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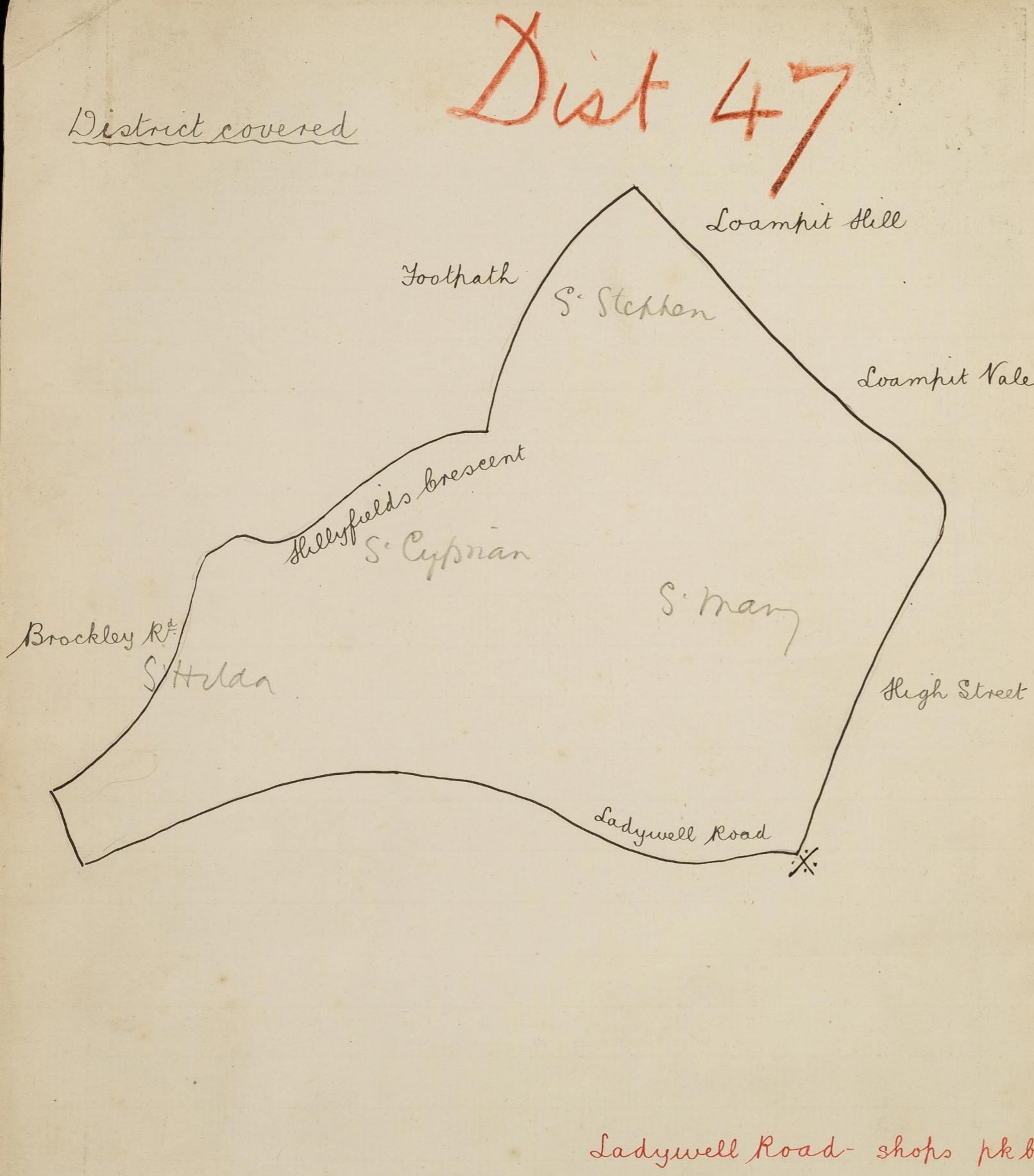
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Ladywell Road- shops pink

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Notes of walks with P.C. Lloyds, of the Lewisham Section of the "P" Division, in the area bounded on the west by Brockley Road; on the North, by the line of Hilly Fields Crescent, and the path running south-east of Tyrwhitt Road; on the north-east and east by Loampit Hill, Loampit Vale and the High St; and on the south by Ladywell Road and by fields, the whole forming part of the parish of

(E.A.) Nov. 14 and part of Nov. 15.

Lloyds is a man of about 35; married with five children. He has been in the Force for 11 years, all the time at Lewisham. He is a quiet and capable man, and, if he were a better scholar, would be certain to get promotion. As it is, his chance is small. Needless to say, he was familiar with all the ground, and I think that he told me most that he knew. But, as in Brockley, there is not very much to tell.

Starting from the Police Station in Ladywell Road, we crossed the railway close to the Station, into this part of

- Ladywell Road: At the corner, South side, are shops etc. pink-barred to the turning to Brockwell Cottages. West of this the shops end, and there are several small cottages

Ladywell Road - Cottages - purple  
New houses - pk b<sup>2</sup>

N side & corner - pk b<sup>2</sup>

Malyon Road - pk

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etc. purple. West of this the road is mainly built along on this side, to Arthurdon Road -- new 2 story houses; some not yet occupied; servants; "apartments" in many; uncoloured to pink-barred. On the north side at east corner new shops, 3 storeyed; uncoloured to pk-barred. Nothing else on this side until the older 3 story houses, near Ivy Lane are reached; same class here as in the new houses on the other side; pink-barred. This end of Ladywell Rd. is called Brockley Lane in map. It is all in a state of undress, and even when fully adorned there will be little to attract in this road of the pretty name.

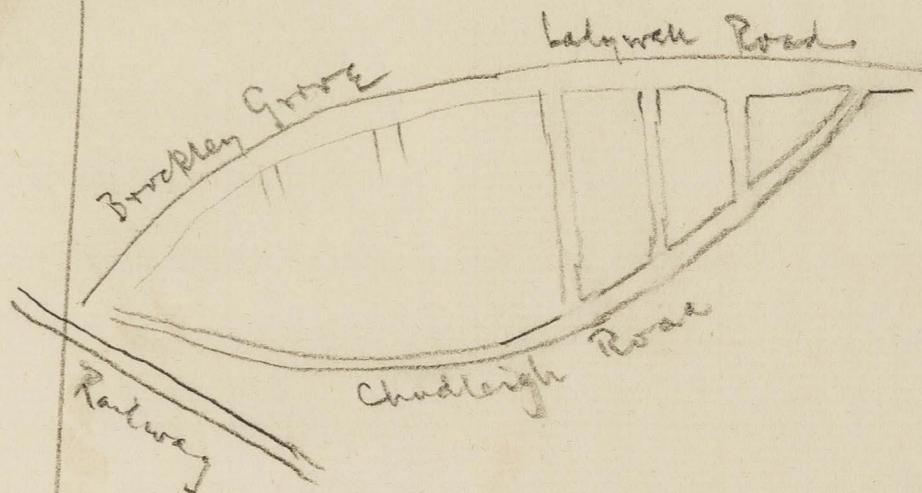
At the south-west corner are

Brockwell Cottages: all closed except four; an insanitary little nest; colour those remaining light blue, if at all.

Further south is the beginning of Malyon Road: 2 st story houses; good; uncoloured to pink.

Most of the open ground to the south of the Brockley Lane of the map (Ladywell Road at the east and Brockley Grove at the west ends) is being laid out in an estate, but, with the exception of three houses, not yet occupied, in Chudleigh Road, building has not yet begun, save along the main frontage. It is in the stage of having pretty plans shown <sup>of it</sup> at the local railway stations etc.

Roughly, this is the scheme Names have been already given to some of the streets destined to run into Chudleigh Road. It is the intention, I believe, to erect houses much of the same style as those that have been already put up in Ladywell Road, and, if so, the area will become a "pink-barred" one.



### Ivy Lane - pk

Brockley Grove: new houses W of Arthurdon Street pk.b<sup>d</sup>

Cemetery Lodge - pk

Haddon Farm - pk

near Chudleigh Road - pk.b<sup>d</sup>

N. side E. of Merrett Road - pk.

Passing the ends of the streets-to-be --- Philbeth,

Francemoney, Arthurdon, we come to

- Ivy Lane: the south end, overlooking the Cemetery, where is a new row of small 2 story houses, occupied by clerks etc. No servants; colour pink.
- Brockley Grove begins just west of Arthurdon St. and the pink-barred, new, houses reach ~~just~~ a little way along on the south side. On the north is the Cemetery, with its Lodge, pink. Further along is Haddon (now Joy) Farm; coming down; pink. West of this houses are building, until the other end of Chudleigh Road is reached; then a few more houses are occupied; pk.bd. ~~xxxxxx~~ like the new houses in Ladywell Road. On the north side, east of Merrett Road; new 2 story houses; smaller; uncoloured to pink; between Merrett and Darfield Roads; new; ~~xxxxx~~ 2 story

Between Merrett & Darfield Roads  
- pkb<sup>2</sup>

W. of Darfield Road - pk

Houses facing Brockley Hall grounds - pkb<sup>2</sup>

Brockley Hall - yellow

Crofton Park Road - pk

Brockley Road - new shops pkb<sup>2</sup>

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houses, with attics; pink-barred; then older houses; 2 story; pink; west of Lendal Road, only one house; pink. The Grove is continued round the bend facing the open ground of Brockley Hall; 2 story houses; occasional servants; "a better class than they look"; several cases of afternoon housebreaking; in one recently "a lot of stuff" taken. Uncoloured to pk-barred. At extreme corner two cottages old; colour light blue. Brockley Hall occupied by the family of Mr. Nokes (deceased); big brewers; colour yellow.

From this point, in this section, there are no houses till those in Ravensbourne Park and Blythe Hill are reached (see later); the ground is all open fields, except for • Crofton Park Road: just south-west of the railway; new; unnamed on map; 2 story houses; many occupied; road not yet made; uncoloured to pink. Further east, south of Brockley Cottages, a large Work-house is being built, believed by Lloyds to be for the S. Olave's Union.

North up

• Brockley Road: new shops; 3 story houses; as far as the Cemetery. Uncoloured to pink-barred. At one shop, occupied by a "wine and spirit merchant" and therefore not marked on our public-house map, four children were the customers of the moment as we passed. Two come out with

P.S. I think there are very few who don't  
sell grocery as well - G.M.D.

Marnock Road S. of Railway pk b'

Lindel Road - pk

Merritt Road (new part) pk  
Darfield --- --- pk

their purchases, one carrying two bottles of Truman Hanbury's Ale, and the other a single bottle of the same brand brew. The children were quite little things, and the chance of seeing four crowding at the counter may have been exceptional. But there are many of these small-trade merchants who whether they sell beer or wine or spirits, do mainly a single bottle trade. None will be shown on our map, and their existence ought to be emphasized noted and emphasized in the text.

- Marnock Road: south of railway; new; houses only on south side; 2 story, gable attics; mostly with servants, and letting lodgings; uncoloured, to pink-barred. On the opposite side of the railway is
- Lindel Road: houses on north side only; 2 story; 2 families often; uncoloured to pink.
- Merritt and Darfield Roads: are now both "full up"; 2 story houses in each, and very much alike. In Merritt Road, some of the newer houses are five roomed, letting at 9/6 to 11/-. Others are built in flats; double fronts; two doors the alternate doors leading straight up stairs. Rent about 10/- a flat. All pink as map, with more of it.
- Ivy Lane (west end): little 2 story houses; red-brick; garden fronts; same class as at east end; pink, as map.
- S. Margaret's Road: 3 story houses; rd-brick; substantial

red, as map. Much of the same character are  
✓ Adelaide Road, all the west end part including an exten-  
• sion east, along the Hilly Fields front, and  
S. Margaret Square.

East of the line of the Cemetery the houses begin again in

Adelaide Road: here smaller; "maisonettes" for two families some with some without servants; this side of the road to the end somewhat poorer class than the west end, <sup>even</sup> when the "maisonettes" cease. From uncoloured of map, to pink-barred. On the north side, east of Eastern Road, at first good houses; red; then another row of "maisonettes"; uncoloured to pink-barred.

• Eastern Road: new houses; east side only, and ~~only~~ for part of the ~~xx~~ way; from uncoloured of map, to red.

Facing it, on the other side of Hilly Fields, is Montague Avenue; again with good houses; 2 story; substantial; 12 rooms or so; with more colour, for new houses; red, ~~xxxxxx~~. To the north-west of this, running from Hilly Fields down into S. Margaret's Road, is

• Chalsey Road: not shown on map; new 2 story houses, very much like the new part of Tresillian Road, except that parts are taken up with the little ~~xxxxxx~~ "maisonettes" like those in Adelaide Road. From uncoloured of map, to pink-barred.

Adelaide Road - maisonettes pink  
E of Eastern Road red

2<sup>nd</sup> row of maisonettes - pink

Eastern Road - E side - red

Chalsey Road - red

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Perched on the hill, with its playing-fields fenced off from the public part, is the West Kent Grammar School a conspicuous building, both here, and from many points of view for miles round.

South-east of Ladywell Railway Station is Railway Cottages: 2, and sometimes 3 families the rule; occasionally broken windows and open doors; a poor look, but hardly very poor; light blue, as map. To the north, unnamed on map, is

- Prospect Place:  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story houses; again 2 or three families a shade better than the cottages; from uncoloured of map, to light blue or purple.

On the other side of Ladywell Road, lying close along the railway is

- Mercy Terrace, unnamed on map; much improved; a policeman lives in one of them rent-free, and acts as a kind of agent; it was his business to get the houses into good and quiet order, and, according to Licyds he has succeeded. One house at the north end had a suspicious number of broken windows, but I was assured that it was "all right"; "children" he supposed. One or two of the detached houses close by are laundries; all from uncoloured of map, south to pink. At the west end of Algernon Road, west side is a nameless road; houses being built; some occupied on north side; 2 story; here from uncoloured of map, to pink.

*Prospect Place - purple*

*Mercy Terrace - pk*

*nameless road - pk*

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*All - red*

• Algiers, Vicars, Ermine, Embleton (south of Ellerdale) and Algernon Roads, are all, except the south end of the last, where there are a few shops, taken up with houses, in as far as they are built on at all, of ~~xxxxxx~~ much the same style -- 2 story, with gable attics; servants the rule; "City people"; occasional lodgers. All, from uncoloured and red of map, to red. The few houses near the top end of Vicar's Road are the best of the lot, but the estate is very fairly uniform in standard. The S.W. to N.E. part of Algier's Road appears to be an error. In Eda Road there are no houses. North of Ellerdale Road, now continued, with no houses in it, up the hill till it joins with Vicar's Road,) there are still extensive brick-fields.

*All - pink*

Ellerdale Road, the north end of Algernon Road, Embleton St. (the north end of Embleton Road) and Brockbank Road are all good working class streets, occasionally with two families to a house, but on the whole high grade pink. Nothing to choose between Brockbank and the rest, although the former has been coloured pink-barred and the rest pink. All pink, therefore, with extra colour in Brockbank Rd. on south side, west of Ermine Road. North up

*Sandrock Road - pink b<sup>d</sup>*

Sandrock Road, leading to another new estate. At this sout end houses only between Uding (unnamed on map) and Over-cliff Roads. Two story houses; back additions; some serv

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vants; uncoloured to pink-barred. The north end houses of same description on both sides; same colour.

- Uding and Overcliff Roads are of exactly the same character, the former being occupied on the north and the latter on the south side. Both from uncoloured to pink: <sup>barred</sup> On the south side of Uding Road, building in active progress.

Shell Road is vacant, except for a tiny lodge at the north east corner -- a relic of a not distant time when much of this ground was taken up by one fair-sized house (still standing) and its gardens.

- Halesworth Road: 2 story houses; pretentious; any amount of ornate, ~~was~~ machine-worked stone; toy pillars at porticos; "good class" servants. Road not finished; houses taken as soon as ready; uncoloured to red.

- Loampit Hill, (from the boundary to Shell Road) new houses; uncoloured to red, leaving opening for the new road (Sandrock). South of Shell Road

Loampit Vale begins. At first only the backs and gardens of the houses in Halesworth Road. Below the public house irregular, indistinctive, plain brick houses, stabling etc. Lower down, an older world is reached: small houses, old-fashioned; tiled roofs; little shops, several of them second-hand, like the houses. All pink, as map, to Person St. Lying west of the Church of the Transfiguration is

*Uding & Overcliff Roads - ph.b<sup>4</sup>*

*Halesworth Road - red*

*Loampit Hill - new houses - red*

Dursley Place - purple

Slope cottages - lb

Porson St SE corner red

- Dursley Place: cottages; one brick row, one timbered and ~~xxxxx~~ others; all perhaps from light blue of map, to purple.

Hope Cottages, just north of the railway, eight of them; gardens; light blue, as map. By Porson St. and west, under railway arch to

Bertrand St: 2 story houses; like Brookbank Road etc.

- ✓ Pink, as map, with colour on north side, instead of south. Off the north-east side, lying low down are 3 cottage
- Hope Cottages(Bertrand St.) poor little places; apparently uncoloured on map. Dark blue.

Branscombe St: like Bertrand St; pink, as map. Back into Porson St: 2 story houses; very mixed class; a good deal of dark blue; a few shops; gone down; at south-east corner beyond the School nothing but a school-master's house; here from purple to pink. The rest of the street, from purple of map, to light blue. Off the west side, leading under the railway is the entrance to the East London Industrial School. Near the north-east corner, behind the public-house are

Hopewell Cottages: belonging to the public-houses; gate closed at night; tiny, poor, two-roomed cottages; rent 5/-; light blue, as map. East out of Porson St. to

- Shrubbery Road: on east side the school; on west side Mission etc. cottages; flush with pavement; respectable; one

*Elmira St purple*

*Eureka Place - lb*

*Loampit Vale to Railway pk<sup>b</sup>*

*lb*

*Peartree cottages - lb*

*Wilmore Place - lb*

*Mill R<sup>d</sup> SE end to bend U  
--- rest - purple*

family the rule; clean; from purple to pink.

- Elmira St: 2 story houses; varied style; some old; with ✓ omission for Gerrard, the builder's premises, from light blue of map, to purple. On south-east side
- Eureka Place: 5 cottages; costers etc. Uncoloured of map, to light blue.
- Vian St: 2 story houses; flush with sidewalk; light blue, ✓ as map, with omission for Gerrard's premises.
- Loampit Vale, east of Porson St. mainly shops; better class from pink of map, to pink-barred. Between the two beer-houses shown, are two tiny cottages, lying behind the ✓ and facing west frontage line; light blue, if shown on the 25 inch map.
- Peartree Cottages (apparently Sloughs' Buildings of map) only two or three, on east side; uncoloured of map, to light blue. A little further east is
- Wilmore Place: 6 or 7~~1~~ cottages; uncoloured to light blue.

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Mill Road, approached from the Vale, under railway arch, a long cul de sac; Ravensbourne River running down the middle, and a big mill (Robinson's) towering above everything else. Plenty of room, therefore, between the houses, and those at north-west have ~~xxxxxx~~ gardens along the side of the river. This is the best part of the Road, the east side of which, especially the south end, has a bad reputa-

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tion for drinking, roughness etc. costers; "sweeps"; laboring class"; some dark blue, but light blue, perhaps the better colour for this worst end; the rest from uncoloured and purple of map, to purple, omitting colour for the mill and Lewisham High St.

- Loampit Vale (south of railway) larger shops again to Fuller's Place, here pink-barred to red. Below Fuller's Place smaller shops etc. pink-barred, as map, as far as the entrance to Mr. Wallis' house. Here, a small break in the frontage line, and then mostly private houses; good; to the railway; from pink-barred, of map, to ~~pink~~<sup>(red)</sup> red. The Ch Chapel now Unitarian. South of the railway, mostly shops again; smaller; from red of map, to pink-barred, on both sides to Ladywell Road. Some extra colour for new building on east side. Tram lines run down the High St.; not very much traffic or business, the road perhaps illustrating a name that Lloyds tells me has been given to the parish --"Long and lazy Lewisham". The Vicarage at corner of Ladywell Rd. and a doctor's house north-east of Courthill Road should be coloured red.

Molesworth Road (off Loampit Vale);  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story houses; gone down; 2 or 3 families to a house as a rule; some light, even dark-blue; perhaps still purple as map.

- Rhyme St: new; 3 little lots of 2 story houses; from uncoloured of map, to pink.

Loampit Vale & High St S of Railway red  
to Fullers Place

Below Mr Wallis' house - red

S. of Railway - small shops pink

Vicarage & Doctors House - red

Rhyme St pink

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Rebel St: same character as Molesworth St.; purple, as map

John's Place: 7 cottages; garden fronts; south side only; pink, as map.

- Avenue Road: 2 and 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  story house, mainly; all from pink-barred of map to pink. The house south of the Chapel, now a Salvation Army Barracks, and the house off the north-west end, both uncoloured on map, should be red.

- Avenue Cottages: off the north side, opposite John (now Engate) St; 4 wooden cottages; from uncoloured of map, to light blue.

Engate St: 2 and 3 story houses; garden fronts; decent; pink, as map. Off the south-west corner is

- Avenue Square: 5 room cottages on two sides only; gardens; from uncoloured of map, to light blue.

- Romer's Place: (called Fuller's in map) has 5 room cottage garden fronts on south side; here light blue of map, to pink. On the north side tiny cottages; light blue, as map. Behind, and backing on these cottages is the real

Fuller's Place: 3 room cottages; south side only; light blue, as map.

- Whitburn Road: new; 2 story, red-brick houses; occasional servants; from uncoloured of map, to pink-barred.

- Wearside Road: also new; smaller houses; nothing on east side south of Whitburn Road; the rest, as far as built ov

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Avenue Road - pk

House S. of S. Army Barracks  
and house off NW } red

Avenue cottages - lb

Avenue Square - lb

Romer's Place - pk

Whitburn Road - pk b<sup>2</sup>

Wearside Road - pk

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Ladywell Road N side & of Railway pkb<sup>o</sup>

— S — " — pk

~~over,~~ from uncoloured of map, to pink.

• Ladywell Road (east of railway): north side, mainly 2 and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story houses; occasional servants; from pink of map, to pink-barred. South side; mainly taken up with public buildings -- the Parish Hall, Baths, a space, and then, the corner's Court, two cottages (pink, the only thing to be coloured on this side), a warehouse, finishing off with the Police Ststion. This side of Ladywell Road is thus very modern and municipal, and round the corner in the High St. is a magnificent block belonging to the London Fire Brigade, with "London County Council" shining down in gold en lettering. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ If the quiet church-yard is walkedthrough, and the back afterwards turned on all the modernness of the Fire Brigade building and Ladywell Road, the High St. in spite of one or two new shops of considerable size, gives the impression of the main street <sup>small</sup> of an old-fashioned provincial town, in which the buildings happen to have run small. Tiled roofs and quaint gables abound, and even the tram-line does not destroy the illusion, for ~~it~~ saunters through only once every six or eight minutes.

Off the north-west side of Ladywell Road is

✓ The Avenue: not named on map; only two houses; servants; from uncoloured of map, to red.

The Avenue - red

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*Church Grove - cottages - pk*

• Church Grove: cottages; garden fronts; two are occupied by an old lady; eccentric; has a "bit of brass"; will have nothing done to the cottages, which are being overgrown like the castle of the Sleeping Beauty. All from purple of map, to pink. In the High St. opposite Ladywell Park is

✓ Reeve's Passage: 3 cottages, one over the archway of the entrance; queer, old; from uncoloured of map, to light blue.

*Reeve's Passage - lb*

\*Courtill Rd.  
S. man

High St.

Rushy Green

Bromley Road

S. man (Detached)  
Whitefoot Lane

S. Swithin

S. E. R.

S. Lawrence

pk  
pk b<sup>d</sup>

lb

pk

purple

Glenview Road new part  
and old purple

## District 47. District covered

Notes of walks with Lloyds in the area bounded on the north-east by the Railway; on the south by ~~xxxxxx~~ Lane, and on the west by Bromley Road, Rushy Green, and the High St. the whole forming part of the parishes of

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Starting along

Courtill Road: mainly 3 and 2 story houses; improves eastwards; some new building on the north side. Pink, as map west end. East of the Railway bridge, from pink-barred ✓ and uncoloured of map, to pink and pink-barred. Behind ✓ the beer-house, opposite the end of Rycroft Road, is one cottage; from uncoloured of map, to light blue.

Rycroft Road: north side: 3 story houses; occasional servants; pk-barred, as map. South side: 2 story houses; some shops; from pk-barred, of map, to pink.

Knowles Hill Crescent: 2 story houses, some with attics; often lodgers, and 2 families; At the east end of the north side of the lower half are 2 three-story houses in very drunken occupancy for the most part. These from pink of map to light blue, and the south side of this part of the Crescent from pink to purple. The rest pink, as map.

Glenview Road has been added to on the north-east corner; here from uncoloured of map, to pink. The older part, also 2 story houses, a good deal poorer; from pink of map, to purple.

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Ennerdale Road takes a bettern working class; 2 storym houses; garden fronts; pink, as map. Off the south side  
 • Lanier Road: 2 story houses; semi-detached; fronts; clerks etc; most with servants; from red of map, to pink-barred.

Hither Green Lane: north from this point, shops on west s side, between Radford and Rx Thornford Roads; the rest priv te houses; mostly semi-detached; most with servants; a good many taking lodgers; all pink-barred, as map, except  
 ✓ Camps Hill House, occupied by Mr. Gore, (tobacco) from uncoloured of map, to yellow. The lodge below the house is  
 ✓ pink.

• Radford Road: same class as in Lanier Road and Hither Gree Lane; houses rather larger; from red of map, to pink-bar red.

In Fordyce Hill there are no houses.

• Fordyce Road: 2 story houses; rather shabby genteel appea ance; perhaps "3 or 4 servants in the 14 houses"; open ground opposite. Perhaps from pink of map, to pinkbarred.

Harvard Road: 2 story houses; Lloyds lives here; rents 8/6, 9/- and 11/-; generally one family to a house. Pink, as map.

Thornford Road: 2 and 3 story houses; "more like Radford"; some servants; pink-barred, as map.

• Camps Hill (on map, now part of Hither Green L ne) mostly

Lanier Road ph b<sup>a</sup>

Camps Hill House - yellow

Radford Road ph b<sup>a</sup>

Fordyce Road ph b<sup>a</sup>

Camps Hill - pk

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small houses; some shops; from uncoloured of map, to pink.

The Retreat: 2 story houses; various styles; some garden fronts; better south end; purple, as map.

- Ladywell Terrace: "1865"; at east end of Ladywell Park; not named on map, or shown; 2½ story houses; 2 families the rule; from uncoloured of map, to pink.

- Hither Green Lane (west of the The Retreat): generally 2 story houses; a few shpys; from purple of map, to pink.

Ladywell Park: 2 story with basements and attics; 3 story etc.; many semi-detached; very occasional servants, perhaps 4 or 5 in the whole road; gone down; pink, as map.

- High St: South of Ladywell Park: the old police station, "to let"; then small shops for the most part, some antiquated gabled and picturesque -- a bit of old suburban London; all from red of map, to pink-barred to the Schools On the opposite side, south of Ladywell Road, a few shops building at corner, bank etc.; then Fire Brigade Station red to pink; then churchyard. The bank block, if coloured from red of map, to pink-barred.

Park St: on east side of High St. not named on map; 4 room cottages; cul de sac; light blue, as map.

High St: east side, south of Schools: Lewisham Park and then private houses (good) to Mount Pleasant; south of

- here a few shops; all red to George Lane. West side;

Ladywell Terrace - pk

Hither Green Lane W of Retreat - pk

High Street S of Ladywell Park pk b<sup>a</sup>

Fire Brigade Station - pk

Bank block - pk b<sup>a</sup>

S to Mount Pleasant - red

Digh Street W side S. of churchyard pkb<sup>d</sup>

N. of Almshouses - red

George Lane S side pk

N side W end to Fordyce Road - pkb<sup>d</sup>

— Chestnut to Fordyce Road pkb<sup>d</sup>

— E of Fordyce Road - red

Chestnut Road - red

Mount Pleasant pkb<sup>d</sup>

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south of Church yard: a bit more of old Lewisham; red of map to pink-barred to a cleared space, north of Almshouses ✓ Almshouses, uncoloured. South of these 4 three story houses from uncoloured of map, to red. Then the Workhouse and Infirmary, stretching almost to the corner of Albacore Crescent. Omit red of map.

Lewisham Park: some of the best houses in Lewisham; mainly semi-detached; substantial, middle-class. All red, as map, except the lodge of Yeddo Grange.

• George Lane: some new houses at west end, both sides, but very few on south side; broken by nursery etc. Here pink as far as coloured. ~~maxxix~~ (uncoloured on map). North side: from pink of map to pink-barred, from west end to Chestnut Road. Then the road improves: 2 story semi-detached villas; servants; either from pink of map to red or pink-barred as far as Fordyce Road. East of Fordyce Rd. certainly from pink of map, to red.

• Chestnut Road: like better part of George Lane; from uncoloured of map, to red or pink-barred.

• Mount Pleasant: 2 story houses, and 2 story, with gables; new at east end; most semi-detached; servants generally; some lodgers; said to be same class as George Lane, but ~~maxx~~ does not look so flourishing. From red of map, to pink-barred. Thence east along George Lane, with

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Mountsfield on the right, the home of the late owner of all the fields in the neighbourhood; now occupied only ✓ by caretaker, and probably coming down. ? leave uncoloured By the new Theodore Road (only three houses building in it) into

• Hither Green Lane: on the right Beacon Lodge: a good private house; red. On west side, south of Beacon Road, shops 3 story houses; new; to Laurel Lodge; from uncoloured of map, to pink-barred. North of the Lodge, that has been very pretty and looks unhappy in the middle of its new surroundings, the ground is either vacant or shops are building. On the east side: 2 story houses, very much like those further down the Lane. A new Vicarage has been built by the church. Omitting for the latter, from uncoloured ✓ and pink-barred, of map, to pink-barred, to Ennersdale Road

*Hither Green Lane: Beacon Lodge - red  
-- W. side S. of Beacon Rd - pink  
-- E. side to Ennersdale - pink*

*Nightingale Grove - light blue & purple*

*Beacon Road E. of School - purple*

On Nov. 16 we started from Hither Green Station.

Nightingale Grove contains a few cottages in the station approach: light blue as map. The houses in the main road are scattered; none are ~~new~~; some are cottages letting a 6/6. All purple, as map. West along

Beacon Road: east of the School: 2 story houses; 2 families the rule; from pink of map, to purple. Opposite the School are 3 good houses; red, as map.

The rest of this immediate neighbourhood is made up of ~~xx~~ bits of streets for the most part and bits of field. The result is a general effect of discomfort and neglect. Such houses as have been built appear to have lost their way. Although little or no building is going on, nothing looks finished. It is a district ~~xx~~ half-dressed, with no sign that the process will ever be finished.

Ardmore Road - lb

Ardmore Road: one of the fuller streets; 2 story houses; shoddy building; 2 families the rule; more perhaps in so ~~x~~ signs of the dark blue; from purple of map, to light blue.

Seravia Road - purple

Maybank Cottages, east of Nightingale Grove, smaller on north side; here light blue, as map. On south side: 2 st houses; generally two families; from light blue of map, to purple.

Brightside Road - purple

Seravia Road: new; 4 two story cottages; from uncoloured of map, to purple. Of just the same character is Brightside Road: purple. Lying off the ~~xxxx~~ north side is one of the smallest abodes I have seen -- a tin eight foot square shanty, occupied by a coster and donkey owner. Light blue, if coloured. Further west on the same side is a small corrugated iron chapel, stranded, like the houses.

Elthruda Road: cottages; poor; 2 families, the rule;

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from purple of map to light blue, with additional pink, for two new little houses on the south side.

Mallet Road: 2 story houses; 2 families; separate entrances now reach to edge of Brightside Road; from pink of map, to purple, with extra colour.

Hither Green Lane at this point has the Park Fever Hospital running along the west side, and the little towers of its numerous detached wards are a conspicuous feature of the neighbourhood. The presence of the Hospital presumably has a bad effect on the district, but Lloyds was unwilling to admit this, and it is not from this part that patients come. In the Lane are small villa residences from just north of Brightside Road to just south of Elth

ruda Road: from uncoloured of map, to pink or pink-barre  
Duncrrieve Road brings us to the beginning of the ~~S. German's Estate~~ S. German's Estate, which is being rapidly laid out according to the general plans of a large speculative builder -- ~~Mr. Corbett~~ Mr. Corbett. There is much sub-letting of the work and several builders are said to be at work on the estate, but the man just mentioned is the contractor and speculator in chief. It is said that when all has been built over, there will be something like 3000 houses.

Most are for a lower middle class, and two styles predominate -- one a small single fronted ~~house~~ house letting

*Mallet Road - purple*

at about £28; and a somewhat larger double-fronted house letting at from £36 to £38. The larger houses in Brownhill Road let at about £60. Sandhurst and Glenfarg are, so far, the two working-class streets, and the former is the only one in which the houses are uniformly let at a weekly rental. Many of the houses throughout the estate are said to be owned by their occupants. It is rather a weary wilderness of houses, and in the day-time hardly anyone is about. The heads of the households go mainly citywards to work. No licensed house is allowed on the estate, and it is, I believe, Mr. Corbett who has enforced this provision. My information as to rentals was obtained from one of the contracting builders whom we happened to meet, and his information corroborated what Lloyds had previously told me. There are two shopping centres on the estate, one in Springbank Road, which has a kind of Parade, called "The Market" at the north end, and a similar centre is being made in part of Brownhill Road, with the name of "The Pavement". The latter is rather for the future, but neither are yet very flourishing.

Duncrieve Road has little or nothing in it except an old farmhouse at the south west corner; good; colour red, and a second house, also somewhat old, occupied by the chief agent for the estate; also red.

Duncrieve Road - 2 houses - red

Springbank Road - S.E. corner pk.

W. side pk. b<sup>d</sup>

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Springbank Road: "The Market", and south of this, which runs a little north and south of Dundrieve Road, the double fronted houses. Several of the shops of the market have been built on the east side, but besides these almost nothing, and only two or three are as yet occupied anywhere on this side. At the extreme S.E. corner are two cottages. These pink, and the rest of the road, west side, so far as covered, from uncoloured of map, to pink barred.

At the "pink" cottages the Board School Visitor was calling to find out about some absent child and his colleague in Whitechapel or Southwark would perhaps envy him in being able to do his work on a bicycle and wearing knickerbockers. Other districts, other manners.

Wellmeadow Road: North of Hither Green Lane: double fronted; south of Hither Green Lane, single fronted to Brownhill Road. All pink-barred. South of Brownhill, building just north of the Lane a large Wesleyan Chapel building.

Hither Green Lane: (South of Hospital): north side shops to above Torridon Road. South side: double-fronted; all, as far as coloured, pinkbarred. Oak Cottage has disappeared.

Brookfield Road: a few occupied at north end; here pink-barred. The rest empty, or building.

Wellmeadow Road - pk b<sup>d</sup>

Hither Green Lane S. side S. of Hospital pk b<sup>d</sup>

Brookfield Road N. end pk b<sup>d</sup>

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Brownhill Road E. of Laleham Rd red  
 — N side W. of Torridon pk.b<sup>d</sup>  
 — Detached Dwellings pk.b<sup>d</sup>

Minard Rd. N. of Brownhill pk.b<sup>d</sup>

Ardgowan Road pk.b<sup>d</sup>

Torridon Rd. S. of Hither Green Lane pk.b<sup>d</sup>  
 — S of Brownhill E. side pk.b<sup>d</sup>

Arngask & Fordel Roads - pk.b<sup>d</sup>

Brownhill Road (east of Laleham Road) barring the shops, the swell road of the estate; red, as far as covered, ex the shops, a little to the west of Torridon Road, north side, pink-barred, and two detached blocks of smaller dwellings, still further west, one on each side of the road. These also pink-barred.

Minard Road: double-fronted to Brownhill Road; here pink-barred. South of Brownhill Road, vacant or building

Ardgowan Road: double-fronted north of Brownhill Road; single fronted, as far as built south. All pink-barred. In Woodlands are a few scattered houses, one a nursery, and the rest private. All said to have a servant or servants, and not to have deteriorated from the Fever Hospital. But they are not very bright looking. All red, except S. Mary's Cottage; here only a caretaker; pink, if coloured. The late occupant owned a good deal of property in the neighbourhood.

Torridon Road: no dwellings north of Hither Green Lane; a depot of Wheatley's at corner of Wellmeadow Road. South of the Lane, double fronts to Brownhill Road; pink-barre omitting for site of Congregational Chapel. South of Brownhill Road; single fronts; east side only; pink-barred.

Arngask and Fordel Roads: single fronts; pink-barred.

Glenfarg Road: single fronts of a smaller type: a few

Glenfarg Road - pk

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still unoccupied. Pink.

The total police beats of this Lewisham Section are steadily increasing, and now run to about 58 miles, and from a point in Sandhurst Road Lloyds was able to point out the considerable southern extension of their ground. It runs along Hither Green Lane to the corner of Whitefoot Lane; west along this lane to Bromley Road, and the north to Cock Shed Lane. Except for the north end of Bromley Road, I did not walk round this part, as it contains only the following dwellings: Oak Cottages (2) near Lee Cemetery, one occupied by an employee of the Cemetery; may be coloured pink. At the corner of Hither Green Lane and Whitefoot Lane, a farm-house, occupied by a care-taker; colour pink. In Whitefoot Lane: two cottages, one occupied by a gamekeeper, and the other by a farm-labourer the wages of the latter being put down by Lloyds at about 28/-. Both may be coloured pink. At the South-east corner of Bromley Road are two old and two new cottages, all said to be in respectable occupancy  
~~and the houses are pink~~ -- a carpenter etc. and these too~~x~~ may, I think, be coloured pink. Park House is a school; red. White House Farm and Sangley Farm are both said to be in good occupancy, with servants; red.  
<sup>Lodge</sup> The rest I saw -- Sangley Farm, three good houses (new) and The Priory -- all red.

Oak Cottages - pk

Farmhouse - pk

2 cottages in Whitefoot Lane pk

Bromley Road S.E. corner - pk

Park House - red

White House & Sangley Lodge - red

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Sandhurst Rd. W. of Torridon purple  
W. of S. Fellen's pk

Sandhurst Road, (east of S. Fellen's Road) East of Torridon Road there are no dwellings. Between Torridon and Ardgowan Roads is a small Recreation Ground, the use of which is, Lloyds said, restricted to subscribers of 10/- a year. It looked very dull, but four or six sets of tennis could be played on it, and its ~~new~~ existence perhaps throws some light on the ~~new~~ class of people occupying many of the adjacent streets. East of it, on the other side of Ardgowan Road, is a temporary Board School. On the south side the site for an English Church has been marked out, and the rest is a chaos -- of houses half built, a mason's yard, stacks of timber, piles of bricks, (of indifferent quality) and unmade roads, with, for sounds, the noise, ~~loud~~ or rasping, of hammer and mallet and saw. In a year or two there will be quiet ~~new~~ streets, and dozens of houses, with, doubtlessly, wives in most of them waiting according to their temperament bored, gossiping, or busy through the long day, for their husband's return. West of Torridon Road the houses begin: 2 storied; most occupied by a decent class, but many on the down-grade. Two families frequent, and even in passing many signs of deterioration observable. Many living here who are employed on the estate, and many doubtless ~~will~~ will therefore leave when the building is finished. The street is not getting a good name, and

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disorder and drunkenness are not uncommon, in spite of the absence of any licensed houses in the immediate neighbourhood. "Pink" preponderates, but I think that purple will be the appropriate colour for the street, save for the few shops at the south-west corner. The rents are £xxxxxx generally 9/-.

West of S. Fellen's Road, conditions improve, the open ground of Catford Sports behind doing something perhaps to ensure a better class of tenant more uniformly. Here pink. On each side of the road there is one tiny cottage, of old-standing, and connected with displaced farm houses. These light blue.

S. Fellen's Road: single fronts: pink-barred.

Brownhill Road: west of Laleham Road; smaller and older houses; pink-barred, except on the south side, east of Bowness Road; here pink.

Laleham Road: south end; 2 story houses; one and two families. Pink.

Engleheart Road: North side; newer; 1 and 2 families; pink. South side: poorer, especially east of Bowness Road. Here light blue, and the rest pink, or perhaps all purple, as map.

Cock Shed Lane: 2 story houses, like the preceding, but better; one and two families; from uncoloured of map, to

*S. Fellen's Road - pk b<sup>1</sup>*

*Brownhill Rd W. of Laleham  
pk b<sup>2</sup>*

*- S. side E of Bowness. pk.  
Laleham Road S. end pk*

*Engleheart Road N side pk  
S. side pk & purple }*

*Cock Shed Lane - purple*

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pink.

Jutland, Bowness and Plassy Roads are all very much of the same class: 2 story houses; decent working class for the most part. In all there are some new houses, generally arranged for two families. All pink, as map, with more colour for additions.

Rushy Green: East side; from Cock Shed Lane to Brownhill Road; as in Lewisham, so here are bits of an older world mixed with the new; mostly shops; from pink of map, to pink-barred, with an omission for a clearance. North of Brownhill Road to Rosenthal Road; mostly semi-detached, 2 story ~~xx~~ villas. All still pink-barred.

<sup>Horse</sup> Blackshaw Alley, a little south of the Black ~~XXX~~ Inn, stucco, wooden and brick cottages; gardens; untidy; fowl. Rather a low-standard place: light blue. North to Ringstead Road: 2 story houses, some with gable attic; from red of map, to pink-barred. Running north is a new road, not named; 2 cottages on east side; pink.

Laleham Road: north end; 2 story houses, arranged for 2 families; 3 or 4 shops; pink.

Honley Road: the old, west, part; small, but substantial houses, said to be occupied by as well-to-do a class as those living in Lewisham Park. except on the south side, close to Rushy Green. The new part 2 story houses, arranged

Rushy Green: E side from Cock Shed Lane  
to Rosenthal Road pk<sup>b</sup>

Ringstead Road - pk<sup>b</sup>

Honley Road - new part pk }  
rest - pk. b<sup>b</sup> & red }

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arranged for two families. Here pink, and the rest red a  
and pink-barred, the latter for the poorer south side bi  
Farley Road offers just the same division, save that all  
the older part may be red.

Rosenthal Road: (no thoroughfare yet at east end) said to  
have "the richest people we have in Lewisham"; 2 story h  
houses, some with attics. Red.

Devonport Road: built by two firms; west part: 2 story h  
houses; back additions; letting at £35 or so; pink-barre  
The rest smaller; for two families; pink.

Rushy Green: North of the Wesleyan Chapel to Davenport Rd  
3 story houses; private; red or pink-barred. Then shops  
etc. again new and old to George Lane. All pink-barred,  
shewing, if possible, two little timbered cottages; poor  
light blue.

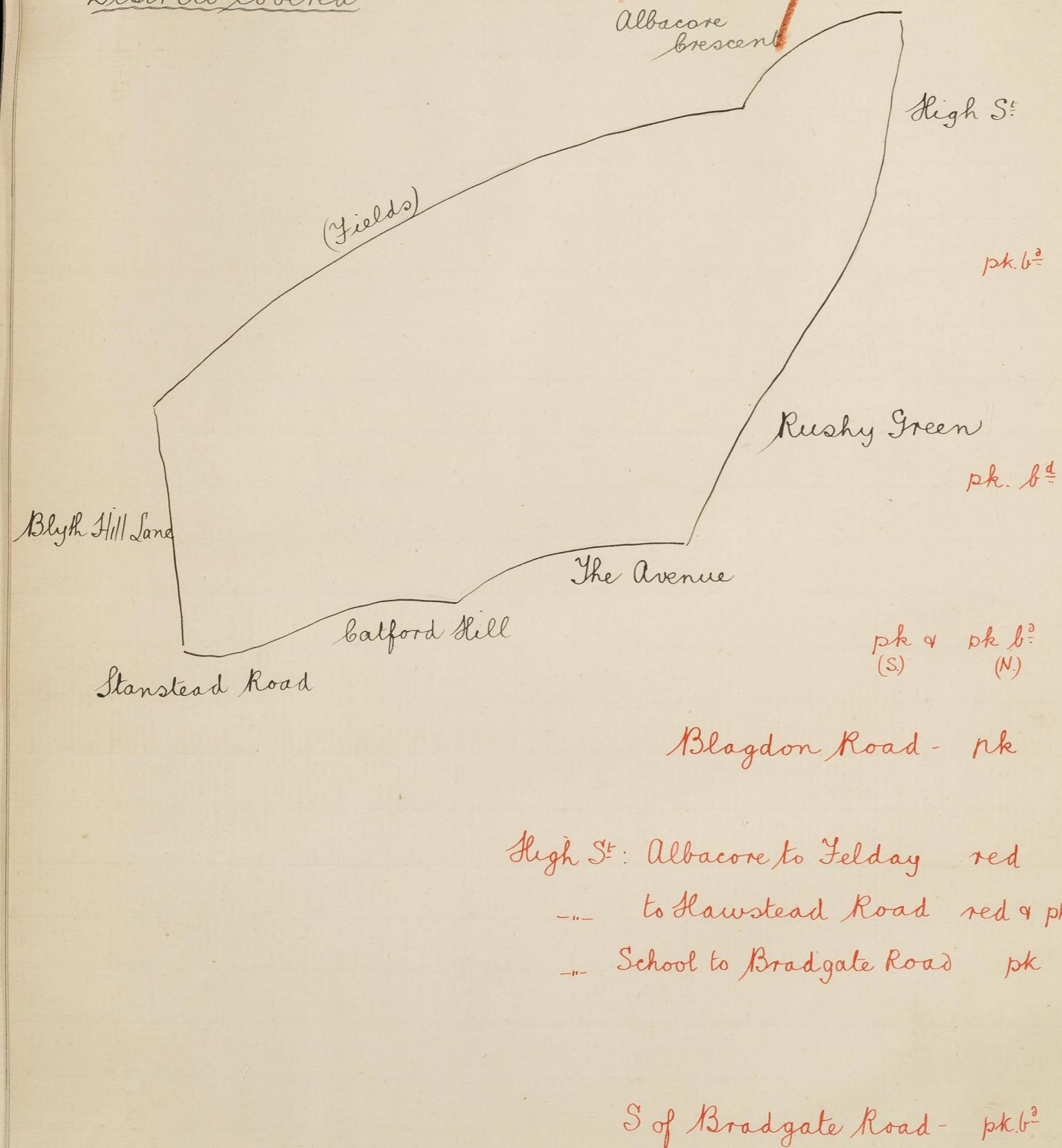
Rosenthal Road - red

Devonport Road W. side pk b<sup>2</sup>  
— " — rest pk

Rushy Green n of Wesleyan Chapel } red  
to Devonport Road }  
— " — n of Devonport Road pk b<sup>2</sup> }  
+ lb }

District covered

District 47



Notes of a walk with Lloyds in the area bounded on the east by Rushy Green and the High St., on the north by Albacore Crescent and by fields, on the west by Blyth Hill Lane, and on the south by Stanstead Road, Catford Hill and The Avenue, forming part of the parishes of

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Albacore Crescent: 2 story houses; clerks etc.; generally one family; some servants; pink-barred. The Priory Room, used as a chapel. (Note that there is only one house (pink) on south side west of Felday Road.) South to Medusa Road: 2 story houses; newer, but much same class as in Albacore Crescent. Pink-barred.

Felday Road (late Ruthin): 2 story houses; most arranged for two families on south side; here pink; north side pink-barred like Medusa Road.

Blagdon Road: 2 story houses; generally two families; all pink. (Note only one house north of Felday on east side)

High St: from Albacore to Felday: good houses; red. south of the Almshouses, 3 story shops; red or pink-barred to Hawstead Road. South of Hawstead: Lewisham Grammar School for Girls -- a large building, a lodge belonging to the School, and a carriage builders. Pink, if coloured, from the School to Bradgate Road. South of Bradgate Road to Patriot Place: 6 good houses and 2 or 3 smaller ones; pink-barred.

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South of Medusa Road is a small collection of streets almost all with 2 story houses, most new, and most of the latter arranged for two families. Some of the older parts are going down, such as the central part of Brookdale Road, and there are bits of a still lower and poorer grade. But the following may all be coloured pink:

Hawstead Road Silvermere Road, including the row of houses at the north end, facing the recreation ground; Brookdale Road, north of Bradgate and South of Holbeach Roads; Nelgarde Road; Doggett Road (north end); Bradgate Road; Holbeach Road (late the Retreat) west of Brookdale Rd.; and Willow Walk (west of Brookdale Road.)

Scroobie Road: from light blue of map, to purple.

Wildfell Road contains the slum of this area: light blue except for (1) a row of small cottages at south-west corner; purple; (2) two pink houses a little below them on the same side; and (3) 2 pink houses on the opposite side just east of the Chapel.

Patriot Place (off the High St): wooden cottages; light blue. A little further ~~south~~ up the same entrance but tucked away round the corner is Waterloo Place: tiny brick cottages; garden fronts; very miserable in appearance. While looking a tram driver came out of one, and Lloyds said that he lived there. In spite of this "pink" man the row should probably be dark blue, the alternative being light.

Hawstead & Silvermere Roads - pk

Brookdale Rd n. of Bradgate &  
S of Holbeach Rds} pk

All pk

Scroobie Road purple

Wildfell Road SW corner purple

W. side two houses - pk

E. side two houses - pk

Patriot Place - lb

Waterloo Place - lb

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Rushy Green - Patriot Place to Holbeam Rd - pink

- " - Holbeam Rd to Willow Grove - pink

- " - S of Grove to the Avenue - pink

Queen's Bench - blue

Crossley cottages - blue

Sun cottages - blue

Holbeam Rd. N. side W. of Morena - pink

- " - E of Brookdale Road purple

- " - Retreat House - red

Brookdale Road - middle part - purple

Retreat cottages S. side only - blue

Willow Grove - E. of Brookdale Rd: S side pur. N - " bl.

Rushy Green: South of Patriot Place: to Holbeam Road: shops new and old; pink-barred. South of Holbeam to Willow Grove: smaller shops; pink. South of the Grove to The Avenue, larger again; pink-barred. Off the main thoroughfare are several little courts in addition to the ones already mentioned:

Queen's Bench: (apparently the Gray's Place of map) cottages; small gardens; light blue.

Crossley Cottages: two, with 2 rooms and scullery; rent 5/-; unnamed on map; light blue. Others just to the north coming down; closed.

Sun Cottages: 4 rooms; 6/-; light blue.

Holbeam Road: (Elizabeth Place in map) purple, east of Brookdale Road, "Retreat House", standing back in a small garden, being perhaps red.

Brookdale Road: between Bradgate and Holbeam Roads; older; more crowded; purple.

Retreat Cottages: south side only, south of Holbeam Rd; light blue.

Willow Grove: (East of Brookdale Road): on ~~south~~ <sup>south</sup> side 2 story houses; purple; on north side, a mixture, including some tiny one story, two-roomed cottages. Went into one of these; woman the wife of a carman; room quite warm, but bare of furniture for the most part. In a crib

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close to the fire a mite of 15 months snugly tucked up, ill with bronchitis, a pale morsel, pale and placid, but breathing heavily. Rent 2/9. In bad repair. All this side of the Grove light blue.

The Avenue: 3 story houses; shops; not very flourishing; pink. West along

Catford Bridge: shops etc. pink. North up

Doggett Road: East side, to the Retreat; small two story houses; going down quickly; some of the houses built for small middle class now with two families, and getting in a very bad condition. Others, mainly those in the hands of old occupants, satisfactory. The ~~xxx~~ road presents the same mixture as Stanstead to some extent, the proportion of the blue classes being greater. This side from purple and uncoloured of map, to purple. West side, at extreme corner, a shop and 2 two story cottages pink here. The rest  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story houses, poorer than the east side, and more uniformly of a lower grade. Here, from purple of map, to light blue.

Across the railway and north up

Ravensbourne Park: good middle class houses, some at the top being very large. A late Lord Mayor, Alderman Whitehead, lived in one of them. Two of the largest now empty and the quarter perhaps having a struggle to keep up the

*The Avenue - pk*

*Catford Bridge - pk*

*Doggett Road E. side to Retreat - purple*

*W. side at extreme corner - pk*

*rest - lb*

*Ravensbourne Park 4 houses yellow  
rest - red }*

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plutocratic standard of the past. Four of the houses yellow; two (empty) uncoloured, and the rest all red, from yellow and uncoloured of map. The "Cong. Chapel" of map appears to be an error.

Westdown Park Road is much the same as the lower part of Ravensbourne Park; red, as map. North of Blythe Hill is Hillfield House (2) occupied; from uncoloured of map, to red. South into

Blythe Hill: rather a mixed street, but most of it fair middle class houses; the poorest part the south-east block, which is pink-barred, rather than the red of map. The rest red. The houses are mostly 3 storeyed; others 2. To the north of Blythe Hill are the open fields previously mentioned as stretching to the south from Brockley Grove.

Faversham (late Canterbury) Road: some of it not unlike Blythe Hill, especially at the south and north. In the middle on both sides a certain number of houses in working class tenancy. The whole from purple of map (I think, a slip in colouring) to pink-barred.

Upper Winchester Road: 2 story houses; from pink-barred of map, to pink, with extra colouring for new houses at east end of north side.

Lower Winchester Road is much the same, with extra colouring

*Hillfield House - red*

*Blythe Hill SE pk b<sup>3</sup>*  
*N. side red }*

*Faversham Road n of Upper Winchester Rd* {  
*S of Lower ----- pk b<sup>3</sup>*

*Upper Winchester Road - pk*

*Lower Winchester Road - pk*

at the east end of the north side, and new houses now on south side. All from pink-barred and uncoloured of map to pink.

Blythe Hill Lane, the boundary of the section, with very few houses in it on the east side, and these (2 story houses, pink) south of Blythe Hill, and not south of Upper Winchester Road, as shown in map. No dwellings south of Lower Winchester Road.

Stanstead Road: also the boundary of the section, with new shops east of Blythe Hill Lane to the entrance to Stanstead Grove, not shown on map. From Stanstead Grove to the Chapel, 3 story, private houses. To this point, from uncoloured of map, to pink-barred. East of the Chapel a row of 2 story houses; servants doubtful and improbable; from ~~xxxxxx~~ of map, to pink. S. Dunstan's College, a big red-brick building, rather new, has the still newer head-master's house at south-west corner, and the porter's lodge, as shown, at the south-east. Colour red and pink.

Stanstead Grove: not shown on map; "little middle-class people" was Lloyds' comment; servants in two or three of the houses; from uncoloured of map to pink-barred. (Gouse along east side, and at north end only. The two houses placed in the map askew to Lower Winchester Road are really in Stanstead Grove.)

*Stanstead Road* <sup>from Stanstead</sup> <sub>Grove to Chapel</sub> red  
— " E of Chapel pk

*S. Dunstan's College + Lodge* red + pk

*Stanstead Grove* pk?

Catford Hill ph

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Catford Hill, into which Stanstead Road runs, shops, new and old, one of the former being really in Stanstead Road itself, small dwellings over them, except in the public-house, which is of larger build, and 3 cottages at the railway end. All from uncoloured of map, to pink.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Since 1861 the population of Lewisham has increased fourfold, and building is still in rapid progress. On the new "estates" houses are being put up rather for the lower middle-class than for the working-class. The absence of a wealthy section, save in a few isolated houses, and the preponderance of what may be called the £150 to £400ma year class is noticeable. A large proportion of the population of Lewisham probably ought to pay income tax, but there would be comparatively very few who would not be entitled to abatement.

The slums, such as exist, are nearly all in the older parts of the district, and the poor small courts in the near neighbourhood of the old village centres is again noticeable. Some of the new building, perhaps much of it, is, however, shoddy -- not long for this life, and some of it is likely to deteriorate rapidly. Slums of the future are thus not uncommon, and an instance in which this undesirable consummation has been reached is seen in part of Wildfell Road.

The demand for the new accommodation that is being provided appears to press closely on the supply, but rents are not excessive. The "housing problem" of the district is aesthetic in character rather than social.

In the older parts there are occasional touches of

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the picturesque, but in the whole district there is no residential part that charms, and no crowded, busy part that stimulates. "Long and lazy" seem very good epithets for Lewisham.

In the whole of the Section, there is practically no dark blue, and light blue is the exception. Purple is more common, and is on the increase. But pink-barred and pink are the prevailing colours, both also on the increase.

As in Brockley, the openness of most of the ground is a feature, but the district has a less finished look, and much more of the ground that is still open, is destined for building. "Gardens", as one has them in Brockley, are hardly characteristic. Hilly Fields is a high, healthy and well-situated open space, and the Ladywell Recreation Ground is a boon. Lewisham Park is at present reserved for the use of those living in the houses round it.

The daily migration for work, manual or otherwise, must be very large. Inside, apart from building, there seems to be little or nothing for ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the occupied classes to do. Even large shopping centres hardly exist.

As a whole Lewisham appears to be quiet, respectable, rather commonplace, and of the district, as of some men, it may perhaps be said that it has no redeeming vices: it hardly smokes. New chapels rather than new churches are found~~y~~ in the newer parts, but neither abound.

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As regards prostitution, conditions are identical with those in Brockley, soliciting in the High St. ~~and~~ being again mentioned, and the prostitutes being again relegated to Deptford for houses of accommodation and for homes.

Charges are mainly for drunkenness and other minor offences, as in Brockley, and there are not many of them. There are few street robberies, and the typical local misdemeanour appears to be afternoon housebreaking, houses being entered while the occupiers are away. In such a district as this, this crime is difficult to prevent or even to detect, and Lloyds was amusing in describing the effrontery of the invader -- how, having forced the lock, often a very simple operation, he deceives any chance onlooking neighbour that there may be, by greeting and shaking hands with an imaginary person, entering as he does so, and closing the door. On leaving, the same thing may be repeated, and no suspicions are aroused until it is too late.

There are complaints of the underpolicing of the district, and it appears that the authorities are slow in adding sufficiently to the local force to meet the growing needs of the district. Until recently there were only 34 all told, at the section, and this number has now only

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been increased to 40. The result is that there are many beats that are only covered once in three or four hours in the day-time, and only perhaps twice in the night during that time. This certainly seems inadequate, especially when it is remembered that many of the streets are practically denuded of their male population for the greater part of the ~~time~~ twenty-four hours.

## Notes:

(1) Lloyds mentioned his suspicions of the hawkers, as being in collusion with the housebreakers. We met a man with a couple of plants under his arm, and Lloyds said that he had often known these gentry to travel for hours always with their two pots and nothing in reserve, and never selling anything. He suspects them of marking the likely houses as they go through rounds and makes their calls, and giving the necessary information for future use by others for whom they are beating the ground.

(2) For some years Lloyds had collected, (until a recent order of the Commissioner forbade) constables to undertake the task, for various Police Charities, selling tickets for Concerts and Fêtes etc. In this way he had obtained an intimate knowledge of the better class streets, knowing where he had any chance of success in his mission, and his opinion as to ~~states~~ well-being has therefore

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more than ordinary value.

(3) On our rounds I discovered a new occupation, not, I think, included in the Census enumeration. It was being followed ~~xxxxx~~ by a man who was dodging about in the gardens that could be easily reached in the street in which I came across him. He was picking things up; had a bag with him, and his hurried movements gave me the impression that he was taking what he ought not -- bulbs or plants. But his quest was a quite different one, as it was for dog manure! The droppings are sold, Lloyds said, to the manufacturers of a certain dye. Another waste product utilized!

Used I think for tanning  
leathers of lime in the process  
of tanning - visitors with leather trade.  
G.H.D. →  
It is an ancient occupation  
mentioned by Moy. CB  
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