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Our District.

Nature of Interview.

Dist 11.
Walk round part of Limehouse, the whole of the Isle of Dogs, Black wall, the Orchard House, & part of Poplar.

Dist 12.
Round the Bromley Dist, incl. Friar Barracks, Abbott Gate & New St. Dist.
Round North Bow & Old Ford.

Dist 11.
Round Limehouse & part of Poplar: remainder Japs & Chinese
Round Limehouse & East St. District; Meland Hall & opium dens.

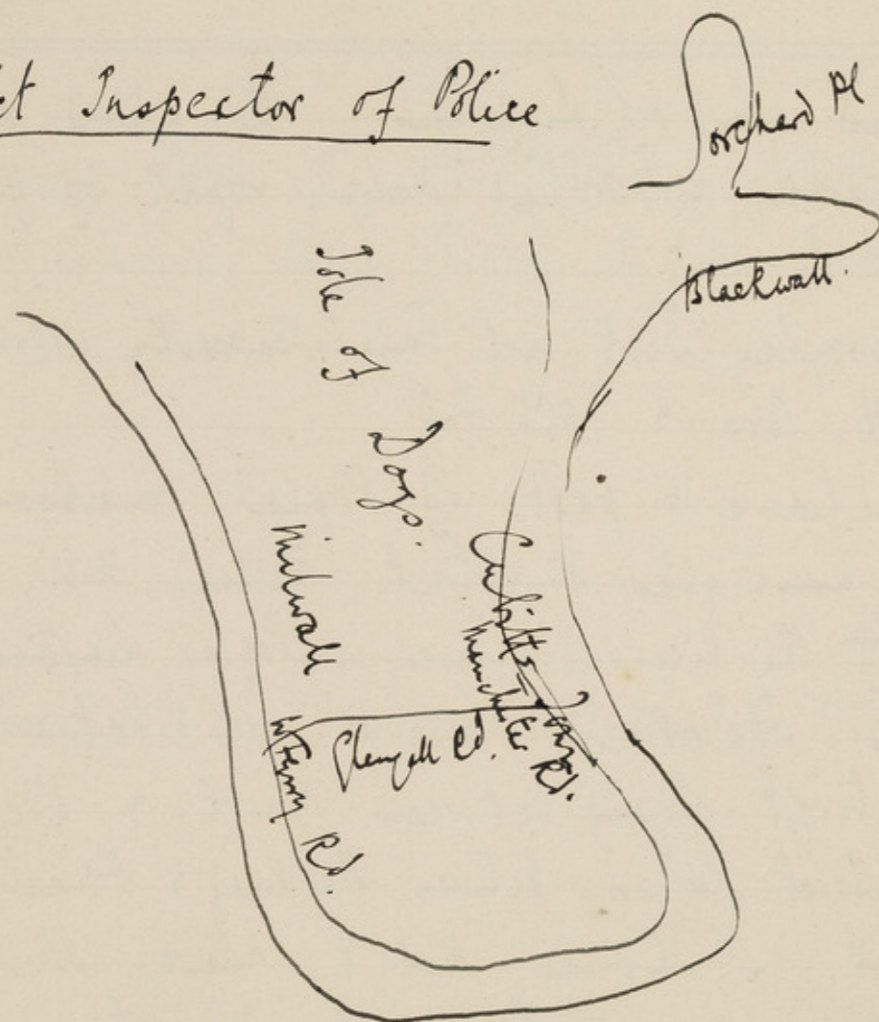
Dists 11 & 12.
An account of the licensed houses in Poplar, Limehouse, Bow & Bromley.

Dist 13.
Round the Hackney Wick District.
Round district lying between N. L. R. & Victoria Park.

Round district lying between Hackney & Hornetm Sta. on the North
and St. Thomas' Rd & New St. on the S.

Round Hornetm & Part of Clapton. This interview
is continued in Police Book. 13 B.

Carter - District Inspector of Police



District inspected.

Dist. 11

Streets that have improved

deteriorated

May 28. 97.

Doubtful - $\frac{10-11-12}{5}$

S.H.D.

Perambulation with Mr. Carter - Local Police inspector
wand the District bounded on the NE

N.E. by. West India Dock Road
Garford Street.

South by West Ferry Road.
West by Manchester R.
Brunswick R.

South Quay. Blackwall.

North West by The River Lea, i Bow Creek R.

North. East India Dock Road.
turning South down the Woodstock R.
into High Street poplar then west
through Pennyfields & back to the
Police Court in the West India Dock R.

That is - part of Limehouse, the whole of the Isle
of Dogs, Blackwall, the Orchard House &
part of Poplar.

Garford Street - respectable - pair in colour

The Rev. Alpe.

West Ferry Road.

row as formerly - In it St Peter's church - Rev. Mr. Alpe "Not much of man, slack, does not seem to take much trouble."

Then a down between high dock walls; road littered with peas that had leaked out from a faulty sack, heavy carts, great noise, echoing walls, wet road "Traffic always makes much more noise when the roads are wet"; across "First Bridge" is that over the Quinchase entrance to the West India Docks, into the West Ferry Road.

West Ferry Road. Shops & dwelling houses in the main road. The side nearest the River being as a rule the poorest.

A block of streets bounded on the West by West Ferry Road, on the North by Cuba St on the East by Alpha St on the South by Mellish Street - mostly people in our

map. comprising
Cuba street - labourers.

Manilla St - ... } Poor but respectable
Byng St - ...

East of West Ferry Road.

Streets marked light blue or purple in our maps. Some eg. Strafford St seem to have improved since then, so has Alpha Rd

Alpha Road - pk

Poor waterside streets

Caverick, Crewc & Claude Sts db

Bitter class.

Strafford St Dock foremen & permanent hands
Havannah St Poor in the West end but better class opposite Church on the East end.

Dock St Labourers
Malabar St (formerly Charles St)
Maria St - poor street - some Irish.

Janet St Labourers.
Mellish St Set of good Labourers. pink

Alpha Road bounding these streets on the East, inhabited by Dock foremen & permanent hands neat fronts, trees, comfortable appearance.

Then down over the 'Second Bridge' over the entrance into the Millwall Docks.

On the West side of West Ferry road. short streets ending in factory walls.

Caverick St } low class of Labourers.
Crewc St } poor aspect - Bearing out
Claude St } Dictum that the

poorest will always be found nearest the water - light blue in our map. Probably was a darker shade of light blue.

Ferry Road - now called Parris Rd.

Cahir St. on the North Side of West Ferry Road
with a low class of casuals.

Chapel House St. with a better class.

Lead St - - - - -

Then a block of streets bounded on the west by
Stebondale St & on the east by Wharf Road
& Manchester Rd.

Stebondale St has the ^(old) character of being the
worst street in the Island. Houses with
basement floors, 9 feet below high tide,
drains run backwards. Some looked very
poor, but by no means all - had the air
of a street that was improving - all
the houses looked better than those in
Caversick, Crowe & Claude Streets mentioned
above. marked people in our maps.

Church St. (Now Newcastle St) of poorer aspect
than Stebondale St rents ~~say~~ 2/- a week
for a notice board at one end "all
houses put in good repair." Newcastle St
looked the poorest in this block.

Per

Stebondale St.

The Manchester Rd.

Stewart St - lb all thro'

Passmore S^o
Billsom S^o
Kingfield S^o
Tysoot S^o
Pier S^o } all of a better class than
Newcastle S^o.

Though marked blue was not given a diff^t character to the foregoing.
Then north up the Manchester Rd - a block of streets bounded on the SW - by Clengall Road, on the NW. by East Ferry road & on the E. by the Manchester Rd - a triangular block.

The greater part are occupied by a fair set of permanent lands: the only exception being Mashfield S^o (purple in our map) out of the Clengall Rd. with a low class of labour & Chipka S^o also with a low class. "but perhaps better than Stobondale S^o"

Stewart S^o on the E of the Manchester Rd also very poor looking. blue = poor purple in map.
Again north towards Blackwall.

At the corner of the Clengall Road and the Man

Improvements towards Blackwall

X. vid p. 249.

Manchester Road, a public house, neat
& well kept appearance from the outside
called 'a cooperative public house' & run
by a cooperative society. The only one I know
of in London said Carter & very respectably
kept.

Stratfordale St, Pleasa St, Gabriels St, Catalina,
Rosetta St

Then north again towards Blackwall: a poor block
of streets between Brunswick St on the East
& Proton Road on the W. Great changes here
owing to the Blackwall tunnel works. Instead
of Aricoster street (marked dark blue on our
maps) a block of County Council dwellings
Norfolk St (light blue) has been opened up
of Juselee St only the east side remains
standing, the west is down for the tunnel
works. East side has still a poor appearance
but sun & air have done something to make
these houses look brighter. ~~There~~ One or four
bootless children playing about in the streets.
Shows that the inhabitants who remain are
still

Orchard Place.

Orchard Place lb

Boat facing river - db

Robin Hood Lane.

still of the poorest.
Further north a block on the West side between
Prantage Street on the South & Naval Row on the
North - all red in our map & of the same
character now.

Then went into the Orchard St by the South Quay and
up into Orchard place. "Don't have much trouble
here, people look rough but don't make
much noise, a long way for us to come, we
do not often look in here" said Carter.
Some very poor streets or rather courts fronting
on the Bow creek - Very poor - all the evidences
of their being of the poorest & roughest - many
bootless children, unwhitened steps, no flowers
in the front window etc etc. Three or four public
Houses - all dark blue in character - evidently
official laziness accounts for the fair character
given to the place. Carter himself ignorant of
the existence of the court fronting on the river.
Then back down Orchard St into East India Dock
Road - a roughish block enclosed by Robin
Hood lane on the E and Cotton Street on the
west

Aston St db
Wells St db
Manisty Street

22¹⁵ 99. Improvement in both these streets
Aston St still ^(with rat 52) with a little pk. & some
sl for the Inil at NW end.
Wells St: N side lb db

rough streets

Bath place district

worst has come down

West - Aston St & Wells Street (purple in our map)
are the two main streets of this quarter. Grosvenor
Buildings in Manisty St & making the South
side of Wells St. took the place of a bad
shum. Wells St North side still of rough
appearance. In the Buildings live a number
of prostitutes, flying for hire in the E India
Dock Rd. Leading out of Aston St into E.I.
Dock Rd. is Union St with a squalid court
known as Osborne Place Court. Providence place
behind the Board School is also very rough.
Moving west again. a group of respectable street between
Cottage St & the railway, i.e. Bow Lane. Montague Place
Newby Place, Spore Villa.
On the West side of the railway the Bath Place
district lying between the railway & wood-
-stock place, dark blue in our map, a place
still with a bad reputation. but for the most
part pulled down. The North side of Cottage
Street is all down. Cottage Row the worst
street in the block is down altogether, a
waste place now: at the South end of it
Finch

Commodore Place: East of Newby Place on the
North side of Poplar High St.

Dark blue spots on the
South of Poplar High St

Dolphin Lane lb: N of Union & turning db

Single lane & the Irish

Finch Court is also shut up. Finch Court consisted
of 3 or 4 houses used together as a common lodging
house. Tenanted by a miller a German name
in the neighborhood as 'miller's' who received the
rejections of all the common lodging houses in
the neighborhood.

Then down along the Poplar High Street the south
side of which has a bad reputation - Brothel
at the corner of Simpson's Road (?) has
been one for more than 20 years. Down
Dolphin Lane, formerly a very rough spot
the lower or worst half of which has
now been taken by the parish authorities
& used for workhouse (?) buildings. Then at
a little village of small houses occupied
by dock employees, each with a little garden
known as W India Dock Cottages: the
Dock Company used to support a reading room
close by, but it was not sufficiently
attended & now belongs to Mr. Saffield &
Brown ^{ships} copper smiths.

Up north into the High Street & along west the next

Dingle Lane - db

Improvements in King St.

Courts on N side of King St. lb

Character of the Isle of Dogs.

Stay-at-home.

Poor

next turning south being Dingle Lane. A very low rough place with Hanbury buildings at one end. Inhabited by Cockney Irish. No English will live near them. This bit has the same character as Sophia St & Hook St. Then along King St & into West India Dock Rd. A few courts on the north side of King Street which are rather better now than they used to be.

General character of the Island.

A great many more people work there than live there, though many of those who live there would like to work there. Those who live there seldom leave. From week to week & year to year the men who are islanders remain there. Their women kind are the chief exceptions. On Saturday nights there are special buses to take them to shop in Crisp Street. The island itself is very poorly off for shops. No one in the island seems to be rich: ^{those who are} ~~or even~~ comfortably off.

No amusements.

Vices.

are the permanent dock officials. The poorest streets are those nearest the water. These are marked light blue; but the general tone of the Isle of Dogs is purple.

Of amusements in the island there are practically none. The hillwalk athletic ground football matches attract great crowds & have given the men some interest. Public Houses get up sing songs of an evening but there are no music halls.

The chief vices of the island are ^{drunk} gambling & betting & ^{stealing} thieving. There are more juvenile thieves ~~than~~ found there than in any other part of the E division. Lots of things to thieve. Old iron, goods from leaky sacks; there is a market for everything - One anything is found lying about & portable not a boy who wd not try to remove it.

Betting largely indulged in. Bookmaker caught last week in the West Ferry road betting in the middle of the street; on him they found £40 in gold & £10 in silver, all taken from the natives. At the opening of the Blackwall Tunnel boys came up to thieve among the crowds. One

Caught

caught with seven empty purses. He was an old hand too. 'You can always tell an old hand by his silence when he is pinched'. A novice begins to talk & explain. Not so an experienced man. There are no brothels in the Island. The nearest approach is the presence of a few about sailors wives.

A good many public Houses in the Island. Some rough some respectable. Cases wd. have the same conditions attached to the holder of a fully licensed house as to the holder of a Beer house. A Beer House proprietor must live on the premises but the licensee of a fully licensed house may live in Brighton & put in a man to take care of his house in London. That is why the licenses are so difficult to get hold of or to get public opinion to bear upon.

A public house occasional license is no longer granted to supply beer on the Athletic ground during football matches. This has diminished drinking on match days as there are many more people who wd. drink than can be supplied on the premises

No. Brothels

Public Houses.

Possible improvements.

Allotments

Church work.

Health resorts

Strikes & industry

premises of the existing public houses.
The allotments on the ^{South} side of the ~~Glengall~~ ^{Glengall} ~~Glengall~~ ^{Glengall} Road
have had a quieting effect. Surplus energy worked
off there. Leisure time spent there by many instead
of at the public. Holders have arranged among them-
selves a mutual protection society against outside
thieves who steal their flowers etc while they are
themselves away at work.

Church work does not seem to have had much influence
Alpe does nothing. But Cowan is very active & gets
people to listen to him. He is strong athletic looking
amusing & appeals to his hearers.

A Sunday evening crowd goes to the public gardens on
the N.E. side to listen to the County Council band.
Crowds also wander along the South Quay to
the back of the Blackrock Station. This is
known in the neighbourhood as 'East End by the
Sea'. It is recommended by many ^{Irish} doctors for
incipient consumptive patients. -- You can always
get a good healthy blast there.

A great blow dealt to the island by the shutting of
Lanudo's shipping yard. entirely owing to the
action

action of the trade unions. Carter believes the majority of the men themselves were against the strike. Many of them told him that if a general ballot had been taken the majority wd. have been against the strike. They went on because their leaders made them. Now they are sorry for it. Saunders passed through bankruptcy court & had to give up the two government ships at which they were at work at the time of the strike. Mens work has left. Womens work if anything is increasing. McCormick's ^{and provision} jam factory. Mostons jam gives employment to a great number of women.

Note. that with perhaps the except of two or 3 cul de sacs on the SW of the West Ferry Rd. ie Garesick St to Cowe St - all the roads in the island have an open airiness very different from the poor streets North & west of the East India Dock & Poplar High Street.

Womens industries

Round the Bromley District

The Campbell Rd

May 31.

Dist 12

Police
10-11-12

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S.H.D.

Perambulation with Mr Carter round the District of Bromley bounded on the North by the London Tilbury South end railway on the West side by the Gas light works, Bow Canna Lane, Upper North St, Guildford Rd & Crisp Street - On the South by the East India Dock Road - On the East by Bow creek & the river Lea.

Starting down the Campbell Road into the Sevens Road.

On the West of the Campbell Rd.

Fairfoot Rd.

Rownton Rd.

Lewiston Rd.

Chiltem Rd

not in the map - inhibited by railway & police men

Knapp Rd - purple in the map; there has been some improvement but it is not ^{nearly} so respectable as the foreign road.

South of Knapp Rd are Finn St, Blackthorn St, White

Dark blue streets

The Fenian Barracks.

Gale St - db

Box St - db

Blackthorn Stth, on the west side of the Devons Rd. All blue streets Blackthorn & Whitethorn being dark blue. Inhabited by many Irish & workers in the Gas works, a rough lot, given to drink and racing & betting. Whippet racing a favourite sport for Sundays on the Bow running ground. Whippets are tops of the greyhound type, smaller than regular greyhounds and larger & stouter than Italian greyhounds. Blackthorn St is perhaps the worst street of this block.

South of the Devons Road are Clancus, River, & Weston Streets getting worse as they approach the Fenian Barracks. Weston St & Perrin St both dark blue.

The block of streets between Gale Street & Farge Street are the worst in the district, worse than in almost any district in London. Three policemen wounded there last week. This block sends more police to hospital than any other in London. 'Men are not human' they are wild beasts. You take a man or a woman, a man is always organized. They fly brick bats

Aspect of the Barracks.

iron, any thing they can lay their hands on. All are Irish
cockneys. Not an English man or a Scotchman wd live
among them. The group is known as the "Finnian
Barracks." The streets have all the appearance of
semi vicious poverty. Hatless women, uncleaned
doorsteps, two or 3 women drunk, shoeless & stocky
less children in great numbers notwithstanding
the fact that at 3.15 they shd be in school ^{& learn cats}
In Hawgood street a group of young men between
18 & 20 yrs of age playing pitch and toss.
One older man of about 25 to 30 years among
them. Consternation at our appearance. Free
fight to get out of the circle. Cates surprised
at their having let us get so close. "What were
the crows doing?" Crows being those put to watch
& keep case. East ward is the roughest of this rough
lot. All knew Cates by sight well. At the
corner of ~~Eastward~~ ^{Hawgood} is the door leading to a fat
refinery. Not only are the inhabitants ^{think nothing of taking human life} ~~but~~ the
bests are more terrifying. "You shd come down here
of an early summer morning; if possible after a shower
of rain: Rats, not a two or three or in 10's
or

Crows.

+

Rats.

Rats

Over Stinkhouse bridge into
Crisp Street.

or twenty, but in thousands and tens of thousands:
the street will be covered with them, so will be the
yard of the factory; rats, not small rats but
big & fat, the size of cats: you knock a ~~pedestrian~~
with your boot & away they go with a
rush and a hissing sound from their feet
upon the pavement that will make your
blood run cold. Last evenings or even during the
day they will come up in search of ^{esp. after hours} water.
Water is scarce in the drains in which they live. They will
eat anything. A lot of hams were condemned by the
inspector as unfit for human food & brought down by
barges to be boiled down for train oil; they arrived one
evening, were unloaded & left till morning on the
quay. In the morning nothing was left but brown
husks with the outward appearance of hams.
The rats had eaten out all that was inside. Carter
saw them himself. What will happen if rat food ran short?

Then across the Cut over Stinkhouse Bridge down field.
-ford it into Crisp Street, a triangle bounded on
the north by the Cut, on the east by the
North London Railway & on the south west by
Lippes

Dark blue street - Broomfield Street etc.

Broomfield St - lb

Prostitutes in Flint Street.

Flint St purple

North Street, Bygrove St, Kerby Street. Crisp Street runs from the center of this group.

on the west of Crisp Street:—

Broomfield Street; dark blue in our maps; but not so bad as the 'Barracks' which are also marked dark blue. Perhaps there has been some improvement in Broomfield St; it did not look so bad as the barracks. Barchester St - light blue: is a better street than Broomfield.

Brabazon St - purple. Still better as is Ellesmere St.

(The shades of difference in this block seem to be correct as regards themselves: it is only when you compare the dark blue of Broomfield St with another dark blue such as Radford St that you think that Broomfield St should be lighter or Hawgood St darker than they are marked.)

Flint St still on the west of Crisp St is the ^{living place} ~~haunt~~ of prostitutes, of the better class, who work the East India dock

Prostitution.

up the St. Leonard's Road.

"Dock Road", These customers are the petty officers of ships; just as common sailors go to the Jamaica place so their superiors come to Flint Street. The Duke of Suffolk public House with a back entry into Northumberland St. is the recognized meeting place for these women who live in the neighbourhood, ie in Bygone Street Girard Street as well as in Flint Street Bowen St. - dark blue a short poor street with two beer houses & a small court Commodore place (?)

Carmen, Charles, & Cordelia Street, not so poor, inhabited by dock labourers in fairly regular work. some cotes in Vesey St and Mary place.

Streets on the East side of Crisp Street, Morris Fawes, Rifle, Coring, Milton - as map.

Then East through Grandy Street turning North up the St Leonard's Road.

On the West of St Leonard's Road, Church St Aye, Ida Street, Stover St, Lodove Street.

Ida

Public Houses.

'Cowshed Day'

Willis St. E of Sda St. lb }
W }
Topley St. purple
Wilson (Willis?) St. purple
Matlock St. purple

Down the Brunswick Road.

Da street has 5 public houses three of which are fully licensed; many rough women about and many women in the pubs; Monday is recognized as ladies day: in Carr Street it is known as "cowshed" day & probably here also; poor women being known to their husbands & male neighbours as 'cows'; Monday is their drinking day because they have still a little pocket money left: and they drinking the public houses which become in consequence 'cowsheds'.

On the S.W. side of St Leonard's Rd, Cook, Follit
Duff's field, Coay, Tetley, Willis, Darschen?
Topley streets - Topley Street - red on map is
perhaps a little poorer & shd be purple.
St Leonard's avenue north of it is a narrow
St & poorer than Byron St which is an open
St though it has the same class of house.
Then ^{eastward} westward round Dewberry St & south down
Brunswick Road.
Streets lying between St Leonard's Rd &
& Brunswick Rd - a block of red streets

hang

Desart St - pk

namely Joshua, Wilson, Andrew, Desart, Cardor
streets Rowlett of these Wilson St looks poorer than
the rest given to it; on the other hand Desart
street (purple) shd. be rather more ~~red~~ than
purple

The alphabetical abbot Estate

On the East side of the Brunswick Road is the
Abbott's Estate - The streets all beginning (from
South to North) with the different letters of the
alphabet & all the names are scotch.

Going from North to South are.

Highland St. a fair St of a purple blue.

Glencoe

Fincham.

Elrick

Dee

Culloden

Blair

Athole

} occupied by a very respectable
class of poor employed in the
Docks, or as lightermen, or
foremen in the factories round
about.

These streets are all better
with the exception of Highland St
to the North than to the South i.e. the
streets gradually tail off in character
as you approach the E. India Dock
Road

Improvements in Sewage arrangements

Oban St. N side purp.

Road. In Athole Street are the headquarters of the North Metropolitan tramways and of the London Gen Omnibus Co. and in the surrounding streets are many of the employees, stablemen, conductors, drivers etc. Then ~~down~~ the ~~Exeter~~ Athole Street joins Abbott Rd passing Aberfeldy & Denledi str. - purple as map.

On the East of the Abbott Rd. a block of str. lying between Oban St & Abbott Rd namely Portree St, Moneas Rd, & Oban St. Portree St & Oban St purple, Moneas Rd light blue - a poorer class come to Moneas road because the rents are lower than in the other two streets. Rents are lower because the street is on a lower level & houses used to be flooded. Things are better now & the sewers have been so improved that there is no longer any back flow. The North side of Oban St. is light blue on the map but there is no perceptible outward difference between the North & the South sides. Then North West up the Seven

Seven Road

Seven Road - lb all thro' at the corner of Man St is a public house which has been turned into a shirt factory. Every year a license is applied for & every year it is refused

Venne St pk

Seven Road, marked all dark blue in our maps. The South end may perhaps still be dark blue, & a few mixed houses towards the Centre, higher up it is distinctly better, many house doors were open, oil cloth & coconut mats in the entrance passages, flowers in the windows, decent curtains, sometimes a case of stuffed birds on the top of a book or two, all pointed to greater respectability. Has the appearance of a street which is on the road upwards. At the North end is a large open waste which there is some talk of turning into a public garden. At present it is marshy & full of heaps of gravel rubbish etc but not fresh rubbish. Many gasworkers live in the Seven Road.

Then up the Brunswick Road into Zetland St, Gallon, Wyvis, Venne & Hampden Streets - Venne Street is marked purple but it is really better than the St. Bernard Rd also purple but not quite so respectable as

Devas Street District

as Kansas St which we mark red. At the corner of Zetland St is the Bromley Hall Tavern which is a beer house only, a full license is refused it every year -

On the east of the Brunswick Rd, Lochnagar & Spey St both fine, & running between St Leonard Rd & Zetland St, Alba, Spey, & Jervis Sts all respectable, Jervis street being the best of them.

Then north over 4 Mills Bridge (known to the police as 3 Mills Bridge) & up St Leonard St. On the west of St Leonard St in a circle round St Andrew's Church a group of blue & dark blue street ranges. Empson St now called George St, Manes St, Lingen St, rough streets, mixture of Irish; Devas street is the worst of them & has a very poor little ramshackle court out of it; these streets though poor & very rough are not vicious in the same way as the Fenian Barracks. Donald St & Thomas St out of Devas St are also dark blue. In Devas St were public houses with half open doors,

Streets near the Stepney Workhouse

Thieves resorts

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Eggleston Rd. it now looks better than
Paris Rd & if remarked would be
lb.

women sitting drinking, with children of 3 or 4 years either
on their laps or playing on the floor. Two small
short streets James St & Peter St are on the west
side of St Leonard's St are light blue.

North again over the railway bridge & past the Bromley
Station. On the ~~West~~ side a set of blue streets
leading down to the Stepney Workhouse - many of
their occupants on their way there too -

Paris & Stratfield Streets being a dark
shade of light blue in character & Eggleston
Road between them decidedly dark blue (as
map). Eggleston Road on the west & Han-
cock Rd on the east of St Leonard's St
are noted thieves resorts. But all these
streets bear a better police reputation than
Seas St

Three Mills Lane is purple. Two houses on the north side
are marked dark blue & though ^{they look} worse than
the ~~outside~~ rest of the road don't look
more than light blue. May be these two houses
are hostels. Carter went sure.

St Sherman St Jefferson, Washington & Sherman Sts

Thieves roots

Hink's Row. S of Jefferson St. poor
cottages - ch: not marked in map

Franklin St. - db
Jefferson St. purple
Priory St. - purple

The past history of the
Manual Training School.

are much of a mess. Old & Jefferson St. look fairly well but they don't live up to their looks. In Washington St. were many bar-headed women walking about. purple in map but looks to be light blue. Franklin St. & Priory Streets are the roots of thieves, both are probably dark blue, we mark them light blue.

Bruce Road (as map) is & has always been a respectable street.

Then north into the Bronley High Street. past the Board School Manual Training School built on the site of a formerly well known common lodging house, which in its turn had been an old manor house with a valuable carved chimney piece in one of its rooms. This chimney piece had been offered to & refused by the proprietor. When bought by the school board the chimney piece fell to the bid of a local dealer who sold it to the South Kensington Museum where it now is - (according to Carter)

On the west side of Bronley High St were two short

Streets that tumbled
down of themselves.

(Amiel St. & Terrace down)

'A Genius'

short streets leading down to the river, Amiel Street
& Amiel Terrace, with a bad reputation, jerry built
now all down, were not pulled down, but simply
fell down of themselves.

Then west along the Bow Road, several little
courts on the South Side, Sanity Court dark
blue, Bakers alley almost dark blue, Brewery
yard quiet, small gardens, and behind
the Police Station glebe road inhabited
by policemen & firemen, ~~etc.~~

Through at the corner of Sanity Ct (?) a common lodging
house kept by a 'genius', a man who according
to Carter has murdered several people in his
time, by name Hume: well known & friendly
with the police: well educated: we went in
room on ground floor on the right, very untidy
the genius reclining, clothes, rags, papers all
over the floor no attempt at order.

Mr Hume in his shirt sleeves; tall; enormously
strong, grey hair & short grey beard, with
arms the size of an ordinary mans leg: a very
ill-look in his eye: produced a whiskey bottle
from

from a cupboard, we refused & apparently displeased him, Carter rather uneasy had some difficulty in getting away, had to say we wd look in again another day.

Mr. Hume belongs or says he does to an old Scotch family, has been well off in his time & consorted with gentle people, does not drink himself, probably a touch of insanity somewhere, a very ugly customer
Back through ~~Baker's alley~~ ^{Baker's alley} into Bromley High St.
Bromley High St. very rough throughout, marked purple in our maps but must be more nearly dark blue especially in the center.

On the West side where the High Street joins the Sevens Road, Back Alley & Stewarts Buildings, both shd be black, notorious brothels, & have been so for years. Here it was that Barrett who stole the silver ingots from the L. & N. W. R. hid.

General Remarks.
This district has many bad spots & a great many very poor streets. From the police point of view the

The Bromley High Street.

Bromley High St. db
(purple on either side of db patch)

Brothels

Back Alley - black
Stewarts Bldgs. - black

General Remarks.

On the nature of bad districts.

Suggested improvement for
the Barracks.

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The 'Barracks' is the worst. This is a spot, which, though not perhaps worse than other given spots, if taken in bits, yet as a whole is consistently bad, & from its size very difficult to deal with. Small streets may be bad in themselves but they can be tackled. A large block is another thing altogether. Cows can be posted to give the alarm. Men travel from house to house from within if chased. A cry of police brings help from every house. The inhabitants hustle the police, they organize rescues; not the least bit of good anything less than 6 constables going down in case of a row if there is any prospect of having to haul off anyone to the police station.

A rather obvious way (if not too expensive) ~~would~~ ^{be seen of} improving this group would ^{be seen to} be to run either Hangood St. or Eastward St. into Bow Common Lane. There is a bit of waste land now used for penny gaffs of no high reputation through which the road would pass. This would bring traffic down Gale Street & Hangood St to Plink house bridge & cut the corner made by the Deans Rd & Bow Common Lane.

For

The Irish Cockney.

Tallymen, Insurance agents,
& rent collectors

For police purposes the convenience would be very great because they would be able to work the group from both ends.

Of the individual cockney Irish dwellers in the Danacks Carter had a poor opinion. Get him alone & he is a coward but let him & a pal get you alone & ~~the~~ they think nothing of knocking you down & robbing you. Two or 3 of them will often wait to catch a single man on his way half drunk out of the Public House.

Bring monday the district was alive with Tallymen Insurance agents & rent collectors. Tally men in dogcarts, smart, some with a groom in livery, & a pile of samples ^{Some on bicycles} under the seat. Others on foot & calling for ^{orders}. Others less smart driving a cart on which was piled furniture mats etc. Bar District seems to be the paradise of Tallymen, in the Campbell Road they have their dwellings & in the neighbourhood they make their living. Young men, most of them, of a Jewish cast of countenance. There is hardly a thing they wont sell you. Always a bargain but always much less than you could

Pawn shops.

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could buy it in a shop. They run great risks of bad debts &
"the live must pay for the dead."

Then there was the insurance agent with a business like
air, a brown or black hillycock hat & a suit
of ditto. The rent collector nearly always had a
top hat, an umbrella, & an invariable black coat.

Pawn shops doing a fair business with women who were
putting away their own & their husbands Sunday
clothes. "One of the signs of a poor street is the
pawnshop at the end of it." A pawnshop must
be near its customers. "Pawnshops are used quite as
much by the poor as a means of safety as as
a means of raising money; you know your clothes
will not be either stolen or ill-used while they
are at your ankles & it is worth paying something
for this."

Perambulation in North Bow.

St Leonard's Buildings - lb

Clay Hall Road - lb

Prostitutes.

Spring St db

Autumn St - lb

Tuesday, June 1.

Dist 12

Order 1912

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J.H.S.

Perambulation with Inspector Carter round the District enclosed on the South by the Bow Road, on the West by the Coborn Road, Selwyn Rd, & Ellesmere Rd, on the North by the Hertford Union Canal & on the East by the Lea River.

Starting North up the old Ford Road.

St Leonard's Buildings at the corner of the Bow Rd & Old Ford Rd. with a very rough set of inhabitants.

On the West of the Old Ford Rd.

Clay Hall Rd - purple in map - but with a bad reputation. ~~Describe~~ a blue purple still it is better than Spring St (light blue)

Further north ^{are} Blenheim Street, Dawson St & Ashtley street the first two being dark blue.

On the East side of Old Ford Rd.

Summer Street, Spring Street & Autumn Street - Summer & Spring Street are the resort of prostitutes or a low class

Dark blue streets.

Isleland Row - lb

Munich Road District.

class of labourers. We mark them light blue. They have however a leaning toward a darker shade. Autumn S. we mark pink. Carter said it should be dark blue. & Isleland Row to the north of it light blue. This district seem to have gone down a bit.

Then up to the Reformatory & into Wick Lane passing Maverlan St. to the west (purple was & marked purple in the map) & round to the east down into a little block known as the Munich Road district; - a district quite by itself & keeping itself to itself. A policeman rarely seen here was that the powder barges on their way up to Eltham no longer have to be inspected. Formerly these barges lay off here & while the men went on shore to dinner the police had to stand by to see that no one came near smoking pipes or with lighted matches. There is a Board school in Smeed road. The district is bound on the north by the Hertford Union Canal, on the East by the River, on the South by an embankment & on the West by the railway.

A district that may become black.

Wyke Road - lb

railway. The map marks all the roads except Dace Rd, purple. Dace Road is pink.

At the end of the main road an open space, with penny gaff & swings found the amusement of the neighbourhood. There are many girls here employed in Birchaums rubber factory. Wyke Road is rather poorer than Monier Rd. Rippoth Rd of much the same character. The streets ended in open spaces leading on to the canals. This is a spot which might easily become black. It only wants the open spaces to be filled up. It is of the right size; difficult of entrance & exit, ^{close} proximity to the canal; once the space between the canal & Roach road were filled up it w^d probably go rapidly down hill. A lot of garden along the canal, between the towing path & Roach road - anything that would prevent the roads from ending finally in a blank wall & encourage people to walk to the end of the road then - might stop it. Now is the time if ever it is to be done.

Then back to Wick Lane & under the railway into
Jodrell

Jodrell St.

Via Appia.

Roman Road.

Character of streets N & South.

Housebreakers.

Locton St. purple

Jodrell Street & Parnell ^{Road} Street. Jodrell Street being a purple street, if anything a shade better than the byke Road. Camp Street, Parnell Rd & Candy Street all purple; inhabited by foot finishers & clickers. Locton St. we mark pink, but it is a roughish St. & no better than the rest. Rustan St. purple.

Then down the Appian Road, a very rough street: light blue in the map. Lifecore Road & Danos road. purple much of a muchness.

Then westwards down the Roman Road which is one of the great market streets in London. Things to be bought of every sort: even patent leather shoes. There is some demand for good quality as well as for cheapness.

The streets on the North of the Roman Road & lying between it & the Old Ford Rd are poorer & rougher than those on the South. We mark them ^(like those on the North) nearly all light blue. This is a noted resort for housebreakers; who are generally men of intelligence & capable workmen: often they are skilled carpenters or mechanics. On the South side are mostly pink streets. Usher Road we

Socialists.

Ford Street.

we mark purple but it looks like light blue.

Beale Road (light blue) in this district is a hot bed of socialists. They have a club (many of the windows broken) & abound round about. Kansbury is their leader. Not such a bad chap a rare talker 'all these socialist fellows are'.

Then up St Stephens Road into the Old Ford Road and west down Ford Street. Many clothing works about. Women sewing at the door steps & trooping. Halfway down on the west side is a group (dark blue in the map) of much poorer cottages called Victoria Cottages - they are two rooms & set back to back & very poor. So Ford St generally carries the same character as the Ford Road: we mark Ford St ^{light blue} purple & Ford Road purple.

Stewlett & Driffeld Street (pink) are both better class streets

The Blue bit in North Bow is practically bounded on the North by the Old Ford Road on the East by Devere Rd on the South by the Roman Rd on the West by Stewlett Rd.

Tuesday between 2.30 & 4

Insurance agents.

Hoxton, Old Ford & Housebreakers.

This old man kept the
'Palm' public house at the
corner of Palm St & Deseda
St.

Match girls

The day of the week of this walk was a Tuesday. Hours
between 2.30 & 4.

In the old Ford district there were many insurance
agents about; bowler-hatted & in suits of dittos.
Many women at their doors, often at work in
juvenile suits. The catsmeat man was going his
rounds & the cats who followed him looked
rather lean, but not so lean as those in
the 'Barrack' & the Deves Rd districts.

Old Ford & Hoxton are the haunts of housebreakers. House
breakers seem to be a product of manual skill &
liberal ideas. Old Ford also rejoiced in the possession
of receivers of stolen goods, known to the police
as Fences. One old man they were sure about
but never could get enough evidence against.
One he went from year to year. At last they
obtained enough to 'pinch him', then he went
& died & so escaped.

Bryant may have a rough set of pit. There are 2000
of them when they are big. Rough & ruddy but
not bad morally. They fight with their fists to
settle their differences, not in the factory for that
is

is forbidden, but in the streets when they leave work in the evening, a ring is formed, they fight like men and are not interfered with by the Police.

The Prostitutes living in Spring & Summer Street, the neighbourhood they live in the Old Fort Road and the Roman Road. These women satisfy the local demand, sailors don't come so far north. They generally take off their victims westwards to the Brothels in Branbridge Street (dark blue in our map)

Of all forms of prostitute the Polish Jewess is the worst. "They won't let you alone but follow you up & down the street & even catch hold of you". There are generally Bullies known to the Police as "Ponces" who live on their earnings. These men are more often foreigners than Englishmen and often themselves Polish Jews. "It's a curious thing about women like them the more these men knock them about the more they like them". In the summer these men attend the races or betting men in the winter live on the women.

Prostitution

Ponces.

Walk round Limehouse
and part of Poplar.

Limehouse proper.

Dist II

Police
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May 26. a Wednesday. & June 12. Saturday evening (p. 107)
(8-12). S.H.D.

This was my first interview & walk with Inspector
Carter. repeated.

The Limehouse Police Station is in the West India
Dock road, next to the Asiatic House & just
opposite Limehouse Causeway.

The district road which we walked is bounded on
the South by the Thames, Limehouse cause-
way, Penny fields & Poplar High Street
On the East by Hale Street, Bygrove
Street, Upper North Street
On the North by the Limehouse Cut, the
Burdett Road & Turner Street
On the West by the Limehouse Cut & the
Limehouse Basin.

Speaking generally "Limehouse proper" is the same
as before. Some streets are worse, but some
bad ones are no more. Limehouse proper is the

Limehouse improper.

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the district bounded on the South by the Thames
on the E. by Gasford Street on the North by
West India Dock Road and a little bit of the
East 1 Dock Rd & on the west by the Limehouse
cut. Official Limehouse extends a long way
north of this but local Limehouse does not;
when people in the neighbourhood speak of going
over into Limehouse they mean going over into
that bit of it lying between the W. India Dock
Road & the river.

Its character is & always has been the same & probably
always will be. Limehouse causeway is the
dwelling place of Japs & Chinamen. Rich Street
Jamaica place & Gill Street are a nest of
brothels frequented by common seamen of every
nationality. Up to two years ago 20 houses
out of the 24 in Jamaica place were brothels.
The same was the case in Rich Street. Ten
houses in each street have been prosecuted.
Two years ago a Vigilance Committee was started
in the district; with the professed intention
of putting a stop to these places. They made

No effect of vigilance Committees
on brothels

two were for one or two who had to shut up shop in these streets. But don't suppose they turned good. The only result was that they moved somewhere else & became a centre of contamination for other streets. Better to have them where you can put your fingers on them than in places where you don't know of their existence until they are firmly established. Sailors will have some-where to go to: the charge is 5/- to 10/- and a bed costs 6/- or 8/-. The business is a profitable one. Men there is a lot of money made by robbing the sailors. A man very seldom comes out of one of these places without any thing in the shape of money or valuables on his person. Sometimes they come & complain to the police but more generally they do not & it is very difficult to get sufficient evidence against these places. The vigilance Committee recognized that the fruits of their work were fraught with more harm than good & so voluntarily dissolved. The greatest indirect preventive to spending money in this way has been the facilities

Jamaica changed to Beccles St.

Gill St & Rich St.

Rich & Gills Sts black

facility was given to sailors to send their money home. Before the sailors land ships are boarded & as the money is paid over much is sent straight away to friends, relations or the Savings bank. Money can also be despatched through the foreign consuls. Jamaica St. has now been changed to Beccles St. in the hope that a new name may help it in achieving a new character; but it has not done so. Though Beccles Street is printed up at the corners of the street no one knows it by that name.

Note that both Gill Street & Rich Street are marked far too light in our map. Gill Street being purple & Rich Street pink. There must have been a decided worsening going on in these streets during the last 10 years; to be partially explained perhaps by the fact that King John's Court at the West end of Limehouse Causeway has been pulled down - this was a black spot in our map - & a row of black houses that backed on the canal down Chuson St. have also

also disappeared. The Contagious Diseases acts have never been enforced in London as at Portsmouth. The consequence is that this district is a hot-bed of venereal disease.

Then through Gun Lane & down Three Colt Street more brothels. Streets & courts very crowded & narrow. Down Ropemakers fields past Thomas' Rents & Whites onto many thickets to Nightingale place a sort of broad paved courtyard into which a street runs, down which you could get a cart without difficulty but through which a cart could not go.

This is a noted thieves roost - up Nightingale Lane & then ^{West} down Star Globe Alley, some very poor looking houses, but bits of gardens here & there, then west down Rope Walk & Northey street; marked pink in our map but now more probably purple or light blue.

Then north through Church Row, a much more respectable street, into the West India Dock Road; crossing the road into a very narrow entrance just past the Burdett Road

Gun Lane purple

Nightingale Place

Thieves

Rope Walk - lb

Northey St - purple

Chusan St.

Road. Down a passage called Chusan Street, and on between factory walls and a very poor set of houses, past the factory gate (Loder's Chemical works), then down a narrow passage which seems to lead to a blank wall only; on reaching the blank wall you turn sharply to the right down another passage & come out in Chusan place. This is one of the blackest spots in London. "I don't expect you will find it in your map, practically only the police know of its existence" said Carter. But there it was marked black right enough. "By jove, the chap who coloured up your map must have known London jolly well. I could hardly have believed it." was his next comment.

Chusan place is better than it was because there is less of it; the houses backing on the Canal have been pulled down so that those that remain have a broad open space in front of them. Each house has a way through into the other. At one end there was a group of children playing at a top window; well fed, bootless, rather dirty.

Thieves' tricks.

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dirty but happy looking. At the door a woman.
Well fed but very ill dressed. Her dress in literal
terms, impossible to understand why it kept
on at all. As a contrast at the rear of the
court a fairly well dressed middle aged woman
with one of the wickedest of faces. This is
a favorite thieves' resort. You are robbed in the
West India Dock Road: off goes the thief
down Chusan Street; you follow & if you are
close enough behind him you manage to land
yourself in Chusan Place. There he suddenly
disappears. You are glad enough to get out
of the place without further mishap. As a rule
the thief will have hipped over the wall &
as to the towing path & your right course wd
have been to have turned up the Burdett
road, down on to the towing path. There
& he wd probably have run into your arms.
Then out into the main road again down St. Dun's
Street - a very poor street - into the main
road turning N.W. down Salmons Lane into
Galt Street. Salmons Lane is a street market
at

The Cotton Estate

Effect of being near a canal.

Tomlin Terrace purple
Nesbitts Rents (Gun Lane) lb l^o
Gun Square - db l^o

out of which there are a number of poor & very poor tenings, which look certainly light blue, probably dark blue. In Felt Street, Henry St, Turner Rd & Lockeley Street, there is much greater comfort & respectability. Only one big public house fat & comfortable. "Does a big paying jug trade". This is part of the Cotton Estate. Many have been the applications to open another house. The Landlord or Trustees won't have it & to all appearances they have been justified by the condition of their estate. Along the canal is Tomlin Terrace; marked on the map pink. It looks purple. Between the houses & the canal is a broad road, which with the addition of the width of the canal makes a considerable open space. Here the canal instead of being a sewer running between high walls as it does, a little lower down as well as a little higher up & adding to the general baseness of its surroundings, actual increases the amenity of the road. Hence

The Bardett Road.

Clifton St.

St St Germans.


Hence a canal does not necessarily mark out the the course of vice though it seems to do so wherever the streets run at right angles to it & end in a high wall and nothing more.

Then down the Bardett Road coming out of Clemence Street. The Bardett Road is very respectable. Mr. Wells the chief of our division lives here. Down as far as Thomas Street. Up Thomas Street past the gold & silver refinery. Great many young French men live here, who live in Acland St & Walker St. They are somewhat loose in their morals.

Then across Stinkhouse Bridge turning back west again down Cotall Street & South down Stainsby Road. Cotall Street & in the streets behind it, Clifton St & Sabbatia Street, are the resorts of the prostitutes (see also page 37 of this book). In the North end of St St live many Germans. Very quiet & respectable people employed for the most part in Hammond's factory.

Father Lawless.

Randall's market

factory. Then East along Canton Street past
"Father Lawless' Church." "He is a wonderful
man, he can stop a row where we police are
of no use at all." Cockney Irish seem to
defy all authority except that of the
priest. "Once Father Lawless is there the people
seem to be ashamed & they slip away me by me
& gradually all is quiet: they do not even
start it again as soon as his back is turned."
Then South ~~into~~ down ^{Upper} North Street, past Evans
St. & ~~into~~ ^{along} ~~the~~ ^{road} ~~into~~ ^{into} Randall's market.
Evans Street is now all called Pekin St.
it is a fairly good & respectable street.
Many of the police live there.
Randall's market is a queer looking place.
Shaped like this . The storied shops -
for the most part furniture shops, & mostly
belonging to one man; none there buying.
& none there selling. Odd statues running
along the roofs of the houses. Carter said
the furniture man had a large business
& had grown richer & richer. Many
pros

Rook St & Sophia St. Irish

Penny fields.

prostitutes in the streets round Randal's market.
(see page 87 of this notebook)

Then down Hale Street on the west side of which
are Rook St & Sophia Street - a regular Irish
den - situated just at the back of Dr
Corney's garden, the manor house - all the vices
of the Irish rampant, murder, rows, dirt
etc. The Irish have a way of biting both
one another & those who interfere with
them. However it is not so bad as the Fenian
Barracks. Many hatless, bootless & dirty
children about & fat brawny bawling women
shouting at one another.

Then back down the Poplar High Street, through
Penny fields to the police station.

Penny fields has a peculiar character. On the north
side which is fairly respectable there are several
little courts, not unrespectable, on the south side
there are many boarding houses for foreign sea
-men & one or two noted brothels. The south side
is much worse than the north; we compare them
in the map as dark blue is to purple.

Japs & Chinamen

Public Houses.

General Remarks.

The Japs & Chinamen are as a rule quiet & easy to deal with. Of the two the Japs are the noisier. The Chinaman is tame & quiet & once you have made an arrangement with him he keeps to it. Chinese cooks sometimes escape from a board ship & hide in dinchouse causeway. But with the help of the chap at the Chinese general shop Baker generally can put his hand on them. That means a sovereign into his pocket. About last Christmas the Japs & Chinamen found out that their countries had been at war with one another, so they started fighting on their own account, but it wasn't much. The Chinaman has a great respect for authority. The Jap is not like an Englishman. He is a good sailor & more & more are being employed on English ships. He tries to be like an Englishman. When he comes to Ladang he drinks beer, gets drunk & runs after women.

The prices that are being paid for public houses now is astounding. Carter knows local men who have

taken to dealing in them to their own profit. They buy up small licensed places, they buy in a great stock of beer much more than they can sell, a great deal of it they let drain away into the sewers. Then they come to the Brewers & ask them to buy their houses pointing out the immense amount of beer they have disposed of. The Brewers are only too glad, they have themselves just turned into limited liability companies, they have an enormous capital behind them & they bid amongst themselves with the money of their shareholders for the possession of licensed houses. A new license is very difficult to get so that it is very important to get hold of houses that are already licensed.

\$16,000. This Sam Carter has on a reliable authority was paid for the Beerhouse opposite the entrance of the Blackwall Tunnel. This was only two months ago. This house is situated on the west side of the Preston Road at its junction with the East India Dock Road. They hoped to get a full license for it & enlarged

A Beer House opp. Blackwall Tunnel.

Good beer

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Bad beer.

rebuild the house. They have not been successful and he hears that the house is now going for £8000. Cherrington's is about the best beer in the neighbourhood. But a great deal of filthy stuff is sold. The Brewers put in as managers ^{men} to whom they have advanced large sums. These men must make money. To make money they must adulterate. If they don't, they lose & the brewers foreclose. Some firms are very hard. Perhaps the worst are Brewers at the Corner of the Dow Road just before you come to the Stratford Bridge; their name is Smith & Gerrard & the beer they sell is as bad as it can be. Taylor, Walker, in Linchouse used to be large brewers & do a great India trade as well as own the houses in Linchouse. But the India trade has failed them and trade has left Linchouse so they are in a poor way now as compared with former years. At the Corner of the Bridge over the Regents Canal entrance there is a house which used to be one of the wealthiest in the town. Big

Public House turned to Coffee House.

Saturday evening, round Linchouse proper
and Carr Street District

Business used to lunch there regularly. Now none does. It has failed & though retaining the outward appearance of a pub it is in reality a dingy coffee house. No such base uses etc.

On Saturday evening, June 12. A.L.B., G.H. J. & Carter went over part of the same district again. Starting from the Police Station, SE down West India Dock road, then east down Penny fields, north into the E-India Dock Rd, through North Street, west, along the E.I. Dock Rd past the Burdett Rd, into Chusan St, into Chusan place, out again through St Ann street into the Dock road, across the Britannia Bridge, NW through Salmons Lane, N through Carr Street, West down Ben Jonson's Rd, South down Whitehorse street East through Commercial Rd East, South down Horseferry Branch Road through Medland St, South again into Marrow Street through Nightingale place, through a set of courts into Church Lane & Three Colt Street, thro' Gun Lane

Chusan place.

Salmon's Lane.

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into Jamaica place, then South into Limehouse
Causeway to back to the Police Station.

Chusan place looked more deserted than before. On the
way there down Chusan St. were many women with
babies in their arms, sitting on the door steps;
the turning into St. Ann's St. - a thieves resort -
was full of children - a group of boys playing
pitch & toss with tin can buttons - a
girl of about 10 or 12 years also playing
the same with two tops, & a group of girls
any age from 6 to 12 sitting on the pavement
playing trucklebones with square shape dice-
like pieces made of wood or china. Hour
8.30 PM, a fine summer evening, warm.

Then along Salmon's Lane, a market street, full
of booths & shouting butchers; brisk trade in
vegetables esp. tomatoes & lettuces & flowers.
Pale pink tomatoes - probably Italian - going
for 1^s per lb, in good condition. Some big red
English ones also, for 6^d per lb. The pale
pink

Over the canal bridge

John's Gardens

pink sort were also ~~displayed~~^{on sale} in a shop in the ^{Commercial} ~~Street~~ Road E for 2^d & 3^d per lb.

Then down Finken Street and across the bridge over the Regents Canal. On the east side of the canal a block of houses reaching down almost to a level with the towing path & entered from the east end of the Bridge - 4 stories (?). marked apparently pink in our map, but looked to be dark blue. Shoeless & stockingless children apparently belonging to them were playing along the towing path.

On the west side of the bridge, a spot marked black in our map - a court leading to the back entrance of a blind alley & rejoicing in the name of John's gardens. A respectably dressed woman at one end of it, but a very poor house almost opposite to it. Seems to have been some improvement here' said Carter. This bit is best seen from the railway train looking out of the left hand windows going ^{away from} ~~towards~~ Brompton Rd. ^{before} ~~after~~ crossing the Regents Canal. No certainly a very dark blue.

Car Street District

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Then down Car St. just after crossing Repton St
is a little blind alley ending in the back
entrance into a public house whose front gives
upon Dupat Street. A barking black retriever
chained up in a kennel gave notice of our
approach.

Then down Carr Street - dark blue in our map. & out
of it on the west side, Maron Street, Eastfield St
~~now called ~~Car~~ St~~ & North Street. Part of Maron St is purple in
our map. Eastfield St is light blue & North St
dark blue. The district is all very rough. No-
body calls it Carr Street. To the neighborhood
it always is & always has been "Donkey Row" &
any East Enders will tell you where Donkey Row
is. Many of the inhabitants are haddock curers,
who can only work when haddocks are cheap.
Some will buy them if they are dear. Haddock curing
as a staple industry is always a sign of great poverty (and)
as you go further north there are North St, Henry St
& Halley St. where many of those employed in
the Commercial Banks close by, live. Jewellers
are

Medland Hall.

are rough & drink like fishes. Hard work is work at very high pressure & great heat & gas fumes all seen to lead them to the bottle.

Then along Ben Johnson's Rd passing St. John's Church (Rev. Staden - who so far (16.vi.97). has refused to see us), & South Down White Horse St; here the houses are much more respectable, they look out upon the large garden of Stepney Parish Church

So into the Commercial Road East & South Down Horseferry Branch road into Medland Street. Hour 9.15. Medland Hall - the Congregational Union Refuge Hall. Rev. Gates - with the notice 'Fall' placarded on the outside. Fall means that there are 300 adult men inside. Pipes & cigars relighted before entering & well that they were otherwise the stench of perspiring humanity would have been overpowering. Ranged in banks along the floor with narrow passages between each row, and in the gallery were 300 men asleep or half asleep, a few talking. The banks ~~are~~ not unlike coffins & in the dim light the

Tests of poverty.

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men in them looked like corpses arranged for identification after some great disaster. Some ^{very} dressed, some half dressed & others naked. One ^{man} & then a pale corpse w^o rise & flit across the room, silently with bare feet, quite naked in fact. Upstairs there is a room where the more respectable are set apart by themselves. Just now in summer time the galleries are most sought after as being the coolest places. In the ^{evening} ~~morning~~ the men are given a crust of bread & water: they are turned out at 6 in the morning. Only the very poorest are said to come. They have had two trials lately because aspersions have been cast on the character of the institution. On ^{the} one occasion the Comptroller told the men present that they were said to be able to pay for their own lodgings; they cried - as he had meant them to - 'Search us', all except two who had ~~not~~ ^{been} ~~not~~ ^{professed} themselves unable to bear the indignity of a search were searched & 5/2 was the result. On two other occasions a tobacconist was allowed in with 2 of pkts of tobacco, in two evenings he only disposed of 27 packets. This evening the deputy said they had ^{any} Do they have any place outside where they deposit their money like the warehouse in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~east~~ ^{east}. The deputy thought not.

An opium den in Jamaica Street

Norwegian carpenters come over in search of jobs on the Jubilee stands - Each year (?) they emigrate 100 men to the colonies - Very seldom have any trouble with them.

Then into Jamaica Street passing through Nightingale Place & several small courts - thieves resorts - Knocked at the door of No. 13. Jamaica St. "Are you at home, mother, & may we come in to see you" Said Carter. Come in, Come in my dear, answered a voice from an inner room. Through a small low room, dark, into another room rather less dark but rather smaller, the greater part of it being taken up by a large square low bed or couch, at the two sides of which were hanging curtains. In the centre of the bed a tray on which a small lamp under a glass shade looking like a night light - only the flame was smokeless & clear, round the lamp 3 or four little boxes or bottles, at the back of the bed 4 small square pillows, reclining on either side of the lamp a man & a woman, fully dressed, though the man was in his shirt sleeves, & the trousers which he wore hung loosely round his

Opium pipe can be bought new
for 5/- or 6/- but when seasoned
is worth £3 to £5.

Opium smoking

hips & legs showing the outlines of bones & joints
which had ^{probably} not been born to wear trousers. The man
was an Indian, a Hindoo, & the woman English
or perhaps Irish. They were man & wife & kept an
opium den.

As we entered they were just going to start smoking.
Two pipes were reached down from racks on the wall
at the back of the bed. The pipes are made of
tubes of bamboo wood hollowed, about 2 ft long &
about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down sticks out the bowl of
the pipe. The prepared opium which looks like
treacle is taken out of a small bottle hardly larger
than a thimble ^{filled} with a small ^{bone} salt or mustard
spoon, & put, I think, straight into the bowl of the
pipe. Some of it is also stuck round the end of a long
knitting needle which is then held over the flame
of the lamp & gently roasted. It should not burn during
this process & as smoke must get into it, the lamp
therefore is fed with the finest colza oil & that is why
the flame is so clear & smokeless. Very now & then this
knitting needle with the roasted opium is propped down
the bowl of the pipe & the two together held over
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the lamp. Then comes the smoking. The smoke being gulped down as though it were a draught though after the 3rd or 4th pull it was generally emitted through the mouth & nostrils. About once in every 3 minutes they seemed to be able to get a pull of smoke. So the on-looked the trouble of it seemed to do away with any possible pleasure. On neither of them had it any apparent effect. The smell of the smoke - a cloudy light blue in ~~character~~ ^{color}, is nasty & not un-pleasant; but one of the most sickly of smells when stale said Carter. That it does have a real effect even on those inured to it is certain because the woman said she could do nothing of a morning without her pipe. "I feel all drabs & drabs & cannot do any of my housework before my smoke in the ~~the~~ morning, after it, I am happy & strong & like a lion. It seems to give me heart & courage."

Every now & then the woman spoke as one educated who had seen better things. She spoke of G. A. Sala as her uncle; of her having served Lady Burdett in his house; of her having to clap on the strait waistcoat when Sala became delirious; of having travelled round with

Effect of Smoking

Mr. Codrington

Her Hindoo husband.

Business slack.

Jan Mace & a circus & acted as property women, then finally of being at the misfortune to take up with coloured men - "Perhaps that was your luck" remarked her husband deliberately at this point.

Her husband is a Hindoo, a cook, has been employed in the City as curry maker also at the Indian Exhibition at Ed's Court, now he is out of work, & wants some thing to do badly. ASD gave him address of Star & Gales Hotel Richmond where Indian guests are staying for the Jubilee. His name is Mr. Khodona batsch. according to a letter they had had typewritten to send round to various employers of Indian cooks. Carter called her Mrs. Codonabex.

Smoke was offered to the company but we all refused.

Business is very bad, so they said. Their customers, Chinese & Lascars or anyone who come, don't come. Ships now assist in their crew being a board at 7 PM. so smoking is more common in the morning than it used to be and less common at night. No fixed payment is asked. The lid of a tin box is turned upwards & each expected to put something in it as he goes away. We gave between us about 5/- at which they were much pleased.

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Opium.

Limehouse Causeway.

Mr. K said she was one of the few who really could prepare good opium for smoking. Persian opium is the best & Persian the worst because it has dirt in it. Raw opium, as far as I can understand, is ^{raw} ~~is irregular~~ ^{stuff} & looks like ^{chocolate} ~~super candy~~ or a hard gum. In its raw state it costs 12s per lb. & they buy it from Lacey the Chemist nearly opposite the London hospital. (The shop has its window full of patent medicines, it goes a long way back, & has a very queer looking man serving behind the counter). Raw opium is boiled or simmered in a clean copper vessel, then poured off into water, being strained through canvas on its way, then mixed with old opium pipe scraping called *seesi* or *seeni*; then it is ^{ready} ~~ready~~ ^{looks like tangle} the proper mixing is all-important. (NB. this description is probably incorrect).

Mr. K. smokes about $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ an oz of opium daily - 1 lb of opium costing 12s; how much does it cost her per day? ^(say 1s) ~~ans.~~
The Queen's *hanshi* Abdul Karim used to come here to smoke, so did many other Indians whose framed photos she showed to us.

Then we left. She said we might come again any time we liked.

Then we walked into Limehouse Causeway: calling in at a Chinese General shop on the West side of the road

A Chinese opium den.

road, kept by a jing Chinaman. 'Chinamen are very tame but very slippery, tricky & cunning' said Carter. Through the shop & into a back room, about 8 ft square. There a low bed like those at other & two Chinamen on it smoking opium. A great ticking of clocks, other were hanging all round the room & so that the men may see when to get back to their ships? A very happy jolly looking Chinaman - looked like a Jap. on the bed ^{face} wreathed in smiles who had smoked: & a very sour looking pig-tailed heathen who was just starting his pipe. Business is bad they said here also: in spite of the fact that Foh Low this man's rival over the way who had 3 dens is dead & his place turned into a laundry. Nevertheless our man was evidently well off & almost surely a liar. He knew of our coming beforehand. He has several other rooms, I think, for smoking but denied their existence. He does not smoke opium himself. He does all the Chinese business of the quarter: gets together crews for ships & is the adviser of a seaman general shop in the W. I. dock road just round the corner. We saw some dead drunk & insensible as Carter said men became after much opium. Then back to the police station after a most interesting evening.

Licensed Houses.

marked in colours on map.

In the Isle of Dogs.

Public Houses, Beer houses & other licensed houses in the Isle of Dogs, Limehouse, Poplar & Blackwall, Bromley, Bow & Old Ford: being the result of a 7 days tour with Inspector Carter undertaken especially for this purpose.

The position of each house has been marked on Stanfords 6th in map in colours.

Red for the Public Houses i.e. the fully licensed houses.

Dark Blue for Beer houses with on & off licenses
Light Green for off beer licenses

Black for Grocers licenses.

Summary. In the Isle of Dogs there are.

24	fully licensed houses.
11	Beer houses.
2	off beer licenses.
2	grocer's licenses.
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In Poplar & Blackwall.

In Limehouse.

In Bromley.

In Poplar & Blackwall there are.

62	fully licensed houses.
34	Beer houses.
2	off beer licenses.
9	grocers licenses.
<u>107</u>	

In Limehouse there are.

50	fully licensed houses.
49	Beer houses.
2	off beer licenses.
4	grocers licenses.
<u>105</u>	

In Bromley there are.

47	fully licensed houses.
56	Beer houses.
9	off beer licenses.
6	grocers licenses.
<u>118</u>	

In Bow.

In Poplar. The proportion of licensed houses to population.

In Limehouse.

Bromley.

Bow

In Bow there are (including Old Ford).
40 fully licensed houses.
24 on off Beer licenses.
14 off beer licenses.
8 grocer licenses.

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Poplar as a subregistration district includes the Isle of Dogs. The population of Poplar in 1896 was 57759 persons which with 146 licensed houses makes a proportion of one house to every 395 persons.

Limehouse in 1896 had a population of 32917 persons and 105 licensed houses making a proportion of one house to ~~325~~³¹³ persons.

Bromley in 1896 had a population of 69821 persons and 118 licensed houses or one house to 591 persons.

Bow in 1896 had a population of 41687 per

Opportunities & Drink

Drinking centres.
Nature of the demand
in Limehouse.

persons and 86 licensed houses or one house to 485 persons.

These figures are interesting in connection with the question as to how far greater opportunities lead to increased drink.

Limehouse Poplar	has one house to every	300
Poplar	-----	400
Bromley	-----	600
Bow	-----	500.

Is the drinking in Limehouse greater than in Poplar & much greater than in Bromley?

Our evidence confirms this on the whole - Limehouse contains two great drinking centres 1. Limehouse proper on the S.W. side of the East India Dock Road and 2. The Carr street district: they are connected to one another by a very high phen of opportunities in Salmon Lane.

The remainder of Limehouse is distinctly temperate.

Limehouse proper, Salmon Lane & the Carr Street

Centres in Poplar & Blackwall.

In the Isle of Dogs.

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Street district which together form hardly $\frac{2}{3}$ of the whole of area of the Limehouse registration district boast between them 92 licensed houses: the remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ of the district only has 12 licensed houses. If the licenses were distributed equally each of these 3 districts should have 35 houses where intoxicants are procurable.

Poplar proper & Blackwall are very fairly supplied with opportunities for drink. The houses cluster most thickly in Poplar High Street and again in the neighbourhood of Arisp Street.

The Isle of Dogs has a fair number but not a surprising number of licensed houses. It is noticeable that in proportion to those in the other districts there are fewer Beer ^{than Public} houses. ^(The Isle of Dogs maybe) is less given to beer ^{only} than other poorer districts, or perhaps it is that so much beer is drunk that publicans can more easily afford to pay for full licenses or that in the past full licenses were as easily obtained as

In Bromley. The Abbot Estate.

In Bow.

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beer licenses. This last is the most probable reason.

Bromley has a large area in the Abbot Estate without many licensed houses. There are 3 houses with off beer licenses, a few public houses on the outskirts, but no beer houses. The trustee of the Abbot Estate refuse to allow tenants to use their houses as beer shops.

But, though scattered in the Abbot Estate, licensed houses are very thick in the neighbourhood of Crisp Street just outside the protected area.

In North Bromley Beerhouses are more frequent in the poorer portions - in the Sevens Road, in the Marnes St. Martin's, or just to the north of the Stepney workhouse.

Bow proper, lying south of the Great Eastern railway has only 2 beer houses. With the exception of the South East Corner it is a well to do district. Bow as a whole shops outside Bow. The ^{Public} houses in the district are therefore fully licensed, rather far apart, & do a good jag trade.

The nature of the demand
in the different districts

Donkey Row.

Salmon's Lane.

3 Colt Lane.

With regard to the character of the demand for licensed houses within our districts -

The licensed houses in the Carr Street district represent the local demand. They are not much patronised by the casual passengers. The beer houses are small and the public houses are not large. They are the places of entertainment of the natives. The beer houses in particular are noted for the bird singing contests which take place every Saturday evening. Birds are brought in cages, set in a row, their owners sit round with pint pots & it is noted how many times each bird opens its mouth to chirp in the course of ~~the~~ a fixed period of time, generally half an hour (?). The bird that chirps oftenest wins.

In Salmon's Lane is a busy street market. In every street market there are a large number of licensed houses. The number of houses therefore is not a test of local drinking.

In Limehouse proper the greatest number of houses are in Three Colt Lane. This used to be a busy street

Seamen

The Cotton Estate

street market but much of its glory has gone north to Salmon Lane. This was the quarter par excellence of seamen. Seamen have plenty of loose cash, or used to have, & spend freely, they also drink freely. They come up here from the West India Docks. These last few years there has been a great change, missionaries & the Board of Trade board ships on their arrival & much of the money which would formerly have been spent in Limehouse is intercepted & sent home to their families. Then again Captains insist on their men returning on board at 7 PM; it is after this hour that reckless drinking to the great profit of the publican, begins. In consequence the Limehouse public houses are in a bad way. One has even turned into a coffee house. (vid special report on the district) & all are far from prosperous.

The temperate part of Limehouse is the Cotton Estate whose trustees refuse to allow any more of their houses to be used for drinking

Wayfarers in the E. India Dock Road.

Houses with a special clientele.

Drinking purposes. The existing houses are large, fully licensed and do a very good jug trade. They do the catering for the local wants.

If we now take the E India Dock Road we see a street whose houses are almost entirely dependent on the casual passers. The native keeps to the back streets. Here the satisfaction of the chance passer by is profitable enough. There are so many going to & from the docks that all the houses do well. Some have a special clientele such as the Aberfeldy Tavern at the south end of Aberfeldy street where marine engineers congregate or the Great Eastern which is the meeting place of ship captains & ship masters of every nation. The Great Eastern Hotel is at the corner of the East & West India Docks and has 10 or 11 separate entrances.

Down the West India Dock Road there are 5 large public houses just opposite the Dock

Beer houses with a bad name.

Poplar High Street

Street market.

Dock Entrance; one of which - that nearest the Dock - sends in a man with a barrel to sell beer to the Dockers so that they may not have far to go to get their glass. Had the men to go farther a great number wd never come back. A prosecution is now pending against the Dock Company for allowing beer to be sold on its premises without a license.

On the S. W. side of the W. I. Dock Rd. are three poor beer houses with a very bad name. The roots of prostitutes. Their tenants must make their living some other way than in that of selling beer.

Poplar High Street has a large number of licensed houses whose presence is accounted for by the fact that it was formerly a noted street market. After the cates removed their barrows to Christ St and the prosperity of the High Street was gone. The houses there must have had work to keep going. One or two licenses having been given up in order to get a grant of a license elsewhere. Those that remain cater ^{rather} now for the stranger than the native.
So

The Isle of Dogs.

The Demand in S.E. Bow.

that the amount of drink in the neighbourhood can only be partially gauged by the number of houses in the street.

The Isle of Dogs on the other hand impractically self sufficient, has also to provide for the daily wants of a much larger number than live there. but as most drinking is done after work hours it may be practically considered as self sufficient. It also contributes its quota to the drinkers in Crisp street poplar. On Saturday nights great numbers of go up there to do their shopping.

Considering the lack of other forms of entertainment there are not ^{many of those that are the largest} many houses in the island. But

The nature of the demand in the residential portion of Bow has already been spoken of. The South East corner is very different from the rest. In character it goes with the poor bit of Bromley which lies to the north of of the London Tilbury & Southend railway. As a whole it is poor & rough: beer houses & public houses are pretty thickly scattered. On Saturday nights the closing hour is $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour later in Bow than it is in Stratford just across the

The influx from Stratford
on Saturday nights

The Roman Road.

Off-licenses

the bridge. Hence many come over on Saturday evenings at 11 PM when their own houses are shut & pass the extra half hour in the 3rd ^{rule} licensed publices and two Beer houses just on the west side of Bow bridge. This influx from Saturday Stratford is a marked feature of Saturday evenings in East Bow. The East End of the Bow Road has several shops which keep open late. To a certain extent it is the market street of the quarter.

In Old Ford the houses cluster most thickly - Beer public & grocers - in the Roman Road which is one of the great market streets of East London. The houses here are larger & more brightly decorated than those in the Old Ford Road.

In the outlying portions of Old Ford namely the Monier Road District & Hackney Wick (South of the G. E. R.) there are a large number of off beer licenses. In Monier Road there are nothing but them - The police only speak of this as a poor rough district which is seldom visited by them. It wd be interesting to know from the

the clergy their opinion of the effect of this off-license
policy.

Hackney Wick.

Inspector Fitzgerald.

Superintendent Weston.

Police 13

OR

G.H.D.

Thursday. 22. VII. 97.

Walk round the Hackney Wick district with Dist. Inspector Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald is a man of medium height: Age between 35 & 40. Round faced, rufous, brown hair, moustache. A bit of a blarney. Has been in the district 3 years but does not know it particularly well. He is an Irishman from somewhere near Dublin. A widower. Wife died 4 weeks ago after an operation "a beautiful operation, a 40 lb. tumour was taken away, but she never recovered consciousness."

Lives in the Newick Road, at the junction of Upper with Lower Clapton Rd. Is a lodger with a house-keeper to take care of him.

Officially he is a District ^{sub} Inspector to the J. Division under Superintendent Weston whose headquarters are at the Bethnal Green Police Station in the Bethnal Green Road not far from its junction with the Cambridge Road.

Supt. Weston is medium height short grey hair & beard. Very large. Has risen from the ranks. A superintendent in the

the highest post that any man who has been an ordinary constable can rise to. Salary £400 or £450 a year. A groom & 2 horses allowed. A month or 6 weeks holiday. (These data are from Fitzgerald). Fitzgerald would rather that men from the ranks should not rise to such high positions, "they know just a little too much": but he hopes to do the same himself. He was very friendly to me & placed Fitzgerald entirely at my disposition: for any hour either of the day or of the night.

The District covered this day is bounded on the North by the Gainsborough Road, on the East by the Hackney cut, on the South by the Hertford Union canal, & on the West by the North London Railway.

Gainsborough Road is still purple as in our map. Four of its houses are occupied by the clergy & lady helpers belonging to the Am mission whose church & large red classrooms & hall are on the S.W corner of the road. The west side of Gainsborough Rd

Boundaries of the District

Gainsborough Rd

Osborne Rd.

Chapman Rd.

Victoria Rd. is a blue & purple Rd. with several shops at the west end of it.

Road is only partially built on (by Gaytons Vinegar factory) the rest is open on to the Hackney marshes. Its inhabitants are clerks, watchmen & men employed in business in the city.

Then S.E. down Osborne Rd. we mark it purple but it is not so well off as Gainsborough Road. ^{Along} the houses take in lodgers.

S.W. into Dainton St. Wesleyan chapel, making the corner of Dainton & Mallard Sts. - ^{character} same as Osborne Rd.

South down Chapman Road, the north end of which we mark dark blue lined with black. It is a - but the worst looking street in the district. worse than Felsted St. because it has two sides. Doors open. "No broths there now though there used to be" said Fitzgerald.

Then along the Victoria Road on the North side of which is Mallard St. Fitzgerald gave Mallard St. the same character as the Chapman Road but it looks better. We mark it light blue & it looks light blue. There is a Salvation Army hall half way down the East side of it. Then South down Montague

Jew.

Felstead Rd.

Montague Terrace - S end. purple

Prince Edward Rd.

Prince Edward Road E. side W.

Terrace. Rather better. Gardens in front. Foremen's houses. Then into Felstead Road. A very poor st. Is better than ~~Chapman Rd~~ Chapman Rd because it has only one side. The north side is dwelling houses. The south side, Ingrams rubber factory, with an open space palinged in which takes up more than half the road. Houses badly built: stopped up cracks noticeable: women and children at the open doors. A man selling the 'Duchess novelties' in the street 1.0 each; he found one customer.

East into Prince Edward road which looks light blue at its southern end - map marks it purple. On the west side is Montague road - we mark it purple. Fitzgerald said its inhabitants both men & women were employed. The men as scavengers on the dust ~~block~~ block in Hackney marshes. The women in the jam or rubber factories. All are very poor. Some difference in character shown by the state of the different gardens. A few might still be purple but not many.

Further north two dark blue streets namely Percy St &

Percy's Homfray Sts.

Windsor Rd

Windsor Rd (below Osborn St) lb

White post Lane

Whitepost Lane purp.

Homfray Street. Percy looked the better of the two. Both are less disreputable than Felshead Road. Children at most of the doors wh were open - Only one child was shoeless.

Up the Osborn Rd into Leinsborough Rd East to Blower Street - a respectable st with an illkept open space giving on to the Hackney cut a its East side. At the South end of this space is a gipsy's camping ground

Then into the Windsor Rd wh looked much poorer at its Southern than at its north end. Windsor broken & patched in the South but snug looking brownwooded houses in the North. Trees planted on either side of the road.

Wallis street opposite Clarke Nicholls & Coombs jam & sweet factory. We mark a little patch of pink here. It is more purple than pink in spite of a respectable row of cottages called 'Clarico cottages' probably belonging to the factory one of whose specialities is 'Clarico' jelly tablets.

Under the Railway Bridge, West up Whitepost Lane which we mark pink. It is a street of

Block of streets to the
South of White post lane.

allotments.

Relday Road - purple

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of poor shops & looks hardly purple now & by no means
pink. Fitzgerald gave it a rough & rowdy character
so much so that a fixed point policeman is
placed at the Victoria park end of it.
Running north out of White post lane are
Luther street a respectable poor street: Chapman
road which becomes purple as it passes under
the railway bridge & has a Congregational mission
Chapel & Bower rd which is also purple.
South of White post lane is a block of purple streets,
some, I think are, very nearly light blue.
Of these Wansbeck Rd is fairly purple; it has
some allotment gardens at the South end on
the West side between the railway & the cut
Drage St is purple & light blue girls & boys with
grottos sitting on the pavement at either end
of it rasking for pence. Allanmouth St is
rather better: houses with flower boxes in front
windows of the respectable stiff ^{over} green sort
& more grottos on the pavement: the doors of its
houses were shut. Relday Rd which was not
built at the time of our map, looks purple
behind

bambosa St - purple

General Remarks.

want of work for men.

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it is a waste space full of brickbats & rubbish.
at the East end of the Road there is a small
factory in course of building.

Cambosa St looks purple like the other streets tho
we mark it light blue. Savery St also marked
light blue is still light blue & decidedly
poorer than the rest. Rothbury Rd is purple.

General Remarks. The whole district is very poor & looks
as if it were likely but to become poorer in
stead of better as the houses become ^{less habitable} older. The
neighbourhood - jim, xylomite, rubber factories,
provides work for women & boys but not
for men or only for a comparatively small
number of men. The boys become earners at
an early age but are turned off at 16 or 17
when they want more money. Then they do
nothing or trust to odd jobs or work as
scavengers on the dust shoot. The home
therefore is supported by women & children in
most instances, the man having every encourage-
ment, owing to want of work & want of training, to

Not much vice.

A district which may
become vicious.

to be a loafer. In spite of this it cannot be said that there is a vicious look about the district. Chapman Rd is the only exception & in ^{pace} spite of Fitzgerald, Chapman Rd still looks vicious. The openness of the surroundings give an airiness to the road and the number of flowers in the windows & gardens, a brightness which makes the place in summer look rather more comfortably of than I think it really is. That part of the district where a priori one would have expected the greatest amount of poverty - namely the triangle enclosed on two sides by the branching N London Railway, with the Hertford Union Canal as its base, is on the contrary the most comfortable. This fact is probably due to the allotments in the Warsbeck Rd which encourage the settlement in the neighbourhood of a staid class of man. It is a pity that the waste at the back of the Kelday Rd between it & the canal is not also turned into allotments or a garden. Once these open spaces are built over this ^{distinct} ~~is~~ ^{is}

will possess all the advantages of the most vicious viz difficulty of approach, presence of a canal etc. The steady men will leave & their place be taken by the rougher elements in Hackney Wick lying north of the Railway of which there are plenty. Of Hackney Wick itself Fitzgerald said "It's so rough we don't go down there often."

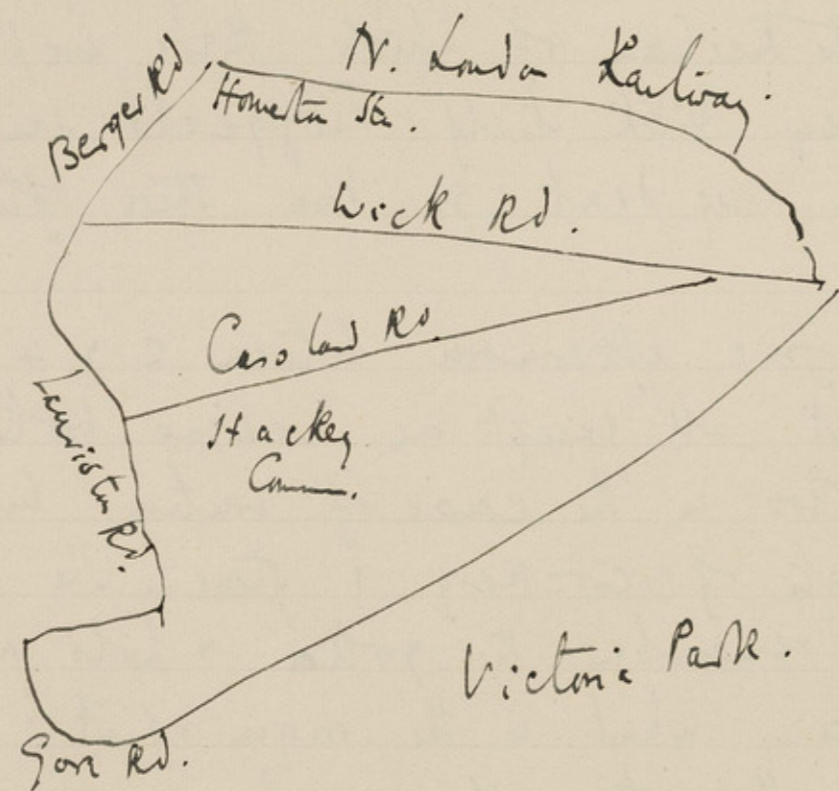
It was a fine afternoon between 2 & 4. Many children about, all except one wearing boots or shoes. Many grottos in the course of erection built of shells & bits of crockery & stone. The children ask you to 'remember the grotto' & hold out a shell for pence. What is the origin of it? & why especially at this time of year?

There are no places of amusement in the Dist. The Elm Mission has a working men's club. In Hackney Wick there is one fully licensed large public house at the corner of Victoria Rd & the Gainsborough Rd. There is one on off beer license & 7 off beer licenses. In the triangle already mentioned are 2 full licenses 2 on off & 2 off licenses.

Grottos.

Licensed Houses.

The District covered



Wick Rd.

Poor Streets -

Friday, July 23rd

Police District 13

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G.H.D.

Walk with Inspector Fitzgerald round part of Hackney starting from the Victoria Park Station.

The district is in the form of a triangle whose base is at the West end and formed by Berger Road, Terrace road, part of King Edwards road & the southern end of St Thomas' Rd. The Northern side is formed by the North London Railway between Homerton & Victoria Park Stations. The Southern boundary is the Victoria Park.

Starting along the Wick road, which is a poor street & though marked purple is probably a ~~purple~~ inclined to blue & then SW. down Victoria Park Rd. On the North of Vict. Park Rd. are Homerton St a poor blue street, very like a Hackney Wick street inhabited by costers. Street littered with paper & rubbish, doors open. No children about (2.15 PM). Street nearly empty except for a 'catch em' - a live one

man

Pink streets

Red respectability

man selling sticky papers covered with fliss.
The next street westward is Brookfield St - very respectable
with a Primitive Methodist Chapel (Rev. J. W. Coad)
The houses have good gardens & front gardens with
trees. Map marks it as pink barred with red.
Then Dagmar Road also respectable, tenanted by
shopkeepers living away from their shops. Not
so rich as the inhabitants of Brookfield Rd.
Lodgers usual. Annis Rd as Dagmar Rd. Some
shoemakers. A bat & lawn tennis racket manu-
facturer at the southern end. Christie & Harro-
gate Rd are much the same. Plates on the doors
showing that some of the inhabitants are
insurance agents, dressmakers, builders. Most
of the houses take in lodgers.

Gascoyne Rd which faces S.W. over Hackney Common
is a good deal better. Some large square houses.
We mark it red. In point of income the inhabitants
must verge on yellow. Mainly retired shopkeepers
said Fitzgerald. Trimmed lawns & green houses
visible at the back. Then S.W. down Cawley
Road which looks S.E. over Victoria Park

Dissent.

*Rockmead

Morpeth St. purp.

Streets with a doubtful
reputation

Bonner St. - purple

Small, snug houses - Respectable, well cared for, probably the abode of many dissenters. West into Rockmeath Road, red, like Cawley Rd. North into Wetherell Rd. which is rather poorer; its west end is decidedly poorer & we mark it purp light blue: it looks to be a light blue verging on purple. Half way down on the North side is a Congregational Chapel of corrugated iron. Pastor the Rev. G. Shephell. Behind Wetherell Rd. is the Jew Cemetery.

Or westwards across the Lauriston Rd. to Morpeth Rd. which the map marks blue. It looks better than this though there are 2 laundries & a boot factory at its end running out of it two streets of a doubtful reputation. The first, Conner Street we don't mark at all it has no roadway for carts but is an asphalted passage, turning sharply at right angles into the Lauriston Rd. Probably the abode of prostitutes. There is a large public house at the corner of the Lauriston Rd. The second, Victoria Street we mark dark blue. It has still a bad name. Fitzgerald spoke of its inhabitants as idle

Victoria Park, L.C.C. prostitutes

S. Thomas Road. S. end. red.

Influx of Jews.

Gore Rd. ^{2 houses} 9. rooms & scullery, 2 WC's, bath, stabley
& coach house. producing £104. Lease about 50 yrs
at £4. on the whole. Price £1150

Gore Road. pk b²

idle & drunken. Some are prostitutes who seek a living
in the Victoria Park. There are however not many
women of this kind in the Park. The County Council
is very sharp on them & there are none like those
in Hyde Park. Albert R. [unclear] another cul de sac out
of Worpeth Rd is still & is marked in the map
light blue. It is better than Victoria R. -
(Note that all this bit looks rather vicious, though Fitz-
gerald would not admit it. He was very reticent
on these questions & had apparently received some
warning from his superiors on the subject.)
Then North up the S. Thomas' Rd passing the
Gore Rd. all the houses opposite the Park are
going up in character. The park is so much
better kept now that it is under the L.C.C.
that it is more like a garden ^{than a park}. Consequently
the houses which look on to it have a pleas-
-ant view out look. The Jews have been the first
to recognize this & there has been a large
influx of them into the neighbourhood.
The West side of S. Thomas' Rd looks rather
better than the East but both might be
marked

Improving streets

marked red. The map marks them pink. Then east into the Victoria Park Rd. which at this point is full of good houses & some institutions eg. a college of music & a school. & also houses. Out of the south side of Victoria Rd. run two cul de sacs Cornwall Rd & Derby Rd. both pink roads, Derby being a little inclined to purple.

Then south down Lauriston Rd. to look into Rutland Rd. - also a pink Rd with Hollidges ink factory tucked away at the west end of it. Rutland Street a cul de sac on the opposite side of Lauriston Rd. has only 10 houses - character pink to purple.

Then E. along Vict. Pk. Rd. which at this point is poorer than further west - it is poorer than we make it with shops of a purple character. On its south side, Shafston & Winson streets both pink. Winson looking rather better than Shafston St.

Then N. up the Banbury Rd at the S.W. corner of wh. is a fancy boot-box manufacturer. On the east side is the large garden of the French Hospital

four poor & aged Huguenots or others of good family
 On the east is Southborough Rd - red - 3 storied
 houses with front gardens. comfortable & respectable.
 Further north is Knights Rd. not so well off
 character pink to red. inhabitants fairly well to do
 nearly all business men or foremen. Some ^{enjoying}
 agents & commercial travellers live here. ^{Westbridge Rd} Houses
 of 2 1/2 stories ie the basement is half below
 & half above the level of the front garden &
 has 2 stories above it. Character pink to red.

Groom-bridge Rd is a 3 storied road houses rented
 at 1/2 per week for the whole house. red in character
 as marked on the map.

Then N. up Church Crescent - looks red we mark it pink
 lined with red. On the north side are Mungers
 almshouses founded by a Mr. Mungers with
 very pretty garden in front - phloxes. lollyhocks
 & cornflowers in flower.

Meynell Rd a Jewish street of 2 storied houses
 all alike with red brick fronts, faces S. over
 Hackney Common.

Then North up the Terrace Rd. the west side of
 which

Meynell Road ph.b.

which is poorer than the East. The west side looks purple & the East pink. The map gives both sides pink & pink lined with red. Out of Terrace Rd. on the East is Valentine Rd pink as map & out of Valentine Rd. Bishop, Poole & Queen Anne Roads - all pink roads of 2 1/2 stories though - the west side of Queen Anne Rd. is 3 storied.

Then East along the Bentham Rd. crossing Kenton Rd. which is pink to purple. map marks it pink. Its north end is better than its southern end. The houses are 2 storied. Bentham Rd. looks purple map marks it pink. 2 & 3 storied houses. Some men working in Berger's colour factory live here. On the south side of the Bentham Rd. are Brampton, Bradstock & Gloucester Rd. which run into the Cassland Rd. Brampton & Gloucester are pink in character as map. Bradstock more purple than pink wh- the map gives it, inhabited by labouring class of a good sort.

Then through Hedgers Street & grove into the Vick Rd. Hedgers St. is base & purple in character. Hedgers

Bradstock Rd. purp.

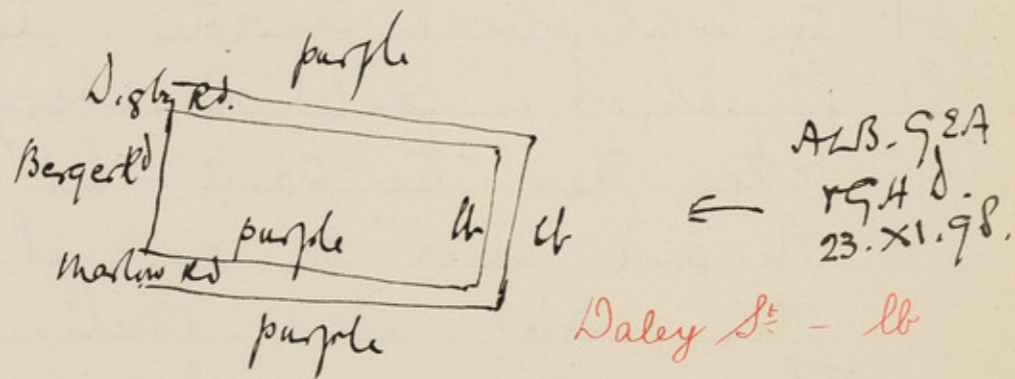
Dark blue street

A district which is
rather going down.

Bushberry Road - purple

Hedger Crove is light blue decidedly & is marked
so in map. This is a very bare little bit after
the other streets. no trees or front gardens.
The Wick road is so marked & looks purple
throughout even a little worse than purple in places.
Then N up the Sidney Rd on the East side of which
are Bushberry, Benn, Bastripp & Crodoy
streets inhabited by labouring classes. Purple
to light blue in character. The N end of Bastripp
St which is called Bushberry Rd is rather
better than the South but it is worse than
the pink which we mark it. It is not better
than purple. These streets have two story
houses. of 7 rooms each: inhabited generally
by 2 families & rented at 15/- per week
for the whole house. On the West side of
the Sidney Rd are Oriel, Stassett, & Ballance
Rds mainly inhabited by the labouring classes.
Ballance Rd which map marks purple looks
if anything better than Stassett wh. we mark
pink. Stassett Rd has a London City Mission
station at its West end. Houses all two
storey.

Poor Streets near
Home tm Station



General Remarks.

storied.

West. down Herrell Rd into Church Rd & North to
Home tm Station, turning thence SW down the
Berger Road which takes its name from
Berger's oil & colours factory close by.
Church Rd. looks pink to purple. It has shops
& a chapel.

Out of Berger Rd on the east side see - Marlow
Rd - very poor. Doubtful characters living here
said Fitzgerald. The street looks light to
dark blue in character. The map marks it
purple but it must have gone down since then.
Digby Rd & Daley St. like wise marked purple
are very poor, inhabited by workers in Berger's
factory - a rough lot, unskilled with a great
capacity for drink said Fitzgerald.

Anderson St. marked in map light blue is very
poor still light blue in character.

On the north side is Shepherds Lane, a long narrow
passage - "a low rough quarter" said Fitzgerald.

General Remarks.

There are practically 3 distinct strata

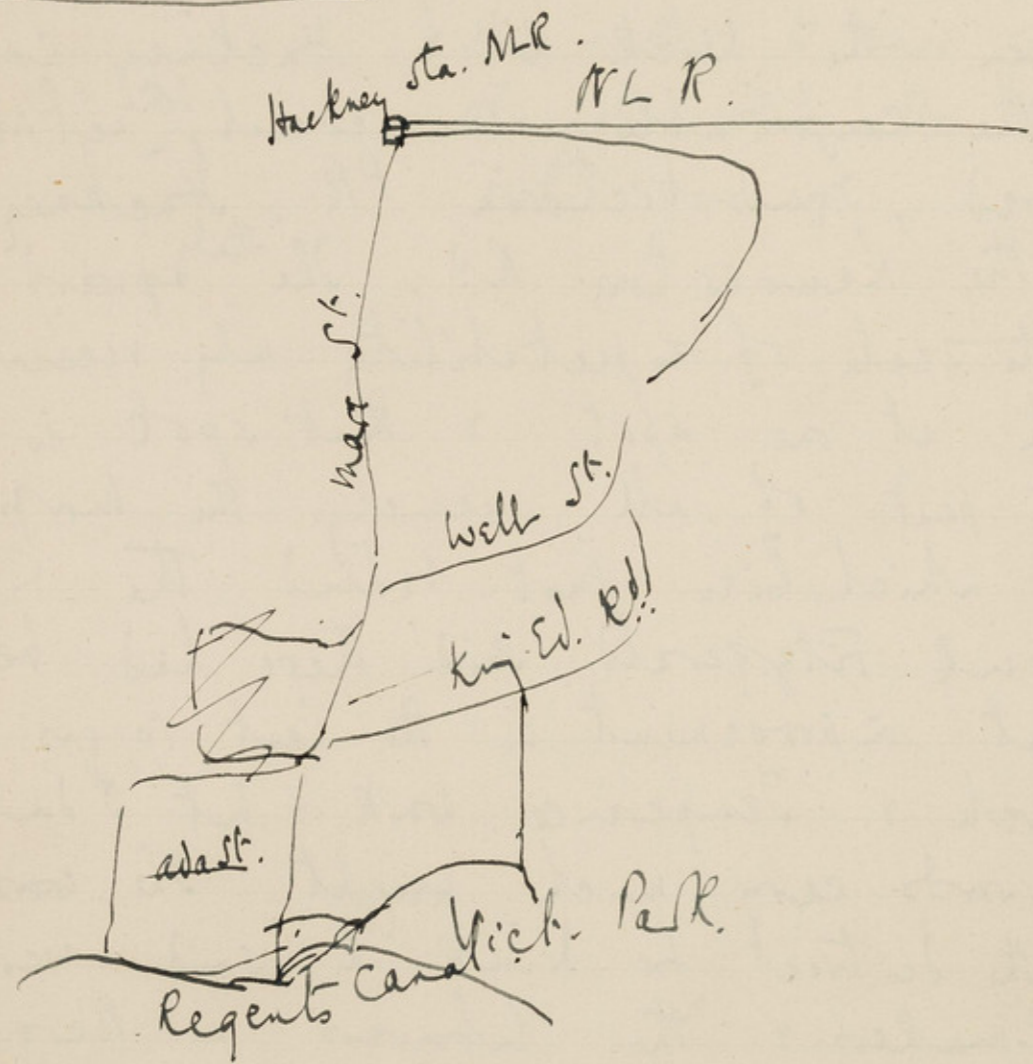
General character
of district.

Note. The North end of the district
seems rather to have gone down in
character while the South has
rather gone up.

Drink.

in this district. The poor - purple & light blue
lot - lying between the N. London railway and
the Wick Rd. The steady working class - pink
between the Wick Rd & Hackney Comm.
And the comfortable, commercial, ^{both} active &
retired, round Victoria PR, Hackney Downs
& the Lauriston Rd. The ^{steady} upward trend
of the scale of respectability only receives a
check at one spot & that spot is in the
best part of all, namely the Wimpole Rd
lot which lies just behind the Gore Road
As to drink Fitzgerald said there had been a
great improvement in the last 10 yrs due to
Church & Temperance work: but I don't think
his words carry much weight. The worst people
in the district for drink he said were the
boot-makers & the labourers in Berger's
factory.

The District covered.



(From P. Stoddart's list)
 04. morning lane. 3 houses in thorough repair - each with
 5r & washhouse, let at 8/6 per wk lease 80 yrs - Grand rent
 £3.10 each. Price £450

Saturday July 24th 1897.

Police
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 Dist 13

S.A.D.

Walk with Inspector Fitzgerald round district
 bounded on the North by the North London Ry,
 on the East by the Berger & Lauriston Roads
 on the South by Gore Rd, North Street, &
 Andrews Rd. On the West by Sheep Lane,
 West Street & Mare St.

Starting from Hackney (M.R.) Station. A fine, hot
 sunny afternoon with a fresh breeze. Time
 2. P.M.

Just down Mare Street on the East side opposite
 Lytchett Road is an waste bit of land.
 very dirty - paper rags, debris of all sorts
 lying about. It is used as a gaff. Swings &
 steam roundabouts are set up there from time
 to time. By the looks of it one had just left.
 A little lower down still on the East side is
 a narrow opening into Chalgrove Rd & morning
 lane. Chalgrove Rd we mark dark blue and
 morning lane purple. Chalgrove Rd is still dark

Dark blue streets

Morning Lane.

More poor streets

Dark blue though the houses don't look bad. They are two-storied with 5 rooms. Fitzgerald gave it a very rough character. 2000 families in each house. The ~~character~~ ^{habitat} of prostitutes & street hawkers. The street is ill-kept. Much paper lying about & many children. From its appearance it wd seem that very few carts ever went down it. But it had not the grimy & degraded look of the Carr St. Dist. Morning Lane in which Chalgrove Road begins and ends is a market street & has shops all along it. Jacksons Buildings - character purple to light blue are here. Home Terrace on the South side of Morning Lane in which St. Luke's Church is is still purple, a quiet street down which carts seldom go. Stevens Avenue out of it is a new two-storied street, purple in character.

Then back into Morning a little East & then South down Woolpack Place. This is a small block of poor & very poor streets, all marked light blue in our map but there is some dark blue there as well. Ribstone & Hockley streets running East

Retreat for widows of Dissenting ministers.

Improving streets

East out of Woolpack place look to be dark to light blue. In Woolpack place 6 children were sitting on the ground round a pie dish shelling peas for their Sunday dinner. Out East into Morning Lane which is a little better off this end than its West end but is still purple. This end was formerly called Water Lane. The houses here have good gardens behind.

South down Morning Lane, passing Saban Grove on the West side a purple street & then turning West down Retreat place. which is so-called because at its West end is a retreat for old ladies, the "widows of protestant dissenting ~~ministers~~ ministers professing Calvinistic principles". It was found in 1812 by one Sam Robinson for 12 widows and belongs to the Parish.

Here again are good gardens. The character of the inhabitants is pink as marked in the map.

South again past a light blue block of streets - Arthur, Brunswick, & Margaret streets - they are inhabited by a respectable working class & the light blue is of a purple character.

Well Street . Market St.

comfortable district

Mead Place - lb

Then S.E. into Well St. which is a market street. The street itself all up for wood paving - a very heavy red wood looking like mahogany being piled at either side of the street. Butchers chopping up joints ready for the evening sale, some housewives buying already. The green grocers shops & fruit stalls very bright. Displays of brilliant blood-red currants, dusty looking black currants & gooseberries. A back ground of potatoes, tomatoes & green pears & pale yellow lemons. The Orchard Mission & Sunday school carried on by J. R. Richards is just here.

Then NW into Elsdale St. The first little turning to the north is Orchard St. by the Board School the second is Mead Place which tho' the map gives it purple looks rather poorer. Saruley Road the continuation of Elsdale road westwards is a comfortable red road same as map. Then North into Chatham Rd a red looking road (map - pink lined with red) past the Unitarian Chapel & Hackney Tree

Chas Numerous in stitutions

Paragon Rd. 4 9 roomed residences 2 at £34 . 2 at 30.
Lease 76 1/2 yrs from March 1863. Ground rent £5 ca
Price £1150.

Look up a dark blue
street lying between
Stockmar Rd & Chalgrave Rd.

Delawney Rd.
Courts out of Marc St.

purple This is Fox's lane. all db on west
side gone, only small patch on east
left. ✓

Jerusalem Passage & Courts lb

Free school, which latter is shut - This block of
streets whose general character is purple to light
blue has a peculiarly large number of institutions
within the boundaries of Morning Lane (N). Wells St (E)
Elsdale St (S) & Chatham Place (W), there are 2
Board schools in Morning Lane & Orchard St;
St Luke's Church; a congregational Chapel &
School; Rams School⁽³⁾; Unitarian Chapel School;
& an asylum for the widows of dissenting
ministers

Then West into the Paragon Rd - red & pink - North
into Stockmar Rd. pink as map - a street
with 2 1/2 storied houses with gardens in
front & behind, inhabited by working classes.
Delawney Rd. marked pink in map. is really
more purple. largely inhabited by conductors
cab drivers & portmen. 6 roomed houses letting
at 15/- per week. Then come several courts
between Paragon Rd & Marc Street marked
in the map dark blue & called Jerusalem passage.
they look light to dark blue in parts & even purple
formerly Fitzgerald said prostitutes lived
here.

here. At the North end used to be a tripe factory? Fitzgerald did not know if it still existed or no but it probably does to judge from the swarms of flies round the doors.

Then South down Main Street past Devonshire St & up a small turning to the East called Lyme Grove which has Youngs assembly rooms a well-conducted dancing establishment, Barrett's coppering works, & Pike's large boot factory on its northern side & ~~some~~ ^{Backs of St Thomas' Church} ~~back~~ ^{to} the south. ~~Backs of St Thomas' Church~~ ~~is~~ ~~character~~. Then along past ~~the~~ Baker's Almshouses with a triangle of green in front of them and garden full of sunflowers, Hollyhocks etc, into the Devonshire Rd. past Conrad & Ragner Sts which look pink to purple in character. East into Well St which on the opposite side at the corner of the Casland Road has the Sanctuary of the 'Zoe perissos' Society written up thus in large letters.

Then come a block of blue streets lying between Well &

Baker's Almshouses.

S. Thomas' Square - pk b^o

Priority Place & Palace Road.
very poor.

2079
Well Street and the Trampton Park Road, of which
Etan Place was and is still light blue & lead
to Priority Place. & a host of odd courts in-
habited by a poor working class the North end
is a cul-de-sac. Lower down are two very old
wooden houses - most doors open - many children
bits of bread lying about. Man selling kippers
from a barrow - children building grottos. two
cats one of which was very lean & ill favoured.
Queen's Court. looks dark blue but many flowers
at windows & bits of garden in front. Then into
Well Street again & north up Palace Road
which the map marks dark blue. The doors
were open here too & many children & much paper
littered about the street - a man with a corder's
barrow drawn by a pony was crying good
cabbages at two a penny - at the North end
of the street just where Cross St. (now
called askew St.) begins was a disorderly
house. It still looks very much like one.
Fitzgerald professed ignorance as to whether it
was so or not. Just here was a boy with a
hockey

Havelock St - lb

Percy Road - purple

Lokey pokey stall - The next street Havelock street is marked purple in the map. It is better than Palace Rd but not so much better as all that. Light blue looks more like its colour. Then across the Frampton Park Road, whose north end looks rather better than the south whose colour is pink (as map) : into Glaslin Rd which looks as the map marks it is pink banded with red but which Fitzgerald had been told by a colleague who lives there there has been a great improvement during the last 15 years. At the bottom of Glaslin Rd is the mark of the 4 mile radius. Then into Well street & east to Percy Road on the south side. Percy Road is marked light blue it is a cul-de-sac. At the south west end are the Percy road schools. One of its inhabitants is a night coffee stall keeper & his coffee stall was standing outside his door. About half way down is a very large block of granite in the middle of the road. None of the neighbours knew why it was there It always had been

A prosperous District

King Edward Rd q.r. scullery. 43 yds lease -
Ground rent £5.15.0 - Price £450.

S. Agnes Terrace - red

been ever since they could remember. It looks as though
it marked some boundary but nothing is engraved on it.
Fitzgerald made special enquiries but from the town clerk
but cd. discover nothing. From this point down words
half the road is barred off from the rest by
post rails. Percy Road is a very respectable light
blue by appearances. Balcone St. the next street
on the East side of Percy St. is better than Percy
St. Houses built in 1852. The works of a fancy
box manufacturers are here. Like Holcroft Road
turning north out of it Balcone St. seems to
vary between purple & pink. The map marks
them both pink.

Then South down Lauriston Road into King Edward's
Road, a very prosperous road. All the roads
round here are fat & well-looking. Life in them
must be very dull & respectable. Speldhurst road
looks pink. Southborough the same. Handley
Rd red. S. Agnes Terrace leading to one
of the gates of the Victoria Park. Decidedly
red. All this bit has been going up in character.
The map marks S. Agnes Terrace & Gore Rd pink
but

North St

Small Court out of North Road lb

Jews

Judor Rd semi detached dwelling. gr & scullery -
let at £36. Lease 34 yr. ground rent. £4.10. good
repairs. Price £310 -

they are well above this one. Many Jews have come to
live in this quarter.

Then along west out of Gore Road into North street -
marked purple in the map. The canal runs along
at the back of it. along its south side are some
wood shaves & stacks of yellow deal. The small
court turning on the south side which we mark
dark blue looks much like the rest which is
light blue to purple in character. "No prostitutes"
said Fitzgerald.

Out into Ware St & east along Vick. Plk Road, & up
Gotha St the first turning on the north side - a
street varying from pink to red. Two or a half
stories. up into Fremont St also pink to red
at the corner of which is the Jewish home for
incubables. ~~with~~ a Hornbrook St also pink
to red.

Out into King Edward Rd north up Shore Rd. a
prosperous; red & few road, west
down Judor Rd which is pink to red with
red in the map but looks rather poorer
there are good gardens. North up Judor
Gore St

The Rookery.

Sheep Lane.

Ada Street

Andrews R^d purple

Dark blue streets

Grove. purple in the map & purple row. Houses built in 1887. It is a labour home "The Sailing Department of the London Society" for promoting Christianity among the Jews. In to well street opposite Tudor Grove is Weston Street. light blue as map with Saxony Cottages which look more like dark blue. Then West. Opposite the end of Mare Street is a dark blue court which is still dark blue. It is known to the Police as the "Rookery". Then quite south again to the canal, turning west along Andrews Road which looks purple to light blue not pink as in map. North up Sheep Lane which is light & dark blue in character. on the west side of the street are many small workshops - shoe. cabinet etc & the street is inhabited by shoemakers cabinetmakers & cates. on the west side of sheep lane is ada St. light to dark blue in character. Street inhabited by some wood-choppers. The St. Michael's & all angels mission house on the south side is shut & looks
disrep.

Rough streets.

Young St. lb. l.

Duncan Road - db

Disreputable. In Antwerp Street - marked light blue on the map, Fitzgerald said there was as much drinking as in any other street in the J. Division. Antwerp St. looks rough. It turns south out of Ada St. up Sheep Lane again to Young Street another very rough St. looks more dark blue than light blue. It is a thieves resort. Half way down on the south side is a common lodging house with beds for 2d & 4d. Duncan Road & Duncan Square. also dark blue in character. Street littered with rubbish. The north end of Sheep Lane has some very poor cottages, very small & very poor 4 or 6 of them I think, but all with bits of front garden & sunflowers. Then East into Beck Road which is a much better road - pink to purple in character. At one window was a man at tea with his children. The man an artisan in appearance reading the Daily Chronicle, in his shirt sleeves. From the opposite side ^{of the St.} came the piano sounds of a piano very much out of tune. A news boy running along the pavement & shouting at

General Remarks.

Sameness & sobriety.

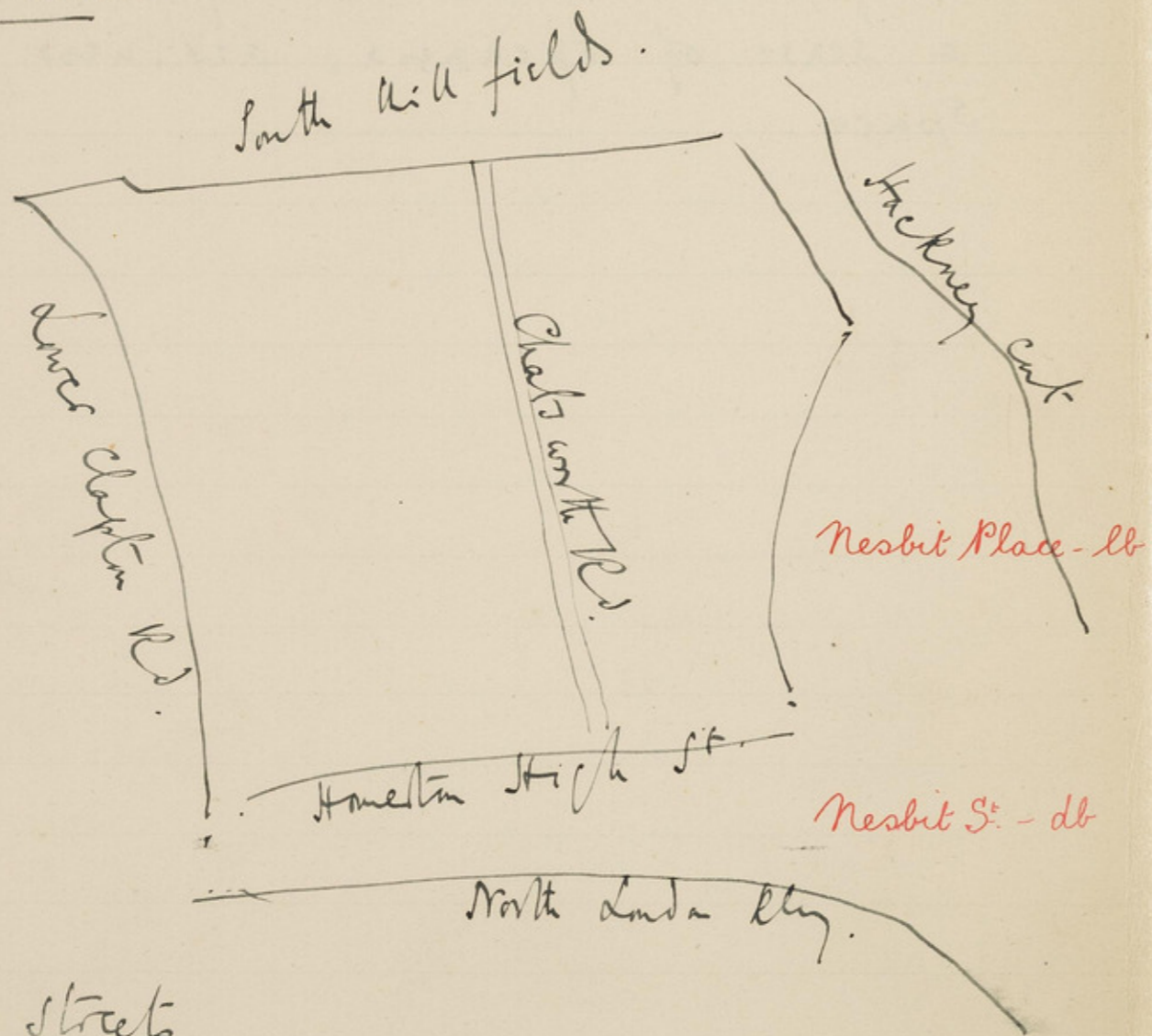
shouting the Star & Latent Winners. But no buyers
as far as I could see. Then back into Mass.

General Remarks.

The only ~~po~~ really dark blue quarters - i.e. several
streets or courts of similar character in
a group together - in all this district are:
1. The street round Palace pla road & 2. Those
between the Broad way & Sheep Lane i.e. Duncan.
Coring. Ada - Antwerp streets - In the first of these
the poverty is of a sturdy character. And it
is only in the Ada street bit that the ~~poverty~~ ^{it} ~~poverty~~
weather is really unrelieved & grimy. The rest
of the district has an old fashioned air:
easy going & independent. The Jews have
taken the best places in Mass street, the
chief thoroughfare is typical of the whole
with its shops large & small, its houses which
often stand back from the main road & have
a bit of a drive & garden in front, &
its Chapels. Everywhere, even on a sunny
day like this, the soberness of the general
at

colouring was noticeable. The only bright lights were provided by the fruit stalls. Everywhere also except in the Ada Street quarter was there a sense of openness, airiness & breathing space.

District Covered.



Dark Blue Streets

Monday, July 26th 1897.

Dist-13

Other 13
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S.H.D.

Walk with Inspector Fitzgerald round district bounded on the South by the North London Railway, on the East by the Hackney marshes & the Hackney cut, on the North by Millfields Road, & on the West by the Lower Clapton Road & the Hornwick Road. Starting from Hornerton Station.

East down Hornerton High Street to Nesbit Place which has a block of model dwellings and some small factories of tables & piano fortrs - Children were making a groove in the St. Further east into Nesbit Road which the map marks as dark blue lined with black. From Fitzgerald's account it would perhaps be dark blue but not black. It is evidently poor. Many children and coster barrows about (2.40). Two families in each house. Houses two-storied. "Prostitutes used to live here but do not now & it was never a notorious place" said Fitzgerald. The

Rents.

Miss Paul say. "four rooms & scullery 6/6
single rooms 2/-."

Tranby Place E. side dt.

Employments of inhabitants

or two houses were noticeable for torn blinds and broken windows. The houses have 7 rooms and are let for 13/- to 14/- per week. They have yards rather than gardens at the back of them. Being Monday there were straw hatted rent collectors about. All the children had boots some employed in setting up a grotto. Tranby Place on the north side of Stoneston High St. opposite North Road is decidedly dark blue. The map marks the west side of it dark blue & the east side dark blue lined with black. Fitzgerald did not distinguish between the two sides. Many children in the court, the wash of the court being hung across from one window to the other. But no barelegged children. Crozier Terrace the next street east wards is dark blue still as the map gives it. Its inhabitants are common labourers. The men work at the duck shoot in the marshes and the women go out churning at 2/6 per day or ^{take in} go out to do washing. Houses two storied. Another rent collector going his rounds Copersale Rd. on the north side of the High St.
L116

Rent

Streets inhabited by men
who work in black coats

New streets

Scent factory

Pickles Buildings - lb

Is Roding the same as Sydney
Rd?.

Roding Road - pk

Swinerton St purple

purple rather than pink. Pickles buildings on the south side next the workhouse light blue. Glyn Road on the North side is a purple to pink it the map marks it pink. It is a long two storied bow windowed street: all the houses alike with little gardens & little trees in front. Rent also 16/- per week. Most of the houses take in lodgers. Roding Road. purple to pink in character. Its male inhabitants mostly work in the city. "They are men of small incomes but who go to their work in a black coat."

Then come a block of newly made or half made streets round the Sydney road Board school. They are on the top of the hill which goes down into the Hackney marshes. Chevet Street. Swinerton St: road hardly made or very badly kept. No pavement. 2 storied houses - purple in character. Women throwing slops into the street. Roney St next the board school. better, cleaner. pink. Tipt Street on the south side of Board school. made up of the large airy factory of the Crown perfumery Company. A strong smell of scent in the

Pink streets

Best houses on the hill.

air. Habley St still in course of building.
Then North up the Glyn Road & past the Glyn Road Board school. The name of the road running round the School is Chelmer Rd. instead of Resteven as map. On the East is Ashenden Rd. with a newspaper shop at the corner. Road not properly made. No pavement. Pincey Rd. behind it backs on the marshes. Purple & pink in character all two storied houses with green or yellow Venetian blinds and white curtains. North, with Clifden on the west side which is pink, Samlace, the next road being equally pink. This is a good situation on the top of the hill; it is a new district & has grown up since the last 3 years. All the houses much about the same. "The original tenants are the present tenants," said Fitzgerald, "for they are not people who move much." Glencorn & Blurton rds on the crest of the hill at the Glyn road end are equally pink also. Redwald Rd. which runs down the hill on the East side is not ^{quite} so good as the foregoing. Those at the top of the hill are better than those at the bottom. And

Rushmore Road - S. side purple

Newspaper shop.

Pedro St. lb

Streets in the marsh that
will probably become poorer.

Carlton & Mandeville Roads purple

Rock Road purple

Glyn Road follows the same rule and gets poorer as it runs down-hill at the North end. Rushmore Rd. is rather better on its north side than on its south ~~side~~ ^{when} it has crossed Glyn Road. The North side remains pink ^{at least} down the hill, the south side becomes purple sooner. There is a working man's club (all souls & all saints) in it, a news-paper shop & a good baker.

Then East into a block of purple streets lying at the bottom of the hill between Glyn Road and the Hackney marshes. Of which Overbury St. looks a purplish pink. Pedro St. a distinct purple, 'All Saints', a red brick Church, is in this road & there is some open, unbuilt space opposite it. The houses have small gardens behind but the impression left is that Pedro St. is on the road to squabbity. McClaren St. which is a turning south out of Rushmore Rd. is ~~the same~~ ^{the same} as Pedro St. to all appearance tho' the map marks it light blue. Carlton, Mandeville & Rock streets are much the same, a purple with a tinge of blue. Rock Rd. is unfinished &

low

Unhealthy locality

Thieves.

Boys bathing

Etropol St - purple

Maiwand St lb

Millfield R? E to W as far as Chateworth R? purple

has a gipsy encampment on the marshes in front of it. Catton Rd has a chapel at the end of it.

Etropol, a new two storied street ending in the marsh. The corner shop selling papers, sweets & toys.

Maiwand St the next street northwards is purple too. all this ~~low~~ bit is lowlying and unhealthy. "There is much sickness down here"

said Fitzgerald. ~~There~~ There must be some light blue about because he gave it all a rough character & said it had a good many thieves though not juvenile thieves.

Then on to Cav bridge where many boys were bathing in the ditch on the other side of the Cat. a police man came up & at the sight of him the boys cut & ran. carrying away with their clothes over their arms. There had been complaints of the boys bathing without any clothes so near houses, that is why the policeman was there.

Then into the Millfield road & up the hill westwards. The houses in the road are purple to light blue in character. The south mill fields which is the same name

An ill-kept open space.

Oswald St - lb

Chatsworth Rd. for shops.

Chatsworth Road - pk

of the large open space opposite is as rough & not taken care of ~~it~~. Many houses were at on it. Fitzgerald said the Sec would probably soon take it over as an open space. When they do the hillfield road will go up in character. Oswald St south out of hillfield road looked purple as map & Chippendale St which feels the rise of the hill decidedly better with its small houses & trimmed shrubs in front. Lewley St pink with a tinge of purple like Chippendale Elderfield road. is a long road running west out of the Glyn Rd, across Chatsworth Rd & curving south up the hill. It gets better as it goes up hill. Houses are two or 2½ storied. Note that the gardens behind most of these houses are a good deal lower than the level of the road.

The Chatsworth Road which runs nearly north and south from the Honeston High St on to the south to South-Mill-fields on the north is one of the chief shopping streets of the district. After it passes the Fever Hospital it becomes narrow & is called Brooks by walk but up to that same point it is a broad road full of

Some Prices.

On Saturdays there are stalls on both sides of the road. This day Gooseberries were selling in the greengrocers shops at 2^d & 1^d per lb. Green-gages (fair) at 4^d red Currants 3^d Lettuces at 1^d & 2^d each according to size. There were some good stationers shops selling newspapers & good bakers at the corners.

A district of small city people.

Millfields R^d W end Small shop by Cowbridge pk 6^d

a fair class of shops not so good as those in the Roman road but what may be called pink shops. The houses are 3 storied. Then into Powerscroft Rd. from its north end. pink to red in character. "all small city people here." all the neighbourhood has this "small city people" character. Thus Almack Rd. also pink with fair gardens very respectable though many of the houses have two families in them; & Saratoga St 3 storied. & Colenso Rd 2½ storied - a bare, dull & respectable st with generally a grown up daughter sitting with needle work in her lap in the front bow window just behind or at one side of the usual evergreen plant in an ornamental china pot; some piano strumming. Then into the millfields Rd. which at this end is nearly the top of the hill. Houses 3 storied with bad backs but respectable fronts overlooking a private cricket ground. New roads & houses being built on north side of the road above the cricket ground which will destroy the amenities of the street - It is now red in character. Newspaper shop

Elmcroft Road - pk

Hilsea Road - pk

a Salvation Army center.

shop at the corner of Saratoga & Hillfield road.
Behind Saratoga St. are 2 roads not marked
in the map. "New within the last 7 years:
Elmcroft Rd. with remains of a country hedge on
its east side - pink brick in character & Hilsea
Rd. a 2 storied street also pink. At the end
the same, only partially paved. The west end
of the Rushmore Rd. comes in here & there
are 3 or 4 shops.. One selling ices & sweets
2. selling vegetables - Tomatoes 2^o per lb. (Italian)
lemons & small pears also 2^o per lb. goose-
berries. 3^o. 3). a boot maker & dress repairs
combined. 4). The Elgin cash grocery store.
Mayola Rd. a continuation westward of Almack
Rd. is red like the rest. Then into Linscott
Rd. which has the central building of the
Salvation Army. "The Congress Hall" which
blocks up the east end of the street. The
road is a three storied. "Chiefly occupied by
Salvationists". There were several walking about
in strange Egyptian & Indian dresses. "The
District is the stronghold of the army." "The
Sal

Rents

West ends of Blurton, Median,
Powerscroft & Rushmore Road - pk b²

Cost of a good Public House.

Brooksbys Walk.

Salvation is to have ^{drummed} down all the ^{best} respectable people away." said Fitzgerald.

The west ends of the Blurton, Median & Powerscroft roads all look red in character. We mark the Blurton R^d purple. it looks better than this. The rents in these streets are 20/- to 24/-. The 'Priory Tavern' which is one of the very few licensed houses in the district is at the corner of the Blurton & the Elderfield Streets. It is large. Does a good business. & was sold for £40,000 6 or 8 months ago.

Then south down the Elderfield road, east along the Cliffen road & south into Brooksbys walk, past the fever hospital. Opposite the wall of the Fever Hospital is the Clapton Park working man's club. A little lower down is the Grove Mission Room in connection with the Clapton Park Congregational Chapel. On the Chapel notice board was "Articles of clothing are on sale every Thursday morning from 11-1."

Turning east & out of Brooksbys Walk is a block of west.

Black & Dark blue streets
round the Fever Hospital

Prostitution

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of very poor streets. We mark them dark blue lined with black. Of these Holmbrook St. is still very rough & low; its inhabitants - wood-choppers, bone gatherers - bottle merchants. Some of the men are employed on the Dust Shoot. The houses are two-storied. Many children were about in the street. Women talking with babies at the open doors. Carts tipped up against the pavement. Litter of papers. Some scatteringly girls. "No brothels now but there used to be." But it looked as though there might be still but not especially in Belshaw Street which is the same as Holmbrook St. - poorer if anything. Fitzgerald said "Prostitutes certainly bring no man here." 3 families in the houses, which are rented at 8/- per week. Church Terrace which we mark light blue but looks like the rest. Houses all two-storied. The west end boundary of this block is College Lane which has one or two better houses but consists for the most part of the ends of the other streets. Over the walls you can see the gardens of Holmbrook

Blue & Dark Blue Streets

John St. db

Fenn St. N end lb

Cabmen's road.

Holmbrook St. & the Grove. The Grove we mark purple & it is certainly better than the rest. Sunflowers & scarlet runners in its gardens. But across the partition wall old clothes were the only flowers. Then westwards past two light blue streets, Collegiate & Honesty Row. College St. looking rather the better of the two. Honesty Row seems to be the name of Cross St. in map. John St. the next light blue street (in map) looks worse. Fitzgerald gave it the same character as Holmbrook St.

Fenn St. the next westwards which the map marks pink at its north end & dark blue at its south, runs into Honesty High St. under an arch. The north end is occupied by a cow keeper, children about but all looted. It still looks dark blue & not pink even at the north end.

In the north side of Honesty Row are Temples Road a purple road as map. "inhabited largely by Cabmen & by tram drivers and conductors." Churchill Rd. the next road west looks nearly the same as Temples Rd. rather better if anything. Map marks it pink. It is two blocks

An old fashioned corner.

This walk is ^{to be} continued in ~~another~~
~~volume~~ Police Book. No. 13. B.

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storied. Houses with 7 rooms rented at 12/ to 14/ per week. Halidon St. the next westwards is a good clean st. with plane trees in front garden. The Honeston Row Baptist Chapel founded in 1822 is at its southern end. Honeston Row here at its west end has 6 houses which look purple in character - well-built but of an antique style - four of them have beds of French beans in their front gardens and one of them a fine show of holly hocks.

At the corner of Honeston Row and the High Street is a fine looking old-fashioned house with trees in front of it called 'Eagle House'. Two years ago it was turned into a common lodging house and now beds are to be had at 4/ & 6/. Isabella St. on the south side is pink now as formerly. Opposite the Truant Board school is Sutton place which ends in St. John's Church yard - a place with good houses & good gardens. St. John's Church Road the next road to the north is like it - It is an old fashioned quiet corner this.

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