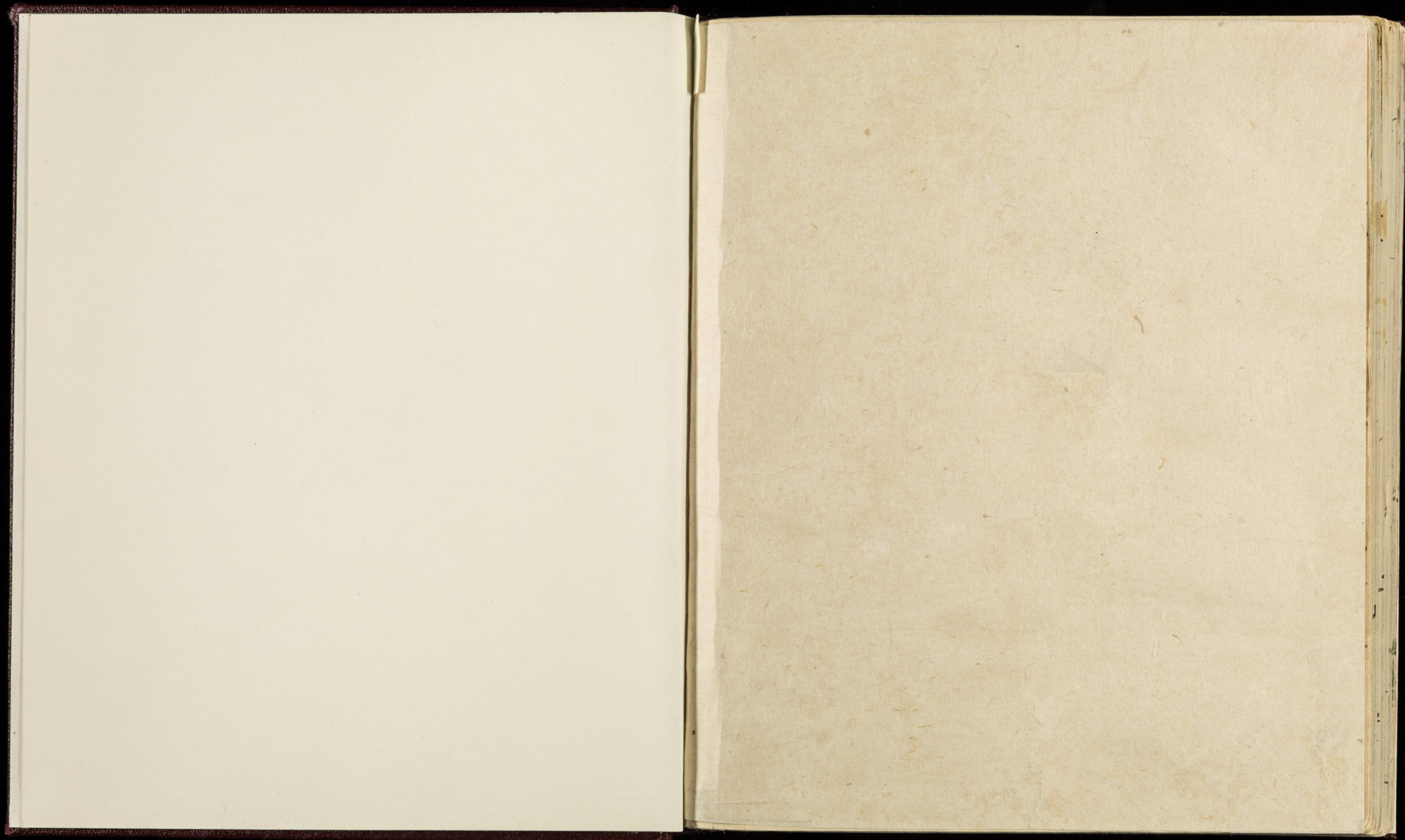


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Tollington Road.

Tollington R^d pk 6^o & pk

An aristocratic Public House.

Pink & purple streets

Arthur Road - pk

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Tollington Road. pink & pink barred, noisier & therefore a less aristocratic place to dwell in than Lorraine Road. 4 houses at the west end belong to men employed at Bealro Restaurant - a large confectionery & restaurant with bakery & assembly rooms attached. which does a large ^{lunches & etc} trade with women who come to shop with Jones' ^{etc} drapery stores. It is fully licensed, beer, wines, spirits etc in draught but closes at 11 P.M. Type of a public house which is more a refreshment house than a public & makes it pay because of the special character of its clientele.

Up the Holloway R^d turning East at Bovay Place to Bovay St. 2 storied - working class, respectable - Government Post Office manufactory of Electric Telegraph Instrument ^{purple to pink} there. Then on to Hartslet, Enkel, Arthur, Roden & Mayton streets & roads - 3 storied 9 roomed ho. rents £38 ^{pink} all take in lodgers - Crisp's furniture factory at the East end of Roden St. Don Mayton to Bakerman St. which are both rather poorer purple to pink, working class, rent of whole 3 storied

Credit given in Hornsey Road.

Free, Church Schools.

Poor bit

Seven sisters Road. Evolution of shops

Isledon Road - pk6^o

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storied house f36-48

Then out into the Hornsey Road: a road of small shops which depend for their existence on local know-ledge: they give credit which the large houses in Holloway Rd & 7 sisters Rd will not do.

Turning east at Harriet Road. rosp, pink, with Harriet News out of it, stabling & one or two families living over the stable. St. Barnabas Church & School at the corner where Harriet Rd turns north. Notice up. 'Schools free from Nov. 1st.'

So through the Upper Tollynton Rd. into Isledon Rd pink, pink barred road. A few houses owned by one family. mostly city people.

Then west along the Isledon Rd. turning north at Hornsey Rd & passing Sillm Pl. Ralph St & Kimloch St.

Sillm Pl & Ralph St are decidedly poorer. purple to l. blue. horses letting at 10/- per week.

Out into the Seven sisters Road. which is now a shopping road; - in development, a stage behind the East side of the Holloway Road. First stage - semi-detached dwelling house with large garden in front - Second stage Long one storied shop built on a level with the

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Thame Villas at SW pk 6^o

Coleridge Road pk 6^o

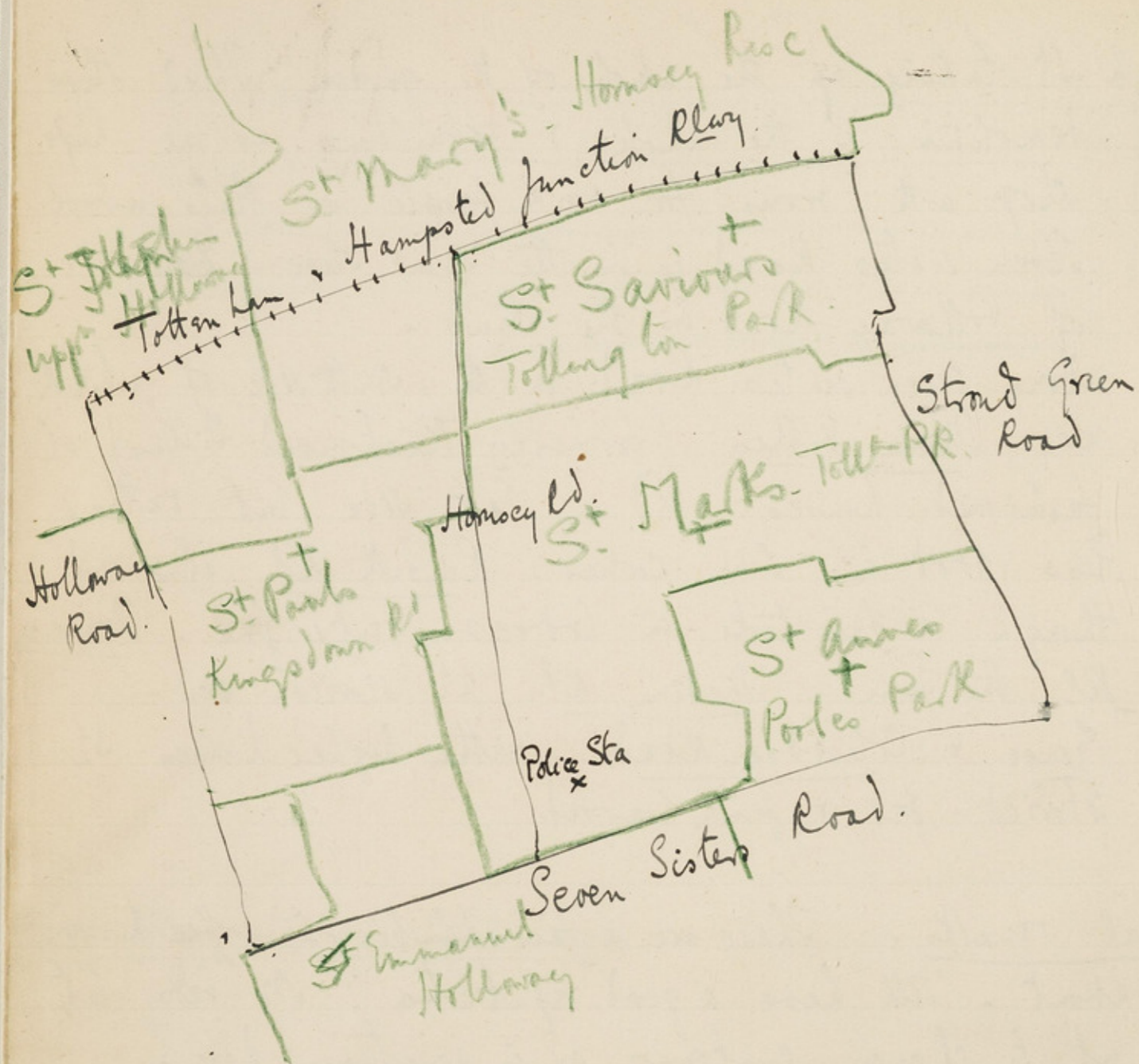
Good character of Coffee houses.

Welshmen.

High St taking up the whole of the garden. Third stage demolition of the whole & rebuilding as one huge shop with rooms for work people or flats above. Seven sisters Road is in the second stage. East side of Holloway Road in the third.

East along Seven sisters Road, on the south side of which are Thame Villas (formerly Richmond Villas) old fashioned houses: red on East side but rather less good in S.W. corner. Russell Rd. also red though a few take in lodges. rents. £40. Travers Rd. the same. Medina Rd. 2½ storied. red. Gorge & Coleridge Roads. rather higher houses 3½ storied. red & pink barred.

General remarks. There are a fair number of coffee houses about. All have a good reputation. No beds let out to chance customers as is sometimes done. Many Welshmen in the district, principally milk-sellers & shop assistants. Jones of Holloway Road fame is a Welshman & favours his country men. There is already one Welsh Chapel just N of the seven sisters Road & they are talking of building another.

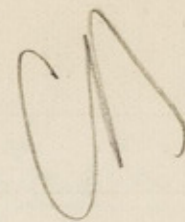


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Walk with Inspector Wm Dyball round district bounded on the North by the Tottenham & Hampstead Junction Railway. On the East by the Stroud Green Road. On the South by Seven Sisters Road. & on the West by the Holloway Road. Being part of the Parishes of St Stephen's Upper Holloway, St Mary's Homsey Rise, St Saviour's Tollyton Park, St Marks' Tollyton Park, St Anne's Pooles Park, Emmanuel Holloway, St Paul's Kingdon Road.

Starting at the Police Station at the S. East end of the Homsey Road. On the west side are Sussex, Derwent ^{London pt map} & Concester ^(in map pt) Roads. all two & 3 storied houses with 7 to 10 rooms rented at £36 to £40. with small fronts, ugly whitish-yellow brick built, with the usual venetian blinds, white curtains & coloured china pots in the front windows: inhabited by city & shop people. Many workmen employed in the shops

Changes in poor streets off
the Holloway Rd.

Hercules Road - purple

Manor Gardens - red

Grove Road.

shops in Holloway road (Jones especially): there is a Welsh chapel in Essex Road: Grafton Rd. the next westwards is not quite so good rents £30 to £36 pink ^{as map} 2½ storied. Hercules Place poorer still. purple to light blue: the west side of it has come down making room for new news for Jones's Brix news. In the same way Bowman Passage out of it: has only 2 or 3 houses close some to come down for stables. Hercules Road. (on map l. blue) looks rather better, a few small shops at the west end of it - general shops & fried fish shop.

Then North up the Holloway Rd. on the East side is a cul-de-sac - Manor Gardens (formerly Manor Road. Hases, older ¹⁸³⁷ better, quiet, red in character. The next road to the north is Grove Rd. 3 storied & an attic, residential, pink as ^{intended} map: less good as it gets near the Cottenham Road, shops at the East end; out of it are Brazett & Juffely roads, 3 storied £36 to £38. same class as Grove Rd.: several police sergeants living here. ^{pk map} The oldest houses in Grove road date from 1857.

Then

Gradual deterioration

Kingsdown R^d W of Cornwallis R^d pk
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Bus depôt.

Varied character of some roads.

Marlborough R^d W of Cornwallis - pk

Hatchard R^d pk

Change in the Hatchard Road.

Then come a set of streets pink to purple in character 2 or 3 storied, rented at £20-£36; all better at their west than at their east ends - such as Alexander, Leedses. Rd. with Stanley Terr. & Montpellier Rd. out of it & Kingdom Rd. - map marks all of these pink except the Kingdom Rd which it gives purple - Syball said they were all of a class. In the Kingdom Road is a London General Bus depôt where over 1500 horse are stabled.

Then up the Holloway Road on the East-side of which are Forburn, Kings, & Savoyard Roads. 2 or 3 storied. Savoyard is the best of them, all take in lodges, pink based. Marlborough Road. The west end of it is a good deal better than the East, as pink based to purple (map gives it all purple) rents £50. houses 3 1/2 storied & an attic. Then East along the Marlborough Rd & into Hatchard Rd: here is the 4 m Charing X radius mark. 2 storied & attic - working class - not better than purple. (map gives it pink). Broad space open in front belonging to Railway & let out to
cessions

Light to dark blue streets

Hornsey Road.

Cervin's cats -

Then south again: there is a block of poor & rather squalid streets between Conwallis Road (purple) & Hornsey Road. viz. east end of Malborough Road Ellenborough Road, Cottinham Road. east end of Kingdom Rd, Whewell Rd, Mitford Road. all people to dark blue ^{in way} rather ~~are~~ light blue to dark blue. Byball gave it a rough character. Houses 3 & 4 stories dating back about 25 years. Mitford road is older & quieter 4 room houses let at 8/- to 9/- a week. Cottinham Rd. is a mixture of dwelling houses & shops. Conwallis Rd the best, inhabited by working men. Crouch Hill Presbyterian Mission in Blenheim road. London Road Car Stables at end of Malborough Road. Kingdom Rd now goes straight into Hornsey road & instead of a block of poor houses is now a small open space kept by the Vestry. So Hopper St. has disappeared. Then into the Hornsey Road which is a street of small shops, giving credit & so doing business with the surrounding neighbourhood over the heads of the cheaper & better shops in Seven Sisters Rd & Holloway Rd. Out of it on the east side is line
Grove

Pine Grove - purple

Roads St. - lb & pk

Brothels

Date of buildings

Grocer's licenses.

Grove & Gladstone St. 2 storied, purple to light blue.
Pine Grove is chiefly stables & shop stores. further south is ~~Roads St.~~ Roads St. a small Italian Colony - ice cream men & hot chest nuts - no trouble to police "great respecters of the Law" said Dyball - Houses built 1870

General Remarks. The quiet streets north of the seven sisters road have a few suspected houses. In the whole subdivision Dyball has 5 brothels under police supervision.

Very few of the ^{well} houses are more than 25 years old. Their date can be fairly traced by the bricks they are made of. The old yellow brick with an uneven outside & colors varying from a deep red to a deep yellow; the modern machine made are harder, smoother, whiter, & half-crooked looking. Houses as a whole well built, very ugly but showing no signs of cracking or bulging.

Dyball disapproved of grocer licenses: he was sure they had increased drinking among women of the lower middle & middle class. No cases had been officially before him but he knows actual instances ^{him}

Demand for small houses.

Rent & life in a pink street

himself -

The district shows a tendency to go down ^{at the East} in sympathy with the poverty of the Colindale Road & to rise slightly in sympathy with Holloway road to the west. All the houses are full, especially the small ones. 'The demand for small houses is very great' said Dyball.

As to the occupancy of a house in a pink street, ~~to~~ 3 storied ~~residential~~ such as those in Borzell road, letting at from £36 to £38 a year. Dyball said: the tenant with his family would take 3 rooms and kitchen on the ground floor. He would let out the first floor containing front & back room & box room (very narrow but often used as a bedroom) for 7/- per week. upstairs would be one room let out to a single old lady unfurnished for 4/- or perhaps to 2 single men furnished at 5/- or 6/- according as they slept in two single or one double bed.

Thus first floor ^{at 7/-} wd pay £18. 4. 0 per annum.

2nd — 4/-

£10. 8. 0

£28. 12. 0

Leaving

Cooking

? besides rates & taxes (£8 to £9
a year)

leaving £7 or £9.0.0 as the rent to be paid by the lessee
& his family

First floor occupants make their front room their best room
& use it as a bed sitting room. For cooking they have a
range in the back room.

Where there are young men, they ~~go~~ have all meals out
except Sunday dinner & pay a regular sum for eating
this with their land lord. If the top room were taken
by an old lady she wd cook all her meals over
her own little fire; on the rare occasions she had
a pie or joint, downstairs wd always allow the
use of their oven free.

The Campbell Road - black.

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For map of walk see page 6. of this ~~book~~ ^{book}.

Starting at the Police Station, East along the Seven Sisters Road: turning North at the Campbell Road. Black on the map & still black. A street with many lodging houses; where thieves & prostitutes congregate. Thieves in the common lodging houses at 4! per night, & prostitutes generally two together in a single furnished room which they rent at 4/6 & 5/-. They are the lowest class of prostitute whose business is done in the back streets. Dyball said you can see them coming home any evening between 12.30 & 1.30 A.M. Windows broken, dirty curtains, doors open, unkempt women talking in loud voices to one another, & litter of paper, old meat & sardine tins, & ends of vegetables but no bread, in the street. The north end is better than the south, opposite the end in denon St is the New Court congregational mission. They don't touch Campbell Rd. at all.

said

Worsening in the Fonthill Rd.

Fonthill Rd S of Lennox Rd purple

Wells Terrace - purple

Rents

said Dyball but to good in a class above the poorest." The houses in Campbell road look well built. Dyball could give no certain reason for the street having become so bad

Then through the ^{purple map} Lennox Rd into Fonthill Rd which is pink above the Lennox Rd but no better than purple & light blue on the south side of it. (Map marks it all except pink). Small general shops at the south end whose tenants let off the rooms above to a poor class. Paddington St. marked pink on map consists chiefly of the ends of other streets. Goodwin St. on the east side of Fonthill Rd. 3 storied, respectable purple to pink. a short street with the Railway Mission Room at the east end of it.

Then east along Wells Terrace, up Clifton Terrace past Atholstone Rd. All of which are purple. Clifton Terrace looks almost light blue in parts.

This quarter shows signs of going down. Up Chatham Rd. past Murray Rd. & Novelard St. 3 storied & an attic. 9 roomed houses letting at from £36 to £80 Then into Tollington Park. on the N side of which is New Court

Tollington Park

Eddington St - purple

Charteris Rd - purple

Coast Chapel. St. Morgan. "The most popular man in
Hollway I should say though he has been here only
9 months." said Dyball. Houses 3 1/2 storied, good
class & good gardens, one family to each the
rule; street nevertheless has an appearance of having
been better than it is now. Road car busline
from the middle of it (Stane Square to Stapleton
Hall public house in Strand Green). Children coming
from East Lane from the hansom road board school,
all well dressed, looking a class above the ordinary
Board school child.

Then East past Overleigh St & Widington St. Overleigh
is pink - 2 storied & an attic - but Widington - working
class & purple; is a cul de sac. "If a ~~bad~~ family got
in here it wd soon become a bad spot."

North into Regina Rd, better. pink & red as map.

E Along Tollington Park Rd, on the south side is Charteris Rd
map gives it red but it does not look better than
purple to pink - has gone down in sympathy with
Lennox Rd.

Then East across Strand Green Road into a half moon
piece which though in the police subdivision is out

District beyond the boundaries of 17.

Stroud green Road.

Japan Crescent - pink²

Pink streets

outside our District ¹⁷/~~16~~. This district is more like the New upper Clapton neighbourhood. Houses especially at the north end, new, faced red brick, inhabited by city people. Woodstock Rd at the South is not so good but still pink in character railway guards & police men living there. Large new Board schools. Upper Tollymore Park, Osborne Rd, Lane Rd, Albert Rd, Stapleton Hall Rd. all pink banded & red. In Stapleton Hall Rd they keep one or 2 servants per house said by ball.

Into District 17 at Japan Crescent. 2 storied houses built 1890 Pink banded.

South along Stroud Green Rd formerly a road of residences, now quickly becoming a shopping road of a good class 'well-above the Seven Sisters Rd in the quality of shops'

Went in to Hanley Rd & south along Evershot Rd past Corbyn to Thorpdale Rd. - pink & pink banded streets. rent £36. 10 roomed 3 storied houses. Thorpdale Rd is less good, working-class, purple £28. to £30 rent, 7 rooms & was house. Coal-cast was

Rents

Crime & trade

Juvenile offenders

Police & tips

was going round these streets with coal in sacks at 11^d per cwt.

Between Adm Hanley & Thorpdale Rds is Almington St where Dyball himself lives. 7 rooms house. + kitchen + wash house. £30 rent. Small fronts & garden behind. at the NW. end of the street are houses let directly by the landlord as flats. pk as map

Monten R. St leading down to the Bd school is less good purple (map marks it pink). At the west end of Dolling Ln Park is Bracey St pink to purple as map. 2 storied.

Dyball said that there had been an increase in the number of charges in the last 2 yrs: he put it down to the effect of better trade: more money, more drink, more violence. "It is the pretty general experience of policemen that there is a greater amount of crime in periods of good trade than in hard times" said Dyball.

From the Campbell Rd district they get a great number of juvenile offenders. Bands of 5 & 6 set themselves out & parade the streets trying to pick up all they can - chiefly from open stalls. As to the police receiving either tips or drinks, he being a tee totaller had never done so, he thought it the rarest possible thing.

Supt. Vedy.

Violence decreasing.

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Interview with Superintendent Louis Vedy of the
Y. Police Division. at the Police Station
Holmes Road. Kentish Town.

Supt. ~~Holmes~~ Vedy has risen through the ranks to his
present position. He is a tall man, with
large dark moustache & trimmed pointed beard.
A very fine man to look at. Rather a hesi-
tating speaker. He is a ballplayer.

As a whole he said crime was decreasing especially
crime with violence. People are less brutal than
they used to be. Change due he thinks to better
teaching. Even the reformatives turn out a
large proportion who become respectable citizens.
The actual number of cases in Holloway of
adult offenders has increased slightly in the
last two years but there are special reasons
for it & the increase has not been in proportion
to the increase of the population. The reasons
are

Special reasons for increase
of crime in Holloway.

Juvenile offenders.

Increase of crime in periods
of good trade.

The displacement of a very low class in Lower town
by New Railway Buildings & also from Shore-
ditch out of the Boundary street area. The displaced
follow the line of least resistance & that has been
northward: the majority have gone to Tottenham &
Walthamstow but some have stopped short at
New Highgate & Holloway. New Highgate is
a triangular piece just in our district & close
to the S.E. end of Highgate cemetery. The Supt.
Vady mentioned particularly Doynton, Colva &
Raydon streets. In Holloway he cited Rupert road
& Campbell Road.

They are the children from these roads who form the
main body of juvenile offenders who go about in
gangs of 5 or 6 stealing from barrows, open shops
etc. He does not see how you can expect any
alteration in the children before you alter
their environment. "They see nothing improper in
stealing, the impropriety is in being caught."
Crime has no regular seasons. There is a ways an
increase in periods of good trade and a decrease
when men are out of work. There is too an
in

Drink

Holidays v Saving

Women v Drink

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increase of drunkenness at each holiday season: especially after Bank Holidays but it does not lead to a great increase on the charge sheet because on these days the police are more lenient. If a man can get home any how he is allowed to do so. On an ordinary day the same man would have been run in for a certainty.

Drinking has increased but perhaps not drunkenness. Holidays are so much more frequent than they used to be. Holiday-making is one of the great changes that have come over London working men since Capt. Vedy has had to do with them. A great deal more is spent in holidays than is saved. He thought that the opposite was true 20 years ago; but though this is so he is sure that working men save more ^{now than they did} ~~ever~~.

Women's drinking has increased, no doubt about it: less exception is taken to their entering public houses: another result of holidays. A party of girls - he knows some who go out 5 or 6 together or girls & young men go off out of London on Saturday afternoon or Sunday. They must have refreshment somewhere. The most obvious place is the

Grocer licenses.

Children & beer.

the Public House. Those who would not think of entering a Public House in their own neighbourhood will do so when away & think nothing of it. The habit once begun is continued by them or their children in their own neighbourhood. (In the above he was referring chiefly to the working classes).

The increase in drink among the wives of clerks or men employed away from home ^{belonging to the} lower ^{middle} class, he ascribed to the increased facilities given by grocer licenses. Such cases do not come before him as an official but he knows of them from private experience. Wives put down spirits as groceries: the husband suspects nothing until it is too late. He said he had very strong views on the above question.

As to children fetching beer - he has nothing to say against it. "Here," he said, "my own experience makes me join issue with the Temperance party. Drunkenness is not a child's vice, language & sights in a public house will not be so disgraceful as those that the child will hear ^{use} at home, nor did he think there was much in the argument that it was in fetching beer that the child was introduced to

Ticket-of-leave men.

To some extent also he thought that children were even a guarantee for the good behaviour of the bar customers. It was one of the short effective appeals a publican could make to a rowdy customer to remember the children.

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to the habit of frequenting it. In the same way he did not understand why the publican should be so strictly forbidden to give sweets. Less harm for the parent could be the only result of ^{the cost of} sweet giving to the child. It was rather far fetched to think to bring it under the lottery act.

He does not think convict-ticket-of-leave men have any real cause of complaint against the police. The best proof of it is that practically none of the uniformed men have any idea of who are ticket men & who are not. Plain clothes men & ~~not~~ inspectors are only aware of their names. The Home Office is very particular on this question and wherever it is alleged it is carefully inquired into from Head quarters. He has known 6 or 7 cases. There is a certain set of convicts who always try it on in the hope of getting a more lenient sentence the next time they are brought up. He has noticed the complaint to be made by these men just before they are expecting to be brought up on another charge. As to the visiting of ticket men in their houses to see that they have given a correct address, this is done by a special set of plain clothes men

Beer houses.

Police & Publican.

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from Scotland Yard & not by local officers. Public houses he prefers to Beerhouses. Where you look for complaints as to the treatment of police is to Beerhouses. He would like to see all those ~~that~~ whose custom could not make them give a fair return to their managers, suppressed. Beer houses he said were driven to malpractices in order to shew a living for the proprietor. Proprietors are small men with a little money. Beerhouse belongs to brewer who advances a large sum for which the publican pays over his own capital as security for the interest on loan. Trade is pushed. Brewer sells more & more beer but publican finds that even so he does not make it pay. All the while his own money is being absorbed by the brewer in the form of interest. Brewer forecloses. It is only the publican who loses. Supt. Kelly said that all beerhouses were tied houses.

Police do get some drink still but not much & never he thought with the approval of the proprietor. Proprietors have too much at stake now to risk their licenses in such a way. A policeman now wd. hardly dare enter a public house. When he did drink it was

brought

Betting

Irregular earnings of police

brought out to him by the potman & he had to pay for it

Betting is on the increase if any thing. The police have suppressed the corner men & open street betting but it goes on in private houses and courts just the same. If the working man means to bet, police orders wont stop him. Newspapers, knowledge of arithmetic, more holidays etc all encourage him to do so. Also it seems to be in the nature of the man, more so now than ever Mr. Vedy thought & was inclined to trace some of it to the influence & spread of the Jews. Englishmen dont bet to the same ~~way~~ extent as Jews. In Whitechapel where he used to be the only recreation of the Jew was betting - when he loses he holds his tongue (the Jew) but when he wins the whole world knows it. Mr. Vedy thought that this constant trumpeting of winning could not be without influence on their employees. For this reason he was inclined to ~~attach~~ ^{trace} some connection between the spreading of the Jews & the increase of betting.

Mr. Vedy said that the irregular earnings of the police were so small as to be unworthy of consideration: he put them at under $\frac{1}{2}$ per man per month.

H. G. Mankin.

His character.

Dec. 6.

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G.H.D.

Interview with H. G. Mankin, master plumber at the North London Club & Institute, Rodney Street, Pentonville.

Mr. Mankin is known as the 'Fairy' to his friends in the club: he is of medium height: fair moustache has been a workman & is now an employer of labour. Is very ready both with his tongue & his fists. Is champion light weight boxer in the club. Acts as judge, referee or instructor in most of the club contests in the neighbourhood. He is married to the daughter of a publican & knows personally or by sight every publican, betting man or sportsman in the district. (This last is his own account but I believe it to be true) As a plumber he has won prizes from the Plumbers Company: he now gets vestry contracts & employs others: his place of business & future home (he is just moving there from Percy Circus - pink-barred in character) is in Penton Street.

Betting

The Battenberg club.

The Public Houses with the worst character are those at the west end of Chapel street - a very rough set use them. Betting goes on in them freely. The police cannot stop it nor do they wish to. Public Houses, Newspaper shops and street corners are the places most usually frequented or owned by book makers. "The police themselves have a bit on just as any other man." He said he had seen them at it many times. The rat comes when they don't pay up: the bookie refuses to take their bets, they threaten exposure & it just depends how many others are implicated or how much the bookie is afraid of ruin as to whether a raid takes place or not.

Then he told about the Battenberg Club a notorious gambling Hell in Goswell Road which was raided a year ago; baccarat, vingt-et-un, & petits-chevaux were the games played: "Some times there would be £1000 in gold & notes on the table" ~~and the same~~ The gamblers are the bookies, tradesmen, clerks, & sporting men of the neighbourhood. A dancing saloon is

The secret history of raids.

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is attached & there are many loose women there. "But raiding does not stop it, the very evening of the next day after the raid everything was going on as usual." Mantin knows this was so because he was haled by the proprietor & his solicitor ~~so they were away~~ ^{coming away} ~~remanded~~ ^{remanded} from the police court & after a glass of champagne they went to the club. "With every new inspector you get a raid." An inspector does this partly to get a name for zeal & bring his name before the public: partly also - chiefly, Mantin said - to be sure of blackmail in the future. Unless an inspector makes himself feared he is not well-paid by the proprietor. The Battenberg club was sold for £1000 shortly after & bought by Tom Backnall (?) of this Club who still carries on the business as before. The payment to the police Inspector is £10 per week & the place is as safe as a house now - Police visits take place occasionally but the proprietor is always "given the wheeze", then a notice goes round "no tables tonight" & when the police come they find just ordinary dancing going on. With betting there is much the

Police & Publicans.

The Clarendon Club.

the same system: police are paid: now & then an order comes round that a certain bookmaker is to be apprehended, an order from headquarters, it must be carried out. There was a case not long ago. A Public House in the neighbourhood is notorious as a betting centre (he gave name & address ~~here~~, I think the 'Liverpool' in Collier St. but am not sure.) the bookmaker who uses it was marked from headquarters. The proprietor arranged with the police that he should not be arrested in his house, so they watched him out of it & caught him in the 'Princess' another house lower down.

The worst club in the district used to be the 'Clarendon' in ^{Penton St} Clarendon square. That was a hell if ever there was one. All the rough characters, housebreakers, thieves, murderers congregated there with their women. It is now shut up, not by the police but simply because the proprietor could not stand the strain of it any longer.

A month ago a public presentation of a walking stick was made by the Islington Police to Manrin. For gallantry in rescuing 2 constables. There was

It is a rescue of the Police.

Cause of the row.

a row one evening in Chapel street, Mankin was near, heard cries for help, went & found 2 police men on the ground; men Ricking them in the stomach & women running hat pins into them. When they saw him the men stopped, they knew him as a good boxer & also they knew that he knew them. 'That's what takes the fight out of them makes 'em all soft like Dutchess know at once.' He had to knock one or two of them about but that wd have not had any particular effect had he not said 'If you dont stop I shall just wait my time & give you in charge one by one.' They knew he could & would so they stopped. At the presentation he caused great amusement to the police present by telling them that he shd do the very same by them if he found them hitting anyone when they were down. The row in this instance had been caused by a man just out of prison demanding his mistress back from another man whose former mistress had gone off with someone else. The question was which of the men shd be left in the cold. They

Rough spots.

Cost of drink & Tobacco
to working men.

They got angry came to words & blows. Police hearing noise came up & told men & women to move on & stop that. For their interference both men & women turned on the police; knocked them down & were treating them in the way mentioned when Mankin came up.

He picked out Chapel street, the streets round Rant. Henry street in Pentonville, & Gifford St. district as the worst spots in the neighbourhood. The first two he said were decidedly worse than the last. The reason of so much roughness is the clearances made in Drury Lane & Rosebery Avenue.

As to the amount spent by working men in drink & tobacco he said that the ordinary man considered that it was the fair thing to give two thirds of his income to his wife & spend the remaining third on himself. The ordinary man smokes 2oz of tobacco a day. His own (Mankin) allowance per day is 1oz year in, year out.

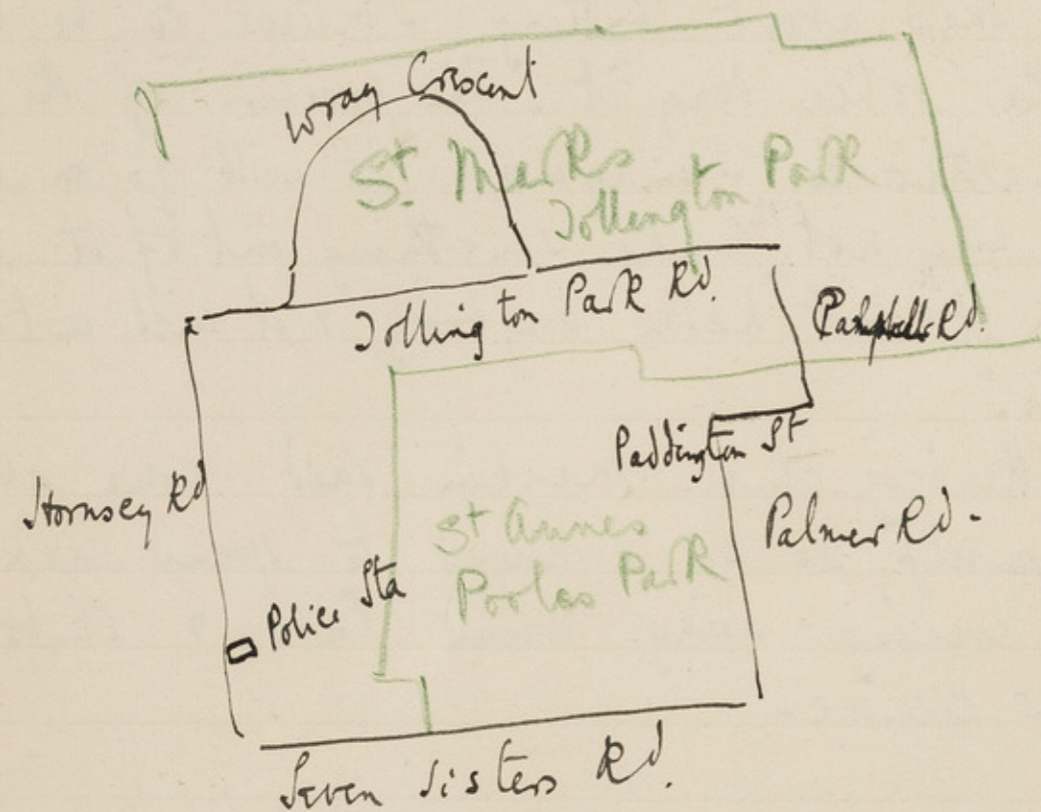
I do not know exactly what amount of reliance to put in the statements made as to police cor.

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corruptibility - Mankin may possibly have 'laid it on a
bit thick' for my ~~B~~ benefit.

What he says about betting I believe to be true
though the police deny it. The position of the police
in this matter is I imagine - "It will go on whatever
we do; why not ^{then} make something out of it for
ourselves: it won't harm anybody & it will certainly
benefit us."

As to the Battenberg club - Mankin said come along &
see for yourself so we arranged to spend next
Saturday evening going round Pubs & Clubs, with
himself as cicerone.

District covered.



Marcellus & Orpingley Roads - lb

Dec. 2. 97

Police 17
Dist 17. 22

CP G.H.D.

Walk with Inspector Dyball round District bounded on the North by Wray Crescent & Tollington Park Road, on the East by Campbell Road, Paddington Street & Palmer Road: on the South by the Seven Sisters Road & on the West by the Hornsey Road. Being part of the parishes of St. Marks, Tollington Park & St. Anne's Pooler Park.

Starting north from the Police station in the Hornsey Road past two new roads running east between Hornsey Rd & Alsen Rd. namely Orpingley Rd which goes right through into Alsen Road & Marcellus Rd, which at the East end runs into the Orpingley Rd. Both poor, rather rough but better than they used to be. Two storied 6 roomed houses, letting at 14/ ~~per~~ ~~week~~ to weekly tenants. Now light blue, formerly dark blue, a great place for family jars between the women, a fixed point is near in purpose to prevent parties from becoming too bitter.

North

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North again along the Hornsey Rd. turning east at Andover
Rd. 3 storied, some shops of a poor class, purple
to light blue, 2 houses in absolute ruin "Nobody knows
who they belong to." out of it are little terraces
Andover Grove, & Andover Gardens. like Andover
Street. some wood choppers. This is a much older street
than the rest. East into Alsen Road. two storied
newer especially at southern end. Built 1883. On the
west side going northwards is Middlesex St. purple as
map, 2 storied. at the west end of is the Islington parish
pauper school. West into Bedford Terrace & Victor Rd
both 2 storied, purple as map. "not rough". North into
Moray Rd. 3 storied pink as map. At the west end
are some changes. a new 3 storied & attic, red brick faced
road, built 1895, covers the gardens of what was
formerly 'the grove'. Road is called Bisnam Rd. &
runs from Moray Rd turning north at its west end
into Tollymore Park. The west end of Tollymore park
(south side) is also built over. Very little space between
these houses, small backs. Bisnam rd now like upper
Clapton new roads, but its goodness will probably
wear off as the freshness of the new houses fades. - Next
into

rents £45. Walk up Tollington Place. Houses built for better families than now occupy them. 3 storied red - semidetached. best of them let for £70 to £80. Smaller houses at north end to let for £42 (on a notice board). Into Wray Crescent. 2 storied red attic. red as map. South along Tulse Rd. old houses with carriage sweep. at the back large board school. still red but declining.

Then back into the Wray Rd again. & south into Hatley road 2 & 3 storied, working class. families on each floor. purple rather than pink. South down Duxham Rd & past the Lennox Rd. both purple as map. Some small shops in the Duxham Rd. into Pooles Park 3 storied, better than either of the foregoing. 3 storied East along Paddington St. which consists mostly of the ends of other streets & south along Palmer Ln 2 & 3 storied - purple as map.

Hatley Road - purple

Paddington St - purple

Inspector Mann.

Paunbrokers.

Dec. 10.

Dist 15 ¹⁵/₂₅ G.H.S. 65

Interview with subdivisional Inspector Joseph Mann of the V or Highgate Police Division: at the Caledonian Road Subdivision. Police station at the corner of the Roman Road & Caledonian Road.

Inspector Mann has been 21 years a policeman. He has been 2 years in this subdivision coming here from . He is a middle aged man, medium height, round face & body, cherubic, pleasant voice: but a regular policeman.

As to pawnbrokers. There is no restriction as to the numbers who may ply their trade in any given district. The terms on which they obtain a license are ^{the very} ~~different~~ ^{same} as to those of a would-be publican. Mann obtains a paper of application from the inland Revenue. This he fills in stating all he can about himself, hands to the police who make

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No Jew Pawnbrokers

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enquiries as to his respectability & manner of life.

They must know for at least 5 years back how he has spent his life. After that police & applicant appear before magistrate & state their case: magis-
trate grants certificate & on production of this certificate & payment of fees Inland Revenue grant pawnbroker's license.

It is a father to son trade. It is no good for an outsider to enter it. Practically to be any good at it you must have been brought up in the business. Knowledge of the value of things & of people are requisite.

Granted this it is a profitable business: there are a few cases of outside men obtaining license & putting in managers but not many. No Jews in the trade.

Hann does not know of a single Jew in the subdivisions in this business. Nor does he remember any Jew pawnbroker in the other divisions where he has served. There may be one or two in Whitechapel but that is exceptional. In a small place one man & an assistant is the usual staff. Women are never employed. It would have to be a very small business where one man would run it by

Special inspectors.

Receiving stolen goods.

by himself. He does not know of any.

There is a special Inspector in each subdivision who does nothing but inspect the pawnbrokers. Every morning a printed list comes from headquarters of goods that are missing & every morning a copy of this is left with the pawnbrokers. The Inspector has the right of looking through pawnbrokers books when he likes.

Pawnbrokers are not receivers of goods stolen in their own district "but undoubtedly they are used pretty extensively for things stolen some way off & therefore difficult to trace". Thus North London brokers take over the proceeds of South London robberies. This is not their main business in any case, for each district has its own fences or receivers of stolen goods known to all the thieves in London. So that where any article ~~was~~ is at all easily traceable it wd not be presented to the broker but to the fence. If it was not traceable it wd more likely come to the broker, thus at some times so happens that things are recovered from the pawnbrokers but not very often.

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Grades of pawnbrokers shops.

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There are grades of pawnbrokers shops as there are grades of other shops but there is not ^{some} the difference between the fashionable pawnbroker & the fashionable shop as regards the class of customers as there is between ^{the clients of} other shops. A poor man wd hesitate less in entering a 'pop-shop' in a large street than he wd in entering a large shop, especially if he had anything of recognized value to put away. Where the poor man has only clothes to dispose of he goes to the shop where he is known because he will get more on them than he wd elsewhere. This is where local knowledge is of value. If the broker knows his customer & also knows that ~~he~~ he is almost sure to come for his clothes on the Saturday after he also knows they will not be left on his hands & therefore he can afford to advance 6% more on them than he wd otherwise have done. On a coat, waist coat & in a good state 5% is the usual advance. & from this amount it runs down to 2%. Brokers customers in a higher rank of life generally go some distance to put away their goods. The shame of being recognized more than
counter

Busy days.

Beeshouses.

Endorsement of licenses.

counterbalances the ~~extra~~ larger advance.

Mondays & Tuesdays are the days when most things are 'put away', Wednesdays & Thursdays are generally 'quieter' though there is always some business doing to meet special emergencies; Fridays there is a slight increase amongst those who find they cannot quite last the week out. As to motives - Safety, is certainly a large factor among some people, raising money, among others & these the majority.

Pawnbrokers themselves raise money, loan money & ^{publish no statements of their security to their customers} safe guard. In a sort of way they are the modern representatives of the old private bank.

The value of Beeshouses he calculated as from £100 to £5000. An instance of the first he gave a small house in St Georges Road - a private house almost except that it has a license & a bar of the second - the house at the corner of the Brandon Road & the York Road which does a very large business. Every year this last appeals to the justices for a license & as regularly every year it is refused.

Justices hesitate to endorse licenses. A stroke of the

the pen can decrease the value of the house 'certainly \$5000' sometimes simply from the carelessness of a servant. yet there is no means of punishment between a \$5 fine & an endorsement. "There are certainly offences for which \$2 or \$300 might well be fined." "In almost every case where a \$5 fine is inflicted there ought to have been an endorsement." Mr. Mann who has to attend all the licensing sessions said that even when a justice endorsed a license the quarter sessions generally revoked it. Two endorsements last year & fines, both revoked though fines were allowed to pass. An endorsement always means an appeal. The brewers are behind the publican & the loss in capital value of a house consequent upon endorsement always makes them fight it.

Two beer houses in Bernerston St. always close at 12 PM. (half an hour before they need) he does not know why; it may be to avoid rowdiness: it is not that their customers wd not drink more because you can always see them trooping out in to other houses close by. In a poor district a house will often close before it need: a poor house knows

Quarter Sessions

Closing time

Police Force.

The Scotch System

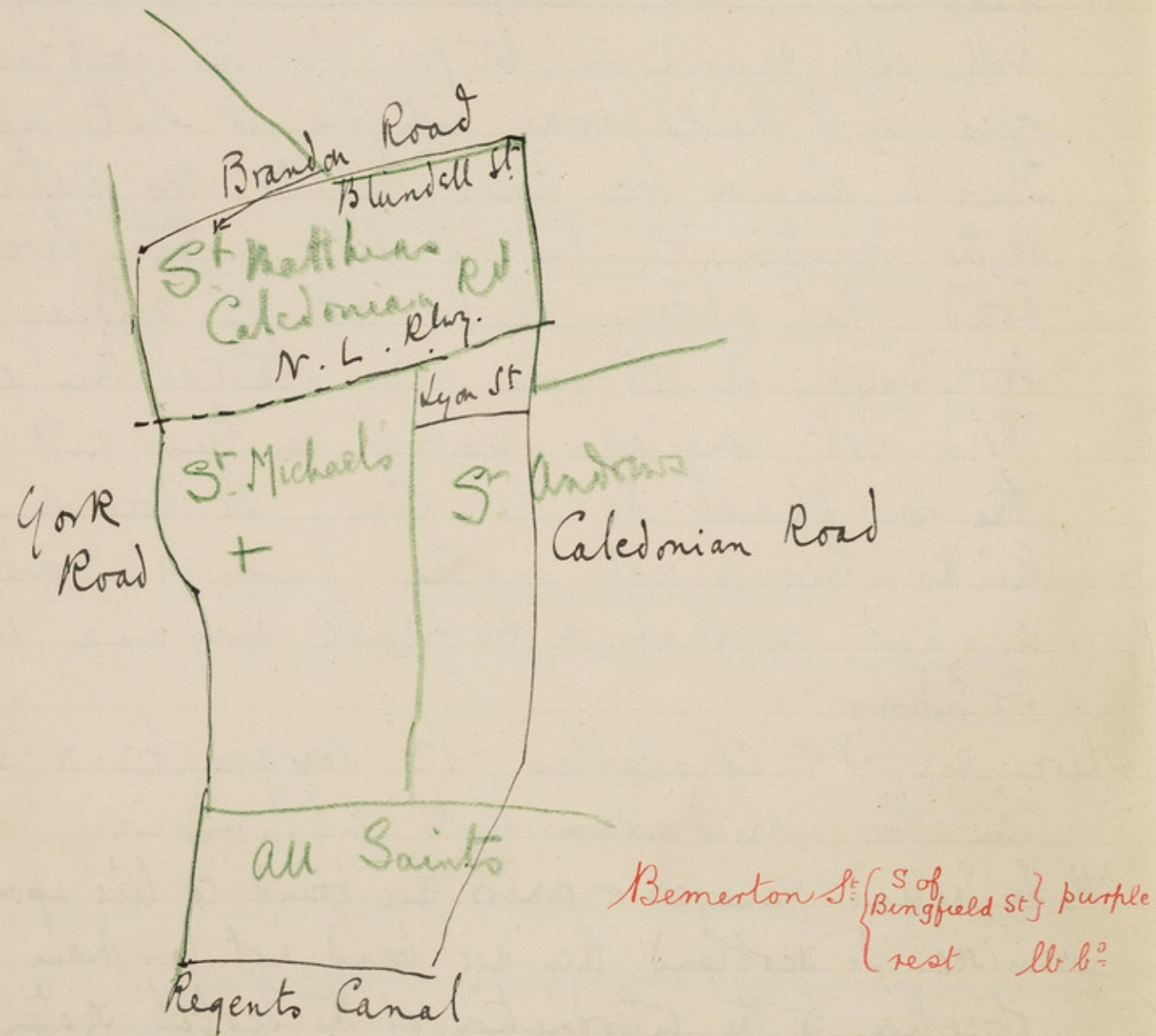
know what custom to expect & can gauge by the weather or other counter attractions as to whether they will get enough in to pay for the outlay of on gas. If it thinks none will come it shuts up. There is also a free house ^{just} outside the district at the junction of Park St (?) & the Liverpool Road that always shuts at 12 midday on Bank Holidays. The old man who started this custom died not long ago leaving in his will that the son should do the same. He does so. Mann thinks there is not another house in London that is shut on such a profitable day as a Bank Holiday.

There are 89 constables, 13 sergeants & 2 inspectors in the Caledonian R. Subdivision.

In England managers or owners are bound to live upon their premises. In Scotland they are bound not to. Mann saw no objection to the introduction of the Scotch system into London. He thought it wd. be an effective stop to all drinking after hours though it might cause occasional hardship for those who came for stimulants in cases of illness.

In Scotland there may be no communication between the Public House and any upper rooms. At closing time everyone leaves the house.

District Council.



Dec. 6. 97.

Dist 15. ^{Police} 15

G.H.S.

Walk with Inspector Mann round district bounded on the North by Brandon Road & Blundell Street; on the East by the Caledonian Road; on the South by the Regents' Canal and on the West by the Gork Road - being the whole of the parish of St. Michael's Caledonian Road, & part of all Saints, St. Andrew's &

Starting at Lya Street which is a turning eastward out of the Caledonian Rd just south of Barnsbury station. N.L.R. Houses 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 3 storied. Inhabited by respectable labourers with a sprinkling of suspected characters. Purple to light blue. A cab yard here. Into Bemerton St the west side of which the map marks dark blue based with black & the east side light blue. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ storied 8 roomed houses letting as a whole for ~~diff~~ £40 a year. In each room Mann said a different family. The west side still worse than the east but ~~the~~ west side ~~is~~ not ~~so~~ better than dark blue. Numbers 76. 78. 80 Bemerton Street with a gross rental of £168

A Black & Blue district

Freeling & Story Sts. lb. b.

Cabyards.

Stanmore & Twyford Sts. - purple

Edward Square - purple (all)

1/68. 47 years unexpired. ground rental £5: still advertised to be sold. Out of the east side of Barnston St are Gifford Clayton, Freeling & Story streets - all marked in map light blue. 2½ & 3½ storied; rents of smaller houses £34 to £36. Some cab yards. Mann gave all much about the same character but said that perhaps Freeling & Story streets were rather worse & rougher than the rest. Light blue with a line of black w^d seem to be about the character of the whole of this block. Across Bingfield St a street of small shops, public houses & beer houses. where the credit shopping of the district is done. Mann said the people marketed chiefly in the Caledonian R^d off the cotes barrows.

Then into the south end of Barnston Street, built 1852. more respectable than the north end. purple to light blue: out of it on the east side Stanmore, Twyford & Luad Street - the first two pink & the last purple in the map. Purple & light blue they look now. 3 & 3½ storied. two large cabyards. A fair class of model dwellings at the east end of Stanmore St. & the Public Baths making the corner with the Caledonian Road.

Then east along Copenhagen St & south into Edward Square.

poor

Edwards Sq

Improvement here. the waste at S. End is now bounded with stone & tidy - houses look better. The southern half of the east side is still markedly poor, but the whole might be purple. 9. xi. 90. Square well fenced & open to public.

Older streets

London & Buckingham Sts - purple

The Railway Barracks.

poor, light blue as map at the north but distinctly worse at the south end. ^{Nothing half of} space kept up by vestry, the southern half has been destroyed & is now an untidy waste. Then east past London St built 1834. purple - 2 storied semi detached. front gardens - have been occupied by a better class. Buckingham St the same with B. School at south end. Into Carlbad, Sidney & Tiber St 2 or 2 1/2 storied. 6 or 7 roomed houses with scullery at the back. 2 or 3 families in each house, many railway men, purple as map. Carlbad is a little poorer than the others.

Canal Terrace. fronting the canal is the same.

Out into the Gork Road. the great northern railway potato market ~~is~~ makes the west side. Rough work. A great many men from the district occupied in loading & unloading them. East into Bingfield St which is better this end than the other. past Delhi Autram & Harlow Street. known as the railway barracks. fairly respectable but dismal looking street: mud blacker, houses higher & streets narrower than in the other parts: all doors shut quiet streets. 3 storied ^{houses} flush with pavement, no space to space either in front or behind. They hold a respectable set of railway men but look as if at any time they might

The Beaconsfield Buildings.

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might become as Beverton Street or even as the Campbell Road.
North into Rendells Road on the north side of which
is East Street flanked on either side by the Beacons-
field Buildings. The West block is worse than the East
(Dr. Cozthers). Built by the Victoria Dwellings Assoc.
in 1891. 12 ticket of leave men live here. Very rough.

Dark blue & Black. Map marks them light blue. On the
south side are some 2 storied, two roomed cottages, old, also
rough. East street full of bits of dirty bread & orange peel.
The south end of Rufford St is called Clasner terrace. attempt
at ornamentation in the buildings here - as poor a class of in-
habitants but less rough said Mann. North, up Rufford St.
4 storied houses on north side, let out in flats, flush with
pavement. South along East street & east into Pembroke St
which is worse at the north end than at the south - as
light blue to purple. Map gives it purple to pink. 2 1/2 &
3 1/2 storied. North up Pembroke St turning into a ~~stone~~^{flag}
paved passage, 2 storied, 4 roomed. called Casdale St.
a great spot for family quarrels. "The chief duty of the
fixed point in Rufford St is to stop these rows" said
Mann.

Then West into the York Road & north along it, turning East at

Belle Isle.

Brandon R^d } W end lb
 } E end purple }

at Pleasant Grove. 4 storied buildings, rough but not quite so bad as Beacon field hldgs. The quarter here between pleasant grove & Brandon Rd is ~~usually~~ known as Belle Isle, is now & has always been the chief seat of the London Horse slaughter. The turnings out of the main roads contain many stables, Herbert Clarke's coal depot, & a few two storied cottages. There is no pottery now, as is shown in map, in its place is Tylor Carpet beating factory & clearing works, also the St. Pancras iron works. East along the Brandon Road, many stables & horse slaughter, at its west end, not better than light blue. also a row of 2 storied cottages - light blue - map marks it all purple.

East into Blundell St. purple as map. house & inhabitants better. Respectable working class. open waste space behind belonging to olney but not used, also entry for carts into the iron works. On the north side of St. are iron stables with rooms over them, as map. South into Charlesworth St. purple to pink & like it Wailow St. slight tendency to improvement here, houses built of the older yellow brick but faced with the harder paler sort. South

into Frederick St. & Sutton St. purple & purple to pink in character. 3 & 3 1/2 storied. whole house Betty

Frederick mews - lb

A falling district.

letting for \$40. a year. 3 families in each, first floor paying 7. per week; top floor 6/6.
Frederick mews out of Littleton St. stable with room over. light blue.

General Remarks. a very rough district. Seems worse now than 10 years ago. The relation of one street to another about the same now as formerly. But all should be a shade darker; the pink, purple; light blue dark blue & the dark blue black.

Inhabitants by profession cabmen, ceters, newiss, railway porters, market porters.

Chapel Street Market.

Public Houses.

Dec. 11. Saturday evening.

Dist 15 ⁷ 17 S.H.D.

With H.G. Mankin (see p 45) round parts of Islington & Holloway & Goswell Road.

Starting at the West end of Chapel Street, out of the South end of the Barnsbury Road Islington. Chapel St. is one of the best known market streets of London. Mankin said people come here from all parts of North London, by rail, bus, & tram. It is ~~more~~ particularly a market for meat & green stuff than for general crockery, stuffs, cheap jacks etc though there are a few of these. Hour 10 PM. Road so crammed that it was difficult to move in either any direction. Butchers & green grocery men doing a large business as well as the public houses. Rather more women than men buyers & a good sprinkling of children. All good. Unmanned, very few sightseers, all with an air of business. Celery in great demand. Market will be as busy tomorrow (Sunday) morning. Public houses full especially the 'Chapel House' at the South West end: not only the bars but also the ^{colours}

The Chapel House

Many sheep's heads hanging up. ^{raw-cooked} Manlin said that a 'side view of a mountain pecker' was a favourite Sunday dish, by which he meant half a sheep's head, selling for 2¹/₂.

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coloured tiled passage on which they open. A great number of women, more women than men, a few of the rougher class with babies in arms. These women in the passage mostly drinking beer in glasses: women of all classes well dressed & ill-dressed, wives of well-to-do & poor working men in appearance. Not many young men. All talking to one another interestedly but not excitedly, some fresh from the pawn brokers with large bundles of Sunday clothes under their arms. None taking the slightest notice of us as we walked down the passage opening each bar door as we went along & looking in to see who were there.

Then along chapel street ^{again}: the market was not a noisy one in spite of the roughness of its surroundings: there was a general hum of business broken now & then by the bay, bay, bay of the butchers but no braying of trumpets or other artificial noise. Two or three cook shops full of young women eating stewed potatoes with a spoonful of gravy off half a sheet of newspaper with the fingers.

Then out into the Liverpool Road & on a tram to Holliday into a Public House on the west side of the road
nearly

The Queensland Road District

nearly opposite the Technical Institute in the Holloway Road; in search of 'Jim' a 'rough'un' who some-times works for Manlin: The name of the Public was ^{the Holloway Station Hotel} ~~the Queens Head~~. Entered the public bar, full of labourers, two labourers wives only, found Jan just lifting a 2 pint of 4 ale to his lips: On seeing us he lifted it & poured it straight down his throat at a gulp & came out. Went with him through Pleasant place; 4 roomed cottages, he said 2 storied, 14/- per week rent: into Brand Street, also cottages, very poor, belonging to the green grocer at the corner, each room in these is let separately to families for the night: 1/- per night pay before you go in. 'Jim' said there was a good deal of this form of lodging in the neighbourhood "it is so difficult to get a family taken in anywhere else". Houses let in this way are not accounted common. Lodging houses, they therefore escape all sanitary inspection & are in no way subject to the police. "Every room is full every night." A four roomed house at this rate produces 28/- per week & is therefore at least twice as valuable as the same house let to weekly tenants at 12/- or 14/-

Public Houses.

Common Lodging-houses.

14/ . Then he took us to the Public House at the corner of
of the Queensland Road which with the beerhouse next
door to it & the 'pub' further up the Queensland Road
does all the rough trade of the district. Two women in the
public bars, very low & very poor class. Men serving at the
bar. Mankin stood half-a-pint all round. No noise in the
public house, no one drunk nor near it. Time about 11 PM.
House opens at 5.30 am & is patronised at that hour by
labourers on their way to work. ^{Hot} Coffee & rum is their
drink at this hour. Then all is quiet till near 10 when
the women are turned out of the common lodging houses
& turn in there to drink. Jim said a passenger could
~~take~~ ^{take} into most Publics without remark but no one
would think of turning into a Beerhouse in the same
way. Labourers in one big business or in the same line
of business generally have a beerhouse practically to
themselves where no one outside wd think of inter-
-rupting them. Then he took us to Jones' Lodging
house near the North West end of the Queens-
land road; this is the chief resort of all the
low prostitutes of the district. Jim went in on the
excuse of borrowing it from Mr. Jones but Mrs
Jones

'Jim's' character

Mr. Jones was out & only a weedy looking man caretaker in her place. Went into the 'Common' room on the ground floor; plain table with benches, large bright fire with Kettle on, looked clean. All the women were out & would not be back before 1 or 2 AM. Jim had lived for a year in this house with a woman. The upper rooms are divided into 2 or 3 compartments for couples. charge. 8^d per night for couples, 5^d & 6^d for single women. Women sleep 5 or 6 in each room. (i.e. undivided rooms). This is properly a lodging house for women ~~over~~ the only - King's over the way is for men only.

Then we said good-bye to Jim. Hankin described him as a man who should earn 40^s or 50^s a week easily but never did. He is a navvy or bricklayer labourer & besides being very handy is noted for his strength. Jim is herculean to look at, enormous chest, arms which looked as if they wd burst his coat sleeves & huge hands, about 6 ft high. His failing is drink & excess of animal spirits. He had an attractive manner & pleasant way of speaking but is said to be a 'fair terror' in the neighbourhood. He is now about 38 years of age: was married at 17 or 18: has a
son

Mankin's opinion was that rough lab-
-ours generally did better not to marry.
"Both sides are more faithful if they are not
tied." This is a fact which they largely
realise in practice so he said.

A Rough Coffee House.

grown up son who takes after his father & has just been
turned out of the army, also several small children.
He married a wife who was a match for him & tried
to bang him about. He left her, took up with another
woman & his wife is now doing 6 months in Holloway
jail for having tried to brain No. 2 with an empty
champagne bottle. Jim seems to be worshipped by
women who go for one another tooth & nail when-
-ever he changes the object of his affections.

Mankin then took me to see 'Charlie' who keeps a
coffee shop at the corner of Blenheim Rd and Horse
Road. Shop apparently empty except for Mr. 'Charlie'
& child of about 5, a slavey & one customer.
A ^{long} wooden counter, not particularly clean ^{up it}, 2 tea urns
unpolished & out of use, 3 beer pumps for kopo ale.
large glass jar of pickled onions, many loaves of
bread, butter, fitches of bacon, mustard pots, glasses
knives, forks & ginger beer bottles, & a knuckle of
ham; opposite the counter next the window a row
of ^{rough} seats & tables: Behind a kind of inner chamber
the kitchen where the slavey made tea & cooked.
Between this chamber and the shop a kind of

A Skittle match.

Skittle's said Mankin is the ^{indoor} amusement of the lowest class, bagatelle of a class higher & billiards of a class higher still.

is man's land where a bagatelle board once had stood, where now was a perambulator the floor being covered with a mass of boots, vegetables & rubbish. We were told that everyone was down stairs watching a skittle match. A staircase led down from the far end of the shop to a cellar converted into a skittle alley. Here was a thick crowd of a rough class. Young lads of 16 ~~to~~ to 18 & men of 30 to 40, labourers in corduroys tied round the knee; in nearly every case a tie did substitute for the collar. Several of the men more than half drunk. "All the great black-guards about" said the proprietor. The final round of a skittle match in progress. Forty entries at 6^d a head for a silver watch which the proprietor had bought for 6/6. But for ~~his~~ command of language ^{at the present time} ~~he~~ ^{he is also} known to be ready with his fists there were many moments when a row seemed imminent. ^{But} The strongest & noisiest ~~seemed~~ ^{to} withdrew away into a corner helplessly when addressed by "Charlie". A man named Foster won the watch, a match for a leg of mutton was to follow. There were about 60 or 80 persons crowded down in the cellar on both sides of the skittle run. No women. After the first match a number came upstairs & had

The 'War-Office'

a ham sandwich & glass of ginger beer or a cup of tea. The demand for ham sandwiches became brisk, Mrs. 'Charlie' gave over her child to the care of the noisiest & roughest man who became tame & quiet in a moment, in order to give all her attention to the cutting of them. Charlie himself sat in another corner counting out his takings. No one was paying particular attention to the counter when another man entered, seized the pickle jar put it in his coat, walked up to a table where some lads were eating sandwiches & asked them to help themselves. One promptly did so but no sooner had he got his hand well in than the first thief called to Charlie that he was being robbed of his pickles. Then followed an explosion of Charlie's choicest directed impartially against his wife for not keeping a good look out & against the thief who had helped himself.

Then we left in order to look into a public house at the corner of the Marlborough Road & the Colchester Rd (?) called the Prince Alfred but "well known in North London as the 'War-Office'". It has a greater reputation for roughness than any house about. Both 'Charlie' & Mankin agreed in this & said that things

The 'Battenberg' Club.

things ran very near murder there sometimes. However there was not even much noise & very few men in it when we passed. We only looked in. Mankin had tried to persuade 'Charlie' to come but he was too busy. There was just about finishing time - all the trams going south had stopped, so we cabbied from the Nag's Head Holloway to Penton St. Mankin's residence. There Mankin changed his cap, scarf & coat: I put on frock coat, gloves & top hat preparatory to going to the Battenberg Club in the Oswell Road. First of all we picked up a member, 'Jack', a paperstainer by trade so that there should be no trouble about getting in.

Cabbied again to the 'Bat'; home about 12.45; found the place just beginning to fill: but not many people there. Entry from the street, through a curtain into a passage where there was a porter, through another door into a large dancing room, piano at one end bar at the other, seats & small tables round the sides, a but 8 women & several young men clerks & a few middle aged tradesmen there. Women of the unfortunate class but behaving very respectably. Lady at the piano strummed waltzes,

Gambling

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There was mild dancing. The proprietor of the 'Bet' is Jack Bucknall formerly a member of the North London Club & Institute who bought the place from a former proprietor for £1000. He has put in a Mr. Robinson as manager: Robinson, said Mankin, was instructor in boxing to the late Duke of Clarence. He is a short thickset man with a reddish moustache. Mr. Robinson, allow me to introduce my friend Mr. Atkins', said Mankin presenting me. 'Pleased to meet you Mr. Atkins'. Mankin then asked what we'd have & small whiskeys & sodas were ordered. Then we went off & sat down, smoked & talked: Mankin & the paperstainer retailed the histories of the ladies present - milliners & ironers: & every now & then the paperstainer danced.

After that Mankin took me upstairs to the gaming room where we found about 60 young & middle aged men round a table, playing 'chemin de fer' & betting with one another whether the banker or the punter wd win. I never saw more than \$6 on the table at a time. No sum staked was under 1/2 & nothing, while I was there, over 20/. The majority of the young men were markedly Jewish. The older men might have been

The German Dramatic Club.

Betting

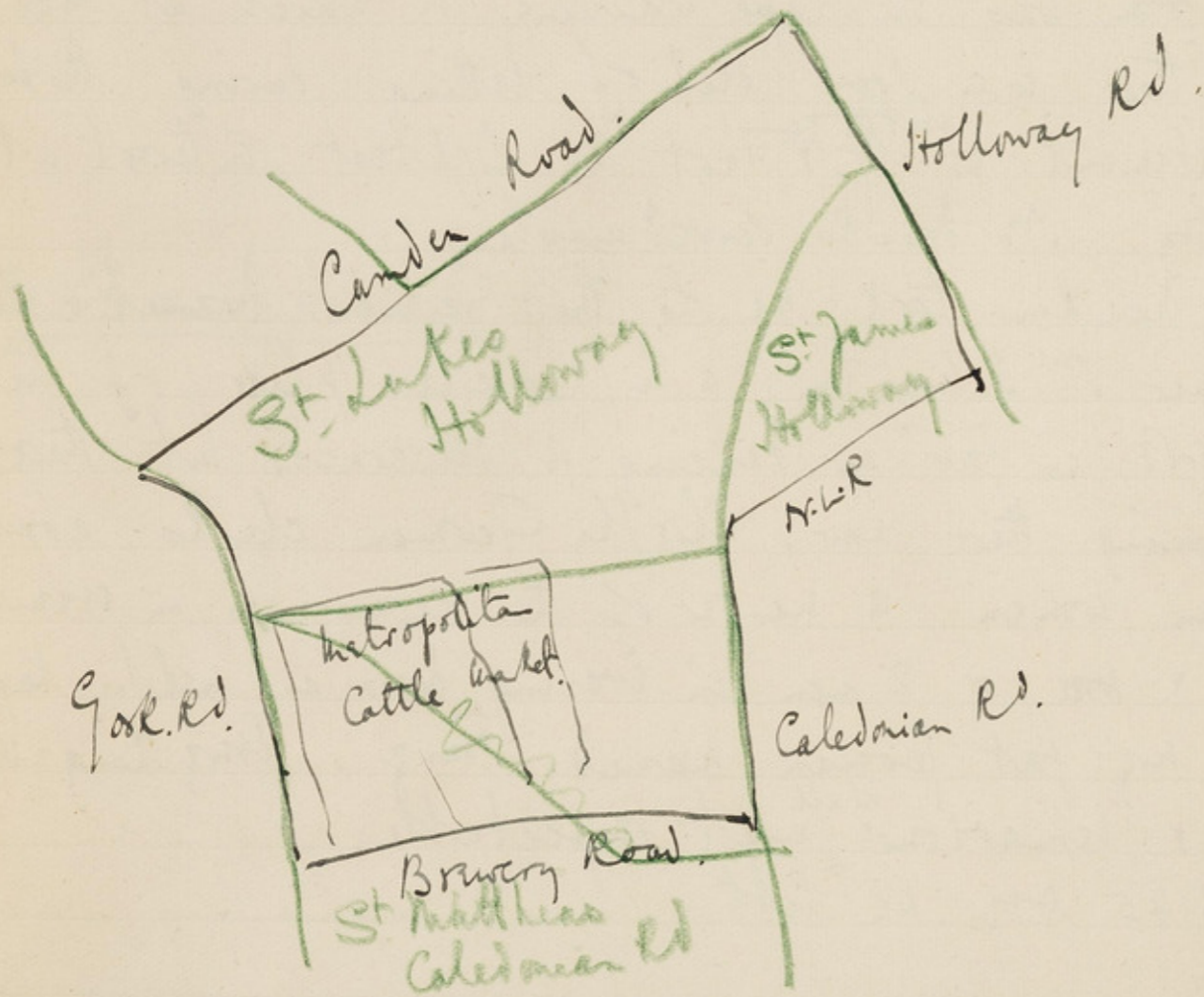
artisans or shopkeepers, probably both. At one side of the room was the tape machine on which at rare times there is a good deal of betting during the day. No excitement at all, ^{what the game} & that the slightest interest at one entry. No drinks served upstairs.

From these Mankin took me to the German Dramatic Club in Upper St Islington, a higher class place of the same sort as far as dancing is concerned, but there is no gaming there now. Chiefly German clerks, about a dozen women, a master of the ceremonies in evening dress & ~~one~~ or 2 men in evening dress as well. Kept by a very fat German named 'Franz'. Everything very quiet & behaviour ^{of all} most respectable.

At 2.45 AM we left.

As to betting. Mankin said the best known bookmaker did business at 379 Liverpool Rd. a Newsagent -

District Covered.



Dark Blue.

Aberdeen & Edinburgh Places - db

Dec. 7th

Dist 15

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G.H.S.

Walk with Inspector Mann round district bounded on the north by the Camden Road: on the east by the Holloway Rd, N.L. Rly & the Caledonian Rd: on the south by the Brewery Rd: on the west by the Gork Road - being part of the parishes of St. Matthias, Caledonian Rd, St. Luke's Holloway & St. James' Holloway.

Starting at the east end of the Brewery Road, a great many factories here. Gordon's the family brewer at the S.E. end. Here are also large vinegar works, piano works, Vernish works & bakeries. & London Road Car Company's stables. Tenement 3 storied houses on the north side, flush with pavement, rough: opposite on the south side of the road Aberdeen Place & Edinburgh Pl - Cocher dwellings. Both dark blue. nearly as bad as Berrington St. said Mann. map marks them light blue. Repulse rabbit-warrens: 4/6 to 5/- charged for each room. On the north side of Brewery Rd at the east end is Bal. moor

Balmoral Grove - lb

Roads north of the Cattle Market.

A better district

- moral grove. 2 storied. rough - map marks it pink. now is better than light blue. The west end of the brewery road has 2 yards ^{perseverance} ^v ^{Demopence} - with rooms over. light blue as map. The anchor buildings are the most respectable in the street.

Then north up the York Road. 3 storied. many railway men - respectable dwellings on its east side. purple to pink. East along the road at the north side of the cattle market. Some 4 storied model dwellings. purple to pink. originally built as hotels but turned into dwellings because they did not pay as hotels. North into the fooding. Road 3 storied houses flush with pavement. 3 families in each - purple to light blue in character. map gives it all purple. Coopers St not so respectable - light blue as map, Surr St equally light blue. Fakenham to the north - respectable purple. This bit is rather dismal - crowding of houses. the purple has a good tinge of blue in it - broad about the street.

Then East along the north Rd & north into Hillmaster Rd. 3 1/2 storied. pink based & red - good gardens - (map gives it red) like it ^{Pen} Hastham & Cardozo roads. Freegrove & Hastham Rds - 2 families to east of the houses.

A path running between the back
gardens of Hungerford & Camden
Roads, has one or two cottages, but
is otherwise an untidy waste.

The Camden Road.

Rents

houses, rents £48 to £50, 3 storied, quiet, fronts & backs,
trees on pavement, semi detached, remarkable number of
caricatures in brightly-gilt cages hanging in the front
windows above the inevitable ~~pot~~ round table pot &
evergreen plant. Hungerford Rd. East end & Penn Rd
rd. but Hungerford Rd. is not so good at the west
end. Beacon Hill, rd.

Then across the Camden Rd. trans down the middle.
substantial houses, not such a good class of inhab.
itants as formerly. 4½ storied. & 2½ - rents £70 to £80.
on the north side of the Rd. is Hill Drop Crescent
of which Nos. 45 & 50 are to let. estimated
rental £55. actual £47. lease of 96 yrs from
March 1854. ground rent £P.

In Camden Road is Camden Rd. Chapel. The most fash-
ionable & best attended ~~leisure~~ said name.

West along the Camden Rd. on the north side of which
are two streets Williamson St & Wasters Rd. (1848).
purple to pink. Many prison wardens from the Holloway
Jail here. houses 2½ storied. A house at the east
end of the Camden Rd. semi det. with front & good garden. 5
bed rooms, dressing room, bath with hot & cold water, 3
reception

Lorraine Place.

119 5
reception rooms, kitchen & office, conservatory, garden
122 ft. x 33 ft 6 in. 45 yrs. unexpired. ground rent £8.
in occupation of owner but of estimated rental value
£70. It is one of the typical, smaller, Camden R. houses.

Then out into the Holloway Rd and south along Lorraine Place. old houses. private rd standing back separated from main rd by green grass & fences. date 18.32 semi detached. 2 1/2 storied houses. the centre one is occupied by an old gentleman a remnant of former times who maintains 2 fields at the back, kills his own meat, makes his own butter, etc; lives as if he were still in the country. at the back is Walter Mews with living stable & mews - with dwellings over.

Then through Holloway Railway station (at the sidings here all the G. N. R. trains are made up) & across bridge into Stock Orchard Crescent. 2 1/2 storied. has been better - now purple to pink - Stock Orchard Crescent behind. has been better - now pink & red based. houses 2 1/2 storied with sometimes an attic.

General Remarks - Round the market as rough bits and

Want of playgrounds.

Slaughtering days

Ragfair - Friday.

Prices of horses & ponies.

and depressing streets. The Cattle market is the great open space but a playground for children is badly needed.

The market is declining, fewer people use it every year as a cattle market. The great slaughtering days are Sunday Evenings - Mondays. Thursdays & Fridays. Slaughterers come from Wotton to Deptford. Very few live in the neigh-
-bourhood.

Friday is the most characteristic market day. ponies, horses, carts, donkeys, goats for sale as well as a miscellany rag fair where nearly everything is to be sold & nearly everything finds a purchaser. Books by the cut, old pictures, clothes, vegetables, toys, hot drinks, stewed eels, furs, lemons, rusty nails, locks, chains, rubbish that one w^d think w^d not pay to move a yard. But good things turn up occasionally & Mann said that West End curio-dealers had agents in the market every Friday morning early in search of valuables.

The public houses at the East end are used almost exclusively by slaughtermen.

200 ponies sold weekly at yard at S.S. entrance. Mostly Prussian. Saw an auction. costs the buyers prices £4.10 to £8. Av. £6.7. Canadian horses also often sold £2 to £20: they are then trained to be bus horses & fetch £30 to £35 each.

St. Georges Road.

Poor & Rough.

S. Georges Rd. W end purp.
8 --- dbl^o

Dec. 9.

Just 15.

Price
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J. H. D.

Walk with Inspector Mann round district bounded on the north by the North London Railway: on the east by Holloway Rd & Liverpool Rd.: on the south by Bride Street & on the west by the Wellington Rd. - being part of the parishes of St. David's & St. James.

Starting at the Police Station in the Caledonian Road. East along St. Georges Rd. which is better at the west than at the east end - people to lift blue - rather than the purple of our map. at the east end it is dark blue, lined black, like Pifford & Benetton Streets, rough & rowdy, a special point at the end of it by day & a patrol at night. lodgings for women 4! 6! 8! many labourers - some thieves & housebreakers, known to work in connection with some of the Hoxton gangs. Mann said there was some interchange of lodgings between the inhabitants of this road & some streets in Hoxton. Some thieves too who work in the Strand west end. It is an old

Grove St - lb

Hope St - lb

Charlotte Place - db

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old street. Croce St out of it on the north side is better
but light blue rather than the purple of our maps. In it a
two storied cottage, with yard behind, a freehold was to
be sold "of gross yearly value of £63.14.0." Hope St
also light blue. Hope Place dark blue as map. "To be
sold this day, 22 small private houses - 1-8. Hope Place
Nos 1-10. Hope Place west of Nos 1, 2, 3 & 6
Hope Cottages, producing a gross rental of £322.8.0
23 years unexpired at a ground rent of £62 per
annum." Like it John St James St - at east end
of St George R. are 3 storied ^{long with} palinged front gardens,
light to dark blue. Behind it down a passage.
Charlotte place. also dark blue 2 storied.
Milton Place. cul-de-sac. with back entrance to
lodging house facing on Eden Grove. That part of
Charlotte place running into Eden Grove is now
called George Street.

This is all a very rough piece. but then said the
inhabitants were neither so vicious nor so tricky
as those about Davy Lane. very few are Irish, a
great deal of changing from house to house within
this narrow radius. Children, ragged, dirty, dressed
in

in trailing torn skirts on the property of their mothers, but all wearing boots. Orange peel & bread in street-floor ^{pot} ~~is~~ shing black with constant ^{modern} rubbing - Behind it is Eden Grove. rather better, Burnard St. out of it - not so good - 2 storied. light blue rather than purple of map. There is a Roman Catholic Convent in Eden Grove, east of which the street is light blue.

Walk up the Holloway Rd on the west side of which just south of the station is Hornsey St. purple to pink working class. mechanics. clerks. railway men - 3 1/2 storied houses with 8 to 10 rooms letting at £45 to £50 per annum. At number 36 is an 'infants nursery' apparently a commercial & not a charitable undertaking where babies are looked after while the parents are at work. The office license at the corner belongs to a grocer who has a process license as well.

Then across the railway out into the Caledonian Road, & south, on the east side is a turning running behind the St George Rd. called Wellington Rd. Some cottages at west end of it marked on map ^{light}

Burnard St - lb

Hornsey St - pk

Wellington Road - purp.

A commercial crèche

Streets to the east of
the Wallington road.
Conan road.

Changes for the worse.

Sheringham Road passage - db

Rhodes St. purp.

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light blue, but now rather purple, regular railway men the
inhabitants, belonging to G. N. R. at the east end of
the St. is the Vestry Electric lighting station. & a
few houses out onto St. James Rd. only one of which look
light blue. Then south into Rhodes St. 2 storied
2 families. 5 roomed houses letting at £30 - working
class. purple not pink. same character as west
end of St. James Rd. though houses look rather
better. Victoria Rd. 2½ storied. divided by a building
from Rhodes St. 2 fams to each h. purple as map.
rents £35 to £38. 8 to 10 rooms in each house. Coals
going round at 1/3 p. cut. South across St. James
Rd. here 3 storied & a shopping St. at its east
end. purple as map into Chalfont Rd. as map -
houses built for rather a better class than those now
in them. into Sheringham Rd. (formerly called
Westbourne Rd. east) a passage runs from it into
St. James Rd. with one or two dark blue cottages
not coloured on the map. at the north end of
which is a lodging house. beds. 5^s & 6^d per night.
Charles St. light blue as map. 3½ storied. Hollingworth
Rd. 3½ & 2½ storied. purple to light blue. A large
black.

Bride Street

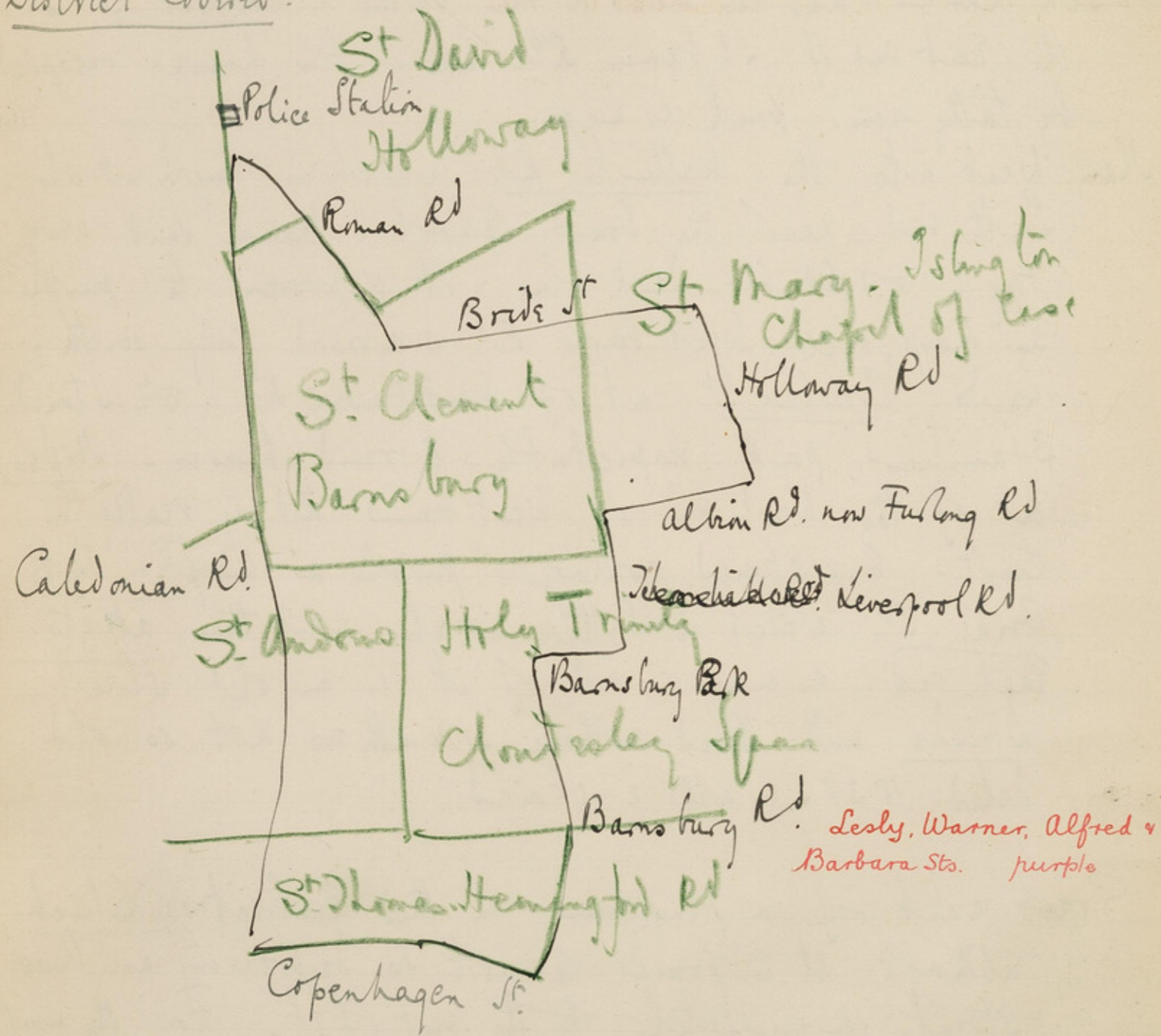
Want of playgrounds.

Vestey is now laying out 2 large pieces of ground at side of market (one as children's playground, other as gardens), at a cost of about £16000. (including treework) - J.A.

Black master has his news in this street. Lawther Rd. at the East end of St James Rd. has a few houses occupied by tally men. pink as map. Then West into the Wellington Rd. which is rough at its South end near the board school: Mann said very rough as to be dark blue: it improves to purple as map, once Westbourne Rd. is crossed going southwards. Crosley St. out of Westbourne Rd. 3 1/2 storied. 3 families - pink - respectable. 8 round houses. Hidcote out of the West end of Westbourne Rd. is really a court. 6. 2 storied cottages - purple as map. Into Bride St. which is better at its west than at its East end. as map. out of it is an old street Donna with tiled cottages - & others not so old dated 1838. all 2 storied.

Great want of a playground in this district: which although it is poorer is not so depressing as those streets immediately to the west of it. For the most part the houses are older & therefore not so high as in the Lesly & Waver street bit.

District Council.



Dec 14. 97.

Dist 15

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G. H. J.

Walk with Inspector Mann round district bounded on the North by Roman Rd, & Bride St: on the East at by Holloway Rd, albin Rd, livespool Rd, Barnsbury park, & Barnsbury road: on the South by Copenhagen St & on the west by the Caledonian Road. being part of the parishes of St David's, Holloway, St Clement's Barnsbury, St Mary's Islington Chapel of Ease, Holy Trinity Clonsdaley Square, St Andrew's Thomhill Square, & St Thomas' Henningford Rd.

Starting at the police station in the Caledonian Road. Then south down the Roman Road, with Lesly, Warner, ^{now called Panning St} Alfred & Barbara streets off it on the east side. All people to pink streets. ugly whitish yellow brick houses, with only an area paling between them & the pavement, high, 3 1/2 stories with sometimes an attic as well, making the road seem narrow & the street dark: inhabited by working class, mostly regularly employed, some drovers, labourers, etc.

Changes for the worse in the
streets east of Roman Road.

artisans, bus drivers, cab drivers, conductors, 3 or 4 families to each house. Some shops at the north end of the Roman Road. Coal going round at 1/2^d cost. Small carts retailing firewood by the basketful, green grocers carts doing business from house to house. "None of the people who wd. be likely to be put out of work by a long frost, but all poor." ~~None~~ ^{On} the whole I think all these streets shd. be purple, the influence of their surroundings on the North St. Georges Rd (purple & light blue) on the East, Wellington St (light blue) on the South, Cornelia St (light blue) & on the west Pentonville Prison, has crushed the pink out of them.

Brids St is better at the west than at the East end. Westbourne Rd. being the dividing line.

Between Bride St & the Offord Road are Barnsbury Grove, Cornelia St & St Clement St. Barnsbury Grove is purple not pink large cab-yard in it. more open at East than on west side. "is not so good as Warner St. Some rough characters here said Mann. Cornelia St. has St Clements' mission in it, still light blue as map: houses dated 1833. St Clement St purple as map but light blue at S.E. end. 6 lanes, 2 1/2 storied. Offord Rd 3 1/2 storied. better west of

Cumberland St - purple

Market St - lb

Arundel Square.

of Roman Rd then East
 Then North up Roman road on W side of which running
 down the hill are Cumberland St. Purple ~~to~~ (map pink) a
 poor block at S.W. end light blue in map; but men
 said they held a better set of people than Comelia St.
 Cumberland St 3 1/2 storied. ^{min.} ~~Warriors~~ cott at N.E. end; the
 rest purple not pink. Same as Warner St.
 West through Offord Rd into Westbourne St better than fore-
 going. Furnished lodgings - pink & pink barred. gardens
Arundel Square 4 1/2 storied. with a fairly well kept
 private square. Most houses owned by one family. red as map.
 Lawn tennis court (grass) in square. Railway cutting ^{running} ~~date 1857~~
 through; South side of it. East into Ellington St 3 1/2. ²
 3 families to a house. but good class. Some smaller houses
 at N.E. end which are purple. Tally men, mechanics -
 a few of the houses hold 1 family only. Small front gardens.
 North up Divespool Rd & East along Madras Place. 2 storied
 working class. purple not pink. North into Ringcroft Rd
 (late Palmer Rd) same as foregoing - at the back facing
 a new st. at the west & the Divespool Rd on the East
 is a long new block of Flats. red brick - with a very
 narrow space between the 2 backs. These flats are 4

Barnsbury Park.

Rents

Offord St. - Bldgs at SW. - purple

4 or 5 storied & are bound to be adversely affected by want of space when frolics has worn off.

Then south along the Liverpool Rd & across the railway, on the west side a small turning - a few houses & business yard. Light blue as map. a summer haunt of bookmakers. This turning is called Wellington Place.

West along Barnsbury Park. pink barred, not red. large open space behind. London Royal Engineers volunteers quarters fronts & carriage sweeps. house built for a better class than is now in them. at the west end the two houses with the largest gardens are taken by Jones Street photo Engraving Co & the garden is covered with huts with glass roofs in which the engraving is done.

Across the Thornhill Rd an old fashioned Rd. not better than pink barred. on the south side of it Belitha Villas. 2½ & 3½ storied. some one family others with lodges - pink barred. ~~and~~ red. rents £45 to £50. South along the Hemingford Rd. a long broad St. 3½ storied, less good down the hill at its south end. good gardens.

West down Huntingdon St. pink as map, well built houses 3½ storied + an attic, fair backs. North along Crescent St into Offord St. - purple not pink 2 storied houses with stables at back. only 4 rows

John Street - W of Barnsbury R^d - pk

Mount Pleasant.

Want of playgrounds

inclining to light blue on South side.

South into Thornhill Crescent & Square as map. 3 1/2 stories with sometimes an attic. Square well-kept.

East up John St 3 storied. Jewish Synagogue at NE end flats at S.E. end. pink & pink banded. On the south side of it Thornhill proce. less good, purple to pink & Lambert like Maria Terrace 2 1/2 storied - pink. On the north

side of John St is Mount Pleasant now called Barnsbury Terrace. an odd-out of the way piece - almost country - left behind. 3 1/2 storied houses. The north & south sides are flanked by Mountfort Crescent & Mountfort Place ^{was Terrace} the crescent being a bit of shabby

& grass in front of the houses, hedged from the road by low posts & hanging chains - Mountfort Terrace had the same but it is now being taken over & modernised by the Vestry - Jews coming in here - proximity of Synagogue - St Andrews Vicarage & some old country villas with bow-windows in the Crescent.

Barnsbury Square. bright & well taken care of by vestry - largely used by children in summer - complaints of their noise from houses round, want of good play ground in this & all the surrounding district.

Alma

Alma Terrace. out of John St. East end by Board school
 turning & running parallel with John St. behind. built 1854.
 2 storied. working class. purple not pink.
 Then south along Thomhill Rd. past Albin Grove to
Richmond Road 3 1/2 storied. 2 or 3 families - as map.
 into Richmond crescent. ^{not rep.} mostly pink barred. city managers.
 but not so good as Thomhill square. very ugly houses.
 depressing - dark street.

On the south side of the Richmond Road. are Boxworth
 Grove. a cul-de-sac. Old Houses. 3 1/2 storied. pink as
 map. Sheen Grove late Richmond Grove. less good
 3 1/2 storied. 3 families to a house. purple to pink.

Gairford Rd. more purple than pink. Pultney Terrace
 running along the south end of these roads is purple
 as map. Into Pultney St. 2 1/2 storied. old houses
 with fluted columns on either side of the front doors.
 Houses flush with the street - road mesog. paper
 orange peel etc. The S.W. end is light blue
 the rest purple - No part pink. Old shops with small glass panes.

Alma Grove at the west end of Pultney St. 3
 storied. purple to light blue.

Into Copenhagen Street, a shopping St. all purple - map.
 five

Richmond crescent pk b⁴

Pultney St.

Pultney St. purple

Copenhagen St. all purple

Everilda St purple

cab yard - lb

Betting

gives north side of west end pink. Into Matilda Street
purple to pink 2¹/₂ stories. out of it like it are
Grace St. which is purple not pink on south side
& Everilda St purple. St Thomas' Church schools here.
Out of Copenhagen St. is a long yard - cars, stables,
with some rooms over - light blue. not marked on
map.

General Remarks. The north end of this district is depress-
-ing, going down, houses high, streets narrow, backs
narrow. No open spaces. As a natural consequence the
purple & light blue has prevailed over the pink in-
-stead of vice-versa - open spaces badly wanted.
W^d probably be worth the vote's while to sacrifice
the red of Thornhill square houses to a pink bordered
class & opening it as a playground for the Sifford
street district. There are the gardens also behind
Barnbury park which w^d make a space for
the Roman Road bit.

Mann said betting practically existed no more owing
to police efforts, by which he meant open street betting.
He admitted betting in tobacconists, barbers, & news
papers

Prostitution

paper shops & some public houses but said it was impossible to stop it until you changed the character of the working men - in whom he with 21 years experience has seen no change.

There are several prostitutes living in the streets off Thomhill Road but no brothels as far as he knows

Improvement in Bryan St.

Bryan St. purple

A noisy working-men's club.

Dec. 16.

District ~~15~~ ^{Police} 15 / 10

S.H.D.

Walk with Inspector Mann round the district bounded on the North by Copenhagen St., on the East by Barnsbury Road; on the South by Half Moon St. & the Regents Canal, & on the West by the Caledonian Road - being part of the parishes of All Saints Caledonian Road & St. Silas Pentonville.

Starting at the Police station, South along the Caledonian Road as far as Copenhagen street then South along Bryan Street. on map dark blue but now decidedly better, fairly clean. all doors shut: doorposts clean. 2 1/2 stories - broom & wash-house. Is a different class altogether from Pifford street. said Mann. Now purple to light blue. The Boss of Finisbury Working mens Club is in this street, noisy set of members. 'The street wd be very glad if they cd be moved out.' It is an affil.

Sunday gambling

Bryan Vale - db

Bryan Place - purple

affiliated club. Out of it is a court on the south side; a map marked black. Rebuilding, draining going on here, ^{or} half of it is now untenanted. The remainder not worse than dark blue. 'A great place for Sunday gambling'. very difficult of approach for police as they always have 'cocks' & 'crows' posted to give the alarm. Police always come in plain clothes, as working men, pretending to be drunk etc. 'We have to resort to all manner of devices' said Mann. Bryan Place to the north of it is much better. purple rather than the light blue of the map. 2 1/2 storied. There is a news out of it on the north side with rooms over stables - light blue. At the corner of Bryan St & Charlotte St is the Kings X mission conducted by Mr. Jones. 'Does a lot of good with his revival meetings' said Mann. On a notice was written 'Timely talks for Toilers'. Into Charlotte Street 2 1/2 storied. rather better than Bryan Street, purple. as map. across Marcell Street which is purple, as map, at the north end but light blue at the south. Into Charlotte Terrace. purple to light blue. 2 1/2

Payne St - lb
Victoria St - lb

Victoria Street

Victoria Place - now done up - wooden palings
garden fronts painted white - no windows
broken - clean - an astonishing change -
Sund. 10. x. 98 lb to purple

2 1/2 stories. not quite so good as Marcell St. Then into a block
marked dark blue lined with black in map namely
Payne St, Victoria Place & Victoria Street. A large board sch
dated 1878 has been planted here & must have displaced
some houses & so have done good. Payne St 2 1/2 stories
is a mass of street, dark blue, no black. Children just coming
out of school (midday) all looked fairly clean & well
dressed, some exceptions with boots on that were not laced
or not laced, but none like the children in St George's
place, one or two I saw go into the Payne St houses back
and me into Victoria Place. Then past the school into
Victoria Place: there are no cottages now on the west
side of it therefore the dark blue on the map may be
removed; on the east side very poor houses; a black
street distinctly worse than Payne St: black round
→ door posts, no carpet or matting in passage, windows broken
or stopped with newspapers or stuff, dirty blinds & curtains,
old tins & papers littering the street. The North end is
being repaired, but the whole a disgrace to its owners & should

should come down. The street running from Half moon Crescent to Victoria St. is also called Victoria Place. There are no dwelling houses now on the north side, their place being taken by the B.S. School & a stable warehouse. The south side is dark blue. Then into Victoria Street. a street of the same houses as in Victoria place. 4 houses at the south end have been done up & have in consequence a very superior class of tenants compared with the rest, windows & blinds clean, these 4 houses are purple. Further north the street becomes dark blue. doors open, women with bare arms & ^{dit} aprons, holding children & gossiping. at the extreme end an inviting sign board belong-
-ing to the undertaker who Mann said is the rent collector of the district (by name W. Cole) "Adult funeral from £2.10.0
£: with hearse & coach (pairs) £4.10.0. Child's funeral 23/ . £: with pair horse coach 38/.

Then into Copenhagen Street. a shopping street. at the new.

Copenhagen Street

Newspapers.

Half moon street

newspaper shop near the corner of Victoria street special prominence in the window was given to 'The Police Budget', 'The Feathered World', 'Snap Shots', 'The Mirror of Life', 'Ally Slopes's half holiday', 'Fashion Novelties', 'The Children's Dress-maker', 'Weldons Bazaar of Childrens fashions' Into Barnsbury Rd. 3 stories. certainly not better than people at the south end. Went into Maygood Street. 2 stories. north side. light blue - a good sprinkling of thieves in this street, the neighborhood' said man. Into Half moon street. naked partly pink but shd be purple throughout. No. 19 a double fronted 3 stories house "with 13 rooms, let to respectable punctual paying weekly tenants, rents amounting to nearly £105 per annum, 48 yrs unexpired lease - at low ground rent of £8.6.0." Below was a rider "If I could $\frac{3}{4}$ of purchase money may be had at 5%". This house

Thornhill Bridge Place - purple

Effect of increasing number of P.H's

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to in ~~excess~~ ^{they put} is marked pink on the map: it has 4 less rooms than 2 houses because an archway leading to a yard behind takes away 2 rooms in ground floor & basement. Then west along Charlotte Street & south down Caledonia Road turning east just at Canal where there is Thornhill Bridge Place - 2 1/2 stories - respectable working class - purple exc for one or 2 light blue houses (map gives it all light blue) at the east end is the All Saints Mission Hall in a very dilapidated condition; now disused.

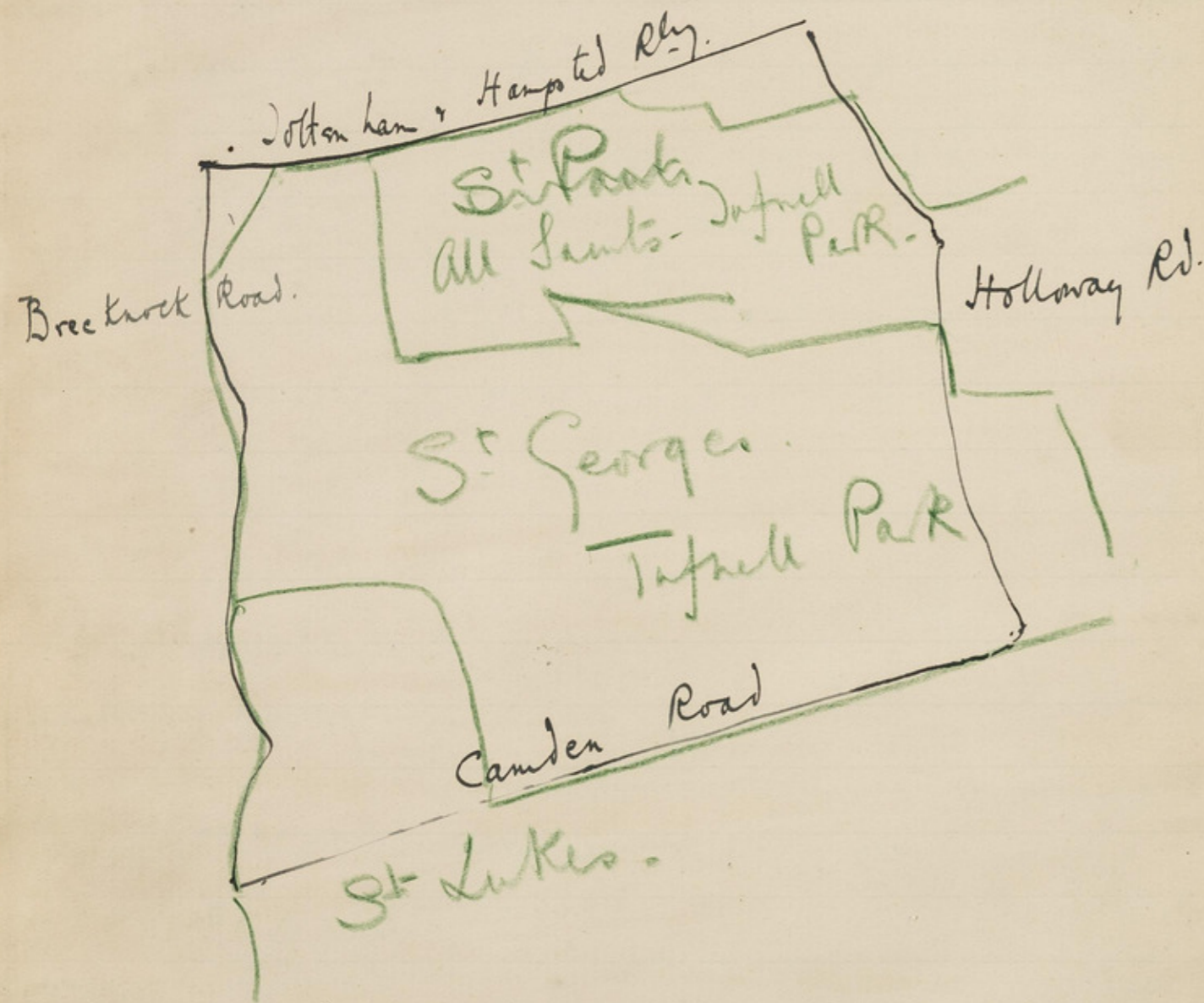
General remarks. On the whole there is a general tendency to betterment in this district which wd be more pronounced than it is were the houses better. But even now it is a thieves resort.

Speaking about public houses (a subject on which Mann was always very loathe to say anything) Mann said he did not think you wd increase drinking if you increased the number of public houses, & he was

Public House customers

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was sure you did not decrease it by decreasing the ⁶⁷ number. The working man was becoming less drunk he thought & thought that the efforts of religious & temperance bodies had been the cause of this decrease. He said the Public House usually opened about 5 when the working man took coffee & rum. (Coffee & rum 1d). The next customers were the heavy drinkers 9 to 10 AM. After them came a respectable business class, in the saloon bar 12-3, some working men also brought their dinner & eat it on the deal table in the public bar; 3-6 in the afternoon is slack, then it is that the potmen and barmen & waiters are allowed a rest. In the evening all classes come. They separate themselves. No business man would ever think of going into the public bar in a district where he was known.

District Covered.



Dec. 17.

Dist 17 ¹⁷/₂₂

G. H. D.

Walk with Inspector Tomkin round district bounded on the north by the Tottenham & Hampstead Railway: on the east by the Holloway Road: on the south by the Camden Park Road: & on the west by the Kentish Town Rd & the Brecknock Rd. being part of the parishes of ~~St. Paul's~~ All Saints Tufnell Park, St. George's Tufnell Park. & St. Luke's.

Starting at the West End of the Camden Road. at its junction with the Brecknock Rd. Brecknock Rd. is $2\frac{1}{2}$ & $3\frac{1}{2}$ storied. ^{characteristic} residential; with the exception of a few houses at the north & south end of it converted into shops (i.e. shops built out from house over front garden so as to be on a level with the pavement). Nos 34. 36. 38. to be sold 9 roomed houses. 38 has a large studio - producing £134 per annum. held for 40 yrs unexpired at a ground rent of £9 per annum.

Into Hill drop Rd & Crescent semi detached, newer houses than Brecknock Rd. $3\frac{1}{2}$ storied. red. fronts & good

Rents in the Brecknock Rd.

Union Rd^d - p.k.t.^o

A well-to-do district

good back gardens. a very respectable & quiet neighborhood.
No. 46. 6 bedded 10 rooms & bathroom let at £65 per ann
held for 56 yrs unexpired.

Walk up Brecknock Rd. turning east at Callerton Rd. 2^o
attic & 3¹/₂ storied. rents £80 to £100. good class residential.
rd. on a hill. at the west end are some new houses in
place of a girls school which failed when the Princess
Alice sank: many of its girls were on board. At-joint
on the north side is the Union Rd. less good, lodges usual,
3¹/₂ storied, pink barred. The next road eastwards is
Huddleston Rd running down hill to the north. rd.
like it Dalmeny Road. On the south side is another
rd Road on the top of the hill called Dalmeny
Avenue, formerly St. Bartholomew's Road. like it
the Anson Rd. - This is a very well to do district.
"Many of the inhabitants go abroad in the winter,
some are music hall artists, some retired tradesmen,
some city men, but the houses are not easy to let
once they become vacant, they are too large for
the set of people who now care to live in a neigh-
-hood like this" said Tomkin.

Then south into a group of roads to the east of the
Halloway

Crayford, Tabley & Bardolph Roads } ph 6^o
Bardwell, Hilton & S. Peters Roads }

House tenure.

Streets west of the Holloway Road.

state

good Crayford, Tabley, Bardolph, Bardwell, Hilton
& S. Peters - 3 1/2 storied houses, 2 or 3 families to each
house, pink based in character, rather dark streets,
rents 50. One family w^d take the house, said Jenkins,
& occupy the basement & ground floor: on the 1st floor
it w^d let off 3 rooms for w^ok a week: & on the
second 8/ or 9/ for 3 rooms. For these houses a
minimum tenancy for 8 years is obligatory upon the
householder

Into the Camden Road here pink based, 3 1/2 storied, lodges
East along the Parkhurst Rd. just before reaching
the Holloway Rd. on the north side is a large
tram yard with a few dwelling houses - purple.
North up the Holloway Rd & then west into the
Dafnell park Rd - good gardens - good people - red.
Nevens Rd. also red, houses not quite so large -
but same class in them. Fairmead Rd. the next
northwards - 2 or 3 families to each ho. 3 storied,
pink based. Tavistock Terrace the next north-
wards is poorer - respectable working class. 2
storied - pink to purple. Then into Wedmore Street
poorer still - purple to light blue. out of which on
the

Road behind Wedmore St - lb

Yerbury Rd S. end pk }
S of Tytherton Rd pk b° }

The Rupert Rd. district

Dark blue

Rupert Road - lb

Milton Grove - lb

on the north side is a turning with out a name leading to 3, double cottages. [one had 3 rooms on the ground floor to be let for 5/6 per week] ^{long} wooden palinged garden fronts, inhabitants ^{very} poor, but not rough light blue. at the west end ^{on the south side} is a large laundry: & a builders workshop & some greenhouses on the north side - road very muddy & rutty - looks as if the whole had formerly been a nursery garden. Then into the Yerbury Road. purple. 3 storied. not so good at the north as at the southern end. At the northern end is a Board School, children just coming out, mostly well-dressed & well fed, all with hats & boots, only near two a little ragged -

Then into a group of 4 very poor streets, Rupert Road, Milton Grove, 3 storied. built of the best light yellow brick. very poor. labourers. some thieves. costers. not so bad as Highgate New Town (ie the streets to the west of Magdala Rd & Dartmouth park Hill) broken windows, plaster chipped round the window sills, doors open, holes kicked under the front door step a black shiness at the door posts. But all is not so bad, some houses (2 or 3) quite respectable, covered with

Bromwell Road - lb

Wedmore Gardens - pk

Yytherton Road pk 6^o

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with creepers, bulb-glasses & flower pots in front windows.
Cromwell road is like it. Hampden Rd. ~~2~~³ storied. children
just home from school, booted but several hatless,
boots tied up & together with string as well as laces,
small children with long trailing skirts; women &
girls standing at the doors, most of the young women
with metal hair curlers all over the head, both
with & without aprons - In the street a litter of
paper, orange peel, & fishes heads. This road is
dark blue like the rest. It verges on black here
& there but no purple also in one or 2 houses -
At the east end there is a fixed police point.

North up the Holloway Road into Wedmore Gardens - a
cul-de-sac, better, 2 storied, purple. The houses in
the Holloway Road here are 3 storied with an attic
flats, shops under them, badly built, not better than
purple; many of them empty (not the shops but the
rooms above)

Then back south down the Holloway Rd. west along, Rupert
Road, down the Gurbury Rd. & west along the Yytherton
Rd. 3 or 2 storied. Small retired shopkeepers, some-
times one servant, pink & pink barred. across the

Beverbrook Rd {N of Tytherton Rd pk
S pk b°
Gatecomb Road pk b°

Tufnell Park

Fulbrook Rd - pk

Lady Margaret Road - pk b°

the Beverbrook Rd. 3 x 2 storied. 2 families. pink.
Gatecomb Rd. 2 storied, small fronts & back, rose to let.
pink - into the Campdale Rd. better, 3 storied, pink
barred, looking on to the large open space of the Tufnell
park Cricket ground which pays well, cricket, football,
cycling, athletic spots, skating rink etc. Tufnell Park
at this point is less good at this point - 3 storied -
than it is further east. West across the Huddle In
Road to the Warrender Rd. 3 x 3 1/2 storied, rents
£34 to £40. milkmen. police. postmen. bus & cab.
Drivers its inhabitants, people to pink. like it Ful-
brook Rd 2 1/2 storied, 2 families to each house
Ward Rd not quite so good, used to be rough, 3 1/2
storied; all houses in these roads about 10 or 12
yrs old, not very well built.
Into the Bricknock Road. purple to pink & pink
barred houses 2 x 3 storied. the two-storied ones have
7 rooms.
South NE. into the Southcote Rd. 2 1/2 storied, 9
rooms, rents £40 to £45, pink in character.
Into the Lady Margaret Road. pink barred for
rent, & then into a block of 2 1/2 storied
street

Jerry-building

Belia Road - pk

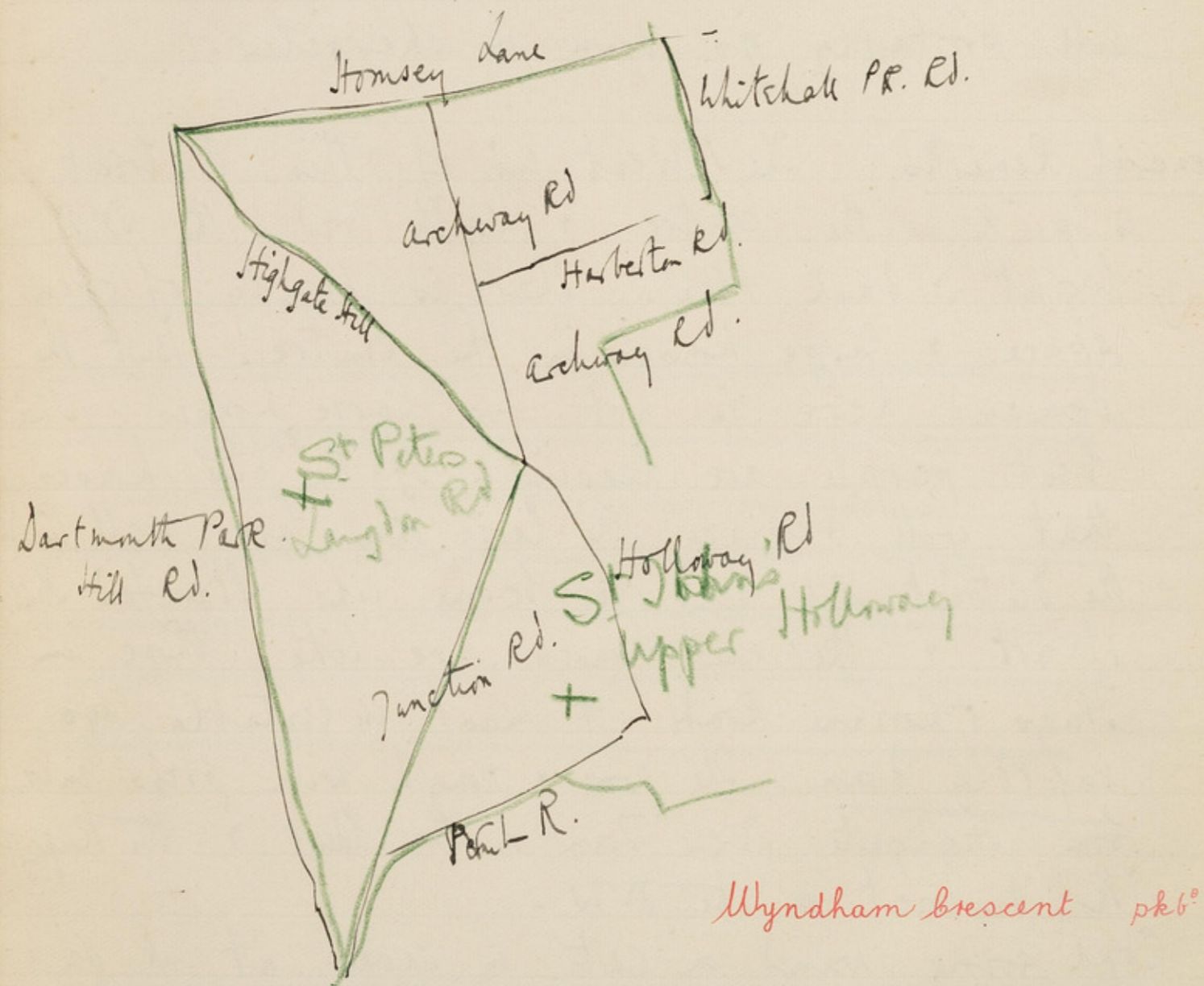
Ward Road - purp.

Celia Rd. Hago Rd & Corinne Rd. all pink in character but all badly built, houses not 10 yrs old but cracking above the windows, very small backs. will probably go down in character.

General Remarks. The N.West end of this district is pink, the centre & south red, the N.E light & dark blue. There is plenty of open space & large houses in the centre. But the demand here is not for large houses. The best people are leaving - If the ^{smaller} new houses that will replace the large ones are well-built the district will tend to become like Stamford Hill. if not & the new houses are like those in Hago & Corinne Roads it must inevitably go rapidly down. The poor & rough will press inward from Highgate New Town on the East & the Rupert Rd. district on the NW.

Coal going round on carts in sacks at 1/4, 1/2 & 1/3 per cent.

District Coverd.



Dec 20.

Dist. 17. $\frac{17}{23}$

G.H.D.

Walk with Inspector Mountfield - Subdivisional Inspector Upper Holloway (Scholefield Rd. police sta. and district bounded on the North by Homsey Lane, on the east by Whitehall Park, Harberton Road, Archway Rd & Holloway Rd: & on the west by Dartmouth Park Hill - being part of the parishes of St. Peter Langdon Road & St. John's Upper Holloway.

Inspector Mountfield, has been 20 years in the service. He came to this subdivision from Bermondsey. He is now Subdivisional Inspector & head of the Upper Holloway Station. He has been in the District 5 yrs. Medium height, reddish beard, a telloteller.

Starting in the extreme S.W. corner Wynndham Crescent. $3\frac{1}{2}$ stories houses flats, 1896 built, flats, 4 rooms self contained - letting at 12/ to 15/ per week & inhabited by shopkeepers whose shops are elsewhere, eg under the new flats that are being built along the Holloway

Saltmouth Park Hill

Bathurst Hill pk b²

Tremlett Grove pk b⁴

Bickerton Road pk b²

Pemberton Gardens

Pemberton Terrace - purple

Holloway Road. These houses are new. Like them is Cathcart. ^{Still} the north end of road is now all built over. Double fronted ^{Houses} speaking tubes at each front door. 6 to each double fronted house. 3 1/2 storied. These roads run up hill from Junction Rd. to Destinath Park Hill which at this end is fairly good, pink based. On the south side of Junction Rd. to Manney Rd. houses 3 storied majority let in apartments, low windows on 1st floor & ground floor. Poppings Rd on the North side is purple to pink. artisans & police. respectable. 2 storied. On the south side again is Francis St. 3 1/2 storied. tenement houses working class. ^{street} ones lives in one of them - a cul. de sac. Opposite on the north side are the North Met. Tramway Stables & Tremlett Grove street runs up hill to the west - red & pink based in character. Breckton Rd. rather better. red.

Then S.E. along St. John's Park & into Pemberton Gardens (No part of this is now called Pemberton Rd). Houses get better as they approach the Holloway Rd. 3 1/2 storied 10 to 12 rooms & bath room, rents £45 to £55 one and often two servants kept. Pemberton Gardens is not better than purple at the West end. Behind it on the south

Ebury street - very poor.

cul de sac out of Ebury St. - dt

Brook Road - push

South is the Caledonian Park football & athletic ground.
North up the Holloway Rd past 2 cul-de-sacs. Witley Rd.
& Windermere Rd. both purple. working class.

West along the Junction Rd. which has shops all along its
south side & mostly dwelling houses on the north being
south down Harrogate Rd. 3 storied. purple. Ebury St. 3
storied & cul de sac running out of it. dark blue.

'Only very very poor not vicious' said Mountfield. a
litter of paper, bread, orange peel, & potato parings in the
street. door posts polished & black. windows broken
patched & dirty, window sills chipped, houses jerry
built & cracking, caters these inhabitants. The
street is a disgrace. Brook Rd purple to light blue.

Then across Junction Rd & into Voley Rd. 3 storied -
working class. a few of the houses distinctly light
blue but the street as a whole purple, Brunswick
Rd 2 1/2 storied. purple. oldish houses. Salisbury Street
better at east end. 'mechanics living here'. but
light blue at its west end. behind it is the small-
-pox hospital ^{guardians} which has just been bought by the
Islington ~~Trust~~ for use as an infirmary. with a
large open space in front of it. West into Mag

dala

Magdala & Anatola roads.

Magdala Road - lb

Highgate New Town.

Dartmouth Park Hill N. of Beckerton R^d - purp.

Magdala Rd. 2 stories. North side of road purple to light blue, south side rough, light blue to dark blue - 7 houses to be sold bringing in from weekly tenants £222.19.0 per annum. Like it is Anatola Rd - purple to light blue. Then south down Cordlestone Rd! The worst part of this district lies on the west of the Road & is known as Highgate New Town. The railway clearances in Lower town brought about the emigration of a whole set of people from there in a body - very rough - they settled here - houses dingy - badly built - in what with proper care might have been a good situation. The roughness of the west side has also affected the east side & Dartmouth Park Hill is light blue & purple at this end. "many coal porters - builders labourers - railway labourers & labourers generally living here." South past Langdon Rd. more respectable - purple - Haggrave Park Rd. better still - pink. Then north past the St. Pancras infirmary & St. Joseph's East along the Honey Lane. At the corner the Crown Inn has been pulled down & is being rebuilt in order to open as a Sunday house doing trade with bona fide travellers to

Homsey Lane. Yellow.

Homsey Lane S. side yellow

Harberton Road - pink?

Jerry building

to Waterlow Park in the summer.

Then east along Homsey Lane which at its west end has the St. Joseph's Schools, Reservoirs & a mix ture of new & old houses. The new houses are on the north side 10 roomed letting for £85 a year. Then across the Railway now being rebuilt past some large houses with large gardens belonging to City men & Mr. Cox Wright J.P. On the north side a new road is being built on former fields called Homsey Lane Gardens. not all built yet nor road made, but already partially occupied by a city going pinkbarred class.

South down Whitchell Park Rd. new houses, new district 1890 2 storied & attic, red brick built, small backs, on the hill, city people, one servant kept, red & pink barred, rents £40.

Grosley Rd smaller houses but same class. like its Gladsmuir West along Harberton Rd. built 1892. rents £35. 2 storied, pink barred. Cheveston Rd. the same. trees along the pavement.

Then across the Railway Rd to Bismarck, Deopard & Lydiard Roads. 2 storied & attic - pink barred & pink. Small tradesmen & clerks.

(Magdala Road etc)
General Remarks. This district has been ruined by bad building everything else is in its former position, open space "Health

Women's drinking

Violent crime.

health etc. - Even now if every one of the shun houses were pulled down & rebuilt like those houses on the South side of Stoney Lane they wd almost certainly be taken up at once by a good class of city man. Highgate New Town reflects unfavourably on the building surveyor of the time when it was built -

Mr. Mountfield said he thought that drinking among women had certainly increased & unhesitatingly put it down to the greater ease with which they can obtain stimulents.

Violence such as housebreaking has been stopped he said by the heavy sentences passed by the magistrates: also he said violent crime had decreased throughout London.

District Covered.



Fairbridge Road. houses & rents. Fairbridge Rd W. of Tottenham Rd pk 6²

Dec 21.

Dist 17 ¹⁷/₂₃

G.H.S.

Walk with Inspector Mountfield round district bounded on the north by Homsey Lane: on the east by Crouch Hill, on the south by the Tottenham & Hampstead Railway & on the west by the Holloway Road & St. John's Road - being part of the parishes of St. Stephens & St. Marys Upper Holloway.

Starting at the Police station in the Scholefield Road which is a working-class & for the most part two storied street. The south end has a set of new 2 storied & attic - pink - new houses like those in the Fairbridge Road, the rest is light blue especially the northern end. where 2 & 3 families to a house is common. many costers. South into the Fairbridge Rd a mixed road - pink based at the west end, 8 rooms, 2 stories & an attic & bathroom, become letting for £30 a year, lodges usual; further east the road becomes pink, then purple at the Tottenham road & 3½ storied & light blue at the East End, "5 or 6 families to a house here" & all the

A park district.

Trinder Rd - pk
Shaftesbury Rd - pk b
Crouch Hill

Crouch Hill itself has a few shops at the bottom, it gets better as the ground rises, pink as far as the Church, then red, & yellow at the top of the Hill, large detached houses some with kitchen gardens.

the common signs of poverty. The Cottenden Rd. is much better north of the railway than it is south, some shops, passage.

East into the Lambton Rd. 3 storied, 9 & 10 rooms, two families in about half the houses, East end is 2 storied & more working class than the rest. South along the Rugby Rd into the penwith Rd. 2 1/2 & attic, so too the Spadsholt Rd. people to pink, past the Ormond Rd. 3 storied pink to purple - plenty of open space owing to the railway cutting & fair gardens.

North up Crouch Hill. on the East side is Holly park large houses, business people, red: on the west side are Trinder Rd - pink - clerks. rents £36 to £40: 2 & 3 storied houses. Shaftesbury Rd. pink & pink based: 3 storied: one & two families to a house; lodges usual. Ashley Rd. 3 storied - better - all one family to a house - red - rents £40 to £45 & over. On the east side is Blyth wood Rd. 3 storied. pink based. Mountview Rd. at the top of the Hill crossing the railway, red, a good class.

Then west along Wastonsville Rd. ugly large, yellow brick 3 1/2 storied houses with carriage drives; yellow at East

Homsey Rise

Homsey Rise Gardens - red

Highcroft Road - red

Sunny Side Road

Sunnyside Rd^d S end purp.

East end. "Houses will be difficult to let when present tenants leave; too large for the present demand in the district" said Mountfield. Business people. 2 houses at the west end let apartment.

Then up to Crouch End station. good bit of open space here, used for kitchen gardens, tennis lawn, & putting runs.

Then south down the Homsey Rise which has shops at both ends, dwellings in the middle, rents £40 to £45 lodgers usual, one or 2 families, houses 3 storied with shop below, very ugly. past Homsey Rise gardens (formerly ^{Crooked Lane} Homsey Crescent) which now makes a complete semicircle & joins the Rise opposite Cromatic road - red brick new houses, 2 stories & an attic, rents £40. character red. Highcroft Rd. formerly Upper Holloway Rise on the east side, well to do, yellow

West into Cromatic & Orleans Roads. pink based & red, as family usual in Orleans Rd. Cromatic an older Rd. yellow brick, 3 1/2 storied, forbidding houses, respectable, pink based. like it is the Beaumont Rd Along the Sunny side Rd which is ^{much} poorer on the SW side than at the north - as purple to red. some new houses being

Mulken Rd.

working class

Duncombe Rd^l - E end - pk

Nicholay Rd^l S end purp.

Ruston St^e purple

hill on the NW side. Like it is the Hazelville Rd. which gives the name row to the whole street right into the Homsey Rise: shops at Sathem end. with tenements or flats over them, "not occupied by the owners of the shops below" but by cabmen & other said Mansfield West along the Duncombe Rd. purple to pink. working class better the east than the west end. it has some light blue houses. South down the Mulken Rd. poor, a few rough but only rough, working class, no thieves or prostitutes purple to light blue, a broad road, 2 storied houses with fronts. West along Calverley Rd. 2 storied, 2 fams in each house. purple to pink. into Nicholay Road which is 2 or 3 storied, top end poorer than south end as light blue is to purple: some new flats just built for working class like those at the Holloway Road end of Homsey Lane. ^{Banton} Humbold St. at the bottom on the East side is a flagstoned passage. purple. "a little better than Nicholay St. but only a little." South into Elthorne Street^R. 2 or 3 families in each 3 storied house - a few shops. purple to pink. Robertsons tin-foil factory. is in the street, employing a large number of girls & there are two large saw mills, meat

Ashbrook Road S of Elthorne R^o - pk

Pink barred streets

Crossida St^e pk

Prospero, Prospero, Lysander & Miranda pk⁶

S. John's Villas pk⁶

at either end. Past the Schoolfield Road & north up the Ashbrook Road. purple to light blue - working class - about 20 policemen live in the street, 3 storied houses, 2 families to each - very small backs. a rough poor bit (about 8 houses) in the middle of the east side - just above the Elthorne road (light blue).

Out of the west side is the Wooddale Rd. 2 storied houses with 2 families, rent £32, a few cheaper, great many foot men (The District sorting office is close by in the Picback road) "also $\frac{1}{3}$ at least are bus drivers or conductors." Houses let by the month - purple to pink.

Then north into a set of pink barred streets, Crossida St. Prospero St., Prospero St., Lysander St. City & Miranda St. city people, rents £35, 3 yr tenancy, one or 2 families to each house. Prospero St^e has 2 stories, Prospero 2 or an attic of the mixed yellow & red brick modern type. Lysander is rather better, Miranda is older 3 storied.

Then out into the Holloway Rd. through the Picback Rd. 2 storied houses with 2 families, mechanics & small clerks - pink, the next street south is St. John's Villas

Villes, are 2 families, rents \$36 to \$45
 St. Johns' Rd. to the north of the Fisbach Road
 runs through from the Holloway Rd on the west to the
 Sunnyside rd on the east. It is mixed in character
 the better part of the road has tradesmen & doctors: but
 "two thirds of the houses are occupied by two & 3
 families, respectable mechanics & a few police
 tramway & postmen". houses 2i & 3 storied, badly
 built, many of them showing cracks above the windows,
 pink & pink based in character.

Poor but not rough.

General remarks. There is a good deal poor but nothing
 rough is not really rough in this district.
 Inspector Mountfield said you wd never expect
 rows in the same way as you wd from the
 Rupert Road & Highgate New Town.
 Rupert Rd was however not so bad as the
 Campbell Road.
 The labourers inhabiting the centre of this
 neighbourhood is Mill Lane, Nicholas, Schol-
 -field & Ashbrooke ^{Rope} streets, ^{genuine} as labourers but
 not of the rough type. There is a good deal

Rents

Omnibus men.

Church & Chapel influence.

Drink

deal cheaper here than in Highgate which partly accounts for the presence of so large a proportion of portmen, tram & omnibus men in addition to the labourers. The most respectable class connected with trams & omnibuses are the Conductors "no doubt about that" the Drivers come next, they make better money than conductors but drink a large proportion of it. Lowest & roughest of all are the stablemen & car-washers

Mountfield said that those living in the neighbourhood of Hornsey here were church goers, the rest about half church & half chapel goers. St. Mary's Hornsey Rise was well attended. The ~~Church~~ ^{Salvation Army} "never go to Highgate New Town & the really rough bits". They hold meetings on Sundays opposite St. John's Church in the Holloway Road. There is not outward hostility to them but they find it very difficult to get a hall. The landlord of the Whittington Public House used to let them have a room ^{at the back} but the present ones will not allow it

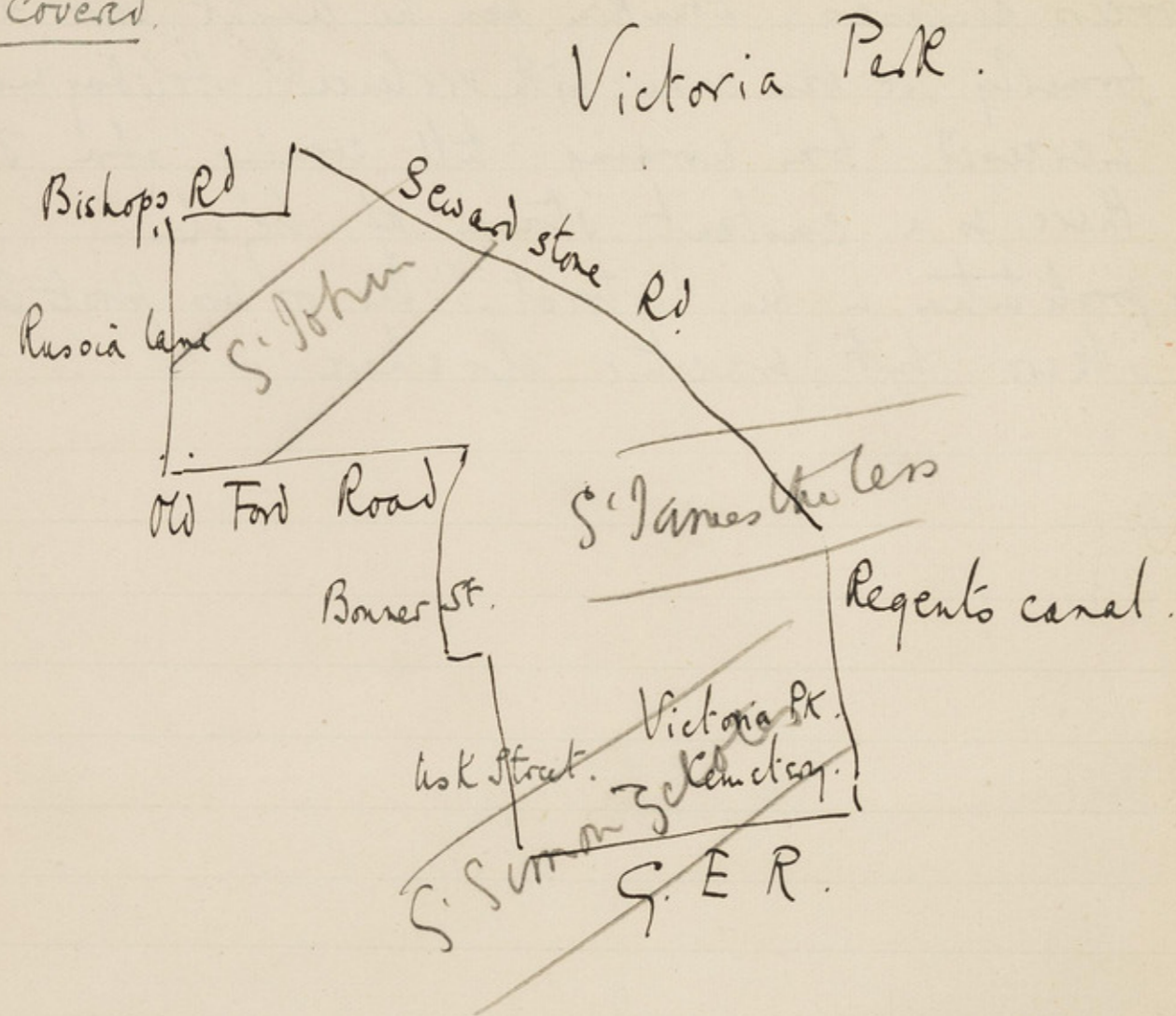
Drink among women has certainly increased. He put it down unhesitatingly to the increased opportunities given by ^{grocers}

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Crime

Prostitution

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grocers licenses. Drunken men he thought were fewer than
formerly, so was crime with violence. Holiday making has
increased. "from morning till evening of a Sunday
there is a constant stream of bicycles."
No prostitution in his district. One or two prostitutes live
there but practise elsewhere.

District covered.



Approach Road - pink barred.

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Police 10
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G.H.D.

Walk with Inspector Pearn round district bounded on the North by Bishop's Rd; on the East by Sewardstone Road & the Regents Canal; on the South by the Great Eastern Railway; & on the West by Ask Street, Bonner Street, Old Ford Road & Russia Lane: being part of the parish of

Inspector Pearn is of medium height, sturdy, dark nose. -lace; has been 4 yrs in Bethnal Green as Divisional Inspector & was here as Sergeant 10 yrs ago. Rather pompous but a good fellow.

Starting at Approach Road which leads from Old Ford Road to Victoria Park. This is about the best street in Bethnal Green - pink barred rather than the pink of the map. Houses 3 1/2 storied. Rooms. Houses take in lodgers but are not inhabited by several families. In one of them lodge 9 or 10

The respectable part of
Bethnal Green.

Waterloo Road - purple

Park corners of Sewardstone Road - red

police constables who pay 14/- or 15/- per week for their Board & Lodging. Robinson Rd on the N side is 2 or 2½ storied respectable - pink - not so good as the Approach Road. Weston the Superintendent of the J. Police Division lives in one of the houses.

Baxter's Road. the Wesleyan Chapel at the corner of the Approach Rd. & Dr. Stephenson's Boys home here. pink as map. Kent's brush factory on the South side. "a large place, employing many women & girls too, a good lot, tidily dressed, men Kent are very particular about their appearance & respectability" said Peon. Waterloo Rd out of it. pink as map till it crosses Bishop's road, then purple not pink

The Bethnal Green workhouse is on the west side of the North end, houses 2½, 3 & 2 storied. Bishop's Rd. pink as map, rather better on North side than South, several Jews living here, a few have turned the ground floor into workshops: shops at the west end of the road. 3½²² storied. rents £40 to £50.

then SE. along the Sewardstone Rd. 2 storied 6 roomed houses pink as map, rents 16/- or 20/- per week. At the entrance to the Park are some larger 2½ storied houses built in 1871

Houses & rents in the Bandon Road. Bandon Road pk

Unrespectable Streets north & south of Green St
Cranbrook St W purple
E lb

1871, red in character. St. James Rd. 2 1/2 storied, pink as map, opposite is the London Hospital for diseases of the chest, built here because of the sandy soil said Peam. Bandon Rd. also pink as map. 2 storied, 4 rooms & wash house, 14 ft frontage, small gardens or yard behind, front parlour 10 x 10 ft; bedrooms above rather larger because they include the space taken by the passage below. Went into one of the houses which is occupied by a policeman & his wife who pay 10/- a week for it; he said he was very lucky to get it as all small houses were snapped up on the instant. The other houses in the street have 2 & 3 families in them & other rents at 1/6 & 12/- per week.

Then into the Old Ford Road & westwards. Houses 2 & 2 1/2 storied - purple as map. Some are blue. weavers houses with looms visible here & there. Old Ford Rd. improves as it gets westwards.

South into Cranbrook Street. Houses 2 storied, flush with the pavement, working class, some respectable, some not all, "a good mixture of thieves here", 2 & 3 families to each house, door posts sherry, litter of paper, orange peel, bread in the street, good many houses with looms in

Disappearance of the weavers.

Alma Road, E end, lb

Havelock St - lb

Type St - lb

Sidney St - lb

Dark blue streets

in upper storeys - looks more light blue than purple. one of it is pink though the west end (marked pink in map) is rather better than the East. Alma Rd north of it contains a large proportion of weavers - a very quiet & respectable set of men but decreasing & their place being taken by less good - said Pearn the west end of this road is purple as map but the rest not better than light blue

Then south into a block of streets marked dark blue & purple on the map, all two storied houses, flush with the street, inhabited by a number of coters, Havelock St at the east end of Cranbrook St, Cranbrook Rd. Harold St, Type St, Norton Street Sidney Street. Of these Havelock St looks better than the map, quiet, opp Board school, light blue to purple, Cranbrook Rd has two houses opp the school which might be pink as map but the rest is light blue, Harold St & Type St dark blue as map, Sydney Street perhaps purple (as map) at the south end but dark blue the rest of it.

Great litter of orange peel, bread, potato parings, whelks paper in all these streets. Hardly a single house

house had unbroken windows, all windows clean, all children (of whom there were a great number) booted but the majority hatless. Very rough & constant trouble to the police said Peam, many thieves, some housebreakers. Peam did not distinguish me as better than the other but gave all alike a bad character. The Baptist Chapel in Norton st. hardly touches any. Then into Green Street which is the shopping & market street of the district

Then north into Ames Street. shown purple on the map but now undoubtedly dark blue. "You may mark this as bad as any of them" said Peam. most windows broken some recently from the glass in the street. many children, dirty but all looking well fed & booted, paper, oranges, nuts, tins, bread, old strap hats in the street, many rough looking lads, a passage leads past a beer house into Hessee Place. now dark blue at the Ames St. end, light blue the rest, "a rare lot of trouble to the police this place" said Peam map marks it purple. 2 storied. same liter as before. Jagg St. also purple in Map, but now as bad as the rest & dark blue at the east end past the turn

Changes.

Ames St. - db

Hessee Place - lb

Jagg St. - db

Mace St & Courts - db

Mace St.

Uok St - lb

Prospect place -

Bremer St lb

turning of Mace street, light blue the West end. great mess in the street. rough women at the east end, & a thieves resort. North up Mace street better than the rest. The courts out of the west side marked dark blue on the map look better, & not worse than light blue, found a set of boys gambling with cards in one of them, is a great place for Sunday gambling, but the women at the doors of the houses in the Courts looked distinctly a class above the Jagg street set. so did their houses, football being played in Mace street. The houses in Mace street date from 1893.

Then South down Bremer St & into Uok Street. 2 storied houses stand back with palmy gardens in front light blue rather than purple, on the East side of it at the north of the Victoria Cemetery is Prospect Place (on map dark blue) houses with fronts, open space of rope walk & the Cemetery in front, looks less bad than Bremer, most streets behind, 2 1/2 storied, cooks living here & some thieves, perhaps dark blue. Then into Bremer street, weavers top windows, the west end of it is not

Collins Place is known to the police as
'Collins' Bunk'.

Moss St. - lb

Preston St. lb

Davis Place - lb

Prospect Place - lb

not better than light blue (on map purple) ^{some new} ^{tearments} ^{at the west end}: Collins Place ^{built 1862}, out of it
~~intermediate~~ looks better, light blue rather than
the dark blue of the map. Moss St. light to dark
blue, like Bremer, windows broken, wet ill kept
street, litter of paper etc, untidy women, Smart St.
a little better, a roddy beer shop at the corner of Moss
St. has been shut up, coter, out into Green St. &
then west to Preston St. (dark blue in map) but looks
quieter & better, 2 storied, flush with the pavement like
the rest, light blue rather than dark blue.

The passage between Collins Place & Green St. is called
Davis Place. 3 storied. looks light blue rather than
dark

Out into Green Street & East to Palmer Rd. one pink house
as map belonging to foreman of the large sawing mill
many wharves, paraffin etc down here.

General Remarks. Inspector Peam began by saying
that as far as he could see Bethnal Green was
now what it had been 10 yrs ago. He said we had
seen in this walk the best & the worst parts
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Survey of Bethnal Green.

Thieves.

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Approach Rd. ("our West End") & the streets north & south of Green street. which were equal to any of their of bad spots. But though Bethnal Green as a whole ^{may be} ~~was~~ the same "though ^{by said} we have nowhere such violence leading to police casualties as we used to have" yet the streets north & south of Green street do seem to have changed for the worse, at any rate in appearance. The people of the map may have been due to the presence of more weavers than there are now "a quiet respectable set of people", but every year these grow less in number, the only respectable looking men in the street were one or two old men whom Peam pointed out as weavers: the rest were of the lower class with neck clothes in place of collars.

Peam spoke of the whole as a regular thieves quarter. Much of the street litter was no doubt due to the Christmas festivities of the last few days, so were some of the broken windows but all many, the majority had been broken some days many mended with brown paper etc. Peam said they were broken normally & had nothing seasonal about them

Health.

Prospects of remaining the same.

House owners.

Prostitutes

Beer houses.

Bethnal Green he said remains the same because nobody goes except the weavers & some comes. "It has no attractions, no railway depôts to bring country men." Health good in spite of narrow ill kept streets & cause of sandy soil. Families live on from generation to generation almost always in the same house. The lodgers migrate from street to street but not the tenants. The house owners are mostly small owners living in one of their ^{own} houses themselves. Population increases but no one leaves if they can help it. Inhabited from a great family party. He does not see why the district ever should change.

There is not a prostitute for hire in the place. "Walk down at any hour of night or day & I warrant you will never be accosted." but there is great looseness of relations & thousands who are living together as married as man & wife.

Men & women alike drink beer. Drunkenness is rather decreasing. We met 3 drunk women - mother, daughter, & friend! but not a single drunken man or boy. The beer houses are the worst places. "They can't afford to be so independent as the Public House." Beer houses ^{have}

Children.

Open spaces.

Migration of better class.

Christmas trees & clean windows

have a fixed custom. Owners cannot therefore afford to offend any of them by ~~say~~ turning one of them out when he has had enough because all will follow & his trade be lost. It is often really rather hard luck on the beer house keeper prosecuting him as if he had encouraged drunkenness.

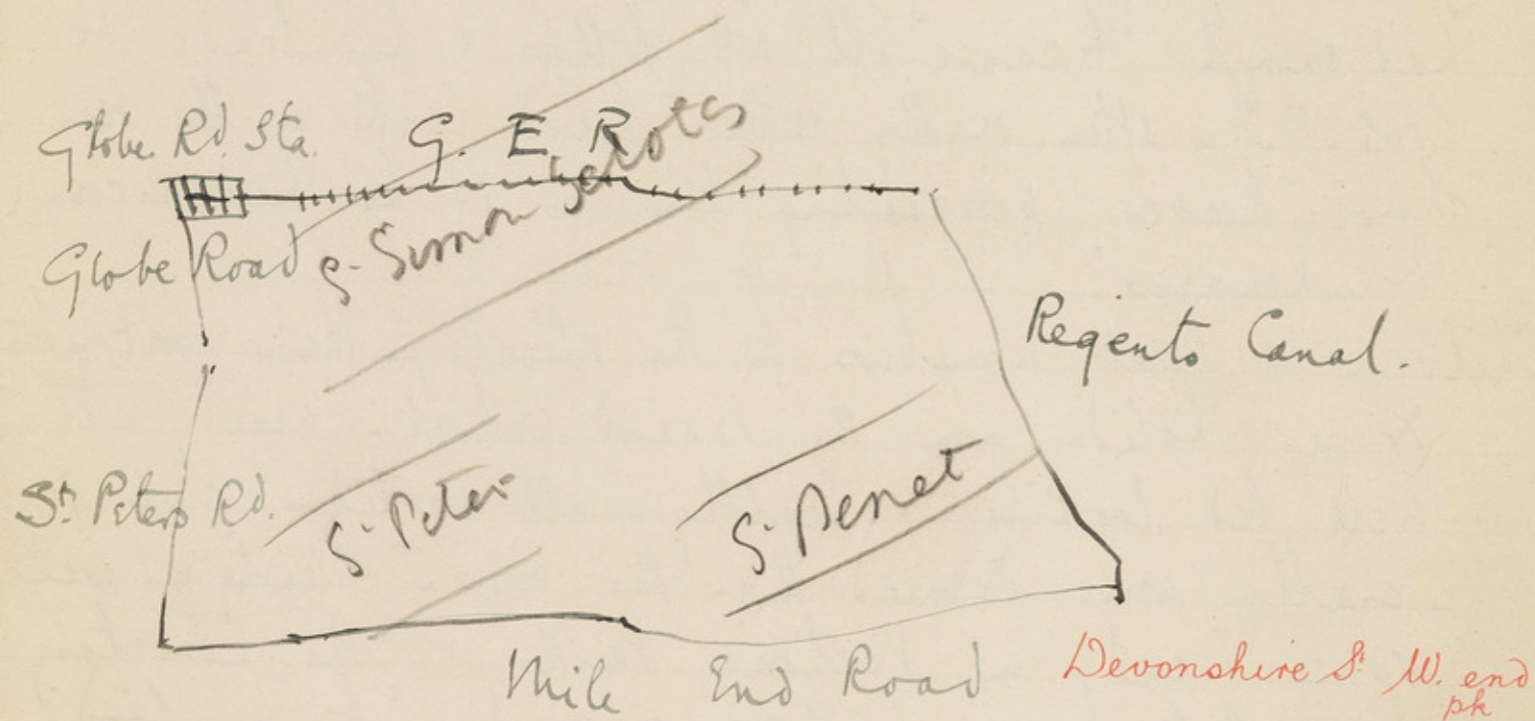
Children in great numbers in the streets for their fortnight's Xmas holiday from the Board school - nearly all well fed looking & healthy - all booted - girls generally worse dressed than the boys. Plenty of open space handy in Victoria Park & the Cemetery now taken over by LCC & made into a fringe park - "used to be an awful place, graves pulled to pieces & often the coffin edges showing".

No one doing any work. Day being observed as a general holiday by all the inhabitants except the shop-keepers & publicans.

The better class from the pink streets leave for the north side of the Victoria Park.

There were a great number of small Xmas trees fully decked out with sugar plums & candles in the front windows - especially noticeable in the poorer streets - noticeable also the remarkable cleanliness, even polish of the windows everywhere.

District Covered.



court on S. side lb

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Walk with Inspector Peam round district bounded on the East by the Regents Canal; on the South by the Mile End Road, on the West by Globe Road & St. Peter's street & on the North by the G.E.R. being part of the Parishes of

Starting at the Globe Road Station on the Great Eastern railway. NE along Devonshire St. 2 & 3 stories - 243 families to each house. Houses built 1851. a mixed street. Some pink - most purple (as map) - some light blue. by the side of the beerhouse on the south side of the street is a passage leading to 8 cottages marked black on the map. each with 3 rooms, 1 upstairs & 2 down, 1 family in each house they won't allow more than one family in each of these houses said a woman in the court, rent 5/9 a week. Inspector Peam said that it was from courts like these that juvenile thieves came but he knew of no ^{adult} thieves living there, nor had the place a particularly bad reputation. Houses have been done up by the owner & repaired

Norfolk St - purple

Aldemey St - pk

{ Bancroft + Grafton Sts pk b²
{ Bancroft R² N² side purple

are still going on - South down the Caston Road. 2 storied pink to purple, some houses not better than light blue, south end of the road better than the north, on map pink; 2 families in each house: 2 storied, 6 rooms houses - South past Leatherdale & Norfolk streets. Specially 2 storied & 2 families, pink half way to the jobe road then less good & purple. Through Caston St - well kept by LCC - pink as map. Into Holford & Colmer Sts as map. into aldemey St - not red as map, many Jews, less good than the south end of Bancroft Road & Grafton Road which are both pink based & red at their southern ends, 2½ & 3½ storied, 1 servant generally. Rept. mostly Jews, some single lodgers.

Then North up Bancroft Road. the north end is older than the south end 1842 as compared with 1854, 2 families to each house, purple as map. East into Woody street - purple as map, working class, 1846, in to Buckridge, Longnor, & Bradwell Roads. a rough bit, many coal porters & labourers working on the G.E.R sidings, known to the police as Tiger bay. Difficult of approach as the only entry is through Woody street. Bradwell Rd is rather better in appearance than

than the rest. Peam give all the same character, public house at the corner of Longnor & Buckridge Rows has been a great source of trouble by reason of illegal Sunday trading; crows always posted & alarm given before the police can get near; Peam has surveyed them from underneath a railway track & then made a dash but has never caught men actually in the house. All 2 storied houses with 2 families in each, door posts worn black & the bricks rubbed light by constant rubbing & leaning against them.

South down the Bancroft Road & east along the Mile End Road: Govey Place on the north side, not coloured on map, with 4, 3 storied houses & 2 of 2 storied. 'quite the lowest class here, occupying one room per family: windows dirty, nearly everywhere cracked or patched with white & brown paper, rough, should be at least dark blue. at the Canal the Bethnal Green J Police Division ends; on the east side is the K or Bow Division (see walks with Inspector Carter in Book 13 A).

West along the Mile End road. The first court on the north side west of Grafton street is Mile End Place - quiet, respectable working-class, 2 storied houses

Govey Place - db l²

Mile End Place - W. side pk.

built on both sides, palinged gardens in front, 6 police-men living here, well dressed children, pink to purple in character; The next court westwards up a passage by the side of a public house is Grebe Court. it does not communicate with the next court as shown in map but is barricaded off from it - consists of 8
 (2) 4 roomed cottages letting for 6/- per week - light blue as map. Next court is Driver's Court. light blue, cinders, great heap of rubbish from the dug-out cellars under the 'buildings' at the entrance, ought to have been taken away 'makes the place like a pigstye' said one woman, it has been there for 3 months & they say it will be 3 more before it is removed - 4 roomed houses here for 6/- per week. Then up into Frimley Place - dark blue on map - is now better than it was - road has been repaved with granite blocks, about 6 houses on the S.W side are down, the rest have been well done up - it is still poor & rather rough but not worse than light blue, the roughest characters have left. To the Alderney Road, a court lies between Frimley Place & Grebe road, also improved, 8 cottages, called Alderney Place, built 1826, flush with the passage, 4 roomed,

look

Frimley Place (part) lb

Alderney Place purple

Ferris Court - lb

Caroline Place - lb

Cephas St. - E end - lb

Nicholas Road E. of S. Peter's Rd. hump.

looks more purple than light blue, doorposts clean & windows, but some evidently poorer as shown by torn curtains.

North up the Globe Road, on east side of which, not shown on map is a court, entered along a passage, 5 cottages, called Ferris Court, very poor, light to dark blue. past the Leatherdale Rd. which at its west end is not better than light blue, but it improves eastwards to purple & then pink.

Caroline Place shown on map but not coloured, is just south of Devonshire St. about 7 cottages ^{on N side of passage} & 2 stores, not better than light blue: the gardens in front are the backs of the Leatherdale road houses, a great many pigeons kept in them. "Pigeon flying is one of the spots of the locality."

West into Cephas St. (formerly S. Peter St.). The houses at the East End have all the appearance of poverty, light blue. but once west of the Church the road is pink as map. Built 1855. houses let for 16 or 17. per week. like it is S. Peter's Road, 2 1/2 & 3 storied. like also Edward St. & Nicholas Rd. 2 1/2 storied. Nicholas Rd. on the east side of S. Peter's Road is distinctly less good & purple rather than the pink of the map.

South into Willow Street. respectable working class, street ^{clean}

& well paved, many of the men employed in Cherrington's
brewery live here, but it is purple rather than pink.
There is no opening into Staynes Road out of Willow
street

Goat into the Globe Road - down a cul de sac called XX
Place, 10, 2 storied cottages, ^{rather} rough, purple to light blue,
stabling on the east side. Then into Staynes Road
out of Globe Road. very rough, "a bad quarter, card sharps
thieves, a few prostitutes here. map marks it pink R.
Some of the dark blue & black from Eagle Place & Fowley
place must have migrated here - a place for Sunday
gambling, some houses do not look bad but the general
colouring should be light blue lined with black rather
than pink; the yellow bricks of the houses had
been rubbed a lighter colour by the backs of looters.

Between Staynes Rd & Globe Road is. Into the Mile
End road, westwards past the Brewery is a court
blocked at its north end by the Brewery buildings
which the map marks ~~as~~ black. Known as Eagle
Place - 2 storied. perhaps a shade worse than
Staynes road, dark, rather narrow - better than it was
oil cloth in most of the passages, the west side belong
to

XX Place - lb

Willow St purple

Staynes Rd E. turning purple

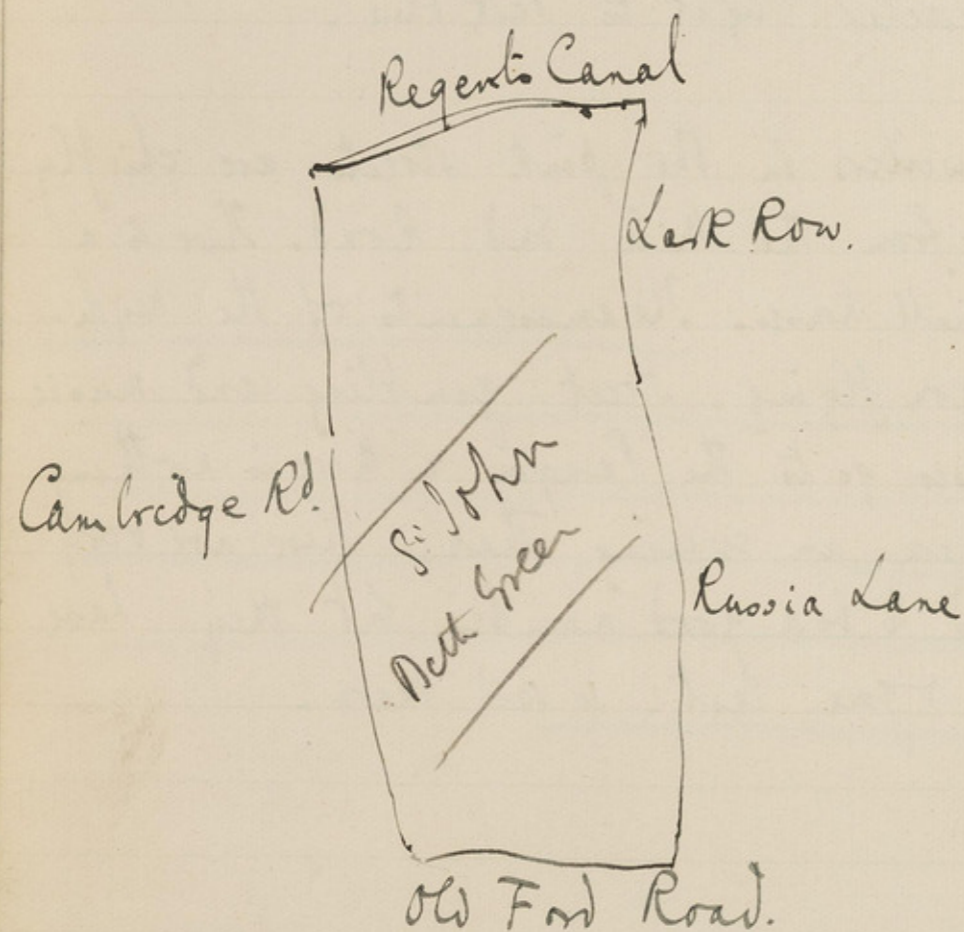
--- W --- lb

Eagle Place - db

to the Paragon Theatre & the side entrance to the theatre is at the N.W. end. Some of the houses have been rebuilt & all repointed. character light to dark blue.

General Remarks. The dwellers in the pink streets are chiefly the shop assistants from the Mile End Road. There is a great demand for small houses. The amusements of the neighbourhood are pigeon flying, street gambling and music hall going. 'all classes go to the Paragon & there is nothing they like better than an evening there'. There are very few Irish. They used to be a good number but they have left Bethnal Green & gone East. so said Peon.

The District Covered.



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Walk with Inspector Peck round district bounded on the North by the Regent's Canal, on the east by Lark Row & Russia Lane, on the south by the Old Ford Road & on the west by the Cambridge Rd being part of the parishes of

Starting at the S.W. corner. Old Ford Road. - mixed shops & dwellings, better at west than at east end, some factories, a starch works, St. Margaret's House for ladies at the east end of it in connection with Oxford House, several small employes with small shops who give a great deal of clothes & the work out to be done at home.

North up the Cambridge Rd, Patriot Sp. on the east side 3 1/2 storied houses, quiet, respectable, working class people as map. West into Peel Grove, 2 storied as map, custard, at a house on the SE side took place the 'Bethel Green mystery'; old lady discovered with her skull broken, murder suspected but no murders

murders forthcoming, police theory that she fell down stairs open verdict returned. It was suggested that she had been followed into the house & murdered by a thief who wanted the rents he supposed she had been collecting. She was a property owner & lived upon the proceeds of 2 or 3 houses in the neighborhood. This theory was disproved by a witness who knew her well & said he was satisfied she had not been mt because she always washed her face & hands before going out & evidently she had not done so on this day. Insp. Pean had never been inside such a filthy vermin infested house as hers ~~was~~. A large yard for Bldg materials belonging to Glovers, a contractor in in this street.

North up the Cambridge Road past Palestine Place. This is all being demolished to make room for a large new Parish Infirmary. North to Parmiter street. 2 storied houses, 2 families in each, respectable working class, purple to pink, 6 roomed houses letting at 15/- or 16/- per week. into Bishops Rd. which has shops at its west end

North up Howlem St. 2nd cottages, flush with the street floor, light blue as map, a newish red Church is _m

Parmiter's almshouses (6 in number) here; supported by a charity founded in 1681.

Wadeson St - SW end - lb

Vyner Street - lb

Russia Lane N. end purple

on the East side, 'it has been built some time but only lately opened' into Wadeson St also 2 storied, very poor especially at the S.E. end, the outsides of the houses have been done up, dated 1889

at the SW end of ~~of~~ Wadeson street is a passage leading through to Mass St (not shown on map) with about 15, 2 storied cottages, light blue, 'poor but not rough'.

Into Vyner street a little better but hardly as good as purple (except some houses at the west end) windows broken, flush with the pavement, backs on the canal, wood & china clay wharves.

South down Leek Row. 2 storied, light blue to purple, looks rather better than the other streets. 'a few thieves living about here, 2 good houses at the north end bearing the date 1887 - many children about, all booted & fairly clean -

Down Russia Lane. it is respectable & purple at the north end, 2 storied houses built 1852, some lately done up, map gives it light blue - lower down where there is a nursery marked on the map it is much worse. Here is a block of Quinn's buildings built by the same man as those in

Pickering

Pickering street South Islington. 'Very rough, very poor, very noisy' said Pease. Windows broken & dirty, curtains torn, 6 children looking out of one window high up 2 rooms let at 5/ or 5/6. Opposite it are 3 courts. Ernest place 8, 2 storied cottages, light blue as map. Providence place also light blue but with a better & cleaner lot of children playing in them. Then into the Old Ford Road at this point looking pink rather than the purple of the map, 3 1/2 storied houses holding 3 families or 1 family & lodgers, substantially built, date 1814.

Here it began to rain heavily & we had to stop.

General Remarks. Inspector Pease thinks that sweets are never given now by Publicans to children. The idea was that if the children were not given sweets they wd not be so keen to go to fetch their parents beer. "But they have to go just the same & I cant see that it makes much difference whether they are given sweets or not." Nevertheless the order came from head-quarters that it was an improper practice & so it was

was stopped - Apropos of Quins Bldg Insp: Peon thought that all statistics relating to deaths in Buildings were overided because as soon as any one was ill they were sent away to a hospital & not kept at home as they wd be in a private house. In his opinion they are much more unhealthy than small houses & the danger of an epidemic spreading much greater - While the hospitals here room he said, patients can be sent off & there is not much risk but supposing a general epidemic & no room in the hospitals, then "hill dings" become a death trap to their inhabitants -

If the trades carried on in Bethnal Green he unhesitatingly put boot makers first as the largest drinkers -

Query: Is there a Pub at the end of Mayford St S. Islington
 ————— corner of Holborn St & Carlton Rd
 Bedford Cr.

