to Knightsbridge Green: small shops: P.D. as map. West side only occupied.

Fulham Bridge Yard - pk

Raphael St purple

and Fullett Place

Fulham Bridge Yard, off the west (purple on map) is now ~~uninhabited~~, dirty alley. Pink rather than purple.

West to Lancelot Place: unclassified on map: small cottages and houses: few shops on west: also pink.

North to Rashad St: poor class lodging houses and tenements. One rather low Boozed. Pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Tasso Sq: small 3½ st: all lodging houses: poorer class than Hill St and Charles St: P.D. & pink. P.D. on map.

South to Britten St: 3½ st: small tenements and tenements with lodgings and cottages: pink to purple: pink on map.

South to Cottage Place and Tasso Place: 2 st: flagged courts: porters, labourers etc: very quiet. L.D. as map.

West to Montpelier Sq and Montpelier Place. ~~Also~~ 4½ st: mainly private but some apartments: red as map.

South to Montpelier Row: 2½ st, with small front garden: pink as map.

East to Montpelier Place: 2½ and 3½ st: as Britten St: pink as map.

Middle St. - purple

Rutland St. - purple

Cheval Place - purple

Albert Gate - yellow

Wellington Court - yellow

North to Sterling St. (late Alfred St.): 3½ st. lodging houses. P.P. as map.

East to Alfred Cottages: three 2 st. cottages. L.P. as map.

East to Montpelier St.: 3 respectable shops and lodging houses. Mrs Hunter's Home on east. P.P. as map.

West to Chapel Place: houses on south: 2 to 3 st. on north. Pink to purple: pink on map.

North to Middle St.: 2 st. north: 3 st. south. tenements and cottages: purple rather than pink.

North and west to Rutland St.: 2 st. and 2½, some with small front gardens: purple rather than pink

West to Cheval Place: only a few stables on west side: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Brompton Sq.: 4½ to 5½ st.: some private and number of lodging houses: red as map.

West to Cottage Place: semi-det. cottage villas. Red as map.

(North to Albert Gate: yellow rather than red.

Miles Buildings: pink as map.

Park Row: Red as map)

General Remarks

The district round these walks is of no great interest. The large yellow area of Kensington and Brompton is almost unchanged, the only place where there is any sign of decay being the corner opposite South Kensington Station where Harrington Road and Gloucester Place are lapsing into Hotels and Bachers premises. To counterbalance this there is building of the yellowest character north of Cromwell Road & between Queen's Gate and Prince's Gate.

Not much of the new ~~Chelsea~~ Chelsea is included in the District; so much as there is - (in the north east corner between Pavilion Rd and Brompton Road) - has swept away a small area of poor, crowded and depraded streets and courts.

The only part of the district where there is any semblance of poverty is in the streets between Knightsbridge ~~and~~ Brompton Road and Rutland Gate and Brompton Sq: here I think a Chapel Mew, middle Mews and Rutland Mews are

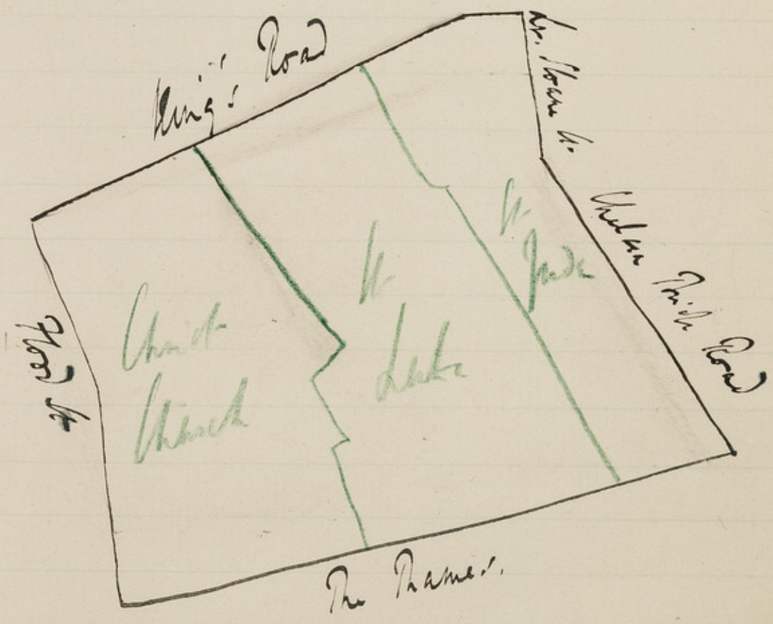
possible signs of decay: in these streets are a number of charwomen and others dependent on the rich houses of the neighbourhood. The more western streets of this area are rather shady in character, containing much known prostitution, and others suspected. The whole of this red and pink area will no doubt give way to yellow as soon as the leases fall in: the ground is far too valuable for the class of property now on it: it is the only poor patch left in the neighbourhood and as Andrews said when it is demolished there will be no place left for the charwomen, coachmen's wives etc who live here, and they will be driven out as all the poor of this district are being driven to Battersea and Fulham.

Throughout this district the mews almost without exception keep up their character and remain pink. Here and there there are fat masters and tradesmen's carts but they are all of high class. I have seen no cabs in the mews.

Inspector Andrews has been an excellent

guide. He is the best educated if not the most intelligent officer I have had. He has been five years in this division.

District cont.



26/13

Dist. 26

March 1st. 1855.

Walk with Inspector Andrews round district bounded by King's Road on the north, Lower Sloane St. and Chelsea Parish Road on the east, by the Thames on the south and by Road St. on the west being parts of the parishes of Christ Church, St. Luke, and St. Jude.

Starting at Sloane St. south down Lower Sloane St.: new red brick and terra cotta houses on west, to 1/2 St.: apparently wealthy but Andrews said mostly living up to and beyond income: should be yellow. At the south corner our shops is block of Ladies Residential Chambers, red to pink in character.

yellow. —

The poor block on our map at this point bounded by Turk's Row and Queen's Road is demolished with the exception of two Public Houses: here are being built four rows of houses and flats of high class: yellow to red in character.

Sloane & Burton courts - yellow

Tite St S of Queens Road - yellow

Embankment Gardens - yellow

Paradise Walk lb lb

They will be called Sloane Court and Burton Court.

West to Queen's Road: 2 st. mostly shops of poor class: but in the middle row of once beautiful old suburban houses like those in Church St. Kens Kensington: now let in tenants or for business. All pink as map.

South and north to Tite St: mainly 4½ st. red brick and terra cotta: many studios and small large houses. Red as map north of Queen's Road: red to yellow south.

East to Embankment Gardens: fine new flats and houses on the piece of ground between the gardens of the Chelsea Hospital and Tite St: should be yellow.

West to Chelsea Embankment: row of magnificent houses of the yellowish type: as map.

North to Silver St: blues on south side with one studio: pink as map.

North to Paradise Walk: 2 st: mostly Irish: very rough: constant drunken rows: with Oakham St, the worst spot in the sub-division.

Swan Walk - yellow

Cheyne Court - red

Christ Church Terrace - purple

Dirty but not so squalid as I should have expected from police account. Probably light blue bind back rather than light blue.

West to Cross Street: pink on map.

West to Swan Walk: four old suburban houses still left with small front gardens: red to yellow: red on map.

West to Christchurch St. when there is a new block of flats Cheyne Court covering the block (left for the church schools) bounded by Queen's Road, Christchurch St. Robinson St. and Flood St. Good place for actors and Bohemians. Rubbers say very badly built. Rents £70 & £80. Red to yellow.

North to Flood St.: 3½ st. south of Redcedar Road: 2½ st. to north: tenements: working class and back mews: pink on map. East to Albert Cottages: six cottages: br. to purple: purple.

East to Lawrence St.: 3 st. to 3½ st. all tenements: pink to purple: pink on map.

North to Christ Church Terrace: as Lawrence St: pink to purple: pink on map.

Christ Church St – purple

South of Christchurch St is Darlan Terrace: 2½ st.: quiet cul de sac: purple to pink: pink on map.

North to Christ Church St: 3 st and 3½ st: to the two principal streets but distinctly poorer opposite Ralston St when it is no better than L.B. ~~No note of~~ The rest of the street purple to pink: pink on map.

North to Ralston St: 4½ st: good middle class: red as map.

North to Tedworth Sq: 3½ st to 4½ st: to Ralston St but rather richer: red as map.

West to Redburn St: 3½ st: all tenements: good working class: pink as map.

North to Redesdale Road: as Redburn St: perhaps a little better: pink as map.

North to Shawfield St: 2½ st to 3½ st: all tenements: rather mixed: pink to purple: pink on map.

East to Radnor St: 3½ st: ~~the~~ much as Shawfield St: pink to purple: pink on map.

East to Smith Terrace: 2 st: rather better than the principal streets but still mixed: pink to purple: pink on map.

East to Smith St: a very mixed street:

New Gordon Chambers - lb

Woodgale St - lb

Wellington Square - pk bs

St. the north are good old houses built for the middle class: now let in lodgings: very respectable: quite as map. On the west between Smith Terrace and Redesdale Road is a large Common Lodging House. New Gordon Chambers or Waldegrave House: very prettily constructed but patronized by many hard customers. South of Redesdale Road is a terrace of ~~to~~ houses called Durham Place: 4½ st.: nd as map. South of Christchurch St are small 2 st. old houses, mainly shops of poor character: quite as map.

Ext. to Woodgale St. (late Little Smith St.) one houses and stables on north: 3 st. houses with very small front gardens on south: old tenements: poor and crowded & bad gutt. light line rather than purple of map.

North to King's Road: like shops: mostly of good class and improving towards Sloane St: nd as map.

South to Wellington St: 3½ st.: some private but mainly apartments: many prostitutes here: nd to quite: nd as map.

Ext. to Royal Avenue (which has widened!

Cheltenham Terrace - pkb[illegible]

Thomas Terrace: 3½ to 4½ st.: as bellingham but rather better: all keep servants. Red on map.

East to Walpole St: mainly apartments: many actors and Bohemians about here: red on map.

East to Cheltenham Terrace: 3½ st: tenements and apartments: pink to red: pink on map.

South to St Leonard's Terrace: 3 st to 5-st6. mainly private: a few apartments: red on map.

General Remarks.

This on the whole is a quiet respectable district, the bulk of the inhabitants being fairly good working class living in the group of streets coloured pink on the map, between Smith St and Flood St with Queen's Road on the south: but though they are highly respectable these streets I think show signs of decay: except in Redburn St and Redcliffe Road, which are more modern, the houses are showing signs of age, and I imagine are attracting a poorer

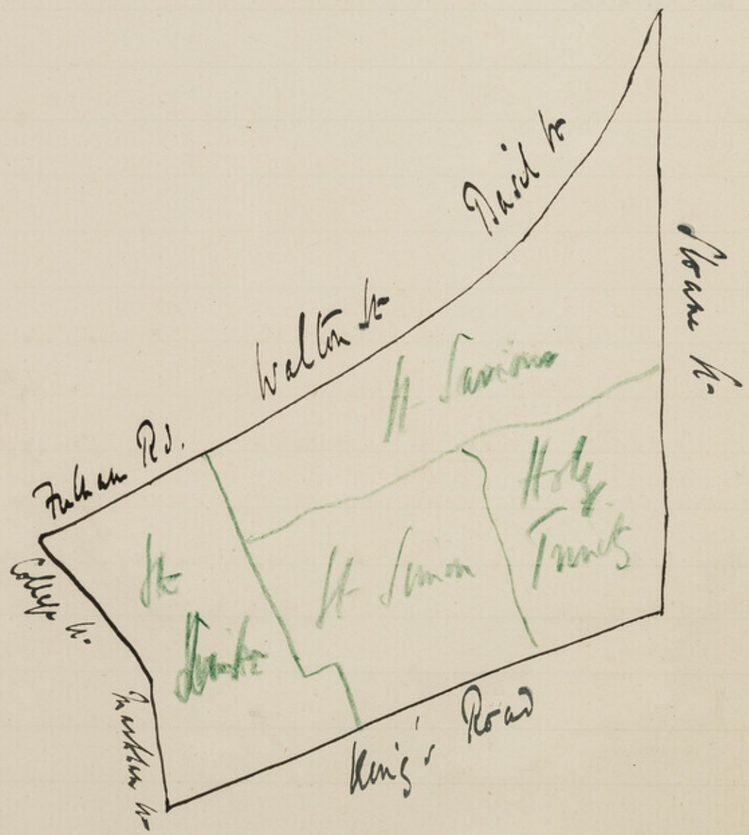
less than ten years ago: against them too is the fact that they are narrow and cheerless.

The bulk of the real poverty of this district has been cricked & the demolition of Turk's Row and the courts off it: this perhaps accounts for the apparent deterioration of Paradise Walk, which on the police evidence now requires a black line: this I imagine is the only instance in which darkness in "yellow" houses could literally throw a stone into "black". The only other remaining poor street worth [illegible] (Cale Street Smith St.) seems also to have gone down: its immediate neighbourhood I imagine has not been improved & the presence of the large Common Lodging House which seems odd placed in the otherwise respectable Smith St.

The map shows that the district is hit off in the matter of open ground. Sloane Square is not open to the public except in the summer when cricket matches are on: but the grounds of Chelsea Hospital are open, and even in winter the handsome lime walk with its ~~seats~~ numerous seats is a pleasant and restful spot. Quite

the white everything else in London. I had seen
him through it before, and as we passed through it
I could have imagined myself in Oxford rather than
in London.

District covered



Western 26

Dist 26

March 2nd and 3rd. 1855

Walk with Inspector Andrews round district bounded on the north west by Fulham Road, Walton St and Basil St on the east by Sloane St, on the south by King's Road, and on the west by College St and Marlborough St being the parishes of St Saviour and St Simon and parts of the parishes of Holy Trinity and St Luke.

Starting at the corner of Sloane St and Basil St (late Hans St) south to Charlotte St and Cross St which but for a public house remaining at the west corner facing towards Basil St are uninhabited being left in a state of dilapidation as given up to business: Messrs Harrod's have their stables and other warehouses: all the light blue here is therefore gone: the pink given to the west which is the north part of Pavilion St is now practically uninhabited and all the colour comes off here. In Basil St on the new Nets mentioned in a previous walk

red →

yellow →

South to Hans Crescent (late Exeter St):

This renamed street extends west as far as Basil St: it is completely rebuilt: on the south side is the Hans Crescent Hotel and a block of flats: on the north side are new and brick and terra cotta houses of the 20th cy: all yellow. The pumps round behind the Hans Crescent Hotel are gone.

South to Herbert Crescent: as Hans Crescent: yellow as map.

South to Hans Place: 5½ st: yellow as map. Some of the houses here are old, but many rebuilt in the modern style.

West to Walton Place: 4½ st: an old street: some private, some apartments: red as map.

South to Pont St Mews: pink as map.

South to Pont St: 5½ st: yellow as map.

North to Hans St: one house only: yellow.

Pavilion Road: between Hans Crescent and Pont St is practically uninhabited: and the pink comes off: south of Pont St it is a mews: pink as map.

Draycott Place - yellow

Symons St - red

West to Lennox Gardens: 5½ st: yellow as map.

East to Alton Mews: pink as map

East to Sheffield Mews: pink as map. This mews is ~~at~~ coloured ~~wrong~~ wrong: it runs through from east to west.

South to Cadogan Sq: 5½ st. yellow as map. A road is now made from the south end of Cadogan Sq into Sloane St.

South to Cadogan Terrace: 5½ st: the western half now forms part of Cadogan Gardens. Flats and private houses: yellow as map.

South to Cadogan Gardens which are now completing ~~built~~ & built: 5½ st: yellow: they have marked the pink shown on the map.

South to Draycott Place which now lies west of Cadogan Gardens and extends on both north and south sides up to Marlborough Road absorbing the Lunatic Asylum shown on the map: the yellow. Draycott Terrace to the north is off the back of Cadogan Gardens.

South to Symons St which now only extends

Culford Gardens - yellow

Blacklands Terrace - purple

Cumberland Place - purple

from Sloane Sq to Cadogan Gardens: on the South side it is the back of Peter Jones' shop: on the North shops with flats over: and so yellow.

At the junction of Sloane St and Sloane Sq. is Cadogan Mansions: and so map.

West to Culford Gardens: the part of Symons St coloured l.b. on map. Then except at the south west corner, where a few old houses are still undemolished and five new houses as in Draycott Place: should be yellow.

West to Blacklands Terrace: 3 sts: dirty shops on east side: a peculiarly dirty shop at the corner of Culford Gardens: ~~pink to~~ purple to pink: pink on map.

South to Kings Road: shops: red as map.

North to Lincoln St: 3½ sts: tenements and apartments: pink as map.

West to Coulson St: 2½ sts: tenements: pink as map.

North to Cumberland Place: houses on north side only: 2 sts pow: l.b. rather than pink.

Beauclerc Buildings - lb

Keppel St purple

South to Anderson St: 3½ st: tenements and apartments: pink on p.b.: pink on map.

West to Egerton St: 2½ st: tenements: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Markham Sq: 3½ st: mainly apartments: p.b. as map.

West to Markham St: 2½ st: tenements: pink to purple: pink on map.

East to College Place: 2 and 3 st: purple as map. At the n.w. corner of College Place and Norman St is a common lodging house. Beauclerc Buildings: well conducted but poor and rough: might be dark blue.

North to Norman St: 2 st: pink as map.

From Norman St north runs Pecks Place: pink.

East to Keppel St: 2 and 3 st: a long and mixed street: shops at north end: cottages in middle and some 3 st houses at south: bits of the road are pink but I incline to make it purple all through. It is especially poor opposite the Board School.

East to Marlborough Road: a mixed

Whiteheads Grove – red

street of 2 and 3 st. shops and houses, some with small gardens: at the north end it is used at night and on Saturday as a market street: a few stalls out in the morning: ~~a~~ Pink based on map.

West to Whitehead's row: an old fashioned suburban street of solid middle class houses with small gardens: red top. b. D.D. on map.

North to College St.: 2 1/2 st.: good working class and small tradesmen: pink on map.

East to Francis St.: 2 st.: mixed: purple ~~to~~ to l.b.: ~~to~~ ~~a~~ purple on map.

North to Oakham St.: half the centre of the west side is down including the court making out: and is now a vet. yard. The street is 2 st. asphalte paved: mainly low Irish: costers, monchers, labourers: ~~the~~ very rough & noisy: troublesome to police. Evil looking drink sodden old Irish women at the doors: signs of guardsmen not prominent. L.D. bind black on map. This street is known as Oakham Bay in the neighbourhood

Leader St. - purple

Green St. purple

(Cf. 'Cater Day' alias Horace St.).

East to Stanton St.: 2 st.: much as Francis St. and Keppel St.: purple to l.b.: purple on map.

North to Leader St.: 2 st.: poor shops and houses: pink to purple: pink on map.

North to Little Keppel St.: 2 st.: fairly respectable in the bit running north and south: dirty and squalid when it turns into Keppel St.: light to dark blue: l.b. on map.

East to Albert Place: 2 st. shops: pink as map.

East to Caroline Place: 2 and 3 st. some with small front gardens: poor and rather rough: costers and some Irish: defer of dark blue & some houses: on the whole l.b. as map.

South to Ives St.: 2 and 3 st.: narrow asphalte paved gloomy: very poor but not troublesome to police: a good deal of dark blue, but perhaps ~~scarcely~~ scarcely sufficient to justify the colour, which might perhaps be light blue.

South to Green St.: a few poor shops and

Mews - lb

North Cottages - lb

Marlborough Buildings - pk

Richard Place - pk

Slasker St - pk

2 st. houses: distinctly poor: l.b. or purple rather than pink.

South behind green St is a back mews not shown on map: dirty squalid: poorer: dung heap, pigeons: should be l.b.

Also south out of green St is back cottages: four cottages: l.b. rather than pink.

North to Marlborough Buildings: two new blocks of dwellings running from green St into Walton St: tall narrow and gloomy but respectable: or police evidence pink.

East to Richard Place: houses row only on east side next being Marlborough Bldgs: 2 st: quiet and retired: might lead to a street but very respectable: purple to pink: purple on map.

East to Brist St: 2½ and 3½ st: old tenements: purple to pink: purple on map.

East to Hacker St: 2½ st: as Brist St: perhaps a little poorer: purple to pink: purple on map.

East to Dunsford St: 2½ st: middle class: lodgings: p.b. as map.

Milner St. - yellow & pk b.

Rawlings St. - pk

Leverett St. - lb

East to Lennox Gardens Mews: pink as map.

South to Milner St.: 3½ st. and 4½ st.: the block of houses opposite Lennox Gardens is almost yellow, the rest of the street scarcely better than pink: all red on map.

South to Moore St. and Halsey St.: 3½ st.: both in the main streets of good furnished apartments with some private residents: they have lost if anything varied by their proximity to New Chelsea. P.B. as map.

West to Rawlings St.: 3½ and 2½: some ✱ apartments: some tenements: scarcely better than pink: p.b. as map.

West to Denyer St.: 2 to 3 st.: pink to purple: pink on map.

North and south to Leverett St.: 2 st.: part uncoloured on map: poor: l.b. rather than purple

East to Wood St.: 2 and 2½ st.: purple to l.b.: purple on map.

South to Oxford St.: 2 and 2½ st.: quite comfortable street: pink as map.

South to Little Oxford St.: Walker as south

Cadogan St. - pk

Guinness Buildings - lb

side: on north side 2 sh. houses: dirty and squalid: l. to d.b.: l.b. on map.

South to Cadogan St.: d/e st.: poorer at the west-than east end: nearly tenement: should be quite best of Peabody's sh.: p.b. on map.

South to Guinness Buildings: new model in the area between Cadogan St., Marlborough Road and Draycott Terrace: seven blocks: inhabitants of course poor, but very quiet, hardworking, and respectable.

General Remarks.

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The district covered by these notes divides roughly into two halves, the one scarcely inferior to its neighbour Belgravia in wealth the other poor and even in places shewing. The first half which one may call the New Chelsea, though the quite modern was largely built at the time of our map, but the demolition and rebuilding has been and still is in progress, and to the yellow quarters shown on the map have to be added Basil St. Hans Crescent, Hans Road, Draycott Place, Milford Gardens, and the greater part of Cadogan Gardens. The yellow indeed is gradually spreading westward and like I imagine before long mellow

most of the poor streets of old Chelsea which still remain between Lennox Gardens and Marlborough Road. The New Chelsea is of course far too new to show any signs of decay; it is I suppose less wealthy than Mayfair and poorer than Belgravia, but it is entirely smarter, and one gets in Cadogan Sq. or Lennox Gardens a greater impression of luxury and magnificence than on any part of the Grosvenor estate.

Adjoining the splendour of New Chelsea, and separated from it not by the shabby gentility of Draycott St. and Moore and Halsey St. lies the poorest bit of old Chelsea, a quarter for the most part of mean two and three storied streets, reminding one strongly

of parts of Mile End on Natural fun.
Here I think there are signs of decay:
the worst streets Oakham St. and
Jews St. remain much as they were,
~~but~~ and they seem to have contaminated
the streets in the neighbourhood where
there is certainly much less spirit
than the map shows: possibly some
of the spirit has gone into the new
Marlborough Buildings, leaving the
old houses for those who have been
evicted from the courts round Shadwell
St. for whom too some provision has
been made in the new block of
Jewness Buildings off Marlborough Road.
But though this district is distinctly
poor, the poverty is I should say

Except in Oakham M., Little Chapel M. and possibly Inns M., of the respectable type: there is little of the sordid squalor of Hoxton, or Lisson Grove, or Somers Town: indeed, into the exception of Inns M., in spite of being often narrow and lockless, the streets are ~~except~~ exceptionally cheerful for a poor quarter, and Inns M. is the only street in which I have felt, as I felt throughout a great portion of Lisson Grove, that life would be intolerable.

Andrews, in common with most of the police, has not much that is evil to say of his ground, but he rather discounted his evidence by saying, — when

I was questioning him as to the use of barbers and newspapers for letting "you will never get the police to admit much that is wrong in such matters: it would be condemning themselves."

In the main however no doubt he is a true witness when he says that the district is on the whole quiet, and law abiding, and that the problems he has to deal with are not so much connected with crime, as with the protection of property the regulation of traffic and so on. Such crime as exists is almost entirely due to drink and its attendant vices.

On the question of prostitution Mr Adams favoured regulation as the only means of decreasing it. He was for ten years

in the Piccadilly division: ~~as~~ elsewhere
where there are licensed houses, he favours
the policy of toleration which is apparently
pursued here, and would for instance
learn such houses as those in Pelham
St. unmolested, so long as they are
strictly conducted: but in Piccadilly and
Soho he thinks that this policy is
impossible: there some harrying is
necessary: otherwise ~~the~~ Soho would
become one huge brothel, and the
scandal would be intolerable: then
the policy should be, while to some
extent winking at the incitelle to
keep the number of houses within
limits, and this can only be done
by making their life difficult for them

On the question of drink Rhodes thought there was little improvement since he had been in the force

He to the police - he thought that it was a mistake for them to be too highly educated: the best policemen in the country were those whose brain is not over ~~devel~~ developed: the duties especially during the last years are literally irksome, and would breed discontent among men of any culture. He himself came from Clerkenwell to the police, and found the life of a constable almost intolerable.

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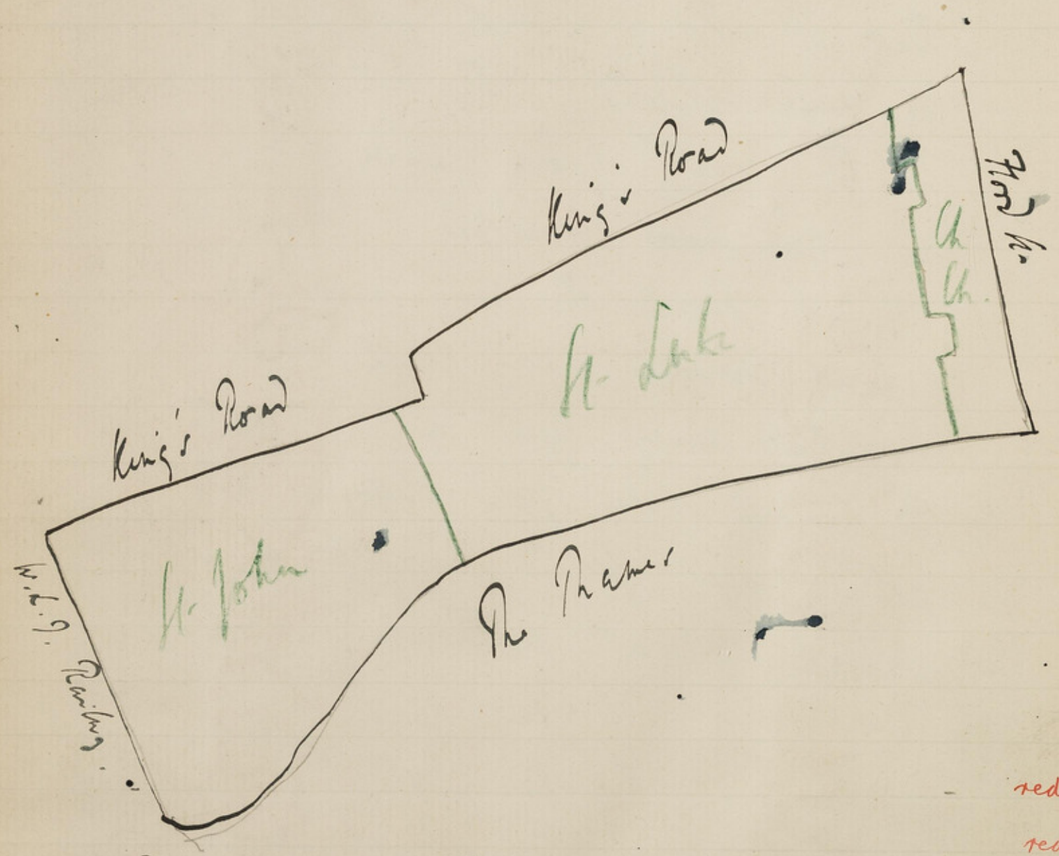

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March 6th and 7th 1888.

Walk with Mr. Divisional Inspector Seabright round district bounded by King's Road on the north, Flood St. on the east, the Thames on the south, and the West London Junction Railway on the west, being parts of the parish of St. John, St. Luke, and Christ Church.

Starting at the corner of Flood St. and King's Road south to Flood St.: at the north end old 2½ st. houses with much front gardens: good working class and much better quality as we go. The block opposite Redburn St. has gone: it is now the Chelsea Electricity Supply Co which has absorbed too the L.B. patch, which the dark blue and the purple south of it have also gone and here or south of it is a new street. St. Loo Avenue with on the north side St. Loo Mansions: Red: and on the south Rossetti Gardens Mansions: also red: Rossetti Gardens Mansions take the uncoloured block up to Cheyne Walk. The south end of Flood St. is now called

Rosetti Gardens - pk

Alpha Place - lb

Collingwood St - lb

Rosetti Gardens : 2½ st : working class flats and tenements : pink. Behind Rosetti Gardens and St Leo Mansions are Rosetti Studios.

Walk to Cheyne Walk : old Queen Anne houses, but some rebuilt : yellow on map.

Walk to Cheyne Gardens : 4½ st : red to yellow : red on map.

Walk to Manor St : or Flood St : 2 to 2½ st : small shops cottages, Town houses etc : pink to purple : purple on map : contains pink between Alpha Place and St Leo Mansions.

Walk to Alpha Place : south side is new Electric works : north 2 st : l.b. to purple : purple on map.

Walk to Collingwood St : 2 st : as Alpha Place : l.b. to purple : purple on map.

Walk to Batley's Buildings (this is phonetic spelling : no name up : name given (child) row of 2 st. cottages with closets built out in front : poor but spick : number of heavy looking children playing here : l.b. rather than d.b. of map. Colour only on south side.

Wellington Buildings – db

Manor Gardens – lb bc

Route to Wellington Buildings: 2 st. cottages with small front gardens; very poor and signs of squalor: l. to d.b.: l.b. on map.

West to Manor Gardens: 2 st. cottages with long fore courts once gardens now full of broken rubbish: water closets built out in front: a large number of houses have a one or more horseshoe hanged on them: very sign here not so much of poverty as of filthy habits: quite a unique court for untidiness. Inhabitants very rough and rowdy: constant trouble to the police: not a soul here who would not harbour a criminal to evade the police. Should go back on l.b. turn back: l.b. on map.

As I came through this ~~court~~ court alone in the afternoon there was a number of unkempt women hanging about: one of them said to me "Got any coal tickets to give away governor?" Lots of children playing about: dirty but fat and healthy. This is a very grievous slum, well worth a visit.

Here is a similar low court in Lisson Grove

Wellington Street – lb

I saw a magnificent Persian Cat reclining on a coster's barrow.

South to Read's Place: 2 and 1 st. cottages into front garden: very quiet and respectable: a parrot in one garden on his perch: l.b. to purple: l.b. on map.

South to Jones' Cottages out of Wellington St.: more 2 st. cottages into front garden: quiet but poor: l.b. as map. The three courts and cottages a great place for Pigeons, Rabbits, Fowls etc.

South to Wellington St.: 2 st.: poorer with than side of Wellington St.: l.b. to purple. purple on map.

South to Green Cottages: much superior to the other courts in the neighbourhood: good artisans: purple as map.

South to Oakley Crescent: 3½ st. with back front garden: respectable and quiet: p.b. as map.

West to Rhenc St.: 3½ st.: as Oakley Crescent: perhaps a little poorer: p.b. to

Chelsea Park Dwellings - pk

Glebe Place - red

Bramerton St - pk

pink: p.b. on map.

North to Margaretta Terrace: 2 st. with back prom. gard: apartments and tenants: p.b. as map.

West to Oakley St: 4½ st: about half private half apartments: going up of anything: red as map.

North to King's Road which here is mainly lodging houses on the north side: further west are shops again: all red as map with exception of block of Dwellings between Drayton Pk and Park Walk Chelsea Park Dwellings: should be pink.

South to Glebe Place: on the west on 4½ st houses: apartments and private: red as map: on east flanking Glebe Place are Turner Studios and Glebe Studios: red. In the south east corner are two cottages: pink as map: on the south side further west are old villas and studios: a relic of the country: should be red.

North to Bramerton St (late Caledonian

Upper Cheyne Row – pk bd

Carlyle Gardens – red
Tennyson Mansions – red

Lawrance St – purple & lb

Tenca): 2½ and 3½ st.: better north than south which should certainly be pink.

South to Upper Cheyne Row: some semi-det. 2½ st villas and much trace of 3½ st. houses. Red to p.b.: red on map.

West to Cheyne Row: at the b.c. end is new R.C. Church of Holy Redeemer: then on S. side old 3½ st houses among the Carlyle: red on map. The opposite side of the street is largely rebuilt: the old pink houses at the top on left: then the pink block which are the Peabody Buildings running through into Lawrance St: south of this the l.b. patch in Lordship Place is gone: then are Carlyle Gardens and Tennyson Mansions: red. The big block south of Lordship Place is Carlyle Mansions: red among.

West to Lawrance St: south of Justice Row are now new flats, Kelly's Mansions: red. North are 3 st houses purple rather than l.b.: on the east side are 2½ st houses and a Common Lodging House: l.b. to purple. South of the Common Lodging House is the Peabody Buildings: purple to pink: pink

Cross Keys Court - lb

Justice Walk - purple

on map

Next to Cross Keys Court: only there are four houses: l. to d.r. If the dark line patch on the map is meant for it it is wrongly shaped, but I fancy King's buildings covers the site of whole court

North to Justice Row: only ~~two~~ ~~four~~ two houses: not coloured on map: should be pink.

Next to Church lt.: in the main a street of old 2½ st. houses: some made shops: some private and tenanted: pink to purple. On the west side is a common lodging house Albert Chambers, fairly good and well conducted. Further north on west is block of models Hereford Buildings, purple as map: nearly opposite is a new block Rectory Chambers 1891: should be pink.

Next out of Church lt. is Petty Place, a very quaint little court of 2 st. cottages, semi det. and built back to back. Cottages houses rabbits, fowls etc. Poor and rather rough: l.b. as map.

North to Paulton St: 2½ and 3½ st. Pink as map.

West to Paulton Sq: 3½ to 4½ st. Some private, some apartments; p.b. as map.

South to Danvers St: 3½ st. as Paulton Sq but rather poorer: pink to p.b.: pink on map. N.E. corner is a stone let into the wall "This is Danvers St begun in the year 1696 by Benjamin Stallwood": some houses of the old street is left.

Between Danvers St and Church St some new houses of the most aesthetic character have been built in Cheyne Walk No. 74 with a marvellous wrought ~~iron~~ copper front door.

West to Beaufort St: 3 and 3½ st.: some semi-det.: poorer north than south: red to pink: red on map.

West to Milman St: 3 and 3½ st.: very mixed: better on east than west: purple as map. Large Pub and on west, and Central Ward on east.

East to Ann's Place and Sipp's Cottages: b.b. as map.

Gilray Square - lb l.c.

Riley St. - lb

Worlds End Passage - lb

West to Gilray Sq: 3½ st: asphalte pend: usual all one room dwellers: street clean, but broken windows, open doors, filthy playing etc. Very rough character and troublesome: almost the worst place in the division: dark to l.b. with black line: people on map.

West to Riley St: 2 to 3 st: building going on in the uncoloured patch. Very mixed but not much better than l.b. Four houses at n.e. distinctly dark blue.

West to World's End Passage: mostly 2 st: at south end fairly respectable but poor: at north rough and troublesome: not better than l.b. throughout with possibly a black line at north

Running from World's End Passage are:-

Davis Place: three houses only: l.b. or mep.

Foundry Place: 2 st: small private garden: l.b. or mep.

Luna St. - purple

Seaton St. - purple

Jackson's Buildings: four houses: dark rather than l.b.

Lackland Cottages: eight houses: l.b. on map.

Path to Lackland Place: three houses only ~~only~~ occupied: cat yard on left: purple on map.

Wed. to Blantyre St.: 2½ and 3½ ft.: terminate with a few shops on west. Pink to purple: pink on map.

Wed. to Luna St.: 3½ ft.: all terminate: purple to purple: pink on map.

Wed. to Seaton St.: 2½ and 3½ ft.: all terminate: pink to purple: pink on map.

Cheyne Walk at the bottom of this street is poorer than at any other point: scarcely red. There is a ~~row of~~ block of flats Milton Chambers and at the junction of Cheyne Walk and Darting Road a

Embankment Residences - pk

Dartrey Rd. E purple
W lb

Raasay St. - purple

Bifron St. - lb

Vicat St. lb

Edith Grove - pk

new block of Dwellings. Embankment Residences, pink in character.

North to Dartrey Road: on the east 3½ st. houses lt. in tenants: faint lilac to do: pink to purple: pink on map. On west 3 st. double fronted working class flats or Dwellings: apparently bad built and badly poor and crowded: no better than l.b.: pink on map.

West to Raasay St.: 3 st.: mixed: pink to purple: pink on map.

South to Bifron St.: 3 st. flats or in Dartrey Road: l.b. to purple: pink on map.

South to Vicat St.: as Bifron St.: north side lately painted and better than south: north purple: south l.b.: both pink on map.

West to Edith Grove: 3½ st.: once a great stack for prostitutes, and still some

here. Some houses still with one family and servant: but most being let in tenements: paint to p.b.: red in map.

South to Cremorne Road: 3½ st: mostly let in flats, but on south side some private houses with servant: paint to p.b.: p.b. on map. The north corner is Cremorne Mansions: paint as map.

South to Lots Road: 2½ and 3 st: all tenements: paint as map

North to Radium St: 2½ and 3 st: all tenements: paint as map.

Wed. to Ashburnham Road: 2½ st: tenements: paint as map.

North to Burnaby St: 2½ st: letting east. tenements west of Tadema Road, but all paint as map.

North to Damer Terrace: 3½ st: p.b. as map.

Upcerne Road - purple

Wed. to Tadema Road: 2½ st. in south, 4½ st. at north: purple and p.b. as map.

Wed. to Uxendale Road: 3½ and 2½ st. all tenants: purple as map north of Burnaby St.: probably purple south.

Wed. to Upcerne Road: north of Beaufort Gardens flats as in Dartrey Road: not quite so poor here, but no better than purple. The rest of the street 2½ and 3½ st.: purple to purple: purple on map.

Wed. to Tetcott Road: 2½ to 3½ st.: tenants: purple as map north of Beaufort St. poor to the south: probably purple.

Wed. to Lots Road: 3½ st. east, 3 st. west: tenants: mixed: purple as map.

General Remarks: I think defer till I have finished Chelsea.

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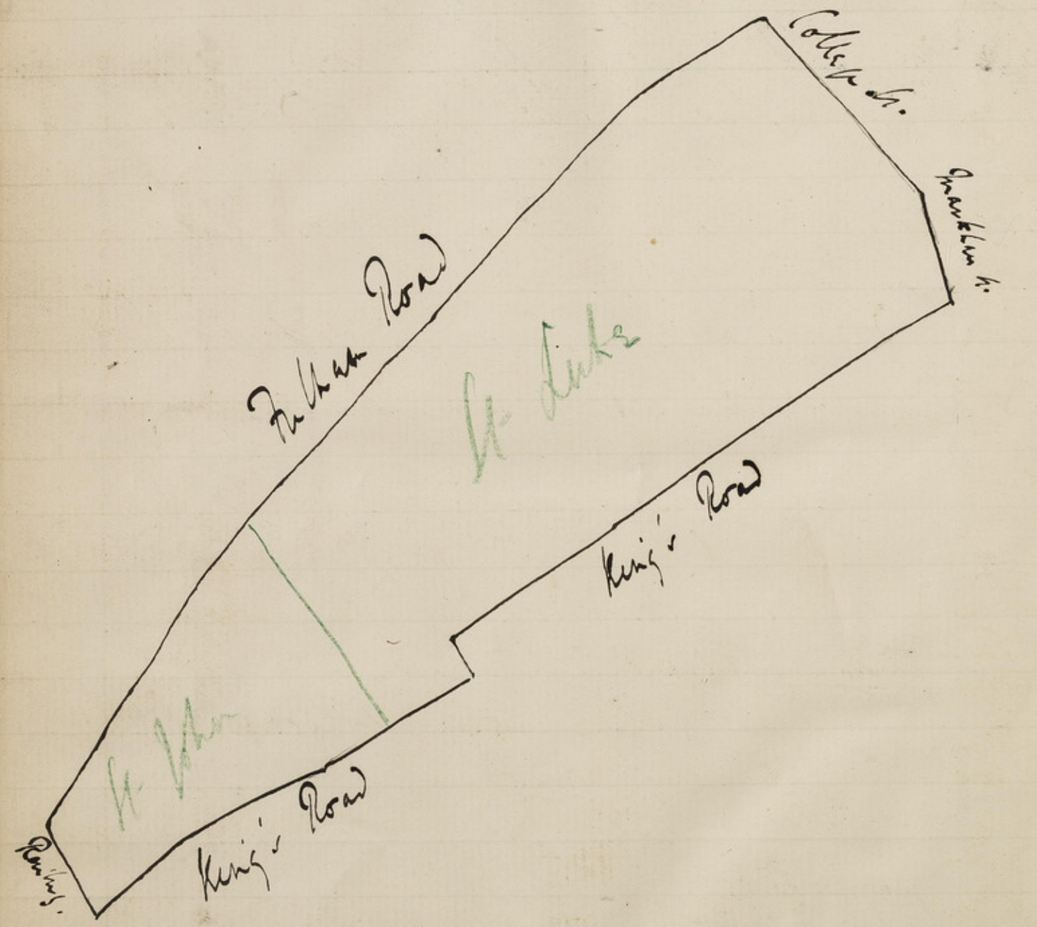

March 8th and 9th. 1899. Dist 26 14

Walked with Inspector Habright round district bounded on the north west of Fulham Road, on the west of College St. and Markham St. and on the south west of King's Road being parts of the parishes of St. John and St. Luke.

Starting at St. Marks College in King's Road East to Sunter Grove: 3½ st.: semi-det. on west: terrace on east: mostly apartments: some private: red to p.b.: red on map.

pk b.

East to Fernham Road (late Maude Grove): 3½ st.: mostly private north of Edith Terrace: on east side new block of good flats Fernham Mansions: all red on map. South of Edith Terrace Fernham Road is poorer: some tenements: probably private.

pk b.

East to Edith Terrace: 3½ st.: private and apartments: red on map.

North to Edith Grove: 3½ st.: semi-det. north of Edith Terrace: here too new block of flats

Slaidburn St. – lb b.

Langton, Gertrude, Lamount, Shalcomb, & Hobury Sts – pk

Editha Mansions. South of Edith Terrace the front is mainly apartments and tenements: and to p.b.

Pass to Slaidburn St.: 3 st.: a cul-de-sac, asphalte paved: one of the worst streets in Chelsea, and I should say one of the worst in London: not so very poor, mostly people earning regular wages, but drunken, rowdy, constant trouble to police: many broken patched windows, open doors, drunk sodden women at windows. Though there are no common lodging houses this street reminds me of Campbell Road in Holloway or of Sutter St in Camberwell. It should be l.b. land block rather than l.b. of map.

Pass to Langton St., Gertrude St., Lamount Road, Shalcomb St. and Hobury St. There are a few shops on west side of Langton St: otherwise these streets are exactly alike: all 3½ st., with small front garden. Some houses are private some let in apartments, more in tenements: the number of tenants is very few and it is doubtful if the streets are now better than pink. In the days when 'Cockaine' was

Lemerston St. - pk

Camera Square - purple

opposite the Cross streets swarmed with prostitutes, but are now free from them. St George's Workhouse & is now extending through into Gertrude St.

North to Victoria Grove: 3 ft. semi-detached sides only; left side down for workhouse. Red on map.

East to Limerston St: the southern half is as Langton St etc; pink. To pink. North of Gertrude St it is pink on map.

East to Park Walk: south of Chapel St old diminutive villas and houses at one time largely used by prostitutes: now pink on map. North of Chapel St on the west side a new block of working class flats is building.

East to Callow St: 3 ft on west: tenements, pink on map. 4½ ft flats on east: red on map.

East to Hamilton Mews: pink on map.

East to Manfort St: 2 to 3½ ft: red north of Camera Sq: pink south as map.

West to Camera Sq: 2½ ft: on the north

Little Camera St. - purple

Camera Cottages - lb

side with quite long front gardens: here it is pink on map, and back of Beaufort St. then red. The rest of the square is much poorer, probably purple rather than pink.

South to Little Camera St.: on the southern part of Camera Sq.: purple to pink: pink on map.

From the south west corner of Little Camera St. runs Camera Cottages and Garden Cottages: each cottage courtyard: quite late poor: l.b. rather than pink.

East to Camera Gardens, behind Beaufort St.: decent little cottages with gardens: purple to l.b.: ~~l.b.~~ purple on map.

East to The Vale: old suburban houses: red on map.

East to Caroline Buildings: a quaint little court of 18 cottages, double fronted: l.b. rather than pink on map. These cottages belong to a Postmaster who has lately bought them and calls them 'Mays' Buildings' the purchase money having been made out of 'mays'

Arthur St. - purple

North to Elm Park Road: 2½ st. semi-det: red as map.

North to Elm Park Mews: pink as map.

East to Elm Park Gardens: yellow as map.

East to Church St: with the exception of a terrace on the N.E. side which is pink this street is substantial middle class villas all keeping servants: should be red rather than p.b.

East to South Parade: 3½ st: some private, some apartments: p.b. as map. The north side with York Mews behind it is down for extension of Consumption Hospital.

South to Trafalgar Sq: private and apartments: red & pink: p.b. on map.

South from Trafalgar Sq runs Manresa Road, not named on map: all building's yards on east: on west are new Chelsea Polytechnic and Public Library.

East to Britten St: north of South Parade 9½ and 4½ st: apartments and tenements: pink as map. South of South Parade 2½ and

Sydney St. S of Cale St. - pk

Britten St. - lb

2½ st. mainly comfortable but getting poor. Opposite Chelsea Workhouse: pink to purple, pink on map. Behind No. 75 there is a strange little court of cottages, not shown on map: should be L.C.

* Each to Crooked Usage: a few houses only at south end: purple to pink character. Rear of this backing on the Infirmary are a cab-yard, a slaughter house, and a cow shed.

North to Guthrie St.: 3 st. pink on map.

East to Stewart's Grove: terrace of 2 st. houses and much back of Buildings Stewart House, pink on map.

West to Strathearn Place: 2 st.: respectable parad: purple to pink: purple on map.

East to Sydney St.: 3½ to 4½ st.: mainly apartments at north, getting poorer south of Cale St. Doubtful whether it is better than pink to south.

Walled from to East is demolished.

North to Britten St.: 2 to 3 st.: one ✗

Manor Buildings - lb b[d]

large poor tenement house on south side wed. of Sydney St.: otherwise quite as map.

South to Upper Manor St.: 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 st. poor alt. s.s. and: otherwise quite as map.

Left to Bedford Terrace and Cottages: genl. little flagged court: uncolored on map.: quite to sample.

Left to Manor Buildings: on south 2 st. with front yard: on north 1 st.: a dirty dreary looking lot. Sea bright for the third time had the place. There is no one here who would not open this door to one who wanted to escape from the police. There is a way through from Manor Buildings on the walk to Bedford Terrace much used by criminals. Manor Buildings should be l.b. lined black rather than l.b.

Left to Markham St.: 2 1/2 st.: quite as map.

Wed. to Public Place: 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 st.: quite to sample: quite as map. The uncolored lots on left is now built on Nate Goulet's premises: and to quite. South of this are new houses of good class.

Brewer St. - purple

West to Godfrey St: 2 st: purple to pink: pink on map.

South to Brewer St. running into Rupert Street: much as Godfrey St. pink to purple: pink on map.

North to King St: 2½ and 3 st: pink as map.

East to Wardour St: 2½ st. bits made front gardens: rather better section here: pink as map.

East to Little Wardour St: an untidy alley, of 2 st. cottages with front gardens: rather rough and dirty: l.b. as map.

North to Cale St: nearly all trade shops: pink as map.

North to Marlborough Sq: on west side detached houses into tenements: red to pink, on east, 3 st. tenements: pink as map. This is a good little square with the centre not railed, and therefore all the grass gone.

East to Little College St: 2 to 3 st: rather mixed: purple to pink: purple on map.

Marlborough St - purple

Pond Terrace - lb lc

In the centre on the west is a Common Lodging House rather rough, and at the junction with Marlborough St a lodging house, called ~~Lady S~~ Lady Rosebery House, frequented almost entirely by low class prostitutes.

North to Marlborough St: 2½ to 3½ st: quite to purple: quite on map.

East to College St: quite as map.

North to Leader St: 2 to 3½ st: quite as map.

North to Marlborough Place: a quiet 2 st. cul de sac: purple as map.

East to Pond Terrace: 2 st: paved: ~~no flagged~~ no forecourts: about as rough as Marlborough and Mason Buildings: constant disturbances and trouble: not I think so very poor: perhaps l.b. lined black rather than d.b. of map.

North to Fulham Road which on south side is shops throughout: red as map.

South to Kimbolton Row: a ~~court~~ court of a few houses: purple as map.

West to Bury St: 2 st: quite as map.

Pond Place - flats - pkb.

Eden Place - lb

Selah Place - lb

East St. - purple

East to Pond Place: new middle class houses at north end on east: should be red: otherwise 2 st. purple to pink: purple on map.

East to Onslow Buildings: a block of old 3 st. houses with a large mission Hall attached: purple as map.

Further south out of Pond Place are Eden Place: four and 3 storied: l. to d.b.: purple on map and

Selah Place: four houses: l.b. to purple: purple on map.

West to East St.: four houses ~~of~~ only: purple to pink: pink on map.

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General Remarks.

The area covered by these four letters includes Chelsea, District 26. For purposes of a general survey it may be broken into four bits. The first piece is bounded by College and Markham St. on the east, King's Road on the south, Arthur St. on the west, and

Fulham Road on the north: but for the shopkeepers in the two main roads, ~~this~~ and a sprinkling of middle class in Sydney St and Markham Sq, this is a purely working class district, scarcely altered at all since the map was made: in the main comfort and respectability are the characteristics of the district but it contains two spots of evil character in Pond Place and Mason Buildings, the latter of which seems to have deteriorated in ten years. In this district two light blue patches crossed Wasp and Walliday Row have disappeared.

The second district is bounded by Fulham Road on the north, by Britten St on the east, by King's Road on the south and by Sporter Row on the west. Here our map shows no blue ~~[illegible]~~ in Blacklands St, and in the main it is correct: in the streets which are coloured definitely red or yellow there is no sign of decay: the flats for instance which are being built in Edith Row and Manda Row

are of a character quite as good if not better than the houses which they are displacing; but in the streets coloured pink and pale brown there are indications of decay: Camera Sq and its neighbourhood and the whole group of streets between St George's workhouse and King's Road are certainly going downward. Nowhere they are neither very poor, nor rough and squalid: here again there is comfort and respectability: the only plague spot in the district is Slaid Hill St, one of those nice places where I should be surprised to find any decent inhabitants: this street too if our map is correct has gone down in moral character if not in wealth.

The third district is bounded by ~~Flood~~ King's Road on the north by Flood St on the east by the Thames on the south and by Beaufort St on the west. This is a very mixed district containing the gamut of all the colours, for I propose to give Mason Jacobs a black line. Such changes as there are in the district are due mainly to demolition and rebuilding: the

new building consists of middle class flats, which will probably before long swallow the considerable poor area which still fringes both sides of Manor St., as they have already displaced the blue stock Lawrence St. (The progress of red and yellow in Chelsea may be noted: north of King's Road it progresses west from Sloane St.; south of King's Road ~~it creeps~~ north from the river.) This district is on the whole the most interesting and the most characteristic in Chelsea: large parts of it, both rich and poor, remain as they were, or almost as they were, some centuries ago, when Chelsea was a village a mile or more from London: the old church and Cheyne Walk are redolent of Queen Anne and the Georges: while the courts and alleys about Manor St. and Church St., as indeed to some extent throughout all their three districts, have a unique character among London courts: (though no doubt the courts are often genuine old village bits which have been engulfed in London, but nowhere do

How I felt that this is so, so strongly as in Chelsea, and it is with a shock of surprise that in Jones' Cottages, for instance, one searches in vain for a pig. The three courts are poor; but which some are quiet and respectable, others have fallen into very evil hands. Especially Manor Gardens and Manor Buildings: here what have once front gardens are now generally in a state of filthy disorder.

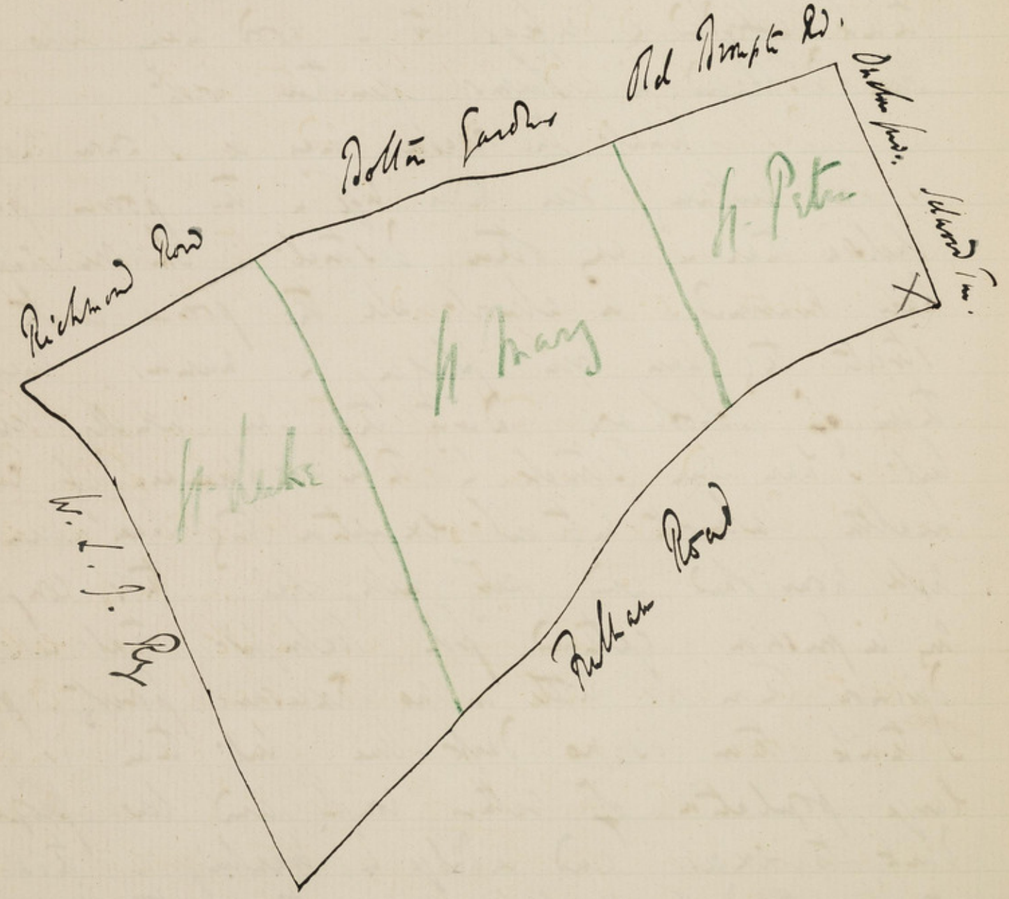
The fourth district is bounded by King's Road on the north, by Beaufort St on the East, by the Thames on the south, and by Lots Road on the west. This is the newest, the poorest, and the least pleasing district in Chelsea: here the poverty, of which there is much, has no tincture of romance or picturesqueness. The greater part of this district, - I think all west of Flaxton Rd - is built on the site of Cremorne Gardens, and is therefore quite modern, but both here and in the older part to the east the tendency is downwards, the purple becoming lime into some tinge of black, and much of the

pink purple or even blue. But though the Cremorne estate is deteriorating it is the older part between Wandsworth and Milman St which was and still is the poorest: this is nearly all coloured purple on our map but has now reached a much lower stage, and indeed shows signs in parts of becoming a very nasty place. Sibray Sq is the worst spot in the area: & why it has sunk so low it is difficult to say: the houses are not old, and in spite of their filthy and dilapidated appearance as the result of the usage of the present tenants, are, halfight-tillers me, exceedingly well built. The Cremorne estate on the map is practically all pink: here again there is evident deterioration, most marked in Darling Road and the roads between it and Sisters Grove: the three story double fronted flats or dwellings which fill ~~large~~ large parts of these roads and which appear again in Arundale Road and Mecklenburgh Sq are wretched buildings and are doomed to fall in the social scale after a very few generations of tenants. These flats & houses have reached the lowest stage, while many of the other streets in this area have gone

from pink to purple. Altogether this is rather a depressing district, which has I should think afforded a refuge to a good many who have been displaced in slums further East.

What the reason may be I know not, but I have certainly seen more life in the poorer parts of Chelsea than in any other district: children especially have swarmed: in almost all the poorer courts and streets they have been playing in numbers, many of them of school age. Dirty they have usually been but I have been struck by their appearance of robust health; almost without exception they have been well nourished and fairly well clad: this confirms my impression, gathered from Battersea, that in this division there is little or no excessive poverty: practically I think there is no dark blue but there is a large population of rather rough and low people who drink to excess and indulge in brawling: this leads to a good deal of light blue with a touch of black.

District covered



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District 27/11

March 18th. 1895.

Walked with Inspector Seabright round district bounded on the north by Richmond Road, Boltons Gardens and Old Brompton Road, on the east by Onslow Gardens and Selwood Terrace, on the south by Fulham Road, and on the west by the West London Junction Railway, in the parishes of St. Luke, St. Mary and St. Peter.

Starting off the corner of Selwood Terrace and Fulham Road west to Little Elm Place called Elm Mews on map: 2 st. cottages on each side: private to purple: private on map.

purples

West to Elm Place: 2 st.: on each side practically either both servants: should be ind: on west power: possibly private: all p.b. on map.

North to Elmwood Place: 2 and 3 st.: apartments and private: all both servants: ind rather than p.b.

East to Elmwood Terrace: 2½ st.: very mixed: some almost palace houses: some private: p.b. as map.

Moreton Terrace - red

Drayton Grove - red

North to Onslow Gardens : 5½ st : yellow as map.

South to Sussex Mews : pink as map.

West to Cranley Mews : pink as map.

South to Cranley Gardens : 5½ st : yellow as map.

West to Pretyman Gardens : 4½ st : new houses also on west side : yellow as map.

North to Roland Gardens : 3½ and 4½ st : yellow as map.

West to Thurloe Mews : pink as map.

North to Old Brompton Road in which are :- Roland Mews : 4½ st : yellow as map.

Drayton Terrace : 4½ st. yellow to red : yellow on map.

and Moreton Terrace : 4 st. shops : red rather than yellow of map.

West to Cressida Gardens : unnamed on map : yellow as map.

South to Drayton Grove : st north 3½ st. Oldish houses : apartments : red as map. Then on east large block of new flats : red to yellow : opposite them on west are new houses, yellow in character.

West to Bolton Mews : pink as map.

Redcliffe Gardens S of Fregunter} red

Wharfedale Road - pk bⁿ

North and east to Marlborough Gardens, Dollis Gardens, Dollis Gardens South (late Madan Lane), and The Dollis: all yellow on map.

South to Dollis Gardens Mews: pink on map.

West to The Grove: 3½ st: yellow to red: yellow on map. Hereford House at the corner lately used for a Gaming Club is now to let, and no doubt Flats will be built here. Colehurne Court is still in possession of the Tattersall family.

West to Redcliffe Sq: 5½ st: yellow on map.

North and south to Redcliffe Gardens: 4½ st: yellow to red: yellow on map. Flats power at south end.

North to Richmond Road: 4 st shops: red on map.

South to Colehurne Road (Colehurne Gardens on map): 4½ st: red on map.

West to Wharfedale Road: 3½ st: the apartments some even unfurnished: showing distinct signs of decay: red to p.b.: red on map.

West to Bulborough Road: 3½ and 4½ st:

nearly all apartments: the northern end houses
mere prostitutes: red on map.

West to Spitfield Road the northern part of
which is now called Adrian Terrace: 3 and 5½ st.
terraces with a few shops: pink to purple:
pink on map.

Mews behind Spitfield Road is purple on map.

East to Colchester Mews: pink to purple: pink
on map

South to Wildgate Terrace: 4½ st.: mostly
private but some apartments: red on map.

East to Redcliffe Mews: pink on map.

East to Harcourt Terrace: 4½ and 5½ st.:
all private: large houses: yellow rather than red.

South to Tregunter Road: 3½ st.: most
semi-det. Red on map.

South to Cathcart Road: 4½ st.: some
private: some apartments: red on map.

South to Oakfield Road: 3½ st. nothing but prostitutes.
red on map.

South to Fancett St: 3½ st.: nearly all
prostitutes: red on map.

South to Clyde St. : 3½ st. : all private : red as map.

South to Fulham Road : all good shops : red as map.

West to St. Marks and Devonshire Terrace : 3½ st. : old houses : apartments : red as map.

West to St. Mark's Road : 2 st. : purple as map.

West to South St. : 2½ st. : rather poorer than St. Mark's Road : l.b. to purple : purple on map.

West to Stanford Cottages : 2 st. : l.b. to purple : purple on map.

East to North St. : 2½ st. : purple as map.

East to Barkston St. : asphalte paved cul de sac : 3 st. houses : purple to b. : purple on map.

East to Holly wood Road : 3½ st. : shops and apartments : red as map. The ~~st~~ streets east and west of Holly wood Road and south of Fawcett St. are now uninhabited.

East to Seymour Place : 3 st. cul de sac : very quiet : pink as map.

Chelsea Grove - lb

East to Redcliffe Road : 3½ st: apartments: warmer with prostitutes.

East to Holmes Place : three 3 st. houses : pink as map.

East to Gilston Road : 3½ st : semi-det. Red to yellow : red on map.

East to Chelsea Park : asphalte paved court : 2 st : purple to l.b. rather than pink of map.

East to Clifton Place : 2 and 3 st : pink to purple ; pink on map.

North to Melbourne Grove : 3½ st : mostly private ; some apartments : red as map.

North to Harley Gardens : 3½ st : some semi-det : all private : red to yellow : red on map.

North to Priory Grove : 3½ and 4½ st : private and apartments : red as map.

East to Drayton Gardens : new flats at corner on site of Harley Villas : red in character : south are old villas ; red as map.

East to Johnson's Place : a few houses only : take pink off.

South to Addison's Place : 2½ st : pink

to red: and a very

Portman Johnson's Blue and Drayton Garden is Holly Berry: purple rather than pink.

General Remarks

Beyond the little group of quiet streets tucked in between the Cemetery and the railway and two or three courts off the Fulham Road, this district ~~has~~ contains little or no poverty, and as far as actual colour goes is in almost exactly the same condition as the map shows: but though not yet sufficient to affect the colour considerably changes are I think in progress: towards the east - (Ends up of Gilston Road) - the difference is slight: here the ~~to~~ trend is if anything upward: more yellow has been built in Bridge Garden and elsewhere - especially in Drayton Garden and Drayton Grove - flats and houses of a superior character to the old mean buildings. But towards the ~~west~~ west there is distinct and I fear ~~and~~ rapid deterioration going on. The houses in this district, and especially those in Finborough, Lettsom, Wharfdale, Fawcett,

Clyde and Wharfdale Roads are not of the character now indicated from those who are prepared to pay the rents asked: such people no doubt are flocking into the flats which are being so largely built here, and filling outside the district in Richmond Road; the result is that these roads are going down socially and are rapidly becoming let in tenements, with in some cases respition of tenants: how great is the difficulty in letting them is shown by Wainright's statement that ~~large 4½ d.~~ the 50 years lease of large 4½ d. houses in Finborough Road can be bought for £400: then I think he made to understand, the fact, but that there is a basis of truth in it I can be pinned by an advertisement I saw of a similar & but much finer house in Cathcart Road (a house ~~about~~ as large as E.J. 24 Gt. Cathcart Rd.) of which the 30 years lease with ground rent of £13 was offered for £525. How far this social decay is cause or effect of the moral condition of the neighbourhood I

do not know, but as far as many of the streets go we have here a second Pimlico through a Pimlico of rather higher class: Oakfield and Fawcett Sts, Redcliffe Road and the upper part of Finborough Road swarm with prostitutes, women who patrol in the Piccadilly district and usually bring their man home in a cab; they are so thick in their own streets that there is practically no complaint or from neighbours, and the police have as elsewhere taken no steps unless complaints are received.

Inspector Kalright who has been my guide in the Chelsea ~~sub~~ sub-division of the Chelsea Division has been in common with my previous guides in their division quite frank and open. I am inclined to think indeed that in some respects his leading as compared with other police officers has been to make his district worse than it is: either this is so or ~~in some respects~~ morally there has been a considerable deterioration in Chelsea since the map was made.

prostitution of course of the class which is found there does not show on the map: the prostitute streets therefore may have been as they are for years since; but further than this I feel bound on Knight's evidence to add Hackney to the following streets in his subdivision Mason Gardens, Mason Buildings, Blackburn St. Gilray St., Pond Terrace, and possibly part of Wold's End Passage. This seems rather a large order, but at the conclusion of our walks I explained carefully to Knight what Hackney meant and told him that on his evidence I thought these streets deserved it with which he fully agreed. None of these streets are wholly black but all I think have a sufficient proportion of the "lowest class vicious semi-criminal" to require a black line. Of his crime indeed there is not much in the district; but there is a great deal of petty thieving and assaults as the result of drink are frequent.

On the question of drink Knight thought that in the five years he has known the division

There is no charge for the letter or words.
For myself in these walks on the Chelsea division, extending over morning and afternoon I have seen only one drunken man in the streets an individual who came rolling down Little College St. using ~~in~~ very horrid ~~language~~ and beastly language in a way which I regret to say was unspeakably comic. With this exception the streets were absolutely decorous, though in all the courts ~~and~~ courts and streets I saw many dirty women whose faces betrayed that they are seldom wholly free from the influence of alcohol.

As to betting and gambling - Racing-tipsters of these provincial districts: they are constantly being met in and fined. One of them when he is summoned calls a cab, goes to the court, takes his cab to transit is fined £5 gives another £5 to the Poor Box and returns to his work. The whole thing in fact is utterly futile.

Notes on the Rochester Row ~~Sub-Division~~ Wester Division: parts of Districts 24 and 25. 24/5

Housing: The great change is the amount of re-building that has taken place and that is contemplated. Flats are the great feature, and the great result is the diminution of the poverty of the district. In a few cases these dwellings for the rich are found cheek by jowl with the existing slums for the poor; in others, as in York St., there is reason to think that the whole character of a n'hood is on the eve of change, and that areas previously poor will be occupied by an almost entirely well-to-do class. When rich and poor are found to-gether there is no sign that they have the least effect upon e each other, an occasional robbery when one of the former comes home late, being the only point mentioned when the Inspector-guide was questioned on the point. The "Settlement idea" of the mixture of the classes is being realized by a natural process, we devise & nature and apparently to no good purpose. On the other hand the elimination of the poor is not leading to any greater congestion of the population, unless it be in the n'hood of Tufton St. On the whole displacement is not leading to greater degradation of the areas still occupied by the "blue" classes. Difficulty in finding accommodation locally; removal from beyond the n'hoo higher rentals, rather than greater over-crowding appears

to result from the transformation that is going on in West minster.

The Ecclesiatical Commissioners are the chief ground landlords. They are like the Duke of Westminster in other parts, but they do not appear to have so sensitive a social conscience. They use the opportunities that the falling in of leases gives them, but it does not appear that they attempt to forestall these opportunities by bringing any pressure to bear upon the leaseholders of property that has become either insanitary or has got into undesirable occupancy. On the whole it appears that they act as the trustees of endowments, after the ways of corporations not greatly troubled by social considerations. The conditions of the market determine them in their decisions as to the use to which sites shall be put, and the result is that they ~~xxxxxxx~~ sanction the erection of expensive flats or they sell to the Army and Navy Stores, or acquiesce in other uses that do not provide for the accommodation of a displaced poor class if the market so determines On the other hand they do not renew many of the public-house licenses and beer-houses that are falling in on their estate. Mainly through their agency the number of licensed houses in the district is steadily diminishing; a few years ago there were 35 more than at present, and even now in Cousins' opinion, there are twice too many

houses, although they are "not much troubled by beer-houses". During the coming year it is expected that six more public house and two more beer-house licenses will fall out. Regency St. is a spot which will be greatly altered before long in this respect. At present there are 3 pubs. and two beer-houses; and of these only one of the former will be permanently retained, namely the one at the corner of Vincent St. This will be re-built.

The CRIME of the district, as measured by the number of charges that it furnishes has greatly diminished, the annual total going down at the rate of 100 a year. There are very few ticket-of-leave men in the Sub-division -- six instead of perhaps 60 or more. This probably points to ~~the~~ a decided diminution of the spots in which they find it convenient to live, but Cousins did not point out one fact bearing on this point, viz. the pulling down of Millbank. When that was in use, a considerable number of discharged prisoners would have settled near, who now would be more likely to go elsewhere. But after allowance has been made for this the reality of the improvement appears to be marked. Chadwick St. and one or two other spots remain bad and black, and there are several Common Lodging Houses, alwayd Cousins thinks ensuring the presence of "a shady lot".

The proximity of the Barracks gives rise to much less

trouble than of old, Cousins advancing the following as reasons for the change: the greater pride that soldiers take in their calling; the effects of better education; and the institution and efficiency of the military police.

Cousins, himself not a teetotaller, had a poor opinion of working men's clubs in which drink is sold. The point came up in connexion with the one in ~~Bagnay St.~~ Vincent St. and the opinion of an old resident close by, with whom we spoke about the changes in the district, that "the club was the only nuisance" now in the street. He was strongly of opinion that the club was the cause of much waste of time; of a poor class of entertainment; and of much drinking. The "sight" in the street outside the club on a Sunday morning just before eleven, the hour at which it opened, ~~xxxxx~~ told clearly the kind of use to which the club would be put during the day. After the expression of much adverse opinion, Cousins endorsed ~~xxxxxxxx~~ it all, saying that the experience of Mr. Elliott, the resident in question, "had always been his."

Cousins, a man of perhaps 45, was solid and stolid, of fair intelligence and very thorough as a guide if perhaps not too frank in his information. A good enough fellow, but by no means of the best type.

West End
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Interview with Superintendent Keegan.

Supt. Keegan is Supt. of the Chelsea Division of Police, the area covered by my walks with Inspectors Hornby, Andrews, and Seabright. He is an Irishman of about 55, with a pleasant Irish manner full of lightness, geniality, and a good share of 'blarney'. He has been Supt. of this division for 7 years.

I told him that we proposed to give a line of block to Blaidburn St., Sibray Sq., Manor Gardens, Manor Buildings, Pond Place, and Paradise Walk. He agreed to the justice of it in each case, all these streets having been made much worse by demolition clearances, mostly in other parts of Chelsea. But neither in these streets nor clearances in the division are any big things of the Hoxton type, and the police charges are due to petty thefts, and drunken brawls.

One branch of work in which Supt. Keegan has been particularly active is the attempt to suppress street betting and gambling. In 1895 he began a

sort of crusade against the bookmakers: he produced a book showing the results: for a about six months there were 10 or 12 summons daily, about 2/3d of which were followed by a fine of £5. By this means Mr H. is convinced that he almost cleared the streets of bookmakers: they used he said to swarm round Victoria Station, and carried on their business openly in most of the Public Houses. Asked whether he thought this vigilance had deterred the betting propensities of the people of Chelsea Mr H. said he had no doubt of it but at the same time he admitted that there were ways in which they could still do it if they wished to: nearly every trade tobacconist and many barbers and newsagents act either as bookmakers or agents for bookmakers and with them it is almost impossible to deal as long as they are doing a legitimate business at their own trade also: all the police can do is to suppress open betting in the streets and public houses. Asked as to the willingness with which his crusade was backed up by the general body of police, Mr H. said he thinks

they were very little infected with the letting crage: not more than 1 in 20 were paid any money on a house.

As to prostitution: Mr R. admitted the evil character of certain portions of his district: bad as are certain streets in Pimlico the whole that Pimlico as a whole was much worse ~~the~~ 20 years ago. On the general question he does not suppose there is ~~any~~ any actual decrease in prostitution but he thinks that things are much more decorous and decent than 20 years ago when he was stationed in Piccadilly: the women are of a less debased type, there is less contagious disease among them. Mr R. favours a policy of the prosecution of brothels, and does not think that any system of regulation would be advisable or possible.

As to drink – Mr R. gave the usual evidence that there was a great decrease in drunken rowdiness: "the people" he said "are a totally different people ~~from what~~ from what they were 20 years ago when I joined the force": and the improvement has

extended to the police and the politicians: the former of whom are now an almost entirely sober body, while the latter are much more respectable and steady, and for the more part remarkably careful as to the conduct of their houses. Asked how it was that so many drunken people got served without any prosecution of publicans, Mr R. urged the insuperable difficulty of the definition of drunkenness, ~~and~~ the impossibility of getting convictions on the unsupported evidence of one constable against 4 or 5 witnesses: these things combined with the natural greed of the publican have Mr R. admitted made the law almost a dead letter. As to the ~~pol~~ police being influenced by any payment in money or kind on the part of the publicans Mr R. wholly denied it as a system: a case might occur here and there, he said, but nearly always among young constables.

As to the charge often made that the police are "too easy" especially in rough districts Mr R. admitted that conduct which ~~they~~ would lead to the police calling ~~in ladgings &c~~ would be

united all in Shaftesbury St: but this is inevitable: the standard of what is permissible must differ to some extent with the district, and the policy of the London police is to be too easy rather than too rough, like the continental police. "I tell you our Dixon" said the Supt. gravely in his genial Irish way "there are no police like ours in the world: we are almost perfect: you will find faults and mistakes but they are generally among the youngsters sent from the country: a policeman is not made in a day: it takes five or ten years to make an efficient policeman."

There are no clubs of the Soho type in Chelsea, and only one massage establishment, against which it is difficult to obtain evidence of its immoral purposes.