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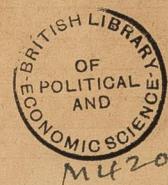
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District 45  
Deptford

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District 45 - Deptford

(1)	S. Luke Deptford	✓ Pring see Nicholson ✓ Warlow see Shenhalls	CXXIV CVI CXXV CXXV	1 164 1 45	Parish Church Meth: New Conn. Grove Street L.C.M. Evelyn Street Wesleyan, Lower Road
(6)	All Saints Hatcham Park	✓ Townend ✓ Westfield	CXXIV CXXIII	73 221	Parish Church Prim. Meth: Besson Street Cong <sup>o</sup> Mission. —
(7)	S. Catherine Hatcham	✓ Truscott ✓ Paull	CXXIV CXXV	99 209	Parish Church Wesleyan, Ketto Road.
(8)	S. James Hatcham	✓ Kennedy  ✓ Lewis (Booth) See Report CXXV - 101 ✓ Hopewell	CXXIV CXXV CXXV	31 103 197	Parish Church S. Michael's Miss <sup>o</sup> Ch: Knoyle St S. George's — Foxberry R <sup>o</sup> Baptist, Brockley Road Cong <sup>o</sup> Hall, Ludwick Road. Wesleyan, New Cross Road
(5)	S. Mark Amersham Vale	✓ Stone ✓ Tutsum ✓ Ellison	CXXIV CXXV CXXV	93 155 91	Parish Church Railway Miss <sup>o</sup> , Amersham Grove Cong <sup>o</sup> Mission, Napier Street
(3)	S. Paul Deptford	✓ Rodson ✓ Shenhalls  ✓ Sabine Read  ✓ Broucher ✓ Honour ✓ Goslin ✓ Bennell ✓ Marriott	CXXIV CXXV CXXV CXXV CXXV CXXV CXXV CXXV	155 45 29 61 15 213 145 163	Parish Church Wesleyan, High Street R. Catholic — Congregational Friends, 144 High Street. Swedenborgians, Warwick St <sup>e</sup> L.C.M. Kamilton Street L.C.M. Staunton Street Baptist, Octavius Street Salvation Army, Mary Ann Bldg. L.C.M. Charles Street L.C.M. Prince Street District

S. Paul's Parish (cont <sup>o</sup> )	S. Nicholas Deptford Green	✓ Wallis ✓ see Peatfield	CXXIV CXXIII	117 221	Parish Church Prim. Methodist, Creek Road. Mission Hall, Hughes Fields.
(4)	Christchurch Deptford	✓ Pratt ✓ Marchant ✓ Dodd	CXXIV CXXV CXXV	107 225 73	Parish Church. Unitarian, Church Street Deptford Ragged School: Giffin St
(9)	S. John Lewisham	Atkinson ✓ Rockin ✓ John Jones ✓ Justin Evans ✓ see McIntosh	CXXV CXXV CXXIV CXXV	137 233 183 237	Parish Church U. Meth. Free: King Street S. John's Road Leon Baptist, New Cross Road Congregational, Lewisham High R <sup>o</sup> Brockley (Presb <sup>o</sup> ) Mission } Broadway } Gospel Mission, Wilson Street Cong <sup>o</sup> — Mill Lane
(10)	S. Peter Brockley	Grundy Parker ✓ McIntosh	CXXIV CXXV	135 117	Parish Church. Wesleyan, Brockley Road Baptist, Brockley Road Presbyterian, Brockley Road

Miscellaneous

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District 46  
Greenwich

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Books covering District :- CXXVII, CXXVIII, CXXXI  
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District 16 - Greenwich

(2)	S. Alfege Greenwich	✓ Brooke Lambert	CXXVIII	15	Parish Church with S. Mary King William St.
		✓ O'Halloran	CXXVII	135	R.C. Our Lady Star of the Sea Croom's Hill
		✓ Higgins	CXXVII	115	Maze Hill Cong. Ch. Park Place
		✓ Hawkins	CXXVII	41	Wesleyan, London Street
		✓ see Saberton	CXXVII	239	Christians, King George Street Circus Street Mission
		✓ Saberton	CXXVII	207	LCM, 63 Trafalgar Road
(1)	S. Peter West Greenwich	✓ Clark ✓ M'Clure	CXXVIII CXXVII	71 205	Parish Church Working Lads Institute Bridge St.
(3)	S. Paul Devonshire Road West Greenwich (in S. Peter's Parish)	✓ Love ✓ Morgan ✓ Jarvis ✓ Shurgeon ✓ Elden ✓ Matthews	CXXVIII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII	1 105 197 1 159 89	Parish Church. Congregational, Greenwich Rd. Baptist, Devonshire Road. " " South Street S. Mark's Presb. South Street LCM, Randall Place, Roan St.
(4)	Holy Trinity Blackheath Hill	✓ Ronald Bayne ✓ [Report sent]	CXXVIII see CXXVII - CXXVII	53 237 39	Parish Church Emmanuel Mission Church Ravensbourne Street Baptist, Lewisham Road. Blissett Street Mission Goldbath St. Mission, Albion St.
(5)	Christchurch East Greenwich	✓ Reaney ✓ Ryan ✓ Barritt ✓ Turner ✓ Fiddes	CXXVIII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII	35 145 61 175 73	Parish Church Catholic, S. Joseph Pelton Road Victoria Hall, Woolwich Road Brethren, Marlborough Hall Old Woolwich Road LCM, Lenthorpe Road District

(6)	S. Andrew [Mission District] Tunnel Avenue Blackwall Lane	✓ Hells ✓ Full ✓ Rote ✓ Thurley	CXXVIII CXXVII CXXVII CXXVII	99 193 95 27	Mission Church Salvation Army, Blackwall Lane LCM, Blakesley Bldgs. Cong. Rothbury Hall, Mauritius St.
(7)	S. John Evangelist S. John's Park Blackheath	✓ Marshall ✓ Pitson ✓ Thomson	CXXVIII CXXVII CXXVII	117 227 55	Parish Church Sunfields Wesleyan, Old Dover Rd. Vanbrugh Park Presbyterian
(8)	S. George Westcombe Park	✓ Kendall ✓ Wells	CXXVIII CXXVII	87 17	Parish Church Baptist, Woolwich Road LCM, Dupree Road, Woolwich Rd.

Miscellaneous

	✓ Denison Greenwood Wagstaffe Reydel J.W. Hicks. Mrs.	CXXXI	35	Greenwich C.O.S. School Board Manager Old Woolwich Rd. Board School. Head master Head mistress } Randall Place Sch S. Peter's Parish
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District 48,

Woolwich, Plumstead, Charlton, Kidbrooke &c.

Mr Booth's List.



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

(6)	S. Mary Woolwich	Escreet. ✓ White. ✓ Harris. ✓ Abel ✓ Cornelius Jones. ✓ Wilkinson ✓	CXXIX 1 CXXX 125 CXXXIX 127 CXXX 221 CXXXIX 167	Parish Church. S. George, Garrison Church. Enon Baptist, High St. Woolwich. Welsh Cong. Parson's Hill. Cong. Rectory Place. Wesleyan, William Street. in S. John. Union P. Meth. Sun Street. Ch. Miss Artillery Place S. Martin's.
(5)	S. Michael (Station Road) Woolwich	Johnstone. ✓	CXXIX 127	Parish Church. Cong. Miss. Pellipar Rd.
(8)	S. John the Evangelist (Wellington Street) Woolwich	Lester. ✓ Reeks. ✓ Rose. ✓ More. ✓ Scott. ✓	CXXIX 81 CXXX 11 CXXX 139 CXXX 165 CXXX 47	Parish Church. Mission Church, Rutter Street } R.C. S. Peter, New Road Barnet Baptist, Angelsea Road Presbyterian, New Road. -- S. Andrew, Angelsea Road Service at Poly. Brethren Angelsea Hill (2)
(7)	S. Holy Trinity Beresford Square Woolwich	Wragge. ✓ Wilson ✓ Avery ✓ Harris ✓	CXXIX 90 CXXX 35 CXXX 241 CXXX 233	Parish Church. Bapt. Woolwich Tabernacle S. Army, Beresford Street. S. C. M., East Woolwich District. S. Saviours Miss. Ropley R. Rails
(8)	All Saints? Plumstead.	Morris ✓ Sutton ✓ Wilkinson ✓	CXXIX 227 CXXX 203 CXXXIX 167	Parish Church. R. C. S. Peter, New Road. Noble Christian Ch. Herbert St. P. Meth. Charlton R. Ch. Miss. Hall Herbert R.
(9)	S. Margaret Plumstead	Bgle ✓ See Runacus ✓ Jenkins Jones. ✓	CXXIX 149 CXXXIX 143 CXXX 217 CXXX 147	Parish Church. Wesl. Plumstead Common R. Brethren, Plum Lane. = Unitarian, Plumstead Common R. Ch. Miss. Palmerston R. (2)
(10)	S. James (Burrage Road) Plumstead.	Henning ✓ Exley ✓ Dunckley ✓	CXXIX 187 CXXX 75 CXXXIX 175	Parish Church. Baptist, Bondurt Road. U. Meth. Free, Crescent Road. in S. Margaret's (Detached part)
(11)	S. John Baptist (Robert Street) Plumstead	Doherty ✓ Lee ✓ see Whitley ✓	CXXIX 241 CXXX 181 CXXXIX 121	Parish Church. (Robert St. on) Prim. Meth. Glyndon Road Strict Baptist, Masey Road S. Army, Villas Road Richmond Hall, Vicarage Road. Brethren Miss. Room, Convent Place

? Where does All Saints come in?

(14)	S. Nicholas (High St.) Plumstead	M <sup>c</sup> Allister ✓ Whelahan ✓ Seeley ✓ see Runacus ✓ Whitley ✓ Marra ✓	CXXIX 171 CXXX 49 CXXX 103 CXXXIX 143 CXXXIX 121 CXXX 1	Parish Church S. Paul's (Mission Ch.) Glenside R. R.C. S. Patrick, Bonway Road, Baptist, Station Road, Wesleyan, High St. Plumstead S. Army, High Street Mission, Kippolson Road
(12)	S. Mark's Mission (Old Mill Road) Plumstead Com <sup>ty</sup>	Leighes ✓ bole ✓ Anderson. ✓	CXXIX 213 CXXX 157 CXXX 211	Mission District Church. Union Chapel, Park Road Lodge Lane Miss <sup>ns</sup> Lakedale Road Peculiar People, Brewery R.
(13)	Ascension Mission The Slade Plumstead Com <sup>ty</sup>	Leale ✓ see Runacus ✓ Brodie ✓	CXXXIX 23 CXXXIX 143 CXXX 87	Mission District Church Wesley Miss <sup>ns</sup> Sutcliffe Road Slade Mission, The Slade.
(3)	S. Luke Charlton	Swainson ✓	CXXXIX 37	Parish Church
(2)	S. Paul Charlton	Scott ✓	CXXIX 139	Parish Church Sundome Miss <sup>ns</sup> Swallowfield R. Ch. Miss., Delafield R.
(1)	Holy Trinity New Charlton	Evans ✓	CXXXIX 43	Parish Church. Ch. Miss. Woolwich R. Ch. Institute East St.
(4)	S. Thomas (Maryon Road) Old Charlton	Shepherd ✓	CXXIX 29	Parish Church Baptist, Samuel Street, Woolwich -- Sand Street Wesl. Woolwich Road. P. Brethren, One Foot Place S. M. Miss. of Good Step, Bettingfield R. Miss. of Good Step, Bettingfield R.
(with the later South)	S. Michael Blackheath Park	Barnes Lawrence ✓ Sheehan ✓	CXXIX 57 CXXX 135	Parish Church R.C. Cresswell Park. Brethren, Bennett Park. S. School - Blackheath Park Miss
(with the later South)	S. James Kidbrooke	Seeke ✓ Mackenzie ✓	CXXXIX 1 CXXX 191	Parish Church Baptist, Old Dover Road. Ch. Miss. Shooters Hill

Miscellaneous.

	Slighes [Clerk]			Plumstead Vestry	
	Daves [Med Off.]			Woolwich Local Board	
	Reed Clerk			Woolwich Union	
	Smith M.O.				
	Butter Clerk				
	Dawson Chairman				
(Chiefly Local Government (Not really local))	Squires	M <sup>no</sup>	CXXXI	183	} General experience. Vigilance Society Woolwich COS. Woolwich Polytechnic Woolwich Nursing Association Wesleyan Chaplain Woolwich Cooperative Socy
	Harbours		CXXXI	199	
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Books covering District

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S. Luce Oct 1891  
Deaths. Chopto

(45) 1. CXXIV. 1

Trained to medical profession + is M.R.C.S + but was  
always religiously inclined + managed med mission in Soho  
+ before being ordained started one in Sealford. Has been 7 years  
in the church - 5 here 1 2 as curate of S. James Hatfield.  
But although this seems to him to extreme high he calls  
himself Evangelical + it seems both this church + S. James  
are in the hands of Evangelical trustees.

The first holder of this living 30 years ago was a  
Mr Malcolmsen - a great preacher. Who filled the ch  
but did no parochial work - after him there came  
Grey an extreme high ch man with several extreme  
curates - resulting in Keats disturbances - with the  
congregation on Greys side. Mr P finds the feelings  
anti-protestant seems to have hedged + the trustees  
are anxious to get rid of him - Has had offer of  
prebend but Keats, that he would be succeeded  
by an extreme protestant who would scatter the  
large congregation he has formed he refuses to leave  
Pop last census 13000 + since then 19 acres have  
been built on + other parts are more crowded - so  
estimates 18000/20000 now - Bentham near Sealford  
contains the best - all skilled artisans - the block of beds  
between Eochyn S + railway are all fairly comfortable  
except Blackhorse S. which is worst in parish  
+ almost criminal in character - Eastern side of  
Eochyn S. is much better looking squares but is  
Elm Terrace - nearly all the victuaries yard people  
500/600 live in parish + a number of Humphrey Plenners  
men - + there are slaughtermen who earn a great  
deal but are brutal drunk + degraded - Pop not  
notably shifty - outward drift scarcely felt + demand  
for houses grows so great that houses are changing hands  
The housing is generally good but rents are rising  
rapidly - Health is good

(\*)

S. Luke . Pring  
431 Chof Co  
CXXIV. 1  
cont.

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

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Two small chapels not getting on a dog people - Two large mothers meetings run on the "buy 'em up system" neighboring churches when Mr P came "utterly rotten" things have improved but the clergy "not a very bright set" - Failure of church largely due to the fact that the clergy were "such fools" - a good thing if they all had to ram their heads in some other cabinet, before taking orders - They have no knowledge of the world mainly as result of their "dion training" avoid her brother clergy as far as possible & refuse to attend non-diocesan meetings "where they will talk gas"

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

\*

Parsons' Central owing to a R.O. who is totally unfit - a truly & large benefit. Drink - a great deal but less than in other parts of Deptford. Prostitution - in Blackhorse R. - marriage almost universal respect for the law

An unusually strong parish organized in a very business like way - Mr P claims with truth that "God's friends away" we are steadily ploughing on - constantly adding to our numbers & increasing our numbers.

Parish of S. Luke's  
LCM St. Peter's. Wallon  
near Gortland S.  
CXXV. 1

was for 4 years missioner in Belligate market town  
in Scotland a little over a year -  
District entirely in S. Luke's -

Public streets mostly occupied by police, Sepoys & Indian  
yard men - Houses 6 rooms with 2 families except where  
elder children are at work - all comfortable except some  
who don't live much here as in houses that - best part  
new streets off the lower No. some are buying their houses &  
may keep the house - Blackhorse's called the  
poorest but does not know if it is - make no attempt  
to conceal their poverty - fight. You see women with black  
7m children imprisoned from here later -

~~XXXX~~

Good school but industrious - many drink  
Refers to the use of his Hall he would rather let the  
children than the young women on Sunday afternoon

~~XXXX~~

For his social service he has a choir of 27 boys from  
the remainder of the girls are sent from by a  
missioner - Set himself to have one family from each street  
The mother's meeting is stiffened by tea excursions given  
by the lady for Black health -

~~XXXX~~

Takes breakfast to visit his district & goes to the  
men at Brabey works at the gate - also visits  
the wood choppers - These last asked him today his  
forty on his first visit - He gave them a tea - the  
hall followed by service of tea - Place crowded men women  
& girls but they have not come since -

~~XXXX~~

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

~~XXXX~~

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

Parish of St Luke  
 LCM Warlow  
 (45) \* CXXV. I. Cmi<sup>3</sup>

As to Church attendance - in Gosterwood  
 Street with quite 300 families he says, there 3  
 attending a place of worship - two came to his mind  
 the thing was well mixed at St Luke's -  
 (His knowledge is probably defective as he admits  
 he seldom got beyond Street door except in case of illness)  
 Thank Goddon (Might) they pray but God further  
 prosper - So they play a piano & send song  
 you can hear them singing the latest music hall ditties  
 In earlier days used to speak of their sins - now  
 talk more of God & less of their own  
 our infirmities - Has learned by repeated failures  
 "You must credit them for a great deal more  
 religion than they confess" - as a rule the men  
 are better than they talk.  
 Finds people specially amenable at time of death  
 the "improve the death" - gets relations to come  
 London with all its carriages is wonderful  
 tender hearted - but the people hate formalism &  
 don't take to ritualism except when they see it for  
 pay  
 Drink is regarded as kind of necessity - even the  
 lactolalen don't help temperance reform must  
 look down on those who drink & regard temperance  
 as a kind of gospel - even those who have suffered  
 within our home will not see it so - instances  
 a well to do tradesman & Churchwarden two of  
 whose sons have become crims & the last is now  
 fully under the shell - yet the man will not see it  
 as such - Effects of drink seen most in Lockport a Midway  
 & City night - on public holidays it is a fair  
 amount of people following the police with a shabby man  
 people many very young especially in the poor districts &  
 are content with low standard - often despise anything  
 tawdry - as American a brass painted red with blue wheels  
 driven a millman who had spent his life in Deptford. The first  
 from South in works were going then excellent - 16 bracks full of them  
 & then you find - they aren't better but their manners are about the same"

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S. Nicholas. Wallis For 3 years Curate in charge. Vicar alive but the  
 ) Choy Co being sequestered for 16 years for payment of his debts  
 (45) CXXIV. 117 next year will compute the haym to what he can &  
 \* probably will return to me more - one last year  
 \* Mr W was sent a cutting from Yorkshire paper showing  
 \* that his vicar had disappeared from Scarborough  
 \* owing £200 at some hotel - add to this that he  
 \* is a drunkard & the fact that he may again be  
 \* let loose on the parish is no small scandal -  
 \* The parish has been unfortunate - the preceding  
 \* vicar who was here 40 years & in many ways a  
 \* great blessing was in his later years frequently  
 \* drunk in the pulpit - & Mr W's predecessor as  
 \* Curate in charge though free from such failings  
 \* lived away in Brockley & did little in the parish.  
 \* Altogether Mr W says "it does not help me to be  
 \* a parson" & such influence as he has gained  
 \* is rather a spite than a consequence - To break this down  
 \* he is an excellent man himself - not clever or remarkable  
 \* but frank friendly & success - bright pleasant face &  
 \* engaging manner -  
 \* Thus when he came Church work was practically dead  
 \* Church empty & S. Sch. run by the Skinner family  
 \* (probably in partance here) who refused to admit the  
 \* parson & during his 10 years the late Curate never  
 \* succeeded in getting into the S. School - but Mr W  
 \* has accomplished this feat & now controls his school.  
 \* Pop about 7500 - People for most part poor & in  
 \* many cases exceedingly rough & drunken - but <sup>otherwise</sup> not  
 \* vicious or criminal in any way - Differ as much from  
 \* the Pratt's <sup>(Christ Church)</sup> parishioners as Chalk from Cheese -  
 \* largely a settled pop here for years & over generations  
 \* many connected with the sea & when you get to know  
 \* them exceedingly pleasant & friendly & far from hostile  
 \* to work among - Compared most favorably with the vicars of Walsingham  
 \* where for 8 years he was at sea & married - then you have the order of the  
 \* Salt London. necessary theft - here they are not order, so London - have had  
 \* and will tell in the world.

S. Nicholas. Wallis Hampstead, lack of buildings, workers & funds & by  
chose uncertainty as to future. He has not been able

(45) | CXXIV. 117 | to effect much. Efforts to get workers from Brookly have  
cmo | failed. Church much undermanned - he has unusually  
|| friendly relations with his people. Visits on after noon & himself  
|| does most of the collecting for Provident A. with 800 deposits  
|| and very free from 'Side' or Clericalism has won respect & affection  
|| local in Church attendance it shows - having increased from  
|| 30 at the most at any time to 100 in morning & 200/250 in evening  
|| Communicants from 30 to 130 - Sunday school from small  
|| numbers to about 600 with 20 teachers - This plot of  
|| ground certainly not "hopeless" as Pratt's (Christchurch) is  
|| Great lack of social organization for boys in the neighborhood. They  
|| swarm about the streets at night -

Small relief - no Cook with CO's which is weak here  
Is helped by Deptford funds - 60 dinner tickets a week -

\* | | Objects to his parish being joined to new Borough of Greenwich  
|| due to ill feeling existing between S. Nicholas & St Paul  
|| Arrangement hampered by S. Nicholas which is essentially  
|| part of Deptford -

Police insufficient can't or won't cope with domestic  
trouble - almost impossible to sleep at night owing to that  
In Dept the "worst place I know" - no known brother  
marriage of the law & very common, forced

|| Army fair good except water-pipe & the "storages" of  
|| which parts are very equal - Some increase of over-crowding  
|| owing to stringent regulations of LCC in their new buildings  
|| in Amara St. - hope stricter Comdery in elsewhere.

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S<sup>c</sup> Paul Dept<sup>n</sup> Hoasm Apart from High St + small part beyond all parish poor  
Chof<sup>o</sup> Tradesmen the aristocracy - Clerks or low salaried 30% or

45 2 CXXIV. 155 35% a week number perhaps 500 - then Artisan to say the same  
+ last labouring class employed in victualling yard 10-20%.

\* // Except the 'buddies' the slaughtermen the most degraded class  
though not the poorest - for many 'a good drink to a woman'  
is all they ask for. Another class on whom the conditions  
of their work have degrading effect are the girls who  
clean the entrails of animals - 'gut girls' such work  
ought to be forbidden to women. Mr Simmell of the  
Dept<sup>n</sup> fund has tried to reach these girls that had some  
success with a club + home. One of the best things the fund does.  
Besides these classes there seems to be an exceptional  
amount of thorough lost time life [Story of the young fellow <sup>was</sup> <sup>was</sup>]

\* // Market Baildon S. his worst though Gadey S. (Christchurch)  
contains more unmitigated vice. let in furnished  
apartments in which there is not one virtuous woman

\* // Some houses in Baildon S. are let same way but it is  
more mixed with ordinary houses. Though High St bad  
Watergate S. not so bad one because not called so  
Six houses in Baildon S. with seven years to run of lease  
sold for £30 a piece. supposed real value, rent, land, collection.  
In Dept<sup>n</sup> as a whole rents rising - more costly.  
Levensham High St is dividing line - to north high rents  
to south low.

\* // A good deal shared vestry Church. - Schools leased to Dean  
but available whoev<sup>r</sup> + permission service on Sunday  
District is 'Protestant' - S. Pauls one with daily service  
They have had no Evey Communion since I came - in  
a "moderate + reasonable way" the Rector has been  
introducing somewhat High practices - no trouble caused  
Parish relief managed from vestry daily - mainly by tickets  
Charitable relief in Dept<sup>n</sup> a blot - much overlapping  
due to variation of religion. Effort "B Schismatics"  
members of Dept<sup>n</sup> + members of N<sup>o</sup> of Guardians - attending both will +  
badly done - depends on individual R.O.

S Paul. Hodson  
\* Cho Tee  
(45) 2 | CXXIV. 155  
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Sancton, administratn good in spite of great difficulties - sleeps in cellan still not uncommon  
Increase of gambling & betting - much excessive drinking on the connection of drink & degradation with poverty  
mentions the extensive Teagust met due to closing of Deafns Dock yard wages at virtually yard lower  
& class of men different - work at cattle market well paid but degnding & the men do not work the week through - effects of changes not yet "breasted" but things will settle down to be better.  
Fight against licensing the Empire Music Hall so far successful. renewed for year to year - had been offered money not to oppose! (The music hall trustees have secured bullies house at back & rebuilt on large scale for use in the 'interludes')



Wesleyan ch. Clerhall now in his third year at Deafns - has been a  
Deafns ch. CXXV. 45  
(45) 2

Wesleyan minister since 1892 - draws his people from West of High St & South of Seelym & except a few from streets East of High St. where Christian life is made impossible & some of later they leave with their families or their children  
His people are mostly artisans with some of labour, & not many shopkeepers - a few retired - generally people living a comfortable life & putting money in savings bank  
Regards position at this Church & Deafns Park as men, 'holding the fort' blending the new mission to be built when with sisters of the work the work will be organized on the regular mission lines & attached for Broochy Circuit  
Their church the most aggressive in Deafns - have not lost the spirit of our founders - Frenchy feel, believe the free churches - have united prayer meetings begin of the year & talk each other. Free ch. sometimes growing stronger & can unite we may a subject of 7 day paper - wish to be present with Cho Tee but can't go on hands & knees - Vicar not always hostile but cautious, better, opposed - eg. grasping after burials - a good many marriages to save appearance. Police do not look after streets well at night - say they can't stop prostitution. Conviction of quiet roads of Deafns High St to be bad - intercomms: eye street  
Laid from an alarm of Deafns Free ch. ministers. Consider what can be done. Thoroughly assist in doing these things & deny themselves to support the chapel spoke on highly of his workers.



(St Pauls Parish)

Congregationalist - Read here his friend Mr Horn has shared the whole of his ministerial life in despairing cony from Hackney College in 1875 - lives in old double fronted house comfortably furnished. Bleed through cheaply rented coal bars, he maintains on his stipend (£271 in 1895) to supplement the lectures -

Church is historic dating from 1660 & there are some fine buildings "a valuable property" - Very full report on work last 12 months "rather too full but they like to see them selves in print."

As to the people he conforms Mr Horn. Well to do Shopkeepers have moved to Market Heath & Newisham & come into the business - managers often occur in their place of working hope better people leave, got to Catford

Cannot stand the coarse language & fights at night dread being up there children in it - "I don't blame them" The children from the mission are brought to the Chapel for week night meetings - Girl sewing class to familiarise them with interior of Ch. buildings & all its news for 100

or Sunday. Preferring this to separate services. No regular visitation - Relief not needed among them, make their own provisions to do widows for sacraments for £20 each

What they live on outside - Some chronic want & occasional in hand winter there is distress - but it is well met. Real cause of poverty of young folk - I am strongly of the

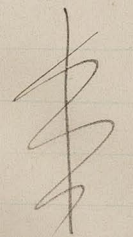
the old mischief is the drink - If you could do away with it - but you can't - you would change the aspect of the place - Thieftlessness though drink is the evil - you see children with heads anything to cover them with a great

portion of beer drinking in front of the P. houses - No cooperation with other - occasionally the Ch. Council arranges a Miss. Get corners brought up from other neighbourhoods - Friends with Ch. of S. but cannot work with High Church - In street east of High S. Miss. on certain

100 overlapping - Tom Jiddell from for mission. Matt near of Church said he had been greeted by a woman at work table with "you are the fifth in many" - Mr Pratt & Mr Read understand each other & do not interfere - other Churches no better off than we - not worse - & not the fault of ministers but of cooperation of poverty & need in the place - which means pleasure are in a million - no delusions concerning his own church. Who he came 25 years ago he said "3 years in Sump" - there he is still the 100 say if you go it would be a trap. many old adherents long ago - some are long since - Sings Theatre & new street - lay givers - all on on people & there they come opposed - and quite this helps anything - Sunday as elsewhere - sleep, walk & dine. Some don't even till late in the day - from many protestants in New Lion A. P.



Some interest taken in local affairs local authorities have had some effect. If they could only decrease drink. Mr Read rather out of usual net seems to take things easier. Day familiar has induced hopeless men in regard to the work.



(Parish of S Paul)

Daphne  
occasional  
452  
Human  
CXXV. 15

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

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

The communion fund (£10) not sufficient for their own  
poor members - has 50 coal & 50 bread tickets from  
Deacons fund - & special effort at Christmas

was on best for some time - but gave it up - by strong  
feeling between representatives Deacons & Brockley with  
consequent scenes - Radical element in Deacons on strong

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

Drink fearful - Theatricals & music halls have increased in  
influence of these places very bad upon the young people  
mainly patronised by those from 15/20, working people &

others a shade lower - Has seen over 100 stand for the law  
& get on - a Christian man had said to him "That English law  
ruined my daughter" - Prostitution not so bad as more concealed  
Police secretaries, as a whole -

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

Church has not de-  
clined any in his pastorate  
a man to a domestic respect.

(S. Pauls Parrish) (This I take with S. ...)

LCM - Staunton S. Croncher 16 years at Dept. - District S. ...  
 (45) 2 CXXV 61 Clyde S. Rolt S. ... can visit most of the  
 houses - Counts 674 visitable houses with 2 families heard all  
 a few one a year man lodges - mainly comfortable  
 working class works in factories - many superiors 40p a week  
 Costa (late Arthur) the poorest - cattle market men -  
 earnings perhaps not less but homes poorer & rougher  
 not much change except houses more difficult to obtain  
 cover the ground 4 times a year - occasionally sees  
 the loagen - not easy - mostly talks to the people at  
 the doors "mas" the more fault you are with the  
 people, the more shy they are of you"  
 Most of his workers have been trained at the mission -  
 Charitable relief rarely needed - only a case here or there  
 The work of the mission "most encouraging" in  
 every branch - They lose many of the young people  
 who marry & go to Liverpool - difficulty since indifference  
 not sufficiently interested to argue - wish they would  
 come & be ready to sit at them (the triflers)  
 Gets men at the open air meetings & thence some to the Hall  
 Some are keen politicians - He has to avoid radicals  
 most are conservative because they get more work under  
 a conservative government  
 not intemperate on the whole - nothing like Church S.  
 district - not immoral - not a simple bad house in it  
 doing steady work - built up an active little mission  
 of which young people are the backbone -

LCM Shaftesbury Hall  
 (45) 3 Dennell  
 CXXV 645  
 Missionary in Dept. near 23 years - District Compact Block  
 west of Dept. ... a much larger number families - Mildred S. ...  
 does not now make an address work for them. ...  
 a lady has a meeting ...  
 attitude as of ...  
 but they imposed upon ...  
 Charles S. ...  
 people here also - they ...

Some of my things were ...  
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(Parish of St Paul)

LCC  
Prison S. ent  
(45) 3.

Marrott  
CXXV. 163

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

X

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

X

Rowley S. 40 families in 19 houses mostly Romanists  
Street sellers <sup>very poor but</sup> plenty of money same - it is dark -  
Dacca + adjacent streets are more respectable

X

Rowley S. the best + there he cannot visit - In the  
LCC building, Armada S. found families he had  
known elsewhere in Deptford - visits whole dist in 2 mos

X

finds some have shifted - often drops on them again  
Changes not to better themselves - but because can't  
they rent - Landlords glad to be quit of them - but  
they must stop near their work -

X

Great deal of relief by Establish Ch + S John's houses  
Deptford fund gives a tremendous lot of dinner  
he does not get any tickets - supposes he is not an  
authorized worker - doubts wisdom of giving in chronic  
cases - better in infirmity - not to go any place worth  
many say they will when they have time - Children attend  
Sunday school very well - Many women a mother next  
200 at Armada S. 100 Mr Crocker + - Few many  
attend for what they can get -

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X

Mr Walker of S Nicholas was opposed to Mr Marrott at  
first said "you are a Wesleyan" - RCs go to say  
mass + late are anti + sometimes fighting - Priest named  
Mr M not to call - but Mr calls on everyone

(Pansh of Paul)

LCM  
Mun 5.

Mammot  
CXXV. 165

(49) 3

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ladies take great interest in the 'gut girls'. most lot  
 living in Watergate Lane S. - Club for them at  
 Oct 1st 1895. - send them baskets of flowers, Codd  
 Nibbles &c. The girls prefer men - pay 10/6 for a feather  
 does not think the alacrity better. Drink among  
 women really on the increase. 'Gibraltar' in Evelyn?  
 the 'Cowshed' - women go in + sit there peeling their  
 potatoes &c. - Elderly women lead respectable young  
 married women astray. Pawn for them &c. Gibraltar  
 has a back way from Sains Court &c. - Drink the great cause  
 The people admit now + again that it is wrong! Sign a  
 pledge + break it - Story of a woman whose husband  
 fell down + broke his neck - She had signed again  
 to remain hence - Said to Mr M "I suppose it must  
 be the booze to the bitter end"

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never found a bad horse - a good deal of loose  
 living among gut girls + drovers - + a number living  
 unnamed

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

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

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

Parish of S. Paul  
S.A. Joslin  
Occupies Corps  
(45) CXXV. 213.



Captain Joslin here a few months - reorganizing a Corps that had got a little out of hand during the regime of his predecessor - a woman who had gone hot & cold, for & against, but her marching got rusty Area covered by large - stretching in two directions & South East special great distances - leaving the impression that the Army could not be very strong. On the quiet near is a Slum station in Church & where are 2 Sisters managed separately from the Corps - Joslin's Father well to do - Alderman Croyden Council & was himself in business at time of his "call" - tried to resist but conscience would not be denied & in spite of opposition he submitted - His father has never acquiesced - He himself seems never to have doubted the rightness of the step - lives in the little basement room provided - his companion a ready dreaming lanky untidy youth - morning taken up with correspondence - reports - "Preparation" - Afternoon visiting - members, recruits, converts, special cases - evening meetings see time table - Open air most important part being open air followed by one at the Citadel - Showed his books containing very elaborate information - to be sent to Headquarters - he was "like the manager of business" - Rent is paid - nothing else - Names once entered in "Roll" are only removed by sanction of Divisional officer - reason is given under the heading - Backslide - Deserter of Colours - Private Glory Church or Chapel - Removed - Difference between first line not clear & Cast of area not make it so - Roll constantly changing - Completed in 5 years - The reasons were all given - desertion & backsliding accounted for most - the fewest had Private Glory - Corps not strong but has improved its position during last few months - The systematic open air Services must be at the least represented before notice of lay, numbers of people in a district where in many parts misc. anti & vice are rife - Well received a notable "Bride" (when they come in, 6 weeks), collections large, there is a very little of next - meet with little opposition - some friends with Catholics - Kind of man most likely to give trouble a Roman Catholic - desert



Christ Church. Pratt Maxter went to see Mr Pratt immediately after leaving  
Carpenter's Chop & Brooke Lambert. Mr Lambert hearing this said

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

Has been here curate for 30 years - & in his own  
hopeless, inefficient way probably works as hard as any  
Quaker parson - no one could actively dislike him  
but must have failed completely in any walk of life

Here the failure so patent that Ch. Pastoral aid grant  
has just been withdrawn on grounds that no one came to  
church. But a better man here would scarcely have  
achieved a different result - it is the poorest parish  
& the poorest part of Deptford mostly a very rough casual lot  
though Mr P. thinks not so poor & black as we make it  
one, Adley S. & his crew justifies Black Line where  
promised apartments are of lowest character

Among the people of his parish that were "labourers  
doctors, Carmen, costers, hawkers, laundresses, flower  
pills, wood cutters, bottle washers, mendicants, Cripple  
prostitutes (chiefly in Stanhope St.) - Dist & button hole  
makers - lace sellers & toy makers. In summer a  
large proportion go home

Mr P. is "always about" among the people but from the  
spiritual point of view "can't get at them" - they are not in  
fidelity but they are ungodly. - & apparently the church  
is empty. Total of communicants about 15 - 200/300 children  
in S. Sch but Dipped Sch in Griffen St. gets the cream of them  
apart from pretty constant visitation work centres in two  
mother meetings "large but artificial" - usual accompaniments  
coals, blankets, maternity etc. - a good deal of ticket relief  
I don't pretend to help them permanently. - 1/2 shown with  
made in box for last year costing more than 1000. 1/2 to 1/4 ticket  
altogether a very white hamper

Parish of Christ Church  
General Baptist  
Unitarian } Marchant

(45) 3 CXXV. 225.

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



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

Chapel in Church's dates back to Commonwealth - an old fashioned little place looking rather forlorn - not much life now but it was quite dead when he came except services & a small school - Has tried to make it a centre for other than purely religious services - Chapel willing to lend for meetings - but neighbourhood deplorable & as religious body they are isolated.

Mr M tries to make himself generally useful in district for social, temperance or educational work - manages 4 or 5 houses of schools



One of most serious things the way the people were pauperised but still he does his own little share of good. Success of denomination he had in following order (1) R.C. (2) Congreg. (3) Unit. Ch of E.

Police inadequate - Streets mostly on Sunday very drunk - the evil less in Sweden



Prostitution awfully prevalent - Relations promiscuous no place in which so many girls were in the former days. Housing could not be worse but health surprisingly good

(Parish of Christchurch)

Ragges Sch. Dodd Ragges school from since 1844. + no connection with  
Doddford. CXXV. 73. for 20 years - but in copy of last report of some interest

(45) 4

Situation tumbles in nest of poor streets below the creek  
open, low character including many houses fronted  
one half constantly thifty - not change much in character  
in the 20 years - or more crowded - owing to demolition -  
mill lane - + drinking more common among women  
Although we do a lot of work we merely touch the people  
Chilam largely influenced + so are many of the women - cannot  
do much with the men - Special effort needed - he had looked to  
the Deaf fund but had been disappointed -

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To get hold of the men involves heavy expense. They must  
have separate accommodation - will not come to where the  
women are - when man brings them they come in separately  
attributed this to ordinary habit - men & wives never go out  
together anywhere - Unlikely to build a club for the men.

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Those mission gets hold of case the more permanent inhabitants  
There remain the same year after year if they improve they  
still do not move

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Considerable number of the Chilean remain under religious influence  
as they grow up - but very difficult to know who are religious  
so much hypocrisy & rascals -

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Development of mission checked by starting of Deaf fund -  
Mission well received - resulting in keeping regular at school - other  
wise not much to be measured - few poor up people come in case of  
Relief - have learnt by experience - at least 4 examples  
Public houses the only places for meetings - on Sunday at 7  
pm mostly women in the bar -

Hardly a family in Griffin S. with more than one son  
The over crowded district to visit - difficult to talk with  
Proccarian Chilean always about to overheat. Adoration

Express train service to place 7 miles out for Colon of 20 men  
Several houses in Griffin S. condemned but botched up all  
Half the houses ought to be demolished - taken by horse farmers  
at 2000ms. rents collected on Sunday 1/2p for 3/4 a room

St Mark Stone vicar for 16 years - takes things easy - one of few churches with  
 Amenham vale CXXIV.93. no week day services + Communion not weekly - Confounded  
 us with (+ as) the SA - Parish small - about 3000 all comfortable  
 no signs of poverty - but some decay in 16 years.  
 Church free + open - the one, one near - + has a baptist memorial service  
 Is always well filled - gave his parishioners a good moral character  
 Perhaps Mrs S supplies some money - certainly Mr S does not  
 Church seems parochial, a cypher

Congregational mission hall CXXV.91 Here a little over 2 years - a branch of the Lewisham  
 High St. Congreg. Church (Rev W Justin Evans) + Mr  
 Ellison is mission pastor - full account given in the  
 Annual Report - works mainly drawn from the Lewisham  
 though some of the 5 sch teachers have been trained at home +  
 Sunday Cong. work, class + nearly all adults - children  
 not admitted with parents. Several railway men + well  
 dressed + comfortable - Hall in use 3 or 4 week night  
 Friday average 30 per meeting - cannot get members a week night  
 Do not go in for social meetings + entertainments - no use do  
 not lead to spiritual meetings - Gospel temperance fill hall of the  
 is a good musical programme - well billed - not otherwise  
 not much need for relief - some tickets for poor + are given  
 This winter free from distress - work plentiful  
 Dept paid looked upon as a hard district - find it difficult to  
 get the people - spend Sunday measuring -  
 Every day long steam waiting at Theatre + Music Hall  
 people in rags - Houses well kept + clean. 2 or 3 families  
 no idea of things - will save if asked - feel they cannot  
 keep the money themselves -  
 with work at the Hall Mr S is moderately satisfied  
 says they flourish but not so enthusiastic as I can wish  
 of people get you people together for religion improvement  
 the people do not give enough to support the mission - has been  
 allowed to think it not needed - The Church has got to be  
 provided a Rev. deacon had said at a meeting "we don't want  
 your money - we want you - think the desire to give something should  
 be fostered  
 Ludlow Hall is under repair

(Panish of Mark)

Railway Mission Jutsum  
American Grove Tames  
(45) 4 CXXV 155

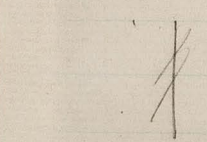
Mr Tames who looks like Mr Jutsum black at intervals  
has been connected with mission from Commencement  
Originally started in private house & after 2 moves is placed  
here - draws people from betw a L.A.S.C.M. & High S' Sch. (pms)  
few by new live south of new Comm. road. many north of rd.  
Virt. laund. but laund. Cases of sickness quite common  
Sunday morning collection for the 'Nov'. special collection for accounts of  
Branch of this mission at Angora in New Comm. Station  
meeting in room provided by company. a drawback  
Drink not so bad among the men as formerly. Company  
severely down upon it. A Christian Guard has great  
difficulty in maintaining his integrity - some lend back of  
cards to passers + boards placed for card playing. has  
not seen these lately but gambling + card playing very prevalent.

All Saints, Townsend  
Hatcham Plk  
Chof to

(45) 4 CXXIV 73



Here for 4 years - to have been appointed (at 26) to  
this large parish with £500 stipend. due to peculiar  
system of Chof to patronage rather than his qualifications - not  
that he is a bad fellow or a scoundrel or a failure compared  
to others - but simply that he is a very ordinary mortal without  
special intellect or character to fit him - lives outside his parish  
almost at top of Telegraph Hill - Curate Mr Dean was found  
a mild inoffensive little man - younger - 50 or 60  
Pop about 18000 - two distinct portions divided by New Comm. Rd  
Southern much poorer than northern. Here in Falkland St the  
people are much better situated - mainly labouring class  
north of New Comm. Rd. nearly all clerks, artisans, tradesmen  
Schoolhouse teachers - Railway men - Excise - Pleasants +  
Scribble garden none are poor - + single families still not uncommon  
have had servants - Poor - Peeps Rd. many do not - where  
our old man goes yellow - + far more than one  
except in rare instances poorer parishioners never come to church  
not prepared to make the effort - find slacking about more congenial  
but though the Panish for the most part are friendly - if not it is due to  
"accidents of circumstance" but are utterly apathetic as to religion - Appeal  
+ visitation produce nothing but promises. late evening + Sunday, being day  
very prevalent



All Saints, Torrington  
Hatcham, Devon  
454 CXXIV. 73  
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Social agencies have to be duplicated owing to cleavage  
in pop. 2 Mother meets - 2 Bands of Hope. 2 Librarians &  
2 G.F.S. - on poor side is a Dope Club - awful tykes to  
manage. apt salute things with showers of mud & stones.  
On the better side a young mens Club - started last year -  
hardly attended - nearly all church goes - also large  
Incessible Literary Soc<sup>y</sup> & Soc<sup>y</sup> for Biblical discussion  
attended by clerks - a paper is read by some one - discussion  
very feeble - Free concerts on Saturday



visitation very imperfect - 4 visitors - huge district but the  
deaconess reader (has 25 years) 'goes right through' - there is  
a tendency in parts to pierce at him - Nurse says 100 visits a  
week in the course of her duties - Relief £60 each case or month  
an awful lot of hounding - tickets no safeguard - no cooperation  
with COS 'a rotten society' - too much concerned with  
pedigree - might be fairly deep...



Vestry efficient - roads well kept & lighted -  
Poor law fair - a great deal of out relief. R.O. kind  
Police 'nice fellows' - don't look after street gambling



Drink the cause of the majority of evils in Pansh  
Some openly on one side - secretly on the other - A couple  
more in Falkner's - not a great deal of prostitution.



Cases of theft & wife beating - Suicide frequent lately - <sup>common</sup> ~~in~~ cases  
Few cases of people living together unmarried - <sup>common</sup> ~~in~~ cases  
Things on better side most belong to Friends Societies - Heaps  
of State Clubs leading to frightful squires at Xmas  
Health exceedingly good.

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

S. Catherine - Truscott  
Hatcham Chgo to  
(45) 5. CXXIV. 99

The vicar was not well + S. Shaska, an oriental, was sent handed in reports from him we heard that the parish though still mainly mid class shows deterioration. Some houses let in lodgers. There are two patches of poverty - One close to Brockley Station - Foxwell St where a row of rough cottages with a small block belongs to local builder + occupied by his workpeople, so vile filthy + insanitary that visiting has had to be given up + complaints to the authorities have had no permanent effect. The other patch known as 'mud island' consisting of Pulls Ten Bennett Grove + with a good deal of over-crowding [I have not found these on map]. The Church is magnificently placed on top of Telegraph Hill in a well to do district - + is a prosperous middle class one - no affluence - always full.

Out of Donnell's Rd.  
Putnam Road  
Close to Board School  
9/4

Wesleyan Ch. - Powell  
Ketto R.  
(45) 5. CXXV. 209

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

S. James  
Hatcham Kennedy  
Chgo to  
(45) 5. CXXIV. 31

Although fully 50 yrs ordained 1894 - has not sunk the man in the parson - magnificent man - probably all the women in love with him - + the men cannot fail to be attracted by his intense virility. For 9 years before being ordained was Sec of Y.M.C.A. probably a man of means - signs of riding + driving in hall horse well appointed - + said he had to find at least £350 a year towards parochial funds. The Church was originally Evangelical - The advocation was purchased by Mr. North who gave living to his son who blossomed into advanced ritualism when his toleration than was tried result - monitor police required once or twice.

St James  
Hatcham  
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Chgo Co  
CXXIV. 31

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

As to the population - South of New Cross Road though  
still mid or lower middle class the trend is downwards  
north of the road it is wholly working class - large part  
connected with railways - much scattered housing - no  
noticeable street areas - nothing like neighboring  
slums of Deptford which Mr K considers as low  
as anything in London

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

Among working class non-attendance at S. Sch almost universal  
due partly to attractions of theatre, partly to being a kind of  
hobby horse the best agency for holding boys

In common with Mr Pring - Mr K attributes failure of the  
especially as regards men to folly of clergy - solicited  
& amazingly lucrative - mainly due to nature of their training  
Has urged upon Bishop's Archbishops that every candidate should  
spend at least 6 months in business life. His curates are excellent  
good men & get rapid promotion. His large square to 2 Curates  
Pesty food - works very well. Police excellent

Drunk "deplorable" "alarming" "almost sole cause of disorder"  
Cherry fetid drink new cause of demoralization -  
Prostitution very rare - lower class come from Deptford Slum  
& live at quiet ally near the church  
Things poisonous - Pring club took £320 last year & giving  
Mackel paid sells £300 worth in the month  
Housing good, no overcrowding. Health good on the high land on the  
low ground - Malaria, disease, & cancer, life -





(Panisl of S. James)

Naprst ch - Lewis  
Drochly A<sup>o</sup> + Rev Williams  
(45) 5. CXXV. 103

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



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

|| Regent St on whole not so black as painted - nothing like so bad as  
East End etc. Two worst streets Nailson & Stanhope - on the whole  
a moral improvement with some falling back in streets off these &  
owing to demolition of Mill Lane Court  
Mr W & I differ as to prevalence of drink & prostitution (Mr W  
the optimistic one) but agreed that the new theatre had had bad effect  
As to housing - mud over ground - great deal of single room life  
The Regent St area the furnished apartment system common

(S. James Hatcham Parish)

Wesleyan New Cross Hoveville - Only here since Sept. (9 months). Came from a flourishing church at Norwood - Company his church with the thriving Episcopal & Congregational churches of neighbourhood - thinks it suffers from 'inertness' system & though he did not say so this applies to his case. His church is in New Cross A - to north pop good work class - to south clerks & city men - both sections draw to some extent - fair representation of work, but you cannot say they are effectively touched.

Does not think either mothers meetings or late clubs are any benefit to the church - bring no one in - but are of benefit to those who use them.



S. John Atkinson not seen  
Lewisham Ch. of 6  
(45) 6

(S. John, Leamington) (Panish)  
Congregation - Evans

(45) 6

CXXV. 183

The most influential church in this district.

Issues an elaborate report of its work & that of its  
mission Leamington Hall (45) 5. Leamington CXXV 91. (45) 4. 18.  
& Amerham Hall - See page 101 -

Mr Evans had left very little time for us between a  
marriage and a pressing engagement in the County.

Came here 1896 succeeding J. Morley Wright. - Has seen  
no change but hears of great changes in past. thinks  
deterioration has stopped - only from East Side Tyroshet  
No the families are moving - because of big build up at back  
new comers accept this

|| Visitation done in connection with Christian Aid Soc  
I think give through it - look after anybody in trouble  
Ladies visit & carry tickets to them

Part of church helped for 2000. fund - "are not  
slow to let us know" mostly widows & those down the  
one other blind - Give a kind of pension. Dorcas Soc sells  
below cost & Market Soc that £48 -

The church being quite full can only grow thro' the mission  
Those who fill the places of such as leave come largely from  
S. Sch & Ch Leamington Soc. - Social distinctions are met  
by the different Schs. - Seek to strengthen bond between  
Church & mission - but the mission people don't  
care to come amongst the better classes at the church

The P. S. A. at Amerham Hall is fairly successful  
Open to men & women. an attempt to reach those outside  
Christian influence - got some. has a choir band.



Free Ch Council. the authorized voice of the church  
has arranged united mission by Gypsy Smith &  
W. R. Lane. Baptist, Wesleyan, Presbyterian & then

|| our church found close together. best possible way  
In Mr Evans own district (rooms off N.W. side of  
Leamington Hall) all churches full. class people come to  
the church. well ordered part. no P. A. in the estate

|| Except one & does not know how that came there

(St John Lutheran Parish)

U. Meth. F. Ch. Hocken  
Arms and Chapel St. 11<sup>th</sup>  
(45) 6 CXXV. 137

Sab<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> circuit - including Chapels in Peckham & Denmark  
 At Denmark the horse are drawn from streets to  
 Smith - comfortable working class - Get a few from some  
 streets to make a good stand of horse - perhaps 40  
 Gives half his time to visiting & preaching in the day, poorest  
 hours, times when religious concentration is likely  
 They are now relieved for sacramental fund - not much  
 needed - The non religious man who drinks is the man who  
 wants relief - 9 cases out of 10 - poverty is self inflicted  
 intemperance - want of things - early marriage -  
 Free Churches very friendly - Council includes 14 - desperately  
 in earnest trying to bring those outside in - emphasizes the  
 change of attitude of Churches to now - recognized  
 responsibility & really tried to get the people in  
 Drink the cause - Prostitution near the Empire & Theatre  
 loose girls hanging about - Gambling prevalent betting  
 on horses, football & pitch & roll in back streets  
 District healthy where high

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

A nice, wooden hot air heating system  
 Churches third in membership amongst 86 compared  
 in Metro. Assn of Street Baptist Church

Presbyterian  
Meth. F. Ch.  
(45) 6 CXXV. 237

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

(S. John Levensham Parish)

Presbyterian  
Dirk's A.C.

McIntosh

CXXV. 237

Cmt

(45) 6

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

(S. Peter Panish)

The Broochy Church draws its Congregation from around  
 the Church & from afar - Catford New Cross & - chiefly  
 middle class people - some upper mid. & some poor from  
 Crofton Park.

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

Vestry Broochy people try hard keep rates down  
 Police not much needed - Plenty of drink in Deptford  
 Prostitution not rampant - Music hall tends to deteriorate

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

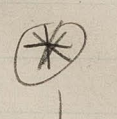
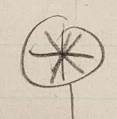
S. Peter's Church  
St. Sunday  
Chople

"Send a short hand writer - I can tell you more about  
"South London is half an hour than other in a week"

(45) 6 CXXIV. 135

But the interview turned out better than this promised.  
See Ave's account of it. "I am the most amusing  
"has a the class of the"  
Has been here 10 years or more - appointed in spite  
of a memorial sent to Bishop asking for some one else.  
Most of his people have made room for themselves  
except the Ultra H. - this rare, hedges up. They are  
Salamed class - not many are employers but many  
will be. Successful as a class "all on the way to  
Chislehurst" - independent in tone, not to be crossed.

Mr. Gandy said to his friend  
"I am the most amusing"  
"has a the class of the"  
a bit of a cad" he said  
Pop



except with tact - He counts himself just the man  
for the place - He gets on with them - Can preach  
doesn't talk nonsense in the pulpit - doesn't mumble  
when reading - otherwise many might go to the non-con  
chapel & they would be all potential deacons at  
a Tabernacle

S. Peter's from about £300 a year to have a parish  
in despair - His church we have been paid for by the  
residents who, there being no endowment, have sense  
of metropolitan ship - so his position somewhat  
of non-con parish

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

Have no mission of their own - Help the Deacons' Relief Soc  
as an outlet for energy of their class -

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

A parson of more than average talents & command  
of genuine though some might consider him over-learned  
in suiting himself to the character of his parish  
If more exactly - he might be less useful

St Peter's Parish

Worleya Park  
CXXV. 117

People in neighbourhood divisible into Villa, Commercial, Clerical  
a few  
Worley Class - large contingent Medical Students from Guy's - one, two  
Street Foxwell & Teachy almost Slum level

Church teaches all classes but especially the two middle ones  
 Mult before the population came has been still is poor  
 Good neighbourhood for religious work & as regards locality a  
 an improving district - Villa population reduced by class more inclined  
 In Wickham Rd 3 years ago as 1 family belongs - now 6 do  
 Holds that all Churches in London suffer tendency  
 from the 3 years system of leases - people take a house for  
 3 years & then move on - have scarcely time to get settled - the  
 young people do not form friendships - result not only of paying  
 wandering from church to church - but the actual absence of  
 religious observance - as to "Sheep Stealing" there is a good  
 code of honour & Mr P often passes wandering back  
 He liked to get word of doctors - they influence their patients  
 Free Ch: com air has been worn - first to act as 7 day pastor  
 opposed 7 day license for Crystal Palace - secured non con  
 Chaplain for Wickham - has an Annual Service & a  
 Communion Service in which Cl of E & Wangleleals take part  
 Local Govt well managed both Desps & Jewish  
 Police good fellows - attentive & kind - many are religious too  
 Drink both are not so much to P. House as to private drink  
 Among Church people tendency toward increased moderate  
 temperance sentiment without going to extremes  
 Favorable reports on all the other subjects  
 Interviews ends with two <sup>good</sup> stories of successful Methodism



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

(3) no servants (4) no chapel (5) no board school -  
He said the density was greatest in London 4,700 to 23 acres  
but pop is decreasing due to abolition of cellar tenements  
little demolition so far -

Whole parish is poor - but nowhere so poor or degraded as  
Regent's area - Deptford or East S. in Greenwich (if you  
want to see abject poverty attend notice B meetings in East  
Deptford) - not more than 1/3 of his male pop are in  
regular work - but parish no poorer than 30 years ago  
if anything it is better as the poorest have been forced out  
by forbidding overcrowding.

But though itself no poorer the parish has suffered by  
deterioration of neighbouring wealthy districts on which  
it depends for workers & funds -  
Mr C is not the man to stir enthusiasm - though  
the children the Church knows the people. <sup>600</sup> attend  
day schools - & 600 come to Sunday School & there is  
much visitation by deaconess, curate, Sr. reader &  
Miss Clarke - results as to church going meagre -  
complete friendliness - utter spiritual apathy -



Mr C denounced folly of building large churches in poor parts  
Shoreditch for 200 to 250. Here S. Mary, S. Alphage,  
S. Peter are absurdly close together S. Mary, ought  
to be closed. It appears that Mr Brooke Lambert was  
anxious to sell it to Mr Spurgeon -  
Mr Pechey utmost co-op. with COS.

Very efficient except 20 repairs street sweep,  
Police leave parish alone - it is very noisy - but if wanted not to be found  
Drink decreased greatly among men - probably not among women  
but people generally much more sober than they were  
No prostitution - all brothels closed on complaint to Vestry  
Health excellent - Epidemics of fever unknown  
Housing old in parts but seldom unsanitary



S. Alphege  
with S. Mary  
(26)

Protestant  
Ch. to  
CXXVIII. 15

one of the few remaining clergy of old Broad Church School  
not so great as some of them but a pleasant genial man &  
probably a successful organizer - Some of the untidiness  
of an artist - floor littered with papers in hokels, dining  
has been here 20 years - previously in White Chapel.

Divides his people 1/3 shopkeepers & gentl, 1/3 artisans  
1/3 poor - poor nearly all east of the street - about 1/3  
5' off East St. must squallor - but worst hts have  
been demolished. People scattered. Some of old cases

were worse than anything in White Chapel  
at the other end a rapid downward tendency, not to  
poverty but from wealth to middle class - the rich going  
places taken by lower class of semi-independent people  
on Cromwell Hill at one time over body core gave £ 50/6  
for any school - no little or no surplus.

M. L.'s statistics are in the reports he furnishes  
He prefaced his talk by a warning that his efforts  
were directly social - not indirectly religious.

"my belief is that you must get honest & to the point  
before you can hope that the seed will grow -  
that will come in due time." The social efforts  
have at various times assumed various forms - fifteen  
years ago rather believe in "Salvation by Clubs" but  
difficulties proved too great - now pins his faith to  
Providence Soc. & Prov. Dispensary. "they are my great  
help"

S. Alphege is the Danish Church - but when M. L. came  
S. Mary was fashionable & filled - now pretty deserted

The number of men who come to S. Alphege due to Broad Church  
The poor not independent but absolutely unchurched group.  
at mission services 6 to 15 attendances. M. L. says that  
Curate an excellent man & a naturalist "has got no of  
the old lot that got a new" but he still hopes to get  
them by naturalism - such as the way of S. Augustine Curate  
"it is now a little by way & now a choir - but all  
efforts alike are failures"

S Alphege. <sup>Moore</sup> <sup>Laurent</sup>  
Choy Co  
461 CXXVIII.15  
CMI



As to charitable & moral work he found the  
olacticet, coal & blanket system in active operation  
stopped it absolutely & turned visitors into collection  
instead of given - "Establish healthy relations"  
making it much easier get into the houses -  
The provident dispensary was started in opposition  
to Muller's shop & that shop which refused to reform  
itself - The dispensary has 3000 members - but not  
all of this bank -

Still a considerable sum is spent on relief - £150  
per ann. - Every case goes through COS - if not  
satisfactory, are sent to Poor Law - result to win  
respect for the church & avoid like one from those  
by whom it is an honor to be disliked - For the  
sick they have a nurse

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

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

A good deal of overcrowding in Poor Law, & that  
everywhere rising.



RC. <sup>O'Halloran</sup>  
On Lad, Star of  
the Sea -  
461 CXXVII.135

Has spent the whole of his 40 years in the most poor here - but had  
not much to tell as the Catholic community here is small  
spread over a large area - Church used mainly by companies  
well to do - The Church is beautiful & suggests a  
command of wealth which is misleading - the style  
& adornment due to a wealthy priest now dead - The church  
is more modern than the Presbytery - The schools are  
Poor & Section of these people live by river between Creek &  
Hospital - numbers not large - no Irish colony - Some find  
it more convenient to go to the Church at Deptford Creek  
or East Greenwich - no hill to climb & same social level

(Park 5<sup>th</sup> Alphege)

RC O'Halloran  
461 CXVII. 135  
cont<sup>d</sup>

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

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

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



Wesleyan Ch. Hawkes  
London S. CXXVII. 41

In the past highly successful, but suffered from not being done in low water 3 years ago by Mr H. - then an old conventional Lewis - Mr H. recognized that he must do for those who about a mission (was made great feature of open air work - the people will come to these services he not a church - would to hear me, but I must go to them - But think with a theatre. I brass band he could draw thousands - The fervor of men (was) was great had from them all at 7 am. Prayers there less than 30 (out of 70) even on a cold winter morning. Small amount given in relief other cases sent to COS a much libelled Society & here sympathetically worked. As to drink is very drunken but not so bad as Liverpool - some apparent increase due to influx of holiday makers through tunnel. Prostitution a health which you cannot cross at night without stumbling over the Conyer. As to Wesleyan in general - would not give up the automatic movement but that 3 years ago had - men become hopelessly stale of the story too long.



(S-Alphage Parish)

Congregation. Huggins  
Maze Hill CXXVII.115

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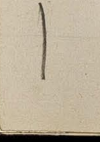
was for 2 years editor of Woolwich & Deptford Guardian  
Has been 22 years here - lives near Maze Hill 2 1/2 Station  
"The cause" had been alive here 90 years - Church  
built 76 or 77 years ago. Congregation from  
neighbourhood - clerks - better than artisans, foremen  
managers - shopkeepers - no poor - the congregation  
never do touch the poor except through special mission  
The poor don't come to their churches - congregation  
low, when middle & lower middle - here lower middle  
predominant

Maze Hill East Greenwich must change of late  
year - when he first came his people were worth  
twice the money - in numbers much the same - better  
people moved further out to Charlton & Thabber  
replaced by clerks - shopkeepers have followed them  
customers - a few food shops have been replaced by  
a number of inferior ones - always changing hands  
District still under transition - older & richer being replaced  
by younger & less rich & great influx of people, labour, etc.  
the creation of new world by the Mads wall Tunnel -  
Philippian feelings are changing with the times  
greater diffusion - less intensity - greater humanity  
more done for sickness - drainage - housing - not done  
open further but it is because of the diffusion of  
the Lord's Spirit that it is done

not the Stammers about observation there used to be  
"Persecution is what is needed" was even prosecuted  
for Church rates -

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

They'd be happy among his young couples to established  
Church - want variety, colour & music - don't go over to  
None but from establishment - consider a little higher social  
may 4.0 in 1911 no where



S. Alphege Panish  
Congregation's Hymns  
Marehill. CXXVIII. 115.

Greatest enemy to church going is the bicycle  
Still want to go by train but speak of bicycling  
never going to some country church - but often don't  
do it.

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

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The place is covered with Mission Hall workers  
He gives away £115 before Christmas 5/113 tickets, 1000  
have to come to chapel & get ticket on way out - not ne-  
cessary very hard - not those who ever (otherwise) go to church  
no begging needed to raise the Christmas money  
no distress for last three years - no need of relief - plenty  
of work - now is the time to pick out the loafers - a  
few of them if they could be taken away & shot

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No cooperation with other churches. Protestantism tried  
but failed "we non-conformists are peevish"  
Police polite & stop rows but are in with the publican  
but the magistrate can do most of the work  
Drink not decreasing among men but increasing among  
women due to male prostitution

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

This is all very poor stuff

CCM.

Sabert

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

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

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

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

LCC models not well built - but not of worst type Don't worst curse of all - women who are worse than men. For class above poor - no excess license - worst influence - but down as given - home for children entry of houses - Taste is inherited - Successful treatment of feet for child with a drop of gum - Some children are born drunk - Generally bad Mrs S. Stroy an exponent of Bible has several hundred volumes of religious books gradually collected - has read them all a kindly old man & a good influence



\* My son John was just  
"just another as you - he  
"read last week in the  
"mom of Consumption"

S Paul Greenwich. Love near here 22 years - Pop abt 6000.

Ch of St S & R Comfort ave, off (excent Chapel St (Squadron) -  
CXXVIII. 1. Mormon A. artisan clerks & small tradesmen  
most work in city - <sup>Here</sup> Parish (one down - say) occupies hours  
north of city (Roa & area) is at veg (as level of poverty  
morally - though in morals a distinct improvement since  
abolition of Greenwich Fair - worst at St James Place  
Mr L affirms that his parish is <sup>and</sup> the most difficult - has  
"no doubt they all tell you that" he added - "but  
it is true of mine" - The reasons being that it is literally  
overshadowed by the Parish Church - & the strong  
Church of Holy Trinity also almost in it - & all the  
Chapels - altogether the "scating" is more than sufficient  
for any man woman & child in it -

Seems nevertheless to have <sup>been</sup> quite as if not more  
successful than most with similar parishes.  
Church attendance 300 many - 500 some - without  
any of the lying exaggeration so common - There  
many attendance used to be 700 & say 400 - indicating  
the change in character of Pop.

General attitude described as indifferent &  
is extending to those who are still church goers  
All take religion more lightly - tending believe "it  
will all come right in the end" (1) when he first came  
night calls to console the sick & dying, common - no  
inquiries - (2) not a week passed without letters  
of praise, abuse or inquiry about sermons - (3) those  
who came twice now only come once. (4) Those who have  
friends staying with them used to bring their friends to church

now make it an excuse for staying away altogether  
(5) Cycle baptisms many church goers (6) Attendance at prayer  
meetings constantly declining & increasingly apparent (let people to  
lead in prayer - Altogether as Mr L said (with cheerful smile)  
if one one's heart could be broken a day - times more weather-beaten  
run arrangements due to the fund for the purpose (£3000) by  
Mrs Soames - In this & other ways the other poor parishes have  
beneficially weath of Blackdeath - St Michael's has but 740. Dean James  
has done great things - Poor relieved irrespective of creed but looked  
with as much discrimination  
Success of Mr Spurgeon's Baptist church - seems to make with <sup>in parish</sup> <sup>elderly</sup>  
Share of honors of state in Roa & area - seems to make with <sup>in parish</sup> <sup>elderly</sup>  
Health many <sup>in parish</sup> <sup>elderly</sup> - Mrs L. old old old in <sup>in parish</sup> <sup>elderly</sup>

(St Paul's Parish)

District Souths  
CXXVII 1

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

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

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

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

Have no missions - regards multiplication of little missions as absurd "make provision young people worship by"

Not restrained about young men to take services if they are fully occupied - also hold open air meetings

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





[St Pauls Parish]

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

Work with Beech Council though he has not joined it Relations other Churches friendly - Chaffo decent lot of men Drink a tremendous lot on Bank Holidays - people coming by train from Blackheath Hill a living current Prostitution on the Heath

His people very thrifty - others spend as they feel it District healthy, honey wood - the old fashion red houses have come down in rate - one formerly let at £95 - then £75 - now £35 - Increase now probable revival of <sup>house</sup> improving works - houses had to let

Mr Shurton is evidently successful - his men's class the most remarkable part - He is popular - <sup>with admirers</sup> Had a severe illness - went to So Africa - Mind of the way all was kept going in his absence



Congregation Mr Morgan 1400 3 1/2 years - little change in that time - but downward tendency Greenwich Rd CXXVII.105. Work, people have come to flats in Ashburnham Rd - But in second



Rd a good landlord retains old tenants, & has kept things up. Church draws from wide radius - Old Kent Rd to Catford Former residents - Scarcely any from poor streets to north of Greenwich Rd - Congreg practically middle class people City workers to few artisans - a steady service suits them & the 'masses' are not catered for - but Mr Morgan has leaning toward more popular service - PSA started has met 'considerable success' - get scope for normal & Bethel - wishes to have Sunday Socy free for popular service - Are likely to move as Miller Hospital wants to buy their property which adjoins

(Parish of S Pauls)

Congregationalist. Morgan

(46) 3 CXXVII 105  
Cont

Connected with the Ch Council both Deptford & Blackheath  
trying to get non con chaplain at work house - & "pretty  
united" relations with Ch of E - united week of prayer  
Charles Sturton very standing out - he invites them  
to meet his own.

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

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

(46) 3.

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

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

"Sheer waste" - "So many organs that the only wonder is  
we get any congregation at all"

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

Number of sch children limited by number of teachers. Cannot  
mix the two classes of children at all - separate schools  
separate treat. Ch. Ideavour best appt for really hold  
get considerable proportion in this way - poor section now  
coming in.

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Panskoys Paul.

Presbyterian Elders  
S. marks

(46) 3 CXXVII. 159  
cont<sup>d</sup>

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

Mr E is a School Board manager & speaks highly  
of school, teaching staff - attributes what improvement  
has taken place in Rosen & Haddo St. district to them  
People not so very hot hostile - still room for improvement  
Does not like the children's merriment - they greet him with  
"Hello"

Greenwich over visited - a good deal of over lapping -  
quoted a case in which bus visitors called on side  
|| but was the death - His visiting ladies give of tickets  
at their discretion - Ch of G, Baptists & Congreg<sup>n</sup> all at  
work - RC's strong in district -

Does not co-operate, regrets overlapping - can't be helped  
fault of Ch of G parochial pretensions



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

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

Things non-existent - Early marriage too frequent

Zion Baptist. Jarvis  
(street)

(46) 3 CXXVII. 197

5 years at Greenwich - has preached 16 years.

People attending Chapel work & business people - comfortable  
one, 2 from families - Firemen, school masters, tradesmen & a number  
from neighborhood others from Blackheath, Charlton, Lewisham, Catford, Brockley  
Kew, New Cross. Where Mr Jones has a church of similar order Zion  
Baptist (some inter-course between the two) Two work men walk from Dartford.  
The people feel strongly the associations.



Deacons on the side of Mr J the members - sometimes illness is not heard of  
Charitable relief for Com<sup>m</sup> fund not compared to their own members who have  
little need - Made me aped words - all for 30 years.  
Like other street Baptists does not believe in the Church providing amuse<sup>mt</sup>  
But in 3/4 of them young people - some take away by business, not necessary love  
many opposite members were trained in schools & little claims full behaved as  
school boys - one of them members was a notable character dismissed from am<sup>use</sup>  
All attitude of people generally independent - did not think in light of prospects of religion  
with a good will - Mr J goes about preaching a good deal

(Parish of S. Paul)

LCM. Matthews  
(Missionary, Parson, P.I.)  
CXXVII. 89

*Distance partly  
to S. Peter's parish*

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

Holy Trinity Bays  
Blackheath Hill  
(46) 3. CXXVIII. 53.

Study lined from floor to ceiling with books on Theology, Philosophy, & art. Lettera Table - could never find the Magazine or reports when he looked for them - anxious to give information - but quite uninteresting. Here 2 years coming from S. India Whitechapel. Pk 8000 - all working class except in side Blackheath Hill & S. end of Point Hill - all fairly comfortable this year. Superabundance of employment - none seen very poor. Poorst Cold bath S. - Colouring of map fairly represents facts, no slums - no overcrowding - small 2 story houses prevail except in Court S. where set of 4 St modes have been erected workless except than in Whitechapel. Rich parts in Parish & inside it on the Heath goy down. Servants rare - well to do move out to Chislehurst. Large houses remain unlet - or are replaced by small for which increasing demand - large shops suffer. Living worth £300 - used to be worth £500/600 - Half from new rents.

Holy Trinity. Dapne  
 Ch of 6  
 (46) 3. Cxxviii. 53  
 Com<sup>o</sup>

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

National school fairly prosperous - though feeling  
 Noaid Sch Committee - about 500 or 600 - score  
 by paying more attention to manners - but can't  
 afford the higher classes given by Noaid.

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

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

No cooperation - non com refuse Exchange lists - suspect  
 a great deal of overlap - District over church  
 + chapelled.

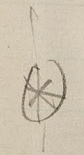
Consec. rarely live together unmarried - unless already  
 married + separated when each takes up with another  
 Theft would be more but checked by amount they give  
 Health food recent visit the Ravensbourne  
 Housing good - In the models about 12 families have  
 come poorer + higher than any they've had but  
 they pay higher rents.

Evidently no grip + hand managers carry things on



Christchurch. Reane  
Choy E  
(46) 4 CXXVIII. 35

Memo in the  
reported author's



The Author (reputed) of the Miller City of Ontario London which was published when he was a Congregationalist minister in Steney. - Seven years ago (when abroad, almost 60) he took order & was at once appointed to this living - what his motive I (Naxter) do not know. He is the least Churchy of men - strong a Christian in a very broad sense - in our confidential talk at end of our interview he said religious advances could only come from return to much simpler form of Christianity. - We must go back to the 10 Commandments & give up all this nonsense about the Church & the Priest & the Sacraments & incense - just hold up before people the example of Jesus & try & teach them to lead decent & moral lives. This being especially essential with working men who so far as they think at all are Protestants & "Bible men".

The Parish is a large one - growing 1000 a year. Present pop. 25000 to 28000. - 2/3 working class 1/3 Shopkeepers, Clerics & gentry. - Large proportion of working men are labourers at Gas Cement, Limeburn, Cable & Soap works - a few Arsenal men (the Armstrong) & a few trammen, police & porters -

Mr R is frankly convinced that under present conditions it is impossible to attract working classes - no hope exists in "a great religious revival" when the Ch of E comes again & enormously through parochial system.

The non-cons with more free easy system are slightly more successful but they too depend almost entirely on the middle classes - "we raised over £600 a year at my chapel in Steney - that does not look like poverty - when Church does seem to get hold it is by lavish expenditure - The instance Father Goulden & Wainright - both of whom spent £1. per head of pop. But though non-cons slightly more successful numerically the influence of the Church greater & more beneficial anything like parochial work impossible among non-cons. He tried & failed at Steney - The most effectual work

Christ Church Neavey

Ch of E

(46) 4

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Cont

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

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

Mr R says he knows all the Day School children (700) & there are 1500 in S Schools - 1000 with calls are paid weekly systematically by districts, not house to house - the 3 nurses do "admirable work" & though they Mr R distribute about 15000 sick dinners a year - £150 has been spent on relief 100 weddings - 700 baptisms - Church touches nearly every 2500 families - about half the population Mr R mentioned the other religious agencies without comment except Navasow Hall a mission of some sort boasting 1000 children in its S. Sch. "does a great work for the Lord - having given 750 free teas" - "Gospel & good" as the working man said.

Local Gov not good. much robbery. Police do their work very well - Prostitution about pm streets - a good deal of head marriage large number living with other people. Many fearful amount of fornication among lads - Keors alas of 10 father of 3 children by different girls Law opinion of sexual morality - probably well qualified to judge as he evidently encourages such confidence. Told several stories without reserve - "It sounds beastly - but you must let them talk like that if you want them to be confidential"

In his opinion Sexual instinct is growing stronger & more unstrained, & the efforts of the clergy to less illicit intercourse & self abuse are almost futile. Had discussed question with Caird Manning who admitted Confession to be of little use in this matter.

In this connection Mr R denounced Sunday Raid in the Park - men go there to find a new girl. Deduction result Sunday League greatest influence for evil in England. but would not like to say so in public. Sunday the great day for sexual indulgence or legitimate illegitimate & so children are born in the way at Sunday school. Theft universal for death - 75% of adults in Prisons & State Asylums. Health not good from & a bit more chronic - horses built to make ground.

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

Christ Church Parish

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

Formed at Deptford. been at S. Josephs 8 years  
Sole chair in a difficult district - but the kind of  
man to stand alone -

1000 people on his census - (as workers - tele graph  
- works (highly skilled men) Soap workers - market garden  
hawkers & loafers - many drinking gambler - rough  
beg, hawthorn. but compared favorably with the  
people he had to deal with at Deptford - There beggar

the first profession - more independent here & in  
shite of roughness Considerate - would not inquire  
a woman (unless in drink) - & rarely called him up at  
night unnecessary - Attendance at mass more here in proportion  
to total numbers.  
Mission formed 25 years ago -

Father Ryan is workhouse chaplain. This post no  
Sincere - described his Sunday's work (see 147)



Attaches much importance to collection by the priest  
on behalf of schools - not only as bringing more money  
but as suading him see the whole of his people at least  
once in 5 weeks - Parish divided into 5 districts  
covered weekly by lay collectors priest (go with  
each in turn - makes much use of this round

The people welcome him & their money is readily  
given. The "priest's collection" is always a heavy  
"white money" - sometimes taken in shite of his protest  
from cash put by for the rent - "No, Father, it must  
be white money" & they hand over then sixpence  
a district would save him 22/ only save 4/.

another week - The mission is self supporting as  
far as schools & church are concerned - and  
"we know our people" £60 to £70 per week

Careful - this district is poor but not paupers  
which Deptford was - he condemns the Deptford  
Excess in drink, beg, bad - wished they were as good as the beer quarter  
as they are on sexual morality - Strong on education & temperance -  
great obstacles to contact with drink, gambling, Home Circuit court & High Court  
Heavy question of considerable prominence - not only because of normal expenses  
but because of especially Alackwell tunnel - This heavy beneficence effect - People  
can live South, North, but this makes demand for hours, less





## Christ Church Parish

Wesleyan . . . . . Namett  
Victoria Hall . . . . . CXXVII. 61.  
Museum  
(46) 4

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

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

Seeks to restrict charity, too much given

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

Christchurch Parish

Methven Turners  
Marlboro Hall CXXVII.175  
(46) 5.

Marlborough Hall is one of the 'open' Methven missions & originated (Mr T said) about 11 years ago when he was moved to start gospel meetings at Good Duke Humphreys Hall nearby - at first of course this effort had become so successful that over 100 converts were claimed - These were called together & decided to put the work on a permanent basis - each member contributed 3<sup>d</sup> or 4<sup>d</sup> a week according to means & this had been confirmed - balance of expenses from by collection on Sunday morning & the funds raised for expenses, tract dist<sup>n</sup> & church - work is & always has been self supporting

Pop around Hall (in old workhouse Bldg) is mixed but at present except in case of sick cases little work seems to be done for all

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

As to character of the people thought they not worse morally - doing better financially <sup>with property</sup> but more drinking women worse than men -

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

Parsch of Christchurch

LCM. Trades  
(45) 5. CXXVII. 73

Here 30 years - worked 28 years for Christchurch the last two for Mr Barnett (Victoria Hall) Parsch (Christchurch) offended him by curtailing the hours at which he might hold a meeting so he left & was at once offered a room by Mr Barnett - has seen nothing of Mr Parsch since. District east of Blackwall Lane & South of Leathrope Road just on border of the marsh all labouring working class - only a few as much as 307 - Gas Soap & Electric works women taken in washing & do change on Blackheath - Boys go to telegraph about works - girls a few to the powder works - but most into service - no factories to form Co-operative Selcroyd's perhaps the houses but not much difference in character & building the worst are the 3 new ones.

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

Houses for 2 families not liked. Each prefers have one for himself & to make rent by taking lodgers - Only few live in single rooms. 6 rooms 10/6 Single room 3/ open Blackwall tunnel but reads up 1/4. Thought Newbury noisy most desirable kind.

Particulars of a days work (See page 79) - People not actively irreligious but sadly indifferent welcome his coming but won't trouble to go to church - will listen to outdoor services but not enter a building - women come more readily than men - Does not tire but recommends to Mr Barnett Harbours not afraid of letting their wives attend his services but allows them to go to mothers meetings - too much gossiping - His services simply religious - Ordinal Progression (1) music outdoors (2) mothers meeting (3) service at church & chapel local Govt. - 10bb, as to raising of night hours.

Police force typical - not a noisy or difficult neighborhood. Poor law - out relief easily granted - but guardians are beginning to lean to be more strict - Drink a great deal - no noticeable work, or rather more just lately while work has been so good - need to see a child would wish to provide child - boy sent although women might do the more usual habit take glass beer at lunch at 71. Employment - more holidays than former - "Holidays without pay" work less regular than before - before 1880s these rates - Mr. Mansell kind of who not wanted old in case



High wages have led to loafing & drink. Manage - or, pushing together in man. looked at as a cheap one. 18-20 men 21 to 25. 400 fams 5 or 6 - no woman had 17 girls only 4 survive

(Christ Church parish)

S. Andrew Mission Hills  
Mission District  
Ch of E

46 5. CXXVIII. 99

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

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

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

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

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

heard a neighbour ask "what did he give you?" - It has also been heard "he never gave nothing to nobody" - & that he is a cruel man on the COS - But has found amounts to about £40 & years spent in such & convalescent - two of the most his in pocket makes a substantial loan - to be repaid - Among non Church folk were many more strong & independent & with whole satisfactory character than among Church folk - Church goes as a rule become such not because morally strong but

because morally weak & apt to be unpopular turn to religion as a refuge. Mr Hill's Church warden when he comes kick out if he comes in the Gas work. Stry - people of this sort cluster round the Church. District neglected by best all except 2 main roads still in use. Police in suspension - Half adult pop drink to excess & women & men -

no prostitution - a good deal of petty crime. Many live together unmarried - tried many men almost universal - thought nothing of - respectable people many about 6 months before called in time - other just in time - Two years ago had a man not a law club? shot & killed. Now even less satisfactory. Health poor. Park area greatly

Whole of Marsh of Tunnel road  
belong LCC who had prohibitive  
rates & make long possible  
Chimney - will neither build  
on possible condition of rental  
nor let others do it

S. Andrews Mission Dist.  
(Christ Church Parish)

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

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

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

Gymnasium not so popular as he shows like <sup>for the season</sup> ~~change of~~  
A lot of these lads prefer loafing about - May - a street.

Personal contact "Electrical influence" one way to win them  
Free Church Council combine them for operation <sup>evangelical</sup>  
work - Monthly <sup>local</sup> meetings - no cooperation with Established Ch.  
Apt to look to Maceheath Church too much &  
for money has been trying to cut out this "Cancer"  
Has collections for outside things - Mission Societies, &c  
Admitted Rothbury Hall had done too much good  
in East - result in suspension in Regime Streets now  
Drink the greatest drawback - women free  
no brothels nor street prostitution seen  
Some improvement in care of horse property - last year  
roads to rise - crowding follows.

S. Andrews Dist. Church

LCM.

Roote 10 years in LCM - 18 years at East Greenwich - just before hand

(46) 6

CXXVII. 95. was begun - district the momentum to Mauritius Rd

about 300 houses + large number wharves + works employing

some thousands of men. Chief Gas Co + Telegraph Maintenance Co

visitation chiefly to men - visits 3000/4000 - 2 days a

week at Gas works - with one exception (where no stamps

are admitted) he has access everywhere - men receive

him well + though he does not see much change

in them - they miss him if he does not come ask why

most live in East Greenwich - some come thro' Tunnel

mostly to Gas works as So. Metro. Company's conditions

are better than those of the Northern Company.

Fergus, Marlton + Gosforth Rds are poor to displace

landlords have taken Gos, Gosby, Tany Gosby - 'do as

you like streets' - scenes at night - Daven + Collier St

are better - only known 2 Christian men living in

these streets + they are looking out for something else

Pinner Terrace - mostly dilapidated - headed down folks to see

a respectable comes - sort of colony

The Marsh people better all round than those

in other parts of Greenwich. go to North by Victoria +

Marborough Hall



Ditch had among some many Coals Pan + SW 1/6

in a week + have not a half penny in money

Tunnel has transformed neighbourhood improved it

Place was out of the way - never saw a policeman

now a public highway -

Four public houses have been closed.

District + people growing better year by year.

Marshes will become one of best parts of East Greenwich

Superior of Gas works congratulated him on his power

morals of the men - People lead simple life - except on Sat

in bed 9.30 - Place alive 5.30 - at work 6. o'clock

Girls go to work in East Greenwich - arbests + Pinner works

(Andrews. Missus Chritchum)

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

(46) 6 CXXVII. 193. Sanguine buoyant - Corps in weath. on 32 soldiers  
but "showered open air meetings" neighborhood friendly  
work has been in hand by want of permanent members  
those they occupy through assaults of the children - To  
this failure of indoor work attributed - because -  
want of funds for proper barracks

St John Marshall Near 24 years - if his intellect corresponds to his  
blackbeath Chapl. appearance rather a remarkable man - was ill when seen

(46) 6 CXXVIII. 117 The poor. abt 6000. Equally work, class & wealthy  
of work, class none really, how of anything upward  
tendency - some of best of artisans who leave times  
London Camp here - the wealthy part movement is  
downward - 20 years ago opposition contained £15 tips  
in gold now only £4. or 5. - However no difficulties  
yet financial or recruitment - always <sup>well</sup> filled or full  
The poorer panish choir do not come - but the Mission  
Hall built in working class dist is always filled (250)  
or 8. every by genuine working class - success due to  
democratic government - Committee of working men  
Church (he claims) has through lack of horror facts of  
panish - no lack of workers - all visitors well known.  
Both by church & non church the district is over worked  
Presbyterian, Baptists Wesleyan. all active in same area  
with much painful competition - This really well to do  
working class district over run with visitors from the  
Anger, supplied with funds - while closely and  
abjectly poor districts. languishing for workers & money

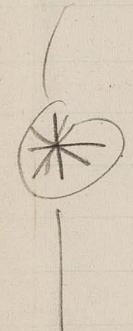


S. 1st Swanglast Parish

Presbyterian  
Vanbrugh Park  
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Thompson  
CXXVII 55

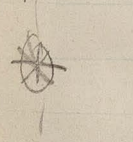
Minister here 3 years. Not a man of mark & this is neither an active nor a flourishing church - is merely the religious centre of a small number of faithful Presbyterians who live some miles round - Mr J considers Blackheath bad ground for non-classes only the Congregationalists in Blackheath village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



Wesleyan Ch.  
oca 500011  
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Peterson  
CXXVII 27

Has been 3 years in this circuit & has some part in the Bristol & F. Bible Soc. where we saw him - up for the day for Swanning where he was taking holiday & had no time to spare. This church almost entirely work class recruits for work class streets in W Marshall's parish but supported & dominated by the wealthy Leamington families. Prospects encouraging - people most responsive. The back bone is the S. Sch. but the people of neighbourhood unusually goodly & earnest - he visits 300 homes of members or parents & only twice have they declined his offer to pray with them - But the means state clubs do not feed the church - Mission have been traced to open air services but their effect cannot be measured - valued most people in those cases. Officially met 12 a year. Spent a relief but much from private by Leamington & others - A good deal of competition not unfriendly - Ch of E. Baptists & Presbyterians also at work - & where a new family it is a race who shall be first - Very cordial feeling among the churches & friendly open air services - W Marshall quite pleased & willing to take their children - but does not like it when others come to us - In truth the competition seems to be keen - In spite of religious atmosphere new converts are attracted from other Wesleyan churches, require a careful hand, morally character of neighbourhood good - Amk the of timber that not always exist - Rents high & rising





S. George  
locally MK

Rendall  
Chapin

(46) b

CXXVIII. 87

The vicar Mr Soames being away referred us to his curate Mr R proved to be an elderly failure. - Here 3 years. Pop about 6000 - those north of Pelly mostly work cl those to south mostly middle cl + wealthy - but with a downward tendency - no poverty except caused by ante-railmen. Parrish cut off from Christ Church by canal - Practically a Soames living - Vicar a brother of those who endowed the Grammar school themselves man of means nearly all spent in the Parrish - vicar's account to Mr R who says Mr S is lacking in judgment + constantly imposed upon.

Church severely Evangelical + Mr R thinks there is scarcely any other in the neighbourhood of the true faith. Doan St Andrews under broad hills is denounced as a ritualistic place. - There are none near by, extreme but many which are gaudy enough. - "Timescroft" + several in Charlton where men go to "see the scene" This stern evangelicism not more successful than usual Church by no means so full as it ought to be - abt half pews let to aristocrats of neighbourhood - but pew holders are slack in attendance - some come or send some men many, but few in voice - a better congregation of non seat holders. Total Communicants 100 - abt 35 at anyone. - Vicar Service at Mission Hall conducted by lay readers.

a wealthy parishioner - weekly trawler at exorbitant of people never more than 30 adults - Altogether almost complete indifference - "Oh wonder that there could be a spiritual awakening - denounce Nap. Guide - not directly, but indirectly + its results weevil - are expected at Noble class <sup>badly</sup> behave Mother meetings on the land "direct spiritual work" always addressed by Mr S or Mr R As to visiting, no Parrish where sick suffer, or needy are better looked after (but there are few visitors) no figures of relief - but the Soames give largely + it is a kind of caress



St George Westcombe Park  
Rabbit  
w/ church  
(46) 6  
wells  
CXXVII. 17

Has recently resigned Pastorate which was an honorary position - The church started some years ago as a mission & then used a Hall - Agoff St. Crowder and they built the Chapel. but were lauded in financial difficulties which have caused Mr W's resignation. People come from all round - most prominent since Annandale Calvert & the new roads other from new streets in Mansel - very few from near the Chapel. They are respectable working & some middle class. Mr W found in visiting that it must be done again & again. These after say "you are the only person who visits us". Greenwell is supported by public charities & must also be given by the Church (especially North by Hall). It was a Royal borough & tradition's claim - People expect you to do something for them. They give nothing except in extreme cases of absolute poverty & then only after visitation by pastor & officers. never had a preacher - was the Mother Lang 1/2 - Has found it impossible to find money - never saw it again. Not much poverty now - plenty of work now to be done. Three years ago district very great - outside the Union a crowd of 2000 has waited for food without success. Mr W has some private means which has enabled him to carry on here - but the Church is not so strong as the new as it was in the old building - They there been Crowned meetings.

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Parish notes

District 48

Woolwich

Charlton

Holy Trinity, Coams  
newcharlton  
Chap 6

Seen at vicarage - married - keeps 4 dogs - live comfortably - small coz  
huge tall woman active in parish -

(48) 1 CXXXIX. 43.

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

W. Swan was formerly at Watney S. & at the Steep, Panish  
Ch. & compares the East end of parish with the West of Charlton  
the latter having less pop. - "Oregons difficulties" complained  
of was the "factory work" - which cannot be isolated from  
neighbourhood - neighbours are also fellow workmen - Some of the  
factories & Arsenal adverse to Religion, a man has to fight  
against his environment if attaching himself to a church  
Nags break away when they go to work - Char boys keep  
for years cut him in the street

General conditions stationary - exact increase in numbers

East S. said to be less rough - many German work at Siemens  
no active hostile bias - by High Church has a good time, however  
Some Protestant feeling roused - Mr Wilson the Pastor leading it

Sol. N. Election 6 years ago fought bitterly & religious grounds  
Feeling has died down but some olden still & shows up at election

Relief is given by visitors or near authority - mostly to the sick - £30 to £40  
Have a grant of £15 from S. for coal & bread which is a trouble

Many ill feeling - Parish is helped from S. German, Mackintosh & St. Mary's  
General Questions - on relief from debt - infirmity & illness -

Sanitary Administration very fair - little complaint from level of ground that action  
Police tax a gambling or river side - constant visits from agents makes it a good  
Health fair & the best but free from epidemic than the rest - Gardens a good  
occupation - much athletic sport - Clubs also numerous

Results discouraging - duty to go on - but sometimes in depth of dependence  
begs away, however carry for the individual - making sure of his or her  
future, more so by - Probably find the limit as slaves in the Court  
An honest but not a strong man

S. Pauls. Curate - The Vicar Mr Douglas-Hamilton was taking a severe  
 Charlton Chapl. CXXIX. 139. I sent Curate as deputy - young fellow here about a year - not  
 very helpful - At the end Mr Hamilton (who expressed in  
 with the S/A) came in & though he has probably kept away  
 intentionally, was very cordial - a pleasant manners man - has been  
 Moral Chaplain to the great. weak & ineffective & looked ill.  
 Pop about 7000 - on hill round Church a few mid sup. cl. people  
 merchants, retired officers & - bulk of pop lower mid. class  
 or work. cl. employs at Arsenal, Siemens or dockyard.  
 Cedar grove very poor & inwards (if not outwards) & called  
 said to be 7000 people here in 50 hours - Poverty always the  
 result of improvidence.  
 Church badly placed - too near old parish Ch S. Luke  
 away from bulk of its pop. which is near the Pk station  
 at bottom of the hill - a second church essential to touch them  
 those who go any where go to Chelsea - but few go at all  
 Mid class people on the hill are Church goers  
 Common place suburban church drawing is natural Congreg  
 with little effect on them & none on the mass of the people.

S. Luke Swainson The old Parish Ch of Charlton - There are no poor men  
 Charlton Chapl. CXXXIX. 37 Swainson said - it seems a parish of repetition - no  
 48) Sunday School - no visitors (for who care they visit) - no maps  
 (nothing to say in it) - no report - none of the ordinary things except  
 the Sunday Services & 2 weeks taken by the Rector - not even a  
 Curate except one who comes on Sunday to help -  
 Mr Swainson has been here 25 years & his daughter believes  
 there has been no great <sup>social</sup> change within the area - there is still  
 much of a poor - Rector has large garden & field  
 Church stands at rather odd to parish - most sad looking - not handsome  
 Congregation of Army people (& of course the butchers & grocers come)  
 is well to do not wealthy - not like Redbourne -  
 Miss S. Consett has father once or twice in the next room &  
 the voice was that of an old man in feeble health

S. Thomas - Shepherd  
old Charlton ch of Long.  
CXXIX. 29

lives in a comfortable rectory. stands back in many a3 quiet back  
front - Here 5 years following an ex Britanica who was a good  
preacher & attracted outsiders by his pit lectures - Capitel & labor  
Gladstone & Neasfield etc - numbers fell off at first on the change  
but are gradually increasing again

|| Sir E. Pooleclinton Wilson, his mother & brother, are  
chief land owners - Sir P. was half disinherited & does  
not recognize the church - refusing to carry out his father's wishes.  
Pop 11000 - of whom 8000 are working people - Doctyas, <sup>German</sup> <sup>Siemens</sup>  
no net - fair number well to do. Germans working for Siemens  
living in many a3 - 1 servant not church goer - many a3 going down

demands for smaller houses & smaller gardens - new street built for 2 families  
houses of this class taken before foundation laid & entered before any  
poor streets are near river or railway - Morris S. one of the  
worst - no respectable person can stay there - Montebates & Coopers

Siemens St. Trinity St. Novales St. Harda St. - all low class. came  
migrants, workers independent, won't brook interference from church  
and care see clergy or visitors - Sam Bentley & others it is a dirt  
women don't as a rule work - except in shirt factory & Linnis Mill.

The Dust Hole Clearance affected Morris & Harda St.  
Soldiers affect everything - Reservoirs wife now better off than  
before husband's death - knows cause where they have given on charity -

As to services the young like music - the old sermons  
the young drawn off by the sermons at St. Paul - an old  
sober Bible study, sermons loving folk come here.

LCC Road in many a3 rather interferes on Sunday night  
Charity - no demand - no poverty - no able bodied man  
need have been out of work for last 5 years - too much  
work for last 2 years - Sunday work at around has affected

Church attendance - Funds helped who needed for No. 1000th

Police good - Drink, much drunkenness from extra money - notice the increase  
quantity which can be taken & yet be only 3 part drunk - Publicans make effort to  
conduct business well - usual account of drink & children -

many girls go into service - no factory work or hard any but  
workmen servants are a difficulty - In Shepherd's 'General' asked  
for a second free right & left - his mother said she could not miss the  
piano lesson -

S Michael Johnstone Vicar 10 months succeeding Mr Naker the first vicar of whom  
Staten<sup>o</sup> woodlurchs Ch of E worth he gave an interesting record -

(48) 2 CXXIX 127 Pop about 6500. 30 to c. may be artisans. the rest labourers  
manu<sup>o</sup> & 4000 of S equalled  
(Mr J exaggerates the power, & magnifies the influence of the church)  
This Church has been & remains the great stronghold of ritualism  
in Woodlurch - drawing from other parishes - There is a comp  
of 4000 450 + 200 Communicants - nearly all work class  
men well represented. better than elsewhere in Woodlurch  
'men like definite teaching' - still manifestations in 'spalling'  
can for little beyond eating & drinking - But nevertheless  
noticed an unusual spirit of thrift almost amounting to mean-  
ness among certain class owing to the stern ways of the Arsenal  
Society in life to buy a house (Mr Wragge notices this  
also & saw it was especially noticeable among testotales -  
The great curses of Woodlurch & chief obstacle to Church  
work - drink & prostitution - always prominent in Garrison Lane  
Condition of streets in Sate (Sund) nights despicable  
Police more little - even as to brothels nothing done unless a  
complaint is made to Scotland Y<sup>d</sup>. Local Police bribed.  
Best visitors collect - little relief given - Co-operation with COS  
See report of Mr Naker's work - page 137

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

(48) 2 CXXIX 1 Official Pop 14300 - of which at least 4000 soldiers with  
5 Chaplains - of remaining 10000 5700 labourers 4/10 artisans  
1/10 Commercial - shopkeepers - practically no mid cl. resident pop  
People depend on the Arsenal - of children in schools 5/6<sup>th</sup> below standard  
Result condition of great misery - work for all who want it  
& much poverty as exists caused by vice or misfortune makes victims  
One little nest of squalor courts behind Ashby Place, main  
Camp Suttler - some bad character - no better than the East Hole  
In the main pop is respectable as well as prosperous -  
Mr E notes there will be a slump in manufacture of war material  
but it will be of distress to his parishioners.

St Mary, Magdalene, Exeter  
Ch of E

(48) 2 CXXIX.1  
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Those touched almost exclusively work class - not the poorest - Mr E calls himself a Socialist & is member of guild of St Matthew - Has always aimed at the work class - was at Stockwell more successful than most in winning their allegiance & seems to be so here In the Arsenal increasing respect for the Church - but the prevailing attitude is indifference - not due to atheism or thoughtless agnosticism but to 'Sin' - not the added 'grave sin' but rather a low moral standard -

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

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

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

Lays much stress on visitation on system adopted, all work class & collection - not to distribute Shilling (Nationalist) report to clergy & become eventually, individual agents - having greater sympathy & understanding of those the visit work women are better than ladies -

Alms £100 a year in relief - Mr E chairman of C.O.S. but accepts a loss vesting has been very cal to petty influence - very hard to move against tho' this is Col. Hughes who dominates local politics a man of low political morality Police - a lot of sub 1000 lbs, as ex inspectors told terrible stories of corruption not as to serious crime - but look at way from office - Drink bad influence of publican strong - much prostitution - number of notations Brothels were large by soldiers but also by Arsenal men - married couple Rescue home taken about 3 yrs a month - always young - never touch the older women Health fairly good - young people move to Plumstead with the man Home - great errors - plants be, high 3/4 5/8 for a room - since rates almost gone up 1/2 in 1/2



Mr Eccles is a modest man usually to talk much of his work - he must have had a self denying life having been



Parish of St Mary Magdalene

Congregational Ch. Abel  
Rector, Place  
(48) 2. CXXXIX.127

Tarver here 3 years. not quite happy. placed his views  
& desires not quite fully in with those of his high respectables  
conservative congregation. He is anxious to evangelise  
the mass & to do so in the Church as they stand.

His people not prepared to take any great trouble in the process  
but kindly hope that the mass should keep to the mission  
rather than invade the Church. Object to sensational methods  
advertising them - "leave that sort of thing to Mr Wilson" they  
say with smiles of a sniff -

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

Mission in Pelham Rd fairly successful with women children  
like "the men - not they" - main strain of Mr A's talk was  
the complete failure of the Church to touch the great  
mass of the people - new members who join are not  
conversion but the children of Christian people - Only man  
with large following Mr Wilson. This a success largely of  
'reclaim' - a good deal of froth - persistent & busy  
plans in Song pie - incessant running mission - full of in-  
vincible optimism as to results - place filled by streaming  
new comers - tremendous leakage. Among story of various methods  
Further East beyond Woodwick & Plumstead towards Inth  
& Drayton huge working class population are hanging over  
"ask the ministers if they adds to their congregations -  
not one" - Attributes failure partly to apathy, indifference of  
bulk of so called Christian - partly a faulty method of appeal  
Service too formal - too dull - Sermon too conventional. Working peo-  
ple out of place - it is all too stiff - Smelly due to fear of change  
In around a religious man a mathematician for setting up to be better  
Believes Arsenal to be a sink of iniquity - filthy talk & drink & gambling  
Chief interest of the men is in sport - bulk of increased work in one to Pullman

Parish St Mary Magdalene

Wesleyan Ch. Cornelius Jones  
Widow 8.

(48) 2

Cxxx. 22

Came 6 weeks ago to this circuit <sup>from Anerby</sup> previously in White Chapel (16 years ago.)  
Hull, Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester, Keatral Inn + the Anerby.

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

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Sermon on the King of the Service - especially in many popular songs - "In London the best man wins irrespective of dogma"

Congreg. Artisans + trades people 1/4 way - as many men as women So many men in Woolwich women are at a premium - an excellent many district - young women will not accept domestic service outside - no factories - only shops

Church very exclusive - meet only on question of electing moral man to new Novos' Council (a man who would stamp out prostitution) - Army Soc more exclusive than Church "never invite Soc to concerts" Great turn Armchambers + immorality - use the street under his or window

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"I thought Rev Cornelius Jones an affected ass but he is probably a fair preacher + knowing, has better one - might like him better." GHD

Street Baptist White  
Sms Chapel

(48) 2

Cxxx 125

Here several years - The Chapel one of the oldest in the District - now celebrating its 143rd anniversary -

Congregation drawn from a distance - people go out they then have Principally Artisans but some labouring people + some tradesmen from neighbours Children + Sch mostly live near - Some of women Ch come for distance not much poverty except scum of dirt of the factory. Duty of work Members 120. prospects doubtful - District changes much Men will get but atheism + religious office says they - In her own road where between the people not more than 6 families go to church or chapel - not much dirt among around men - but much in love facts - more drink than Armchambers - much prostitution - a house opposite Chapel people had cleared out under threat of proceedings. This Chapel peculiar for having an educational endowment - 3000 left to educate poor children - since school was made from the money to form school

(Parish St Mary Magdalene)

Prim Meth. Wiltson. of the two Eglington is the more important. newer & more  
wooded Circuit -  
Women Chapel St. S. Congregable - large membership - but much the smaller building.  
Shorton Hill Chapel Eglington. Impression that of small but flourishing Church situation

(40) 3. CXXXIX. 167. favourable.

✓ At Sun 8: the much larger chapel is old & dilapidated & in a poor way - 40 members or thereabouts there.

Mr W lives in same kind of house as Mr Dunstable (Winton Tree Meth) roadway still unfinished. Come here from Home (Brighton) like the people here better though the place was not so nice - people friendly & hospitable

Holy Trinity Wragge  
Ch. 6  
(48) 3 CXXXIX. 99

✓ Rather uncertain age - probably nearly 40 - vicar here 6 years. Was for a short time Curate under Barnett at S. Ind. but now at all events quite orthodox. He admits in his report being of no natural effectiveness & he is much more effective when he talks. This church was built as Proprietary Chapel 17 years ago was the fashionable wooded church - people flocking to the preaching of an eloquent Calverley's disciple - former reputation still damaged. Mr Wragge thinks, though formed into a parish in 1881.

Mr W succeeded Horsley who described the place in an article - the Economic Review as though it were all Dust Hole whereas outside that area the people are decent & prospering. Practically no unemployment -

As to the denizens of the Dust Hole (a name he objects to) he regards them as practically hopeless. Here there are a few respectable families but the lodging house dwellers are tramps, cadgers, loafers & prostitutes - all efforts to improve them futile - all that is attempted is rescue when possible of young girls -

Horsley did much by firing authorities to set a Sanitary Motion & distinct improvement has followed the prosecution of bills the police have been active in this

Most of the information will be found in the papers & extracts. His story was the usual one of almost complete indifference & neglect. "You can't count on them to do anything" but much more recognition of the character of the town.

Holy Trinity Wragge

Chap 6

(48) 3 CXXIX. 99

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Outside religious matters its influence wider, felt - as usual "they all come to us in trouble".

The one road lies in "concentration" each church must endeavor to get hold of a few who will spread the light. Thus the directness of mission, which though they have no permanent effect on the outside increases greatly the fervour of the inner band of communicants. In matters of policy a close adherence of C.O.S. -

Napier Wilson

Woodward Tabernacle CXXX. 35

(48) 3.

A member of L.S.A. - has had a chapel in the Woodwood neighbourhood for 23 years - Four years ago he & his people built their large Tabernacle almost in the East End hardly as central hardly with hope of evangelizing that hitherto locality. Besides Tabernacle there are other centres of work - The old chapel Wood 8 - a chapel at Necker - + 3 Board schools are held for 5 sch. r.

Mr W takes little or no part except at Tabernacle + to this his facts & figures apply. Success seems to have been great - "we have got as fine a lot of artisan as you will meet anywhere - chief recruiting ground Plumstead - the best of the working class - men mostly whom own their homes - Sam goes to work + spends time on their homes wives + children - the latter often kept at school up to 15.

Attributed his success with working class to their knowing he is in sympathy with them - has always had a working class diaconate - + (although he did not say so) <sup>(certainly)</sup> has always taken a progressive part in local politics.

The Chapel is often lent to Woodwood Cooperatives. Estimated Tabernacle in touch with 5000 people including 1500 S. Sch Children - 200 as work 40 women. 40 tract dist 100 S sch women +.

The East End does not attend the Chapel - but the Chapel goes to them - holds services in winter in the kitchen of C.L.H. + in operation in summer - "effect small - we are not satisfied. The C.L. houses are very clean - so far as can be seen

(Parish of Holy Trinity)

S. Army  
Parish of S.  
(40) 3. CXXX 241

Came here from Aldershot 4 months ago.  
His people mostly "middle class" by which he meant  
comfortable working people as contrasted with the poor  
near the Hall. They get a large number of the poor &  
vicar from Poppey and rails. Last Sunday many of the street  
workers at Kince Hill (7 am) - make a special point of  
mission in the slums - work them every night to special  
brigade on Sunday, say 7.30 to 8.30  
District includes all Woolwich - Sandy Hill Park Wood &  
work most near the barracks - very well received -  
Knows no place more favourable - Cops grow now.  
Work for very rich - get some converts from the  
very poor street class - send them to the shelters  
A number of soldiers come - he not so many as before the  
war.  
Is fond of soldiers & traded his testimony to the whole-hearted  
ness when becoming Christian -  
Drove to immorality the great evil - mentioned especially  
the Pub at Corner of Union St. which Mr Harris speaks about

(40) 3. CXXX 233

5 years in Woolwich - previously Camberwell -  
District - Durt hole & between Ave & Newington - 26 C. H. houses  
12 men 174 mixed - the latter very hells - people changing con-  
stantly though some are regular - Some pensioners & army  
reserve men make these houses their homes & some men in regular  
work at Arsenal - Some houses let in furnished rooms - 7. a  
week or 8<sup>d</sup> a week - Besides lodging house kept a good many  
Carter & Labourer - 1 room to a family - Apart from the  
nest of streets between Arsenal & free ferry district nothing  
bad - only working class - even in Durt hole some respectable  
people & some old folk in the almshouses. Here he holds a  
service on Monday night -  
Visits for houses to houses - takes 6 weeks - A few attended places of  
worship but indifference the general character is - may check  
do not go to school - Visits lodging house on Sunday afternoon - will receive  
went in on Christmas day - catches a scene of riot - did not wait him  
then - women worse than the men in conduct & language -  
Much drunkenness especially among women on Monday morning  
Pub at Corner of Union & Newington Street a resort of bad women - other notorious ones  
are Corner of Union & the three Gables - local authorities do what they can  
to 1000 people in the street

Much to be done yet for  
must be encouraged - no  
+ the an individual man  
& trained leave as soon  
as they can

S. John Evangelist  
Lester  
Chof E  
48 + CXXX 81

Here 9 months come from Warwickshire (Shipnal)  
where he answered questions for C.D. about Panishism &  
old age - thanks for the book.  
Panish a queer shaped piece alongside of Panachs!  
Common. Pop. 8500 - Artisans & shopkeepers & a  
few professional men - Soldiers (about 2000) not included  
- Above figures are seen to by the Army Chaplains  
Soldiers & the Arsenal the great features  
His poorest streets lie south of nightingale Place - the  
poorest & worst being Dicey & Delwin - Dicey is very bad for  
Crowding & Prostitutes - when part of East Hole was cleared  
whale came here -  
No brothels that he knew of but plenty of loose women who  
use the Common - no men in town for want of money.  
They have too much - more than they know how to  
show & too much work - Even many shut in drink  
Commons, said that since the war Gov. Public &  
has doubled its income -  
no one comes to church - no parochial feeling - Only  
3 of new rectors are Panishmen - He had never seen  
anything like it - people so well satisfied with themselves  
& too indiffer to religion - think it enough to send children  
to school - "Why don't you come to Church" - well I said in  
Church - no one hostile - all glad to see me - never seen  
to enter their heads that they ought to come to church  
Great common attraction - Sunday Parade instituted to help  
recruiting - Band plays & men parade before going to church  
a fine sight - 1 thousand come to see it - Roads are blocked  
by the crowds - The Church hours is best - too late even of  
they had wanted "might come if I stood on my head"  
other attraction in the service at the Garrison Church street - free song  
& Concord both may & song - officer wives go there  
Temporary also there in overtime at the Arsenal - men are too  
tired to come - His wages at the mission Church in Ordinance  
Road had had to give all his host - must sleep on some  
vicar visits as well as the Curate - all glad to see him - Publicans hurried not  
being visited by his predecessor - Shopkeepers mostly non-coms but expect it  
wishes he had more visitors but does not know how to get them -  
Co-operation with disout ord - Phil. work - exact ground many difficulties  
Police too lax - ought to be stricter - Drink forbidden - much worse lately - people  
lead tired from overtime - Crime more open, vicar drink - immoral & godless  
Health very fair - many roads in arrears -



Mr Lester speaks & looks as though  
he had one held the high church  
high but had realised that the  
great awakening was not coming  
that way - could never hope  
things might be better after the  
war - when we began some one said  
he could almost wish for war to wake me

(Parish of S. John)

RC. S. Peter Paeko 'Mission Rectory' like Father O'Kalloran of West Greenwich.

(20) 4. CXXX. 11. Here 7 years I has studied the place closely - but his best years were given to St George Southwark where and at Walsworth he was for 10 years - Here RC pop 4000 - working class - labourers some mechanics a few foremen - a doctor or two & a small shop corner of the 'Substratum' - a fixed quantity - except there & the doctors boys are employed in Arsenal or Dockyard - nearly all Irish very large number have been in the Army - many are in the Reserve His children are "children of soldiers of the Queen" These influences paramount - Woolwich a military town - the Arsenal - the dockyard & the military - & the "S" or "B" railway station - has thus a well defined character - & Father Paeko gives it high praise for steadiness regularity & quiet - against what he has expected - & for independence of character - "no fools at Woolwich for fools can't get there -"

Among his people drink the great difficulty - a third or quarter day when pensioners are paid but on the whole a prosperous town of prosperous artisans & workmen - there ought to be no poverty - Woolwich must not be judged by the Dart hole which is quite isolated & quite small -

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

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

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

"An auspicious charitable relief - defends the practice of any party - It binds the people together - If by urging real need is shown giving 'charity' to be charity - become justice" Father R. seems easy going as well as easy going himself - a good deal of Mr Conroy - no room for fresh building & Woolwich

It is Plumstead where it goes on Police. Hardly any of them - do them work well work - military picket down a Admirable service in preserving order More printed matter given than usual with RC.



(Panish S. John Evangelist)

Dartmoor Carmel ch. Rose

(48) 4

Cxxx 139

Here over 2 years - at Reading 11 years -

Woolwich Company unfamiliar with Reading when Palmer & Sutton give the tone - religion & Philanthropy - Here getting working spirit towards - Most of the working people buy their

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

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

Churches cooperate to fight the Social evil

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

|| lean on them - Church a strong influence among its own people

Presbyterian more  
New Road -  
(48) 4 Cxxx 165

Several years at Woolwich - Presbyterian Military Chaplain

People he reaches are military, lower mid cl. & well to do Artisans At 9.30 a Sunday visits military hospital - Mission - At 11 am the morning service - Soldiers that come are decided Christians - but not

Police help to keep - Drink traffic in enormous amount but must be because work done in Army - where drinking is discontinued - See copy of memorandum from C. C. Chas on Intemperance & Memoranda

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W. M. favour introduction of CO acts - Woolwich Artisans as great sinners as the military

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

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Thrift greatly fostered by Co-operative system Health very good

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House rent exorbitantly high for working men



All Saints, Monks  
Phumstead Chofe

(28) 5. CXXIX. 22

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

+ 2000 <sup>work class</sup> poor. Among gentry are officers, birds of passage, an element

of uncertainty in finance - Middle cl. the bulwarks of the ch.

Among working class there ought to be no poor - never was

looked to prosper - labour not to be had - Cant get 2 pence

or a man to clean windows - Arsenal almost all - boys all rush

to work at earliest moment - difficult way to overtime to get

the choir together - Quite good fellow are easy £2 a week &

same of families often very large - but many are getting rich

turn out - Still there is poverty due to drink in

Nampfield & Pinner Road -

In the days when S Margants was still vest there was a

superfluity of bells - but now they are getting back then out

the new mission district cut out of S Nicholas are reviving

church life & drawing from him - But though no longer over

crowded the church is still practically full -

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

W M complains less than most of indifference - there is of

course much of it but also a most peculiar keenness as to

religious questions - geographically there is a line of radical

Protestantism along the hill from Phumstead to Mactheath

intense, interlaced in conversion - which for them is Omega as well

as Alpha - not church or chapel but rather Hall religion -

W M is a 'liberal Evangelical' & a firm church man - his

aim to preach the Lord Jesus Christ & strive to make them

better Churchmen - This latter part owing to undenominational

spirit succoured by predecessors is very difficult - looks but shows

in cases no easy task - to preach every Communion as

urged by Bishop unless wreck the work of years - The spirit

abroad we leads to attempts to defy plainest rules of church

A man will say I love the Lord Jesus Christ, I'm comg to the

Lord's table & will refuse to go through necessary process of confession

To preach these people pay over to dissent a constant

difficulty - when he came he found "Soul saving Exhortation

meetings" in vogue - the talk such a mixture of ignorance & pride



All Saints Morris  
Pleumstead

Ch of 6  
(48) 5. CXXIX 227  
Cml

The exceeding weakness of Temperance work was noticed in spite of 'abrid' temperance/misicyle - among y in C.A + men of the Church generally & 'Sawney' 'nearly family' tendency - need more masculine muscular Christianity à la Kennedy of S. James  
His people delight in 'mission' would like to take me for all year - Except at mission time the Parish is not visited from house to house in home part but 'no sick are neglected' - People receive yr gift, like yr - are, independent - no cadging.



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

Police polite & helpful - with at immoral, keen on dog mess, Drink pretty bad. 'Royal Oak' a bar house.

Prostitution next of bad places about Dampfield.

Marriage almost universal - strong feeling for chimney

Health Throwing good.

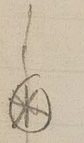
Well organized successful Church

Bible Christian. Sutton  
Herbert N.

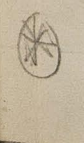
(48) 5. CXXX 203

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

He is a man of vision & is making ready for aggressive effort - bands of visitors etc. all on spiritual lines - send against modern methods shares the view that P.S.A., Sat Concerts, etc.



Mission do more harm than good - do not read the class aimed at & afford with a 'spiritual abanquet' - Sat Concert, instead of drawing the P.H. & drink lot attract Church & Chapel from & read them as late & miss them for Sunday - 'I don't like selfishness' of children one of chief hindrance to Church work - soon or drink quarters though kind in attack, I must for some reason so far as masculine action for 'allergic apathetic' - another hindrance moderate love of pleasure - partly due to system of treats



No relief except to members - distant, occasional, ought to be no Evangelical character of surround, Churches weakens non-conformist.

S. Margaret Ogle  
Plumstead. Chopta

(48) 5 CXXIX. 149

Here 2 years. Ernest had mentioned the various states of things on his arrival. Mr O. hinted at deficiencies & neglect of his predecessors - quite kindly & did not attribute expansion failure of Ch to this cause - made no comparison. but if as Mr Ernest said the Church was small, his success has been considerable. Pop at least 76000 (last census 12000) & many rapidly at extreme <sup>shorter time</sup> with a few wealthy people - & near Church in Nunage N° a few mid cl - otherwise entire working class & almost entirely dependent on Arsenal - contains half of the Arsenal workers - A good many women clerks to go to town - the children of Arsenal men - Proclaiming note great marketing any decent man can get work - Supply does not meet the demand

Three little patches of houses due mainly to expansion

- (1) Courts about Sta N° - Close to Arsenal Station. (2) Near the Church when houses of very bad type have been built.
- (3) Palmenton N° Hauger N° & off Plumstead Common

Great drawback to Ch work inadequate buildings - only Church & schools on side of steep hill unless for lowly part of parish. Has a mission room for Palmenton N° & has enlarged the church (he had filled) another mission ch essential - ought to be no difficulty in getting workers as there is a superior class of workmen Arsenal men but they are not easily obtained -

Arsenal people as a whole & rest of working class even more indifferent & difficult to touch than in most places - partly due past neglect - partly to strong anti religious spirit in Arsenal - bad form given to work to a parish - Mr O. thinks their class view of everything is narrowed by being all men & no masters - service of the state (a curious point) - so far as touched at all the non com & especially the Papists are the more successful -

His social work is on a very small scale designed rather for those already interested than as recruiting - Cant river Polytechnic & arrangements for social & educational recreation at Arsenal excellent & complete - A club he started to meet at occasions failed because men would not be seen before his gate

S. Margaret - ople  
Plumstead. Chgo Co

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

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

Prostitution - seen prostitute to Woodlark. <sup>banach</sup> <sup>celina Mrs</sup>  
marriage common + although way to high earnings - usually  
the people are provided in this

Thrifts Slate Club work flourishes + most members to  
some extent, too - In newer parts many buy their houses  
Health not so good as it ought to be - see on the hill  
Diphtheria + Scarlet fever almost chronic

Henry - much very build - little or no ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup> ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup>



Unitarian. Jones  
Plumstead Com CXXXIX 149

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

Is boycotted by Free Ch Council - but he was invited  
to pray for the war - Talking of municipal questions he  
was more at ease - in the company of Sec Woodlark Progressiv Assoc  
+ Candidate for the Annual Council (Miss of Assoc announced)  
Progression strong & best - In Parliamentary affairs Col. Hooper, local. Strong  
no of keenest Parliament, a photo - Jones what church or PH Son, vote  
freemasons - Woodlark is conservative - Arsenal workmen say Conservative Govt the  
best for them - Don saw squaddies are strongest in refusing out relig - no protest  
except through drink - Police not to the force - Battle royal between Scholton +  
Polytechnic Org or Arsenal hall - no police near - More and since the war  
Radical clubs, "allens of the city" - but large, dominant political position - as since  
of their nominee is accepted - Henry Jones, real high timoreary - test question -  
Mr Jackson Jones more influence as political leader than religious leader -



(S. Margaret's Panish)

Wesleyan. Purnacus Local Preacher Leader & Trustee for 3 Chabels of  
Purnacus Common Ch. CXXXIX 143. Woodlurch Circuit - Men 45 years - was a carpenter  
(40) 5 ✓ || & worked at Arsenal - now retired.

Not a simple hon con Chapel when he came - has  
occupied house (Purnacus) <sup>(but not raised or altered)</sup> 40 years - quite new & built then  
Exceptional work - skilled lab. Permanent work. Chief, organ  
Middle & lower middle foreman & artisan air touch  
Heads of members taken publicly. Live & la life. Day, read  
Scripture. Private prayer. All adance at dawn & devotional  
meetings & take active part in proceedings of service.



Congregation large proportion young converts church & work in Guild  
& in connection with mission work at the Slade. - many families  
settling well let. Gall. costs 4. 2. & 2/6 front. 3/6 under gall.  
4. Centre - quarterly - no rich - no soldiers or officers - these go  
to William S. Chapel.



Local preachers preach as appointed - wide Man - 4th  
Super. appoints. Are not paid - Ministers only are paid.



all others pay as well as work - No R had 3 or 4  
appointments in each quarter - then the average. They



meet quarterly to pass examination "Do you know  
anything against the morals or doctrine of W. Purnacus?"

Ministers are examined every year in some way by Synod.  
Start from a trial - given small appointments after 12 months

has exam in the day. & every minister has been a local preacher  
visiting. Flower service & watch dept of Guild visits & looks  
after stranger in church



Charitable relief confined to members. Help for for mission  
Wesleyan ministers have to be very particular about love affairs.

Cannot break out of an engagement - as D. Ballinger did.  
Police nothing to do but walk round - a few get drunk -



Drunk visitors 20 past 4 or Sunday, between 7 & 8 - few people there  
inconvenient sign many would close he thinks of asking 1.2 pm for



Stay against Ch. fold, bears - notes grow changes - fashion <sup>at home</sup> Decent  
young men take them young women to beds - it like money in the streets where  
50 years ago was not done - Annual discharges 30 men a week for 100

Drunk bears to last time & for then the men are discharged.  
Gambler - Kelly in the Arsenal is forbidden. Great improvement there

(S. Margaret's parish)

Wesleyan Ch. Plumstead Health very good - best water in London. No crowd;  
Plumstead Comm CXXXIX 143 Small houses - few gardens. Drains & sewers being  
(SP) 5 improved every day - great numbers over 60 years old - 60 to 99 years less - very few 99.

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

(The Slade)  
Sutcliffe's Mission run by Wesley Guild of Plumstead  
Comm Ch. Plumstead pres. Sundry - mostly for  
labourers - a lot of visits house to house - won't come  
to church. Some more to come - very few come unless  
not so many more than 10. (also a City Mission there)  
Sundry school best part of the mission - 30 come

High St. Plumstead Chapel going to be replaced by  
a new one. W. Middletn the head. Present chapel  
holds 250 crammed at night. Children come down  
from Sundry school.

Charlton Vale In Pease 116 Heathwood Road Cared  
tell about it

Shooters Hill is an Iron Chapel built by private gentlemen  
for religious work among soldiers. When he left was  
given over to Wesleyans - small work done there

Estimate of religious attendance at Chapel within  
mile radius of his house (see page 165) - 16 places 3582  
attendances

Wesleyan Plumstead Comm Ch (40) - CXXX 217 Confirms himself to the military - on occasional preachers in the Church.  
The Church in Plumstead Comm is always full - almost entirely around  
people. The old Church William S. has not modern plate - is doing better  
in mission lines - He does not believe much in mission lines however & he says  
of that time said in night 1840 at it for 20 years without effect -  
Wesleyan Mission in Congerton Town centres are working on wrong lines - not getting  
hold of people they are meant for - will not till they will learn & County in Connell  
with of 20th Century to scatter the people - Peter Thomson gets hold of a man  
names him for a year. The then return to the mission - Will work one at class  
market & came to conclusion that more strict condition of life the really poor  
are a hopeless religious problem.

Has at present about 570  
declasson Wesleyan in the  
garnis + about 1/2 half the  
attend service - See reports

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

(48) 5 CXXXIX 187. Panish bondanis (cut out of 8 Maryland)  
General character fan, Conf. artisan - one, several  
Keep part S. St. Murray St. + Plumtree St. then  
streets going down social - houses old - leaves half through  
have no bath or hot water upstair. one one we. The  
tenants are clerks + professional men



Now live west of Sandy Hill St. + in Avenue' behind it  
The Avenue has been the same all the time - laborer  
Gardener +. Majors of top regular wage Earn  
Easy good money at hand - 73 acres. Some sons  
+ except for leaves of servant keep - class no change -  
Pew rents are his income - leaves all money affairs to laymen  
Church warden collect + distribute + have responsibility + tend  
Relief poor through them. Ucan or, recommend.

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



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

Reputation Evangelical + artisan - + therefore his church  
is chosen - they like the sermon - but no one else claim great  
superiority on that score - Get a steady set but it does  
not increase with the Pop - Sometimes tempted think there  
is a fixed proportion of church + chapel goes accord to  
social status - An increase with me mean decrease in  
Ogles + Friends Church - My people are more national  
Chapel goes + some of the younger men drift off in their  
avocation - want something new. The church Chapel goes more than class



S. James - Henning  
Nunns Ch of Co

(48) 5 Exxix 187.  
(cont?)

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

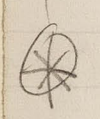
In his parish thinks 1/2 go nowhere 1/4 Ch & 1/4 Chapel General tone of those who do go indifferent - some play off Chapel against Church - "respectable" indifference Take Sunday papers (Sunday) beer & are those who they do send for the pastor I don't feel they have done wrong in their lifetime in not having come to church -

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

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

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

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





S. James Henry  
Dunbar No. 6 of 6

(48) S CXXIX. 157  
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Arsenal the great influence in daily life. In men  
bring a great mental stimulus with its exhortations for  
brave & certainty of good wages & no training to follow  
Tone not particularly bad now but at times has a  
very bad name for swearing & blackguardism. The  
authorities should be more careful in these respects  
The great loss in last 20 years is the loosening of  
family tie between parents & children. Children do not  
look after old parents. don't like them so with them but  
quite willing for infirmity or old age. Fault lies in  
breach of family tie so early. So soon as a boy sees 10/6  
he is free to do & prefer it.



Police good - not much needed

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

Prostitution none. Crime none

Marriage the better off men are the later they marry.

Health very good

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

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



(Parish of S. James)

Parish Conduct: Exley  
(48) 6 CXXX 75

Here nearly 4 years. The people among the Church are mainly Arsenal men, a few city clerks but for these train service a drawback. His people come from all parts of Plumstead, do not reach those of immediate neighbourhood to any extent. In conduct road as I mention the few of company, not much poverty - a number of boys would shape of the Canal, most have plenty of work - much overtime in Arsenal, to continue, but little Sunday work now though much at beginning of year. Overtime has affected their local service. Practically all the men kept away, 20 went to 3 months P.S.A. kept read the town but have failed. Think those who come attend service elsewhere - not non church going. Visits but does not amount to much. Goes to the sick, if well they can come to him. Visiting of Free Ch. Council, results not great most profess to go somewhere. Majority neighbouring Anglican ch. not much relief. Renewed Soc. I have week sub. Communion for Church poor - little need to an account of the funds. Congregation improving but indifference prevail, attitude. Some of the ministers see signs of improvement & revival - were discussing it at fraternal on previous day, but most confess he cannot see it. Never knew a district where indifference was so great & amongst the ministers. Old workers considered worse than other places in this respect. The reason he thinks is the sense of comfort & security - all employed at Arsenal & know their employment is there with a pension when they leave. Many then buyers want notices, Strangers, most on Sunday, many not soldiers, only but civilians the worst offenders. Workers common terror for prostitution. Cannot cross age to without being accosted a day or times - Rents high houses difficult to get. Builders will not sell - has been looking out for 4 years. Town, just succeeded in renting one - number over than houses. Nudly limit - built for sale. Free Ch. Council, all denominations take it as heady, excess workers. Mr Exley, was Secy for 2 years.



(Parish of St James)

Wm F C. Dunckley  
(48)6 CXXXIX 175

offices of the Church (Comptroller, Sec) Mr D gave the information  
Chapel a small affair that has been going through different  
times during Mr Dunckley's time (he left 4 mos since)  
was not a success & they had a section of members who  
practically main, matter of finance - have not got  
rid of the Crotches m. Mr D's success in a great measure  
though looks much brighter - he is active as well as popular  
to good purpose - all working class - practically all around  
Mr D himself is a brass worker in the experiment department  
Amount of work time has interfered a good deal - in one week  
of 14 weeks he had only 1 Sunday off - instead of 40 weeks  
102 hours with overtime allowance (and 3 times as much)  
Steam was too great - got on his nerves - was exempted  
by Doctor's Cert from working any overtime - Plenty of money  
but "both the way, I say, health is best" -  
Sweet & pleasant brom-house - vigorous & self-reliant  
age 40 yrs.

S. John St. Ooherty  
Plumstead Chgo  
(48)6 CXXXIX 241

Here 18 years - in no sense a scandal but a relic of  
days when church work in Plumstead was neglected - does  
his duty without much energy or enthusiasm - but  
where he came was a bright contrast to his neighbors  
Mr McAllister - but has been left behind by those Coms  
The parish now one of the less active  
Pop about 8000 almost exclusively Arsenal labourers  
or artisans - ought to be no poverty - loads of money about  
but here there is poverty & vice equalled  
'People friendly' 'no hostility' come to us in trade - 'indifference general'  
"a few true churchmen" -  
Visitors act mainly as collection plate £200/300 a year  
Relief £50 a year - nearly as possible Co's time in class cooperation  
most in Sickness & Convalescence  
Dial - the thing - in creating hundreds of men of a week who  
miscellaneous of the kind - Radical club has influence  
Much change - many men below but say Soc they then hours  
almost all below Arsenal Cook Stews  
Health & Home - Paul Ford - healthy high rising - 1/2 an  
abuse for love of money.

(Panish S. John District)

Primbeth. Lee  
Robert's CXXX 181  
(48) 6

Mr Lee was seen at Poplar - in charge of Church S. Chapel  
People here better off than at Poplar - more regular wages  
more out of work - widows of Gov. Lupton find work  
at Arsenal making bags - many of his people come from  
Surrey, street but a gradual move to higher ground.  
round Plumstead Common - houses taken before foundation laid  
& mostly sold.

Regular visitations in streets between Walmer & Glynda Wd.  
by Christian Help Soc (then their Tree Ch district)  
also visit other streets Cross, Glynda Wd. - Considerable  
Cooperation between Tree Churches.

Christie's work flourishes here. That mission in Soman  
was successful - has received 2 members thro' it -

Alarge Church-going habit - most of Churches well attended  
Company in this respect far more with Poplar

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

S. Marks  
mission District  
Highgate  
Ch of E  
(48) 7 CXXXIX 213

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

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

S. Marks  
mission Dist

Hughes

Seems to be a Dorset Churchman + advanced Progressive  
thas made great efforts to get hold of the worky man

(48)

CXXIX. 213

Elected a vestry + thick with labour leaders

Result a fairly successful men's club with 120 members  
but it does not lead to much church going + great  
difficulty in competing with Plumstead Reading Club  
where £1500 a year is spent in drink - open all Sunday  
made also a great attempt to secure the high school  
lads about the Slade + in his opinion was getting on well  
the method a Sunday aft Club + entertainmt Sunday  
with prayers or Church going - entertainmt was secular  
+ his colleague injudiciously had a programme printed  
one Sunday which got into hands of Plum diocesan Conference  
where it was severely condemned + the 150/200 lads who  
had been gathered together have been again let loose -  
Econ Sch going has been neglected - M<sup>o</sup> Alister has  
practically none + it is doubtful if more than 2/3 of the  
elementary School Ch are in S. School.

no visiting - all of same class - no ladies available

little relief - no need -

On general questions - a low municipal tone largely  
due to Colonel Hughes. but things have improved lately



Though amazingly thrifty in many respects (not drunkards  
the people spend an enormous proportion of earnings in drink  
There is no temperance feeling - the leaders of labour are  
all more or less tainted with drink + for this reason  
M<sup>o</sup> H. thinks the worky men of Plumstead though much  
better off are morally on a lower level than those of  
Natterden. where John Dunn has created distinct

feeling for temperance.

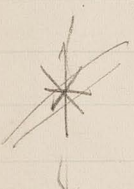
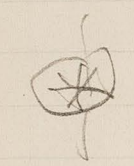
no professional prostitution - but immoralities on open spaces  
Health food - Honey is this parish food - but much  
most iniquitous building has been allowed in Plumstead  
especially in the Redhove Rd district.



(Mission District Marks)

Union Church - Cole  
Plumstead CXXX.157  
(48)

This church, a union of Baptists & Congregationalists  
in which must have been immersed. otherwise question as to what  
was formed in 1885 Mr Cole being the first pastor  
People connected chiefly better class artisan & shopkeepers  
all fairly comfortable. Chancel cost £1400. now out of date  
rather badly off for workmen -  
Little real cooperation between churches - have fraternal  
but not always well attended & are becoming a fashion  
merely. Much outward indifference & some atheistic  
opinion but shallow & ignorant - People do not read. Need  
second hand opinion - Mr C has a very low opinion of  
the Plumstead working man - County Carter (Boroughman)  
more intelligent - he spent 75 years in the County - in the  
long winter evenings they read while the townsmen seek pleasure  
drink & life in lower parts but not worse than year ago



Agnes Anderson  
CXXX.211  
(48)

widow of one Genl Anderson who founded the Mission Socy  
w. Thought we came from the Salvation Army & had Noble  
woman & her niece to meet us. The kind of work may  
be gathered from the characteristic report - An intense  
evangelical & narrow little church - its influence mainly  
due to Mrs As Anderson ("a great deal more is done,  
she said, than appears in the report") & to the persistent  
visitation of good old Mrs Donsett (the Noble woman)  
Takes optimistic view of the work & claims that the  
character of the neighbourhood has changed largely  
through the work of the mission - cases of "blessing"  
& "conversion" are constant.

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

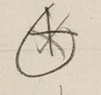
Chof E a parish of sturdy artisans (mechanics - The District  
CXXXIX 23 is a parish in the market - Try to raise £1000 for building  
a church. "a job" to start.

Only here a year - took about 4000. rose up 1000 in 12 months  
Houses rapid, strong up to occupy as soon as finished  
before day - Condition of Falham reproduced but with less  
complaint of shoddy. Situation splendid - high open breezy -  
Houses mostly 6 rooms. People all around - all grades of  
the workers there except highest - One 3 houses where there  
is a servant next - one the clergy - another a Protestant.  
Most householders take a lodger. Who too is an animal head.  
One 6 small shops which exist by offering credit - Supply mainly  
in hand of Cooperative Soc

[Note one comparison near home is at Stratford where  
the Local Cooperative Soc draws clients for GSA work]

He described the men as shy till known & then "warm" all  
first rate - but take a lot of winning. Friendly but patronising  
"we'll be with you" "will come some day" - but don't. In  
the town however the church is well filled.

He "bats his horns" in various ways & (as in fish) there  
are many disappointments.



Drinking the great difficulty & besides the Pub houses  
there are the Clubs. 2 of these are 'Conservative' & the other  
'Radical' whose names are blind, are "drinking halls"  
the ruination of home life. The Radical club the cause  
of poverty not caused by drink except occasional from  
health break down - no room for shopping - no one to spare a  
Casual worker almost non-existent - Houses clean & tidy  
except where drink prevails. Wages exceptionally high but  
more money has not done much good - More drink & treacherous  
wives say "we are no nebbies" - Church collection no greater  
In all £100 subscribed - about 1/20 "drink" bill at Radical Club  
Small Poor fund but those helped helped well - no belief  
in tickets - As to things he summed the position up  
"many are thirsty - the rest drink"

(The Ascension men out)

Slade Mission (Congregational) (48) 7

Brodie Mr David Carnegie is real head of the mission but as one, recently come he advised our secretary Brodie who has worked here 17 years

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

Extracts from original notes:

20 years ago the Slade was a village - most of the land no man's land - Labrum have no trade, working have, in the district in a woodwork - Labrum as around are early 30 to 40, at times without occupation (the store has still on, say 24) for last 12 months work has been night & day & Sunday too. Col. Fortin started the mission, a very hard & nocher place - had some things military folk still very partial to give liberally - work on independent and voluntary terms - have done much visiting - to be taken up again. Trustees are allowing Communion to be administered (Carnegie credit) though against original trust deed. Recruitment more among working class - Woodland greater Extension, Clerks live in Woodland go up by S&R every it. Has kindly tried Terry & S&R, Clapham & more humiliated but for good -

Panacea. Nursery Wesley Guild of Christiana Ch.

Wesleyan Mission (48) 7  
Surrey St.

Mostly labourers a law lot - S. School the best part of the business



S. Nicholas McAllister Has been here 36 years - lives on Plumstead common. (see description of the surroundings). Raked increase of the poor was key note of the local talk & have dependent tone next the busy not fitness to cope with those given common. almost effort to answer questions. Little interest voiced.

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

Pop. large, Arsenal workers, had increased rapidly not because of pressure there but because of other works & of the preference people coming because of the healthiness also many city workers - People as ordering a class as can be found anywhere. observe all decencies of life but are not religiously inclined. Cycling done much to foster this Leeds Arsenal can surely to buy bicycles easily - TREC Sunday band has done great harm - 10,000 assembled here & from are running all the day taking people to Nottall & All are prosperous - work plentiful as much as 8 1/2 an hour for men, labour - Has been without a garden - could get the

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People want time something for church work - was a Quaker & claims to have initiated reforms in the management of the school. These well built roads. Dist. Surveyor very efficient. older houses not showing should be demand for houses on front.

(S. Nicholas Parish)

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



Panel of S Nicholas Police force but don't manage to stop boys breaking  
R.C. S. Patrick. Wheelahan Church windows - mischief not malice

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

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

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

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

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

Health fair - Houses being built - many small ones

Hanson bought thro' Building Soc. Chief large property owners  
are Kersey - a builder & head of a building Soc with one

son an architect the other a lawyer - who must be supported -  
and McAlister the vicar who also being called

model and low than Hanson he transfers money  
to his son - lives on high ground South of the Glade

Politics - all his people are Home rulers & Progressives  
like keen interest in elections - Keen Home Ruler himself

"will do anything within the 10 Commandments to help the  
Old County to her own" - Powerless in politics here because

of Conservatives living on the high ground to the South  
Thompson large S. Patrick Thome & Benefit Soc. not con-

joined to D.C. - allowed use of school rooms free - most deal  
at Arsenal Cook & have share -

His schools the only voluntary ones except Margaret  
The Church next yellow brick chapel-like building (built

by Kersey junior) but very fine within. Opened by Dr. Mull  
& thought to have been a gift - but after 4 years it proved not to have

been paid for - cost £6000 - £5000 still owing - Dr. Mull had £1000 for the land  
His people poor work at the inside worth £2000 - stone marble floor.  
Associated the Glas building of Church - worthy of God

Father Wheelahan is a benevolent tyrant



(Parrish of Nicholas)

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

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

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

No one preaches but himself & when he is away the pulpit  
is filled from amongst the congregation - who are young &  
old - intense, religious, earnest Church workers - do so well  
except <sup>hardly</sup> pastoral work - never saw such earnestness  
at Dordrecht (near Carlisle) where he was before  
Overtime has affected Church attendance

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

Convinced that working men will never put up with High Ch. doctrine &  
practice though they swallow it because they like the man -  
The great difference he finds between Churchgoers in England & Ireland & Scotland  
is that in England the man is the Church - the Church having had, as a matter  
independence of the man - In Ireland & Scotland it has a place of its own - people  
will go even if the man is an idiot - Here they won't - you have to put up with  
as a man -  
Hours much better than former - people change - buy & travel



(Panish of 5 nicholas)

Sals Amy  
High 5  
48 8 CXXXIX. 12



Whitley only been in control of this Corps for 3 months - one of those whom the army has taken almost literally from the Gallies was converted in East London something over 20 years ago & is still full of fervour & earnestness.

The Corps has been in low water lately & Ady. W. claims to have doubled the numbers - now 107 social & 14 protest with exception of all connected with Arsenal. There is another Corps in Plumstead with 50 members also for Arsenal. Shows 18 hours a week in visiting. gave the extract (page 125) which gives true picture of an off-peak week - men as well as women, if unnamed as he is liable to do have duties.

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

Mission  
Reppolstall

Marrs  
CXXX. 1.

Has lived in Plumstead many years & (as he says) was sturdy & full faced, but illness has pulled him down & given a pinched gaunt appearance.

Streets between Postall Rd & Workhouse rather poorer than others south of High St. From these & streets running north for High St. to market the people attending the mission are drawn. Those to north are the poorest. Those coming are labouring class - not the domestic labourers in Arsenal & Brickfields etc. Cannot work with the

lowest class - because I have no money - these people expect to have something given them. Those attending would be of the same class on the same point if they drank. Have more regular work & are more thrifty because they are more steady. Very little relief - small voluntary fund - but very little money no one connected with mission good for it.



Plumstead not drunken though there is much drinking. There used to be much rowdyism in the village but it has declined. Police do their work well & are very civil. A few prostitutes come from that hole when it was laid out, but they work "down town". Many pretty good many are their houses through Sunday Societies.

M. Marrs has never been in this hall 18 mos. Meetings previously held in small hall now occupied by S.P. Do hope to build a hall. Work has given the thought of well and ready as it is a very fine building & cease this so there is no other religion accom-

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

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Outer  
S. London

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

Seat holders pay well - like to travel 1<sup>st</sup> class to heaven  
Church not endowed. Rector dependent on the Congreg.  
Service simple hearty Congregational - small choir not justified  
organ & choir at west end - all poor - Good organist but  
no special attention paid to the music.

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

All are Congregational in methods here I must be - none  
of the neighboring clergy stick to their parish boundaries - each  
note his copy wherever they happen to live

Tone of Blackheath Evangelical & conservative - When Mr. Niddam  
Set up against Canon Bristow for School Rector - they began calling  
a socialist & infidel because Canon B is a very high Church man  
Richest Congregation that of the Congregationalists (although  
worth 4 or more millions against 1/2 million for his own

S. Michael Lawrence - Visits normally - congregation only - all plans as here

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

(48) a CXXXIX. 51 rather than by himself

inter So. Lond. cont Cooperates freely with Church & non con on such questions as rescue work

Drink more barefaced lying or thieving than any other subject - skeletons in a good many cupboards

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

High & Low Church - would rather say "Sound" than low - High Church Party well organized & composed

of men who would die at the stake for their views - were strong intellectually & sufficiently rich but had

not got the people behind them - would have done more had they pressed less hardy - as it was

were busy about formation of strong Protestant party more earnest men leaving than joining Ch of S on their

account - Church's loss is Chapel's gain -

Asked what were the things he most wanted to know about when he came to a new parish the replies

most of the things you have been asking me about

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

become what Clapham is?

Our Lady of Help, Shehan Called to make an appointment but a short interval

R.C. Church CXXX. 135. Suffice - This is not a mission district - we have

occasional R.C. notion - Total number of Catholics 400. mid class people scattered over considerable area - Chief work of day the school

a boarding school - boys come from all over the country - middle class leaving Father Shehan but went into the church to spend the time

instragram station - a quiet scene - a group of boys sitting near each of three confessionals boxes taking their turn - playing a game

after Confession - From time to time adults came in or some women all well dressed middle class people tall but one lady - This one

came with wife & daughter - the latter pray but did not confess - both parents died - The quiet church, the kneeling boys - the occasional song of a voice from the vestry box - while outside was a handsome thrifty heath all tended to make the scene impressive

S. James - Seeke  
Kidbrooke Chof &

(28) a CXXX. 1.

Plecter. Pleasant name of no particular character. I have  
 not been cast in any parish - anxious to do  
 what is right & has succeeded - is a canon & must dean.  
 The Parish is an anomaly in London as 5/6 "might be  
 it is not built over - Last parish within bounds, to S &  
 bounded by Blackheath & Shooter's Hill on north. Utthan & E  
 & Seeke or S & W - on east side 1 1/2 miles of open country  
 1/2 Kidbrooke 1/2 Utthan. Pop 2400 or including  
 Herbert & Collier hospitals & Morda College 3500.  
 Mult live on west side nearly all well to do.  
 Musmen, men, stockbrokers, merchants & Clerks -  
 Officers with Army & Navy, work at Greenwich or Woolwich  
 or retired - One 200 poor - Gardeners, Coachmen &  
 farm labourers living on Shooter's Hill near Hospital  
 Service single musical - white tobed. Oh no not  
 a black gown, nor Confessionals, very the strictly moderate  
 Some (but a small minority) would like ten music  
 others rather more - also a minority. They like a short sermon  
 & would not stand a long one - on the whole well contented  
 with what they get. Come as families, old & young  
 Church going usual in the n' hood - not a formal in  
 this road (Kidbrooke Park Rd) does not come but we  
 are not strictly parochial - impossible in rich hand.  
 Established Church the great influence as is our national  
 Co-operation with non-sons for special things - do not otherwise meet  
 W.L. is on the new Board of Public Morality to work in connection  
 with vestry elections - propose drive prostitutes from streets & common &  
 second homes for the young women - A lady has been engaged to work at the health  
 Police very good but have to be moved - by their action the women have  
 been pushed off the Heath & now frequent Kidbrooke Common -  
 Healthy n' hood - Housing good but houses too big - rents fall 20% in 20 years  
 demand is for smaller houses.  
 Pop. 2/3 migrating 1/3 stationary - by migration means come for  
 3 to 5 years & then leave - due greatly to length of engagements at  
 Arsenal & Dockyard - other business men coming for provisions to manage  
 branches -  
 as to Church work in Woolwich & Plumstead is very hopeful  
 Church far ahead of any other body in influence - with on the one hand  
 non-con work - "he is as one tree are so many"  
 Plumstead used to be left in the cold but the Church has  
 captured it  
 Mr Seeke like his congregation is contented therefore





Parish (Jane Redburn)

Chapter Mackenzie  
48a CXXX. 191.

Church is at extreme end of the houses, Shoten Hill N. 4.  
 Still almost a corner, but to west has large group of  
 near all upper - middle & lower mid - Congregation  
 drawn from the last two corners from area fully 2 miles  
 Such working class as come are drawn from  
 groups of streets known as Sunfields district - a  
 happy hunting ground of the sects - includes some of streets  
 between old Down N & Charlton N (St John's Dist 46)  
 inhabited by decent fair, well to do working class  
 people who seem to be fought for by the Wesleyans  
 the Baptists the Church & the Presbyterians with  
 more than usual amount of rivalry - This church  
 alone has 22 visitors in this small district relying  
 & giving tracts. The Church & Wesleyans are lend their  
 tracts but they too spend large sums in relief & tracts  
 and Mr Mackenzie says "we tread upon one  
 another's heels" - The most laudable ones appear to be the  
 Wesleyans who have the bottomless purse of the Mrs  
 Langlosh to draw upon - The Langloshs own the  
 Church - unmarried brother of great wealth who  
 apparently can never resist an appeal & (again  
 according to Mr M) the large <sup>Sunday</sup> school of the Wesleyans  
 is due to this - However the Baptists give a  
 good deal as a church quite £50 a year in doing  
 averaging about 5% while well to do members dis-  
 tribute their own charity

No difficulty in filling a church here but still especially among  
 upper mid class much apathy & indifference & little  
 number attend no place of worship - Among shopkeepers it is  
 still almost universal & of the Thorpe's in Shoten Hill N  
 3/4 attend his church

Secretary of Free Ch Council for the district not formed long  
 than made rapid progress - Co-operate proposed an work  
 was decided to open Temperance League & has support in mens  
 hall on Down Terrace Greenway & have obtained right to have  
 a Free Ch. Ch. at the

Police took along motor car and vehicle into Sunfield  
 district on Monday night - thought to be - great lack  
 of money in district at present time of  
 distress - many people are in a state of  
 poverty - bread & butter

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