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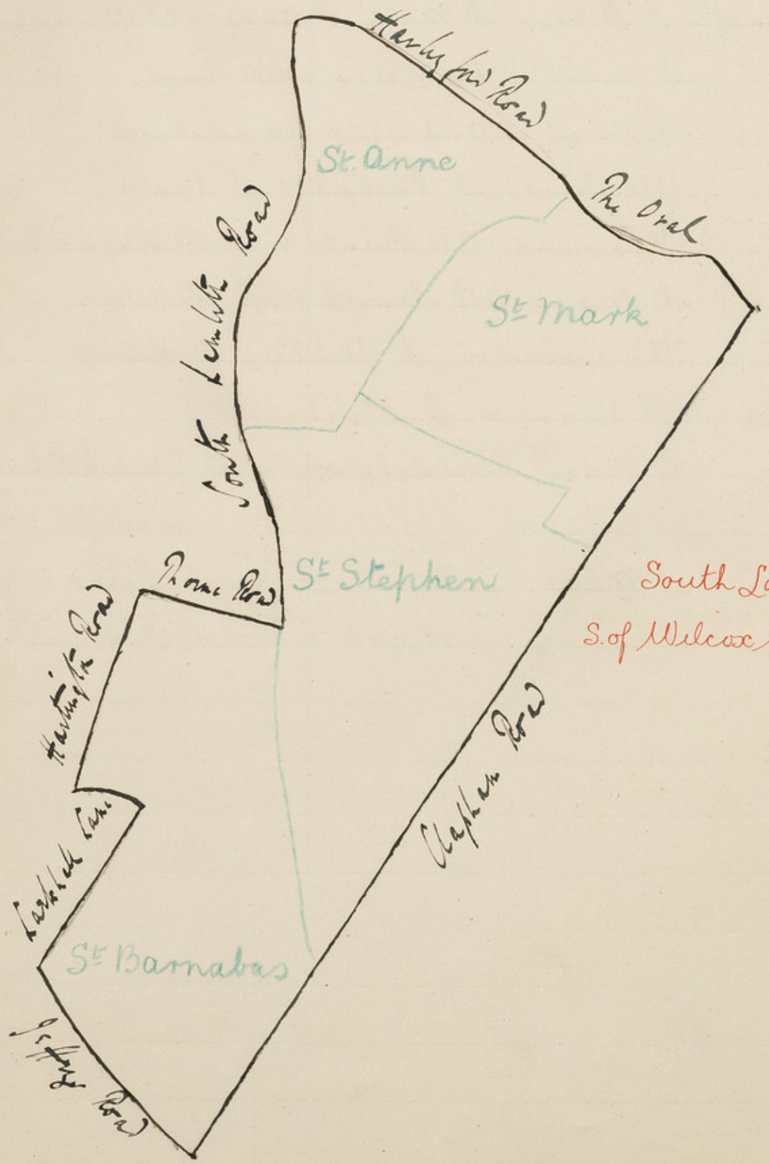
June 22nd and 23rd. 1855

Walk with Sergeant Hann round district bounded on the N.E. by Harleyford Road and The Oval on the East by Clapham Road ~~and~~ on the West by South Lambeth Road Hartington Road and Larkhall Lane ~~Lane~~ and on the S.W. by Stayes Road being the parish of St Stephen and parts of the parishes of St Mark St Anne and St Barnabas.

Starting at Vauxhall Station south to South Lambeth Road: a very mixed road coloured on the map pink p.v. red and yellow. The yellow at the south end should I think be changed to red ~~and~~ the red to p.v. and possibly the p.v. to pink. Many of the best of the old houses in the road are now used for business purposes Laundries etc. Just North of Vauxhall Park between Langley Lane and Lawn Lane is a new block of middle class flats which should be pink or p.v. Road half way through



South Lambeth Road
S. of Wilcox Road red & pk[illegible]

Cranbrook. Victoria, Albert and Atholl Mansions
— pk

Grove Cottages — lb

Court out of Barlton Villas - lb

Bonnington Square - purple

the road on the open unbuilt space north of the Tate Library and again opposite it are two new large blocks of flats of mixed character some middle class some working but very few with a servant: should be pink. They are called Cranbrook, Victoria, Albert and Atholl Mansions

Exit to The Grove: 3 st. all tenements: pink on map.

Path out of the Grove is Grove Cottages: five 2 st: labourers etc. should be l.b.; uncoloured on map

The south end of the Grove unnamed on map is Carlton Villas: 3½ st: tenants: pink on map.

Out of the north side of Carlton Villas is a court of three cottages with small gardens: uncoloured on map: l.b. to purple

South to Bonnington Sq: 3 st.: tenants; all three families or more: rather poorer than The Grove: purple to pink: pink on map. Looks as if it might easily become a slum. At

Park Mansions - pk b°

Fentiman Road E. of Meadow Road pk. b°

the junction of Bonnington Sq and Langley Lane is a knot- little double fronted cottage, Vine Lodge covered with a vine and creepers and gay with flowers, the residence of some retired tradesman.

West to Langley Lane: some 2 st. modern some 3 st. and row of old houses Hale's Place covered with vines and creepers: all paint as map. A new block of flats building at the west end: Park Mansions: p.b. to paint.

South across Vauxhall Park to Fentiman Road. Vauxhall Park is not as well kept as it ought to be, and is a great contrast to Kensington Park.

Fentiman Road is 3 and 3½ st. with small front gardens: the houses opposite the Park are the newest and best: a good many occupied by the family: many furnished apartments. Names say all shops remarks: possibly p.b. instead of red east of Meadow Road.

North and South to Meadow Road: 2 st. small front gardens: paint as map.

Rita Road - pk

Old South Lambeth Road - pk

Lake out of Old South Lambeth Road is
purple - Meadow Place : 2 and 2½ st : rather better both than
south. Purple : pink on map.

South of Meadow Place is Stanford Builds : a
small block of 3 st Builds : purple as map.

Carroun Road - pk

Osborne & Richmond Terraces - pk b³

Trigon Grove - purple

West out of Meadow Road is a new
road Rita Road : built on part of the ground
of Bramley & Vincent works : it goes round into
Fentiman Road : 3 st : all tenants : should
be pink.

South to Stockwell Avenue : new 3 st
tenants as Rita Road : the bit uncoloured on
map now built on : pink to purple : pink
on map.

West to Old South Lambeth Road : small
shops : p.b. as map.

East down to Oval Road to Carroun Road
(late Oval Road) : 2 st : all good working class :
no tenants : pink rather than p.b. of map.

East and west to Osborne Terrace and
Richmond Terrace : 3½ st : front gardens :
Rawn Brick not keep tenants : p.r. to red :
red on map.

North to Trigon Grove : 2 st : pink to
purple : pink on map.

East to Trigon Road : 2 and 2½ st :
small front gardens : pink as map.

Ashmole Place - lb

Church Street - purple

Dorset Rd S. side W. of Bolney St - pk

Just behind Hannah Place out of Paisley Place (here Dorset R. on map is Osborne Place: 2 st. cottages with front gardens: l.b. to purple: l.b. on map.

Osborne Place - pk

~~Similar~~ Similar is Hayland's Road: pink on map. Between Trigon and Hayland's Roads is an enclosed open space with a fine old tree in the middle: the space is very badly kept and should be thrown open and kept up by the Vestry

East to Ashmole Place: 2 st: poor habitations: few signs of regular: should be l.b. rather than d.b. of map.

East to Church St: 2 st and few shops: purple to l.b.: l.b. on map.

East to Hannah Gardens: 2½ st: old tenements: pink on map. Here again the central garden should be thrown open. The inhabitants have not the right to use it.

West down Clapham Road to Dorset Road: in the main 2 st with small front gardens some of them tastefully kept: pink on map and purple through

East out of Dorset Road are: Hannah Place: three streets with 1 st cottages with front courts: l.b. on map. Here an old crone came out to talk to us and complained that the Vestry came

Cobbett Street - purple

through the roof, but the cottages seemed in good repair. Just South of Meadow Road and East of Dorset St is a group of little courts apparently part of Bolney St: they are purple on map, but should perhaps be L.L.

West out of Dorset Road to Cobbett St: 2 st: nearly all men connected with railway: mostly goods porters. Purple to L.L.: ~~L.L.~~ L.L. on map.

North to Madrid Place (late Alfred Place): 2 st: rather poorer and rougher than surrounding streets: L.L. as map.

East to Kilburn St. Beech St. and Bolney St: all 2 st: much as Cobbett St: many porters: purple to L.L.: all L.L. on map.

South from Bolney St is Alfred Cottages: 1 and 2 st. double fronted with front gardens: all respectable families, many Engine Drivers: pink rather than L.L.

North to Ely Place: 2 st: the poorest and roughest of this batch of poor streets off Dorset Road: but neither very rough nor very poor: L.L. as map.

Layham Cottages - lb

Aldebert Terrace - pk

S. Stephen's Terrace N. end pk

Wilkinson Street - pk b[?]

North to Layham Cottages : three only : l.b. rather than purple.

The l.b. patch in Dorset Road just off Old South Lambeth Road is Fields Place : two cottages : l.b. as map.

~~South to Meadow Place : 2 and 2½ st. : pink as map.~~

South to Tradescant Road and Walberwick Road : 3 st. : ash tenements : pink to purple : pink on map.

South to Aldebert Terrace : 3½ st. : possibly a few keeping servants' bedrooms : pink rather p.b. of map.

North to S. Stephens' Terrace : a little better than Aldebert : p.b. as map, except north end which is Pal. pur.

Pal. to Wilkinson St. : as St Stephen's Terr. : p.b. rather than red.

Pal. to Albert Sq. : once the aristocratic square of this neighbourhood : now mostly lodging houses : p.b. rather than red.

Pal. to Clapham Road : mixed pink houses, lodging houses, and shops of poor

Portland Place North – pk

Sansdowne Road, N. end, pk b²

Guildford Road N of S. Barnabas Villas pk b²

S. Barnabas Villas pk b²

Sansdowne Gardens N end pk b²

class: red on map.

Wed. to Portland Place North: 2 cw 2½ st.: with front gardens: no tenants: pink rather than p.r.

Wed. to Portland Place South: 2 st.: pink on map.

Sth. end of Portland Place South is Cintra Place: a pretty little court with a wealth of flowers: purple bds.: l.c on map.

West to Lansdowne Road: on south detached and semi-detached houses of good class with gardens: red on map: on north sect of Lansdowne Gardens mostly let in tenements: pink rather than red: East of South Lambeth Road some small shops: p.r. or pink: on map p.r.

South to Cathcart Terrace: 3½ st.: the tenements: pink on map

West to Guildford Road & St. Barnabas Villas, and Lansdowne Gardens: 2½ and 3½ st.: some private houses especially in the centre of Lansdowne Gardens: some tenements: and in the northern half ~~two~~ some tenements: p.r.

Studley Road - pk b[d]

Clarence Street - purple

Jeffreys Road - pk b[d]

to rd : red on map.

South to Penfield Road : 3 1/2 and 2 1/2 st : many detached : ab tops stewards and some quite rich : red as map.

North to Larkhall Lane : 3 and 2 1/2 sts : nearly all let in tenements at this southern end : pink as map.

South to Studley Road : 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 st : mostly semi-det : not so good as Penfield Road : some lodgings and some tenements at north end. P. b. rather than red of map.

West to Paradise Road : 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 st : a few of old houses except at N. end : a few small shops : pink as map.

West to Clarence St : 3 1/2 st : all tenements : dark and gloomy : signs of some poverty : purple rather than pink of map.

West to Jeffreys Road : 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 st : some private houses with rough gardens but many now tenements : p. b. rather than red of map.

General Remarks.

These walks cover practically the whole of the best part of the district known as South Kensington. I knew this area intimately at the time when the map was made and to outward appearance it is almost unaltered. The evidence however goes to show that as in similar districts elsewhere there is some downward trending in the better roads and that a large part of the red which appears on the map has lapsed to p.v. and the p.v. almost entirely to p. At the same time there are many houses still inhabited by high families in Onslow Road Richmond and Osborne Terrace Thurloe Sq. Smilford Road handsome houses Brompton Road Thurloe Road and Sydney Road while the south end of South Kensington Road (where I think yellow) and parts of Clapham Road are still distinctly well to do. The district by bus, tram, and electric rail is extraordinarily accessible to the City and is kept up by this cause. It is still

as it was a great district for tradesmen, retired and still at work, while with its neighbour Brixton and Kennington it is largely frequented by actors and music hall people.

The map shows two poor patches: the first Church St and Rodney Place was never I think so poor as the map represents, certainly it is not now: the people then are for the most part regular wage earners, and give no trouble to the police, a very rare occurrence in a genuinely dark blue street, or whether meant to or not- dark blue I think always carries a moral significance. The second poor area is Doral Road and the streets and courts off it. Here again the note is respectable poverty: the people are nearly all connected with the railway and are really poor, but they make the most of their wages. These streets used to have the reputation with the police of being rough, but now they seldom give any trouble. "Them may be an outbreak occasionally" said Inman "but it is very rare: they are getting much

more civilised."

Omitting Church St and Robinson Place the district between Fentiman and Harleyford Roads is a working class district of the best type, especially the roads east of Vauxhall Park, while another equally attractive artisan area is the Portland Places just east of Clapham Road, then as thoroughfares the best roads in the district the houses are old but well built, and with gardens, front and back. It is in the newer roads - Harleyford Avenue, Tradescant and Walmesley Roads, Rita Road, Bonnington Sq. - that one finds narrow streets, high houses, dark yards, and a gloomy atmosphere and these streets are doomed to rapid decay while Portland Place, Prince Road, Cameron Road, Clayland's Road and Meadow Road with trees their high pink stucco houses as long as the present houses stand: but no doubt when the leases fall in it will be decided that to give people so much open space about their houses is a mistake and these pleasant quarters will give way to more

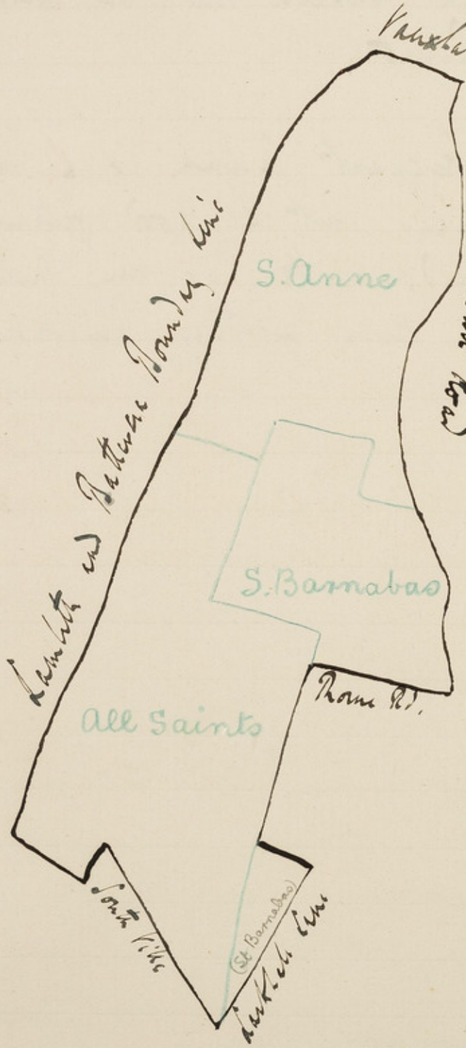
thy ford Byeways and Tradesmens Roads.
for the district is now it is characterised
by a wealth of greenery and flowers: all the
old roads ~~have~~ (with the exception of those off
Dorset Road) have gardens back and front: very
few are neglected and some are beautifully kept,
while in many of the roads there are trees and
flowering shrubs. Even more remarkable is the
wealth of creepers and window flowers: in
all the old courts and often in the streets roses
and other creepers almost hide the brickwork,
which both in rich and poor towns often
hours has been gay with flowers. Nowhere have
I been equally struck by the wonderful love of
flowers shown by the Londoner.

When doing duty in Soho I had occasion
to notice the insanitary condition of a public house
urinal. I happen to have been into several in this
district and renewed my complaint: also I have
been visiting in the licensed trade, and even more
visiting morally, & find one party of the pot-houses
they are usually painted white, thus leading to make

more easily than the ordinary Animal to observe
writings and drawings. The Vestries I think should
either take their minutes own or insist on Solicitors
keeping them decent.

Sergeant Runnu is a burly, awkward,
rather heavy man but a good fellow and a
very willing guide. He has ten months years in
the force and seven in this division.

District covered



Bond St - purple

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June 24th and 27th 1855

Dist. 34

Walk with Sergeant Swann round district bounded on the north by Upper Kennington Lane on the east by South Lambeth Road and Vauxhall Lane on the south by South Pike and Lambeth boundary on the west & by L. & S. W. Ry. Works, being parts of the parishes of St Anne, St Barnabas, and All Saints.

Starting at Vauxhall Station south to Bond St: mainly old 2 st. houses: mixed in character: purple on map. On the East side Bennett's Row ~~town~~ covers much space and on the west some of the houses are now replaced by stables. On the vacant patch at N.E. is now Rowton House. The first one built, and much less attractive in appearance than those of later date. The superintendent told Swann the other day that "they have all classes there except princes and an occasional prince daily". The House has given the police little or no trouble.

Pleasant Place - pk

Wandsworth Road between Pascal St and
Fountain Street - purple
— " — Rest - pk b²

East to Arch St: only a few 2 st. Lower: purple on map.

West of Bond St on Clark's Cottages: three 2 st: l.b. on map.

Hart's Cottages: strange little double fronted 1 st. cottages with front gardens: all let to single families: pink on map. and

Pleasant Place: 2 st: which for once justifies its name: front garden gay with flowers: creepers on doors: pink on purple rather than l.b. of ~~the~~ map

South to Miles St: 2 and 2½ st: some houses west of Miles now business premises: red: pink to purple: pink on map.

East into Wandsworth Road which from here up to Carnarvon from on the East and here Road on ~~the~~ the west is the great shopping street of the poor streets which border it: the shops are of a very poor class and broken the character of the neighbourhood. On Saturday night some costers' barrows are stationed about Wilcox Road. South of the

Shops are old houses mostly with gardens in front and are they mean the station with large gardens behind. These houses are now many of them let for business tenements etc. Probably Wandsworth Road should now be p.r. ale through (p.r. and red on map) or even pink or purple in places as between Hemans St and Parcel St. when it is quite poor. In Wandsworth Road are two Common Lodging Houses Vauxhall Chambers just north of Miles St and Star Chambers at the corner of Hemans St: both are rough especially the latter and have been made rougher by the opening of Lowton House which has taken the more respectable lodgers of the neighbourhood.

East to Wynil Road: 2 and 3 st: pink on map.

North to Gladstone St: 2 st: purple on map.

East to Wynil St: 2 st: l.r. to purple l.r. on map: should be coloured on both sides.

South to Wheatsheaf Lane: a flagged

Wynil Street - purple

Wilcox Road - pk

Assaye Street - lb

Dawlish St S. of Luscombe St - lb

passage from South Lambeth Road to Wilcox Road: 2 and 2½ st.: purple on map. At the north end of the lane is Wheatsheaf Hall, where W. S. Caine is one of the managers.

Back to Walton Terrace and Radnor Terrace: the same streets: 2½ st: purple as map.

South to Rosetta St: 2 st: rather poorer than Radnor and Walton: great-litter in street: l.b. to purple: purple on map.

South to Wilcox Road: 2 st: shops west of wheatsheaf Lane: purple to pink: purple on map.

North to Passage St: a small unpaved street running from Wheatsheaf Lane to Horace St: posts at the entrance seem to indicate that the absence of paving is due to it's being private and not under charge of the vestry. It is 2. sts: poor and dirty: probably l.b. rather than purple.

West to Horace St: 2 st: poor and crowded: probably l.b. rather than purple on map.

West to Dawlish St: 2 st: much as Horace St: perhaps a little better: l.b. to

Neptune St. S end - db (3 hos)

Albert & Neptune Cottages - lb

Little Spring Place - lb

purple : purple on map.

North to Lascombe St : 3 sts : purple to L.b : purple on map.

South to Bradley St : 2 sts : L.b. on map : and also to slightly the poorest of this group of streets : remains L.b.

South to Simpson St : 2 sts : L.b. as map : the best side is now rather unsheltered.

East to Neptune St : 2 sts, and 3 sts in the bit which runs round into Hartington Road. Neptune St is still L.b. the poorest part being the 3 sts houses which border on L.b. On the south side of Neptune St is ~~a court of five Spring Gardens Cottages~~ : L.b. as map.

On the south are Albert Cottages : uncol. on map : L.b. to purple. Also an unnamed court : two cottages : L.b. in character.

To the east side off Wilcox Road is Little Spring Place : uncol. : four cottages : should be L.b.

East to Rutland St and Manchester St (late Gloucester St) : both 2 sts. : pink as

Hartington Road N. of Thorne Rd. pur.

Maps.

South to Little Stanhope St. (Little Portland St.): only a few 2 st. houses on the north: pinkish pink: purple on map.

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

South to Thorne Road: 3 st.: pink on map.

West to Hartington Road: 2 st. and 3 st. houses and some small shops: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Thorne St. Rivenhall St. and Camellia St.: three exactly similar streets: all 3 st.: very mixed but known, many rich of great poverty: a number of patched windows. these streets are all fearfully crowded many houses having four or five families. They should I think be L.C. rather than poor pink. In all these streets the litter of cabbage, paper, glass, tins, vegetables was tremendous. It was Saturday morning and the streets swarmed with children, mostly very dirty.

Devonshire Road - pkb³

South to The Retreat : 2 st : a flagged passage : houses covered with creepers : pink on map.

South to Cavendish Grove : 2 and 2½ st. Much as The Retreat : pink on map.

South to Viceroy Road : 2, 2½ and 3 st. pink on map.

South to Devonshire Road : 3½ st : semi-det. Human says all keep servants : lots very dull-look : probably p.b. rather than red. Here is All Saints' the church of Canon Allen Edwards, one of the best-known of the clergy in South London. Once a week he has a service when ate 5.45 a.m. ; each man gets a bunch of flowers which means that to attract a few outsiders but most of those who go in there are regular churchgoers.

South to Priory Road : 2½ and 3½ st with gardens : some servants here : p.b. to pink : pink on map.

South out of Priory Road on Priory Place (built 1861), 2 st : pink on

Priory Gardens - pk

Victoria Place - purple

Richmond Place - lb

Brooklands Street - lb

maps. : and Priory Gardens : a few 2 st. cottages at back of Board School : apparently not marked on map : should be pink.

East to Priory Grove : 2 and 2½ st. : pink as map.

West to Victoria Place, facing School : 2 st. : uncol. : purple to l.r.

South to Priory or Southville Mews : a strange little cul de sac lane with scattered 1 and 2 st. cottages : some very old, some new : rather rough : l.r. as map. Looks an ideal place for all sorts of rioting, gambling, fighting, prostitution etc. l.B. as map.

South to Southville : 2 and 3 st. : many detached and semi-det : houses on east one good suburban houses : now all tenants : pink as map.

Across Wandsworth Road and through New Road to Richmond Place on west : 2 st. : probably l.r. rather than purple and pink on map. Houses on N.W. (uncol) on map, almost d.r.

South to Brooklands St. which now

Belmore Street - db

Gladstone Place - db

Milton Place - db

including what is called Charles St on map:
2 st. and 2 p.h. the Charles St bit is very poor
and rough: full of litter, broken windows etc.
should be l. in d.b. rather than purple: the
rest of the street is a little better: l.b.
rather than purple.

East to Belmore St: purple to d.b: 2 st: very
poor: l.b. on map: the south side is
demolished.

North from Belmore St runs
Gladstone Place and Milton Place: 2 st:
two hateful little courts: costers of the lowest
class, rag pickers, beggars etc: rough and
troublesome to police: both should be d.b
rather than l.b. At the corner of Gladstone
Place was a huge heap of rags, bones,
and other refuse festering in the sun, and
giving off a fearful odour.

East to Brookland's Road: 2 st:
much as Brookland's St: l.b. to purple:
purple on map.

At the west end of Brookland's Road a

Brimsworth, Goldsboro' & Thorparch Roads - pur-

Springfield Place - lb

Fountain Street - lb

Road not shown on maps Enters one into Brimsworth Road Goldsboro Road Thorparch Road and Lowthorpe Road: abt 2 ac. None of these roads were finished when the maps were made: they are now all completed built and very tidy built too: Head the block of Thorparch Road ~~is~~ was closed for months ~~as~~ being condemned as to its sanitary arrangements. All the houses have built for two families and many of them have two doors. Rented as are they are between two very poor and low patches then streets are still looked upon as almost aristocratic and guards and liveries are still found here, but they have gone down much and are now very mixed: purple rather than pink on map. All the roadways are very ~~bad~~ badly kept.

North to Springfield Place: 2 st.: not named on map: an asphalted alley: purple to l.b.: pink on map.

North to Fountain St: 2 st.: poor: probably l.b. rather than purple of map.

Hemans Street - lb

North to Conroy St: 2 st: Church on Fountain h: perhaps a little poor: mostly costers and low class labourers: l.h. as map.

North to Hemans St: 2 and 3 st: poor and crowded: l.h. to purple: purple on map.

North to Portland Cottages (also called Hemans St on map): partly poor, rough and drunken: "you can't make it too bad" said Ruben: d.h. laid on map: remains so & is poorly built: ~~too~~ smaller ii

Pascal St: 2 and 3 st: three two storied ~~are~~ costers cadgers, barges: most of them work only on Ridg and Saturday and beat and drink for the rest of the week: Pascal St remains black. In the middle of Pascal St was a monstrous heap of decaying vegetable matter which looked as if it might have been accumulating for weeks.

The Southampton St portion to the north on Penn Stores Lane has been demolished for the L.C.C. works and the few houses which

Still remain with some fellow.

General Remarks.

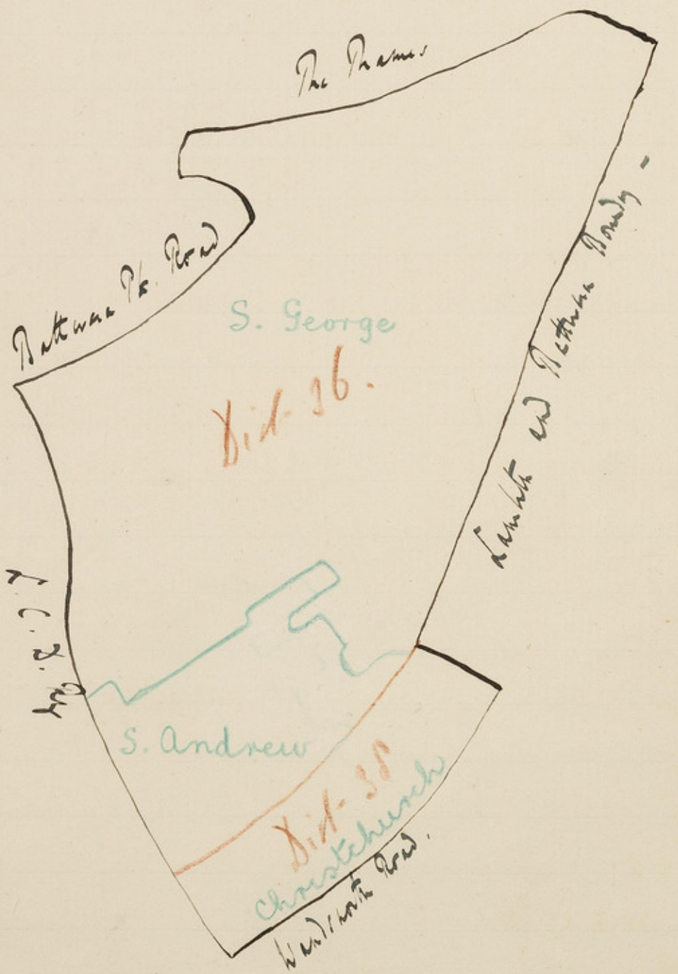
The district covered by these walks is divided into two geographically and to a great extent morally by Wandsworth Road. South of that road it is almost exclusively working class, mainly all regular wage earners, most of whom are employed on railway work. In this part of the district there is no very substantial change since the map was made: such as there is is downward, and I think there is little doubt that the streets (especially those marked purple) north and south of Wilcox Road are slightly poorer than they were when I knew them well: especially do I see a decline in Rowe St Brisbane St. and Camellia St.; which look to me essentially ~~London~~ drunken streets. Indeed all this group of poor streets between South Lambeth and Wandsworth Roads look rougher and less respectable than the poor streets off Dorset Road in the last walk. But though the Wilcox Road district is poor and

South with a downward tendency it compares very favourably with the district west of Wandsworth Road. In the main this has always been a low district north of the Board School and south of Thorparch Road, but it has become very much worse in ten years. The blocks in Pascal St and Portland Cottages is as black as ever, the people here I think nearly all become light-like, while most of the light-like is more dark: and the central four roads, lodged in between the two low quarters - roads which were unfinished ten years ago, - show great marks of decay though still as Hawes said "they are looked on as aristocratic in this quarter": in these streets the decay is due partly perhaps to the contamination of the surroundings but more to bad building. However excluding these streets - which, though not so good as they were are still respectable and the home of regular wage earners - this bit of London, to the west of Wandsworth Road is as low and degraded as any part of London. In it one notices all the familiar signs of

Squalor. Squalor which is made worse by the neglect of the vestry to clean the streets, for nowhere have I seen streets more filthy than these: but worse than the scattered litter in such streets is the apparent allowance of the use of the streets for accumulations of rubbish. Many pictures should be allowed to pile their heaps of garbage in the streets or in Gladstone Place, and costermongers & their decaying vegetables as in Pascal St is a scandal: the neighbours no doubt are accustomed to the stench, and do not complain, but the Medical Officer of Health wants looking up.

Throughout this district, except in the central roads the people are troublesome to the police, drunken rows being a constant occurrence. Homicide beyond assaults arising from drink there is not much crime: nor with the exception of Pascal St. where there are some of the lowest class, are the streets the haunt of prostitutes.

Districts covered



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June 25th. 1875.

Dists. 36 and 38

Walk with Sergeant Hearn round district bounded on the north by The Thames and Nine Elms Lane, on the east by the Lambeth and Battersea Boundary and Wandsworth Road and on the west by L.C.D. Ry. being the parishes of St. George and St. Andrew and part of the parish of Christ Church.

Starting at corner of Nine Elms Lane and Wandsworth Road west down Nine Elms Lane: this is a mixed street the north being almost exclusively wharves and other business premises but the south side called Prince Town on the map is inhabited: 3½ sts.; pink to purple in character. On the south side are pink Brewery Cottages & excellent buildings erected by the Thames for their workpeople all of whom I am told are expected to be teetotallers: beyond the Brewery are 3, 2½ and 2 st. shops and dwelling houses of poor class: pink to purple in character: pink at west.

The pink bit west of Everett St. is now uninhabited.

South to Ponton Road, Currie St. Dickson St. Woodgate St. Everett St. and Ponton St: these streets are so completely cut off from the rest of the world and so homogeneous in character and appearance that they are best grouped together. They are all 2 st. flush with the pavement, with no basement to speak of. They have and are the worst spots in the division. ~~They have also~~ but the exception of Everett St. and a bit of Currie St. and the southern end of Ponton Road, they show all the usual signs of squalor in an exaggerated form, broken windows, filthy broken plaster, dirty ragged children, dirty sodden women etc. I saw several bare footed children, and one girl of about 5 with nothing on but a shirt: I was told it is quite common here to see the small children running about naked. But in spite of this dirt the children are on the whole looked well fed and healthy. In both streets the people - especially in Everett St. and on the

Jas Walker with often very mattresses out
and sleeps in the street. Many of not most
of the inhabitants of them streets earn good
wages as gas workers, coal porters, costers etc,
and almost the sole cause of their destitution is
drink. I warn them that here can
no change [illegible]: if anything there are fewer
drunken rows than there used to be: but I am
admitted that as long as the people kept in
their own ground there was not much interference
with them: they don't often complain of
one another. As to the colour I don't. If
any alteration should be made I said
that Swanett be as the map indicates, over
a little better than the other streets: as for
the rest he said there is nothing to choose between
them: they can't be worse: but Belgrave St
(black on map) between Eaton Mews North
North side of same be and the north end of Ponton
Road ought to be L.C. named instead of D.C. named.
Next to Hanover St: I am sorry also the
frontage on to Battersea Park Road, the whole of

Prod. to and the east side of Hawes St. have been absorbed by the Gas Works. The west side of Hawes St. is 2 st.: here and in the neighbourhood stand many of the more respectable Gas workers. The stock is mixed and purple or perhaps dk. drab end, but the little bit south of Arden St. is very poor, and no better than l.b.

Opposite Hawes St. on part of the ground that belonged to the Southwark Waterworks the Vestry are building a second large Baths, and Washhouse.

West to Arden St.: 2½ st.: poor throughout: l.b. to purple: purple on map.

West to Church St.: 2 st.: as Arden St.: probably l.b. rather than purple.

North to Tweed St. 2 and 2½ st.: small poor gardens, cowsheds: pink on map.

West to Leyton St.: 2½ st.: more mixed than Tweed St.: pink to purple: pink on map.

North to Battersea Park Road: at this point small shops: pink on map.

South to Shafford St.: 2 st.: some very old cottages on west side, but them some more or them is

how a kitchen in the centre of the west side for an extension of the Board School. Shaftesbury St. is poor throughout: L.L. to purple: purple on map.

Richard Shaftesbury St. on the east is Foots Row: 2 st: L.L. as map.

West to Horsell St.: 2 st. East of New Road small front gardens, west flush with pavement: purple as map.

North to Hope Grove: 2 st: poor throughout L.L. as map.

West to New Road: 2 st: small shops on east, mostly cottages on west: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Savona St.: 2 and 3 st: portion both at north near south end, but poor throughout: L.L. as map.

North to York Place: 3½ and 4½ st: facing on Pathetic Park Road: large houses with front gardens: built for middle class: now poor: pink to purple: pink on map.

South to Savona Place: 2 st: purple to L.L.: purple on map.

South to Seldon St: 2 st: mixed: purple rather than pink of maps.

Beneath to Tideman St which now includes what is called Sheldrick St on maps: as Seldon St. proper] from purple rather than pink of maps.

West to Tiding St: 2 st: a little better than two previous streets: pink as maps.

West to Clements Road: a mixed road with houses of every type from 2 to 3½ st: rather mixed in character in parts, but on the whole stable pink as maps. Here 3 st. tenements have been built into the maps opposite St. George's Road and at the extreme N.W. end running on to Wandsworth Road

East to Wadsworth Road (late St. George's Road and Sussex St): 2 st: west of this Road mostly semi-det: gardens in front: many old railings: pink as maps.

East to New Road: 2 and 2½ st: small shops and houses: rather poorer N. of John St: pink as maps.

East to Thessaly Sq: 2 st: pink as maps.

Opposite Thurlow Sq on the west of Lee Road is Mundella Road : 2 st. : not so good as Thurlow Sq : pink to purple : pink on map.

West to Patmore Road : 2 st. : pink & grey.

South to Corunna Road : 2 st. : about exactly as Wadsworth Road : ash railings : pink on map.

West across Stewarts Road to Corunna Pl. 3 st. h. 2 st. s. : poor and rather rough : l.b. rather than purple.

South to Corunna Terr. : 2 and 2½ st. : not so poor as Corunna Pl. : purple to l.b. : l.b. on map. Then are no houses west of Linford St.

South to Linford St. : 2 st. with front-yard on west side : poor and had a bad reputation with police, but is now much better : many coloured : l.b. rather than d.b. based of Insp. I don't think this street was one d.b. I knew many people in it eight years ago : I remember especially a porter who had a small conservatory in his back garden full of the most lovely flowers : but then was certainly some very bad

Transactions in the street.

East to Hyman St: 2 st. on south: 1 st. on north: always rather poorer and rougher than Linford St. and still so: mostly coasters: rather better than St. was: L.L. rather than S.L. trend.

East down Stewart's Road to Powis St and Porson St: both 2 st: mostly vacancy: quite as map.

South to Stockdale Road (not Stockdine) and Duckwood Road: both 2 st. and exactly similar: poor and crowded: quite unchanged: L.L. as map.

South to Sturdale Road: 2 st: exactly as Stockdale and Duckwood in building: but perhaps a little less poor: purple to L.L: purple on map.

South to Victoria St: 2 st, and Ann St: 2 st: exactly similar: both poor: purple to L.L: purple on map.

East to William St: 2 st: poor and rather rough: L.L. as map.

South to John St: almost exactly as

William St: perhaps a little poorer: L.L. rather than S.E. of Wapping.

West to Howard St: 2 St flats with two doors: print on map.

Behind Howard St is Bridport Place: a small block of 2 St houses: print on map.

West to Sabrina St: 2 St: as Howard St: print on map.

West to Brandon St: 2 St: on east side semi-det. with gardens: purple on map.

West to Milton St: 2 St: with large front gardens: some of them tripl. ups: purple on map.

~~South~~ to Wandsworth Road: poor 20 single families now on north side: print rather than S.E. of map. In Wandsworth Road west opposite Albion Road is a London Lodging House: Night-House Chambers: well conducted.

North to Knatchbull St: 2 St: rather mixed: purple to print: print on map.

West to Clyston St which was Richard King Milliam St: 2 St: the north side as

pink as map: the next is power: purple
to l.h.: purple on map.
Next to Pensarn St.: 2 st. with front
gardens: power a little the next: purple
to l.h.: purple on map.
Next to Pensarn St.: 2 st.: as
Pensarn: purple to l.h.: purple on map.

General Remarks:-

Though so much in area the district
covered by this walk is by no means homogeneous
in character: it splits indeed into four like ele
differing to some extent. In the Penn Place corner
we have the lowest depths of poverty and degradation,
sheltering as it so often does or Backyards her
notted Courtyard, under the walls of the Gas Works.
Here there is no improvement: if anything the
streets are being worked to more than when
I used to visit them eight or nine years ago
but that may have been due to a more practised
eye. For this area there is no hope but in
demolition, and probably in time, if the authorities

allow it to remain so long, it will fall a prey to the L.S.W. Ry or the Gas Works.

The second bit - Grain between Battersea Park Road and the L.S.W. Ry - seems to me poorer than it was: with the exception of Bond St. and possibly New Road and Battersea Park Road I doubt if there is any pink left there: the pink streets have become purple & the poorest poor streets as Nassau St. Hope's Town and Bedford St., are certainly no poorer than they were.

The piece South of the L.S.W. Ry is still divided into two very different quarters viz. Stockwell Road, the south of which is Railway Land and the highest type of artisan respectability; to the north with the groups of streets west of Clarence Road, a rather poor and rough district. In neither of these areas is there any substantial alteration, for though I suggest a change in the colour of Kinfauns St and Eglantine Rd I do not think they are really much changed in character: I am sure that ten years ago they were not so black as they were painted and were overcrowded: the same

remark applies to John St on the west of Lamb Road, which I am sure was not dark then.

Though a very small bit of this walk is in Clapham the bulk of it is in Battersea: judging from the condition of the streets the work of the Battersea Vestry is much better done than that of the neighbouring parishes: there were some little in Belgrave St and Woodgate St, but nothing to compare with the unclean Parish &c, or the much more respectable Rome St of Lambeth: and I imagine that even a daily cleaning would not be sufficient to keep pace with the filthy habits of Belgrave St: but on the whole what struck one further in these slums was the ~~dirt~~ filth of the people and their homes and the poor district between Wandsworth Road and the L.S.W.R. for which Lambeth is responsible, the ~~dirt~~ filth of the roadways.

Sergeant Rivers in common with the whole of the other police guides, visits taverns, whether they drink less or not, the people are on the whole less rowdy than they were, though this opinion I think would apply less to this walk, where the bad

parts are as bad as ever, as to the Hospital Division as a whole.

In common with others he emphasized the increasing difficulty in getting house accommodation at a reasonable rent, a difficulty which the police, who cannot live anywhere, feel especially.

District covered.

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June 29th. 1875.

Walk with Sergeant Munn round district bounded by Prince of Wales Road on the north by L. C. D. Rly on east by Wandsworth Road on south, and by Queen's Road on west being parishes of All Saints, St. Philip's, and St. Paul's.

Starting at Wandsworth Road Station northdown Wandsworth Road: mostly 2 st. cottages and small shops with new block of flats at corner of Silverthorne Road: pink to p.b.: p.b. on maps.

South to Portslade Road: 2 st.: the south end (l.b. on maps) is perhaps a little poorer than the rest of the road which is mixed throughout: should however be purple all through.

West to Gonsalva Road: 2 st.: much as Portslade ~~Gonsalva~~: a little poorer at N. than S. end: purple to l.b.: purple on maps.

West to Westbury St.: 2 and 2½ st.: rather poor: purple to l.b.: l.b. on maps.

West to Queen's Place: 2 st.: two

houses only on E. side: purple to l.b.: purple on map.

West to Foley Pl.: 2 st.: purple as map

South to Bramham St.: 2 and 3 st.: fairly decent on W. side: 3 st. houses on E. side very poor and rough: a swarm of children outside them, among them ragged boys with naked feet: a number of unclothed women at the doors. The street as a whole should be l.b.: purple on map.

East to Crichton St.: 2, 2½ and 3 st.: some small shops: better on W. than E. side: l.b. to purple: purple on map.

West to Roundell St.: 2 st.: poor: purple to l.b.: pink on map.

South to Mortley St.: 2 st.: front gardens: creepers, flowers etc: many workmen: pink as map.

West to St. Andrew's St.: some old cottages with front gardens at N.E.: the rest of the street 3 and 3½: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Dickens St. Rackin St. and Trollope St.: all 2 st. and of exactly the same

build: as Motley &c many Railways: pink as map.

West to Bourne St: 2 st. flats with two doors: poorer than the previous streets of this group: possibly purple rather than pink of map.

West to Sibertorne Road: 2 st: much shops south of Robertson St: pink and p. b. as map, or pink all through.

East and west to Pearson St: 2, 2½ and 3 st: better E. than W. of Sibertorne Road: pink and purple as map.

West to Radcliffe St: 2½ and 3 st: very rough and poor: the worst street in this neighbourhood: many costers: especially Ignatius St. the S. W. end: many dirty children & the street-playing: L. L. to D. L: purple as map.

West to Percy St and Milford St: 2½ st: both mixed: purple as map.

West to Pitcairn St: 2 and 2½ st: gets poor towards S: purple as map.

West to Kinsey St: 2 st: purple as map.

West to Rentham St: 2 st: a little poorer

Tram turning circle : purple to L.L. : L.L. on map.

West to Brewery St. : 2 and 3 st. : purple on

South to Hicks Road : 2 and 2½ st. : rather poor st. W. than E. end ; ~~st~~ pink to purple : pink on map.

North to Robertson St. : 2 and 3 st. : rather poor W. than E. end : ~~but~~ pink on map.

North to Montefiore St. : 2 st. : pink on map.

West to Tennyson St. : 2 and 3 st. : new mill. Draycott on both sides : the newer houses with two doors : pink to purple : pink on map.

North to Pheasant St. : only three houses at corner of Hilmerton Road : not marked on map : should be pink.

North to Penick St. : 2 st. : pink on map.

West to St. Philip's St. (not Philip St.) : 3 st. on E. : 2 st. South ~~part~~ end on W. : pink on map.

West to Queen's Sq. : 3 st. : houses said some tenants, but certainly not very few : pink rather than p. b. of map.

West to Queen's Road: new built almost the whole way on both sides, the patch on S.W. side north of Queen Sq. being almost unbuilt: nearly all 3 st. flats: there may be a few tenants in the older and better houses on E. side of Queen Sq. but nowhere else and the road I think should be pink instead of p.v.

North under the L.S.W. Ry to Victoria Road. 3½ st.: some furnished apartments: some tenants: p.v. or pink rather than red on map.

South over Battersea Park Road to Gladstone St.: 2½ st.: pink to purple: pink on map.

South to Gladstone Terrace: 2 2½ and 3 st. poor respectable: purple to l.v.: pink on map.

North to Kerbright Road: 2½ and 3½ st. purple as map.

East to Raywood St.: 2 and 2½ st.: poor and rather rough: l.v. to purple: purple on map.

East to Pagden St.: 2 st.: purple to pink: pink on map.

East to Havelock Terrace: 2 and 3 st.

poor and rough: especially poor on W. side:
i.e. rather than purple of map.

Left to Stuart's Lane Works: 1 and 2 do:
the 1 do houses all one family and comfortable:
the 2 do poorer: but on the whole pink on map.

General Remarks.

In this work as in the last
I have included so much of Clapham (Dist. 38)
as lies north of the Wandsworth Road which is
the real geographical boundary between Clapham and
Battersea. The boundary of the parishes however is
apparently also the boundary of the estates: south
of it the streets ten years ago were almost all
purple: most of them are still so, but there is
here a downward tendency and in two streets
especially, Rochleigh Road and Broomwick St. there
has been a strongly marked deterioration, resulting in
an approach to squalor.

The streets between this district, Queen's
Road and the railway are also I think on Lord
Battersea's estate: they are of the highest respectability

is the main the home of railway people; the building is excellent and substantial, the houses are kept in excellent repair and make an exceptionally fine show of flowers and creepers. On the estate there is an unusually small number of licensed houses; indeed both in this respect, in the appearance of the houses, and in the character of the tenants this estate reminds one of Queen's and Cassiobury Parks, though probably it is not so uniformly good.

The only part of the estate where there has been any decay is in Queen's Road and Queen's Sq. which has probably gone from p.h. to p.h. Queen's Road in fact stands on a wrong track: large houses meant for a high family were built, but it was impossible for them to hold their ground in their neighbourhood and they are now ale, I think, being let in flats while the large spaces which were unbuilt on, ten years ago, are now covered with the 3 storied flats to which the road is limited.

The bit of the waste north of the L. & S. W. Ry is again poor, and, I think, distinctly poorer than it was, the deterioration being marked in Hancock

Turner and Gladstone Turner. Against this little bit is the fact that it is short in S Railways.

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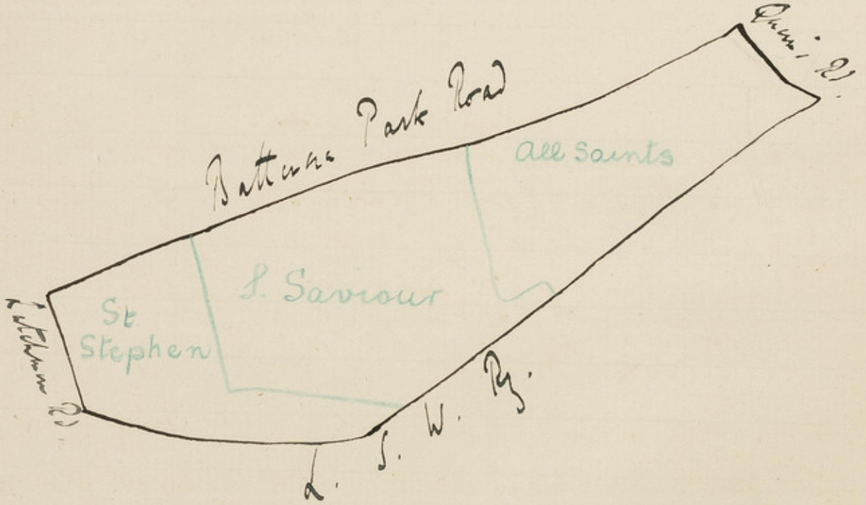
District covered



June 30th

Walk with Police Constable Edwards round district bounded by on the north by Battersea Park Road on the east by Queen's Road on the south by L. S. W. Ry. and on the west by Latchmere Road, being the parish of St Saviour's and parts of the parish of All Saints and St Stephen's

Starting at the corner of Queen's Road and Battersea Park Road south to Queen's Road: 3 st: now all tenanted: pink rather than p.r.

West to Southolm St. (late South St. and West St.) and St George's St.: 3 st: pig's from the buildings a bit of bad Battersea estate and late the remainder very respectable: pink as map.

West to Palmerston St.: 2½ and 3 st: decent, street getting poorer at S. where it turns into Russell St: this pink is poorly pink: the rest pink as map.

West to Russell St.: 2½ st: much as

Palmerston Rd: perhaps a little poorer: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Elgood Rd: 2 and 2½ st: very poor especially at S. end: here I saw unusual bare footed children: L.L. on map.

West to Ritherdon St: 2 st: very poor: both this and Elgood Rd rather rough: "the people live on beer and fish" said Edwards: L.L. on map.

West to Rollo St: 3 st: mixed: purple on map.

West to Sandown Terrace and Sandown St: 2 and 2½ st: both rather mixed: purple to pink: pink on map.

West to Park Grove: 2 and 2½ st. rather poorer on W. than E. where are many double fronted & cottages of superior description: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Hilton St: 2 st: decent working class: pink on map.

West to Dorrington Grove: 2 st: with front gardens, all well kept: beautiful weeping ash

flowers: mostly good carriages: poor as usual.

South to Longridge St: 2 and 3 st: poorer on S. than N. side especially at W. end, but mixed all through: private rather than purple and L.C. of usual. In Longridge St on N. side is a remarkable house apparently uninhabited: the lower floor window is blocked with boards of bits of paper pasted together, and the whole house is a mass of filth: apparently it is inhabited by one of those strange old women who is scarcely ever seen and is a mystery to her neighbours. This house is worth a visit to see.

North to Dalton St and Rennard St: 2 st: exactly similar in build and character: both purple as usual.

North to Austin Road: 2 st: double fronted on W.: a few poor shops at N.: very poor: many costers: L.C. as usual.

West to Henley St: 2 st: very mixed: poor and rough all r. Notice of sale of

houses rented at 10/ a week. Purple on map, as poorly t.b.

West to Parkside St: 2 St: front-gardens, hedges, flowers: pink on map.

West to Chertsey St: 2 St: gets rather poor to S.: purple to pink: pink on map. Neither of these streets runs into Millpond St as shown on map.

West to Orkney St: 2 and 2½ St: rather better W. than E.: ~~pink to~~ purple: pink on map.

East and West to Chatham St: the bit west of Orkney St is 2 St: very decent: pink on map. East of Orkney St and parallel with Downing into Millpond St is a bit of Chatham St not shown on the map: this is distinctly poor: L.B. I think

South to Rhuddy St: 2 St: as the latter part of Chatham St: ~~pink to~~ purple: pink on map.

East to Millpond St: 2 St: poor and rough: short parts of better: chiefly dirty: L.B. rather than pink on map.

South to Blondel St. : 2 st. : pavt. decent. street getting poorer to E. : pubs to purple : pubs on map.

South to Carpenter Road : 2 st. : a very mixed road : some poor, some very comfortable : "some very superior people living here" said Edwards : L.L. to purple, posts with bits of black : L.L. on map.

South to Sheepcote Road : 2 st. with gardens on N. side : one very poor bit on S. side : otherwise much mixed : purple to L.L. : purple on map.

South to Saint Mary's Place : 2 st. continuation Sheepcote Rd. : no shops : dirty : L.L. rather than purple.

West to Cubitt Road : 2 and 2½ st. : small shops and cottages : some poor and rough : purple on map.

N.B. the extreme S. of Cubitt Road between the Ry. lines is a short terrace of 2 st. houses unnamed and unnumbered : poor and dirty : should be L.L.

West to Brompton Rd (which runs into Brompton Rd) and Pont Street : 2 sts : poor and rather rough but improved : "quiet enough except sometimes on Saturday night" : L.C. rather than L.C. based on map.

North to Pattenden Park Road : in the main a street of shops : the great shopping centre of all the poorer streets N. of the L.N.W. Ry. costers here on Saturday night. Between Pattenden Road and Cobourg Road 3 sts. poorer but in tenants : should be pink : the rest of the road is purple : rather low, as many of the shops are of poor class letting above. Wrongly L.C.

West to Sloane St to Cadogan Gdns : 2 and 2½ sts : pink to purple : poor : rather rough : rents 20s. infrequent : purple to L.C. purple on map.

West to Carlton Gdns : 2 and 2½ sts. : pink to purple : pink on map.

West to St James' Gdns : 2½ sts : poor : purple to L.C. : pink on map.

West to Hatchams Rd : 2½ sts : poor : purple to L.C. : purple on map.

West to Latchmere Road: 2 1/2 sts: fourpence each.

General Remarks

West of St. George's to and Southern St. the end of the Battersea Estate, this is a poor, and on the whole an eminently unattractive district: there are one or two highly respectable streets such as Doddington Grove (facing railway) which are bright, cheerful, and gay with flowers: even these exceptional streets are scarcely so good as they were, and elsewhere there are distinct signs of decay, except in the little groups of streets west of Latchmere Road, which have lost their slack. But though now devoid of slack the Latchmere Road district is still rough and rather troublesome to the police.

The most remarkable thing about this district is the large number of licensed houses: there are no less than 10 public licenses, 16 on Beer Houses, 4 off beer houses, and 4 grocers licenses: of these 16 are in Battersea Park Road, and 15 between Battersea Park Road and the Railway, an area which now,

especially in view of the remarks in the main road would certainly not be allowed a single license. How can this account for Edwards's remark that the people live on lime and fish. I do not know but I am bound to say that I saw no unusual signs of ~~dr~~ drunken habits ~~in the people~~: though there is a great deal of light ~~&~~ like in the district it scarcely ever approaches the complete of dark blue, with its evident signs of squalor, want & drink.

P.C. Edwards is about the best pleasant guide I have had: he means well but is not too intelligent. Extravagant and ~~&~~ reticent. He confirms the usual statement that the people are too round, but this he ~~attributes~~ attributes more to an increase in the police force than to any actual increase of virtue.

P.S. Oct. 1855.

For purposes of union connected with the final colouring of the map I have had one

a large part of this district again: but I
am inclined to think that in the above remarks
I have scarcely sufficiently emphasized the decay which
has taken place. Edwards remarks as to "fuel fish
and bean" applies I think to nearly the whole of
this area

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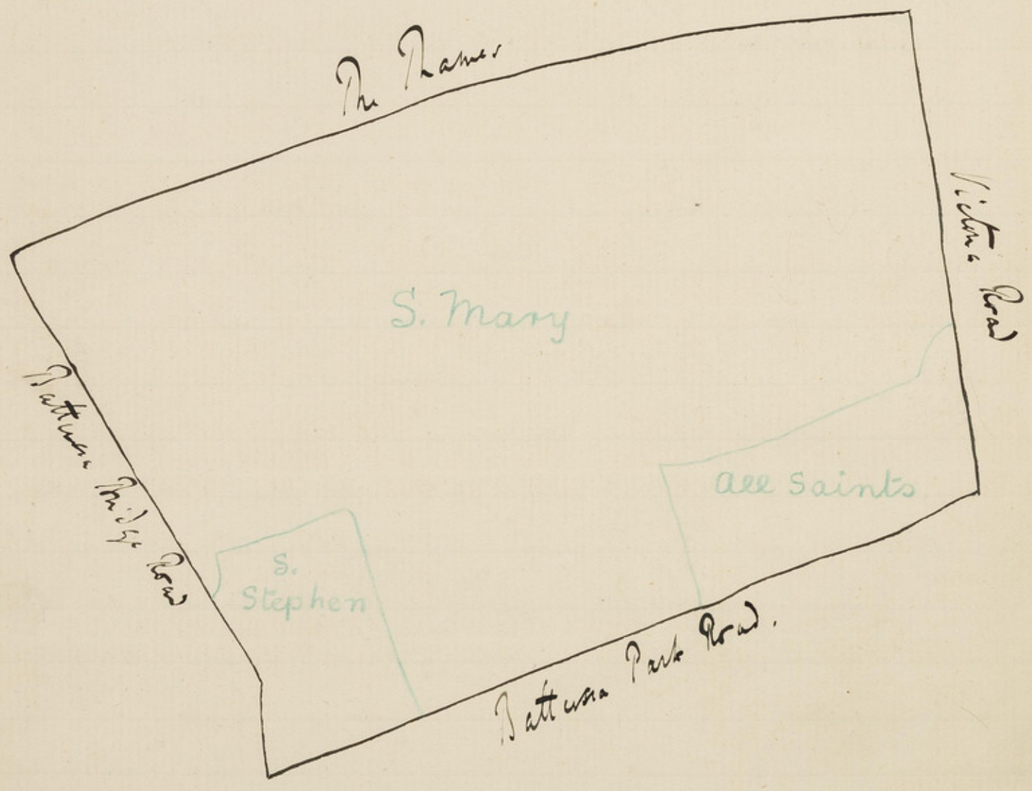


July 1855

Walks with P. C. Edwards round district bounded on the north by the Thames on the east by Victoria Road on the south by Battersea Park Road and on the west by Battersea Bridge Road being parts of the parishes of St Mary, All Saints and St Stephen.

Starting at the corner of Victoria Road and Prince of Wales Road west to Prince of Wales Road: here the shell of the Albert Palace is still standing: at the time of the map the rest of the road was waste ground facing the Park: it is now built the whole length of the road from the Albert Palace (which too will soon be finally pulled down) to Battersea Bridge Road: between Cambridge Road and Rosman Crescent are 3 st. flats, pink in character, and again similar flats on the N. side between Rosman Road and Battersea Bridge Road: the whole of the rest of the road is huge blocks of st. flats, Prince of Wales Mansions, York Mansions, Prince Mansions, Albert and Queens Mansions

Grill, Harpsden and Park Mansions. Nos 1 to 8, which are rated at from £60 to £90, run up to the end of the Park and are red in character: beyond Roman Crescent - six another block of 8-st flats, Commanche Mansions, less good: rents from £50 to £85: few red to p.l.

South to Victoria Road: 3½ st.: this side of Victoria Road is still good: Doctors etc: red on map.

West to Earlsmere Gardens: the red shown on the map here is 3½ st. houses similar to those in Victoria Road, but now scarcely red: mostly p.l. Beyond these are three sides are new 2½ st. workmen's flats: pink in character. On the N. side beyond the still standing block of Albert Palace are the backs of the flats in Prince of Wales' Road.

South to Heath St.: 3½ st.: some furnished apartments: some tenements: pink to p.l: pink on map.

West to Victoria Buildings: two blocks of model: "some very rough people living here" said Edwards: he thought there was no differen

between the two blocks, both the eastern block
looks purple: purple and pink on map, as
possibly both purple.

West to Lupus St: 2 ch. New road not
shown on map running from Battersea Park
Road to dwelling houses: pink in character.

West to Macduff Road: 2 ch: Exactly
similar new road to Lupus St: Runs thro. to
Penia of Wales Road but houses only on E.
side south of dwelling houses: opposite these
houses between Macduff and Morgan Roads is
the Battersea Polytechnic which Edwards says
is scarcely used by the people of Battersea. Morgan
Road to the west has no dwellings fronting into
it.

West to Warriner Gardens: 2½ ch.
E. of Alexandra Avenue: P.P. rather than red
of map. W. of Alexandra Av. are 3 ch. working
class Rents: pink on map.

West to Alexandra Avenue: 2½ ch:
pink to p.p. rather than red of map.

West to Beechmore Road: 3 ch. E. 2½

Here is Warriner Mews: purple: pink on map.

W. Pink rather than red of map.

West to Bryanston Road: 2 st: has gone down in common with the other streets here: pink to p.b. rather than red.

North to Kassala Road and Soudan Road: both 2 st: p.b. rather than red.

West to Alcock Road: the older houses, shown in the map both N. and S. of Prince of Wales Road are 3 st to the E., many of them detached or semi-det: they are the best and most aristocratic in this part of Battersea, and are still red as map. The two vacant spaces N. of Prince of Wales Road are now filled by flats (Albany Mansions, Stafford Mansions, and Alcock Mansions: red as the rest of the road. The vacant space S. of Prince of Wales Road is filled with 3 st flats of lower class: pink in character.

West to Hendley St: 3 st: p.b. rather than red of map.

North to Foxmore St: 2 st W.: 3 st E: pink as map.

West to Hendley Mews: used only by

tradesmen: purple on map.

North to Cambridge Road: the E. side, coloured on the map is 3 st: letting house furnished apartments and flats: P.B. flats in red. On the W. side are 3 st working class flats for about half the street, and south of them a large block of unfinished 5 st flats Cambridge Mansions, pink to p.b. in character.

West to Rosman Crescent (not Road): 2 st. some tenants here: pink to p.b.; pink on map.

West to Battersea Bridge Road: here at the S. end up to Price of Wales Rd. are new 2 st. houses pink in character. The rest of the road is old: as far north as Park St. st. is dwelling houses from 2 to 3½ st. with a very few shops: nearly all the houses are now I think let in tenements and should be pink rather than p.b. N. of Park St. are shops, p.b. or mixed.

East to Rosman Road: 3 st: pink or mixed.

North to Bolan St: 2 and 3 st: pink or mixed.

West to Watford Villas: 2 st: pink or mixed.

North to Strathmore St: 2, 2½, and 3 st:

pink as map.

South to Caroline Villas : pink as map.

North to Wingfield St and Jane St : row both sides : 2 st : pink in character. At Board School between these are 3 st.

West to Spencer St : 2½ and 3½ st : some signs of poverty on both sides : but chiefly pink as map.

West to Percival St : 2½ st : pink as map.

North to Arlington St : 2½ st : pink as map.

North to Park Road : 2½, 3, and 3½ st : pink as map

North to Balmoral Road : 3 st : Furnished Apartments : pink as map.

West to Elsdale St : 2 st W. 3 st E. The ground plan of the map is wrong here : the street is a cul de sac running as far as Wellington Road : it is poor and rather rough, especially on the E. L.B as map on E. possibly purple on W.

West to Radstock St : 2 st : this street runs through into Wellington Road : it is purple as

East and west to Honey St: 2 and 3 st: people on map.

Route to Wellington Road (not Lane): the pink pieces on map is described but to of it are six old houses, all poor and two very poor; b.b. in character. Opposite is a large yard of London Road Car Co. Further east on N. side is Salvation Army Shelter, which seldom refers for police interference.

General Remarks.

This walk covers a considerable area but the greater part of it consists of Battersea Park

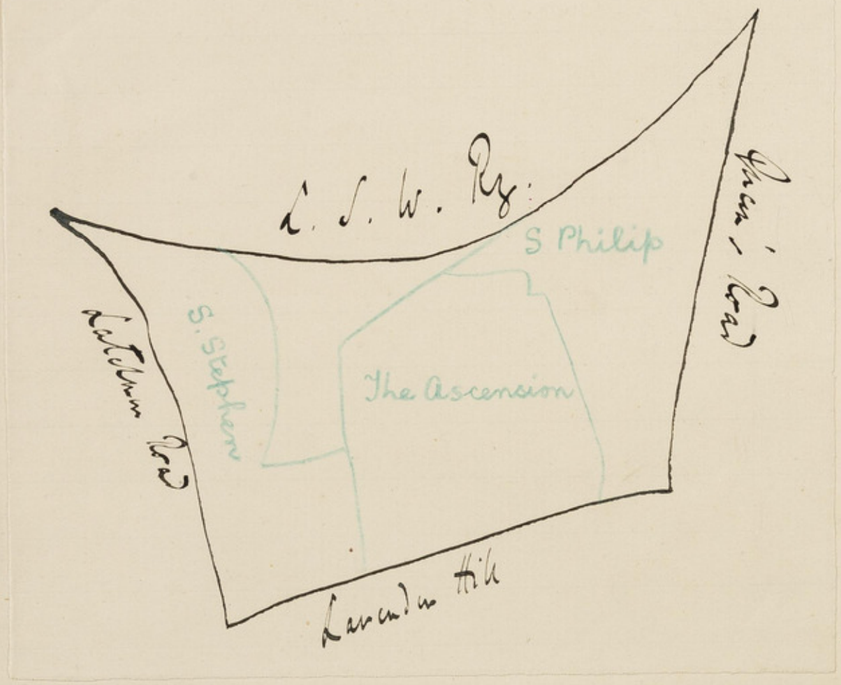
Except in the little corner close to Battersea Bridge & Chelsington Lane, Elko St. Radstock St. and Honey St. [illegible] Victoria Buildings there is no semblance of poverty in the district: in fact it includes the whole of the wealth and aristocracy of what one is accustomed to think of as Battersea i.e. the district to [illegible] of the L. S. W. Ry. Although it remains a well-to-do district has

changed greatly in ten years. The most marked change of course is the tremendous growth of flats: when the remains of Albert Palace are finally demolished these great blocks of 5 st. flats will extend in a line unbroken by other dwellings from Victoria Road to Battersea Bridge Road which in Cambridge Road and Albert Road are other blocks of similar size. The rents of course show that the dwellers in these flats must be comfortably off but as usual the police evidence goes to show that among them are a good many queer customers. In the flats in Bridge Road especially are many kept women and prostitutes but none of the blocks are free from suspicion.

With the growth of the flats whether caused by it or not there has been some decay in the older streets of the district especially in those coloured red: probably the class of people who originally lived in such streets as Lordship Rd or Wyemans Road have either gone further afield or have been drawn to the more attractive flats

with their splendid open outlook on the
Park: the road is that the street between
the Flats and Battersea Park Road are ~~rapidly~~
rapidly becoming tenanted, and such new
buildings as has taken place here e.g. in Dunbar
Gardens, is obviously for the working class

Districts covered



36/4 Dist- 36.

July 1855 Walk with Police Constable George round district bounded on the N. by L. S. W. Ry. on the East by Queen's Road, on the south by Lavender Hill and on the West by Battersea Road, being the parish of The Ascension and parts of the parishes of St. Stephen and St. Philip.

Starting at the corner of Queen's Road and Broughton St. West to Broughton St: on the N. side 2 St. houses Similar to St. Philip St. St. George's St. and other streets on Low Battersea estate: pink to purple: purple on map. The S. side is new built throughout with 2 St. houses mostly with two doors: pink in character

South to Sugelow Road: 2 St: built for two families: new built throughout on S. end almost as far as Stanley St. on W. Pink in character

East end West to Prince St: 2 St: new built throughout: pink in character.

West to Elm St: not named in map: 2 St.

entirely built R. of Francis St and some houses on L. South of Francis St: [illegible] pink in character: at the junction of Dagdale Road Swan Road and Stanley St is still an unsightly, unfenced space awaiting building: and such building as has taken place since the map is also quite recent: what has delayed the development of this piece between Queen's Road and Stanley St so long I do not know

West to Stanley St: 3 St: exactly as Broughton St in build: perhaps a little poorer: pink to purple: purple on map.

West to Atkins Road: 2 St: there is now a road cut through from Broughton St: "quite a school road" said Jones: mostly denuded, grand st. pink on map.

North to Beaufoy Road: 2 St, some with two doors on L: a mixed road some very rough and poor on W. side: purple rather than pink of map. A good deal of litter in the streets

West to Hanley Road: 2 St: pink on map.

North and south to Wycliffe Road which ends

the southern bit called Wycliffe from on the map: 2 2½ and 3 st: opposite the Road School the street is fairly complete, but it gets poor S. of Hanbury Road when it should be purple rather than pink of map.

West to Barnett Road: 2 and 2½ st: pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Wickersley Road: 2 and 2½ st. some with two doors or W. The part called Wickersley from on map (coloured pink) is very poor and should be L.C. or purple: the N. end is better, but mixed: purple on map.

West to Tynsham Road or that part of it called Tynsham from on map: 2 and 3 st: mostly mean shops: pink on map.

West to Shirley Row: 2 st. W. 2½ E. Poor and rather rough: street full of litter: purple to L.C.: purple on map. Two of the 2½ st. houses for sale: ~~£~~ six rooms, but ask 10/- week.

West to Arcadian Road: 2½ st: purple to pink: pink on map.

West to Gideon Road: 2 and 2½ st: rather poorer on S. than N.: pink to purple: pink on map.

North to Tiptree Road: 2 st: pink on map.

West to Pountney Road: 3½ st: three or four poor houses on W. purple or map: but S. side is decent: probably pink rather than purple.

West to Graysholt Road: 2 and 3½ st: new build on the open north of the church: pink on map.

West to Sycamore Road: 2 st: the best road in the district: pink on map.

West to Bland Road: 2 and 2½ st: much as Sycamore but a little poorer: pink on map. (Here I test these roads I only deal with so far as a line drawn west from Gideon Road when they merge in the Shaftesbury Park Estate)

South to Lavender Hill which is in the main a great shopping thoroughfare though there are still a few good terraces of dwelling houses which are now pulled rather than rebuilt. (John Bowes houses here) - but the road as a whole remains red.

West of Bland Road, and between it and

Latchmere Road are great changes: also but one of the old houses shown on the map have gone and been replaced by the Municipal Buildings, and the Shakespeare Theatre. Each of the Town Hall is Town Hall Road with no habitations: between it and the Theatre is Theatre Road with 3 & 4 st. flats of rustic pink in character and two houses of Vestry officials opposite. Between the theatre and Latchmere Road two whitey brown stuccoed houses with its large garden.

Work to Latchmere Road: 2 st: much power N. of the Railway than S.: pink and purple on map.

Each through Latchmere Road into the Shaftesbury Park Estate by: the ends of Elsley Road, Latchmere Road, Kingsley Av. Broomleigh Road Holden Av. Dixie Av. Ashburg Road, Thomson Av. and Bracey Sq. the Northern portions of Ellard Road Grayshott Road and Lyncham Road, and the E. side of Latchmere Road between Mere Lane and the Railway, with the exception of a few 2½ st. houses in Grayshott Road, and a small block of dwellings. Kingsley

Park Chambers in Stirling Road, also Essex Road, are 2 st. and di. identical in build and character. They form one of the well known estates of the Artisans Dwellings Co. Inspector Park probably differs not. at all from Dunn's Park at Kensal Rise (see 13 th. Dept.): though if George's information is correct. perhaps the tenants are of a slightly higher class: he says that they are mostly lower middle rather than working class: but I am inclined to doubt this: the women I saw have certainly the air of artisans, but no doubt there are many here of higher social standing. The houses have from 4 to 6 rooms: the rents have been raised a good deal from what they originally were, but prices not more than sufficient to correspond with the rise in rates. At Dunn's Park there is a large bill of waiting tenants - (George said 500). The streets are all paved as usual. ~~They~~ They have now been cut from Brecknock Road to Stirling Road. No licenses are allowed on the estate, but there are some off licenses on the immediate

boards, there being close together at the south end of Tyncham Road.

North through Latchmere Road to Shellwood Road: 2 st.: poor and rather rough: l.l. to purple: l.l. on map.

North and south to Poppy Road: 2 st.: very rough and poor S. of Shellwood Road: the rest poor: Good many cottages here. l. P. on map.

North to Knowsley Road: 2 st.: rather poor on S. side: many very comfortable on N.: many cottages and flowers: purple to l.l.: l.l. on map.

General Remarks:

In this walk the only bit which shows poor on the map is the little corner shaded between the railways, (Knowsley Road etc): with the exception of the ~~north end of~~ south end of Poppy Road it is less poor than the map would indicate: from my recollection of it this was a mistake rather of original colouring than due to any real change: but

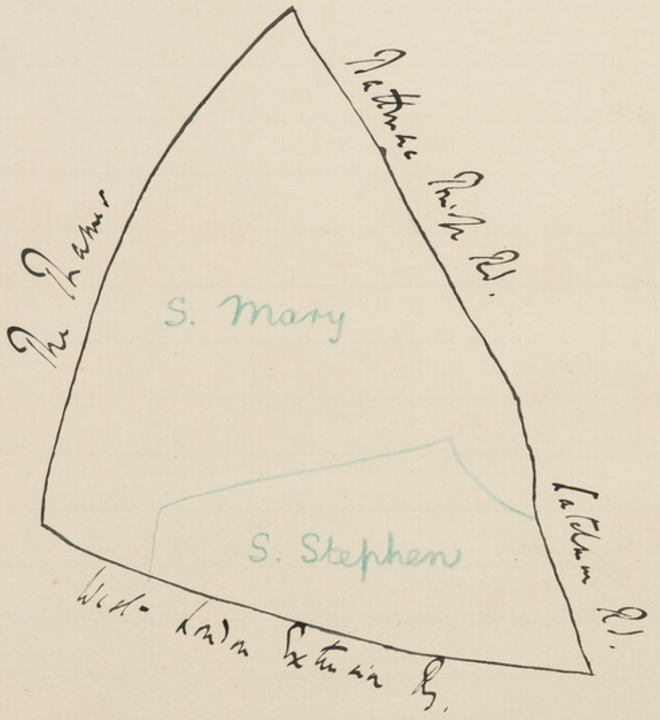
George spoke of the district as rather rough

Apart from this patch the only noticeable poverty is at the south end of some of the streets running from Lavender Hill, and there is no question that the old streets in the group of streets between Shaftesbury Park and Queen's Road have gone down, though perhaps scarcely sufficiently to make any marked change on the map. The new building which is in progress here on the ground which lay waste for so many years looks for the most part of rather poor character. In Queen's Road the new houses though well built are on the red tile system for the working classes.

Shaftesbury Park remains quite unaltered in character and appearance: though equally respectable with the others it is for the least attractive of the estates of the Artisans' Dwelling Co: on the north it is ~~almost~~ almost shut off by the Railway while approaching it from the south, from Lavender Hill, the sudden descent makes it seem even lower than it really is: there is no other

park of Battersea in which I feel so acutely that I am on the site of the old marshes.

District covered.



July 1855

Police 37 Dist. 37

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Walked with P.C. Edwards round district bounded on the west by the Thames, on the east by Battersea Rise Rd and Latchmere Rd and on the South by W. L. Ex. Ry being parts of the parishes of St Mary and St Stephen.

Starting at Battersea Rise, south to the patch of Elms on the west: here the houses all remain as shown on the map but the names have been changed in a most confusing way: the northern entrance ~~to the~~ is now blocked, and one enters at what is called Europa Place on the map, but which is now named both Little Europa Place and Price Bridge Terrace: the latter I believe is the official name: the houses are 2 st: the inhabitants costers, bargemen etc: very poor and rough, but less troublesome to the police than they used to be: the Place gets worse towards west, being fairly decent up to Cottage Place: at west worse slums, children dirty, some with naked feet, one child of 3 or 4 sitting in doorway in chemise only: still dist. named on map.

North to Cottage Place: 2 st: front garden,

Somerset Street - purple

some with kept: uneven flowers etc: L.L. or hap.
West to Ford's Place:- (called Little Europe Place and Ford's Folly on map): 2 sl: poor and rather rough. Especially the court (Ford's Folly): costers and low class tenements: L.L. or hap.
South to Church Road: 2 and 3 st: poor gardens, many houses kept: quite poor towards west: pink to purple: purple on map. The eastern bit of the purple, called Bolingbroke Place, on north has gone.
South to Bolingbroke Road: 2 st: front gardens, well kept: pink on map.
West to Frances St: 2 st: front gardens: pink on map.
West to Hart St: 2 st: purple on map.
North to Somerset St: 2 st: west side rather poor: purple to pink: pink on map.
West to Church Lane: 2 st: houses at south in very bad outward repair: purple on map.
West to Rutland St: 2 st: 2 st named on map: end de sac: purple on map.
West to Bishops Grove: 2 st: not named on map.

Church Street - pk

Winstead Road - pk

Randall Street - pk + Ur

Leads to Derby Depot: pk as map.

West to Church St: 2 and 3 st: shops, pubs, lower and dwell. lower: each side not shown on map, west pavts: should be pk.

West to Ashton Buildings: 2 st: paved and flagged: L.h. as map.

South to Bridge Road West: 2 to 3½ st. with front gardens at East end: some shops at West end: a few vacants at W. End: but as whole pk as map.

South to Hyde Lane: 2 and 2½ st: a few poor shops: pavts to pk: pavts as map.

South to Winstead Road: new road for Hyde Lane to Derby Lane parallel with Randall St: 2 st: two doors: red brick: pk in character.

East to Randall St: 2 and 3 st: W. of Spine St a high class pk street: gardens: about uniform: E. of Spine St poor and rough especially on E. side: here I think Ind. be L.h. rather than pk.

East to Hardy St: 2 and 2½ st: front gardens: pk to pavts: pk as map.

South to Spine St: 2 st: front gardens:

Court off Spicer Street - lb

Surrey Lane - SW end - purple b[o]

Surrey Lane South - pk

& Hanby St: pink to purple: purple as map.
South of Spicer St: is an unnamed court of seven cottages with gardens, two very poor: L.C. rather than purple of map

South to Surrey Lane: 2, 2½, and 3 st: the whole of their street on the N. and as far west as Parkham St on the S. is highly respectable and pink as map: the small villas on the S. at the back of the Board School have been replaced by a terrace of 2 st. houses, Rose Terrace: between Orbel St and Parkham St is a R.C. institution of some kind. The S. side of Surrey Lane between Parkham St and Wakefield St is quite different in character: here are two Common Lodging Houses, one very large, and some shops: the Lodging Houses are both of low character: one is for Doubles, one for women only: both are largely used by prostitutes: this side of Surrey Lane should be L.C. named as the Lodging Houses take most of the space.

South to Surrey Lane South (not Shirley Lane South as map): 2, 2½ and 3 St: some 3 st. houses below the R.S. on each side. Otherwise like to N:

Home Road - purple

Bullen Street - purple

probably pink rather than purple of map: as also the p.b. bl. south of Castle St.

South to Pattenson Park Road: 3 st. shops: red on map.

South to Atherton St.: 3 st.: purple on map.

South to Abercrombie St.: 2 st.: purple on map.

North to Rea St.: 2 1/2 and 3 st.: purple on map.

West to Home Road, which now includes Horace St.: 2 and 3 st.: rather mixed: purple rather than pink of map.

West to Henry St.: 2 st.: rather mixed: l.b. to purple: l.b. on map.

East to Goulden St.: 2 st.: pink to purple: pink on map.

East to Bullen St.: 3 st. with a few 2 st.: some tram shelters, but mostly purple: l.b. on map.

East to Inverte St.: 2 and 3 st.: purple to pink: purple on map.

East to Balfour St.: 2 st.: pink on map.

East to Seaman St.: 2 st.: pink on map, but

gets worse to S.

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

North to Bantry St. : 2, 2½ and 3 st. : better N. than S. : sub. pink throughout as map.

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

North to Octavia St. Ursula St. Edna St. Hennig St. and Orbel St. : also 2 st. with gards. mostly semi. det. : a high class pink district : as map.

West to High St. : small shops with a few dwelling houses : p.b. as map.

West Green Lanes : 2 st. : the pink colour has is correct, but too much of the d.b. round of Orville Road has been given to Green Lane, in which are only three of the Orville Road houses : the Green Lane houses on S. up to Orville Road should be purple or l.b.

South to Orville Road which includes three houses E. and W. in Green Lane : 3 st. : for the worst place in the sub. division : thieves, prostitutes (aged), beggars : ~~beg~~ very few men who earn an honest living : the lit. running N. and S. rather

Green Lane - E end - lb

Orville Road - black

worse than that running E. and W.: all the usual signs of squalor, except that children were kept: several children with naked feet. D. D. barred as keep, or block as Edwards says it getting steadily worse: but even in this den are some decent families, especially in two houses: asked why they came Mrs Edwards said that the men had large families and came here in despair of getting rooms elsewhere.

West to Lombard Road: 2 st: pints to people: pints on keep.

North by the River to Vicarage Road: Mrs Pitt's h. of St John's Training College on Castle Hill, the mission of Caius College, Cambridge, and Dorothea House, and as keep. The foreshore appears has been embanked and laid out as a public garden.

Back down High St to Crescent Place: 2 st: with front gardens: L.L. as keep.

Back across High St to Trott St: 2 st: people as keep.

North to Downing Place: 2 st: with front gardens: parlour, keepers etc.: L.L. as keep. The S. side has gone for extension of R.C. Church &

Cranfield Street - purple

Parkham Street - purple

Trott St.

North to Alfred Place : 2 sh. cul de sac : quiet and respectable : purple to l.b. : l.b. on map.

South to Cranfield St : the price of Cranfield St coloured l.b. on map is 2 sh and is probably unchanged : it remains poor and l.b. on map. The l.b. list records St. and S. into Surrey Lane has been completely altered in character without rebuilding : it used to be a squalid street with school by every window smashed : but the landlord got rid of all the old tenants repaired the houses and has turned it into a decent quiet street : a similar transformation has taken place in the neighbouring street to the East.

Parkham St : 2 sh : has again all the old tenants have evicted and the street is now quiet and decent : probably pink but not quite so good as Cranfield St and possibly purple.

General Remarks:

From my point of view this is an

interesting walk: from the antiquarian side, it contains the last remains of old Battersea, clustering around the interesting old church: here the streets have an old world look, and running from Church St. are the courts and alleys of the old village.

Of the poor patches Europa Place which used to be a byword for all that was bad, has slightly improved, partly no doubt through having been opened up: Orville Road remains a real plague spot, for which there is no hope but in scattering, though there appears to be no valid sanitary reason for demolition.

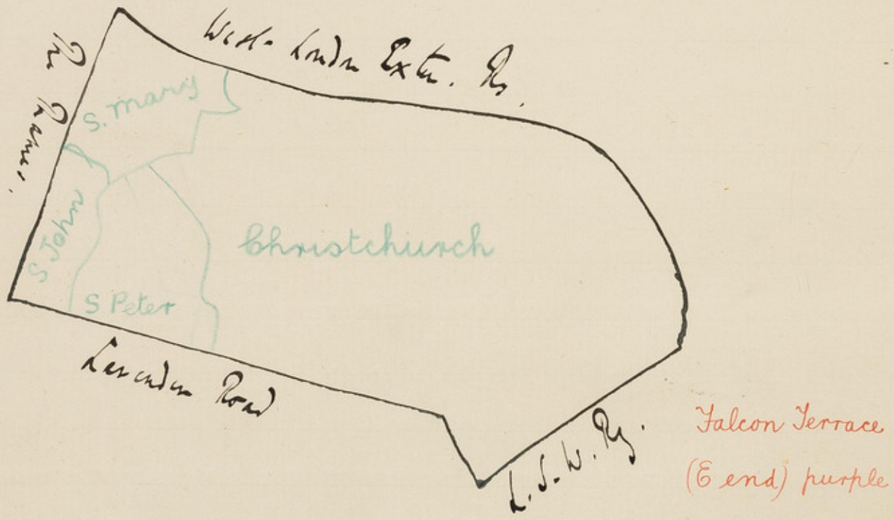
The fact in the walk most worthy of notice is the change in Cranfield St. and Parkham St. probably the only change in London from dark lane to print without demolition and rebuilding.

The large groups of streets between Surrey Lane and Battersea Park Road seem quite unchanged: certainly they are no poorer.

In this district a very large number of

Battersea dwellers find their living in the row of great mills and ~~not~~ works which lie between Church Road and the river but the work is for the most part unskilled and poorly paid.

District covered.



Falcon Terrace
(E end) purple

Lavender Terrace - purple

Newman Street - purple

Police 34/2 Dist. 37

July 1895

Walk with P.C. Edwards round district bounded on the North by W.L. Extn. Ry, on the East by L.S.W. Ry on the South by Lavender Road and on the West by The Thames, being parts of the parishes of St Mary, Christ Church and St Peter & S. John

Starting at Clapham Junction North to Falcon Road: nearly all 3 st. shops of poor class but prosperous looking on Saturday: a few like houses still left: Common lodging houses; by decent, no trouble - at corner of Falcon Road: p.b. as map.

East to Falcon Terrace: 2 st.: poor cottages: the bit W. of Lavender Terrace is pink as map: but the bit E. with the court off it is poorer and should be purple rather than pink

East and back to Lavender Terrace: 2 st.: poor cottages; rather poor especially at back: purple rather than pink.

North to Newman St.: 2 st.: poor cottages: purple to pink: purple and pink as map: perhaps the bit

South of Falcon Terrace : is thickly letter
North to Fort Road which now includes Gran
Road : 2, 2½, and 3 st : purple to pink : purple
on map.
South to Pearson St : 2 st : poor courts : pink
to purple : purple on map.
South to Duffield St : 2 st : poor courts : pink
to purple : pink on map.
North to Chilcot St : 2 st : poor courts : purple
to pink : purple on map.
North to Wagtail St : 2 and 2½ st : thick
letter Dists : one or two poor houses : two 30 (2½ sq
let at £36. 0. 0 per ann : purple on map.
East to Millington St 2 st : some with forecourts
gets poor to N : purple on map.
East to Stamford Road : 2 st : much letter
ii trade : broken pockets : some dist children :
L.B. on map.
East to Latchmere Row : 2 st : shops with
parade on W and st. cross piece at S : front-
gardens at E : practically two sides of square, let
poor on W. and at south end : a good many costers here.

Latchmere Grove - lb b²

Cabul Road- lb & pk

Rather a drunken lot and occasional rows but not I think very poor : a very low down class just at the entrance to the Park : l.b. rather than d.l. based on wages.

Between Latchmere Grove and Northcote Road is a colony of Gipsies living in vans who always spend the winter there and most of the summer as they do not go much into the country but hawk their flowers about London. Just opposite them north of Cabul Road (Shellgate Lane) is another colony of van dwellers belonging to some Fair Caravan.

Shellgate Lane is now attached to Cabul Road: the bit between the railway at the top of Latchmere Grove is practically a bit of the Grove and equally poor : it should be l.b. rather than pink : the rest of the road and especially the bit opposite Christ Church is much better and perhaps pink rather than purple. Many of the houses on the N. have been lately done up.

North to Rowena Crescent : 2 st : fore courts pink as map.

West to Candahar Road : 2 st : fore courts

pink on map.

West to Patricia Road, Rhyston Road, Hyglen Road, Inspect Road, and Hemira Road. All exactly similar to Hendrichs Road: 2 st. with forecourts, and low railings: all pink on map.

South to Falcon Grove: 2 and 2½ st.; front gardens. Old houses one side door: pink on map.

South across Falcon Road to Lavender Road: 2 and 2½ st.: in common with other roads, this has wood gate posts towards Rhyston Road: pink and purple on map.

West to Creek St.: 2 st.: front gardens: purple on map.

West to Gate Road: many old shops & poor class with some small cottages: pink on map.

East to Barnon St.: 2½ st.: very poor and rather rough: L.L. on map.

East to Benfield St.: Edwards said very poor "but certainly not to poor as Barnon St.": L.L. to purple: L.L. on map.

Benfield Street - purple

Simpson Street - purple

Back to Verona St. : 2 st. : fore courts : purple as maps.

Back to Kitchener St. : 2 st. : shops with parad : poor and rough : L.L. as maps.

South to Pickett St. : 2 st. : a cul de sac : mostly workers : poor and rough : L.L as maps.

Back to Wye St. : 2 st. : fore courts : purple as maps. The Board School has marked a bit of the S.E. end.

South to Mantua St. : 2 st. : fore courts : pink as maps.

Almost exactly similar to Mantua St. are Hawea Road, Inverell Road, Kambalda Road, and Natal Road : all 2 st. with fore courts. With the exception of Inverell they are evenly coloured pink. Inverell St. is pink at one end purple at the other. Hodges and Hobbs have taken a bit at the N. of Inverell for a factory.

North to Weidner Road : 2 3 and 3½ st. : pink as maps.

West to Simpson St. : 3 st. : fore courts : purple rather than pink of maps.

Here is a ~~land~~ yard ~~of~~ west of High St. is a Sepia colony living in right-ways: very ~~yard~~ squalid and dirty. The yard stinks with dung and rejected refuse

Holman Road - pk

Lombard Dwellings - lb.

West to High St. : shops : p.k. as map.

West to Glengarnet Road : 2 st. : ~~poor~~ fore-courts: pink as map.

South to Tottenidge Road : 2 and 3 st. : purple as map : the Lombard block to the west taken a little off on the S.

West to Warwick Road : 2 and 3 st. : purple as map.

West to Gloucester Road : 3 st. : very rough in parts especially in the centre on both sides : here almost squalid : purple to l.b. : purple on map.

West to Holman Road : 2 st. named on map: two houses only : pink in character.

North and south to Hamonay Road : 2 and 3 st. : purple as map : some colour is wanted south of Holman Road.

West to Lombard Road : 2 and 3 st. : pink to purple : purple on map : and block of 4 st. marked l.b. as map. Behind these one & Hale yard on Lombard Dwellings apparently not marked on map: probably purple.

General Remarks :-

This District is poor and rough both East and West, and comfortable, with I think a slight downward tending, in the middle.

Though I consider it I had been upon penetrated into Ratcliffe from which I think it is as much shut off from the world as any street in London: Judging however from the reputation it had it seems to have improved, and its chief offence is now probably drunkenness. Here I saw a little child of about three who could scarcely carry the can going for the Sunday beer. Certainly it is a great rate place for drunken rows and like all such places I fancy the police leave it a good deal alone: Edwards admitted that on Saturday night it might often be for three hours without a policeman.

Apart from some probable slight improvement in Ratcliffe this District is I think scarcely altered. The streets between York Road to Ingram Road are

Hill crowded, poor, and rough: those to the north of York Road and especially Yelverton Road, show perhaps a slight downward tendency.

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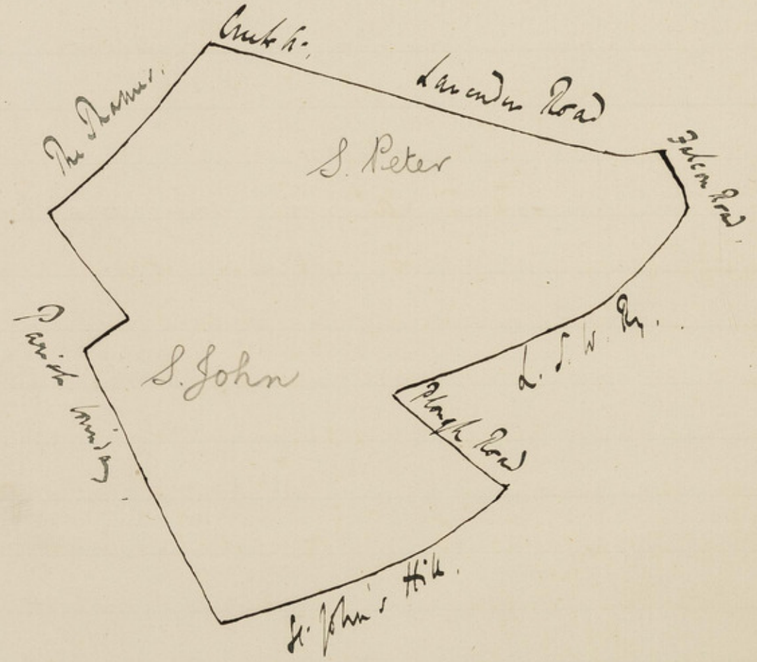
District- covered



July 1859

Walk with P. C. George round district bounded on the north by Lancaster Road and Cricket Ground, on the south by L. & S. W. Ry. and St. John's Hill, on the east by Clapham Road and on the west by the Workhouse and Battersea boundary, being the parish of St. John, and part of the parish of St. Peter.

Starting at the corner of Falcon Road and Lancaster Road west to Lancaster Road: 2 st.: pink as map, as east: the prisa coloured purple, west of Lancaster Road is older houses with good front gardens well kept; poorly poorer than rest of road: pink to purple.

South to Tudor Road: 2 st.; poor comfort as W.: small shops E.; purple as map.

West to Winstanley Road: 2 2½ and 3 st. some with poor comfort: mixed shops, lit. class, and tenement houses: a very mixed street: quite well to do in parts: very poor in others: poor near the railway and very poor and rough on S. Lutman Livingstone and Spicer Roads: shops mostly of very

poor class: worked on north side to Clapham Junction: carried on 5 one men and women for years: "any number of police reports about it" but no one complains, and nothing is done. Probably purple on map.

East and west to Grant's Road: 2, 2½ and 3 st: fore courts: letter of paper: mixture of squalor and respectability: slightly ~~bet~~ better E. than W: purple to l.b.: purple on map.

~~North~~ South to Lothian St: 2 st: end de sac, unbroken: some better windows: l.b. on map.

North to Spicer Road: 2, 2½ and 3 st: fore courts: much as Grant's Road: purple to l.b.: purple on map.

East to Ingrick Road: 2 and 2½ st: fore courts: a few shops at E.: mixed tenants getting poorer to W.: usual very poor houses near Plough Road: barefooted boy sitting at door of one: on whole purple on map.

West to Livingstone Road: 2, 2½ and 3 st: most with fore courts: much as Grant's and Spicer Roads, but for very poor bit at corner of Winstanley

Livingstone Road: corner of Winstanley Road - db
rest - lb

Road : Low & very poor rough and squalid this : some low Italians here : constant noise : this bit & on S.W. running round into Lewisham Road should probably be d.b : rest of road l.b. to purple : l.b. on map.

South to Darien Road : 2 2½ and 3 st. : looks as poor as previous street, but perhaps fewer signs of squalor : l.b. to purple : l.b. on map.

North to Cranes Road : 2 st. : fore courts : Creepers : a decent quiet street : pink to purple : pink on map.

West to Knox Road : 2 st. : fore courts : an elaborate Church garden at one corner : purple on map. Two houses now built on site of Chapel.

West to Beaconsfield Road : 2 and 2½ st. : fore courts : decent street, but bad mixed : bad part opposite church, where possibly pink : rest purple as map.

West to Plough Road : 2 and 3 st. : mostly shops : pink as map, or possibly p.b.

West to York Road : 2 st. : cottages with gardens on S. side, when pink as map : then is the champion

Ford's Buildings - purple

Starch Factory Road - pk

garden in a region else remarkable for well kept cottage gardens: a proof I did obtain it prior for the best kept garden in a certain area: this garden at 235 York Road, belongs, I am told, to a man who is quite poor. The district on the side of York Road called Ford's Buildings is rather poorer than rest of road: 2 st.: short with pavement: painted purple rather than pink.

North to Starch Factory Road (York Road Buildings on map): 2 st.: front-gardens mostly beautifully kept: Orlando Jones Starch Employes: pink rather than l.b. of map.

West to Church Road: 2 st.: short with pavement: ~~poor~~ looks poor throughout: l.b. as map. The road is built round on the north bit which joins Wandsworth Road.

West to Wandsworth Road: 2 st.: forecourts as gardens not well kept: as Church Road: l.b. as ~~map~~ map.

West to Canterbury Place: 2 st.: with forecourts on S.: poor: some patched windows: l.b. as map.: also out of Wandsworth Road is a ~~&~~ yard of poor

John Street - E side - purple

At the north east end of York Road is Union Place: a few 2 st. cottages with forecourts: uncol.: l.b.

Union Place - lb

2 st. houses: l.b. on map: at entrance a log with barn post.

South on York Road to Wilson St.: 2 st.: front gardens: mostly semi-detached: many of the gardens beautiful: mostly railings: pink on map.

West to John St.: 2 st.: front gardens some well kept: creepers: purple or pink rather than l.b. on map. West side, in another police district: poorer.

East to York Road: 2 st.: front gardens mostly well kept, and two or three quite large: rather mixed: some poor at south end opposite church: probably as whole pink rather than purple on map.

West to St. Peter's Place: 2 st.: forecourts: l.b. to purple: purple on map.

South to Weston St.: 2 st.: shops with forecourts: many patched windows: dirty children: fowls and ducks: cul de sac with Dew House at end: people "rough, dirty, and dissipated": l.to d.b.: l.b. on map.

South to St. John's Hill : 3 st. : mixed shops with traces of dwelling houses between Brussels and Lowman Roads : red on map.

North to Market Road : 2 st. : fore courts : high class pink : as map.

East to St. John's Hill from : 2 st. : front gardens : trees : old houses and some new st. : pink as map.

East to Cologne Road : 3 1/2 and 2 1/2 st. : mixed 1st. all tenements : good pink : as map.

South to Lowman Road : 3 1/2 st. : some semi-det. : apartments : red to p.r. : red on map.

East to Oberstein Road : 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 st. : all tenements : pink rather than red on map.

South to Brussels Road : 3 1/2 st. : semi-det. or b. many tenemented : p.r. to pink : red on map.

North up & Plough Road to Mayrock Road : 2 st. : fore courts : many railings : decent road perhaps a little poorer in the northern half : pink to purple : purple on map.

North to Leinda H. : 2 st. : front gardens ;

Oberstein Road - pk b.

Brussels Road - pk b.

Hope Street - purple

Wayland Road - l.b.b°

Benham Street - l.b.b°

many wide kept : pink to purple : purple on map.

East to Hibbert St : 2 st : front gardens, many many wide kept ; creepers : purple to pink : purple on map. Pub is a little more colour wh. R.S. than shown on map.

East to Hope St : 2 st : front gardens, wide kept : purple to pink : l.b. on map. Pub is no way into Benham St as shown on map.

East through a passage into Stockwood St : 2 st. flush with pavement : litter in street ; some few signs of squalor : a very drunken lot : rowdy and troublesome : l.b. based rather than d.b. based of map.

South to Tritton St : 2 st flush with pavmt. and few 2½ st : in appearance much as Stockwood St. and very little different in character : l.b. as map.

West to Wayland Road : 2 st : flush with pavmt : much as the previous streets : some broken windows, litter in street : drunken and rowdy : l.b. based rather than d.b. based.

North to Benham St : 2 st : flush with pavement : exactly as the three previous streets :

L.b. as map: a f.b. barred.

North up Plough Road to Britannia Place:
2 st.: stuck with parchment: end de sac (map
wrong): costers etcaes prostitutes: the wood-
stores in the neighbourhood: a portable "fence" with
a small shop at N.E. has himself done time
more than once: street fighting: costers barrows:
broken windows: children dirty and no two boys
bare footed. D.D. barred as map.

North to Field Place: 2 st: stuck with
parchment: poor and rough: L.b. as map.

West to Edwards Place (called Britannia
Place on map): two 1 st. houses only: L. to d.b.

West to Garden Place: 1 st. cottages with
long front gardens, not well kept. L.b. as map.

General Remarks:-

In judging this district it is
necessary I think to discount to some extent
George's evidence: he is inclined probably not so
much to paint with too black a brush as to
spread his black somewhat indiscriminately over

too wide an area: no doubt the district
has deteriorated morally and materially and
the evil element which the map shows to the
west of Monk Road has spread to some extent
to the east: but according to George all the
streets between Lavender Road the Railway, York
Road and Hope St are equally bad: again and
again he said "there is nothing to choose between
them: one street is as bad as another: if
anything the ~~the~~ streets east of Monk Road
are worse than those to the west: the people are
dissolute, dirty and dissipated." The people George says,
are only poor through drink: there is plenty of
work and they earn plenty of money but drink
it all away. No doubt this district is rough
and troublesome to the police and possibly George's
evidence is true as to an unusually large proportion
in the population of this group of streets;
my own impression of the streets is that they
are more than normally 'mixed' with the
respectable and the squalid: but as some support
of George's opinion it may be noted that directly

we got outside this district, in the squalid
poor streets west of Durham St. we spoke of
the people as more quiet and respectable.

In York Road and their respectable
streets off it a most noticeable feature of their
walk is the number of beautiful cottage gardens:
nowhere else in London have I seen so many ~~that~~
on which time and money had evidently been lavishly
spent.

Here as in the previous walk there is no
lack of work for the people close at hand,
being the river bank: Price's Patent Candle
Co. is a huge place employing thousands of
hands: which Orlando Jones, ~~and~~ Waring Distillery
~~are large cos.~~ and Sexton Milk and Co are large
concerns: in all of them I think the bulk of
the labour is unskilled

Speaking to George of the rough element
about Plough Road I said that I thought it
was a pity that some of the loafers and
wasters were not permanently locked up. "I suppose

I said "you know all the bad characters & light- and could run them in constantly if you liked". "Yes" he said "but what's the good? what we want is not one man run in but a few magistrates on the bench who will commit them when they are run in: the magistrates now will listen any tale they like to pitch".

P.S. Pilfold in the Wandsworth district made the same complaint directed in this case especially against Mr Plowden whose action he says is utterly capricious: so much so that the police never know what to do or to apprehend criminals for minor offences: one day the prisoner will get a sympathising hearing: the next an exactly similar charge will be dismissed.

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July 1855

Walks with P.C. George round district bounded on the north by St. John's Hill and Clapham Junction, on the east by St. John's Road and Wells Road, on the south by Battersea Road and Wandsworth Common, and on the west by the parish bounds, being parts of the parishes of St. Mark, St. Michael and St. Peter.

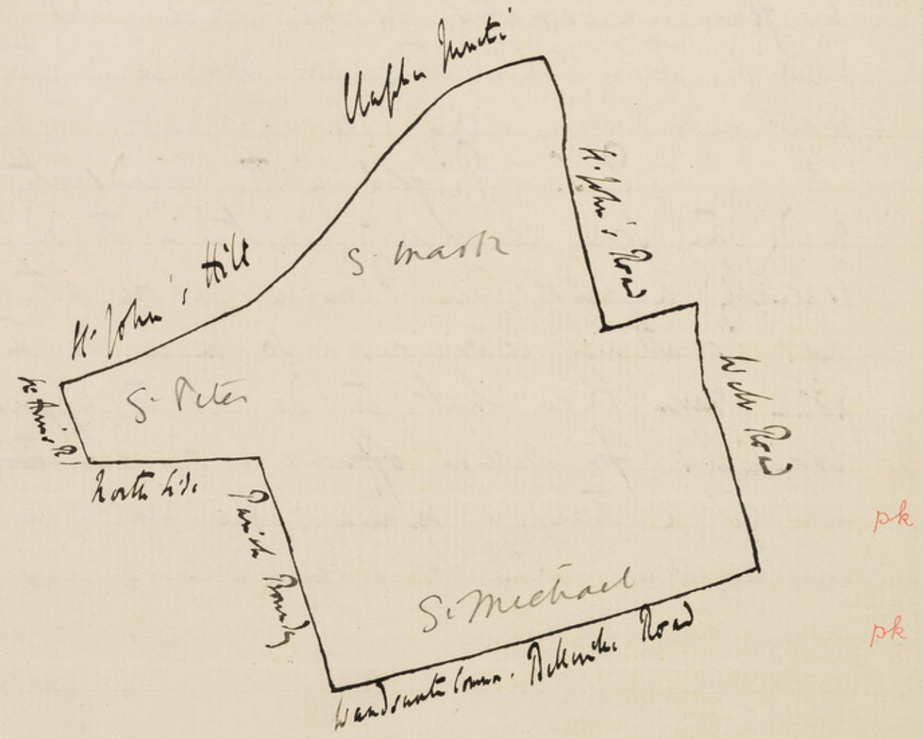
Starting at the corner of St. John's Hill and St. John's Road west up St. John's Hill: shops: and c. in up.

North to Battersea Road: three houses only: uncol: pink on p.b.

South across St. John's Hill to Silverthorn Road: 3 st.: double fronted on w.: forecourts: apartments furnished and unfurnished: flats: ½ uncol.: pink to p.b.

South to Eckstein Road: 3 st.: forecourts: as Silverthorn: pink to p.b.

East side to St. John's Road: 3 st.: shops: with Northcote Road the chief shopping road of the district.



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Battersea Rise - pk

Boutflower Road - pk b²

Strath Terrace - pk.

Strathblaine Road - pk b²

Sangora Road - pk b²

Red on map, with exception of the Methodist Church & house Lavender Lodge, which is yellow.

West to Conyer Road : 3 st. : fore courts : pink on map.

South to Thirsk Road : 2 st. : fore courts : pink on map.

South to Battersea Rise : shops and on S. side west of St. John's Road 3½ st. dwelling houses : mixed : probably f.h.

West to Boutflower Road : 4 st. : fore courts : furnished apartments : f.h. to rd : pink on map. (N.B. The colours outside on maps which have been hurriedly and quite unreliable)

West to Strath Terrace : 2 st. shops : mixed : pink.

West to Strathblaine Road : 3 st. : fore courts : apartments : red to f.h. : red on map.

North to Sangora Road : 3 st. : exactly as Strathblaine : red to f.h. : red on map.

West to Vardens Road : 2½ and 3½ st. : older and better class road than preceding : red on map.

North Side - red

Chivalry Road - pk.

Bolingbroke Grove - NW - pk

Belleville Road - pk b°

Wakehurst Road - pk b°

West to Spencer Road : 2 ½ and 3 ½ st. det. and semi-det : front garden : red on map.

West to Park Road : as Spencer Road : red on map.

South to North Side : mostly 3 ½ st. : garden many det. and semi-det : uncol. : should be red.

East over the Railway to Chivalry Road : 2 and 3 ½ st : poorly a few tenants. Late doubtful : pink rather than p. b. At one time a number of prostitutes here.

West to Bolingbroke Grove : the bit facing the Cemetery is main 2 st. Lower bit front-yards : pink rather than red. The rest of the houses facing the Common are all good 3 and 3 ½ st. : gardens : red on map.

South along the Common and East to Belleville Road : 2 st : more semi-det : low middle. Poor coarse : furnished apartments : and George says most let in half rooms and no tenants : pink to p. b. : red on map.

North to Wakehurst Road : almost exactly as Belleville : but semi-det. only west of Northcote Rd. : as Belleville in character : pink to p. b. red on map.

Salcott Road - pk

Bennerley Road - pk

Mallinson Road - pk.

North to Salcott Road : 2, 2½ and 3 st. : fore courts : all terraced : pink : p.b. on map.

North to Bennerley Road : 2½ and 3 st. : all terraced west of Northcote Road : rather better & cost. : but not much : at least 1/2 shows signs of poverty : pink : p.b. on map.

North to Mallinson Road : 2, 2½, and 3 st. : a little better than Bennerley but all terraced : pink : p.b. on map. There is a new Methodist Free Church at S.W. end

North to Shelgate Road : 2, 2½ and 3 st. : fore courts : pink as map.

North to Linton Road : 3 st. : fore courts : furnished apartments : and terraced : pink to p.b. : p.b. on map.

West to Thurnscoe Road : exactly as Linton : pink to p.b. : p.b. on map.

West to Northcote Road : shops 3 st. : and south of Wakefield and Salcott Roads 2 st villas. probably ~~pk~~ ~~rather~~ red rather than p.b. of map. The workers excited from St. John's Road by the opposition of the tradesmen, have come here : Verger says

Auckland Road - pk

Middleton Road - pk

The tradesmen in St. John's Road are almost beginning to regret it. Only a few fruit-carts out in morning.

West to Cairns Road : ~~8~~ 3 st. : front gardens : pink as map.

North to Abyssinia Road : 2 1/2 st. : signs of poverty : pink to purple : pink on map.

West to Auckland Road : 3 1/2 st. : all tenanted : pink : p.b. on map. Brother at corner of Cairns Road.

West to Middleton Road : 2 and 3 st. : four corners : tenanted : pink : p.b. on map.

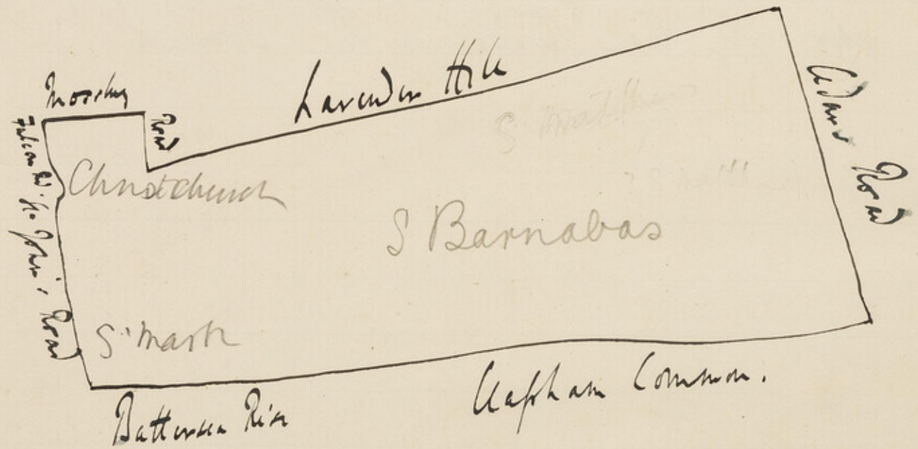
General Remarks :-

This is a wholly artisan district, almost exclusively upper and lower middle class. Though it ~~would~~ is almost impossible to tell it from the exterior, according to George's evidence there has been considerable decay in the streets between Wandsworth Common and Northcote Road : those on the maps are red or p.b. : but George says that they are

Rom universally let to two families and
are servantless; indeed in his opinion "there
are not six families in Battersea that have a
house to themselves".

Some of the roads close to Wandsworth
Common were, and I think from George's time
still are a good deal frequented by prostitutes,
who ply their trade on the Common.

District covered



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July 1885

Walk with P.C. George round district bounded by Lavender Hill on the north, Cedars Road on the east, Clapham Common and Battersea Rise on the south and St. John's Road on the west, being part of the parishes of St. ~~Mary~~ Barnabas, St. Mark and Christ Church.

Starting at the corner of Lavender Hill and Cedars Road south to Cedars Road: 4 houses as map. West to Garfield Road: 3 with a few 2 St. at S. four courts: many furnished apartments: some tenements: and to print: and as map.

West to Marmion Road: 2, 2½ and 3 St: four courts: print as map.

North to Lavender Hill: mostly 3 St shops with a few private houses: and as map.

South to Rush Hill Road: 3 St: four courts: print as map. At end de sac: manse with the Church.

On the east side of Rush Hill Rd: is Rush Hill Manor (not shown on map): tradesmen carts, foods: cattle drive: L.B. to people.

South to Severus Road: 2 and 3 St: printers by

South to Roker Road : 2 and 3 sts, some
double fronted : fore courts : pink as maps.
South to Fontaincha Road : 2 sts : fore courts
small : pink in character.
East to Taybridge Road : 2 sts : fore courts :
new road this map : pink in character.
South to North Sd. Hospital Common :
Eastward from Tayb[ridge] Road the old houses
remain and up to Macaulay Road should be yellow.
West of Tayb[ridge] Road the old houses with the
exception of one or two are gone, their place being
taken by Terraces of 3 sts houses with long front-
gardens : red in character.
North to Jedburgh St. : 2 sts : fore courts :
new road : pink.
West to Tregarvon St. : 2 sts : fore courts :
new road : pink.
Unless the next road to west be marked
on the new map (as we get on with
West to Forthbridge Road : 2 sts : fore courts :
new road : pink.
West to Stormont Road : 2 and 2½ sts : the

Fontarabia Road - pk

Taybridge Rd - pk

North Side - red & yellow

Jedburgh Street - pk

Tregarvon Road - pk

Forthbridge Road - pk

Stormont Road - pk

Sugden Road - pk b.

Thirsk Road - pk.

Songbeach Road - pk

Sisters Avenue - pk b.

Marjorie Grove - pk b.

3 1/2 st. houses, ~~brick~~ st. h. end which alone was built when map was made on probably non pk. on p.b. rather than end of map: the new 2 st. houses st. S. are pink.

West to Murray Road: 2 st.: fore courts: pink as map.

West to Hugden Road: 2 st.: fore courts: rather better st. h. than S.: st. h. probably red as map: the rest of the road is red to p.b. In this road which is red on the map all the children I saw were mistakenly pink, and this here brings home the danger here.

West to Brick Road: 2 and 3 st.: new road: pink.

West to Longbeach Road: 2 st., some with attics: new road: pink

West to Sisters Avenue: 2 st. S. 3 st. h. Jews Work of Flats built pink in the head Avenue mansions: the older 3 st. houses are being let in tenements called Flats: p.b. to red: red on map.

West to Marjorie Grove: 2 and 3 st.: new ~~x~~ road: p.b. to red:

Winifred Grove - pk b:

Mysore Road - pk b:

Elspeth Road - pk b:

Altenburg Gardens - pk b:

Lavender Sweep - pk

West to Winifred Grove : 2 st. with attics : new road : pink

North to Mysore Road : 2 st. : new road : pink

West to Elspeth Road : 2 st. new road : pink.

West to Lavender Gardens : 3 st. : mostly double fronted : some apartments but generally single families : red on map.

West to Altenburg Gardens : this with Lavender Gardens and Victoria Mansions used to be almost aristocratic : now the old 2 st. detached houses on S. have been joined together and turned into flats with exception of few at S. : the W. is now 2 st. houses as the neighbouring streets : the whole probably pink on p.b. : the S. side is red on map.

West to Beckes Road : 2 st. : fore courts : pink as map

West to Parma Crescent : 2 st. : fore courts : pink as map.

West to Lavender Sweep : 2 and 3 st. : fore courts. p.b. to pink : p.b. on map.

Hauberk Road - pk

Hafer Road - pk.

Limberg Road - pk.

Beauchamp Rd pk b.

Elmington Gardens - pk b.

South to Battersea Rise : 3 st. : shops and 1st private houses : pink to p.b. : pink on map.

North to Hanbury Road : 2 st. : fore courts : pink to p.b. ; red on map.

West to Hafer Road : 2 and 3 st : pink : red on map.

North and west to Limberg Road : 2 and 3 st. pink to p.b. ; p.b. on map.

North to Beauchamp Road : 2 and 3 st. : a good many apartments : p.b. to red : red on map.

West to Elmington Gardens : 3 st. : cr Beauchamp Rd : p.b. to red : red on map

North across Lavender Hill to Mooreburg Road. 2 and 3 st : pink on map.

General Remarks :-

The great change in this district is the demolition of the bulk of the fine old houses facing Clapham Common and the formation of new roads on their site : with the exception of the new houses actually facing the Common all the new building is of a high class pink

character: the older roads between the Common and Lavender Hill - (which too were ~~distinctly~~ built on the sites of old houses with large gardens now ~~to~~ nearly all red when the map was made: but with the exception of Lavender Gardens they have all decayed, and are now almost exclusively tenemented