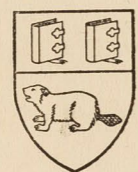


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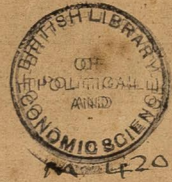


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District 13

Hackney  
and  
South Hackney

M<sup>r</sup>. Booth's List

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District 13 - Hackney and South Hackney

Ston Mission Church Gainsborough Road Hackney Wick	Donaldson Dyke Nettleton Smith	XV XXII XVII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	179 5 12 40	District Church L.M. Chapman Street West Miss <sup>n</sup> Dainton Street S. Army Slum Post, Mallard Rd. Ch. Mission, Chapman Road.
S. Augustine Victoria Park Road Hackney	Banks Boad Beale	XV XVII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓	115 3 26	Parish Church P. Meth: Brookfield Road Victoria Park Congregational
S. John of Jerusalem Lauriston Road South Hackney	Lennard Mee Snashall Weddows Keilbronn Tozer Billman Rly.	XVI XVII XVII XVII XXVII XXII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	1 25 33 76 53 15 59	Parish Church West Meth: Basoland Road Congregational, Welkerell R. Lutheran, Speldhurst Road South Hackney Synagogue Devonshire St. Mare St. Bruce Hall Mission, Kavelock R. Sanctuary Miss. 245 Conland Road Hampden Ch. Lauriston Road St. Andrew's Mission, Wells St.
Christchurch Grove Road South Hackney	Walker Rees Richards Denny Fowler	XV XVII XXII XII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	61 7 92 153 48	Parish Church S. Army, Mare Street Cong <sup>n</sup> Mare Street R.C. The Triangle, Mare St. S.A. Cambridge Heath Bethel, Triangle, Mare St. S. Army Home, Tudors Road. Christchurch Miss. Vigner St.
S. Michael & All Angels London Fields Hackney	Morcom Meath Kester Porter Bennett	XV XVII XVII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	29 53 40 54	Parish Church Catholic Apostolic, Mare St. Presb <sup>n</sup> S. Thomas Square P. Meth: Lemouth Place, L. Fields. Baptist, Mare Street Brethren large public Hall
S. Philip Richmond Road Hackney	Boe Alexander	XVI XXII	✓ ✓	25 2	Parish Church Bethesda Mission, London Fields Good Shepherd Miss. Wilman Lane
Holy Trinity Mayfield Road Dalston	Knapp Thomas Little	XVI	✓ ✓ ✓	59	Parish Church Independent, Middleton R. Wesleyan, Mayfield Road Homer House Mission Room, Blomfield Street Mission Four Road

S. John Lower Blapton Road Hackney	Thorneley Gritton Porter Nettleton Goode Pedr Williams	XVI XXII XXII XVII XXII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	83 125 106 12 99 111	Parish Church Unity Cong <sup>n</sup> Devonshire R. Ymca, Mare Street Wesleyan, Richmond Road Brethren Unit. Meth: Pembury Grove Congregational, Amhurst Road
S. Luke Homerton Terrace Hackney	Hartley Dunn Mee Fletcher Williams Irving Riley Holland & Hume	XV XII XVII XXII XXII XVII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	161 123 25 65 110 121 10	Parish Church R.C. Ballance Road. Wesleyan, Church Road Unitarian, Batham Place. Cong <sup>n</sup> Old Gavel Pit Church S. Army, Durham Grove. Brunswick Gospel Mission Brunswick St., S. Hackney S. Luke's Mission Kenton Road Hassett Lane
S. Barnabas High Street Homerton	Blatch Andrews Hamilton Reeve Belcher Miss Johnson Xeville	XV XVI XX XXII XVIII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	3 109 31 20 53 76	Parish Church S. Paul's Mission Chapel Rams Episcopal Chapel, High St. Evangelical Mission, High St. Strict Bap <sup>t</sup> Homerton Row. Betherton Girls Club Grove Mission, 341 Woodside Walk
All Souls Pedro Street Blapton Park	Hawkins Britton Blunt Moxham	XV XXII XVIII XVII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	217 102 63 109	Parish Church West Meth. Miss <sup>n</sup> Blencock R. R. Officer, Blapton Park. Baptist, Chateworth R. Tab <sup>l</sup> All Souls Gilpin Road
All Saints Blurton Road Lower Blapton	Fletcher Harris Neville Rees Jahn Jackson	XV XVII XXII XVII XVII XVII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	91 98 76 7 115 60	Parish Church Cong <sup>n</sup> Lower Blapton R. Miss <sup>n</sup> Glyn Road S. Army, Congress Hall. Prim. Meth: Blurton Road
S. James Lower Blapton Road	Gardner Brown Britton Medley Johnson	XVI XXII XVII XXII	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	41 102 87 87	Parish Church Wesleyan, Blapton Road Bap <sup>t</sup> Downs Chapel, Queensdown Presbyterian, Downs Park Road Waterloo Rooms, 2 Prind Road
Christchurch Kenninghall Road Blapton	Sankey Swift Beale	XV XII	✓ ✓	141 193	Parish Church R.C. S. Scholastica's Retreat Rendlesham Rooms, Heathley Street

General Information

Davies	XVIII ✓	1	COS, High Street, Homerton
Chesham	XVIII ✓	37	Hackney Ecclesial Evidence Society
Bradford	XVIII ✓	23	" Benevolent Society
Young	XIX ✓	1	Guardian and Vestryman
Warry	XIX ✓	25	Hackney Medical Officer
Grocott	XIX ✓	45	Hackney Vestry Clerk
Hosgood	XIX ✓	55	Superintendent Registrar
Chambers	XIX ✓	67	Chairman of Hackney Vestry
Lovegrove	XIX ✓	83	Surveyor to " "
Fitzgerald	XIII a	157	} Police Officers
Hanagan	XIII b	163	
Kingsford	XX	3	Rural Dean
Clarke	XIX ✓	101	Doctor
Frazer	XVIII ✓	105	German Lutheran (District 14)
Parish	XVIII ✓	119, 143	District Visitor
Donaldson	XVIII ✓	133	Auctioneer
Urwick	XVIII ✓	163	Hackney COS.
Buckmaster	XVIII ✓	171	Relieving Officer
Lovegrove	XIX ✓	109	Surveyor
Hodgart	XVIII ✓	161, 177	House agent.
Beane	XXII +	33	Waterloo Rooms Mission.

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Lower Homerton

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Parish notes

District 13.

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(with which are included part of 6 & 14)

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Job. i, 38.]

S' <sup>George</sup> <sup>Donalasa</sup>. Been here 6 years after some months in the region

Itching, work <sup>the</sup> <sup>mission</sup> <sup>(13)</sup> <sup>(XV.179)</sup> Found on arrival that people had struck against all religious observances - had to begin all over again.

Strike after inter regnum <sup>\*</sup> Men are mostly labourers - (Melbourne painter & factories, South Africa) <sup>more big firms</sup>  
Against all religious observances

Had to begin over again  
People very migrating - but don't move far. those who get on leave  
Majority crushed here. Crushed down towards lot who have angles here

Concrete floor & many rails  
Rents very slightly, way to best in industry on concrete floor -  
Average rent 2/ for a single room -

Residence essential for regular <sup>mission</sup> <sup>about to build an Iron House -</sup> <sup>Residence desirable for</sup>  
<sup>work</sup> <sup>people, work</sup>  
Get results from outdoor services  
Outdoor services every Sunday in summer outdoor A.H. poor results  
Get those who lack courage  
Get those who have not pushed to go to church

Attendance at annual <sup>\*</sup> Annual service for mens club. Only 50 out of 320 attend  
Club services  
Sunday congregation small - 80-100 + 250-300 - women <sup>preparatory</sup>

Small Cong. unless when <sup>\*</sup> Two times as many come occasionally - specially appealed to  
<sup>Special appeal</sup>  
Fair amount of ritual - go in for processions - Sunday excellent

Sincerity of the heart <sup>#</sup> When the heart takes to religion they are much more sincere  
<sup>if they do take to religion</sup>

Congregation youthful <sup>\*</sup> Congregation rather youthful work has been among the young  
The old are on the wicket <sup>men</sup> <sup>Macdon</sup> the old are on the wicket  
Clearance between Club & Church <sup>#</sup> Club disconnected with religion - Clearance between Club & Church

Boys club - weekly service <sup>\*</sup> Boys club - 140 members - no test but weekly service compulsory  
<sup>Compulsory, tested</sup> <sup>Tested</sup>  
Service is held & has improved the tone of the club

Girls club more ready <sup>\*</sup> Girls club 180 members - listen more readily to religious talks  
Girls club more ready  
Doubtful whether really more religious

Temperance Soc. of old <sup>\*</sup> Temperance Society of old soakers who continually break  
<sup>away</sup> <sup>but are keen</sup> <sup>Societies of respectable but class workers</sup>  
Society of respectable but class workers

Form results from <sup>\*</sup> Band of Hope 600 members - large proportion continue abstain  
<sup>Band of Hope</sup>  
Excursion & Substantials <sup>#</sup> Annual Excursions & numerous Substantials - Flower shows  
Good lectures given <sup>#</sup> With good lectures lectures succeed drawing 1000 of audience

Visit regular - almost always admitted -  
Aim religious, nothing permanent  
Aim of them & all the while spiritual - nothing but religion will  
leave social work to laymen  
Permanently improve conditions - better leave social work to laymen

out of work poverty <sup>\*</sup> Character of out of work poverty (See page 201)

Necessary modification CO S <sup>\*</sup> Necessary modification of C.O.S Principles (See page 203)  
Pick up best <sup>\*</sup> Power at very day & night - gradual improvement  
Police & street laws <sup>\*</sup> Position & tactics of police as to street rows (See page 207)

S. Augustus - Donaldson. Sees no improvement as to drink. Women more shameless in many ways.  
 (Last year) \* No prostitution - much fornication - Open space. Open facilities  
 No improvement in drink. Women more shameless  
 Marriage largely neglected - Clubs not done up of marriage  
 Chief cause of early marriage - disrepair of homes  
 Thrift - saving for holidays  
 Donaldson hopeful & believes the work tells greatly  
 Believes work tells but those who improve so. # But those who improve most so

Kettleton Hackney circuit - 4 chapels with 2 ministers -  
 Wesleyan <sup>with</sup> Rich Church linked with poor - Richmond Place with Hackney work  
 (XVII 12) At Richmond Road. Active congregation  
 Lately opened with poor Mutual Improvement Society - attendance 200 including visitors  
 Strong Mutual Improvement Soc At Hackney, Wick. Gospel Temperance Society well worked  
 Tea to Drummond Drive Drummond - get them in - give them a tea to  
 Visiting of Sisters The 2 sisters visit from house to house  
 Take care of them own poor & live outside - sometimes on foot  
 Vigorous action of Y.M.C.A. -  
 All the Churches friendly but not much co-operation  
 Temperance people need hands held up. Temperance not strong - Temperance people need their hands held up

Dyke A man of 70. been here 40 years. only 12 houses then  
 City Mission District continually growing poorer -  
 (XXII. 5) much shifting but many lodgers who were known to Dyke as children  
 District from poor One, moral deterioration generally -  
 only moral deterioration - generally Spends all his time visiting - but has a mission room with regular services  
 Work classes, neither less nor case at High Church \* As to High Church to the Working Class neither less nor case

(Miss) Smith Captain Lieutenant & 24 cadets - all female - live over the hall  
 S.A. One or two meetings held every evening - but visiting principal work  
 (XXII 40) \* Details of a week's work. (See page 41) -  
 Visiting principal work Have been over the whole district twice since Cad. Smith came (6 weeks) - get into almost every house.  
 See details of week's work # 30 members in the Corps - very beautiful people - wood by hand  
 Have working members District much better than Bethnal Green - but at Brady S.  
 District compared with Beth Green At Bethnal Green the poverty is caused by drink "they beat us"  
 Here they cannot keep it. poor things



S' Augustines Smith  
(East End) S.A.

Disappointing results in some ways  
Converts leave district  
Wesleyan Sealony

Advantage & disadvantage of  
frequent changes - "nests  
get away from old cases"

As to results do not get many to join the army.  
People that go for visitation when sick - find children  
Most discouraging thing that converts left -  
Netter so for the converts - getting away from old company  
Sealony of the Wesleyans - sneers on their faces  
Gives a little - people who talk most need least.  
Officers changed every 9 months - nice to know the  
Circumstances too help better but also nice to get away  
from old cases that you had helped to mend - not  
helps effectually again -

S' Augustines Markes  
West End. Chof Co  
(13) 1 XV. 115

Rising tide of opulence  
less actual distress

Lady visitors from West End -  
no parishioners as yet

depression work of begging  
attraction of music

Fashion against Church going  
work of men is against the  
doctrine

Incessant entertainments

Social activity among the boys

Object to get to know people  
nothing allows to be too big

Social work among women  
spoken by cadging spirit

Children's Day Service  
nearly attended

Inefficient school teachers

Home to those used

Been here about 15 years.  
Population labourers, artisans, some clerks & a few men but not  
Usual to be some retired trades men but they have left.  
Even in Victoria Park Rd. more than 1 family per house.  
Rents of better kind of houses has fallen - in West End, rise  
many very poor - but less actual distress than former.  
Few families in one room - most have only 2.  
Ten lady visitors from West End - no parishioners as yet  
Church, mission Hall mission house & all built (except  
a bit of the church) by Mr Markes - depression, work of begging  
# Night musical service - men attracted.  
• Those who come much attached - fashion is against Church  
going  
• Work of men generally does not care in the least about  
doctrine  
Likes the service he is accustomed to.  
Guilds have religious test - Clubs open to all -  
# Entertainment incessant - plays, balls, dances,  
concerts, pantomimes  
• Four cricket clubs - football club &  
Immense social activity among the men boys  
# Object to get to know the people - nothing allows to get too big  
Individual personal attention the note of the work  
Social work among the women unsatisfactory - cadging spirit  
Friday eve service for children to which they come willingly  
School teachers too thin for their own people - not efficient  
Power street visited for houses to house.

S. Augustine Nantwich  
(West Lane)

Cases sent to C.O.S. Cornbach in a cage

Clary Kunin transfer

Influence of religion

Attitude of workmen clubs

Fate of dissenting chapels

Spiritual Co-operation hopeful

Very + less corrupt

Drink

Need of fanaticism for temperance work

Effect of Bands of Hope

Only cure increase of self respect

No prostitution - much fornication

Result of open spaces

Age of marriage becoming late

People must be asked to put money  
will never take trouble about anything

Charity £80 a year - in hand by nurse  
Difficult cases sent to C.O.S. Cornbach in a cage -  
People don't mind inquiry if they are helped - but refused as  
"They all know us + on occasion send for us"

\* Religion influence small on mass but great on small  
bands of adherents. Social influence of Church members.  
# Hostility to religion quite died out. Lost all bitterness  
" Since Madlaughter time - don't take the trouble to argue  
Workmen clubs Sunday entertainments are antiquated  
but not aimed so. Members usually send children to S. School

Dissenting chapels going down - that of money + quarrel  
among themselves  
Spiritual Co-operation hopeful -

\* Vestry + Board of Guardians less corrupt than formerly  
Police raids always instigated from head quarters  
Drink decreases among men.

No serious Temperance societies - needs a fanatic.

\* Bands of Hope not useful but effective, slight

\* Only thing to decrease drunkenness increase of self respect  
No prostitution - much indiscriminate fornication  
fostered by the open spaces - head all corners married

\* Age of marriage getting late.

\* People unthriftly - will put money away if asked + that they  
will never take trouble about anything - leads to much  
wastefulness.

Cleale only in London since May 1897  
Congregationalist District maintained by Victoria Park  
(XXII 26) No district visiting or propagandist work except Open air  
Meetings.

Open air or propagandist work

District groups amongst Congreg.

Lives self centered

Visits his own people but does not know them all  
Many groups of friends in the congregation who keep quite apart  
Lives mainly self centered.

Coad  
Prim. Methodist  
(XVII. 3)  
Northfield Rd  
Chapel

North Dow Circuit, 3 Chapels -  
working class - self respecting - do not claim public domain \*

Stoker Leonard  
So. Hackney Chgo  
(31) (XVII. 1)

Loss of time over finance

Decline of district

Religious influence - middle class

and the more stable working class

not much done by missions

only special men succeed

devotion of voluntary helpers

Crowds in Church on New Year's Eve  
see comp for Public House

The houses rise so -

mark of the poor man's house

Salv. Army's original home  
not appreciated here now

No open prostitution - much loose morality

Tree  
Wesleyan Meth  
(XVII. 25)  
Cassland St

well to do Congreg - ornate service

Prostitution on Hackney Common

marriage at a glance etc

Here for 7 years - does not know as much as he would wish of the people - time taken up with financial business

Half his life spent in trains & buses

Pop in 1817 29000 now 230,000

Decline in status of late years very rapid -

now half middle class - half working poor

Religious influence touch mostly the middle class -

A considerable number of more stable working class also reached

Small (not much) done through Missions work etc but

Lower shifty poor hard to get hold of - only special men succeed

Earnest men & devotion of voluntary helpers - hard to get hold of

a number who are young women, for poorer lower class in

Only time the poorer class crowd into Church is midwinter

Service on New Year's Eve when they flock in from the Public House

Generally respectful & well behaved - Polish take off tiles -

Open air services in Summer very thin, patriotic

Nelson Park too near -

most of the visiting done in the poor district off well St

The few poor who rise quickly change their residence -

mark of the poor man's house - along the front on a level

with the hips of those who look against the wall -

So Hackney, the original home of Salv. Army, true spirit was

Seems less demoralized in London because later houses are built

No open prostitution but much loose morality

Hackney circuit (with Dr Mellitt) }  
Cassland St }  
Church St }

never had a church where there were so few poor

Services too ornate to touch the poor - liturgy & choir

Church road Chapel has been converted into class room

No separate school - all meetings held at Cassland St

Mutual Improvement Soc. lot of well to do people come

Prostitution Hackney Common the worst thing

Then our marriages are at a sensible rate - look well after

S. John Snashall  
So Hackney Congreg  
(XVII. 33)

11 years in the district - neighborhood going down  
not so good as it looks - more Jewish than usual?  
Lower middle class - trades & clerks.

neighborhood not so good as it looks - going down.

near Hackney common good working class  
In this congregation few of the poorest - a few business

In Congreg. few of poorest

Tendency of best people to leave  
Ladies the best workers - men at business all day & home at night

Hard work to clear debt

Chapel seats 1200 - debt £1000 & repairs £1000 all cleared in last 18 months "hard work"

Could not keep adult temperance Soc going

Tried to keep (adult) temperance Soc going but could not  
Clubs & Societies all small

Congregationalists doing well

# More Congregational churches than any other  
# in Hackney, & all doing well.

Talking in the Park

A good deal of talking in the Park - religious & other discussion

Drinks sad increase among women

Drinks saddest feature increase among women

most live up to means

Most people live up to their means

Rents now tending upwards

Rents tendency upwards - had fallen previously

Congreg maintains with difficulty

The congregation holds its own with difficulty

new comers in pop. not church goers

Population increasing but new comers not church goers.  
A very quiet work.

Widows  
Ex Mark  
(XVII. 76)

He knows how to make his church a going concern  
Penal servitude from '88 to '95 for conspiracy murder  
Criminal law amendment act - Prosecuted again in 1896 & acquitted -

Congregation have got to pay

£700 raised in 18 months to pay debt & as well as widows living. "I tell them they have got to pay or I go."

difficulties of visiting

Church well filled many - crowded in Sunday.  
Has incense because he likes it -  
Importance attached by some people to validity of the orders  
Visiting - description of the difficulties met with (page 84)

Christchurch - Foster  
S. U  
(XXII 48)

meetings held in New streets  
very decently received  
Trunkless children  
lovely place for work

Building too large  
Clean & do all themselves

Depends entirely on voluntary  
offerings

no source of wages  
all classes receive equally

Usual S.A. services - Give no relief now - no funds  
To outside applicants give a note to Social Headquarters  
For poor soldiers has taken money from Corps fund  
Women collect for them -  
Hold their meetings in the New streets - very decently received  
The children the most troublesome - language disgusting  
Likes his prospects - 'a lovely place for work' -  
welcomes his work except visitation - hard when  
people show they do not wish to receive you -  
Building too large for the Corps - financial difficulties  
To save expenses clean & do all themselves  
Spends money for bills & advertising - must do this  
Although the station is a 'hard place'

recopied  
Denny  
RC  
XII?

Large district - few Catholics - quite scattered - mixed  
Class  
Has been Rector 2 years - he was here as priest 24 years  
ago  
Curate then for 9 years - not much change in his  
people  
No endowment - rely they depend on voluntary offerings  
Care of the church from church  
Dependence on the faithful no source of wages  
As to response to religious effort - one class same as another  
no holding off among the poor -

S. John Tozer  
So. Hacken, Dnee Hall  
mission (XXII. 15)

Mission to young people

A martyr of a man whose hobby is to work among }  
Gives seven sermons a week - }  
young people & children }  
Entering a mission to young people -  
About 300 are connected - a miscra class  
work done by Committee & officers - nearly 20 in all  
Voluntary except care-taker who has £20 a year  
Income about £120 per ann - (£10 from Ragged Sch. (Linn))  
not connected with any religious organization  
Runs the usual agencies - Clubs - gymnasium &c  
Only those who attend the services are eligible  
The cricket club has just won the Challenge cup of  
the North Eastern Cricket Assoc. - team photographed  
in their flannels  
not indiscriminate visiting & very little given -

Heilbrunn  
So Hacken Synagogue  
(XXVII. 53)

Christchurch, Walker  
(13) Ch of St.  
(XV. 61)

Streets near park more than they look

Mixed pop. chiefly working men - influx of Jews  
Streets adjoining Victoria Park more than they look  
Many let lodgings - all migrants - rich town more than poor  
Mr Walker is a bachelor & affords 5 curates - University men & all taken  
Very particular about his district visitors - "easy to get one old  
woman to go & talk to another old woman"  
About 70 services on Sunday, & 2 or 3 on week days

Congreg increasing - large proportion poor but don't look it

Congregation increasing - large proportion poor but don't look it  
+ Behaviour never seen in church - a working man  
" gives up drink if he becomes a church goer - not so the better town  
Clubs of all kinds - Mother's meeting &c

The working man Church goes

+ Does not believe in Mother's meeting - they come for what is given

Mother's out come for what is given

still some good is done - how in hands of hope &c

Hands of Hope not much good children's sins - not drink

\* Drink is the last sin to which children have any tendency  
Child's sin fully talk of it

Christchurch localities  
Continued

Failure of temperance soc  
S. Sch. the most important work  
"our fault if not retained" \*

Most temperance organizations fail from <sup>incompetent</sup> bad management  
Sunday schools the most important work -

Large proportion fall away, but equal number are retained  
"If we don't keep them it is our own fault"

Individual influence limited at  
better than dispensation

Teachers drawn from parish. attend teachers classes  
Are expected to know their children - home parents  
Individual influence the thing aimed at. Worked  
in this way Sunday schools are better than on the  
standard system which moreover requires a wonder-  
ful man to carry it out properly.

Treats universal but not necessary

\*  
Treats universal but not necessary to success - I should  
have as many children without or we if he made them  
like his teachers to be able to box for "not the least  
boy"

Uselessness of good talk  
Need to realize children's habits

Good to have men who throw a lot of good good talk  
at the children  
Must be men & realize difficulties that best children  
parish regularly visited house by house by clergy & visitors  
walkers will only visit as vicar - <sup>especially the best</sup> people don't like this  
"will do anything to keep you off religion"

Visits as vicar or not as vicar

\*  
Salvation army don't seem to do a scratch  
Many signs of improvement in last 20 years -  
Cocoa drink & impurity be got rid of advance toward  
be rapid - There is less drunkenness & idleness  
Gambling & swearing & indecent language still prevailed  
Chief obstacle rather indifference than infidelity -  
Aim taking spiritual - but must take an interest in  
their bodies to gain influence

Failure of Salvation Army  
Signs of improvement in 20 years  
Some triumphs, the cause  
of poverty

Aim taking spiritual  
the body, the road to the soul

Richard's  
Cambridge Heath  
Congregational  
(XXII. 97)

3 missions connected with this church -  
Has drawn church missions together  
Church touches middle & working class - mission the more  
Usual style of activity  
Mothers meet & chief results of the mission  
All worked for the church.

all as usual

S. Michael's Morecom  
⑬ 2 Cl of Co  
(XV 29)

Pop. better off than men or  
work of streets w' indicate

Time given to visiting & reading  
the word

People less easy to get at

Injuring to religion by indifference  
about giving

Services at which everyone  
receives food or coal tickets

Indifference not hostility

Londoners compare to Country

Salvation Army draws from Dissenters  
chiefly from Methodists

Cooperation comes to nothing

Visiting a good body

Kindness of doctors

Police tactful

Great temperance work among  
young

Marriage steadily decreasing

Relations before marriage better than  
Country

Social improvement as an end  
in itself

Population entirely working class - steady industrial

Little troubled with want of work - Better than our male  
or street appearance

Yet both Morecom & Pennell (scripture reader) say district is  
More crowded - ~~pop~~ 2 in place of 1 1/2 families per house  
pay down

Pennell gives his time to visiting & reading the word. leading up to  
never met with hostility - only needs tact

Not present inhabitants less easy to get at than formerly  
There used to be many shoemakers working at home -  
now nearly all in factories -

Give almost exclusively to the sick - approve C.O.S. -  
unpopularity of C.O.S. due to talk of underemployment

Religion in this district has been injured by indifference  
giving the idea that people of this district to Church of England  
A lady took a hall that services at which everyone  
who attended was given coal & food tickets.

Indifference to religion - no hostility -

Londoners as religious & perhaps more moral than Country  
people

Salvation Army draws from Dissenters chiefly from Methodists  
was used to be more noisy & sensational than now

As to Cooperation - C.O.S. formulated an admirable scheme  
but it came to nothing

Visiting a good body - no deterioration since late act  
more relief less than formerly & carefully administered

Great kindness of doctors to the poor -

Police tactful - less drink amongst men -

Great temperance work being done among the young  
marriage age steadily older - very rare under 21 & 18

Relations before marriage seemingly better than in the Country  
Health very good throughout Hocking - Sanitation good

At Morecom seems to accept social improvement as an  
end in itself.

Hester  
Presbyterian  
(XVII. 53)

Lived here 40 years - connected 15 years with "Christian Community"

District once well the do - houses subdivided & lodgers taken  
rents a little dearer.

Mission School was successful but killed the other  
as parents feared contamination & it was discontinued.

Success of mission school  
affected the other advocacy  
Mission Soc abandoned



St Michael Hester

General change in religious work

Mission of C.O.S

Efficiency of Police

Need of changes to win success

Poverty

Surfeit of open air sermons

General change in religious work - becoming more missionary

Salvation Army has lost hold

C.O.S exists only to kill other good work

Police very efficient - best class of men -

People live up to their means - no thrift

Factor of success of Church due to persistence in old methods

Sermons + hours should be changed

Poverty greater than apparent

# Of open air meetings a nuisance - Ground covered

" Corners often corners occupied in hours

Porter  
dynamite files  
Min: Meth  
(XVII. 40)

Circuit contains 2 Chapels - London Fields - + the Oval

People are low - Labourers Costers + - Police warned that

there were an uncontrollable band of roughs

# Ministrations in the Chapel touch none of these people

By external work they are all touched - by house to

# Home visitation - ministering to their needs - hospital letters

# By open air meeting - Congregation live a little way off

" + are artless + clatter - I am about the same as the

gang same - spending differently + so better off

" All members of the Church members of mission bands

Young people Christian Assoc - particulars of work (page 43)

The sisters go in to help the sick + get neighboring help

Support their own work + make appeals for extra cases

all institutions self supporting

People regard you as hard hearted if you refuse parish relief

Police not strong enough - people break lamps + destroy property

property - nobody is caught -

not so much criminal as horseplay -

A gymnasium would be useful -

not much thrift - soccer burial clubs -

Plenty of scope for work if they had more work + more money

Need of more work + more money

People apathetic + content

Loneliness of ministers life

# People apathetic - expect to have work done for them

" Are contented with their surroundings -

\* Intense loneliness of ministers life - or intellectual side -

S. Michael's Bennett  
Pastor Church one of the oldest being 100 years established 1898  
(XXII. 52) Will celebrate its Centenary by raising money for additional school works on Evangelical lines - usual services & efforts

S. Philip's Cox  
Dalston Chapel  
(132) (XVI. 25) Reverend for 31 years in East London & 18 years here  
Enormous improvement in condition of people since 1866  
He then (in the Cholem time) got insight into things -

\* The worst times are gone & the present state of things cannot be compared with the squalor misery & neglect the Parish now stationing - going neither up nor down  
Ten years ago there was an exodus of better class people  
Some tendency now to return -

The well to do people are self made & spend freely but are no good to the Church - increasing number of Jews

About 30 services held weekly - Church, Mission Church, Mission Room, Parish Room  
+ constant entertainments  
Congregation middle class & shifting -

Of an ordinary Congreg half are strangers with no previous connection  
# Service attractive - moderate, high - people not responsive

\* Curator don't like to visit & have door shut in their face  
"You want me to come to church I suppose - well I'll give you a turn someday"

Special music seldom needed - poorest to be informed

\* Vigour of the Church enormous - no idle clergyman now -  
In spite of all the activity there is fearful apathy & neglect of religion  
at bottom believe in muscular little infidelity - or atheism - at bottom believe in the muscular

Church does its work better because less bitterness between various schools  
A few Extrememen at both ends - but on the whole much more tolerance & readiness to work together than there was

Greatest difficulty with bon Londoners - who have not Church-going habits as the Country people have

Alexander a private undertaking - no one paid  
Netterdale mission Parents of S. School children do not form the congregation  
(XXII 2) Comes sometimes to a free tea - or School Anniversary

cannot be compared

Well to do self made people show free but no good to Ch.

Character of Congreg

disagreeable opposition

Special music seldom needed

Vigour of the Church

fearful apathy

at bottom believe in muscular

Don't dance, have not Church going habits.

Holy Trinity Knapp Here 18 months - coming to a wretched parish

(32) Chgo \* first very high - then very low - congregation kicked.

(XVI. 59) In Knapp seeks to follow a middle course -

Population tendency downwards \* was a collection for some years - regret that all the clergy could have been trained

Shown by boys - standards # This shown by difference in the boys of Slawcaw 145

Exterior of houses no guide Exterior of houses no guide - all contain 2 or more families  
Much shifting of the shifflers - move about kind

Losses by lodgers Principal cause of poverty, after drink, speculation in lodgers

Property more valuable \* Property more profitable as a work class than middle class district -  
no unpaid visitors - people too much of one class

Visits + the class of visitors The poor resent visits from those of their own class

Church going more well dressed Nuth of congregation from ~~middle~~ class - many poor but all well dressed

Stylish dressy cheek // Clothing so cheap even the poorest can dress stylishly if caught  
Many of the young women are milliners themselves

Parochial boundaries little regarded \* Parochial boundaries little regarded - any one who works steadily in any line can get a congregation -

Congregation can be got + a man who goes in for extremes can fill his church  
London person a Congregational minister with large membership in district

Character of those who do attend # of those who do not attend at all for the large proportion  
as decent & respectable as those who do - not so in the county

Fashion with men not to go with men especially the fashion is not to go to church

When a boy leaves S-Sch " when a boy leaves Sunday school he says 'I am a man

To go is to be a marked man " now - men don't go to church - so I shan't go

Aim social & spiritual " many men who would like to go are deterred by fact that  
from to keep the latter " he who does so is a marked man -

His predecessor made dancing a feature - no one admitted  
who had not been confirmed & attended communion

Day schools get rather a lower status than the Board School

Many of the children are dissenters - no apparently exists

Some irreligious parents seem to desire religious education

Parish nurse very popular - busy in winter - slack summer

Relief from his own pocket in close cooperation with C.O.S

no alternative between this & going nothing  
Dissenters have collapsed the shopkeepers -

Irreligious parents desire religious education

St John Thornley  
Hadden Chofe  
(13) 2 (XVI. 83)

Compared to Thornley, people less here than in Hadden  
may be due to the Hadden charities

Compared to Thornley  
less here - less independent  
? due to Hadden charities

Congregation entirely middle class & lay, with parochial  
\* Church has great tradition & has always drawn from this area  
# women preponderant - Poor do not come at all

Church draws from wide area  
women preponderant  
Mission Church fails for poorest  
Successful Open air service

Mission church meant for the poorest but does not get there  
Open air service held all summer draws large numbers  
Many men anxious to listen will not go into church

difficultly lack of simplicity  
& democratic spirit

Beyond fashion habit the great difficulty is lack of simplicity  
in service  
\* & the fact that the laity have no voice - management

Strength of Dissent  
Remedy Dis establishment

Dissent strange on these points - Remedy Dis establishment  
Impossible to introduce ritual into the services of the church  
But you can teach what you like - even most Popish doctrine

Controlled as to ritual  
you can still teach what you like

Confession is uncommon - those who Confess are solely young  
men & women but "will be old some day"

only the young Confess  
but will be old some day

Club officers & Communicants  
members any kind of Protestant

Important institute for young men - 130 members -  
Officers & Committee must be Church-Communicants -  
members may be any kind of Protestant -

Object  
("helping the priest etc")

Object to obtain religious influence - I go about &  
play games & when I see them provide a confidence  
I go for them - difficult to get at - needs pluck - see

gratitude of those who hold of

\* Awfully grateful when once you have got hold of them  
large sum in relief by 4 tickets through visitation

prevailing note indifference

# As to religion prevailing note indifference - but a large number  
to come only in earnest - The earnest getting more so &

those in earnest increasing so

\* the number also - One hopes that with increased  
activity the earnest will increase in number

All churches get good congregations  
here need no urging

All churches get good congregations, in Hadden more  
# don't need urging to go to church

bad influence of S.A.

Religious influence of S.A. bad - don't tend to overcome  
conversion than point - I imagine does not last - more  
converts country people

W Thornley is curate in charge & a typical  
priest

S<sup>c</sup> John Paul William Congregation drawn from within 15 minute walk  
 Hackney Congregation of all classes - mixed like the population  
 (XXII. 111) very few rich, nor many quite poor - except as the mission  
 Congreg of all classes draws from near + Growing poorer - but remaining of same class - taking longer  
 growing poorer - remaining same class " Numbers maintained - services increased - building plan for  
 whole pop. touched by service " Morning Lane mission a congregational attempt to reach the poor  
 Individuals change - all \* Thus every thing depends on sustained attraction of preaching  
 depends on attractive preaching + Many come to all three services (2 on Sunday + 1 Thursday)  
 Services + sermons demanded nothing secular " Services + sermons are what the people want - nothing secular  
 Mission work mainly among children " What mission mainly among children - School + services  
 Social activities + Socially + informally going on - good works + improvement  
 Literary Society uses the church for lectures + debates  
 Gospel of work preached + A gospel of work preached - raised, dignified + associated  
 Regular visits of poor districts " Poor districts mapped out + regularly visited  
 Religious effort touches by " Not a street or house in London which is not reached  
 Street + house in London " One way or other by religious effort - constantly overlapping  
 No theology taught " Who does not bother with theology at all - Preacher  
 Christ on lips + honest work " Simple, Christ on lips + a life of honest work  
 Admirable persistence in work + The way young men take up + stick to what they undertake  
 among young men " Remarkable + uncommon

Goode Member here 4 years - Congregation working class + a few  
 of middle class  
 Under Methuen by Small affair - 175 members on church roll.  
 The church (XXII. 99) + P.S. of to attract the working men - Prospects very cheering

Porter Association 110 members 115 associates - Total 225.  
 Y.M.C.A. Artisans, clerks + shop assistants - Service 1 hour P.S.A.  
 (XXII. 106) Evangelistic meeting 8.30 p.m. - Open air Thursday + Saturday evening  
 not much educational - but extensive social work for 6 months  
 Holiday tours organized + outsiders admitted

S. Lakes - Hartley  
132 Chgo  
(XV. 161)

Drink chief cause of poverty.  
outdoor factory services

visiting -  
men more thorough - if got

most are inaffection - some hate  
dissent strong but long and  
S/A do a lot of work  
Church ought to disestablish

Fletcher Williams  
Unitarian  
XXII 65

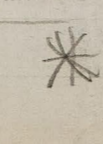
Congreg draws as middle class  
leaves - He draws for distance  
Religion pleases the women

obstacle with men the un-  
democratic character of god  
& services of church  
will attend P.S.A  
Unitarianism grows as a principle

many no can preach it usual  
with orthodox those when needed  
Improved relations

whole parish how flagpoles very poor -  
In poor streets majority live in 1 room - always moving  
Jenny drinks - chief cause of their poverty -  
Congreg made to take working class - Cong often in families  
outdoor services after every service on Sunday -  
"Cottage readings" - held in rooms in the slums  
visiting should be with spiritual motive but needs tact  
+ Almost impossible to see the men - If a man opens the door  
he says "Ah you from the Church - you want to see the  
messes" - & clears out - But if you get the men at all  
+ they are much more thorough & satisfactory than the women  
+ much less inclined to hypocrisy -  
Give mostly by tickets - don't often send cases to C.O.S. they  
want you to cooperate -  
Most are inaffection but a few may hate the Church  
Dissent very strong but long (ground) - Salvation army have  
a place to do a lot of work -  
Church ought to disestablishment - regrets tendency  
of people to live up themselves searching for the truth

Congregation draws for wide area - very shabby, if at all from  
Sumner for that -  
Makes more numerous - as in all Unitarian churches  
Chantry to Healy greatly overdone & badly administered  
Neither Church nor non con. get rid of the poor & congregation  
drawn as the middle class leaves the district  
Most of the Church, high or go in for ritual to please the women  
Result 90% women 10% men with feminine minds  
Obstacle with women the undemocratic and rigid  
character of government & services both Church & chapel  
will attend P.S.A - Unitarianism is not growing as a  
denomination but as a principle it is - The Preaching from  
many non con pulpits is almost pure Unitarianism  
Differentiate "denies" from "duty" of Christ - give dose of  
orthodoxy when requisite - Relations between Church & service  
must more cordial than former -



S. Lukes. Riley # Constant open air meetings - fill their small hall  
S.A. likes Homerton as here you can get the right class of people  
(XVII.121) + get crowds - better class more in affluence - people  
like the people here here respect the S.A. - work is growing - need a larger building

Holland Home Noth working men - a small mission started 15 years  
Munich Gospel Mission entering independent - free means of the gospel  
(XXII.10) The members an earnest band of 30 or 40 working men  
work confined to small group of poor streets round  
Two services on Sunday in door + 1 out - because, members only  
hardly all members attend the Sunday services + a fair  
number of outsiders - May + June + October  
In 1895 35 conversions 1896 16 conversions - + those  
we get we stick to - those who move constantly write  
Sunday school 135 - Band of Hope 120 -

The poor men to be touched by their # The poor will never be touched except by their own class  
own class # men who naturally speak language they can understand  
Churches + Chapels above their heads - too much  
intellect - Those who go to church they get

difficulty of working class # One chief obstacle the chaff which assails a religious  
apply also to temperance # man in the workshop - this applies equally to temperance  
as a rule not meant intended, but must felt -  
Can be lived over -

Can be lived over -  
Drink root of all great poverty -  
In poorer streets 20 to 25% of the men habitual  
drunkards who what ever they can give out by or of to  
35% give the wife 15% to 18% out of 25% + spend <sup>wife</sup>  
rest on drink - these men would call themselves respectable  
drinkers - yet they occasionally go on the booze on Saturday  
+ come home penniless -  
If Police did their duty half the P.H. could be closed  
Spoke bitterly of working men Club.

S. Lukes  
Dunn  
R.C.  
XII 123

drink & inefficiency, the roots of poverty  
recovered

Been here 11 years - about 1000 R.C. of all ages  
A very hard working class - not very drunk - but  
drunk & inefficient - mainly the former - the roots of poverty  
Out relief & pauperism - but so near all Charity  
Houses in hands of small owners - Agents collect rents  
"Get them in better way" - I was buying up property

S. Annabers Place  
H. M. M. XV 3  
(13) 3

men more sober - women not  
bad influence of W.M. clubs

Has been here 21 years - poor working class - quiet &  
well behaved - no crime - a good man for cleanliness  
# in Bethel Green St. - little or no improvement in 20 years  
In ordinary number of P.H. all seem to thrive  
Men on the whole more sober - women not -  
no shame felt by respectable women in going into P.H.  
\* Had influence of working men clubs of which many  
men take their women folk to the dances at their places

Always more for drink & drink  
+ sweet shops  
but on the whole less than more  
Small shop keepers among the poorer

# In spite of poverty always funds for drink & trips  
" on the whole less than more though the latter were  
Among the poorest are the small shop keepers

Temperance - broadly to the  
converted

Senior Temperance Soc. practical in abeyance  
Preach always to the converted

S. Sch. teacher not good for much  
visiting welcomed

Senior Schol. still - teacher from neighborhood - as then  
best - teaching not worth much - when prof. don't understand  
visiting not systematic - visits everywhere welcomed

S.A. started with flourish  
now closed

Salv. Army very little effect - started a hall with a  
flourish - now closed - In the main absolute indifference

in main absolute indifference to  
religion as such  
Sunday, Sunday, & holidays  
no more better feeling

# to religion as such - Sunday, Sunday, a holiday  
little or no hostility - much better feeling than used to be

Personnel of vestry worse

W.D. thinks personnel of vestry deteriorating

Police not encouraged to  
do duty

Police do their duty as well as they are allowed to  
Magistrates do not encourage them to look really for crime

decrease in marriages

Still there has been a great decrease of marriages  
Last marriage as common as ever - immoral intercourse or increase  
no stigma attached to it

Sanitary aid Committee  
no longer received

# People save a good deal - £414 being back £177 Club, Club  
£91 Mother's meeting -  
\* Sanitary aid Committee did excellent work no longer received  
authorities allow to be continued



S. Nambas Anderson

S. Pauls district: Choje

(13)3 (XVI.109)

Large, working class - the poorest shifting - no general down grade

Rather improving than otherwise.

by small congregations - waste night out <sup>day</sup> services were not successful

Conventions rather improving

# People not responsive - it is rather depressing. Very depressing

Lack of response depressing

" sometimes " - indifference to church not a sign of unbelief

People don't believe

# People believe in the Christian faith - or at least are not prepared not to believe - + they live hard lives

Only a small working mans club (25 members) short of power

The grocers Co (his patrons), are liberal - but exclude his beggars successfully elsewhere -

no other place of worship

All send children to S. School - children like to come

No other place of worship - which makes the small response seem

Reeve

# A church grown out of a Sunday school -

Waugham Hall

The people touched by the social + religious efforts are

(XXII.20)

not the poorest - not particularly working class - mostly lower middle class - taking to religion like ducks to water (CS)

These touched not the poorest - most middle class - taking to religion like ducks to water (CS)

Miss Johnson

Old family house turned into a club by <sup>immigrants</sup> members of family

Girls Club

Hence a pronounced apostate - but has secured religious cooperation

(XVIII.53)

Factory girls but above them in appearance

Dancing the chief amusement - goes on every night

Success due to elimination of religion element

Attributed success to elimination of religion element

Clergy suffer from suspicion of religious aims - hamper social work - people resent having religion thrust upon them

never visits any of her girls unless asked to

All Souls Hawkins

Been here 16 1/2 years - since parish was formed

Christon Choje

Poor but not much actual destitution - but very poor

(13)3 (XV 217)

Police five district a worse name than it deserves but

district not so bad as it sounds

# It is frequented by ticket of leave men - + good birds

but seems bad enough

# low rents attract - intensely dull - the end of all things

and a good thing

# no shops - no traffic - no amusements within a mile

Small Congregation - all poor

# Congregation small - but all are poor - not more than 257

# more women than men - attend irregularly - double the number come occasionally - 400 communicants - 300 at last

All Souls Hawken # Clubs open & unsectarian - Pelicia (Holbe never mentioned)  
Clifton Chaple # There is a time for everything - mistake to force religion  
Cont. # don't people threaten at most appropriate times

Blackguards welcome to club # The biggest blackguards the better pleased to see them  
# Club has a humanizing influence - I take a hand  
# at Whist or Billiards with the men  
# says Sunday school on class system - teaches parishioners  
# fairly, only fair but take a great interest in the work  
# Bible classes for men women & children - those for men very successful  
# history & geography - Pelicia not very strict at visitors' discretion  
# well attended

Visitors must have relief to administer "You must give your wisdom relief to administer"  
S.A. - no notice taken of them # S.A. has frequent meetings but no notice is taken of them

only very small minority of people come under religious influence # Only very small minority of the people come under any  
# religious influence at all - the bulk utterly indifferent  
# women drink more than men - the women drink more than the men  
# Temperance work not effective - no use without tactfulness  
# to direct

address influence of W.M. clubs # work of men's clubs encourage drink & gambling - hence religion  
# medical officer efficient - Landlords very bad need constant  
# measure

marriages very early # marriage very early little or no improvement  
# Great deal of living together before marriage - those who  
# come to be married frequently living in same house -

Proximity relations - long together - # Health poor but climate temperate - always feel back  
# Common  
# Condition of sea greatly improved

Improvement of climate # not particularly active work # no illusions  
# Fairly decent people live a good deal to drink & gamble

no illusions # Men have a poor time - women lead hard & slavish lives

Writton Clifton circuit - At Clifton more really poor  
Wesleyan At Clifton Park (Mission) poor class is touched -

XXII.102 # not slum poor "all fetcher their families dinner to take home"  
# worked by local preachers & voluntary workers -

Thousands road so narrow # Thousands road chapel never for any where  
# Great deal of Sunday traffic along high Road - thousands passing

Great Sunday traffic # If any body wants charitable relief they get it

All Souls Moxham  
Chapton Baptist  
(XVII 109)

Started about 20 years ago - not successful - 8 or 9 years ago was nearly closing when Mr M gave up his situation in the city to take up the pastorate on mission lines. The Tabernacle they now occupy was built by the Congregationalists who also failed to get the church built. Still a debt of £1800.

Successive failures

Reach some of all sections - few congregations - Small PSA open for women as well as men - Open air bands Prospects good - work will go on growing - but needs a great deal of courage & perseverance - Raising funds the difficulty - Chief obstacle indifference of the neighborhood & half heartedness of Christian people. Believe (with Spurgeon) that people will come to hear the Gospel preached & do not need other attractions. His church well filled compared to some where social agencies are prominent.

Indifference that has hindered her

will come to hear the Gospel

Blunt  
R. Officer  
(XVIII. 63)

Has been relieving officer for 4 years in this district.

Himself a converted man - formerly a professional Cricketer & great drinker. Chapton Park an awful place - people hopeless - drop out in worst streets - wages poor

Does not believe the cause of poverty \*  
Savings sufficient

Does not believe the cause of poverty - wages poor. Been respectable people & can no more -

Drinks among women increasing \*  
Especially young women

Drink among women - undoubtedly increasing - especially young women - come to pubs.

Influence of the Church nil \*  
Shows of religion for what can be got

Influence of the Church nil - of Wesleyan farical. Shows of religion made simply for what can be got.

Landlords - lenient but will spend no money

Houses very built on low ground - Landlords will do nothing unless compelled but are lenient as to rent.

Squaring of police by publicans

Universal custom of publicans to square the Police - 100 inspectors Superintendent & others & champagne & etc. There are a few religious men in the force who cannot be bribed but they are as nothing to the whole number & etc.

Clubs worse than public houses

Clubs worse than public houses - haven't got all that is bad & etc. no things except Sunday money which is all spent extravagantly & relief often applied for with a week. Guardians give a great deal of relief - but completely still there is no position.

All Saints Fletcher Population of clerks, artisans & labourers - going down rapidly  
Clayton Clough Inhabitants pushed out of their homes

(15) (XV. 91) \* Close connection between success in this world & the next  
Those of whom Church sees most frequently move to better districts  
At same time there is shifting among the unsuccessful

no increase in dirt - but cannot be much worse  
Service ritualistic - all tastes catered for in the neighbourhood  
Congregation not representative of poorer streets but includes poor people  
# No religious test for social institutions -

Of mens club few go to church  
failure of boys club - once  
Incessant dances & entertainments  
much trouble but worth for  
to replace music halls  
# Of the mens club very few go to church  
Small club for ladies a dead failure - all confirmed & all thoroughly vicar lot  
# In winter dance & entertainments incessant  
# Much trouble but on the whole worth for good  
# Respectable poor hate music halls & need a substitute  
# Duty of the Church to supply decent amusements  
# To those who are attached the Church is the chief

Church the chief interest in lives of those attached  
# Interest in their lives - never happy unless doing some thing in connection with it -  
# Greatest function the Dept has annual pantomime  
Make of 30 a year profit out of entertainments

strings of the net  
# Social agencies are "strings of the net"  
Sunday school teachers not efficient - but only those who least require it will come to classes.

visiting supposed to be from house to house but not  
Aim spiritual but actually, natural, social & charitable  
# waits to be asked for spiritual advice - great object to relieve people  
nursing arrangements bad - Miss Woma does a little  
Relief is given through district visitor at their discretion  
Chiefs to the sick - each visitor has 7/6 a month - five each  
Mr F is chairman of C.O.S. I find it of great use  
more or less in touch with boys and girls

# Impression made by the Church (due to his predecessors Mr Reton) very great - Church a big concern -  
Annual S. School excursion a big affair -  
opposed to sensational evangelistic work - See page 108/9  
Crisis club in Victoria park all names after same & apparatus  
Salvation Army work - see page 111

All Saints Harner  
Clapton Congreg  
(XVII. 98)  
old remain - young go

The 'Rome' Church + 2 missions <sup>See page 26  
Neville</sup> seating in all  
and a third mission run by Miss Nutt separate 2050 }  
Population greatly changed in 20 years. Social decline  
Old remain - young go (of better class)  
Noted as a family church - Nurt middle class  
Missions touch the poor -  
Sunday morning congregation in church 1000 - Evng 800  
Christa Endowment Society failed. replaced by Nurt class  
Sunday schools 1815 or books 1365. Also attendance  
Literary Society, Philharmonic Soc + Cricket football etc  
Have no nurses - Salvation Army nurses very useful  
not much given -  
Ragged School in John St. Hornerton is worked by  
members of the congregation - independently -  
Salvation Army doing a good work. suit those who  
rive from mission to mission -  
Drink supplied to drunk people - Police discouraged  
more early marriages in the north than here. <sup>by magistrates</sup>  
Does not know a case under 20 -  
Dachward flow to food houses when rent falls  
Harner recognizes necessity of changes to meet <sup>1872</sup> change

Jackson  
Prim Meth  
(XVII. 60)  
huge mission business based  
chief on relief

Rapid growth of a huge mission business - based largely  
on relief - free meals etc - Plenty of money obtained  
outlets of ministers this colleague (1) to raise the funds  
(2) conduct the services - (3) responsible for organization  
The lay missionaries + nurses minister to the wants  
of the destitute etc - Visit systematically  
Usual religious services etc - not very well attended  
Open air meetings etc - Coal club bonus 2<sup>d</sup> or 10<sup>d</sup>  
Poor people legal bureau - Sea side Home of rest - 60 <sup>accommodate</sup>  
Medical mission - Mutual help (loan club)  
Summary of wholesale giving see page 69/70  
Social agencies. dwarf religious part of work -  
Social agencies

religious services not well  
attended

All Saints Iakh  
Clapton S.A.  
XVII. 115

In charge of Congress Hall -  
Open air meetings 22 Companies - held in all parts of district  
On Sunday morning 11 meetings - Afternoon 10. Even 2  
Whole body combine in the evening - Also Monday  
Wednesday, Thursday (Sabbath) nights  
Indoor meetings 7. am. Race Hill - 11. Holman. 3. Fra (Tan)  
6.45 Salvation (2000/3000) (1000/1500) (400/900)

Active S. A. work

Box work nights at 8 pm - Monday (Special) 800/1000 people  
Other evening 100 or 200 - Juvenile meetings, almost no  
Corps numbers 630 soldiers not increasing  
Those who go in search of work -  
Work splendidly with the police - work into our hands  
Gospel brass band 33 performers - Sell 90 doz of quarens

don't know who come

# Congregation consists of all classes - drawn largely  
from neighborhood - never know who is there  
Expenses heavy - need £20 a week - Collections taken  
at all meetings but only proceed on Sunday - Special  
meetings are organized to talk the friends  
Have difficulties but always get what is wanted  
It depends on the soldiers

St James, Gardons, Mon.  
Clapton Clapton  
(13) 4 (XVI 41)

Succeeded a man who died nothing for 7 years &  
for last 3 was insane & never seen by any one  
Lower middle class people -

Lower mid. class people

Fairly strong parochial feeling - Children brighter than }  
in the parishes }  
Club for working men at Sea House Gates, unsatisfactory  
few of the men ever come to church

Unsettled club the men don't come to church

Day of mother meeting a little over

Two mother meetings - fairly successful - but then day is a little over

Social agencies not a success

# Consider it duty of clergy to curtail & brighten existence  
Not social agencies not an end in themselves  
S. Schools on class system not satisfactory. Doubtless  
tried but was not successful - teachers all attend weekly  
class & are on the whole efficient - Great difficulty is that

Children get ahead of their teachers \*

with growth of education the children are often almost too  
far advanced for their teachers

St James Gardner Brown  
Chaplin

People glad to meet the pastor

discouraged as to temperance

In middle class streets only members of congregation are visited - Dissenters very touchy on proslavery  
Clergy visit a good deal - Surprised how plain people seem to be to meet the pastor  
No nurse - subscribe largely to hospital & give letters  
A mission woman who can do nursing almost necessary  
Mr Brown is a teetotaler & keen on temperance work but discouraged at the small success - large band of hope - no Senior Society.

Backbone solid middle class

S/A intolerable

Church depends on choice of minister

danger of letting the middle class slip by attending too much to workmen

more needed to evangelize the poor

# Comparatively local church - raised £2200 1896  
Baptist - Two mission stations - Backbone solid middle class  
(XVII. 87) - Large chapel - library - library Soc. - slightly falling off  
Philharmonic - 200 members - give concerts  
Clothing Society - Natural aid Soc - Convalescent Home  
\* Salvation Army makes Sunday morning almost intolerable  
Prosperity church dependent on choice of minister (Mr Medley has just left) - Gradual lowering of social condition a danger -  
# Baptists have given too much attention to teaching the workmen - letting middle class slip & with them the means of evangelizing the poor.

Johnston  
Presbyterian  
(XXII. 87)

becoming a tenement district

more arid than Arminianism

People live up to their names

difficulties of church financial well received

Becoming a tenement district - none have houses to show -  
Few Scotch - Congregation comes from tenements  
Social meetings Thursday to read non church papers  
A good deal of drinking not much Arminianism - Sunday  
People live up to all they get - no allowance for non-people  
Many have meat for Sunday meal - wine at home  
Prosperity good - differently not the audience but financial  
Poor receive them well - Congregation growing

Christchurch Sunday  
Clayton Chapel  
(34) (XV 141)

Been here 3 years - parish neglected previously  
working class tending to displace the middle class  
Chief want of the parish more paid workers - under man

working class replacing middle class  
Small congreg of mid class  
no working men

Small congregations - majority women of middle class  
Fair number of young men - no working men  
Regular church goers always are communicants

London Church goes  
Compared to country

not so in the country where people go because respectable  
In London those who come all keen churchmen  
All the usual agencies - Concerts dances &

Disparaging system works well

# Only of the clergy to encourage healthy amusements  
Sunday School - under 10 classes over 10 Disparaging  
Teachers attend classes + told what to teach  
Under old system impossible to know whether the

children learnt anything at all - Disparaging system  
works well. Children produce admirable essays  
Give £70 a year by tickets - almost nothing in the  
island  
Relief given by visitors - cases discussed at weekly meeting  
Schedules overlapping + regrets lack of coordination  
All classes touched to some extent - men of labouring  
class the least - Among middle classes some hostility  
to religion - occasional anonymous letters of abuse  
Poor really more susceptible - less likely to be hostile  
Salvation Army do good work -  
Efforts at encouraging things not successful - much  
may wastes  
Takes hopeful view of future of the church -  
Getting greater influence - work among the children  
the most hopeful + important - among them there  
has been a great improvement -  
Great aim to bring the people to church to worship  
especially for the great central act of Christian worship

men of labouring class touched  
least  
Some hostility among middle  
class - some abusive letters  
Poor more susceptible  
Saw any do good work

work among children the  
most important

Aim to bring the people to  
church

St Mary's Mission a small one - distinct not from  
St Scholastica  
(XII.193)

Interview came to naught



All Saints  
Clapton  
Cont  
Neville  
Glyn D.  
Congr  
Missin  
XX 11.76

See Hames  
page 22

Shony loafers those  
who cry at not much need  
Spiritual prospects better  
than financial

Mission Church should  
be made independent

A poor many out of work in winter - loafers take  
advantage to sponge - a safe rule those who cry out  
are not so much hurt - give little + get better class  
of people  
Glad to get rid of spongers - they drive better law  
"They go to all sales of Clapton Park - This is a fact"  
Not much poverty in lower Clapton - would be well off  
but for the drink - a great deal of work done by women  
Spiritual prospects excellent - Financial not so good  
Too much done by the Church - no appeal to the people  
\* Done give because they think no occasion  
Mission should be made Mission Church - guaranteed  
a certain sum + left the responsibility

S. Namaban - Hamilton  
Homerton - Rams Chapel  
Chgo Co.  
(133) XX. 31

Poorly stationary - individuals  
move

Chgo. no real hold

The poor receive all +  
get something for each

may be called Chapeau or Vicar -  
Chapel is a centre of evangelical ministrations - has no parish  
but has been granted the district round the Chapel by Mr. Blatch  
Population about 1000 - Congreg drawn from wide area  
many well to do - from evangelical meeting  
Population all poor - stationary as to degree - but moving as to numbers  
300 families changed in 6 years -  
no paid staff except Hamilton - Congreg strong & new  
Main black poor service - non-choral - except hymns old style  
Church of England no real hold or affection of masses  
Signs of indignation against Confession  
Objects - I Evangelistic (but not as centre of propaganda)  
II Rallying point for Protestant Churchmen  
Principles - Anti sacerdotal - Inspiration of Noble  
Steady increase in numbers + subscriptions  
Few social agencies - only Mothers Meeting, N. of the St  
Day School infanting -  $\frac{200}{150}$   
As regards visiting - the poor receive any one - don't say "we are  
better" or "what not" - get a little for each one  
As to running the house manage amongst themselves  
A great deal given - Sal. any loving directive influence  
much irregular collaboration - within the least particular  
\* distinct reverence on Nat holidays - all so -  
indifference the Chapeau clerics

Joyce. Parish in in District 13 - but Mr Joyce takes "The Island" in 14

Curate of Christ Church People poor or very poor - 20 to 25 usual lamps

Clapton Some wives go to work - majority do not work

(XXIII. 15) The regularity of the worst houses has caused some of rougher to be

District has improved but still has a bad name

Main characteristics - thiftless men & helpless men -

not a good workman in the class - if needed

Some policemen induced to live here - found guilty with the

guilty now largely stopped - Homes well kept - little decorating

Children seen better & attractive - but helpless & fond of loafing

Work chiefly social - don't want come to church -

Keen willed attractive children but helpless & inclined to loaf work among adults chiefly social #

don't want come to church allege want of clothes

Allege want of clothes but if these are provided and come

Consequent partly on past neglect - ignorant & untaught -

Prayer book language above them

Prayer book language above them. Reading mission books needed

Those susceptible country men

Those susceptible to religious influence need always country

Chief hope in the children

Chief hope is in the children (!)

Organization the one system see details

Sunday School on Compulsory system - the one system

Method opposed to chaos - Children best supervised must take in

\*Teaching by the priest - much more doctrinal - See page 21/3

Influence of Baptist mission

Influence of Baptist mission greater than that of church

Give much away

Have been long there & give much away -

Flourishing S. Sch. most churches for instruction

Have also a flourishing Sunday School - most children go

People maintain class and give

The people now understand that the clergy don't live locally

When first they came "were beset on every side"

Dreaming for bread at Harvest festival

Horrid scene at first Harvest festival - women screaming for the bread

Hull and Pendleham Road School - The school is in the notorious poor patch "The Island"

A good deal of poverty - chiefly result of drink & improvidence

(XXIII. 1) Many earn very large wages - a few decent poor - not many

Cheap rents attract - but new comers usually more

Children well behaved

Still an enormous improvement - children well behaved

District distinctly better than Hocking work

Deluged with visitors

Deluged with visitors from churches & chapels

Very large number of the women work in laundries

Many attend Church & Chapel for loans & fishes Wesleyans do best

Many go to Church or Chapel - chiefly for loans & fishes Wesleyans at Pendleham Mission do best

St John (NS Mark) (High) Church of St. West Hackney Church XXVI. 17 Church always crammed or shakelwood rd Mission in Arcola St. has worked improvement in its neighbourhood Another mission to the north - Clevedon St

\* Church always crammed mixed class repetition - rich from Stamford Hill - middle class mostly mixed middle class congregations Lozgers becoming more common

Inaffection to religious doctrine # No one cares much about religion as doctrine

Clerks for social side # Clerks attracted because of social side # the poor for what they can get Poor for the man - or the wife # Clerks find in the church a centre - with the poor it is the more <sup>best of the</sup>

Camp followers of the army # These below are the camp followers of the church army

Women + men # Women better church goers than men - Every service best attended

Clothes + church going Church going hardly a matter of clothes now - fashionable thing so class Out of 13000 pop. 2500 touched - There are dissenters as well <sup>though rarely seen</sup> Every street mapped out + visited

Poor open the door to gifts Visits the rich himself - the poor admit those who bring something

class of visitors Visitors are wives of clerks + shopkeepers - no ladies or gentlemen <sup>in the parish</sup>

great amount given Relief by tickets - you can have no idea how much is given <sup>any way or other</sup>

Explain how man broke Admitted expenditure always exceeds admitted income

Dand of those no cure frank Drink an evil but Band of those not the way to cure it

Drink as mental stimulant \* Drink that is not drunkenness the only mental stimulant of the poor

The way into a new world You or I take a book + get into a new world

The cure The cure is to supply by degrees a different sort of stimulant

Bicycling as a preventive With clerks the greatest preventive the bicycle

\* Every one bicycle - how they afford it I don't know

Sweating makes drink ham \* If you sweat you may drink without ham

Bicycling + marriage \* Bicycle responsible for marriage by inducing healthy relations

Social side useful but overdone Social side of church work has its uses - but there is too much of it

magnificent heathens There are magnificent heathens - but the ordinary man needs religion

Religion brightens life Even for the very poor Religion makes dirt seem less dirty

Confession + women Encourage confession - but will have little to do with women

Sacerdotalism Tommy rot Tommy rot to talk about sacerdotalism

Heathens + London \* London should be treated as heathens + worked as a mission <sup>from one centre</sup>

+ It is a heathen land - not a quiet case to come to church if they did this would be no room although the churches are seldom full

West Hackney, Fleming's (William) At this church 12 years - Congreg. entirely low middle class  
Congreg. \* Majority struggle to keep up a position they cannot afford.

(XXV. 3) In all sub-wards of London this class swarms - Pinches bathhouse

\* Pinches & pathetic class of things by low middle class \* Popular "Lantern Service" once a month

All the Conventional Christian Services & efforts.

\* Work left to others - appear when needed

More prominent part in "Christian Social Reform League"

Impossibility of fixed rules in giving - (See page 9)

\* Poverty due to want of self respect. (See also page 5)

Mission work at Hackney - Mission work at Hackney -

Proportion of working class who go to church \* Not 5% of working class go to church - but not much (See page 9)

Unaffected by dogmatic discussion Totally untouched by dogmatic discussion (See page 9) Forward

Cordial & complete cooperation between free & evangelical churches.

Cooperation between freedom & authority impossible

Good public administration \* Pious of public bodies in Hackney - Administration atmosphere Clean

Police gently treated \* Gentle judgment on the police - (See page 14)

drunk prostitution } discussed \* Effect of drink (page 15) - Prostitution (page 16)

thrift } \* Thrift (page 16)

Improvement athletics Improvement - the old drunken, sordid, sodden life disappears

Saving for hat or bicycle Growing love of athletics - saving for a hat or bicycle is thrift.

\* For Dr. F.W.'s character see page 15 & 16

Elleston a district carved out of West Hackney - poorest part by merchant seamen

St. Ann's mission Artisans, policemen, portmen & casual labourers -

(13) 5 XXVI. 87 || Fearfully crowded in Millen Avenue - a modern slum

A modern slum Average earnings 23/- - destitution consequence of drink

Drunk & destitution People shift continually for reasons of rent - Cadging lot

Flittings Relief is hoisted upon them - No Elleston Brethren of poor too many

Power of relief upon them General condition enormously improved in recent years due to market work

General condition improved District visited by middle class ladies not satisfactory

Unsat in factory district visit "Too much wrapped up in Provident Collections - don't understand has to proselytize"

but why? Mission Hall & Church combined hope to build a church

Congreg. all communicants Small congregation practically all communicants

Lantern service Out door lantern service a success

Men club & Church clearance # men club - few come to church - cleavage between church & club

Old chor boys quiet Old chor boys give no church going -

West Hexton, Ellerton

Senior Temperance no good

Danas of Hope nauseating

Promoting spirit

Children need more doctrine but don't like it

large giving - too much

necessity of the Church to the people

pressy early marriages

Filthy talk of children

young man with monthly treat

Senior Temperance Soc. doing no good - no aggressive work

Danas of Hope with the question in a nauseating way.

M<sup>r</sup> E looks upon Social Clubs as proscribing agencies

very keen a companion system. Children short of doctrine

\* Children don't like it so much - more ground.

Large giving by the Danish Church + Mission given also.

Altogether too much - no cooperation + much competition

Thank for come to church "we are a necessity to them"

Church for the strongest influence -

many early marriages for reasons - much immorality - filthy talk of children -

M<sup>r</sup> Ellerton is a young man with formerly been

harvest + energetic - The above are a young man ideas

Beane  
in connection with 2000 children  
Needlesham mission  
(XXV 29)

A set of capable people who take anything they can get

A moderately successful mission

with all the usual methods of action

Hoon  
Dean S Mission  
Shackleton  
(XXV 81)

Mission active from 1848. Hoon from 1854

Best part of the work among the children - parents come when

anything special is on - or to be got

work mostly among children

Parents come for anything special

Hopden Lane

Children qualifying for law treat

Rather hopeless tone "bound to crush the life out of me"

Children try to qualify for law treat by attending two schools

His life work - Affections centered in the children -

A bright lovable person - with the elders probably too young

S Mark  
Sanders  
maxwell  
Salston  
Choyce  
(13)5  
(XXIX 5)

Follows a man who was tired of the Danish system the Danish was tired

Improvement natural but remarkable - Socy comp 1800

Pop. 18/19,000 - Poor but not very poor - except west of Kipland Rd

Two families per house

Other houses nearly all now have two families.

general decline - advent of Jews

Very new tenant sublets - General decline rapid - 3000 Jews

any number of set children

Mission House - used as usual - another projected

like the kids to go to S school

Sunday school children - Guadonpas - you can always get them if you visit

don't go to church myself

I don't go to church myself but I like the kids to go to school

visiting systematised in order to get to know the people

Records kept + classes according to religion or non religion

S. Mark  
Galston

Write of other bodies

Record Jubilee Service - non con combining with Chry's

Baptists thorny - Congregationalists on their last legs -

S.A. blows its trumpet but has no following

8 non con families has joined the church since the Jubilee!

Responsive classes - Clergy  
poor

The most responsive class the Clergy & the poor - not the wealthy

The increase of number has been among the very poor

Parish relief committee - Cooperates with C.O.S.

Out door relief recklessly given - a great nuisance & me long  
for work shop

Green license a curse -

End of Hackney down

Hackney down an abuse of iniquity

no comparison with what is  
possible

Comparison with Whitechapel impossible - is different

Present experience hopeful - If there is in a place a vigorous

informs effort checks down  
tendency

influence for good - Church or dissent - it checks the downward  
tendency

De Pla  
Congreg  
(XXVIII. 77)

Decline interview - His work is "on its last legs" see above

The Municipal activity is a P.S.A. has had 1000 men

There are the usual adjuncts of social agencies -

Johns  
Baptist  
(XXV 34)

Congregation largely of young people - Still spoken of as Newton's  
Chapel

Drawn from radius of half a mile - not immediate round church

People not church going - though respectful & come occasionally

Congreg of young people

Mixed population - few come - no abject poor

People not church going  
come occasionally

Poverty the result of vice or attendance

no mission at present - but arranging to take one over

Full congregations

Many services 1000 some services full - Campstons - aisle  
Sometimes

Extra services

Open air & longy house services

Church receives its own poor from common fund & the  
collection for special cases from a circle of acquaintances

Christmas dinner provided each of whom pays 20 much

Christmas dinner provided

Condition of Hackney down

Hackney down scene of unblushing prostitution - better than 2  
years ago

Secret success the  
general hand shake

Good congregation - kind of success the general feeling - nobody  
goes with out being spoken to - Handicapped by inadequate

Building in adequate

buildings -

Smare Johna Kingsland Chapel -  
 Dalston Primbeth The men are largely, poorer Common <sup>to</sup> - not many mechanics  
 (XXIV. 47) Place about the full - 124 members  
 Usual organizations =

Pleasance Pig headed custom - rough customers - casual laborers  
 called Mission hall Greatest cause of poverty about - wages do not work  
 (XXVIII 55) Those who attend the services are artisans  
 do not attract class people Our halls do not attract the class they are meant for  
 No one gets the best poor who are "Gospel hardened" none get the best poor who are "Gospel hardened"  
 S.A. made religion too cheap Sects of religion which Sals Army has made too cheap  
 Next course would be to shut up Churches & chapels for a year  
 & may bother missionaries after  
 Moody the only success Moody the only successful working man evangelist -  
 Converted thousands of whom many have turned from  
 Proportion of work class || of the work class 5% at most to any where  
 I heard all to mission - not churches or chapels  
 Churches & Chapels above them Preaching above them - You can't buy but can't reach a Congreg  
 Visits Sals house he can get into - about 50%  
 much giving A great deal given by the various agencies -  
 more than food It does more harm than good.  
 Improvidence from children Thimbleton & improvement. On Saturday, all the children eat  
 sweets & buy toys. by Friday have not bread  
 Himself of artisan class || M.P. is of the artisan class earnest but not remarkable

Flanders a small affair. was affiliated to the Old Baptist Union  
 Shacklewell Lane Started as the result of open air services 8 years ago  
 Mission no had been  
 (XXVIII 89) Flanders, his father & brother & about 20 others with it  
 Chapel a disused shop - Open air meetings in Summer  
 Monday 20. Coes full - all artisan class - but few  
 all artisan class - || from surrounding neighborhood who are "Gospel hardened" -  
 Few from the surrounding poor - "Gospel hardened" Few of their people come to Church - want Gospel service  
 Their people would not go to Church Give scarcely anything - have nothing to give - wish they had  
 nothing to give - wish they had & could so get hold of the neighboring poor - they would come without  
 Poor would come without S. Nathaniel (M. S. Weston) gets hold of them because of its  
 Competition with the Church last fund - M. Flanders an excellent softy

St Peter  
De Neauville St. Chof  
(195) (XXVI 59)

Almost exclusive, working class district - 20 years ago middle class  
with few exceptions no extreme poverty - respectable artisan  
work of the church more than usually different.

Work of Church unusually  
High Church test of a good life

Departure of middle class because houses not convenient  
Coming to communion fastly regarded as test of a good life

Character of influence of church  
Attraction to Church

Influence of the church great - but query whether spiritual or material  
Majority who come to church come from liking to the narrow

Discipline the obstacle

Among the poor the obstacle is the discipline of life

Nruce Wallace  
Brotherhood Ch  
(XXV. 20)

Object worthy life rather than Salvation -  
Individuals are attracted - do not come by families  
Not the poorest - lower middle class

\* Object worthy life \*

Road to religion feelings of the people not yet found.

Those who come in dividuals  
(not families) - middle class

Salvation may succeed to some extent - RC's succeed

Road to religion feelings  
of people not found

Prayers would spiritual power & authority  
Church support on side with the rich - to p. is like a traitor

Partial Successes  
Working men positions

Christian Socialism the way out - de-thronement of mammon

Christian Socialism

difficultly & little success because of lack of moral ideals

Lack of high ideals

\* Steeped in low ideals from youth up - partly due to struggle with poverty  
Charity trust fund occasionally shows a balance - no one needing it

Chorley  
Parham Hall  
Mission  
(XXV 88)

A Plymouth brother - Superintendent of some mission (has been seen before)  
Conduct with out sensational attraction - but he has  
"had Wright" advertisement in his letters:

Hold their own & that is  
something new

Christians bring uncovered friends - 'Inflation' of mother, ready to return to the proper limits  
In winter took kitchen & poor men's dinners - Total relief £150  
Leads night school - very rough kids

147 members - "held their own & that is something new"  
Printer report exaggerates - The man probably a humbug.

Wirtz  
Working men mission  
(XXV 101)

Mission room a large loft above some stable -  
Preparing for Harvest festival - prep vegetables - huge loaf of  
about 700 members - Organized like Plymouth brethren -

Strict as to conduct

Street - non smokers, teetotal - & Christians before admitted to fellowship

All share the work

\* All take part in the work - accipim omnia fructus  
Very mixed attendance - Other are meetings a great feature  
Poor Saints fund for their own people



S. Peters 1866 used to have a lot of fighting but a lot of prejudice has  
De Beaumont Inn S.A. \* been knocked down - Get too easy. If they might have  
xxv. 76 a more favorable war - it would wipe the soldiers to  
no more. Get a few in from the road but they are  
generally 'gospel hardened' people that attend are  
stationary in the district - majority of the churches  
are churches of soldiers.

Things become too easy  
for successful war.

Gospel hardens

Howlett A distinguished young churchman - sent here to re-visit a  
RC bar mission - RC pop. 1500. much scattered & many  
XII. 189 about or away -

Recorded

Most crosses camp at 10 am - usually most men then  
Poorer come then or earlier - rich at 11. Practically all RC.  
Improvement & success of the schools - numbers doubled  
How can religious influence of D<sup>o</sup> Schools be good?

Popularity of the schools Wide spread preference for voluntary schools of efficient  
10% of the children - these schools not Catholic

Results of mixed marriage Effect of mixed marriages - either Catholic or infidel resulted  
Children living, paid + the support of Catholic homes

\* Regular employ<sup>t</sup> the best religious basis - see page 189/191

All Saints Shene  
Haggerston Chgo  
(13)5 L III, 37

Here for 11 years - previously Receptant may fair  
A tremendous talker - each subject supports another  
Parish very much as our mat gives it - gett' poorer  
in the north owing to lower level of middle class coming in  
in South owing to Dandy S' Clearance - a large number  
of Jagpiter have come in - Those in parish have been by  
misnomers for some years, very little out of parish or in district  
Twenty years that churchwardens' duties have not been needed  
not once asked for.

Parish getting poorer  
North lower grade middle class  
South Dandy S' people

Very little out of parish

Churchwardens' duties not needed

Worst cabinet makers - women box  
making

Worst cabinet makers - women box making for miscible pay

\* # 16 Public House, 16 Sweet shops -

Lack of back bone - savage life

Lack of back bone - sort of savage Bedouin life. no  
self control -

Heroic band of workers  
of working or down this class

\* Small band of voluntary workers - seems to have - Supp. heroic  
all of way of lower middle class  
Dining Comp. 150/200 locy 300/400 - Exaggeration

Exaggeration the base of the church  
in order to show numbers

\* the base of the church owing to competition & demand  
to show numbers "Blatant rapping of census" this figure  
Carey for most part brain finds working class - but don't  
look at - what they save or drink they spend in others.

Working class but don't  
look at - save in drink to  
spend in drink

Choral service - tyranny of organic voices - a  
lot of concerted duffing -

Missin service Tuesday

Missin service on Tuesday 120 - of the right sort -  
S. Sch - 700 on books - teachers much below par only able

Incapable & school teachers

\* to keep the children quiet - driven to despair by

Parents neither know nor care

Parents don't know or care when the children go

'Outside' District visitors more  
harm than good  
must not give

District visitors from outside - more harm than good  
Sine qua non that they should not give - A parish is  
harshly prejudiced by 6<sup>th</sup> tickets -

Result of 6<sup>th</sup> tickets

Home to home visiting useless

Relief inspection of religion

Relief Committee - given inspection of going to church etc.  
Result - no hunting here - still ~~the~~ crops of subsidy  
Predecessor "I don't like it but what can I do?"

Amber still crosses etc

Also denounced Sir Henry Durdell & his friends' workers

Non church going habits

\* Non church going habits discussed page 52

All Saints Spencer  
Haggerston cont<sup>o</sup> \*  
LIII. 37

Even best men are depressed  
against dear wall  
"Reduce your numbers"

Popula. reading  
yours numbers  
As to reading of the people - labours of the S.O.C.K.

Quite futile - but will read interesting literature  
Has been for 9 years a vestry man - duty of a  
Christian to be a citizen - Complaints of our Sanitary

Policy - Inspector sent after mischief has been done  
Cruelty of Bowdler, S' Lucian

Denounced Cruelty of Bowdler, area restrictions  
Denounced Poor Law system - believed Sir North's farm

S. St farm a great success  
Colony to be a great success.

Rabid totalitarianism  
Common sense needed  
"Saturnian system of Public Houses" - Rabid totalitarianism  
quite useless - Common sense needed -

S' Pauls - Goodhart  
Haggerston.  
(Work B) 5  
LIII 87

Parochial Congreg -  
Mission church a failure  
men's club failed - for lack  
of men's members

Members 7 years previous under Turner S' George &  
Artisan Home work class  
# Parochial Congreg - Mission church a failure  
men's club failed - accommodation not too near  
the schools for evening

Day schools good cheap - S. Sch 600 - 700  
non-cons reforms in S. Sch - not to somewhere  
Parish division & regularly visited - but not always  
welcome - more starchy than in S' George.

1/3 not beyond door step  
or you half closed door  
# 1/3 - never entered - only conversation on door step  
or through half closed door

Nicholls Sq Nursey, 'front row' ladies - better than  
S. Sch  
Relief in close touch with C.O.S. weekly meeting  
of workers to discuss all cases -

careful relief  
non-cons work conspicuous  
non-cons work conspicuous lists

People more difficult than in S' George though more to  
some place of work -  
Habituals of Club men - who never the less sent the  
cheque to S. Sch - any S. Sch

Companion with S' George  
as to church going  
Fathers & children

S. Pauls - Goodhart  
Cont LIII. 87

Few P.H. drink at club & at home  
Members of "Dandy Socy"

not drunk - limited to 3 P.H. - drink at home & in the club.  
Most belong to Foxes, bad fellows & heads of oak  
Chairs but largely in School North  
neighbourhood healthy but for bad drainage

Udall  
Congreg  
Shrouds Road  
LII. 15.

Members moving at  
decrease of poverty  
Small attendance  
Disadvantage of Cabinet building  
Nothing on a large scale  
Other agencies very thick  
In difference to claims of God  
one to struggle for life

Is minister here & Secretary of Society for the Evangelization  
of London - by Special Service in Theatre r. (38<sup>th</sup> Water)  
Congreg. mainly lower middle class - suffering from  
tendencies to move out - a good deal of "decay & poverty"  
Attendance not large - Building not attractive - but  
elaborate building not to frighten people -  
Nothing on a large scale - difficulty of "voluntary" system  
Other religious agencies "very thick"  
Growing indifference to the claims of God: Struggle  
for life absorbs people's thoughts

Farwell  
Congreg  
LII. 35

Part of opinion of Church  
going

Formerly a Wesleyan (Mr Udall suggested that there  
was something wrong with Mr Farwell's accounts)  
In north of island but his opinion that a man should  
go to Church or chapel - if not is regarded as a  
bad fellow - Here no notice taken & certainly not  
10% for -

Results of out door preaching  
||  
Devotion & disinterestedness  
of his own people

Out door preaching a great part of his ministry  
Has 2 regular sermons. People friendly, but does not  
get the results he expected - Generally indifferent  
Has always preached "a full gospel"  
Spoke highly of his own people's devotion & disinterestedness

Snelgrove  
Daplat  
LII. 25

Congreg from better to bad streets  
well dressed - large prop. men  
Prayer meeting the strength of the Ch.  
Failure of Gospel temperance

Draws his congregation from the better to the poorer  
A well dressed Congreg. Large proportion of men  
Monday & Saturday, prayer meetings the strength of the Church  
Gospel temperance. Can't get good audience - game letting  
enthusiasm without ability -  
no mother meeting - Have none who need it. Have no poor

St Pauls Snelgrove  
Haggenon Cont  
LII. 25

Prostitution very bad near Dalston Junction  
His people are very thrifty  
Haggenon Wm Club a terrible soul

His house very thrifty

Congregation drawn from other churches &c

Haggenon Wm Club

Does not get any from the Poor Streets - his preaching would not suit them - to get them he must alter his style, as in a mission hall & his own people would not like it - You

Congreg drawn from other churches - not at all from Poor Streets - Service would not suit

Can't get two classes

Can't get two classes - middle & working class - together  
At one time the Chapel was very popular - you had to come half an hour before to get a seat

Does not want to get the poor

[He does not want the poor, it seems, & does not get them]

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Work of the Church of England

District 13

(Outer North East London)

Church	Clergy	Page	Church	Clergy	Page
Eton Miss <sup>n</sup> Hackney Wick	Donaldson	1	Rams Chapel, High St	Hamilton	3
S. Augustine --	Banks		All Souls, Blapton	Hawkins	
S. John, South Hackney	Lennard		All Saints --	Fletcher	4
Christchurch --	Walker		S. James --	Gardner Brown	
S. Michael's, London Fields	Morcom	2	Christchurch --	Sankey	
S. Philip's, Dalston	Box		<del>S. Mark</del> West Hackney	Jukes	
Holy Trinity --	Knapp		S. Barnabas Mission	Ellerton	5
S. John Hackney	Thorneley		S. Mark, Dalston	Sanders	
S. Luke, Hackney	Hartley		S. Peter, de Beauvoir T <sup>n</sup>	Finch	
S. Barnabas, Homerton	Blatch	3	All Saints, Haggerston	Spencer	
S. Paul	Andrews		S. Paul --	Goodhart	

St Augustine (Stonington) Donaldson XV 179

3 Curates (besides Donaldson) - have (only Donaldson) message  
2 Mission women - nurse  
3 Resident ladies + 5 other Stoningtons enjoy certain rights

Church Mission Building - Mens Club - Boys Club (2)

H.C. Matin. Poen Chasan S. Sch  
8 am 11 am 7 pm 3.45 10 am 3 pm - Sundays -  
80/100 100/250

Many week day services - Special Service Friday 8 A.M.

Outdoor Services in Summer after morning services

Services in Boys + Girls Clubs - quarters - Guilds + Pannell  
Mission Hall Service Sunday 3.0/3.35 - Various congregations

People come in shoes to special services or services

Communion 278 a roll

Mens Club 320 members - open to all - no theory of religion

Boys Club 140 - no test but weekly service compulsory

School Boys Club 30 members - Choir boys 10

Girls Club 150 members - Sewing society, gymnastics +  
Foot ball - Navy - Swimming + other amusements

Temperance Soc. 96 members - but most away - real old doctors

Band of Hope 600 members - } by women arranged to St  
or Missionary Societies

Mother's meeting - numerous entertainments

Sewing school 400/500 attend - 700 come to treat

Lectures in Mens Club - 100 attend. interesting subjects

Visiting maples out in district

Childrens classes in winter 200-250 a day

Club to clean annually to Conventual house

Mission letter - as a friend by all

Man of a little over 30 - fair haired, blue eyed, clean shaven  
frank open healthy face - tall strong athletic -  
Has been here 6 years - Successor Carter a naturalist (entomologist)

Strong + vigorous personality - with personal charm - enthusiastic  
District shows no improvement but mission must be done

These who are improved more - especially the young -  
personally active - great deal done - effect on population -  
Strong man + done as much as is possible with the population

St Augustines Parish Church XV 115 - Barnes

Vicar 2 Curates - Mission woman - Nurse - hand  
10 male + 1 lady who give their services

10 West India ladies visitors - irregular

Church - Mission Hall - Mission House - Girls + Mens Clubs

H.C. H.C. Matin H.C. Chasan Poen Chasan - Choir

8 am 9.30 11.15 11.45 7 pm 3.45 Sunday  
(largely men) 250/300 100/150

7 am - daily duty work - 8 pm Wednesday - Services but not in church

Guilds for Men, Women, Boys, Girls + Infants - religious

Mens Club 100 - Mother's meeting - Provident Fund

Two Boys Clubs 70 + 30 Girls Club - Band of Hope

Cricket, football + Church lawn Croquet

Necessant entertainments - balls, concerts, plays, pantomime

Sewing school about 650 - Teachers 43 - from outside (inefficient)

Meeting in poor streets have to have - all know us + a necessary  
inform

Man of 42 unmarried - frail - hectic - looks as if his  
work was too much - Oxford man of good family

quiet gentle unassuming - no great force of ability  
been here 15 years - previously Curate in the same market place

When came to this mission had not been started

Boys his work with devout + success - Davis

Had working handson by lack of means - Davis

St John - So Hackney Parish XV 1. Lennard

Rector - 4 Curates - 3 lay helpers - 50 S. Sch teacher - 100 choir  
10 female choir - 10 other helpers - 50 men voluntary work in  
Cathedral + church - many young women of working classes

Church - Mission Room - 1 School - 100 room + house - Social Hall  
money 700/1000 900/1200 600/800

Communion roll 600 - 475 males - 125 female

S. Andrew's Mission - Service Sunday + week days - Sunday 100/200

Open air services - Summer - Church attendance - Victoria Road for bus

Social House - C.E.T.'s and 17 outside - 100/150 (mixed)

Concert - Treats + - Mother's meeting (200) - not closed

Noble class - Ch. law brigade - a form of visiting

Pleasant cheery kindly disposition - appeared very capable  
been here 7 years - previously north of England -

Fine Commandery Rectory - large Church yard - full of graves

Built 50 years ago in fields - 100/200 - nbs 250 000 -

Active sensible capable in relig - Curate work well - Davis

Christ Church - So Hackney XV 61. Walker

Vicar - 4 Curates (1 invalid) - 2 Curates - Dea con - 3 lay workers  
Cathedral who shows his hand - 1 Day of S. Sch teacher

Church - Hall in Gore St - Mission Ch + Hall + house by Gore St  
(New + room)

about 10 services on Sundays - attendance 500/1000

300 500 - increasing slowly - large proportion in poor

Choir for men, boys + girls - social, cricket, football, tennis

Temperance - Penny Ark - Provident, Maternity, Dorcas, Mother's

Band of Hope - S. S. Sch - about 1000 attendance

Big body (Arthur) coarse faced man of 45 - dark hair + red shaggy  
thick lips - large tongue - thick shrewd - 19 years in Hackney

been here 7 years - + S. Hackney 14 - moderate height + good  
very bad health - been away - Curate seen excellent - hospital parish -  
Curate the best in Hackney - Walker

PMICS



⑬ 9  
 S' Michael & All Angels Lower Hills XV 29. Morecom  
 vicar. 2 Curates. Scrib. Readers. Deacons. Paid  
 2 lay readers. Staff of lay workers. - and 750

Active 60-70. Start highly worthy - not lay in hands  
 not much spiritual fervor above of doctrine  
 Pennell scripture reader the author - here 32 years  
 Rather pompous. Pennell the greatest force in parish  
 Deacon & knows nothing of the Bible. Wm COS

See parish report

⑬ 11  
 S' Philips Dalston XVI. 25. Cox  
 vicar. 2 Curates. 1 lay reader. District visitors  
 Church. Mission Church. Mission Room. Paved room  
 about 30 services weekly - middle class congreg. slight  
 matins. 200. Evensong. 400. Lay com. 45/70.  
 Guild for men & women  
 Constant lectures & entertainments -

Active 50-60. 31 years in East London.  
 Curate - Shrovefield - then Shrovefield & then  
 Pleasant looking handsome man. Early in parish (head)  
 short intense - Baxter. well written of high intellect  
 under 21 may give many Congreg. poor class  
 Service at mission church etc. a well kept little place. COS

⑬ 12  
 Holy Trinity Dalston XVI. 59. Knapp  
 vicar. 2 Curates. 1 lay worker. 1 Able woman done  
 no unpaid visitors  
 Church. Paved Room. Mission Room. Schools.  
 money. 150. Evensong 350 - more than double than R came  
 artistic class - many very high - all well dressed  
 mostly parishioners - Early Communion 210  
 young men Soc. young men Soc. Ch. Lads brigade  
 Y.M.C.A. Mother's meeting  
 Day School - 650 average. lower than the Boys Sch. \*  
 no reciprocal agreement - S. Sch. average 250

Active 50. Small short wing - high energetic vigorous  
 looks like a head. long torso grey - moderate churchman  
 Here 18 months - fairly a worker parish - looked about  
 for high to low - being a solicitor  
 Mr R in earnest moderate Scarsdale hair work - was  
 Mr R about most sensible person in district very active. Edin  
 visited 21 May - quite a fair Congreg. rather poor class. COS

⑬ 13  
 S' Johns Hackney XVI. 83. Thorne  
 Rector & 5 Curates (now only 3) Mission women  
 60 district visitors  
 Church. Mission Ch. Paved Room. Protestant Schools.  
 Institute & another building as part of S. Sch.  
 money. Service 600/700. Evensong 1000 - middle cl.  
 women prominent - many young men. Extra household  
 Mission Church supply - often an service in summer - Meers  
 Early Communion 400/500  
 Institute for young men. Mother's meeting - Dawn Guild of Hope  
 Girls' friend Soc. & various things appear  
 Day Schools. 570 or better. S. Sch. near 1000

Senior curate here 3 1/2 years - tall thin Sallow. Shows  
 Meithly in appearance - High Church - Typical protest  
 Keen on Confession  
 Curate fairly good but points before everything else for visitors  
 Inefficient curate & still more inefficient of a lady Wm COS

⑬ 15  
 S' Luke's Hackney XV. 161. Hartley  
 Vicar 2 Curates. Mission women. Lay assist. at Miss. at Hamlet Hall  
 8 voluntary district visitors here 2 years - follows up energetic even not too  
 Church. Mission Hall - (1) Boys School for Sunday  
 11 am 7 pm 4.15 men only  
 400/500 600  
 Mission Service S' Luke's Hall 7.30. Hamlet Hall 7.15  
 Congreg. mid temp. worky class - by families hearty  
 Out door Service after Evensong  
 Cottage readings -  
 Early Communion near 300  
 Mother's meeting - some temperance - C.B. J.S. local club  
 Dawn of Hope 250. Ch. Lads brigade 200  
 nominal clubs for boys & girls - hardy & nice  
 S. Sch. 600 - teacher middle class

About 400 lay work. black hair - nervous about names  
 gentle polite & friendly - inclined - hardy & energetic  
 very active hand. Wm COS

(13) 17  
St. Namabas Homestead XV. 3. Match

1 vicar, 1 curate, 1 mission woman, 1 lady works 11 deacons - volunteer - no district visitors.  
Church & mission buildings (large hall & class room)  
S. 11. 3. 30 + 7 p.m. (200) (300/350) - 1999  
Sunday School - 10.10 + 3 p.m. on Wed 2 1/4  
Mother meeting - Bible classes - N. of Hope  
Guild of Hope - Communicants guild  
Young mens club - Sewing classes - Library - Rugby football  
Provident dispensary - Sales club for Shumba boys.

Man between 50 & 60 - thin grey hair - broad forehead - pleasant but not strong face - quiet - shy nervous - not been here 2 1/2 years - mod. Swag. (Said Churchman) - Scribble man with clean head - Mr. B. B. Wilson = 2 Curate - Darrs Getting rather stereotyped but highest opinion - Urwick. 205

(13) 18  
St. Pauls (part of parish) S. Namabas XVII 109. Andrews

Called Pastor - + 1 lady works paid. (Curate wanted)  
27 S. Soc teachers + a few others - large choir  
Church (1000) - 2 Club rooms - heated  
S. 11. 7. Choir. 3. 15. or 3. 45 (50) (300) - (Cont. with 128. Last 165)  
Mother meeting - Teachers meeting - work mens club  
Communicants Guild - N. of Hope  
Week night not done since (failed) - not responsive  
Sunday School - 300

Man here 7 years - living a pup of Groves company - moderate high Churchman - good fellows - not on well educated - nor very capable but sympathetic, ingenious + simple

(13) 26  
Rains Chapel (part of parish) S. Namabas XX. 31. Hamilton

Hamilton on hand - 2 S. Soc leaders - 2 S. Soc superintendents 30 teachers  
7 district visitors  
Rains Chapel (620) School - one room 200  
M. Co. 300 - 350 - regular seat taken in morning.  
Communicants roll 90 average 50 fortnightly maximum 90 (not last)  
Mother meeting N. of Hope - weekly social evenings  
Day School 200 infants

Man of about 40 (N. of Chaplain) - very unassuming + unassuming - rather scholar - Evangelical - Only one fashioned Congregational in attitude. Darrs

(13) 18  
All Souls Clapton XV 217. Hawkins

Near. 2 curates. 4 ladies. 1 nurse - paid.  
12 ladies unpaid -  
Church - School - 2 Mission Halls -  
Soup kitchen - working mens clubs  
S. 10. 45 11. 15 (100) Ch. 4. Evening 7. (300)  
Mission room Ch. 6. Adults 7.  
all Congreg quite poor - more women than men  
irregular attendance - double attend occasional  
400 Communicants 300 at tables  
occasional open air services -  
mens club. 60 members shared with 'All Souls'  
Tact, girls club 50/60 } other + uncorrected  
Boys Brigade 30 } respect + positive new habits.  
Dramatic Society  
2 mothers meetings  
Sunday School 600 average attendance  
Class system all teachers handsomeness  
N. of Hope - men, women + girls -  
men particularly successful -  
Soup kitchen almost pays expenses  
N. of Hope (Tom Superannuated) (not effective)

Man of 40 - thin - red hair - clean shaven - light but pleasant kind face - (100% Curate of Antler, Chapel) been here 16 1/2 years - since (Darrs) former) - unsharable a good fellow - not too active - no illusions - Retired but not keen - Darrs active + knows the work well - Darrs excellent + popular - but religious influence since 1888 by R.O. a good man - Darrs proper ball - but they are sending under - Urwick

(13) 21  
 All Saints Clapton. XV 91. Fletcher  
 Vicar - 2 Curates (mission women par)  
 Diocesan Reader (licens layman) preach at mission  
 21 District visit all parishes.  
 Church & Mission Church. Diocesan House. Schools  
 Club house shared with All Souls.  
 Aims to meet another mission church -  
 7.15 8. 10.45 11.30 3.45 4.30 7.00  
 400 ch. 600

Man of 37. tall thin pale ascetic looking.  
 Clean shaven. refined quite intellectual face  
 Typical Englishman - 5 years here.  
 Church work started by predecessor Kelvin  
 who made it a "royal canon"  
 Fletcher a man of great conviction. He had worked  
 active - very similar to Hawkins. Davis. Churchman thoughtful. unmistakable

Baxter

Weekly 7.30 antiphon + 9.30 or 11.  
 Shows ritualistic service - per church  
 Guilds. Men's, Women & Subs.  
 Gymnasium - Croquet club. Sewing classes -  
 11<sup>00</sup> of Hope Sew & Sewing - sewing library Play Park  
 Mother meeting. Prayers Club. Dispensary. Maternity P.  
 In winter. Christmas & other seasons - Soup kitchen  
 no religious test for social institutions  
 Small local club. a failure  
 Philatelic & flower societies in winter  
 Sunday School on class system

(13) 23  
 St James Clapton XVI. 41. Gardner  
 Vicar - 2 Curates. 2 lay readers. 8 district visitors  
 Church - old school room used as church at sea bridge  
 8. 11. 3 pm 7. (mostly when he came)  
 300 ch. 500  
 Music from heart team Congreg.  
 Working men club at sea bridge - insect area  
 2 mother meetings - Clothing & cone club  
 Day school average 250. S. Sch 200 average

Just over 50. grey hair & beard. Pleasant courteous friend  
 One here a year - coming from country or some other  
 Successor a man who did nothing - being insane  
 Declines to be labelled high or low. as probably brandy  
 Good sensible man. Davis. Gang to help

Baxter

(13) 25  
 Christ Church Clapton XV. 141. Sankey  
 Vicar + Curate - about 100 lay workers, ladies, choir  
 Church - parish room (mission house)  
 Morning Services - Ev.  
 150/200 300 major middle class women  
 service high - Communion 250. (202 202)  
 all confirm members. Communion  
 men help - women help - Mother meeting - Clothing  
 Church ladies brigade - Croquet club - needle work guild  
 Open P. in winter.  
 S. Sch about 200.

Man about 38. Black hair - salted. Clean shaven  
 face of a desert. looks as if he had been here  
 here 3 years - followed an old man who lives away  
 & has no family  
 Not a man of great strength but careful  
 Fairly active - not strict in relig. Davis

Baxter

From District 14  
 (S. John) West Hackney Ch. XXVI. 17. Jukes  
 Rector + 3 Curates - 36 lay helpers  
 Church (1600/1700). St Pauls mission Cleverly S.  
 am 200  
 900/1000 inclid 1200 adults  
 children  
 Schools of parish church are flourishing - Boys Girls Teachers  
 5 schools 34 teachers  
 4 Guilds + 3 Noble classes - Church Council  
 Church institute - Young Club - Musicians - Shakespearean society  
 Old West man

(14 out of 13) 2

Ramabas Mission from Taylor XXVI. Ellerton. Young man under 30. here 2 years. Nicely clean but attractive - earnest & energetic.

Mr. Ellerton + 1 lay reader paid - 1 unpaid lay reader

12 lay visitors (middle class (not official))

Church + mission hall combined -

S. 10. 11. 6 7. 8.30  
H.C. Ch (50) Ch (150) Special note on (Lenten)

150 Communicants - Early 743. all Church - esp. Communion

men's club open to all (80) Sew Temperance day no food.

Nav of Hope works as a guild

Sunday Schools

West Hackney 14 (with 13) - 3

S. Martin's Dalston XXIX. S. Sanders. Followed a man who was told that tired his hair. over.

Vicar 3 Curates 1 Sec reader 1 Mission W. 2. 1 day mission. 1 day mission. 22 visitors (Lenten) 73. 582. 100 or so. Great opinion of himself. This work - incessantly going about. over.

ready 300 children in 2 schools - Club works v. 100 or so

Church (1950) all on ground floor - lecture hall 500

mission house. 10th Cambridge Rd. used for clubs. 10

Another building contemplated.

morning 11. Evening 7. Lecture 7.30. Holy. 11.

(650) (1600) magnificence temple. Parishioner

Dr. Mac meeting. Bible classes - other meetings

Social Club - much active church work.

14 (with 13) - 6

S. Peter de Beauvoir Sq. XXVI. 59. Finch. Man of about 45. Short rather bald. brown beard.

Vicar 2 Curates. 1 Mission W. 10. D. visitors. lacks refinement - Curate here 1876/81. Vicar since

Church. Mission Hall. Schools. Home for Old Men. Moderately high - thinks he is doing a great deal

mission house. Evening. (mostly women) Communion 280. Visited 21 May. promised to be a small money Cong. CA

170/200. 300 (mostly women) Communion 280

Temperance Society + Guilds - Church members only

S. Sch about 400. class system

From 6 with 13.

6 (with 13) - 1

All Saints Haggerston - LIII. 37. Spencer. Man of about 50. Clean shaven. Gray hair. florid.

Vicar 1 Curate - Small band volunteers / "heroic" here 11 years. Testimonies talks - discursive

Church + Schools. but incisive + interesting

morning 11. Evening 7. nice well dressed Congregation of better class people among some. 21 May. CA.

150/200. 300/400

Mother's meeting. Boys Brigade - Nav of Hope (3)

Temperance Soc. Boys club (250)

S. Sch 700. 50 teachers (below bar)

6 (with 13) - 2

S. Paul Haggerston. LIII. 87. Goodhart. Man of about 40. tall thin dark sallo

Vicar 2 Curates. 2 Mission women. here 7 years - previously S. George East

12 district vic. from West End. 60 volunteers, work. Gentle modest pleasant man -

Church Mission Church school. Visited 21 May. Good money Cong. not less than 150

S. 30. 11. 6.30. beside Clergy choir + organ - all of same class. CA

(150) (600/500) Harshide

Communicants 350. Early 310 -

Mission Church withheld a complete failure

Temperance Soc. Nav of Hope Guild of Hope

Rev. Elm Field. Ladies Soc. Church ladies Organ

Mother's meeting (2). Pen. Nat. Paul. Nat. h.

Bible classes - 2 boys clubs (young + small)

Sunday Schools 600/700 Croquet. football. Swimming

Managers G.T.S. -

men's club failed -

Day schools 900

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2NOMICS

Wesleyan Methodist - Hackney Circuit. XVII. 12. Hettleton.

A stout white headed old man - bright & cheerful with human modesty popular with young people. Artkill.

Circuit consists of 4 Chapels:  
 Richmond No. Casland No. Hackney Wick - Church No.  
 2 resident ministers - Mr Hettleton & Mr Mac -  
 Mr Hettleton is responsible for Richmond No. & Hackney Wick.  
 Hackney Wick Church Road are the poor ones - linked to the rich.  
 Church No. is the oldest - the parsonal chapel but population  
 membership Richmond No 255 - Hackney 125, has 5000.  
 at the Church the staff is:  
 2 Ministers - 2 deacons from St. Stephens - besides class  
 Sunday school teachers - local preachers - Mission band &  
 Richmond No Chapel (1000) Hackney Wick - 1000.  
 Large school room (600) used also as school.  
 Morning 11 am 6.30 Evening 7.30  
 700 (200 cl) 700 (for cl) (small 100 (half cl) 350 (not adult))  
 Open air meeting after. near as many men as women  
 Wednesday & Friday 1) Class meetings Wednesday & Friday  
 Sunday school at each place. Mothers meeting.  
 Mothers meeting - 80/55. Cloth club. Mothers meeting.  
 Penny bank. (200) people. Scripture union.  
 Mutual improvement Soc. - 400 people. Wesley Guild. (50)  
 Lectures, notes, music & good attendance. Gospel Temperance  
 Cricket. Cycle & Sunning clubs. Band of Hope.  
 Band of Hope 25th. vs. vipers. Brass band.  
 Vocals meeting. Maternity Soc. Sisters visit systematically.

Primitive Methodist, Bow Circuit. XVII. 3. Coad. Superintendent minister of the Circuit.

Circuit includes 3 Chapels:  
 Driffell No. Bow - Smeaton No. Bow - Northfield No. Hackney.  
 What follows concerns Northfield No. only.  
 Ministers - Sister Mary - 14 local preachers - 18 Prayer Leaders  
 are the circuit staff - There are 15 S. Sch teachers at  
 Northfield No.  
 Upland Memorial Church. Seats 500 - 2 vestries.  
 Morning 11 am 6.30 Evening 7.45 3.15 160  
 300 or 400 adults 150. 60 - 130  
 90 children chiefly adults well dressed children.  
 Tuesday 8 pm Praying Society 30/40 attend - all members.  
 Wednesday 8 - Class Meeting.  
 Open air meetings Sunday evening - band goes out.  
 Band of Hope - 60/70.  
 Sisters visit.

Congregational - Victoria Park XXII. 26. Cleale

Chapel (built from Dissenters) holds 350. Schools beneath.  
 Ministers & chapel keep the my hand down  
 including S. Sch teachers about 30 voluntary workers  
 no district visitation. no propaganda work  
 Exact open air meetings - by members of Xtra mission  
 Morning Service 150. Evening 200. (same class of people) - Sunday  
 Week night Wednesday  
 Xtra mission Prayer meeting Saturday.

Wesleyan Methodist - Hackney Circ. XVII. 25. Mac.

Tall lanky bearded man - kind face - ready flow of language. enthusiastic wife.

Casland No. Church No.  
 15 Class leaders - after an evening class.  
 Chapel seats 1000 - School 400. 10 Class leaders  
 7 am 11 am 6.30 7 am 11.30-12.30 7 pm  
 20/30 500 600 (12) Bible study (200)  
 S. Sch 9.30 1.2.65. S. Sch 10. 2.30 1.5. pm  
 491 - morning 250 evening  
 Open air meetings - always at it.  
 Mothers meeting - Coal cessity to  
 Band of Hope - 200. Penny B.K.  
 Sick & Invalid Club. Scripture union  
 & Library.  
 Prayer - Song club. Cricket &  
 & Library.



Congregational - Wetherell R<sup>o</sup> XVII. 33. Snashall. Elder, grey hair - 11 years in district - intelligence well done quiet work among our people - prosper no way.

Chapel (1200) Schools below (500) - better & class room  
 11 a.m. 6.30 9.30 12.45 S. Sch 10 A.M.  
 250 (on slack) 400/600 412 on books Pray. meet  
 Junior & Sen. Ch. Soc. - N<sup>o</sup> of hope - Mother meet. - 30/40  
 C. of Hope (Swampy) - Navy file through - all small



Independent Speldhurst R<sup>o</sup> XVII. 76. Widdow. Ex Franciscan monk - intensely excited talker - but quiet in war in prison for conspiracy (Grosvenor has am.)

Run by himself & run to day.  
 Church (350) Schools (100) (100) 100  
 11 am 7.15 am Pray meet 8.30 5.30  
 2.30  
 Names of hope & Bible classes - 124 Easter Communion  
 Ch. files many - course every - new Cong. 103 members  
 liturgy used - specially prepared - because is used  
 as to work - only of asked etc

Congregational - Cambridge Heath XXII. 92. Richards - Strong, stout, built - genial - enthusiastic about the mission  
 more!  
 all volunteers except minister - 8 deacons - 6 visitors  
 Church (1200) Lecture hall 150  
 Morley Hall - the Terrace - two halls (1200) Hacking  
 Orchard St. Mission 179 with S. (200)  
 Dove Lane Mission - Dove Lane (200) - Hacking  
 at Church middle early class. Mission the poorest  
 3 mother meeting - support funds  
 Children Session & Mission session - at each mission  
 at Church - 10.15 - 11 am 6.30 pm Thurs  
 Pray 400/500 600 7.30  
 120/100

Salvation Army Cambridge Heath XXII. 48 Foster newly come - once place for work - 10 a day after  
 Has lost hold does not teach at Prospect Hall  
 Capt & Lieut - 2 cadets (10 minutes)  
 Old Chapel - seats 1400 (Galle, 500) - Outpost Pamphlet  
 Open am 10 2 pm 6 pm (canal bridge large meeting)  
 7 am 11 3 pm 7 pm 8 pm  
 132 soldiers 12 recruits - 45 prisoners = 199 50-100

Presbyterian: St Thomas Sq, Marc S<sup>o</sup> XVII. 53. Hester In district 40 years - smart thin man - 15 years with  
 Christian Comm  
 minister & volunteer - Committee of 9 - 5 sec leaders  
 Church (600/700) School 150  
 11 am 6.30 2.45 S. Sch  
 (200/250) (200/250) (150)  
 Mother meeting - social endeavours - etc (small)  
 no Scotch here - have to find their Cong.

Primitive Methodist Hacking R<sup>o</sup> XVII. 40. Porter very hard worker - precisely conventional - intense long  
 life  
 London Fields Chapel & The Oval Hacking R<sup>o</sup> -  
 Particular here given are for London Fields  
 Chapel - 600 - Schools 350 - 1 class room  
 Sub. minister & sister of the house - 14 local members  
 Small attendance - 100-150 all for articles  
 11. 6.30 8 & 8 Pray meet for when all stay  
 Open air meeting here about district  
 week day Pray meetings  
 40-50 people Ch. Leaders - 6 class meetings  
 women's org - Cook, Clolly & other clubs  
 Band of Hope - 40-50 people Ch. asso. papers

Baptist Church Marc 5" XXII. 54. Nennett. Mr Nennett called away Church Sec. Mr Henry took his place at interims -

Church roll 571. Seat 7896  
Chapel. 2 School room beneath - vestry in  
Mission Hall - Ann's Place Mitcham Ave. North St. 200

At Marc 5. 11. am (300/400) 630 (500)  
S. Sch. - 623 on books - attendance 482. teach. 6/54  
Nite classes - men fraternal - Yng Christian un  
open air meetings - Sunday Wash day by open air mission  
Girls Club - Ladies Church - Wmly partu  
Charitable work for 8 Ann's Place mission -  
Soup kitchen - dinners etc - Home mission (2000 brass cast)  
Church a century old -  
Screen advertised by League

Methodist Mission - West Side - XXII. 2. Alexander. Nearest quiet looking man of about 50 - byron Tanspice

(may a Po son of free) since Julia  
Mr Alexander - son & daughter tall Corham unpaired.  
Hall seats 160 - vestry room for class  
Chungy S. Sch - adult source 7. P. m. 30/60 -  
open air meetings

United Methodist - XXII. 99. Gooke. A little keen alert man. more man than minister been here 4 years -

1st Under in the Church Pentecost 9100  
One paid worker here - S. Sch. teachers mission board  
No many here Christ mosty S. Sch. + some preaching  
Chapel (400/500) School (400) Lecture Hall (600) room  
many every O.S.A.  
normine the 100 - 200 - more women than men 3 pm 60 m  
open air 5-65 - small wednesday meetings  
S. Sch. 261 on books - men adult school (30)  
Pentecost 9100 hotel - Mutual Improvement Soc  
178 members on Church roll - Church growing  
An earnest little boy.

Congregationalist - Gumbert & Pombay A. XXII. 111. Peter Williams - Genuine if not all round or frolic

Henry & City Mission - Wmly choir + orchestra  
Church (1000 lecture hall 400/500) Mission room (250)  
S. School at East Y. Ch service constant many saw  
many services 100/200 every 900/1000 + Thursday 300  
many come to all three  
A poor deal for m. - all workers energetic

Must have eloquence - has been recessed back to his work after being for a while - does not talk with theory

Unitarian & Grand Pit Chapel XXII. 65. Ketcher Williams - many 50 - gray hair + beard - bright eyes genial

no one had but himself - 20 (Ladies) assoc.  
Church + School -  
many every  
150 200 - none poor - but high class - many attend meetings - more male than female  
Social Union + debate Society  
S. Sch 150 children from near - artisan children  
Friendly Society for women - practically a church  
Hospital Guild (Dinner for hospital) -  
Soup Kitchen in work

been here 4 years - interests chiefly intellectual - Pastor a capital man. Duns



Salv. Army Homeless. XVII. 121. Riley  
 Capt. Lieut. 12 local offices 12 wardens 130 Soldiers  
 An old school room (140)  
 Services 7 am 11 am 7 pm near large hall  
 (23) (70) filled  
 Open air meetings - 62 week days -  
 Navy Hope for Chilean (50)  
 People all working class - work going

Young men 25-30 - Heavy type - poorly educated. Slow  
 heart & 3022 in his work.

Brunswick Gospel Mission. XXII. 10. Holland  
 Minister S.  
 Service band of 30 or 40 work men  
 Live Services on Sunday - one on Wednesday  
 Sunday School 135 Chil. Navy Hope 120

North working men - Holland a fine young man

Evangelical Hall Homeless. XXII. 20. Reese  
 Myk's Homeless  
 A bible class mission going into a class  
 Sunday morning prayer meeting 1000 on an open service  
 Clubs & table tennis during the week  
 Thrift Soc. - Book & magazine distribution  
 "Spreading the Light" - 20 of agency visits  
 no one is hard - Mr. Matheson is the class leader  
 or practically the volunteer minister  
 Attendance at bible class 130. Loc. Service 300

Mission Secretary & Magazine Secretary - A bright &  
 pleasant man 35 - from Mr. Charles. Dutton bible class  
 which work over mission who abandoned by 3022 Jan. 10  
 work under the Society for "Special Services for the Homeless"  
 @ Club in the city - has lost his wife - left with a young daughter

Wesleyan Clapton Circuit. XXII. 102. Britton  
 Clapton Park Mission & Clapton Church  
 Clapton Church (1000)  
 Mr. Britton in minister  
 11. 6.30  
 seven committees in service  
 S. Sch 305 - all 53 & 208  
 34 Teachers  
 Wednesday & Friday Services  
 501  
 Bible Society was strong but  
 has been hindered - Wesleyan Guild  
 satisfactory  
 15 Class meetings, membership 225

man between 40 & 50. Square cultured & gentlemanly  
 works chiefly at Clapton

Baptist Chatsworth Rd. Tabernacle. XVII. 109. Madam  
 Built by Congregationalists - failed financially  
 the taken by the Church of England failed again -  
 Baptists buy it but have £1000 of debt -  
 read all classes - some of my people  
 Minister & lay visitors my hand. 7 deacons & S. Sch  
 classes 50 - all  
 Chatsworth Rd. Tabernacle 600/700  
 Schools below Church membership 250 increasing  
 7.30 11. 6.30  
 250/300 600 - many people come to town  
 P.S. 4. 3. pm. about 40 include women  
 Young women Bible class - 50-60  
 S. Sch 10.15 & 2.45 - Children Service 11  
 Mother's meeting 60 - work meeting - Prayer meeting  
 40/45  
 D. of Hope - 4 P.C. 2. Splendid. 100. 70/80 attend.  
 Open air band - produces fine work going.

Gave up situation in City to take Pastorate  
 Young man in thirties tall - strong man - live man  
 disciple of Spurgeon Arkell  
 does no social work but has some congregation. Healer

Congregationalist - Clanton Park XVII 98. Harms - Middle aged white man - Artall

Minister - Evangelist. Noble woman. Harms - Middle aged white man - Artall  
12 deacons. Many voluntary workers - many ladies  
Do a tremendous amount of work Artall

The Round Church with school room & Church parlors  
1150

Brookside with mission - Glyn N. mission (Wheeler) 500  
400 (The 9100)

Chapman's mission built & sustained by Miss Pratt  
200 (Hatch work) Sunday school run by the church

Church is noted as a family church - middle class  
mission, love the home people

Church members 1000  
Sunday school 800 members 700  
Worshipers 1000  
S. Sch. members 300  
Hatch school 190

210 scholars are members of  
distantion Bible study assist  
Rel. & social - 50  
Philharmonic Soc.  
The mission work Soc  
Catholic football -  
League of Women  
Newspaper Soc. - mother from  
Worship part for many clubs  
Prayer School in John S.  
Free dinner for school ch  
Hatch Soc. encourage in many

Mission members  
Glyn N. (500)  
11 am (60) 7 pm 250  
The Grove Hall 400  
Chapman services many times  
many  
S. Schools  
The Grove 370 43 (157)  
Glyn N. 415 35 (274)  
Adult Bible Class  
Mother's Meeting  
International Bible study 100  
Young people's band  
Christian Temperance Band  
Nav of Hope  
Epworth League  
Homecraft & Domestic  
Church Extension Soc  
Districts monthly reports  
Free Dinner, etc

Primitive Meth. Clanton mission XVII. 66 Jackson Middle aged rather short man - clear cut face  
strong convictions. decisive mind. Theology  
Came to Clanton 1884 & the work has greatly  
extended Artall. Active impulsive. Easy to get on with Artall

Clanton Park Tabernacle  
Phinton N. Chapel  
2 ministers - 2 lay missionaries  
S. Sch. teachers & 12 local preachers

7:30 11. AM. 3 pm. 6.30 11. AM. 6.45  
100 adults class 300 (60 adults 30 ch) 150  
Open air before 7:30  
Mother's meeting club etc Sunday Sch. 47 120 14 teachers  
Christian Education Sec. (150) Mother's meeting club 17  
Nav of Hope (24) 120 Nav of Hope (150)

Social agencies, Prominent - League Bureau - Medical mission  
Seaside home for aged at Seaside - Mutual help Soc  
Mother's carriage for the sick - Sewing Society - Cloth Dept  
Great distribution of clothing - from members to £1000 that  
membership Phinton N. 202 Southwata to 50

Salv Army Congress Hall XVII. 115. Jaffe  
In charge of Evang. Jaffe & his wife - 100 local officers  
Congress Hall for Sunday - lecture Hall week days  
The Temperance Almshouse (600) for inmates to be made room  
22 Companies for open air work - 11 meetings & many  
10 in after noon - 2 - long - all coming for the evening  
held in all parts - also. Monday. Wednesday. Thursday nights  
on Sunday. 7. 11. 3. 6.45

70/300. 1000/1500. 2000/3000. Come for all time.  
Week nights at 8 - Monday the special night 800/1000  
100/180  
Mission meetings 10 3 6.45 - Thursday meeting  
100/150. 300. 100/200  
Nav of Love. 154 members. 100/500 attend on Thurs.  
Classes for various accomplishments

Slim wiry man - intelligent face - about 40 to 50  
or here 5 months - quiet but enthusiastic  
Corps do a great work of good on home and  
adherents about here in excellent lot. Orders  
one religion organization which directly touch. Preclaim. Theology  
create the small mission of their own class (XVIII 47) West a leader  
Salv Army have made a great impression. Health XVIII 72  
Salv Army out the living character of the people. Harms XVIII 165

Baptist - Downs Chapel. XVII. 87. Medley. Resigned in 1896 - no successor appointed until 1897

Minister - maternity nurse - 100 volunteers  
Downs Chapel 1000. large school room adjoining 4 classrooms  
Nursery premises Waterloo Rd. 4 rooms - more than wanted  
Nursery school - Hall (240) & Class room  
Sunday School 11 - 6.30  
boys, girls, mixed - mix in gallery  
Waterloo Norm. Communion to suffragan  
Nursery school premises moderately altered  
Mother's meeting - Bands of Hope Temperance Guilds  
Downs Christian band - Down's Literary Soc  
Young women's group - Total Abstinence Soc  
Class Philanthropic (connected with Clapham Camp)  
Tract distribution - lots going on  
Sunday schools -

Presbyterian - Downs Pl R Church XXII 87. Shuter. Tall man between 30 & 40. Pleasant manner quiet voice

Minister on hand. Bands of Hope 6. 12 classes 12 teachers  
Church 500. Hall 350. Class rooms below.  
Sunday 11. am 6.30  
350. 350. better class - many.  
S. Sch. Hall quite full. 150/160  
has bible class - 12 or 15 not very successful  
Ch. Sch. 50 or 60 helpers - Bands of Hope very poor  
Social meetings. Thrift & Waste - try to reach non church goers  
difficulties financial

From District 14.

Congregational Ch. Rector A. XXV. 3. Henry William. Man of striking presence, fair tall, very massive  
no one has except Mr Williams. 12 Deacons at 20 Central  
vision - large number of volunteers  
Church - service 11. & 4. Wednesday. 8.  
25 years in London - here 12.

Quaker Service mostly in the morning  
Sunday School 300 children  
mission work at Christian Institute Boxley market  
Dinner - ladies' work party - Young women's group  
Mother's meeting - Br. W. Leakehouse an. Guild House library  
Bands of Hope, Literary Soc, Sunday school  
Christian Social reform League  
Lectures Concerts & Entertainment

Baptist - Rendlesham Norm. XXV. 29. Dearne -  
(see Downs chapel above)

Fine block of buildings - large room below 300  
Sunday Sch. 9.45 & 2.45. Ch. serv. 10.45 & 6.45  
Youth class 3. pm & 6.45. Adult service 8 pm 14.50  
Mother's meeting. Penny Park & Core Club  
near Dredge Institute - Bands of Hope. Sunday Class  
Sunday class. Liberty Gymnasium. Total Abst. Soc

Stann S. Mission XXV. 81. Hoors

Resides in Hoors 11 or 12 teachers  
Mission Hall in two halls 250 150  
S. Sch. 2.45. Ch. Serv. 6.30. Adult  
146/94. (24) 40.  
Bands of Hope - 90. Penny Park - mother's meeting.

General bright faced old gentleman - white hair but still  
Suffering since 1854 - lovable person  
Chelan Centre to him like flies to a honey pot  
perhaps too busy with adults

Primitive Methodist 3 Churches. XXIV. 47. Johnson.

Castle S. Kiplas. Stoke Newington Common. Class A.D. Stung Hill

2 ministers (Johnson & Chiles) + a mission  
10 unpaid preachers & others who help a large number  
Each Chapel has its committee + its classes

Services at each place 11. 16. 30 + 4th an afternoon  
Stoke Newington Chapel has 600 general, full  
Kiplas 3/4 full. 126 members

Class road is a mission 1/2 full. 40 members  
fully half are male.  
Navy of Hope - Y.P.S. Ch. End - Y.W. friends  
Class Club with teach (500 in all)  
no mother meeting - Excursions tea +  
S. Sch at each place (400/500 in all)

Baptist. Dalston and Church XXV. 34. Johns.

ministers have 8 deacons. 7 elders. 14 visitors  
Chapel 1250. Scholars 600/700. 2 visitors. 1st class  
arrange to take a mission over

11. am. 6. 30. 10 am Prayer meeting  
1000 (3/4 full) full (congregation) 120  
1/2 meet. 7. 30. 1. 30

S. Sch. 520 50 teachers. International Bible 350  
710

men's Bible class - mother meeting. A.M.T. Club  
Women - Ch. Ind. Soc. Sew. + Dinner  
Society + Maternal Soc. 10/100 20/40  
Navy of Hope 237 - 'one of the best + smartest'  
open air + working the mission - Baptist + Methodist Soc

Tall slim man 33 years old. Quick in movement  
steady rapid - energetic restless fluent  
Secret of success general feeling, around  
him, acrobatic - Centre of great activity.

Congregationalist. High S. Kiplas XXVIII. 77. Le Pla

off except in the Pla volunteers  
Chapel school room church parlors + class room  
Mr Johns was told he should amalgamate with the Pla  
'he has the bulging type have the people'

large P.S.A. I usual ad funds. other meetings sparingly  
S. Sch. 1000. Xlin. Sunday School. Temperance Soc. N. of Hope  
mother meeting. Sick Benefit Club. Debating Soc. Men. Soc  
3 ladies. Sewing meeting

Interview declined as waste of time

London City Missionary Hall Castle's XXVIII. 55

works a large district  
Mission Hall Castle's  
Ch. Sec. may. Gospel Soc. Bury. (100) artisans.  
S. Sch. 100 quite poorish ch. - Penny Bank.  
Orchestra Soc

Man of about 40 - stout + podgy - pleasant kindly  
pleasance of artizan class - same of not intelligent. face

Shacklewell Lane Mission (Baptist) XXVIII. 87

Small affair affiliated to the Baptist Union  
Started to follow up on services  
Flinders  
Flinders bath hall + 20 other voluntary workers.  
Chapel a disused shop (70)  
may. Soc. 20 full. all artizan class  
not neighbours.  
S. Sch (120) from neighbour hood.

Man about 35. small spare insignificant - but white  
an excellent softy

Brotherhood Church XXV. 20. Mrs Wallace - A most attractive personality - young below 30/40  
 Mr Mrs Wallace <sup>20</sup> a week. all else is one <sup>sturdy handsome - modest rather unpretentious</sup>  
 voluntary. see the clearing + the organist <sup>Callwood - an enthusiastic Socialist</sup>  
 Church taken over for Congreg. sect. 1000  
 Lecture Hall 350 - Schools 100/130  
 young men 100? after non conference 200  
 100? vans with fall.  
 S. Sch. 11 (Chapel Church) 245 (School)  
 Young women Guild. Ladies work party. Girl work party  
 Navy Guild + Band of Hope  
 Young men guild - Literary Soc.  
 Thursday Bible reading  
 Saturday Concerts + Sale of Bazaar

Earlham Hall + Tottenham Sq. nunnery XXV. 88. Cholley Plymouth brother - rough coarse creature already  
 described at Cubitt Town -  
 spoke quietly + soberly without exaggeration  
 seems frank + friendly - Printed report + appropriate  
 The Earlham Hall was the first & is still the  
 centre of Mr Cholley's work - 5 or 6 missions in all  
 seats 600. 2 school rooms. 2 class rooms 15 day kitchen  
 besides Mr Cholley a Bible woman in house.  
 45 S. sch. teachers. 12 open air preachers  
 11 am 7 pm (Worship etc.)  
 not above 60 (Christians) 300/400 - near 300  
 S. sch - 245 500 members Tottenham Sq.  
 500 Bible class. Young men + women  
 Mother meeting 80/40/50  
 Chr. Endeavour. 50/40/50 - Saty Prays 8 pm 20/30  
 At Tottenham Sq. Christian meetings are held  
 Ladies night school - night school  
 147 members in church roll - "Keep them on"

Working mens mission Nunsod Alley XXV. 101. Winty A German who keeps a shop in Kingsland Rd.  
 voluntary work  
 Mission room a loft over stable.  
 Harvest festival on -  
 100 members - Plymouth Brothers style <sup>strict</sup> Bible Christians  
 all take part in the work -  
 meetings every night till day Sunday on 11/12  
 Small numbers - make much of open air work

Salvo Army - Haggensta Cottages XXV. 76. 266s. Might intelligent young man - wife fine young woman  
 383 Kingsland Rd. both are superior to the usual run  
 Captain + wife - 12 local officers (Band of 24) -  
 135 soldiers + 36 drums. Saw them march to barracks - 40 reg. from Selwynville  
 21 May 1899. CA  
 Barracks (a shop) house 250. in all  
 usual succession of services - get full at 6.45.

Congregationalist Shrubland Rd. L11. 15. Hall Secretory of Soc for "The Evangelisation of London"  
 by Sheard Tenner -  
 Mrs Hall + a paid deaconess + 30 S. Sch. teachers  
 Queen looking little man 55/60. Clerical shape  
 Non-pious veering on Comical -  
 visited 21 May - about 80 people - familiar hearty +  
 genuine atmosphere. CA.  
 Chapel (500) Hall (300) 1 small room  
 100? 200? 110 members  
 S. Sch. - 400 - 300. Band of Hope. P. M. N.  
 Mother meeting 50 - Temperance Soc

Congregationalist - Powell St. L11.35. Farnell. Formerly a Wesleyan - nearly 50, start balding. Minister & deacons pair. 4 deacons 19. S. Sch. 20 other workers. Pleasant manner. Earnest energetic. Theological impression.

Chapel (500) | Schoolroom (over 200) | Vestry  
use chapel for school purposes.  
11. 6.30 - S. Sch. & 2 bible classes  
(50) 150/200 - 176/150

Band of Hope 60 - Temperance Soc.  
Mother meeting 20. Cricket Club etc  
Choir 40. Comat. volun. etc  
Church members 70.

Baptist - Queens St. L11.25. Snelgrove. mainly young fellows about 25 at most. Cool hair. Minister & deacons pair. 6 deacons 4 ministers. 18 S. Sch. 7. Frank intelligent but abrupt - hard working. Chances. + 24 others. first Sunday 13. now 600

Chapel (800) | Large vestry & school (Powell St.)  
11. 6.30. 3.15  
few 600 many men come - men meeting  
Prayer meeting Monday & Saturday (strength of the ch.)  
Prayer Service Thursday 400  
Christian Band - Gospel Temperance (leisure)  
S. Sch - 256/175  
no mother meeting.

① G.H.D. 7.11.00

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Local Gov. notes  
District 13.

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see Booth, Life and labour.... 1902-3.  
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[Booth's notes: Local government notes:  
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MICS

Charles L Young - a member of Hackney Guardian 5 years best 3 years

XIX. 1. In business a dealer in domestic machinery -

Does lecturing & music speaking & connected with Midway Society Hackney District has declined last 10 or 15 years by migration of better class - increase in pop. no fall, & rates

\* || Public houses all thriving & they are value - no longer the enthusiastic temperance spirit

Girls come before the Guardian in pregnancy do not know the father by name or where he lives - He may be known by

\* Tom or Jack but that is all - Bank holiday work Laundry Girls or servants - The Salt. Long home attracts the casual mabys looks after the fallen girls in the workhouse

|| Out relief largely women - Guardians believe in it - Relief average 3/ other women needer - readily asked for. but difficult to get the truth even when it will assist

Good results of branding out children - now destructive disease

|| Lack of amusements in Hackney

No increase in thrift - people spend what they make Great religious activity - Socy of organization has mission

|| Taggers - Open air bread at every corner - must be done - little result - not hostile men, indifference

Many other ways of spending Sunday - 300 breaks basket

Conference Hall sends out 50 meals bread 50, Sunday

Attendance at places of worship varies greatly - depends on the minute

JR Warrington Medical officer of Health for Hackney - Stolea losting

XIX. 25. Negon bycas ago matter being in a backward state

|| There were then only 5 sanitary inspectors - 2000000

systematic inspection impossible & not attempted

All was haphazard - now there are 11 inspectors

Removal of dust weekly system - destructor to be put on

in connection with electric lighting

\* Increase of work under recent legislation - not yet

fully grasped - Cashed & Slaughter houses will look after

Market house brought into better condition & canal boats



J K Wamy water supply has given trouble - at times defective

Com<sup>o</sup> XIX 25 \* Particulars of the doings of the various Companies  
 Failure has seriously affected health  
 Pollution of the sea - great risks of bathing there  
 Soil aggravated by recreation ground adjoining now  
 || effective improvement destruction back to back houses - have  
 Troublesomeness of Hackney brick at to health -  
 || Houses built in noisum upon above abed of clay -  
 Improvement - Concrete floor "  
 Hackney local health record. Wamy is not brilliant  
 or concerted. at least we not heard of others but  
 quietly determined "dogged as dog" "

G Grocott. Utility Clerk - a stout dark bearded man of 50 or so

XIX 45 solid comfortable official type - Danish origin 33 years  
 until 3 years ago Hackney North & South were combined  
 under a Board of works electrically vested - now separate  
 most marked social feature exodus of rich - Comp in of  
 middle working class -

Temperance Societies have been first effect - 4 or 5 places  
 Plenty of amusements such as music, boxing, swimming etc  
 The baths lately added - 4000 bathers a day (July)  
 || go to London for theatres & music halls -  
 Sunday amusements have become a nuisance with concerts  
 || have 5 main arteries for shopping Forest - Crowds of brakers  
 Relief not made any headway he judges  
 need of a polytechnic - Overseas vigilance <sup>had have</sup> <sub>suppression</sub>  
 Movement in front to secure & consolidate the Hackney charities

Horsford Sub. Reg. North etc. & for several years member of vestry

XIX 55 has served as overseer & is now church warden  
 30 years office service - 50 years of age - looks younger  
 Progressive & optimistic - profession to know our work  
 well & be interested in it  
 Homes mainly modern & clean & not a relic

1775 Ford Vestry Progressive since Act of 1864 - Altitude but  
 Cont. XIX 55 not deteriorated - formerly members all of one type  
 now represent all classes - causing more full debate  
 more open interest in election - Labour Party 1870  
 Good class of artisans - not socialists or extremists  
 + without any prominent leaders -  
 Progress in Sunday matters  
 Less open drunkenness in streets at Holyday times  
 But public houses being enlarged - speculation in the trade  
 Desire among the people for improvement  
 Effort to bring Hackney Charities under consolidated control  
 Given best by popular vote -  
 Poor Law very fairly administered - but relief insufficient  
 to live on - need is real which first draws to Guardian  
 Next to no am recreation - Good concerts at May Hall  
 Old minute book produced to show the transactions  
 by which a Nottingham manufacturer selected  
 at Hackney workhouse a number of boys April  
 6 to 8 years of age + took them to work in his  
 factory, undertaking to feed + clothe

G. Chambers Chairman Hackney Vestry - Connected with Public Works  
 XIX 67 for 35 years - Wholesale tobaccoist by trade - about 66  
 Rather sad man - Liberal - moderately progressive - very  
 conscientious + straight forward - persistent but perhaps  
 disappointed - Strict non conformist - Congregationalist  
 Has served the whole round of lay religious offices  
 Member of Rev. Williams congregation - formerly -  
 Particular of P. W.'s debts + disappearance - Severance  
 of Mr Chambers religious connections of a life time  
 Views of religion work naturally discouraged  
 Results of parental example on S. Sch children  
 Pleasure seeking + loosening of moral ties  
 \* Cheapening of religion by S. A. methods -  
 Youth too prominent everywhere

Chambers Housing & Sanitation now well seen to  
 Com<sup>o</sup> XIX 67 Pollution of the Sea has Vestry's anxious attention  
 Doing all they can in getting open spaces  
 Sees no improvement as to drink - work of Temperance  
 Societies not permanent - Increase of morality  
 Need of improved dwellings + easier access to Country  
 Education less important -  
 Available improvement in thrift -  
 \* Story of the navvies who not understand, how to divide  
 money - pool + spend it in drink

James Lovegrove Surveyor Hackney Vestry for 40 years - Pleasant old gentleman  
 XIX. 83 Organization of Street Sweeping - Street Lighting +  
 Improvements in paving + introduction of wood  
 widening of streets - opening of under (iron) Conveniences  
 Recreation grounds -  
 \* Works for unemployed in winter <sup>1892/3</sup> + in Cottagers  
 Labour Bureau 1893/4 - mainly Parish work  
 great rush for work - loss in stone yard  
 Raising of wages of permanent employees  
 (See also page 5)

Dr Clarke Has been for 42 years in practice in Clapton 77 years old  
 XIX. 101 Old house + fine garden - active + vigorous - talks freely  
 Tong of the old school - great contempt for Radicalism  
 not always consistent however - as a medical  
 officer found difficulty of getting things done for fear of  
 \* raising the rates - In sanitary matters thoroughly progressive  
 Impressed with the wretched dwellings of the poor  
 On these subjects his views coincide with those of  
 \* Mr Chambers the progressive Chairman of a  
 Radical vestry - only more drastic - see Supplement p. 103  
 Admits that people are healthier + cleaner than  
 formerly + give education credit  
 \* Favours erection of municipal dwellings  
 deterioration of locality deplorable  
 less open but more secret drinking - open spaces had been of use

James Longrove - Is an old non con many years deacon of Clapton St  
2<sup>nd</sup> Interview XIX 109 Congreg. Church - Desultory + illogical conversation  
lots of high rents + over crowding - Suggest relief of  
all small properties from rates -

Sanitary matters well looked after - Storm water difficult  
owing to low lying parts.

Nad influence of open spaces after dark -

\* U - Public house concerts + singing clubs -  
Removal of respectable tenants caused 20% to 30% fall in  
rents + dangers of finding work for the unemployed

Summary of 100 distinct Endowed Charities - Some have been  
Hacking Charities amalgamated - Still mostly quite small  
XIX. 127 only 12 over £50 - only 6 or 7 reach £100 per ann  
Particulars follow - Total 1894 £3730 -  
Showing appointment + expenditure

W L Beurse Vice Chairman Hacking Guardians +  
XIX 139 Anti-vaccinationist - teetotaler + vegetarian.  
Popular candidate triumphantly elected -  
no prosecution under <sup>vaccination</sup> act since then (18 years)  
Does not seem like a fanatic - very mild in manner  
Seems well to do -  
In out relief numbers relieved decreased - almost none  
Guardians confine themselves strictly to the law  
Advocates classification - Unification of London  
Trouble over cottage homes for children  
Scheme for a Charity trust now nearly complete  
\* Xmas doles to widows as no harm

Pearse + Fenton - R.O.s for Hacking Union - Inspector, officials  
+ Hacking R. Officers - XIX 159 Better to know nothing - + see nothing  
many cases kept off rates by charity - Free dispensary etc  
Some go to dispensary who comes by  
out relief strictly administered  
marked deterioration of St Neavon Town

D'Archi out door medical officer - Hadley, Guardians for 16 years

XIX. 173. Amiable thoughtful looking man - advanced his age  
 Known Hadley 30 years - Great improvement in medicine  
 & medical appliances - & in general condition of people  
 Sanitation made wonderful strides

- \* Scarcely any want of food among the people.
- \* Those who come for relief mainly hereditary pauper class  
 easily recognised - children familiarised come their turn  
 often influenced by surroundings - relief received by neighbours
- \* Favours gradual abolition of out relief - bad system.  
 Shows not be left to voluntary workers like Guardians  
 administration lacks uniformity - <sup>or. 10000</sup> ~~administration~~ <sup>is shown</sup>  
 Opinion of voluntary charity is not high - spasmodic &  
 instances cases of widows - better the Guardians at once
- \* Drink as expenditure serious cause of poverty -  
 Drunkenness not the main evil -  
 Insurance money goes largely in drink  
 But drink not so great an evil as it was
- Religious organisations though active, a failure as  
 to their effect on the mass of the people  
 Education has done more to check depravity
- \* Only poor homes lack -
- \* Nothing can surpass scenes of Dark Holidays, immorality, <sup>indecent</sup>  
 More amusements needed - indoor & out - Places of  
 rest & recreation - Good music etc. - great faith in music
- \* Better means of feeding on Dark Holidays - nothing like had  
 the drink - beer & biscuits all people take - would  
 not come home worse for drink if properly fed
- \* Much drinky drink due to poor victuals & bad cooking
- Health of Parish satisfactory - good soil  
 Police efficient & capable - try to keep people out of  
 trouble - never act cruelly

E L Crane - Just appointed registrar of births &c. - for 18 years R.O.

XIX 197 Advanced middle age - pale with white beard. Looks like a missionary - naturally cautious reserved. As R.O. has kept aloof from religious & political <sup>organisations</sup> Usual conditions under which out relief is given

\* Difficulties of selected Guardians - looks of out relief evidence supports that of his friend S March

O Gordon Resident med. Sup. Homerton Workhouse Infirmary

XIX 215 Start middle aged man - round cheery good natured face. Dresser unprofessionally in tweed suit. Been here 16 years - People have come in for Shore Street Medical Officer - came from Tremam &c.

He & one assistant have entire charge - train them nurses no hospital nearer than Dalston - no hospital staff felt that workhouse is recognized as a disgrace. Many come who could afford to pay - a grievance with the Doctor - but dare not refuse admission -

\* Drink buys people in through exhaustion of means. Stimulants abolished in workhouse - travel <sup>infirmity</sup> used. Health of workhouse inmates remarkably good here to great age - comfortable contented easy lives. The infirmary is beautiful kept

Coles Clerk to Guardians - short time allowed for interview.

XIX 225 Young man - head clerk 18 months - previously assistant Statistician of In & out relief

Guardian who newly elected from out relief but experience attain this - head of special officer to act with voluntary agencies COS &c.

\* Present board effective - 1894 act led to <sup>efficiency</sup> increase & represent all shades of opinion but work well together

\* Triennial to plan of annual elections good

\* Nothing out way to very limited extent yet - can't speak of results. Have sent 70780 meals S.A. fam @ 5/ a week - poor results in voluntary care but not generally satisfactory. S.A. not to be blamed for poor success of voluntary material too bad

Coles Himself connected with mission in many ways  
Cont. XIX. 225. favourably impressed with results of mission especially  
in direction of temperance by means of Bands of Hope  
Think a large number keep them alive.

\* Magnetic influence of Poor relief - Come over come over  
Police work well with local authorities  
Complaints as to gangs of roving lads & girls -

J. Mason An official at Hackney workhouse 24 years - made  
XIX. 235. for 18 years - medium age - thin stocky - Yankee look.

Says he knows little of world outside - but judges of  
what he sees wonder that considering their houses they do not  
Repairs huge workhouses as a mistake (Hornsea  
house has 1400) + many short lanes, wasted  
then might be made to do useful work - but needs to

\* have work they are fit for - Story of helplessness  
of 2 sons of a Bank of England clerk - men who lack all  
initiative - Relief in effect of personal influence

\* Impossible in great workhouses. Once in, difficult to escape.  
Easy to recognize the workhouse habit no matter

\* where met or how dressed - Easy shiffling stolid  
Chances of reform for such are slight - <sup>severe</sup> discipline fairly  
Permanent industrial discipline only possibility -

\* S. A farm colony largely a failure - men break away  
from it - Idea the experiment has been tried - plan  
they have sent men there - but if they could not  
point to one really successful case - but they cannot  
Strong objection to casual ward - at least for women & children

\* no inquiries made - neither cleanliness nor decency required  
Many men spend their lives roving from ward to ward.  
Miscellany for & houses but never think of taking the house  
To shelter those travelling in search of work - no longer apply

\* Substitution one course of soup for small caused too great <sup>demand</sup>  
women less excuse than men for asking relief - they can always  
get work - use laundry work as a test - they have plenty  
of applications for domestic help.

Mass Workhouse children usually do well - unless they go  
Cmt. XIX 235 back to bad parents - this ought not to be allowed

\* Advocates removal of children from bad home  
Gradual hardening of the views of guardians after election  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years -

From paid Commission to administer relief - so  
as to obtain continuity of policy - also from unimportant  
Old must be decently cared for



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Police notes

District 13

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see Booth, Life and labour, 1902-3.  
Third Series, Vol. 1, Chap. II.

[Booth's notes: Police notes: District 13.  
fols. i, 14.]

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Police notes 13

Hackney Wick Inspector Fitzgerald (Round faced man - bit of a blarney)  
 District XIII<sup>A</sup> 157 Has been here 3 years - (July 22 1897)

North - Gainsborough R<sup>d</sup> The district tends to be poorer than as expressed on  
 South - Herford Moor Cause the map + is business becoming poorer - houses, all built  
 East - Hackney cut \* becoming less habitable - no vicarious look, but the  
 West - North London R<sup>d</sup> men loaf + the women earn mostly what feeds the home  
 S<sup>t</sup> Augustines (East) Openness of surroundings the only good point  
 Hackney Wick Good effect of allotments in the drawsbeck R<sup>d</sup> on the  
 (LCC mission) neighbouring streets - danger of the building over of the vacant  
 spaces closing in the district -

Of Hackney Wick Fitzgerald said it is so rough we don't  
 go down there often -

Remarks Fine afternoon (Thursday) between 2 + 4 - many children  
 about only one shoeless - many "rollers" for which names are  
 no place of amusement - LCC mission has its club - One  
 fully licensed P.H. in Hackney Wick + 2 in triangle  
 adjoining

Observations

North - North London R<sup>d</sup> Fitzgerald, Friday 23 July '97  
 South - Victoria Park Some prostitutes off Morpeth R<sup>d</sup> but the LCC is down  
 East - (triangle) on the women who used to frequent the Park - These places  
 West - Deptford R<sup>d</sup> + (Victoria + Albert Groves) have a vicious look  
 S<sup>t</sup> Augustines (West) Houses opposite the Park are going up in character  
 XIII<sup>A</sup> 175 Parks so much better kept than formerly - more like garden  
 Jews have recognised this

Remarks Three distinct strata in this district - the poor between  
 North London R<sup>d</sup> + Wick R<sup>d</sup> - steady working class between  
 Wick R<sup>d</sup> + Hackney Common - Congregational commercial (adverse  
 traffic) round the Park + Hackney Downs - Common(?)  
 The upward tendency may be checked at Morpeth R<sup>d</sup> where  
 might be the best bit of all

South - Deptford R<sup>d</sup> + Deptford R<sup>d</sup> - same Fitzgerald

Dundee

North - to Linn  
South - Repent's Canal  
East { Well St  
King Edward St  
West - more S  
St Luke Hacking  
+ St Michael XIII A 195

Fitzgerald - Saturday, 24 July 1897 - Fine - hot & sunny  
2 P.M.  
Chalgrove St very rough character - Prostitutes & Hawkers  
Street in West - many children about.  
Murray Lane a market St  
Woolpack place & neighborhood partly dark blue  
6 Cheapside shelly, house for Sunday.  
"Retreat Place" - retreat for "widows of Protestant dissenting  
ministers professing Calvinistic principles" - founded  
1812 for 12 widows - belongs to parish - Good paid here  
Fox's lane out of Paradise St mostly fine  
Jerusalem passage (Corner of more St & Paradise St) very good  
Curious block of granite of unseasoned type - Middle of Perry St  
Rough bit in St Michael's parish - much drinking  
Young St a thieves resort -

Dech St nearby is better - pink to purple - At one  
"widow was a man at tea with his children  
"The man an artisan in appearance reading the  
"Daily Chronicle in his shirt sleeves. From the  
"opposite side of the street the sound of a piano  
"very much out of tune - a news boy running along  
"the pavement shouting the stars & latest women  
"But no buyers so far as I could see"

Remarks

Only dark blue patches are (1) Streets round Palace  
road & (2) those near Young St (just mentioned)  
In the first the poverty is of a sturdy character  
only in the 2nd St but that it is uncleanest & grimy  
Rest of the district old fashioned - very gay - independent  
Jews have taken all the best places.  
More St typical of the whole - General colouring of Sts  
Everywhere except in the St quarter sense of dinginess -  
to the place



Minerals

North - Millfields Rd Fitzgerald - Monday 26 July 1897  
 South North Down Rd Nesbitt 5' dark blue - no longer black - larders, how  
 East Hackney marshes Prostitutes no longer here - never notorious place  
 West Lower Clapton Rd All Chieleson boots - some grotto making.

All Sams (XIII<sup>A</sup> 223)  
 All Sams

Straw hat and rent collector about  
 Coperdale & Glyn Rd purple now  
 Roady Rd men of small income but black coats  
 New streets - not yet properly paved sloping down to  
 the marshes - new district - 1<sup>st</sup> tenants  
 Streets poorest at bottom end even where  
 Purple part approaching Cow Bridge poorer  
 Boys bathing in the ditch - ran away when clothes  
 at sight of a policeman - Complaints as to decency  
 Open space opposite Millfields Rd not taken care  
 of - LCC would probably take it in hand & then  
 the street would go on -

Gardens of houses in Elberfeld Rd lower than Street  
 Colenso Rd - generally a gramma daughter sitting with  
 needle work in her lap in front box window beside the  
 usual evergreen plant in china pot - Some pianos  
 strumming. (Lower Clapton)

Sawyer in Congreg Hall - Stronghold of the army have  
 dismissed the best noise away

\* Irving Tavern corner of Elberfeld St one of the few  
 licensed houses was lately sold for £40,000

Group of streets off Brookings walk - Holmbrook St  
 still very rough - many children alone - women & their babies  
 litter of paper slatternly girls - "no brothels was - but  
 their area to be" - It looked as though there might be

\* Prostitutes at any rate and my members said they picked  
 Old Houses in Hamerton High St 1876 - Still old fashioned village house  
 man and Calde Sae worse than light blue - Prostitutes here  
 other streets down to Rucking similar low character -

Remarks: Rough lot of costers &  
 Monday - collector about - women not in public houses -  
 Extreme north east going down - character - unhealthy & likely to become worse -  
 Resister and blue road about Pantheon Church - Peck district of the hill -

Boundaries

North - River Sea  
South - (junction of mare & Ashurst N<sup>o</sup>)  
East - Lea bridge N<sup>o</sup> 1  
Lower Clapton N<sup>o</sup>  
West - Ashurst N<sup>o</sup> 1  
The Parsonage  
St James Clapton

XIII B 13

Fitzgerald - 27 July 1897

Southwold N<sup>o</sup> runs down hill & does its character

Hackney Down in charge of LCC. band town a week

Remarks The whole district is well to do varying from a cottage - one 2 blue spots - at E stream N E & S.W corners - otherwise no poor much open space both public & private

Boundaries

North - Dalston Lane  
South - Broadway  
East - Ashurst N<sup>o</sup> 1  
mare &  
West - Greenwood N<sup>o</sup> 1

St John Hackney  
St Philip Dalston  
XIII B 29

Grove mews - rebuilt better - Grove passage varied -

6 almshouses for 6 poor widows of good life & connection

founded 1656 rebuilt 1819 - Commercially known -

2 fully licensed houses - Hackney Radical Club - factories &

then a church mission room at Richmond N<sup>o</sup> 2nd

Flowerfield Road distinctly poorer - So is Richmond N<sup>o</sup> nearby

Here (Mountmore Terrace) is one centre of boot manufacture

Esmonth Pl. & Washington N<sup>o</sup> abutting on the fields above

poor flow - look dash blue - so the Triangle N<sup>o</sup> place

"as rough & poor as we've got it"

Remarks Downward as to condition from north to south  
Strange to find so much poverty round London Fields  
For some years under LCC but a dreary waste  
industries - Boot - pianos - cabinet work - Costen &  
wool cutters - women on shoes & slippers  
Factories built behind houses on the large garden  
Quite hidden away

Boundaries

North - Dalston Lane  
Graham N<sup>o</sup>  
South - Haggerston N<sup>o</sup>  
East - Greenwood N<sup>o</sup>  
London Fields  
West - N. L. Ry

St Philip XIII B 45

Inspector Flanagan - Thursday 2 Sept 1897

5 years inspector in this district - tall grey haired delicate looking gentleman

Albion Square all kept - no gates - no flowers - mud heaps

& trenches dug by the boys - old trees - dilapidated railway

Albion Hall for dancing lost its license - baths also closed

Queens N<sup>o</sup> - houses better than the people - built for a different class

Lavender Showland Rayburn N<sup>o</sup> - all dirt - clean base

milk cart & men calling showmen the only sign of life (4 pm)

all houses have good gardens

XIII<sup>B</sup> 65  
Cont<sup>d</sup> Light blue patch west side of London fields - yellow brick  
colored two-story by being leaned against near the  
door -

Duncan's the darker patch further south not so bad  
as Duncan's but all dark blue - down the road came  
a slatternly girl of about 18 - slipshod with large holes  
in her stockings carrying a baby - many pieces of  
soda bread were lying about in the street

Memorabilia: old fashioned houses good backs - pigeon hole  
store of the sweet shop lady <sup>of Woodland</sup> & her yearly bust  
and of the "notion Nella Freeman"

|| Neighborhood has bad reputation for brothels & kept women  
Quiet & very quickly reached from the city - rents moderate houses

Remarks One hour spots by the London fields - rest well to do  
Houses well built & roads broad & good large soil good  
Houses better than in habitations - district unfashionable  
There may be a return here

Streets near Dalston Junction harbor prostitutes  
Kingsland Rd from late market to the shopping place  
not many saws -

Public houses large - wrapping bottle trade  
look bright & clean - used practically as clubs  
not much casual trade

\* Women drink more - I can more - feel no shame  
Grocers license nothing to do with it.  
Male heads allow so much - women can save & show  
both in working & middle class - no need hood with husbands

Domestic

North - Over Park Rd<sup>o</sup> Corner of Wayland Avenue & Dalston Lane an empty  
South - ~~St. Andrew's~~ Public house - license taken away for harboring prostitutes  
East - ~~St. Andrew's~~ Police prosecuted - three doors off was a notorious brothel  
West - ~~St. Andrew's~~ since closed - Opposite is the Refuge for the fallen - the  
also lane to

XIII<sup>B</sup> 73 \* Girls are taken as servants but paid so badly (take  
advantage of) that they revert to the streets - General  
servants also queer characters - Manager insignificant -  
Small well to do district

Inspector Flanagan

Boundaries

North Arcola St  
South Dalston Lane  
East Norfolk St  
West High St  
St Marks XIII<sup>B</sup> St  
West Hackney

Starting from Dalston Police Station -

In Tyson Passage in habitations rough & troublesome. Costen  
Gusty noisier shades at back - vestry refers to alms building.  
Used for Circus pitches occasionally -  
North row in habitations from through - bare upper Cheam  
St Marks Road - many Jews here - often builders works

Streets bare & wide clean - Behind Sandringham Rd a good  
beate this factory - Back gardens weedy wash  
+ large busy tanks  
\* Little Jew boy play in pitch floor by himself - no flowers  
or care - must kept a dog which howled as we approached  
Down Park Rd. Lyre & Spottiswoode printing works  
Corner of Amhurst Rd. prominent Doctor large house & garden  
V.S.A. home for infirmities & archaic female mission  
Amhurst Rd. broad & prosperous almost yellow many  
heavy carriage drives - Norfolk Rd. fine old walking tree  
Opposite next little house - Venetian blinds towards front

Shacklewell Green - well kept by vestry - large garden  
\* especially by Lyell house - [Tally Tailor few driving road  
with servant Cochran behind him]

Arcola St. Not respectable - light blue not purple  
\* Millers Avenue recent but badly built by a friend of  
the vestry clerk - a thieves' resort - Opposite end in Arcola St.

\* respectable looking coffee house - really low class brother  
High St. Flats above let - shops below still busy. shops  
not successful here - Costen banners do a good  
trade & a lower class of shops - catering for the poor  
One banner selling fruit - man with shirt sleeves turns ash  
wife in fine hat with ostrich feathers & shawled red blouse

Tranquil Place - creeps over houses & flowers in front

General remarks - 3 poor shots (1) Near Police St. (2) near Arcola St. (3) End of  
High St. - Only the second really vicious - Mr Miller a local  
American estate agent is not well spoken of  
The district is not a Jews dwelling place - intermediate  
from Whitechapel to Haggerston - They are disliked by  
everyone but nevertheless get on - Fill their houses with lodgers  
are dirt & neglect their gardens - & don't buy of local shopkeepers =

musical they study at home -  
the song - & know the  
Public houses

Bonnamis

Inspector Flanagan - 9 September

North Balls Pond R.

Starting at Dalston Junction.

South Regents Canal

West as far as Essex R. (passing into our

East. Kingsland R.

next district). Don't see Timber factory - rough, old

West Essex R. to

Empire - Wall 8: 207 at South End a brothel

S. Peter's  
de Beauvoir  
Square

xiii<sup>B</sup>. 99

noisy & disorderly women - Nasser's all take  
lodges - Flowers in garden -

Ochenden R. occupants mostly out of town -

Across Southgate R. (back into 13/14) - Upton R.

Milkman but sign of life - At apex Ardleigh & Culford

Roads, Sussex Hotel old fashioned P.H. owned by Whitman

with dancy ladies & assembly room - a thing of the

past - but still used as a club - for banquets, entertainments

Looks more like a Country town hotel than London P.H.

Then to "Nover" Square - poor inhabitants inside good

rough looking houses "lean annuitants" of the suburbs

northern retirement of Dalston & Shacklewell

Church R. typical - picture of typical houses - large 10

Nantstock buildings next canal (District 6)

a poor clean court - doors shut no women about

States Buildings - triangular light blue patch - Frederick

Place a-b. & back - some broken windows - no trouble to notice

Asphalted & in fact, for a road.

Kingsland R. - great Saturday market - but more further north

The costers were moved south - but have gradually slipped

back - Tottenham R. - Kingsland Gospel Mission is here.

20702 is a low brothel frequented by the Dalston junkie women

General remarks

De Beauvoir's Town has seen better days - small houses &

large gardens its features - residential still but with some

factories in back gardens - inhabitants tend to get nervous as

you approach the Tottenham north & south - Imperial

free of Jews - As to women dining - Kings<sup>Hyl 5'</sup> Army was their place

at 11. am - 4 pm - 8 pm the great hall - all classes go in

Teppie in pin - From butcher stall opposite they buy a pig's head which was

taken for a drink - Monday the chief day - "Come along my dear you

just put your husband's clothes away till Saturday" - It is married

women - not the factory girls - he drink starts in the country days & you

married people go to P.H. together for change & amusement



Bonnanoes. Flanagan - 16 Sept  
 North. Nancie Grove Starty at Dalston Junction  
 Smith Dalston. Poor & partly rough - much as shown on  
 East. High St. the map.  
 West. Doleys N.  
 8 marks  
 West Hacky XIII B 125

General Police Inspector Flanagan  
 Questions - Dalston Public Houses - before obtaining a license must give  
 Subdivision Police an account of himself & procure 2 references.  
 XIII B 163. Undesirable persons manage to square references -  
 every class <sup>of man</sup> becomes a publican - better sort full license  
 might be better - value of licensed houses some are  
 mystery how they pay on such values - £5000 to £40,000.  
 There is knavery in working up the values based on  
 certified sales - women drinking increased - they drink  
 spirits - men beer - Gals drink but it is married &  
 \* middle aged women who indulge & whose increase comes in  
 not only among poor - more noticeable among what would be  
 the middle class of this district - no shame - Grocers  
 licenses not much to do with it - drink away from home  
 Flanagan sees no harm in children being sent to fetch  
 beer - not children but women who sip - Since 1894  
 it has been an indictable offence to give children  
 sweets - Beer house chief offender in this way - Public  
 Houses dare not risk endorsement - license rarely  
 endorsed - Magistrate's charge of it - appeal may  
 go against magistrate at quarter sessions  
 \* The set of licensing magistrates from men who have  
 several houses as more responsible - another body  
 hold that no man can look properly after more than  
 one house - result the putting up of many strong & hard  
 swearing - Publicans will swear anything - The third  
 body has no principles or rules

General remarks - Drink accepted by constables on duty, severe  
 Dalston Division punished - but never the less pretty generally done  
 Flanagan tho' not so much here as elsewhere - men

xiii<sup>B</sup> 163 cont. have complained that Publicans wont serve  
 them when asked - Flanagan wants the Publican  
 A policeman who drinks two half pints at a long  
 time is right for an hour or two & then downy  
 the large fit - Consequently Publican give 4 or 2.  
 half week instead - Publicans will give something  
 just as always give a cigar or some tobacco to  
 a constable summoned to Eject - they prefer to do it.  
 Publicans & Police both human

\* Street walken dont give to the Police - for the most  
 part too poor - but brothels do - one large sum  
 come in this way - Police could prosecute but have  
 order from head quarters not to - other may prosecute  
 they will watch if requested & come as witnesses  
 wont take initiative -

Police beats continually changed

Betting not largely carried on in P.H. Betting men  
 are known - Prosecution result of orders from  
 head quarters - complaints are anonymous & sent to  
 Scotland Yard direct -

Fair amount of betting in the streets - in dining room  
 The £5 fine not heavy enough to deter - one man  
 already convicted 3 times this year - stands at  
 corner of Dalston Lane behind the Police Station  
 "What's the word of carrying me off to fine me £5"  
 "ye know well enough its not me but my swans that pay"  
 "I shall be at it again but what I do mind is the  
 indignity - could ye manage it in the toing or down a  
 "back way?"

\* You must change the books a bit before you'll stop  
 betting - Police orders wont do it - said Flanagan

General remarks Very little of waking men in the morning now  
 District division More the city - a nice lot of business fire  
 Flamapam Cont<sup>o</sup> Night watchmen or people who make it their  
 XIII<sup>B</sup> 163. trade now employed - Why? because of the  
 bear - when get drunk & could not be relied on  
 Servig Ambler men might be more convenient  
 but difficult to be sure of - men allowed to go  
 home if they can manage it - but must go quiet.  
 If disorderly & collect a crowd gets run in &  
 \* Convicted - but hard to get evidence esp. P. H.  
 Giving evidence on the subject not appreciable to the  
 police - keep them tight - or off duty, Constable  
 uses his discretion

General remarks Policemen beats vary from 10 minutes to 2 hours  
 Hacking Sub division supposed to move 2 1/2 miles per hour  
 Fitzgerald - Each man 8 hours - in two periods of 4 hours  
 XIII<sup>B</sup> 187 with 4 hours intervals  
 Fixed points placed so that no inhabitant  
 may have unreasonable distance to go - Every  
 householders informs where they are - time from  
 9 am to 1 am - in winter may be 24 hours  
 The man supposed never move out of sight of point  
 Night patrols are put on in special districts  
 where people are late or noisy  
 Six different men pass through the streets in their  
 beats - 11 different officers employed in March 8.  
 Does not believe any officer or duty takes bear  
 charges of drunkenness against police used to be common  
 since Sir C. Warr took it in hand in 1886 the thing has  
 been completely changed - every year stricter - Police bands  
 are - especially at Clong time - those who do it are  
 found out & dismissed - heard none to accept money  
 does not believe it is done - never came before his notice  
 (Fitzgerald was uncomfortable over these questions)

General Remarks Class of men in the force has risen  
 Hackney, Divin \* Prices of Public Houses in Hackney about reaches  
 Fitzgerald XIII<sup>B</sup> 187 their limit - boundaries has the day - Highest  
 cont price he had heard of was £4000 for the House  
 in Abchurch Lane - House in Mare St might buy  
 more of even in the market but were family  
 properties.

|| No brothels in Hackney - There had been two  
 but were closed on notice from Vestry to Landlord  
 of for Sanctus to tenants - may have gone elsewhere  
 Extraordinary gangs of constables insignificant  
 nothing from loose women - nothing from brothels as  
 there are none - nothing from early risers for  
 business has passed out of hands of police - now  
 a regular trade - dates the loss of the business  
 to the time of Special Inspector Sq. Acheson  
 Fitzgerald opposed to Chelmsford being sent for beer  
 Drunken men allowed to get home - if guilty  
 difficult to detect drunkards before 5 o'clock  
 not himself a teetotaler - but has never accepted  
 drink or money while in uniform

\* Prices vary more between department & department  
 than between house & house - Object of publicans to  
 separate the customers in social grades - as roughly  
 gauged by height, ability - different articles sold  
 not same thing at different prices -  
 Usual prices quoted  
 As to ex-convicts - police never tell employers

Boundaries Inspector Thorpe - some dodgy man  
 N. Church Rd Starting at Police Station near High St - busy road  
 S. Arcola St becoming busier every year - traffic never ceases - all night  
 E. Rectory Rd cuts from market garden to Enfield  
 W. Kentish Rd [West side in next district - new streets - some houses built  
 + the High St beyond the proper line + parcel off by LCC -]  
 West Hackney - XIII B 239. Back rest side - Clean brook clean - Comp one of school

Roundabouts

N. Northwold R<sup>o</sup>

S. Church R<sup>o</sup>

E. North R<sup>o</sup>

W. Stoke Newington  
North S<sup>o</sup>

West Hackney

Christchurch

S. Michael

Inspector Thorpe - October

Starting Police Station. Stoke Newington High S<sup>o</sup> -

part west Hackney Ch<sup>o</sup> - very popular always full - Harvest festival

struggle to get in - Randleham R<sup>o</sup> to "Raines Island"

"Tiger Bay" "Spikes Island" "Myrtle Grove" according to fancy

Plongest quarter of district, but much improved

XIII<sup>c</sup> 5 Inhabited by low class English - no Irish - few San regien were  
used to be resort of seamen - now none - moved to Twicken

by estate South Tottenham - no public entry except one

right to be opened through Stellman S<sup>o</sup> - Police can enter

from Jenner R<sup>o</sup> + other by way 1<sup>o</sup> - Police obtained

this privilege to induce them to live here & eat free

Rents still low but rising - Landlords small men

A good deal of picket stoss - Police cant stop it - What the good

Inhabitants give no trouble to the Police -

Children better cloth healthy -

\* Streets near Stoke Newington Common better since LCC took

over the common - Union S<sup>o</sup> (dark blue) has some better

tenements for better class being built - "Cross" at end

of Mill alley shunts down as we appears - Costers

remnant of old village labourer houses

On west side of High S<sup>o</sup> (next district) other remnants

of former time inhabited by Costers who ply in the High S<sup>o</sup>

(this is part of Thomas)

General remarks Very few sole occupiers of their houses - lodgers usual

One general Servant Trust - all men go off to work in City

Very healthy district - houses rarely musty - difficult to get

Typical house is 6 rooms 3 on each floor - 2 bay kitchen

one over the other - 1 scullery & WC - for common use

little plot raised off in front & fair garden behind

No part times trouble to the police

Disapproves of any but working class children being sent

for beer - they hear nothing they are not accustomed to

\* "with my class it is different" - Children dont like

women as - Children go when sweets are given - Sweets and

proved them sitting - not even much (who out came a child with

mouth full)

XIII<sup>c</sup> 5 Women's drinking has increased - Grocers license  
 cont<sup>d</sup> must have helped it - & they no longer mind  
 \* Have more leisure - no clothes to make - better  
 bought ready made - taken out more - public  
 houses more attractive - Clerkwell the real  
 shot for women's drinking - & the change has come  
 in the 6 years he was there -

Cox About 50 years of age - Father, grandfather &  
 manager of 5 \* Great grandfather publican & son will be  
 Public Houses in (1) Pimber, Am. Amherst N<sup>o</sup>  
 Hacking XIII<sup>c</sup> 179 (2) The Unicorn - Commercial Rd. & Shorewater  
 (3) Tottenham (4) Denmark Hill (5) Hornsey

Old fashioned publican a man of the East - with  
 white apron & long pipe & drinking with customers  
 now a new class - capitalists - Houses never so  
 well managed as now -

At Pimber Am. 7 bars - 2 for men only - no women  
 allowed - 1 for pipe bottles

Chief custom residential - clerks & city trades  
 who after supper turn out to meet their friends  
 with some house main trade done with houses by  
 depends on district.

Most important that house should be respectably  
 conducted - Must serve no drunken men - Potman  
 fetches police to turn out any who have had too much  
 Police not always seas - don't like to turn them out themselves

Pays if he week to police as "call money" nominal  
 for calling service at 6 - this house open at 7

Potman now called Porter in better class houses  
 pots seldom used now - glasses became <sup>more</sup> more usual

The reason being that women at bars always give  
 by measure to their favourites - & better measure  
 is always given any how - must be the real key  
 if tipped

XIII<sup>e</sup> 179  
(Cox)



Those to whom most harm done in public houses are the servant girls sent to fetch beer not the children. Separate department needed Chidlow Sip - he has often noticed it - never goes sweets as being unfair trade - but has lost the custom of many children by doing so - a child will go 100 yards further for a sweet - did not Sweets stopped selling

Houses come up enormously - still going up Thinks many cannot pay at such prices - more & more into hands of brewer - value of a public house monopoly - no new licenses granted - Population increases with it the demand.

Has noticed no increase in women drinking with regard to custom & treating - He when he served always declined - (20c annoyance at first - but finally customers preferred the house where it was not customary.

Inspector Thresher  
XIII<sup>e</sup> 189

Retired after 26 years service - 12 years Whitechapel Man of 50 testotales all his life. Keeps Sweets in Upper Clapton St. - Knows little of neighborhood unwilling to say anything unfavorable to the police. Indirect earnings practically nil - if divided was not 1/2 per month per house - used to be call money - but this has become the separate business. Loss to the police a gradual thing - began before Trafalgar Sq. business - but even now & then men were left uncalled & customers were dissatisfied. Publicans may still pay call money - but exceptional policemen sometimes get treated less common than former. P. Hs much more strictly kept - so much more at stake. Beer houses more likely - Admitted that men who



looked as if they would like it got it - Has seen nothing by it runs to the animal - Police more sober. Chidlow do sip - but they begin with the breast. God deal quiet in the streets

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Miscellaneous notes

District 13.

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see Booth, Life and labours.... 1902-3  
Third Series. Vol. 1. Chap. II.

[Booth's notes: Miscellaneous notes.  
District 13. fols. i, 16.]



C. O. S. Mrs Davis  
Secretary  
XVIII. 1

Only been here 8 months - information based largely on notes left by previous Secretary - (see next interview)  
A bright intelligent energetic lady - strict C.O.S. views though a member of the Christian Social Union.

# As to district on the whole, Hactney getting poorer  
District getting less when poorer Area no such parish in which this does not to some extent apply  
Hactney, brick (Iron Mission) honest & most respectable

St. Martin great activity little effect  
Loyal to C.O.S. - but give largely in doler without reforming & the rule applies "the worse the better treated"

The worse the better treated  
St. Augustine. - Dorkes had working - hampered financially whole parish getting poorer. except last end.  
St. North Hactney. Tennant active sensible careful opinion always worth taking. Curate work well Palace No 1 Priory Place as from as ever & streets on other side of well & become very poor.

The local Clergy  
Christ Church Walter has very bad health. Has been away <sup>mostly</sup> since Mrs Davis came. Excellent Curate very hospitable parish  
St. Michael's Loman Field Morecom. rather pompous Pennell the greatest price

Holy Trinity Dalston Knapp. about most sensible parish in district - working class replacing middle class  
St. Marks West Hactney Sanders. great thinker of himself than with which is fairly good. does not give much time being occupied with National Societies or Parish Well being

St. John Hactney Parish Church. Mr. Gardiner. ill. his Curate poorest before any thing - bad chant with work. Lady visitors if doler. - Drumbent Chantry ten people of March  
St. Lukes <sup>Hactney</sup> Very active. but give a great deal. parish poor

St. Annabas Hornerton. Natch a very sensible man with good steady head. Mr. Natch with two Curates but less sensible.

Plains Chapel St. Hamilton. the only sea-fashions Curate in the district.

C.O.S. Miss Davis  
cont. XVIII.1

All Souls & All Saints Fletcher & Hawthorn. much alike. both active & know their people. Both send cases to C.O.S. both true doers. Millfields district going down rapidly. Pedro S. about the worst. S James Clapton Garden-Brown. one been here a short time. Parish has been neglected. Christchurch Clapton. Sunday fairly active but not strong as to relief. Names below in 14. Non-cons know little of few will help C.O.S.

Non-cons + C.O.S

in any way - not because of principles but because of the clerical committee. but non-cons require assistance of Soc members -

"Inafficients" need the help + advice to the church

The "inafficients" to religion from whom applicants for relief are drawn - go to the Church of S. Charles for help + are sent to C.O.S. by them. Lower Clapton Congreg do much work & are sensible have 2 missions in town.

Rev. Travel & Unitarian. Williams a Capital man see also Miss Gibbs & Mrs Green

Clapton Park Tabernacle - Jackson active, energetic & easy to work with

Cath. Apostolic - one among our people - dormant; Napton man S. much work. some work with C.O.S

S. Thomas Sq. Presbyterian - Mr. Corby active & well informed

Chatsworth St. - Typical - gives much work. Salvation Army adherents excellent - better than in most districts - owing to Cooper Hall. Always found them strictly upright. more than can be said of other

General religious activity - small results

Religious bodies generally tremendously active with apparently small result (Opinion not based on base attacking) - Don't usual opinion as to women duty etc. - Bands of Hope futile owing to feeble management. Poor law weak but improving treatment in workhouse more humane without fixing three days amends paid in to Church banks etc. but should be collected to read the willings - no worky class C.O.S members

C.O.S. Urnicke  
late Secy  
XVIII. 163

Mr. Davis predecessor for 2 years. a very good man  
not much more to be got than Miss Davis had from  
Highest of Alatch. Lowest of Morcom (usdud)  
Lennard devotes himself to the rich reflects the poor.  
Gardner was a good organizer. large bands of workers  
but bad material. inefficient curators & clerks  
Parish pay down - but Thorne is a good man. but  
parish sinks visibly. Fletcher a churchman simply  
Donaldson a strong man & all that is possible is done  
effect more noticeable among women & girls than men  
at first thought men not influenced - but otherwise later  
Mission is too rich - Walker not well placed as a parson  
but his curates the best in Hackney  
nonconformists work with C.O.S. but visit little  
among the poor & know little - later five free meals  
Thrift abnormally low - less than - Coalworth & Hampden  
especially. So: Hackney - 12 Forsters lodges in Dalston to  
3 in So. Hackney.

C.O.S. makes no advance

C.O.S. makes no advance in Hackney - very hopeful soil  
District goes down fast & C.O.S. reproaches doctrine  
are most unattractive to lower middle class.  
Committee to watch the stand introduction of women

Hackney Nonconformist Society  
Bradford Secretary  
XVIII. 23

Society established 59 years. to give old age pensions  
to deserving nonconformists & others in Hackney  
3 Classes (1) Rate payers & subscribers. (2) Rate payers not subscribers  
(3) Persons in almshouses - Also for widows - no one under 60  
or who is or has been in receipt of parish relief is eligible  
Elections <sup>to vacancies</sup> half yearly by vote of subscribers - income £700. Key Subst  
large number of worthy applicants - useful society

Ingenious charitable collection

Mr Bradford a great collector for charities by ingenious devices  
\* which fit in with his business as a grocer

Hackney charities

There are 48 Hackney charities  
In Clapton the rich people have gone - replaced by decent middle class  
members of S. James. Speak well of Gardner. Now the activities

Hackney, Tottenham, Chelsea - Hon Sec. with members of his Committee formed 12 men  
Ordinance Socl <sup>or other</sup> XVIII. 37 all small tradesmen or working men.

The object "to go for the drink" - root of poverty & misery.  
Both organs in opposition to the socialist view of  
Capitalist & constitution of society as the root of trouble.  
All of them are poor & having lived in the slums are  
convinced though many more than ever drink it is that makes  
them worse off -

Temperance propaganda

Propaganda by open air meetings in Victoria Park &c  
Forms a hall too expensive.

Society in a very small way, not likely make much impression.  
But all excellent fellows & tremendously in earnest -

All strongly religious men - connected with some body

\* Point of view that of the religious working man.

Classes who drink

In South Hackney drinking enormously increased, especially  
among women - Formerly only degraded women would enter public  
house without shame - now the most respectable women  
habitually do so - Young women out with their young men  
nearly always go into a pub. -

Shoemakers are heavy drinkers -

Increase due also to working men's clubs, more drinking dens.

The improvements in the P. Houses has added to temptations  
& made it easier for respectable people to go into them.

Proportion of income going to drink

Society estimate that of poor 25% income, 5% goes to drink  
& that at least 75% of the poverty of London is due to this

Grieved at my statements

Hence much grieved at my statement of 14%.

Find these figures thrown in their face by socialists  
& feel sure if I stand as much as they of the poor I should  
realise that I am wrong.

Other things cheaper - more for drink

Another cause is the excessive cheapness of necessaries  
Nearly all the additional margin goes in drink

Police & publicans

Police, inspectors & all - Squared by publicans - have watched  
them  
won't prosecute - Tolerant for private individual to do as  
If they interfere told to mind their own business or they  
may get a broken head

Hackney Feet and Church - Police also paid by boot makers & mostly bet themselves  
Evidence see XVIII. 37 Conts Well known that almost every small tobacconist, news agent  
& Barber is a boot maker or agent - yet none are prosecuted.

Police & betting

Except on complaint of some one well liked - or the clergy.

Work of Salvation Army

Salvation Army alone touches & redeems the really poor.

Small missions

(stated by Mr West a Baptist but agrees to try all)

& the small missions of their own class.

The relief for the poor

The poor needs religiously touched by superior social & religious

must have religion - simple plain & direct -

Clergy taken in

The few who go to Churches Chapels or Mother Meetings

for what they can get - Clergy & ministers terribly taken in

have no spiritual influence at all among the poor.

Useful social work

Get as much good by social work keeping people out of

the streets & public houses -

Misuse of relief tickets

Relief tickets never go to people who deserve them

Mr Barker won out

Mr Barker wears himself out in his efforts.

Action of the S.A.

Salvation Army does not rob the Chapels but redeems sinners

Churches & Chapels filled with well to do thinking

more of clothes than of religion - Any one badly dressed

must take a back seat.

Loose relations between sexes

Relations between sexes becoming looser - less stigma

Among men chief topic of conversation besides sport

is their success or intentions - Hackney, Communist

Fornication & open houses

# London Fields, fearful centres

Influence of education on manners

Education has made manners worse - less respectful

Filthy language of the street

Language deteriorated - filthy language in the streets

Distinct deterioration

Socially & morally Hackney is going down.

Chesterton Girls Club XVIII. 54

A lady between 30 & 40 - the Club premises her old home

turned by her into a club which she manages

Herself an pronounced agnostic - belongs to Ethical Soc.

Co-operation of all denominations

but has secured co-operation of all denominations.

Mr & Mrs Blatch are on her committee head her the parish hall

Success due to elimination of religion element

Religion & no religion equally excluded -

Girls work in factories - appears better - chief amusement dancing

# attributes success largely to elimination of religion element  
This evidence appears also in Parish notes 13 1B.

Headmaster - Gardiner  
Gainsborough No XVIII. 77  
Hacking Wick

Assistant master 1870/81 - Headmaster since 1894.

Capable - a little opinionated & pushful

District neither Criminal nor poverty stricken except  
Jews class - one lazy & neer do well - Dykers - working  
a little & able to get work but hanging about from choice.

Two classes at the Wick

Casual workers & loafers - more  
long more

Mostly labourers supported by abundance of casual work  
Conditions similar to what used to be with the docks  
though not so bad [local demand for female labour much]

the other class might be industrial

Another class might be industrial factory workers

Boys from these classes Squalid

Comparison with past  
more lazy - less brutal

\* Comparison with past less brutally more lazier  
\* In old times a common thing for parents to come round  
with a horse whip to the schools - but not now.

less violence - more loafing

Generally less violence - more apathy & loafing. Men  
get just enough to live on & are satisfied - women

Sam more - eat more - waste more

Gossip more - Standard of low animal comfort gone up  
\* Lam more, eat more & waste more - more meat  
Good as far as it went but does not go very far.

Nettle more brutally with ripon

on the whole stagnation

On the whole stagnation with some internal movement  
change nothing - Those who do well leave - source

Those who do well leave  
Failures drift here

of regret mixed with satisfaction - Inward drift of failures  
Thus locally no signs of improvement - life & work

life & work disheartening

in the Wick disheartening - no one hanson or schoolmaster

no one should stay long at it  
only an immortal could keep it up

ought to have to stay long - \* A man can only make little  
\* Strains of effort on an immortal can keep it up  
not more than average drinking.

no prostitution

Prostitution - little buying & selling - not those here who

promiscuous relations  
difficulties arise by name

So out on this strand - Relationships promiscuous  
morally at a low level - illegitimacy shows by difficulties

\* as to names of boys at school -  
Two or three bands connected with Religious bodies.

multiplicity of visitors

As whole thoughtful - a good deal of visiting by  
(1) Sea Mission (2) Salvation Army (3) Wesleyan (4) W. Dyke Mission  
W. Dyke Mission come in the Wick

(Cont'd) Gardiner XVIII 77

Local Gov fairly effective now + prompt on abuses  
Mr Gardiner called in Mr Swift (assent 'marlin')  
a member of vestry who said Health had been  
very bad but had much improved - Drainage -  
the question - sanitation rather than condition of house.

Health improved

Sanitary trouble - dust heap

There is a 'shoot' for several local vestries near - a  
source of infection - mainly skin diseases -  
The Chileans will poke about there - Dust destroyed <sup>was</sup>

Local management of property

Local property managed on strictest 'business lines'

no single large Estate

A good deal of 10 or 12 percent evenness among  
keepers of vestrymen - no single large estate - mostly  
6 houses or so - except in Mr Peck with 200 houses  
Some financial corporations (Jews) - one owns 250 houses

Improved condition due to interference

Condition has fair because of interference - was still very bad  
as to the mission - known Mr Donaldson - the mission

The other mission - ? too wealthy

the largest & wealthiest but query the most advantageous  
Very active - and a lot of good - but the result of cadgers  
To find more real religion among the people you must  
go to Dykes mission (said to be connected & supported by  
Congregationalist Church Clapton) - but Donaldson

Charles, Ormsdale, Donaldson

better than Ormsdale - smells out hypocrisy - Bishop  
Carter before Ormsdale would go without blankets to  
give them to those whose money was going in drink  
An awfully good fellow but an awful mischief maker  
Better no mission than one that hampers

Sister Katherine

"Sister Katherine" was efficient - she would answer  
"You are strong enough - go & die" - "You can work  
go to the wash tub" - She has kept the district  
Thinks Donaldson is leaving his lesson - but doubtful  
if more good or harm is done

Effect of the school

As to effect of the school - they did their best to make

\* Clean regular punctual study - If they succeeded in  
the first the boys did not turn out badly - Taste would  
be cause of parents would support - but Chileans are the masters

No help from parents - Chileans the masters at home

there is no discipline - If school not the 'real mission' - at  
\* least no influence so important - the religion has <sup>been</sup> <sup>lost</sup>

Com. Gardner  
XVIII. 97

Only then is there the chance to make boys feel they are getting into bad habits.

Value of the religious habit

No society classes in this school - but some in a neighboring school better situated - The exception when any of his boys go -

The loafing type of boy \*

Loafing would be cancelled which boys will turn out loafers & in loafers read the parentage

Aves saw the boys march past - a ragged brigade -

Appearance of the children

Also class of specially difficult uttering illiterate children. The witch produces children of even worse type who are sent elsewhere - These had & sad enough - Then the high standard (6+) contrast very strong - must be from stuff in the wide - quite young boys - on 3 or 4 B.

STRD. Mr Hayward  
XVIII. 93

Grey haired lady, deep on 6s - almost of STRD. for Clapton - like & lower as far as Homerton High St. does not know much of district leaving administration to COS - but in its each case at least once.

Worst parts

Worst part - streets about Homerton Church. Flower part of Clapton Park - but streets off Southwold Rd. become <sup>bad</sup>

Increase of amusements

Great wave of amusements since last general election - great signs of prosperity in the drink trade - insignificant

Prosperity of P. Hines \*

houses blossoming into fine palaces.

Member of Mr Hines' Congreg Church. 'The Round Chapel' Mr Hines absorbed in preaching - considers it almost his sole duty, though not a good preacher - seldom preaches out - has weak health - all non-cons too exclusive, hangs with their own (wealthy) congregation - Runs little or nothing of the poor - Shows relief funds foolishly, totally without inquiry - Her brother Almoner at Hines' Church - & holes the funds to any member of the Congreg. - Name of COS red rag to most non-cons partly because of Clergy or Committee

Attitude of non-cons

Chester & Girls Club doing really Christian work Mrs Johnson admirable moral influence - but it was difficult to raise funds because of prejudice on part of <sup>not being</sup> <sub>relig. can do</sub>

C.O.S. & non-cons



S.R.D. Mrs Parnell  
XVIII.99.

Lady not over 30, Almoner of S.R.D. for South Hackney - leaves administration mostly to C.O.S.  
District visitor Hackney Parish Church in Orchard Place east of Clarence St. & knows this bit well  
Purple on our map - 22 houses & 7 rooms each -  
Generally one family per house but may take lodger  
Used to take lodgers, where - but find new tenants more difficult - & now 10 out of 22 cannot get beyond 2 weeks  
Never sees the men & seldom a lodger - always "out"  
All tidy well kept houses - typical working class parlours & each a large garden well looked after  
New tenants less respectable - hence greater difficulty  
Visitors than Parish not allowed to give relief - she prefers  
Her chief duty to induce people to allow Church - major  
utterly indifferent - few ever go to any place of worship  
of drink never any direct sign but she pres in morning  
ne - & hears of drinking at night  
Mr Gardner an excellent organist much hampered by ill health  
Work of parish very active but under increasing difficulties  
owing to falling off in funds - richest people going.

difficulty of visiting

typical working class people & houses

majority indifferent to Church going

no drinking noticeable

Pastor Frisius - XVIII.105.  
German Lutheran Church

Church next to German Hospital  
Is a tall curly headed grey haired man. Pleasant voice  
inclined to deplore wickedness of world & Germans in particular & hopelessness of his task  
The rich Germans have left. The poor remain -  
Chiefly tailors & makers of trousseaux embroidery & frocks  
& High class cabinet makers - men who left France 1870  
To German students have added French artistic taste  
Also have artists - baker & master stone &  
below an unemployed fringe always in misery  
The young men by no means - the daily including speculation  
Drink them great deal - many clubs - play drink & spend money  
wife just been complaining - half the money so spent.

hopelessness of task

French-germans

drink & gambling

Crit. Pastor Frisius  
XVIII.105

Hospital was founded 1845. Have 125 beds  
Open to every one who has had accident - English  
24000 out national annually, 1/2 English - German  
have a preference - need no letters.  
German Jews in S. Marks road from White Chapel on  
road to Hampstead -  
Church built 1874. (Old Church was on site of the Home Store)  
Two services a Sunday, except in Summer when no German come  
for excommunication may be social democrats & others that  
come at all. S. Sch for children school - Summer for 5 weeks  
Service twice a week in Hospital - visits all his  
congreg at least 6 times a year 600 persons <sup>most 2000</sup>  
Great hostility not only against the church but against God  
Some are enemies of God - real hostility not indifference  
Many services 70 to 100 adults, half male  
Evening service fewer - 30 to 70. S. Sch 75 of  
whom 60 come regularly - not a bad congreg because  
may live so far off  
At Xmas shows £60 in blankets, coats & frocks.  
Has 25 persons helped by S. D. & by him & from  
many coal & three tickets to North town - or tickets  
tickets to stray Germans - no one goes away <sup>empty handed</sup>  
Hopes to build a school room - has one in hospital now  
for Saturday, Sunday & 2 small rooms - Church for S. Sch  
No clubs - but they wanted to drink & dance  
Complain of Germans not leaving their trades thoroughly  
& of bad marriages.  
From Brandenburg & Pomerania come girls who work for tea  
can make 11/ to 21/- are freer than in Germany. Some  
very respectable & send money home - some not.  
500 German prostitutes said to be on streets in London  
Germans spend much on pleasure - go to Spang on Sunday  
Too much liberty here -  
Most Germans come as adventurers to London - all that  
this - & the more for nothing is worse off than before -  
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S R D. Mrs Parish  
XVIII. 119

Almoner of S R D & District Visitation S. John's Parish  
Prim & pretty old maid of about 60 lived 12 years here  
Devoted whole time to charitable work - was COS secretary  
Knew many Lane & West of Clarence Rd best  
Saw many Lane - especially central part as home had  
as Chalgrave Rd. & is besides watched by unhealthy  
having been built on water cross bed - West Street Woodhouse  
Clarence Rd has improved - & she finds the better Woodhouse Rd  
or somewhere near.

Unhealthy basin of water cross  
bed

Dad district near Dalston  
junction

of Shaws road known place, Warminster Rd the worst  
All road Dalston Junction was bad too formerly  
This district steadily deteriorating.

Drift the cause

Almost only cause of sordid poverty - drink - any  
one who visits & watches must think so - 29 Pth a parish

29 Public Houses

Remedial agencies cannot fight against their influence  
Sunday closing reduction of licenses necessary - suggests  
publishing map of public houses.

Sunday closing reduces  
transaction in numbers

no reason to think drink amongst men increased but  
they begin young - & great increase among women & girls

Begin to drink young

Women & girls take more  
than men

At one time women were 'look rons' before entering  
& then shut in - now enter quite openly - more so  
on Sunday night full of parties of men, ladies & girls

Lads & girls treat parents  
as equals

(one lad to 2 or 3 girls) who go to several public houses  
& stand outside road at each -  
accidents to children from drinking mothers

Parents of those of little use  
if parents are not abstemious

Parents of those of little use means parents are  
not total abstinence - teacher says one thing & mother does another  
& often sends them for beer just after they come home  
So children nearly always "fall" when they go to work

After drink crowding  
from high rents

next to drink - high rents - leading to crowding - cleanliness  
is lost - decency unknown - loss of self respect follows

Loss of decency & self respect

Rather the result of improvement when drink curbed & more  
house room provided but there has been improvement

There has been improvement

in 12 years -

Conto. Mrs Parsh  
XVIII 119

A few poor to mission  
scarcely any to church

A few of poor to mission - scarcely any to church  
Country people of caught or arrival can be brought to  
Church - with London almost hopeless

Obstacle - 1<sup>st</sup> & foremost - Sunday habits - late rising  
late dinner (Seldom before 3 & often later) & soaking of  
liquor. (If you want to judge their character call on them  
at 4 o'clock on Sunday) - 2<sup>o</sup> The Chaff which none  
but the strongest natures can face - knew an old  
woman who resorted to subterfuges to conceal the fact  
from her neighbors - started early & long in opposite direction  
(3) Lack of simplicity in services - nearly all above  
heads of the poor - & the barricading of folding doors ~~the~~  
makes it hard for the poor to go -

Chaff for the strongest body - poor can know nothing  
of the poor - never combine for relief - must beg of  
the rich. In relief much more sensible than the poor.

My neighbor there a good body -  
Great fault hopeless was of organization & cooperation

\* Poor often have 3 or 4 different people calling - nearly  
all grey smelling however small - was once 7<sup>th</sup> street

Charitable relief in such fashion must do harm

See also notes on page 143 which are interesting as to channels & causes of poverty  
remedies

Antoine or Onalash Office District Midway Park - Has known  
Hansalem XVIII 132. District 30 years - sharp business man

Talks freely of property & real - Demand for horses great  
a dog application for one vacant house - able to  
pick & choose & select respectable people in decent work  
Railway employees fishermen - post men - occupy for  
long terms - some 30 or 40 years - little if any poverty  
nearly all let lodgings - some lodgers poor - sometimes  
married children of occupants - Rhodes family his landlady  
tenants very independent class - shirt shop & boys club

Neighborhood has deteriorated in last 15 years -  
Nestled by the Jews - able to sublet at double rents  
Kupstas shop still in existence  
Education & Religion are improving influences - people becoming more steady  
& more religious - Philanthropic work done - Khaph staff active  
Some immorality - Improvements on closed but deteriorated

House Agent. Stoddart Recommended by Father Dunn - Small man, wearing glasses  
 XVIII. 161. quiet pleasant man - lives & works at home - between 50 & 60  
 in the district all his life - remembers when water came  
 could be picked up where Chalprose R<sup>d</sup> was in.  
 Largest estate of Sir John Cass - between Cass Lane R<sup>d</sup> & Kings  
 (2) Valentine Post Estate - west of Kenton R<sup>d</sup> & 5 others  
 are mentioned.

The St Thomas Hospital estate notorious 'black market'  
 Chantie Shoen have a conscience.

Hardly any freehold houses. Short of outskirts

Most leasehold have 30 or 40 years to run -

Best built King Edwards R<sup>d</sup> - worst flash houses

just built NW corner Heichy Common

Every neighborhood has ups & downs - first tenants

of fair class - These go when fresh new locum off -

lower class succeeds - they go when come, critical

moment for up or down - if well built a better

class comes - if badly a still worse class suc-

ceeds & neighborhood goes down irreversibly - instance see

Rents do not always fall when this happens because of

not being paid in full - Rental instances - Jews the worst tenants

nevertheless they creep in

R.O. Nuckmaster - District South of Clapton Park - R.O for 15 years

XVIII. 171 previously at Hackney Wick - Pedro Street the most

drunken & profligate neighborhood. Much worse than the Wick

Public house keeps living on their wives - The George &

Glyn R<sup>d</sup> the vilest house in London -

Condition largely due to weak administration of poor law

Cases not followed up - Has reduced out relief by 27.

If stopped the people shift to some other parish

\* Out relief all right with proper administration needs

Small districts & more R.O.s

R O Coffin  
 XVIII. 191 Just now leaving for another district has been  
 working for 9 years in Clapton Park & Hackney, with  
 it for last 4 in the Wick exclusively -  
 Clapton Park is different & has altered  
 Wick people mixed lot - socially rather than industrially  
 Some are respectable turned not be thought otherwise  
 or wish to have the place labelled as of bad repute  
 Even when it was a thoroughly bad place - they were not wanting  
 Police action has done much for respectability -  
 In no sense a criminal district - Compared to 9 with Whitechapel  
 A good deal of money comes - women helping - terrible destitution  
 Poor not migrating - piece here - so hard picking in summer  
 Plants rather low - Health not so bad - saved by openness  
 Not enough soot going - dirty bedding a danger - League office  
 P.H. does an enormous trade - It's mission provides the only  
 Entertainment - Football on the marsh a new thing - ground covered in  
 The Board School had no place enough for the children will build another  
 on good terms with the Health well of police - help each other  
 Gives credit to the It's mission - doesn't know what the Wick  
 would be without it in bad winters -  
 The Wick improving on the whole - Proposed new bridge  
 & direct road to Stamford will alter the whole character  
 Mr Coffin has an affection for the place & its people - of the poor  
 he says 'they are all very kind to him' & grateful  
 Remarks on Poor Law policy - Arle and relief - & labour yard  
 A genial R.O

Headmaster Addiscombe  
 Barking P. Sch. XVI. 205 Seen at this school 15 years - great change since he came  
 School isolated when built - all built up now - recent extensions  
 new houses recently built & occupied - few children have come yet  
 Poor school attendance - irregular poor - children kept at home  
 Clapton Park district low & unhealthy - low standard of life  
 Good for school place - no money - somewhat LCC action - but  
 takes a gloomy view - But school reacts somewhat on homes  
 Boys leave - Take the first money that offers - at 73 - least to  
 give boys some ease the school - description of the children

Donaldson  
The Star Mission  
Special talk on  
things in general  
XII<sup>B</sup>. 205.

In bed with knee cap accident - bicycling.  
His sister Hon Mrs Lawley wife of incoming rector  
of Hackney was with him  
In Hackney with motor there are 7 off beer licenses  
& only one full & one out off beer - Object of  
interview to learn about off licenses -  
Just as much drinking what ever the license  
A man will drink where he may - or opposite side  
of road - law may prohibit this but is not enforced  
Police could not do it - can only go a little  
in advance of morality of district - must have  
moral support of better class of neighbors  
Police wise in so acting - would soon find out how  
heavy they were - & neighborhood would forward to  
You genuine soaker does not stay at P.H. but  
goes home & comes again

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[As to theory & practice of confession see pp. 207  
"The Church must give the people what they want  
of most use among women & boys 17 to 18.  
Outspoken Mrs Lawley - as to men cafes, women  
Police would be more than human if they did not  
accept drinks - pressure on boys side - not much  
& does not lead to neglect of duty  
Navy public at Com Victoria R<sup>d</sup> & Hansbury R<sup>d</sup>  
not badly kept - noisy people  
Men not centers of evil as to drink - what harm  
there is is done to himself - otherwise with

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women - One woman will set a whole street drinking  
Will not drink alone - are sociable - talk & drink  
Does not see improvement or the reverse in 6 years  
Worry is the cause with women - anxiety constant  
Consequently getting a race of women with tendency to  
endure stupidity. Best those needed & sought in drink

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dulls the sense of present evil & gives a respite to what  
is to come - Why more now than formerly he does not know  
perhaps fashion - set by waiters from the west

Donaldson  
Commission  
Special Com<sup>o</sup>  
XIII<sup>B</sup>. 205. \* "Tilt bit style" necessary - wear in Scorman  
Eoc, now & then something will stick.  
\* A steady artisan will drink 2 hots (quarts)  
a day - "fourale" - or 8° per day.

Branham  
Surveyor values  
Assessment com<sup>o</sup>  
Hacking Union  
XIII<sup>B</sup>. 223

man over 50 pleasant willing to give information  
Has plans with view of all licensed houses  
in New Rome, Mule Sho, & Hacking. Last report  
quite complete but with permission for committee  
would allow us to check our maps. Very busy till Oct  
Ding last 3 years houses have gone up enormously  
in value - began with loan of £1000.000 to  
\* Common Brewery by Mr McCalmont - with  
this many the Brewery set to work to tie hands  
Other brewers had to protect themselves. Prices  
went up - & the death duties pushed forward  
reconstruction of firms as companies with in  
Coca-Cola capital.  
\* Distances of value increasing from £9000 to £23.000  
for 1895 to 1897. another for £20000 to £32000  
Public houses meet a real want - as refreshment  
houses - as clubs - as places of business - Pone Glass  
(small half pint) out come of business use  
\* "Come & have something" - neither side wants to  
drink -  
One man may not by law hold more than one  
license but often is real proprietor of several  
All classes become publican - best men in largest houses  
& if a man had several more likely to do it well -  
\* Publican a little above his customers socially as a man  
number of houses by laws - but need a vast  
\* Two possible policies - increase with great strictness  
decrease by making large buy out small - See page 229.  
bet wealth won't for drink - especially wet Mondays & Thursdays  
when men drink instead of work  
\* Any policeman who looks as if he were like it gets it



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Hackney, and South Hackney.

Haitland in his "History of London" written in the 18<sup>th</sup> century says "The village of Hackney being anciently & celebrated for the numerous seats of the nobility and gentry occasioned a mighty resort thither of persons of all conditions from the City of London. .... And though this place at present be deserted by the nobility, yet it is so greatly abound with merchants and persons of distinction that it equals all other villages in the Kingdom and probably on earth in the riches and splendour of its inhabitants, as may be judge from the great number of people who persons who keep coaches there."

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This I think is something more than a piece of mere antiquarian lore; the nobility it is true have long departed, leaving behind them no trace but a few tombs in the parish church; but the day of the merchants is so recent scarcely over: a few of the fine old houses in Clapton Road (and still more on Stamford Hill, outside the bounds of this district) are still in the occupation of wealthy City men; while all the streets of which the ancient village was chiefly composed - Man St, Well St, Dalston Lane, High St - are lined with the outer shells at least of the solid comfortable mansions in which dwell the fathers generation of prosperous merchants who were daily in their carriages took ~~look~~ in the City, then daily to and from their office or warehouse in the City. So must indeed

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is the period of which we speak that it is well within<sup>3</sup>  
the memory of the older among those from whom we have  
taken evidence; and no account of Hackney as it is can  
be complete which fails to recall the fact that but  
late it was a pleasant suburb of large houses surrounded  
by gardens or even parks, of nursery gardens, of  
watercourses beds and ponds, intermixed with cowsheds and  
brickfields; and <sup>dotted too</sup> no doubt with courts, ~~and~~ alleys, and  
cottages inhabited by a class no less poor than that  
which still occupies the older shams which cluster around  
Man St. Morning Lane, and High St. Hornsey.  
To connect the present with the past is not easy: no  
adequate account can be given of the evolution of  
modern Hackney, - with its ~~rows~~ of endless streets of  
lower middle class and artisan dwellings and its ~~mass~~

modern shams - ~~which have been added to the~~ from the Hackney<sup>4</sup>  
which we can picture: but at least we can trace some  
few points in which the wealthy generations that have  
passed gone have <sup>possibly</sup> helped to mould the conditions of  
life, and therefore the character, of the ~~shams~~ small  
professional men, the clerks, the artisans, and the labourers  
who have taken their place. It is in the religious field  
that their influence may be most clearly traced: they  
were a pious race much given to the building of  
hideous evangelical looking churches and to the endorsement  
of non-conformist chapels; Hackney indeed seems to  
have shared with Clapham in the south the reputation  
of being a hotbed of Dissent; and among the  
middle classes at all events the traditions of evangelism  
and non-conformity are still strong; the churches  
and the chapels (the latter especially) seem to attract

usually good congregations: (as are told that the people  
of Hackney require no urging to ~~go~~ induce them to go  
to church): Non-conformity, though ~~was~~ its influence  
is waning with the change in the character of the  
people, is ~~still~~ <sup>perhaps</sup> unusually powerful, and owing to  
the traditions of the locality seems still to be served  
by ministers of more than the average culture and  
power: while the evangelical views of the last  
generation of churchmen can still be traced in the  
difficulty of ~~so~~ introducing ritual in the services of  
the parish church. It is chiefly the middle class no  
doubt that has felt the direct religious influence of  
these past traditions: there has been a religious atmosphere  
and environment which ~~if it has not~~ probably attracted  
some to the district, and which has enriched and

drawn in others who have been led here by other causes.  
But great religious activity among the class above  
them cannot fail to influence the lives of the  
poor: the multiplicity of churches and chapels, even  
if not <sup>largely</sup> productive of religious observance among the  
poor, must through the social agencies and activities  
of the churches, bring them ~~in~~ <sup>into</sup> ~~greatly~~ <sup>into</sup> contact  
with religious people, whose  
influence on them must directly and indirectly be of  
a far reaching character. ~~We may therefore fairly say~~  
~~that~~ But a certain religious atmosphere is not the  
only legacy that the past generations have left behind  
them; in their numerous charitable benefactions they  
have bequeathed legacies of a non literal and  
material kind, which bring of a substantial character



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most have influenced for good or for bad hundreds of the  
poor of the parish; which may indeed have drawn to  
the district some of the recipients or expectant recipients  
of these funds.

From the outward aspect too of Hackney, still ~~there~~  
shows many traces of how recently it has ceased to be  
a "pleasant village"; ~~and has been merged in~~ many of  
the old houses and gardens are still left, the houses  
it is true <sup>often</sup> ~~usually~~ turned into factories, and the back  
gardens either built over or mere wildernesses of back  
yard; but in many cases with fine and stately trees  
still surrounding them —

[At this point I stuck ~~meaning to return to the~~  
finding that I was not bringing out what I wanted to, and  
meaning to return to the attack at the finish, but from  
want of time I leave this opening for what it is worth  
as giving some indication of what I think wants doing.]

With so much by way of preface I propose to take  
this district by ecclesiastical parishes and try to form  
some estimate of the work and character of those who  
are stationed in each parish, and of the measure  
of success with which their efforts are attended.

All the following is  
scarcely done, but  
my idea is that it will  
be useful for reference  
in the future and may  
save going back on the  
books.

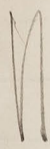
We begin in the extreme east with the parish of  
St. Augustine and go first to the eastern portion  
of it, that part which is known as Hackney Wick,  
and which from the ecclesiastical point of view is  
dominated by the Eton Mission. Here we find a  
population which though <sup>is</sup> a whole poor, crushed and  
down-trodden: but though all are poor, and many very  
poor they may be divided into two classes of very different  
social standing: the one decent respectable people who,  
though very rough, are hard and industrious workers: their

poverty is chiefly due to the fact that ~~the work they~~<sup>9</sup>  
can <sup>only</sup> obtain is ~~only~~ casual and intermittent. The other  
class consists of thriftless loafers who work only occasionally  
~~from choice~~, and ~~who~~ <sup>don't</sup> depend chiefly on the earnings  
of wife or children for subsistence. But though there is  
this moral distinction between them, in one respect both  
classes are ~~all~~ alike: all ~~are~~ or nearly all are foreigners  
who have drifted here from other districts: ~~they are~~<sup>not</sup>  
~~inferior~~ intellectually below the dwellers in most shams,  
they are dirty, shiftless, helpless, lawless and undisciplined.  
But though ~~these~~ <sup>are</sup> their characteristics the evidence seems  
to show that <sup>even though not in the past</sup> they are wonderfully free from crime;  
~~and~~ in this respect they ~~are~~ compare favorably with  
the dwellers in the slums of Whitechapel and Bethnal Green.  
Among this difficult population the Church of England  
is represented by the Eton Mission of which Mr Donaldson

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Hackney Wick.

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1. A characteristic of all organisations is that the number on the books is out of all proportion to the attendance. Donaldson.

2. Names largely neglected. Donaldson.

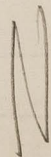
3. Less vitality and more laziness than in the past. Sandwich.

4. The women often earn as much as the men, and are often the mainstay of the family especially in winter. Coffin.

5. As a class the people are not migratory. Coffin.



6. Personal and domestic uncleanness: dirty bedding a special feature. Coffin.



7. Improving and will improve. The new thoroughfare to Stratford ~~will~~ will do much. Coffin.

has been the head for six years. He is a young man full  
of energy and enthusiasm, with ~~an~~ abundance of common  
sense, a man who one instinctively feels <sup>he</sup> must be doing  
good work, and who ~~kindly~~ takes a hopeful view of the  
~~effect~~ which the effects of the Mission have had upon the  
district. Owing to the smallness of its area, its shut-  
in character, and the <sup>unmixed</sup> poverty of the population there  
are ~~probably~~ probably <sup>few other</sup> parishes in London where the  
Church knows the people so well or is so closely in  
touch with them; "everybody," says Mr Donaldson "knows  
what the mission is, and what our object is. I  
believe they all look upon us as their friend." But here,  
as elsewhere among similar populations, the spiritual  
influence of the Church is ~~evidently~~ very slight: only  
a very small proportion of the people are ever found  
<sup>at</sup> the religious services; and even of those who are

it is alleged by more than one witness that the majority  
are drawn by interested motives, and that the principal  
religious section of the inhabitants, <sup>made to consist</sup> ~~are found~~ rather  
in one of the two chapels. Whether this is so or  
not it is clear that the dominating influence of the  
Mission in the district is due <sup>mainly</sup> ~~almost entirely~~ to its  
wide spread social and charitable activity, to its clubs  
for men, boys, and girls, its thorough system of  
visitation, its treats and entertainments, its perhaps  
lavish administration of charity; to its ability in  
fact to draw somewhat generously from a well-filled  
purse; we find <sup>indeed</sup> ~~therefore~~ a rather wide spread impression  
that the Mission is too rich, and that it does  
as much or even more harm than good. <sup>During</sup> ~~Under~~ the  
leadership of Bishop Carter, ~~who was an unwise saint,~~

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it is very probable that this impression was well  
founded, but my own feeling is very strong that so  
sane and level-headed a man as Mr Donaldson is  
dealing wisely with the ~~social~~ problems which in such  
a district must be set before him at every turn, and is  
fully alive to the danger of making an improper  
use of the resources at his command.

The Non-Conformists are represented here by the  
Wesleyans, whose little Chapel seems to draw a good  
many congregations for the district. Sister Mary  
Percival and Sister Julia, who are connected with the  
Church, visit largely ~~among~~ the people, and Mr  
Donaldson speaks of them as excellent people; but  
they have neither the means, nor probably the desire  
to carry on any extensive social work.

Mr. Dyer who has represented the City Mission in  
this district for 40 years, is a sweet-natured old  
gentleman who devotes his time to visiting ~~in this~~  
~~district~~. Mr. & Donaldson speaks of him as having  
little influence; and even if this is to underestimate  
him ~~it is probable~~ that he is somewhat too quibbler  
to be successful in dealing with the more shifty portion  
of the population; but among those who are at  
all susceptible to religious influences his genuine goodness  
cannot ~~fail~~ altogether fail of effect.

Hackney Wick is one of the Shum Posts of  
the Salvation Army; the Captain of the Corps  
is Miss Smith, who with her lieutenant and  
four cadets, works ~~very~~ hard, preaching, praying,  
and visiting, but apparently without inducing many



to join the Army; then seems <sup>lower</sup> no reason to suppose <sup>114</sup>  
that the influence of the Army in the district is otherwise  
than good.

I am dealing at unusual length with Hackney  
 Wick because I feel that here if ~~anyone~~ ~~at~~ anywhere  
one ought to be able to ~~judge~~ gauge with some  
accuracy the effect of the remedial influence at work  
among the people; for shut off as it is it bears  
largely the character of a village. The impression left  
on me by the evidence is, that even if ~~they~~ ~~are~~ no  
<sup>than in the spot</sup> ~~the~~ population <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ on the whole distinctly  
improving from the moral point of view and this too  
through the majority of those who are ~~going~~ <sup>going</sup> ~~up~~ <sup>going</sup> ~~more~~  
to other districts; in this improvement I cannot but  
think that the widely permeating influence of the Army

Mission has been the most important factor <sup>but</sup> although a  
well managed Board School, more activity in local  
government, and more efficient police control, have no  
doubt been contributory <sup>causes</sup> though for the two  
letters are probably <sup>to some extent</sup> ~~causes~~ due indirectly to the presence  
of the Mission, which has been able to act as an <sup>impartial</sup>  
~~eye for~~ <sup>the local authorities, and we turn on to various means</sup>  
From Hackney Wick we move to the western portion  
of St. Augustine's, where ~~the~~ we find a population  
of two social grades; at the end immediately adjoining  
Hackney Wick the people are for the most part  
~~very~~ poor, and there is a good deal of shifting from  
~~them~~ <sup>the</sup> to the east of the railway and back again, but  
here there is said to be much less & destitution than in  
the past. The other portion of the parish is the home  
of artisans and clerks. ~~Here~~ The Church is represented

by Mr Barker, a man of extraordinary <sup>16</sup>devotion, who  
is evidently wearing himself out with his unremitting exertions.  
In other parishes where the population is mainly of the  
working class but <sup>only</sup> a small proportion are churchgoers,  
but of those who are, the majority <sup>belong to</sup> of the male  
sex. Indeed the most remarkable characteristic of Mr  
Barker's work is his success in getting hold of the  
men and boys; he describes the women as being  
less straight-forward and honest than the men. Here  
as at the Ston Mission the social activity is great,  
and there are few inhabitants of the parish who are  
not touched directly or indirectly.

Of the Non-Conformists who work in the District  
the most successful is probably Mr Cleale, the  
Congregationalist, who in the few months he has been  
here has nearly doubled the number of his congregation.

The work of the Primitive Methodists, represented by Mr  
Coak, is evidently in a small way; ~~and~~ they appear to  
be losing ground.

St. John.  
The large parish of South Hackney is divided  
pretty equally between the middle class and the poor;  
then he got into a <sup>parish</sup> district, which, in common with  
the whole of the rest of District 13, is almost  
~~the~~ universally said to be going down; though some  
of our ~~own~~ evidence seems to show that the roads  
in immediate proximity to Victoria Park have suffered  
no deterioration, except in so far as the increasing  
influx of Jews has to some extent driven away the  
healthier Christians. Further to the north however there  
seems no question as to the rapid decline, and hills  
St. once the home of wealthy men who could afford to

give largely to the Church, is now mainly given over to <sup>18</sup>  
book factories. The Rector of South Hackney is Mr Lerrard,  
whose work ~~seems to be~~ successful among the middle class;  
but neither from the spiritual or social side, <sup>are</sup> the  
poor ~~seem to be~~ touched except to the ~~a~~ smallest extent.  
Indeed the only organisation which ~~seems to show any~~  
activity in the poorest part of the district (Palmer  
Road, Priory Place etc) is the Pomeroy Hall Mission,  
(conducted by Mrs Tozer), ~~at~~ which carries on a fairly  
vigorous ~~or~~ religious and social work among young  
people; though it is worth notice that attendance at  
the religious meetings is a necessary preliminary to  
participation in the social activities.

Of the non-conformists Mr Free the Wesleyan has  
~~the~~ two churches in the district; that in Cleveland Road

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cater exclusively for the middle class, but at Church  
Road the artisans and lower working class are reached.  
Mr Sackall, the Congregationalist, also draws a  
considerable middle class congregation, but even more than  
others, he complains of the decline of the district,  
and of the difficulty of carrying on the work, owing  
to the departure of the wealthy supporters of the  
Church.

In this parish one cannot altogether ignore the  
strange personality of the ~~Ex. work~~ Ex. work, Mr  
Widdows: <sup>undoubtedly</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>in the past</sup> ~~and~~ almost certainly  
a Lunatic, with a possible touch of insanity, his  
~~eloquent~~ cleverness and ~~his~~ eloquence give him an  
influence which his moral qualities fail to justify.  
He appeals to lovers of the sensational and to those



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Those hatred and fear of Rome lead them to put  
forth in ~~any~~ ~~one~~ who ~~take~~ pitch their denunciation of  
Popery in sufficiently strong language.

The parish of Christ Church closely resembles in  
character that of South Hackney; <sup>it is</sup> being fairly equally  
divided between the middle and working classes, though the  
bulk of the latter are in the poor streets of Bethnal  
Green which adjoin South Hackney. Mr Walker the Vicar  
I have ventured to describe as a "ferocious ruffian"; ~~to~~  
<sup>though</sup> full of enthusiasm, but <sup>he is</sup> wanting in tact, and the  
success of his work is largely due to a wise choice of  
vigorous and sensible curates, who bear the reputation of  
being the best in Hackney.

Our information as to other religious agencies in this  
district is at present rather scanty.

The adjoining parish of St. Michael, London Fields, is one of the poorest in Hackney. It differs little in character from the adjoining slums of Bethnal Green. Though here as elsewhere we hear complaints of deterioration there has evidently been no change in recent years except in the increasing prevalence of factories in Mare St. The narrow courts and alleys between London Fields and Mare St. (especially Warburton Road) and the streets on each side of the Broadway to the south of London Fields bear a very evil character for drink, while some of them are the haunt of criminals. Mr. Marcom the Vicar has the reputation of being rather indolent; ~~and~~ evidently he does <sup>little</sup> ~~not~~ do much work in the parish beyond conducting the services. The people are however systematically visited by Mr. Perrell.



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the Scripture Reader, who has been here for many years;  
in character he is a rather less cultured Mr. Dyke.  
Of the Non-Confessors the most vigorous is Mr. Porter,  
the Primitive Methodist, who however confesses his failure  
to exercise any spiritual influence over the population of  
the town, which surround his Chapel.

Mr. Hester the Presbyterian of St. Thomas's, who  
always depended for support on the middle classes in the  
neighbourhood of Ware St. and has evidently been  
especially hard hit by the change which is still in  
progress in the neighbourhood.

The large parish of St. Philip, Dalston, still  
retains a middle class character in the north, while  
in the south it is the home of artisans, with a  
sprinkling of the poorer class in a small block of

streets adjoining London Fields. As a whole no doubt this  
and the neighbouring parish of Holy Trinity are getting  
poorer, artisans gradually entering the middle class from  
certain streets, while themselves giving place to labourers  
in others. But up to the present no part of either  
of these parishes shows any tendency to become  
disreputable, and throughout the district outward signs  
of poverty are almost entirely absent.

Mr Cox, the Vicar of St Philip's, is a pleasant  
genial man, keen and energetic, but ~~undoubtedly not much~~  
of a <sup>great</sup> power in the district.

Mr Knapp of Holy Trinity has been here only a short  
time, and came to a disorganised parish. He is one of  
the most sensible of the clergy, but his quiet  
unobtrusional methods have scarcely yet had time to tell.

~~much upon the district.~~

Of the non-conformists here we know nothing but the exception of a small and unimportant mission carried on in the poor streets off London Fields by the Alexanders.

We now pass to the largest parish in District 13 that of St. John, the seat of the old parish church. South of the North London Railway this district is now almost exclusively working class in character. In the angle formed by Man St. and the railway many of the inhabitants are of the rougher class. But with the exception of Chalpon Road the poverty of this neighbourhood is evidently not new. The character of the houses shows that they were built for and have always been inhabited by the labouring class.

If anything the district, since the demolition of the  
wood-coats, has improved in most years. Throughout  
the rest of the parish however there has been a rapid  
decline in social standing; the district to the north  
of the railway is now almost exclusively given over to  
the lower middle class, with a sprinkling of poor and  
vulg characters in Temple Road, and again in the  
coats off Arden Road.

Of the religious ~~influence~~ <sup>aspects</sup> in this district we have  
little information with the exception of the Church of  
England; and then, owing to the departure of Mr  
Gardiner, who has been Rector for seven years, we have  
had to fall back upon the Senior Curate, Mr  
Thomley. Mr Gardiner ~~was~~ <sup>apparently</sup> had the reputation  
of being a good organizer; no doubt he ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup>

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take up to a considerable flow of activity a parish which  
had previously been worked on rather old fashioned  
evangelical lines; he got together a large band of  
workers, and started a good many organizations, but  
my interview with Mr. Rowley, and information from  
other sources, leads me to suppose that the activity  
was largely misdirected. The sole idea of the staff of  
"inefficient workers and still more inefficient old ladies"  
has been to get the people to church: in which  
object among the poor at all events they have  
~~undoubtedly~~ signally failed, in spite of lavish and  
ill-considered distribution of charitable relief. It is  
true that the congregations at the Church are  
unusually large, but this is owing to its traditional  
hold over a number of the middle class drawn from

a considerable area. Evidently the chief object of Mr 27  
Sardine and his curators has been to <sup>vindicate</sup> ~~maintain~~ the  
authority of 'The Catholic Church'; all social and  
charitable organisation has been subservient to this  
object, but owing to the traditions of the neighbourhood  
they have been obliged to work cautiously, perhaps  
even in a rather jesuitical manner: here if anywhere  
it seems true to say in the words of Mr Fleming  
William that "they are hiding the Priest behind the  
venerable friend".

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Repat says that the most prominent non-C.  
in this district is Mr Peter Williams, an eloquent  
well-known, but owing partly no doubt to changes in  
the population, partly to <sup>discredit</sup> a certain episode in his  
life his influence is less powerful than it was.

In the parish of St Luke we find ourselves once  
more in an exclusively poor district, in which the  
bulk of the population are of the labouring class;  
the poorest piece here is the Woodpeck Place and  
Hockley St. ~~corner~~ corner, and some of our evidence  
seems to show that this patch is younger than when  
our map was made, but with this possible exception  
the district has probably been stationary for many  
years.

The Vicar of the Parish is Mr Hartley, who seems  
to me quite the best personality among the  
clergy of Hackney; he works hard, but is a foolish  
and futile person who cannot possibly exercise <sup>a good</sup> ~~any~~  
influence either spiritual or social, on his parishioners.  
The fact that his church is well-filled is due to

to its evangelical services and doctrine, as there is no <sup>29</sup>  
other low church within a considerable distance, with the  
exception of Ram's Chapel, which caters for the small  
class who still insist on a black gown and spoken  
service.

The best known of the Non-Conformists in this  
district is Mr Fletcher Williams, the Unitarian; but  
except through his Sunday School and some charitable  
work on a small scale he quite fails to touch  
the poor of the neighbourhood. This is the only  
Unitarian Church in Hackney, and he draws his  
small congregation from the middle class inhabitants  
scattered over a wide area. He is however an intelligent  
man, who is probably doing something to foster  
the "religious enlightenment" which the spread of which



he describes as his chief aim.

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A corps of the Salvator Army, under Captain Riley, carry on a small but going work in this neighborhood; while the Bonaville Mission - (which confines its efforts almost entirely to the group of poor struts in the neighborhood of Bonaville St.) - is working on very similar lines; and judging from the strong personality of Mr. Holland, who is chiefly responsible for the Mission, they and the other small Missions of a like character, are more successful in touching the really poor to spiritual issues than most of the Churches and Chapels.

The Roman Catholics are represented in this district by Father Dhan, who is described by Mr. Dhan as "a man but not a stream"; and his work,

his influence, a common wit that of the R.L.'s 31  
throughout Hackney, does not seem to be of a far  
reaching character.

The parish of St. Barnabas is akin in character  
to St. Luke's; but if no poor it is probably  
rather more respectable; though our <sup>affairs</sup> evidence ~~is~~  
~~to show~~ that the worst streets (Pildham St., Holborn  
St. etc.) have distinctly improved in recent years.  
Mr. Blatch the Vicar is a thoroughly sensible man;  
~~who~~ aided by a vigorous wife <sup>he</sup> has probably had no  
small share in such improvement as has taken  
place. Mr. Blatch's parish has been divided, a portion  
being joined into the new parish of St. Paul, while  
a portion ~~has~~ <sup>is</sup> has been given over to the ministrations

of Dr. Hamilton of Ken's Chapel.

A small work is carried on by Mr. Reen and Mr. Matheson at the Evangelical Hall: as with most of the small missions all work is done for love, and a regular mission church is gradually being ~~built~~ built up.

To the north of St. Barnabas lies the district known as Clapton Park, which is divided between the parishes of All Saints and All Souls. It is originally to be a middle class district the whole of this neighbourhood, though of recent growth, is rapidly deteriorating. The streets in the west close to Clapton Road are still respectable, but as one moves east down the hill towards the sea the poverty increases, until west of St. John Road one reaches in the parish

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following pages.

of the souls <sup>populatio</sup> a district which according to our evidence  
is lower and more degraded than can be found in any  
other part of Hackney, though to the eye it is  
certainly superior to Hackney Wick. One would expect  
these two districts to be very similar; both are  
built on low lying, unhealthy, waste ground; both  
suffer from the intense monotony due to an almost  
complete absence of traffic or shops, both are  
on the outer edge of civilisation; if therefore it be  
the fact that Hackney Wick has been going up  
while Clapton Park has been going down, there is  
additional proof of the beneficent influence of the  
Ston Mission; for the religious spirit in Clapton  
Park though vigorous has not been altogether like a  
thin vapor. In Hackney the Vicar is a pleasant

Wapping Park.

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1. A district where shady characters hide ~~to~~ from the world. Harkins.
2. People attracted by the losses of the rents. Harkins.
3. Much living together without money. Harkins.
4. All Beer and Babies. Munt.
5. Many of the people driven out by clearance in Portman Square. Munt.
6. More applications for relief to the Guardians than in any other district in Hackney. Munt.
7. "The Scorp" the worst house in London. Reckmaster.
8. Rents showing a tendency to rise because so few of them are paid in full. Stoddart.
9. A better class of house being built round Sawney Road



Board School, which may improve the district. Addicott. 33<sup>6</sup>  
10. School attendance very bad: average about 75-p.c. Addicott  
11. Practically all boys leave school at- 13. Addicott.

kindly man, who has become fairly well versed to the condition<sup>34</sup>  
of affairs, regards it as chronic, and appreciates it to  
some extent by various methods of relief. He however  
does much less harm than Mr Jackson, the Primitive  
Methodist, who has done all he can to ~~hasten~~  
hasten the decay of the district by an "active system of  
relief and social work" which in spite of his  
claim of "care, discrimination and prudence" in  
administration is ~~conducted~~ conducted on the wholesale  
methods which ~~do~~ preclude incidentally preclude the  
exercise of these qualities. Of the non-Cos. in the  
district probably the most useful is Mr Prother  
who carries on his work on purely spiritual lines  
and without any rivalry or success in drawing much  
other competition than Mr Jackson.

Mr Fletcher, the Vicar of All Saints, is before all things a priest, but not of the <sup>straightforward, unpretentious</sup> ~~unpretentious~~ type. His church has always been a favorite with High Churchmen in the District, but its activities do not seem to touch the poor <sup>except to the slightest</sup> ~~to any~~ extent.

In the parish of All Saints is situated the Corporation Church of St. James known as the 'Road Church' which draws probably the largest and richest congregation <sup>of any church</sup> in Hackney, most of them dwellers in the well-to-do streets of Upper Clapton. The Church however ~~contacts~~ is responsible for a Mission among the poor in Clapton Park.

Here too, just off Clapton Road, is the Corps Hall of the Salvation Army, their chief centre of work in London. The membership of the Corps attached to this



center is only 630, a number which does not point to  
any large success in gaining converts. The services held in  
the Hall are however attended by enormous numbers, the  
Salvation meeting on Sunday evening drawing from  
2000 to 3000, many of whom are no doubt ~~at~~  
attracted by curiosity rather than by any desire to  
worship.

The parish of St. James is sharply divided into  
middle class and poor by Clapton Road, to the east of  
which there are two poor patches divided by the Mill  
Ditch. Prout Road the western of the two class  
~~is~~ a bad name for drunken dissipated poverty;  
the small colony by the river though poorer ~~is~~ ~~rather~~  
~~and~~ ~~more~~ ~~poor~~ ~~it~~ has a better character, and its  
reputation, the inhabitants having <sup>retained</sup> many of the characteristics

of the village life which villages who have settled here<sup>37</sup>  
on the river bank long before London had spread so  
far east. The Vicar of St. James in Garden  
Brown succeeded to a hopelessly neglected parish eighteen  
months ago; he is a moderate man with much common  
sense who has already done much to put life into  
the work.

The Baptist Church on Hackney Downs is an  
active centre of work among the middle class; it  
has too a mission at The Waterloo Rooms in Princes  
Road, conducted by Mr. Pearce, with apparently more  
than the usual success in drawing the poor to  
meetings. A second mission at the Reading Room  
in "The Island" is on a larger scale, and owing to  
its position is probably the most influential religious  
agency in that poverty-stricken district.

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One parish still remains in District 13, that of  
Christ Church. Up to quite a recent <sup>London</sup> period the whole  
of this parish except the Island <sup>was</sup> let to single  
tenants, but the decay which has almost done its  
work in South Hackney is creeping north, and here  
too several families now often inhabit one house.  
The poor patch known as The Island or Hamlet  
Island, owing to its being surrounded by middle  
class streets with only one exit, is in District 14,  
but it will be more convenient not to separate  
it from the rest of the parish. It is inhabited  
by the class "embodied by perpetual dependence on  
casual employment," but there is no reason to  
suppose that it has deteriorated of late; those who  
know it best testify to some improvement in the

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character of the population. The Vicar of Christ Church is Mr. Searby, who though as a priest is not an attractive man; such influence as he possesses is not likely to extend to the Island; his curate Mr. Joyce however devotes himself to that district: ~~and~~ though he like his vicar is rather too much of the Priest, he is genial and cheery, and likely to be popular among the poor; he is probably increasing his influence at the expense of the Rendelsham Rooms Mission, which was planted here at a time when the Church completely neglected the Island.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a large sheet of paper, possibly a map or a detailed report, covering the top half of the page.]*

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Report by Mr. G. H. Duckworth  
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District 13

Very good on general conclusions  
to be used for vol XII

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To sum up this detailed survey of Hackney and South Hackney parish by parish we may note that the main impression one derives from the evidence is of a distinct changing district; the poorer parts it is true remain much as they were; if moving at all it is in an upward direction, with the exception of Clapton Park, which shows every sign of progressing from poverty to shewdom; but the great middle class districts between Victoria Park and Well St. in South Hackney, and ~~east~~ west of Man St. in Hackney are coming steadily down in the social scale; though we may note that in Dalston, when the older houses are well and substantially built, the Cox of St. Philip's notices a tendency that there are signs that the middle classes are showing a tendency to return from the northern districts,

Drive southward again by the vicarage of Tottenham <sup>and</sup> <sup>and Wood Street</sup> <sup>by</sup> the working classes. On the whole however the  
change from middle class to artisan, <sup>in Dalston</sup> from upper to lower  
middle class in the streets north of the North London Railway  
and west of Man St. and Clapton Road, and again  
<sup>in the</sup> south of Gosland Road; from artisan to labourer and  
cooper in Clapton Park; is still in progress.

Under these circumstances we find as we should  
expect that the work of the Churches is carried on  
under increasing difficulties. With the departure of the  
able to do the influence of non-conformity is waning  
while the Church of England, with its endowments <sup>and</sup>  
its which <sup>plea</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~disregard~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~extent~~  
also financial embarrassment, is clearly from the practical  
point of view an important factor in the lives of the

new population.

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Taking the Churches as a whole one is struck by their tremendous activity, spiritual, social, and philanthropic; an activity much more universal than is found in Iowa and Poplar <sup>among the large</sup> with the possible exception of Mrs. Emerson there is no one who is indolent; all are men in the prime of life working with perfectly unwearying vigour; there is no Hewitt here, no Coldwell, no Hanson, no Hozer; and omitting Mr. Hartley all are men of high calibre, distinctly above the average intellectually as well as morally. Of the no-laws I cannot speak with the same confidence, but they too I think are the very pick of their class; certainly those I have seen in the neighboring district, men whose influence extends over a wide area, are



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remarkable for their power, culture, and refinement: indeed  
owing to the traditions of Hackney and the fact that  
until recently the churches here, all been healthy it  
is only natural that he should find here ministers  
of more than the average power and attainments.  
Here then if anywhere religious influences ought to be  
holding their own in a not-making way; and accordingly  
he find that among the large middle class element  
in the population the influence of the churches is  
unusually great; except in the purely working class  
districts the churches and chapels are well filled and  
especially those north of the North London Railway;  
he are told that the people of Hackney require no  
urging to induce them to come to church: of the  
middle class this is evidently true; with few exceptions

they attach themselves to some religious denomination, and the  
women and children, and in many cases the men, are  
regular churchgoers. This is due partly no doubt to  
the fact that as in all middle class districts it is  
the common thing to be regular in religious observance,  
and in so far as Hackney equals other districts in  
this respect, ~~it is due~~ to the local traditions which  
have drawn to this neighbourhood an unusual number  
of true religionists, ~~and~~ and to the fact that both  
in churches and chapels the clergy are of an  
unusually high class.

When however we carry our investigation further and  
ask how far the working classes, the artisans and the  
labourers, <sup>and their families</sup> are touched by religious influences the answer  
is much more difficult to give. Here as in Bow and

Poplar the answer seems to be that not more than a <sup>45</sup> small fraction (possibly 5 per cent) are churchgoers; - (though it seems probable that among the superior artisans a large proportion are regular in religious observance in this district there is commonly the case; and this for the same reasons similar to those which we have noticed in the case of the middle class). - The reasons assigned for this distance of the working classes from the Church are numerous - their habits of life, the late rising on Sunday, the late dinner, the drinking and subsequent sleeping in the afternoon; the spread of clubs with their Sunday entertainments; the increasing use of Sunday as the great weekly holiday with its expeditions to the Forest or elsewhere; the fact that it is the

fashion to despise religion, and that those who have the  
noble courage to defy this fashion are subjected to insistent  
chaff and sarcasm; the lack of simplicity in sermons  
and preaching which are above the head of all but  
the most intelligent working men; the undemocratic  
character of church government (and especially in the  
Church of England); the feeling that religion has  
been and still is the preserve of the "well-to-do" "upper  
classes" with whom the working man will never mix  
on his own initiative; <sup>(among the poorest)</sup> the absence of decent  
smart clothing, (for without clothing which is something  
more than decent it is clear that few will venture  
inside a church) - these causes probably all contribute  
to some extent to the ~~the~~ decrease; but even

non potent an obstacle to religion <sup>among</sup> the masses is  
the fact noticed by Mr Walker and emphasized by Mr  
Henry Williams that the working classes as a whole  
have a keen sense of ethical obligation than those  
above them in the social scale. They will admit of  
no division between <sup>morals</sup> ~~principle~~ and <sup>religion</sup> ~~practice~~; and as  
to 'pet' religion <sup>with them</sup> ~~reconciles~~ the leading of a life of  
the strictest self-restraint; and as for to them  
modesty means further modesty; and church going is  
regarded as utterly incompatible with drink, cards, gambling,  
music halls, and all the other worldly pleasures which  
are not necessarily tabooed by churchgoers in the upper  
and middle classes. It is for this reason no doubt  
that we are so often told that when the masses  
take to religion they are much more in earnest about

Quest the thoroughness of the part when religious.

One Bank Holiday, a few years back, I was passing near a drinking fountain in Stamford Heath where I saw a rough looking laboring fellow elbow his way <sup>determinedly</sup> thro' the crowd to the fountain with the remark "Out o' the way, you blokes; when Jesus Christ does the job he don't do it by halves." I think he had come for another in religious meeting near by.

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it than those who are above them; this is probably  
nature; the proportion of those who are pious  
is no doubt much the same in every class; but  
the observance of religious duties is much more common  
among the rich and well-to-do, owing partly to  
fashion, and partly to the fact that questions of  
morality are <sup>viewed</sup> ~~viewed~~ <sup>from a lower and entirely</sup> ~~from a~~ <sup>less</sup> ~~less~~ <sup>penitential</sup>  
standpoint.

But whatever be the cause it is clear that the  
gulf between the <sup>higher</sup> ~~working~~ classes and the Churches is  
& wide. ~~It is the~~ ~~spirit~~ In spiritual matters  
no doubt the gulf narrows as we pass from the  
poorest to the richest of the working class; a larger  
proportion of churchgoers will be found among the  
comfortable artisans of Dalton than among the labourers

in the case of Hackney Wick or Clapton Park; in the  
one case the proportion may rise to 10 per cent in the  
other it will probably fall to 1 or 2 per cent;  
but in matters other than spiritual the poor and  
more degraded the ~~poor~~ population the more likely is it  
to be in close touch with the church; it is true  
that artisans and labourers alike send their  
children to Sunday School, but apart from this the  
churches scarcely touch the life of the <sup>higher</sup> respectable  
low-churching working class at any point; <sup>these men</sup> ~~they~~  
do not require charitable assistance they rather  
resent being visited; they have clubs and friendly  
and thriving societies of their own while the women  
are for the most part too respectable to mix with the  
rougher class who are usually met at mothers' meetings;



the very poor on the other hand are constantly being<sup>50</sup>  
on the churches; they are visited (usually by social  
agencies) & religious <sup>ranked</sup> ~~amused~~, brought into clubs, mothers'  
meetings, penny banks, temperance societies etc. to such  
an extent that it is safe to say that among them  
there is scarcely a family in the life of which the  
religious agencies fail to play an important part.  
~~The truth~~ The truth then seems to be that ~~through them~~  
the ~~working class~~ <sup>workers</sup> may be roughly divided into two classes:  
the first consisting of our E, F, and a good many  
of D will contain a <sup>small</sup> ~~few~~ proportion <sup>(say 10 per cent.)</sup> of genuine  
religious people, churchgoers to whom their church and  
their religion is the ~~the~~ chief interest in their lives, ~~and~~  
~~who~~ ~~are~~ teaching them at every point social as well  
as spiritual; but with the other 90 per cent. standing

completely aloof, (except in so far as <sup>some of them</sup> they recognize the 51  
value of "religious environment for their children") - viewing  
& religion ~~and~~ seldom into hostility but <sup>almost</sup> with  
indifference not unmingled with suspicion. In the other  
class are our A, B, C, and some of D, ~~scarcely~~ scarcely  
even churchgoers except for the loans and fishes, but  
with their lives touched ~~at~~ on any side by the social  
and philanthropic activities of the religious bodies.  
Having made this distinction this further point seems  
~~to arise from it~~ <sup>to arise from it</sup> - that the Church of England with  
its ~~own~~ large funds, and its wider interest in  
social activity plays a much more prominent part  
in the lives of the poorest than the Non-Cons, but  
that among the higher strata the reverse is true; for  
it will be found I think that the churchgoers among

the artisans are with comparatively few exceptions attached<sup>52</sup>  
to dissenting churches, attracted partly no doubt by  
their more democratic constitution, partly by a greater  
simplicity ~~in the liturgy~~ & of note and variety in the  
~~liturgy~~ service, by a rather more sensational and more  
eloquent style of preaching, and to some extent possibly  
by a natural leaning to those protestant doctrines, which  
these churches in Hackney at all events are almost  
alone in upholding.

This distinction however between the Church and the  
Chapel is to some extent breaking down, and is  
certainly less marked in Hackney than in Bow and  
Poplar; on the one hand the Church is certainly not  
losing and is possibly gaining ground among the artisans,  
while on the other the Chapel, since on to some extent

by emulation into the Church, is greatly increasing; it is  
social activities among the poor; and in this district  
he find some of the soc. con. bodies as a more  
active in the poor districts than any of the churches,  
though most of them still hold aloof and refuse to  
recognize that they have any other than spiritual  
duties.

Indeed here as in Bombay I cannot fail to notice  
the universal insistence on spiritual aims; here as  
then clergy and ministers ~~at all alike~~ ~~that~~ insist that  
their social activity is directed solely to spiritual ends; they  
all these clubs, and meetings, and entertainments, etc.,  
are simply so many strings in the net by which they  
seek to draw the people to the Church and to  
religious observance, or to keep them when once they have

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has gathered in.   
 So far we have only considered the influence of the Church from a general point of view, and it may be well to consider in more detail some of the manifestations of their activity in the light of the evidence given in this district. The <sup>main</sup> effect that so many sermons are held that there is <sup>an</sup> Sunday School, institute or club, Temperance societies, mothers' meetings, district visitors' houses etc, does not carry us very far; we want to get behind these words, ~~and~~ to try and find out what they really mean in each case, and how far they are likely to be a ~~an~~ influence for good in the lives of those whom they touch.

The universality of Sunday Schools, and the fact that numerically at all events they are completely

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Influence of Religion.

1. "Only a few special men can get hold of the poor" Serravallo.
2. Earnestness and devotion of helpers and especially of a number of them who are young women of the poorer working class. Serravallo.
3. The only service which really attracts the poor is the midnight service on New Year's Eve. Serravallo.
4. The town of London is the most difficult to get at. Cox.
5. Effect of parochial boundaries: - the parson is little more than a Congregational minister with a large Mission District. Knapp.
6. The earnest are getting more earnest and the indifferent more indifferent. Thornely.
7. Londoners feel as religious and if anything more moral than country people. Marcom.

8. A working man always picks up drink if he becomes a  
Churchgoer. Walker.

9. So per cent of the cricket-Clubs in Victoria Park are  
named after one of the Apostles. Fletcher.

10. Women consider that attendance at a Mothers' Meeting  
is an adequate observance of their religious duties. Hartley.

11. The men if you can get hold of them much more through  
than the women. Hartley.

12. Men will come to open-air sermons who have not the  
pluck to go to Church. Donaldson.

13. The girls listen more readily to religious talk than the  
boys and men, but doubtless if they are really more  
religious. Donaldson.

14. Great change in work of non-con. Churches: becoming  
missionary and evangelistic instead of pastoral. Hester.

15. The adherents of the Salvation Army mostly drawn from <sup>5-5<sup>c</sup></sup> dissenting bodies. Moncom.
16. A surplus of open air meetings. Hester.
17. Baptists are losing the middle class in their exclusive attention to the working man. Medley.
18. Salvation Army suit a rising class of people. Harnier.
19. Salvation Army: "We cannot draw in London" Lyne
20. Methodists, Primitive Methodists, and Salvationists are most in evidence and seem to get hold of the people best: other sects have become too respectable. Beards.
21. Working men will attend a P. S. A. which is of a free and easy character in London. Fletcher Williams.



successful, makes them perhaps the ~~most~~ <sup>56</sup> most important-  
branch of religious work among the working ~~classes~~ <sup>classes</sup>.  
What does their success so much beyond numbers? Do  
they serve their object of producing a race of God-fearing  
sober living adults? Obviously only to a very limited  
extent: some of the moral teaching and some of the  
doctrine no doubt sink in and produce an effect  
in after life, but it is clear that the vast majority  
of those who belong to Sunday schools grow up with  
a complete indifference to religion, and such benefit as  
they derive from the school is due & solely to the  
personal character of the teacher they happen to be  
under rather than to the actual lessons he imparts.  
For this reason there seems reason to regret the  
increasing desire on the part of the High Church clergy,

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who have captured the Church of England, to substitute  
the Duple loop for the old class system; they themselves  
admit that a good deal which was good in the  
old system is lost, but they are prepared to sacrifice  
it for better method, more definite doctrinal teaching,  
and the knowledge that the children are really learning,  
<sup>even if not digesting</sup> that which it is the object of the school to impart,  
the virtues of the Christian religion as understood by  
the Church. The movement towards more definite doctrinal  
teaching has however had an effect even when the  
Duple loop system is not in practice; almost  
anywhere <sup>and</sup> among the High & Churches & especially the  
teachers are expected to attend classes and are told  
exactly what they are to teach as to doctrine, with  
the result that there is much less of the men reading

and explaining of the Bible. ~~which has formed the~~ 58  
This change of practice is so recent that it is too  
early to estimate its effect; ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> through the fears  
on the other side are too strong to admit of any  
such submission to the Priest as is found among  
the Roman Catholics it seems probable that the school  
of "authority" in the Church is getting an increasing  
hold of the people, and that this is largely due  
to the more definite teaching <sup>as to</sup> doctrine and the  
claims of the Church in the schools and among  
the young. However whatever the system adopted the  
Sunday School, ~~from~~ when the teacher is a man of  
character, is no doubt an influence for good.

Next to the Sunday School the means by which the  
working classes are most frequently brought into touch  
with the churches is through visiting, which is carried on  
systematically by the Church of England usually from  
house to house, and by the Non-Cons <sup>generally</sup> ~~generally~~ only  
among the members of the congregation. A great deal  
of the visiting amounts to little more than the presentation  
of a tract or parish magazine, which if it does no  
good certainly does no harm, but as a rule it means  
more than this: the visitor goes into the house, sits  
down for some time, ~~listens to~~ chats on social subjects,  
listens to the woes of the family, administers relief  
spiritual or material, ~~and~~ reads the scriptures, and  
endeavors to ~~induce~~ induce a church-going frame of mind  
or suggests attendance at a mother's meeting. How  
the effect of such visiting as this should depend

entirely on the character of the visitor; when she is <sup>of</sup>  
strong she will probably be one of the chief influences  
for good in the life of those she visits; but there is  
reason to believe that visitors as a body are remarkable  
neither for strength nor discretion, and if this be so their  
visits, accompanied as they are by the constant administration  
of shilling tickets, are ~~more~~ likely to lower the self  
respect of the poor, to sap their independence, and to  
aggravate their poverty. In any case there seems no  
question that visiting is ~~not~~ done; we hear of one  
case in which a family was found to be receiving  
visitors from ~~some~~ seven different organizations, and  
though this no doubt is an exception two or three  
visitors to each family is evidently no uncommon ~~or~~ occurrence;  
they then seem little doubt that they are admitted not  
from a desire for their company, but from the feeling

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that sooner or later something will be got out of them.<sup>61</sup>  
That something is of course charitable relief in some  
of its numerous forms; and on this point again  
there is little doubt that in Hackney, as elsewhere, the  
Churches as a whole do harm rather than good. The  
methods and principles of the C. O. S. have taken  
some hold of the clergy; efforts are made at adequate  
inquiring; there is an occasional spasmodic attempt to  
start a relief committee instead of leaving visitors to  
rely on their own discretion; but the non-con. generally  
stick to the old methods, and refuse to listen to  
suggestions of reform; and even the non-sensible ~~advised~~  
administrators in either case are working entirely in the  
dark as to what is being done by other agencies, for  
cooperation seems as far off as ever. On the whole

Visiting.

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1. The poor are accustomed to be visited by ladies, but want visits from those of their own class. Knapp.
2. Efficient visiting an impossible ideal in London. Knapp.
3. Impossible for Non-Cons. to visit like the Church because their right to do so is not equally recognized, and they are largely obliged to limit it to members of their congregation. Knapp.
4. Easy to get one old woman to go and talk to another old woman, but difficult to get efficient visitors. Walker

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then seems little doubt that for one case when the  
charitable which does good there are at least six when  
evil results, and that the poor as a whole would  
be better off if there were no ~~charity~~ charity than  
they are under its present administration.

The temperance work of the churches again meets with  
but little success: again we have to notice the large  
numbers in the Bands of Hope, and the failure or  
complete absence of senior societies. ~~And~~ Temperance  
work among adults as we are told must be conducted in  
a fanatical spirit if it is to be successful. ~~but~~ <sup>and</sup> for  
the comparative failure of Bands of Hope to achieve their  
object the reasons are not far to seek. As Mr Walker  
points out intemperance is the last temptation likely to  
assail children; they ~~come therefore to be~~ are drawn to the



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Bards of Hope, not by any enthusiasm for the cause but  
by the treats and entertainments which are ~~at~~ a large  
part of the programme; the whole organisation is on  
a large scale and is generally badly managed; and there  
is no room for the personal, individual influence which  
~~can alone~~ <sup>might</sup> develop the self respect and self restraint  
from ~~which alone~~ <sup>which alone</sup> temperance can spring.  
Indeed in this as in all the other social agencies it  
seems necessary to emphasise the point that everything  
depends on the character of the management; the  
mere fact that there is great activity in the work  
of a church is not necessarily a sign that its  
influence is beneficial; it is the fashion now to have  
numerous organisations; and each church considers it necessary  
to supply, as far as possible, all the conventional

(From page 84)  
All this is terribly  
platitudinous, but it  
has to bring out  
something. My idea is that  
he should give a really  
detailed account of what  
the churches are doing,  
and what it really  
amounts to.

Christian services" though <sup>unless</sup> ~~when~~ they are wisely  
controlled ~~are~~ such services <sup>are</sup> likely to be of little use  
even if not actually harmful. X

There is one point however in which the activity of  
the Churches is seldom if ever misplead; that is  
in housing; and we may note that the provision of  
houses seems to be much less complete in Hackney  
than in Poplar and Poplar. There is no local society  
of workers like the East London Housing Association,  
and those churches which have no name of their own  
are often sorely pressed ~~to~~ to find the requisite  
assistance.

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Outside the Churches Charitable or philanthropic work in this District seems scarcely to exist. There is of course a local committee of the Charity Organisation Society, which however covers a much wider area; it is chiefly clerical in composition, is not strong, and has evidently made no deep impression. Mr. Wainick the late secretary is of opinion that Hackney is even more antagonistic to the principles of the Society than most other districts in London, and owing to its non-conformist and middle class traditions this is probably the case. So & among the non-con. it is clear that the name of the Society is very generally hated: how far this is due to its representative principles, how far to the fact that it is largely run by the clergy it is difficult to say; but among

the non-con and the R.C.'s even more than in  
the Church of England there is an evident disposition to look  
upon alms giving as a "Christian" duty quite apart from  
its effect upon the recipient.

The Chesterton Girls' Club in Hoxton High St. is  
noticable for the fact that it is successfully conducted  
by Miss Johnson on definitely non-religious lines.  
Miss Johnson is an Apostle connected with the South  
Sea Ethical Society, but on condition that her  
negative principles are not obtained in the Club she  
has secured the cooperation of persons of all  
creeds, and at least one ardent non-conformist  
among our witnesses has referred to this Club as a  
"Christian work"

The Hackney Benevolent Society is of piece previous

to a certain number of old people (at present there are <sup>67</sup> 57); it would probably do better work if the recipients were chosen by some other method than the votes of the subscribers.

Some mention ought perhaps to be made of the Hackney Charities which are unusually large, the expenditure amounting to ~~over~~ ~~one~~ ~~£200~~ £3700 a year; of this sum one £3000 is spent on various forms of ordinary charitable relief, and the remainder chiefly in education. Whatever the intention of the donors the funds are now administered almost entirely through the Churches, though an effort is being made to appropriate them for educational purposes and have them administered by the Vestry.

£1370 spent in  
money dates,  
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Having considered what is being done by the various religious and charitable agencies we may shortly marshal the salient points in our evidence as to some of the more general questions.

#### Local Government.

The general impression derived from our evidence is that the work of the local authorities is carried on efficiently and vigorously, and that both the elected and the paid officials are hard working and conscientious. There has evidently been a great quickening of activity in recent years, especially in sanitary matters, and much has been done to improve the conditions of life in Hackney Wick both by concreting the floors of the houses, and preventing the pollution of the sea by Tottenham sewage. Something

however still requires to be done both here and in the Lam<sup>ing</sup> district of Clapton Park to prevent the flooding of the sewers after heavy rain.

#### Poor Law

The administration of the Poor Law bears to a policy of out-relief, but we are told as a rule that it is carefully administered and goes to the right people. The evidence however of the Relieving Officers tends rather to the opposite conclusion. Mr. Buckmaster one of the officers in Clapton Park is of opinion that the condition of the district is largely due to lax administration of the Poor Law; it has in the past usually been under new and inexperienced officers whose investigation has not been thorough, with the result that numbers of workers

people have received out relief. In a year Mr Packman<sup>70</sup>  
(who gives me the impression of being the most kindly of  
men) has reduced the relief by £7 a week, and he  
notes that when the workless find their relief stopped  
they usually shift to some parish when the administration  
is less strict. Hackney in the past has suffered much  
from the strict administration in other districts.

It is to be noted too that Mr Coffin the officer who  
has been in Hackney Wick for four years, during which  
time there has been some slight improvement in the district,  
is strongly opposed to the out relief policy, and has  
done what he could to limit its operation.

There seems to be a consensus of opinion that the  
administration of the Workhouse, the Infirmary, and the  
Schools is admirable.

only just lately  
until recently the  
Brentford Schools  
were administered  
on a bad system.



Police.

Our information as to the Police is much fuller than in New and Poplar. It ~~seems~~ to show that their relations with the people are of the most friendly character and that even in the poorest districts they show no disposition to bully. It is clear indeed that they take the line of ~~not~~ no excessive interference with disorder of a mild character; as we are told that in Hackney Wick for instance they as far as possible keep out of the way of ordinary street rows, and they themselves admit that they do not go much into a street or district which is too rough; in fact they pursue the no doubt wise policy of not attempting to force upon a district a standard of conduct for which it is morally unripe; and they are the more ready to do so in that any undue zeal

in prosecuting people for minor offences against the law  
is ~~not~~ <sup>dis</sup> ~~exonerated~~ by the magistrates.

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The charge so commonly made against the police that  
they are squandered by the publicans is to my mind more serious;  
in spite of its denial by some, though not all, of the  
police witnesses, there seems to be no doubt of its truth,  
either in money or kind almost every considerable nuisance  
something, and it is even hinted that the higher officers  
are no less guilty though this is much more doubtful.  
As to how far this practice leads to a dereliction of  
duty it is not easy to decide: one witness is of  
opinion that "if the police did their duty half the  
houses in London would lose their licenses". This no  
doubt is to put it <sup>much</sup> too strongly; but the fact  
remains that the publicans habitually ~~are~~ serve drunken  
men without prosecution, and that the police practically

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do never give a house a bad character at the licensing  
sessions. Obviously however the police are placed in a difficult-  
position; not only is it exceedingly difficult to prove that  
a drunken man has been served, but then again a tendency  
to prosecute meets with little support from the magistrates.  
This putting <sup>it</sup> at the least ~~too close~~ <sup>the</sup> connection between  
police and publican is too close, and gives the latter a  
free more liberty than is desirable.

The statement that police evidence given on oath is  
practically worthless draws notice, though it comes only from  
one witness; for that witness is Father Duna, who has  
no doubt arrived at this conclusion from what he has  
heard in confession.

Drink.

Here as in our previous districts there is the constant  
 insistence that drink is the chief cause of poverty, the  
 greatest hindrance to moral and material well being, and  
 we have some interesting estimates by working men as to  
 the amount which is spent <sup>thereon</sup>; they put it as about  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the total income of the working classes  
 [I may note that after my interview with Chisham and  
 Holland I asked a working man friend of ~~mine~~ mine, who  
 is rather religious or a teetotaler, and who in my  
 opinion knows the average working man as well as is  
 possible, the following question "How much does the average  
 respectable working man <sup>earn</sup> 25/- a week who is not a teetotaler and not  
 a drunkard spend on drink?" His answer was, without  
 a moment's hesitation "He spends 5/- or 6/- on beer and

tobacco"]

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As to whether Drinking is increasing in Hockley the general impression appears to be that it is, but this is attributed rather to the greater poverty of the new inhabitants than to any increase among the population as a whole. Still one witness speaks of the great want of Drunkenness since the last general election, and ~~may~~ <sup>should</sup> mention that the trade ~~stands~~ <sup>is</sup> Dark Holidays have nearly been more drunken than in the past; which all notice the enormous signs of prosperity in the trade, the high sums at which horses change hands, and the lavish expenditure on their appearance. The point however on which there is practical unanimity is as to the increase of Drink among women, both at home, and still more in the Public Houses, which they now are now habitually used by the most respectable women

without any feeling of shame.

As might be expected from the general character of our witnesses there is a rather general insistence that working men's clubs foster the drinking habit, and are <sup>as a rule</sup> simply public houses without any restrictions. The truth no doubt is that these clubs are very fairly representative of the ~~district~~ <sup>neighbourhood</sup> in which they are placed; and as the majority of those in this district are in or on the borders of Clapton Park it is now true probable that they are not favourable specimens.

Prostitution.

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The district seems to be wonderfully free from prostitution, and is said to have improved in recent years owing to greater police vigilance. There are however frequent complaints as to the promiscuous intercourse on the ~~wide~~ numerous open spaces, of which Hackney Downs and Common are mostly mentioned.

The chief centres of work for professional prostitutes are round Dalston and Hackney Stations; in the neighbourhood of the former there are several notorious brothels.

Marriage.

The general impression is that the age of marriage is going later. It is noted and crowded home is mentioned as the chief cause of early marriage; and for this reason Mr. Donaldson is of opinion that clubs for boys and girls tend to postpone the age.

In the poorer districts we are told that there is much living together unmarried, and one witness believes that in this matter widows are the chief offenders.



Thrift

As to thrift among the middle and artistic classes we have no information, but among the poorest the remark is constantly made "if thrift comes to them they welcome it, but they will not seek it". but even when induced to save it appears to mean little more than putting by for festival occasions.

The increasing expenditure on <sup>and dress</sup> pleasure is widely noticed and especially on Sunday parties to the Forest. Mr. Young says that ~~where 10 or 15 years ago~~ the water crossing the Lee Bridge on Sunday morning are about 300 times as many as 10 or 15 years ago.

In the poorest districts there is a tendency to dwell on the unattractiveness of the women with regard to food. They will stand gossiping at the door when they ought

to be cooking dinner, and end by sending out for cooked  
meat.

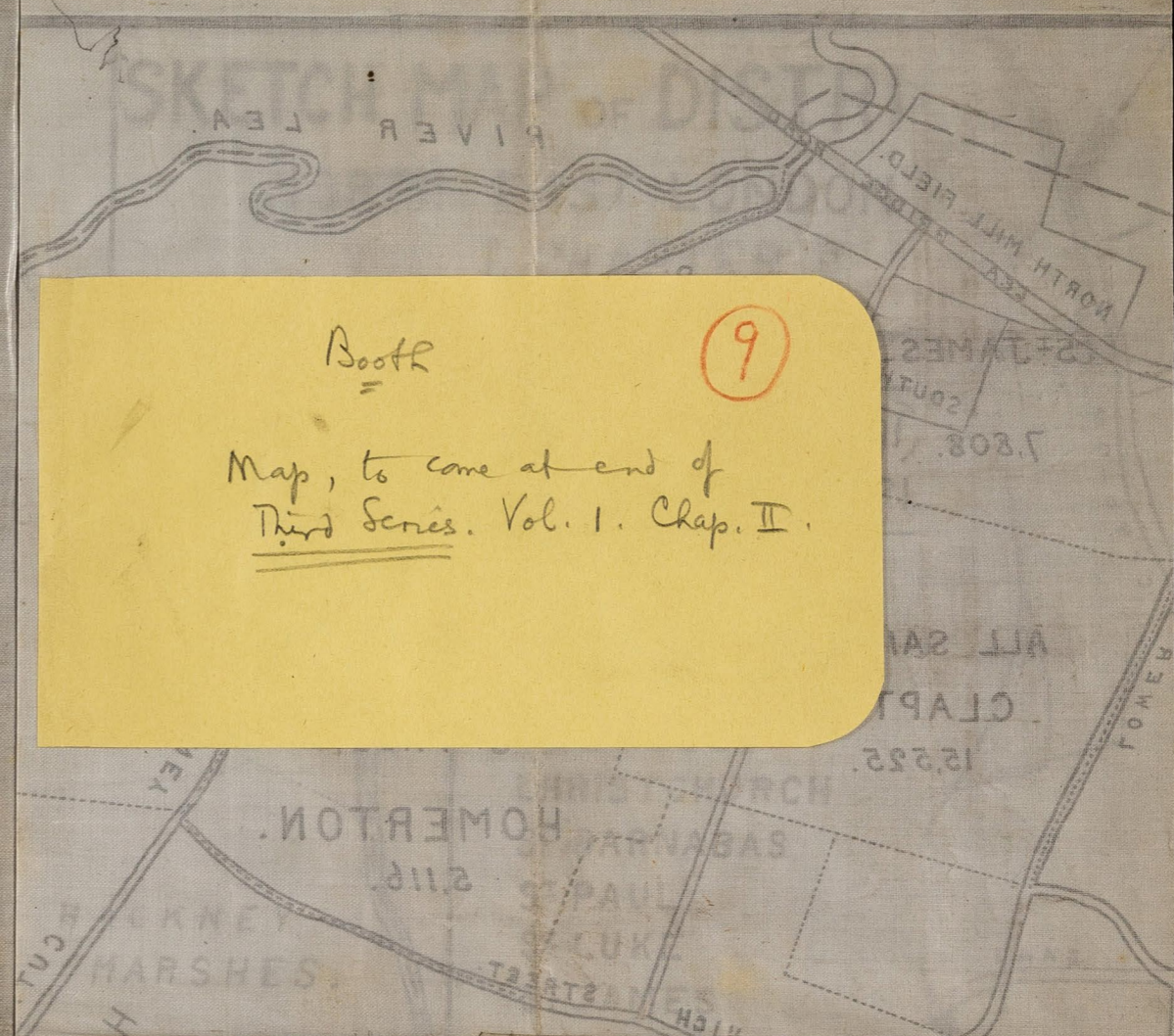
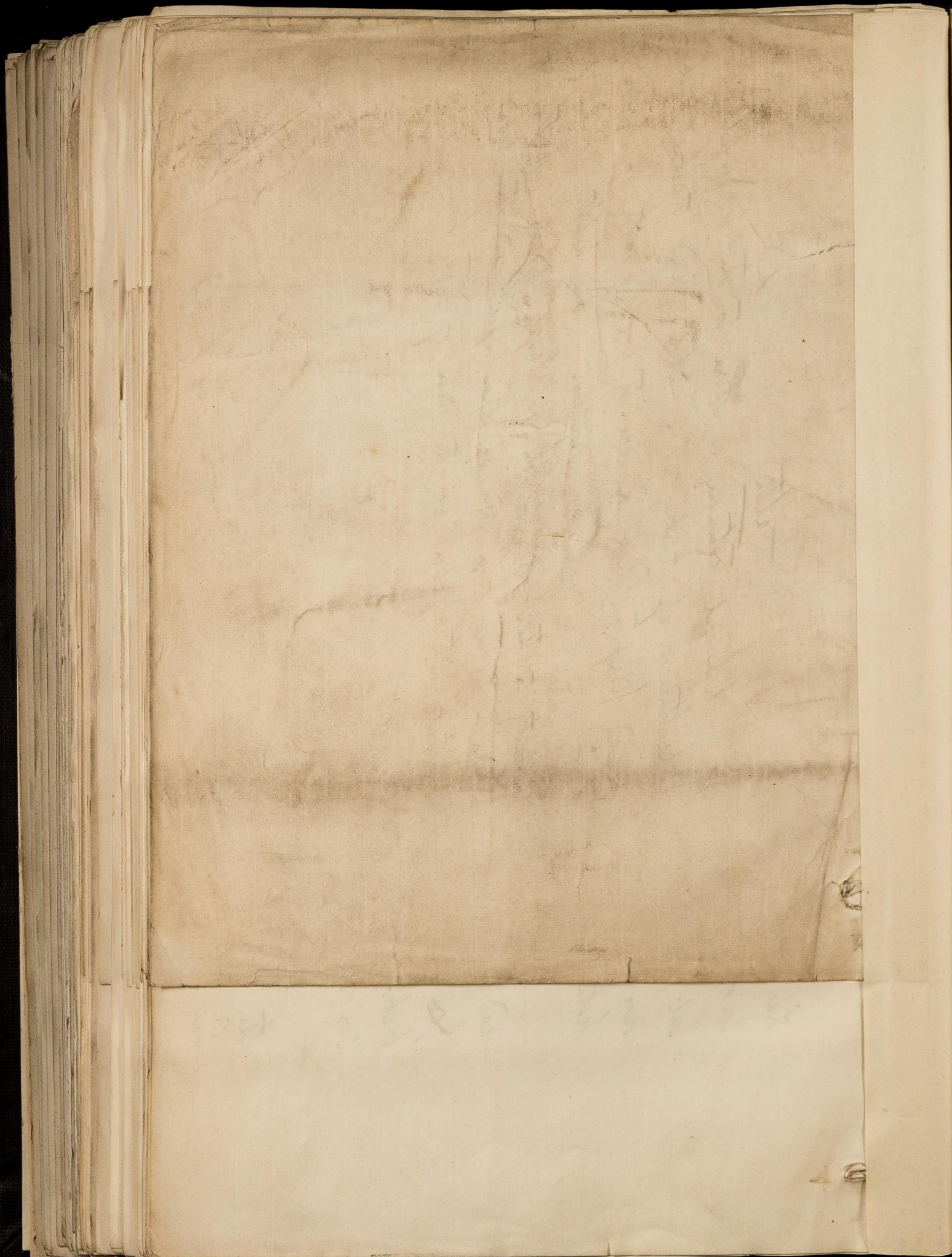
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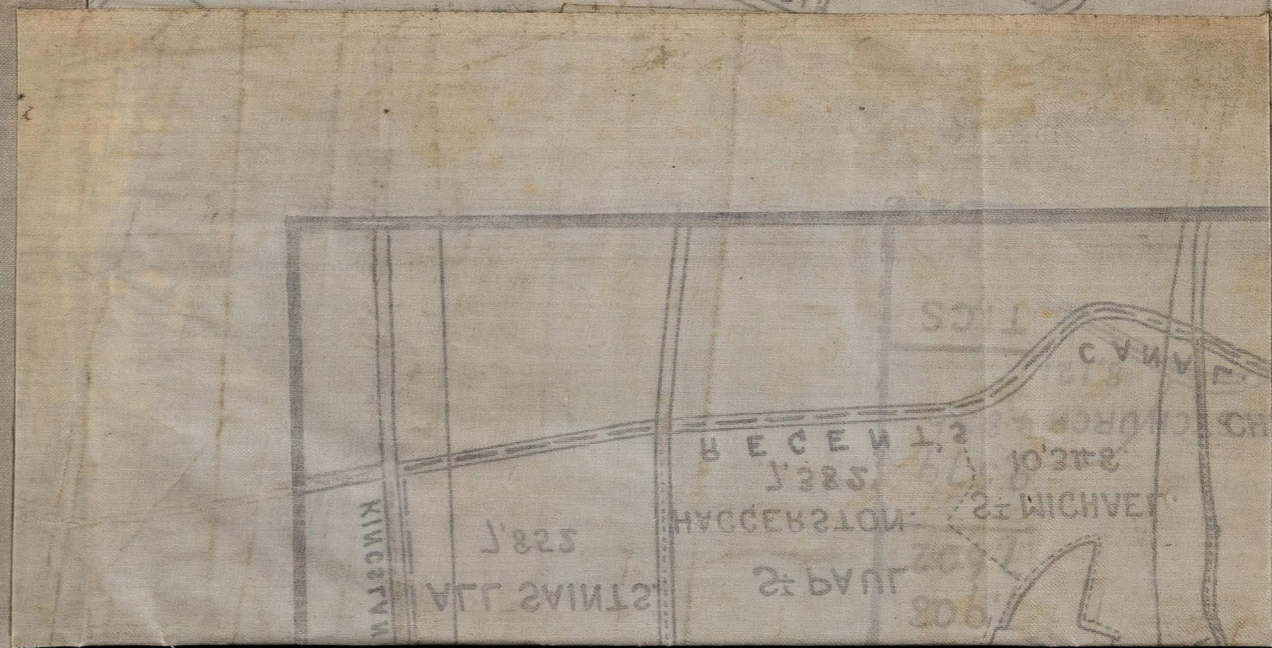
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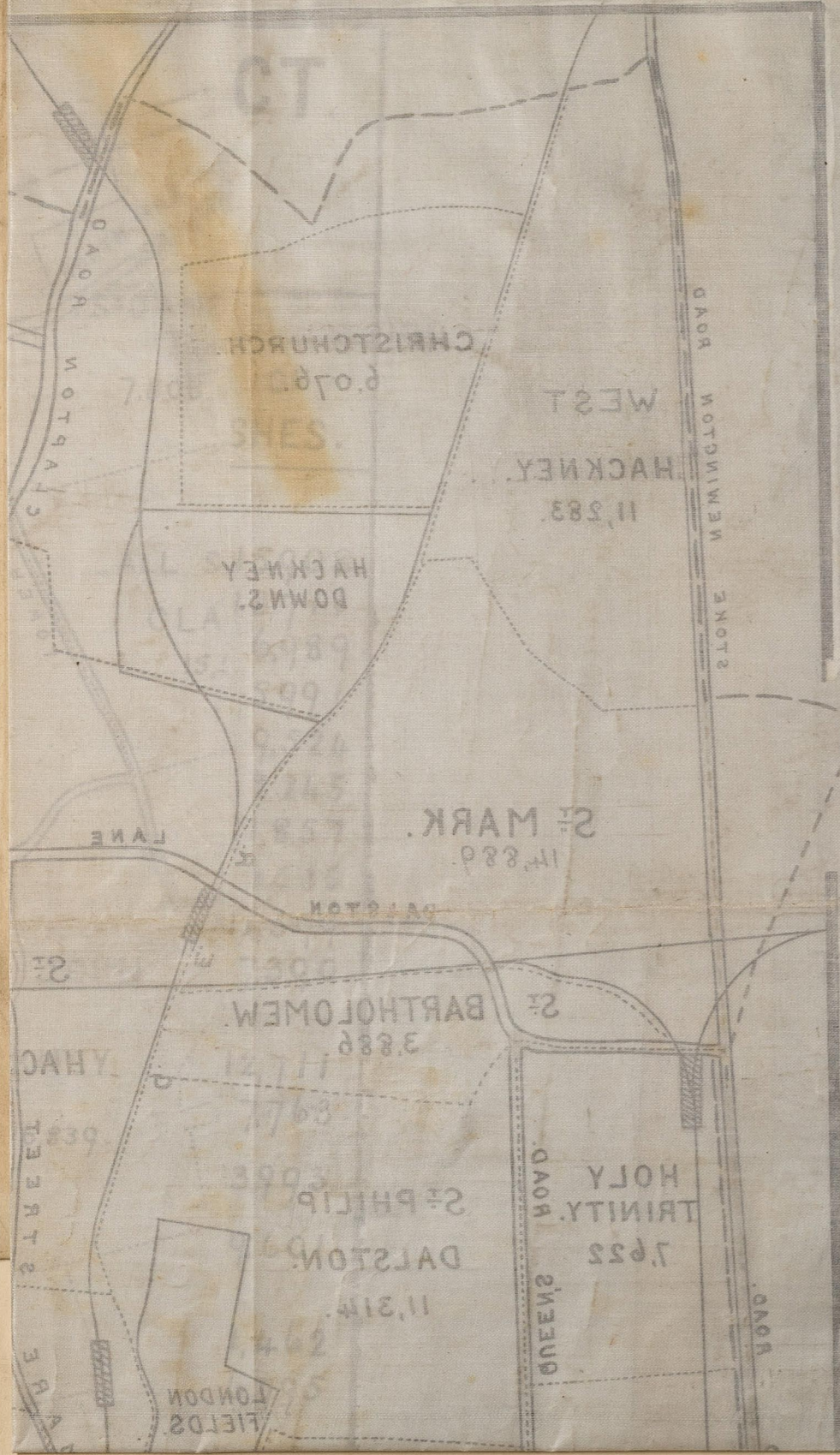


POPULATION (1891) OF ECCLESIASTICAL PARISHES.	
<b>HACKNEY</b>	
ST JOHN	15,908
ALL SAINTS	13,711
ALL SOULS	6,989
CHRISTCHURCH	5,991
ST BARNABAS	9,524
ST PAUL	2,245
ST LUKE	11,857
ST JAMES	6,530
ST PHILIP	11,599
HOLY TRINITY	7,390
<b>SOUTH HACKNEY</b>	
ST JOHN	12,711
CHRISTCHURCH	7,763
ST AUGUSTINE	13,993
ST MARY OF ETON	
ST MICHAEL	9,601
<b>WEST HACKNEY</b>	
WEST HACKNEY	11,462
ST MARK <small>INCLUDING ST BARTHOL</small>	16,795
<b>HAGGERSTON</b>	
ALL SAINTS	7,908
ST PAUL	7,602
TOTAL - [1891] - 179,579	
INCREASING TO [1901] - 194,836	
[SEE FIGURES ON MAP.]	
FOR OTHER STATISTICS SEE BACK OF MAP.	

*Length 20"  
 Breadth 13"*

*Map by  
 Messrs. [unclear]*

*Figures on map*



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CHRIST CHURCH

WEST

HACKNEY

11,283

HACKNEY

DOWNS

ST MARK

11,289

ST BARTHOLOMEW

3,886

HOLY

TRINITY

11,222

ST PHILIP

DARSTON

11,214

FIELDS LONDON

STONE WASHINGTON ROAD

QUEENS ROAD

ROAD

DARSTON ROAD

LANE

STREET

ROAD

24 APR '52

