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QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

FOR

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS

(REVISED MARCH 1899).

SIR or MADAM,

In connection with your candidature for the Urban District Council, I should be obliged if you would be good enough to answer the following questions, and return the paper to me.

I am, yours faithfully,

Name of Elector.....

Address of Elector.....

QUESTIONS.*	ANSWERS.
<p>I.—A HEALTHY DISTRICT.</p> <p>WILL YOU PRESS AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY ON THE COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING:—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thorough sanitary inspection, house-to-house visitation, and rigid and impartial enforcement of the law against nuisances and insanitary property, without respect of persons?</li> <li>2. Such an increase in the present staff of Sanitary Inspectors that there shall be not less than one to every 2,500 houses?</li> <li>3. The registration of Tenement Houses, with a view to secure more effective sanitary supervision?</li> <li>4. The regular, frequent, and strictly gratuitous emptying of ashpits and collection of dust, by the Council itself?</li> <li>5. A complete system of drainage throughout the District, and the provision of a water-flushing apparatus to the w. c. in every house?</li> </ol>	

\* Strike out or amend those Questions which are not applicable to your District.

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6. The adoption of the L. G. B. Model Building Bye-laws ?

7. The condemnation of insanitary dwellings under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, Part II. ?

8. The appointment of a Committee to find out whether new cottages are wanted in the District ?

9. The construction and maintenance, by the Council, of cottages (with gardens), improved dwellings, and common lodging houses, under Part III. of this Act, wherever required ?

10. Adequate provision of

(a) Public baths, including swimming baths for each sex, and wash-houses at low fees ;

(b) A constant supply of water to every house ;

(c) Public libraries and reading rooms ;

(d) Public drinking fountains ;

(e) Parks and open spaces ;

(f) Trees in the broad streets ;

(g) Gymnasiums and seats ;

(h) Free urinals and water-closets for each sex ;

(i) A free hospital for infectious diseases ?

11. The adoption of the Notification of Diseases Act ?

## II.—THE MUNICIPALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES.

WILL YOU URGE THE COUNCIL TO—

12. Exercise its legal powers to take over the tramways ?

13. Obtain express power itself to work them without the intervention of any middleman ?

14. Oppose the construction of tramways under the Light Railways Act, unless by the Council itself, or unless the Tramways Act Purchase Clauses are accepted by the promoters ?

15. Secure the transfer of any existing private markets, and the grant of power to provide new ones where required ?

16. Obtain powers to provide a municipal supply—

(a) of water,

(b) of gas ?



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17. Prevent electric lighting falling into the hands of a company, in order that the District Council may undertake it as soon as practicable?

18. Prevent Telephone Companies acquiring monopoly rights by charging them an annual rental for any poles or underground cables they may place in the public highways?

### III.—PROPER TREATMENT OF LABOR.

WILL YOU INSIST, AS REGARDS ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNCIL, UPON—

19. A normal Eight Hours Day, or maximum of 48 hours per week?

20. Not less than Trade Union rate of wages for each occupation?

21. Full liberty of combination?

22. One day's rest in seven, and a week's holiday on full pay annually?

23. The prohibition of overtime except in unexpected emergencies?

24. The provision of waterproof coats for outdoor laborers?

25. The direct employment of labor by the Council as far as possible?

26. Whenever it is found necessary to employ a contractor, will you insist upon the insertion, in all contracts for supplies, as well as for works, of clauses similar to those adopted by the London County Council (with penalties to be strictly enforced), stipulating

(a) Against sub-contracting or sweating;

(b) For payment of the Trade Union rate of wages fixed for that trade, as defined in a schedule to the contract;

(c) That, when possible, the working day shall be 8 hours, or 48 per week;

(d) That in all contracts for clothing and boots the work be performed entirely in the contractor's factory and not given out?

27. Will you press upon the Council to make an earnest endeavor, by co-operating with the Guardians, to find, in all periods of depression and distress, temporary use-

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ful and honorable employment for those out of work, by the arrangement of the public works in such a way as to increase employment at those periods ?

28. Will you support any reasonable proposal for evening meetings of the Council and Committees, so that persons at work in the day can become effective members ?

### IV.—FURTHER POWERS.

29. Will you support the demand for legislation to enable the Council to relieve the occupying ratepayer by

- (a) A Municipal Death Duty on local real estate, as a way of absorbing the unearned increment ;
- (b) Levying a special rate upon owners of ground rents and vacant lands, and collecting half-rates from the owners of empty houses ;
- (c) Securing special contributions, by way of "betterment," from the owners of property benefited by public improvements ?

30. Will you press for powers to establish Municipal slaughterhouses ?

31. Will you press the Council to make early application to the Local Government Board to grant it all the powers of a Parish Council, especially in regard to

- (a) Appointment of Overseers ;
- (b) Control over charities ;
- (c) Provision of allotments ;
- (d) Use of schoolrooms for candidates' meetings ?

*Signature of Candidate*.....

See Fabian Tracts No. 62, "Parish and District Councils," id. ; No. 76, "Houses for the People," id. ; No. 68, "The Tenants' Sanitary Catechism, six for id.

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