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Waterloo Road to London Road.

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District 31 Waterloo Road to London Road

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All Saints ✓ Lambeth Lower Marsh	✓ Lee	C1	p.43	Parish church
	✓ Redshaw	C11	p.57	Congregational, York Road
	✓ See Williams	C11	p.1.	Upton Mission, York Street, S.C.

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St John the Evangelist ✓ Waterloo Road	✓ Bainbridge Bell	C1	p.7	Parish church
	✓ Cooke	C111	p.103	Wesleyan, ~~William Street~~ Stamford St.
	✓ Rounsefell	C11	p.27	Bible Christians, Waterloo Rd.
	✓ Wheeler L.C.M.	C11	p.175	Cage Place School Room Commercial Road
				Ch Miss Exton

(11)

S. Andrew ✓ Lambeth	✓ Asker	C1	p.141	Parish church

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Christchurch ✓ Blackfriars Road	✓ De Fontaine	C1	p.117	Parish church
	✓ Allen	C11	p.107	Unitarian, Stamford Street
	✓ Young	C11	p.239	Working Men's Mission, Collingwood St.
	✓ Fegan	C V	p.59	Home Mission (Fegans) Holland St.
				Bap^t Miss. 25 Stamford St

(2)

St Peter ✓ Sumner Street Southwark Bridge Rd.	✓ Corbett	C1	p.199	Parish church

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St Saviour ✓ Borough	✓ Thompson	C1	p.99	Parish church (31) 1.1
	✓ Weston ~~(S Peter)~~	C11	p.141	Wesleyan, Grove Mission
	✓ Newton	C11	p.165	R. Catholic, Worcester Street
	✓ Hitchcock	C11	p.69	~~LCM. 9 Park St. Boro' Market.~~
				Ch Miss 41 Union St.

(3)

All Hallows ✓ Pepper Street Southwark	✓ Duthy	C1	p.83	Parish church
	✓ Parr	C11	p.193	P Meth: Surrey Chapel, Blackfriars Rd.
	✓ Coles	C11	p.45	LCM, Shaftesbury Memorial Hall, 120 Union St.

(4)

St Michael ✓ Lant Street Southwark	✓ Longodon	C1	p.63	Parish church
	Jones			Welsh Cong^l Southwark Bridge Rd
				Kings Ct Miss St Suffolk St

(6)

St Alphege ✓ Lancaster Street Southwark	✓ Mackrell	C1	p.213	Parish church
	✓ Caine	C11	p.119	LCM, 56 Friar Street
	✓ Conners	C11	p.187	LCM, 8 Library St Boro' Road
	✓ Martin	C11	p.83	Hope Mission, Friar Street
				Ch. Miss. Friar St

(5)

St George the Martyr ✓ Boro' High Street	✓ Sommerville	C1	p.25	Parish church
	✓ Connor	C11	p.17	Baptist, Boro' Road
	✓ See note on Church	C11	p.248	Presbyterian, S. George's Boro' Rd
	Cook	CVI	p.189	Cong^l Mission, Colliers Rents.
				Peculiar People, Bath St London Rd
	✓ Arnold	C11	p.207	South London Mission, Scovell Rd.
	✓ Postill	C11	p.211	Christchurch Mission, Earl Street
	✓ Parker	C11	p.219	Farmhouse Mission, Redcross St
	Pimock	Sa. 26	New Causeway	St G's Miss^n Chapel Court Righ

(9)

St Jude ✓ St Georges Road	✓ Pitchford	C1	p.173	Parish church

(7)

St Paul ✓ Westminster Bridge Rd.	✓ de Carteret	C1	p.185	Parish church
	✓ Williams	C11	p.1	Baptist, Lambeth Road
	✓ Bourne	C11	p.225	R. Catholic, S. Georges Road.
	see report in Book	C111	p.119	Wesleyan Mission, New Cut
	✓ Wheatley	CXI	p.23	LCM, Webber Street, Blackfriars

(8)

S. Thomas ✓ Westminster Bridge Rd	✓ Barraclough	C1	p.163	Parish church
	✓ Owen	C11	p.93	London Med. Mission, Oakley Street
	✓ see Williams in	C11	p.1	Upton Mission, Oakley Street
				Ch Miss Tresser St
				Short St
				West Miss 111 Waterloo Rd
				New Cut
				New Cut Gospel Hall

Miscellaneous

Women's University Settlement } Nelson Square, Blackfriars }	Sewell Miss }	✓ 13 R	181	In All Hallows Parish
	Bannatyne Miss }	✓ CV	p.159 }	—"—
Borough Polytechnic	Richardson Wm	✓ CV	p.81	In S Georges
Central South London Free } Church Council }	Barstow J.	✓ CV	p.111	
	Dan	CV.	p.187	

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Benson Nursing Home 37 West Square, SE	Ward	✓	CV	p 1	In
West Southwark Assoc^n for Registration of Relief	Bell	✓	CV	p.27	
Royal Victoria Hall Waterloo Road	bons	✓	CV	p 135	

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District 32

Trinity Newington and S. Mary Bermondsey

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District 32 Trinity Newington & S. Mary, Bermondsey

(1) S. Clave, Tooley Street	✓ Bristow	CVII	p. 157	Parish church
	✓ Buckley	CVI	p. 59	R. Cath: Melior Street
	✓ Cowley	CVI	p. 109	Melior Street Mission
	✓ Hoyland	CXI	p. 93	Arthur's Mission. Snowfields
(3) S. Paul, Kipling Street, Long Lane	✓ Bowden	CVII	p. 131	Parish church
	✓ Vyvyan	CVII	p. 73	Charterhouse (Church Mission) S. Hugh. Crosby Row
	✓ Davies	CVI	p. 101	Long Lane Mission, Crosby Row
	✓ Hopkins	CVI	p. 91	Wesl^n Chapel Place, Long Lane
	✓ Narroway	CVI	p. 179	LCM, 118 Weston Street
(7) S. Andrew, New Kent Road	✓ Trousdale	CVII	p. 1	Parish church
	✓ Nicholson	CVI	p. 167	Brunswick Chapel. Meth. New Conn, Great Dover St^t. Calvinists, Falmouth St
	✓ Salter (Ensign)	CVI	p. 243	Salvation Army, 61 New Kent R^d. LCM, Warren Place, Globe St^t
(5) S. Stephen, S. Stephen's Square, Borough	✓ Dodge	CVII	p. 13	Parish church
	✓ Breton	CXI	p. 29	Christian Community, Tabard St^t
	✓ Alldis	CXI	p. 113	Bap^t Mission. Lansdowne Place, Tabard Street
	✓ Salter (LCM)	CVI	p. 231	Kent St^t Schools, Amicable Row.
	✓ Hulls (LCM)	CXI	p. 131	LCM Miss^n Tabard Street, Boro'
(6) Trinity, Trinity Square, Newington	✓ Curry	CVII	p. 147	Parish church
	✓ Hanagan	CVI	p. 75	Prim: Meth: Trinity Street
	Benson (Interpreter - principally for Christchurch - in District 34)			Mission, Trinity Street
(2) S. John, Horsleydown	✓ Hewlett	CVII	p. 95	Parish church
	✓ Linington	CVI	p. 47	Union Cong^l Parish Street
	✓ Thwaites	CVI	p. 223	Anchor Miss^n Coxon Place, Fair St
(4) S. Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey	✓ Lewis	CVII	p. 47	Parish church
	✓ Brown	CVI	p. 107	Gedling Street Mission
	✓ Russell	CVI	p. 123	Mission, 47 The Grange
	✓ Young (see	CII	p. 239	Mission, Decima Street Bermondsey New Road
	✓ Lelliott	CVI	p. 155	LCM, Abbey Street
	✓ Barclay	CXI	p. 103	Oxford Medical Mission 143, Abbey Street
(9) The Lady Margaret, Chatham Street, Walworth	✓ Robertson	CVII	p. 27	Parish church
	✓ Meakin	CVI	p. 135	Wesl^n, Lockofields. Rodney R^d
(8) S. Matthew, New Kent Road	✓ Cadman	CVII	p. 167	Parish church
	Fuller	CXI	p. ~~[illegible]~~ 127	Cong^l Murphy Memorial Gurney Road
(11) S. Luke, Grange Road, Bermondsey	✓ Ainsworth	CVII	p. 111	Parish church
	✓ Hall	CVI	p. 205	Unit. Meth: Upper Grange R^d ~~Congregational, Rouell Road~~
	See notes on visit –	CXVII	p. 125	S Army Elevator, Dunlop Place Spa Road
(10) S. Mary Magdalene, Old Kent Road	✓ Pitt	CVII	p. 179	Parish church
	✓ Docker (Takes in ~~Pavey~~)	CVI	p. 1	Cong^l (Pilgrim Fathers) New Kent Rd
	~~Pavey~~	~~CX~~	~~p. 119~~	~~Surrey Square Mission~~
(Meakin does not mention it)	see Meakin CVI p. 135.			Wesl^n Mission Leroy (or John) St^t
	✓ Olney	CVI	p. 13	Haddon Hall, (Bap^t) Bermondsey New Road
	Vernon	CX	121	Peace Mission Tanner

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✓ Shovelier	CXVII	p. 63	Chaucer Board School.
✓	CXVII	p. 89	Notes on Guinness Buildings in Snowfields
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✓ Libby	CXVII	p. 161	Victory Place Board School

Local Government

Ryall			Clerk to Bermondsey Vestry
Dixon			Med. Off — " —
Thomas	CXVIII	1	Sanitary Inspector — " —
Hawker			S. Claves Vestry Clerk
Bond			— " — Medical Officer
Fenton			— " — Guardians

District 33

S James Bermondsey
to
Rotherhithe

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District 33 S. James Bermondsey to Rotherhithe

(1)

Christchurch Abbey Street Bermondsey	✓ Bell	CXII	p. 139	Parish church
	✓ Murnane	CXIII	249	R.Cath. Parkers Row, Dockhead
	✓ Davis	CXIII	p. 57	Ragged Schools. Gedling St.
	✓ Bustin	CXIII	p. 93	Percy Hall, 172a Abbey Street S. Army S James Road

(2)

S. James Jamaica Road Bermondsey	✓ Coulthard	CXII	p. 113	Parish church
	✓ Figg	CXIII	p. 121	Bapt. Abbey Street
	✓ Rosier	CXIII*	p. 151	Cong. Jamaica Road
				— Rouell Road
	✓ Steele	CXIII	p. 103	Bapt. Spa Road
	✓ Couch	CXIII	p. 25	Mariners Miss. Princes Rd.
	✓ Knott	CXIII	p. 15	LCM. Rouell Road District Bermondsey X. Miss. Spa Rd.

(3)

S. Crispin Southwark Park Jamaica Level	✓ Wallace	CXII	p. 37	Parish church
	✓ Gough	CXIII	p. 139	S. Stephen the Yeomen Ragged School. Marigold Place, Jamaica Rd.

(4)

Christchurch Union Road Rotherhithe	✓ Bardsley	CXII	p. 79	Parish church
	✓ Joyner	CXIII	p. 77	Ark church, Paradise St.
	✓ Haynes	CXIII	p. 1	Roman Catholic — " —
	✓ Barclay	CXIII	p. 183	Mission Hall — " —
	✓ Pestfield	CXIII	p. 221	P. Meth: Union Road
	✓ Spencer	CXIII	p. 133	Boatmens Miss. Calkay St.

(5)

S. Mary, Rotherhithe with S. Paul, S Paul's Lane	✓ Beck			Parish church

(7)

All Saints Lower Road Rotherhithe	✓ Blakeston	CXII	p. 125	Parish church
	✓ Richardson	CXIII	p. 29	Rotherhithe Free church, Lower Rd.
	✓ Scott Lidgett	CXVII	p. 11	Wesleyan, Lower Road
	✓ Pridie	CXII	p. 63	Blair College Mission, Abbeyfield Road.
	✓ Morris	CXIII	p. 199	S. Winifreds Hall, Lower Rd.
	✓ Townson	CXIII	p. 229	U. Meth Free, Albion Road
				~~Wheatley Miss.~~ — " —
	✓ Parris	CXIII	p. 241	S. Army, 18 Lower Road Lady Comm Mission Hawkstone Road, Southwark Pk.

(11)

S. Anne Thorburn Square Bermondsey	✓ Walsh	CXII	p. 45	Parish church
	✓ Dale	CXIII	p. 163	Bapt. Lynton Road
	Rylett			Unitarian, Fort Road

(10)

S. Augustine Lynton Road Bermondsey	✓ Stobart	CXII	p. 1	Parish church
	✓ Murray	CXIII	p. 213	Pres. Southwark Park Rd.
	Whitburn			LCM, Blue Anchor Lane
	✓ Burleigh	CXIII	p. 171	Bapt. Drummond Road
	✓ Dunn	CVI	p. 29	U Meth Free, Galleywall Rd.

(6)

Holy Trinity Rotherhithe	✓ Selby Hele	CXII	p. 101	Parish church
	✓ Ritson	CXIII	p. 85	Wesleyan, Silver Street
	✓ Haynes (as before)	CXIII	p. 1	R.C. Rotherhithe Street
	✓ Barman			Lutheran, Bickley Row
	✓ Blake	CXIII	p. 247	Seamens Chapel, Derrick St.
				~~Scandinavian, Rotherhithe St.~~

(8)

S. Barnabas Plough Road Rotherhithe	✓ Russell	CXII	p. 27	Parish church
	✓ Phillips			Cong. Maynard Road
	✓ Billing	CXIII	p. 149	— Southwark Park Road
	✓ Leech	CXIII	p. 141	Brethren, Midway Place
	✓ Blatworthy	CXIII	p. 107	Bapt. Bush Road

(9)

S. Katharine Eugenia Road Rotherhithe	✓ See	CXII	p. 17	Parish church
	✓ Reynolds	CXIII	p. 113	Mission, 68 Cornbury Road
	✓ Mc Farlane	CXIII	p. 69	LCM, 2 Cornbury Road

Miscellaneous

S. Olave's Nursing Assoc.	✓ Report sent	CXVII	p. 61	
	Stokes			Clerk to Rotherhithe Nestry
	Shaw	CXVIII	39	Medical Officer — " —

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District 34

Lambeth Church and Kennington

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District 34 — Lambeth Church & Kennington

(1) Holy Trinity, Carlisle Street	Weigall	CIV	p. 87	Parish church
(2) S. Mary, Lambeth	Reeve	CIV	p. 69	Parish church
	Cooke	CIII	p. 103	Wesleyan, Lambeth Road
	Milne	CIII	p. 39	Presbyter^n Kennington Road
	Meyer	CIII (Turner)	p. 79	Cong^l Christchurch, W. Br. Rd.
				S. Mary's Mission, Lambeth Walk
	Benson	CIII	231	Southwark Lambeth Mission
				Connection all Christchurch (Meyer)
				S. Army 27 Broad St.
(3) Emmanuel, Lollard Street	Lilly	CIV	p. 35	Parish church
	Deeley	CIII	p. 151	Wesleyan Mis^n Topaz St.
				Emmanuel Miss Tracey St.
(4) St Philip, Kennington Road	Steer	CIV	p. 129	Parish church
				St Philips Miss Wolcot St.
(5) St James, Kennington Park R^d	Harris			Parish church
				Carlisle Cong^l ~~Lower Kenn. Lane~~
				S. Army
(6) St Mary the Less, Princes Road	Bromfield	CIV	p. 99	Parish church
	Henderson	CIII	p. 75	Regent Baptist, Ethelred S^t
	Goodman	CIII	p. 21	Lambeth Walk Mission (87)
	~~Adams~~ Briant	CIII	p. 183	Moffatt Institute, Esher Street
				St Anselm, Kennington R^d
(7) St Peter, Upper Kennington La. Vauxhall	Denny	CIV	p. 1	Parish church
	Cooke (as above)			Wesleyan, Vauxhall Walk
	Comley			Baptist, Vauxhall, Up. Kenning^n La
	Bowles	CIII	195	Pr. Meth. Circuit, Walworth & Kennington
				Vauxhall St Cong. Crane Hall

(8) S. Mark, Kennington	Darlington	CIV	p. 117	Parish church
				S. Mark's Mission, Montford Place
	~~Jackman~~	CIII	p. 57	~~Congregational, Caine Hall~~
	Hewitt	CIII	p. 121	Claylands Cong^l Claylands R^d
	Noble	CIII	p. 155	Pr. Meth: Warham (or Thomas) S^t
				United Plymouth Brethren, Montford Place
				Ch. Miss Montford Place
				Bolton St.
	Jones	CIII	225	Kennington Hall 23 Up. Kenn. La
				YMCA Kenn. Park Rd.
(9) S. Anne, S. Lambeth	Morris	CIV	p. 139	Parish church
	Poppleton	now S. Anne's Mss.		U. Meth: Free: Miles Street
	Caine	CIII	p. 1	Congreg^l Wheatsheaf Hall
	Brown	CIII	p. 161	R. Catholic, Harleyford Road
(10) All Saints, South Lambeth	Edwards	CIV	p. 49	Parish church
				S. Augustine's Clapham R^d }
	Mc Ewan	CIII	p. 143	Trinity Presb^n
				U. Meth, ~~New Conn~~: Southville
				Trinity Cong^l Wandsworth R^d
				S. Gabriel's Miss Lemans St.
				Belmore St. Miss.
	Hawkins	CIII	205	Railway Miss Wandsworth R^d
(11) S. Barnabas, South Lambeth	Sotheby	CIV	p. 21	Parish church Stockwell
	Mursell	CIII	p. 137	Stockwell Bap^t Lambeth R^d
	~~Cross~~ Thorpe	CIII	p. 215	Wesleyan, Studley Road
	Noble (as above)			U. Meth Free: Paradise Road
				S. Silas, Dawlish St. Wilcox R^d
(12) S. Stephen, South Lambeth	Grundy	CIV	p. 163	Parish church
				Wesleyan, Bolney Place, Dorset R^d

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S. Olave's COS.	Toynbee	CV	p. 17
Royal Victoria Hall	Cons.		
Lambeth Ragged School Society	Briant		
COS. 86 Upper Kennington Lane			
35 Lambeth Palace R^d	Walker	CV	p. 39
S.S.A. Institute 95 Kennington R^d	Turner (Meyer)		

Local Government

Lambeth Vestry	Clerk
Lambeth Guardians	Medical Officer
	Clerk
	Chairman

District 41

S. Peter, Walworth
and
S. Mary, Newington

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District 41 – S. Peter Walworth & S. Mary Newington

(6) S. Mary Kennington Park Rd Newington	Palmer	CIX	p. 193	Parish church
				S. Gabriel, Newington Butts
	Dunn	CX	p. 1	Metropolitan Tabernacle
				Working Men's Mission
	Young	CII	p. 239	Amelia Street
	See Nicholson	CVI	p. 167	Meth. New Conn. Walworth Rd
	Cohen			Jewish Synagogue, Heygate St
(7) S. Paul Walworth	Greig	CIX	p. 169	Parish church
	Bowers			Surrey Gardens Memorial Hall. Penrose Street
				S. Paul's Miss Lorrimore St.
				S. Albans, Manor Place.
				S. Paul's Miss. Sutherland Sq
(8) S. Agnes Kennington Park	Holland	CIX	p. 115	Parish church
	Gent	CX	p. 173	Lorrimore Road Mission Cong.
	Heatley	CX	p. 69	Kings Own Mission Royalty
(9) All Souls Grosvenor Park Camberwell	Bell	CIX	p. 45	Parish church.
	~~Bluey~~ Allsworth	CX	p. 221	Bapt Arthur St. Walworth Rd
	Harvey	CX	p. 177	Wesleyan, Camberwell Road
				Brethren, Beresford Street
(3) S. Peter Walworth	Horsley	CIX	p. 1	Parish church
	Keesey	CX	p. 99	Sutherland Congregational
				Wellington College Miss
	Mackesy	CIX	p. 147	Etherdon St East St
	Slow	CX	p. 91	Richmond St Mission
		CX	p. 225	S.A Slum Post 74 South Street
(4) S. Stephen Boyson Road Walworth Common	Lintott	CIX	p. 187	Parish church

(5) All Saints Surrey Square	Harrison	CIX	p. 65	Parish church.
				Pembroke College Mission
	Milward	CIX	p. 139	Barlow Street (East Street)
Methodist New Connexion	see Nicholson	CVI	p. 167	Meth Miss Kinglake Street
	Nerrall	CX	p. 121	Miss Hall, Gateley Street
	Starkey	CX	p. 205	LCM, Barlow Street District
	Pavey	CX	49	In Tramps
(2) S. Mark East Street Walworth	Forster	CIX	p. 87	Parish church
	~~Steele~~	CX	p. 227	Baptist. East Street
	Stead	CX	p. 143	Browning Settle York St
				S. London Babdriver Miss
	Coombs	CX	p. 195	213 Walworth Road
				RC, Northampton Place
	Doubleday	CX	p. 37	Rodney Road
	Young	see CII	p. 239	Working Mens Mission. York St
Miscell	Richardson	CXVII	p. 109	King & Queen St Board School
(1) S. John Walworth	Jephson	CIX	p. 17	Parish church
	Dolbey	CX	p. 125	Bapt New Surrey Tab: Wansey St
	Mills	CX	p. 11	Bapt Walworth Road
	Tomkins	CX	p. 215	LCM, Townley St. East St.
				Synagogue, Vowler St

General	Coggard	XXX	S.Army. Provincial Headquarters Draper Street. Newington Butts
			COS. — . — — . —
	Dunham		Clerk to Newington Vestry
	Millson		Medical Officer — . —

District 42

S. George, Camberwell

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District 42 — S. George Camberwell

(2)				
S. George Camberwell	✓ Appleton	CXIV	p. 13	Parish church
				Albany Bap^t Wells Street
Trinity Mission	✓ Burros	CXV	p. 129	Bap^t Cottage Green
	✓ see Nicholson	CVI	p. 127	Meth New Conn. Neate St
	✓ Paginton	CXV	p. 103	Mission, Edmund Street
	✓ Webb	CXV	p 61	Albany Miss^n 345 Albany Rd
(5)				
S. Mark Cobourg Road Old Kent Road	✓ Goodacre	CXIV	p. 31	Parish church
	✓ Wenyon	CXV	p. 21	Wesleyan, Oakley Place, Old Kent Rd
	✓ Walker	CXV	p. 1	Maze Pond Bap^t, Old Kent Rd.
				United Girls School Mission,
	✓ Neazey	CXIV	p. 75	Kempshead Road
(3)				
S. Luke Camberwell	✓ Chapman	CXIV	p. 95	Parish church
	✓	CXV	p. 135	Baptist James Grove
(4)				
All Saints North Peckham	✓ Finlay	CXIV	p. 57	Parish church
				Bap^t East Surrey Grove
	✓ Freeman	CXV	p. 111	Mission, 311 Sumner Rd
	Pavey	CXV		Sussex Square Mission
(6)				
S. Philip Avondale Square Old Kent Road	✓ Seary	CXIV	p. 1	Parish church
	✓ Wilkins	CXV	p. 47	Marlboro' Cong^l Old Kent Rd.
				New Surrey Chapel Mission
	✓	see CII	p. 193	305 S. James Rd
(7)				
S. Bartholomew Barkworth Road Rotherhithe New Road	✓ Richards	CXIV	p. 41	Parish church
	✓ Howe	CXV	p. 69	Baptist, Elderton Road
	Thompson			Mission, 15 Verney Road

Note (1)

The Sultan Street area (which is in the ecclesiastical parish of S. John the Divine, Kennington) is in this District and includes:-

(1)				
S. Michaels Mission Church Sultan Street	Served by clergy of S. John			Parish Mission church
	✓ Pascoe	CXV	p. 95	Mission, Brown Street
	✓ Kirk	CXV	p. 31	Camberwell Ragged School, Joulon St
	✓ Clarkson	CXV	p. 117	Free Salvationists, Avenue Rd

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✓ Archer	CXV	p. 85	Camberwell Free church Council
✓ Baily	CXVII	p. 39	Cambridge House

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District 31

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St Saviour. Thompson Here 10 years. Seen church transformed into Cathedral in effect. Now to be so actually.
Norwich. Choice was ocn fashioned Evangelical place with 3 decker, pulpit & galleries. Left place
(31) 1. C.I. 99 £90.000 has been raised & spent & £10.000 more will be.

Church serves double purpose - Cathedral & parish church
Lady Chapel used for Parish Service except 2 main Sunday Services
Dr Thompson more head of chapter than parish priest - takes more of Church than parish - leaves parochial work to subordinates
Filled up form in a casual way.
Parish pop. decreasing now about 5000. mostly v.p. of any
they poorer than 10 years ago. but not so poor as S George
Stanhope & Mousley Alleys the worst places.
Admitted he did not expect the poor to attend - Young curates
full of enthusiasm expect great results - they dont come.
But the poor have a strong sense of religion at the core
Quite uninstructed but believe in Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd
& in the Trinity. Wish their children to be baptised & to receive
religious instruction - & to be married in ch. Even more
remarkable their resignation in the hour of death - ready to
go satisfied with a few simple religious phrases for comfort
this because vague as their religion is they have not been
troubled with doubts but are ready to accept childlike.
Church going implies much higher standard of conduct
than among higher class - not content to be hypocrites
"If I go to church I must go the whole long" - & they
are not prepared to do this.
Church in complete touch with all parishioners by visitation
Considerable old parochial charities - now spent in pensions
& not much of other kind -
People too poor for dissenters - there are 1 or 2 L C M.
The RC have a church in parish built recently to
keep their people from drifting away.
[Though] the parish rather more orderly & moral than the
rest of London - much prostitution. London Bridge Station &c
not a great religious influence but a good man for the
present situation - Presence. Dignity. Liberal views. Aesthetic
taste & a sense of humour

S. Saviour parish ✓

Wesleyan Grove Mission. Loxton
(31) 1 C11. 141.

Hon Secy. Mission started 60 years ago - near here by an employee for his work people & the school for their children on Sunday stable & loft to let & adapted - varying fortune - used 25 years ago as Wesleyan Chapel & at a low rent was offered to Mr Loxton who ran it for years as an independent mission & later with cooperation Hugh Price Hughes &c - Then the present building was erected at cost of £2400. raised by Loxton -
The working class who come on Sunday socially those from whom workers are drawn - not those who benefit by philanthropic work
Religious & philanthropic work distinct - those who receive the gifts &c do not come on Sunday - only to some extent on loan money
Financial support for social side from Southwark business firms.
Mr Loxton himself 37 years with Barclay & Perkins risen from office boy to manager of dept. - successful - patronising his preachers. of whom 83 on his list - full of himself -
5 minutes address of mission contains the worst specimens of slums & "models". Attempts at sanitary improvt &c. Cursed Mr W well known sow, where on the round taken disgraceful P.H urinal - How it might be dealt with
Christian Coster honesty - "a fine gipsy with the Sun Co" tea & biscuits (so very cheap) over at the mothers meeting at 8.40 (10 minutes after time) 12 women & 2 men had come to the weekness, every service
In spite of his egotism a bright inspiriting influence full of human sympathy - but as a religious influence - ! Report covers social side on

L.C.M. Hitchcock
Borough Market
(31) 1 C11. 69

16 years in L.C.M. in this neighbourhood - minute knowledge.
His district not extremely poor. Winchester House the worst bit. people come & go in the night evade rent. Continually change
In S. Margarets court 31 widows out of 107 families - some here because of S. Saviours Charities - now taken in hand by the Charity Commissioners - Also Barclay Perkins pensioners
Many men employed in the Brewery - steadily improvement
District dominated by Brewery & Market where are many porters
Barclays give 24/ with or 30/. without beer. meals, all are total abstainers. Mission Hall on premises & paid missionary.

S. Saviour's Parish.
2 C.M. Hitchcock
C11. 69
Cont.

market porters of 2 classes - regular men & casuals these being refuse of other callings who of lifter up today are down again tomorrow. Knows them well & can stop a row. A great change in market - bad language not tolerated. Drink increased among women but less prevalent with the men - might not see a drunken man in the market in a week. District considerably improved - Police say reputable now. District north of Sumner St. (St Peters) also much improved while he worked there 1883/1894 - very rough times at first - & changes more since. Partly by demolition. Mr H has been successful amongst market men - he is every body's friend. - (See also C11. 107 (Mr Barclay describing relation of mission to firm)

The Museum mentioned by Mr Barclay is not Mr Hitchcock's. There are two of C.M. halls in Park St. One close to the Paris Market (Mr Hitchcock); the other just West of Southwark Bridge Road. (Barclay's) S.H.

This reference seems to be wrong. Should be C11. S.H.

Father Newton
Church of Most Precious Blood.
RC
C11. 165.

Here 10 years working 3 before & 7 since Ch built. People mainly Irish or Cockney Irish. 90% unskilled. River side workers &c - Total number of census diminishing by destruction of residential courts - movement towards demolishing Artisan models experiments. Ch to be kept high & dry by imperfect improvement.

Many of the women work at fur pulling in their homes very objectionable - but the living of these people. Drink the greater difficulty - & betting habit increasing & money lending - Customary rate 1d per £ per week - by small people in a quiet way without security - a lender in every court - most of the decent homes infested thus - Refuse repayment by instalment - get the interest - but neither borrowing nor betting affects religion as much as borrowing - Relieve (poor) cases well - patch up bad ones.

Competition among Churches keen - people ask to yield to those who give most - this keeps more likely to take all they can get & will stick to them on Ch School the great financial drag - working men collect weekly from all Catholic homes - £110 collected there last year.

Hooliganism exaggerated by the press - larrikin, not larrikin. Army discipline the cure.

Objection to Block system - no public opinion - not so in the courts - St George's the worst block - then Newbury. New Cross Court the worst spot - prostitution concentrated there

St Peter Summer St. — Corbett Chap Ec — Here 13 years – old house Southwark Br. Road. Plenty of books lives with her sister. Pop over 5000 tendy down, block

(31) 1. — C1. 199. — Courts being cleared away for business people who remain are not criminal.

Unskilled with warehousemen – brewers men &c. no artisans

Many widows – Charwomen &c in city – on whole respectable

Some are rough + drink a good deal – some loafers but on the whole bona fide working class – no disorderly houses

Demand for house room excessive. rents going up – they difficult find other accommodation if turned out

Smallest houses highest rents (per room).

Local Charities make for congestion – pensions marriage but also clothing at some of the schools

When people quit a lower class apt to come but still standard of decency + clean linen rising

Supply of helpers a difficulty – only 3 ladies for outside

Class feeling strong in G.F.S – milliners want stay factory girls

Relieve the sick in kind. [Abhors C.O.S] – Cooperate with Polytechnic registration Committee –

Indifferentism remains the difficulty but no opposition

(see C V. 59. for Fegan also C11. 53.) Emphasises mischief of touting – Fegan the Chief Source.

Indifferentism increased by associating religion with relief.

Himself moderate Evangelical – but Church position not important here. all shades represented – but people like ours don't think about that sort of thing

As to marriage &c. the worst sort hard most ch.

Health not good – but more goes out

All Hallows Barking Chap Ec — People mostly unskilled casual – district improved greatly in 24 years – notoriously bad – vice + crime – Shameless scenes

(31) 2 — C1. 83. — now things have much changed – parish more respectable

Some doubtful houses in Helmet Sq – otherwise only 1 disorderly house

Nor are prostitutes harboured – immunity to some extent due to Mrs. Hill's beneficent influence –

Girls difficult to classify seems to depend as to emphasis on where they work rather than on what.

difficult retain hold on Children who have left school –

All Hallows. Bethy
Chg Eyl.
C1. 83
Continuous.

Poling usually a good deal - this year 98/99 very little
never knew such a winter total 97/98 £204 a
Small amount for them - Have their own committee
with COS representative - (Parson & Churchwdns not included)
Standing obstacle drink - always the drink. 15 PH
Much betting - many 'bookies' - believe to use PH.
No pronounced criminal element - Hooligan at any exaggerated
but larrikin terrorism a reality - people afraid to complain
Life in the morals, leads to this nuisance
Thought well of police - blamed police courts for light sentences
Police hesitated to run men in who would be out again
so soon. Streets should be kept cleaner & fresher.
Vestry lacked brain & energy - too much permanent officials
PH usually source of abuse -
Age of marriage going up - Preventive checks on increase
those who think at all alude to the practice of them
Closing of Raglan music hall a sign of improved tone
Tendency of more respectable leaving churches
Importance of sisters matters bribery probable -
Sacerdotal spirit pervades the work - but Mr Bailey
is good fellow & a good human influence

LCC.
Shaftesbury Memorial Hall. Union S.
(31) 2

Coles
C11. 45.

16 years on LCC 14 years here - district South of Southwark Bdg
Pop. in Union S. & off it as thick as ever
Pepper & Lorman S. the poorest - new collapse in Orange S. by railway
Ecclesiastical commissioners with better class of people - strict ar.
All labouring people - very poor in old houses in Union S.
New people come to the new houses but do not stay long
In the old houses the people hang on -
Drunken brawls to disgust the respectable - Drink the great evil
Women worse than men - women live on pork ale & fried fish
Children neglected home dirty - and seem to care a rap.
Sees little change. only improvement due to replacement of old inhab
by country people - influx of these constant - for instance
a foreman from Somersetshire advertised in Somerset paper
if he needs men. - started at 22/. & are steady

All Hallows Parish

(31) 2. Tolpree Parr. This is a 'mission' which has taken the place of a congregation

Pr. Methodist Surrey Chapel Centre Mission C11.193. as with the Wesleyan mission [Old Surrey chapel was built 100 years ago for Rowland Hill & for 50 years he was its minister – among his successors was Newman Hall during whose ministry the old building was left for the new one where Mr Meyer is now – up to that time was undenominational but has since passed to Pr. Methodists being replaced by a new chapel about 12 years ago – & mission lines since adopted]

First object to get in close contact with family life of those around who are associated in any way with the work

|| Contact the working-class – & while the religious service is made the centre notes to run on settlement lines with more wider range of institutions than at present – Soc. Educational

Claims to have bridged the gulf – not 10% of those attending P S A are of coarse artisan class –

|| No friction with Church – enough to do among those they know without visiting outsiders or promiscuous work

S. morning service teaching & expository attended by christian workers

In evening some 400 of the unsaved come as well – often more than women

Drink the great overshadowing difficulty with women as with men together

Co-operation with local clergy on some questions & mostly grateful.

* || 160 drunkenness notices closed in 2 years – non cons worst offenders than Ch.

Notes Mutiscope pictures & the lewd & profane speech of the theatre & thought they might be checked – Over crowding – & incest common

|| For the children there are fears – but they are 'our hope'

|| Spoke warmly of the Home for Young Girls in Nelson Sq. (Clewer)

They try in their work to make provision for successive ages.

Charitable relief managed with care – by tickets – & seeing sick & ailing children to sea side or country – or adults convalescent

Advocate popular administration of public charities

work with relief registration Society for Southwark

Poor Law administration good – Guardians doing their best

* Horlegarism a real ground for complaint of inadequate policing

Licensing laws not obeyed – Quarter Sessions Justices magistrates decision

S. Michaels. Langdon Chap. C. 63 (31) 2

"Do you mind coming round to the Church? We have Litany on today, many & although no one is the least like, to be there, some one probably would be if I did not go. I won't inflict the Litany on you" Yes this is the Church - not up to much. I do hope my neighbours at all Hallows their Church - - - - Can't tell you in what a state of neglect I found things (Episode helping a workman to move a cupboard) Old school rooms all in a mess now - better room upstairs for clubs &c. &c. Helps but not really much good from a Church point of view. &c

On the whole parish improved - Abomination of common lodging houses - Owner named Levy drives down in his carriage Vicarage was a Common lodging House - Old sign still there but not visible Dining room & drawing room were dormitories

Thought I should never get rid of the bugs - not sure if I have yet - Plenty of room - very heart of parish & got rid of a black corner -

Very local in our habits - many old parishioners a decent set with police as aristocracy - Less the visitor that bothers us - people who have cut them many Rather up hill work - Unchristian conduct of Christian managers more effect than years of teaching -

Need to teach practical Christianity to employers

Competition of other Christian bodies - e.g. Dolby who (with the sisters) does a great deal - Stoughty more liberal sort Dolby himself a very good fellow but fond a bit too far.

Incense & candle sticks dead matter - Real question is relief. If that is put on a right basis the Church will do some good - if not, not - District suffers for Tea & meals - Money wanted for Service not for food.

It must be learnt that purse can be hurt & not feelings &c

Employees of a parish should be obliged to live in it including S. S. teachers -

S. Michaels. Longsdon
Chop 6
(3) 2 Cl. 63
Contd

Getting helpers & money the great difficulties.
Wonder how it is done by the High Ch people
Father Goulden used to raise £3000 or £4000 a year
(at S Alphege) was called the Costers Bishop &
the press wrote it up. We used to laugh.
Newton my predecessor got as many to church as
I do. got tickets for the Police C' mission &
put them in the mayor's box for old women to find
& when they had found them they often went out.
Death rate high but misleading. So many under 5.
not unhealthy as regards neighbourhood but bad homes &
neglect. Cleanliness what is needed.
Just something cover be to check disgusting language
in the streets. Bl— gone out. f— always now
in the air & the theat is just outside my window.

S. George the Martyr Somerville
Chop 6
(31) 3. Cl. 25

Rector only 20 months. with him was Miss Busk. a lady
of means who has lived here 6½ years & is the most
important parish worker. Came down from Mr Gardiner's time.
Report gives unusually full account. not much to read
but Miss Busk warned us (in Mr S's absence) the report is
mainly based on Dr Waldo & Mrs B thinks exaggerated & distorted.
Publication to be regretted. Parish deserved therein.
So far as any change poorer since our mash. Old courts
& alleys as poor & degraded as ever. Mildays poorer
but S Alphege & S. Stephen both poorer (Miss Busk thinks)
than S. George's.
High Ch "success" all result of bribery
Many children escape S. Sch altogether
Voluntary visitors are only tract distributors.
Policy entirely in Miss Busk's hands. COS lines but less strictly
Endowed charities are to be used for pensions.
Borough Polytechnic great local influence. not among poor
very effective. work with Dr Waldo. Gives desp great help. Not enough police
& they never go to worst spots of downside. hard by Rabbiton
and can not be aware. Manufactory in all cases of distress. increasing
among lads & girls as well as women. Low prostitution life in courts & alleys
principally & brazen daylight. also in open streets from sheer madness.

S. Georges Parish

Borough Rd. Baptist Ch. (31) 3 — Pole Connor C11. 17

Baptist minister 6 years here 1 years. Coming from Hackney
was astonished by the poverty - the appalling poverty - of the district
as shown by condition of homes - not through want of work
very few earnings with wretched homes.
Good feeling among free churches - Free Ch Council
working against drink & prostitution -
Mr Connor realises that the Church must work as a mission
Are getting some of the poor but reputation of the Church is
'well to do' -

Presbyterian Ch. Boro' Road. (31) 3. — C11. 248 — Not seen. Pastorate vacant. Stipend £53

South London Mission Scovell Rd (31) 3. — Arnold C11. 207

Finishes his daily work (Grill cook) at 5 & all his evenings
(except Thursday) & most of Sunday spent at Scovell Rd.
Converted by mission 25 years ago & worked with it ever since
Found his wife in it & she is his best colleague & not jealous of him
A son also now works. Without Arnold it would stop
Great difficulty except day work. all helpers being busy people
Most of them (like himself) are members of the Tabernacle
but the mission is independent. Works well with Gardiner now
So well with Somerville -
Mission in the midst of very gloomy models. the most
monstrous substitute for home

Camden & Chiselhurst I.C. Mission (31) 3. — Miss Rose Portill C11. 211

Mission in a parlous state - building condemned - is also
troubled by supposed hostility of Rector of S. George, who is credited
with wishing to have everything under his thumb - The most striking
thing has been sudden death of Mr Hill the Missioner & his wife. a
few months ago. His successor a more careful person (C.O.S) is
Miss Portill thinks inclined to stay -
Speaking of Rescue work (which has been her line) She says constants had
changed. Much, possible now to effect anything by ordinary night work. a few years
ago not unusual to get 2 or 3 girls to go home & begin a changed life. Now
hardly goes - did not explain why. except that street walking has become
more professional. more difficult to find young girls ~~at address~~ for the work -
& they are carefully secluded. the most important factor is the most valuable.

Parish Notes (31)

St George's Parish

Farmhouse Mission — Parker
LCM. C11. 219.
(31) 3.

(*)

working this district 2 or 3 years. Intimate knowledge of a certain number of families. Cannot give much general information. Point of view of the gloomiest — thinks "Something should be done". Here is an area with poverty, wretchedness beyond East London. Want work — can't get it — should be provided — at cost of necessary taxation. Meanwhile more charity. — Families not badly off exist, but in the minority. Local knowledge makes for pessimism — nothing more to say except sad details as to particular families. "They make my blood crawl" he said.

District takes Courts W. of Borough High St. — Wickedness is concentrate on S. side of Red Cross St. — no great difference between the blocks — in all variety of position — in all most poverty. Has heard of Miss Hill & knew vaguely of great collision by ladies.

(*) Rule of LCM against giving or begging in effect in operation. The "Farmhouse" established to deal with cases of neglected or prison children by Miss Fry is now an ordinary Common Lodging Ho. — moral, above average for respectability & the room used by the LCM is set aside for Charitable work. The Housecis owned by Mr J Hunter LCC. There is still the actual old farmhouse behind & Mr H used to live in it. Deputy now has it — a good fellow.

Talks with (32)

Congregational Mission
College Road.
C11. 189
This Mission is in the Red Road subdivision in Dist 32 & but being also St George's Eccles. Parish has been entered here

Coots

Work combined with Nonconformists (all in our (32)). Poh labouring class. Has worked in many places but nowhere met such "big headed, stubborn, selfish men". Listen sheepishly & as soon as you turn to go round to have a drink. Could double the S. Sch if they had women. The teachers good, willing, very poorly women's attendance. Junior & Senior Girls Guilds — Junior amusing — Senior make their own clothes. Boys club 2 divisions — Boys & girls, play class.

Sat. Concert free — given by various parties — Comparative merits known & principle of charitable relief "no money" — milk & eggs given — attendance accordingly. But the rule is strained — too much is done. Try to break it off. People look for help — have been and lost. Don't want you otherwise.

Some mothers attend 3 mothers meetings. Charlotte Mans. S. Stephen & then gone to Mans and Cross, Mans mission. Charlotte House mission & S. Stephen "do a lot" with known & poor. Notice that when a row happens certain set always involved — a few quarrelsome people.

Very little prostitution on this side of the Road — not so much foul talk you as not hear coarse jests bandied across street, between men & women. Spiritually you may have open ears & the people will come round & listen. But you can't get them in church, but if the Service & Mass are anything but dry. Report Mass refers to work under Mr Matthews.

Peculiar People — not seen

Baptists & London R.

S. Alphege. Mission.	Mackrell acting temporarily Chap.	C1. 213	Transition state. new vicar appointed - late one resigned after 2 years or so of work. The Founder of the mission Father Golden died some 3 years ago - his time was the heyday. His successor, Father Calcutt came from All Hallows & has resigned from "personal causes" (intemperance charged). but Mr Mackrell spoke of breaking down under the chasm especially financial, of the mission. Mr Mackrell knows little of the working of the parish but is loyal to his predecessors - & gave 1897/8 to repairs which show financial confusion. Mr de Fontaine says that the new man has been looking into things very carefully - in future work will be very different. Misleading character of the appeals of the last mission written up by the Press. "Costers parson" &c. After making every allowance Father Golden did start things. Form filled in by Mr Mackrell aided by Mr Hyde Sen curate - for facts given - list of expenses of doubtful validity. The great time in the work were Golden's first 15 years before his marriage - never quite so well since. The real break down came in Father Calcutt's time. Sisters are still there "The Sisters of the Reparation" 12 at work - live in "self imposed destitution". Used to be also 7 or 8 "Mothers of Wolverhampton" - now only one. Father Golden great in adoration. High Mass in morning. Prayer meeting in the evening.
LCM 52 May St Bonds. (31) 4	Caine	C11. 119	Here 4 years - predecessor broke down under the horror of the neighbourhood - Caine will not do that being very phlegmatic. District between Tran St Morgan Rd contains some of the poorest & worst streets in So London - Minerva St the worst for poverty & crime - Costers & prostitutes &c - one family in Seal St. LCC dwellings "are fine" have respectable people - Bottom of Gun St half the men work water side - the others live in the worse of this. Dean St floating pop - shifted by brokers - some from Dorset have houses with 2 rooms & 2 families - one of 12 with 2 grown up sons another father, mother, 4 children & lodger & family -

S. Alphege. Parish –

L.C.M. Caine — Upper Street S. most in regular employ as carmen but all
Cont.d C.11.119 — drunkards – worse than foes – fights & rows nearly every night

Gave an appalling picture of degraded moral tone – brutality
vice & crime – Gambling prevalent – Story of a police raid
language fearful – penetrating the messing hall. Incest –
Other stories of immorality – Two families in one room with
Chalk line between them terrible.

1000 visitable families – 3 mos to get round – Goes
religious literature but seldom gets religious talk – if he
begins the people are "busy" –

very few attend the Church (S. Alphege) & in those who do
"there is no more spiritual receptivity than in the Theology book"
Influence is through giving – some £400 a year being given thro
Costers who had drunk then stock women go to Calcott & perhaps
Ritual very high – Confession expected from those who attend Communion
At the Hope Mission there are graduated rewards for attend.ce
Cont. as to Mothers meetings generally the woman is for what they
can get – dont care for the service – difficult to preach to them
One old woman succeeds in attending 10 meetings & gets
Christmas dinner & excursion to match – lives on them & 10/
a quarter & some bread from the Cowper Charity – Still he helps her
such a nice tidy old lady –

System is general – difference only in degree –
Prospects bad – can make no impression – people come
for hospital letters or if in trouble – that is all
Lads join the army – girls lee makers or box makers
or office cleaners – large numbers go on street.
Best converts come from outside district – Many sign
temperance pledge. Small proportion keep it –
The work here seems more effective than is claimed
by Mr Caine – a rough fearless man – & courage is needed

(S. Alphege.)
L C M.
Library S
(31) 4.

Conners C11. 187

Has one been here 6 months - District between Friars S.t & Church St (the Macfarlane St. Dist.) - all poor - warrens S.t the worst for vice
L C C buildings better - Drunken & rough the general description
Many living together unmarried - many quarrels - fighting - the street not uncommon - much drink & noise
Takes 2 mos to cover district - also visits from works - very well received - occasionally "don't want to see yer today, Governor"
Ribbon Sisters visit "I don't know what they go round for - They don't speak about God to us" "This is your church" "It's Church first & Church last"
Few go to Church - S. Alphege little influence tho' doing a good work in relieving the poor.
Mr C is hopeful - seeks to get the men - visits the Public Houses on Sundays - gets into conversation on the street - "Gospel a great power" "they thank you & mean well but don't profit" - "If the Lord will we shall do some work - but at present it seems a "back & belly district"

Hope Mission. Miss Martin - Miss Welman Miss M's Secretary began the
Friars S. C11. 83 interviews which Miss Martin completed
Considers Kings Bench Walk, Minerva S. Pub. Friars S. the worst - Some extreme poverty attributable to drink
Does not enter Friars S. Flags - not safe
Working Girls ignorant of sewing & don't like it. Buy everything ready made -
Mission was formerly in Nelson Sq - see cutting.
"Poor district overrun by High Ch & R.C influences
An effort to do something for working girls -
"Good Influence Club" & its methods -
Mission depends entirely on Miss Martin - future very uncertain - She found most of the cost of the new building

St Paul Dr Cartert Here 2 years – young – followed a man who was
Westminster Dr C.1.185. appointed 6 years ago & broke down – his name by Allcock
Previous to him Mr Soans a drunkard held the living
whose daughter was a professional ~~prostitute~~ – So the
parish got out of hand – Ch attendance was secured
by giving of loaves –
Things in the Parish are tending to improve
Tower St Duke & Somers St bad as any for poverty
Gray St worst for moral
Webber St rebuilt – working class flats – rebuilding brings
a better off class – dont know what becomes of the displaced
Still much overcrowding – but inspection is better & things
are improving in spite of evasion –
Many single room tenements – Somers St 36 houses 800 persons
Nevertheless good health especially in worst streets
Weakly children die – others become inured – & the
extent of out of door life they enjoy running in the street
Meals al fresco & over-bed in hot weather
What is the cause Comparatively little illness
Does not take pessimistic view of moral character
points to increase in attendances & marriages & the
amount of individual responsn.
Relief careful – life not worth living otherwise – workers not
allowed to give – But much indiscriminate giving goes on
& bribery – workers the greatest offenders
No very high opinion of police – look the other way
Comes across a few read son day himself generally
among women – result generally of drink which is
the great obstacle – source of poverty & crime
Complaints of Hooligans in exaggerated.

An unassuming sincere man working on sensible
lines – the connection with the neighbouring settlement
is noteworthy – See CV 159.

S. Pauls Parish

Baptist Williams || 22 years out 25 of his ministry spent here
Wkta Chapel C.11 | In this time good middle class have gone & better working
|| class are following – those we reach. move away to Clapham
|| District now poor – Theatrical people frequent & RC coming in
People attending are drawn from around but more from S.W
(or brothers of 31 drawn from 34 but its missen work a 31)
|| Lose a good sized church every year & have to make it up
Majority live within walking distance.
Lambeth Charities mainly in hands of churches
A working mans account of getting drunk – a pint
of beer – 'two' of men & another fellow stands whisky
|| The work of his church more than a mission
a fine lot of young men – but when he goes will break up
|| Treading his great aim –
His methods have proved successful –
Congreg & membership maintained for 20 years
though not quite what they used to be –

RC. Bishop of Southwark Teacher intimate knowledge of locality, reference to Administration
31) 5 C11. 225 Canon Keatinge –
Mentioned Sisters of Notre Dame – 40 or 50. living here with
70/80 pupil teachers – Educational work
|| The Bishop resides half the year & moves about diocese the rest
To get impression of what is doing or wanting
Social work immensely increased – Clubs – brigades &c
due to Bishop Butt his predecessor – bringing in laymen
non professional element effective – 'Don't be such a fool'
going further than a friendly admonition – mostly clerks
No so much to draw upon as in North London
Leakage reduced by these means – Church catching up
not yet satisfactory but improving – need more curates
more churches more funds – especially funds in S. London
Some falling off in generosity with some increase in means
|| Increase in numbers not proportional to increase in pop.
Obstacle in difference of opinion. Leakage traceable to this – Some all Sunday
Conversions in diocese 800 last year in proportion to Cath Dioceses totally 600 per mo
Many of Clerk Class or nurses – but Ch Clergy furnish the largest percentage

S. Paul's parish
L C M. - letter S. Wheatley
(31) 5. CXI. 23.

only here 8 months & 2 of these down with influenza - previously missionary to the Cockies in S.E. London - Mr Lecanse his predecessor had been here 10 years was popular - died of cancer. Place has been kept going but everything gone down & difficult get helpers - depends on friends in Westminster.
District triangle Blackfriars Rd Waterloo Rd Blackfriars St & Stamford St Peabody - 1200 families - Entire area poor.
Says a large proportion go to some place of worship with some end in view - about 1/3 for what they get -
Many religious agencies - made the work more difficult - Easier to get his people when the surrounding churches were high as in Westminster, than here where they are evangelical - Many go to P.S.A. at Christ Church (Rev F.B. Meyer) others to Methodist Mission Blackfriars Rd (Tolefree Parr). S. Paul's & Waterloo Rd Chapel (Rounsefell) also active.

RC. S. George's Cathedral
Canon Keatinge
CXI. 1

Technically the Bishop is the rector but Keatinge acts.
Facts & figures carefully recorded - See his letter.
Parish (Southwark) still covers large area - 10.000 Catholics
Names & addresses of 7000 - numbers decreasing, owing to Railway demolition - Numbers keeping up considering
His people all live in tenement houses - all sent for poorest in Mission
Out-posts are come & gone.
Disadvantage of marriage laws in Catholics -
Relief - no fund - no administration - People get all they can
Wise spending better than saving - Thrift an unknown vice
Police stupid - more rough since Metropolitan Police time
better for minding horses than men.
Tools of police sent to L division - (No block "L" in dwellings)
As against prostitution better street lighting needed where no shops
Cheap remedy to be brought in regulation
Crime poverty & drink go hand in hand - S. Alphege worst part
Some blocks worst of all for housing - especially in Gun S. - Queen Mary now in good hands (Miss Gee) - Peabody's Cornwall estate one of the worst - administration Ecclesiastical Commissioners good -
Carmons Buildings large & comfortable & everything on large scale
fronts Bounds of the Cathedral.
See sketch map on page 21 of the RC parish & the churches in it —

S. Thomas ~~C.1.162~~ (31) 5 Bermondsey Man of 55 left 5½ years. Previously East End. Worked
Westminster Th. Dr among the Jews – Palestine Place
(31) 5. Chap Co
C1.163 || Compares South unfavourably with East – the people
instilled with many lectures – Total hop. Gospel – dissenting
views – more respectable many out – not much religion
|| yet not as is expected – leases lapsing – Ecclesiastical
Commissioners chief landlords –
|| Nightmen has closed disorderly houses – Drunkenness
|| betting & gambling the chief local vices.
People friendly but indifferent – No Secularist propaganda
no avowed infidels
Drink & promiscuous relations the result of crowding
Cases of incest – 31 PH in parish – well managed.
|| Low lying district – throat & chest disease & rheumatism

Owen Interview arranged with Dr Sollan Gen Sup – but he had been
Inner Medical Mission – Lambeth called away & Dr Owen gave what time he could in the
Branch
(31) 5. C11.93 midst of his work
|| Branch started 2 years already out from the parent – as
statistics furnished show – Some of the nurses are training for mission work
Patients receive numbered tickets & after 1 hour of religious service
are taken in order – but highest numbers may go home meanwhile.
A penny must be paid for the medicine – Mission professes to
the Hospital – must wait longer there – Those at work during day are seen in evening.
|| Motto "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing"
Diseases largely those due to mal nutrition & conditions of home
|| Children fed on potatoes – homes dirty – one room mostly –
Some due to drink – Evening cases due to conditions of work
|| Impossible from inhaling dust &c – Nurses visit the homes & do all they can
|| Some relief in nourishment – Relations with churches friendly
help with workers – & the mission tries to influence the people towards Church
|| Evangelistic spirit – Changed life looked for – at any rate
alleviates sickness & suffering

S. Jude. S. George's Road — Pitchford Chof Eo — 31) 5. — C1. 173.

Pronounced Tory - hating Radicals. detesting trades unionism - a grievance against Society & the poor heart. South London neglected & especially his parish - deadly dull back water. or thickest forest to which people come here - fourth class shabby genteel. But has raised money to build a new church -

Majority working class & new buildings - Tory in better class of these.

Many Lodgers - Prostitution an open sore - solicitation in S. George's go to houses outside parish - Norman S. Belle than it was.

Prostitution traceable more to idleness than poverty - South London dull - lacks municipal life - Life centres north of Thames.

Charitable thought turns to the East End. - South neglected as those care nothing for either high or low.

Marriage late years - Practice of mixed churches on increase - large number of small families. Innovations, incense & monastic - Social danger from "Woman question" - balance which men become idle as women become famous -

Christchurch. de Fontaine Chof Eo — 31) 6. — C1. 117

Nine tenths working class & mostly unskilled - Poor by Erected demolition of small houses - substitution of warehouse.

Bids fair to be an annexe of the City - Demand for houses keen. Has in 12 months known of 50 families leaving N'hood for lack of room.

Movement to S. & S.W. - (Many Parochial Charities - now under poorly) Some of the Helpers come from West End - S. Sch. Teachers old residents. Those who have moved to Camberwell Brixton &c.

Attendance at Church not good - appeal in So London.

Relief carefully organised by committee - working up to "Trustees Committee & Registration Committee". denounced those who are not Co operative & the indiscriminate charity & sensational appeal. -

Parish does not include worst part of Southwark but includes Stamford St. & the back streets. Houses of ill fame abound also as to Blackfriars Rd. coffee houses - & Commercial Street & C. Road which are increasing in number - 2 Drinking Clubs worse than P.H. Gambling rife - P.H. on the whole decently managed.

Main obstacle - Curse of indifference - drink - housing condition - much overcrowding - Bad effect of charities in attracting recipients.

(Side light from Mr. H. Toynbee on the working of the Parish relief committee based by the leading sisters (see page 127) & Mr. Aves reflections thereon.)

Walk round Parish with the Rector - visit to Schools. Alms House &c. has to qualify by attendance at Ch. of Christ.

Christchurch Parish

Black friars Missi. Allen – Here 18 months – A cradle of Unitarianism & non conformity.
Stamford St. Chapel
Unitarian Congregation contains prominent people in its small select body
(31) 6 C11. 107 Of late has had a mission in new Cut * but now both works are carried on in Stamford St. + mission building passed to Wesleyans.
Musical pop. – respectable working class in the Blocks – whilst off Broadwalk Place. that it was wonderful people could exist in.
|| Immense indifference – Cannot get enough when anything was to be old.
|| Cant get the people on Sunday – same complaint all round
|| Use the Clubs Bands &c – On Sunday See nothing of them.
|| Provident DK gives no interest but is a great success – money being collected at homes by ladies – Started 1886. £8.12 from 100 1898. £674 from 1074 (21 000 Separate amounts taken) – may be drawn out by week notice – heavy withdrawers for DK holidays & rents, all at Christmas – but that mostly unequally – no modicity of Summer cottage is a charity – those who can afford pay 10/ a week. Last year 40 families or 200 individuals took it for fortnight's stay being selected from different meetings – Miss Ass to cleaning the rooms difficult to enforce – some leave the place very dirty – Cottage 2 or 3 families at a time – Useful social work – religious influence of the smallest – hardly attempt it.

Working Men's Mission – Young
College Wood S. Mrs Cue
(31) 6 C11. 229 Mr de Fontaine had used the phrase "Mercenary motives" in regard to this mission – So repulsive a personality at first sight that it seemed wonderful any one trusted him with money or came to his services – but his smile redeems his face & he appeared quite straightforward as to finance – full particulars given – Criticism should be directed not against integrity, motives but as to way the money is spent – Treats Tear hopelessly mixed with Evangelistic work – Mission started 24 years ago – due to various converted members of the Young family – Got support from Mr Pearson & the mission has developed & secures an income of £1000 –
Mr Young is Verbyman Secession – Work with Chelsea the most important teachers & workers from their own converts – are undenominational – As the one baptising by total immersion – Her own almoners – has not joined the regular mission sisters as the 'Sisters' – been to avoid overlapping

(Christchurch Parish)

Home Mission — Holland St. (31) 6 — Tegan — C V 59

Governor of Tegans homes – Head of Homefall Mission with his Secretary Mr F D Holloway been with him 15 years. Been carrying on Boys rescue work for 25 years or more – for last years or so has undertaken local Evangelistic Work & tradition that he is locally disliked – most approve of his work for boys – no one has a good word for his mission & the C.O.S think poorly of him from say point of view.

Institution looks like a printing works inside – boys work at it.

Mr T lives on premises – Mr H has to see to finances – also wh. Mr T cares nothing – though a splendid organiser.

Home Mission departure means £200 a additional expenditure.

The Boys home well kept & good discipline – The Printing is worked to a profit – also carpentering (work for the new mission) & boot making & mending (mainly for the boys) –

The Youths Institute is another affair only recently started. Fairly successful – reading & discussion – well used & quite.

At Homefall factory girls comfort dinner – it was crowded.

Girls must get a ticket – these are given but minute some check.

Girls not so much but remembering of Miss Price's mission Isle of Dogs.

Accounts are complicated & involve £15,000 a year.

Mr Tegan telling of his own life said he began at 17 led on 'like all the rest' from experience as ragged school teacher – work very similar to Dr Barnardo's – 'Open door' not attended by danger.

Most of his boys sent to him – many from the Borrows –

Emigrate 100 every year to Canada –

On Mission since the work in its infancy – satisfies it met a local want – No buildings that could not be left if population leaving made removal desirable – Succeeds by sympathy.

Feud with the C.O.S – Local jealousies.

Medical mission the ½ hour service keeps away the better to do.

No other relief –

Funds raised sensationally – but spent carefully

S. Andrew. Archer Here 13 years. first 6 as curate.
Chof To Pop 1891. 8000. Not changed in number. demolitions made up for
(31) 6 Cl. 14 by new buildings. working class & mostly very poor. slightly improved
but no higher. Antisacerdotal East. Rowell St. Peabody buildings
13 years. Stamford St. respectable house. has brothers or lencumbrance
|| work fall on Clergy & paid staff. parish does not supply helpers.
The help they get is from poor working men. Swab. dustman &c
The earnestness of them very remarkable.
Bulk of people go to some Sunday Sch. many boys not. prefer
the streets. Relig. caution. visitors meet weekly. C.O.S. attends
large proportion of applicants are unbelievable.
Congregation keen on missions.
Relations with Non Cons unusually cordial. about
12 including 4 Chof To meeting at each others houses.
not all Evangelical. includes the Rector. Mr Meyer.
Thinks Vestry efficient. dis appointed in Police.
Drink as bad as ever. worse among women. much secret
Drunken row constant. street fights &c.
* Prostitution. inconsistent. contradictory statements.
See page 183. Evidently still very bad
Some thieves in Victoria Pl. Coroner recently taken
many cases of violence.
Victoria & Saturday Place should be demolished.
Mr A is one of the best of the Evangelicals. an
essentially good man. Genuine earnest. Sympathetic. No
cant. but too meek & other worldly to influence any but
the spiritually minded.

S. Mitheborough - Bell (Bamborough) Here 4 years. formerly Curate S. Giles - helped us there.

Chg 6 Parish as poor or poorer than S. Giles & much harder - indeed

(31) 7 Cl. 7 the Bishop described it as the hardest in the Diocese. Analysis

of Population of just under 8000. (1) Shopkeeping class who live away or small

who are not good Ch people (2) dirty Horse Keepers letting to shady professionals

(3) Hotel Keepers genuine (4) Hotel Keepers of lowest class (5) underpaid Cattle

(6) a few artisans & gross waters (7) labourers, costers, navvies, bathmen, tramps

mostly in streets off Bond St. —

Tendency to get poorer, rougher & more crowded. Disreputable

demolitions for railway increase crowding. Civil reputation drives the

respectable away. "How can we improve our Church near Stamford St."

Full account of work in 2 reports. Succeeded Jephson

a broad Ch man who did not care whether people came to

church or not - pews Ch empty. Parish unvisited - no workers

paid or otherwise — described himself as a "definite Churchman"

Thought of more extreme he might be more successful

Seems a man of means & position & has secured assistance

of West Sussex - starter clubs visitation &c. - result increase

of freedomers & improved attendances but morgen "fearfully slow"

Those brought in not the shopkeepers who are stubborn & horrible

but the dwellers in 1 or 2 rooms from Over S. Cornwall Rd &c.

Was hampered by old parish traditions - ought to work

on mission lines. - Visits all except brothels - but doesn't see lodgers

means requested to dissemble & not friend

(*) Day Schools full & overflowing - which Board Schools are not

Church school preferred because religious instruction desired.

Relief on C.O.S lines "improved" - such case on its merits

managed by committee of educated visitors

Nurse paid for by one supporter. - Girls Club new promises

greatly an American heiress.

Work among boys & girls very difficult because of the

attraction of the street

(*) L.C.M. "a nuisance" - Only expected to send his people to church

where the "Gospel is preached" - Jephson was a superintendent

Poor opinion of vestry - inferior class - much lobby -

Police fairly efficient but avoid rough streets - Streets swarm with drunken people

especially at holiday time - Hopeless to control them at Christmas

Pollution the most striking feature. Stamford St. the greatest centre in London

(See page 20 & 21 on this!) No criminal streets but a good deal of crime

including murders of the Bond class - 8 gangs of Hooligans - stabbing & pregnant

but not all due to Hooligans. Neuralgic fairly good

* Mr B is an excellent specimen of the Rich University man - anything which for fame, reams down well but with not intellectual or spiritual power - Effective with men & boys.

(St John the Evangelist) 212

Bible Christian Ch. Rommyfell Here 5 years - Church worked in connection with one at Walworth
(31) 7 C11. 27 Clapham - Colleague Mr Christmas.
Working 2 kinds - local (mission) & congregational -
Being one of one, 11 in London drawn from long distance.
People who were Bible Christian before coming to London
Has also drawn from neighbourhood by mission work - Equal numbers.
Get respectable tradesmen & young fellows from business houses &
some porters & carmen - quite mixed. & mixing better than expected.
Services at the "Vic" P.S.A. & Evening Service. began in evening with
600 ended 2400 - lantern services - 300 of his own people - the rest
"non church goers" but they knew & sang the hopeful hymns (Sankey)
Come in more freely when church awakened & sing more heartily.
Afternoon meeting average 400 - result: 20 to League
(? whether these services are being continued)
Used to give free meals but not needed the last 2 winters
Work with COS & Southwark Relief Fund.
Co-operation Free Churches very cordial. Mr R. Clement Scoresby for Central S. London
includes 17 churches
Paid agent of Free Ch Council - at work 5 years in crusade against immorality
* Council has 3 committees. Purity - Temperance - Evangelistic -
Case of the Charity Commissioners & enlargement of a licensed house
no co-operation with Ch clergy - Bainbridge Hall not the man for it
Nanaclayh & Carstairs are friendly & have spoken - Victoria Hall
Mr de C's prospect in open air meetings Denison Sq.
Restriction of outdoor clergy mistaken -
Police: some are 'godly men' - but some don't.
Drink bad 4 to 1 licensed houses within 400 yards - supposes the 40
Prostitution all over the place -
Murder at low ebb -
Consumption the scourge - young people dying off
Attitude to religion downright indifference - care nothing about it
Have been alienated by those who represent it. Jesus Christ popular
but representation has been a caricature - Condition has improved
because Christian workers are willing to live with & has practical sympathy
for the people - Victoria Hall Services have had an influence - understood that Christ
was not selfish -
Church in low water 7 or 8 years ago - made head way on missionary lines.

(St John Evangelist)

LCM Wheeler Here considerably over ten years - we saw him over the last map.
Cage Place Messrs H & A
30 7 C11.175. Formal, under Jepson - Change made when new vicar came
District between Thames & Stamford St: towards the wharves to Blackfriars
& Police at Kennington Rd station - Gives most time to the wharves
Living in a hard large number of dust people - & Covent Garden porters
some from Drury Lane clearances - undesirable characters
But there's no poverty if so poor - Some deterioration. Social
(*) club in Cornwall Rd near Dorset St has had bad effect though
started to help the people - Members dust men paying 2d per week
Stamford St Some respectable houses & porters
(*) Open air services in courts reach people who never go - at
street corners you catch church goers.
For relief send to Christ Church
St John by high wall on Bainbridge Rd.
Christian element in Police declining - Young fellows yield
to pleasure - Noble classes fallen off
Drink women as bad as men -
|| Prostitution rife - Jepson tried to purify, but failed
On the whole takes a gloomy view - age of utter indifference
|| & carelessness as regards religion - People respect me but do not
accept my message - only welcome in time of sickness

Wesleyan Ch Cooke (Seems to be in 34 - St Mary Lambeth)
Stamford St C111.103 It is a branch mission -

All Saints Lambeth Lower Marsh — Lee — Has been here 32 years. Long London experience but little to tell of his own work. Interest of interview general opinion

(31) 7. — Chap 6 — C1.43 — An old warrior. Left alone in the fight. Has no resources. Talks vigorously. Perhaps said more than he meant. Losing the politest when saying the most uncompromising things. Wanted to know our point of view. "Not Church nor Christian but scientific". But he showed answer as a clergyman & a christian.

Pop. about 4000. Was 5000 when he came. Artisans, labourers & ambiguous people. Shop keepers live away. Tendency to get poorer. Quite railway & disorderly houses but because of high rent not bad morals. Rates as well as rents towards. "Liberal rascals spending other people's money."

Baths & washhouse cost rate payers £27 per week.

Extension of Waterloo terminus wiping the parish out. Church will be pulled down & parish joined to St John. Does not know where he or the people will go. Feel so hardly as he has refused preferment for love of his parish.

No Church wardens because of liability for an old debt incurred in pulling down spire. LCC areas come down on them.

No ladies from outside. Parish not fit for lady visitors.

Relief kept in his own hands. Letters come begging. Supplies funds mostly himself & a few friends. Not a mendicant.

Uses strong language about COS. Artisans LCM also both deserve prosecution. Board Sch also anathema to him. Paganizing the children. Old fashioned Tory & Tractarian. Despises the B.P. Wished as soon worship a Tom Cat as the D.W.M. Representation Gnt a weakness. Impatience of democracy mingled with scorn of many of the Clergy. Especial Randall Roffen or Winton. Contemptuous man working his country's ruin bowing to the yoke of democratic opinion with weakest & worst community of fools to which Church & its leaders bow down.

(*) Church in South London reflects confusion & things are as bad as may be. First all handed over to low church. Then Broad Church. Now divided. Neither teaching nor leadership. Believes in his own position absolutely though isolated.

All Saints Lee
Chap to
(31) 7. C1.43
Continued

Coming to his immediate charge – "state of morality scathing & putrid" – many good folk around but young not coming on. No Schools root of mischief
Education – marriage – religion – all bad or negative
Young man & mechanic of this generation without religious feeling – moral tone & individual life a downgrade
Still not despondent "If you live long enough things will come round". Sees the reaction as to free trade &c –
Sticks to his parish – shrinks from publicity, "use me dont publish me" –

Congregational Ch. Redshaw
York No Lambeth
(31) 8 C11.57

Here 3 years. succeeding a fiery Welshman. as unlike as possible
Many foreigners in district – theatrical or waiters
Otherwise labouring people – drawn from far & near.
The winter dinner hour concerts are remarkable – free
Schoolroom thrown open 1 to 2 – men may bring their meal & cut & smoke – address, talk on social subjects by well known people – or singing come – fifteen minutes allowed
Get about 300 men a day from surrounding streets – men living away – the only way in which the Church influences them
Not much acute poverty – very little relief – people crowded hide their poverty – help each other in sickness &c
Free Ch Council a binding force – friendly with Evangelicals
|| Church work must be on missionary lines necessarily
outside support which only will be given to missions
|| Difficulty of raising funds constant trouble
Police do best they can – Omit alarming – vice & crime largely attributable to it. much among women
Increasing facilities – Prostitution York No as bad as Stangate
(*) Closing of houses has driven them to Brixton.
|| Lambeth not noted for crime – Prosperity not bright in itself but serves to strengthen Suburban churches
|| Young people go away – so do any they reclaim
|| People take little interest – Mr Redshaw is a pronounced liberal, takes keen interest in L.C.C. – tries to arouse it by sacerdotal addresses in Oxford hall for all sorts of people
Self interest dominant in voting.

(S. Georges Parish)

S.A Newington Corps Pennock CXI 143 does not look 25 though he has been an officer 6 years
(308) I was in the army 7 years before that. Here 11 months
I now working single handed. Lieut broke down 2 months ago & has gone home. Expects no help till next commissioning in May
This corps was opened 16 months. + has grown quickly. District includes
Streets to the Sea Brought thro' S.
Poor courts are visited for the open air meetings. - well received
People more thoughtless & unaccused than usual "they dash"
Had 230 professed conversion. but some fall away, heavy S. many temptations. Some are permanently lifted -
Help those they can. Men sent to Blackfriars Shelter
Women (street walkers) to Mr Booths head quarters Mare S.
The sisters keep the women for a night
Drill is single angle
These people come from all rns. - Come from curiosity
Get converted & then like to stay

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Parish Notes

District 32

S. Olave. Bristow Canon Rhodes Bristow is Rector of S. Olaves & a well known
Ch of E Roman Churchman - sometime member of School Board & by
(32) 1. CVII. 157 then rector of large SE Parish (Deptford?) transferred to
S. Olave recently because he is Canon Missioner of S. Saviours
which he regards as his real work. It takes him over all
South London - preaching holding special services &
S. Olave parish of great historical interest but no present importance
During Plague 1600 deaths a week - total pop now 2000 & diminishing
"Implants Ground" the last of the Courts to give way to business premises.
It is like those of City with same colour of the River & S. London
Even of those who remain few want a Ch of E rector - Some 350
live in the Commercial Dock Hs. Trolley S. - Intend, migratory & unassimilable
600 at Guys have their own Chaplain - 8/900 are RC & of the 200
remaining most are caretakers who get away on Sunday - Living a sinecure
& Canon Bristow looks it on understanding that a change wd be made
Proposal is to transfer S. Saviours parish to S. Olave leaving
S. S. a cathedral only. With this in view they have the machinery
for an active parish prepared but not yet in use.
There is practically no congregation & things are left dormant
purposely. The scheme is Canon Bristow's - but it is
doubtful if including S. Saviours there will be many to use a
parish church - however the people can be visited & looked after
which now they are not from S. Saviours - All this spoken confidentially
Short of this S. Olaves must come down -
The poor are well looked after - Trust Charities S. Olave & S. John
are very valuable. Balance sheet shows £810 to pensioners

Father Buckley
Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows RC Came to this parish first 18 years ago. Been here since with
(32) 1. CVI. 59 interval of 4 years at Darlington - Smallest RC parish in area
bounded by Mile-Bourgh High S. Tabard S. & Bermondsey S.
Contains about 3000 RC - Many fewer than in past when large
areas now whole were covered by courts full of Irish - Those
who remain are almost all Irish or Cockney Irish so far as known
to the priests - "Foreigners who come" no good to us "supposed to be looked
after by their own priests from Walton Gardens, but we know what
that means"

Parishes of Olave,

Buckley
RC
(32) CVI. 59
Cont

The inhabitants of the courts in Snow fields where Gumneen Mass are, were "drawn back" to the streets off Tabard St. – Some now getting back to the Mass. Almost all water side labourers – women mostly work – for pulling up. must live near their work. As to help from outside "we could not be more neglected if we were in So America" – not respectable. "our people are a very independent lot"

As to religious duties he quoted the Bishop of Liverpool's saying "1/3 wont, 1/3 cant & 1/3 will, come to mass". The "cant" are prevented by Sunday labour connected with traffic – Those who "cant" are all converted RCs at heart & so far as sending for the priest "they are the worst of all" "Just as you are warm between the blankets some fellow "who has got a belly ache & thinks he's dying gets you out "of bed to go & see him" – Such a call the first intimation that the man is RC – & most lapse again but some are brought permanently back to the fold – in a recent case the man was really bad & could be "inspired with the dread of God".

Slate Club successful started because his people it seems borrowed at 1/2° in shilling per day.

Between visiting the sick & the parents lays preparation reading & the priests are to be found on S. Sunday after Sunday. Relief unsystematic unorganized – "I am afraid we really all we give pass to the worthless & careless – we give a good deal at the door – what are you to do?" wanted not loved.

C.O.S. with relief role.

As to Local Gov.t of S. George nothing that is not bad to say – Vestrymen & St Olave both good. look after sanitation. Father B is guardian of St Olave & certainly great power. This people get considerable share – working man board & they can check outsiders – Drink the vice of this people but improved – no mistakes of serious crime. Bk Holiday police report "all right one a bit of a noise".

General optimistic view – enormous moral & material improvement in 18 years due to education mainly – Curses the Bd Sch but no denying new sense of discipline & decency in manners introduced by them – 20 years ago 1/– on boys bare feet "now practically unknown – Boots not up to mine but they are pot boots – but yes increase of rent receipts. well off. Clean from & clothes. In Mission in Bermondsey new R.C. dispensary. Cheap. Dissension in church & ignorance of their condition – Harry West Poor Island St. bad bad damned bad – sight to turn down the 2d St George vestry think of nothing but keeping down the rate.

General charm height in Father Mathew influence – but he is very tender to the failings & foibles of this flock – he is an Irishman himself.

Parish of S. Olaves

Cowley
Mission Hall Mellor St
(32) 1 CVI.109

Hon. Sec. connected with mission 15 years - during the earlier part of time under City of L. Y.M.C.A. when they withdrew he assumed responsibility -

The Great fire 8 years ago caused many changes. Was a bleak Cleared away mass of old poor courts S. of Snowfields to Leather market - now replaced by business Bldgs - occupants much better - though much poverty exists amongst them.

Pop. largely of old & quite young people - the young leave the old till they married & left - & then the old want to work back.

Mission draws many from So of Railway - men are factory hands carmen & fairly regular work - 25/ or less. Peak Frans & Pinks employ numbers. Do not get hold of the lan yard men though there ch come "an awful drinking" Don't claim the young people as they grow up - but those from good homes attach themselves to the church. Some to make Pond (Oakleigh Rd) others to Wesleyans at Town Hall - most of them workers however have grown up with the mission

Those from bad homes drop off - instance of elder girl who still brings her sister though not attending herself. Excuses made of minding baby - cooking dinner &c.

3 new movements - week night open air services. Coffee taverns - weekly prayer meeting - initiative 1st & 3rd from Wednesday Bible class - "be that God for this fullness of life in the members" (from report)

Drink is the thing here - P.H rebuilt gorgeous place - favorite resort

Police help regulate the Sat. Saturday applicants not much thrift but £100 deposited in Penny bank - some children deposit & keep it from their parents. One lad wanted to have 20/. on credit in book was kept at mission -

Normandy prosperous at present - plenty of work for honest & steady men - but wages are low - of trade Checked the people come to us in great straits immediately - no reserve.

This part of Normandy replenished from Christian part of town - room for 2 do missions. People needed who can devote day as well as evenings - financial support demands linking with Church.

Parish of S. Olave

Hoyland — Superintendent – Mission started in very small way in old adapted building. Sympathetic lady built & Equipped present bldg – so they are structurally well off. Extra noc rooms & no rent – but scenes badly, disorder & little that was bright or warm – a pity as work is chiefly for children. General effect bareness & dis comfort – Gymnasium adjoins. Not a flourishing affair – but it was an off night. Mr Hoyland & the other workers are connected with the Tabernacle. Shat of both money & workers – The work is among the very excellently interesting commonplace material of Gospel & not any enlightened philanthropy – confines to the poor to avoid clashing with other missions – especially Meller St. which try to secure the prominent & have the more aggressive task "for as comparative plain sailing" – Try to pass the poor on to some local chapel – or Mr Hopkins Wesleyan mission for relief – but mission asks no subscription or contribution. Women dinners free – 4d is Boys Club (only 12 members).

Arthur's Mission Sheffield (32) 1. CXI. 93.

The children are poor but improved since Swinnerton Blocks built. different class of children neighborhood raised.

S. John Horsley Down — Hewlett — Ch of E — Here 5 years – 2½ as vicar – This was an old Evangelical Church simply for years – 5 years ago the Hon Reg Addeley was appointed & M.W.H. came with him from Ch Ch Mission. They started a ritual – there was no one to drive away & Church has since been centre of High teaching & practice but after 2½ years Addeley tired of the work as he the more famous brother are apt to do & resigned & Hewlett looked after S. John & daughter parish to S. Olave & vile injustice could be done by projected incorporation of S. Olave with S. Saviour which is rich while his parish is miserably poor.

(32) 1. CVII. 95.

Contains 9800 inhab – large number in buildings – some S. very bad – Nankam S. unfit for human habitation – Goal S. & part of Shad Thames also exceedingly bad – large prop. Irish Cockney & "idle drunken & immoral" – Elsewhere mostly respectable. wage earners policemen, postmen, clerks &c. People friendly – but any touch a fringe

(*) Typical H.C. parson – probably wearied himself out with hard work and anxieties in – catching an influenza has 1 then –

Parish of S. John

Living Called unexpectedly at Adelphi Terrace. Two hardly knew who he was. He lives in Nightingale Lane far from his people for which Herbert Stead attacks him. "he has to consider his family". The doubt his consideration extends to himself

Congregational - Union Chapel (32) 1
Horley Down (32) 1
CVI.47

At Union Chapel 8 years. at present in transition state £11000 compensation received for old chapel from S & A. Free hold site secured in neighborhood. New premises will shortly be built. Took credit to himself for not moving his chapel to Nightingale Lane (? where is this)

Clapham

Though some of the best of his people come from further afield the work is confined mainly to Horley Down i.e. S. Olave & S. John - pop 12000. Wage earners amongst whom except in severe winter little actual poverty or distress. Not too unemployed & they want work. Amongst these his is the only non con organization. Membership remains as it was 8 years ago but claims to have transferred 200 to other chapels. Principal work to build up the young. £100 a year in relief. tickets & pensions. claims co-operation with C.O.S. & understands the charities.

Thought the efforts of Meyer & Simpson missions as much evil as good. fostering hypocrisy. Has our people made to assume responsibility directly they became members. Spoke of their generosity & self denial. On friendly terms with the churches. S. Olave however was "quite dead"

As to drink some slight improvement. but though 5 or 6 licenses had been extinguished the remaining premises have been enlarged to make up. Prostitution did exist in some of the buildings but has been cleared out.

Health & mortality good. high infant mortality kills the weak. This work does not seem to be important

Parish of S. John

Thwaites

Anchor mission in Coxon Pl. Farr St.

(32) 1 CVI. 223

One of the Deacons of Union Chapel of which this mission is an off shoot - Keeps a small ham & beef shop in Tanner St - Interview mainly of interest as throwing moonlight on work of Union Chapel

Till 3 years ago was member of Ch of E - then joined Union Chapel & 2½ years ago suggested mission work

Chief obstacle the pastor who though sanctioning the work has done nothing to help it & is indeed "quite unfit for the neighbourhood" which can only be touched on mission lines & not by ordinary chapel methods - a dull preacher - does not visit - too much of a gentleman

Chief work of mission band of 40 is tract distribution in 1500 homes - often met in - & frequently give clothes & sometimes money -

Tuesday service for quite children - 100 - all get tools & clothing - & they winter a tea - 400 come to it -

Few adults attend the services & the work does not feed the chapel - but this due to weakness of pastor & as instance of what might be done mention Richardson of Rotherhythe

S. John's a "bad" church ie High - large confessional - woman took child away because clergy told the girl not to see her mother of any thing the aid wrong but come to him to confess

Most members of Union Chapel are from neighbourhood many comp - very scanty - sometimes better perhaps 200/300 especially a communion nights

Activity of Union Chapel such as it is due to the mission band it seems - Pastor idle

St Paul. Bowden Chap E
(32) 2 CVII. 131.

Been in parish less than a year - predecessor 35 years
had shut off steam for last 10 or 12 years - Church therefore
in depressed condition - not much to say about parish
but spoke of Guys Hospital of which he was 10 years chaplain
Considerable intellectual vigour - strong critical bent
lacking geniality, therefore sympathy - not perhaps likely
to be successful in dealing with a poor parish - but certain
not to indulge in local philanthropy - will stiffen not
weaken backs - not fully in saddle yet - urge slide away.
Pop. has increased - due to Swinnen Blocks & Good to Bow
Of structure & occupants of this block Mr B. has the
worst opinion - quoted local doctors opinion "Sinking abominable"
This exaggerated but Mr B. feels reason to be dissatisfied with
management admitting persons displaced by S & R. who thus
evade their responsibility - Structurally unsatisfactory
because so much common use of things necessary reducing
self-containing tenancy to a minimum - barrack arrangements
incompatible with requirements respectable English working class
thus the Blks make for a low standard.
Of the missions had an equally low opinion as
inducing an unhealthy competition - mentioned Bombay. The
included the ICM
not much relief - work with COS - much out relief
Police inefficient or insufficient - Drink the master
little prostitution - many living together unmarried - Crime - assaults common
Encouraging signs of thrift - wonderfully little sickness
Housing & social condition generally shameful
Pop consisting 20 to 30% skilled - rest casual
Proportion touched by Church very small -

Guys Hospital page 137.

As to this & as to Hospitals generally had a good
deal to say - Local reputation of Guys fair & indoor patients
to be secured - but interesting cases are taken from any distance
& local people neglected - or but in out patient list losing the
advantage of appliances one gives in -

St Paul Bowden Guys Hospital cont (page 137.)
Chap 6 Treatment of patients depends on the particular doctor
(32) 2 CVII.131 Truth of Carlen treatment great – & the Surgeon who has
cont. most to his underlings the most popular.
On finance Mr B's structures among almost to charge
of mala fides – Public begged from on false pretences
being led to believe the gifts go to aid the sick poor
whereas much goes towards endowment of research
The public wrongly & foolishly hoard wanted.
Not only are large sums spent (quite rightly) on
research – but money is wasted on salaries to staff
when men would willingly pay for their places. the
~~Professional~~ advantages being so great
But the Profession are touchy & these views have
got him into trouble

Charterhouse Mission
Tabard St. Vyvyan
(32) 1. CVII. 73 Here 12 years first as assistant & for 2 years Missioner.
Dressed in cassock & biretta. the Clergy House an unattractive
building in still more unattractive Tabard St –
Report unusually full – little to add to it.
District – or parish – remains morally & materially as 10 years ago.
Some slight improvement due to rebuilding & extension of tenements.
Drunkenness largely increased – Pickfords taken a slice of Tabard St
& old houses replaced by shops – resulting in increased comfort
but people no poorer – though extricated, poor – many casual,
costers – brush & mat – fish curers – wood choppers – with swarms
of thieves & prostitutes – Large C.L. House element in 2 houses
one 300 – the other small – dossers of lowest class but deputy says
better than they were in a house in Shoreditch where he was.
Furnished rooms in Tabard St. let by the week not the night – occupants
living together promiscuously – constant brawls & horrors.
Usual almost complete failure in getting men to Church though friendly
& for anything savoring of religion they "backward in coming forward"
If anything worth 5 worse can be got to offer to one man
Accepted creed that Church men are "Mumpers" ie hypocritical scoundrels
Chaff & persecution the great obstacle – so far from getting they have to avoid

Parish of S Paul

Charter house mission adherents practically all parishioners of poorest class

Vyvyan Shopkeepers stand along - mefn S Georges

(32) 2 CVII 73 But those who come change so much in dress that

Cont. they scarcely look poor - even necessary to speak of the vanity of too much finery

Very little work of any kind & no directly religious work has been attempted in the Lodging Houses but lately Mr Potter & Mr Crown have taken to going in them to talk to the inmates - Mr P. said to have great influence with men & boys - Mr Crown (who came in) seemed an ideal person for such work - smiling face & easy manner -

Sunday School mixture of class & companionship.

Report contains full account of Social work - for both boys & girls. Church Boys & Bible class are required

For some years there were no religious tests - but the clubs work better with them

Temperance Soc dissolved as attracting none but the sober

Trying now individual plan. Teetotaler to each dwelling

Visiting imperfect - not enough workers.

Works cordially with C.O.S. - but helps many cases which a society must refuse - Relief by money not tickets & by sisters or nurse not clergy - greatest care to avoid distinction of creed - real care shown Secularists

Relations with R.C.s as usual not cordial

Afford many Romans looked after when sick - others left alone & practically lapsed - if they apply they are referred to the priest (after relief) -

"Parish" is in 3 vestries - S Georges Newington & Bermondsey - all efficient & quick to relief & complaints such as sanitation as exists the fault of the proper authorities then the authorities

Mr Thomas chief inspector. Bermondsey especially very not efficient

Police very willing & helpful - doubts the stories of collusion with publicans

Drink no improvement - increase among women in one house over by two there is trouble through drink & in some streets practically in every house.

Cases of people living together unmarried - special story of one of these

Not much prostitution - but much crime - both violence & theft - the latter particularly among lads & boys - Clergy constantly in police courts - Health fair from sheer poverty much illness due to drink & poverty - Houses worst but the comparatively few Sylvester Mews

A vyvyan & sensibly working man - steady fellow - Vyvyan, Potter & Crown a strong trio.

Parish of St Paul

Hopkins — South London Wesleyan Min (32) 2 — CVI. 91.

Superintendent – Mr Meakin one of his colleagues is probably of more opinion & importance. Overs saw Mr Meakin & the interview was intended to cover the whole work & at first Mr Hopkins was inclined to consider more talk as only waste of time – but eventually he opened out & showed Baxter over the old Southwark Chapel & its buildings –

The evening School (350) are spoken of as Street Arabs & of them some 30 have been brought into membership – amongst them there is a Street arab footballing savage club which has taken as much as £60 in a year – It is claimed that the lowest class of street boy are not hoodlums & in many cases made something of – they are passed on to the more respectable Sunday school if not of ch progress –

A good deal of stir has been made here & perhaps still more at Mr Meakins Centre Lockhart's –

Of those brought in many are no doubt genuine but there is a good deal of froth & imposture – & a good deal of giving – mostly free breakfasts to children who were fed last winter to the number of 25000 – "in order to spread it" an enriched fresh batch of cheaper each month

Tone of Mr H as of all other Wesleyan missionaries was extraordinary sanguine – full of pride in past results & still more of faith in the future when the large hall is opened – To appeal to the poor you must do things on a large scale – They & other aggressive missions (Eg Hanagan) had quite cut out the Salvo army – Methods of the Army had no stay in them – not being based on any teaching – you can't go on long with the experience meetings which is all that the Army supplies "here we give the people definite teaching"

Drink cannot be exaggerated – Bank holiday a terrible sight mass of people waiting to get into the public houses

Parish of St Paul

Davies — one of the oldest & largest L C M places. the old Chapel
Long Lane Mission L C M (Conly Rd.) — formerly Wesley an holding 500/600. Mr D here one 6 months
(32) 2 CVI.101 — Comy from New Cut. However it may be at other branches
there one is simply a humble church. "we are supposed
to send our people to churches but its best to be candid; it
is impossible to carry on on those lines. to send away
our best workers would be suicidal". There is thus a
Church of about 50 members. the workers, most of whom come
from outside. with a regular Sunday Comg of about 250.
People poorer than in New Cut but for most part sunk
in apathetic content. as a sign noticed that scarcely
any one had any connection in the army whereas in New Cut
few families without a relative. attributes this to the
miserable physique.
no more drunken than elsewhere.

Harroway L C M. — name not as might be recognised an assumed one. works
Westn St Mission Hall — from this Hall on ordinary lines in small adjacent area
(32) 2 CVI.179 — Mission meets local support. Mr Togden & flourishing Sunday
in Long Lane is Supt. local firms distribute charity through
Mr H. £60 to £70 passes through his hands
work said to be expanding. amongst poorer classes now.
Mr H heartily tries to pass people onto the other churches
after conversion. claims to have done this in 50 cases.
|| Drink his greatest obstacle. no fear of overcapping
|| missions not so thick on the ground as public houses.
Utterly condemned the C.O.S. system. especially inquiries
among local tradesmen. prejudicing applicants in their dealings
Mentioned prevalence of system of loaning. every street has its
lender. often a woman. no legal protection to the lenders
but terrorism is used. every lender has a set of bullies.
Three recent reports handed in. paragraphs are
reprinted word for word in 1897/8 from 1896

S Mary Magdalene
Lewis
Chap &c
CVII. 47

Here 3 years. began as missionary in India. then near in Isle of Wight before coming Bermondsey. Theent rather passing interview a long monologue. preparatory to written report. Self important nat person. touched on many topics but his remarks were of small value. But though inexperienced & probably unwise & certainly self satisfied he is not inactive. Both in books & in the Shot has been jealously studying social condition of his parishioners & has reached pessimistic conclusions which have driven him into an activity which has brought him into collision with & provoked wrath of vestry. Sanitary officers large employers. C.O.S & the other religious sects. owing to his methods of work & sensational statements in the Press &

He indulges in suppressio veri by saying there is no non con chapel in his parish (ignoring the missions)

Main stream devoted to show awful poverty & overcrowding & difficulty of combatting vested interests. Corruption apathy & ignorance of officials, landlords & employers (especially Rly Cos) who strive to evade legal obligation to rehouse. By appealing to Home Sec forced the S&A to adopt an expensive scheme & so they who the non cons dont like him.

|| Vestry composed of small tradesmen publicans & ignorant religious

|| Bermondsey should be seen at night. workers away in the day. As to church work. last thing the people think of is going to church. but the Church touches them in other ways women more than men. they have mothers meetings on an unusually large scale over 1000 on the books this the result of 30 years organization. So the women are reached. & they all come to be churched.

At war with C.O.S. finding doles most useful. a shilling cooking ticket for a week or two will tide them over.

Drink bad but houses well conducted. must be fought by counter attraction.

See the written report kept by R & the printed "Despatches from the Church Militant". all showing great & uncompromising energy.

"Our wrestling is not against flesh & blood but against the principalities & powers against the rulers of the darkness against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Parish S. Mary Magdalene
Brown
Scalding S. Mission Hall
overhead. Bermondsey
(32) 3. CVI. 107

Wrote enclosing report - & offered further information if required. Report is the "first complete balance sheet" but 17 Jan 1898 was the 16 Anniversary of the opening.

Russell [Cowley]
The Grange Mission
(32) 3 CVI. 123

President of the mission* - has lived 15 years in Bermondsey only president a little over a year - Established 1864 occupies College & Hall in back garden - raising fund to build a new hall - work concentrated in district East of Bermondsey Sq. - Their people "respectable poor": mechanics & connected with Leather trade - many earn good money. Influence greatest with those brought up by them - their converts have been scholars in the schools.
Well received but yet few outsiders even on watching night. Services well attended - place full on Sundays, very Ritualistic - "cautious - look after the Lord's poor"
No church membership - try to induce converts join some church. Gravestone towards Drummond Rd Baptist Ch with which most of the workers are associated.
Police lax - especially as to bad language in the streets. Incivil assaults frequent - Police say magistrates won't support. Police as bad as the public in this respect. District rowdy & noisy at night. Drink awful & increasing - little aggressive temperance work - partly due to apathy.
Mr Russell is also secretary of the Evangelization Assoc of the Metropolitan Tabernacle - numbering 50 lay preachers & supporting several missions & Italy.

Mission Deacons S. Tony
(32) 3. CII 239

Interviewed in District 31

Parish. S. Mary Magdalene

Lelliott

LCM. Nr. Schools Abbey S.

(32) 3. CVI. 155

Has been 24 years on this district - but about to leave to become missioning to Railway men - District between Normanby Sq & the Grange - Has become poorer but improved in some ways - Decline of leathertrade has removed the best men & left irregular work - Some Italians have come & settled by demolition of courts - Rents remain

Houses better & cleaner people also - used to see vermin but does not now. People much cleaner -

Long walk almost cleared - many small Swiss Aldg

Fairly well received in homes & factories - few attend any place of worship - especially the men - rare to find whole family attending - most ch go to S.Sch. but proportion decreasing

Ch. always gather round open air meetings on S. afts. - 30 or more even in small streets

Watch night service well attended at the Mother Church.

Other places are their regular -

Fair amount of Parish relief given - Many widows live here because of work such Hay & accoutrement making.

Drink on increase - & excursions by breaks on Sundays - poor PH

Many unmarried couples - little or no prostitution - some professional

Results of work - close & friendly contact with the people.

General attitude indifference - more so than they were - result not so much opposition - Think "it will all end the same" - it does not matter a bit whether they live a Christian or worldly life.

Thoughtful strong personality - stronger than ordinary S C M

thorough & enthusiastic - writes microscope in spare time

Barclay

Oxford Medical Mission

(32) 3. CXI. 103

(Mem Barclay & Perkins) - Hon Treasurer. Seen at Brewery

Started by two men just leaving Mucomity intending take orders & interested in useful social work & education - or evangelical lines -

Works with Mr Lewis Rector of Bermondsey, Hon

Has the work may

Men who come there occupy the mission house - & it may become a regular settlement -

Those who use the mission are "of the very lowest" - they come with tickets from Clergy or visitors

(Barclays on mission as in Park S. Hitchcock C11. 69)

* One of the doctors always speaks to the patients about Christ's Kingdom when they are in the waiting room

This mission has nothing to do with Barclay's firm.

S. Stephen. Dodge
Chof.
(32) 3 CVII. 13

Here 15 years as vicar & known parish 30 years. Almost unaltered since he came – no richer & no poorer but poorer it cored not be. Almost all casual workers mostly harvest cotters – basket cotters. Neither drinky nor bad but except for prostitutes in Ethan S. not vicious. Merely thoughtless, easy going, irresponsible. Work of church tending slow & discouraging. Frightens away voluntary workers who have tried it. They expect results. There are results often in most unexpected ways & places. But they are few & to expect them is a mistake. Here you must sow the seed & not expect to see the harvest. Case of Lady Rose mentioned. Completely unnerved by what she met. The people are too low a level for decent lady visitor. Mr D now depends on his hard staff.

Elaborate & very curious & interesting list of a week's services & attendances. Vary from week to week. Little from year to year. If anything upward tendency. Services low but with excellent music. Many men would come if they dare face the chaff. Young men captured for a time but drift away from this cause. To go to church is to be a marked man. Further reason greatest mistake to bring the Church to the people in sense of placing it in a slum. It should be placed in a good thoroughfare where people can attend unnoticed. There is an appreciable number of his inhabitants who go occasionally to outside churches & chapels who would not dare go to their parish church.

As to social agencies most things have been tried & failed. Many of the children old, attend S. Sch for sake of the treat. To be strict would keep out many who he should be sorry to deprive of a day's pleasure. Visiting by hard staff through people not same office. Friendly reception.

Church Army nurse conducts a service among Ethan S. prostitutes. Relief £200 a year. Entirely without principles.

Drink as bad as does. Prodigals perhaps less. Drama: sad, often funny. Health amazingly good. People lion mauled in open air. Women on doorsteps. Children in the streets. Sally the much overcrowded at night. Begins what authorities begun. Mr D a kindly man & became good but Ch influences have not stay. Sudden patience needed. "G" love" added Mr D.

Parish of S Stephen

Breton. Secretary - has been in Post Office - retired with a pension - (but age only 40/50). The Mission work has been overshadowed by that of the Poor Children's Society - making a Children's Centre meals a great feature - Children poorly dressed - a few of better off have Sunday clothes - The "breakfast service" for men in bad weather only. Tickets distributed at C.L. House.

Christian Community (32) 3. CXI. 29.

There is a brass band for S. Services & the Boys' brigade has 2 drum & fife bands. They march out with bands to Baths for games - occasionally to Epping forest

Lads rough & ragged - some have to be rigged out for the march.

Mrs D gets sed goods stores - telegraph boys clothes

Some relief by ticket or cash for rent - but most in forming Children's breakfasts & dinners - attendance 100 & 300/400

Tickets distributed in Board Schools - Westcott Street Hanbury St: Townsend St. Cobb St. Laxon St & Brownfield.

Dinners from October to Easter - Baxter in casual work

In most cases Drink had brought the people to present condition but not right let Children suffer. Tickets given in small batches - selection left to teachers --

Money successfully appealed for - sensationally 'dropping of hungry little ones'

Description of a children's dinner & those who partook - pap 43 -

Alldis } Sub visited 8 p.m. Wednesday - several agencies in full swing
Phillips } Gen Sec.
Lansdowne Place Ragged Sch
Mission (32) 4 CXI. 113.

a few by lads erecting gymnastic apparatus - North men know district well having worked here some years - recognise some improvement in 10 years - Chiefly among the young - Young fellows go away when they marry but some are drawn back by old ties

Free breakfasts managed by Hulbert (Cm). Tickets distributed at the D. schools

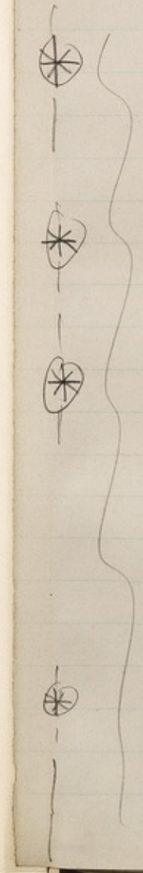
Dinners are mostly ½d but some come in free - relief to Ch all food & some cloth

Not much need - winter having been mild - & war has taken away so many that any man can get a job - demand for boys greater than supply - good situation for a boy

The Boys' in club 100 - eight short healthy looking lads - decently dressed

Parish of S Stephen

Allais | Work is growing – by leaps & bounds said Mr P. – very slowly it
Lansdowne Pl. ragged Sch Mission | seems by comparing reports. It is specially for the young
(32) 4 CXI.113. | & from them ranks results are expected "with the adults
Cont. | it is like driving a nail into rotten wood"
The young people go to the theatre & music hall for their amusement because nowhere else to go. – "Our lads go to the Surrey. At Holiday time 1/2 of seats with pockets stuffed with nuts. Hears them talking about it. "They will sheats freely out when you are music enough to tale them about the wickedness of theatres & music halls."

Hulls | Mr Hulls takes the service & shares the work at Lansdowne
LCM. CXI.131 | Place ragged Schools – Has charge of a small area here.
(32) 4 | & has been here 18 years & is willing to die here – which is a remote contingency, as he enjoys excellent health – good digestion. heavy

with dinner discussed in sleepy fashion bad housing, bugs, poverty, drinking
Religious indifference of his people – not callous but matter of fact –
Queer preacher of the Gospel & winner of souls to Salvation but gives impression of straightforwardness, honesty – if not of beauty or elevation of character. Is member of LCM Choir & sings with them 2 or 3 evenings a week.
As to his people "Well – they're sinners. 600 families of whom 40 are in touch with him & 40 go somewhere & the rest to nowhere – much drinking – much cohabitation (time to track off) great difficulty in difference – not many infidels – Death bed story to illustrate this.
Occupation – basket work – fish curing – sutler merchants – costers & some women work at Pinks – mangle, muddle at home –
Women drink as much as the men & shame the to get the money
Gives a good deal of his influence to Children's dinners – used to give 10/20000 boys, women. – Knows every body – "My groom-in people will say 'Many is the poor drunk Mr Hulls has got a me' – No longer a believer in the wisdom of God. leaves it to other agencies & concentrates on Mission work
The road to the heart not through the stomach –
Most of the poor have one, no room – Some are let furnished to 'sutler merchants'
Sanitary conditions improved owing to increased delicacy & attention – standard of cleanliness – WC & sc, low – no improvement more bugs – Has to bid his society of the Mole when the bugs reached him.
Commented on the extravagant funerals of the poor.

Parish of S. Stephen

(32) 4 Salter 5 years LCM & all the time here - district S of S Stephen Sq.

LCM. CVI. 231. 750 families packed as close as the authorities allow & more so more crowding at night than inspectors know - Waterside & other low class labourers - Coilers, haddock curers, brick makers, finishers & others. Casuals & prostitutes of these about 80 in Stephen S & 18 in Court South of S Stephen Sq. - Also on West side Talbot S (out of this dist.)

These women live in furnished rooms paying 4/6 to 5/ a week many having a man living with & on them -

His work centres from Kent S S Sch but is with adults They dont come to the Services for the usual reasons - among which Sunday labour is mentioned - The few who are converted leave their old surroundings - Chief task visitation goes to 450 families & is welcomed but few with whom spiritual talk is possible - as soon as you mention them souls they get uncomfortable & want you to move on -

Visits most of the institutes - many come from respectable even well to do homes & 'have been piously brought up' need all women be glad to leave the life but they will not stand the restrictions of Homes & Rescue work or hostels, No relief funds - it being against LCM regulations - but they may recommend cases to others - & practically do administer such funds as they obtain - a good deal seems to pass - 'without something to give their task women be hopeless'. You cannot separate Christianity from knowledge & the poor so much more readily to LCM than COS or Clergy

Though not responsible for it gave some particulars of the Kent St S. Sch - much free feeding as to which Mr S was in 2 minds - many who came were in want - more had a full garden at home

Much ill health - anæmia weakness &c due to drink & improper food very few prepare a dinner except on Sunday - send out for fried fish or a lot of broken bacon - & children beyond the meals given have nothing bread & jam &c The people - especially costers greatly in grip of money lenders 1d per week interest - Salvation reaches all the people.

Holy Trinity Curry Rector – was the first missioner of Charterhouse Mers
Chap 6 & has been here 10 years – [Byryan was under Curry
(32) 4. CVII. 147 at Charterhouse as curate & stayed on under the next man
& went a head in churchmanship – till he is now extreme
Curry was & is a moderate churchman – but speaks
highly of Byryan – Trinity mission was also referred to
& its relation (strained) to Cambridge House – the lay
settlement being overshadowed]
In this parish better class are moving out – Rents high
& going up – no common lodging houses now – the last containing
them having passed to Charterhouse mission when Curry
was there a C. Lodging House for 100s – Still a mean parish divided
into grades conspicuous in dealing with children – 3 strata
day schools the juvenile aristocrats – object to mix with
"that rough class" from Rockingham St. – & so too there
the children were a protest against Cole St.
A well & carefully worked parish – Mr C a very sane man
little sympathy with sensationalism & ecclesiastic or social
deprecates the letter to the Times from the So London Clergy
& Sommerville a man new to district as promoting it –
Much public immorality in Merrick Sq – shameless –
asked as to regulation – owned not entertain it because
(*) of destroying last vestige of self respect & all hope of personal
reform among the women.
Careful notes –
* visitors a difficulty, lest bad ladies of doubtful use –
Difficulties in the way of visiting sys of parish – large floating element
|| & shifting – perpetually shifting – lists hopelessly out of date
Nevertheless brought in touch one way or other with very many
cases of sickness are made known – Clergy visit most after noon
works with C.O.S. – funds enough available of money aid.
Does not estimate influence by size of congregation or take so deep
hang a view as some
Local Gov. with whose good – Police civil but not enough of them
|| Drink bad but family worse – Prostitution dangerous more – Pastoral
activity number of P.B. stays M.A. accounts
Hall Ford – Housing conditions bad in back

Parish Holy Trinity

Hanagan — according to his lights an honest & successful man - willing & anxious to serve his - hoping for a parsonage - but averse to giving definite answers to specific questions gave a quantity of printed matter & showed his new building - roomy chapel, large lecture hall & numerous class rooms. all well adapted to their purpose.

S. E London Prim. Meth Mission

(32) 4 CVI. 75

"Magnificent Enterprise". "new Era". "Splendid site" "complete success" &c (Methodist Times)

Kept back "Forsaken Southwark" as issued for private use being largely taken from Life & Labour.

The printed papers given are more than usually vague

Doubtless Mr T will fill this new building. Even if he has failed to fill Trinity Chapel which he has left.

[The new premises are in ——— Parish - building being in Old Kent Road] - whether he will get the very poor class he professes to reach is another question - His people come from the South - having "moved out in consequence"

Not much relief given - alive to its dangers.

S. Andrew. Tinsdale Choyle — Here 15 years - important centre evangelical work - attitude strongly Protestant - black gown worn. Webb Peploe welcome visitor.

(32) 4 CVII. 1. — Congreg representative of parishioners & gathers in some others

Mr T is leaving because of his health & he seems free of bias a man of simplicity & earnest.

Parish decidedly gone down - people moving out. those who come more difficult to get hold of - worst best streets the most difficult - Boys getting more difficult

Working Mens Temperance Committee very aggressive - regards a nuisance

Much evangelical church work of all kinds going on but the chief interest of the people —— Cheap newspapers betting & that best organised & so, where - cover whole parish monthly - see figures results seem small - hold of church maintained & improved people very friendly - Drs beam intemperance & immorality - but if staff remove more activation would follow - morality worse not -

Parish of S Andrew

Nicholson — Head of his Circuit - (on the roll is W Booth 1852 the Gen)

Methodist New Connexion — 5 Chapels on Circuit.

					Members	Congr.	S. Sch.
(32) 5 CVI. 167	Brunswick -	G. Dover S.	Dist	32	160	120 - 165	220/160
	Sion	Neate S.	"	42	50	? 90	200/150
	Victoria	Grove S. Deptford	"	45	20	Thin 50	207/178
	Ebenezer	Ruylake S. Old K Rd	-	41	30	" 50	111/76
	Walworth Rd		-	41	20	" 50	120/80

Differ marked in size - people all same class - respectable working & lower middle class - Sch ch same class belonging mostly to members (generally not all). Home very poor - work Congregational not missionary - most aggressive work outdoors. Social agencies formed to hold the people together - & are successful. No complaint of the young falling away - on the contrary they come on loyally - No clique - a happy family - freedom from friction compensates for indolence - London lazy - late work an explanation - but compared unfavourably with the strenuous North country man - So. London "lays down prone" especially difficult to get at people other than their own. Complaints of loss by removal.

Relief confined to their own & not much - the Church entirely self supporting & they part of Police Court Mission (a lady). Great difficulty the dispersion of their churches & the small sq. - Ireland Mr Rabbits hoping thus to reach the people but proved to be a mistake.

Mr H is chairman of the Social Purity Committee of the Free Church Council & advises us to see Douglas the Secretary & Mrs the Inspectress of the Police -

Salter — Officer in charge - came 4 months since with wife from Gravesend - replacing two run down.

Norwgh Corps. S/A. 6 New Cut N.

(32) 5 CVI 243

Young women who left £17.10/ in debt - One of oldest corps in S. London. Started at Peckham & moved several times - here 3 years. Times that ordinary market does not draw as it used - has lake other means. Sunday morning band went out with top hats & had an enormous crowd - Hall full - Get many strangers - see always fresh faces - Norwgh people compare unfavourably with Gravesend - more upmost in religion - Difficult to know how to deal with them. Usual 15 hours visitation done - Are working up. Soldiers determined to get the people in & don't mind what they do. Last Sunday 13 at penitent form. Finance there greatest difficulty - but have cleared the debt - (Has run 20). a week is made secure by the treasurer in the Norw.)

S. Matthew. Newington Rd. — Cadman. Runs his parish on an average sort of way — Chapel. During his 13 years pop. doubled owing to blocks built

(32) 5. — CVII 167 — Some bad lots. Lion St & Weymouth Blocks the worst of the Oneof the blocks just bright by a lady guardian — improvement hoped for in management — no change in general character of pop. Police from the aristocracy — down to anything — very inquisitory due to those who wish to get into better surroundings & arrears of rent & local bickering — & general desire for change — one, 1 factory started a year ago — workers all go away for the day — most likely a good deal of overcrowding — tenants mostly to blame.

Sunday Congs affected by music &c of St Saviours — most of those who come are known but majority perhaps not from parish the area of which is small lots inhabit. not addicted to Church gen. Special effort to reach Slum children — Systematic visiting attempted but difficult to compass — Co-operate (more or less) with C.O.S. No local Clearing House for Charity — Cooperation with other depts especially with the Tabernacle visitors who are intolerant & rude — No LCC & did not want them.

Police utterly insufficient — Prostitution in Newington road — improved. Causeway still bad & Surrey St a bad name.

District on the whole tending to get a bit better — less savage but now again they were pulled up by some tragic reminder of what goes on.

Congs. — Fuller. Murphy Memorial — Has been pastor here 4 years — though pleasant & with a touch of dry humour, strangely ignorant & simply in his ideas

(33) 5 — CX 85 — which were vague & unpractical — A congregationalist but undenominational & broad — sole object "to do good" & talks affairs on educational & social than religious lines — avoids the Christ & Jesus' style & dwells rather on importance of decency, morality, cleanliness & temperance

Parish Notes (32)

The Lady Margaret. Roberton – (St Johns College Cambridge Mission).
Chaplain

Chap. Has visited mission often during past 12 years but only been
(32) 5 C VII 27. missioner 9 months & warns us not to rely too much on his opinion.
The Mission district is now a parish – very small area.
Pop. believed to be 7000–8000 – very class below School Board
mostly regular wages – worst street Henshaw St. The two
blocks both excellent – does not find blocks subversive of
homelife or detrimental to church work – finds them here
superior to average house – understands there has been great
improvement in district moral & material in 10 years.
due at least partly to demolition.
Work of mission in transition & not satisfactory state
owing to illness & departure of 1st missioner Mr Phillips.
Has been working single handed but hopes soon to have a
full staff again. Occasional help from Old Johnians &
nothing from parishioners – visiting very incomplete at present.
People friendly – One woman refused to welcome him because saved already.
Is an COS & thinks highly of Toynbee the Sec. – but totally
administration is far from COS ideal – Not Mr R. was impressed
on the evil effect of relig. on religion. *
Complained of Wesleyan So London Mission – charge of
bribery & going for the hopeful cases by the dissenters
leaving the indifferent alone. Every hopeful case
becomes a battle ground of the sects.
Cambridge House regarded with suspicion – those who
think religion does more harm than good find there a
more congenial atmosphere.
Police inactive & keep out of the way of mission.
Health – much consumption & anaemia.

The mission seems to have a very slender hold on the
people – doubtful as to Mr R.'s success – not genial
enough – likely to influence the Scotch Presbyterian mission
looks delicate & worn already.

Parish Lady Margaret

Meakin

Wesley an Mission Lochspelt
Rotary No.
(32) 5 CVI. 135

One of the robuster type impatient of old fashioned ways that check aggressive religion - bold in experiments - Started life in service of midland Ry & had good prospects - but early drawn to mission life & late in life & in opposition to friends decided to migrate for ministry. Combines in unusual degree business capacity, simplicity, backbone & fervour. Dangerous element lost in good hearted genuine man.
He & his wife have no children but have adopted the daughter of a bricklayer handicapped by bad health. A successful experiment making him feel there is hope for all the children if they can be rescued decent up bringing - "only hope for the slums is in the children" the proportion of adults who can be drawn to religious services so small
Has been at St London mission 10 years under Hopkins who is mainly a preacher working on the old line.
Mr M regards himself as mainly responsible for the new hall (Star Corner) & for the distinctive social work -
While thinking highly of Mr Hopkins in his sphere was himself "disgusted with Church & Chapel lines"
Lochspelas has so far been centre of his work - nothing doing 10 years ago when he started with some lantern lectures making his own up to date slides -
Now they have a membership of 500 as well as 1000 children & the best attended place of worship in the district representing a new piece of work with new people gathered in.
Social work hardly in suspense hereby considering new hall
Charities considerable - £350 last year - personal basis but much goes in breakfasts &c. Cheap meals & free meals are excellent introduction & to those sunk worse drowsiness are by means for instance will act the drinkers & take the pledge in company with others
Dominant interest now the new hall costing £30.000. due to Mr Meakin & will be chiefly for him - the biggest thing that Methodism has attempted in London modelled on the centre at Manchester "greatest centre for aggressive work in the world"

(Parish Lady Margaret)
Meaton
Wesleyan Lochspeed –
(33) 5 CVI 135
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When the new building is finished the South London Mission will have seating for 8700 worshippers.
Thought Peter Thompson should have tried same plan instead of working through old chapel centre.
Had suspicions of chapel conservatism hitherto shown.
The work of Mr Hopkins at Southwark chapel done on the accepted lines of representing the old society just as Lochspeed does the new.
People in their area came under little other religious influence.
Of the "parish" including Tabard St. area is not desponded many bad & depraved but trend is towards improvement getting more civilized – due to education – with concomitant say religion.
Has not personally touched public administration works more usefully through others.
Praised local sanitary – Mr Thomas Excellent. One in a thousand for devotion & impeccability.
Likes the Police. Is on Social Purity Committee action erratic but effective – aided by S. Vaughan Berry.
Troubled by the legal Extension of existing P. Houses.

S. Mary Magdalen Pett Oakington. Chofle

(32) 6 CVII. 179

An abler man but reminds of Walls-Ditchfield & like him has come from lower social stratum than most clergy shown by not infrequent dropping of H. – Here 5 years. S. (as with so many hereabouts) came to a dead parish. Forty years ago a fashionable church £1000 pew rents &c for 20 years utterly neglected & almost in ruins. Walls falling way windows smashed roof leaking. Schools the same on point of being closed. Mr P raised £5000 for repairs with exception of a doctor or two & a few tradesmen all working class & consequently more than half struggling poor worst bit Buildings in Parish S. Yorkshire S. Mandeville's. Here common food hoppe without chairs or table – just a box or two – filth & vermin abound.

Rephidem S. almost as bad & new houses as bad as the old ones.

Comus (late Swan Pl.) exceedingly bad & degraded.

Next part Waterloo Place Oakington. – even here amount of filth & poverty astonishing.

In special war service church was full & £7 collected in chiefly copper.

Front Waterloo tenements all sent some members to church. Refuse to admit visits common at first now almost unknown.

Never meet a non con minister hardly any other non con workers. They live away & are merely preachers — Complete keeping among themselves scarcely affect the church – once church always church but among dissenters shifting common drink bad & main cause of squalor – less rowdyism – not such gangs of roaring boys & girls – No profession prostitution. Health fairly good – Great poverty 'as full as can be'.

On the walk taken attention called to filthy P.H. animal.

Evidently a successful parson as success goes – probably an earnest & intensely preaching & then combined with bright music, evangelical teaching & systematic visiting has brought the people in – but was modest as to success 'we have nothing to boast of'. The great mass of the people utterly indifferent – but with a much larger staff of lay agents the church might do a great work –

(Parish of St Mary Magdalen)
Ocaklands Docker

Pilgrim Tabernacle Ch. (Congreg)
(32) 6 CVI. 1.

here 7 years. told much of past history of church which was built 40 years ago by Dr Waddington well known as an author not successful as minister & at the end church was almost empty. succeeded by Lloyd Harris subsidised by Palmer of Reading £1000 a year. went in for social work & lost middle class & wealthy ("try as you will you can never get the classes to mix") & gathered a large following of working class. Mr H H killed himself at the work was succeeded by Mr Docker. Palmer died. Subsidy stopped & some financial straits has resulted

Local knowledge not great. spoke of "no squalid poverty in immediate neighbourhood! The fact seems to be that visiting is confined to Ocaklands Rd & St Ives

Adherents drawn from considerable area. S.1 SE

90% working class. 10% small tradesmen

Constantly felt many difficulties of the work & spiritual destitution

Spoke of Rector of Kennington appeal for united prayer a year ago "we all had appalling sense of helplessness" spot of light in ocean of black. great mass spiritually untouched you can get hold of a few picked ones here & there but by open air. special missions. what you will. the other will not come". "In seven years we have had open air services every Sunday & in all that time can trace one single result" Even social appeal seems losing its force. for many years has had Saturday concert high class music which just paid its way till lately but now has to be dropped for want of support

Thinks most of neighbouring churches (Tabernacle excepted) are no more successful than his & spoke regret of the reports which are quite unreliable "claim results which have not been achieved. defence being that only so can many be obtained". Such results as are attained due to slow training not sudden conversion. nearly all his members come through S. Sch. of sudden converts to religion or temperance none all drop away.

Parish S Mary Magdalen
Docker
Pilgrim Fathers Ch. CVI
(32) 6 Cont.

In spite of failure of religious bodies to touch more than fringe - activity & enthusiasm of workers at present is enormous leading them to adopt methods which are almost hysterical & degrading - to do anything which will bring the people in.

As to S. Schools noticed rapidly increasing difficulty of getting children to many school - so that many churches were considering giving it up - due he supposes to late rising of mothers which again may be attributed to increasing pleasure seeking on Saturday night.

Doubted possibility of systematic visiting by any church but failure in result in due solely to indifference & love of pleasure - not hostility.

Speaks (for a wonder) well of COS - knows most incurably to them having no funds & has now the highest opinion - but his people as a whole hate it.

Wesleyans on mission lines lean on Central funds & could not carry on otherwise.

Salv. Army complete failure - took over a Congreg. Chapel (which had closed) - but could not keep it open now occupy 2 small shops.

Drink as bad as possible. Oldest P.C. at night terrible type. Many prostitutes - when one placed clears stays to another.

A pleasant earnest man of rather uneducated type.

Olney
Hadar Hall (Baptist)
Bermondsey Auth.
(32) 6 CVI. 13.

President - Mission Ch. connected with Metrop. Tabernacle members of ch being counted as members of Tabernacle.

In existence 29 years & most of the time under Mr Olney - who is a wool stapler & lived many years in Paragon now moved to Champion Hill - a good preacher & platform speaker & well known in Baptist circles.

People drawn from all round - little from Bermondsey partly owing to dearth there of non con churches - & most from immediate neighbourhood

Parish S. Mary Magdalene
Olney
Haddenham mission
CVI.13
Cont

Distinctly working class church - list of occupations given (page 15) - by those of members - Membership (310). about stationary. Lost & making up abt 25 years
Mothers meeting "the Gospel preached" regarded as their service.
Some attend other meetings. reach lower class. from terms "Tabard St"
Regard open air services as main stay of the work
go in strongly for them - 2 on Sundays & 3 nights a week
always get a number in & from these draw their new people
Lantern services not so effective as formerly
Have avoided social agencies - this the strength of their work
Entertainments avoided - Members strictly worked up & gained
Charitable funds worked by ladies committee - money not flow but expended on mothers &c
Health good for so crowded a population - go to Hospital when sick -
Hall to come down - being rebuilt behind so as to face the new Bridge Road - Prospects never better
Constantly have conversions - every month some baptisms
Summarised thus in - (1) Religion not social - (2) working class members (3) God for other air work
Mr D thus brother who takes the Sch. earnest hard working men
have got hold some than enlisted with same spirit
look out for a welcome stranger - On week evenings men come in working clothes or Sunday all well dressed
"a few weeks after conversion they get new clothes - the outward sign of an inward change"

Wesleyan mission
Olney (Bucks) St.
(32) G

no report - visited by CR.

St Luke Ainsworth ‖ First Vicar of this parish formed by Thorold in 1888.
Grange Rd Chap Co Parish on downgrade - more respectable & specially
(32) 6 CVII. 111 young generation moving out to Streatham Brockley &c
"Consider it as good as patent of nobility to live at Brockley"
result to denude the Church & Sth Londoners - during last
month 3 out of 12 visitors have gone - almost have to begin
all over again. Those who come poorer & rather class
But many respectable well to do working people remain.
One day Slummy comes near Alscot Rd which has
got much worse in last 10 years. - but recently less
owing to Police having cleared out a gang of
roughs - The Italians are getting in - a very low lot.
Pleasant Rd is Irish & nearly hopeless - Most of these
people work all week & have a spree Sat & Sund
As to thrift distinct improvement even in poorest they
as shown by collecting Bands &c - going through the
books & speaking of the families - Sums collected when
10 years ago would have been impossible in those streets
& noticed the large sums drawn for holidays
& as leaving Shood not spent in spirits but in
Clothing or other desirable ways
Spoke of value of Clubs as counteraction to street & pub
where filth is the staple talk
Spoke less than others of indifference - disposed to think
"do anything they can for you so that you come to church"
but his church better filled than others - In the
morng a good congregation While at night too many
young men have to look for a seat - a parish corng
of artisan class & when people come they stay" but
later he spoke of the Wesleyans having taken a good many
the people who sit loosely)
Comparative success result of steady work &
especially systematic visitation - "Is not to concert
with Missions" which have no permanent result
nor in open air work which has been overdone - though
silly enough to do it ourselves -

S. Luke Ainsworth Chap. to CVII.111 cont. (32) 6 *

Found lady visitors from outside homeless from inability to reach from giving - now depends on better class of parishioners who collect instead of giving & distribute magazine - many read it who you touch in no other way -

Works with C.O.S. & helps poor of at all - Chapels mischievous owing to ease with which imposed upon 'they believe any cant tale'

Mr Ainsworth has been a schoolmaster & hoped we should derive it in that nothing can be hoped till our system of education was less narrow & superficial due to lack of intell. & exec in the teachers who deal only with the surface - The classes at the Bermondsey Settlement failed because presupposed some power of thought & they had never been taught to think. - From this criticism he excluded Headmaster of the Nonconf. Schools (Church) which had produced admirable results -

Hall Secretary to Trustees - member since 1863. Chapel built '61

U.M. Free Ch. Upper Grange Rd CVI.205. Chapel belongs to 4th Circuit which includes

Grange Chapel - Rev. F. W. Steward -
Manor - - Kaye Dunn. Dist '33 (CVI.29)
Albion St. - Rotherhythe - Rev. J. W. Towson.
Brunswick - Deptford - Rev. Hoskin
Hill St. Peckham } Local preachers.
Plumstead }

Strength in the neighbourhood (Grange) has declined with decline of district - has wondered at this being so demonstrable. The fact is the people are no longer "Irish"

The people are literally labouring class - not 5 who could give a sovereign & have another left.

Bermondsey famous or infamous for its relief - informs that the Irish sit not

The Rector has blackened Bermondsey - Poverty is cause, the cause of drink - people seek the brightness & warmth they can not get at home - too many small D.H.

Drink of S Latre

Hall — Sufficiently noticed – point system good.

Unclean Walk Trade — No houses of ill fame but street walking yes – & now lighting is improved are driven to the narrow ways by darkness – a new thing – ? result of closing of houses in S George – women young & respectably dressed

CVI. 205 Cont^d

Health Board good Thomas active Officer who can not be bought –

Referred to Controversy between Rector & Employers in vestry thought Lewis had blackened Bermondsey in appealing for Church funds – his report not circulated in Bermondsey

Bermondsey has a number of charities – one (Clunn's) had income of £15 Sent coals & bread now risen to £600 & are giving pensions, sent Children to Homes &c

Bermondsey working men's institute – started in a shop in Bermondsey St. Nurses Social Education applicable to Borough Polytechnic – Has good library not used much since Free Library introduced

Fine building no longer influential

As to prospects of Church work – no blinking fact that bulk of congregations were boys & women. You cannot get the men to Church If you talk to them find strong religious sentiment but also a sort of feeling "we don't believe in this cant & parade of piety"

They are to be won but require a man of a certain type to do it. Raye Dunn is doing something of the kind at Manor & Rotherhithe has got hold of dock labourers

He must be a man with human sympathies & interests – a man who is not a parson

Hall is a a shrewd sensible fellow. Has spent his life in Bermondsey & knows the place

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Parish Notes

District 33.

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Christchurch. Bell
Abbey S.
Ch of E
(33) 1 CXII. 139

Rural Dean
Here 24 years - described as a gentleman & small means & on that account passed over - quite master of the situation intellectually but withold age creeping on - Evidently thought his parish the least interesting place in the whole world
Had written answers & notes on our questions
The Wolseley Blocks harbored the poorest & most shiftless of his parishioners - Admitted that Church attendance was rather deplorable - Had told the Bishop so - "Its no use - I cant help it" - Plenty of entertainments "Caters ten" - Best things are the S. Sch & mothers meeting All religious ticket. C.O.S ask too much - pensions too dear for private charity - its a government question
District healthy - in old days sick patients were sent to Arica up & down to inhale the tonic of the lanny
Mr Bell is a liberal minded Churchman - "rather broad" able to sympathise with most people - but showed late that with some he had no patience - He advocated revision of the Prayer Book for such churches as this simplifying the order of the Service & the language
In speaking of the Clergy in the Deanery told something of the difference of opinion as to constitution of the cons meeting - He had to seek the peace - but the dissidents marched out to avoid voting - Lewis' resolution being then carried
Description of Father Goodens methods (page 149) -

Extracts from written notes

24 years ago Christchurch was 3rd Church in Bermondsey & filled by the wandering brethren - now 3 fine churches & a mission church have been created & Christchurch is in the slum with a congreg of poor now & a few friends -
The talk as to the Gospel not being in possession a slander of meant to reflect on the clergy - no worse than other districts but the East end has been unusually helped & the S. left - the cons
Particulars of charitable relief year by year since 1875 p 157 (6)
Statistics of Rural Deanery of Southwark p 159

(Parish of Christchurch)

Bermondsey Raggers Sol. Savers Smoking – LCM.
(33) 1 CXIII. 57

A long interview with Mr Davis who is the most striking & with the possible exception of Mr Dyke of Hackney the strongest & best of the City Missionaries A.L.B. has met – but there is nothing to add to Mr Codling's life of Mr D. (which is marked) by a very true & just appreciation of the man & his work. The worst part of his district the bit between Jamaica & Bermondsey Wall – here the people are fearfully low & rough. but taking district as a whole there has been a great improvement in civilization in 20 years. any one can now walk unmolested. but when Mr D began he was constantly assaulted – partly due to the fact that they all now recognise in him a friend. His method was entirely unsacerdotal – See a wonderful story given of the woman who turned to kiss him. Though the direct spiritual results of his work are as usual exceedingly small he has no doubt to an unusual degree kindled a spark of love for him in the hearts of the roughest in the neighbourhood.

Buston (London Street mission) Percy Mission Hall. CXIII. 93.

Mission started 35 years ago by a Mr Ryall who with small means & a hard working life kept it up till his strength gave way – Mr Buston keeper & after Ryall's death became Secretary & manager. He had come to it through Miss Ryall for whom he ~~had~~ played accompaniments & afterwards married – He was by trade a Printer. She sang professionally. both have tended to become ~~other~~ professional evangelists – but at the moment find it difficult to make their living in that line & are in some trouble about it – All this more interesting that the mission which is slack & in abeyance.

Parish of Christchurch
Bermondsey Murnane
R.C. Church of Holy Trinity

(33) 1 CXIII. 249

Father Murnane had been written to twice - & we called - Delay had seemed to show indifference but this was not so. Pressure of work illness & desire to find a free time - We first saw Father Sagessa & further appointment was made - They had discussed our question at dinner. Father Murnane is senior priest - not many years in this parish but known district 20 years or more & belongs to a family connected with Catholic work in Bermondsey, who makes Murnane a household word (one of the other priests says) He asked if the others might come in & 3 out 4 did so -'
The mission one of thought in S.o London - though now, lately, been staff numbers 5 - Whole area north of S.o Rly east of Bermondsey Road & Bermondsey St. & west of a line cutting across Southwark Park - except for the newly formed Parnell St. district - The map was recognised as colouring dark blue all their patches - in every one our people the bulk elsewhere very scattered - 80% connection with Riverside work the rest labourers - an essentially poor community - poverty said in spite of cleareances population increasing rather than not due to change from letting to other industries employing cheap female labour. Female employment - mat making & jam factories lin workers & shirt & cheap increasing - As to condition of employment their opinions confluded - all agreed that while in some branches trades union were strong - employment was normally uncertain & irregular - but their people belonging to lower grades - less efficient - "Curse the strike" since it has increased their difficulties - The women complain too that it has hardened general condition - diminished friendliness & kind good & take of the past - All agreed that qualified by occasional hints their people were willing to work - normal unemployment greater than they desired - They were not loafers.
Many whose connection with the Church is very slight - very little falling away so far as ultimate sympathy & loyalty went

Parish of Christchurch
Nermondsy
R.C. Ch of Holy Trinity

33 1. Murnane
CXIII 245
Cont.

Proud of generosity of their people - now struggling & still
having £200 a year for the schools & £600 for other purposes
Enough to make the mission self supporting - asked loans
if not the old church in such distress that kept closed
One feels quite ashamed sometimes said one - In other
churches the visitors are expected to give -
willing to make sacrifice for their churches & defend it against
insult or attack - & to fight for it & the Priest the most so.
"Two of us have got the man that insulted you, Father,
and by the river & what shall we do with him?"
People anxious to form into Guilds. but a good deal
done - aim liveliness brightness & brotherliness.
Drink the great enemy - & spread among women & girls
Pawn shops & habit of borrowing - Facilities numberless
take all shapes - Loan club abused by borrowing to
lend again at higher interest in open market
Greatest difficulty, spreading irreligious here - so, one inclines
to take line of least resistance - force of environment makes for neglect
Smoking many whole place asleep till 10 or 11 - Only person
stirring some catholic going to early mass.
In summer many of their people go hop picking
Increasing poverty & increasing deadness of level spreading
the great material administrative problem for future
Land alone can produce this kind of thing
Father Mostyn is a quasi-Liberal with Mrs Sweeps supporting the
policy of the board - "How showed they manage without it?"
Some misgivings also as to the uncompromising trade union
policy of the Board - but that party predominates
Housing condition of their own people distinctly bad - but the district round
Barnham Wolseley, Hanover - 3 grades of block - good fair & bad
the first the worst -
Curious note as to the Mc Boers feeling among the Irish - not including the
Chean houses
As to other Churches - not much being done - No Scribes attempt
except their one to reach any considerable section - Chief to seem
rather dead wood here - & certainly no one we have seen
approaches to the measure of this RC mission - keen capable
attractive preached by their great death only.

St James. Coalthard Here about 7 years. A able as his letters show to
(Jamaica St.) Chorlton to look at religious influences in various lights
(33) 1. CXII. 113 His people variously employed, & leave the district
to find it. Many crossing London Bridge – few middle class
Hw go regularly to any church. O.C. or occasional
church is marked often in the visiting books
meaning that some member of the family recognises
religion to that extent. They come to marriages &
on thronged days such as Christmas day. The
Church is filled – there being a number of weddings at once
Also crowded up on Lord Mayor's Day the people coming
in from the streets & the houses – Otherwise the
big Church is a whole elephant of a place with
forbidding pewed interior & room for 2000 worshippers
not all the day school Ch comes to his S Sch – they
like a change of building & may attend the dissenting schools
The congregations very small include all ages & an fair
proportion of men – best members St Sch teachers &c –
Too near the Bermondsey Settlement to have many
social agencies –
System of Parish visitation with 10 visitors broke down
Charitable relief by committee of COS as far as possible
Guardians a poor lot – encouraging pauperism – results in
aggregation of widows – Poverty also due to intemperate but
good Sunday appearance – Drink bad especially among young
Bad housing organs – Marriage conducted good – Moral standard
high – A good deal of chronic overcrowding – not thoroughfare –
A useful man doing useful work in a good way
His reports contain excellent remarks on "General
Christian & religious life work" in Bermondsey –

Parish of S. Jarna.

Bantisch. Figg
Abbey S
(33) 1 CXIII. 121

with some of his church officers – 2 of whom were numerstaliaty working men – Mr F here only about a year. but loved greater part of his life in Dermondy
The streets by Paradise S. near London S. the worst poor than the A.G. hatchly Cherry Garden – & that by Albion R.d also improved. Worksly Alb.s excessively poor though – always wretched – you see the fides of families & the Copy children in the street. Many Irish here
Called "Father Brown's Lineay".
Cowbury increasing owing to demolitions. Rents rising
Vestry finds it difficult to enforce the law. Dwellings too dear for large families
Talk of new "Water Side" Cambescan standing at "Hallen Corner" where the men are taken on. – Women sack making or Jam works – work casual by the day – you may see 200 waiting to be taken on. & yet 70 are not wanted – will come again at dinner time – married women or widows mostly – girls go to Peak Freans – Days tucky & complaints are heard when they displace the men – Very little relief – give "Father Ten. Cheeda" a good feed & a mate once a year
On local Gov.t Vestry man became S.Boherman –
Out relief given in preference – Jewish excessive, – mostly to widows. Irish set a large share – R.C. for London S. district was a Irishman –
There are 25 pubs in their district.
As to Housing Vestry much agitated but appear heeless – finds they cannot build to let cottages profitably under 3/ a room – not any cheaper in blocks.

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Part" Baptist Steele
Marlborough Hall
(33). 2 CXIII. 102

Pastor since 1898. – A small cause & the responsibility of influence are necessary restrictions.

(Parish of S. James)

Congreg. Ch. Jamaica St. (33) 2 — Rosier — CXIII. 151

Looks more like mechanic than minister. Here 7 years. Whole of Bermondsey growing poorer & more crowded. Railway extensions pulling down streets - becoming a hot work of Marches - better class leaving.

No improvement in Salisbury St. area - some to mothers meeting from there & to LCM meeting - both held in School room Salisbury St. - will not come to Mansfield Chapel. Congreg. drawn from South - built respectable working class with trades people - retired C.

Church has just held its 237th anniversary. Has been called Cathedral of non conformity - no sympathy with modern ideas. "as it was in the beginning &c" but since Mr R came 150 new members have been added & made innovations possible - but he moves slowly.

The poorer children go to St Stephen, the Roman Catholic Schools & Christians missions being in middle of poor area.

P. Sat. afternoons - attendance varies with programme - a partial success - get some new faces.

Mr R chooses attractive titles for his sermons & puts them out at the Sat. meeting. Has got some to church. Delay to free Ch. Council - does not work systematically. Cannot yet afford ministers paternal - Sheppard United mission has been arranged.

Prospect for this church not bright - better people leaving & forming new church association where they go. His work becoming harder - 7 years here = 14 in country & he does not want another 7 years yet.

Adults of respectable class to no place of worship - attitude stolid indifference - you can raise no enthusiasm either on religious social or political matters - sometimes a faint interest in the last but disappears - amongst Christian people the spiritual life not so strong as it used to be - Desire for pleasure & many a bad effect - Cycle responsible for much - 300 cyclists went to Brighton this Sunday - Pub throughout whole Bandsleaps 3 to 8.

Drink slays more than 50 a week.

Narrow dwellings Torley St. home of a number of prostitutes - playing with worst sins - come home in early morning - disgraceful scenes.

A steady common sense man - gets his information from LCM

(Parish of S James)

Mariners Mission Couch — A very small mission. Mr Couch was one of the founders of the Mariners Friend Society Old Broad Lane & worked there 40 years – retiring on pension (in favour of his son) he came to live over here & not to be idle took charge of this mission which was founded by "Robert Smith" who in 1819 founded the first Society for Sailors "The Port of London Missionary Soc".

(33) 2 CXIII.25.

Mr Couch has spent more than 50 years in missionary labour. He is now in his 73 years & cannot do much more.

Have an unlimited supply of Bibles & periodicals sent them gratis of which they make up large parcels & give them to crews going to sea.

Knott — Working in this district 24 years – Between Sth Road & Southwark Park Rd. – 700 houses – of which 640 visited or 714 families out of 800 (I don't understand these figures)

LCM (33) 2 CX III.15

Knott reckons 700 in district of which he can visit 640. E.g. 60 are empty houses or shops of which he could not call. In these 700 houses are about 800 families of which he can visit 714, reckoning the occupants of the 640 houses. His 800 families as total pop.n is undoubtedly an underestimate. SA

The district has changed little in recent years – 2 families the rule in roads like Yalding & Monet – whilst Dockley Rd has 3 in some houses. The light blue patch has become distinctly coarse. Parkers Place & Johns Place (late Manchester Place) the worst – 4 rooms houses with generally 2 families. Costers. Ice cream vendors &c. Many men who do not wish to work – Vauxhall &c also very poor – waterside labour.

Tannery & Iron works turned to Jam making

Jam making has become an important industry – Lipton has turned a tannery & Sydney Ors an iron works in Jam factory. People do not move much – those in better roads 'hold on'. Only move in the patch – for non payment of rent – always making fresh acquaintances in Parkers Place.

Gives very little relief. Has a few tickets from Police Court – as to Parkers Place &c dare not give to any one – give to one & you must give to all. Took part at first in Jubilee dinner but soon dropped it & "a very good job too".

Give to one & give to all

Refers cases to the vicar according to parish – Regards his inability to give as fortunate & the need of giving as a weakness of church work. The few who come come for the Spiritual food. Considers his station a "learning power". They did not give yet conversions but 2 are measured in a very near – particular from people used to attend open air meetings – now look for them. Some strike from the courts – does not plead at any children with family papers or a notable case or pressing against you – but they have precious souls.

Visiting a learning power

Precious souls & family papers

S. Christopher. Wallace
Chr of E
(33) 2 CXII. 37

A timid answerer of questions - the result of some cowardice + a good deal of ignorance - rather a stupid heavy man - Parish magazine full of errors - printed month after month without care or conscience

Parish a poor one - the part lying West of Cherry Gardens S. one of the very poorest blocks in Bermondsey 2/3rd of the people riverside casual labour - women of high factory class - many wood choppers - Parish includes many poor Irish - Gave the district a bad character for drinking & roughness - the women for fighting & intemperance worse than the men - Individuals change - Class remains

Has been here 6 years - but now has cottage Blackheath

|| Sleeps away 3 nights a week (by permission) - Found it impossible to get curates - they wanted to Blackheath but not of the advertisement from the vicarage - The lay preacher (Sir C Roberts - Austen of the Mint) comes seldom as he takes a service nearer his home on Sunday evening

Gough
Stephen the Norman
Ragged Schools & Mission CXIII 139
(33) 2

Hony Secretary -

|| See the report - An Evangelical treat among pauperising kind of a mission - but mainly a School -

Christchurch Bermondsey
Uncle Arthur Little
Chr of E
CXII 79
(33) 3.

Described by Toynbee as "quite the nicest parson we have to deal with" & since he moves but hardly of great mark or capacity

|| Moderate evangelical. Carrying on quiet systematic work in parish which is hardly exceptionally poor

|| Has been here 8 years - No marked change, now hard near river - worst part of Rotherhithe but doubtly the black - drunkenness rather than crime

|| Housing pretty bad - due to habits of occupants rather than neglect of landlords or authorities - Sanitary authorities good enough if waked up but do not take initiative without

Christchurch Bardsley
Rotherhithe Ch of Le
(33) CXII. 76
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Mr Somervell the Curate spoke of "casual labour as the curse of the parish" good wages when they work by the piece at Surrey Commercial - Can't keep up the pace - have only for short work. Long days & rough work.

Nature of the accounts. Immense amounts passed locally one way or other. - Profit on tens Sale Lectures Sales & besides very numerous small subscriptions. All run on the self help principle.

Relief Cooperat. - Nucleus of settlement in College House. Hoping for closer personal connection with Jesus college. Club & House in middle of the poor part of the parish. This is under the Curates especial charge. - describes the people as "harmless but drunk." "The streets marked black have lower reputation than the rest but not criminal. Miserably drunken, poor & when in drink disorderly. Many Irish - bare footed children common.

No prostitution - all poor alike - but much promiscuity - no disorderly houses but much irregular & casual. - Boys & girls together &c - Mostly attributable to over crowding. Bored tax unoccupied property - indignant at number of empty houses in Rotherhithe.

Hopeful of the work - especially the temporal part - more anxious about spiritual - People from his side down to up to the church never will - thinks they must have something in shape of church in their part - where Felix Rowdes termed "a specie altar."

Guardians very nice & charitable but might look into the cases closer. - Police fine body & showed great tact.

Constitution of the relief committee (See page 93)

Working Mens institute very mixed class including some of rough element most not. - Chief clubs meet at the College House. - Church lads England too respectable ought to have a uniform have one, cap & belt.

(Parish of Christchurch Rotherhithe)

R.C. Haynes
S. Joseph Newton
Our Lady of J.C. CXIII. 1.
(33) 3

Father Haynes has been head of this R.C. mission for 7 years – Not a strong man – Courteous & helpful – Father Newton was with him.

Parish includes practically whole of Rotherhithe. Mighty, 4000 R.C. souls – Irish cockneys. Often 2nd or 3rd generation – Names Irish but much English blood on female side – Best are regular dockers but not many – below are labourers & half are casuals – one of poorest parishes in London – 25% school children bare feet – due lack of self-respect of parents – they neglect food – Ye never see an underfed child – sturdy as possible –

No change in the 7 years – Poor areas unaltered – for 16 years the block north of Paradise St. has been condemned sanitarily – but no immediate prospect of demolition.

Sanitary condemnation of block north of Paradise St.

Of those who do not observe duties the bulk are lapsed but "send for us when they are sick" – The result of building the School & Chapel in Paradise St. was to increase Church attendance 75% – without pressure – the people were not 1/2 a mile to the old church.

Practically all R.C. children at the schools.

Relief by priests without method & by Soc. Vincent de Paul's almoner in consultation with priests – People great beggars – Many are assisted by other religious agencies with proselytising idea but effect nil – take the money but do not go to the Church – Children drawn away sometimes.

In case of sickness 9/10th go to infirmary.

About 30% of marriages are mixed – great cause of lapse.

As to Local Gov. the slum streets are utterly neglected – Sanitary officer inactive – Very "district condemned" – hopeless to do anything – Victims prefer creep back to the closed houses – living behind the boarded up windows – impossible to turn people out having no where to go to – but health wonderful – plenty of open air & although the air is foul Police inefficient but first rate in efficiency – Drink no improvement.

Dock Company & Wharfingers utterly neglect the material & spiritual interests of their employees – regard them as machines.

Parish of Christchurch Rotherhithe
Joynes

Seems to have little energy or decision – Has been Rotherhithe 36 years – was connected with the Ark in its early days & returned to it 7 years ago

The Ark Church CXIII. 77
Paradise St
(33) 3.

Much drink & poverty in neighbourhood – worst to north of Paradise St – block condemned for years – now really coming down & models to be built – 3 or 4 families to house men waterside or dock labourers – women sack making or I am writes –
Mrs J living in Paradise St often disturbed by fighting on Saturday & Sunday nights –
Spoke without much confidence of prospects as being good

Barclay

Mission Hall Paradise St
CXIII. 183

One of the Brewers family who has lived & carried on the mission work in the very poor streets of Bermondsey for 26 years
A weak type of lady temperament who deliberately buys the people who she says understand no other method
They should be made to understand "that if they attend no place of worship they will be overlooked". Will help no one who does not attend her Mission Hall & we may assume that all who do attend receive somethg – as to amount expended she gave no figures – complained of insufficient funds to do what she would wish – Besides her chaplain & the upkeep of the hall she pays Bible woman & LCM salary
Both from religious & social point of view great improvement meetings & churches better attended – people more civilised less drunkenness less gossiping & doors – higher standard in dress – work of religious bodies which have woken up is beginning to tell –
Not on good terms with Mr Barclay who wished my confrere by swallowing her & her mission – Evangelical clergy far too high an idea of their own importance – lack of consideration due to them. Miss B is a church woman – attends St Crispin
Low opinion of the RCs – most drunken & degraded Hammt & for the most part unmindful of their religious duties – Priests leave them alone unless they begin to lead decent lives

Parish of Christchurch Rotherhithe
Mission Hall
(33) 3

Barclay
CXIII. 153
Cont.

To avoid imposition imposed a work test - that really for applicants for relief who have consequently fallen off
Drink chief cause of poverty & violence which was too leniently dealt with -

healthiness of Rotherhithe

Noticed wonderful healthiness of the district - was only given a few months of life when she came - mischief caused by floods due to embankment - hard on poor parishes to pay their imposition & also for their own walls to keep out the floods so caused

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Peatfield

Head of Rotherhithe & Deptford Station - Here over 5 years

Pm Meth
Rotherhithe & Deptford
(33) 3

CXIII 221

Rotherhithe sound & solid centre but stationary - handicapped by the young moving away - Has been saved from going under.
It was a question 5 years ago whether anything could be done
The place was turned into mission centre - Sister went to work
The other centres are at Deptford & New Cross - & all are pushed in the same way - Deptford a big success - truth & advertising
Crowded out by the young people who come to them
They have got hold of the decent lower middle class & the poor
They seem to give a good deal but say they stand no strings
Spoke well of COS & have cooperated
Holds the worst opinion of Deptford East & South of Great N° for poverty immorality & crime
Spoke of the "Home for Sick" as the finest they have there

Spencer

Found door surrounded by crowd of children many of the

Seamen & Boatmen Mission Soc
Cathay St Rotherhithe
(33) 3

CXIII. 133

poorest class waiting admission to magic lantern
Mission quite a small thing - Mrs Spencer responsible for management seems a very poor creature -
Except through free teas adults hardly touched
though at Sunday Sewing Service "we get more than from all I can see" said Mrs S.

S. Mary Rotherhithe Neck
with S Paul Parks Lane
(33) 3

no interview.

Holy Trinity Rotherhithe (33) 4. — Selby Hele — CXII. 101.

Here 11 years – last vicar was for 15 years incapacitated from a throat disease but hung on to qualify for a pension when (1865) came out of Mr S's stipend of £180 – which is scandalously crippled for want of funds. Has no hard and fast income on this account & not having energy or enthusiasm the church hardly rises to the Rotherhithe low level. Inhabitants all connection with local industries. Parts of parish exceedingly poor – the poor shift between here & Deptford – but the better off stick to this unique corner of London – many born here for years. "Nothing would induce them to leave Rotherhithe."

Mr S confirms the heathenism – children stray & study. Until lately, certainly the most inaccessible parish – labour & morals still is so –

Church in shocking state when Mr S came – large sum spent on repairs.

Local Gov. active & good – much improved.

Police willing but insufficient – Drink excessive, crime [illegible]

Ritson — Wesleyan Bermondsey Settlement Circuit — CXII. 85 (33) 4.

His superior in the circuit is Scott Lidgett. They take the two chapels between them – by Southwark Park & Silver St. –

Population affluent little – mostly Silver St. perhaps the poorer tradespeople, clerks, artisans, dockers & labourers. They do not touch many of the last.

Various opportunities provided by the Settlement.

2 Jubilee nurses engaged by Settlement do splendid work on undenominational lines – District very healthy & free from prostitution & crime – far better than its reputation but difficult district because of people moving out & pop becoming more artisan.

Settlement makes good provision for educational needs & for philanthropic work but no very intimate connexion with Church. Mr Lidgett is a dual person – Religious head outside at Settlement & obtruded a large proportion of his time. Circuit remains therefore an ordinary one.

(Parish of Holy Trinity)

Clarke ~~work~~ described in report of Seamen Mission Men's Soc

Seamens Chapel (33) 4 CXIII.247 No interview.

All Saints. Blakeston Chop 6 (33) 4 CXII.125

Here 7 years - member of Clare College Camb - whose mission from part of this parish - Excluding the mission, pop 7000 & during the 7 years practically unchanged - Pop Large Squalid pop. mostly dockers & water side labourers in alleys & off it - good middle & artisan class in Lower Rd & th' hood.
Parish room next the church should have been in the slum - Church like others here is undermanned - no curate at present
The district visitors are wives of Solicitors & Managers
Parishioners drawn away to Christchurch which is the Strongest or S' Katharine which is the Extremest
The loan & blate club due to an suspectic layman - & tho' (?) in itself had brought no spiritual strength to the church - not a single person that we should not have had otherwise
No systematic house to house visitation - but few houses not visited
Relief by tickets - doubtful cases to C.O.S. - not strict
Much drink especially among women - Chief cause of squalor
Men may drink as much or more but hard physical labour in open air carries it off - Low sexual morality - no prostitution
Many women are married with child - no shame about it
Children brought unblushingly to baptism within 2 or 3 months
Health good but Rheumatism & Bronchitis prevalent

Parishioners drawn to Christchurch or S Katharine

Priests Missioner. only here a year but Kumi mission longer. it was started 14 years ago this worker as a district of the parish

Clare College mission Chop 6 (33) 4 CXII. 63.

It works a small bit but is said to contain 4500 people
A mixed lot mostly above the unskilled class - District Chosen not from poverty but because living of All Saints is in gift of the college. It's getting poorer & more crowded due to expansion of S & R. Decline of Raymouth R' as certain as railway is absorbing the docks & poorer class will come in. Rents & rates are high. Sanitary authorities do their best

Parish of All Saints

Rare Coll. Mss. Pridie
(33) 4 CXII. 63. Cw

Had a tired manner & seemed not strong - is rather pushed - assistant not yet appointed - Kilburn-side (Church extension) have a cottage hospital here & though all then in the flesh are in some ways a great help
They refuse to work on parochial lines.
Relief on COS "the only right & possible lines"
S. Olaves Union the very worst in London.
* Cemetery at Marylebone used for improper purposes

Richardson. Pastor - a business man & looks it - Here 6 years - was
Free Church Rotherhithe for 17 years connected with St Assembly Hall & resides in
(33) 5 CXIII. 29 East London - at one time Guardian Mile End -
Rotherhithe like a little village - unlike London generally
Everybody knows everybody else - Know more about you than you do yourself - Characteristic lost as you approach
Dissenting - Comparison with Bulwall accepted
Steady efflux of the respectable - but this does not involve the parish becoming poorer - they leave as they get better off - have replaced from below - Mostly dock labourers (timber trade) large numbers Irish - women work as a rule. Sack making & go to wrapping to work - others in Sam factories - the more respectable girls avoid the factories - many A.B.C girls
* Young people take better positions than their parents -
Deaconess £150 salary but most get fees besides in other ways
Mens mm combines all classes - have no difficulty -
They visit the Public houses to invite - idea taken from Mr Hannell
* Deaconesses visit much - difficult to reach them from day too much
More amongst others than members who unless sick shares not need it - Little or no charitable relief - Xmas dinner to deserving without respect to creed - RC & all - Relief the great danger of Christian work - was a curse at the Assembly Hall -
Baptist doctrine preached but not made condition of membership
Claims to have reached non Church goers - but some come from other Churches - will have nothing but the Gospel - does not believe in the Social Evangel

(Parish of All Saints)

Richards — We applied to see Mr Davis the Sanitary inspector & Dr Shaw medical officer — both belong to this church — Mr R has evidently got the ear of the people — His ch a hive of industry —

Bright Childrens New Year Entertainment.

Hall a big bare building with high platform without ornament — seats arrangeable for S. Sch classes.

Morris — A clerk at Mess Steadman & Crowthers Metal merchants. Good position — firm friendly to his Rotherhithe work — but is at office by 9 & not home till 8 — so leisure is limited — Has lived in Rotherhithe 25 years — particulars given in Pamphlet 'The Story of a Mission by its founders' — & he supplies Brother Nathan by the score of music or comment — Impossible to get away from himself — but this never blots out the mission — & he shows out as a genuine Christian man working hard for a cause to which he has devoted his life — The fear is that he may be making prigs — but they will be good prigs — his boys are all practically doing well — At Manor Chapel all the teachers in the Boys S. Sch are old S. Wimpers boys & altogether he has too leading in various schools —

Basis of work is religious 'Scriptural & Moderate' The understanding grew out of a lecturing class — He is a born collector & besides preaching & lecturing writes hymns & poems or anything that may be required — a quick willed ingenious man — with a life made coherent by very practical Christianity

In the mission all done for love work shared among them selves — door keeping — sweeping out &c taken by turns & everything looked slick & smart — Mr M can raise money when needed & subscribes largely himself — & manages well — the rooms are free except but otherwise the various societies are self supporting & run separately —

Sat Entertainments — which have been great success lastly stopped through opening of new local theatre — are done special occasions now — Conjurors only later for district — part choice part necessity — because of railway extension — close railway — high rents &c. Cart Town chief landowner

S. Wimpers Mission CXIII. 199 Cyrnells Institute (33) S.

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(Parish of All Saints)

Townson

N. Meth. Rec. Ch. CXIII. 229
also N.
(33) 5.

Here 2½ years. Will be leaving in 6 mos. – Born at Barnes & in Turners. Came to London from Cheshire village & wd like to stay in London. Incl. at Albion St. Ministerial work is disheartening. – 20 or 30 years ago the Chapel here was the best in N'hood. Its mushroom days have passed. Last man to put life into it was Heatley of Kings Own. Was exactly the man for the district – got the people in & made the Chapel an influence. But the leaders did not like it & on Heatley leaving reaction set in. – An exclusive set. "My predecessor had a sorry time. & Mr Tonry escaped by patient discretion. – Constantly urging active & more liberal policy. – always thwarted. – Only 40 members. – half live near. 1/3 are men. – real difficulty lies with office bearers. Young men who having obtained these positions are satisfied & want no change. & they hold the purse strings. If two or three left don't know what could be done. Financially for great majority of the people are poor. – No one comes as a stranger need expect to welcome. "They don't seem to want the poor". – It was very different in the Cheshire village. – well filled Church. – Plenty of young people. – Sunday schools. – all Gospel, calls, & tale. – Here exclusiveness stagnates. Chill. – Poor Mr Townson with his Socialistic sympathies. – & his private appeal in the Mother Little Friends Mov. Magazine

Parris

Salv. Army Lower St.
Mother Little
(33) 5.

CXIII 241

Here 4 months previous Stockwell & Richmond. Is married but wife away ill. – So working alone. Work mainly streets north & east of Southwark Park. – a stronghold of drink & the people correspondingly indifferent. They are poorer than at Stockwell. – Are not lawless but drink more. This corps seems to have got as low as it can go without suffering extinction. & Capt. P. has probably been sent to revive it. He reclaims that most of the younger soldiers having improved their position have left the district & the corps only retains the slack people who have hitherto have had their day. When he came first they were much discouraged but they are beginning to get livelier again.

S Barnabas. Russell Chap Ec (33) 5 CXII. 27

First vicar of this Parish which was cut off S Mary; 26 years ago. District at that time "completely neglected". & it seems little better now for Mr R is one of the few men who really deserves the epithet idle. There is no sign of vitality in his work. Possibly he may have done something in the past & tired of it. Certainly he does nothing now. He affirms as usual "no hostility, only indifference" & complains of "languishing for want of workers".

The Sisters in Hawksmoor Pl do some work in this parish.

Model parish as to local conditions. no slums, but a tendency to greater poverty. not in the poorer classes but in those of better class due to outward movement. Halls are dockers & waterside. good many. irregular work utterly improvident but their labour is essentially brutalising & for the most part they are "utter louts" though there has been some improvement.

Vestry in hands of Progressives but does its work well. Brothels frequented by sailors have been cleared out.

Billing Congreg. Southwark Pk Chapel (33) 6 CXIII. 149

Note reads "The church is small & at the present time the numbers almost reduced to a vanishing point by constant removals to better neighbourhoods. 40 families in 12 months. The church is saddled with £600 debt." Dr Billing has been here 36 years & seen its decay.

Brethren Old Midwood Pl Chapel (33) 6 CXIII. 141 Leech & others

Chapel over 100 years old & with the row of cottages with it stands in the open fields. Gallery on wooden columns on 3 sides. Employed at Peek Frean's for 29 years. Lived in Hoxton all his life. With him a weather beaten lighter man. The brethren try to attract now chiefly young but response is slight except when material advantage is offered. gave about 40 4lb loaves on Good Friday & sixpence a quarter. "frequency & amount depending on what they can afford." "you shall see us tomorrow night as he showed one of the loaves. we shall be full."

Visit their own people & the lodging houses. Look after their own poor. "Apparently think none not poor enough come for bread." We are all working men & have no time to be bothered with caretakers.

Co-operate with another body of Brethren. Exchange boys with Baptists. not recognised by Ch of E "it is respectable".

A hard becoming form, but for to day place of worship. no, the baptismal name is buried. Brethren object to let them be so stamped.

Housing. appearance decaying. Men certain & fully behind Rents rising. Comfort increased. Ordinary Brethren gallery providing for their own needs. Shrinking & material with an overplus for others. New member. Drawn from other sects

(Parish of S Ramalas)

Clatworthy — Deprecated our visiting him as the Church was so small
Has been pastor here about 2 years but known district many years
Baptist Ch. Park Road — Poor but better
(33) 6 — CXIII. 107 — Touch artisans & men engaged at docks - none well off
but by careful management keep decent home & dress
respectably - no reserve - not one earns common £5
Young people leave when they marry - Church poor financially

S. Katharine. Lee — Vicar only 1 year - but previously curate 11 years.
(33) 6 — Ch of Ee — Excedingly courteous but very nervous - hand shaking with it
CXII. 17. — Report almost exhaustive - the man not remarkable
Parish hardly altered except for the demolition
People hard all poor. - docker & labourers - many of poorest evicted by railway Co. & cannot find room in parish
Congregation & those belonging to the various organisations mostly
women & children - but proportion of men in church larger
than in most parishes - But the men are mostly utterly
apathetic & indifferent - material as well as spiritual interests
At last election of Guardians only 1/3" voted -
Some relief & a good deal of free feeding. Poor Relief by
the C.O.S. but suppose they would give him a good character
work of vestry good. Mr Lee is a Guardian elected on
cry of more out relief - but he is sensibly in doubt
"huge number of applicants sufficient employing almost impossible"
"People indifferent" - Police ready to help but "again" indifferent
Drink no improvement - drink at the back of all real distress
No Mos institution but low tone.
Health fairly good - Chest & heart trouble prevalent -

Reynolds — By trade a blacksmith - with him a young man one of the
Mission Hall Cornburg Rd. — CXIII. 113. — workers - Story of mission given in a very simple letter
(33) 4 — Abandoned by L C M - taken over by Mr R who supports
himself & has been assisted by generous friends - none of
the workers are paid - work is among the poorest class
Relief mainly personal service - Had had tickets sent him by S Paul.
Depl[illegible] Christ window - smashed -
Most of the people are poor class - Excepting Sunday in service as most do
a few of the city. Look down on factory girls

(St Katharine's Parish)

Reynolds
Mission Hall CXIII. 113
(33) 6
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Indeed by Church attendance the people are irreligious - very small proportion go anywhere
mapping of those who go to the Church - because they cannot help - St K very good to the poor
Attendants mostly women - People get up late
Men look upon houses &c upon public days
This is a purely working mans district. Mr Reis a Pastor but the mission is gradually becoming a Methodist Hall

Mc Farlane
L C M. Hall CXIII. 69
Coventry Road.
(33) 6

With Mr Mc F were two others - Mr W Joyner of the Ath Church & Mr Patterson LCM of Oldbury Lower Rd - Each representing a different area -
Mr Joyner's evidence has been already noted & that of Mr Patterson will follow later
Mr McFarlane's district
District between Selwood St & the Rly cut off to north by Rothe, left the new Rd - 830 houses to all of which Mr Mc F has access - working cl. 2 of to a house
Poorest part now is Recalow Rd - Formerly Selwood St was worse but S & R has taken most of worst slice
Plenty of drink - midnight quarrels common
Habit increasing among women -
Not much saved apart from Benefit Clubs & these only used by the best people

Sir Augustus Stobart
Chap to
(33) 7
CXII. 1.

Here 21 years - Parish scarcely changed in 10 years very little in 20. Perhaps slightly poorer & more crowded. Tendency of better people to move out - but keeps up & contains practically no poverty - scarcely any in Bermondsey. Electric (Mr Lewis' statements) utterly exaggerated & misleading. More than enough work for every one & if people are poor it is because of idleness or drink - Railways & wharfingers badly in need of men
Attitude towards religion blank indifference - Concerts, watch night services, Reef days - not strictly religious but immersed in daily life. Much less infidelity than in Bradlaugh days - they acquiesce now. Meaning of vestry which no-whose does its work well. Too much talk. Not the smallest improvement in drink - growing among the young & women. Woman led onto it by the men before marriage - Healthy in immorality. Henry (Mr) - people like Conway - a disagreeable fellow but alive.

Parish S Augustine

Murray Here 7 years & inclined to stay - likes his people &

Presbyterian Ch CXIII 213. is likely them - A poor church & helpless from outside

Southwark PKD. but a 'growing cause'. People have got fairly loyal

(33) 7. An artisan & labouring class in the neighbourhood

& those who come fairly represent it - Only 2 small

employers among his members - Perhaps 1/3 Scotch

Are intending to build & spend £3000 of which expect to

raise £1000 themselves - very keen on this

No organised relief - people generous to their own poor

Long & substantial help in some cases - no doles.

no lodging - no large funds with which to run missions

as luxuries to look at & pet - Amazed at Church

Dr of G's playing to gallery -

Sanitary administration under Mr Thomas was

'socialist' throughout - pressing hard on poor occupiers

Nurleigh Neighbourhood depressing & becoming poorer - Shopkeepers & the

Baptist CXIII. 171 working class who can afford 5s to tubbers - Also many people

Drummond Rd who are in lodgings - Bermondsey a bad name - do not

(33) 7. like to say they live there - Those who cycle object to the

bad roads from Oxlewick Rd to start from -

His people working class - percentage extremely poor - 10 or 15%

almost living on relief from parish or each other. Women &

Has also some shopkeepers from Nunhead & from Peckham

about half go to City from Sta Road -

Helps several missions with workers - notably London Street

mission See (33) 1.2. & Grange Mission See ____. Mr B does not farm

the missions - no help to the church - take away workers & must

that the Church needs - Connect in numbers. When come to Drummond Rd

see a oath for communion service - would prefer the Scottish plan of

Service morning & afternoon. leaving evening for evangelistic work - in sense

of giving up & starving those little rival missions - Missions steal the

least valuable of their members - of trouble with absentees to the

mission people - no responsibility, no pews rent - & the poor cannot always clean

at the mission -

Sometimes strangers are drawn to PSA but doesn't do Church much

good - does make substitute for many services - Get up late & then wander

Charity funds mostly used for their own poor - not much chronic poverty

in the district - Free Ch Council not strong

People drink but do not get drunk like in Glasgow - only on Bank holidays

Hall accommodation difficult to get.

Not very hopeful of prospects - but has been able to keep up the seat rents

but will have to be watched more since a mission church - with fewer services

Mr B was trained at Aberdeen College & been here since 1892 his first charge

Parish of S Augustine

Mile's Tow Walk Dawn
South Lambeth Mission
'Manor' Bally Wall R. CVI.29
(33)

Lives next door to church & his wife, an active Colleague
invited us to go there to see him - found him at table amon
pulpit with his material round him telling of much energy
& naked advertisement - but he is a B/A & a student too
Mixture of self sufficiency, simplicity & honest zeal - at
first intolerable - finished by liking him with considerable
admiration for his energy & his work
He appears in fair way of making 'Manor' the first Mission
F.C. Mission in South London - work being watched by the
whole body - Bound both of local response & connexional support
His work rests on a Bible & Evangelical basis but he is still
an Educationalist & many of his agencies are educational
Makes Sociey Classes of N° sch a pulpit announcement
Attaches importance to his own training as a leader
the habit of making things clear - & freedom from stock phrases
Report & leaflets give best idea of the work
The people in district are potters, dock labourers
tailors unskilled Mechanics & clerks - 10 yrs 20 to 20/-
Peak Freans & Co employing 2000 give prominent character
process curing & living on the spot - Tries to touch all classes
Great aim to get the men & has almost as many as women
Sunday morning sermon devoted to Biblical instruction
Committee of Mens Mon visit on S. morning & Wed Dawn on
week day evenings - never on the day - so as to see the men
Genuine desire avoid pauperising - 1/2° dinners at cost -
Mothers cup of tea & biscuit 1/2° - week night Concerts 1° charged
Increased amount received by collection at Sunday services
People able to pay for what 'Manor' does for them
by way of "copper collections" (refuse silver & give change)
Claimed that those being attracted were in habit of giving nowhere
Number on increase markedly - gone up from 250 to 750 /
membership slowly on up grade - were 190 lost 60 gained 80
Other Churches 'quiet' tone friendly - no cooperation

St Anne Dermondsey. Walsh. Mr W had had to go out & Mrs W took his place

Chap 6 The power behind the throne – Opinions & facts both

CXII. 45. to be taken cum grano – rapped out with utmost

promptness – & give us a new point of view

Ready to revolt against Church dignitaries & petty

against a lot which condemns her to 15 years at Dermondsey

feel that the granting of assistance rests with two

so-called – Church Pastoral – & additional Curates –

|| Parish "university" full of semi gentry –

Mothers meetings for such no use – "I think they are playing out"

|| G.F.S more successful – dress makers &c. my daughter taken it

shows it. Mr W has worked hard & got the Church order

in the parish out of out of Dissent – but without any recognition

|| "No religious life in South London" nothing but absolute

indifference – Chi to S Sch – that is their religion

Our attendance as good as anywhere – Mr W went

|| one many to preach for Mr Wallace – congregation 4.

We have no Early celebration now – what good of no one

would come" – The Bishop wants it started again. unless

my husband himself detests Early Communion but obliges to have it

Small religious tickets – Send a hopeless case to COS bishops

never any one in whom self respect lingers – don't start me

on C.O.S. I will have nothing to do with them – a Mr Toynbee

'a terrible man'

|| Other agencies. Baptists, Unitarians, Salvation Army Nonconformists

nothing makes any difference.

Drink the greatest curse – drink in possession & the

terrible Bank Holidays –

Vicar (who came in) agreed as to absence of squalid poverty

Parish called Nekgracha of Dermondsey – Poorer friends, but mostly middle

Poor at heart of many his best workers kept in down trod – Characteristic of

class – nothing awry. held in affection. Want no noble to preach – he

does so away. Starlers means – difficult make both ends meet – prices & pay.

Church pastoral aid with their grant became refused to continue Messrs Cornish

to which no one came – the women not welcome the kind of curate they might provide

Talbot too much of a boy – Process too much for him. wearing the

life out of him – they believe he will reach Canterbury all the same after

Randall Davidson – Creighton no longer in the running – but they can't

Parish of St Anne

Dale One of the few Strict Baptists who has consented to see us – We call him Mr in place of Rev. because in common with most Strict Baptist ministers the ministry is not the main source of income – He is employed (Mondays as a clerk) in the City – just reached home at 7.30

Baptist Ch CXIII. 163.

Leyton Rec (33)

He had hoped (in post card) that our visit "might be for our mutual good & the glory of God" but there was nothing in his demeanour to indicate that he wore his religion more on the surface than other men

Had been doubtful if seeing us as his people were "very reticent" – work purely spiritual & avoid anything sensational – flaring adverts & out door work of any kind. Additions are result of S Sch work.

When he came Chapel was empty. he got it up to 200 but do not get so many now – members falling off age then to outward change – Membership 60 but "it's best to tell the truth, a good many of them can scarcely be reckoned living so far away – effective not over 40

In no case do the parents of the S Sch Ch come to Chapel though every effort has been made to get them

As to Charity certain old members are pensioned & any poor person who applies to pastor or deacons is helped on the spot with 5/ or 5s – collection for poor funds made – After the gift enquiry is made there are cases of deception – but not common – but by deception only the giving of false addresses has meant no real inquiry is made – it is simple charitable giving

Thought that few churches or chapels in the district were prosperous – In his own denomination (Strict Baptist) 5 out of 7 chapels between Deptford & London Bridge had been closed within 20 years

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Parish Notes

District 34

All Saints
S. Barnabas
S. Stephen
} seem not to have been used since 17/22

Holy Trinity. Weigall – Behind the Church lies vicarage – & the Archbishop's field beyond.
Choyle Pop. 12 years ago 8000 now 9000 but going up again – new blocks
(34) 1 C.IV. 8) Some good eg S & R – others bad – as in Carlisle St.
|| On whole district getting poorer – but rents rising a little
|| Subletting more common – Prospects good – more relating to
|| Come & the result a gain – Tenants of S. Thomas's Mansions
of a good class – they not in touch with Church.
|| Strong local – isolated – feeling.
Not difficult to get helps in the work because pleasant to
work under the vicar. Mr. Lee is chaplain to Hospital
No other religious centre – Meyer near – L.C.M. visits
|| Local Sanitary administration good – Police lax on gambling
other vice to be restrained.
(*) A good deal of faithful cohabitation – marriages not too young – freethought
| || Shown – Young married people generally know
(*) | Indifference to religion – late Saturday nights – all going at
| midnight – still to sleep in the morning. Life full of interest
| Work is hard, leisure easily filled – difficult for religion to
"get a look in". Though few come who they are you see for
(*) No adverse propaganda – attitude friendly & favourable
Influence not measurable by attendance – whole range of
work must be taken into account – especially Schools –
Take all away & a noticeable decline would follow
in tone & manners & morals – so the workers thought.

S. Mary: Lambeth Rd. Came from Cornwall 4½ years ago – not of the robust type – mind
Choyle reflected by gentle voice – murmurs in minor key – but a big, human soul
(34) 1 C.IV. 6) with flashes of humour – full of sympathy & generous appreciation of others
|| Parish about as poor as may be – everyone says it has got
(*) poorer in the decade – great pressure on accommodation –
| overcrowding & rent the pressing problem – accentuated by widening
| of L.S.W.Ry – 'Why not a rent court?' – a good deal of local
feeling – to be a Lambethian means something – mainly unskilled
occupation mixed – women work – men live on them often
|| 11,000 poor & the Archbishop – nobody in between
Relations with the Archbishop pleasant – not a parishioner

S Mary. Rector Gives a free hand to the ladies who work the Club
Chg 6 || £15 damages at what they do in charity affection
(34) 1. C IV by Cond Day Scholars discount value of S Schools
Working & factory girls Club - drawing room & classes - garden
for games - rooms at Seaside - invitation dances both sexes
Sanitary work indefatigable - Working Ladies Club - Gymnasium &c
Managed by ladies - homes visited - Young Men's Benefit Soc
Man's Club - some are members of ch brotherhood - but these are
not elected on committee - point of honour to have nothing to do with
the Church -
Relief Committee to which non cons invited - Mr Mayor
co-operates - loyalty only possible to a certain point
Trust charities are administered under scheme by Committee
(*) Strange story about a licensed house - trust property
(*) Betting on the increase. 6" & 7" Standard boys well up in it
(*) Drink as bad as can be - some P.H. like decent clubs other Hells
Greatest difficulty loss of sense of 'duty' as to worship
no opposition - Clergy popular - but this does not make the
people religious - but no Jeremiah - moral tone of the
religious is higher than in the country - and the astounding
goodness of bad people impresses him always.

Wesleyan - Lambeth Chapel & mission (34) 1 Cook C III. 103. Here 2 years very Sons - one a short 25 minutes interview
General talk - See report for details - Was very friendly & spoke
of our work - he always quotes C.S.
An old Wesleyan Ch which one had its carriage folk has gone
left stranded - now working in mission lines - transition state
much hampered by want of funds - Speaks hopefully
Social Cont the new road to religious observance - "must
attend to their bodies first. or what will they think of our
Christianity" - Great reliance on work of the Sisters - (3)
Not much given away to shortness of funds - & great caution
exercised to avoid imposition -
See the report - Success of Canterbury Hall Services
(*) all the Theatres ought to be secured - & the movement
followed up by Church organization - otherwise little use

S Mary - Parish
Wesleyan
(34) 1.

Cook
C111.103
Cont.

Drink the greatest hindrance - Drunkards constantly reclaimed tho constantly falling away - number permanently reclaimed very small - Church can do little till drinking is reduced - Only hope with the children being taught temperance principles more systematically than too often before - Effect in 10 years will be tremendous - pleading for temperance -
Stanford S. in the circuit - swarms with Prostitutes, of lowest class
Foreigners - Rescue work for the new comers
Free Ch Council with Mr Meyer has closed 3/4 brothels & stopped 16 licenses - Some of the authorities thereabouts lose crown.
Limits of Free Ch Council - a district arrangement

Presbyterian
Kennington
(34) 1

Myhre
C111.39

A mission Church connected with S London Presbytery not self supporting & can never be
Neighbourhood declined by students of better class -
Their main supporters now live at Brixton & Clapham
At their meetings give the Gospel in its simplicity - the only chance
Cant get people before S. come down for work
Church growing slowly needs 20/25 each year to make good losses
but those who leave not lost to the Church of Christ
though they may be to Presbyterianism
A little relief in bread soup & beef tea - Parish charities numerous
Attached to one or other Lambeth churches gross income stated to be £14306. (£3260 gross in almshouses & pensions £3610 Church schools £1126 non cons endowments)
Reach Council managing workhouse services - & open air meeting
Police negligent about prostitution - growing in Kennington
Drink alarming. P.H. property all to be purchased into palaces
Betting & gambling prevalent
Indifference the general attitude to religion - very few go to Church - Home heathendom to deal with - indignant at being questioned - think visitors should conform themselves to them
Some claim Ch of E. others go to Metrop Tabernacle or Church
Few go to Church or Chapel as families - go when they like
Sunday for most a holiday - Beer & newspapers - A few Sundays since saw breaks with children say not with the day
Blames formalism of Ch for indifferentism of people - High Church teaching arrogating to true ministry of the Ch - preaching ordinances in place of Christ & his concerns - driving thinking people away.

S. Mary's parish

South Wark & Lambeth Mission connected with Mr Meyer's Church

Benson C111. 231

Mr Benson is the Evangelist working under Mr Meyer of Christ Church (See next page)

Report says it is 42 years since this work was begun & Mr Benson has been Evangelist for 23 years working with the one object of making Christ known. And by meetings visits "Shows the way of salvation". Open air meetings occupy the first place – & of indoor meetings the Women P.S.A. form the most important part – held in Saloon of old Victoria Theatre – Mr Raison being secretary of this branch – other meetings are held at the Lincoln Tower Trinity S. Borough & 2 services weekly in City work rooms.

Met Mr B. at Christ church where in the Hall there were 150/200 women having tea before going in to Mr Cairns mission service – We saw also the Crèche – plenty of helpers – & the Young mens Club rooms – all well arranged & attractive fitted up in Mr Meyers time by whom young people are being well looked after – In one room the Baptistry covered by carpet but ready if wanted – Mr Meyer being himself a baptist though Christ church is undenominational.

Many of the women simply but effectively busy.

Stream of mothers after tea intercepted by Mr Meyer in person to shake hands & see that they are not escape the service – impression of a strong & vigorous man not very clean in appearance –

The Rationale of the Southwark & Lambeth mission are to be found in the year book & in an M.S. report (p. 243) work like L.C.M. with wide freedom – but closely connected with Christ church – work dovetailed in – Meyer's P.S.A. takes the men Benson has the women P.S.A. – no jealousy only admiration felt. value & price of Free Ch council.

As to condition of people – no great change now but quieter

(*) Crowding difficulties more noticeable – Crowded homes, noisy streets responsible for sad, manners! "by & girl-dom"

Mr Benson is a little grey man – has lately been in bad health capable, keen, very friendly, & for his class liberal minded

(Many a parish)

Christchurch Westminster Dr R.

Turner for Mr Meyer

(34) 1. C111.79

Mr Meyer being the busiest of men deputed his secretary Mr Turner with whom we had a long interview. The work of the Church probably the biggest of the Kind in London and for more information we may as well to see other heads.

It is a "perpetuation of Surrey Chapel" opened by Rowland Hill 1783 - Continued the ministry 50 years. Newman Hall was minister from 1854 to 1876 in the old building & then moved to Christchurch continuing there till 1892. Since then by Mr Meyer - himself a Baptist - a Baptistry has been added to satisfy him - without interfering the rest of the Ch. Liturgy of Ch of E is still used with a few alterations - but the Church is strictly undenominational -

Had lost ground in Newman Halls later years - he only preached twice - worn threadbare - genuine membership very small. Present tremendous activity & success due to Mr Meyer - added to the traditions of the Church.

The Church draws from the widest area of any - now Spurgeon is gone & also now includes many neighboring working class people. Although hampered by the Church Prayer which are not liked or understood - galleries free - body occupied by seat holders who assess themselves for £2 2/ to £8

P.S.A. (Mr Turner's chief work) has been 6½ years in existence. Effort to confine it to non church goers & mostly to highest class of working men - from about a mile from church - Attendance register elaborately kept & looked after. Badges for all are "brothers" - Meyer always presides - different speakers each Sunday - no subject forbidden except politics - basis religious. Plain Gospel address liked best - Though non church goers at first many now are - this the object of having the meeting in Church.

From P.S.A. has sprung an Institute & endless other activities & many of the men become missionaries in their own districts. Mr Turner gives his life to it - throwing up a position with double the pay.

Spoke with enthusiasm of Mr Meyer. An intense, spiritual minded man - insists a religious basis for all social work - a Christian socialist but object to bring men to salvation.

St Mary's Parish

Christchurch. Turner, Meyer
Conc. CIII. 79.

The bulk of the organization are due to Mr Meyer who is the inspiring & guiding spirit of all. Newman Hall only came to preach. Mr Meyer is "always in the job" & controls society.
Has won over the old members to the new ways
— & developed camaraderie between rich & poor before unknown.
Free Church Council is practically Christchurch
— Have closed (according to Turner) 150 brothels. not reopened in the district. almost minus Stanford St.
— Made the Waterloo neighbourhood decent. Hotels & Coffee shops still very bad. Evidence difficult to get
— Those "without luggage" have missed the last train.
Rescue of children from brothels.
Also active in temperance. Mr Cloth matters.
The Police will help when asked.
Mr T is Guardian & Vestryman as nominee of the Commy which is getting an increasing number of representatives at each Election
See Mr Meyer's book "Revenues & Realities" with matter & see also page 3.

Emmanuel. Lilly
Chapel
CIV. 35

Has been here 12 years & saw Mr B overturn volumes.
Character of parish little changed in 10 years — possibly slightly worse — but not certain. N. End of Fitzalan St (late Union St) is so. Worst courts (those off Lambeth Walk) have gone. Coach Rd off Fitzalan St now the worst & toughest bit.
Depends mainly on paid staff — "one mission woman worth 10 ordinary"
Has 2 or 3 helpers who come from Emmanuel, Streatham
Great cause of non attendance the Rescue in it entails
"mark for gibes & sneers in any honest work" — "going for what they can get" — a quite intense change in our case.
Usual attitude indifference — but more friendliness & apart from Church going more touch.
Of those who come many are extraordinarily warm & heart & liberal — giving largely — a servant 20/. 2 sisters 20/. mother. Charwoman 10/. 12

Immanuel. Lilly
Chr 4
CIV. 35
(Cont°)

One of the Churchwardens a marble mason carved & erected a reredos valued at £150 - Constant acts of self denial

Not on the whole "up hill work" -
Most of the Children go to some S. Sch - the nearest to Lambeth Ragged School - unconnected with Chr Church
'leads to nothing' - nearly all the people in the court
Court has been at the Ragged School in their time
Object of social work to lead to higher things - no tests -
many of the most faithful drawn from the Clubs.
Visits of mission women regular - practically all parishioners known
Relief not on street lines £100 to £120 a year
There are 3 active LC m who work against the Church - the more resented as Mr L is an ex Nat Evangelist
Have lost several young people to Mr Meyers Church.
Vestry efficient & more active than formerly.
Police polite & helpful but shut their eyes.
Drink no improvement but not worse - Coal & Beer shops should be demolished -
A dull uninteresting good conscientious man - a lot of work put on

P.S. visited Cora Pl - Enough good (though stale) bread the gutter to feed a family -

Wesleyan Mission. Deeley
Topaz St
(34) 2
CIII.151

Has worked for many years with this mission - an old gentleman
Hard worker at whatever is his calling & not well off. Lives in a small way. Mission connected with Lambeth Circuit but in point of being taken over by the London Mission which will ease them in finance - Management rests with local workers
Trend of district round mission upwards - people more decent & thrifty - Housing condition leaves much to be desired a good deal of over crowding

S. Philip - Steer
Kennington Rd
Chof Co
(34) 2 * CIV. 129

Seen in the Church & vestry - been here about a year
Comes from the wealth of S. Indes Kensington
harassed by responsibilities but welcomes all except managing
Pop about 12000 - Artisans, waiters, bricklayers, shop
assistants, music-hall artistes &c. S. Wells or low Salaud
Local trend downwards - movement to Brixton &c
The class of children (fee paying) in their schools & their families
set the tone to the whole work of the Church - Congregation
being of this class - fee paying children wont mix with free
scholars either in Sunday schools or any where else - a
most exclusive set.

(Central / with Central parts)

Mr Steer one of 4 Lambeth Clergy who join in the
"National Breakfast" Mr Reeve, Mr de Castaret & Mr Asher
being the others. The non cons are Mr Meyer, Mr Williams
Mr Parr Mr Costee & Mr Arnusfell & some others
Meetings of use making for good feeling
Relief - careful work with C.O.S. - Registration Cons reason
No other religious agency in Parish - Thursfield influence
still felt - Meyer also important
South London excellent in all, unresponsive

S. James Harris
Kennington Rd
not seen

(Central)

S. Mary the less Bromfield
Brixton Rd
Chof Co
(34) 2. CIV. 99

Free from lustrin & self respect - careful in statement
Been here 32 years originally as curate - is Rural Dean
Pop of his own parish 12500 - about the same as when he came
Mult rec in spacious way - only 1 block - Mess & mult gardens
a wonderful influence - flower vegetables &c &c.
Duchy of Cornwall & Mr Loubber-Pole Chief landlords
the latter estate especially well managed - houses in great demand
Felt slightly Home - but people nice & respectable - Relations with
church friendly & pleasant -

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No professional vice - Betting has come - a new evil -
much excessive drinking - but people are honest & virtuous

S. Mary the less ~~Glen~~ Broomfield Chap. to (34) 2 Cont.	C.IV. 99	As a rule nobody goes to church - always has been so - a very small percentage goes - You can work up a connection but attendance at church not the natural sequel - not the natural thing. It comes to the same thing with people from country they don't go in London - & our people if they went into the country would be found going there - not dislike nor unbelief - Children are brought to be Christened but fewer children come to S. Sch. - a bad sign as showing less effort to get them ready - but lives are hard home strivings on S. many till 11 or so - The boy who was a good son but women twist with than go to church.
*		Of the young women they get the clever & the very stupid.
*	||	So: London short of churches - more might mean larger congregations for Sach. - by making for custom. More forethought & more faith needed - as with the RC in planning their cathedral.
Parish. Regent Ch. (34). 2	Hendron. C.III. 75.	Working here since 1895 - When he came tried to reach the people by open air & special meetings - does very little more than a small cong. - filled in from surrounding
Mission LCM Lambeth Walk (34) 3	Goodman C.III. 21	24 years in the district - Intellectually above average. LCM Shrewd ready seldom at a loss - good speaker & super. Clerical Coat & collar - has been called. Bishop of Lambeth walk District stretch between Kennington Rd & the River. Walcot St. (late Key St.) & end of Lollard St. the worst parts. Costers of lowest type - In Lambeth Walk the tradesmen live over their shops & are open on Sundays mostly - Trade not as good as it was - People poorer & competition of stores
*		Gambling & drunkenness have increased - Drink amongst women awful
*	||	Much poverty but it is preventable - overcrowding serious. In Newport St. almost all occupied single rooms. Visits the potteries & another mission to be appointed to share the district - Between Lambeth Walk there are 500 unlicensed houses

S. Mary the less

L C M Mission
Lambeth Walk
(34) 3.

Gorman
C111. 21
Cont.

Kiln burners a rough set - Potters superior usually live at a distance -
Open air meetings a prominent feature - Sunday morning 10-1 always a big crowd - two shots used regularly
Hall filled on Sunday evening in winter - 80/90 in summer - Those attending have been attracted by open air training -
Helps poor cases - down on Cadgers - many never work some never pay rent - stay till turned out
(*) no temperance feeling except among the workers - Story with them
Illustrating indifference mentioned Bishops fête at Lambeth & Churches - largely advertised - not more than 200 present partly due to threatening weather.
Very few attend places of worship - Thousands take Sunday excursions
Has some "splendid" trophies of peace - "however
Poor opinion of the Police - work on line of "no complaint all right"
Acquiesce in betting - no action taken.
Mr G is a remarkable individuality, & a power.

Moffatt Institute. Briant
(34) 3.
C111. 183.

member of executive, the oldest worker - does not now fill any of the chief offices - There are 10 Briants - brothers & cousins connected with social or philanthropic agencies in this district - one we have already seen —
Another man the Beaufoy Instit: - all good non cons. liberal minded good citizens.
Institute connected with Brixton Independent Church started under Baldwin Brown as centre of unsectarian Christian work
Has had many vicissitudes & changes of habitation - but always a fairly vigorous life - Move to Esher St from Vauxhall & brought in a rather better class - still by no means well to do - quite the sort for which intended - Connexion with Chapel always maintained
Has grown up growing - always on same lines - a good deal for young people
Things have always yielded to the young & to the schools - Few men come - difficult to cater for both at same place for working men children & young people - At the institute more done for material than the religious welfare - Not much education attempted better got elsewhere - only mandolins classes &c. Amusement side strong - & music
Asta district better still worse & worse better

St Peter — Benny
Chof Ee
343 CIV 1

Only here 9 months - already intimate knowledge of parish derived partly from worker - partly to being Mrs a curate he has a on the work go taking each district in turn. Parish formed 35 years ago. Mr Nea began as Calvinist in chapel opposite - succeeded by Father Herbert extreme High. His object & that of his succession to get the people to communion & confession. It is a fact that parish has become much poorer in recent years. Prices somewhat cheaper in 9 months. Joins so poor that the Sunday offg contains the best. Decay due to influx from Westminster & Pimlico - crowding great. Buildings & churches inadequate.

Numbers of communicants & confirmations extraordinary for so poor a parish result of individualistic system. Chief influence through the schools - taught Xty - nothing watered down - through the children get the parents.

Confession absolutely essential - nothing else will reach people. Thought if the Bishops & archbishops had worked as curates among the poor they would know it - Emphatic on futility of "moderate" high churchmen instanced Mr Bromfield - "Matins & evensong & that sort of thing will never touch the people - but the mass will" -

The day schools are so ragged that parents who are communicants, & admit their sin, send their children to Board School. Although the religious teaching is so complete & strong no child has yet been withdrawn - (See extract from Bishop's inspection report as to the excellence of the teaching)

The Sunday school children join in the celebrations. Pomps &c.

Such social work as is done has an ulterior object.

Mrs of St Annes when a curate here had a great deal to do. Club but not out of hand -

Visiting thorough - Relief careful but not on C.O.S. lines - more might be spent with advantage.

Drink excessive main cause of distress.

Housing old & bad - Buildings morally worse - destruction of home life very bad for church work - He turns them out as the Papists do.

In spite of agressive churchmanship a likeable man. Nothing sacerdotal or jesuitical - a good fellow & a gentleman in character - An Irishman & married.

S. ~~Peter~~ Parish

Prim. Meth: (34) 3. Wanborough St — Bowles — C111.195.

In charge of Walworth & Kennington stations (Circuit plan). Only been at Kennington 6 months – Walworth chapel in a parlous state to be saved must be made a mission.

St Marks Parish St

Mr Bowles chief aim to get no offd – not drawn to mission work. Breach between the Chapel & S. Agnes' Church worst death. Sisters of S. Agnes try to wean away his people – say they have no chance of Heaven. Mr Bowles very not drained. Church cannot be quiet when there any chance to go to Chapel. S. Sch – relation strained & deplorable.

St Agnes Kennington Park (Query what S. Agnes is this?)

At Walworth the neighbourhood in unconnected with the Chapel very few come. Sunday hours 400 & 20 years ago was crowded. Now about 30. S. Sch 70 drawn by bribery from district. "The poorer the district the more you have to pay – it is sad but true."

At Kennington a growing cause. Lower middle & (mainly) W. class.

At Peckham all on small scale but more hopeful than Walworth.

Mission — Ines — Kennington Hall — C111.225 (34) 3

Small & insignificant mission. Interesting as proof of vitality of Shurfcons influence & as repaid the youth of those responsible for its. Worthy – Mr A. G. Ines a lad of 18 at most employed in Post Office. a "softy" whose natural environment in the Bible class & S. Sch. Mission – an equally young companion was of different stamp – bright intelligent pleasant who has probably been kept from Music Halls by some complist. Both of by worthy class youths & the other equals, young have been carrying on here for about 3 years. Previous attempts have failed. Are members of the Tabernacle.

St Marks Parish St

Hall taken for Study & 3 week night. Many Ch. Soc. adults (who do not come). Preachers from outside. Workers not attend. Inspiter hearts & often air work. S. Sch 160. No of Hope 80. Cheerful young men delighted in the work.

St Mark Kennington — Darlington — Chop 8 — (34) 3. — C IV 117

Here something under a years - a young man for his parish very keen - should do well if he does not break down - both his predecessors broke down - burden no lighter now. Pop 15000 two mission churches - no endowment - large sums to raise - as a result not a penny left for him. Most means necessary.
Was with Farrar at Westminster - & since with Sandwith at St George
his wife is Farrar's daughter -

Pop. clerks, shop keepers, theatrical & musical people artisans & some labourers - many lodgers med. stud. clerks &c - many doctors
Large old houses give way to small as leases fall in - parish thus cts houses tis now poor though not necessitous. Includes much shabby gentility - so far as this small house - not blocks of flats & no factories - Money is the difficulty in working parish.
Report unusually full & concise - see page 127.
Relig worked in with COS - try to control the visitors by one Church position 'Liberal Evangelical' - South London the worst shot for 'in a general' in England - Feels utterly neglected
Lacks grit - has neither sentiment nor tradition - great personalities & great institutions alike wanting.
Health & sanitary conditions good - No great pressure or accommodation but range of rents high for respectable poor manual people
No complaint against Oval or New Kennington Theatre -

Congregational Camberwell Hall. — Jackman (L.C.M.) — (34) 3. — C III. 57

This is in St Peters Parish G.H.

Man of sterling character - Small district for visitation
862 houses - 1056 families - 4742 people - See statistical table
Covers ground 4 or 5 times a year - do not move much - no where to go -
Rowdy conduct of lads from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. near the mission -
Audience free from Caspers - very little spent in relief
Most of them members have first listened in the air
Drink the great evil -
Jackman well read in Bible & likes
Mr Caine pays the rent - the people find working expenses.

S. Mark. Kennington

Congregational. Hewitt Has been here about 11 years
Clayland's R. District round Chapel artisan & improving owing to facilities
(34) 4. C111/124 of Electric Ry. - demand for houses increasing - no "to let" seen
People in Ashmole Pl. aristocratic & beyond Ch influence
Spoke optimistically of their hold on immediate vicinity
No other Chapel working on same ground - ideal for non con work
People most responsive - tremendously in earnest -
But how few it amounts to! 240 members being 150 families
From Clayland's Rd only 3 families are represented - his view
seems quite sound, optimistic. Sees little of the wealthier class. like their of many non cons
Such time as they do not spend in study & sermon preparation is
fully occupied visiting their own poor people.
Ashmole Place systematically visited by ladies
Drink the root of all poverty & distress - When he came believed
the influence of drink was much exaggerated but now convinced of it
The people in the better streets are wonderfully thrifty
Health very good
A quiet unassuming little church successful in its way
Mr Hewitt essentially a model religious -

Wesleyan Meth. Noble Herne Hill Circuit - Always hard at it. - 6 Chapels on the plan
~~Methodist~~ free church Clapham Park Rd Chapel has been taken over from Congregationalists
~~Wesleyan~~ C111.155 Miles S. Chapel with adjacent property has been sold for £8000 - part
(34) 4 Miles St for a commercial lodging house - part for S. Annes (Mr Morris)
In St Anne's parish Circuit to build new Chapel in Fentiman Rd corner of Meadow
St. - the change follows the trend of their people
All S. Sch teachers from their own church

St Anne. Morris Chaffe (34) 4 CIV. 139

Talked in Study redolent of smoke after many meetings of Clerical staff – Apologised for smoke – referred to seeing CA when he was at St Peters – as to Clubs (I think he gave me lunch) Described himself as a bit of an agitator & Fabian – Seems genuine – not a poseur – Knows district well Vauxhall Park is having some effect in keeping district up but it can never become middle class – Approaches too bad reputation too shady – So that the flats created near are occupied by shady people, fallners or kept women.

Another (some) use is for young fellows who share & consume one at a time often bringing a woman with them "The flatters are no good to us" "birds of passage & birds of paradise" (John Burns)

No great change in his own parish – old houses remain many occupied by several poor families

Changes impending – leases expiring in 1901 – probably less squalid – More disreputable – rents higher – flashier style of life – Great "unearned increment" due to Park

Many bookies live here – Vauxhall their centre – People cross the Thames to Vauxhall as they do the Channel to Boulogne

Others are respectable & prosaic – & go to the North side on Sundays

Decent side of his people are Railway men, operative builders (recall all his chairs are in building trades) Hotel & Club servants Compositors &c &c – Many who live "on luxury"

Rowton House gives them a lot of trouble – as a lodging house

Southampton St Closed by LCC.

Ex chapel bought from the Methodists – or rather from Mr Berry who was a number of common lodging houses.

Deaconess nurse who will do damaging better work than a duly qualified nurse "fetches work –

When he came there was no congregation – nothing been done

Those gained have come in one by one & represent parish fairly "must be caught by hook & line – nothing net" (Bishop Thorold)

We have plenty of nets – but has to get those caught into anything else

Statistics seemed to shell failure – but some impression was being made

S. Anne. Morris
Chief C
(34) 4 Ccl. CIV 139

The mixture of Ch. & Charity – that's what keeps men away – However they do their best. District visitors give nothing – no tickets – follow C.O.S. lines – but cannot be overstrict.

A club for men & women formerly Mrs Despard has had to be dropped because Mrs D became a Catholic – Compromise – Club was secularised & Mr M remains President.

+ Mr Parnell – Chairman of Committee & Treasurer. Mrs Despard – President (A.)

Mrs D. pays rent & lives on premises – purely social club dances &c – no trouble from male & female membership.

Mrs D's influence very helpful – She has since started a R.C. club in Battersea – She is also a Lambeth guardian & well known.

Mr Morris' own social work is chiefly connected with Labour movements Trades Council – Gas workers union &c & on vestry which is improving – less self seeking more public spirited.

Police he finds stiffened – & also not enough – 2 burglaries or breaks in 2 years & 25 robberies from Ch in 3 – Church left open without attendant – Depredation due to proximity of C.L.H. Rowton H. Free Lib. & Park – Where you have the two latter you may expect robberies. –

Marriages sadly too young – some forced – preventive check more used by better artisans – not by classes below – Superstition prevents their use – Same superstition being now women to be churched to avoid miscarriage next time – but practice filters down –

River & open spaces make district healthy. –

Med. officer very good. Sanitary administration strict. Non residential building displaces pop. – rents rising by leaps & bounds. L.C.C. by increased – not from employers.

Mr M's labour theories (See Page 155) – hard pressure on the casual working class from the improvement of others.

Welcomes the decline of conventional Church going.

People will do any motive thing for you except come to Church. A few do come but not by these can the influence of the Church be gauged –

Mr M touches so many dangerous & controversial things that it is not unlikely he may do as much harm as good.

S. Anne

Wheatsheaf Hall. Caine
So. Lambeth Rd.
Congregational
C III. 1.
(34) 4

Honorary Pastor – the well known temperance advocate
Came to office dressed in loose grey check suit & straw hat. Sense
& Comfort more important than fashion – a ready talker
& brought a pamphlet which (we found) contained many of the
facts & many of the opinions he expressed –
The Hall was started 15 years ago & is now recognised
as Congrg. Ch. & Mr C as Pastor – for story see Minutes accounts
People of district poor labouring folk. Large mass S. Wkg men from
there Wheatsheaf hall chiefly drawn – & when the Company moved its
works to Battersea 27 men left & Mr C went down there to help
start a new spiritual home for them
In Pascal St they had a mission Hall but have been
driven out by the inhabitants – nor can they work hard there have
more men than women in the congregation –
All decently dressed when converted give up drink &
(*) xxx 5/. a week – Labour Loan Soc very successful – never
makes a bad debt – managed by working men
Visitation seems mainly a means of advertising the hall
distribute 5000 copies of the "Wheatsheaf"
Have a "poor & needy fund" – but are careful to avoid a
"front row of cadgers" –
Mr Caine claims to be the personal friend of these people
& that anybody could be equally successful anywhere town
on the same lines – "Don't build a mission Hall – Take
(*) a house & turn the rooms into a meeting place – any earnest
young man could do the work & only need occasional support –
Costs very little – almost self supporting – but can't pay a minister
(*) You need a better man than you could pay for – & preferably
a layman – deep rooted dislike to the white tie or the harm
on the make – Personal Service what is needed
(*) Poor far more readier religion than the rich – feel the need of a
clean slate to start fresh – & then must be given work to do – The
mistake of the Evangelical that they preach the Sermon on the mount
Mr C well interviews with them Sermon & thinks they touch a lower
class than other missions – Ashell admits this.

St Anne's Parish

R C St Anne Brown
Hartley pro P.
(34) 4. C111.161.

Father Brown is the well known R C member of the LSB
This visit asked time to co-ordinate his ideas. but spoke
then of the great changes taking place in all South London
within radius of some miles for Westminster Dr. Central
fact that the district is becoming commercialised. Borough already
gutted with factories. Now they spring up on all sides
as far afield as Brixton & Clapham. look at Cawstons
in the best part of Clapham A.

* || The building of these factories
is driving out the very people who will have to work in
them & who for the most part must live near their work.
And the reformers give us schemes for housing at Croydon
The madness of it. They to do this life the problem of London
cannot be solved as elsewhere. loc, analogy fails.
Touchy on Sch Board. hopeless task to enforce attendance
public opinion not sanctioning punishment of parents
fining more Continental fashion.

A week later Father Brown was ill in bed. 13 Dec
Seen again on 22 Jany. gave the constituents of his district
containing 3000 R.C. numbers always increasing.
nearly all Cockney Irish & Irish. a few better class English
many converts. 10% middle & lower middle. remainder poor
but not generally very poor. not so poor as Rotherhithe or Borough
or even Walworth. Children often bad boots never bare feet
not 20 out of 500 need a pair of boots.
The two patches are by Pascall St & Vauxhall walk
Riverside labourers & carters. the latter not R.C but their
wives are. Whole district fully poor.

|| The buildings for better class (flats) have shady occupation
Rents too high for working class. position not good enough for upper class
almost turn over to kept women. seldom professional people stay.
As to church going avers the real difficulty. no difficulty in the
north where the women wear shawls in place of jacket & hat. Fear of ridicule does not apply with Catholics

St Anne's Parish

RC. St Anne's Brixton
(34) h. Conc. C III. 16 n

Charge of coming for what they can get. Halfpaths abusive with Catholics – who on the contrary are superior to give – Convent School – great difficulty in reclaiming the boys when they become self conscious –
Father B not specially great in temperance work – Approved the Mission was affiliated to League of the Cross – not so new League of the Cross lapsed, a failure – not religious enough – & too intemperate in language – men suspected of drinking on the Thy – Opening for strictly religious temperance soc – but must be sensational – Band like display – flags & drums.
No systematic relief – not much Poor accounts kept
Meals to the Children – RC not much helped for outside – but will take "maternity bags"
Vestry – small tradesmen &c – none of them loose, though there may not be much actual corruption
Badly policed – men themselves efficient & obliging
Drink transport – some outward improvement – not so blatant
The war has had a sobering effect – the quietest Christmas – a good deal of insanity prevalent

All Saints. Edwards.
Ch of S
(34) 5 C IV. 49

Rural Dean of Kennington – the sphere of temptations is as elsewhere has been vicar here 25 years – previously curate of S. Stephen Hackney – 8 years member of S. Board – very busy man – scarcely ever at S. B office. Morning half an hour – gave an hour more than
Character of Parish substantially unaltered – owing to filling up there are more poor – older parts remain as they were no better & no worse always degraded (Pascal St &c) – hopeless & unbelievable –
No sign of Dissenters

The Second Church rather regretted – brought to Church others not – increase aggregate number of worshippers this old church suffers
Workers drawn large from outside – quite half – from Stockwell but all members of Corp. & many have lived in parish –
Attitude of indifference towards religion – not interested – this growing
There are waves & never has the word of God been more powerful than now – even worse than indifference of the mass – is the slackness of so called Church people – on the smallest excuse stay away – shower of rain – wind or fog &c

All Saints Edwards – Altogether took gloomy view – discouragement so great
Chap to that he is inclined to be apathetic.
(34) 5 Cont C IV. 49 In spite of the huge numbers of the S. Sch. – many at them now who is nowhere. – Relies on visiting to keep people up
without our visitors & organizations the church would be almost empty in 3 months –
Professes adherence to COS. – his visitors will give tickets!
A needlework soc. costs £220 a year –
Better known & greater grip than usual
Personally less attractive than many less successful men

Presbyterian. McEwan Until last year sole pastor – now getting old a junior appointed
Trinity Ch to help him – Here 24 years – in ministry 48 years –
(34) 5 C III. 143. Despises fripperies of Ritualists though fearing Symbolism of their teaching
Problems of intimacy with Low Church though lamenting their
Erastian weakness preventing the broad stand that might have been possible
Outlook for Chap to gloomy –
This church most important centre of Presbyterianism in S
London & one of 3 in all London –
Social tissue of district downwards – carriage folk left – church
surrounded now by more congested & poorer class "Thou hast
multiplied the nation, but not increased the joy thereof"
Many whose pride & that purse hinders joining any church
& too busy & stingy to pay towards its maintenance – being either
unable or unwilling they crowded out of the worship at all
Congreg drawn from distance chiefly middle class. Some W. Cla.
Mission Hall for aggressive work started 22 years ago
Poor not numerous at Chapel: nor any in ward ordinary attendance
only 22 years ago, 2 years of distress – No difficulty in
raising funds when cases require help.
Trinity Hall (Mission) is in Battersea & there things have
improved since it was started – standard of behaviour, decency,
& Gospel Concerts – due partly to Mission hall, to Sch Boards & to
better dwellings
Mr McEwan's work is congregational in best sense – people brought together by
adherence to the scheme form of church gov & affection for the man who is
so sympathetic, simple & genuine –
The Minister report is a very full one

Seems not to have been used

S. Barnabas. Sotheby Here nine years. Parish very little altered so far as
(34) 5. CIV. 21. wealth goes. Working class streets exactly the same still
contain 'cream of working class' in Thorne St &c
West of Hartington Rd Wheatsheaf Lane & the worst
Simpson St very poor. squalid houses. not squalid streets
Clarence St out of Jefferies road become poor & mixed.
let direct in tenements by land lord
Large mass of working people railway employees. not a family
without some member so employed.
wives of the most respectable have been in service & would
like their girls to go.
For some years wonderfully prosperous. work plentiful
Employers complain of difficulty of getting men
As older families go place taken by people equally well
off but less respectable. influx of rate theatrical & bookies.
the latter attracted by proximity to Vauxhall.
Some newcomers keep up good appearance frightfully insecurious
Among working class scarcely any go to any place of worship.
Chief excuse Sunday labour. more than usually common
nearly all cowed make time if they chose.
women who have gone while in service give it up after marriage
Ch almost invariably attend S. Sch. Cannon Edwards has an
immense school & many go to Wheatsheaf Hall.
But work among the children unsatisfactory "Seems to have
no effect in civilizing them. they nearly all fall away
as soon as they begin to work." Great want some
agency for holding the children at the awkward age
Ch Lads Brigade doing something in this direction
Relief through visitors. Co-operation (not cordial) with C.O.S.
Work of vestry good. Police helpful & efficient
Drink chief cause of such squalor & distress as exists
but not prominent. No professional prostitution but sad
cases of scattered girls. Marriage universal not early
Most men belong to Friendly Soc. Health Thorny good.
"a very ordinary parish". Mr S. quiet gentlemanly man of
no mark no great vigour

Seems not to have
disappeared

St Barnabas parish

Baptist – Mussell (34) 5. C111.137

Short talk with Mr Mussell who (it seemed) had written asking us not to call but proved a pleasant Cantonian highly cultured man whose church is decaying & almost dead – devotes his time to literary work & teaching – at the Church only on Sundays – otherwise his people ~~since~~ see nothing of him – Weak in his pastorate 1878/1887

Change in neighborhood resulting in newcomers of a class only to be attracted by methods he could not adopt "You might preach down to them"

Religious spirit waning – indifference growing – Pop. Lower mid & working class – railway works – locomotives & "touch a few of these"

Wesleyan Thorpe Shadey Rd C111.215

Only here a few months. This church was till lately head of a circuit including smaller causes at Battersea Place & Clifton St now added to So. Western mission – & this church has been latched on to the Clapham Circ. Has been declining for some years thro' social deterioration attachment to well to do Clapham Church intended to help.

Congreg mainly young people – few families – N' Sd teachers civil servants – apprentices clerks shopmen & also medical students live in lodgings – neighboring householders take boarders Families are shop keepers –

Condition improved since incorporation in Clapham Circ.

Removals very frequent among the young people – sense of wandering

Temperance fairly growing but not what it should be

Drink not so bad as in some places –

Stockwell the people are respectable – no open vice

Attitude to religion indifferentism

In Studley road not more than 6 families allowing place of worship regularly

St. Stephen Grundy Chap 6 (34) 6 CIV. 163

Did not at first respond - showed little interest - conformed in with S/O
Them at first but improved - Church seems local centre
Story of terrible difficulties owing to departure of well to do
Complicated with growing strength of ritualism
No endowment - dont know what to do - left stranded
wreck & let no pity - respectable working houses poor, not
believers in - result constant struggle for existence
(Coat threadbare - looked half starved)
Even Albert Sq many houses let in tenements & actual
poverty in St Stephen Terrace. Every house a tenement
Parish has become rapidly poorer & more crowded since
Cancrom opened their large factory - Clapham Rd - full begin now stuffed
Power Street off Brixton Rd - poorer & higher. Sly place
full of all sorts of wickedness - most of our rough for there
Church in gift of Kemble family & evangelical & Mr Grundy
as a believer in the word of God is an evangelical - was
asked to move with the times - but could not do it
result this family left & others with them & have since
worked against the ch.

no sign of daylight open space

The Church meets a want in holding those who might
otherwise lapse from having to see men in colored garments
sprinkling before the altar &c. such come to St Stephen
But numbers are small & decreasing - only a very exceptional
man can fill a church in such a district now
like Mr Mozell at Ch Ch Brixton or Allen Edwards.
The poor as a whole not touched - exceptions of course
as a rule impossible as anything with a family under
both parents are pious - only poor people come to mission services
all who come are church goers
When neighbourhood was rich they had a large band of district visitors
now only 2 or 3 left - Sec. trades. Bible woman & nurse badly needed -
at present not too a curate "all ritualists now"

Railway Mission. Hawkins
Wandsworth Rd.
(34) 6 C111.205.

Did not rope, so Ashell called & found him at his home
room over a shop Clapham Rd.
In neighbourhood have quite 500 Rly men. perhaps 7000. living
all around but concentrated betwn Wandsworth & So Lambeth Road.
Majority come as married men to London. constant stream coming
& going. according as they get a step.

All Saints Parish
SA

Hawkins visits the works except Electric Rly & some filthy shops.
Mission building rather out of the way. up an narrow Entry
want to build to front the road.
Practically all these men are connected with the Rly.
Maintain S. mon. attendance at Ch by Mission 80 out of possible 104
attendances. 75 got the mission last year.
Collect funds for special cases. Widows & from the men themselves.
Dead man's antecedents have a great effect.
Men constantly injured. demand for surgical aid & appliances.
Line very dangerous. an accident a day.
Drink a tremendous curse. Thrift flourishes. Give
handsomely to Sick & Benefit Fund.
Mr Hawkins away a good deal. work devolves on the men.
The mission is really run by Railway men for themselves & their mates. Mr H keeping threads together.
Although small it is genuine. the outcome of the piety of the men themselves.
Exterior not attractive. attractive from within & in spite of this.

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Parish notes

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S. John. Walworth — Jephson — CIX. 17

The well known L.S.D. member - Formerly at S. Johns Waterloo Road Here 6 years - Essentially political parson - "I'm here to fight the battle of the weak against the strong" - for 5 years with Mr Horsley + Mr Dawes (Chairman of vestry) has fought for Sanitary improvement of Walworth - Pop. 10,000 / 11000. Rents 2/6 to 2/6 c. Enormous rents - yet not landlords fault working man paying 20/ for 8 rooms lets off - & packs in 15 or 16 people - hardly a parlour in Larcom St - St Blooles no one takes 3 rooms who can squeeze into 2. Marvel is not that there is immorality but that there is any morality yet number of illegitimate births smaller than at Waterloo Rd

Vestry has endeavoured to fight raising of rent by raising assessment - story as to Pullens buildings

Drains were in shocking condition - have been entirely reconstructed - & death rate greatly lowered.

Vestry has also built Baths & Wash houses - Communal. See story of working men waiting their turn on Saturday with bundles of clean clothes - 82 stalls where women in 2 hours can do as much as in a day at home - Newington about to instal its own light

Poor law a humane policy & a humane workhouse master - Respectable widows not separated from children given out relief up to 20/ or 25/. a week if necessary

Champion Hill infirmary finer than any general hospital & none but trained nurses -

All these improvements carried out in opposition to landlords tradesmen & conservatives - but without any raising of rates (has about assessments?)

As to Church "Are training up a generation who will adopt a very different attitude - have 700 children at my day school who are instructed for 1 hour daily for 5 days a week in the truths of our holy religion". Come at present for marriage Churching & baptisms - last night of old year Thanksgiving & Thanksgiving - all merely from superstition to fleece or change luck - They know the facts of the life of Christ

S. John. Jebbson (41) CIX_17 Cont

they learn them at the Schools but it is all divorced from Church - we must beg it down to Church - No hostility - got confidence & esteem come in trouble &

Whole parish visited in Dog room - see dog, dog about once in 6 months - LCM useful - pay dog where & people like to hear about Hell fire.

Costers have chosen this as their church for marriage very unusual for coster girl to have illegitimate child

Very economically & physically the superiors & can insist.

Out of 23000 possible children only 15000 at S. Schools but the proportion increasing -

Has got £7000 to build a new Institute - no religious test

Relig dissociated from Ch attendance - Co operators with COS

Does not believe much in saving - judicious spending better but people spend recklessly - pears oysters & ride the Shell.

Strong teetotaler - believes drink is increasing - if this question settled no other need - amount spent monstrous

Coster monger mr overs claimed compensation & deposed that his profits were £5 per week - all going in drink

Police - Inspector Stevens has almost suppressed Brothels - in next divis in the inspector sees nobody -

Summed up his position as an effort to utilize existing press for the purposes for which they were created - to stir up enthusiasm to make use of what we've got - Am I hopeful? yes - because I don't look for immediate results - let the thing grow -

Street Baptist, Surrey — Dolbey

Tabernacle CX 125. (41)

Minister - native of Coventry - Street Baptist minister Yorkshire & for last 12 years here - Consulted his deacons who asked if our question came from the Pope & thought better take no notice - but finally granted permission to see the young man & find out what he wanted -

Mr D lives at Templar St a long way from the Tabernacle which is in Walworth St.

(Parish of S. John)

Surrey Tabernacle. Dolley — Congreg drawn from great distances. Lewisham
Strict Baptist — CX 125. Cap^d — New Cross Balham – North London Croydon &c
(41) L

a few may come from Walworth – some poor members from Peckham & Dulwich little "as many poor as we can nicely look after". Majority middle & lower mid class. Shopkeepers & business men – as a body severely Puritanical – averse to change – an effort to get 4 hymns in place of 3. Keep themselves to themselves & as a Church have no connection with outside affairs. Chapel Keeper gets £150. Minister all that remains after expenses are paid.

No outside aids to popularity – alms hung, shorthand Preacher. 4 times twice on Sunday twice in week. Prospect avoidance of sermons – "the body & soul of missionary work" but a great strain. Few come twice on Sunday because distances are so great.

A good deal of unofficial relief – if in need all members are relieved – no appeal made to outsiders. Christmas collection for poor £70/80 – don't talk about it. Central idea & principle is that the work of the Church is spiritual – other work all undertaken individual though it may be helped – but unofficially – only official connection is with souls of members.

No cooperation & come under no other influence. No idea as to local gov^t &c or the condition of the people – never interchange pulpit – people don't like it. Tells his people they are 50 years behind. They take to that they are 100 – no politics in pulpit but plenty in the pews. Mr Dolley a liberal & thinks all Strict Baptists ought to be – but they are not.

Majority Conservative.
Tabernacle founded by Mr Wells in Borough High St. about 50 years ago – then moved to Walworth St. Twas 15 years without pastor – none supply deacons – till Dolley was approved – but refused later very again asked he accepted – & 22 years.
London not main centre of Strict Baptists – Suffolk & Cambridge.
Edit. Surrey Tab. witness & write first article –
Congregation in Chapel not circumstances

Parish of S John

Baptist Mills
Walworth No. CX.11.
(41)

Here 18 years - Difficulty in maintaining work with the increased anxiety of well to do - There used to be strings of carriages from York St Chapel to Walworth No.
all who can afford to do so go. - Transfer of members
Churches which remain successful do so by means of outlanders, whose attachment is to Pastor rather than church - Success only possible in missionaries - an unhealthy system -
Takes gloomy view of future but meanwhile personally successful - Spoke warmly of LCMs - their
(*) Systematic visitation invaluable
Of 500 members 100 comfortable off rest respectable working class - Poor rough class in neighbourhood not touched - they don't want us or our religion - Interest in trouble when they seek material help - only touched thro' children & by the Bible women - The family not the church must be the unit of Christian work
Direct religious effect of social work small - civilising influence great -
Expresses grave doubts as to value of most missionary work - especially with reference (Dardenne) to the Wesleyan Mission & Browning Hall -
Nothing too good to say of Martin & Head for men - but their methods cheapened religion & lowered Christian tone.
victims of Cadgers who profess religion - & apart from such they succeed by drawing weaker members from where they give instead of receiving -
As to local poor more & more difficult for the upper to stand much connection Roy rolling - Police must not go too far
(X) Drink the supreme obstacle. Need not be a hungry or distressed soul - Apparent anybody feeling of this - Deacons meetings given up Alcohol -
Fast shop girl clay out by semi prostitution - worst feature among Christian boys. a fine state of more feeling
Apart from drink great obstacle is own crowd - Anybody read
A Thorough Genuine Sensible man & powers - President Nat. Union of Evangelical Baptist assoc.

Parish of S. John

LCM. Tomkins — Era not very robust when caught referred to Supt. to whom
(41) 1 — CX 215 — full particulars have been given for his — but talked a little
District Square block — East S. Walworth N. York S.
Thorn S. — worked here 21 years — Character of
people changes little — not so many thieves but
quite as many prostitutes working near Elephant
Mission Hall is in St Mark's parish — People labouring class low wages — avge 17/- in
Summer 30/ winter 10/ or 5/ — Children same
in same groove — as soon as they can they helps
very well received for he "treats for body as well
as soul" stock of simple drugs — has studied medicine
for 7 years & the people come to him — deals with
ordinary cases — others he sends to hospital.
Gambling the great evil of the district — streets
very muddy — Salty Thursday — open — watchers set to
give alarm — if suspected bolt through open doors
& away at back —

St Marks. Forster Charles — Here 3 years — has first acquaintance with London
(41) 1 — CIX. 87 — Familiar with our work & map — which did not
paint his parish now sufficiently dark — It was very poor
10 years ago but is now much poorer — labouring costermongers
casuals carmen horsekeepers — Tooley St all costermongers
whole parish in hands of grasping landlords — rents
always rising —
Church is in East St & the crowds surge past on S. many
impossible to expect a congregation — numbers decreasing
decent people leaving — "indifference no hostility"
People accessible & friendly — easily get to social functions
but hopeless on spiritual side — "instinct of worship lost"
the women more inclined but "my husband don't hold with
that sort of thing" — weight of opinion against religious observance
There is however a remnant very genuine & earnest

S Marks Foster Cont.

C IX 87 Cont.

Church too undermanned to visit with efficiency. "We do not know more than 1 in 10. except may be a nodding acquaintance other wise, that is the outside". Difficulty accentuated by shifting - between visits in an interval of a few months 2 changes common. Large migration of children go to no S. Sch. - because of shifting - are not registered till have made 3 attendances & those who attend once or twice disappear large. As to nursing still notes objected to for to hospitals & those who go come out before cured to avoid discipline. Girl. objected to regular meals preferred to 'eat a bit when she fancied it'.

Influence of church based almost entirely on the hope or expectation of some temporal benefit - only the base truth that without treats or the whole world tumbles to pieces (Bourchier)

Chairman of local C.O.S. works cordially - great admiration for Toynbee but too much a new broom & as result has frightened away old supporters. but (we gathered) the social music; its late see had lapsed

Have suffered from Competition of Brown Hall - the Element opposed to any influence small & one agency must draw away from the rest.

Vestry very active - but vitiated by Party - due to Jephson to some extent but Horsely is worse. Cannot keep Partizanship out of anything - Dawes the Chairman an improvement of Jephson is more satisfactory than Horsely was.

Police show earnest desire to let alone her chance for slaves - Drink cannot be worse. No improvement - only driven out of main streets. a bank holiday - back streets full of drunken people. Risks 15/16 by about increase certainly among women - Mrs. the only say a bit of ideal. No professional prostitution - but relation promiscuous. Stay, 1 month after marriage. Sexual morality of the young at lowest ebb - street case gives no hope. Altogether gloomy & rather hopeless picture - but lots of people degraded & brutal & ignorance & apathy - especially the mothers, dirty ignorant & shiftless. Spoken highest terms of N. Schools teachers - but as Penelope's web what schools do is undone at home. Polite soft speaking well disciplined at school. Loud foul mouthed in the streets - yet the same children. S. School as an influence is too irregular & too inefficient - The only good one was as to health. One of the healthiest schools in England. Sanitary condition perfect. Ill health due solely to habit & ignorance. Overcrowding the root evil of dirt & drink & prostitution. The man who tries to go with who will find the key.

Referred to scandal of Sandy marks in Cent 5 - trade only luxuries.

No 7 may have made no great impression on this difficult parish - but is pleasant & has tact & sense

(Parish of S Mark)

Slead

Brownyhall Yorks CX.143.

with Mr Slead was Mr Tom Bryan - a working man in origin appearance & manners - originally member of Slead's church at Leicester - got educated in MA Lond - lectures on Plato &c to working men but remains one of them - influence great an enthusiast too but better balanced than Slead

Brownyhall not to be classed among non Con church. A Congrg church forms part of the settlement - but the settlement is pan denominational - including all helpers for all

Reports & papers describe the multifarious activities -

Question who are touched - reply the lower grade of labour living round about & more from the immediate neighbourhood than the better streets to north & south - Eng Support made to resist raising the standard of admittance - object to lighten & brighten the lives of those hitherto outside all organizations - in the main attained - those who come are with few exceptions untouched by others

Aim to show that true religion touches life at all points

Consequently refuses to concentrate - or give anything up

work on progressive lines - almost from labour & socialistic platform - no fear of doing too much - more afraid of forfeiting sympathy of working classes - must change from measure of praise & imposition - Result a good deal of benefit for adherents. Medical mission is to all free - tries to be welcomed by the Doctors as taking away non paying patients

Hope mothers meeting tea & cake weekly - & summer garden parties once or twice a month - great atmosphere of heart much individual giving besides what report acknowledges "not possible to go into a home where there was sudden want & come out without giving" - no investigation - prefers risk of imposture rather than break through enamel of self respect by elaborate enquiry" - admitted a good deal of imposture & deceit on the part

People - kind, genial affable - wonderfully good natured - prone fault laxity as to truth - in getting - & giving tried - to get advantage.

Parish of St Mark
Bromyhall – Stead
(41) CX 143 Cont

Social work seems pursued more than usual as an end in itself – to give the people a better time – irrespective of whether they come to Church
Directly religious work not large or successful
Mr S thinks the people "not irreligious" – though as regards sects & dogmas they have "the supreme impartiality of ignorance" – Dr Richard of mod mission more active on Gospel work –
No systematic visiting but in a friendly way a great deal
Vestry Progressive Enterprising & enlightened – Mr 4 out of 72 not Progressives – System of dust disposal unique – goes back on land – Smaller cost than Elsewhere
Administration of Poor Law "humane" out relief especially for old poor freely – almost perfect classification
The word pauper ruled out
Police decent lot – very friendly – work well with vestry – as to drink sell as little as they can
Drink the most obvious vice – but lying more serious – tremendous lot of gaining among women
Prostitution unknown in Wakefield – much outside
Since Progressives came in Overseers close 20 Mothers
Thrift is common – Clubs of smokers – State Clubs flourish
Health suffers from overcrowding – Chest & Throat –
Bromyhall has aroused intense antagonism – neighbourhood especially among the much good – denounced by an A C M as the entrance gate of Hell
He had been detected & indicted for canvassing for Conservative Candidate – Many charges of Socialism – atheism, Politicalism &c
Mr Bryan had a class for local candidates & went over district with Mr Mark – & found it not poor enough
Poorest & most crowded between Thurl St & Oakenshaw
Most unsavory Claydon St area – Townley St in Eastmoor one of the richest streets – costers all do well here but homes are dark & blue –
Mr Stead wishes to see families of the cultured settlers not celibates only.

(Parish of St Mark)

Baptist. Steele. Not seen. This church is the oldest Baptist cause
East S. CX 227. in the neighbourhood founded 1791. Parent or
(41) 2 grandparent of most of those around

Cal. Anon Mission. Coombs. Gospel Temperance magic lantern service proceeded
CX 195. Mr Coombs at the door led the way into small room & there was joined by 3 others - these 4 with about 8 other "Saved" Calmen started the mission 4 years ago taking over Hall from Swedenborgians. All the 4 are members of the Tabernacle & also by nicknames of which they are proud. Mr C is "Salvation Jack" - another is known as "Nappie" a third as "The Bishop" - or Bishop of Waterloo to obtain some assistance occasionally from Tabernacle funds. Influence more felt in daily intercourse, (we show this) than at this Hall which beyond providing a meeting place for a few "Saved Calmen" attracts no a few women & children - work evidently very feeble. Propped up by faith & hope "We don't know what we do but the Blessed Lord he knows"

These good people evidently find intense satisfaction in the work irrespective of results - meetings - opportunities for speaking - all the secular environment - clearly to them unfeigned delight -

From spiritual point of view Calman an unusually hard nut to crack - due partly to drink temptation "any Calman can get drunk daily on free drinks" partly to number of men of good education - free thinkers to whose arguments these simple Christian fms had to tackle - "Nappie" estimates 500 Christian Calmen - London - one of the others spoke of 4000 Christian & Abstainers

Of the small number most belong to the Christian Calmen association. This assoc. constantly sends deputations to Evangelistic meetings - Nappie gave his testimony at about 100 meetings last year

Hall was almost full for the Temperance meeting - of respectable average women & children. Hall holds about 70

Parish of S. Mark

RC. Church of English Martyrs — Doubleday (X.3)

Here since mission started nine years ago
District N. Newington Rd. W. Walworth Rd. S. Commercial Rd. E. old Kent Rd. – a neglected part of S. George's district where no Catholics were supposed to be – but claim now a flock of 3000 souls. Nearly all Irish Cockneys, very few born in Ireland – a good deal of poverty but less prominent than in many other mission districts. A large most by clerks & better class artisans – no particular quarter or street where they congregate scattered all over – no RC in Tower St. no Irish Costers – not thrifty enough to keep capital – the poorer RC form in Lower Rd & the Rd's in Mandyke St which are "quite unfit for habitation" – but in these Father D thinks rents seldom paid.

A good many Italians scattered supposed to be secrets for Italian Rd – but trade their duties & are neglectors – only go for marriages &c. The Italians have feasts & festivals of their own & occasionally make a sudden irruption into the Church –

Divides his own flock in equal numbers between good Catholics who need no dinning & the rest who are practically lapsed – Father D may have been unusually frank – he gave impression of great spiritual destitution than elsewhere among his people – of anything Catholics but unfortunately very few women live such as Health & hopeless to reclaim

no relief – no funds – begging not uncommon when refused threats to go elsewhere – sometimes carried out

no wilful attempts by rival churches to bribe –

neglect by vestry of poor sick notices & huge amount of monday dinning – Christmas in the streets especially bad this year – supply & thoroughly

noticed also constant wave of epidemics among poor children

S. Peters Walworth

Horsley

(iii) 2 CIX. 1.

Well known for years as Chaplain of Clerkenwell Gaol afterwards at Woolwich. Here 5 years.

Nearly all he had to say is in the that paper River.

There is a downward tendency. a good deal more than half the people have irregular work. quite rare to be employed throughout the year.

Never expects to get working classes back to church in any numbers. nature of surroundings too depressing. must look for, & we get, Quality not Quantity. Many of those who do come are the salt of the earth. Most of the children in the parish are under religious instruction on Sunday. many mothers to be rid of them. but not so many mothers not up. Visitation impossible. Churches stands ready if wanted.

People friendly. only once was told by a woman "She did not want anything I had nothing to give."

Relief by tickets. only good or very bad cases send to COS for efficient help or to be clothed off.

Wife is vestry man & Guardian. Vestry progressive reforms.

Poor Law tendence to give more in amount to fewer people.

Police insufficient. Connive at street betting & higher officers in league with Publicans by means of Parochial testimonials. Publicans detest a teetotal Policeman.

Drink more prevalent among women than among men.

Law as to serving drunken people fails though hard swearing

|| Prostitution protectively poverty practically unknown

|| Crime not more than must be expected nothing like the dust hole at Woolwich.

|| Marriage following seduction tenacity rare.

Health better than might be expected. general want of organs. people stunted.

Wife a courteous gentlemanly man. As public man probably a bowers in district. but the church in his parish weak more than usual

(Parish of S. Peter)

Congreg. Ch. Walworth No (41) 2 — Reesby — CX. 99

Here 12 years. fighting hard fight against Death & removals almost been inclined give Chapel up.

Hon Sec of Free Church Council & finds the various ministers difficult – wont give & take. attempt to divide area abandoned.

Chapels in Walworth need endowment & financial strain felt especially by congregationalists who perhaps carry independence too far. transition to mission greater

Not values the qualities the struggle brings out & displays

Pit & good business management – few have any surplus means they are tradesmen, artisans, clerks warehousemen & labourers

Non Con ministers do not work for paid as the Clergy

Praises parochial system.

Mr K is a quasbian & tells a story of other local politicians works in accord with Stephen Horsley. spoke well also of Canon Palmer "non assertive – a gentleman"

Comparison of nonconformity in South London 30 years ago & now. 12 Chapels in place of 27 – but 2 are now missions

The churches migrate as well as the people

Speaking generally So London does not go to church in any case on Sunday morning. Sunday schools curious institution with the children of non church goers

Give X mas dinners &c. not a COS man

Range of interests wide – intelligent observer

Rents going up. rebuilding probable as leases fall in to accommodate decent artisan class. Praises Yates type

Condemned large block system – looks forward to an inward movement following Sunday helped by municipal improvements strengthening advantages of town life. meanwhile need provide disproportionate number workers & ministers. working in City &c. there is need for local industries. Walworth residential – poor respectable folk of real poverty premier cause drink

Condemned trades union action against the aged – but admitted that the men themselves did not resent this but blamed the conscienceless company system

Converted to so called Barnardo Schools – despairs find any better system –

Considerable amount of non attendance at school unavoidable in a sel[illegible]

Costers need more regulation – competition with street & rate payers tradesmen

Infirm – Costers not hurtled to see the policeman [illegible]

Police sufficient & satisfactory – As Hon Sec of Walworth Branch L.C.C. recognises conscientious (free)? but men not enough to cross –

Mr K gave the impression of a more than average honest man

Parish of S. Peter

Wellington College Mission. Mackey Here 4 years - Mission district carved out of S Peters South of East S. East of Richmond S. Contains 556 houses & about 5000 pop. more than half are artisans including carmen - remainder housekeepers casters & casuals - little change - but some outward movement of the best people - Forrest Street Webb S & Burton S & the courts - where the houses "are little more than a shelter" - Rents rising throughout 6d or 1/- added for new tenants -

CIX. 147

Small congregations - & few of those who come do so merely from desire to worship - most come as a matter of "personal loyalty" rather - feels lack of adaptability in services of the Eng Ch - only fit for the instructed "a graded series of services" needed - no opposition but stolid indifference - no interests but beer & sport & how to pay their way - not even on questions which closely affect their own interests can they be waked up at all

No interest shown in discussion on Housing at the Club

Majority of ch get some religious instruction on Sunday - not a large majority -

The social work of the mission "bulks too large" - It is the same at the Deptford mission & well expressed in their report. "Diffusive work a complete failure. Must close our ranks". The Body must recognise that they are a Christian garrison among a heathen population" - not to keep apart - which he repells though in view of conduct & conversation of the majority it is very natural - If a man becomes a communicant he notices that he left the Mens Club finding that

Crime not prominent - noisy drunk. Morgism Salt Sandy & Mary Honing fair Forest Claudia Sq.

Wm not great ability but hyd cheery sensible - good head of mission

The Tone did not suit him -

There as a nurse connected with mission & if sick we neglected it is the fault of the nurse

Men at work as far as possible on COS lines. Believe they are correct but "has his moments of weakness". I am not so strict as I profess to be. Still as a rule refuse. Non-church work carried on by ladies generally. Church at all best very active - but back sliding reaction - habitual, used as dust bin. Police very friendly - perhaps inclined to leave the roughs alone. Work as far as possible. Off selling with men who ch - but be on a crowded district - he has spoken at work & has no fear of them. No prostitution - well of sexual morality. Notorious as in other cities. Marriage often hard - sometimes precipitate - more often because good lady of a house

Parish of S Peter

Rechmond S Mission How (East S) (41) 3. CX 91

Sprung from Tabernacle - now independent - Mr Dunn the President is senior Elder of Tabernacle - but Mr How who lives at Beckenham left on Spurgeons death & the workers here now belong to all sects.
Received repeat & asked a few questions.
Neighbourhood greatly improved in the 26 years he has been here
May be equally crowded but people much more civilized
Mission aims making at work among the children & they are much cleaner & better dressed - rags & barefeet at one time common almost unknown - does not think the lowest have been shed - the rough school still attracts the roughest - To the mission services increased numbers come - no tendency to fall away provided the old Gospel is preached - Drink the greatest obstacle
Report indicates a good deal of giving but falls short of the facts - much timely work which does not appear - tears for children about once a fortnight

S Army Shumpost 74 South St Walworth (41) 3. CX 225

Located at a shop in the S. Corner of Kingston S
Shop used as meeting room - 2 Sisters live above
Particulars of work done given Book XXX. 13 -

S. Stephen Dorset Road (41) 3.

Lontott Chap Eq CIX 187

Here 4 years - Almost all 'poor' district - best part of Walworth
Most difficult, utter indifference. People not bad or vicious
no crime. no prostitution - or disorderly houses - or street walking
But low material standard of life prevails - a certain measure of comfort satisfies. dont want to trouble about religion - No non conf mission or Chapel in parish
Parochial visiting fairly thorough. relief through vestry & work C.O.S. "good to let help from"
Chaplain of workhouse - but seemed to know little about it

All Saints. Hackney Here scarcely 4 years - came to a neglected parish
Chapel Late vicar an old man who 'had got tired of it' There
(41) 3. CIX. 65 was scarcely any one in the church & those few were hard.
No S. Sch. no mothers meeting — (Communicants now 31. all labour & have left. Was here 140)

This parish with 13000 pop 1891. nominally includes the district of Pembroke College mission which is now responsible for the block bounded by East St. Hart St. Cottage Row & the Walworth boundary - but W H knows this district & thinks it as our map shows it. Lord Hangatterick is ground landlord & when leases fall in in 10 years proposes to demolish & rebuild with 6 room houses like Tomanelle S.

The East South of East St. which remains with All Saints has been steadily going down - 'is very mixed' - large proportion labourers Costers &c. - Chief employment carmen some good class artisans amongst whom Engineers preparing. Rent rising everywhere - people cannot afford it. result more crowding in every house - 10 years ago single room people unknown in Surrey Sq. now lots of them -

Attitude of people indifference - don't like to be bored about religion - think we worry too much about their souls. But here there seems to have been some actual hostility. Door slammed in his face when visiting - If you try to be definite you wake hostility -

Perhaps past neglect has made task difficult - but mainly it was anti High Church - Charges of Romanism &c. The Sisters especially objected to - this feeling decreasing. Mr H not hopeful - 'Was at first' when ones proceedings aroused curiosity not interest we made some movement but the people seem incapable of sustained interest.

Her curate coming from Bethnal Green knows the people a different race - so much more difficult to miss. Inadequate buildings for social agencies which Church ought most satisfactorily - you must have - Instanced the Wellington Mission where the missioner tells him that from 8/week down to few the clubs are directly harmful

All Saints. Hamisay
403 Chr J 6
CIX 65
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Sunday school failure as to numbers - large population go nowhere - attributable to late Sunday habits & as it is many come without their dinner.

Visitation imperfect - not more than 1 house in 10 where cottage knows anything about the people - in some streets know every one & other home - poorer streets like Kemplake St most accessible & best known - People come more in cases of sickness than they used to. but for larger population never heard of. of deaths not 25% have been visited

Miss Nelson responsible chiefly for relief works & COS Cmte. Society much more active than it was - by keen or drawing. Dramas always up - Poor Law not wise on out relief too much & too little.

Drink especially bad among young women. Monday afternoon but cant stir up the decent temperance people to be keen about it - anything done is by individual effort has 3 converted drunkards among his communicants. Prostitution none to his brothers - any amount of casual relationship - Referring to Mr Barnstow & the Church Council. "half crazy" - figures & statements quite unreliable. This was a great many of Churches. scandalous work. of those be marriages now the girls almost always in the family way little thought of it - the mothers don't care - gave a bad name to whole girls.

Consumption very rife & great deal of lunacy - attributed by M.O to drink & self abuse - Mr H has no reason to believe that the latter is common "but I may be grossly deceived I'm deceived in something every day."

A man of culture & refinement - but perhaps not the man for his parish - lives out of it - in Kemplake Park Rd - housing different from the philistinism & thaddy homes so common among the clergy & almost universal among non cons.

(Parish of All Saints)

Pembroke College Mission. Melward CIX.139

Here only 9 months & does not profess to know much about district - no doubt trying to follow in footsteps of last missioner Mr Anderson to whom he referred as extraordinarily able - gave copy of last report. Unusually interesting giving vivid idea of how the mission has been worked little need be added to it

Visitation of district imperfect owing to constant breakdown in health of the ladies - at present 5 out 8 incapacitated

Figures as to relief are in report. Mr M expressed himself as quite at sea on the question & in the meantime does not tickets he made no use of COS.

Those who know the district speak of great improvement since mission started - much less rough in general aspect & attitude of people to clergy quite different - Houses unhealthy & the larger houses terribly over crowded

LCM. (41) 3. Starkey CX 205

Has been 20 years in this district which almost coincides with the Pembroke Mission. but does not go east of Beckway St - Barlow St is the best 3 families 8 rooms. Houtsman & Alpine Sts mostly costers some Italians - ice cream & in latter - Tisdall Pl the worst rough costers - in whole district 400 houses 1700 families visits consecutively & takes 6 weeks to get round - no difficulty being so well known - love RCs with one exception

If you notice the children & get their regard you are bound to have the respect of the parents

People mostly labourers except costers & Italians - very few artisans - a lot of extravagance & poverty pronounced but much genuine poverty - part of this primarily due to early marriage. Young people live the parents home unbearable & are all night until the baby comes - after that overcrowding & debt As to religion pretty go as you go nowhere - & many who go to receive drink the tone of morning - not necessarily among men - but fearfully among women - "P.H." scenes on monday. They say "we have our fling" with the result a little fuddle on monday - more drinking than drunkenness People constantly moving - constant pressure from those who leave don't return removal of the regular discourage - go to some old companions change beneficial to the mother & her family. result to can never hope to particular people who have changed on S. many the men think it fine to walk up & down East St with a pint mug in or if a bobby stays take the children out on the Sun

(All Saints Surrey Sq)

Surrey Sq. Mission. Paper (no 3. CX. 49)

for 20 years the unpaid president of this mission which he started in company with Mr Biggs who is now a Baptist minister – Mr P earns his living now as an insurance agent – They were members of Mage Pond Baptist Chapel in Old Kent Rd. conducted open air services & gathered a band of young converts – took a small room & applied for help to Mage Pond but were refused – Then Mr Spurgeon who helped them & the mission has though self supporting remained connected with the Tabernacle

Work gradually grew especially among the Children & the place was built with Spurgeon help [see the details of Mr Davey's story]

Results as measured in numbers (except Children) is poor but Mr P is full of faith Hope & confidence especially in the open air preaching – the most successful part of the work – "We can gather hundreds into an mostly working men listening most attentively to the Word" – but "they won't come inside unless God touches their hearts" but they go away & carry the word with them" – now & then a convert is brought in – but Mr P admits that in the whole the working man was hard & careless.. LCM visited factory where 1500 men were employed try & attend any place of worship At the mission the services are very free from stiffness. A working man takes a man to a seat & gives you a 'Gospel book" "It is our workshop for Jesus" Neighbourhood becoming much poorer respectable people don't care to live in it now. They all go further out

Parish of all Saints

Peoples Mission. Kensall Townsend S. — One of the Missions connected with Tabernacle
(41) 3. CX121 — is mentioned in report of Richmond S. Mission

This is in Pembroke College Mission Bernard St.

S. Mary, Kennington Pk R. — Palmer — Chap to
(41) 4 CIX 193. — Canon Palmer has been here for many years ex officio Chairman of Vestry for 20 - had been described by Mr Keesey as a very courteous gentleman - quiet not forcing himself forward - he proved all this - gave signs of likes & dislikes but never spoke an unkind word - filled in his post & doing his own work & not other people's - first concern to look after his own people - Does not force the church upon them - no sacerdotalism but so arranges that all who wish may know that the Church is there - a friendly influence -

Parish has become much poorer in his time. Now mainly occupied by artisans, small tradesmen & labourers - Kennington Park Rd all lodging houses except Doctors - third rate - if for advice & medicine

The one aristocrat the Bishop

* Great landlords of greater part are Eccles. Commrs. Chief leaseholders Mr Yates & Mr Fuller & East & Sutton & Bindly North west - Knew nothing of latter but did not think they operated with capital of Lord & Westminster Bk as Mr Greig had said. Had poorest opinion of Fuller - Rents high all round - this man worst scoundrel very rough Cornish & ignorant - worst landlord a self made man not only rents high but key money very common

* Spoke well of Ecclesiastical Commrs as showing both consideration & public spirit - mentioned income sacrificed by Sunday licenses - Canteen, as he taught it - offers to pay half expenses of prosecuting drunkards with very beneficial effect -

* Drag largest Rowton House in Parish Canon had helped at first but now has poor opinion of the place - Men in it nothing but cadgers - nothing can be done with them

Somewhat agreed with Lo Rowton

S Mary Newington (41) 4. | Palmer CIX 193 Cont.

Canon Palmer is Rural Dean
Systematic visiting with careful records well followed up - a great help & incentive
Great majority willing to be visited - Sample given of report made by visitor page 213.
The Canon approves of quiet methods - the old way of working a parish the best
Spoke favourably of vestry. The clerk far & away the most important person. Policeman apt to be extravagant but they do good work. Rates tory up & rents down
Cant as to wages. One veilry man said when loafing was complained of that he was not there to see how men work but how they are paid.
N. of Guardians also commended as the whole Dawes agree. Mr - as to Sepha & Hosely he wondered how they were able to work their own parish
In spite of vestry & Guardians Possibilities a growing soil. Neptune & Castle & Lessness ready for
Spoke of marriage regulations approving the Archbishops act - Obtain from a Check licence in place of publishing banns - a solemn declaration would check many dangers. -

Metropolitan Tabernacle Newington Baptist (41) 4 | Dunn CX 1

On writing to Mr J Spurgeon were invited to call at office of Tabernacle Society & were handed over to Mr Dunn one of the Elders (Senior deacon) Connected with Tabernacle since 1858.
No year book or report has been issued. Spurgeon requires no advertising this work mainly spiritual looked upon the Gospel as a 'cure all'. Sole object to lead sinners to Christ - a reader & discourager of outlying developments. Result that prodigious as Spurgeon influence has been & still is - for his spirit still animates - not much is to be said as to the work of the Tabernacle
Of the mission gave report of Richmond &c but no other details
We have come across several & shall come across other.
Feared they showed tendency to fall away post addition & point for second report

(Parish S. Mary, Newington)

Metro. Tabernacle. Dean — Spoke of Mr T Spurgeon's position with not enthusiasm

(41) 4 — CX. 1 Cont. — All the institution were due to his father – whose great powers were such that you could not hear without saying "What can I do for Jesus"

As a preacher the Mr hoards his own well with surrounding ministers but compared to his father — "As those dine off who sat at the great man's feet" his son will find it very difficult to maintain prestige of the church.

The literature provided by Mr D is mostly connected with the various institutions – Pastors College &c not directly connected with the Church.

S. Paul. Wakefield. — Greig — Ch of Eng

(41) 4 — CIX 1 by — a large parish about 20.000 souls. Mr G here 4 years has devoted himself largely to organization. A Cambridge man Philosophy Theos & much affected by the Economics he had to read making him conscious social condition – Tries to arrange for all ages from 3 to 90 – always the individual in his mind. Aim intensive rather than extensive. & has an exceptional number of weekly communicants in proportion to congreg. For numbers & crowds feels mixture of scorn & dislike. Any extreme draws them – we need to get behind & ask what influence is at work & what its value.

Large number of agencies at work – perhaps over organized – respect absorption of so much time of clergy in running them. Beside at entertainments – umpire at cricket matches & taking time which ought to be given to spiritual work – The church needs more lay co-operation of those is to continue commands both workers & money – but the people are scarcely of a class who can lead & be responsible – So his time & that of his colleagues in danger of being frittered away.

Attractive man possessing "detachment" of manner & point of view which gives weight to his opinion

S. Paul. Walworth — Greig. Chr Eo — (41) 4 — C IX 169 Contd

Bottom parish the servant ~~reading~~ class so small as to be negligible - for last 4 years things at stand still but during decade considerable change houses. Rents high - houses in great demand - for months one of his curates has looked in vain - Sutton & Dudley large owners in the district - using capital of London & Westminster. They are proposing to add a Technical Side to the schools - spending £3000 - only by boldness can they succeed. Have to raise £2000 a year for parish work. Same class go to mission as to Church - do not feel it. Difficult to secure co-operation between Church & Mission. Mission workers become wedded to their own centre - One is to be turned into Chapel of Ease with its own communion service. Mr Greig described himself as moderate Churchman - little sympathy with extremes.

Relief careful - real co-operation with C.O.S. - Parish committee. Visitors not teachers - almoners working men - visit - report & co-operate with C.O.S. - Spent £90 in 1898 - Vicar's discretionary fund £50. When desirable avoid publicity.

Out door relief often scandalous because inadequate. Is dead against Jephson & Horsley - out-relief contemptible.

Little sympathy with Parish Temperance Societies - do not help but hamper.

St Agnes Kennington Pk — Holland Chapel — CIX 115

(41) 5.

Influenza stricken & scarcely fit - sat wrapped in rugs before the fire - Here for 6 years - succeeding Mr Dover who made this church great centre of ritualism

Parish mainly of great respectability. Professional men clerks & upper artisans - none in Royal Terrace & Farmer Road - very poverty - mostly of class who "keep to themselves" & are proud of doing so. Notices no downward tendency but perhaps more crowding - but we don't shy on them

with Mr Smith Chapter II

Parish so small in area & pop. that buildings & workers are "sufficient as things go" - one of the few of which this could be said

Mr H claims that as result of years of persistent work the church is parochially stronger than most - Asked why when there are so many high churches people did not choose one nearer home - replied "So faddy"

The large numbers of men who come show that what men want is definite teaching - more drawn by ritual than women. Extraordinary devout feeling - especially the men - due to Dover's influence

* Though he noticed great indifferentism - still large proportion of his parishioners go to some place of worship. Except in the poor streets "people are not afraid to go - you can step out & attend a church without fear of hostile remarks"

* As many are drawn to this church from surrounding parishes so others are driven away & attend neighbouring churches ("I am exceedingly glad they should be") & many go to Chapels especially Tabernacle & Meyer -

Most who complain that the church is too high are really indifferent - "Women as soon say too low"

* There was a men's club but it became point of honour not to go to church & so was suppressed -

Visitation unusually thorough - usual difficulty as to lodgers few refuse visit - now & then slam the door in your face

Relief through sisters - in kind - Cooperate with C.O.S.

Local Gov. no complaint - Police admirable

Once man, Sat. night - great increase among young married women

Things people can produce a good deal of money on occasion

Health good

A Typical Extreme Church - So London S. Albans - with usual attention to individual soul - not many the strongest but a pleasant man with above average charm - qualified to reach to touch the flock which Mr Dover gathered

Parish of S. Agnes

Lorrimore Pl. Mission. Genl (41) 5. CX. 173.

Connected with this mission & also with the Lothian Road Chapel in Dist 35. & the Conversation deall chiefly with the latter.
Local influences are S. Pauls & S. Agnes. but general attitude utter & growing indifference

Kings Orch. Mission. Healley Royal Pl. (41) 5 CX 69

Had sent 1898 report which prejudiced against Mr H which his appearance was not calculated to dispel. Mistrusted him & expected him to reveal the missing charlatan but came away convinced that first impression was wrong & that he was quite as sincere & rather wiser than most. Gave also an earlier report. both are more than usually vague disingenuous & incorrect but in conversation Mr H was much more outspoken & candid
Came to superintend when first started 4 years ago. Premises previously in possession of the Sacramentarians the bogus philanthropists shown up by Labouchere in Truth. & this has seriously hampered the work.
Mr H came here from Rotherhithe where & in Burnham & at Seven Dials he has done similar work. no where had he found the ground so hard. (mainly parish of S. Agnes) due to fact that the people are of respectable artisan class who are much less accessible than class below. with hard neglect. the Sacramentarian scandal. & ritualistic S. Agnes. which it was hinted, the mission was established to fight.
Progress for whatever cause unusually slow, churlishness of people only just beginning to melt. took 3 years to get into 6 houses.
Though now it seems the 37,166 visits mentioned in last report were in the main door step presentations go bad. in which by some 800 families are now visited.
Almost hopeless to get people to a religious service by legitimate means: "the world hates God more than sin."
If you preach an easy going Gospel you caught the people in flocks but if you preach the Gospel of Salvation & the complete change of life it involves. you can only get one in here & there

[Parish of S Agnes]

Rev. Owen Missen Heatley
Cx by
Cont.

The men are indifferent – atheistic & socialistic
women immersed in family cares & struggles – & are or
profess to be afraid of their husbands "my husband
says my place is at home & if I go to the Hall he'll
see about it"

Mr H emphasised failure of social or socio politic work to effect any change in the working man & instances
"his dear friend J C Carlile" in Rotherhithe where Carlile
went in for paternising with labour party &
all a complete failure. The working man likes to
be told he is a saint & that all employers are devils
but that sort of thing does him no good – you can
effect no change except by the grace of God.

Relief given by the mission is on the smallest scale
perhaps £10 & that only in two or three cases generally
Though the neighbourhood is not poor – drink as great
a bar to progress here as in the slums.

Noticed increase among women – due to Mrs Booth's work
& the doctors – when converts backslide it is in 9 out
of 10 cases due to drink

All Souls. Grove Park Camberwell (41) S.

Bell CIX. 45

Here over 7 years coming from Wimbledon where he was 12 years. Came to a dead church – never 10 people in church. No district visitors – Sunday Sch 1 boy & 1 teacher. Produced copy of our map – still wonderfully accurate but a distinct downward tendency – as older inhabitants die or move away, houses tenemented – 3 lots in each house. But parish still in main respectable & decidedly above surrounding parishes – 2 poor streets Horsman & Sorsher (late Chatham & Chatham St.) – affected by overflow from Sultan St. area –

with outer Smith Charles II

Analysis his parishioners as 1/3 clerks & theatrical or musical people – 1/6th labourers & porters – remainder various trades mainly compositors – among women many needlewomen. Great want for Church is workers from outside – gentlefolk – at present Mrs Bower visiting Mr Smith – we want a better class of visitors & laymen to organize clubs &c. Such as he gets comes from Wimbledon – Denmark Hill no good. Congreg. suffers from bad position of church – placed in wealthiest part among people who are dissenters or nothing, no hostility – much blank indifference. 2/3rds go nowhere & this proportion increases as parish changes character. Nevertheless general impression hopeful – you know where you are – read all communicants – varied as fringe – they mean business – Men or women here do not go to church unless they go to lead religious life – if they don't care they stay away – still progress barely slow as much as you can do to keep your few together & add one here or there – & in times of religious revival all come – where 250 out of 1500 families send us their children & magazine circulates monthly in box out of 750 houses – 780 were baptised last year – & a good hold obtained over a number of young people – about 35 teachers (up to 30) & as many girls in Bible class – most ch. potter some S. School. Relief parts C.O.S. but won't commit himself to act wholly so. Influence of Dissent waning – the Church all round doing keen energetic work where must win. The Church & Chapel only is doing the work.

(*) Answer himself a hard priest with little knowledge of general question. Churchmen not bad but much lacking enthusiasm – must tiffing among women & all day. Marriage average 22 man & 20 woman. All marry. Nothing remarkable about Mr Nelles work – pleasant & courteous to hard worker.

Parish of All Souls

Wesleyan (Walworth) Harry
(41) 5 CX 177

Church stands on border between Walworth & Camberwell & now draws mostly from Camberwell & so belongs more there than to Walworth. 12 out of 16 Church offices live South of Chapel. 2 in Walworth. 2 in Clapham. In his 3rd year here & 8th of Wesleyan ministry. Fills up the papers which gives head all the information. Do a lot of social but no educational work. Tendency to drop old methods & adopt new ones.

Have dropped Boys Brigade & the weak side of Slate Club shaving out. Many men go into an absurd number of clubs – one man said he was in 6 – cases not be let to see that savings bank unemployed. Adopt an lesson sick for men to come to them than go to P.H.

Besides the Walworth Chapel has a little mission in South Hampton St under his charge – Sunday School, etc. Chief work. The little missions are falling now & big subsidized ones taking their place. By degrees to get adults into small missions.

At S Hampton St touches the working people, the poorer class & the young – the latter the most hopeful – growing up & joining Soc. Classes. 4 of these at the mission of social work. Girls Helpful Soc. one of most successful managed by working people & have got hold of the poorest. Society self supporting – girls pay weekly towards cost & clothes make their own. Gymnasium fluctuates.

Visitation systematic in 6 parts – but area too large. He himself agrees with COS but at a conference when Mr Toynbee spoke little went away unconvinced. COS is not loved – usual reasons given. Society too academic.

Belongs to Walworth Free Ch Council – but it breaks down.

Good feeling exists between Baptists & Wesleyans & where there is no co-operation with Ch of E "we speak well of one another".

No extreme men in immediate neighbourhood – all clergy broad minded. Stephen Hosler &

As to drink decided temperance feeling in church – well attended, numerous & would be powerful if combined – but rely too much on platform speech.

As to prospects, loose hold, their own in numbers but falling off in youth, must work only be lost into a mission.

The great mission "plunder the crowds"

Taken with Camden Parish (44)

Enter South Chapel I

Parish S. John the Divine

S. Michaels mission Ch. Screcaly Clergy of S. John Sec. –

(42) 1 Chapel

Order Smith
Ch I

Pascoe Called at 8.30 p.m. a plain single roofed building – probably built
Bereston Mission Conv. S. CXV qs. for suitable tradesmen – Circular staircase leads to upper room
(42) 1 base apartment with small platform & deal forms – Children
|| going out nearly one kicking & bidding good night by name. Found
6 teachers talking at end of room – with Mr Pascoe was Mr Tolhurst
both smart young men well dressed – belong to the Methodist meeting
at this branch mission – Work manual among children from
Sultan's area. asked as to results, having been carried
on for many years. – Have a few conversions – These the
Order Smith
Chapel I
hopeful cases. girls going away to service are the most respectable
|| local conditions too strong for those who remain –
In dress a decided improvement – boys seldom without clean
stockings – a common sight at one time – also an improvement
|| in manners & general behaviour until last 2 or 3 years during
which a relapse. The children become more impatient of control
|| Dare you to correct them – Most of the lads become van or
stable boys or errand boys.
Poverty of district terrible – drink & laziness the usual cause
|| visit a little – give relief only in isolated cases – high wages
not so strong as formerly – change of neighbourhood affecting them
These 2 young men shewman of best class of brethren well
educated middle class men – quiet & careful in speech
persistent & unobtrusive in work – It is characteristic
|| that no names are published – at this Hall the
only inscription "Bereston's Mission Hall"

Parish S. John the Divine
St Michael's Mission Ch
Camberwell Ragged Sch. Rents
(42) 1 CXV 31

The well known Sec of Ragged Sch Union with reference to which G & A saw him some time since. This is his bit of home work. Connected with it 23 years. reviving an old established work which had fallen to a low ebb. Sent 200 copies R S U record containing account of earlier days written by himself. The earliest (called "An Irish Colony") dated 1878 traces history since 1810. Quotation showing dirty Costermonger streets & ragged children. Work gradually comes to Sultan St area. people of such a class that no others would mix with them — as in the East Coslers, fish curers, labourers, casuals & loafers. There has been some improvement but not so clear but that Mr Kirk would say first nothing & then the other "things are bad as ever". People equally poor & degraded but more capable. Improvement shows among the children. attributes to Ragd Schools. Impossible that these children can ever be equal to as their mothers age.

Full account given in report. Chief success social work as to religion "either indifference" & prejudice partly due to ferment which results from education producing irreverence & want of respect for authority. but also to staleness of methods which at one time attracted. Mass bands & negro evangelist playing out. Extraordinary has become ordinary & no longer attracts.

So far as touches at all. it is for the really poor by quiet simple services. Ritualism does not attract in the least. Still like a simple hearty service with rousing hymns of the negro type & a hearty handshake at the end.

When this piece of S Johns parish was given to Mr Brooke Mr Kirk approached him as to harmonizing working. Mr K having & most of the workers being Church people. but the line taken was that they had no right to be there without his leave. that all workers must be communicants at S John's of which in view of Mr Brooke's theological position was impossible. Since then the Mission Ch has been planted & not doing & roughly does to draw away adherents. Still Mr Brooke is an excellent man. it is the sisters who make the mischief & those round him. LCM makes them his tools. & visits systematically. not much direct crime. Some low prostitutes. & drunk. but an outward improved attitude of police towards. they are nothing. an immovable attitude. cannot step out of a girls work for a service. the mission used to put them out in crowds. but now

Outer South Chap II

Mr K preaches a good deal to casuals. at Grays Yard for instance. said it was almost hopeless. humanly speaking the best they would be to drown them —

S. John the divine Parish
(S. Michaels Mission)
Free Salvationists Clapham

(42) CXV.117

Started as secession from Sals Army 6 years ago.
Objected to autocratic Gov of head quarters & unreasonal
rules. So were dismissed. Local officers & band (20) &
when this took effect some 60 members - about half the
corps came out.
"It is practically the same without the autocratic Gov"
Gov by committee - tried to make it democratic. but it is he fears
an oligarchy - holds the old methodist doctrine & follows the lines
Mr. C has been engaged 23 years in Christian work in the district
District distinctly improving in 10 years. North of Liquid Hampton
East of Camberwell Rd. Those living in Sultan St. area
he regards as a distinct class - of these he has little
hope for permanent improvement - has held hundreds
of open air meetings but has never seen permanent
reclamation - has seen many begin - but after a period
drop back again into their old manner of life.
Mentioned case of one woman reclaimed by Sal who
subsequently moved away & attended Congr. Hall for many
years. She is now back in the old spot - with her miserable
If they go away they come back here.
Thinks there is a class like the old Canaanites &
Amorites who have reached a point not open to
spiritual influences. "God Almighty could do nothing
for them - only clear them all out"
Their members are visited when sick - no relief needed
unless at times of exceptional trouble. At one time members
of cadgers came to benefit fund - but found out. & not so
much pestered now.
"We knew all the neighbouring missions, all ineffectual
as ineffectual as we are". "So not think I am a pessimist
but if we put as much physical labour into building a town
the same care & thought as we have put into mission work
we should have rebuilt Camberwell"
Still they have grown, not in members but in influence
& knowledge of their own powers. Crowded a music larger hall - & are
laying by a building fund. no difficulty in getting a crowd - & little difficulty in
Like Sals are pledged not to drink or smoke. their duties all but the sincere
when converted a person usually does as pretty well. No opposition from outside
beyond sneers, but gives no response. well known in Camberwell. taking large following
of their own people & a great crowd along.

Parish Notes
Chap I

St George Cambewell Appleton Head of Trinity College Mission Warden & vicar

Trinity College Mission — Ch of E — This is the big college mission in South London

(42) 1 — CXIV. 13 — founded '86 with the full responsibility for a large parish pop 16000 working class. Mr A has been here 5 or 6 years having come from Cambridge where he was tutor Junior Bean & of his College

Report very full gives all particulars.

Other South Chap I

Principal points in conversation - difficulty of work among men - absence of parishioners who can lead in any way difficulty of getting Trinity or other laymen to come & help. On the other side responsiveness of young people & the charm of children - "most delightful children in the world"

Difficulty with men largely due to absence of local industry men scattered - no common employment - so nothing to appeal to in dealing with individuals much to inspire hope but in wider ways not. Thus failure to reach the men is "the disappointment".

Absence of leisured leaders another trouble. Inaccessible to not seeing true perspective. The want of a horizon almost as great a difficulty as poverty.

As to lay help it has never been "the thing" at Trinity to come. Cambridge House helps to some extent. Several of the clubs are largely worked from the House the mission remaining responsible - no difficulty or friction - but relation constitutionally rather vague & not expressed.

Good moral tone of district was mentioned & the hard working lives of the women in their homes - as a rule work harder than husbands or daughters "in business" & this is to say a good deal. Young women are for the most part modest sensible & business like & many much more. really beautiful characters - they are a cut above Pretty girls

Distinctive features of parish - good staff - pick of Trinity "Poor always looking out for us" - Extra financial support & as a result the large number of clubs to maintain & keep fair. Open space badly wanted.

Parish of S. George

Baptist Ch Burrows
College Green CXV. 129
(42) 2

was in Brighton 3 years - did not suit his health - Chapel flourished but his lungs suffered - thence to Driffield for 2 years & then by invitation to Cambewell - He appears to be an eloquent preacher but looks delicate & is not forcible in a room -

Mr Smith Ch I

Chapel has suffered from removal of better to Ass but is still fairly strong. Finance hours down - have bought freehold & put in organ - Membership increasing List of occupations of deaconate is interesting at this through little Bethel - work happily together -
Affiliation to Local Free Ch Council - but nothing done
Regards neighbourhood as Baptist stronghold attributable to past influence of Spurgeon -

I C M. Pagington
Richmond St. Hall
CXV. 103

Small district Southampton Pt 72 - Known this area many years - 20 perhaps - Perhaps little change individuals have changed out of 1000 families of whom he visited 800 not so remain the same but the type remains & the colour of the map -

This is a Baptist Mission & connected with Dissenters Plan So is Emmanuel Church
Gd

Mr Smith Chap I

The churches are much more active. (S George & Emmanuel) - less brawling - more unity among women - Rents fresh - Somewhat more overcrowding - demand for houses very keen -
Streets kept better now - good effect making people do something fresh inside up to standard of outside
Not so many "nasty" rooms - more air - more cleanliness
As to clothing - more new clothes & fewer rags
S. School children better clad
Drink & indifference the 2 great obstacles -
Approached people best by sympathy & knowledge of conditions of their lives - notably preaching at them is one of best ways to interest them to talk of his own work
Self help & Loan Society - appears to work well but Mr P not clear as to its being a good form of thrift - encouraging borrowing & usury -

Parish of S George

Albany Institute. Webb. Mission CXV. 61

A good gentle fellow but of no mark. Connected with this mission about 16 years. now has Sec Mission assoc out of a Bible class held by Mr Cordery started by about 16 young men most of them members of Tabernacle (Mr Webb is so now) in a small shed – then helped by Spurgeon they built present hall actual building by the young men themselves some of them builders by trade – he being in an architects office. Mr Webb spend many hours applying fund at times. –

Report gives adequate account –

Order Smith Chap I

Meth. New Connex. Nicholson Peate's Chapel CVI. 127 –

S Luke. Camberwell Chapman Chap 56 CXIV. 95

Baxter stayed with Chapman from Sat to Mond tas we saw good night he said "I believe you will make a note 'I met a hybrid – cannot place him – among chap'". He is certainly difficult to place or estimate. At first meeting inclined to label him humbug – & only on acquaintance alternate between liking & loathing – he may be false throughout never cease to pose – on the whole agree that he does not do himself justice" as Mr Bayly said. & that means conceit snobby & prudery & flippancy. He a really lovable & genuine man, who in his own peculiar way is trying to live up to & spread the vague unorthodox creed that he professes. This is largely the result of what was learnt from others "a mass of contradictions but the most loving & sympathetic man that we have met." –

He was ill & away when our 2 letters were sent – Sunday all ~~[illegible]~~ called – & then wrote from Club. he replied asking to meet – motto "others". His religion is altruism sacrifice for others inspired by example of Jesus – "Jesus is

Order Smith Chap I

S Luke Camberwell * — Chapman — See pages 103 + onward - for description of this extraordinary character -

Chap C

CXIV. 95 Cont.

Parish Exceedingly poor - few artisans - Carmen Calomen Labourers + loafers - No marked change 10 years - if anything slight improvement. Tells N. most squalid - Much Social + philanthropic work done among parishioners - Spiritually hard to locate

Church filled with Eclectic Congr. due to Chapman's preaching - Simply wherever goes away

Working men materialistic + much more independent than 10 or 15 years ago - Superstition replaced by contempt

Factors in change: Smoking papers, Music Halls of which evil influence cannot be overrated - Smoking, trading + the Bicycle craze - breaking down the Tabbath

(1) Description of the common or garden materialist - who forms the vast majority - (2) Superstitious who turn to ritualism (3) Decent who go mostly to Chapel - Service of Church too elaborate

Mr Waldron (Curate) noticed complete absence of family religious life - contrasting London in this respect with the large northern towns -

Chapman thought failure of the Church partly due to lack of cohesion among the Clergy - Said a little King -

As to relief give all they can get - Objects to COS as having no gents (Result cadgers swarmed round Chapman) - Ascent result giving but no trouble too great - Sick well cared for

Mr C has no difficulty in speaking - apparently not to speak - fluency amazing - without any preparation by the hours - twice on each week day he "meditates" in church

There is never hesitation or stumbling - every sentence perfect in form + grammar - many most happily phrased - It is said that he is losing powers -

Has made his Church one of most beautiful in London decoration not finished - need to be hospitably entertained - generally some friend in memory of his mistress -

S. Luke - Chapman — See the whole account by Baxter of his Saturday
Cambuslang — Chap 6 — visit pages 119 to 139
(42) 2 — CXIV. 95 — "the most egoistic altruist that Everlived" —
Cont — possibly a rhyming - possibly not quite sane
as a Psychological Study intensely interesting - I certainly
a most entertaining Companion —

All Saints. Finlay — Here 11 years. working parish with considerable vigour
(42) 3 — Chap 6 — || hires own Club house in comfortable bachelor style. taste & wealth.
CXIV. 57 — Increasing Pop. - partly new Pennoch Pl. partly crowding & greater
number of lodgers. pop. about 6,700. now -
|| Every week every house visited - mostly 3rd class artisans below
trade union level - labourers & casuals who do not seek regularly work
|| In spite of all the work response to spiritual effort is
|| disappointing - to thrift & social work very fair - the hopeless
|| in the children - leakage the difficulty - means little class a
|| failure - no sympathy with P.S.A. movement - turning
Order Smith — * Church into Concert Hall. Club management non autocratic
Chap I — with help of committee of advice (democracy) does not answer
Club rooms open on Sunday except during services - but no
games allowed & few come -
Visitors collect for clubs & funds - distribute magazines &
|| at their discretion relief. They report & tend to give less. due
* to success of collecting Club - in '99 nearly £860 put in &
| while people have deposits they can hardly escape. Club flourishes
Mr F does not believe in C.O.S. methods.
Wars but no longer is on Pl. of Guardians. Poverty - Sanitary
Administration decidedly improved. not through police -
Intemperance among women - Serious question - Residence being collected in
Appx many forced marriages. -
Health poor - soil sandy.
Better parish. Dissent has no chance - no
|| funds to keep it going. There were 3 small
Centres - only one is left. Summer Pl. Mission. Comm
of District S

Parish of All Saints

Summer Rd Mission. Freeman — Connected with mission 14 years. Supt. of S. School.

Baptist — CXV. 111. — This mission is a branch of the Dye Lane Baptist Church. District not changed much. Children same class. People around are working Ch. but not Nonc. Poorest part Tilson Rd. General work of mission under Mr & Mrs Challis. Women but have failed to get the people to any extent. Boys from S. School are mostly lost as they grow up. Majority drop off. Missions keep on. Get few from Tilson R. although 2 open air meetings are held there on Sunday (Tilson R is quite 5 minutes from the mission). Much of children & adults come from Summer Rd neighbourhood. Among poorer classes much indifference. think Chapels & missions not for them.

Outer South Chapel I

Machinery of missions not elastic enough. Stick too close to work that is religious. "Paul said he was all things to all men." We have not gone that length at Summer Rd. Would like to see more social work. Visit poorer districts systematically by Missionary Board. Want all the ladies. So for house to house. A little relief given to needy cases. not much.

No Christian work except that of All Saints. Free Sals. used were in Allen St but have moved.

A quiet little affair. doing good work among children.

Baptist. East Tury Grove — not seen. Now Ch of E. mission (all Pt)

S. Marks Camberwell — Goodacre Chg Co

(42) 3 — CXIV. 31

A good man spoilt & become one of the "poor things" of the clergy. Came from Hulme Audley St (S. Marks) to take charge of mission church built by wealthy lady who insisted on his doing so. "not the right sort of man & at end of 7 years says" I ought to have been moved but has stayed on for more than 20. Lost most of his old friends & dropped out of the world. Has developed a weak chest & preaching interferes with by his cough. Could & did laugh at his own failure. "not ashamed of anything only gently sad." Straight forward, honest poor. The pride of a recluse who has failed.

Inner South

Pop 12000. Great change lately. Albany Housing Estate adding 600 to the parish. This lot has been handed over to the Girls School Mission. The resources & activities of which further cripple Mr G's work. The Mission "is rather broader I think than we are". But there is no friction. "It is doing good work & that is the main thing". Himself a high Churchman of the Christ Prayer Book type. Obedience to rubric his first aim.

Social Change. Great since he came. Used to collect in the Choir as much as now in whole Church. Charity by ticket. No effort made to attract respectables to Church. Those who come do so from no self seeking motive.

United Girls Sch Mission — Vearey Chg Co — CXIV 75.

Inner South

Mission carved out of S Marks Parish. Responsible for area known as the "Albany Estate". Built over about 16 years ago. All houses 3 storeys. Mostly 3 families. A monotonous badly built area. & practically nothing was being done. Near (Goodacre) they ill & "crushes" so that the Church became a negligable quantity. In this area on advice of Mr Appleton & with the Bishop's favour this Mission was started 3 years ago.

Mr Vearey the Missioner combines a strong churchmanship with keen interest in social questions. The schools with which the mission is connected are not exclusively church schools. In that social work is prominent it all has a Church basis.

Parish of St Marks

Hunter Street School mission

Veasey CXIV. 75 Cont

If he lasts, bids fair to be decidedly effective - having that measure of exaggerated enthusiasm which is infectious & goes home with the people & especially perhaps with the young things whose sympathies he has to elicit - Still in first flush of enthusiasm - time & testing will come later - Everything new or floodtide. Many Helpers coming in - buildings being added - great scheme in air for building a large place - Mission Club & settlement costing £10.000 / £20.000 -

Inner South

Work fully described in the report -

Uniform 3 storey houses - unusual proportion of children the rush to Schools - "Could have started with 2000" Factory girls Club - response to friendliness - effects of Evangelic on rough girls - Cooperation of vestry - improved condition as regards over crowding - significant that poor has been reduced by 1000 in the 3 years

* All the children set the labour test - idea of school after 13 is locally incomprehensible "what do men they must be" Calculate that in Sunday between 1000 & 3000 children are sent to P/H for beds - Sherwell has been down & may perhaps undertake an inquiry here like in Soho In children & young persons among whom the work is done "lies our hope" - All district visitors are from a distance. no lack of funds - the "schools" are a gold mine - Something like £3000 dealt with in the year -

Genuine & hearty response - due to people being glad to feel that an interest is being taken in them - The place was almost virgin soil - Emulation & imitation of the ladies. Sailor hats come into fashion &c - Plenty of ladies for day work - Sorry the difficulty - hence need of settlement

* No professional immorality - but a good deal of "carrying on" but very different from Woolwich where constables look tender. Sorting the great evil - belying the next - Boys fought in Street as Boers & British - stones & sticks -

(Parish of S Marks) Has been 4 years in this his first pastorate

Image Prs Baptist - Walker Old Kent Rd.

(42) 3. CXV. 1 Work confined to allotted district - by Camberwell Free Ch Council

includes the Albany Estate - much effort spent here but do not draw many from it "a barren wilderness" not 4% are regular attendants at any place of worship

Have tried visiting - not house to house but selected families - not very successful - Get the children but have to rely on visiting at their drop off - much occupied with home duties tumbling homes &c - but real reason "indifferentism"

Young men women promise to come but can't get them in time

Attendance best from streets near main roads.

Congreg drawn from wide area - say 10 minutes walk - still a few from Old Kent Road (near Sup Hon Office) & members from Streatham Sydenham &c who come occasional - membership does not increase in proportion to congreg - given dislike of responsibility - decrease Christian Contributors but do not join - like to be free -

Free Ch Council doing nothing combined with what might to be done - all busy both to the Simultaneous 1901 mission to bring them together.

Belongs also to New Cross S.E. group of Free Church Assn for practical work to cooperate with Ch of E. but abstained from starting mission on Albany Estate at Wesleyans request - sees nothing of neighbouring Churches - Sees Wesleyans only occasionally &c

Particulars of district taxing - All Christian people deplore Sunday opening - but to no avail &c &c - Some increase observed of street prostitution

Regards prospects as very cheerful - Sallows of the war has had a good influence -

Wenyon This church is not attached to any circuit - S.E. is more convenient

Oakley Place Wesleyan Ch Entered 3rd year here - 23rd of ministry

(42) 3. CXV. 21 District now changed still deteriorating - many new houses but lower social quality - People going to Holborn Great Catford

The workers cannot give much time during week but are energetic on Sunday - large proportion attenders young people

On Sunday evening social meeting after service till 9.30 for special benefit young people - Shops & lodgers -

No cooperation except Free Ch Council - which lacks spirit

As to Church of E has not spoken to a clergyman except at Sch Drunk & immoralities - not much change - many with little or no thought for the future - the ambitious do the same however.

Increasing tendency to live in lodgings -

Of the people in district as a whole I think is hopeful

Religious observances more general with main street people.

The Albany estate a very unpromising place for work - If young people they soon move - hardly due to rack rents

Though they seldom attend - dont like to admit they are irreligious - sometimes not bap. & married since married

Inner Smith

Inner Smith

St Philip Avondale Sq. — Leary — Chg Eff — CXIV. 1 — (42) 4

Here 17 years. Still considerable mid class element but rapidly disappearing. Houses in Avondale Sq being now for most part tenemented & servantless. Bulk of people ordinary working class, with low degraded lot in Lovegrove St. Talk making an apologia for ineffectiveness of church owing (1) to strength of non cons. old established chapels to which all the congregations off belong — leaving only the poor. (2) Poverty of the church making efficient workers impossible. redistribution of income a necessity — a scandal that the men of Camberwell should have £2000 a year. (3) absolute indifference of bulk of people. Comes in crowds to Harvest & watchnight services. Earnest appeals made at the latter to begin the year by coming to church following Sunday — no effect. Visiting his perfect — most relief goes by way of soup kitchen. Dissenters work against the church. Spirit of hatred increased by "Popish" practices which he does not share in. More of student than pastor — & too old now any how for pastoral work. does little in parish.

Nermondsey Stones

Marlborough Congreg. Chapel — Wilkins — CXV. 4 — (42) 4

Former Congreg. ministry 1889. — here since 1892. Neighbourhood convenient for city workers. Poly train 1st ride for the Lord helped to the Bridges — Asylum Rd & Scope St. Have a large number of working people connected with the church. Others who have moved out retain connection — Peckham &c. Plenty ready to ask relief & some real need — not much co-operation but improves. Ch Endeav arranges united meetings — Free Ch Council does not help much as they are on boundary removed from both centres. Nermondsey & Peckham — Little P.H. being turned into large 10 compartments in place of 3. Free Churches here all right so long as the people who move out continue to support. Difficulty of obtaining work night workers increases. no use having evening before S. Churches will have to be free. Wheatman & Choir & have a band at Sunday Evening Service. but women meet with opposition — so content to move slowly.

S Bartholomew Richards Here 4 years - second vicar of parish - the first Mr Wells
Chapel was a man of great vigour & devotion - built the Church &
(42) 41 CXIV 41. Gathered strong adherents - Last Census pop 13.000 now
above 15000. all working class - railway & warehouse
men most largely represented - little poverty, & no distress
except such as is occasionally caused by drink - general
tendency downwards - better many one
Dist. visitors & S Sch teachers are working class parishioners
Clothes difficulty keeps some away - must be smart enough
for self respect - noticed smartness of the girls in S. Sch.
Parish in 3 districts Camberwell, Rotherhithe & Deptford
Camberwell is remiss on street cleaning

Remmedy

This seems to be a feeble & probably decaying work.
Mr R living to some extent on success of predecessors
not himself the man to organise - though a hard worker

House
Dissenting Ch Meeting No
CXV. 69

It seems doubtful in which parish to place this chapel
work in the Rotherhithe No destroyed but draws
their people largely from Deptford -
belong to Rotherhithe Free Ch Council - not very strong
Some distance from other churches - Drummond No nearest
not so much drinking as elsewhere - no Gaols
The drinking is done in the city - at business
One great evil is the delivery of drink at the houses
Porters go round twice a day - laden with beer
3 gallon stone jars with tap also much used
Health good in parts - dampness the great evil
Housing excellent - One feature is the coalence of court
Buy furniture & clothing so & so - Room for Summer holidays
Pianos a vice system - they will have a piano
Spoke warmly of the people & their self denial -
Only touch a small proportion - Regular church attendants
women not exceed one in 20 - irregular 1 in 12 - Sunday the day for
visiting - families go off to their relations
Sunday, may perhaps strongly in Londonner - News agent says he
make a quarter on Sunday morning -