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4 Work of the Churches: District 45. fols. i, 6;
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6 Miscellaneous notes: Districts 45, 46. fols. i, 13;
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District 45
Deptford

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District 45 Deptford

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S. Luke	✓ Pring	CXXIV	1	Parish Church	
Deptford	✓ see Nicholson	CVI	164	Meth. New Conn. Grove Street	
	✓ Warlow	CXXV	1	LCM. Evelyn Street	
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(6)					
All Saints	✓ Townend	CXXIV	73	Parish Church	
Statham Park	✓ Testfield	CXIII	221	Prim. Meth. Besson Street	
				Bong & Mission.	
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S. Catherine	✓ Truscott	CXXIV	99	Parish Church	
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S. James	✓ Kennedy	CXXIV	31	Parish Church	
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				S. George's — Foxberry R.	
	✓ Lewis	CXXV	103	Baptist, Brockley Road	
	✓ (Booth)	CXXV	197	Bong & Hall, Ludwick Road.	
	✓ Copewell	CXXV	197	Wesleyan, New Cross Road	
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Deptford	✓ Shenhalls	CXXV	45	Wesleyan, High Street	
				R. Catholic —	
	✓ Sabine Read	CXXV	29	Bongregational	
				Friends, 144 High Street.	
				Swedenborgians, Warwick St	
	✓ broucher	CXXV	61	LCM, Hamilton Street	
	✓ Honour	CXXV	15	LCM, Staunton Street	
	✓ Joslin	CXXV	213	Baptist, Octavius Street	
	✓ Bennell	CXXV	145	Salvation Army, Mary Ann Bldg	
	✓ Marriott	CXXV	163	LCM, Charles Street	
				LCM, Prince Street District	

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S. Paul's Parish (cont)					
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S. Nicholas	✓ Wallis	CXXIV	117	Parish Church	
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				Mission Hall, Hughes Fields.	
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Christchurch	✓ Pratt	CXXIV	107	Parish Church.	
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	✓ Dodd	CXXV	73	Deptford Ragged School: Giffin St	
(9)					
S. John	Atkinson			Parish Church	
Lewisham				U. Meth. Free: King Street	
	✓ Rockin	CXXV	137	Wesleyan, S. John's Road	
	✓ John Jones	CXXV	233	LCM, New Cross Road	
	✓ Justin Evans	CXXIV	183	Bongregational, Lewisham High St	
	✓ see McIntosh	CXXV	237	Brockley (Presb) Mission	
				Broadway	
				Gospel Mission, Wilson Street	
				Cong. — Mill Lane	
(10)					
S. Peter	Grundy	CXXIV	135	Parish Church.	
Brockley	Parker	CXXV	117	Wesleyan, Brockley Road	
	✓ McIntosh			Baptist, Brockley Road	
				Presbyterian, Brockley Road	

Miscellaneous

Lamert	CXXXI	13	Deptford Fund
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District 46
Greenwich.

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District 46 - Greenwich

(2)	S. Alfage Greenwich	✓ Brooke Lambert	CXXVIII	15	Parish Church with S. Mary King William St.
		✓ O'Halloran	CXXVII	135	R.C. Our Lady Star of the Sea Croom's Hill
		✓ Higgins	CXXVII	115	Maze Hill Cong. Ch. Park Place
		✓ Hawkins	CXXVII	41	Wesleyan, London Street
		✓ Saberton	CXXVII	207	Christians, King George Street Circus Street Mission L.C.M., 63 Trafalgar Road
(1)	S. Peter West Greenwich	✓ Clark ✓ McBlure	CXXVIII CXXVII	71 205	Parish Church Working Lads Institute Bridge St.
(3)	S. Paul Devonshire Road West Greenwich	✓ Love ✓ Morgan ✓ Jarvis ✓ Shurgeon ✓ Elder (in S. Peter's Parish) ✓ Matthews	CXXVIII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII	1 105 197 1 159 89	Parish Church. Congregational, Greenwich Rd. Baptist, Devonshire Road. " " South Street S. Mark's Presb. South Street L.C.M., Randall Place, Roan St.
(4)	Holy Trinity Blackheath Hill	✓ Ronald Bayne	CXXVIII	53	Parish Church Emmanuel Mission Church Ravensbourne Street
		✓ [Report sent]	CXXVII	39	Baptist, Lewisham Road. Blissett Street Mission. Goldbath St. Mission, Albion St.
(5)	Christchurch East Greenwich	✓ Reaney ✓ Ryan ✓ Barritt ✓ Turner ✓ Fiddes	CXXVIII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII	35 145 61 175 73	Parish Church Catholic, S. Joseph Pelton Road Victoria Hall, Woolwich Road Brethren, Marlborough Hall Old Woolwich Road L.C.M., Lenthorpe Road District

(6)	S. Andrew [Mission District] Tunnel Avenue Blackwall Lane	✓ Hells ✓ Pull ✓ Rote ✓ Thurley	CXXVIII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII	99 193 95 27	Mission Church Salvation Army, Blackwall Lane L.C.M., Blakesley Bldgs. Cong. Rothbury Hall, Mauritius St.
(7)	S. John Evangelist S. John's Park Blackheath	✓ Marshall ✓ Kitson ✓ Thomson	CXXVIII CXXVII CXXVII	117 227 55	Parish Church Sunfields Wesleyan, Old Dover Rd. Vanbrugh Park Presbyterian
(8)	S. George Westcombe Park	✓ Kendall ✓ Wells	CXXVIII CXXVII	87 17	Parish Church Baptist, Woolwich Road L.C.M., Dupree Road, Woolwich Rd.
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
	✓ Denison Greenwood Wagstaffe Keydell 2 W Hicks. Mrs.		CXXXI	35	Greenwich C.O.S. School Board Manager Old Woolwich Rd. Board School. Head master Head mistress } Randall Place Sch S. Peter's Parish

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District 48,

Woolwich, Plumstead, Charlton, Kidbrooke &c.

Mr Booth's List.

District 48 - Woolwich, Plumstead, Charlton, Kidbrooke &c.

(6) S. Mary Woolwich	Escreet. ✓ White. ✓ Karris. ✓ Abel ✓ Cornelius Jones. ✓ Wilkinson ✓	CXXIX CXXX CXXXIX CXXXIX CXXXIX	1 Parish Church. S. George, Garrison Church. 125 Enon Baptist, High St. Woolwich. Welsh Cong. Parson's Hill. 127 Cong. Rectory Place. 221 Wesleyan, William Street. in S. John. 167 Union P. Meth. Sun Street. Ch Miss Artillery Place S. Martin's.
(5) S. Michael (Station Road) Woolwich	Johnstone. ✓	CXXIX	127 Parish Church. Cong. Miss. Pellipar Rd.
(8) S. John the Evangelist (Wellington Street) Woolwich	Lester. ✓ Reeks. ✓ Rose. ✓ More. ✓ Scott. ✓	CXXIX CXXX CXXX CXXX CXXX	81 Parish Church. Mission Church, Rutter Street } R.C. S. Peter, New Road 139 Carmel Baptist, Angelsea Road 165 Presbyterian, New Road. 47 -- S. Andrew, Angelsea Road Service at Poly. Brethren Angelsea Hill (3)
(7) Holy Trinity Beresford Square Woolwich	Wragge. ✓ Wilson ✓ Avery ✓ Karris ✓	CXXIX CXXX CXXX CXXX	90 Parish Church. 35 Bapt. Woolwich Tabernacle 241 S. Army, Beresford Street. 233 S.C.M., East Woolwich District. S. Saviour's Miss. Roper's Rails
(8) All Saints ? Plumstead.	Morris ✓ Sutton ✓ Wilkinson ✓	CXXIX CXXX CXXXIX	227 Parish Church, Roper's Rd. 203 Noble Christian Ch. Herbert Rd. 167 P. Meth. Brighton Rd. Ch Miss. Hall Herbert Rd.
(9) S. Margaret Plumstead	Ogle ✓ See Runacus ✓ Karris ✓ Jenkins Jones. ✓	CXXIX CXXXIX CXXX CXXX	149 Parish Church 143 West. Plumstead Common Rd. 217 Brethren, Plum Lane. = 147 Unitarian, Plumstead Common Rd. Ch. Miss. Palmerston Rd. (3)
(10) S. James (Burage Road) Plumstead.	Henning ✓ Exley ✓ Dunckley ✓	CXXIX CXXX CXXXIX	187 Parish Church. 75 Baptist, Bonduit Road. 175 U. Meth. Free, Crescent Road. in S. Margaret's (Detached part)
(11) S. John Baptist (Robert Street) Plumstead	Doherty ✓ Lee ✓ see Whitley ✓	CXXIX CXXX CXXXIX	241 Parish Church. (Robert St. on) 181 Prim. Meth. Glyndon Road Strict Baptist, Maxey Road 121 S. Army, Villas Road Richmond Hall, Vicarage Road. Brethren, Roper's Place

Where does All Saints come in?

(14)
S. Nicholas
(High St.)
Plumstead

McAllister ✓	CXXIX	171
Whelan ✓	CXXX	49
Seeley ✓	CXXX	103
see Runacus ✓	CXXXIX	143
Whitley ✓	CXXXIX	121
Marra ✓	CXXX	1

(12)
S. Mark's Mission
(Old Mill Road)
Plumstead Com.

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(3) S. Luke Charlton						------------	--------	----		Swainson ✓	CXXXIX	37		------------	--------	----		Parish Church																										
(2) S. Paul Charlton						---------	-------	-----		Scott ✓	CXXIX	139		---------	-------	-----		Parish Church Sundorne Miss. Swallowfields Rd. Ch. Miss. Delafield Rd.																										
(1) Holy Trinity New Charlton						---------	--------	-----		Evans ✓	CXXXIX	443		---------	--------	-----		Parish Church. Ch. Miss. Woolwich Rd. Ch. Institute East St.																										
(4) S. Thomas (Maryon Road) Old Charlton						------------	-------	----		Shepherd ✓	CXXIX	29		------------	-------	----		Parish Church Baptist, Samuel Street, Woolwich Sand Street West. Woolwich Road. P. Brethren, One Foot Place Miss. of Good Ship, Rutterfield Rd.																										
(with the later South) S. Michael Blackheath Park						-------------------	-------	-----		Barnes Lawrence ✓	CXXIX	51		Sheehan ✓	CXXX	135		Parish Church R.C. Cresswell Park. Brethren, Bennett Park. S. School. Blackheath Park Miss.																										
(with the later South) S. James Kidbrooke						-------------	--------	-----		Seeke ✓	CXXXIX	1		Mackenzie ✓	CXXX	191		Parish Church Baptist, Old Dover Road. Ch. Miss. Shooters Hill.																										

P.Y.O.

Miscellaneous.

	Hughes	[Clerk]						Plumstead Vestry
	Daves	[Med Off.]						
	Reed	Clerk						Woolwich Local Board
	Smith	M.O.						
	Butter	Clerk						Woolwich Union
	Dawson	Chairman						
(Chiefly Local Government (Not really local))	Squires							
	Harbours	M ^{rs}	CXXXI	183				General experience.
	Bourne		CXXXI	199				Vigilance Society
	Larner		CXXXI	155				Woolwich C.O.S.
	Ryan		CXXXI	215				Woolwich Polytechnic
	Diden							Woolwich Nursing Association
	Grinling		CXXXI	107				Wesleyan Chaplain
	Ross		CXXX	217				Woolwich Cooperative Society
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Books covering District

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Parish notes

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S. Lucey Oct 1891
Chap. 5

251. CXXIV. 1

Trained to medical profession & is M.R.C.S. & but was
always religiously inclined & managed med mission in Soho
& before being ordained started one in Sealford. Has been 7 years
in the church - 5 here 12 as curate of St. James Hatfield.
But although this seems to him to be extreme high he calls
himself Evangelical & it seems both this church & St. James
are in the hands of Evangelical trustees.

The first holder of this living 30 years ago was a
Mr. Malcolmsen - a great preacher. Who filled the ch
but did no parochial work - after him there came
Grey an extreme high ch man with several extreme
curates - resulting in serious disturbances - with the
congregation on Grey's side. Mr. P. finding the feelings
anti-protestant seems to have hedged & the trustees
are anxious to get rid of him - Has had offer of
preference but knowing that he would be succeeded
by an extreme protestant who would scatter the
large congregation he has formed he refuses to leave.
Pop last census 13000. Since then 19 acres have
been built on & the parts are more crowded - is
estimated 18000/20000 now. Reithausen near Sealford
contains the best - all skilled artisans the block of dwell.
between Sealford & railway are all fairly comfortable.
Except Blackhorse & which is worst in parish
& almost criminal in character. Eastern side of
Sealford is much better looking, squares bit is
Elm Terrace. Nearly all the Victorian & early
500/600 live in parish & a number of Humphry Jennings
men - & there are slaughtermen who farm a great
deal but are better drunk & degraded. Pop not
notably shifty - outwardly not scarce felt & demand
for houses & rooms so great that houses are changing hands
The housing is generally good but rents are rising
rapidly - Health is good.

S. Luke

Bring

Chap. 6

CXXIV. 1

Cont.

The visitation apart from mapam distribution is a very paid staff & the object, as is that of the other mapam, is to concentrate to get a firm hold of those who are already attached rather than to bring in others - "I grieve more over those I lose than rejoice over new adherents - Greatest efforts made for personal knowledge of all adherents - Mr P. knows all church-goers by name & after service stands at door & as far as possible greets all. Until Mr P. started the medical mission, provision for the sick poor was quite inadequate. Has quarrelled with C.O.S. but little is given & nothing without begging & visitation of the home.

Two small chapels not getting on a dog-people - Two large mothers meetings run on the "big sin up system" neighbouring churches when Mr P. came "utterly rotten" things have improved but the clergy not a very bright set - Failure of church largely due to the fact that the clergy were "such fools" - a good thing if they all had to learn their living in some other capacity before taking orders - They have no knowledge of the world mainly as result of their "bible training" avoids her brother clergy as far as possible & refuses to attend rural-deaconal meetings "where they only talk gas"

The Rector & Hudson though a charming man to meet has an extraordinary knack of putting his foot into the eye, heap of mud about & lives in a constant atmosphere of wrath & scandal.

Don't know much about a R.O. who is totally unfit - a truly & large beast. Drink - a great deal but less than in other parts of Deptford. Prostitution - in Blackhorse Rd. - Marriage almost universal respect for the law

An unusually strong parish organized in a very business-like way - Mr P. claims with truth that "we do find away, we are steadily ploughing on, constantly adding to our mapam increasing our numbers."

Parish of S. Luke's

LCM S. Luke's. Watton

CXXV. 1

was for 4 years missioner in Bellipate market town
in Sept 1891 a little over a year -

District ending in S. Luke's -

Pink streets mostly occupied by police, Sepoys & Indian
young men. Houses 6 rooms with 2 families except where
older children are at work - all comfortable except some
who don't live much here as in houses that - best part
new streets off the lower R. some are buying their houses &
may keep the house - Blackhouse. Called the
poorest but does not know if it is - make no attempt
to conceal their poverty - fight. You see women with black
iron chains imprisoned from here later -

Novel. how industrious - many Irish

Referring to the use of his Hall he would rather let the
children than the young women on Sunday afternoon

For his social service he has a choir of 27 boys & girls
& the Sunday people he gets are saved from by a
missioner - Set himself to have one family from each street
The mother meeting is stiffened by tea & excursion given
by the Lad, from Blackheath -

Takes breaks to visit in district & goes to the
man at Drabeg works at the gate - also visits
the wood choppers. These last asked him to say his
prayer on his first visit. He gave them a tea - the
hall followed by service of tea. Place crowded men women
& girls but 'they have not come since'

Poor cases he refers to his Superintendent - Shows
the awful dependency of the Londoners upon any body
who would give them anything - Average Londoner will
take charity from any body - The Countryman says no
Thank you Sir, I don't want it. Church & school
preachers - Give to those who will come to church

The people (or some of them) take it as coming from people
long dead - not out of donor pocket - & intend to attend
church sometime in return - but 'they don't do it you
know'

Parish of S. Luke
LCM Warlow

(45) * CXXV. I. Cmi³

As to Church attendance - in Rosterwood Street with quite 300 families he only knew 3 attending a place of worship - two came to his mind the third was bell ringer at S. Luke's - (His knowledge is probably defective as he admits he seldom got beyond Street door except in case of sickness) Thank Goddon (Might I say) but God for them prospering - So I buy a piano & send my boy you can hear them singing the latest music Hall songs In earlier days used to speak of their sins - now talk more of God & less of their own their own infirmities - Has learned by repeated failures "You must credit them for a great deal more religion than they confess" - as a rule the men are better than they talk.

Finds people specially amenable at time of death the "improve the death" - gets relations to come. London with all its carelessness is wonderfully tender hearted - but the people hate formalism & don't take to ritualism except when they get it for pay.

Drink is regarded as kind of necessity - even the total abstinence don't help temperance reform much looking down on those who drink & regarding temperance as a kind of gospel. Even those who have suffered within our home will not touch it now - instances a well-to-do tradesman & Churchwarden two of whose sons have become crissims & the last is now falling under the spell - yet the man will not touch it. Effects of drink seen most in Dockyard & Midway & City night - on public holidays it is a fair crowd of people following the police with a shabby man or woman. People many very young especially in the poor districts & are content with low standards - often despise anything tough - no ambition & barren painted red with blue wheels. Quoted a millman who had spent his life in Deptford. The first from South the words were "I am a blacker, full of them & then you know." They are better but their manners are about the same.

S. Nicholas. Wallis. For 3 years Curate in charge. Vicar alive but the
 being sequestered for 16 years for payment of his debts
 next year will complete the payment when he can't
 probably will return to me up more - one last year
 Mr W was sent a cutting from Yorkshire paper showing
 that his vicar had disappeared from Scarborough
 owing £200 at some hotel - add to this that he
 is a drunkard & the fact that he may again be
 let loose on the parish is no small scandal -
 The parish has been unfortunate - the preceding
 vicar who was here 40 years & in many ways a
 great power was in his later years frequently
 drunk in the pulpit - & Mr W's predecessor as
 Curate in charge though free from such failings
 lived away in Brockley & did little in the parish.
 Altogether Mr W says "it does not help me to be
 a parson" & such influence as he has gained
 is rather a spite than a consequence - To break this down
 he is an excellent man himself - not clever or remarkable
 but frank friendly - success - bright pleasant face &
 engaging manner -
 Thus when he came Church work was practically dead
 Church empty & S. Sch. run by the Skinner family
 (brother of importance here) who refused to admit the
 parson & during his 10 years the late Curate never
 succeeded in getting into the S. School - but Mr W
 has accomplished this feat & now controls his School.
 Pop about 7500 - People for most part poor & in
 many cases exceedingly rough & drunken - but not
 vicious or criminal in any way - Differ as much from
 the Pratt's (Christ Church) parish as chalk from cheese -
 larger & settled pop here for years & over generations
 many connected with the sea & when you get to know
 them exceedingly pleasant & friendly & far from hostile
 to work among them - Compared most favorably with the vicars of the
 where for 8 years he was at sea, married - then you have the order, a good one
 Salt London, necessary, theft - here they are not doing so, however - have had
 work must tell in the 1000th year.

St Nicholas. Wallis Hampstead, lack of buildings, workers & funds & by
 Chof E uncertainty as to future. He has not been able
 (45) 1 CXXIV. 117 to effect much. Efforts to get workers from Brooklyn have
 Cmo failed. Church much undermanned - but has unusually
 || friendly relations with his people. Visits by afternoon & himself
 does most of the collecting for Provident Aik with 300 depositors
 and very free from 'Side' or Clericalism has won respect & affection
 local in Church attendance it shows - having increased from
 30 at the most at any time to 100 in morning & 200/250 in evening
 Communicants from 30 to 130. Sunday School from small
 numbers to about 600 with 20 teachers - This plot of
 ground certainly not "hopeless" as Pratt's (Christchurch) is
 Great lack of social organization for boys in the neighborhood. They
 swarm about the streets at night -
 Small relief - no Cook with CO's which is weak here
 Is helped by Dept's funds - 60 dinner tickets a week -
 * || Objects to his parish being joined to New Borough of Greenwich
 due to ill feeling existing between St Nicholas & St Paul
 Arrangement hampered St Nicholas which is essentially
 part of Dept's -
 Police is sufficient can't or won't cope with disorderly
 || noise - almost impossible to sleep at night owing to that
 In South the "worst place I know" - no known Mother
 Marriage of late years & very common, friends
 || Having fair good except Watergate & the storage of
 which parts are very equal - Some increase of over-crowding
 owing to stringent regulations of LCC in their new buildings
 in Amman St. - hope stricter control is elsewhere.

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S^c Paul Deptⁿ Hoasm Apart from High Stⁿ & small part beyond all parish poor
 Chapⁿ Eⁿ Tradesmen the aristocracy - Clerks on low salaries 30% or
 CXXIV. 155 35% a week number perhaps 500 - then Artisan & many the same
 1 last labouring class employed in victualling yards & 20%.
 Except the 'bobbies' the slaughter men the most degraded class
 though not the poorest - for many 'a good drink & a woman'
 is all they ask for. Another class on whom the condition
 of their work have degrading effect are the girls who
 clean the cut throats of animals - 'gut girls' such work
 ought to be forbidden to women. Mr Simonette of the
 Deptⁿ has tried to reach these girls that has some
 success with a club & home. One of the best things the fund has done
 besides these classes. There seems to be an exceptional
 amount of thoroughly lost lives [Story of the young fellow who
 thought Baidon S^c his worst though Gadder S^c (Christchurch)
 contains more unmitigated vice. Let it be furnished
 apartments in which there is not one virtuous woman
 Some houses in Baidon S^c are let same way but it is
 more mixed with nothing better. Though High Stⁿ & Bad
 Watergate S^c not so bad one because not called for
 Six houses in Baidon S^c with several years to run of lease
 some for £30 a piece. supposed real value, rent & land, collected
 In Deptⁿ as a whole rents rising - more coming.
 Leamington High Stⁿ is dividing line - to north high rents
 to south low.

A good deal about vestry Church. Schools leased to Board
 but available & every 1 for mission service & Sunday
 District in 'Protestant' S^c Pauls only one with daily service
 They have had no evening communion since I came. In
 a "moderate & reasonable way" the Rector has been
 introducing somewhat High practices - no trouble caused
 Parish relief managed for vestry daily. mainly by tickets
 Charitable relief in Deptⁿ a blot. Much overlapping
 due to variation of religious effort "B. Schismatics"
 members of Deptⁿ & members of Aⁿ of Guardians. Overlapping both will
 be done - depends on individual R.O.

S. Paul. Hoxton



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CXXIV. 155

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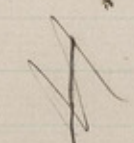


Sanctus, administration good in spite of great difficulties - sleep in cellars still not uncommon. Increase of gambling & betting - much excessive drinking on the connection of drink & degradation with poverty maintains the extensive Teagust met due to closing of Deafns Dock yard wages at virtually yard lower & class of men suffers - work at cattle market well paid but degrading & the men do not work the week through - effects of changes not yet "overstaken" but things will settle down to be better. Fight against licensing the Empire Music Hall so far successful. renewed from year to year - had been offered money not to oppose! (The music hall trustees have secured building house at back & rebuild on large scale for use in the 'interior').

Wesleyan Ch. Deafns Dock

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CXXV. 45



Clenhall now in his third year at Deafns - has been a Wesleyan minister since 1892 - draws his people from West of High St. & South of Swelby & except a few from streets East of High St. where Christian life is made miserable & some of late they leave with their families or their children. His people are mostly artisans with some of labouring, & not many shopkeepers - a few retired - generally people living a comfortable life & putting money in savings bank. Regard horizon at this Church & Deafns Dock as more 'holding the fort' blending the new mission to be built when with sisters of the people the work will be organized on the regular mission line & attached for Dockley Circuit. Their church the most aggressive in Deafns - have not lost the spirit of our founders - Truly feel, between the free churches - have united prayer meetings beginning of the year & half each other. Free Ch. sentiment growing stronger & can unite with a subject of 7 day paper - wish to be present with Chor. but can't go on hands & knees - Vicar not always hostile but sometimes bitter, opposed - eg. grasping after burials - a good many marriages to save appearance. Police do not look after streets well at night - say they can't stop prostitution. Creation of Guest roads by Deafns Dock High St. & Deafns Dock - bad interference in the street from the Deafns Dock - Free Ch. ministers consider what can be done. Truly wish to see Deafns Dock & Deafns Dock to sustain the church. Spoke on highway of his workers.



(St Pauls Parish)

Congregationalist - Read here his friend Mr. H. M. has shared the whole of his ministerial life in a double fronted house comfortably furnished. Blest though cheap, rented coal-beds, he maintains on his stipend (£271 in 1895) to supplement the lectures.

Church is historic dating from 1660 & there are some fine buildings "a valuable property" - Very full report on work last month "rather too full but they like to see themselves in print."

As to the people he confirms Mr. H. M. well to do shopkeepers have moved to Blackheath & Newham & come into the business - managers often occupy their place of working hours better people leave, go to Catford & cannot stand the coarse language & fights at night.

Dread brings up their children in it - "I don't blame them."

The children from the missions are brought to the Chapel for week night meetings - Girl sewing class & to familiarise them with interior of Ch. buildings & all its news for 100

or Sunday. Preferring this to separate services.

No regular visitation - Relief not needed among them, no need to give some pensions to old widows for sacraments for £20 each.

What they live on outside - Some chronic want & occasional in hard winter there is distress - but it is well met.

Real cause of poverty of young folk - I am speaking coolly. The real mischief is the drink - If you could do away with it - but you can't - you would change the aspect of the place - Thoughtless ness though drink is the evil - you see children with heads anything to cover them with a great

portion of beer money in front of the D. house -

No cooperation with other - occasionally the Ch. Council arranges a mission for some time from other high church north - friendly with Ch. of S. but cannot work with High Church - In street east of High S. Mission on certain

overlapping - Tom Jiddell from for missions - Matt near of Church said he had been greeted by a woman as well as with "you are the fifth it is many" - Mr. Matt & Mr. Read understand each other & do not interfere - other churches no better off than we - not worse - & not the

fault of ministers but of cooperation of poverty & need in the place - which means pleasure are in a million - no religious concern has any church where he came 25 years ago he said "I can't see it" - there he is still the same say if you go it would be a tragedy - many old adherents living away some as long as 100

come - Spire Theatre & new street - lay circles - all are in people & those who come often - cannot quite this helps anything - Sunday as elsewhere - sleep, walk & dine some don't even get into the day - and many protestations in New Year A.D. 1900

Much interest taken in local affairs local authorities have no objection if they can only decrease drink. Mr. Read rather out of hand but seems to take things easily. Very familiarly has induced hopeless men in regard to the work.

(Parish of St Paul)

Daphne
occasional
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Human
CXXV. 15

Trained at Sturgeson college - Came here as student
1867 - here for some - Then as new people came
chiefly from street west of High St. - The population were
fewer than now - Shopkeepers, mechanics & others in comfortable
positions - Some let lodgings but most near the house
now all are labouring class & 2 families to a house
is frequent - Some who have moved out still come to
Chapel - so congregation is drawn from wide area
Most move on now to further - to Catford where large
estate is now being developed. These are lost to the church.
Rents he puts as if a week cheaper than 30 years ago
Houses old & not so convenient as the modern build, has
kept rents down - newer houses bring better rents for instance
at Hatcham Park -

Removals affect his work - Temperance Soc was
practically broken up by a family going to Catford
could not replace the secretary -

The communion fund (£10) not sufficient for their own
poor members - has 50 coal & 50 bread tickets from
Deacons fund - & special effort at Christmas
was on being for some time - but gave it up - very strong
feeling between representatives Deacons & Ministry with
consequent scenes - Radical element in Deacons very strong

"I am a thorough radical but cannot go with the troublemakers"
Parish work done pretty well -

Drunk fearful - Theatricals & music hall have increased in
influence of these places very bad upon the young people
mainly patronised by those from 15/20, working people &
others a shade lower - Has seen over 100 stand for the an hour
a fortnight - a Christian man had said to him "That Empire has
ruined my daughter" - Prostitution not so bad as once conceived
Police satisfied as a whole -

Prospects not very bright - not so bright as they were -
Strong opposition before Bradlaugh died - died with him
but results still present - whole working class, impregnated
with free thought - not because they believe the Bible to be untrue
but they would like to think so - leading to indifference in spiritual things
Even then our people are excellent - anxious to do the right thing
He works a solid line - old fashioned perhaps -

Church has risen & de-
clined during his long pastorate
A man to admire & respect.

(Parish of St Paul)

LCM. Mamott
Prison S. ent CXXV. 163
(45) 3.

Has been 6 years in the district - bounded by Grove
Cocklyn S. Higher fields & the Thames. Streets East of
Watergate S. only added last January - contains
1000/1200 visitable families

Watergate S. between Prison & High St the worst part
Two large old houses (51 & 53) are let in furnished rooms
& the rest by the room - The people sleep any where on
the stairs &c - in some of the large houses 8 families
& they will take in lodgers - often does different lodgers
living with same family - Men dock labourers
do most of the street people live in furnished rooms have a basket &
lug a baby about 90 as to appeal to ladies

Roxley S. 40 families in 19 houses mostly Romanists
street sellers & a plenty of money same - it is dark -
Street & adjacent streets are more respectable
Roxley S. the best & where he cannot visit - In the
LCC building, Armada S. found families he had
known elsewhere in Deptford - Visits whole dist in 2 mos
Finds some have shifted - often drops on them again
Changes not to better themselves - but because can't
pay rent. Landlords glad to be quit of them. but
they must stop near their work.

Great deal of relief by Establish Ch & St John's houses
Sexton found gives a "tremendous lot of dinner"
he does not get any tickets. Supposes he is not an
"authorised worker" - doubts wisdom of giving in chronic
cases - better in infirmary - not to go any place worth
many say they will when they have time. Children attend
Sunday School very well - Many women a mother nearly
200 at Armada S. 100 in Crocker S. Few many
attend for what they can get -

Mr Waller of St Nicholas was opposed to Mr Mamott at
first said "you are a Wesleyan" - RCs go to St Paul
mass & late are among Protestants fighting - Priest warned
Mr Waller not to call - but Mr Waller calls on everyone

(Pansh of S. Paul)

LCM
Mun. S.

Mammot
CXCV. 165

(45) 3

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Ladies take great interest in the 'gut girls'. most lot
living in Coalgate T. Gas S. - Club for them at
Oscar's and Hms. - send them baskets of flowers, Codd
Nibles etc. The girls prefer dress - pay 10/6 for a feather
Does not think the Glasgow better. Drink among
women really on the increase. 'Gibraltar' in Evelyn?
the 'Cowshed' - women go in & sit there peeling their
potatoes etc. Elderly women lead respectable young
married women astray. Pawn for them etc. Gibraltar
has a back way from S. Paul Court etc. Drink the great cause
The people admit now & again that it is wrong? Sign a
pledge & break it - Story of a woman whose husband
fell down & broke his neck - She had signed again
& again hence - Said to Mr. M. "I suppose it must
be the booze to the bitter end".

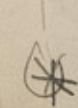
never found a bad house - a good deal of loose
living among gut girls & drovers - & a number living
unnamed.

Used to have a College meeting - has given it up & has
tried to get hold of men & induce them to accompany him to
Glasgow. Tries to get them to mission hall the
Church or Chapel. drawback the inevitable "Chipping"
when their mates hear of it - This frightens them. One
who went with him was "flowered" in a pub. - Church
& pub incompatible. Is however very hopeful. Keeps
on sowing the seed & there see a little fruit
Does not find those influenced move away - they must
stay by their work - but home improve.

[Mr. M. sent us his Annual report for 1895 - containing
instructions of the Committee on the compilation of these reports
which are given pages 173/175]

Story of a case - which reads as if quite true -

Panish of S. Paul
S.A. Joslin
CXXV. 213.



Captain Joslin here a few months - reorganizing a Corps that has got a little out of hand during the regime of his predecessor - a woman who had got hot & strong for machinery but let machinery get the best of her. Area covered very large - stretching in every direction & South & East especially great distances - leaving the impression that the Army could not be very strong. On the way quite near is a Slum station in Church & where are 2 Sisters managed separately from the Corps. Joslin's father well to do - Alderman Croydon Council & was himself in business at time of his "call" - tried to resist but conscience would not be denied & in spite of opposition he submitted - His father has never acquiesced - He himself seems never to have doubted the rightness of the step - lives in the little basement room provided - his companion a ready dreaming loquacious youth - morning taken up with correspondence - reports - "Preparation" - Afternoon visiting - members, recruits, converts, special cases - evening meetings see time table - Then in most important part evening open air followed by one at the 'citadel' Shower his books containing very elaborate information - to be sent to Headquarters - he was "like the manager of a business" - nothing else. Names once entered in "Roll" are only removed by sanction of Divisional officer - reason is given under the heading - Backslide - Deserter of Colours - Private Slang Church or Chapel - Removed - Difference between first two not clear & Cast of case not make it so. Roll constantly changing - Completed in 5 years - The reasons were all given - Deserter & backsliding accounted for most - the fewest had Private Slang. Corps not strong but has improved its position during last few months. The systematic open air Services must be at the least represented before notice of lay, numbers of people in a district where in many parts misery, death & vice are rife - Well received in not many districts (where they come every 6 weeks). Collections large, there is many better of hearts - meet with little opposition - some friends with Antislavery. Kind of man most likely to be taken a Roman Catholic - do not

Christ Church. Pratt Maxter went to see Mr Pratt immediately after leaving
 designs Chof 6 Brooke Lambert. Mr Lambert hearing this said

(45) 3. CXXIV. 107 "Poor old man I am afraid you won't get much
 out of him." & looking back at it pity is the
 predominant feeling but at the time it was acute
 irritation & boredom & at last when he had
 mandered on for 2 hours I did what I have never
 done before - pleaded a further engagement & stopped him
 but I really felt he only went on from inability to stop.
 He then feared he had been rather diffuse - & so he went
 to the verge of incoherence.

Has been here Curate since 30 years - & in his own
 hopelessly inefficient way probably works as hard as any
 Quaker here. no one could actively dislike him
 but must have failed completely in any walk of life
 Here the failure so patent that Ch Pastoral air grant
 has just been withdrawn on grounds that no one came to
 church. But a better man here would scarcely have
 achieved a different result. it is the poorest parish
 - the poorest part of Bedford mostly a very rough casual lot
 though Mr P. thinks not so poor & black as we make it
 one, Adder S. in his view justifies Black Lane where
 furnished apartments are of lower character
 Among the people of his parish there were 'labourers
 dockers, Carmen, carters, hawkers, landresses, flower
 girls, wood cutters, bottle washers, mendicants, Cripple
 prostitutes (chiefly in Stanhope St.) - Dist & button hole
 makers - lace sellers & toy makers. In summer a
 large proportion go holiday.

Mr P. is "always about" among the people but from the
 spiritual point of view "can't get at them" - they are not in
 fides but they are ungodly. - & apparently the church
 is empty. Total of communicants about 15. 200/300 children
 in S. Sch but Ragged Sch in Griffen St. gets the cream of them.
 Apart from pretty constant visitation with carols & two
 mother meetings "large but artificial" - usual accompaniments
 carols, blanchets, matings etc. - a good deal of ticket taking
 I don't pretend to help them permanently. It shows with
 more in box for last year containing more than 1000 1/2 to 1/4 tickets
 Altogether a benighted hamlet.

Parish of Christ Church
General Baptist
Unitarian } Marchant

(45) 3 CXXV. 225.

A little anxious to make out a case - with little to describe - here 9 years tall his life in S.E. London. Though 'General Baptist' by trust deeds & although all members have to be Baptists by immersion in the Church is in doctrine Unitarian.



Note. Mr Marchant said that nearly all the General Baptist Churches are practically Unitarian - most of the three orthodox Baptists viz. 'General' 'New Connexion' 'Calvinistic' & 'Particularian' Baptists amalgamated some years ago & formed the denomination now generally known as 'Baptists'. But some did not join & these we still come across retaining their distinctive name & it may probably be added their traditional harmonies & exclusiveness.

Chapel in Church dates back to Commonwealth - an old fashioned little place looking rather forlorn.

Not much life now but it was quite dead when he came except services & a small school - Has tried to make it a centre for other than purely religious services - Chapel willing but for meetings - his neighbourhood deplorable & as religious body they are isolated.

Mr M tries to make himself generally useful in district for social, temperance or educational work - manages 4 poor houses & schools.

One of most serious things the way the people were pauperised but still he does his own little share of good.

Success of denomination he put in following order (1) R.C. (2) Congreg. (3) Unit. (4) Chof. & Co.

Police inadequate - Streets mostly on Sunday very.

Drunk - the evil less in S.E. London.

Prostitution awfully prevalent - Relations more numerous.

No place in which so many girls were in the family way. Many could not be worse but health surprisingly good.

(Parish of Christchurch)

Raggen Sch.

Dodd

CXXV. 73.

(45) 4

Raggen school from since 1844. + no connection with

for 20 years - but in city of last report of some interest

Situation turns in next of poor streets between High St & the Creek

Open, low character including many Hotten fronted houses &

One half constantly Thifty - not change much in character

in the 20 years - and more crowded due to demolition -

will same - Thieving more common among women

Although we do a lot of work we merely touch the surface

Children largely influenced & so are many of the women - cannot

do much with the men - Special effort needed - he had looked to

the Belgians found but had been disappointed -

To get hold of the men involves heavy expense. They must

have separate accommodation - will not come to where the

women are - When men finally attend they come in separately

attributing this to ordinary habit - men & wives never go out

together anywhere - Would like to build a club for the men.

Those mission gets hold of are the more permanent inhabitants

There remain the same year after year if they improve they

still do not move

Considerable number of the children remain under religious influence

as they grow up - but very difficult to know who are religious

so much hypocrisy & badging -

Development of mission checked by starting of Belgians fund -

mission well received - resulting in keeping regular at school - other

wise not much to be measured - few poor at present come in categories

Relief - have learnt by experience - to keep & exchange lists

Public houses the only places for meetings to - on Sunday at 7

pm mostly women in the bar -

Have a family in Griffin St. with more than one room -

The over crowded district to visit - difficult to talk with

Protestant children always about to overhear - Adoration

Express train service to place 7 miles out for colonies of 20 men

Several houses in Griffin St. condemned but better off all -

Half the houses ought to be demolished - Taken by horse farmers

6000 men. rents collected on Sunday - 1/2 p. a room

S. Mark
Amenham vale
(45) 4.

Stone

CXXIV. 93.

vicar for 16 years - takes things easy - one of few churches with
no week day services + Communion not weekly - Confounded
us with (t as) the SA - Parish small - about 3000 all comfortable
no signs of poverty - but some decay in 16 years.
Church free + open - the only one near - it has a high musical standard
is always well filled - gave his parishioners a good moral character
Perhaps Mrs S supplies some money - certainly Mr S does not
Church seems parochial & a cypher

Congregational
missionaries
(45) 4.

Ellison

CXXV. 91

Here a little over 2 years - A branch of the Lewisham
High St. Congreg. Church (Rev W. Justin Evans) - Mr
Ellison is mission pastor - full account given in the
'Annual Report' - Workman mainly drawn from the Lewisham
though some of the 5 school teachers have been trained at home &
Sunday Cong. working class & nearly all adults - children
not admitted with parents. Several railway men & well
dressed & comfortable - Hall in use every week night except
Friday average 30 per meeting - cannot get mission on week night
Do not go in for social meetings & entertainments - no use do
not lead to spiritual meetings - Gospel Temperance fill hall of the
is a good musical programme - well filled - not otherwise
not much need for relief - some tickets for poor & are given
This winter free from distress - work plentiful
Dept paid for the work as a hard district - find it difficult to
get the people - spend Sunday morning -
Every day long stream waiting at Theatre & Music Hall
people in rags - Houses well kept & clean - 2 or 3 families
No idea of things - will save if asked - feel they cannot
Keep the money themselves -
With work at the Hall Mr S is moderately satisfied
Every thing flourishing but not so enthusiastic as I could wish
of people get together for religious improvement - has been
The people do not give enough to support the mission - has been
allowed to think it not needed - The Church has given Chris. Society
provision a Rev. deacon had said at a meeting "we don't want
your money - we want you - think the desire to give something should
be fostered"
Lewisham & Stone is under the same

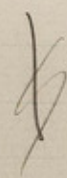
(Parrish of Mark)

Railway Mission Jutsum
American Soc. Turner
(45) 4 CXXV 155

Mr. Turner who took Mr. Jutsum place at interview
has been connected with mission from commencement
originally started in private house & after 2 moves is placed
here - draws people from between L.A.S.C. & High St. Schepers.
few by new live stock of new Corn Trade many north of it.
Vint Cargel but Cargel. Cases of sickness quickly known
Sunday many collection for the "Horn". Special collection for accident at
Branch of this mission at North in New Corn Station
meeting in room provided by company - a drawback.
Drink not so bad among my men as formerly. Company
severely against it. A Christian Guard has great
difficulty in maintaining his integrity - some card playing of
cards to passers + board places for card playing - has
not seen these lately but gambling + card playing very prevalent.

All Saints, Townsend.
Hatcham, N.H.
Chap. 6

(45) 4 CXXIV 73



Here for 4 years - to have been appointed (at 26) to
this large parish with £500 stipend. due to peculiar
system of Chap. 6. rather than his qualifications - not
that he is a bad fellow or a scandal or a failure compared
to others - but simply that he is a very ordinary man with
special intellect or character to fit him - lives outside his parish
almost at top of Telegraph Hill - Curate Mr. Dean was French
a mild inoffensive little man - younger - 40 or 50 years
Pop about 18000 - two distinct portions divided by New Corn R.
Southern much poorer than northern. Here in Falden St. the
people are much better educated - mainly labouring class
north of New Corn R. nearly all clerks, artisans, tradesmen
Schools & teachers - Railway men - Excess - Pleasure & t
Schepers garden none are poor - & multiple families still not uncommon
none need servants - Poor - Popham R. many do not - where
our old man gives yells - & far more than one
except in rare instances poorer parishioners never come to church
not prepared to make the effort - find slackers about more congenial
but thorough parish for the most part are friendly - if not it is due to
"accidents of birth" but are utterly apathetic as to religion. Appeal
& visitation produce nothing but promises - late in the day, they do
very prevalent.

All Saints. Townsend
Hatcham. N.H.

Chgo 6

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Social agencies have to be duplicated owing to cleavage
in pop. 2 Mother's meet. - 2 Bands of Hope. 2 Librarians.
2 G.F.S. - on poor side is a Boys Club - awful types to
manage. apt salute things with shivers of mad + terror.
On the better side a young man's Club - started last year -
hardly attended - nearly all church goers - also large
Inaccessible Literacy Soc. + Soc. for Bible discussion
attended by clerks - a paper is read by some one - discussion
very feeble. - Free Concerts on Saturday
Bricitation very imperfect - 4 vision - huge districts but the
classroom reader (has 25 years) "goes right through" - there is
a tendency in parts to pierce at him - have says 100 visits a
week in the country has duties - Relief £60. each case a month
an awful lot of humping - tickets no safeguard - no cooperation
with C.O.S. 'a rotten society' - too much concerned with
pedigree - might be fine dogs...

Vestry efficient - roads well kept + lighted -
Poor law fair - a great deal of out relief. R.O. kind

Police 'nice fellows' - don't look after street gambling

Drink the cause of the majority of evils in parish
One openly on one side - secretly on the other - awful
more in Falkner's - not a great deal of prostitution.

Cases of theft + wife beating - Suicide frequent lately - common
Few cases of people living together unmarried - forced marriage not
things on better side most belong to Friendly Societies. Heads
of State Clubs leading to frightful squires at Xmas
Health exceedingly good.

Army good - rents rising - In Falkner's have
just dabbed on a coat of paint + raised rents
from 7/6 to 11/6 [does not sound like]

S. Catherine - Truscott
Hatcham Chgo to

(45) S.

CXXIV. 99

The vicar was not well + O. Shasha, an orientalist, was sent
handed in reports from him we heard that the parish
though still mainly mid class shows deterioration
Some houses let in lodgers. There are two patches
of poverty - One close to Brockley Station - Foxwell St where
lives, rough together with a small block belonging to local brick
+ occupied by his work people. So vile filthy + insanitary
that visiting has had to be given up + complaints to the
authorities have had no permanent effect. - The other
patch known as 'mud island' consisting of Pulls Ten
Dennett Grove + with a good deal of overcrowding.

Out of Donnell's Rd.
Putnam Road
Close to Board School

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[I have not found these on map]

The Church is magnificently placed on top of
Telegraph Hill in a well to do district - it is a
prosperous middle class one - no affluence - always
full.

Wesleyan Ch.
Kettlewell

(45) S.

Pauell

CXXV. 209

Not seen. Not particularly by Post. "work scarcely extends
or distinctive enough for special reference". They are
however gradually extending their operations so as to
get into touch with the working classes + it bids fair
to be the leading Wesleyan Church in the district at
no distant date.

S. James
Hatcham

(45) S.

Kennedy

Chgo to

CXXIV. 31

Although fully 50 yrs ordained 1894 - has not sunk
the man in the parson - magnificent man - probably
all the women in love with him - + the men cannot
fail to be attracted by his intense virility
For 9 years before being ordained was Secy of Y.M.C.A.
Probably a man of means - signs of riding + driving in hall
house well appointed - + said he had to find at least
£350 a year towards parochial funds.

The Church was originally so angelical - The advocation was
hunchbacked by Mr. North who gave living to her son who
blossomed into advanced naturalism when his toleration than was
his result. - Monitor police required once or twice

S. James
Hatcham
855.

Keeney
Chgo
CXXIV. 31

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Mr. Tooth eventually went to prison by way of martyrdom. There was a colorless interregnum & then Mr. Tooth took the living to St. Nasas of Shipton from Evangelical trust - & the parish has been since then organized to a high pitch of efficiency.

As to the population - South of New Cross Road through the mid or lower end class the trend is downwards. North of the road it is wholly working class - large motor connection with railway - much scattered poverty - no noticeable street areas - nothing like neighboring slums of Deptford which Mr. K. considers as low as anything in London.

Great numerical success as to attendance - but nevertheless "the bulk of the working class parishioners remain indifferent & untouched" - long about in Sunday morning - the evening much up for a walk - not unkindly disposed - blatant atheism is dead - but scepticism prevalent & increasing not from any process of intellectual thought but by the fact that some excuse is sought for lives that are not right. The day school not needed. Board schools are adequate & well managed - teachers quite excellent - many of the workers are B. Sch. teachers - Strong mission spirit in parish - #1500 subscribers to Ch. Men Soc.

Among working class poor attendance at S. Sch. almost universal due partly to attractions of treats. hardly taking a Red of C. has been the best agency for holding boys.

In common with Mr. Pring - Mr. K. attributes failure of the especially as regards men to folly of clergy - so hipoted

& amazingly unwise - mainly due to nature of their training. Has urged upon Bishop that every candidate should spend at least 6 months in business life. His curates are exceptionally good men & get rapid promotion. His large square to 2 curates. Very good - works very well. Police excellent.

Drunk "deplorable" "alarming" "almost sole cause of disorder." Church facing drink - new cause of demoralization - Prostitution very rare - lower class come from Deptford slums & live at quietude near the church.

Things promising. Pring club took £320 last year giving. Michael paid off £300 worth in the winter. Housing good, no overcrowding. Health good in the high land on the low ground - Malaria, disease, & cancer rare -

(Parish of St James)

Parish Ch. Lewis
Dorchester 1903
(45) 5. CXXV. 103

Mr L has been 7 years pastor of this church which has
mission halls in Creek St & Charles S streets. Mr
Williams is the Home missionary - responsible for mission work
Full account with ample figures in report - interviews many
with Mr Williams who has been working at Dorchester 22 years
The church seems prosperous - well filled - middle class
but district not so prosperous as it was - lower social
class coming to most of the roads - houses more than one family
Church suffering financially & to some extent in numbers
The new people with others no place or need in ancient
but churches & chapels still mostly full to great price
especially St James, Hatcham & St Peter Dorchester

Of mission work the usual story - fair success in
gathering children - a few women attracted - complete
failure as to men - "Those really touched may be
counted on the fingers of your hand" - & the people
connected with the mission of an yam come for what
they get - are people "who require to be helped"
"will take all you can give them" - all adherents
helped in some way in the course of the year - & some
so far come from the very poor streets surrounding the
mission - Mr L attributes this to the fact that
the poor will not attend even a mission hall at
their doors - prefer to be further afield - those who
come are just as poor as the inhabitants of Regent St &
- scarcely save wage earners

|| Described on whole not so black as painted - nothing like so bad as
pastors etc. Two worst streets Nailsea & Stanhope - on the whole
a more improvement with some falling back in streets off Regent St
owing to demolition of Mill Lane Court
Mr L has a report as to prevalence of drink & prostitution (Mr L is
the optimistic one) but agrees that the new theatre had had bad effect
on the district - much over crowded - great deal of night work
The Regent St area the furnished apartment system common

(S. James Hatchan. Panik.)

Wesleyan New Cross Hoveville - Only here since Sept. (9 months). Came from a flourishing church at Norwood - Company his church with the thriving Episcopal & Congregational churches of neighborhood - thinks it suffers from 'inertness' system. & though he does not say so this applies to his case. His church is in New Cross N. - to North has good work class - to South clerks & city men. Both sections answer to some extent - fair representation of work, but you cannot say they are effectively touched. Does not think either mother meetings or late clubs are any benefit to the church - bring no one in. but are of benefit to those who use them.

S. John
Lewisham
(45) 6

Atkinson
Chgo 6

not seen

(S. John's Church, Panish)
 Congregation Evans
 (45) 6 CXXV. 183.

The most influential church in this district.
 Issues an elaborate report of its work & that of its
 Mission Sunday Hall (45) 5. happier CXXV. 91. (45) 4. 18.
 & Amersham Hall - See page 101 -

Mr Evans had left very little time for us between a
 marriage and a breeding engagement in the country.
 Came here 1896 succeeding J. Morley Wright. - Has seen
 no change but hears of great changes in past. thinks
 deterioration has stopped - only from East Side Tyndal
 & the families are moving - because of big built out at back
 new corners accept this

Visitation done in connection with Christian Aid Soc
 & they give things - look after "any body in trouble"
 Ladies visit & carry tickets & money to them
 Poor of church keep for & commat. fund - "are not
 slow to let us know" mostly widows & broken down men
 one or two blind - Give a kind of pension. Dorcas Soc sells
 below cost & Market Soc that £48 -

The church being quite full can only show this the mission
 Those who fill the places of such as leave come largely from
 S. Sch & Ch. & Sunday Soc. - Social distinctions are met
 by the different S. Schools. - Seek to strengthen bond between
 Church & mission. but the mission people don't
 care to come amongst the better dressed at the church
 The P. S. A. at Amersham Hall is fairly successful

Operate men & women. an attempt to reach those outside
 Christian influence. got some. has a girls band.
 Tree Ch. Council. the authorised voice of the church
 has arranged united mission by Gypsy Smith &
 W. R. Lane. Baptist, Wesleyan, Presbyterian & then

our church found close together. best possible for
 & Mr Evans own district (rooms off N. W. side of
 Leamington Hall) all churches full. class of people with
 to church. well ordered part. no P. A. in the estate
 except me & does not know how that came there

(St John Danish Parish)

W. Math. F. Ch. Hocken
 Drumsund Chapel St John P.
 (45) 6 CXXV. 137

Sat² of 6th circuit - including Chapels in Peckham & Norbury
 At Drumsund the people are drawn from streets to
 Smith - comfortable working class - Get a few from the
 streets to Mother's Day (Dance of Hope - perhaps 43)
 Gives half his time to visiting & spirit in the day, poorest
 hours, times when religious conversation is liked.
 Then our poor relieved for sacramental fund - not much
 needed - The non religious man who drinks is the man who
 wants relief - 9 cases out of 10 - poverty is self inflicted
 intemperance - want of things - early marriage -
 Free Churches very friendly - Council includes 14 - desirous
 in earnest to bring those outside in - emphasizes the
 change of attitude of Churches to now - recognized
 responsibility & really tried to get the people in
 Drink the curse - Prostitution near the Empire & Theatre
 loose girls hanging about - Gambling prevalent betting
 on horses, football & pitch & roll in back streets
 District healthy where help

Street Baptist Zion Ch. Jones
 (45) 6 CXXV. 233

A nice, London born and dealing interview
 Churches third in membership amongst 86 compared
 in Metro. Assn of Street Baptist Churches

Presbyterian
 Dr. Math. F. Ch.
 (45) 6 CXXV. 237

McIntosh Here since 1881 came from Glasgow - was possessed
 with fixed idea that he only wished to know about
 poverty of Glasgow - so talked chiefly about Peckham Hall
 'one year work in the East London' - (report referring to 1889)
 A larger thing than a mission - Gospel & Philanthropy
 based on religion - to which (very free) people continue to
 go - (Archibald doubts its doing much now) One mission is
 employed - in place of 2 & he is also clerk of the session
 Sat night concerts have best attendance - really well done
 8 months during year - At Gospel service Sunday 8 pm
 with limelight they claim to reach poorest - Mr. M. goes once
 a fortnight to give his influence

(S. John Levensham Parish)

Presbyterian
Dirch, A. C.

(45) 6

McIntosh

CXXV. 23

Cmt

When S. John Levensham open feed about 2000 people a week
+ give away a large quantity of bread, groceries, tickets &
Coals - 400 had coals one winter (? whether last winter
the accounts do not contain any items of lavish relief) all
temporal relief done in connection with religious services
to keep them under their influence. People are visited
by Missions & district visitors - mostly ladies from the
Church. all who come to the Hall are visited.
This Hall has a good position by the Broadway &
upper floors are used as vestry office - the mission
Mr S McKee 241 Malpas Rd. Shrewsbury -

(S. Peter Parrish)

The Brochly Church draws its Congregation from around
the Church & from afar - Carpenters new town & - chiefly
middle class people - some upper middle & some from
Croydon Park.

Relations other churches very friendly. Vicar of S. James
& S. John join in the united prayer meetings.

Vestry Brochly people try hard keep rates down
Police not much needed - Plenty of drink in district
Prostitution not rampant - Music hall tends to deterioration

Seems to be a strong & fairly active middle class Church
supplying workers & funds for its mission in district
which is a comparative failure - Part of the
work is the definite religious instruction given to the
young people connected with the Church -
Mr McI ready to help & hoped for a copy of the
book when ready.

S. Peter
Moche

Stimdy

Chaple

CXXIV. 135

(45) 6

Mr. Gandy said to his friend
Mr. Jennings "Thank God I'm
a bit of a (2)" he took
Pop



* Send a short hand letter - I can tell you more about
* South Ronda is half an hour than other in a week
* But the interview turned out better than this promised
* See Ave's account of it "I am the most amusing
* Has been here 10 years or more - appointed in State
* of a memorial sent to Bishop asking for some relief
* Most of his people have made room for themselves
* except the Ultra H. - this rare, makes up. They are
* Salamed class - not many are employers but many
* will be. Successful as a class "all on the way to
* Chislehurst - independent in tone, not to be crossed.
* except with tact - He counts himself just the man
* for the place - He gets on with them - Can preach
* doesn't talk nonsense in the pulpit - doesn't mumble
* when reading - otherwise many might go to the non-con
* chapel & they would be all potential deacons at
* a Tabernacle

S. Peter from about £300 a year to Horra, Panish
in despair - His church we have been paid for by the
residents who, there being no endowment, have sense
of propriety & his position something like that
of non-con parson

His people are above district visiting in S. School
The men who sing in the choir are not paid but give
10/6 each as a subscription for the expenses

Have no mission of their own - Help the S. John Baptist Soc
as an outlet for energy of their kind -

Things go well with Mr G. - denies absolutely that
people are tired of religion - but are tired of the
men who interpret it - If Christianity not a possession
it is because the parsons are such a thinking lot of fools
as much as he has 40 under him - the manners miss
the affectations - the nonsense

A parson of more than average hermons & common sense
+ genuine though some might consider him over-Plastic
in suiting himself to the character of his parish
If more exactly - he might be less useful

St. Peter's Pansh

Berlyanmeth. Parker

45 6

CXXV. 117

People in neighbourhood divisible into Villa, Commercial, Clerical
 Purshy class. large contingent Marine students from Guy's. One, from
 Street Town & 8. Teach almost illiterate.

Church touches all classes but especially the two middle ones
 Mult before the population came has been still is poor.

Good neighbourhood for religious work & as regards locality an
 improving district. Villa population released by class more inclined

In Wickham Rd 3 years ago as 1 family, delays. now 6 do

Holds that all Churches in London suffer terribly
 from the 3 years system of leases. People take a house for

3 years then move on. have scarcely time to get settled. The
 young people do not form friendships. Result not only of paying

wandering from church to church. but the actual dropping of
 religious observance. As to "Sheep Stealing" there is a good

code of honour & Mr P often passes wandering back.

He liked to get word of doctors. they influence their patients.

Free ch: com: has been vigorous. first to act as to 7 day notice

opposed 7 day license for Crystal Palace. secured now on

Chaplain for Wickham. has an Annual Service conducted

Communion Service in which Cl of E Evangelists take part

Local Govt well managed both Dept of & Township

Police good fellows. attentive & kind. many are religious too.

Drunkards are not so much to P. House as to private houses.

Among Church people tendency towards increased moderate

temperance sentiment without going to extremes.

Favourable reports on all the other subjects.

Interview ends with two stones of successful Methodism.

S. Peter. Clarke Near 30 years. Combination of 5 circumstances makes his
(26) CXXVIII. 71 parish unique (1) Density of pop. (2) More males than females.

(3) no servants (4) no chapel (5) no board school.

He said the density was greatest in London 4,700 to 23 acres.
but pop is decreasing due to abolition of cellar tenements
little demolition so far.

Whole parish is poor - but nowhere so poor or degraded as
Regent's area - Deptford or East S. in Greenwich (if you
want to see abject poverty attend notice B meetings in East
Deptford) - not more than 1/3 of his male pop are in

regular work - but parish no poorer than 30 years ago
if anything it is better as the poorest have been forced out
by gradually overcrowding.

But though itself no poorer the parish has suffered by
deterioration of neighbouring wealthy districts on which
it depends for workers & funds.

Mr C is not the man to stir enthusiasm - though
the children the Church knows the people. ⁶⁰⁰ attend
day schools - & 600 come to Sunday School & there is
much visitation by deaconess, curate, Sc. reader &
Miss Clarke - results as to churchgoing meagre.
complete friendliness - with spiritual apathy.

Mr C denounced folly of building large churches in poor areas
Shoreditch for 200 to 250. Here S. Mary, S. Alphage,
S. Peter are already close together S. Mary, only
to be closed. It appears that Mr Brooke Lambert was
anxious to sell it to Mr Spurgeon.

Mr Pechey utmost co-op. with C.O.S.

Very efficient except no repairs street sweep.

Police leave parish alone - it is very noisy - but if wanted not the place

Drink decreased greatly among men - probably not among women
but people generally much more orderly than they were

No prostitution - all brothels closed on complaint to Vestry
Health excellent - Epidemics of fever unknown

Many old in habits but seldom unsanitary

S. Alphege ^{Protestant}
with S. Mary ^{Chap. to}
(46) CXXVIII. 15

one of the few remaining clergy of old Broad Church School
not so great as some of them but a pleasant genial man &
probably a successful organizer. Some of the untidiness
of an artist - floor littered with papers in kitchen & dining
has been here 20 years - previously in White Chapel.
Divides his people 1/3 shopkeepers & gentle, 1/3 artisans
1/3 poor - poor nearly all east of the river - about 1000
5' off East St. must squallor. but worst hts have
been demolished. People scattered. Some of old times
were worse than anything in White Chapel
At the other end a rapid downward tendency, not to
poorly but from wealth to middle class - the rich going
pleasantly by lower class of semi-independent people
on Cromwell Hill at one time over 5000 people & 50/6
for any school - no little or no surplus.
Mr L's statistics are in the reports he furnishes
He prefaces his talk by a warning that his efforts
were discreetly social - not indirectly religious.
"My belief is that you must get honest & told for
before you can hope that the seed will grow -
that will come in due time." The Society
have at various times assumed various forms - fifteen
years ago rather believed in "Salvation by Clubs" but
difficulties proved too great - now puts his faith in
Providence & Soc. & Prov. Dispensary. "they are my great
help".
S. Alphege is the Parish Church - but when Mr L came
S. Mary was fashionable & filled - now pretty deserted
The number of men who come to S. Alphege due to Broad Church
The poor not invisible but absolutely unchurch-going.
at mission services 6 to 15 attendances Mr G. says the
Curate an excellent man & a naturalist has got many
the old lot that got a new "but he still hopes to get
them by naturalism - such as the way of S. Augustine Curate
"it is now a little bit west & now a choir - but all
efforts alike are failures."

S. Alphege. ^{Morke} ^{Lambert}

Choy Co

(46) 1

CXXVIII. 15

Cmt.



As to Chantable I'm afraid work before the
ol ticket, coal & blanket system is active offensive
stopped it absolutely & turned visitors into collection
instead of given - "Establish healthy relations"
making it much easier get into the houses -

The provident dispensary was started in opposition
to Muller's shop & that shop which refused to reform
itself - The dispensary has 3000 members - but not
all of this parish -

Still a considerable sum is spent on relief - £1100
per ann. - Every case goes through COS - if not
satisfactory, are sent to Poor Law - result to win
respect for the Church & as dislike any from those
by whom it is an honour to be disliked - For the
sick they have a nurse

Work of vestry & Guardians conscientiously done
but too much on relief

Drunk excessive - When David began to play in
Park on Sunday all the publicans put the till in
their windows - after 2 weeks or two all removed it
& the publican told me that the band had
reduced his takings £7 to £8

A good deal of overcrowding in poorer parts, & that
everywhere rising

RC.
On the day, Star of
the Sea -
(46) 1.

O'Halloran

CXXVII. 135

Has spent the whole of his life years in the most poor here - but had
not much to tell as the Catholic community here is small
spread over a large area - Church used mainly by Catholics,
well to do - The Church is beautiful & suggests a
command of wealth which is misleading - the style
tradition due to a wealthy priest has died - The church
is more modern than the Presbytery - The schools are
poor section of the people live by river, between Creek &
Hospital - numbers not large - no Irish colony - Some find
it more convenient to go to the Church at Deptford Creek
or East Greenwich - no hill to climb & same social level

(Parish S. Alphage)

RC O'Halloran

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of the Nov as a class Father O'H. did not speak with any great sympathy - It is probable that the Nov who come into his parish are those who drift in from either side to Cadge & pick up what they can & disappear again - He spoke of these floating Cadges as a feature of his district - They give away about £100 a year - £60 or £70 tho' Priests & rest though Soc. S. Vincent de Paul - these latter mainly dealing with children.

As to converts have generally some on hand - as a rule young girls - much "convert" blood in his congregation & the Irish call it an English Church. Converts come generally from leisureed classes (or the members of a busy class who then alone have leisure) - middle class generally too busy to think through to reach any serious step - true also of others & especially average artisan.

Mentioned Social decline of better parts of Manor. Said Blackwall Tunnel & Creek bridge were making the place more of a thoroughfare - & as regards more behaviour said that up to 1863/ or 1864 so long as the Hospital was occupied by pensioners the district had a bad name - loose women hanging about for the men might not marry - Since the Hospital has been made a college the district has become normal.

Berkeley & Hawken
London S.

CXXVII. 41

In the past highly successful, but suffered from out was done - was found in low water 3 years ago by Mr H. - then on old conventual basis - Mr H. recognized that he must go for those who about a mission (less made great feature of open air work - the people will come to these services he not to church - want to hear me, but I must go to them - But think with a theatre. I have heard he could draw thousands - The fervor of men (and was great) had found them all at 7 am. Many there less than 30 (out of 70) even on a cold winter morning. Small amount given in relief other cases sent to COS a much libelled Society & there sympathetically worked. As to drink is very common but not so bad as Liverpool - some apparent increase due to influx of holiday makers through tunnel. Prostitution on Heath which you cannot cross at night without stumbling over the corpses. As to Wesleyanism - would not give up the automatic movement but the 3rd class coach - men become hopelessly stale if they stay long.

(S-Alphage Panish)

Congregational. Higgins was for 2 years editor of Woolwich & Deptford Guardian.
Maze Hill CXXVII.115 Has been 22 years here - lives near Maze Hill 2 1/2 St. John's
Station. (see N.P.H. band)

(46) 2

"The Cause" has been alive here 90 years - Church
built 76 or 77 years ago. Congregation from
neighbourhood - clerks - better than artisans, foremen
managers - Shopkeepers - no poor - the Congregation
never do touch the poor except through Special Mission.
The poor don't come to their church - Congregation
so, when middle & lower middle - here lower middle
predominant.

Maze Hill East Greenwich much change of late
years - when he first came his people were worth
twice the money - in numbers much the same - better
people moved further out to Charlton & Thane
replaced by clerks - Shopkeepers have followed them
Customers - a few food shops have been replaced by
a number of inferior ones - always changing hands
District still under transition - Old & rich being replaced
by younger & less rich & great influx of people, labouring
the creation of new world by the Madderwall Tunnel -
Religious feelings are changing with the times
greater diffusion - less intensity - greater humanity
more done for sickness - drainage - housing - not done
near as far as it is because of the diffusion of
the Lord's Spirit that it is done
Not the St. James about observation there used to be
"Persecution is what is needed" - was even prosecuted
for Church rates -

Certain places will always draw a congregation
Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, The Tabernacle - but others depend
on the preaching or the music - People don't go now as they
used to do in spite of preaching & service.

Find leakage among his young couples to established
Church - want variety, colour & music - Don't go over to
Rome but join establishment - Considered a little higher socially
may be 4.0 in 1911 - no where

S. Alphege Parrish
Congregation's Hymns
Maggis Hill. CXXVIII. 115

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Greatest enemy to church going is the bicycle
Still want to go by train but speak of bicycling
over't going to some country church - but often don't
do it

This congregation won't stand 40 minutes sermons
hardly 20 - newspapers dash up snippets & piece
even 10 bits are hardly tolerable & give way to
happen which are all illustrations - Power of
concentration of mind lost - what has been lost in
intensity may have been gained in diffusion
He looks for something to crystallise the suspended
Christianity - but cannot tell from what
direction it will come

The place is covered with Mission Hall workers
He gives away £115 before Christmas 5/113 tickets, 1000
have to come to chapel & get ticket in way out - not ne-
cessary very hard - not those who ever (otherwise) go to church
no begging needed to raise the Christmas money

no distress for last three years - no need of relief - plenty
of work - now is the time to pick out the loafers - a
few of them if they can be taken away & shot

no cooperation with other churches. Methodist best tones
but failed "we nonconformists are pee lancers"

Police polite & stop men but are in with the Catholics
but the Magistrate can do most of the work
Drink not decreasing among men but increasing among
women due to male prostitution

Thence almost alarming among clerics & higher classes
destroys their religion - they have become like men
providence - If they buy a house they make the worst
landlords - The class below is not the least thing

This is all very poor stuff

CCM.

Sabert. Has lived in his present home 32 years - coming when it was one of the only 2 houses in the street - surrounded by marsh gardens - when Trafalgar A. was a successor of Dykes & Dutcher - the "marsh" was really so, overgrown with rushes -

His district has always lain East of the naval college (East St. to the Torraland Dale). Character has changed - still much that is poor but not so much now as then. The Irish have been dispossessed by demolition & still more by their work (market gardening) going - Clarks Blaps & Smiths rents are unchanged except that there is less of them. He spends 3 to 6 hours a day visiting - record of months work - See page 213. Every week spends a day in St. D. Fox's chapel but when 140 are employed - reading the Bible talking giving tracts - the men are glad to see him & to move while he reads - no lecturing -

Does not give - but has bestowed many of a lot of meals. At his recommendation the Blackheath Congregation built "Three Cups" Coffee tavern as much like a Public House as possible - "Don't mind spending money" They spent it & have been well repaid - net profits last year £150 & this year will be more - Has a man behind for his service.

Those he visits look for advice in their trouble - They listen to word of God but don't go to Church or Chapel. No hostility and in any sense - too much is being done all year round for the Church in Greenwich have been for the day ago - "You will pardon my saying it but your party has no success here" - i.e. the Salvation Army - no place so thorough & constant work as in Greenwich - though all time wealth, Church & no can for Blackheath has overflowed into Greenwich.

LCC models not well built - but not of worst type. Don't want curse of all - women who are worse than men. For class above poor - Grocers License - worst influence - but down as grocery - honest public children eating & drinking - Taste is inherited - Successful treatment of feet for child with a drop of gum - Some children are born drunk - Genuinely bad Mrs. S. Stang an exponent of Bible has several hundred volumes of religious books - gradually collecting "has read them all" A kindly old man & a good influence.

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"My son John was just
"just another as you - he
"died last week in the
"room of Consumption"

(St Paul's Parish)

Daptist
Salths

Shurpcon

(46) 2

CXXVII 1

"Pastor Charles Sharpeon" as he is most frequently called is one of CH Shurpcon's twin sons. His career as minister began 1879 here in South S. though he this winter Thomas and Missin work in their student days at Wandsworth. Better class streets have deteriorated - 2 families usual. He was thinking specially of roads off South S. near Blackthorn Hill - "The sand pits" - has always been poor. The shops have changed character & continually cheap have. These changes have involved changes in the church & its methods. The amount of collection is maintained but a half crown or piece of gold seldom seen & they come here who gave it - Congreg looks well & the people live comfortably. Many are drawn from neighborhood but a large number from a distance. Not many families are lost by removals. "I am probably favored by the name." They get some working folks from poorer parts of Greenwich.

While not many families are lost there is great movement among the young people who from large families go off to education or marry. So though membership is maintained numbers passing thro' are great. Solid average membership 600 of 700 - at present 670 last year added 103 lost 100. "Looks a lot of work for a pair of 3."

S. Sch a great institution - make themselves on training Elder scholars - nearly half over 15.

Men's Bible class is Mr S's special charge - is very vigorous.

Have no missions - regard multiplication of little missions as absurd "make treccious young people awfully big."

Not has trained about 50 men to take service & they are fully occupied - also hold open air meetings.

Elder & Deacons visit. especially absentees. Mr Shurpcon only goes when requested. Tract Society has 20 districts near Chapel & is now distributing 20,000 of "Fables & Sermons."

[St Pauls Parish]

Napier. Shugron

(46) 2 CXXVII. 1

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Relief from Communion fund of a month to 10 persons mostly widows - 'wonderful how long they live when they have a pension'. Christmas dinner fund £130 collected - 57 tickets given to donors who distributed. Used to provide children's dinners (about 2000) but dropped last winter as not needed.

Work with Beech Council though he has not joined it. Relations other Churches friendly. Chgo decent 200 men. Drink a tremendous lot on Park holidays. People coming by train from Blackheath Hill a living current. Prostitution on the Heath.

His people very thrifty - others spend as they feel. District healthy, housing good. The old fashion is houses have come down in rate - one formerly let at £95 - then £75 - now £35 - Increase now probable revival of ^{house} engineering works - houses have been

Mr Shugron is evidently successful - his men's class the most remarkable part - He is popular - ^{his admirers} Had a severe illness - went to St Africa - Mind of the boy all was kept going in his absence.



Congregationalist. Morgan. Here 3 1/2 years - little change in that time. but downward tendency. Greenwich Rd.

(46) 3.

CXXVII. 105.

Only people have come to flats in Ashburnham Rd - But in second Rd a good number retains old tenants. Has kept things up. Church draws from wide radius - Old Kent Rd to Catford. Former residents - scarce, any from North to North of Greenwich Rd. Congregationalist, middle class people. City workers to few artisans - a steady service sent them & the 'masses' are not catered for - but Mr Morgan has leaning towards more popular service. PSA started has met 'considerable success' - get people from Normant & Deptford - wishes to have Sunday Socy free for popular service. Are likely to move as Miller Hospital wants to buy their property which adjoins.



(Parish of S Pauls)

Congregationalist. Morgan

(46) 3 CXXVII 105

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Connected with Tree Ch Council both Dept of Blackheath
trying to get non con chaplain at work house - & "pretty
united" relations with Ch of E. - united week of prayer
Charles Sturges on slavery and - he invites them
to meet his own.

The churches manage to keep up with the old residents
but do not make much headway with new comers
Miller Hospital a local institution doing a very excellent
work.

Presbyterian - Elders
S. Marks Church
Salt Street CXXVIII. 159

(46) 3.

Has had 27 years of uneventful pastorate here living side by
side with Coney neighbours of long standing in tenancy of
old house overlooking Blackheath

S. Marks is large this trouble is not how to fill it but
how to reduce the accommodation to fit a shrinking Congy
His grievance is against his predecessor for having enlarged
& against other denominations for pitching near him.

"Shear waste" - "So many organs that the organ wonder is
wearing any congregation at all"

District has degenerated for some years - 40 years ago
Stockwell St. was crowded with carriages & on into his
time S. Marks had a large wealthy Congy. now it
fairly represents district - lower med. class & a sprinkling
of quite poor. Come from 2 miles radius - only a few well
to do among them. - East Greenwich suffers through
opening of Blackwell Tunnel. Streets in vicinity more
narrow. Children more unkempt. People seem to
be coming in from other side telling here. As the open
land is built upon East Greenwich will become
more important than West Greenwich - pity some of the
Churches cannot be moved there.

Number of S. Sch children limited by number of teachers. Cannot
mix the two classes of children at all - separate schools
separate treat. - Ch. Idleness best kept apart, for really hold
get considerable proportion in this way - poor section now
coming in.

Panskot's Paul.

Presbyterian
S. Marsh

(46) 3.

CXXXVII. 159

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You can always get the mothers in plenty, but there
if you give them tea etc. they go to 2 or 3 meetings a week
nothing to do in the afternoon - no effect on church
attendance - we help them - not they us.

Mr E is a School Board member & speaks highly
of school & teaching staff. Attributes what improvement
has taken place in Roman Road St. district to them.
People not so very hostile - still non-improvement.
Does not like the children's manner - they greet him with
"Hello".

Greenwich over visited - a good deal of over calling -
quoted a case in which bus visitors calling on side
rail was the death - His visiting ladies give of tickets
at their discretion. Ch of B, Baptists & Congregational all at
work - RC's strong in district.

Does not co-operate - reports overlapping - can't be helped
fault of Ch of B parochial pretensions.

Objects to Free Church Council because of political bias.
Politics should keep clear of religion - not should any
church act as a church in Socio-political matters.
Free Churches on friendly terms - no rivalry.

Institution has been checked on complaint to Police
two houses closed - there may be others but he does not know of it.
Street solicitation should be stopped.

Things non-existent - Early marriage too prevalent

Free Baptist. Jarvis

(Street)

(46) 3

CXXXVII. 197.

5 years at Greenwich - has preached 16 years.

People attending Chapel mostly business people - comfortable
only 2 poor families - Tradesmen, schoolmasters, tradesmen & a number
from neighbourhood other from Blackheath, Charlton, Lewisham, Catford, Deptford.
Kew, New Cross. Where Mr Jones has a church of similar order Free
Baptist (some inter-course between the two) Two working men work for him & find
Mr Jones feel strongly the associations.

Deacons visit the sick & the members - sometimes illness is not heard of
Charitable relief from Com. fund not confined to them or members who have
little need. Have no aged widows - all for 30 years.

Like other Strict Baptists does not believe in the Church moving arm
retain 3/4 of their young people - some take away by business not necessary lost
many of present members were trained in schools & little claims full behaved as
scholars - as other members was a notable character dismissed from arm
Attitude of people generally indifferent - did not think too highly of prospects of religion
with a good will - Mr J goes about preaching a good deal

(Parish of S. Paul)

L.C.M. Matthews
(Mission House, Randle P.I.)
CXXVII. 89.District partly
in S. Peter's parish

Here 6 years - District very small Bridge S.
Church S. London S. & Deptford Creek. Contains
about 900 families in 450 houses.
Mr Clark (of S. Peter) objects to too much activity
as his is an Evangelical Church. His wishes
have been met - even S. School provided at his
desire - with result W.M. thinks that many
children were lost altogether as L.C.M. knows parents
& children more intimately than Church or its workers.
He is well received everywhere & satisfied with
results. Though district now most are respectable
ones, bad places S. James, M. & Court behind Claremont S.
The rough people who dwell in Cellars of Poor S. Clearstone
drink the chief vice - but in this a great improvement
no actual prostitution but much immorality
Other share behind Mission used to be very bad
but police have effected some improvement.

Holy Trinity, Bayne
Blackheath Hall
(46) 3. CXXVIII. 53.

Study lined from floor to ceiling with books on Theology
Philosophy, & art. Lettera Table - never find the
Magazine or reports when he looks for them -
Attempts to give information - but quite uninteresting
Here 2 years coming from S. Index Whitechapel
P.R. 8000 - all working class except in Side Blackheath Hill
& S. Sundry Point Hill - all fairly comfortable this year.
Superabundance of employment - none poor very poor.
Poorest Cold bath S. - Colouring of map fairly represents facts
no slums - no overcrowding - small 2 story houses prevail
Except in Easton S. where set of 4 St. modes have been introduced
worthless except in Whitechapel.
Rich parts in Parish & inside it on the Heath going down.
Servants rare - well to do move out to Chislehurst
Large houses remain vacant - or are replaced by small
for which increasing demand - large shops suffer.
Living worth £300 - used to be worth £500-600 - Half from new rents.

Holy Trinity. Dayne

Ch of 6

(46) 3. CXXVIII. 53

Com

Wone like to abolish every communion but respect
 workers of parishmen - I think would make the
 service at Emmanuel a good deal higher only
 that he depends for S Sch workers upon the
 low church St Michaels Blackheath
 Visiting not systematized but between Mr Kader, Misses
 Worman, nurses + Morand fund collectors + magazine
 distributors whole parish covered - very few come
 to church - slack attendance he attributes to the people
 always being + becoming tired of him - + "so does my voice"
 If you want a good Congreg you must visit - what he does
 as this all are friendly - with little tact no rebuffs need
 be feared - sometimes speaks of religion - but not so often
 as the Scripture readers.

National school fairly modern - though feeling
 Board Sch Constitution - about 500 or 600 - none
 by paying more attention to manners - but can't
 afford the higher classes given by Board.

Charitable relief freely given - Brooke Lambert makes
 the people pay for their own relief - we don't. Don't know
 which plan is best - any how we give too much -

3/12/6 tickets to all who want them at Xmas. The
 Soames trustees also owe £40 for beef tea + milk as
 well as paying for the 2 nurses.

No cooperation - non cons refuse exchange lists - suspected
 a great deal of overlap - District over church
 + chapelled.

Couples rarely live together unmarried - unless already
 married + separated when each takes up with another
 Thruft would be more but checked by amount they give
 Health food recent road the Ravensbourne

Household good - In the models about 12 families have
 come poorer + milder than any they've had but
 they pay higher rates.

Evidently no grip Board managers carry things on

Christchurch. Neane

Choy E

(46) 4

CXXVIII. 35

Means to the
reputed authority



The Author (reputed) of the Nutter City of East London which was published when he was a Congregationalist minister in Stepney. - Some years ago (when already almost 60) he took order & was at once appointed to this living - what his motive I (Nexter) do not know. He is the least Churchy of men - though a Christian in a very broad sense - in our confidential talk at end of our interview he said religious advances could only come from return to much simpler form of Christianity - "we must go back to the 10 Commandments & give up all this nonsense about the Church & the Priest & the Sacraments & incense - just hold up before people the example of Jesus & try & teach them to lead decent & moral lives." This being especially essential with working men who so far as they think at all are Protestants & "Bible men". The Panish is a large one - growing 1000 a year. Present pop. 25000 to 28000 - 2/3 working class 1/3 Shopkeepers, Clerics & gentry - Large proportion of working men are labourers at Gas, Cement, Lindeum, Cable & Soap works - a few Arsenal men (the Armstrongs) & a few trammen, police & porters - Mr R is frankly convinced that under present conditions it is impossible to attract working classes - no hope exists in "a great religious revival" when the Ch of E could gain enormously through parochial system. The Non Cons with more free easy system are slightly more successful but they too depend almost entirely on the middle classes - "we raised over £600 a year at my Chapel in Stepney - that does not look like poverty - when Church does seem to get back it is by lairish expenditure - The instanced Father Goulden & Wainright - both of whom spent £1. per head of pop. But though Non Cons slightly more successful numerically the influence of the Church greater & more beneficent any the time Parochial work impossible among Non Cons. He tried & failed at Stepney - The most effective work

Christ Church Parish

Ch of E

(46) 4

CXXVIII 35

Cont

of the Churches done outside the Church more good in 5 minutes private talk than twenty sermons.

Apart from Church Org - Church seems to be in unusually close touch with the people.

Mr R says he knows all the Day School children (700)

& there are 1500 in S Schools - 1000 with & calls are paid weekly systematically by districts, not house to house - the 3 nurses do "admirable work"

& though them Mr R distributes about 1500 sick dinners a year - £150 has been spent on relief

100 weddings - 700 baptisms - Church looks pretty close 2500 families - about half the population

Mr R mentioned the other religious agencies within Communist except Navasom Hall a mission of some sort boasting 1000 children in its S Sch. "doing a great work for the Lord - having given 750 free teas"

"Gospel & Gosh" as the working man said.

Local Gov not good - much robbery - Police do their work very well - Prostitution about pm streets - a good deal of honest marriage large number living with other women. Many

fearful amount of fornication among lads - Keen's alias of 10 father of 3 children by different girls

Law opinion of sexual morality - Throbbats well qualified to judge as he evidently encourages such confidence. Told several stories without reserve -

"It sounds beastly - but you must let them talk like that if you want them to be confidential"

In his opinion Sexual instinct is growing stronger & more unstrained, & the efforts of the clergy to less illicit intercourse itself seems are almost futile

Had discussed question with Card Manning who admitted Confession to be of little use in this matter.

In this connection Mr R denounced Sunday Raid in the Park - men go there to find a new girl. Deductions result Sunday League's greatest influence for evil in England - but would not like to say so in public

Sunday the great day for sexual indulgence & legitimate illegitimate & so children are born in the way at Sunday school.

Thief universal for death - 75% of adults in Prison & 10% of children in Prison. Health not good from & a chronic disease - houses built on waste ground.

Life depression & dull
no place of amusement
no ready work - no public
baths

Christ Church Parish

R.C. S. Joseph. Ryan
Diocesan CXXVII 145

Former at Deptford. been at S. Josephs 8 years
Sole charge in a difficult district - but the kind of
man to stand alone -
1000 people on his census - gas workers - telegraph
workers (highly skilled men) Soap workers - market garden
hawkers & loafers - many drinking, gambling, rough
beg, hawthorn. but compared favourably with the
people he had to deal with at Deptford. There beggars
the first profession - more independent here & in
shirts of roughness. Considerate - would not injure
a woman (unless in drink) - & rarely calls her out at
night unnecessary. Attendance at Mass more here in proportion
to total numbers.
Mission formed 25 years ago.

Father Ryan is Workhouse chaplain. This post no
Sincere - described his Sunday's work (see 147)
Attaches much importance to collection by the priest
on behalf of schools - not money as such - more money
but as enabling him see the whole of his people at least
once in 5 weeks - Parish divided into 5 districts
covered weekly by lay collectors. Priest goes with
each in turn - makes much use of this bond
The people welcome him & their money is readily
given. The "Priest's Collection" is always a heavy
"white money" - sometimes taken in spite of his protest
from cash paid by for the rent - "No, Father, it must
be white money" & they hand over then sixpence
a district which gave him 22/ only gave 4/
another week - The mission is self supporting as
far as schools & church are concerned - and
"we know our people" £60 to £70 per week

Careful - this district is poor but not paupers -
which Deptford was. he condemns the Deptford
Excursion Club, very bad - wished they were as good as the beer garden
as they are on sexual morality - Strong in education & temperance -
great obstacles to contact with drink, gambling, Home Condition & High Rates.
Heavy question of considerable prominence - not because of moral laxity
but because of physical weakness & illness. This having benefited the effect - people
can live South & North, but this makes them for hours. Rain

Christ Church Parish

Wesleyan
Victoria Hall
Mission
(46) 4.

Parrett
CXXVII. 61.

Only here about 12 months, came from South Africa
is one lay agent but both as man & as minister
better than most.

People mostly drawn from district between Blackwall
Lane & Westcombe Hill (extremity of map) Some come
from Charlton - work class comp. animal men, gas
workers, telegraph works &c. Streets now are all work
class - those north of Woolwich Rd. the poorer -
Fergus, Marlton & Glenfrith Streets respecting which
our informant is contradictory, he thinks poorer
than Glenister &c but then poverty the result
of the bad habits of the people. Two families in
each house - 7/6 a floor. To the north a considerable
number of East Enders have settled. Does not think the
streets are better - rather the other way influx of married
people during last 12 months - respectable people begin
to get out - Place quiet during the day but distressing
scenes frequent at night.

Seeks to restrict charity, too much given

Cooperation by the Ch. Council. none with the off's which
holds aloof. it does good work - "we should be glad to cooperate"
Don't feel here as anywhere - good deal thro' grace.
Repairs East Greenwich as very promising district. Has
been told it has been indifferent but looks at it
as "one of the best opportunities round London"
There is a response from the people.

Christchurch Parish

Methuen Turner
Marlboro Hall CXXVIII. 175
(46) 5.

Marlboro Hall is one of the 'open' Methuen missions & originated (Mr T said) about 11 years ago when he was moved to start gospel meetings at Goodwin Humphreys Hall nearby - at first of course this effort had become so successful that over 100 converts were claimed - These were called together & decided to put the work on a permanent basis - Each member contributed 3^d or 6^d a week according to means & this had been continued - balance of expenses from by collection on Sunday morning & the funds supplied for expenses, tract distⁿ & church - work is & always has been self supporting
Box around Hall (in old woodshed No 1) is mixed but at present except in a few sick cases little boxes seems to be worth for all

One great secret of their success, the visiting. The young men have organized house to house by Sunday morning - 1000 houses a month - leaflets & invitation life. Some come & all feel that some one cares for them & helps. Aged & infirm belonging to camp helped in need - but investigation & acts carefully - will not tolerate frauds. Always assist if there is genuine need - total amount small. Mr Turner evidently well satisfied with success attained this phase of it - talked of lots of hundreds of converts - not drawn from other places - is quite optimistic. The S. Sch. sub. who was also present was less so especially as regards holding the children as they grow older.

As to character of the people thought they not worse morally - doing better financially ^{with propriety} but more drinking women worse than men -

This seems to be counteracted by his success - often he probably over estimates.

Park of Christchurch

LCM. Trades
(45) 5. CXXVII. 73

Here 30 years - worked 28 years for Christchurch & the last two for Mr Barnett (Victoria Hall) Pearly (Christchurch) offender him by curtailing the hours at which he might hold a meeting so he left & was at once offered a room by Mr Barnett - has seen nothing of Mr Pearly since.

District east of Blackwell Lane & south of Leathrope Road just on border of the marsh all labouring working class - only a few as much as 307 - Gas Sooty Philograph works women taken in washing & do change on Blackheath - Boys go to telegraph about works - girls a few to the powder works - but most into service - no factories to form Christchurch. Sclerogel N. perhaps the houses but not much difference in character & building the worst are the 3 new ones.

Glenforth - Malton & Fergus - very badly built for 2 families walls bending outwards - Swampy ground - tenants always changing - Corruption somewhere - no honest man could have passed these houses as fit for habitation - Mr & Miss LCC - Obviously the Builders who is trying to sell. The rest of this district belongs to small men.

Houses for 2 families not liked - each person have one for himself & to make up rent by taking lodgers - only few live in single rooms - 6 rooms 10/6 single room 3/ open Blackwell tunnel but roads up 1/4. Thought numbers noisy most desirable kind.

Particulars of a days work (See page 79) -

People not actively irreligious but badly indifferent welcome his coming but would rather go to Church - will listen to outdoor services but not enter a building - women come more readily than men - does not turn out but recommends to Mr Barnett. Harbours not afraid of letting their wives attend his service. Most allow them to go to Mother's meetings - too much gossiping. His services simply religious - Ordinal Progression (1) Music outdoors (2) Mother's meeting (3) Service at Church & Chapel.

Local Govt. looking as to raising of night hours.

Police force typical - not a noisy or difficult neighbourhood. Poor law. out relief easily granted - but guardians are beginning to lean to be more strict - Drink a great deal - no noticeable work, only rather more than lately while work has been so good - need to be a little more strict to the children - by Sat. although women might drink the more usual habit take glass of beer at lunch at 71. Employment - more holidays than former. Holidays without pay? with less pay? than before. Union House rates - Mr. Moffat, head of the street, said he was not



High wages, have led to loafing & drink.

Marriage. or, possibly together. Unmarried. looked at as a disgrace. After term 18-20 men 21 to 25. Age range 5 or 6 - no women had 17 when my 4 arrived.

(Christ Church parish)

S. Andrews Mission District
Ch of E

(46) S. CXXVIII. 99

nominal a curate of Mr Neany (see interview with Mr Neany) but really in sole charge of the Mission District of S. Andrews - practically a separate parish for 8 years - the period Mr H has been there. Bishop of London has just laid foundation stone of new Church to replace the temporary building & very shortly the district will be constituted a parish.

Mr Hill is not ~~the~~ realistic as we have been led to expect but of the school of "dear old Broomey" (Hebert) a pronounced Broad Church man - is attached for believing in nothing - preaching that there is neither Heaven nor Hell - that no right to be in the Church Pop about 4500 nearly all labouring class. Employed in various factories in the Marsh - until recently no outworkers but opening of Tunnel has brought a number of undesirable people.

Mr H expresses the poorest opinion of the results of Church work but probably under estimates his influence in the Marsh - The Church is in direct contact with 150 families representing 450 people or 1/10th of pop - all these call themselves Church people & sometimes come to church. No cadging attendance. Work hampered by lack of funds & workers.

Most of the children go to Sch at Rothbury Hall. a Moslem Congreg. Mission -

When he visits is received in a friendly way only once told by a lady to "go to Hell" - but more than once has

heard a neighbour ask "what did he give you?" - & has also heard "he never gave nothing to nobody" - & that he is a "Criminal" man on the COS. But has found amounts to about £400 a year spent on such & convalescent - those & the M.T. has no pocket makes a substantial loan - £2000 - Among non Church people were many more strong & independent & in the whole satisfactory observations than among Church people - Churchgoers as a rule become such not because morally strong but because morally weak & apt to be unpopular. Turn to religion as a place of safety - people of this sort cluster round the Church. District neglected by best of all except 2 main roads still in a state of Police in ignorance. Half adult pop drink to excess. Women & men - no prostitution - a good deal of petty crime. Many live together unmarried. Tried marriage almost universal - thought nothing of - perfectly respectable people many about 6 months before child is born - others just in time - Two years ago had a man not in his club's shoes & state. Now even the satisfaction. Health poor. Parity being greatly

Whole of Marsh of Tunnel road
belong to LCC who had prohibition
roads to make long possible
Churches - will neither build
on possible conditions of rental
nor let others do it

S. Andrews Mission
(Christ Church Parish)

Congregationalist - Thurlay
Rothbury Hall. CXXVII. 27
(46) 5

Mission of Muckheath Congregational Church. Architectural
Perhaps the finest building in East Greenwich - a pleasant
contrast to the brick boxes near it - Cost over £20,000
built by Mr. Vavasour who presented it to the Church
Fifth anniversary June 1901

|| Mr. Thurlay is lay evangelist - came here 3 1/2 years ago
from Nottingham. Most of the people in the district
work in neighbourhood. Mixed artisans & labourers.
factory hands telegraph employees - Gamblers &c
Men come here to drink or have it sent them - New
Streets off Tunnel av. Ferguson filled with Santalins.
They get a few of all sorts & draw from all round.
Victoria Hall (as nearer) gets those from Ferguson & the
Dapert Chapel those further east (but we have
been told that the Baptist Church does not reach
those areas)

Gymnasium not so popular as he shone like ^{for the season} charge only 6d
A lot of these lads prefer loafing about - playing in street.

Personal contact "Electrical influence" only way to win them
Free Church Council combine them for open air evangelistic
work - Monthly ^{joint} meeting - no cooperation with Established Ch.

Apt to look to Muckheath Church too much &
for money has been trying to cut out this canon.
Has collections for outside things - Mission Societies, &c
Admitted Rothbury Hall had done too much good
in past - resulting in pauperisation in Raine Street now.

Drink the greatest drawback - women free,
no brothels nor street prostitution seen
Some improvement in care of house property - landlady
rents to rise - Crooked fellows.

S. Andrews Dist Church

LCM.

(46) 6

Route 10 years in LCM - 18 years at East Greenwich - just before lunch

CXXVII. 95. was begun - district the momentary to Mauritius N°

about 300 houses + large number wharves + works employing
some thousands of men. Chief Gas Co + Telegraph Maintenance Co.
visitation chiefly to men - visits 3000/4000. 2 days a
week at Gas works - with one exception (where no stamps
are admitted) he has access everywhere - men receive
him well + though he does not see much change
in them - they miss him if he does not come and why.

Most live in East Greenwich - some come thro' Tunnel
mostly to Gas works as So Metrox Company's conditions
are better than those of the Northern Company.

Fergus, Marlton + Glastonbury N° are poor to displace
landlords have taken long long time - 'as as
you like streets' - scenes at night - Daven + Bellerby St.
are better - only known 2 Christian men living in
these streets + they are looking out for something else.

Power Terrace - mostly Pilots - handed down father to son
a respectable comes - sort of colony

The Marsh people better all round than those
in other parts of Greenwich. go to Northey, Victoria +
Marborough Hall.

Don't see among some. Many Coals. Jan £50/16

in a week I have not a half penny in money

Tunnel has transformed neighbourhood improved it -

Place was out of the way - never saw a policeman

now a public highway -

Four public houses have been closed.

District + people growing better year by year.

Marshes will become one of best parts of East Greenwich

Superior of Gas works congratulated him on his power
moral of the men - People lead simple life - except on Sat

in bed 9.30 - Place alive 5.30 - at work 6.00 o'clock

Girls go to work in East Greenwich - as best to provide work

(Andrews, Missus Chritchum)

Salv. Army. Miss Pail Here are 2 months - not much to tell - whole tone

(46) 6 CXXVII. 193. Sanguine buoyant - Corps is weak - only 32 soldiers
but "Showered open air meetings" neighborhood friendly
work has been in hand by want of permanent members
those they occupy move the assaults of the children - To
this failure of indoor work attributed - lack of
raising funds for proper barracks

St John
Blackheath

Marshall Near 24 years - if his intellect corresponds to his
appearance rather a remarkable man - was ill when seen

(46) 6 CXXVIII. 117 The poor. abt 6000. Equally work, class & wealthy
of work, class none really, how of any upward
tendency - Some of best of artisans who leave times
London come here - the wealthy part movement is
downward - 20 years ago officers contained £15 tips
in gold now only £4. or £5. - However no difficulties
yet financial or recruitment - always ^{well} filled or full
The poorer panish comes do not come - but the Mission
Hall built in work, class dist is always filled (250)
or 8. every by genuine work, class - Success due to
Democratic Government - Committee of work, men
Church (he claims) has through end of poor, parts of
panish - no lack of workers - all visitors well known.
Both by Church & non church the district is over worked
Presbyterian, Baptists Wesleyan - all active in same work
with much painful competition - This really will be a
work, class district - over run with visitors 1 month
longer, supplied with funds - while closely and
abreast poor districts. languishing for work, money

S. 1st Swangest Parish

Presbyterian
Pantwich Park
(46) 6

Thompson
CXXVII 55

Minister here 3 years. Not a man of mark & this is neither an active nor a flourishing church - is merely the religious centre of a small number of faithful Presbyterians who live some miles round - Mr J considers Blackheath bad ground for his class only the Congregationalists in Blackheath village meet as success (1) Blackheath is Church (2) Evangelizing (3) among the rich much indifference - Sunday parties this last affecting the servants. Telling of the honey question regretted that the LCC upon opposition of the rich had postponed Cable tram project to connect Blackheath with Greenwich Town. Some of his own members who had warmly supported it turned round when it was proposed to take the same last their houses -

Wesleyan Ch.
Ola Smith
(46) 6

Pitson
CXXVII 27

Has been 3 years in this circuit & has some part in the Annual F.F. Bible Soc. where we saw him - up for the day from Swanton where he was taking holiday & had no time to spare. This church almost entirely working class recruits for working class streets in W. Marshall's parish but supported & dominated by the wealthy Lamplough family. Prospects encouraging - People most responsive. The back bone is the S. Sch. but the people of neighbourhood unusually goodly & earnest - he visits 300 homes of members or parents & only twice have they declined his offer to pray with them - But the means state clubs do not feed the church - Mission have been traced to Opau's sense - but their effect against a mass of values most perfect in those who are officially my 12 a year. Spent a relief but must grow - brooded by Lamploughs to others - A good deal of competition not unfriendly - Ch of E. Baptists often by the way also at work - & where a new family it is a race who shall be first - Very cordial feeling among the churches friendly open air work. W. Marshall quite friendly willing to take their children - but does not like it when their children are - He thinks the C. Sch. petition seems to be true - A spirit of religious atmosphere new common - new accounts from other Wesleyan churches, required careful handling morally character of neighbourhood good - And the new temple that not alone exist - Rents high & rising

S. George's
Westbury

Rendall
Chap. 6

(46) 6

CXXVIII. 87

The vicar Mr Soames being away referred us to his curate Mr R. proved to be an elderly failure. - Here 3 years. Pop about 6000 - those north of Pelly mostly working class those to south mostly middle class & wealthy - but with a downward tendency - no poverty except caused by ante-railism. Parish cut off from Christchurch by canal - Practically a Soames living - Vicar a brother of those who endow the Soames houses themselves a man of means nearly all spent in the parish - mainly according to Mr R who says Mr S is lacking in judgment & constantly imposed upon.

Church severely Evangelical & Mr R thinks there is scarcely any other in the neighbourhood of the true faith. Doan St Andrews under broad hills is denounced as a ritualistic place. There are none near by extreme but many which are gaudy enough. "Tinsel Church" & several in Charlton where men go to "see the scene". This stern Evangelicism not more successful than usual Church by no means so full as it ought to be - about half pews let to aristocrats of neighbourhood - but few pews holders are slack in attendance - some come or send some men many, but few in living - A better congregation of non-sect holders. Total Communicants 100 - about 35 at anyone. Very Service at Mission Hall conducted by lay readers & wealthy parishioners - mostly trouble at apathy of people here more than 30 adults - Altogether almost complete indifference. "Oh women that there could be a spiritual awakening - denounced Day, Bridge - not directly, but indirectly & its results two evil - are expected at Noble class ^{badly} behave Mother meetings on the hand "direct spiritual work" always addressed by Mr S or Mr R

As to visiting. No parish where sick, suffering or needy are better looked after (but there are few visitors) No figures of relief but the Soames live larger, & it is a house of cages

St. George Westcombe Park
 Baptist Church
 (46) 6

Wells
 CXXVII. 17

Has recently resigned Pastorate which was an honorary position. The church started some years ago as a mission & then used a Hall off St. Crowder and they built the Chapel. but were landed in financial difficulties which have caused Mr. W. to resign. People come from all round - most from Greenwell, Annandale, Calvert & the new roads & then from new streets in Marshes - very far from near the Chapel. They are respectable working & some middle class. Mr. W. found in visiting that it must be done again & again. The people often say "you are the only person who visits us". Greenwell is supported by public charities & must also be given by the Church (especially North Wing Hall). It was a Royal borough & tradition is strong. People expect you to do something for them.

They give nothing except in extreme cases of absolute poverty & then only after visitation by pastor & officers. never had a preacher. Was the Mother Lang 1/2. Has found it impossible to find money - never saw it again. Not much poverty now. Plenty of work now to be done. Three years ago district very poor - outside the Union a crowd of 2000 has waited for food without success. Mr. W. has some private means which has enabled him to carry on here - but the Church is not so strong in the new as it was in the old building. They there have Communion meetings.

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Parish notes

District 48

Woolwich

Charlton

Holy Trinity, Roams
new Charlton Chap 6

(48) 1 CXXXIX. 43.

Seen at vicarage. married. keeps 4 dogs. live comfortably in small cottage. large tall woman active in parish.

Panish cut out of S. Pauls Old Charlton in 1886. Contains most of the poor & the worst of its people. Pop. steadily increasing - nearly 7000. Cut off by Railways from richer parts. Nearly filled up as remaining open ground is either over the main sewers or under high water level & building is forbidden on it. Worst part the Eastern bit. Southern end of East & West S. houses badly built on soil not suitable for dwelling - thoroughly degraded pop. - not much crime but drinking brutal life. Those who live at the other end of parish are different - decent working class.

St. Wans was formerly at Watney S. & at the Station, Panish ch. & compares the East end favourably with the West of Charlton the latter having less pop. - "One of my acquaintances" complained of was the "factory work". which cannot be isolated from surroundings. Neighbours are also fellow workmen. Some of the factories & Arsenal adverse to religion, a man has to fight against his environment if attaching himself to a church. Boys break away when they go to work. Church boys keep for years out from the street.

General conditions stationary, except increase in numbers. East S. said to be less rough. Many German work at Siemens. No active hostile bias - big High Church has a good time, however. Some Protestant feeling roused. Mr. Wilson the Baptist leading it. Sol. N. Election 6 years ago fought bitterly on religious grounds. Feeling has died down but Socialists still show up at election. Relief is given by vicar on means and other. Mostly to the sick. Have a grant of £15 from the local authority which is a bonus.

Many ill feeling. Panish is helped from S. German, Mackintosh & S. German. General questions on relief for the poor. Improving excellent. Security Administration very fair. Take a good deal of ground that is left. Police are a good thing in their way. Considerable violence from again makes it dangerous. Health fair & the best but fear from epidemic than the rest. Gardening a favourite occupation. Much athletic and - Clubs also numerous.

Results discouraging - duty to go on. but sometimes in depth of dependence. Begs away, however, care for the individual - making sure of him or her. Helping made by - Probably finds the limit as slavery in the town. An honest but not a strong man.

S. Pauls.
Charlton
(48) 1.

Scott. Curate - The Vicar Mr Douglas-Hamilton was taking a semi-
vacation. I sent Curate as deputy - young fellow here about a year - not
very helpful. At the end Mr Hamilton (who expressed in
with the S/A) came in & though he has probably kept away
intentionally, was very cordial. A pleasant manners man, has been
vicar's chaplain to the great. Weak & ineffective & looked ill.
Pop about 7000. - on hill round Church a few mid sup. cl. people
merchants, retired officers. - bulk of pop lower mid. class
or work. cl. employs at Arsenal, Siemens or dockyard.
Cedar grove very poor & in ward, if not returned. I should
said to 1000 people here in 50 hours. Poverty always the
result of improvidence.
Church badly placed - too near old parish Ch. S. Luke's
away from bulk of its pop. which is near the Pk station
at bottom of the hill. a second church essential to touch them
those who go any where go to Chapels. but few go at all
Mid class people on the hill are church goers.
Commonplace suburban church drawing is natural Congreg
with little effect on them & none on the mass of the people.

S. Luke
Charlton
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Swainson
Chap. Co
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The old Parish Ch of Charlton. There are no poor men
Swainson said - it seems a parish of nepotism - no
Sunday School - no visitors (for who care they visit) - no maps
(nothing to say in it) - no report - none of the ordinary things except
the Sunday Service & 2 weeks taken by the Rector. not even a
Curate except one who comes on Sunday to help.
Mr Swainson has been here 25 years & his daughter believes
there has been no great ^{social} change within the area - there is still
much open ground. Rector has large garden & field.
Church stands at rather odd to parish - most sat. house, not handsome.
Congregation of Army people (2 of course the butch. & proc. come)
is well to do not wealthy - not like Red Brooke -
Miss S. Consett has fallen once or twice in the next room &
the voice was that of an old man in feeble health.

S. Thomas - Shepherd
old Charlton ch of Eng.
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lives in a comfortable rectory. Standing back in Maryn A3 grass land.
Front - Here 5 years following an ex Britaniam who was a poor
preacher & attracted outsiders by his pit lectures - Capital & Labour
Gladstone & Newcastle etc - numbers fell off at first on the change
but are gradually increasing again.

|| Sir E. Pocklington Wilson, his mother & brother, are
chief land owners - Sir P. was half dis-inherited - & does
not recognise the Church - refusing to carry out his father's wishes.
Pop 11000 - of whom 8000 are working people - Dockyard, ^{and} ^{Siemens}
no rich - fair number well to do. Germans working for Siemens
living in Maryn A3 - 1 servant, not church-goers - Maryn A3 & his daughter

demands for smaller houses, smaller gardens - new street built for 2 families
Houses of this class taken before foundation laid. Flatter is before day
Poor streets are near river or railway - Morris & one of the
worst - no respectable person can stay there - Prostitutes & loafers.

Siemens St. Trinity St. Newcastle St. Harbottle St. - all low class. came
migrants, workers - independent, won't brook interference from Church
and can see clergy or visitors - Sam Bentley & others it is said
women and as a rule work - except in Christ factory - & Linn's hall.
The Dunt Hole Clearances affected Morris & Harbottle St.

Soldiers affect everything - Reservoirs wife has been off the
before husband's leg - known cases where they have given up churning -
As to services the young like music - the old - Sermons
The young drawn off by the Sermon at St. Paul - an old
robust little study, Sermons loving folk come here.

LEC Band in Maryn Park rather interferes on Sunday night
Chantry - no demand - no poverty - no able bodied men
need have been out of work for last 5 years - too much
work for last 2 years - Sunday work at around has affected
Church attendance - Friends help those who need for Blackheath

Police Court - Drink, much drunkenness from better money - notice the money
quantity which can be taken by the 3 part drink - Police can make effort to
prevent drunkenness - usual account of drink & children.

Many girls go out service - no factory work or harvest day but
even when servants are a difficulty - Mr. Shepherd's "General" asked
for a second free night & left - his mother said she could not miss his
piano lesson -

St Michael Johnstone Vicar 10 months succeeding Mr Baker the first vicar of whose work he gave an interesting record.

(48) 2 CXXIX 12 Pop. about 6500. 30 h.c. may be artisans. the rest labourers (Mr J Snaggsater the poor, & magnifies the influence of the church) This Church has been & remains the great stronghold of ritualism in Woolwich - drawing from other parishes - There is a comp of 400/450 + 200 Communicants - nearly all working class men well represented, better than elsewhere in Woolwich 'men like definite teaching' - still manifestations of 'apathy' can be little beyond eating & drinking - But nevertheless noticed an unusual spirit of life, almost amounting to zeal among certain class owing to the steady way of the Arsenal Societies in life to buy a house (Mr Wragge notices this also & saw it was especially noticeable among testotales - The great curses of Woolwich & chief obstacle to Church work - drink & prostitution - always prominent in Garrison Lane Condition of streets in Sate (Sund) night, disgraceful Police more little - even as to brothels nothing done unless a complaint is made to Scotland Yd. Local Police bribed. Best visitors collect - Little relief given - Coopers with COS See report of Mr Baker's work. Page 13)

St Mary Magdalen, Direct Rector of Woolwich 8 years - having come from Stockwell where we saw him & he gave us information for a simple street -

(48) 2 CXXIX 1 Official Pop. 14300 - of which at least 4000 soldiers with 5 Chaplains - of remaining 10000 5710 labourers 4110 artisans & 1110 Commercial - shopkeepers - practically no middle class residents with People depend on the Arsenal - of children in schools 576 the below Arsenal Result criticism of great disorders - work for all who want it & much poverty as exists caused by vice or misfortune makes it clear One little nest of squalid Courts behind Artillery Place - mainly Camp Suttles - some bad characters - no better than the East End In the main pop is respectable as well as prosperous - Mr E Baker there will be a slump in manufacture of war material but it will be distress to his parishioners.

St Mary, Magdalene, Exeter

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only

Those touched almost exclusively, working class - not the poorest - Mr E. calls himself a Socialist & is member of guild of St Matthew - Has always aimed at the working classes - was at Stockwell more successful than most in winning them allegiance & seems to be so here In the Arsenal increasing respect for the Church - but the prevailing attitude is indifference - not due to atheism or thoughtful agnosticism but to 'Sin' - not the actual 'grave sin' but rather a low moral standard -

Of one shop in the Arsenal among 100 men a churchman who worked there divided them 50 who ~~were~~ never went, 30 who attended a church 2 or 3 times a year (i.e. Harvest & 12 Chapel goes + 8 Church goes - It is alleged that if your foreman is a chapel goer it pays to follow his lead & that some join Church from this low motive -

This Church draws a good many from Plumstead - until recently cursed with 2 sleepers, doctors who were broken & all Plumstead came to Church as workmen but Plumstead now vigorously working & is recovering its own full account of social activities in year book - 6 years old but lines of work are unaltered -

The S. Sch. North, Capaulong - Curate being Keen & Mr E. sceptical - quoted an old mission "if as much 'beef' were put into the old system it would be equally successful" - [but what if the system brings the beef?]

Lays much stress on visitation on system adopted - all working class & collection - not to distribute shilling (National) report to clergy & become eventually, individual apathy - having greater sympathy & understanding of those who visit working women are better than ladies -

About £100 a year in relief - Mr E. chairman of C.O.S. but admits a loss of vesting has been a pity to petty influence - very hard to move against North's & Col. Hughes who dominates local politics a man of low political morality Police - a lot of sub-rose inquiry, an ex-inspector told terrible stories of corruption not as to serious crime - but what at any time of vice - Drink has influence of influence of Plumstead - must prohibit - number of notations Brothers were large by soldiers but also by Arsenal men - married & single Rescue home taken about 9 months ago - always young - never touch the older com- Health fairly good - young people move to Plumstead with the man Henry - great error - Plumstead high 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 for a 100m - this is more almost than any time in the past - Mr E. is a modest man - humbly to talk much of his work - he must longer, hard work & self denying life having been

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Parish of St. Mary Magdalene

Congregational Ch. Abel
Rector, Place

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Tarver here 3 years. not quite happy. placed his duties
+ desires not quite falling in with those of his high, orthodox
conservative congregation. He is anxious to evangelize
the mass + to do so in the Church as they stand.

His people not prepared to take any great trouble in the process.
Aristocratically, prefer that the mass should keep to the mission
rather than invade the Church. Object to sensational methods
advertising + on "leave that sort of thing to Mr. Wilson" they
say with a smelly of a sniff.

Main details of work will be found in the report.
Memberships shows fair success. adherents middle class.
Prosemen shopkeepers builders etc. Few living near the Church
"they have moved on" to higher parts. Woodland. Plumstead +
Church full or very well filled "when the beggars come"
but an increasing tendency among Christians to be
neglected of public worship. many of them place of an
excuse to keep away.

Mission in Pelham Road fairly successful with women & children
like "the men - not they". Main strain of Mr. A's talk was
the complete failure of the Church to touch the great
mass of the people. New members who join are not
conversion but the children of Christian people. Only man
with large following Mr. Wilson. This a success largely of
'reclaim' - a good deal of froth - persistent + pushing
plans in Song, pie - incessant running mission - full of in-
vincible optimism as to results. Place filled by streaming
new comers - tremendous leakage. Growing story of working methods.
Further East beyond Woodland + Plumstead towards Inth
+ Dagenham huge working class population are hanging over
"ask the ministers if they add to their congregations -

Not one." Attributes failure partly to apathy, indifference of
bulk of so called Christians - partly a faulty method of appeal.
Services too formal - too dull - Sermons too conventional. Working pro-
fess out of place - it is all too stiff - Smelly due to fear of change
in around a religious man - a method man for setting up to be better.
Admission of some to a hint of inquiry. filthy talk + drink + gambling
chief interest of the man is in sport. bulk of masses again one to pull down.

Parish St Mary Magdalene

Wesleyan Ch. Cornelius Jones. Came 6 weeks ago to this circuit ^{from Anerly} previously in White Chapel (16 years ago.)
 48) 2 Cxxx. 22 * Hull, Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester, Kentish Town & then Anerly.

Anerly was suburban full of villas. City men clerks. Civil-Service employees & warehousemen - Woolwich has none of these instead Soldiers, small tradesmen & artisans around none need be poor at Woolwich who will work & beggars are "Methodism does not usually attract the poor but here are no poor to attract" - at any rate there are none in his Congreg. In the Service. 'Evangelism is kept prominent' - wants to have more music but talent singularly wanting.

Sermon is the key of the Service - Exhorting is long popular in song - "In London the best man wins irrespective of dogma" Congreg. Artisans & trades people 1/4 way - as many men as women So many men in Woolwich women are at a premium - an excellent many district - young women will not accept domestic service outside - no factories - any shop Church very exclusive - meet only on question of electing moral man to new Novos' Council (a man who would stamp out prostitution) - Army Soc more exclusive than Church "never invite Soc to concerts" Great Curs. Armchairs & immorality - use the street under his or window.

"I thought Rev Cornelius Jones an affectionate ass but he is probably a fair preacher & Kewbury has better one - might like him better." GHD

Street Baptist White Here several years - The Chapel one of the oldest in the
 48) 2 Cxxx 125 District - now celebrating its 143rd anniversary -

Congregation drawn from a distance - people go out & buy their hats Principally Artisans but some labouring people & some tradesmen from neighbouring children & school mostly live near - Some of women Ch. come from distance not much poverty except recently due to the falling. Dialect of work Membership 120. Prospects doubtful - District changes much Men still go but others - & religious officers say they - In her own road where he knows the people not more than 6 families go to church or Chapel - Not much drink among around men - but much in love facts - more drink than Armchairs - much prostitution - a house opposite Chapel people had cleared out under threat of proceedings. This Chapel peculiar for having an educational endowment - £3000 left to educate poor children - Since School was made from the money to form school

(Parish St Mary Magdalene)

Prim bath, Wiltshire. Of the two Eglinton N^o is the more important. newer & more
 Woodland Circuit - comfortable - large membership - but much the smaller building.
 Union Chapel St. S. Impression that of small but flourishing Church's situation
 (40) 3. CXXXIX. 167. favourable.

✓ At Sun 8: the much larger chapel is old & dilapidated &
 in a poor way - 40 members or so. Thunders there.
 Mr W lives in same kind of house as Mr Dunsdaley
 (Winter Tree Rect) roadway still unpaved. - Come here
 from Hove (Brighton) like the Diocese here better though the
 place was not so nice - people friendly & responsive

Holy Trinity, Wragge
 (48) 3. CXXXIX. 99

✓ Rather uncertain age - probably nearly 40 - vicar here 6 years. Was for
 a short time Curate under Barnett at S. Jude. - but now at all
 events quite orthodox. He admits in his report being of 'no
 natural effectlessness & he is much more effective in his talk
 This Church was built as Proprietary Church 17 years ago was
 the fashionable Woodland Church - people flocking to the preaching of
 an eloquent & enthusiastic Irishman - former reputation still damaging.
 Mr Wragge thinks, though formed into a parish in 1881. -
 Mr W succeeded Horsley who described the place in an
 article in the Economic Review as though it were all Dust Hole
 Whereas outside that area the people are decent & prosperous
 practically no unemployment -
 As to the denizens of the Dust Hole (a name he objects to)
 he regards them as practically hopeless. - Here & there a
 fairly respectable family but the lodging house dwellers are
 tramps, cadgers, loafers & prostitutes - all efforts to influence
 them futile - all that is attempted is rescue when
 possible of young girls -
 Horsley did much by forcing authorities to act in sanitary matters
 & distinct improvement has followed the prosecution of hordes the
 police have been active in this
 Most of the information will be found in the papers & schools
 His story was the usual one of almost complete indifference & neglect
 "You can't count on them to do anything" but much more recognition
 of the situation

Holy Trinity Wragge
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Outside religious matters its influence wider, felt - as usual "they all come to us in trouble".
The only road lies in 'concentration'. Each church must endeavor to get hold of a few who will spread the light. Thus the divergence of mission, which though it has no permanent effect on the outside increases greatly the fervor of the inner band of communicants. In matters of policy a close adherence of C.O.S. -

Napier Wilson
Woodward Tabernacle
(48) 3. CXXX. 35

A member of L.S.D. - has had a chapel in the Woodlawn neighborhood for 23 years. Four years ago he & his people built their large Tabernacle almost in the center of the locality as central hall, with hope of evangelizing that hitherto local. Besides Tabernacle there are other centers of work. The old chapel Joseph - a chapel at Neckton - & 3 Board schools are held for 5000. Mr. W. takes little or no part except at Tabernacle & to this his facts & figures apply. Success seems to have been great - "We have not as fine a lot of artisans as you will meet anywhere - chief recruiting ground Plumstead. The bulk of the working class - men mostly when on their home - Sam goes to work & spends time on their homes wives & children. The latter often kept at school up to 15.

Attributed his success with working class to their knowing he is in sympathy with them - has always had a working class diocese - & (although he did not say so) has always taken a progressive part in local politics. The Chapel is often lent to Woodlawn Cooperatives. Estimated Tabernacle in touch with 5000 people including 1500 S. Sch Children - 200 as work 400 more. 4000 total but 100 S. Sch Children &c.

The District does not attend the Chapel - but the Chapel goes to them - holds services in winter in the kitchen of C.O.S. & in operation in summer. "Effect small - we are not satisfied. The C.O.S. houses are very clean - so far as can be seen.

(Parish of Holy Trinity)

S. Army
Dover
403. CXXX 241

Came here from Aldershot 4 months ago.
His people mostly "middle class" by which he meant
comfortable living people as contrast with the poor
near the Hall. They get a large number of the poor &
vicar from Dover yard rails. Last Sunday May 8 of the show
women at Kneehill (7 am). Make a special point of
mission in the slums. Work them every night to special
brigade on Sunday, say 7.30 to 8.30
District includes all Woolwich. Sandy Hole Rd to Woolwich
Work most near the barracks. - very well received -
Knows no place more favourable. - Copper growing now.
Turbid grip very nice, - get some converts from the
very poor street class. send them to the shelters
A number of soldiers come. but not so many as before the
war.
Is fond of soldiers & traded his testimony to the whole household.
now when becoming Christian -
Drink immorality the great evil. mentioned especially
the Pub at corner of Union St. which William speaks about

LCM - Harris
403. CXXX 233

Sycan in Woolwich - previously Camberwell -
District - Duthole & between Dover & Dover - 26 CXXX
12 men 174 mixed - the latter very hells - people changing com-
- otantly though some are regular. - Some persons in army
reserve men make these houses their homes. Some men in regular
work at Arsenal - Some homes let in furnished rooms. 7. a
week or 8 a week. Besides lodging house keep a good many
Cotters & labourers. - 1 room to a family. - Apart from the
nest of streets between Arsenal & free ferry district nothing
bad - only working class - even in Duthole some respectable
people & some old folk in the almshouses. Here he holds a
service on Monday night.
Visits from house to house. - takes 6 weeks. - A few attended places of
worship but indifference the general character is - may check
do not go to school. - Visits lodging house on Sunday afternoon - well received
went in on Christmas day. Kitchens a scene of riot - did not want him
then - women worse than the men in conduct & language -
Much drunkenness especially among women on Monday morning
Pub at corner of Union & Dover Rd. a report of bad women - other notorious ones
are corner of Union & Dover Rd. - local authorities do what they can
to stop prostitution but it is not done

Much to report yet far
much to be done. - now
the an individual train
of raised leave as soon
as they can

S. John Evangelist. Lenton
Wellingborough

Chof E

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Here 9 months coming from Warrackshire (Shyrie)
where he answered questions for C.D. about Nazarenes &
old age. Thanks for the book.

Parish a queer shaped piece alongside of Narnadon
Common. Pop 8500. Artisans & Shopkeepers & a
few professional men. Soldiers (about 2000) not included
- Above figures are seen to by the Army Chaplains
Soldiers & the Arsenal the Great features

His poorest streets lie south of Narnadon Place - the
poorest & worst being Drey & Delvin. Drey is very bad for
Crawdy & Prostitutes. When part of Our Hole was cleared
inhabitants came here -

No brother that he knew of but plenty of loose women who
use the Common - No one is now for want of money.
They have too much - more than they know how to
spend & too much work - Even many share drink
Commons, said that since the war 50% public &
has doubled its income -

No one comes to Church - no parochial feeling - Only
3 of new rectors are parishioners. He had never seen
anything like it - people so well satisfied with themselves
& so indifferent to religion - think it enough to send children
to school - "Why don't you come to Church" - well I said in
Church - no one hostile - all glad to see me - never seen
to enter their heads that they ought to come to Church
Great common attraction - Sunday Parade instituted to help
recruiting - Bands & Bands & men parade before going to Church
a fine sight - 1 thousand come to see it - Roads are blocked

by the crowds - Then Church hours in past - too late even of
they have wanted "might come if I stood on my head"
other attraction - the service at the Garrison Church itself - free song
& Communion both morning & evening - Officers were so there
Temporary also there is overtime at the Arsenal - men are for
to come to come - His bishop at the Mission Church in Oxford
Road had had to give all his host - must speak on some
vicar visits as well as the Curate - all glad to see him. Publicans hurried not
being visited by his predecessor - Shopkeepers mostly men come but expect it
wishes he had more visitors but does not know how to get them.
Co-operative co. with discount only in Phil. book. Excess of money in the hands
Police too long suffering - ought to be stricter. Drink fightful - much worse lately. People
dead tired from overtime - Crime more open, vicar drink. Immoral, & generally
ruined by far. Many roads in arrears.

Mr. Lester speaks of roads as though
he had one held the big church
here but has realised that the
great advantage was not coming
that way - could mean, hope
things might be better after the
war - when we began saw on sand
he could almost walk on water to reach the

Panish of S. John

RC. S. Peter. Backs

(10) 4. CXXX. II.

'Mission Rectory' like Father O'Halloran of West Greenwich.
Here 7 years. I have studied the place closely - but his best years
were given to St George Southwark where and at Walsworth he was
for 15 years - Here RC pop 4000 - working class - labourers
some mechanics, a few foremen - a doctor or two & a small Rev
Cathedral of the 'Substratum' - a fixed quantity - except those &
the doctors who are employed in Arsenal or Dockyard - nearly all Irish
very large number have been in the Army - many are in the reserve
His children are 'children of soldiers of the Queen'
These influences paramount - Woolwich a military town - the
Arsenal - the Dockyard & the Military - & the 'S. or St.' railway
station - has thus a well defined character - & Father Panish
gives it high praise for steadiness, regularity & quiet - against what
he has expected - & for independence of character - 'no fools at Woolwich
for fools can't get in there' -

Among his people drink the great difficulty - a civil war, quantity
when pensioners are paid but on the whole a prosperous town
of prosperous artisans & workmen - there ought to be no poverty.
Woolwich must not be judged by the Dartford which is quite a different
& quite small -

As to morality too his judgment was favourable - military theme
no special influence for bad - no more seduction than in other places
the immorality is with professional prostitutes & would be the same
with any civil town with some proportion of single men -

He however spoke very unfavourably of the tone of the Arsenal both
for infidelity & immorality -

The effect of the war & the large savings on the Church funds are
remarkable - they do not get the money because there is no time to collect
it or to attend Mass or Convent which would bring it in -

"An angel of charity" - defends the practice of giving money - It
brings the people to you - If by giving real need is shown giving "lessen
to be charity - become justice" Father R. seems easy going as well as easy going
himself - a good deal of Mr. Connelly - no room for fresh building & Woolwich
It is Plumstead where it goes on

Police. Harsh, some of them - do their work well - military picket does
A admirable service in preserving order
More printed matter given than usual with RC.

(Panish S. John Evangelist)

District Samuel Ch. Rose

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Here over 2 years - at Reading 11 years -

Woolwich compares unfavorably with Reading where Palmer & Sutton give the tone - religion & Philanthropy - Here getting working spirit however - Most of the working people buy their

|| houses - all belong to Co-operative Soc - acquisition of property the dominant idea -

People on Plumstead side belong Arsenal - Woolwich side Dockyard. Some of his people report atheistic tendency 'his side' Arsenal & increasing desire for light entertainment

Churches cooperate to fight the Social Evil

This church is the property of a rich man at Blackheath who supports it largely - his liberality has a bad effect - others

|| lean on them - Church a strong influence among the poor people

Presbyterian more

new Road -

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Several years at Woolwich - Presbyterian Military Chaplain

People he reaches are military, lower mid cl. & well to do Artisans. At 9.30 on Sunday visits military hospital - Mission - At 11 am the morning service - Soldiers that come are decided Christians - But the

Police keep it tight - Drink traffic in uniform common but must be because work done in Army - where drinking is discommodated - See copy of memorandum from C. C. Chas. on Intemperance & Memoranda

W. M. far from introduction of C.D. acts - Woolwich

Artisans as great sinners as the military

Crime mostly due to drink - If civilians were locked up for offences which place a soldier in lock-up, he would have half his company in prison on Sunday morning

Thrive greatly, fostered by Co-operative system

Health very good

Hours rest exhaustively high for working men

All Saints, Monks
Phumtsean Chofe

(28) 5. CXXIX. 22

Here 7 years - Population about 6000 - 1000 gentry, 3000. Med cl

1200 ^{work class} ~~poor~~. Among gentry are officers, birds of passage, and element
of uncertainty in finance - Middle cl. the bulwarks of the ch.

Among work class there ought to be no poor - never was
wounded to prosperity - labour not to be had - Cant get 2 pence

or a man to clean windows - Arsenal almost all - boys all rush
to work at earliest moment - difficult way to overcome to get

the choir together - Quite young fellows are earning £2 a week &
families of families often very large - but many are getting rich

turnout - Still there is poverty due to drink in
Nassfield & Pinner Road -

In the days when S Margards was still there there was a
superfluity of help - but now they are getting back then don't

the new mission district cut out of S Nicholas an reviving
church life & drawing from him - But though no longer over

crowded the church is still practically full -

Congreg mainly well to do & looks better off than it is

W M complains less than most of indifference - there is of
course much of it but also a most noticeable keenness as to

religious questions - geographically there is a line of radical
Protestantism along the hill from Phumtsean to Mactheath

intensely interested in conversion - which for them is Omega as well
as Alpha - Not church or chapel but rather Hall religion -

W M is a 'liberal Evangelist' & a firm church man - his
aim to preach the Lord Jesus Christ & show to make them

better Churchmen - This latter part owing to undenominational
spirit suggested by predecessors is very difficult - looks that choir

in Casochs not easy task & the people who love Communion are
urged by Bishop when week the work of years - The spirit

abroad ever leads to attempts to defy plain rules of Church
A man will say I love the Lord Jesus Christ, I'm coming to the

Lord's table & will refuse to go through necessary process of confirmation
To preach these people pay over to dissent a constant

difficulty - When he came he found "Soul Saving Exhortation
meeting" in Orgue - the talk such a mixture of ignorance & pride

& conceit that he put a stop to them - One man with Contemner
had been with a difference, as to being strange, who desired to be left.

All Saints Morris
Plumstead

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The exceeding weakness of Temperance work was noticed in spite of 'tabid' temperance principle - among y in C.A. + men of the Church generally & 'sawney' namely family tendency - need more masculine muscular Christianity à la Kennedy of S. James. His people delight in 'mission' would like to take me on all year - Except at mission time the Parish is only visited from house to house in home parl but 'no sick are neglected' - People receive y in if they like y in - are very independent - no cadging.

In relief cannot go altogether with COS - Church should "try breathe love not to discover hump" - Still there are cases best left to COS - James Sec of COS is 'kind' - Mr M 'gives less to visitors who are weak'.

Police polite & helpful - with at moments - keen on dog muzzling. Drink pretty bad. 'Royal Oak' a bad house.

Prostitution next to bad places about Darnley's.

Marriage almost universal - strong feeling for chimney.

Health Throwing good.

Well organized successful Church.

Bible Christian. Sutton
Herbert N.

(48) 5. CXXX 203

was minister of this Church 20 years ago when it was in the Centre of Woolwich - not successful there it was removed to top of hill a much more prosperous district but no more successful. Mr S returned to find it in low water - Things now improving.

He is a man of vision & tone power & is making ready for aggressive spirit. Bands of visitors etc. all on spiritual lines - none of modern methods share the view that P.S.A. Sat Concerts & Co.

Mission do more harm than good - do not read the class aimed at & aggrd with a "spiritual advance" - Sat Concerts instead of drawing the P.H. & driving lot attract Church & Chapel from & have them no late & improve them for Sunday - "thought the selfishness of Christians one of chief hindrances to Church work - focus on drink question though but in attack I must for some reason so far as masculine action for 'colony apathetic' - another hindrance inordinate love of pleasure - partly due to system of treats.

No relief except to members - distress occasional - ought to be no Evangelical character of Sutton Church weakens non-conformity.

S. Margaret Ogle
Hemstead Chgo

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Here 2 years. Ernest had mentioned the Parsons State of things on his arrival. Mr O. hinted at deficiency & neglect of his predecessors - quite kindly & did not attribute expansion failure of Ch to this cause - made no comparison. but if as Mr Ernest said the Church was small, his success has been enormous. Pop at least 76000 (last census 12000) & many rapid, ^{shorter time} at extreme South a few wealthy people - & near Church in Dunage R^d a few mid cl - otherwise entire working class & almost entirely dependent on Arsenal - contains bulk of the Arsenal workmen - A good many women clerks & go to town - the children of Arsenal men - Prevalent note great moroseness, any decent man cannot work - Supply does not meet the demand. Three little patches of houses due mainly to riparianism. (1) Courts about Sta R^d. Close to Arsenal Station. (2) Near R^d close to Church when houses of very bad type have been built. (3) Palmerston R^d. Hauger R^d off Plumstone Common. Great drawback to Ch work inadequate buildings - only Church & School on side of steep hill useless for long stay part of parish. Has a mission room for Palmerston R^d & has enlarged the church (he had filled in) another mission Ch essential - ought to be no difficulty in getting workers as there is a superior class of women Arsenal men but they are not easily obtained. Arsenal people as a whole & rest of working class even more indifferent & difficult to touch than in most places - hardly due past neglect - partly to strong Anti religious spirit in Arsenal - bad form & vice to none to a parish. Mr O. thinks their class view of everything is narrowed by being all men & no masters - service of the State (a curious point) - So far as touched at all the non com & especially the Baptists are the more successful - His social work is on a very small scale designed rather for those already interested than as recruiting - Cant river Polytechnic & Arrangements for social & educational recreation at Arsenal excellent & complete - A club has started to meet at Arsenal failed because men would not be seen entering his gate

S. Margaret - Ogle
Plumstead Chgo

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The members of senior Noble clan - very steady men
but would be confirmed & all attend services at Wilsons
Tabernacle

Much visiting - mainly collecting - apt to go only where
they succeed in this - very little relief - work with COS
Mr Wilsons people visit COS where to distribute tracts &
Drink not a noticeable evil - not much disorder
but generally reported much drinking in Arsenal - but more
in Woolwich PH

Prostitution - seen prostitute to Woolwich - ^{Canada} ^{see Mrs}
marriage common - youths go to high savings - usually
the people are provided in this

Things - State Club work flourishes - most members belong to
some friends too - In newer parts many buy their houses
Health not so good as it ought to be - even on the hill
Diphtheria & Scarlet fever almost chronic

Housing - Much room building - little or no overcrowding

Unitarian - Jones
Plumstead Cmn

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Seemed reluctant to speak of his church - turned off on
other questions - probably the church is merely a mission
This was started 5 years ago - Schoolroom built 3 years
since - where services are held - land in front for Chapel
People attend, come from considerable distances - Chatter
to Derby - "That part of town who have become dissatisfied
with orthodoxy" - Considerable local opposition shown
S. Scholam leaving through influence of orthodox clergy
Their own people are middle class - Mr Jones visits all twice
a year -

Is boycotted by Free Ch Council - but he was invited
to pray for the war - Talking of Municipal questions he
was more at ease - in the organ of the Woolwich Progress Assoc
& Candidate for the Annual Council (Mr Jones answered)
Progression strong & best - In Parliamentary affairs Col. Hughes local strong
most keenest Parliamentary aspects - knows what Church or PH some vote
progress - Woolwich is Conservative - Arsenal & Woolwich say Conservative Govt the
best for them - Poor law Guardians are strongest in refusing out relief - no progress
except through Arsenal - Police not to the force - Battle royal between Scholam &
Only school boys on Arsenal - no police near - More and more the war
Political clubs - Arsenal & Woolwich - but larger dominant political position - as since
of their nominees in Arsenal - Housing - really high & overcrowding - test question -
Mr Jones more influence as political leader than religious leader -

(S. Margaret's Parish)

Wesleyan. Purnacus Local Preacher Leader & Trustee for 3 Chapels of
 Mumstead CXXXIX 143. Woolchurch Circuit - Hen 45 years - was a carpenter
 & worked at Arsenal - now retired.
 Not a simple hon con Chapel when he came - has
 occupied house (Purnacus) 40 years - quite new & built then
 Exceptional house - skilled lab. Permanent work. Chaps, organ
 Middle & lower middle foreman & artisan are touched
 Heads of members taken publicly. Live & la life. Day, read
 Scriptures. Private prayer. Attendance at class & devotion.
 Meetings & take active part in proceedings of service.
 Congregation large proportion young come to church & work in Guild
 & in connection with mission work at the Glade. Many families
 Settling well let. Gall. cost 7/- 2/- 2/6 front. 3/6 under gall.
 4/- Centre - quarterly - no rich - no soldiers or officers - these go
 to William S. Chapel.
 Local preachers preach as appointed - wide Man - The
 Super. appoints. Are not paid - Ministers only are paid.
 all others pay as well as work - No R has 3 or 4
 appointments in each quarter - then the average. They
 meet quarterly to pass examination "Do you know
 anything against the morals or doctrine of W. Purnacus?"
 Ministers are examined every year in some way by Synod.
 Start from trial - given small appointments after 12 months
 pass exam in the day. Every minister has been a local preacher
 visiting. Flower service & watch dept of Guild visits & looks
 after strangers in church.
 Chantrel relief confined to members. £400 for for mission
 Wesleyan Ministers have to be very particular about love affairs.
 Cannot back out of an engagement - as D. Ballinger did.
 Police nothing to do but walk round - after get drunk -
 Drink visible 20 past 4 on Sunday between 7 & 8 - few people there
 becoming sign. Many would close he thinks if asked 1.2 pm for
 strong against Ch. fetters. Beas - notes Green Chaper - fashion down Street.
 young men take them young women to trial - it like smoking in the streets where
 50 years ago was not done. Annual discharges 30 men a week for drink
 drink leaves a lot of time for them the men are discharged.
 Gamblers. Betting in the Arsenal is forbidden. Great improvement there

(S. Margaret's parish)

Wesleyan Ch. Plumstead Health very good - best water in London - no crowding

Plumstead Comm. CXXXIX 163 Small houses - few gardens. Drains & sewers being

improved. 80% day - great numbers on our own house - 60 to 90 years. Less - very few 99.

Marriage large families - good earners. Many years never saw so many children as here.

(The Slade) Sutcliffe's Mission - run by Wesley Guild of Plumstead

Comm. Ch. Plumstead pro. 20, Sunday - mostly for

labourers - a lot of - visits house to house - won't come

to Church. Since money is very few come women

not more than 10 - (also a City Mission there)

Sunday school best part of the Mission - 30 come.

High St. Plumstead Chapel going to be replaced by

a new one. W. Middleton the head. Present chapel

holds 250 crammed at night. Children come from

from Sunday school.

Charlton Vale In Pease 116 Heathwood Road. Could

tell about it.

Shooten Hill is an Iron Chapel built by private Gentlemen

for religious work among soldiers. When he left was

given over to Wesleyan - small work done there.

Estimate of religious attendance at Chapel within

mile radius of his house - (see page 165) - 16 places 3582

attendance.

Wesleyan Ross - Confirms himself to the Military - only occasional preacher in the Church.

Plumstead Comm. Ch. CXXXIX 217 The Church in Plumstead Comm. is always full - almost entirely around

people. The old Church William S. has not improved - is doing better

in mission work. He does not believe in mission work however & that

of that side said yesterday he had at it for 20 years without effect. Wesleyan Mission in Congestion Town centres are working in wrong line - not getting

Has at present about 570

declaimers Wesleyan in the

garners - about 1/2 of the

attendances. See reports

S. James Henning Evangelical but not so much as my congregation
 Panish No. Chgo. Preacher in black gown. Here 22 years.

(48) 5 CXXIX 187. Panish bondanis (Cut out of 8 Maryland)
 General Character fanes Conf. Artisan - one, several
 keep part S. S. S. Panish No. + Plumtree No. then
 streets going down local - houses old - leaves half through
 have no bath or hot water upstair. one one we. The
 tenants are clerks + professional men
 Poor live west of Sandy Hill No. + in 'Avenue' behind it
 The Avenue has been the same all the time - labourer
 gardeners. Majorities of Prop regular wage earners
 earn good money at present - 73 acres. 50000 S. S.
 + except for leaves of servants keep claim no change -
 Payments are his income - leaves all money affairs to laymen
 Churchwarden collect + distribute + have responsibility + order
 Relief poor through them. Urban one, recomment.

Best part of congregation + most remarkable part growth
 in the number of church workers - over 100. none rich
 freeman artisan + - perhaps 10 people in camp with
 1000 a year - but tendency is to make little than these
 below income - The rich men live outside -

Where ever one is comfortable Panish system does not work
 men go where serves suit them - not that they care much
 about doctrine. Preach what you like in a black gown
 much more particular about Ecclesiastical fiddle faddle
 than I am - They leave church at their door for one 1/2 mile off
 much picky + choosy.

Reputation Evangelical + Artisan - + therefore his church
 is chosen - they like the sermon - but no one claim great
 superiority on that score - Get a steady set but it does
 not increase with the Pop. - Sometimes tempted where there
 is a fixed proportion of church + chapel goes according to
 social status - An increase with me means decrease in
 Ogle's or Rensselaers Church. My people are more rational
 chapel goes + some of the younger men drift off in their
 direction - want something newer. The church chapel goes more than class

S. James - Henning
Rumple W. Ch of Co

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Panish notes (48)

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on the other hand I leave much in the hands of
my church workers & the Ch of Co is a little higher
socially - they manage the money - I reach out of doors
so far as missionaries & are loyal because they think
I am a partial invalid & need their help - so they
put up with strict discipline (may not sit in the
hymn as at Wilsons) -

In his parish thinks 1/2 go nowhere 1/4 Ch & 1/4 Chapel
General tone of those who do go indifference - some play
off Chapel against Church - "respectable" indifference
Take Sunday paper & Sunday beer & are pious when they die
Send for the Pastor I don't feel they have done wrong
in their lifetime in not having come to Church -

are friendly to the minister - respect him as a man &
regard him as useful & useful - There is a falling off in
the fear of God - too much stress laid on His mercy & forgiveness

"I pray that some great calamity may not befall us as
a judgment for our impudence." said Mr Henning -
Altogether about £700 comes from the tithes of which £150 is given
to mission - more than twice as much to foreign as to home mission
not much given in charity - not wanted

Interesting studies of Mr Wilsons Success - page 201
Sumner & all was inclined to trace non cons
success to the political & republican element introduced
into their Church work - Said he was one of the
few who worked well with non cons - makes a
point of visiting when they first come - meets them as plain men
not that I am fond of non conformity but I recognise
our common Christianity

The changes in the working man in last 20 years are
especially in cleanliness & in speech - in speech far
smaller gap between classes & masses - but local twangs
develop - East & West Sea Cliffs & Plumstead has its own
Among women increase of cleanliness & refinement - pretty families
& pretty dresses - also great love of music & dancing to have
a piano - more piano in Plumstead than in any other local parish

S. James Henry
Dunbar No. 10 of 6

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Arsenal the great influence in daily life. For men
bring a great mental stimulus with its exams for
boys & certainty of good wages & training to follow
Time not particularly bad now but at times has a
very bad name for swearing & blackguardism. The
authorities should be more careful in these respects.
The great loss in last 20 years is the loosening of
family tie between parents & children. Children do not
look after old parents. don't like them so well. Some are
quite willing for infirmity or old age. Fault lies in
breach of family tie so early. So soon as a boy says 'I
he is free to do & therefore it.

Police good - not much needed.

Drunk - no drunkenness - more is drunk but not con-
sidered the thing to get drunk.

Prostitution none - Crime none

Marriage the better off men are the later they marry.

Health very good

Among good Some streets wholly owned by occupiers
eg. Frederick St & Charles St.

Tone of Plumstead strongly Evangelical - Speak of
the 'Scarlet Sin' the 'Scarlet Lady' hold Papam
in abomination. The young think they have a mission
to fight it. In a popular lecture he told them
the danger was not Rome but their own dissipation.
They were not pleased but took it from him.

(Parish of S. James)

Parish of S. James

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Here nearly 4 years. The people around the Church are mainly Arsenal men, a few city clerks but for these there is service a drawback. The people come from all parts of Plumstead - do not reach the scope of immediate neighbourhood to any extent. In Church road up 1 month to few of company. Not much poverty - a number of poor would shape of the case. Most have plenty of work - much overtime in Arsenal & local, to continue. But little Sunday work now though much at beginning of year. Overtime has affected their local service. Practically all the men kept away - 20 went to 3 miles. Tried P.S.A. but read the poor but have failed. Think those who come attend service elsewhere - not non church going. Visits but does not seem to much - goes to the sick - if well they can come to him. Visiting of Free Ch. Council - results not great most profess to go somewhere. Majority neighbouring Anglican ch. not much relief. Benevolent Soc. 1 hour week sub. Communion for Church poor - little need to accommodate the poor. Congregation improving but indifference & worldly attitude. Some of the ministers see signs of improvement & revival - were discussing it at fraternal on previous day - but must confess he cannot see it. Never knew a district where indifference was so great & amongst the ministers. Old Worcester considered worse than other places in this respect. The reason he thinks is the sense of comfort & security - all employed at Arsenal & know their employment is there with a pension when they leave. Hence they buy no more notices, drink more. Most on Sunday morning, not soldiers only but civilians the worst offenders. Worcester common cause for prostitution - cannot even go to without being accosted a day - times - Rents high houses difficult to let. Builders will not sell - has been looking out for 4 years. Only just succeeded in renting one - number over than houses. Noddy Unit - built for sale. Free Ch. Council - all denominations take it as heady. Excess work hours - Mr. E. was Secy for 2 years.

(Parish of St. James)

Wm F C. Dunkley
(48) 6 CXXXIX 175

Officers of the Church (Consecration, See) Mr B gave the information
Chapel a small affair & has been going through difficulties
times during Mr Dampston time (he left 4 Mrs Duce)
was not a success & they had a section of members who
protruded mainly matters of finance - have not got
rid of the Crotchets yet. Mr B's success is a great favour
things look much brighter - he is active as well as helpful
& a good preacher - all working class - practically all around
Mr D himself is a hard worker in the external department
Amount of work has increased a good deal - in one shell
of 14 weeks he had only 1 Sunday off - instead of 40 weeks
100 hours with overtime allowance (and 3 times as much)
Stream was too great - got on his knees & was exempted
by Doctor's Cert from working any overtime - Plenty of money
but "both the money & the health is best" -
Sweet & pleasant brown house - vigorous & well preserved
age 40 yrs.

S. John Doherty
Plumstead Chgo

(48) 6 CXXXIX 241

Here 18 years - in no sense a scandal but a relic of
days when church work in Plumstead was neglected - does
his duty without much energy or enthusiasm - but
where he came was a bright contrast to his neighbours
Mr McAllister - but has been left behind by those comrades
This parish has one of the less active
Pop about 8000 almost exclusively Arsenal labourers
or artisans - ought to be no poverty - loads of money about
but here there is poverty & even squallor
'People friendly' 'no hostility' comes to us in trade - 'indifferent ground'
'A few true churchmen' -

Visitors act mainly as collection plate £200/300 a year
Relief £50 a year - nearly as possible as possible in close cooperation
most in S. James & Convent Avenue
Think the thing - in creating hundreds of men of a class who
are a class of our kind - Radical class but not in the
much things - many men belong to the S.C. Party then however
almost all belong Arsenal Cooks & Stewards
Health & Home - Paul Ford - Kato's high rising - Gane get
a house for two of them.

(Parish S. John Baptist)

Mr. Webb. Lee
Robert
(48) 6 CXXX 181

Mr. Lee was seen at Poplar - in charge of Church S. Chapel
People here better off than at Poplar - more regular wages
none out of work - Wives of Gov. Lupton find work
at Arsenal making bags - many of her people come from
Surrey, street but a gradual move to higher ground.
near Plumstead Common - houses taken before foundation land
mostly sold.

Regular visitation in streets between Walmer & Glynda Rd.
by Christian Help Soc (then their Free Ch. district)
also visit other streets crossing Glynda Rd. - Considerable
cooperation between Free Churches.

Christian work flourishes here. That mission in S. Mary
was successful - has received 2 members thro' it.

A large Church-going people - most of Church well attended
Company in this respect far more with Poplar.

Drunk is as acute here as there - not seen so much in
Plumstead as in Woolwich.

S. Marks
mission District
High
Ch of E
(48) 7 CXXIX 213

Curate in charge of this mission for 6 years - The district
was cut off from S. Nicholas Plumstead 7 years ago & until
quite lately included the district of the Ascension - Both districts
are nominally under Mr. McAllister who as Mr. H. said "has
been the ruin of it all". From what we have heard from
Mr. H. & other sources Mr. McA. is one of the scandals
of the Church - parish utterly neglected while he has been
acquiring property in the neighbourhood - In the Mission
of the Ascension at the back of the Slade he owns or died
own a lot of property which promises to be one of the slums
of London - However he has transferred it to his Curate -

Mr. H. estimates the pop. of his district at 7000. nearly all
Artisans in Arsenal or teachers - none are poor - a large
proportion own their houses - They are "absolute heathens"
as result mainly of neglect of the past. Such few as were
Church people all went to Woolwich - but their tradition
now broken & Church people mainly attend these two churches
but little improvement made in little or no time.

S. Mark's
mission dist

Hughes

Ch of S

(48)

CXXIX. 213

Seems to be a Dorset Churchman + advanced Progressive

Thas made great efforts to get hold of the working man

Elected a Vestry + thick with labour leaders

Result a fairly successful men's club with 120 members

but it does not lead to much church going + great

difficulty in competing with Plumstead Radical Club

where £1500 a year is spent in drink - open all Sunday

made also a great attempt to secure the High Road

lads about the Slade + in his opinion was getting on well

the method a Sunday aft Club + Entertainment Sunday

with prayers or Church going - Entertainment was secular

+ his colleague injudiciously had a programme printed

one Sunday which got into hands of Plumstead Congregation

where it was severely condemned + the 150/200 lads who

had been gathered together have been again let loose -

Local Sch going has been neglected - Mr. Alister has

practically none + it is doubtful if more than 2/3 of the

elementary School Ch are in S. School.

No visiting - all of same class - no ladies available

Little relief - no need -

On general questions - a low municipal tone largely

due to Colonel Hughes. but things have improved lately

Though amazingly thrifty in many respects (not abundant)

the people spend an enormous proportion of earnings in drink

There is no temperance feeling - the leaders of labour are

all more or less tainted with drink + for this reason

Mr. H. thinks the working men of Plumstead though much

better off are morally on a lower level than those of

Natterton. where John Dunn has created distinct

feeling for temperance.

No professional prostitution - but immorality on open spaces

Health food - Honey is the parish food - but much

most disgusting building has been allowed in Plumstead

especially in the Reedhove Rd district.

(Mission District 5 Marks)

Union Church - Cole
Plumstead CXXX.157
(48)

This church, a union of Baptists & Congregationalists
in which must have been numerous otherwise given age that
was formed in 1885. Mr Cole being the first pastor

People connected chiefly better class artisan & shopkeepers
all fairly comfortable. Chapel cost £1400. has only 100 seats
Rather badly off for workmen -

Little real cooperation between churches - have fraternal
but not always well attended & are becoming a fashion
merely. Much outward indifference & some atheistic

opinion but shallow & ignorant. People do not read. Need
second hand opinion. Mr C has a very low opinion of
the Plumstead working man - Counting Carter (Boroughman)

more intelligent - he spent 75 years in the County - in the
long winter evenings they read while the townsman seeks pleasure
Drinks & life in lower parts but not worse than years ago



Agnes Anderson
CXXX.211
(48)

Widow of one Genl Anderson who founded the Mission Socy.
Age. Thought he came from the Salvation Army & had a noble

woman & her niece to meet her. The kind of work may
be gathered from the characteristic report. An intense
evangelical & small little church. Its influence mainly

due to Mrs As Anderson ("a great deal more is done,
she said, than appears in the report") & to the persistent
visitation of good old Mrs Donnell (the Noble woman)

Takes optimistic view of the work & claims that the
character of the neighbourhood has changed largely
through the work of the mission - cases of "blessing"

& "conversion" are constant.

Ascension Mission. Deale a good man but perhaps not quite equal to dealing with the State -

Chap. E. a parish of sturdy artisans (mechanics) - The District is a parish in the making - Try to raise £6000 for building a church. "a job" to start.

Only here a year - took about 4000 - some up 1000 in 12 months. Houses rapid, strong up to occupy an area as fresh as new before day - Conversion of Fulham reproduced but with less complaint of shoddy. Situation splendid - high open breezy - Houses mostly 6 rooms. People all arched - all grades of the workers there except highest - only 3 houses where there is a servant kept - one the clergy - another a Prolecan. Most households take a lodger. Who too is an animal head. Only 6 small shops which exist by offering credit - Sunday market in hand of Cooperative Soc.

[Note one companion near home is at Stratford where the Local Cooperative Soc draws clients for 58A work]

He describes the men as shy till known & then "warm" all first rate - but take a lot of winning. Friendly but patronising "very pleasant to say" "will come some day" - but don't. In the town however the church is well filled. He "bats his horse in various ways" (as a fish) there are many disappointments.

Orming the great difficulty & besides the Pub houses there are the Clubs - 2 of these one Conservative & the other "Radical" whose names are blind, are "drinking halls" the ruination of home life. The Radical club the larger. No poverty not caused by drink except occasional from health breakdown - no room for shopping - no one to stage a casual worker almost non-existent - Houses clean & tidy except where drink prevails. Wages exceptionally high but more money has not done much good - more drink & treacherous. Wives say "we are no richer" - Church collections no greater. In all £1000 subscribed - about 1/20 "drink" bill at Radical Club. Small Poor fund but those helped helped well - no begging in tickets - As to things he summons the Rotten up "many are thirsty - the rest drink".

(The Ascension Mission)

Slade Mission. (Congregational) (48) 7

Mr David Carnegie is real head of the mission but as one, recently come he advised no scenery to Mr Slade who has worked here 17 years

Mission was started by an Army Colonel for the group of rough streets, now the Slade. Market garden & labourers 9 years, brick work men to used to live here time do still. but follow their trade moving on wards - new streets built now & better class come in. Arsenal labourers Mission failed to attract the rough class. but of the better class more come & the S. Schools become popular. The rough lads used to come to Club room but not to come there when not near the papers or books but would spend Sunday morning smoking, spitting & playing the Pub house game "tip it". (called of old "up & down"). The boys have for pence - had to be cleared out & club given up. The reports would lead one to think that the mission had been quite successful in its efforts - but Mr Slade said he must confess it had never touched the class for which it was started. Those that came came for what they could get. The improvement spoken of is due to the coming in of a better class. No consistent efforts closely - has a chance of becoming useful & popular -

Extracts from original notes:

20 years ago the Slade was a village - more or less a man land - labourers have no trade, workmen have, in the district is a woodwork - labourers at home are easy 30 to 40 at night without occupation (the Slade last still at 24) for last 12 months work has been night & day & Sunday too. Col. Fortin started the mission, a very hard & nocher fellow - had some things military folk still very partial to give liberally. Work on Hudsonian mission completed. There are some much visiting - to be taken up again. Trustees are allowing Communion to be administered (Carnegie, credit) though against original trust deed. Reunited more strongly working class - Woodland greater. Extremes. Clerks live in Woodland go up by S&R during it. Has himself tried Perry & S&R. Clerks & more humiliated but for good -

Parrish notes. Ministry Wesley Guild of Plumstead Ch.

Wesleyan Mission. (48) 7

Mostly labourers a low lot - S. School the best part of the mission.

S. Nicholas McAllister

Ch of Co

(48) 8

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Has been here 36 years - lives a Plumstead common. (see description of the surroundings). Raped increase of the poor was key note of Mr McAllister's talk + gave abundant tone neither luxury nor fitness to cope with those given common. almost effort to answer questions. Little interest evinced.

S. Nicholas Ch at foot of Plumstead High S. beyond tram terminus + hardly Northall Heath is the oldest + was the mother Ch of Plumstead - but 40 years ago the then vicar built S. Margaret + transferred rights + documents to it, leaving S. Nicholas with large straggly district. To cope with more recent increases of poor 3 mission districts have been carved out (S. Mark Ascension + S. Paul + 2 new churches are to be built - but even then will be insufficient - S. Mark + the Ascension are practically independent parishes - S. Paul is still connected with S. Nicholas - the Mr McAllister seems hardly clear as to his own position. First shock of parish having 90,000 people then 40,000 + latter it became 20,000 under his immediate charge. The largest figure must include all three the middle figure S. Paul + the smallest that which remains. S. Paul is managed by his curate how was Mr McAllister clear about his boundaries. Model of S. Margaret had a map he said.

Pop. large, Arsenal workers, had increased rapidly not because of pressure there but because of other works + of the free people coming because of the healthiness also many city workers - People as ordering a class as can be found anywhere. Above all decency of life but not religiously inclined. Cycling done much to foster this Leeds Arsenal can supply to buy bicycles easily. The Sunday band has done great harm - 10,000 assemble here + trains are running all the day taking people to Northall + All are prosperous - work plentiful as much as 8 1/2 an hour for many labors. Has been without a garden - could get the

People don't give anything for Church work - has a Quaker + claims to have initiative reform in the management of the School. These well built men. Just Sunday day efficient. Older have not working should be demand for hours on point.

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(S. Nicholas Parish)

R.C. S. Patrick. Whelahan
CXXV. 49.

Here 10 years coming from S. George's Road where Tabernacle is
was under him. Boundaries of district are Thames &
Shorten Hill - Maxey N. & Churchman N. - he comes
1200 souls men women & children - almost all Irish. many
hired labourers at hand. work regular, wages fair
rents low for London & overtime for last year has brought the
crops well over 30% - yet not a week between any man
us & the workhouse. we all say it & laugh. All are young.
District hardly existed 10 years ago when he came
no outcasts or wicked poor. If poor it is not for want of
money but want of knowledge how to spend it. The children
are not neglected in cloth or food. He gives no quarter
to such as neglect their children. denounces them as home
from the pulpit. People very motley. His people mostly
on the ground north of High St. He catches them as they come
not remarkable observers of the laws of the Church but often
what he says & does anything for him - I take scolding
which they would resent from others - 'first because I am their
priest. second because I am myself.' Some you must drive
them back to their work. The Irishman a queer character.
Not not a longer among them. I would have it. If I
see them I speak to them - if they come to church I address
them from the pulpit - if in the street the whole street
knows of it. majority of public opinion is for me & the
Irishman can't face ridicule. Even when I am unjust
they make excuses for me "The father was in a hurry &c"
[Not longer or not many of the houses in the street N. of High St.
have the means for camel look Gt St.]
No hostility to schooling. Children talked to like their elders.
His income has suffered from the overtime. his people get
more money & he less of it. Gives a fair amount away
Keeps no account. gives wherever he sees real want
No cooperation with other churches - but no hostility. There
was at first. Now can get up no party cry - but it is over

Park of S. Nicholas Police Cora but don't manage to stop boys breaking
R.C. S. Patrick. Whelahan Church windows - mischief not malice

(48) 8 CXXX. 49 Drink a good deal - but over time has not increased drinking
more more, don't drink but has not noticed more
drunkenness -

No prostitution & no crime - If he hears of a man going
wrong - he hunts him up & he must behave or go.

Marriages fair number of 20 + 18 marriages - he encourages
but once married they must live together.

Divorced marriages he deplors - great loss through this - they
become lax - whether the man or the woman is the D.C. -

Catholics not too strict down here in their duties - let
their children registered like a dog & think it enough -

Health fair - Houses fine built - many small ones
Houses built thro' Building Soc. - Chief large property owners
are Kersey - a builder & head of a building Soc with one
son an architect the other a lawyer - who must be employed -
and McAlister the vicar who also being builder - being called
more and less than a parson he transfers money
to his son - lives on high ground. South of the Glade

Politics - all his people are Home rulers & Progressives
Take keen interest in elections - Keen Home Ruler himself
"will do anything within the 10 Commandments to help the
Old County to her own". Powerless in politics here because
of Conservatives living on the high ground to the South
Thrift Large S. Patrick Thrift & Benefit Soc. not con-
fined to D.C. - allowed using School rooms free - most deal
at Arsenal Cook & have shares -

His Schools the only voluntary ones excepted Marjane's
The Church next yellow brick chapel-like building (built
by Kersey family) but very fine within. Opened by Dr. Mull

& thought to have been a gift - but after 4 years it proved not to have
been paid for - cost £6000 - £5000 still owing - Dr. Mull has £1000 for the land
His people give work at the inside worth £2000 - stone marble & wood.
Adorned the glass building of Church - worthy of God

Father Whelahan is a benevolent tyrant



(Parrish of Nicholas)

Napier Ch. Seelye
Station Room CXXX 102
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His Church is more than a mile from his house
He comes from North of Ireland - educated in London
Has been here 3 years - takes his summer holidays, going to Ireland
General character of pop. fairly moral & respectable
indifferent largely to spiritual things - none here for want of
money. If all the Chapels & Churches were full
as a piece of the pop. would be touched.

His people all working men & a few shop keepers
Shows a small thrp. soc. one soc. into Woolworth to buy
especially on Sat. night - many own their houses - live
thriftily but not miserly - Have no amusements & rather
disapprove of music halls & the cinema. Church work is
their interest & amusement - & marketing on Sat. day
Preaching the most important part of his work - you will
never get the worky man to Church except through preaching
not hostile but indifferent - you must interest & to interest must speak
was caught not to excite as reaction induces all the pop.

"Worship is the real reason for coming to Church but the W.M.
can't worship - does not know how to - must be taught
& can't learn any from the pulpit - therefore you must
preach & what is essential follows after.

No one preaches but himself & when he is away the pulpit
is filled from amongst the congregation - who are young &
old - intense, religious. Some of the Church workers do too little
except ^{hardly} pastoral work - never saw such sameness
at Dordrecht (near Carlisle) where he was before
Overtime has affected Church attendance.

He preaches not so much doctrine as practical Christianity
Church empty when he came - now crowded out - have
just opened £1550 for a new site

Convinced that working men will never put up with high Ch. doctrine &
practice though they swallow it because they like the man -
The great difference he finds between Churchgoers in England & Ireland & Scotland
is that in England the man is the Church - the Church having had no voice
independence of the man. In Ireland & Scotland it has a place of its own - people
will go even if the man is an idiot. Here they won't. You have to get your man
as a man.
Hence much better than former - people change - buy & sell

(Panish of Nicholas)

Sals Amy
High 5
L8 8

Whitley
CXXXIX. 12



only been in control of the Corps for 3 months - one of those whom the Army has taken almost literally from the Gallies was converted in East London something over 20 years ago & is still full of fervour & earnestness. The Corps has been in low water lately & Ady. W. claims to have doubled the numbers - now 107 soldiers & 14 private with exceptions of all connected with Arsenal. There is another Corps in Plumstead with 50 members also for Arsenal. Shenas 18 hours a week in visiting. gave the extract (page 125) which gives true picture of an offbeat week - men as well as women, if unnamed as he is has to do house duties.

Speaks of much poverty & crowding in Reedham Rd & other streets near Ceres St. where he lives & there drinking is very great -

Mission
Rehabilitation

Marrs
CXXX. 1.



Has lived in Plumstead many years & (asked says) was sturdy & full faced, but illness has pulled him down & given a pinched gaunt appearance. Streets between Postall Rd & Workhouse rather poorer than others south of High St. From these & streets running north from High St. to market the people attending the mission are drawn. Those to north are the poorest. Those coming are labouring class - not the domestic labourers in Arsenal & Brickfields etc. Cannot work with the lowest class - "because I have no money" these people expect to have something given them. Those attending, would be of the same class & on the same position if they drank. Have more regular work & are more thrifty because they are more steady, very little relief - small voluntary fund - but very little money & no connection with mission good for £1.

Plumstead not drunken though there is much drinking. There used to be much rowdyism in the village but it has declined. Police do their work well & are very civil. A few prostitutes come from East hole when it was laid out, but they work "down town". Many pretty good many are then housed through Sunday Societies. Marrs has never been in this hall 18 mos. Meetings formerly held in small hall now occupied by S.P. do hope to build a hall. Work has grown. The kitchen is well & good & ready at all times for new buildings & more help. There is no other religious accom.

S. Michael. Lawrence Rector - lives about a mile from the church. - Here 12 years. Cong. Ch of E from Sheffield & Liverpool (?) - cheerful quiet unassuming.

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CXXIX. 51. Parish bounded N. The Avenue S. Manor Way. E. Manor Way. W. Lee Rd. - 1200 inhab. - all rich - no poor. were gentle but tend to become gentler. The poor are then gardeners & coachmen who gradually drop out as the rich 100 instead. Nine out of ten of the men go to London and are stock jobbers or City men. In old days they drove to town when Blackheath was at its height. House 15 acres, large well built. Stands high on a hill - 7 miles from Charing Cross. When railway came City men began to go in by it - (remarks follow as usual on the execrable train service of the S.E.R.) but now find it quicker to go from Chislehurst - the place decays & the Rector is responsible but not complained more of personal inconvenience than of social decay.

Seat holders pay well. Like to travel 1st class to heaven. Church not endowed. Rector dependent on the Congregation. Service simple hearty Congregational - small choir not duplicated organ & choir at west end - all join. Good organist but no special attention paid to the music.

Get a great many gay people - young people & families are the features. When Mr. L. came almost all elderly. Not the says) an eloquent preacher but cannot hold his audience. Does not attract people from a distance but can interest if they come - but I tell them that worship is the chief object to give rather than get.

All are Congregational in methods here I must be - none of the neighboring clergy stick to their parish boundaries. Each notes his congregation wherever they happen to come.

Tone of Blackheath Evangelical & conservative. When Mr. L. came set up against Canon Bristow for School Rd. the Progress of Adam a socialist. Thipped because Canon B is a very high Churchman. Richest Congregation that of the Congregationalists (Folkestone worth 4 or more millions against 1/2 million for his own).

S. Michael. Lawrence. Visits personally. Congregation only - all plan to see him

Ch of S. Generally talks on religion subject raised by the visitors

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Cooperates freely with Church & non con on such questions as rescue work.

Drinks more barefaced lying on this than any other subject - skeletons in a good many cupboards.

Prostitution terrible on the heath - fear from all sides impossible to stop - sees no remedy

High & Low Church - would rather say "Sound" than low. High Church Party well organised & composed of men who would die at the stake for their views - were strong intellectually & sufficiently rich but had not got the people behind them - would have done more had they pressed less hardy - as it was were busy about formation of strong Protestant party more earnest men leaving than joining Ch of S on their account - Church's loss is Chapel's gain -

Asked what were the things he most wanted to know about when he came to a new parish the replies most of the things you have been asking me about

M. I must be a good influence wherever he is - He seems rather wasted on Blackheath - It seems to be now from a religious point of view what Clapham was - will it ever become what Clapham is?

Our Lady of Help. Shehan Called to make an appointment but a short interview
R.C. Church CXXX. 135. Suffice - This is not a mission district - we have
Cresswell R.C.

no more - Total number of Catholics 400. mid class people scattered over considerable area - Chief work of day the school a boarding school - boys come from all over the country - middle class leaving Father Shehan & A went into the church to spend the time in the quiet station - a quiet scene - a group of boys sitting near each of three confessionals boxes taking their turn & saying a prayer after Confession - From time to time adults came in or some women all well dressed middle class people tall but not ladies - They came with wife & daughters - the latter may be did not confess - both parents did - The quiet church, the kneeling boys - the occasional sound of a voice from the wooden box - where outside was sunshine through heath all tended to make the scene impressive -

S. James - Leek
Redbrooke Chof E

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Plecter. Pleasant person of no particular character. When
lot has been cast in an early parish - anxious to do
what is right & has succeeded - is a canon must dean.
The Parish is an anomaly in London as 5/6 "might be
if not built over. Last parish within bounds, to S &
Bounded by Blackheath & Shorten Hill on north. Eltham & E
Lee N° or S W - on East side 1 1/2 miles of open country
1/2 Redbrooke 1/2 Eltham. Pop 2400 or including
Herbert & Collage hospitals & Morda College 3500.
Nuth lives on west side nearly all well to do.
Musicians, men, stockbrokers, merchants & clerks -
Officers with Army & Navy working at Greenwich or Woolwich
or retired - One 200 pors. Gardeners coachmen &
farm labourers living on Shorten Hill near Hospital
Service simple musical - white tobed. Oh no not
a black gown, nor Confessional, every thing strictly moderate
Some (but a small minority) would like a more
other rather more - also a minority. They like a short sermon
& would not stand a long one - on the whole well contented
with what they get. Come as families. Old young
Church going usual in the n° hood - not a family in
this road (Redbrooke Park N°) does not come but we
are not strictly parochial - impossible in rich parish.
Established Church the great influence as is our national
Cooperation with non-sons for special things - do not otherwise meet
N° 2 is on the new Board of Public Morality to work in connection
with vestry elections - propose drive prostitutes from streets & common &
second homes for the young women. A lady has been engaged to work with health
Police very good but have to be moved - by their action the women have
been pushed off the Heath & now frequent Redbrooke Common.
Healthy n° hood. Housing good but houses too big - rents fallen 20% in 20 years
Demand in for smaller houses.
Pop. 2/3 migrating 1/3 stationary - by migrating means come for
3 to 5 years & then leave - due greatly to length of engagements at
Arsenal & Dockyard - other business men coming for provisions to manage
branches.
As to Church work in Woolwich & Plumstead is very hopeful
Church far ahead of any other body in influence - with on the n° great
non-conformists - "he is our one true are so many"
Plumstead used to be left in the cold but the Church has
captured it
Mr Leake like his congregation is contented therefore

Paul & Jane Redburn

Baptist Mackenzie

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Church is at extreme end of the house, Shortland Rd. 94
It still almost come, but the west has large group. Not
nearly all upper - middle & lower mid - Congregation
drawn from the last two come from area fully 2 miles
Such working class as come are drawn from
group of streets known as Sunfields District - a
happy humble group of the Teet. includes some of those
between old Dover Rd & Charlton Rd (St John's Dist 46)
inhabited by decent fairly well to do working class
people who seem to be fought for by the Wesleyans
the Baptists the Church & the Presbyterians with
more than usual amount of bribe. This church
alone has 22 visitors in this small district relieving
the poor. The Church & Wesleyans are lead their
tracks but they too spend large sums in relief & treats
and Mr MacKenzie says "we tread upon one
another's heels". The most lawless poor appear to be the
Wesleyans who have the bottomless purse of the Messrs
Lampson to draw upon. The Lampsons own the
Church - unmarried brother of great wealth who
apparently can never resist an appeal & (again
according to Mr M) the large ^{Sunday} school of the Wesleyans
is due to this. However the Baptists give a
good deal as a church quite £50 a year in doing
evening about 5p. while well to do members dis-
tribute their own charity.

No difficulty in getting a church here but shall especially among
upper mid class rural people & in difference of color
number attend no place of worship - among those keeping it is
still almost universal & of the those keeping in Shorter Hill No
3/4th attend his church.

Secretary of Free Ch. Council for the district, not forming
that made rapid progress - Co-operate proper an work
was placed before the presence of a group of men
hall at Mount Knappe, Gloucester & have obtained right to have
a Free Ch. Church on the premises.

Police found always motor on air work. One bad in Shupid
Problems in the north. Trust at low lbs. Great lack
Money in the north. A group in district at first touch of
advice. Police find many. Already over 1000 in the north.

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