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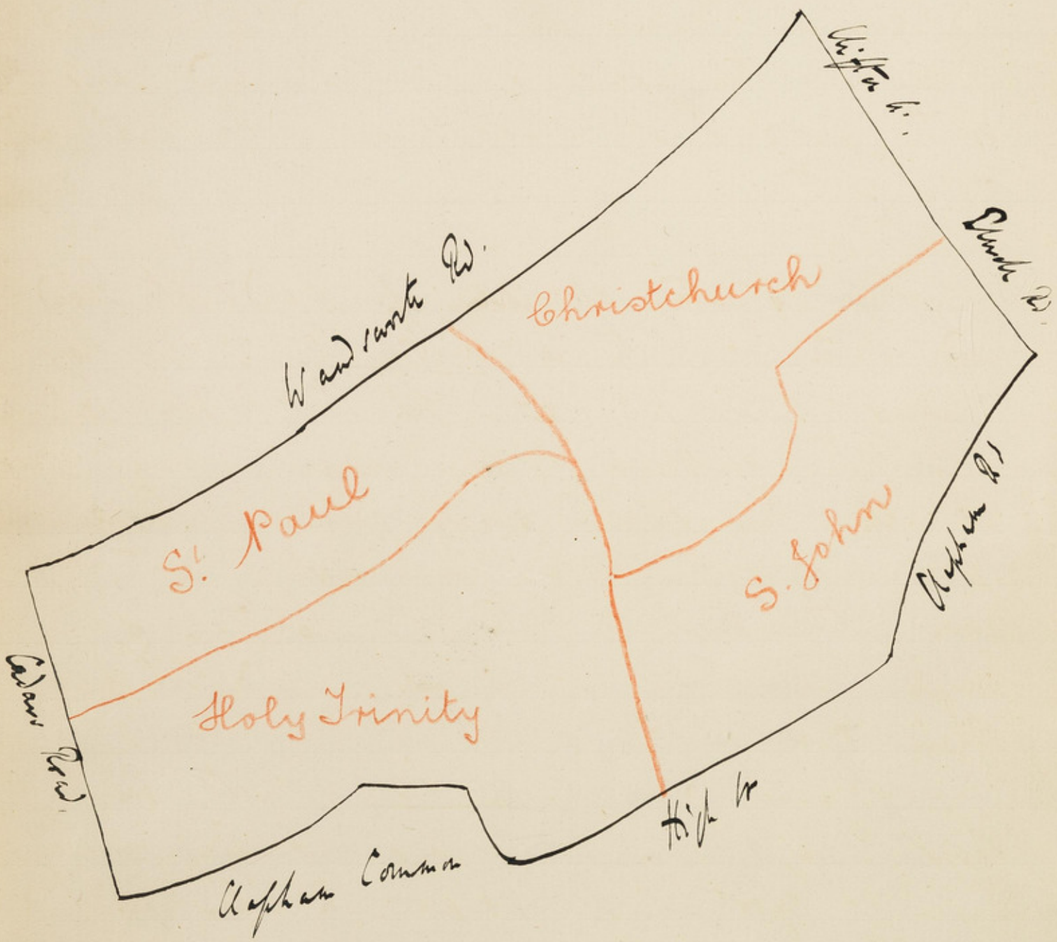

July 1855 Sergeant Hearn Dist. 38

Walks with ~~P.C. George~~ round district bounded by Wandsworth Road on N.W., Clapham and Lambeth boundary on N.E., Clapham Road, High St. and Clapham Common on S.E. and Cedars Road on W. being the parish of St. John, and parts of the parishes of Christ Church, St. Paul and Holy Trinity.

Starting at corner of Wandsworth Road and Clifton St. north to Clifton St.: 2 st.: front gardens: many semi-det.: old struct.: note Southville probably the guide mile off Wandsworth Road: pink on map. The small purple patch at N. end is a court rather poorer than most of struct., probably still purple: there is no trace of purple court shown at S. end. and the pink should run on here.

South to Larkhall Lane: mostly small shops E. of Union St.: p.b. on map. W. of Union St. mostly 2 st. houses with older houses on N. side when of the large houses with long gardens

SE end pk

Alford Road - purple

Smedley Street - pk

behind Carlton and Fountain Lodges are left and then further W. gone for a new street. This western part of Larkhall Lane is end as map.

South to Church Road : 3 st : finish into pavement : purple as map.

West to Larkhall St : 2 st : front gardens with tops : cemetery, vines etc : probably x pink : purple on map.

North to Cowland Grove : 2 and 2½ st : front gardens : trees : some semi-det : pink as map.

West out of Cowland Grove is Warrington Cottages : three only : purple as map.

North to Alford Road : 2½ and 2 st : pink to purple : pink on map.

West to ~~the~~ Union Grove : 2½ and 3½ st : nothing class at R.G. : the rest good middle class : pink and p.b. as map.

South to Church Terrace : 2 st : some double fronted : p.b. as map.

West to Smedley St : 2 st : front gardens :

Union Rd between Bromfelde Rd & Larkhall Lane – red

Clapham Road – red

flowers, vines, creepers: pink to purple: purple on map.

South to Union Rd: 2 st: front gardens: flowers vines: pink to purple: purple on map.

Ref. to Clarke's Cottages: 2 st: front gardens: pink to purple: purple on map.

James St on the W. side of Union Rd has gone for Drains Works.

South to Bromfelde Road: 2 and 3 st: front gardens: mainly working class E. of Union Road and ~~with~~ middle class W.: pink and red as map.

North and South to Union Road: mainly 3 st: p.b. as map except on W. between Bromfelde Rd and Larkhall Lane, where it should be red.

South to Clapham Road: though there are several yellow houses left this should now be red, most of the other houses being doctors, institutions etc. The Home for Incurables is gone, and the site thus second.

North to Cheltham Road: 3 and 3½ st:

Gauden Road - SE end - pk

Killyon Road - pk

Brayburne Avenue - pk

a few apartments: but mostly high families: red as map.

West to Gauden Road: 2½ and 2: some double fronted. Here 3 st. flats running up to Clapham Road on S.E. Shops on point: the rest red as map.

North across Larkhall Lane to Killyon Road new road through the site of Hyde Lodge and the lines running into Wandsworth Road: 2 st: forecourts: pink. This road has demolished Pennsburg Place — and the little patch of purple behind Wandsworth Road Station.

East to Albion Road: 2½ st: most small det: p.b. to red: p.b. on map.

To South to Sibella Road: 2 to 3 st: red as map.

West to Larkhall Rise: old houses and villas left on S. and some on N. though some gone for 3 st red brick but all red as map.

South side from Larkhall Rise ~~on~~ then two new streets:

Brayburne Avenue: 2 st: forecourts: pink;

Netherford Road - pk

Matrimony Place - pk

Wandsworth Road - pk b.

Royal Road - pk

Iveley Road - pk

Turret Grove - pk

and Netherford Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink. this is scarcely finished

West to St. Paul's Close at the N. end of which are a few houses, Matrimony Place : not col. on map ; should be pink.

North to Wandsworth Road which between the Station and Royal Road should be pink rather than p.b.

South to Royal Road : 2 st : forecourts ; pink rather than p.b.

East from Royal Road to St. Paul's Close over Iveley Road : a new road : 2 st : forecourts : pink.

South to Turret Grove : 2 and 2½ st : pink rather than p.b. of map.

West to North St : 2 and 2½ st : front gardens : pink as map.

West to Broadhinton Road : 2 and 2½ st : front gardens : pink as map.

West to Lambourn Road : 3 and 3½ st : front gardens : p.b. as map.

West to Grange Road : 3 st : front gardens :

The phase - red

North Side - yellow

Archway Place - pk

pink as map.

North to Avenue Road: 2 st: front gardens: pink as map.

West to The Chase: 3, 3½, and 4½ st: coloured red and yellow on map: the red is correct, and probably the whole is now red. There are new houses built at S. end on part of the gardens of the houses on the Common.

West to Victoria Road: mostly 3½ st: detached as they near the Common: red as map: or if The Chase is yellow, then red N. and yellow S. of St Saviour's Church.

South on to The Common. Then The Cedars and The Tower (both parts of North Side) remain yellow and probably all up to Macready Road, though one of the old houses. The house at corner of the Chase is now Home for the Dying. In Church Buildings are two schools.

Behind Church Buildings is Archway Place: a few cottages with gardens: pink.

North to Macready Road: mostly 3½: gardens: det. and semi-det: yellow as map.

North St. - S end - purple

Bone's bottages - lb

Rowland's bottages - lb

Youngs Rents - lb

East to Kilburstall Road (which includes what was Orchard St.) 3½, 3 and 2 st.: the Orchard St. end pink, the rest pink, as map.

South to Orlando Road: 3 st.: front gardens: red as map.

East to Old Town: shops and some old houses: red as map.

West to Lydon Road: 3 st.: front gardens: red as map.

East to North St. (the southern part coloured blue on map): 2 st. small shops and cottages on W.: 3 st. old houses flush with pavement on E.: rather poor: l.b. to purple: l.b. on map.

To the west of Old Town and North St. at this point are ~~some~~ several small courts:-

Bone's Cottages: ~~four 2 st.~~: five cottages: purple to l.b.: l.b. on map.:

Rowland's Cottages: 2 st. with front gardens: rather dirty: dirty children at entrance: l.b.: not col. on map.

Young's Rents: four cottages made of wood: 2 st.: l.b.: d.b. on map.

Youngs Passage - lb

Charlotte Place - lb

Rectory Grove - pk & purple

Grafton Square - pk & b.

Young's Passage: two cottages: 2 st.: l.b.: d.b. on map: and

Charlotte Place (Coat's Buildings on map): 2 st.: flush with pavement: l.b.: d.b. on map.

East to Rectory Gardens: asphalted court: 2 st.: flush with pavement: purple on map. The frontage to Rectory Grove is really part of Rectory Gardens and should be purple or pink instead of p.b.

East to Rectory Grove: 2, 2½, 3, and 3½ st.: mixed: some good old houses, but mostly tenements: p.b. as map.

East to Fitzwilliam Road: 2, 2½ and 3 st.: p.b. as map.

South to Offerton Road and Liston Road: 3½ st.: red as map.

South to Grafton Sq: 3½ and 4½ st.: here there is a great change: the northern end and the east up to Belmont Road are still middle class and red or p.b. rather than yellow: but the 4½ st. houses at S. are all let in tenements and are now pink rather than yellow.

Polygon Buildings - pk

Douvers Place - purple

Bromells Road - pk

Nenn Street - pk

West to Old Town and Polygon Buildings: 3 st. shops on E.: pink or p.k. On W. and S. sh. tenements: purple tol.b.

Almost opposite to S. is Douvers Place or Cottages 10 cottages 2 of wood: wash.: purple.

South to The Pavement: large shops: red as map.

South and East to High St.: large shops: red as map.

North to Bromells Road: at S.W. end some old 2 and 3 st. houses left up to Venn St: purple tol.b. On whole of S. side and N. side from Venn St to Wilberforce St (to which Bromell's Road is now cut through) are 3 st. working class flats: pink

North and South to Venn St which crosses Bromells Road from Clapham High St and then turns at right angle into Wilberforce St: 3 st. shops on E. of High St: pink or p.k. The Northern bit of the street 2 st. with two doors: good pink.

Bromell's Buildings, Bromell's Passage, Waterloo

Manor Street - pk.

Vernon Road - pkb.

Place and Hume Place are gone.

East to Wittenburg St: 2, 3, and 2½ st: new 3 st. flats similar to Brindles Road at S.W. the pink as map.

West to Belmont Road: 3½ st: nearly all tenanted: pink to p.b.: p.b. on map.

East to Cross St: 2 st: flush with parent: purple as map.

South to Chip St: 2 st: flush with parent: rather poor: l.b. to purple: purple on map.

East to Little Manor St: 2 st: rather mixed: purple as map.

~~Rockett~~ to Prescot Place: 2 st: much front gardens: flowers, creepers: l.b. to purple: l.b. on ~~the~~ map.

East to Manor St: 2, 2½, 3, and 3½ st: a few ~~too~~ tenants at h. end: p.b. to pink: p.b. on map. On the E. of Manor St two new openings are cut for new streets not yet begun, which will run into a continuation of Vernon Road to Rankhall Rise.

East to Vernon Road: 3 st: p.b. to pink: pink

Station Road - pk b.

on map. There are no houses S. of the School of Arts but the northern bit running into Station Road should be coloured.

East to Station Road: two houses only: 3 st: as Vernon Road: p.b. to pink: uncol. on map.

General Remarks I shall defer to the end of Clapham.

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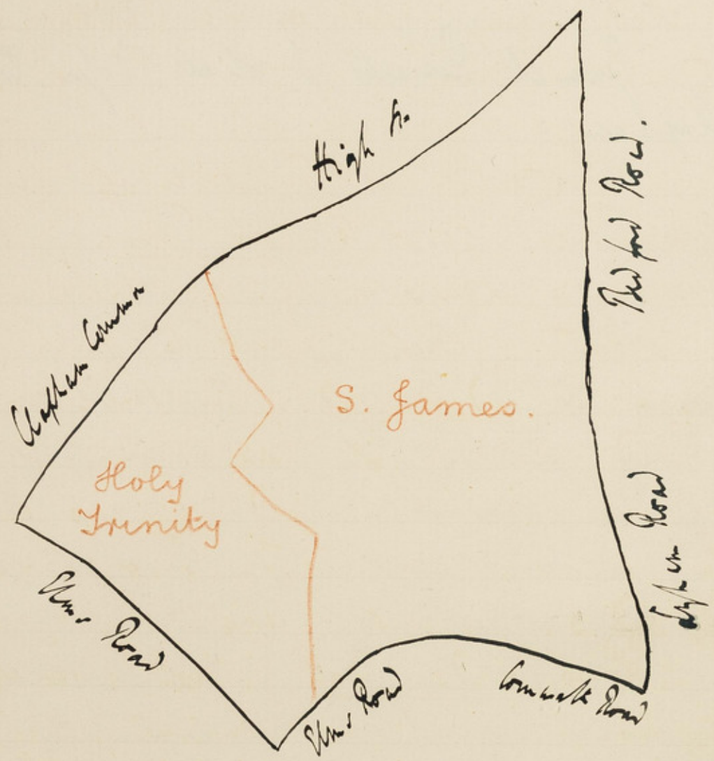

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Wside pk

pk. b²

pk b²

Police 39/1 Dist. 38

July 1889

Walk with Sergeant Rann round district bounded on N.W. by Clapham Common and High St. on the E. by Bedford Road and Clapham Road on S.E. by Cornwall Road and Elms Road and on S.W. by Elms Road being parts of the parishes of Holy Trinity and St. James.

Starting at the corner of Clapham Road and York Terrace East to York Terrace: 3 st: flags with pavement: houses on N. only: shops in Railway arches opposite: uncol.: pink to purple.

East to Bedford Road: the small bit of Bedford Road pink N. of York Terrace col. pink on map is now unlinked: and on map shows there are still no houses on W. till S. of Hazelrigge Rd: then 2 and 3 st: uncol.: pink.

West to Kendoa Road: 3 st: fore courts: a few with cement: but not tenement: pink b.p.: uncol. on map.

West to Tremadoc Road: 3 st: fore courts: a few double fronted flats: p.b. to pink: uncol.

Kenwyn Rd. pk b.

S. Luke's Road - pk

Carpenters Cottages - lb

Nelson's Row, N. end - pk

Nelson's Grove - lb

Perseverance Grove - lb

West to Kenwyn Road : 2 and 3 st : forecourts : p.b. to pink : uncol.

West to St Luke's Road : 3 st : forecourts : a few poor on top floor : otherwise good working class : pink : purple on map.

North to High St : good shops and some old houses : red as map.

South to Carpenter's Cottages : strange little three room cottages : single families : very neat : uncol : pink.

West to Nelson's Row : st h. end opp. Schools of Wesleyan Church row of new 2 st houses with forecourts : pink. South of this Nelson's Row is old 2 and 1 st : flush with pavement : rather dirty and dilapidated : one barefooted child : courts etc : l.b. as map.

On S. of Nelson's Row are two courts :-

Nelson's Grove : six 2 st : uncol : l.b. and

Perseverance Grove : three 2 st on h. side : uncol : purple to l.b.

South to White Sq : 2 st : unpaved : great many courts : children rather dirty : once a nothing

Park Crescent - pk

Clapham Park Road - pk b.

Pleasant Place - lb
Triangle Place - lb

Wallis' Court - lb

Newman's Court - lb

Great Acre Court - lb

Acre (?) purple

den of iniquity and roughness, but much better though still occasional drunken rows. l.b. as map.

South to Crescent Road: 2 st: front gardens: pink as map.

West to Park Crescent: 2 and 2½ st: some front gardens: pink: purple on map.

West to Clapham Park Road: 2 and 3 st: mostly shops: uncol.: red. top.b.

East to Pleasant Place and Triangle Place: 2 st: Triangle Pl. with gardens: poor and rather dirty: uncol: l.b.

Just north of Pleasant Place on E. of Park Road are the two courts:-

Wallis's Court: run 2 st: four courts: mixed, flower: purple to l.b.: uncol. and

Newman's Court: asphalted: six 2 st: poor and dirty: ~~to~~ two houses with patched windows: uncol: l. to d.b.

West across Park Road to Great Acre Court: 2 st: wooden on r. side: poor: uncol. l.b. Just south of this is

Acre Court: six 2 st: front gardens: uncol:

S. Alphonsus Road - pk

Park Place - purple

Chapel Place - pk b.

Clapham Park Road - pk b.

Coats Road - yellow

North Road - red

West Road - yellow

Park Hill - red

pink to purple.

South to Carfax Sq : 2 1/2 st : roadway dirty and many of the houses : dirty children playing : houses mostly modern and worse built than most in this poor area : purple to l.h. : purple on map.

West to St Alphonsus Road : 2 and 3 st : new road built for tenements : pink.

South to Park Place : 2 st : uncol : ~~pink~~ to purple to l.h. A poor bit on r.h.

East to Chapel Place and Park Road : 3 st shops and 2 st houses : some 2 1/2 st on r. : uncol : should be p.b.

North to Hazelrigg Road : 2, 2 1/2 and 3 st : forecourts : pink as map.

South along Bedford Road to Coats Road : the first of the Clapham Park Roads : large houses in gardens with carriage drive in front : uncol : yellow.

West to North Road : 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 : det. and semi-det villas : uncol. : red

South to West Road : two large houses : yellow.

West to Park Hill : large houses with gardens.

Crescent Lane - pk bd

Elms Road - yellow & red

Leppoc Calderville &
Franconia Roads - pk bd

Abbeville Road - red & pk bd

South Side - yellow & red

Crescent Grove - red

uncol. : yellow.

West to Crescent Lane (late Dixie's Lane) 2 st. : front garden : p.b. to pale : uncol.

West to Elms Road : 2 and 3 st. and st. in. end as it incers the Common large detached houses which should be yellow : the note red on map, or possibly p.b. in the part which runs E. and W.

North to Leppoc Road Calderville Road and Franconia Road : these identical roads : 2 st. four courts : bow windows : red to p.b. : red on map.

North to Albville Road : 2 st. : as the previous roads, but patch of land built houses on N. : red to p.b. : red on map.

North to Clapham Common South Side : large houses as far E. as Crescent Grove : yellow. E. of that shops : red on map.

South to Crescent Grove : 4 1/2 st. : uncol. red to yellow.

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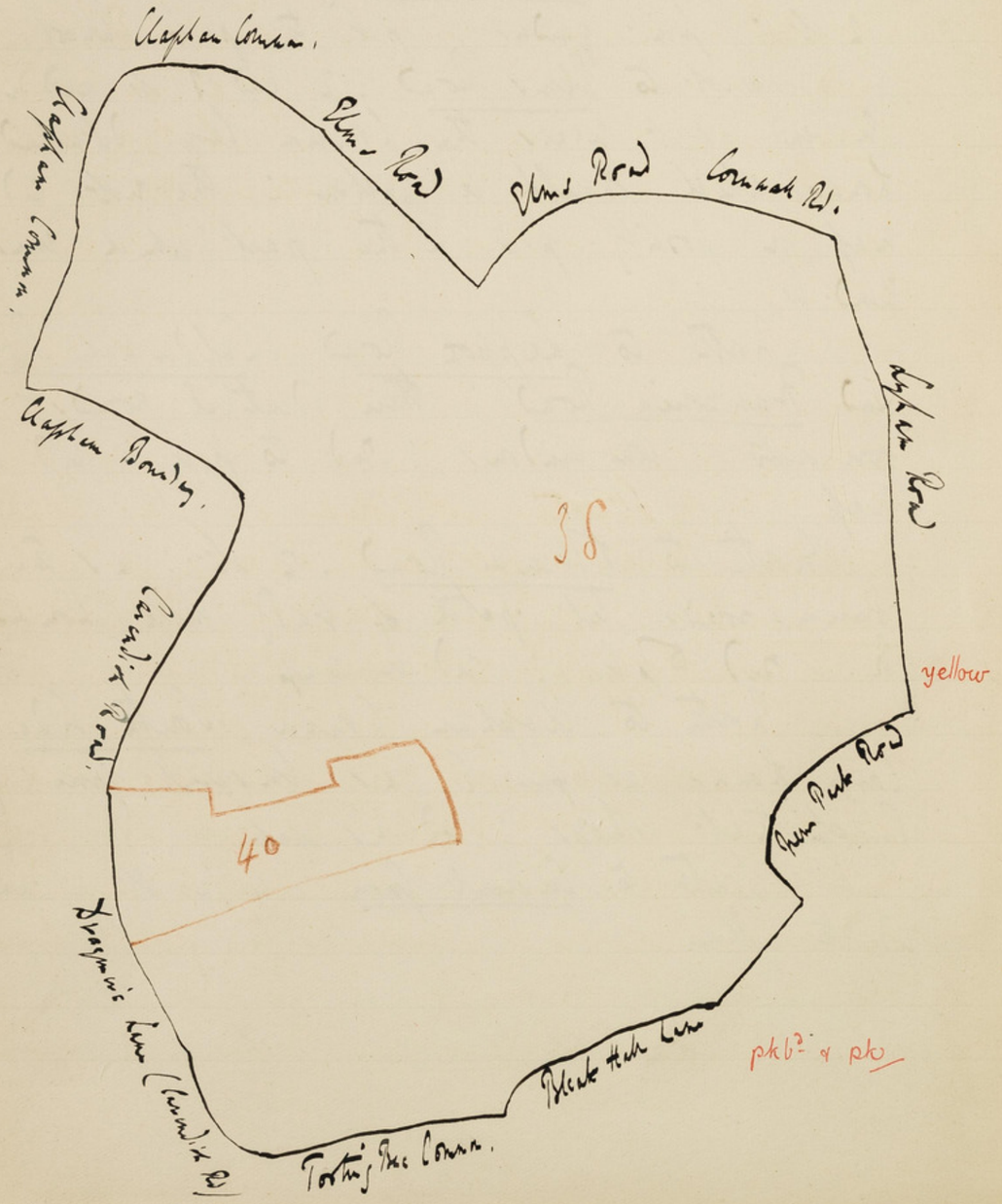

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July 1859

Walked with Sergeant Rowe round district bounded on the N. by Clapham Common, Elms Road and Cornwall Road, on the E. by Clapham Road and Park Road, on the S. by Wicket Hill Lane, Tooting Bec Common and Clapham Boundary, and on the W. by Cavendish Road and Clapham Common Rd.

Starting at corner of Elms Road and Clapham Common West to the houses on the Common, Windmill Down, Windmill House etc: Detached & semi. Double fronted houses with gardens: uncol.: yellow to red.

South to South side, Clapham Common: old houses yellow, remain as far as Eagle House, which has gone: from here to Cavendish Road terrace of 3 st. houses with front gardens: uncol.: red to yellow.

South to Harborne Avenue: 2 and 3 st.:

Mandalay Road - pk

Hambalt Road - pk b²

Shandon Road - pk b²

front gardens: red to p.b. up to the Avenue: S. of that 2 st. houses with two doors each: pink.

East to Mandalay Road: 2 st: forecourts: two doors each: pink.

W. and E. to Hambalt Road: 2 st: forecourts: the bit running E. and W. and S. as far as Albemarle Road has mostly two doors and is pink: S. of Albemarle Road Hambalt Road is better: built for high families: p.b. to red: uncol.

South to Elms Road which is being continued right through to Downville Road: (according to Bacon's latest map the continuation is called Deanville Road): only a few houses on S: built on N. almost up to Downville Road: 2 st: forecourts: p.b. to red: uncol.

North to Shandon Road: 2 st: built only half to S. on W.: p.b. to pink: uncol.

North to Albemarle Road which is now completed throughout from Crescent Lane to Cavendish Road: has first 3 st shops: then on S. block of flats, Albemarle Mansions: red.

Bonneville Road - red

Trouville Road - red

Klea Avenue - pk bd

Lessar Avenue - red

Beyond this to W. the old detached and semi-det. houses which show on map: red to yellow.

S.E. to Bonneville Road: 3 st: front gardens: stuc. brick: only so much as shown on map: uncol: red. At the S.E. junction of Bonneville Road and Brownlow on this Road is temporary Board School.

W. to Trouville Road: at the end of the ~~&~~ gardens of houses ~~&~~ in Albemarle Rd is new block of flats Lancaster Gardens: rents £50 to £90: red. The houses which show on map round the Place are 3½ st: det. and semi-det.: red to yellow.

N.E. to Klea Avenue: 2 and 3 st: forecourts: now mer through to Heathbourne Avenue: red to p.b.: red on map.

N.W. to Cantley Avenue: 2 and 3 st: front gardens: some doubly fronted: red on map.

West to Lessar Avenue: 2 and 3 st: front gardens: not quite so good as Cantley: red to p.b.: red on map.

Lynette Avenue - pk b.

Cavendish Road S. side
red, pk & yellow

Poynders Road - yellow
Atkins Road - yellow
Grove Road - yellow & pk b.

Lennor Road - purple

West to Lynette Avenue : 2 and 3 st. ; front gardens : the new houses on N. S. poorer than older ; p.b. : red on map.

S. to Cavendish Road ; 2 st. ; front gardens : uncol. ; red, from Clapham Common to Tranmire Road. Houses between Tranmire Road and Poynders Road yellow. S. between Poynders Road and Atkins Road the frontage is being built on with 2 st. houses : pink to p.b. ; and pink opposite the new Acacia Road the pink of the new roads into Clapham Park is marked out as Honeybrook Road but not built.

East to Poynders Road : yellow.

South to Atkins Road : yellow.

South to Grove Road : yellow. : except near 2 st. flats being built opposite St Stephen's church on the site of Friday Street. : there are p.b.

South to Lennor Road : 2 and 3 st. : foreground block of Dulwich's in centre : also on W. running back to Dragonair Lane : poor : much litter in street : uncol. : purple to l.b.

West to Dragonair Lane (now included in

Hydethorpe Road - pk

Scholars Road - pk

Pentney Road - pk

Thornton Road - yellow
South Road - yellow
New Park Road - yellow & pk.

Lyham Road W. side pk & pur.

Cavendish Road: new houses, 2 st. built on the frontage of Hyde Farm adjoining down to the common: uncol: pink.

Left to Hydethorpe Road: new road ~~too~~ running from Drayman Lane to Thornton Road opposite Victoria Road: 2 st: front gardens: pink. On R. W ~~adj. pointing into~~ is large Board School.

Running from Hydethorpe Road are four new roads:

First at W. Scholars Road: partly built both E. and W.: 2 st: front gardens: pink.

E. to Pentney Road: first begun on E. but unbuilt.

E. to Harewhill Road: not begun.

E. to Redbourne Road: not begun: this runs R. to from Road as well as S.

E. to Thornton Road: yellow.

E. to South Road: yellow

E. to New Park Road: yellow ~~R.~~ to Alton's Road R. of that only a few 2 st cottages left: pink.

R. to Lyham Road: many old 2 st. cottages with

Chale Road - pk

Wingford Road - pk

Kingswood Road pk b° & pk

Thorncliffe Road - pk b°

front gardens: many well kept: pink: purple on map.

W. to Upper Orchard St: 2 st: front gardens: poor: l.b. as map.

N. to Lower Orchard St: 2 st: semi-det. on N.: poor and rough: "the rough end of Balham Police district": litter in streets: children rather dirty and untempt: l.b. as map.

N. to Chale Road: 2 st: forecourt: pink: purple on map.

N. to Wingford Road: 2 st: forecourt: & two doors: pink to purple: purple on map.

W. to Kingswood Road: & S. of Chale Road here 2 st & two door houses: pink. The road now runs through to New Park Road, and there is large Board School at S.E. The older houses N. of Chale Road are 2 and 3 st with forecourt: probably p.b: red on map.

W. to Thorncliffe Road: 2 st: forecourt: wash: probably p.b.

Thornbury Road - pk bs

Rosebery Road - pk bs

Kings Road - yellow & red

Queens & Clarence Roads - yellow

N. to Thornbury Road : 2 and 3 st. : force counts : better W. than E. : p.b. to pink : pink on map.

N. to Rosebery Road : 2 st. : force counts probably p.b. : pink on map.

W. to Kings Road : yellow, except the new terraces ~~but~~ between Thorncliffe and Rosebery Roads which probably red.

S. to Queens Road : yellow.

N. to Clarence Road : yellow, but Lincoln House the yellow house in Clapham is closed, and the estate for sale in building lots. Clarence House is closed and apparently sold for building : and Woodlands is for sale.

General Remarks.

These three walks include the whole of Clapham, except the small portion to the north of Wandsworth Road, which from my point of view goes better naturally with Battersea.

Though it covers a considerable area Clapham

is ~~very~~ numerically a much district. Even in the older parts, north of the Common and High St. the roads are so wide and the space at the back of houses so ample that the population is scanty for the area: while south of High St. and the Common is still largely open ground. Writing without accurate knowledge I imagine that there is no district in London, equally close to the centre, ~~which~~ which is less crowded than Clapham.

But though it is not likely to become congested for many years, its present supply of airiness and open space is not likely to last much longer: and to me it was a surprise to find that it had not changed ~~more~~ more rapidly during the eight years which have passed since I lived in Wrongfield Road. Indeed there seems to have been much of change just before that period, when Clapham Park was cut into by Albert Road and the Avenues, and then a long pause in the development, for though, as with the eye I have chronicled a large number of new streets,

they are all of quite recent growth, and many of them unfinished. I came back expecting to find Clapham Park almost gone, or altered past recognition: whereas the assault on it, as I knew it, is only just beginning, and the magnificent broad roads, with their splendid trees and gardens, and huge, solid, built little houses, remain almost as they were: but now that Lincoln House, the largest of all the estates, is closed, the change will probably be very rapid, and another ten years is scarcely likely to leave much of this delightful bit of London uncovered with streets of brick and rather mean villas.

But for the disappearance of Eagle House and its large grounds the frontage of so much of the Common as is in Clapham is quite unchanged, and it still remains one of the most picturesque and charming spaces of London: with the possible exception of Cheyne Walk there is nothing in London more beautiful and interesting than the old Georgian Terrace of Church Philips, and the

other old group of Georgian houses facing Cock Pond.

Dealing with Clapham's districts it may be divided into four bits:- (1) Bounded by Wandsworth Road, the L.C.D. Ry. and Clapham Road. But for Killyon St. the new streets running from Larkhall Lane to Wandsworth Road this bit is quite unaltered in character and appearance: it remains in the main a district of good solid middle class people with a sprinkling of artisans and a few of poorer class on the extreme East, but there is no real poverty here, and such purple as appears on our map is nearly all I think the result of too low a standard

(2). Bounded by L.C.D. Ry., Wandsworth Road, Cedars Road, and the Common and High St. Here again but for the new roads between Larkhall Rise and Wandsworth Road the changes are not extensive: but on the whole there is a downward tending in the better streets yellow tending to red, red to p.b., and p.b. to pink, but with the exception of the marked decay of Gresham Sq., the changes do

not yet show prominently in the map. The poor lots in this district are two: (a) the south of North St. with the granite little courts off it on the west: this I think is unaltered. It is and was poor, but was not I think overcolonised originally: (b) the lots between Nassau St. and Wintringham St. The poorest lot in this neighbourhood as I remember it was the courts to the west of Wintringham St: these are gone for the new Vernon St. and the remaining old streets to the east are quite unaltered.

(3). Bounded by High St. ~~Clapham Park Road~~ ~~and~~ Bedford Road, ~~and~~ The Grove and Clapham Park Road. With the exception of one street (Lower Orchard St.) this area contains ~~the~~ the worst approach to any real poverty and squalor that can be found in Clapham: Wheeler St, Nelson Row, Pleasant Place, Wallis's Court, Great Ann Place, and Carfax St, all show signs of squalor, and of roughness on the part of the inhabitants: as far as poverty goes they remain much as they were ten years ago, but from the police point of view there is an

improvement: in white sq, S.S. once the scene of incessant rows, there has been no disturbance for 18 months, when there was an attempt to rescue some gamblers who had been arrested for gambling. As a matter of fact it is one of those spots which the police keep pretty well alone, and I imagine that if they ~~x~~ arrested all the boys who gamble here their hands would be full, as it is an ideal place for the purpose, and when I passed through above a large number of lads ~~were~~ were engaged with a pack of cards in the centre of the square. Apart ~~from~~ from the places I have mentioned this is a decent working class quarter, ~~rather jerry built~~ ~~and~~ likely to deteriorate, in the newer roads, Kenyon, Tremadoc and Kendoy, which look rather jerry built.

(4). The rest of Clapham; with which I have included the small bit of Streatham which lies into an otherwise fairly reasonable boundary line. - (Note: There is too a detached bit of Clapham in the Wandsworth Common Police district). - This bit is Clapham Park and the southern portion to the Common. In

appearance apart from the new roads on the site of Eagle House (Harbourne Terrace etc) it is, as I have said wonderfully little altered: only four of the great houses have actually fallen into the builder's hands, and only in two places – (Gron Road and Cavendish Road) – has building actually begun: in the main the Park, I imagine, still remains the residence of people with incomes ranging from £1000 to £2000 a year – (only two or three days since I saw the wife of the last owner of Chior House in Poynders Road was proved for something over £30000) – though the presence of a considerable number of houses to let and of three girls' schools in Atkins Road show that the approach of the builder has made itself felt. The rapid change which will now come will probably be from yellow to pink. The girls' roads built on the Park, before our map was made, were all coloured red, but they are now very doubtfully so, while the newer roads in the same quarter are of distinctly inferior quality: the Board School too

in Bonsecours Road indicates the character of the new inhabitants. The new road at the other side of the Park, Hydethorpe Road, is pink without any suspicion of red; while the extension of Kingswood Road on the eastern edge of the Park reaches a lower level of pink. Everything indeed indicates that the original building of the new roads in the Park was aimed at too good a class, and that the real demand here is from the working rather than the middle class. A strange instance of this is seen in Hyde Avenue: the houses shown on the map were obviously meant for high families; but the large hiatus, which is now filled up, is occupied by houses of quite inferior build and status. The only nucleus of poverty in this area is found in ~~Lyham~~ Lyham Road and the two Orchard Streets off it: this ~~is~~ ~~pink~~ corner is quite an old slum, which has probably improved rather than the reverse.

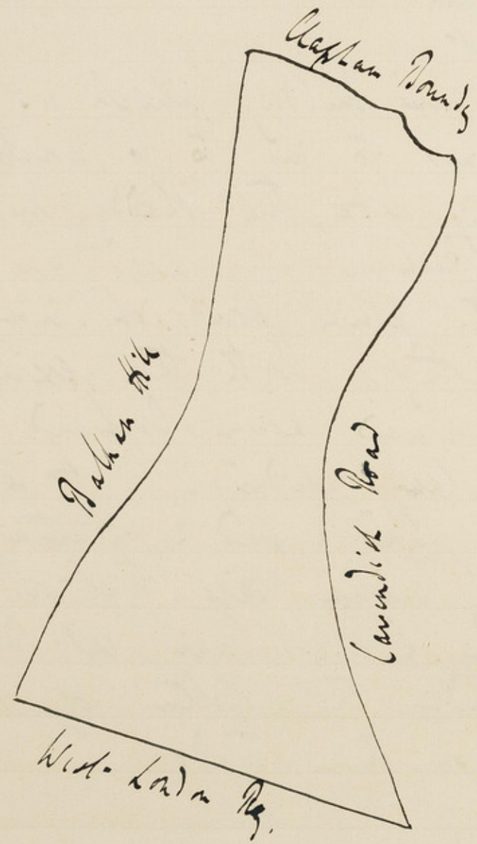
~~Clap~~ Clapham, then, remains on the whole an exceedingly prosperous district, containing probably

more wealth ~~tax~~ in proportion to its inhabitants than any other suburb within the same distance of the centre. When we approach it from the church point of view I shall be surprised if we do not find that it is a great church going district.

The new building which is going on in Clapham appears to me to be ~~un~~usually good. Certainly there is nothing like the shoddy building which is rampant in Fulham.

From the police point of view Clapham is wholly uninteresting. With the exception of the White Sq area and Lower Orchard St the people are thoroughly law-abiding. As to Clapham Common, which had a bad reputation as the haunt of prostitutes, I have says that it is much improved. The L.C.C. have cut down many of the bushes under the shelter of which they used to carry on their trade

District covered



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Dist. 40

July 1899

Walk with Sergeant Hann round district bounded by Clapham Boundary on N. by Cavendish Road on E. by W. L. Ry on S. and by Balham Hill on W. Very.

Starting at the corner of Clapham Common and Balham Hill south to Balham Hill: then on ~~at~~ N. three new roads with 3 st. shops with flats over between them: south of this the old houses remain almost as far as Balham House which is gone, and almost on the site of which is the imposing Royal Duchess Theatre, still uncompleted. Then two more new roads and further 3 st. shops, some with flats over, down to the Railway. The whole red on map.

East to Hazelbourne Road, fair south of the parish boundary: only side beginning: ~~two~~ few houses on S. only: 2 st.: pink in character.

South to Garthorne Road: 2 st.: fore courts:

Westlands Road - pk

Cavendish Road - red & pk bds

Cathles Road - pk

Dagnan Road - pk

Klondyke Road - pk

new road : pink. It includes the southern bit of what was Westlands Road.

North to Westlands Road : 2 st : forecourt : uncol : pink. to pink.

East to Cavendish Road : the old houses of Westlands Road are 3 st, semi-det : red in character : further South the terraces of Kenilford and Martindale Road are 3½ st : p.b. to red. Between these points the road is now built with 2 st houses with front gardens : pink to p.b.

West to ~~Cathles~~ Cathles Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink.

South to Dagnan Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink. This road is not yet finished. Between it and Klondyke Road is marked Yukon Road not yet begun and from Dagnan to ~~Yukon~~ Yukon another road is marked.

South to Klondyke Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink.

South to Kenilford Road, Lansdowne Road and Martindale Road : 2 and 2½ st : front

Ravenswood Road - pk

Ormeley Road - pk

Ranmere Road - pk

Laitwood Road - pk

Bedford Hill - pk bd

Hildreth Road - pk bd

gardens : pink as map.

South to Ravenswood Road : 2 and 3½ st. front gardens : pink to p.b. ; pink on map.

South to Balham New Road : 2 st. : some front gardens : a few small shops : an old road : purple to pink : purple on map.

South to Dereham Road : 2, 2½ and 3 st. : many semi-det. : gardens : red on map.

South to Ormeley Road : 2 and 3 st. : the older houses which appear on map are pinked red on map. The rest of the road, newly built, is 2 st. with front gardens : pink

South to Ranmere Road : 2 st. : front gardens : pink.

South to Laitwood Road : 2 st. : some with attics : front gardens : pink.

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

West to Bedford Hill : 2, 3½ and 4 st. : mostly shops, with few villas on W. : mixed : red.

West to Hildreth Road : 4 st. : shops :

Culmore Road - pk

Fernlea Road pk bd and pk.

Sistova Road pk bd

Shipka Road pk bd

wall: red

South to Culmore Road: 3½ st: tenant: print: purple on map.

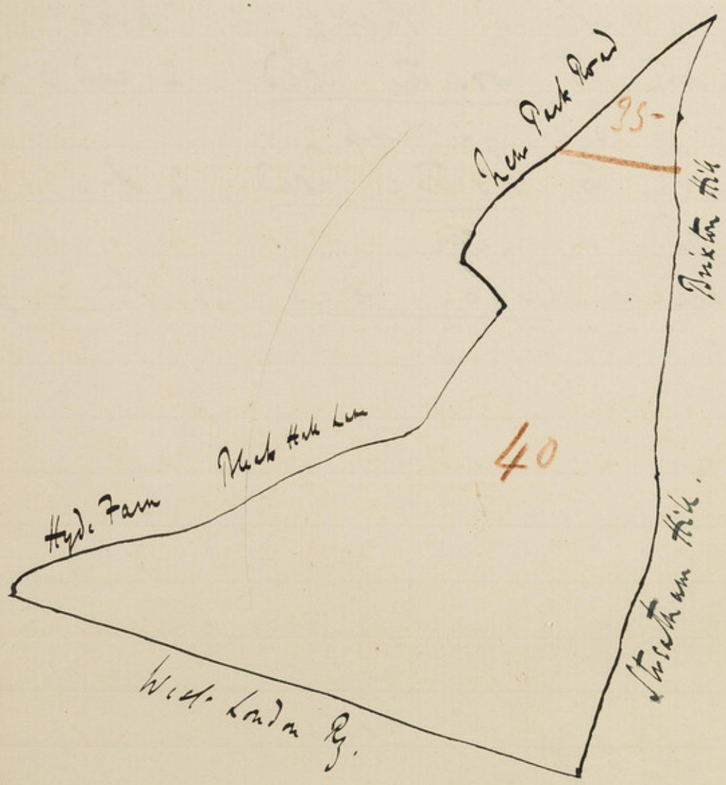
East to Fernlea Road: 2 3 3½ st: all P. and semi-det: either possibly red or p.b. as map. West end should be print.

North to Rossiter Road: 2 and 2½ st: semi-det: p.b. as map.

North to Sistova Road: 2 st: semi-det: p.b.: red on map.

North to Shipka Road: 2 st: p.b. to red: red on map.

District covered



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Dists. 40 - 35

July 1899

Walk with Sergeant Brown round district bounded on the east of Brixton Hill and Stretham Hill, on the south of W. L. Ry and on the west of Hyde Park Lane and New Park Road, thus

Starting at Stretham Hill Station west to Stirchold Avenue: ~~to~~ houses only on S. side: ~~to~~ rather more than half to W. 3 st: front gardens: red to yellow: beyond this 2 st: flats unoccupied: houses of poorer class: pale red.

North to Rastel Avenue: 3 st: front gardens: red to yellow

Of the other new roads marked on map here only Salford Road to E. is open: only two occupied: 3 st: front gardens: red to yellow.

East to Thornton Avenue: of this the southern half is quite new: 3 st: front gardens: red to yellow: old bit yellow on map.

East to ~~Cuffel A~~ Cuffel Avenue (not 'Road')

Bellasis Avenue - red

Killeeser Avenue - red

Telford Avenue - red

Kirkstall Road - red

Streatham Hill - yellow & red

Streatham Paragon - red

Tiernay Road - red

Montrell Road - red

Streatham Place - pk b^d

3 st: front gardens: red to yellow: yellow on map.

South to Bellasis Avenue: 3 st: front gardens: red to yellow: yellow on map.

East to Killieser Avenue: 3 st: front gardens: red to yellow: yellow on map. Now built on both sides.

North to Telford Avenue: 3 st: front gardens: red to yellow: yellow on map.

North to Kirkstall Road: 3 and 2 st: front gardens: uncol: red to yellow.

East to Streatham Hill: from the station to Telford Avenue the old houses det. in gardens remain: uncol: yellow. Streatham Paragon further to N. is smaller houses, also old: red to yellow.

West to Tiernay Road: 3 st: front gardens: not quite so good as the Avenues to South, but still red to yellow: uncol.

North to Montrell Road: 3 st: front gardens: same class as Tiernay: uncol: red to yellow.

North to Streatham Place: 2 st: some old

New Park Road - pk
Wallis' Cottages - pk

Brixton Hill - red

some new: det. and semi-det.: row of shops at W.: red to pink.: red on map.

West to New Park Road: south of Stretten Place row of old 2 st. cottages Wallis Cottages: uncol: pink. North of Stretten Place pair of few cottages then shops: uncol: pink to red.

East to Acacia Road: 2 st: flat with parade on it: pink as map.

North to Milk Lane: 2 and 3 st: uncol: pink.

East to Brixton Hill: good class shops: uncol: red.

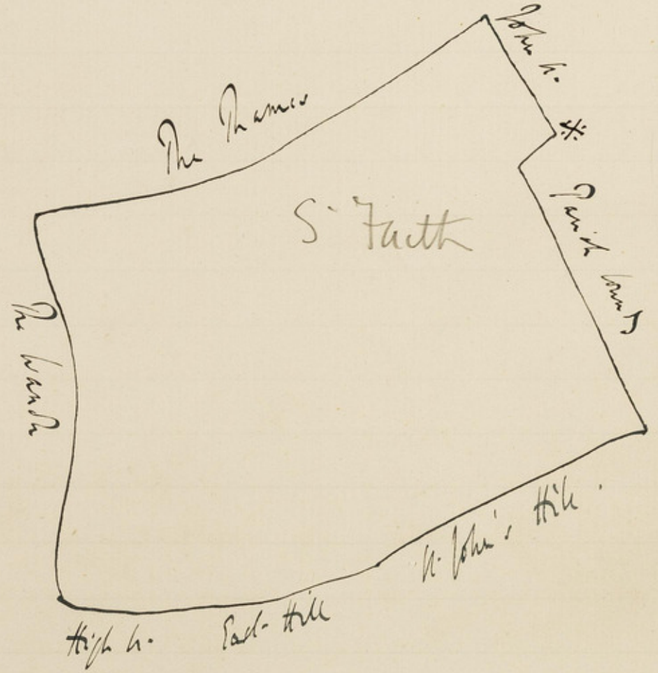
General Remarks:-

These two short walks include so much of District 40 as is in the Balham Police Division.

Apart from the extensive building just completed and in progress between Balham Hill and Clapham Park the district is not greatly altered: such movement as there is is downward, pink based tending to pink and yellow to red: the new roads ~~are all~~

in the western portion are all undoubted pink:
those in the eastern portion, off Strathern Hill are,
I think red rather than yellow.

Distrct. covered



Sept. ~~Oct.~~ 1888

Police 39

Dist. 39

Walk with P.C. Pilfold round district bounded on the north by the Thames on the east by the Wandsworth and Battersea boundary on the south by St. John's Road, East Hill and High St. and on the west by the Wandle, being the parish of S. Faith, Wandsworth

Starting in York Road on the parish boundary line S. to John St.: 2 st.: flush kerb pavement: west side only in this division: poorer than east side: uncol: l.b. to purple.

lb.

North to York Road: as far west as Railway 2 st. with forecourts or remains of forecourts as railings are in many cases destroyed: mixed and rather rough: purple as map. West of Railway are 2 and 3 st. shops: fairly prosperous: p.b. as map.

South to Ketrigham Road: 2 st.: flush kerb pavement: poor throughout with here and there

lb.

Coligny Street - lb

Havell Street - E side - pk

Geddes Road - pk

a squalid house : rough : much drinking : l.b. rather than d.b. of map.

South to Coligny St. : 2 st. : flush with pavement : cul de sac : Exactly as Stranraer Rd. : l.b : purple on map.

West to Cottman St. : 2 st. : forecourts : rather better than two previous streets : but poor : purple to l.b. : purple on map.

West to Bramford Road : north of Rg. 2 st. : flush with pavement : in character like ~~poor~~ previous streets : l.b. to purple : purple on map. South of Rg. the street is quite different in building and character : 2 st. : forecourts : pink as map.

Park to Marsh St. : 2 st. : forecourts : now built on both sides : pink as map on west : the new houses and flats on E. are less well built and poorer : purple to pink in character

Park of Marsh St. on the Manor House estate are built two new roads :

Geddes Road : 2 st. : forecourts : pink in character, and

Huntsmoor Road - pk

Elmsleigh Road - pk

Birdhurst Road - pk

Dempster Road - pk

Dighton Road - pk

Ballantine Street - purple

Huntsmoor Road : 2 st. : forecourts : gets rather poor towards north : but protects point as whole.

South to St. John's Hill : shops and houses : tendency for dwelling houses more and more to be used for business : red as map.

North to Elmsleigh Road : 2 st. and 2½ st. : forecourts : pink : red on map.

West to Birdhurst Road : 2 st. sad : 3 st. not : better south the north of Ballantine Road and here possibly p.b. as well : the rest should be pink.

West to Dempster Road : 3 st. : forecourts nearly all tenanted with exception of those south of Ballantine Rd : pink to p.b. : p.b. on map.

North to Dally Road : 2 st. : forecourts : many creepers on houses : pink as map.

South ~~North~~ to Dighton Road : 2 st. : forecourts : pink : p.b. on map.

North South to Ballantine St. : 2 st. : flush with pavement at N. forecourts at S. l.b. to purple : or pink at south : pink on map.

Alma Road: pk b³. pk. purple.

Rymer Road - purple

Smardale Road - pk

North Street - pk b³ & purple.

West to Alma Road: 2 and 3 st., some flush with parental or h. E. shops and good class houses south of Fullerton Road: gets poorer down hill and quite poor at north of Smardale Rd: coloured on map purple n E. and pink on W.: should be p.b. or red south of Fullerton Rd: pink to Dighton Road, and purple or l.b. north of that.

West to Rymer Road: 2 st: forecourts: uncol: purple in character.

South to Smardale Road: 2 st: forecourts: uncol: pink to purple in character.

South to Coleford Road: 2 st: forecourts: pink on map.

Exactly similar on Fullerton Road, Tonsley Hill, Tonsley Road, Tonsley Place, Handel St. and Elmer St: all 2 st: forecourts: pink on map. with possible exception of Tonsley Place west of Tonsley Hill which is slightly poorer and might be purple

West to North St: a long and very mixed street: south of York Road shops and middle

Grove Cottages – purple

Ram Square – purple

class: red to p.b: between York Road and railway 2 and 3 st: working class: pink in character: north of railway old 3 st houses with large gardens: tumbledown and picturesque: poor and crowded: probably l.v. The whole street wrongly coloured l.v. on map.

West of North W. is Green Cottages: six cottages with large good gardens: uncol: pink or l.v. in character: probably pink.

South to Lord St: shops, pretty houses, dwelling houses, mixed with a few cottages: several good old suburban houses still left: ranges from pink to yellow: as whole red on map.

West to High St: good class shops: red on map.

South to Red Lion St: 2 st with front gardens and some 3 st shops at south: gets poorer in part which runs S. and W. possibly purple here: the rest pink as map.

~~to~~ East to Ram Sq: paved cul de sac: 2 st: poor courts: l.v. to purple: l.v. on map.

Providence Place - purple

Spencer's Court - lb

The Causeway - purple

Church Walk - purple & db

Warple Road - lb

North to Providence Place : 2 st. double fronted cottages : long front gardens : houses on a north side : l.b. to purple : l.b. on map.

North to Orchard St : 2 st : fore courts : purple : pink on map.

North along North St at N.W. end of which is Spencer's Court : six cottages built 1780 : uncol : l.b. in character

Between Spencer's Court and North St are a few houses in The Causeway : mixed : squalid cottages, shops and public house : l.b. to pink.

East across North St to Church Walk : first west of Warple Road are six cottages with gardens : l.b. in character : east of Warple Road are left only six squalid cottages : dark to l.b. in character. Church Walk is ~~col~~ coloured purple on map.

With the exception of a ~~fed~~ public house at each end the whole of Waterside is gone

East to Warple Road : north of Church Walk all this is gone for gas works : south of

Warple Way - lb

Bridgfield Grove - lb

Marl Street - purple

Nov. 14th 1888.

Jews Row - lb

The report of a row in to-day's paper shows that there is at least one burglar in Jew's Row.

Pier Terrace - db & purple

Church walk it is 2 st: flush with pavement: l.b.: purple on map.

South to Warple Way: 2 st: most flush with pavement: very poor bits (costers etc) l.b. of Warple Road: rough low Connaught houses on south side: whole street rough, low and drunken: occasional dark blue houses: but l.b. as whole: purple on map.

North to Bridgfield Grove: 2 st. semi-detached: 2 1/2 st. west: front gardens and forecourts: very dirty and squalid: most doors open: rough and drunken: l. to d.b.: purple on map.

East to Marl St: 2 st: flush into pavement: better class streets but otherwise fairly decent: l.b. to purple: pink on map.

East to Jew's Row: 2 and 3 st: some flush into pavement: some very old houses on north: then especially rough and rowdy but whole street troublesome though slightly better than it was: probably l.b. rather than purple.

At north end of Jew's Row is Pier Terrace.

Lovetts Place - lb

Ferrier Street - purple

Morie Street - purple

Cul de sac : no pavement : very rough ~~&~~ and poor st. wed. : old cottages st. sed. better : woman and children dirty and squalid : uncol. on map : should be l.b.

East to Bridgend Road (late W and north Bridge Road) : 2 st. : forecourts : pink on map.

Back along Gorse Road. First left of Alma Road on South is Lovett's Place : mews stable and one pipeclay ven : poor and dirty : not marked on map : l.b. i charity.

West to Ferrier St. : 2 st. : forecourts : mixed : some very rough in centre of north : purple to l.b : pink on map.

South to Edgel St. : 2 st. : forecourts : purple on map.

West to ~~Mor~~ Morie St. : 2 st. : forecourts : purple : pink on map.

General Remarks :

This walk is divided into ~~the~~ two very distinct districts by the railway. South of the railway it is a good, & respectable working

class district with a few middle class people as one mounts the hill: here there is little or no poverty; the only light blue spots on the map, Ramsey and Providence Place, are quiet and respectable and give the police no trouble. The few p.b. streets in this district are now probably quiet.

North of the railway is a district which if the map is correctly coloured has greatly deteriorated: with the exception of Bridgend Road there is not a street which is not rough, poor, and troublesome: it is much like the neighbouring Plough Road district. Ellesmere Road coloured d.b. on map, is now certainly ~~not~~ no worse than the surrounding streets and as often happens in such districts there has been some slight improvement in the lowest stratum: while people have moved to l.b. on the immigration of a poorer class, d.b. has risen to l.b. ~~&~~ through the civilizing influences of school, police, religion etc. As in the Plough Road district Pilfold says the people here are only poor through drink. The Prince of

Wales public house at corner of York Road and Warple Way is the scene of constant rows, though the landlord does his best to conduct it properly. The common lodging house in Warple Way is as rough as possible. Throughout all the streets, and especially in Warple Way are a good many prostitutes of the lowest class.

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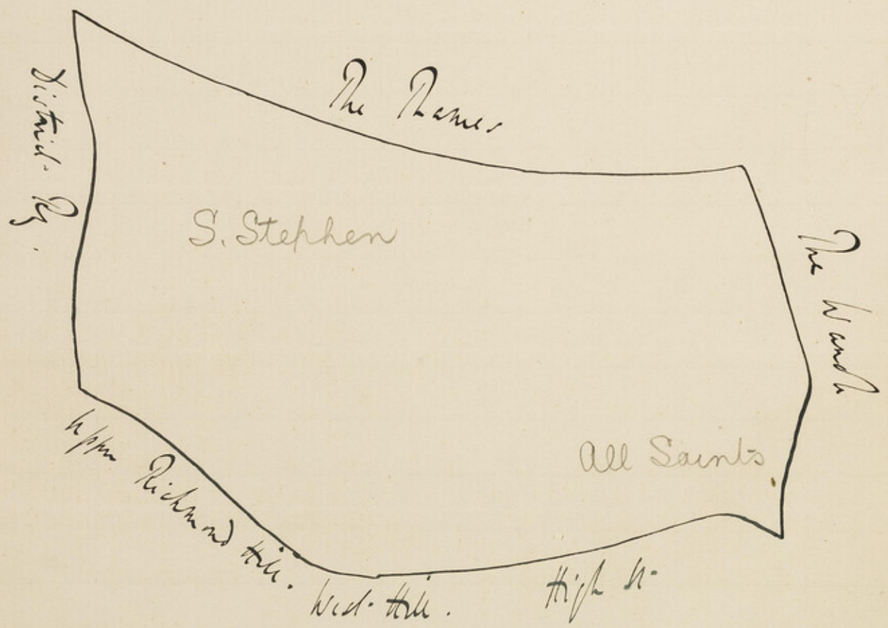

Sept. ~~Oct.~~ 1855

Place 39/2 Dist. 39

Walk with P.C. Pilfold round District bounded on the north by the Thames on the east by the Wandle on the south by High St. West Hill and Upper Richmond Road and on west by District Railway, being part of S. Stephen & All Saints

Starting at All Saints' Church in High St. north to Church Passage or Church Cottages 2 st.: flush with pavement: lab. as map.

pk East to Wandsworth Plain: here at X. S.E. end opposite the church is a beautiful old Georgian house: in the centre house is a fine Dial with date 1723: this is still used private residence and should be rec. The rest of Wandsworth Plain is old mixed shops and cottages: pink as map.

West out of Wandsworth Plain are:-

purple Armory Yard: a congeries of cottages, some with

Hills Yard - black

Frogmore - lb & pk

Ashtree Grove - lb

Martins Buildings - lb

good gardens, some flush: rents 5/ to 7/6: mostly old inhabitants: very quiet and decent: l.b. to purple: l.b. on map: and

Hills' Yard: four houses only: 3 st: flush with pavement: all let in furnished apartments: dirty and squalid: nearly all low class prostitutes: one boy with naked feet: d.b. to black in character: l.b. on map.

North to Bell Lane: 2 and 3 st: flush with pavement: l.b. to purple: l.b. on map.

West to Frogmore: 2 and 3 st: mostly flush with pavement: up to Wharf Road, poor: ~~poor~~: low common lodging house at corner of Hilton Grove: this part should be l.b. The rest of Frogmore is better: pink to purple: all purple on map. It is now built on north between Hilton Rd and Putney Bridge Road.

Out of Frogmore on south run:

Hilton Grove: 2 st: forecourts: slight signs of squalor: uncol: l.b. in character; and

Martin's Buildings: 2 st: paved cul de sac: uncol: l.b.: and

Cumber's Yard - pk

Point Pleasant - lb

Prospect Cottages - lb

Fisher's Alley - lb

Cumber's Yard: 3 st. on east: 1 st. on west: vile and impure: l.b. to point: uncol.

North to Wharf Road: and Sudlow Road: 2 st.: forecourts: Sudlow now built on west: both rather mixed: purple to l.b: purple on map.

West to North Place and large court south of it: 2 and a few 3 st: large front gardens in court: poor and rough: corner of North Place a great gathering place for gangs of rough lads and loafers then: l.b. as map.

North to Point Pleasant: 2 and few 3 st: some gardens: some flesh: common lodging houses on west, being respectable: poor throughout and very poor at N.E.: three small blind houses on east side: l.b.: purple on map.

West out of Point Pleasant run:-

Prospect Cottages: 2 st: flesh with parent: dirty and rather squalid: two have ported bays at entrance: l.b.: uncol. on map: and

Fisher's Alley: six cottages: uncol: l.b.

The court shown at N.W. of Point Pleasant is gone, and the frontage built on.

Northfield – red

Putney Bridge Road – pk

Potter's Court – lb

Wheatsheaf Cottages – lb

Fawe Park Road – pk

West side to Northfield Mans and Villas: uncol: red. The large market-garden has been purchased & the rest and are to be turned into a park.

North end next to Putney Bridge Road: the southern part is built on map: old houses 2 and 3 st: pink on map, including Wilcox Terrace pink S.W. of railway: further north opposite the new park, building is in progress: 2 st red brick ~~[illegible]~~ very small houses with some shops: pink in character: further north are old ~~2 st~~ 3 st houses now nearly demolished.

Out of Putney Bridge Road at S.E. are Potter's Court: 2 st: uncol: purple to pink: and:-

Wheatsheaf Cottages: quiet and decent: l.b.: uncol.

The open space south of Putney Bridge Rd opposite the park is now built on & or being built on: here are Fawe Park Road & running into Dinacle Road: 2 st: fore courts: badly built and already looking dowdy: pink to purple: from this to Putney Bridge Rd are Hurlingham Road: still unbuilt,

Brandlehow Road - pk

Deodar Road - red

Florian Road - pk bⁿ

Disraeli Road - pk bⁿ

Brandlehow Road : 2 st. : fore courts : pink : from this now runs Beechcroft Road : 2 st. : fore courts : the earlier bit shows signs of poverty : pink to purple : pink on map.

North to Herbert Road : 2 st. : fore courts : pink on map.

North to Deodar Road (~~Ced~~ Cedars Rd. on map) : with the exception of one all the old houses have been demolished and 3 st. houses with gardens running to meet built in place : these are red : opposite them and running ~~north~~ south to Putney Hill Rd. are new 2 st. houses : less good : p.b. to pink.

South to Florian Road (called Randolph Rd on map) : 2 st. : as smaller houses in Deodar Rd : p.b. to pink : all this piece is new : as also Florian Terrace : smaller : fronting on Putney Bridge Road.

South to College Rd : 2, 2½ and 3 st. : a few poor on each : pink to purple : pink on map.

South to Disraeli Road : 2 and 2½ st.

Disraeli Gardens - pk bs

Upper Richmond Road - red

Oakhill Road - red & pk bs

Elizabeth Place - purple

middle class but going down: prices p.b.: red on map. At junction of Disraeli Road Beaufort Road and Fane Park Rd. two new blocks of flats Disraeli Gardens: look well built: p.b. or red.

South Worldham Road (no houses) to Upper Richmond Road: large houses & gardens: uncol.: yellow to red: new houses and the separated end: red.

West to Oakhill Road: the old houses shown on map are good villas & gardens: uncol.: should be red: the rest of the road to East Hill is now built with inferior houses always getting worse to East when on north are some badly built flats: this part is p.b. to suit.

Both out of Oakhill Road runs Elizabeth Place: 2 st. with small gardens: some new houses on west side: uncol. purple to suit.

~~North from~~ South from Oakhill Road to East Hill runs:-

Schubert Road: 3 and 3½ st.: ~~red to p.b.~~ red ~~as~~ on map: and

Galveston & Mexfield Roads - pk b²

Santos Road - pk b²

Heigh Street - pk b²

Stockwell Court - purple

Carters Yard - lb

Galveston Road : 2 st : p.b. : red on map.
Mexfield Road : 2 st : pink to p.b. : red on map.
Cromford Road : 2 and 3 st : ~~p.b. to red~~ : red on map.
Santos Road : 2 and 3 st : ~~pink to~~ p.b. : red on map.

These roads are now built upon at.
East along High St : shops & few old cottages, public houses etc : red to p.b. : red on map.

Back out of High St east of Putney Bridge Rd. are :-

Stockwell Court : 2 and 3 st : front gardens : wonderful Chestnut trees at one cottage : w.c.s : parish to l.b. : and

Carter's Yard : three cottages : w.c.s : l.b. to parish.

General Remarks :-

This walk is divided into two widely different districts by Putney Bridge Road, which is really the western boundary of old Wandsworth. The portion of this walk between the Wands and Putney

Bridge Road is indeed in the main the old village of Wandsworth, embedded, or almost embedded in the bricks and mortar of modern London. The charming close around the hideous old church is a collection of courts and alleys and cottages and working lanes. Nearly the whole of this area is poor, with a poverty which becomes less respectable as it goes north from High St.: the courts nearest to the church, Armory Yard, Stockwell Court, and Carter's Yard are very decent quiet little places noticeable for their flowers, creepers etc: but north of this, – except in Bryanston, where decent poverty prevails – there are many signs of roughness, especially in North Place and Point Pleasant. While Hicks Yard is a thoroughly disreputable den. It may be noted that, – as is usual in similar districts, when a village has been absorbed by London – there are a large number of small beer houses; no less than nine, besides six fully licensed houses.

The second division, west of Putney High Road, is entirely modern, and since our maps the number of houses has probably doubled, and the population more than doubled. The group of streets between the Railway and

West side now ~~are~~ all red, and still retain much of that character: but they are going down and the newest building in them is frankly brick. The new building north of the railway off Putney Bridge Road is of the Shoddiest character

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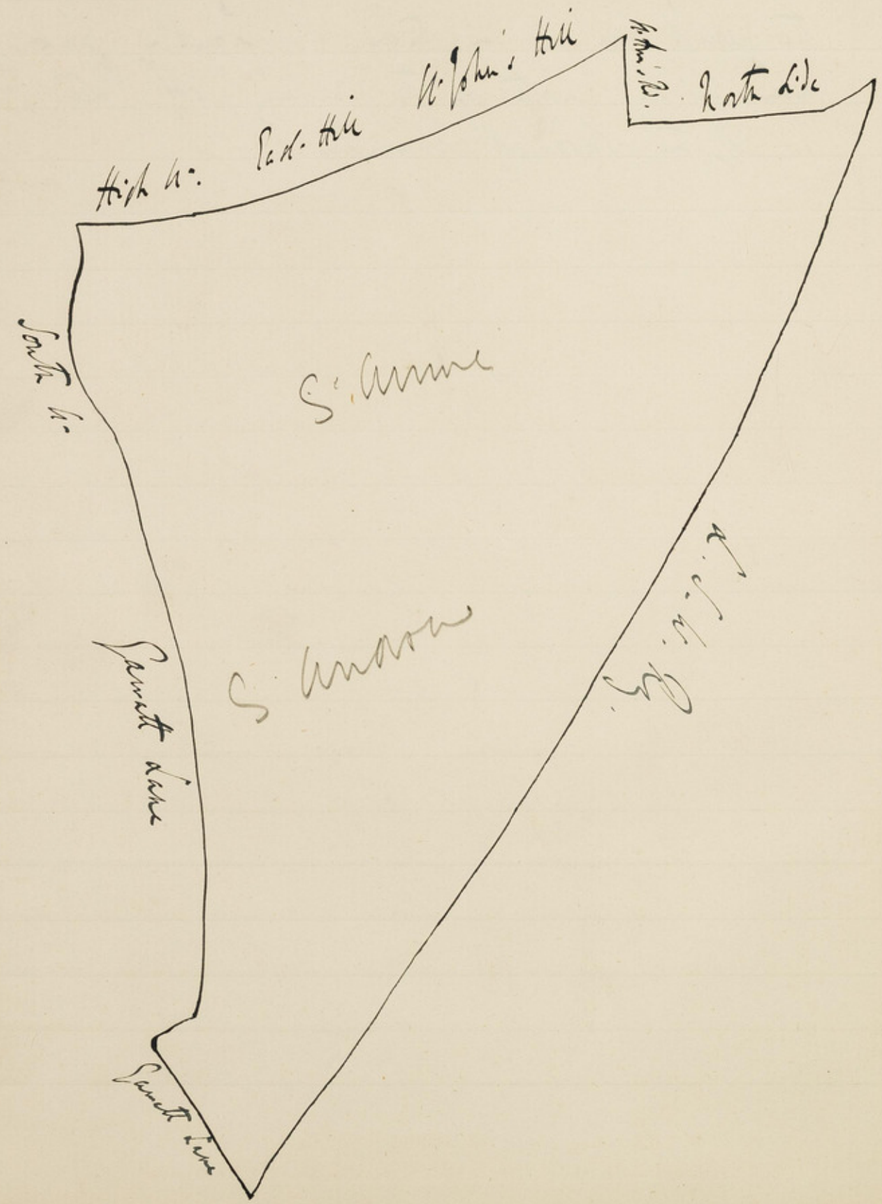

Dist. 35

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Walked with P.C. Pilfold round distrct bounded on the north by St John's Hill, Castle Hill, and High St. and St John's Rd. on the east by L.S.W. Ry. and on the west by Garrett Lane and South St. being

Starting at corner of St John's Hill and St John's Rd. S. to St John's Rd: 2 st: front gardens: fair, to pink: red on map.

pk bs

East and west to North Side: large semi-det. houses with gardens: red to yellow: red on map.

South to Spencer Park: large detached houses in gardens: wood: yellow.

yellow

West to Spanish Road: 3 st: forecourt: red on map.

Just west of Spanish Road the large open space on map bounded by the Common, North Side, the footway, Lane and St John's Hill is completely altered: the old houses are all gone

Huguenot Gardens - red

Bramblebury Gardens - red

Allfarthing Lane - pk bⁿ

All pk bⁿ

and the estate cut into roads: the frontage to north side is Huguenot Gardens: 3 st. houses and new Flats building close to Geraldine Road: all red in character though the Flats are not of good class.

The frontage to the Common is Bramblebury Gardens: good 3 st. houses: red as a whole, though some almost yellow.

Allfarthing Lane is also built on both sides to st. Mark's Hill the north side called Bellevue Gardens the south Darlesfield Gardens: both 3 st.: front gardens: red in character.

Between these are:-

Ken's st.
Tufnel Road
Cicada Road
Melody Road
Jessica Road
Quarry Road
Daniel Road and

a continuation to south of Geraldine Road: all these are 2 st.: forecourts: bow windows: red brick.

Geraldine Road - pk b.

Rosehill Road - pk b.

Eglantine Road pk b.

Knoll & Herndon Roads pk b.

East Hill - red

Oak Place - lb

Exactly as the new roads north of Clapham Common: probably all p.b. though Pilfold ~~says few~~ says few keep servants

Path out of the footing down to Geraldine Road: the new part of this is p.b. to quit: the old part shown on map is letter: 2 ~~and~~ 3 and 3½ st.: probably red ~~lt.~~ as map: but going down as some of the lt. houses on the west are now let as flats

Well to Rosehill Road: 3 st.: good gardens: red to p.b.: red on map.

Path to Eglantine Road: 3 st.: good gardens: red to p.b.: red on map

Path to Herndon Road and Knoll Road: 2 st.: forecourts: p.b.: red on map.

Path to East Hill: mixed old and new houses, rich and poor: p.b. rather than red on map.

South of East Hill and just East of St. Ann's Hill an:

Oak Place: four cottages: l.b. to purple: and

Emily Place - pk

S. Ann's Hill - red & pk b^s

The Grove - red & pk b^s

Emily Place : 4 cottages : purple to pink : late uncol.

South to S. Ann's Hill which includes what is called Emily Place on map : the north end is quite poor : purple to pink : opp. Ridgmont Rd is Town of Dep. H. houses now let in tenants : pink in character : opp. are a few shops. Further south the site of the Vicarage is built on into 2 H. : working class flats : pink in character : behind these link to a new street Denton Rd as yet unfinished. S. Ann's Hill opp. the Church facing south is 3 H. red on map. South of the church on west are old villas with large gardens : red to yellow : uncol ; opposite these are new 2 st. planting Daull and Cicada Roads : some shops : p.b. to red.

South to The Grove : of this little shows on any map : the houses which show first south of S. Ann's Church are the Hd : 2 H. : some semi-det : porches red : south of this nearly all is built up to Sackville Road with rather inferior houses of the type now unusual in such suburbs : p.b. to

Martins Buildings - purple

S. Ann's Park Road - pk bo

Crieff, Killarney, Swanage
and Barmouth Roads pk bo

Jeyhore Road - pk

pink in character. At the corner of the Grove and Sheffield Road is large new Board School: just north of it Flats are building.

East and west to Albertina Lane: (the old part which shows on map): East of the Grove ~~and~~ are a few houses ~~&~~ best good class some det. and semi-det.: and still, but getting dowdy. Down the hill towards Jarrett Lane Masters Buildings and the houses west are 2 st.: poor: pink to purple.

Southly to St Ann's Park Road (St Ann's Park and St Ann's Park Villas on map): on east good det houses with gardens: and in character: On west new 2 st: pink to p.b.

Bounded by Albertina Lane, the Common, Westover Road and the Grove are now the following new roads:-

Crieff Road,
Killarney Road,
Swanage Road
Barmouth Road
Jeyhore Road, and

Galesbury Road - pk

Westover Road - red

Heathfield Road - red

Heathfield Cottages - red

Windmill Road - red

Earlsfield Road - red & pk

Galesbury Road:

These are all 2 st: fire-consts: red brick: bow windows. The best of them is Cliff Road which is certainly p.b: the rest are quite to p.b: quite probably with possible exception of Barnsbury Road which has shops. With the exception of ~~the~~ Cliff Road these roads are not so good as the other groups of new roads on the north of the parishing Rance.

West to Westover Road: 2 and 3 st: with gardens: some det. and semi-det: unc: red

North to Heathfield Road: only a few det. houses facing Common: red: unc.

North to Heathfield Cottages: villas with large gardens: unc: red.

West to Windmill Road: 2 st: new: facing Common: red

South to Earlsfield Road: the northern houses shown on map, and new houses as far south as Bessington Road are good class: red as map. South of this it gets poorer as it nears Garratt

Bucharest Road - pk

Winfrith Road - purple

Vanderbilt Road - pk

Lane: nearly all 2 st. terraced: shaded to pink.

West to Wessingham Road: 2 and 3 st.: forecourts: this and following roads down to Garratt Lane very badly built: apparently a comfortable road, but Pilfold says "rough": pink to purple: pink on map.

West to Sheffield Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink as map.

South to Brocklebank Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink as map.

East to Buchanan Road: 2 st.: forecourts: uncol.: pink

South to Dingwall Road: 2 st.: forecourts: Pilfold says "a very mixed lot, some quite poor": pink to purple: pink on map.

South to Inman Road: 2 st.: forecourts: a little better than Dingwall: possibly purple: pink on map.

South to Winfrith Road: 2 st.: forecourts: Pilfold says "a very dowdy lot" but few signs of poverty: pink to purple: pink on map.

South to Vanderbilt Road: 2 st.: forecourts:

Cargill & Algarve Roads - pk

Garratt Lane - pk

Cubitts Cottages - lb

Atheldene Road - pk

New road running from Earlsfield Rd to Garratt Lane: pink in character.

South to Cargill Road and Algarve Road (which includes Caporn Road): 2d. & fourpenny; than York better than preceding roads but Pilfold says two or three families in each house: uncol.: probably pink.

West to Garratt Lane: this with the exception of one such bit is mainly shops, and wherever building is in progress (as about Southfield and Wilna Roads) new 3d shops are going up: shortly no doubt it will be a street of 3d shops throughout and the great shopping thoroughfare of the streets branching from it: the shops are red & p.r. Between the ~~old~~ "Old Town at Home" and Cargill Rd is still terrace of old Wandsworth cottages "Cubitts Cottages": rather dirty and squalid: but less rough than they were: uncol: should be l.b.

East of Garratt Lane and between it and Wimpole Road are two new streets:-

Atheldene Road and

Earlston Road: both 2d: fourpenny: pink to

Aslett Road - pk

Vermont Street - lb

Garton Street - lb

purple in character.

North to Wilne Road which is now continued west into Garrett Lane: 2 st: forecourt: Pilfold says "the best road in the neighbourhood": many railing nos: pink or buff.

The large open space east of Garrett Lane opposite Wandle House is fairly being developed: many roads are marked: but the only one in which building has started is Aslett Road which runs parallel to Mayfield Road and then north to Alfarthing Lane: some building at extra end: 2 st: forecourts: pink in character. In Alfarthing Lane opposite Martin's Philip similar houses are building.

North out of Alfarthing Lane to Vermont St: 2 st: flush with pavement: some tiles of separation: built on west side: field with cows opposite: uncut: l.b.

West to Garton St (late Edmund St) the ~~upper~~ north bit of which is also called Vine Terrace and Vine Cottages: 2 st: flush with pavement: tiles of ~~sep~~ separation especially at north end: l.b. always

Ironmill Place - lb

Borrodaile Road - purple

Aspley Road - pk b^d

Ridgmount Road pk b^d

Malva Road - purple

North to Ironmill Place : west half of north side down : rest 2 st : flush with pavement, and few st east with forecourts : as Vermont Rd and Garton St : this was a very rough connection of thicket and prostitutes : still low and rough but much improved : chief difficulty now with gangs of boys : l.b. as map.

North to Ironmill Road : 2 st : forecourts : poor and rather rough : l.b. to purple : purple on map.

East to Dover Grove : 2 st : forecourts : purple as map.

East to Sandown Place : cul de sac : 2 st : forecourts : purple as map.

North to Borrodaile Road : 2 st and 2½ st : forecourts : purple & pink : pink on map.

North end across St Ann's Hill to Aspley Road : 2 and 3 st : red as map on east : possibly p.b. on west.

North to Ridgmount Road : 2 st : forecourts : wood : red to p.b. : power st west end.

East to Malva Road : 2 and 2½ st :

Coimbra Road - lb

South Street - purple

Laurel Cottages - lb

Child's Cottages - lb

Culvert's Cottages - lb

fore courts: purple to pink: pink on map.

North to Coimbra Road (which includes Davies and Regan Road of map): 2 st. working class flats: hilly hills: squalid, dirty rough: one of the worst roads in District: uncol.: l. to d. b.

West to South St.: a mixed street: mostly old 2 st. cottages some flats with parent some with front gardens: mixed with these are a few shops, a terrace of bad hills 3 st. tenants and much good old houses.: uncol: I should note it purple

~~Non~~ From South St. on red is court, Laurel Cottages: four houses: ch Italians: quite squalid: l. b.

West of South St. are:

~~Child Place~~ Child's Cottages: four cottages: l.b.: and

Culvert's Cottages: two: l.b.

General Remarks

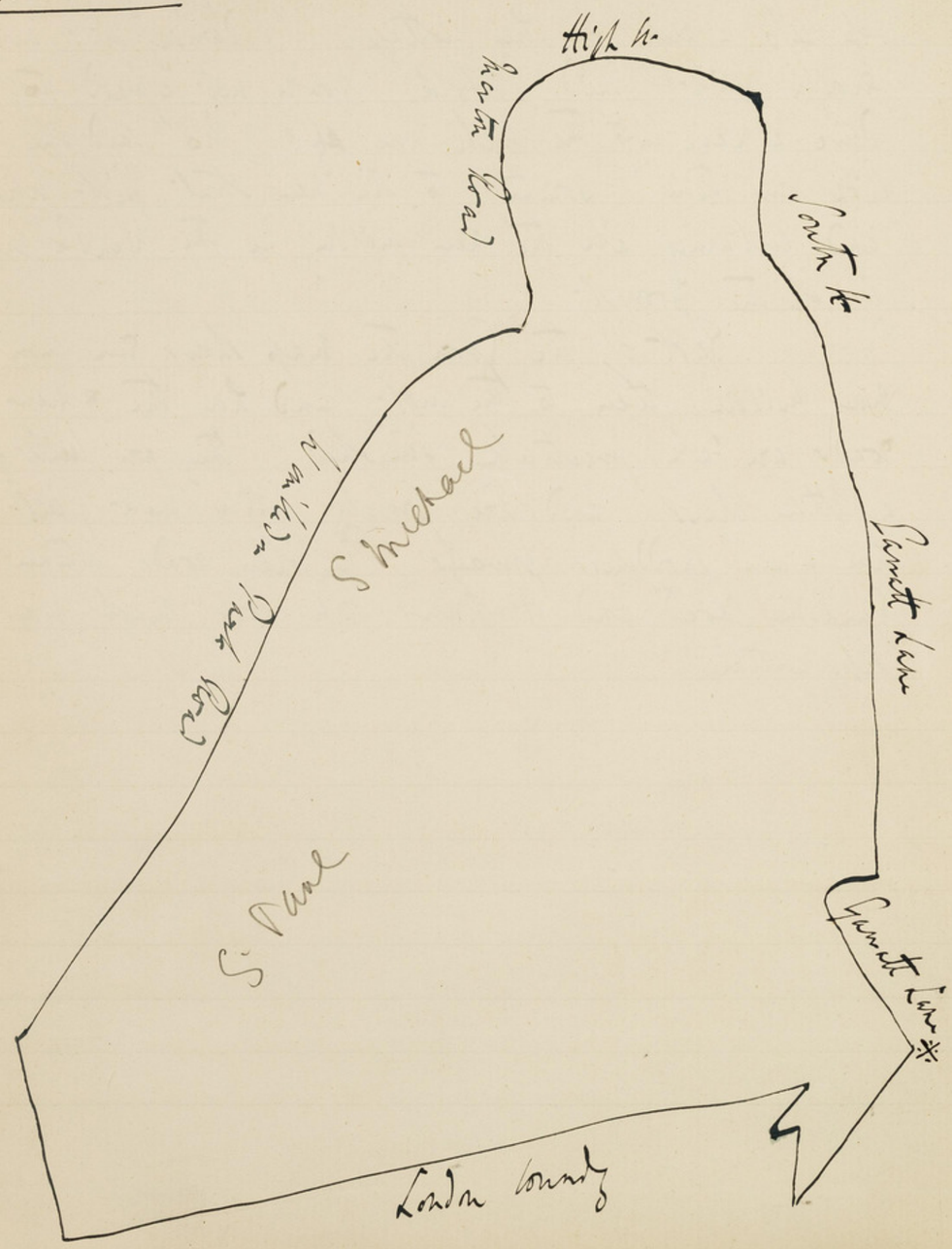
This walk covers a District which starting

in the east with red and yellow about Wandsworth Common, gets steadily poorer as it descends the hill into the valley of the Wandle: the Grove may be said to divide two districts, one wholly poor, the other for the most part a good brick rising to red and yellow. Of the poor district the old part - (bounded by High St. & Mary's Hill and the Grove, Allfarthing Lane and South St.) - is for the most part ~~near~~ near if not below the line of Mrs and in spite of improvement in the character of the inhabitants this still remains a rough and Smutty corner: in this such area appear an Infant ~~born~~ Ber houses and two fully licensed houses. The new streets South of Allfarthing Lane and West of the ~~Grove~~ Grove are so new that they probably look better than they are: at the ~~Sun~~ Swan Pilgold - (one of the most reliable guides I have had) - ~~gave~~ gave them a worse and a poorer character than an outward inspection would have suggested. Here the only apparent poverty is in the stranded old Cubitt's Cottages: but turn down or then look quite possibly they are more cheerful places of dwelling than the garish new streets which surround them. Here

we spoke to an old woman who was paying a rent of 4/6 a week for her cottage. "I dare say it's quite enough mister" said Pilfold "you're not afraid to drive a nail into the wall here eh?" "No" said the "not like our town" pointing to the new street just behind: and certainly all the new building in the Wendover valley is of the poorest.

Part of the Grove the map shows two more new buildings then to the west. and here the new roads are all practically finished: they are built for a better class and are probably better built, but here again shoddiness prevails. The older roads between Gerrards Road and St Mary's Hill look much more substantial.

District covered.



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Walk with P.C. Pilfold round district bounded on the north by High St., on the east by South St. and Garrett Lane, on the south by the London Boundary and on the west by Merton Road and Wimbledon Park Road, being.

Starting at Earlsfield Station west to Thornsett Road: 2 st.: flush with pavement: poor, especially on south: l.b. as map.

South to Groton Road: 2 st.: flush on N.: forecourts on S: new bill. on N. right up to Wandsw.: poor: l.b. as map.

North to Penwith St.: 2 st. most flush, some with forecourts at E.: then flush with pavement as Groton and Thornsett, poor: the other letter: purple dot l.b.: l.b. on map.

North to Bendon Valley: 2 st.: forecourts and flush in mixed: my descr. at sect. end: rough and poor

Lydden Road - lb b^{d}

Lydden Grove - db b^{d}

Wardley Street - db b^{d}

at N.W. end. Pilfold lives here and gets a town for 7/ a week, six rooms. Purple to l.b.: purple on map.

North to Lydden Road: 2 st.: fore courts: poor throughout and very rough: low bar house on south: l.b. to l.b. varied: l.b on map.

West to Lydden Grove: 2 st.: flush with pavement: poor, low, rough, dirty: all traces of squalor: d.b. to d.b. varied: d.b. on map.

East to Wardley St: 2 st.: most flush with pavement: with Lydden form the worst street in the ~~police district~~ subdivision, but perhaps a little better than it was: low common lodging houses or hotels: also yard full of ~~old~~ wheelless gipsy vans each inhabited by a family: the owner lives next door and is quite a wealthy ~~man~~ man. In this street family in almost every room: great number of loafing men who work not at all, or only on Fridays and Saturdays: many hanging about at entrance of street and Pilfold said always there. D.B. to D.B. varied: d.b. on map.

Just north of Wardley St are two new streets

Guelph Street - purple
Lydden Grove - purple

Frog's Island - lb

Stimpson's Buildings - lb

James Yard - lb

Field's Alley - db

Guelph St. and
Lydden Grove: neither of them finished: both 2 st.: forecourts: wretched built: purple to pink. The old part of Lydden Grove is at present closed by a wall at the gate which will be attractively pulled down.

North up South St. and west to Buckhold Road: this in common with Inglefield Road Lynch Road and Broomhill Road is still undeveloped: but on the south of Buckhold Road are a few old cottages into gardens known as Frog's Island: uncol: l.b. to purple.

North to High St.: good class shops terraced and as map.

South out of High St. run:-

Stimpson's Buildings: (Bank Buildings on map): paved cul de sac: 2 st.: poor and inclined to be rough: uncol: l.b.: and

James' Yard: three cottages: one of wood: ~~squalid and dirty~~: uncol: ~~l. to d.b.~~ l.b.: and

Field's Alley: six cottages: ~~dy~~ very poor: wood choppers costers etc: squalid and dirty: uncol:

Newton's Yard - pk

Simrose Court - pk

Dutch Yard - lb

Merton Road - pk

l. to d.b. ; and

Newton's Yard : six 3 st. cottages : one of wood : very quiet and decent : uncol : pink to purple : and

Simrose Court : six cottages : 2 st. and attic : as Newton's Yard : uncol : probably pink : and

Dutch Yard with court off it on west : 2 st. some flats ; some at south with front gardens ; rough and poor at North : comfortable at south : purple d.l.b. ; l.b. on map.

South to Merton Road : a long, and very mixed road both in character of houses and inhabitants ; it is coloured red north of Granville Road and p.b. south ; but should I think be pink throughout ; there is a little red pink north and south of Wimbledon Park Road ; but south of Granville Road both new and old building is almost universally pink, and in parts, as between Sussex Road and Longfield St. the road is quite poor.

South to Palmerston Road : 2 st. ; flats with pavement at north, forecourts south : poor north, better south : l.b. to purple : purple on map.

Brathway Road - purple

Coliston Road - purple

Cambourn Road - purple

Burr Road - lb

Replingham Road - pk

West to Brathway Road : 2 st : forecourts : purple to l.b : paint on map.

North to Coliston Road : 2 st : forecourts : purple to pink : paint on map.

South to Cambourn Road : 2 st : forecourts : purple to pink : paint on map. The frontage of Merton Road between these two roads is now built with shops and a few south of Cambourn Road. Merton Road is probably destined to become in time the shopping centre of this side of the Wandle valley as Garratt Lane of the other side.

South to Burr Road : 2 st : forecourts : very poor : low, rough, dirty : "the Wandley st. of this side but not quite so bad" : many signs of squalor : l. to d.b : d.b. on map.

West of Merton Road just opposite Burr Road, and between Merton Road and the District Ry are a number of new streets, marked out, partly built or now building : they are :-

Replingham Road : running east and west : partially built on N. and S. : 2 st : forecourts :

Brookwood Street pk

Engadine Street - pk

Clonmore Street - pk

Shepthorpe Street - pk

Elsenham Street - pk.

Wimbledon Park Road - red

pink in character. South running parallel is
Brookwood St: only three houses built on South: pink in character. Running north and South between these two streets beginning on the west are:-
Hotchville St: 2 st: built on both and two or three on east: but practically unoccupied: pink in character: and
Tventham St: building on east but unoccupied:
Ulverston St: not begun.
Engadine St: a few houses building on west: unoccupied.
Clonmore St: some built both east and west: unoccupied:
Shepthorpe St: a few houses of several years age on east: 2 st: gore courts: good pink and
Elsenham St: similar to Shepthorpe St: possibly a little better: might be some tenants: pink top.

The three streets will probably soon be completed and form a good pink along the streets to the west up the hill being the best.

Over the Railway and south down Wimbledon Park

Gartmoor Gardens pk b.
Kingcliffe Road - pk b.
Southdene Gardens pk b.

Smeaton Road - pk

Granville Road - pk

Road: a few 3 st. houses and shops built on the ~~[illegible]~~ Eastern frontage: red in character.

To the Sect. between Winlaton Park Road and the railway are three new streets:-

Gartmoor Gardens
Kingscliffe Road, and
Southdene Gardens.

In these little is occupied except end of Gartmoor Gardens: all will be 2 st.: forecourts: p.b. to red in character.

North back to Southfields Station and S footpath on the fields to

Standen Road: 2 st.: forecourts: purple to pink: purple on map.

North to Longfield St.: 2 st.: forecourts: purple to pink: purple on map.

North to Smeaton Road: 2 st.: forecourts: new on north side: pink: purple on map.

North to Helvetic Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink wrong.

North to Granville Road: only small terrace of 3 st. shops, St. also, on south: red: pink

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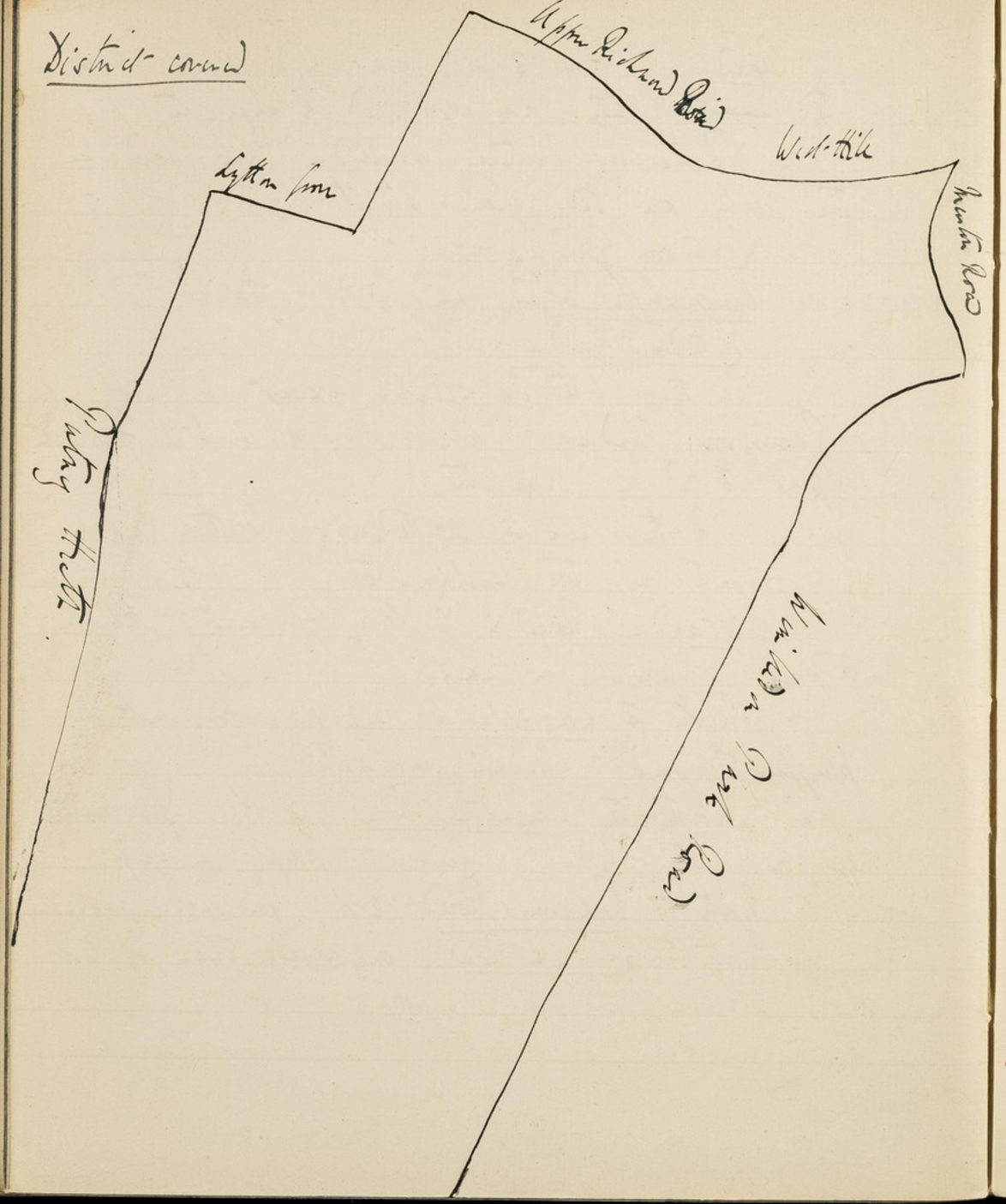

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Walk with P.C. Pilfold round District bounded on the north by Lytton Grove, Upper Richmond Road and West Hill, on the east by Merton Road, and Wimbledon Park Road, on the south by the London bounds, and on the west by * Putney Heath, being

Starting at corner of West Hill and Merton Road west along West Hill: 3 st. shops: pink to p.b.: pink on map.

pk b.d. South to Lebanon Road and Lebanon Gardens: 2 and 3 st.: front gardens: wood: nd.

pk. South to Southfields Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink: p.b. on map.

pk. West to Upphillhe Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink to p.b.: p.b. on map.

pk. West to Haldon Road: 2, ~~st.~~ 2½ and 3 st.: pink to p.b.: p.b. on map.

pk b.d. East to Sedleigh Road: two houses only: shops:

Amersland Road pk bs

West Hill - yellow

All red

red on p.b.

East to Ringford Road : 3 st: p.b. on map.

West to Amersland Road : 2, 2½ and 3 st: p.b. to red : red on map.

North to West Hill : the southern side as shown in map and northern side up to Keswick Road : X ale large detached yellow houses : between Putney Heath Lane and the District Railway new 3 st houses are building along the footpath : red to yellow in character. Between Colinette Road and Putney Heath Lane two large yellow houses have been built.

South from West Hill into the 2 roads called West Hill on map : viz:-

Sutherland Road
Crown Villas Road
Nelson Road
Arcadia Road
West Hill Road
Viewfield Road
Sycamore Road and
Wimbledon Park Road :

All yellow

Putney Hill - yellow

There are all yellow on map, but should be red: there is a yellow house here and there but they are rare and some of the roads, especially the south of Wimbledon Park Road begin to look very dingy, almost pink: new building is in progress or recent in Avenue Road, West Hill Road and Wimbledon Park Road: all red in character.

West to Wimbledon Park: by:-

Beaumont Road
Inspector Road
Albert Road
Priory Road
Victoria Road
Inner Park Road
Park Side, and
Kingston Road:

But for two new yellow houses, one in Inspector Road and one in Beaumont Road these are unchanged, and are as yellow as possible

North to Putney Hill: all large detached yellow houses: two new houses at south corner where pond is on map.

Putney Heath Lane - yellow

Kersfield Road - yellow

Lytton Grove - yellow

Holmebush & Rusholme Roads - red

Keswick Road - yellow & red

Portinscale Road - yellow

Upper Richmond Road - red

East to Putney Heath Lane: three new houses at S.E. corner: yellow to red.

South to Kersfield Road: four new houses on east side: yellow.

South to Lytton Grove: large detached houses: yellow. Lytton Grove now runs S.E. into West Hill: new houses building in this part: red to yellow.

From Lytton Grove to Putney Heath Lane now run two new roads Holmebush Road and Rusholme Road only partially built: red to yellow.

East to Keswick Road: large (mostly new) houses in part running from West Hill: part running into Upper Richmond Road (not so good): probably yellow and red.

East to Portinscale Road: large detached houses: yellow.

North to Upper Richmond Road: mostly ~~large~~ good detached houses: yellow to red.

General Remarks:

These two wards include the best and the worst of Wandsworth, ranging from the black blue of Wardley St. to the yellow of Wimbledon Park.

The poverty-stricken lives in the valley of the Wandle, either in the streets ~~actually~~ made out of sides of the river, or in the numerous courts south of High St: these latter, with the exception of Field's Alley, are wholly respectable and quiet: and no doubt Pifgold said truly that "the best of the poor of Wandsworth are in these courts about the High St." In great contrast to these are the streets actually on the Wandle bank, such as they are - and especially ~~and Wandle~~ Wardley St: Eyddon Grove and Thorn Road - of the lowest and roughest class of labourers and loafers, mixed with thieves. Among these people in Brendon Valley Pifgold lives, and I asked him what was their attitude towards him. "I'm the best hated man here" he said: at that moment he was passing the low beer houses in Eyddon Road, and saw a burly ruffianly looking fellow here watching us furtively on the third: "yes, there they are" said Pifgold, "wondering what the D- H- that D- S- is doing down here." Rough houses are these streets are there less lately by some improvement which ~~Pif~~ Pifgold attributes owing to the institution of

a short police patrol for the district.

The new streets building just to the north of Wardley St. are the worst of the many bad little new streets in the valley. They are exceedingly like the new streets in Fulham just ~~off~~ north of the Wandsworth Bridge, and like them have probably begun purple, a rare phenomena. It may be noted that so far as new building goes Wandsworth is simply a repetition of Fulham: the houses, both the bad and the comparatively good are identical in character and appearance with those in Fulham, and there is unquestionably an evil future before many of them. As in Fulham no doubt building is proceeding too quickly for the authorities to exercise efficient control; ~~which~~ though, as Pilfold suggested a good deal that goes on can only be explained by corruption on the part of the ~~x~~ inspectors.

The new streets east of Merton Road towards Wimbledon Park are still very incomplete, but they promise to be better in build and character than those further west.

Of the second of these valleys there is little

to say; it remains almost exclusively either a good red or a good yellow. The new building which is almost at north of Kingston Hill, is of the best class, and the only decay which seems likely here for some years is from yellow to red

Pilfold who has been my guide through Wandsworth, has been ~~the~~ about the best guide I have had. He has been unusually candid in pointing out individuals as he have passed them, here a prostitute, (or ~~bad~~ "tabby" as he calls them), here a man who done time, here a bookmaker, here a bookmaker's agent. In common with other he indicates to the chief tect. the people are more civilised but he is less emphatic than some, and in his view the improvement is largely due to increased police

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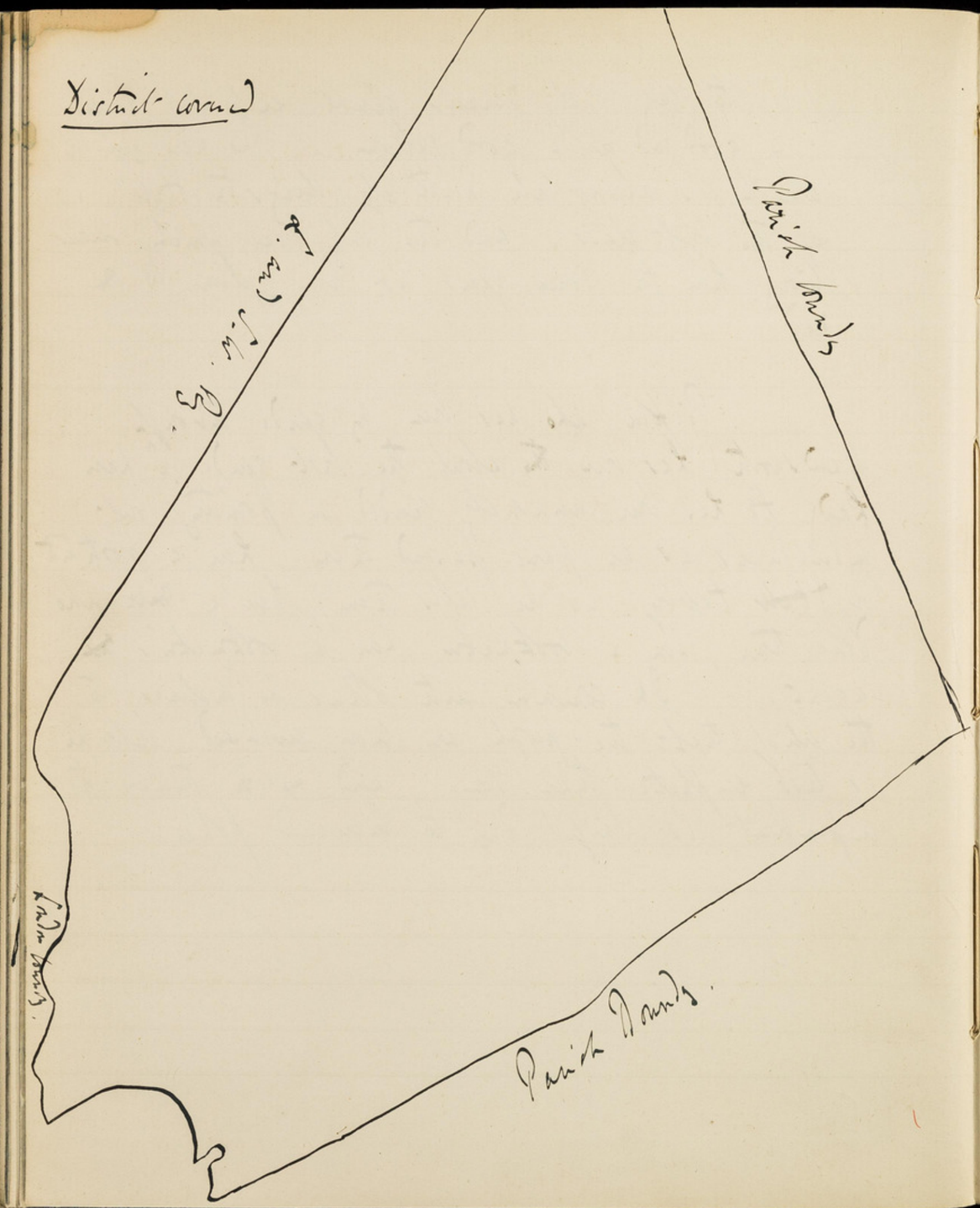

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Oct. 1895

Walk with P.C. Helmer round distrct. bounded on the west of Wandsworth and Battersea bounds, on the south of the same bounds, and on the N.E. of L.S.W. Ry. lines

Starting at L.S.W. Ry. bridge in Trinity Road (close to Prison) south to Trinity Road: mainly 3 st. houses semi-det.: with gardens: a few shops both north and south of Bellevue Road: as a whole rd as map, though that distrct. is going down is shown of fact that new houses on east between Patten and Hendman Roads are let to two families.

West to Alma Terrace: 2 st.: front gardens: quite as map.

red South down Heathfield Road: only then detached villas on east: uncol.: red.

West to Warders quarters of Prison: quite as map.

red South to Magdalen Road: only two detached

Lyford Road - red

Brodrick Road - red

Wandle Road - pk b^s

Hendham Road - pk b^s

houses on both: wood: red.

South from Magdalen Road in continuation of Heathfield road runs new road Lyford Road: only two detached houses built as yet and about half the road on ~~est~~ east: 3 st: front gardens: red.

Path across Trinity Road to:

Dorlcote Road

Henderson Road

Victoria Road

Patten Road

Rowlls Road and

Bastwick Road: all 3 st: front gardens red or pink. These roads are now practically built throughout.

South down Trinity Road and west to Brodrick Road: 2 and 3 st: front gardens: red: pink or pink.

South to Wandle Road: 2 and 3 st: front gardens: all good class except at east end, where poorer: red and pink: red or pink.

South to Hendham Road: 2 and 3 st: front gardens: ~~slightly d~~ slightly mixed, but

Dalesbury and Brockerton Roads - red

Beechcroft Road - purple

Burntwood Lane - pk

Franchecourt Road - pk

most trees remain: p.b. to end: end a cep.
South to Dalebury Road and
Brockerton Road: both 3 st: front gardens: the best of this group of roads: uncol: red.

~~Park up~~ North up Beechcroft Road: mostly 2 st with forecourts: mixed working class: some very poor 3 st. Dwellings first south of Grandin Road: simple as maps. North of Brookside Road are a few new villas: end in character.

West to Burntwood Lane: here Burntwood Lodge, Burntwood Grange and Coleman Terrace: all yellow: Garrett Farm still covers the ground between Burntwood Lane and Hagdeden Road. Beyond Garrett Farm on south side are some 3 st. houses: front gardens: uncol: pink

South to Franchecourt Road: 2 st: forecourts: uncol: pink

North up Garrett Lane to Castlefield and west to Kennedy St: 2 st: forecourts: pink to purple: pink on map.

South to Stalbrook St: 2 st: forecourts: pink

Garratt Lane - pk

Boyce's, Jubilee & Victoria Cottages - lb

Trewint Street - pk

Thorndean Street - pk

Siward Road - lb

as map.

East to Garratt Lane: the older houses show here on 3d shops: print as map: South of this as far as Boyce's Cottages & the post-office is now built with 2 st. houses: print & character. Then comes an old and very poor hill extending to Heathen Bottom: this includes Boyce's Cottages, Jubilee Cottages, and Victoria Cottages: wood: l. to d.r. South of this the road is mixed 2 and 3 st.: front gardens: some shops: wood: print.

West to ~~Tow~~ Trewint St.: 2 st.: fore courts: new built on both sides: print as map.

Between Trewint St. and Boyce's Cottages are building two new streets:-

Thorndean St. and

Sherfield St.: both 2 st.: fore courts: print in character.

South to Siward Road: 2 st.: fore courts: poor: perhaps l.b.: purple on map.

South to Tarrite Road: 2 st.: fore courts: mixed: l.b. to purple: purple on map.

Summers Town - purple

Riverside Road - pk

Huntspil Street - pk

Bellew Street - pk
Squarry Street - pk

Garratt Green - red

Aloyne Road - pk

South to Burtop Road : 2 st : forecourt : mixed : purple as map.

South to Headworth Road and Market Road : both as Burtop Road : purple as map.

South to Summerstown : most 2 st : some flats with forecourt : mixed but mostly poor : wood : purple.

West to Riverside Road : only two or three wooden cottages : wood : pink.

East of Garratt Lane the frontage off which low is called Howard's Terrace to Huntspil St : 2 st : forecourts : wood : pink to purple.

South to Bellew St and Squarry St : both as Huntspil : wood : pink to purple

North to houses facing Garratt Green : detached : wood : red.

South to Aloyne Road : 2 st : forecourts : shops between Bellew and Huntspil : wood : pink.

Pre villas from side south of this are red. Just ~~opposite the~~ south of this, opposite the

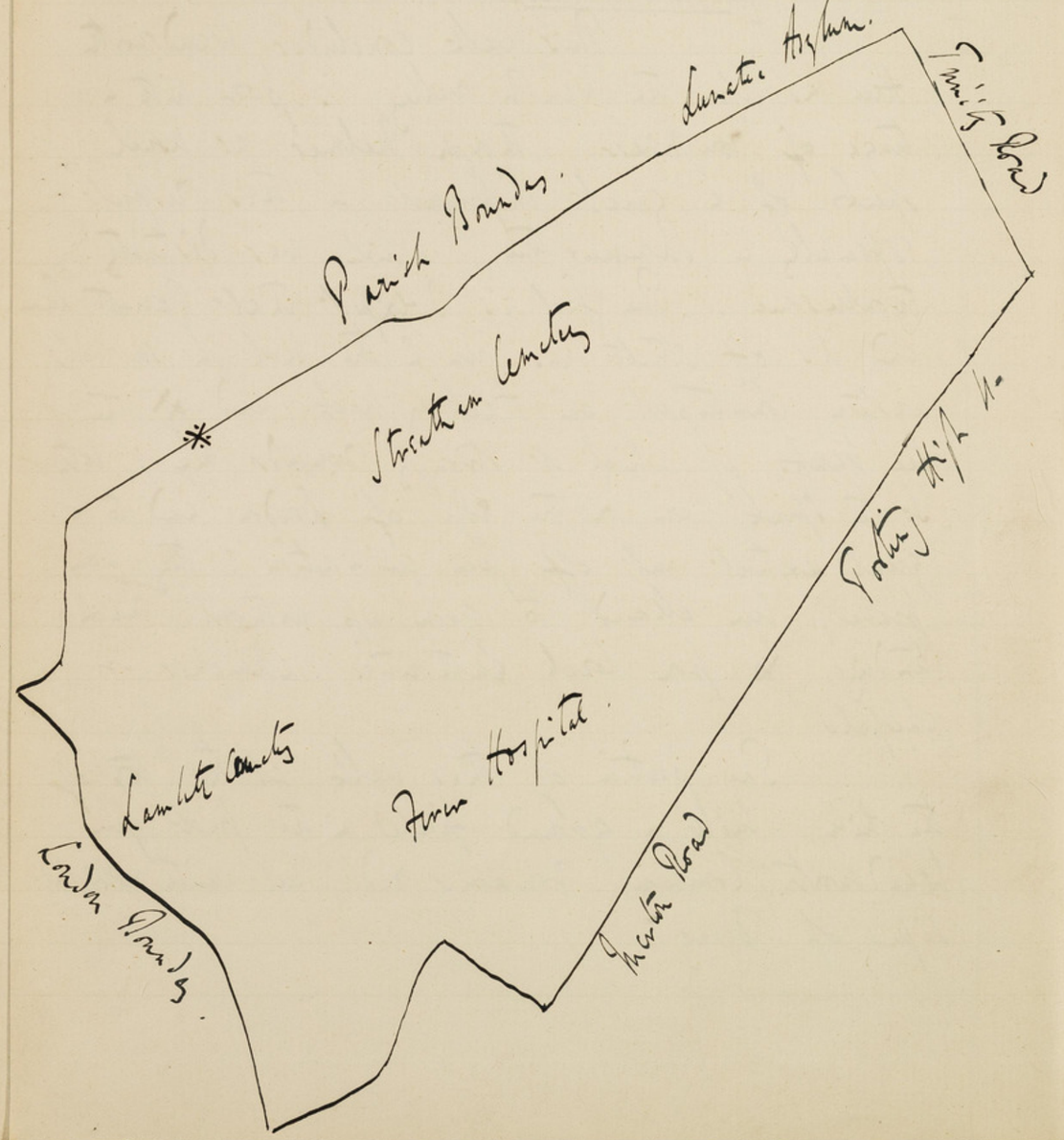
Thomas Homes is now Stretton Cemetery.

General Remarks:

This walk concludes Wandsworth. Here as before the Wandle valley is poor with a tinge of roughness though Helmer as usual speaks of a great improvement in this respect; especially in Summertown, which was distinctly troublesome. The fact is I expect that Garratt Lane and its off streets has been in the past a sort of western counterpart of Hackney brick and the lea banks of which it strongly reminds me: both so to speak, on the edge of London and to a great extent cut off from civilisation: they have probably been allowed to grow up without much binding to from local authorities, churches or chapels.

The portion of this walk at the top of the hill with a ground filched in the past from Wandsworth Common, remains red, but with slight signs of decay.

District covered



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Desk 40.

Oct. 1888.

Walk with P.C. Palmer round District bounded on the north by the Wandsworth and Streatham boundary, on the east by Trinity Road, on the S.E. by Tooting High St and Merton Road and on the west by Lambeth Cemetery, thus

Starting at St Clement's Almshouses in Garratt Lane west to Wimbledon Road: 2 st.; front gardens: some shops west of Highlands Road: wash: paint.

purple

South to Beckham Road: 2 st.: front gardens: some semi-det.: wash: paint.

pk

East to Foss Road: new road from Highlands to Smallwood Road: 2 st.: fore courts: purple to pink.

purple

East to Highlands Road: 2 st.: old part shown on map ~~the~~ flush with parent: new part fore courts: old part rather poor: new better: purple to pink.

purple

Smallwood Road - purple

Alston Road - pk

Fountain Road - pk & pur.

Tooting Grove - pk & lb

Judiciously of Tooting Grove are eight 1st cottages, ~~three~~ Alfred cottages, front gardens: poor: wood: l.b.

South to Smallwood Road: 2 st: forecourts purple to pink: good.

South to Alston Road: 2 st: forecourts: pink to purple: pink on map.

From Alston Road to Mackham Road runs a new road: unnamed: almost built a south, but unoccupied.

South to Fountain Road: 2 st: forecourts: now built about transport: terrace of unlinked ~~two~~ new houses a south called Fountain Terrace: new 2 st: flats a north letter: porches purple: old part: pink on map.

Between Fountain Road and Smallwood Road three new roads are in progress: ~~old~~ ~~Warwick and~~ Rhuro, Pusey, and Nutal: ~~this~~ unoccupied: all on flat sites: 2 st. The frontage of Garratt Lane ~~betw~~ between the roads is also building.

South to Tooting Grove: new building about h.s.: 2 st: forecourts: pink. The old section end of Tooting Grove is very poor and rough: the poorest and roughest bit is the ~~st~~ sub-division: old 2 st: some semi-det: l.b: purple on map.

Aldis Street - pk

Maybury Street - purple

Recovery St. : 2 st. : forecourts : purple : l.b. on map.

Trafalgar Place - lb

Leicester Place - pk.

Gilbey Road - pk

Defoe Road pk & pkb

Graveney Road - purple

West to Aldis St. : 2 and 3 st. : forecourts : pink to purple : purple on map.

North to ~~Maybury~~ Maybury St. : 2 st. : forecourts : purple to pink : pink on map.

West to Lambeth St. : 2 st. : forecourts : purple to pink : purple on map.

N.E. up Tooting High St. : this is ~~now~~ nearly all 3 st. shops : red on map. "The Limes" has gone and the frontage now is built on. Between Tooting High St. and Recovery Road is a poor little bit. Trafalgar Place which should be l.b. while Leicester Place just north of Recovery Road is worse than the rest of the road and should probably be pink.

On "The Limes" estate are now built two roads :-

Coventon Road : 2 st. : forecourts : unfinished and unoccupied

Gilbey Road : 2 st. : forecourts : pink so far as occupied.

Pad. to Defoe Road : 2 and 3 st. : front gardens : p.b. to end except l.h. end which is pink : p.b. on map.

Pad. to Graveney Road : 2 st. : forecourts :

Selkirk Road pk & purple

Beechcroft Road - pk & pkbd

poor at north end : pink to purple : pink on map.

West to Selkirk Road : 2 st : 2 and 2½ forecourts : some shops at S end : bit running into Garratt Lane poor and probably purple : N end of road pink as map.

Just here on site of Manor House two new roads are projected but not begun.

East to Harewood Road : 2 st : flats and forecourts : purple to pink : pink on map.

The frontage between here and Beechcroft Road remains unaltered Park House and Park Hill still standing.

North up Beechcroft Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink to p.b. : purple on map.

Just to west of Beechcroft Road are a few pink cottages

East to Brenda Road : 2 and 3 st : front gardens : pink as map.

South to Mandrake Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink as map. Board School here.

East to ~~the~~ Glenburnie Road : 2 st forecourts

Ircroft Road - pk

Langroyd Road - pk

Trinity Rd. red & pkb.

pink as map.

North to Ircroft Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink : purple on map.

East to Langroyd Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink to purple : purple on map.

South to Hoyna Road : 2 st : forecourts : pink as map

East to Trinity Road : north of church all good middle class : red : south shops : p.b. to red. ~~Between~~

General Remarks :-

This is an exceedingly depressing district. It lies very low on heavy clay soil and in common with the whole valley of the Wandle is a region of mists : which its natural disadvantages are enhanced by its inexpressibly depressing artificial surroundings. Two gasworks, a huge Fever Hospital, and a Lunatic Asylum. Under the circumstances it is surprising that it is on the whole so decent as it is ; ~~and~~ but unless strong counteracting influences are at work it is I think bound to go

down in the plain, as so much of it as is of any age has clearly deteriorated in the past: even the bit of Fountain Road when building (of quite recent growth) ~~is clear~~ appears on the map shows already great signs of separation. During possibly the surrounding building in the district has moved ~~x~~ very slowly in the last ten years, but it is now going on at a tremendous pace: there is nothing actually in progress which looks quite so bad as the recently finished Fountain Terrace but all the new houses north of Fountain Road are of the lowest ~~type~~ type that is likely to be passed even by a corrupt inspector: but those to the south (Cavendish and Filey Roads) look rather better. Here again I think the roads between Fountain Road and Wellington Road are starting on the purple level. The parallel ~~street~~ however on a lower level than any of the modern streets is the old Tooting Grove, a low hamlet which looks as if it might have been a slum for many years ~~but~~ but which if correctly coloured on the map has been quietly. It has the reputation of being the

only really troublesome street in the subdivision.

The above remarks apply only to so much of this walk as lies south of Hereward Road: the northern bit, lying as it does on higher ground and cut off from the southern by the large open grounds of Park Hill and Park House, is quite different in character and if the map is odd tinted here is better rather than worse.

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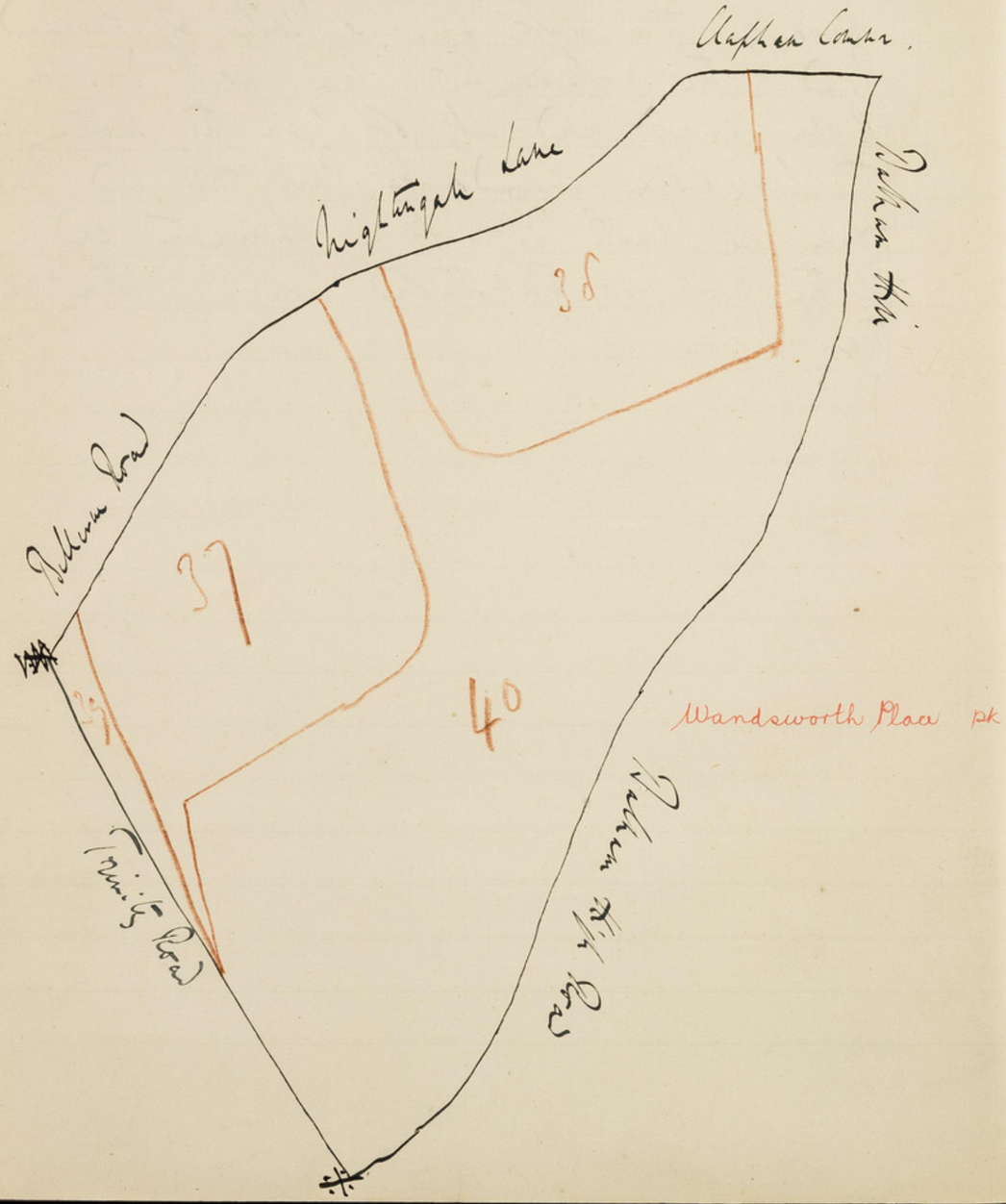

Old Sam
Police 40 Dists. 37 38. 39 40.

Oct. 1899

Walk with P.C. helmet round distrct. bounded on parts by Nightingale Lane and Clapham Common on the east of Balham Hill and Balham High Road, on the S.W. of Trinity Road, and on the N.W. of Bedbrook Road Lane.

Starting at corner of Balham High Road and Trinity Road north west to Trinity Road: shops on W. up to church and on E. between Chetwode Rd. and church: north of church all good middle class: all this part rd. The N.E. corner of Trinity Road is called Wandsworth Place: a row of old cottages: l.c. to purple in character.

East to Chetwode Road and Holderness Road: both 2 d.: fore-ents. pink as usp.

Pass on west to N. Nicholas Road: 3½ d.: semi-det.: gardens: some new houses on S.: all

Balham Hill Road - red

Marius Road - red

Dermot Road - pk b^d

Doyle Road - pk b^d

Hosack Road - pk b^d

Nevis Street - pk

Tunley Road - pk b^d

Rowfant Road - pk b^d

red on map.

East to Balham Hill Road: detached houses in gardens, The Hawthorn, the hollows and hay field gone: new buildings only on site of Hawthorns: 3 d. shops: red: rest of road red to yellow

West to Upper Tooting Park: south side large detached houses: yellow to red: red on map. ~~Plot~~. ~~The~~ The northern side is now being built on with 3 d. houses: red in character

The ~~open~~ Open space north of Upper Tooting Park is now being built on with the following streets:-

Marius Road: continuation of Upper Tooting Park to Upper Tooting: 3 d.: forecourts: red

Dermot Road: 2 d.: forecourts: probably p.b.

~~Dermot~~ Doyle Road: 2 d.: forecourts: probably p.b.

Wootton Road: unbuilt.

Hosack Road: 2 d.: forecourts: probably p.b.

Nevis St.: 2 d.: forecourts: flats: pink

Tunley Road: 2 d.: forecourts: probably p.b.

Rowfant Road: 2 d.: forecourts: probably p.b.

Boundaries Road red & pk

Endlesham Road - red

Nightingale Square - red

Ramsden Road red & pk bd.

and a continuation of Boundaries Road to west: 2 st.; forecourt: some built in flats: prob. pink. The old part of Boundaries Road are large detached houses: red as map. New houses are built on S. of Boundaries Road between Rly. and Balham Park Rd: pink in character.

East to Dandy St: 2 st: forecourts: pink to purple: pink on map.

East to Kate St: 2 and 3 st: some flats with passage: the 3 st. houses poor, not comfortable: probably purple: pink on map.

East to Chestnut Grove: 2 st and 2½ st: forecourts: some shops at S.W.: pink as map.

N.W. to ~~Sudbury~~ Sidlesham Road (includes Norgrove St): 2, 2½, 3½ st: uncol: red.

West to Nightingale Sq: 2 and 3 st: semi-det: gardens: uncol: red.

East to Temperley Road: 2 and 2½ st: forecourts: pink as map.

N. and S. to Ramsden Road: 3½: forecourts: some semi-det: some flats on E: uncol: red to p.b.

Oldridge Road - pk bd

Balham Grove - red & pk

Kerran Road - pk

Caister, Rinaldo and Lochinvar Sts pk

Holly Grove purple

Edward's Place - lb

East to Oldridge Road : 2 and 3 ft : mostly shops : pink dep.b : pink on map.

North and south to Balham Grove : 2, 3 and 3½ ft : some del. at S. : uncol : probably pink : detached perhaps red.

East to Kerran Road : 2 and 2½ ft : uncol : pink.

East to Balham Hill : 3 ft : shops : red on map.

In Balham Hill on site of Devonshire Place are three new streets :-

Caister St.

Rinaldo St. and

Lochinvar St : all 2 ft : forecourts : pink to purple in character.

North to Holly Grove : 2 ft : forecourts : rather poor : uncol : l.c. to purple.

Just south of Holly Grove is Edward's Place : 2 ft : front gardens : one cul-de-sac : poor : l.c. to purple.

North to Bellamy St : 2 ft and 3 ft : forecourts : pink as map.

Picket Street - purple

Lysias Road pk b^d and pk.

Alderbrooke Road - pk b^d and pk

Malwood Road - red

West Side - yellow & red
Clapham Mansions - red

Nightingale Lane - yellow

Blandfield Street - pk

West to Picket St. : 2 st : forecourt : street rather dirty : pink to purple : purple on map.

North to Lyrier Road : new ~~road~~ building : 2 st : forecourts : uncol : p.b. to pink

East to Alderbrooke Road : 2 and 3 st : forecourts : middle class R. of Pelham to working class south : red to p.b. north : pink south

East to Malwood Road : 3½ st : front gardens : uncol : red.

North to Clapham Common : here the old yellow detached houses remain : but in the open space just east of Alderbrooke Road a new block of flats has been built, Clapham Mansions : red in character

West to Nightingale Lane : mostly large det : and semi-det houses : yellow with the exception of terraces of shops between Rudsdale Rd and Western Lane : red.

S. from Nightingale Lane to Temperley Road runs a new street, Blandfield St : 2 st : forecourts : pink.

Western Lane - purple

Ravenslea Road - red

Mayford Road - red

Wexford Road - red

Bellevue Road - pk bd.

Althorp Road - pk

Nottingham Road - pk

S. James Road red

West to Western Lane: semi-det. cottages with gardens: purple to l.b.: l.b. on resp.

West to The Drive where the old houses stand: yellow.

West to Ravenslea Road: only pick starting: 3 d.: forecourts: red. Pick at the north end is a fine new house Ravenslea House, built by a local auctioneer.

South to Mayford Road: pick starting at W.: red.

North to Wexford Road: 3 d.: front gard. semi-det. on W.: red

The front house has it on the road: red.

West to Bellevue Road: 2, 3, 2½ d.: shops at h.: villas at S.: uncol: red top.b.

South to Althorp Road: 2, 2½, 3 d.: front gardens: uncol: p.b. to pink.

West to Wiston Road: 2 d.: front gardens uncol: pink.

South to Nottingham Road: 2 d.: forecourts uncol: pink.

East to St James' Road: 2, 2½, 3 d.:

Balham Park Road - red

Cuseley Road - red

Sarsfield Road - red

Heslop Road - red

many det. and semi-det: uncol: red.

East to Balham Park Road: 2 and 3 st: front gardens: uncol. red: new houses in the open spaces.

South to Onslow Road: 2 st: forecourts: usual p.b. to red.

South to Sarsfield Road: 2 and 2½ st: forecourts: uncol: red.

North to Heslop Road: 2 st: forecourts: p.b. to red.

General Remarks:-

This walk, which, owing to the shaped boundaries of the parishes, includes lists of 37, 38, 39 and 40, - is uninteresting, and there is little in it to notice except the considerable amount of new building, for the most part of fairly good class. So far as there is a marked trending in this district it is eastwards towards: where yellow is disappearing red takes its place, while Mansfield Road the first finished street south of the yellow highlight

Lane is frankly pink

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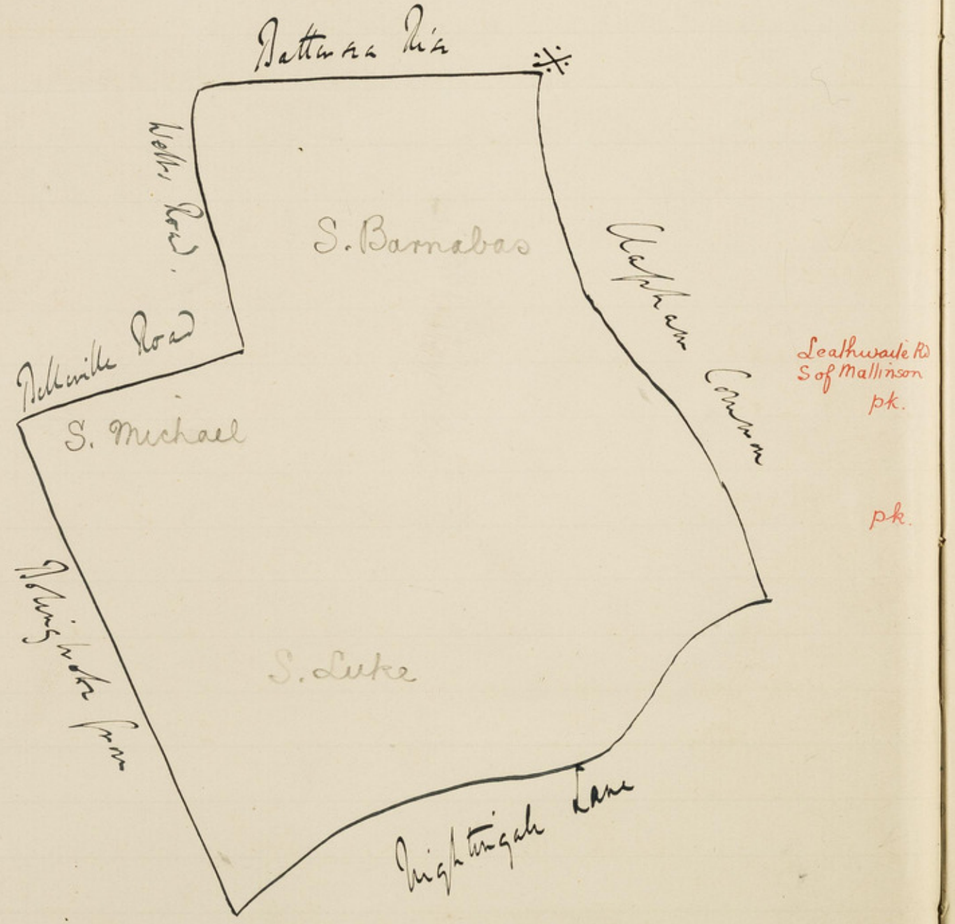


Blue 37/6 Dist. 37.

Oct. 1855

Walk with P. C. Holmes round district bounded by Battersea Rise and Nightingale Road on north, by Clapham Common on east, by Nightingale Lane on south and by Wandsworth Common ~~on west~~ being and Wells Road on west, being parts of S. Barnabas S. Michael & S. Luke Nightingale Lane

Starting at corner of Battersea Rise and Clapham Common south to Leathwaite Road: 2 st. and 3 for: forecourts: possibly a few inhabt. shops: points to p.b.: p.b. on map.

West to Nightingale Road: 2 st.: forecourts: as Leathwaite: uncol: points to p.b.

West to Wells's Road: 2 and 3 st.: some shops: points as map.

South to Chelgate Road: 2 st.: forecourts: points as map.

South to Mallinson Road, Bensham Road and Selcoth Road: all 2 st.: forecourts:

Berber Road - pk.

Ashness Road - pk

Burland Road - pk

Dulka Road - pk

Grandison Road - pk b^{1}

Wroughton Road - pk b^{3}

Broomwood Rd - pk b^{2}

ends of ~~the~~ roads, already dealt with in Lavender Hill sub. div.: George said no tenants: Holmes thinks some keep a tenant: probed pink: all p.b. on map.

South to Waterhouse Road: 2 st.: forecourts: much as previous there: p.b. to pink: red on map.

South to Berber Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink: p.b. on map.

South to Ashness Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink: p.b. on map.

South to Burland Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink: p.b. on map.

South to Dulka Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink: p.b. on map.

East to Grandison Road: 2 st.: forecourts: a few with tenants: p.b. to pink: red on map.

South to Chatto Road: 2 st.: forecourts: pink as map.

South to Wroughton Road: 2 st.: forecourts: most keep tenant: p.b. to red: red on map.

East to Broomwood Road: 2 st.: forecourts: now runs through to Clapham Common: the new houses not

Winshaw Street - pk

Hyde Road - pk b.

Amner Road - pk b.

Ballingdon Road - pk b.

Old Park Avenue - red

So good as the old: new part: paint & p.b.: old part red on map: now p.b. to red.

North of Broomwood Road running from Clapham Common and round into Broomwood Road is new road Winshaw St: 2 st: forecourts: probably p.b.

With the exception of the demolitions for these two roads the property of Clapham Common Estate remains intact and is yellow.

South to Hyde Road: 2 st: forecourts: now also runs through to Common: p.b. to red: red on map.

South to Amner Road: 2 st: forecourts: new road: probably p.b.

West to Ballingdon Road: 2 st: forecourts: as Amner: probably p.b.

There are no signs of the building of Broxwood Road shown on our map.

South to Denbigh Road: 3 st: front gardens: some detached: red as map.

South to Old Park Avenue: 3 st: front gardens: mixed: red.

Nightingale Lane - yellow

Montholme Road - pk b.

Gayville Road - pk

Devereux Road - pk b.

South to Nightingale Lane : large detached houses all S : terraces all W. : yellow to end.

East to Sudbrook Road : only a few 3 d. : houses built : end as map.

West to Rusham Road : 3 d. : garden : end as map.

West to Estcourt Road : 3 d. : garden : end as map.

West to Grasmere Road : 3 d. : garden : end as map.

North to Knowles Road : 3 d. : garden : end as map

West to Bolingbroke Grove : 3 d. : garden : ends as map with some yellow houses.

East to Thurlarne Road and Lascelles : 3 d. : garden : end as map.

North to Dents Road : 3 d. : garden : end as map.

North to Gordon Road : 3 d. : garden : end as map.

East to Montholme Road : 2 d. : forecourt : main road : a few remarks : posters p.b.

East to Gayville Road : 2 d. : forecourt : pink

East to Devereux Road : 2 d. : forecourt : many boys

Sillier Road - pk bs

Honeywell Road - pk bs

Northcote Rd (opp. Darley Road) - purple

Stowells Road - lb

Bramfield Road - pk bs

Helmscott Road - pk bs

Servant: probably p.b.

East to Sillier Road: 2 st: forecourt: a. Devereux: probably p.b.

North to Honeywell Road: 2 st: forecourt: some trees servant: ~~probably~~ probably p.b: red on map.

North to Northcote Road (which now includes what is called Swaly Road on map). Opposite Darley Road it is 2½ st: and poor: the rest ~~mostly~~ mostly shops: p.b. to pink.

West to Darley Road: 2 and 3 st: forecourts: purple to pink: pink on map.

North to Chatham Road: 2, 2½ and 3 st: forecourts: some shops: purple to pink: purple on map.

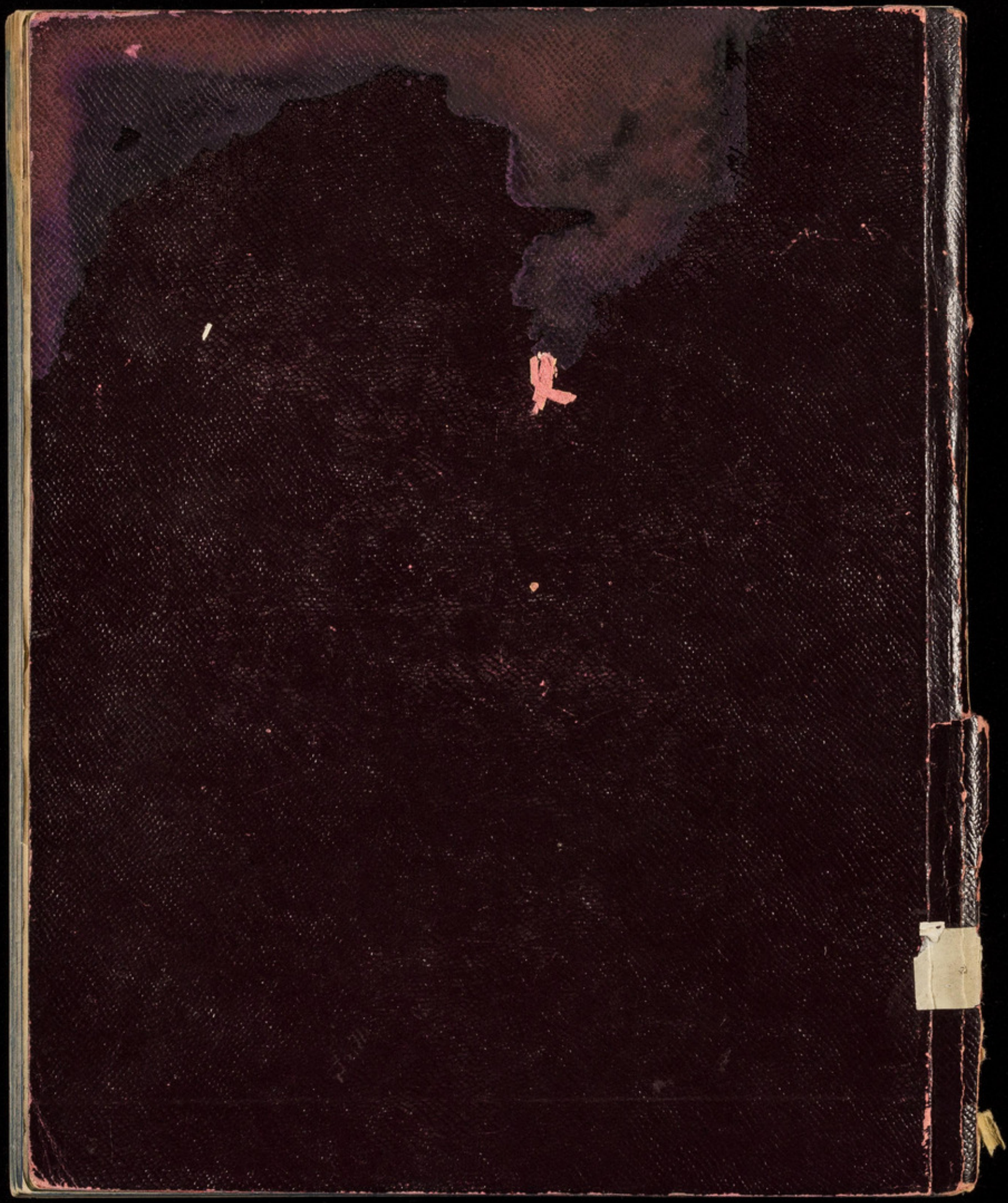
South to Stowells Road: 2 st: flush with pavement: cul de sac: uncol: l.b. to purple.

North to Bramfield Road: 2 st: forecourts uncol: ~~probably~~ probably p.b.

North to Helmscott Road: 2 st: forecourts: uncol: probably p.b.

Chatham Rd. is the only road, with the exception of Nightingale Lane, lying between Clapham & Wandsworth Commons that was in existence in 1862.

General Remarks:

This walk takes in the belated bit of Dist. 37 which is so curiously divided between the Lavender Hill and the Wandsworth Common police divisions. The noticeable feature is the steady progress from p.b., and sometimes red, to pink: and the tardy dissolution of the yellow and pink of Clapham Common which has withstood the builder so much longer than the north and south: even now the greater portion remains intact.

The only poor road in this otherwise well-to-do district is Chatham Road and the streets off it. In this short road are no less than four ~~tem~~ beer houses and one public house.