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July 17/99.

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The 'R' Police Division.

Called upon Sup^t. Wakeford at the Chief Office
Blackheath Road. He is a man of about 50; keen
and alert; a total abstainer. Received me very courteously,
and after I had explained our purpose and obtained
the promise of an interview at the close of the work,
I was introduced to the local inspector; Insp^t S.
Gummer,

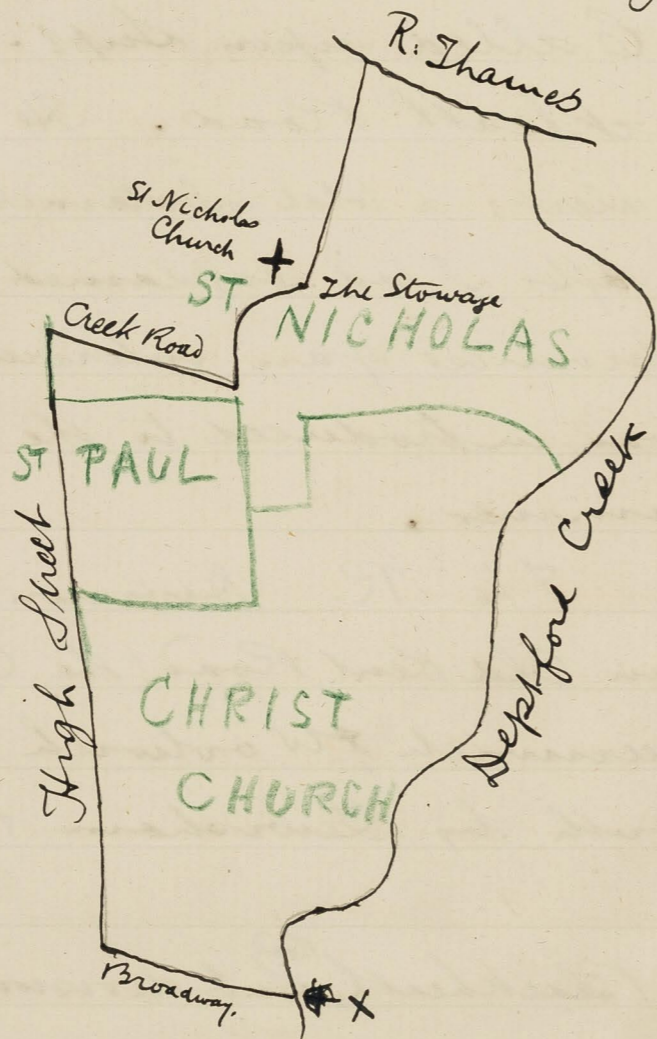
The R. Division is very large, extending
from Old Kent Road (the Canal Bridge, by Deptford to
Greenwich & Woolwich + and going
south by Lewisham & Lee to Eltham.

The Blackheath^{Road} Sub-division (which is taken first) is very
populous and includes parts of Deptford, Greenwich &
Lewisham. The boundary runs from the Royal Victualling
Yard, along Windmill Lane & then via the Surrey Canal
to the Canal Bridge Old Kent Road, south along Old
Kent Road, New Cross Road & Lewisham High Road
to Lewisham Junction, thence past to the top of Elliot Hill,
across Blackheath to Chesterfield Walk & by Crooms Hill
& King William Street to the Thames. The Deptford district
(Station in Prince St) includes the part enclosed by Deptford Creek, Broadway,
New Cross Road, Old Kent Road & the Canal.

Deptford District 45

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Peppercorn stores occupy several shops.

Police 45 / District 45

Walk with Inspector Gummer and Sergeant Goddard over district bounded by Deptford Creek, Broadway, High Street, Creek Road & the Stowage, including parts of the parishes of St. Paul, St. Nicholas and St. Paul. Christchurch.

Inspector Gummer is a smart well dressed portly man. Jacket suit & straw hat. Has over 10 years service at Blackheath Road & knows the district well. We started about 10 am, Sergeant Goddard having instructions to relieve the Inspector at noon as he was due at Woolwich Police Court.

Started at Deptford Bridge, where Deptford Creek passing under becomes the Ravensbourne. North side shops (3 storied). Gardiner's large establishment at corner, clothiers & general stores. Modern building with clock tower above. ^{Upper floors used as Liberal Club.} Red as map.

Deptford Broadway. Triangular open space, paved with cobble stones. Stand for barrows, and the meeting place of the neighbourhood. Political & other meetings held here. Men standing about. Good three storied shops to High Street, slightly poorer near Church Street. Red as map

Church St S of Reginald Road - purple

Creek Street

Leonidas Street S side - lb

N up Church Street (to Reginald Rd). Poor class of shops near the Broadway 3 storied & old fashioned private houses; a few let in tenements but most look comfortable. Poorer as you go north. Pink as map. Portion of colour on east side gone. Houses taken for mineral water factory. Lease for sale. East along Creek Street. With exception of two, the houses on south side are gone. Taken for business premises. On north side 2 st. houses. People look comfortable, work on the creek. Pink rather than purple of map. Portion of street going north is poorer. East side nearly all gone. West side 2 storied houses. Purple (as map) to L. B. Prefer latter.

By the S. side of railway is a passage eastward leading to the railway bridge across the Creek. Known as the "Halfpenny Hatch". Toll of 1^d charged for crossing. W into Leonidas Street. 2 st. 4 rms, flush with pavement. Paint good, clean & well kept. Decent people, mostly one family in a house. Purple rather than L. B. of map. Colour omitted on south side, ^{Poorer} Light Blue. S. down Hosier Street. 3 rmid cottages. poor labouring class. Some broken windows. Part of S.E. end of street taken for factory. L. B. as map. ~~No~~ Colour to come off west side south of entry into Addis Street. Ground plan of street wrong at south end. Street runs into Creek Street near Addis Street. Several houses between Hosier Street & turn in Creek Street.

Adder Street

Adder St. Cottages in middle of Street lb & 2

— S end - lb

— N of Leonidas St. - lb

The worst part of Deptford

N along Adder Street. Small 2 st. houses like Hosier St. south of the passage into Hosier Street. L. B. in character. Between the entry into Hosier Street & Leonidas Street is a row of old houses on E. side. 4 rooms & attic in roof. Footway leading to houses is about 2 ft below level of roadway & is protected by iron railing. Some prostitutes & criminals. Low rough class: reckons this the worst part of Deptford. Went into a house here to arrest a man at 5 am. Found father, mother & 5 children in one room. All rooms are small. This piece should be D. Blue lined. Houses opposite are 2 st. D. Blue in character. Northern part is 2 st & Light Blue except 3 shops & publichouse north of Leonidas Street. All comfortable. Pink. W. into North Street 3 two storied cottages. Windows clean. Good white clothing drying in yard. Purple to L. B.

S along Church Street (Railway to Creek Street). ^{Light Blue on map.} On the west side by the railway is a passage leading to High Street. Ground on south side is taken for Builders Yard (Holloway's); one house occupied by foreman. Two & three storied houses; a few shops; opposite Giffen Street & south of that point, people are poor. Barefoot girl came out of one house. Group of women talking in door way near Hall Street

The Poor Patch east of High St
Giffen Street

Hale Street - E. end - db

Street. Men sitting on pavement outside publichouse with feet stretched across footway. Pony cart standing in road - chalked for sale. Few shops are comfortable. German baker etc. Purple as map for whole, but portion south of Giffen Street might be 13. South of the Addis school, houses are pulled down & ground to let.

W. along Giffen Street. 3 storied, about 6 rooms. Many of the houses at the east end are delapidated & boarded up. Scattered women standing about; some shoeless children. Low class, some prostitutes, hawkers etc. Some houses let in furnished rooms. Street Roadway has been made up - covered with tar paving & shingle. Light like streets in Notting Dale. Not many charges; has improved in that respect. Dark Blue, with Black line as map.

S along Bevill Street. Deptford Ragged school - a large square block at W. corner of Giffen Street. A Three 3-st houses on east side - light like Giffen St. Dark blue

E along Regent Street. Two storied houses - broken windows. Some street sellers. Two women talking in roadway as we entered. 'Well known prostitutes' said the Inspector. The women moved off quickly, evidently recognising him. Board School. extended to W. Dark Blue as map. S and W

along Hale Street. Narrow crowded street. 2 st. houses. Broken windows; sills broken away. ~~Door~~ Street doors open into rooms.

Beds seen through ground floor windows. When visiting with Inspector in morning the women were standing about the doors, criticising their visitors. At an afternoon visit I found them sitting in groups on the foot path, one on a chair, more on the edge of the ~~curb~~ curbstones whilst one woman completed a small circle by sitting in the road with her feet toward the kerb. Costers driving home on their pony carts. Candle factory at west end of street, emitting very evil smells. Not much crime. Dark Blue rather than
~~Dark Blue~~ ^{Dark Blue as map.}
N into Stanhope Street. 2st houses, flush with pavement. Broken windows; cemented roadway blocked with barrows. Two men breaking up some gas fittings & putting the metal in a sack. A few Italians; some costers & prostitutes; shoeless children running about & frowsy women gazing at the doors. Board School takes greater part of north side. The west end of the north side is more open & the people a little cleaner, approximating to L. 13. Dark blue lined black as map.

S along Church St. to Reginald Road 2 + 2½ st. houses. A few are modern, ~~near~~ on S. side near Church Street. Some houses covered with creepers; clean curtains. Nice little houses - only a few on south side near Reginald Street look poor. Two contractors; remainder comp. working people. Mission Church on north side. G. F. S. home on south. Pink rather than purple of map. Has improved

High Street, Deptford

S. into Reginald Place. Broad street. 2 st. houses flush with pavement; quiet
Working class; paperhanger; people in regular work. 2 families as a rule.

Nearly as good as the Road. Pink to Purple. Purple on map.

At the end is Amelia Terrace. Row of old cottages (2st) with flower
gardens in front. ~~Over~~ On front of centre house is a full sized
figure of a sailor holding a Union Jack. Pink to Purple

Purple on map. N. along

Reginald Street. 2st 6rus. Exactly like Reginald
Place. Pink to Purple. Purple on map.

W. to High Street. Wide market street. 2 + 3. storied houses,
almost as many styles of building as houses, the only agreement
being that all have shop fronts, sometimes a part of the
original building but more often an addition thereto.
Near the Railway Station, the Public Hall is being converted;
two shops being improvised, one on each side of the
pillars supporting the porch. Most of the shopkeepers
live over their shops. Best shops are nearest the
Broadway; decline in character being gradual to
Railway arch. Red as map to archway.
North of Railway arch to Evelyn Street, the shops are 3 storied.
Trade is less brisk, and shops not so good, ~~except~~ on the
east side. Some assistants living over drapers. Red as map

At this point Sergeant Goddard relieved the Inspector. He is a thin man of about 40. Face mottled, the result of bad digestion or too close application to the worship of Bacchus. Walks slightly lame, owing to rheumatism. Has been over 10 years in this sub-district but for last 18 months at Blackheath Road.

From the corner of High Street, a new road has been cut through to Creek Road, continuous with Evelyn Street, involving the demolition of a great part of Wellington Street & Queen Street. It is named Creek Road. Land is cleared & L.C.C. advertise it 'to let' except, a plot at near east end where a new Deptford Fund House is being erected. W. along.

Queen Street. Few cottages at east end, standing back, are closed - boarded up. 2nd st houses, poor looking white curtains, broken windows, few flowers here & there. narrow street.

Rough labouring class. Dark Blue as map. S to Albury Street (late Union St - Creek R^d on map). Deptford Medical Museum at S. corner of High Street. Old 3rd st houses, built for middle class formerly occupied by sea captains &c. Fine panelled doors, carved lintels. Now most are occupied by

Mary Ann Buildings - lb

Crossfield Lane

Crossfield Lane N. side - db

labouring people, 3 or more families in the house. Doctor, day, nursery, Registered lodging house (about 40 to 50 beds). Purple as map. S along

Church Street to Andon Buildings (late Union Terrace)

A few 2nd. houses with basement. 2 families in each. Narrow paved court. Light Blue as map. Back into Church

Street & then West along winding passage to

Mary Ann Bldgs. through. At east end is a small cottage, about 3 rooms, ground floor only with large garden in front filled with vegetables - new laid eggs for sale. Pink in character. Then come to old 2nd cottages. Roadway has been made up & you descend by two steps into the cottages. Salvation Army Barrack at west end. North side, modern 4 roomed cottages; only east end built. Light Blue rather than DB of map.

South past Church to ~~Church~~

Crossfield Lane. On south side 2 & 3 storied old houses, some used as shops. Few pairs of old boots, ~~stays~~ & stocking strung up outside one; a very primitive second hand store. North side - 2nd & 3rd. modern houses. Very neglected - broken ^{and dirty} windows, doors open children playing about. Costers, woodchoppers etc. Squallid poverty. LB to DB. LB on map

Alfred Place - lb

Copperas Square - db

On north side, at east end is Rectory Bldgs. Three blocks of tenements 5 floors. Belong to Industrial Dwellings Coy. Salubrious, but don't look poor. Rough, better than the street. All the tenements are full & place is better than 10 years ago when many were empty, ^{including} one block being empty. Purple to L. 13. L. 13 on map...

North on west side of Church Street is Alfred Place. 5 two-storied houses with small gardens in front, ~~front~~ filled with broken boxes & other rubbish. Costers. A few broken windows but don't look very poor. L. 13. to D. 13, D. 13 ^{on map.}

E. along Alvar Street. 2 st. houses, flush with pavement.

Two families. L. 13, as map. Archway on north side leads to ^{Bronze, late} Copperas Square. Three 3 storied houses on west & 3 two storied on east side. Cemented yards in front with much litter. Dirty & ragged children. A murder here some months ago. Dark Blue. Not marked on coloured map.

Part of Alvar Street east of Creek Street is cleaner than west part - but still L. 13. Costers etc. Entrance to Asphalte works at end of street. North to

Berrmore Street } These form a block of small
Harmer Place & } 2 st. cottages together with the Knott
Dugald Street } Street

Street frontage. Streets are narrow. Hamar Place faces wall of works on the Creek bank. Costers & shut sellers, a few Italians. Dugald Street has houses on south side only.

Dark Blue as map. N. along

Bronze Street (late Copperas Street). South side is old dilapidated houses, windows broken, others closely curtained. Low labouring class. On north side houses are more modern. 2nd with gardens in front near middle of street. ^{House} ~~Street~~ very neglected; ~~the~~ wood & brickwood damaged at east end. Signs of great & continued neglect. ~~At~~ west end of north side is a pottery (red). Children amusing themselves by throwing pellets of clay at each other. One girl knocks another over in middle of street and is at once assailed with a volley of oaths from a woman at first floor window. Dark Blue as map. Centre of N. side might be L.B. Into

Church Street (Railway to Creek Road). Three storied houses and shops on west side. Have been good, but look neglected now. Rough men & women at doors. Better near Creek Road - shops. On east side 2 & 3 storied houses. Registered lodging houses near Bronze St. an old double fronted house. Two storied houses are
modern

Berthon Street - purple

Knott Street W. side - lb

Creek Road E. of Knott St. purple

modern - 6 rooms + bay window - but neglected + knocked about. Bricks peeling, flagstones broken, woodwork perishing for lack of paint. L.B., except shops on west near Creek Road ^{Purple as map.}
E. into Tender Sheet, 6 rooms, bay window, fitted for two families. Rent marked on board as 10/6. Same estate as those in Church St. same neglected look. Many children playing in street. L.B. as map. E. into Berthon Street, 2 st. 6 rooms. Better condition. Two families. Some mechanics and others in regular work.

Purple rather than L.B. of map.

Knott Street ^{on west side} A few 2 st. houses with gardens in front near Rly arch. L.B. North of Bronze Sheet, 2 st house like those in Bronze St. Creek Road 13^d School has been extended + has entrance here. L.B. to D.B.

Houses on east side are 2 st. + small, like Bermuda St.

L.B. on west + D.B. on east side. D.B. on map E. along Creek Road. N. side 2 1/2 st. gardens in front. 2 st. on south side. Near Copperas Lane there is a row of old cottages (2 st), much poorer than rest of Road. A few shops. Pink as map except near Copperas Lane. L.B. to Purple.

N into The Stowage. A striking unpaved lane with wharves on north side, until the bend in road is passed.

The Stowage: E. end db
W end purple }

Maiden Court - db

Cross Street - purple

One pink house in wharf. On south side 2 st. modern houses occupied by a low rough waterside population. DB. Remainder is 2 + 3 storied old houses. Waterside people but better. Nearly opposite the church the houses are well kept + few are poor. Street grows better as you pass from east to west. DB. to Purple at west. On south side near Cross Street is Maiden Court. A narrow court yard reached through archway. 2 small cottages; some broken windows. DB; not marked on map. S. into Cross Street. 3 2st houses on west side. Purple. Pink on map. W. into The Orchard. Irregular open space with 2st. cottages on three sides. Labouring people. DB, except at east end, where houses are painted + better kept. Purple

General Remarks. This walk includes the greater part of poor Deptford. Both officers agree that it is better than it was; not so much crime or violence. To me, little or no improvement is apparent in the poor streets and I have grave doubts as to the knowledge of the police of the social condition of the people. They measure the streets mainly by the proportion of offences against the law and diminution of these

these is an improvement which they attribute to improved social position.

The Irish streets - the block between the Rly and Stales Street appear little different to 10 years ago; possibly more congested, except Giffen Street where so many houses are closed. East of Church Street the houses belong to the Addey Charity. All are small and poor; Addey Street being distinctly poorer than formerly. The Addey Charity has a school in Church Street & is now building a large red brick building in New Cross Road, which will take its place.

North of the Railway, the streets appear poorer & more neglected. Rectory Bldgs and Mary Ann Bldgs are better than they were, but against these must be set Crossfield Lane (distinctly poor).

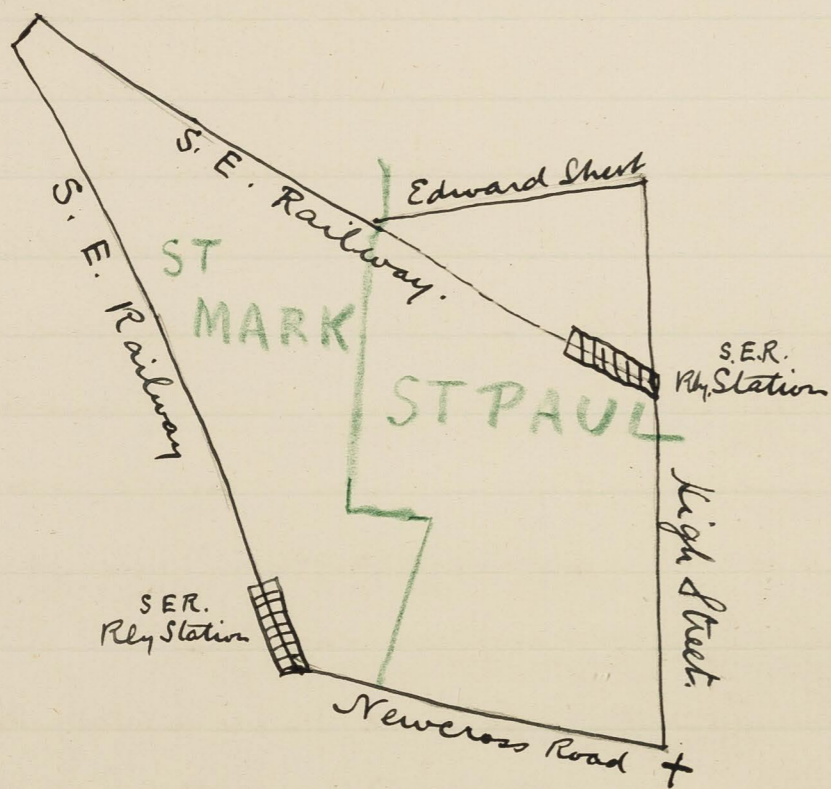
Most of the people living here work at one of the factories along the creek. Beside the Chemical works, there are a numerous business places employing a large number of 'hands'. The Parish Yard, the Hay wharf, and the Asphaltic works employ many hands and numbers also work at Pennes & Humphreys & the riverbank.

The Steam Navigation Coy has a large yard in the Stowage.
All these works are busy and work is plentiful
so that no man need be unemployed.

An Italian colony is growing up near near
Knott Street, ice cream vendors & asphalt workers,
some have also settled down in Stanhope Street.

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Poker

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Walk with Sergeant Goddard over district bounded north and west by the South Eastern Railway & Edward Street; east by High Street and south by New Cross Road, being parts of the parishes of St Mark and St Paul Deptford.

Started at corner of High Street and New Cross Road.

West along New Cross Road. On north side. shops 3 + 4 floors near High Street; good class private houses near New Cross Station; some used for business purposes. Large music hall at corner of Watson Street - Empire Theatre of Varieties - just completed. To be opened on July 31st.

Red as map N along Amersham Vale 3 1/2 st private houses; well kept - 2 families + occasional lodger. Some railway men.

Pink as map E into Douglas Street. Wide airy street. Houses uniform, 2 1/2 stories, 7 or 8 rooms. Clean; well kept windows; some trade plates by doors. People rarely move Pink as map.

S into Stanley Street. 2 st. 6 rms. East side; comfortable.

might



Might be pink. W. side smaller & rather poorer. Purple
as map E to

Glanville Grove. At entrance of Grove are two blocks of cottages ^(2 rows) at right angles to roadway. Eight in each block - 4 back to back - gardens between the blocks. Except the front four, all are poor. LB. only partially marked on map. Further down are some small four roomed cottages. Clean white blinds; quiet street. Purple rather than light blue of map. ~~On~~ East side is taken by Clark, Bunnett & Co's engineering works. Over 100 men employed. Glass work on other side. Back to

Mornington Road. 2½ storied, small fore courts with shrubs. Family & lodgers or two families. All comfortable. Pink as map. Along Douglas St to Watson Street. Two houses in Douglas Street have been pulled down & a wide entrance made to the street. Small old two 2nd st. cottages, built when every man did what was right in his own eyes. Most are flush with footway. Here & there two are placed at right angles to road; a few are back to back with a side passage leading to the pair behind. Ordinary labouring people but not all poor. Nursing sisters of

St John

Bairdon Street

Houses at entrance - db

St John the Divine have a newly built House on east side.

LV3, to purple of map. W. into

Bairdon Street. On north side at entrance are 3 2st. houses; doors open; shut blinds, rough women. D.V3, to LV3, not marked on map. Opposite these are two old wooden cottages & a third looking like a converted stable. Not so bad as opposite side. LV3. Not on map.

Bairdon Street itself is 3st. on west side, about 7 rooms; two large registered lodging houses. On east side 2st. 5 rms. Some have had small forecourt in front but palisade has gone & the path is so much wider.

Costers barrows ~~and~~ knife grinders wheels & ice cream barrows standing in street. Women, frowsy and half dressed, eye you curiously as you pass; one asked the sergeant whether he had come for her "this time". Children, some shoeless, all dirty and ragged, playing in street. A few men getting ready to go out with their stock. Windows and doors open. Nicknamed "Jug-of-War Street",

because so many fights take place here. "Better than it was" says the sergeant; "fewer cases come from here". Used to have to send 20 men to

make

make arrests. He would hardly call it criminal now. To me the street looks worse than it did 10 years ago; while if any men & women have the criminal brand on their faces, these seen on my two visits unmistakably bear it.

Dark Blue with Black line as map.

E through narrow passage into Charles Street. A ~~low~~ publichouse at the corner is being rebuilt - a huge 3-storied building. The new music hall backs on the passage & the enlargement must be to catch its patrons. "A failure at present," says the sergeant: "has not taken enough to pay its rates." At south end of Charles St. is Charles Place, 6 houses on S. side. 2nd. built 1884. L.B. as map. Opposite side is taken by Mission Room (Shaffersbury Hall). Charles Street itself is 2nd st cottages, some with only 2 rooms; a few 3 storied houses. Poor labouring class; decorators, manglers etc. Becomes poorer at north where Italians are coming in. Costers & ice cream vendors. L.B. at south to L.B. at north end. L.B. on map. On west side at north end is Wybourn's Cottages. A row of

Wybourn's cottages - db

4 2-roomed cottages. Italian ice cream vendors.
D.V.3. On map L.V.3.

A second row of 5, 2 rms. small gardens in front.
These back on another row (Providence Cottages) which
faces the back of Douglas St. 2 rms; W.C. & water
in front. Flowers & creepers in front garden. L.V.3 as
map

Across Douglas Street to
Octavius Street. 2 st. houses; small gardens. Two
families as a rule. Saw one servant. Comfortable.

Pink rather than purple of map. W to.
Idonia Street. 2 st. not quite so good but might
be pink instead of purple of map.

Adolphus Street, Little better than Idonia. Pink as
map

Into Payne Street 2 st. houses with small forecourt. East
end of north side is not as good as remainder of
street; some windows broken & holey curtains. Other
end is as good as Adolphus St. Pink, except east
part of north side. Purple on map. S. along

Warwick Street. New Jerusalem Church at north end.
2 st houses, some with bay windows; houses near
Douglas St. have a basement floor. No signs of
poverty. Pink as map

N along
Napier

Octavius Street - pk

Payne Street W. end pk.

Napier Street

Napier Street. 2 st. houses, flush with pavement. Two families or lodgers. Several bills "Furnished room for a gentleman". Boys (four) playing cricket in roadway with caps & coats for wickets. Policeman appears at corner & paces slowly along the street. "Copper" cries one lad & the four run off with the wickets under their arms. "He hasn't got a badge on" cries one boy; All stop and reconnoitre the enemy for a moment or two & then continue their retreat when the badge is identified. Policeman continues his beat, amidst the smiles of the mothers of these or some of the other children playing in the street, who ~~has~~ saw the incident. Poorer than

other streets. Purple as map. S. along Amersham Walk (to Napier Road). 2 1/2 st. houses & a few shops by Napier Road. Some windows used for trade purposes: watchmaker &c. Comfortable. Pink as map. Into Napier Road 3 2 storied houses on N. side. Purple to pink. Pink on map. N up.

Hereford Place Railway has taken west side. 2 st. houses. some poor. Purple as map. Into

Royal Naval Place 2 st. houses. like Hereford Place. Purple as map. N to Amersham

Amersham Grove - pk.

Atkinson Street - pk

Kerry Road - pk

Amersham Grove. 2 st. houses. Portion running west is the better. Double front house on S. side recently occupied by an old sailor, who built a small museum in the garden at side & stocked it with curios. Dairyman, and many railway men. Pink to purple. Purple on ^{map}
Atkinson (late Frederick) Street. 2 st houses; gardens front & back. Like the Grove. Pink to purple. Purple on ^{map}
N to Arklow Road, 2 st. houses; 6 rms. Clean & well kept.

Pink as map. At corner of this road & Kerry Road is a large Coffee Tavern & Institute. Largely used by the men working at Stone's engineering works opposite. Many of the men live in these streets.

Kerry Road 2 st. 6 rms. Not quite so good as Arklow but pink rather than purple of map. Many mechanics.
Trin Street. 2 st. 6 rms. Bay windows. Some own their houses. Pink as map. S. into

Edward Street (part). Between the two railway arches. 2 st. 6 rms, bay windows. Two families in each house. A few shops at east end. South side is smaller & older 2 st. houses. Looks rather poorer. Pink as map. East of the Railway to High St. are five old fashioned houses on north side. 2 & 3 storeyed. Red tiled roofs. On

the

Hyde Street - lb

Edward Place - purple

Finch Street: stables at N end - db

The south is a row of 2 st. houses. Much more modern and uniform. Comfortable working people. A few of the houses near ~~the~~ each end have been converted into shops. Pink as map. S to

Hyde Street 2 st. houses flush with pavement. A number of poorly dressed children playing in the street. Curtains & short blinds to windows. No attempt at display. Purple to L.B.

Purple on map. S. along Edward Place. 4 2st houses facing railway. One is occupied by a contractor. Other 3 look poor.

Purple to L.B. L.B. on map. Railway arches facing these houses are used as stables and carts and vans stand on the ~~open~~ ground in front.

E into Hamilton Street. Old fashioned 2 st. houses flush with pavement. Well kept; some of the windows look very nice; flowers &c. Better than Hyde Street.

Might be pink. Purple on map. S to Finch Street. Small 2 st. houses, flush with path.

Rough class of people but not many signs of poverty except at end near Rly, where a colony of Italians occupy some rooms of over stables. See cream barrow stand in the yard. Purple as map; except stables on north side. L. Blue

Remarks on District

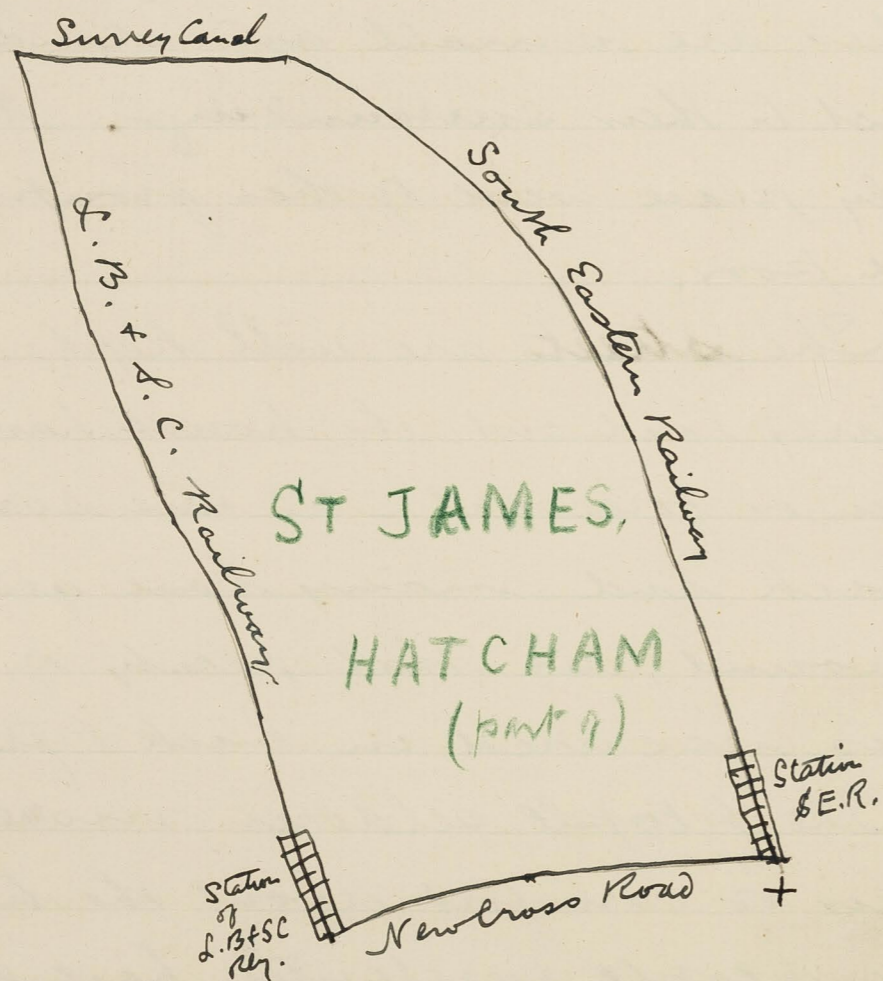
General Remarks. This neighbourhood contrasts sharply with that to the east of High Street. With exception of ~~the~~ Baildon Street and the streets between it and High Street the poor patches are small and stand in marked contrast to their surroundings. Napier Street is the only place west of this group that can be termed poor.

The ~~streets~~ streets are well kept; nearly all are regularly laid out, the houses having a small garden or forecourt. All have some garden at the back and many have quite a long piece of ground, so that plenty of light and air is secured in back & front.

The people seldom move and there is an air of comfort about the homes; the bulk of the people evidently have incomes sufficient to obtain not only the necessaries but many of the luxuries of life. Near New Cross the proportion of railway men is large and these men are constantly to be seen in the streets.

Dist 45

GLA
July 20/99



lb

Police
45

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Walk with Sergeant Vanatone in district bounded on East by S.E. Railway; south by New Cross Road; west by L.B. & S.C. Ry and north by the Surrey Canal being part of the parish of St James, Hatcham.

Started at New Cross Station (S.E.R.). N. up passage to Railway Grove. 2 st. houses with small gardens in front. South of Walpole Road. Navvies, labourers etc. 2 and 3 families in a house. Some broken windows. Purple to L.B. Purple on map. N. of Walpole Road, the street is much cleaner; flowers in windows etc. Railway men, guards & other. Pink as map. W. to Pagnell Street 2 st houses, 6 rms, bay windows. Two families as a rule; few large families keep house. Pink as map. N. up Snead Street. Like Pagnell St. Pink as map. Angus Street. 2 st. houses, 6 rms, bay windows on ground floor. Railway men. Pink as map. S. into Vance Street 2 storeyed houses, 15ft frontage. Small windows, looks poorer than adjacent streets but probably Pink as map. S. into Walpole Road 2 st. houses; a few small shops on north side. Houses well kept. Passage & stairs carpeted. Pink as map. S. into Walpole.

Walpole Street. 2 floors + basement. Two families as a rule. Clerks, railway men, plasterers, pedicel. Some own their houses. wide clean street. Pink as map. W into

Achilles Street 2 st. houses with little front gardens + flowers. Railway porters + similar men. North side is better than south + might be pink. South side Purple: large sheep skin dressing factory here. Purple as map. N. up.

Clifton Hill (to Rly) descends sharply from New Cross Rd. Few shops at top. On west side houses have 6 rooms. 2 floors; built for 2 families. Other side, older houses with garden in front; a few shops opposite Angus Street at corners.

Pink as map. E into

Edward Street (pt) 2 st. 6 rooms. Not so good on N. as south side where houses have front gardens about 10 to 12 feet long. Mostly railway people. Pink as map. S. into

Liardet Grove. 6 rooms houses with long gardens, like those in Edward St. well kept. Belong to Rly Coy and occupied by their servants. Pink as map. N. up

Milton Court Road to Alexandra Street. 2 st. houses. Not quite so good as Edward St. Pink as map.

E. along Vansittart Street Like Alexandra. Pink as map

Milton Court Road. 2 st. houses, old style without bay

bay windows as far as Desmond St. North of that point modern houses with bay windows to ground floor. Does not differ from other streets. 10 years ago many of the houses were empty; now none. Pink. Purple on map.

W. along Desmond St (late Abinger Rd. West) 2 st. houses. south side like Alexandra St... N with bay windows.

Pink to purple. Pink on map. N + E along Liardet Street. 2 st. houses, 6 rooms; bay window on ground floor. Pink as map.

Simla Street. Same class of house & people. West.

Deptford Relief Station on north side. Pink as map North through railway arch. to

Rolt Street. Row of 2 st. houses, bay windows with flower or ornaments; venetian blinds. Clean, paint well kept.

Pink as map. N into

Careboro' Road. great improvement here. Road made up & footway paved. 2 st. houses, flush with pavement; wood choppers, labourers; rougher than others in neighbourhood. 2 + sometimes 3 families in a house. Some are comfortable. Purple. Dark Blue on map.

N up Trundleys Road (jct). Houses on west side Nos 164-220. 2 st. shops near Sanford St; near the Canal are

Careborough Road - purple

Trundleys Road - pk

Sanford Street - purple

Folkestone Gardens

Folkestone Gardens - purple
(5 blocks)

are new bay windowed houses. Pink. Not marked on map. A turning on west side leading to railway arch is called Sanford Street 2 st. private houses, bay windows; 2 families. Purple to Pink. Not marked on map.

The ground on the east side of Trundley's Road is occupied by 7 blocks of model dwellings running east & west. Built by the S. E. Railway Comp^y & called Folkestone Gardens. 3 floors with drying ground on the roof. Wide asphalted yard between each the blocks. 231 tenements. Well built; venetian blinds, walls coloured; gas laid on, penny in slot. Two southern & largest blocks are full & third was filling. When I went the second time, a few families were in the fourth block. All will be full soon. Sergeant Vanstone says they had some people known to the police at first & they feared the dwellings would become 'warm'. These have gone & the place looks decent. Pink to purple. Not on map. S to Knolly Street. 2 st. houses, bay windows. Built for two families with separate entrance to yard from first floor. Street built both side to church. Railway has taken land beyond.

Pink as map. W through railway arch to

Chubworthy Street - purple

Woodpecker Road - pk

to Coldblow Farm. Old Farmhouse & two wooden cottages are still occupied. Pink. Not marked on map. A roadway has been run northward and the ground behind the houses is being utilized for factories. The Mazalwattie Tea Company is erecting a large factory near the Canal. Back & south by railway to:—

Chubworthy Street 2 st. houses 6 rms. Street entirely built & paved. Few houses have 2 bay windows; others but one. Comfortable working people. Those in old houses are rather poorer than those in the modern houses. A few broken windows; children at doorways. Pink. Old houses Purple to Pink. Light Blue on map W. along Chipsley Street. 2 st. houses; bay window on ground floor; looks slightly poorer than preceding street. Pink to purple.

Purple on map. S. by railway to Cottesbrook Street. New 2 st. houses are being erected. None ready for occupation yet.

Nynehead Street. South side is fully built. 2 st. + some larger. Large dairy at near Woodpecker Road.

Pink. Partly coloured on map. W. Woodpecker Road: 2 st houses; bay windows & small garden

The Clifton Hill Estate.

garden in front on east side. A few shops, near Chipley Street; nearer New Cross Road houses are built for two families. People are old inhabitants, Railway men + other; some pensioners. Pink instead of Purple + Pink as ^{map} W. into Bawtree Road. This road with

Childerie, Ludwick and Ruddigore Roads, constitute the Clifton Hill Estate. All the houses are alike in structure. Grooms. 2 storied with bay windows. Fitted for two families, the family on first floor having direct access to back yard + in a few cases a separate shed door. Estate was built by Hobman + Son, the tar paviers + the footways + roads are tar paved. Roadway has been neglected + the paving is worn away in large patches. Very mixed set of people; labourers, railway men + all classes. Some occupy two tenements. A few shops. Pink as map. S. to

Batavia Road. 2st houses fitted for 2 families Pink as map. A few old houses near North Road as poorer + might be Purple.

North Road. Row of houses on east side. 2 st; bay window. Better than I was: had 6 fortune tellers here. Now railway men. Houses near New Cross R^d are older. Purple to Pink, Purple on map.

Notes on District

E. along New Cross Road., The north side of the road between the two railway stations is shops or private houses converted into shops. 3 floors. Most seem prosperous. Red as map.

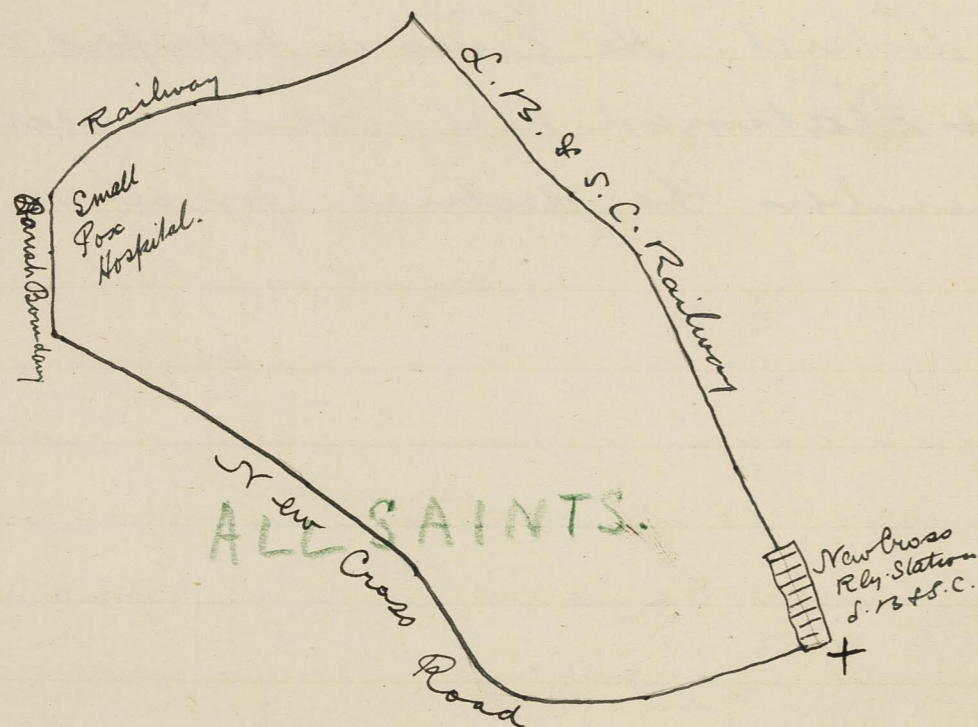
General Remarks. Wedged between the two railway the railway influence is very strong here. The district has improved considerably within the past 10 years, notably the streets at the north, which were then occupied by inferior tenants; many were empty. The increasing demand for houses has caused the elimination of the more undesirable people. East ~~West~~ of Woodpecker Road the roads are wide and houses have large gardens. Houses are all of the 6 roomed type; the older, south of Desmond Street not being without the bay windows that characterize the more modern houses on this estate. West of the Woodpecker Road, the gardens are smaller and the houses more diversified. The large amount of open ground by the railway in some way compensates for the smaller gardens and here as
on the

on the other side of the Woodpecker Road, the air is fresh & pure and the dwellings receive plenty of light.

Sergeant Vanstone has a good knowledge of the district. He lives in Deptford & has been ~~stall~~ stationed here over 9 years and remembers the district for about 14 years.

Dist 45

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July 24/99



Police 45

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With Sergeant Goddard over district bounded on the west and south by New Cross Road and north and east by the L. B. & S. C. Rly, being part of the parish of All Saints, Hatchingam.

I had hoped to have had Sergt Vanstone but he had a case at the Court & so Sergt Goddard came in his place. Started from New Cross Station. North and west past the entrance of the Railway carriage works into Brighton Grove, a flagged passage leading into Harts Lane. 9 houses, 2 storeyed. 6 rms. Well kept front gardens. Pink as map. The houses behind coloured pink have been taken by the Rly. ^(Shops) No houses in Harts Lane. Backs of Nettleton Road on west & Rly Carriage Shops on east. W. into Nettleton Road 3½ floors, front gardens. Several have cards "Apartment furnished". Keep a girl. Two advertised for sale are said to yield £72 per annum. Pink Barred as map. W. along Hatchingam Park Road. 2 & 2½ storeyed houses. A few with a bay window. Well kept front gardens on south side. Railway men and clerks. Pink as map

Basella Road W. end. pk b²

E. along Billington Road 2st. 6 rms, bay window, venetian blinds; front gardens with small trees. Pink as map.

N. up Brocklehurst Street. Houses on east side to Egmont St; not so good as previous streets. 2st. small gardens. Pink as map.

Egmont Street. Like Billington Road exactly, except that houses have a cemented forecourt instead of garden & the green refreshing look of the street is lost. Pink as map.

Basella Road (western part) 2 1/2 storied. 2 with bay windows. A few near main road are semi-detached.

Pink to Pink barred

Eastern part of Casella Rd Pink as map

Leylang Road Pink _____

Campbell Street " _____

N. part of Brocklehurst St. " _____

All are the same class of property and ^{wear} bear the same look of comfort. 2 storied, 6 rooms, small gardens in front & a large one behind. Ornamental flower pots in windows. A few bills "apartment furnished" but these are rare. Comfortable people; railway men & clerks predominating.

Through railway arch at top of Brocklehurst Street. Triangular piece of land is still uncovered. Being used

Avonley (late Hatfield) S^t purple nr Old Kent Road

Barlborough Street - pk

as a market garden. Rhubarb &c. Back and
along Hennell Road 2 storeyed house with 2 bay windows.
Near the Hospital the windows are not quite so well
kept. but Pink as map. Along.

Hatfield Street. Same class of house, 15ft frontage. Not quite
so good between Barlborough St & Old Kent Rd. Pink as map.

South of Barlborough St, might be purple.

Edric Street Road 2 floors, 6 rooms, front garden. Pink as map.

Wrigglesworth Road " " cemented courts. Servant
seen here. Pink as map.

Barlborough Street 2 st. 6 rms. Little different from other
streets. ~~Light~~ Poor on south side near Mouson Road.

Pink rather than purple of map

Mouson Road. 2 st. houses like rest of estate. A
few shops near Ekersley Gardens and at corners.
Laundry, Baker, grocer &c. Pink as map

E. into Ekersley Gardens. 2 st. Houses look squeezed in.
Those at entrances, double fronted - no backs. Not quite
such a good class as other streets. Occasional complaints
of fowls missing and the neighbours suspect
Ekersley Gardens. A poor or holey curtain the only
signs of poverty & these are not frequent. Pink to

Purple. Purple on map

Reaston Street - nk

Notes on
Hatcham Park

N.W. up Reaston Street. 2½ storeyed. 7 to 8 rooms, like west end of Casella Road but people are not quite so well off. 2 families in a house. A few poor windows on ^{upper} ~~first~~ floor, near Hatfield St. Pink rather than purple of map. Back along to New Cross Road. E. side is 2 + 3. storeyed houses with gardens in front as far as All Saints Church. Some are double fronted. Servants kept.

Red, as map. S of this point shops 2 + 3. storeyed, doing a good trade in food & clothing, as far as New Cross Gate, where a row of imposing private houses, 3 + 2 story begin. Large gardens in front, well kept. & an air of comfort in all. Red as map.

General Remarks

This district comprises the Hatcham Park Estate. Wide streets, long gardens, well kept houses and a general appearance of comfort & respectability characterize the place. Railway men, clerks & others in regular employ ~~live~~ live here. The women are well dressed. The doorsteps are kept clean & though the number of children ~~must~~ be great they do not play about the streets. Only two publichouses are found on the estate - in Monson Road & Camplin Street. but

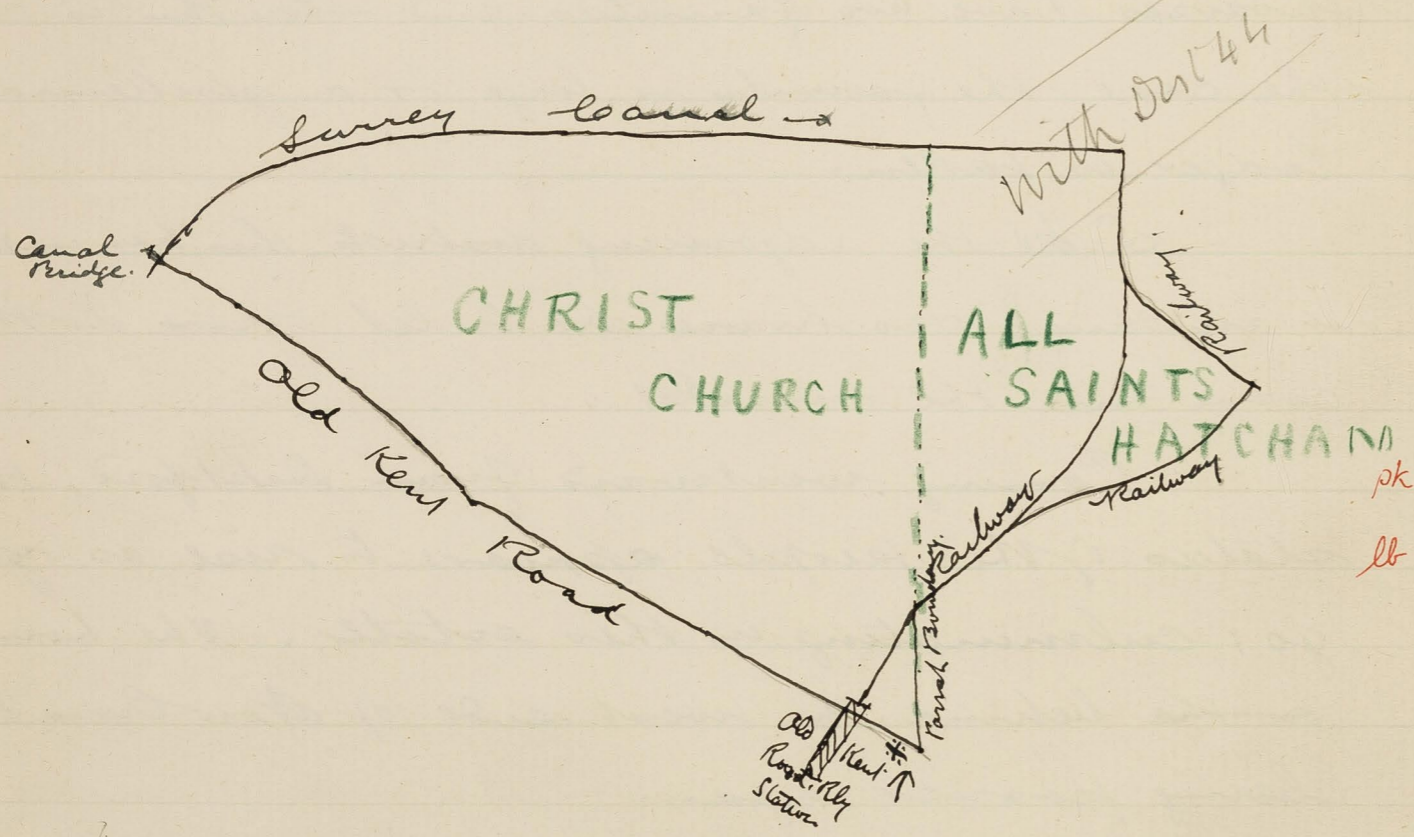
there are four grocers licences & several pubs. in the main road.

It is essentially the home of the well-to-do, better class working man; and many probably hold the leases of their houses. Some houses have two families and where this is not the case, the family is large or a gentleman lodger is taken.

Like the adjoining districts, this has improved if anything; no houses are to let nor do they come into the market.

Coming westward from Dept-ford, the status of the people appears to rise as you go; culminating in this estate. The houses ~~on the~~ behind the west side of New Cross Road being poorer again.

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Walk with Detective Sergeant Vanstone over District bounded on the north by the Surrey Canal, east by the L.B. & S.C. Rly. and ~~the~~ a portion of the parish boundary + south west by the Old Kent Road, being parts of the parishes of All Saints, Hatcham, and Christ Church, Old Kent Road.

Starting from Old Kent Road station, up White Post Lane. East side is the wall of the Fever Hospital. The lane leads to Tomlinson & Sons (box makers). On west side are two cottages with 2 well kept flower gardens. Occupied by carmen. Pink. Not marked on map. N.W. along Wagner Street, 2 st. houses. Tram + stable men. LB. Not coloured on map. The portion of the street west of Canterbury Road is occupied by large bottle merchant + 3 storied tenement houses.

LB as map. North along Canterbury Road. On Railway side 2 st houses + a few shops to the Board School. Some look very poor - children without shoes; others fairly comfortable. West side 3 storied houses family on a floor. Some poor. Purple as map.

North of this is a terrace of 2 st. houses, small bay and forecourt. Mostly one family in each. Post office employees and railway men. Pink to purple. Pink on map.

Hornshay Place - pk

Rollins Street - pk

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East through railway arch into Hornshay Street. 2 st houses with bay windows - shops at corners: small gardens in front. Pink as map. To the south is

Hornshay Place 2 st houses, road not made up.

A few houses newly built on east side. Purple rather than pink of map. Part not coloured. North into Lovelinch Street. 2 st houses some with bay windows, small forecourts. Street has been extended northward almost to the canal. Tram, gas and railway wires. Some houses poor. Purple rather than pink of map.

W along Rollins Street. New street leading from Lovelinch St to Canterbury Road opposite Fenarth St. 2 st. houses flush with footway on north side. Road not made up. Purple to Pink.

Not marked on map. S along

Upcott Street. 2 st. bay windows, front gardens with small trees.

Rather better than Lovelinch Street. Pink as map. Add colour for extension north of Sharrett St. Wedding was being celebrated in this street. Women were standing talking in groups, whilst waiting return of the wedding party.

Children also gathered, looking thro' windows at the feast spread in the parlour; tomatoes, apples, cake etc. N up

Blockhouse Street like Upcott Street. Very quiet; children have

migrated

Blockhouse St^e N. of Sharrett St^e - purple

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migrated to the next sheet. to view the east. Pink as map; Newer portion of sheet north of Sharrett St. is poorer - no bays. might be purple. Not marked on map.

Sharrett Street. 2 floors. Rather poorer than Blockhouse St.

Purple to pink. Purple on map.

Canterbury Road (Board school to Canal). East side known as Stokesbury Terrace. 2 st. small forecourt; creepers on walls, North of Rollins St, small shops (unmarked) almost to the Canal. West side 2½ st. painted fronts, well kept. Stokers, labourers, warehousemen etc. Purple as map.

District 44

The Canterbury Road here forms the boundary between Districts 45 + 44. On the west side

of Canterbury Road, north of Penarth Sheet is a terrace of small two storied cottages, below the level of the road which here rises to the Canal Bridge. Cemented fronts, woodchoppers etc. Large wood yard ^{at end} at end. L. 13 to purple of map. W. along

Record Sheet. Wharves on north and some warehouses on south side. No residents. Sheet is used as a cricket ground by the gamins. S. along

Hatcham Road

Penarth St S side W dlr }
E lb }

Hatcham Road - lb

Justin Street purple

District 44 85

Hatcham Road. Factories + white lead works on west side + open ground on east to Penarth Street. Pub. at corner of Hatcham Road is the only house on north side. Take off colour between Ormside St + Hatcham R - warehouses. South side from Canterbury Road to Hatcham Road is small shops of a poor class. Boot repairer has following notice "The Little Wonder. Children's Boots soled + shelled 10^d, women's 9^d + men's 7^d." Women standing about. LV3 with traces of D.T.3. West of Hatcham Road. 2 st. houses, very dilapidated. Wood choppings, fishcures. D.V.3. to LV3. Purple on map. S along Hatcham Road. "Should not call these respectable" said Sergt V. 2 st. houses. Some coster's barrows, shoeless child. Some houses look poor but others are well furnished. The criminal record is better than formerly. "People have improved their homes but not their manners." LV3 to purple of map

Manor Grove 2 st.. A few shops. Corpus Christi Mission at corner. Roadway dirty. Children playing about. Purple to LV3. Purple on map. S along Justin Street. On east side a few little houses like those in Canterbury Road - very respectable - but opposite to these the people are poor + rough. Pointed out two houses - "the people

Bambook Street - purple

Ormside Street - purple

people never work there." Remainder of sheet is mixed; some 2½ st. others semi detached. A few shops with leanments over. Large chemical works on east side. Purple.

Pink on map. East into

Bridson (late Stockwell) Sheet. Narrow street. 4 rowed cottages. 4 of the best are let at 7/- or 7/6 a week. Coarse fat women standing about; children ragged & dirty, with sore faces. Juvenile thieves etc. A few decent people: the houses near the north entrance are better than the rest of the street. L13 with black line as map. Across

Justin St. to Bambook Street, irregularly built, unpaired entry. 2 st. houses; few broken windows. Gas stokers and chemical labourers. L13 to purple. Pink on map.

Small portion not marked. Along Manor Grove to Ormside Street. A few 2 st. houses north of Penarth Street, might be pink but prefer purple. Except 4 or 5 houses at the top, the west side of the street (2 st) looks poor; might be light blue but becomes better south of Manor Grove.

2½ stories on east & 2 st semi-detached on west. Gas stokers & building employees. Used to be rough but better now. Got two policemen to live here: these men are privileged to report themselves to the sergeant on the beat instead of

Woodlands Cottages lb

2nd block - lb

Sylvan Grove - pk

Devonshire Grove - purple

at the station. Always quiet a street if they get a policeman in. Purple rather than pink of map. On west side north of Manor Grove is Woodlands Cottages. Two roomed dwellings (ground floor only) facing the wall of the Gas works. Labourers etc. Flowers planted against wall. Look very poor. Broken windows, and furniture. L.13

Purple on map. A second block of these Cottages (unmarked on map) is entered south from Manor Place. 2 rows. Set at 4/6 + 5/- the latter to new tenants. One woman been here 7 years. Got £3 back with her rent & now landlord is pressing her. Says she is to get out. L.13. Not on map. Along Old Kent Road to Sylvan Grove. 2 st. some with wide frontages. Have been good houses & still quiet little place. Trees in front of houses. Some new 2st. bay windowed cottages on west side. Mostly people working in district: small builders, carpenter, dairyman, laundry, mineral water maker. Pink. Pink barred on map. West to

Devonshire Grove 2 st; red brick, on west. Houses poorly kept. Mostly gas workers and men employed in timber yard on east side of street. Purple rather than pink of map. W. into Devonshire Street. Old houses 2 st. flush with pavement.

Street

Devonshire St^e new houses pk.

Alexander St^e (n side lb
3 — pur)

Ruby Street - lb

Slyndman Street - purple

Slyndman Place - purple

Slyndman Grove - purple

Bradshaw St^e purple

Street has been continued into Old Kent Road. 2 st; bay windows; better class of people; gas workers etc; long curtains, ornaments in windows. Old houses LB as map; new portion pink. Unmarked on map.

North up Alexander Street 2 st., laundry, gas workers: poor looking children. Houses on north side of portion leading to Gas works wall is ~~much~~ poorer than the rest; shoeless children running in front of the houses. Purple to LB. (LB north side). Pink on map + part not coloured.

Ruby Street. 3 st; a few 2 + 2 1/2. small gardens in front. Mixed class; some broken windows + dirty curtains. All working people.

Purple as map. W into.

Slyndman Street. Only 4 houses left on N.W. side. 2 floors

LB to Purple. Pink on map. N into

Slyndman Place 2 floors; gardens in front. cul de sac.

Children well fed + healthy. Purple to pink. Pink on map

Slyndman Grove 2 st. cemented fronts; trees on roadway.

Pink to purple. Pink on map. N to

Bradshaw Street. narrow footway with 2 st. houses, 5 or 6 row gardens in front. Children dirty. Purple. Pink on map.

N to Vaughan Place 2 st; like Bradshaw Street but not in such good condition. Much rougher. Labourers, gasworkers, car-man + a foreman! Some very ragged children. LB as map

N to Church Place. 2 st. houses, gardens in front; clean. Tar paved footway. Purple to pink. Purple on map. North side absorbed by the Gasworks.

Triangle - purple

Caroline Street - purple

Old Kent Road pk b^d

W. to the Triangle. 2 st. houses, many with creepers and gardens in front. Two families as a rule: children playing in the central open space. Purple rather than pink of map. W. into Caroline Street. Mostly 2 st. Two large tenement houses, nearly new; let in flats. Poor class class; rather better near Old Kent Road.

~~Pink~~ Purple to L.B. Pink on map, N.W. to Canal Grove 2 1/2 st. houses. Shut off from main road by large wooden gates. Looks pink as map. Not known to the officer as police do not work it. Probably belongs to Gas Company as a door thro' wall leads into the works.

Old Kent Road (Canal & Bridge to Whitepost Lane). Very mixed character. Large shops (Red) from Canal to Caroline St. Then private houses to Hyndman St; decent people, some with servants, others in trade. Large house standing back is converted into a laundry (The Alexandra). Employs about 300 people. Shops to Devonshire Grove; private house to Lybourn Grove, then shops & private houses of a rather inferior class to the Rly Station. A few poor lodgers in some of the houses but in all cases the householders are comfortable & often very well to do. Pink barred to Red. Red on map

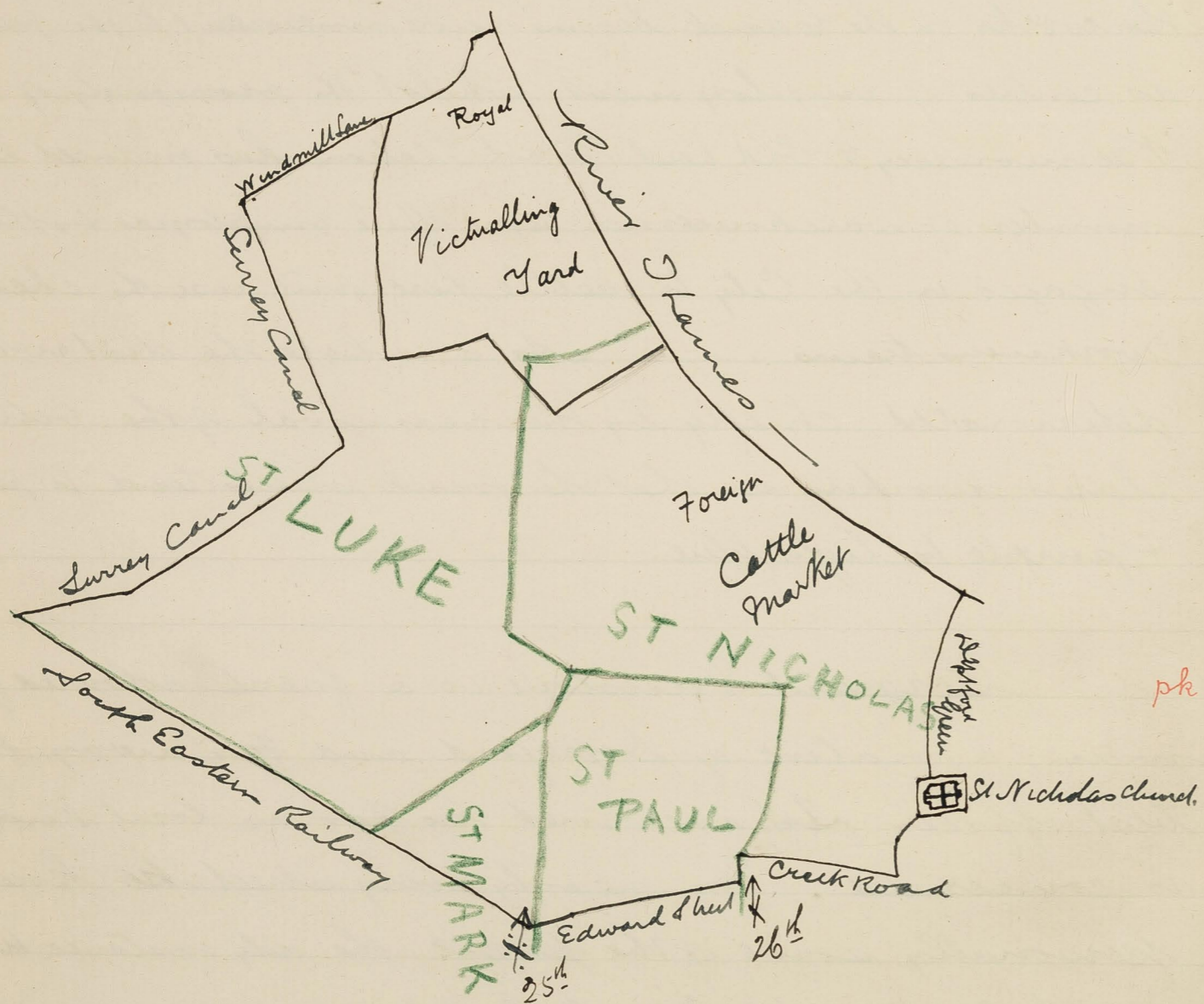
General Remarks. This district is largely dominated

by the Gas works and from almost every point the huge gashometer (the second largest in London) is visible, whilst the workmen are found in every street. Near Canterbury Road the works on the Canal become more important to the people as centres of employment, whilst the proximity of South & Bermondsey & Old Kent Road Stations has induced large numbers of warehousemen, post office employees & others engaged in the City to settle here and use the cheap workmen's trains. As a whole the district has deteriorated, chiefly by the removal of the better class workers so that the pink streets tend to purple & purple to light blue.

Sergeant Vanstone is a fresh coloured young man, a native of Deptford and far away the best officer. I have met so far as local knowledge is concerned. In nearly every street he knew personally some of the people; the only instance he was in ~~the~~ fault was County Grove.

Dwt 45

G.A. July 25th
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Police 45
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Walks with Sergeant Vanstone over district bounded on N.W. by Windmill Lane and the Surrey Canal; S.W. by the S.E. Railway; south by Edward Street & part of Creek Road; east by Deptford Green and N.E. by the River Thames, being parts of the parishes of St Nicholas, St Luke, St Mark, and St Paul, Deptford.

Starting at the corner of Wootton Road & Clyde Street, N up Wootton Road. 2½ st. 7 rooms, a few 6 washhouse. Windows well curtained; flowers here & there, shed clean. Men employed at the Victualling yard, Woolwich Arsenal & meat market. All comfortable.

Pink as map. N and W to Grove Street (to Barnes Terrace) Old 2 + 3 st. houses, red tiled roofs ^{on east side}; coal porters & men in docks. All look comfortable. Board school takes part near Barnes Terrace. West side; modern 2 st. 6 rms. Two families. Pink rather than purple of map. Take off

part of colour on east side. On west side is Bingley Place. 2 st, one bay window; like adjoining house in Grove Street. Coster's barrow standing in place. Pink rather

purple of map. Look comfortable. N + E to Barnes Terrace Eight 2 st. cottages; 5 rms + scullery; garden

garden in front, 7/- a week, 11 ft frontage. Windows small & poorer than Grove Street. Entrance to Sayes Court and Gardens. Purple as

map. N into

Barnes Walk Four houses (281) now numbered in Barnes Grove Street. Little better than the Terrace. Purple as map N.W. along Grove Street. On north side are two storied houses, modern style with bay windows, extending to the high wall of the Victualling Yard. On south side, old 2 & 3 st. red tiled houses & the 2 1/2 st modern houses with 2 bays. Further west 2 st. houses. Green. Many Victualling Yard men; also some of Brady's, who have large iron barge building and galvanizing works here. Street has greatly improved. Many houses were empty; now filled & street is losing rough character. Pink, except few houses near Windmill Lane,

purple. Purple on map. West along Windmill Lane. North side (N. division) is better than the south. On south 2 st. houses flush with footway. Poor near canal. ^(Shunter's) Purple rather than L.B. as map. A few of the cottages on north are closed. A light railway from the Docks to the Great Market is coming thro' & will run along Grove Street, where the rails are already laid along by the kerb.

Windmill Lane S. side purple

Sarah's Place - lb

Junction Road - purple

Rent collector's opinion
of Tenants.

S. along Haulon Street. Both side now built the new houses being the better. 2 st. All comfortable - engineers & others employed in the works near. A.G. Scott & Co have large factory at end of street, employing many hands principally girls. ^{Pink as map}
^{Add colour}
S to Junction Road. On N side, is an opening - Sarah's Place. 2 houses on west side. Poor; small white curtains. Entrance to Braby's Library & Class rooms.

L. B. not marked on map.

Junction Road is much improved. 6 rms. 2 storied houses let at 10/- a week. Caretaker, an old soldier lives in one house. He went over the occupations of the people; mostly Braby's men, a few from the Victualling yard & some labourers. One house looked very poor - the man described as a 'pot lifter'. Three families were in this house - he had just given them notice. Two families in each of the other houses. The rents have been allowed to fall into arrears & he is slowly pulling them up. Has collected 1/6 back rent this week. Could let the street to good tenants in a fortnight, if the houses were empty but the difficulty is that if these people are turned out, they break the place so much that the repairs become expensive. "It is more difficult to get them out than in".

Purple. L. B. on map. E. to Hood

Hood Street - purple

Elm Terrace - lb

Evelyn St - Canal to Rolls St - pk

Blackhorse St.

Blackhorse ^{Road} Street - lb

Hood Street. 2 st. Crms. Neat little houses; one bay. East side only. Windows curtained, venetians, flowers on table; passages covered with carpet or floorcloth. Labourers, Tenant's men, laundress.

Purple. L.B. on map. E into Boscawen Street (late part of Greenfield St.) 2 st. houses; a few old, flush with pavement. Only 2 or 3 houses look poor. Only one house east of Elm Terrace & then Pickford's Yard. Pink to purple

Purple on map. N through Vincent Place. No houses, only footway to Grove St. E to Elm Terrace 6 houses, 3 st. Labouring people. A great change here. Could hear oaths & curses here whenever you went, some time ago. Now all quiet & L.B.. D.B. on map.

W into Greenfield Street 2 st. like A few broken windows. Carmen, cattle market men &c. Purple as map. East to Boscawen St. On west side 2 st. modern houses. East side 2 st. cottages; very narrow frontage. 2 families in most: carmen &c. One independent woman. Purple as map. East side might be L.B.

Evelyn Street (N West of Roll St) Very mixed: shops & private houses on S.W. side. Older houses & 3 st. shops on N.E. Foremen, skilled men & labourers. Pink. Pink barred on map. S.W. along Blackhorse Street 2 storied houses; 13 ft frontage; railings in front.

front. Many broken windows & some houses look poor but others are neat & clean; flowers in window etc. ~~Most~~ Most of the front doors are open & in nearly all the passages some attempt at floor covering is made. There are dock & waterside labourers; a few woodchoppers. Women work in wood yard & laundry; girls in the tin factory or as 'gut girls' in the meat market e.g. cleaning the entrails of the slaughtered beasts. Not much trouble to the police now. I notice a great improvement in this sheet. The children are cleaner & one misses the women who used to stand about here in groups.

L13 to D13. D13 on map. ~~At~~

At the end of the sheet is a piece of vacant land & a footway leading to Careboro' Street. Ten years ago it was the rendezvous of the men & boys; pitch & toss & other games were carried on vigorously. Police raided the spot several times & have stopped it. Now only see a few women collecting pieces of lamed wood for fuel from the heaps of refuse. Passing around the footway to

Gosterwood Street an ~~at~~ a new neighbourhood is reached. 2 st. modern houses with bay windows, forecourts, tiled paths; houses are fitted for 2 families & have 3 rooms & scullery on each floor. Everything is clean & eminently respectable.

Print as map

S. E. along
Alverton

Gosterwood Street

Alverton (late Duke) Street 2 st. 6 rms, one bay. Pink as map

Etta Street 2 st. 6 rms. 2 families as a rule. Some own their houses.

Wide street, front gardens. Rather better than Goslerwood St. Pink as map

E along Childers Street (late James St). 2 floors. Houses fitted for two families as far as corner of Roll St. Pink as map

Roll Street. 2 floors, one bay; narrow forecourt. Not quite so good as Etta St. Few 2 1/2 st. houses between the 13rd School & Evelyn

Street are poorer - purple in character. Pink as map.

Alverton St (Roll St to Abinger Rd) 2 st. small gardens. Working class: Late Duke St

some widows keeping laundries. Pink as map.

Dorking Road } 2 st. houses. 2 families as a rule

Shere Road } Most have been here for years. Pink

as map S.E. along

Childers St (late James St) - Roll St to Abinger Rd. 2 st houses:

not so good as part mentioned above. Policemen, carmen,

Cattle market men & men working at Tennants. Pink to Purple

Purple on map. The S.E. portion of the street has

also improved - late Henry Street - 2 st houses, 15 ft frontage.

People all seem comfortable & in regular work. Used to have drinks

here nearly every night but gone now. Pink to Purple. Purple on map

N. along Gorston St (late Arthur Street) 2 floors. 2 families in a

house. 3 families in two cases. Dock Labourers & working people.

Children well fed & dressed. Pink to Purple. Purple on map.

Into

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Henrietta Street - lb

Into Abinger Road most 2 st; a few north of Contra Street 2 1/2 st. 6 rms. Some retired people, foremen etc. Several own their houses - 5 out of one block of 9. The sergeant lives here.

People don't move. Pink as map. S E. into Stanton St ^{later} 2 st. Several broken windows. Not so noisy as formerly. Sgt says people are comfortable. Pink to purple

Purple on map. S. into

Stanton Street 2 fl. 6 rms. Labouring class. Purple as map

Clyde Street 2 floors, one bay. Houses well kept; clean curtains etc. Pink as map. Along the street

into Wellington Place 2 1/2 floors. 2 & 3 families. Cattle market men etc. On west side are 4 2st. bay windowed houses which might be put. Purple to pink. Purple on map

This finished the days walk. On July 26th. we started at the corner of Creek Road.

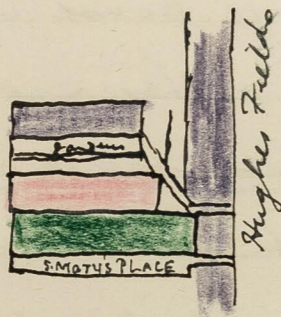
Creek Road is pink in character to corner of Kirott Street, where there is a large house is used as a women's lodging houses. On either side of the Board Street is a cul de sac - Henrietta Street. Each contains 7 houses, 2 st, facing the school. Dock & riverside labourers. Look poor - dirty white blinds and short curtains. Light Blue

Pink on map. N to

Deptford Green

Deptford Green E. side pk

Hughes Fields N. end lb



S. Mary's Place lb

lb

N to Deptford Green. Old fashioned houses, 2 + 3 st. Very mixed in style & ^{also} character of occupants. Some red tiled roofs; others slated; some wooden houses. Some look quite comfortable; others L.B. + one D.V.B. in character. A few houses on the east side near the church are quite comfortable, and should be pink; the west side purple. Purple on map. At the northern end is Hood & Co; Iron works & the Dry Dock, employing a large number of men. West into Butcher Row. Humphrey & Tennants ^{& Penns} Engineering works on north side, extending to Watergate Street.

S along Hughes Fields. A few two storied houses north of the Board School. L.B. in character, also small 3rd tenement dwelling facing the school. Remainder of east side is irregular old fashioned houses like Deptford Green. West side has several clearances by L.C.C. Houses mostly 2 storied. Women standing about & young children playing in roadway. Purple as map except N. end, L.B.

On west side of the Fields near the south end is St Mary's Place. 4 cottages, 2 storied, 2 rooms, one up & one down. Woodchoppers working on ground in front of the houses. Poor L.B. not marked on map. It of this is another Entry, 4 houses on north & 3 others backing on

on

Church St N. of Creek Road - pk.

Wellington Street - purple

Armada Street

The L.C.C. Dwellings

Armada Street - lb

on St Mary's Place. Well kept gardens in front - secluded place. Some poor in north row but others comfortable.

Purple on N + Pink S. row. Not on map. St Church Street (N. of Creek Road) On east side old fashioned red tiled houses. Two are double fronted - keep servants. A few shops, two are good - some working people. A few poor shops on west side. Pink to Pink barred. Purple on map West into

Wellington Street. Old fashioned shops; 2 registered lodgishouses. Some are comfortable. Pink to Purple.

Pink on map. On North side is St Nicholas Garden which has been extended northward to Benbow Street, the northern part being a children's playground. The ground is narrow but well stocked with trees, the shade of which is evidently appreciated by the people. Many men of the river side type resting here. N. up

Armada Street. 3 old delapidated houses on east side near Wellington Street. Old inhabitants. LTB. On west 5 two storied houses modern. Pink to Purple. Remainder of street is taken by L.C.C. dwellings. 2 storied at south end with separate entrance for each floor. Further north 4 tenements in each block; grounds at back divided off to form a ^(separate) court yard for

Trevethick Street - lb

Watergate Street

Watergate St^e N. of Princes St^e - lb

Orchard Place - db

each block. Buildings are well built; everything is good and a refreshing contrast to some other modern buildings. The only fault is the smaller windows, which give a heavy appearance. This is accentuated by the small panes & the exceptional solidity of the bars of the window sashes. Costers barrow standing at top end. Notice of Prudential agent exhibited.

Purple to L13. Not on map. E along Trevethick Street. North side is open ground. At east end are a few 2 st. Cottages - doors open into rooms; no back. Labouring people. L13 rather than D13 of map. Along Butcher Row past Humphrey & Tennant & Plun's works.

South along Watergate Street. Cattle market wall on west side & facing it 2 st houses - old with red tiled roofs. Cattle market men & engineers labourers. L13 to purple. D13 on map.

W & S along Orchard Place, a narrow unpaved roadway by the Cattle market wall. On east side are 2 old wooden houses occupied by costers. Dirty children; filthy blinds. Men used to be decoyed here & robbed. Will soon be taken for the Market. D13. Not marked on map. Back into

Watergate Street. North of Princes Street, mostly 2 storied old houses. Some poor but a few are comfortable. Purple rather than D13. South of Princes Street, the character

of the street rapidly deteriorates. Except a few shops on the west all is poor. Old houses mostly 3 stories, let in tenements. Faint fetid smell prevails, overpowered & in places by disgusting stenches. Rough women; one with head bandaged; others with black eyes; one old harridan sitting on doorstep with a dirty clay pipe; sholless children. Costers, street sellers, gutcleaners. "Wherever there is beer there they are & the more the better" was the sergeant summing up of these people. Some of the houses have been good families residences: one now occupied as a tenement houses has a fine carved overhanging porch with a fat cherub carved in full relief supporting the pediment on either side.

D.V.3. as map. On west side is Barnes Alley. One house (2st) left on N. side. Widow of a butcher. D.V.3. not marked on map.

The ground between this alley & Blake St is now cleared & waste. South to Rowley Street 2 st + 2 + attic on north. Broken windows. Costers & fish hawkers barrows standing. Rough girls with coarse aprons standing about, others sitting in doorways.

Rough & very poor. D.V.3. as map. Into New King Street. Mixed old and new houses. Row of 2st. bay

Barnes' Alley - db

Mews on E. of New King Street - pk

Houses on E of Market - red

Princes St. W. of Market entrance - pk

bay windowed houses on west are clean & well kept. Remainder of street mixed. Some shops near Evelyn Street. Purple as map.

At north end on east side a court runs off by Farmers premises. Some of the employees live about the stables at the end. ~~SB~~. Pink. Not on map. Into the Cattle Market on the east side are two rows of houses, partly occupied as offices but also residences of Supt, Assistant & Clerk. Clergyman of St Nicholas Church.

Red. Not coloured on map.

Princes Street 2 st. houses flush with pavement east of market. Very poor in few cases. Purple as map.

West of Market 2 st. some with bay windows. Some old houses. Dock labourers, cattle market men & engineers.

Pink. Purple on map. N into

Sayer Court St 2 st. bay windows. West side only. Comfortable working people. Pink as map.

At the end of the street is Sayer Court Gardens, a nice open space with gardens extending to the wall of the Cattle Market. East into

Dacca Street 2 st. bay windows. Some look poor. Purple to pink. Purple on map.

Cozar Street. Like Dacca Street but people rather better

Pink. Purple on map.

Evelyn Street (Roll St to High St) Shops east of Cozer Street. West of this on north are old 3rd. houses with shops interspersed. A few keep servants but in most of the houses two families are found. More modern 3rd. houses on south. Several people in small way of business: tailor bookbinder, carpenter, ladies school. Good shops between Roll Street & Abinger Road. Pink barred as map.

General Notes. The district covered in these two walks may be roughly divided into two parts by Evelyn Street, differing in style of buildings and character of inhabitants. On the riverside is old Deptford with its red tiled, small-windowed houses, which in their decadence, retain much of their quaint picturesque appearance. Deptford Green to Keating Street is the ~~rep~~ ^{rep} to Keating Street is the representative of the style which predominates in New King Street, altho the L. C. C. buildings in the centre show that the old order is passing away. In this area the riverside and cattle market workers form the bulk of the population. A careless, hand to mouth class of people. One characteristic of this area is the large number of fully licenced houses

houses: some are large gin palaces but even the little places that in most districts would ~~have~~ ~~be~~ beer houses have the full licence. The Battle Market & works on the river bank explain this peculiarity but in any case the district has too many licenced houses.

South of Evelyn Road is a comfortable neighbour- hood: Regular modern streets, wide and airy, occupied by comfortable working people. Very few signs of poverty but many of comfort. The district ^{compares} ~~compares~~ favourably with the streets off Woodpecker Road.

Throughout the district ~~is~~ a distinct improvement is noticeable. South of Evelyn Street, the light blue element has been practically eliminated, changing purple to pink.

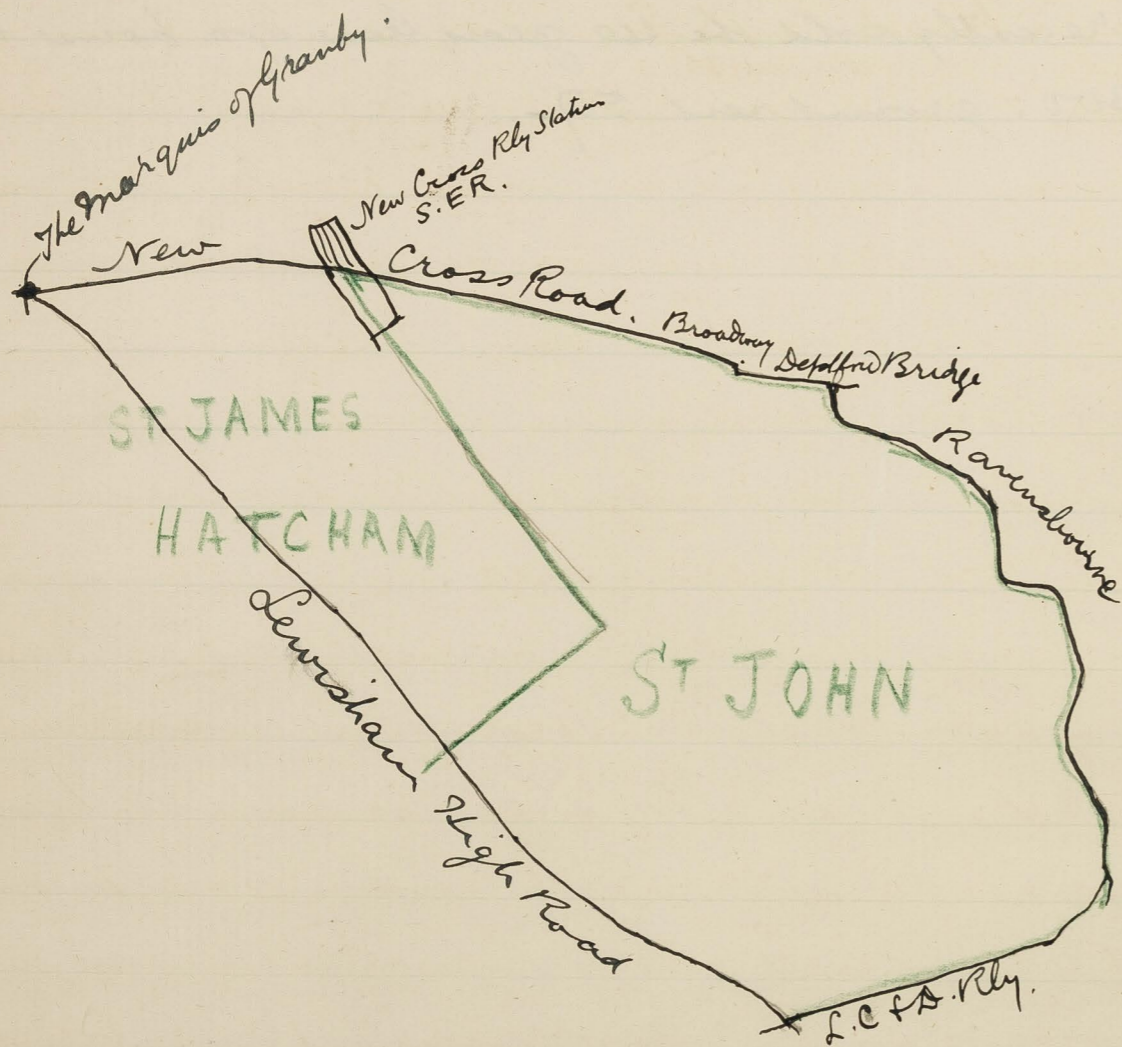
A similar tendency is observable in the streets off Grove Street; houses were easily obtainable here in former years: now the demand is greater than the supply and landlords are weeding out the un- desirable tenants. In ~~at~~ the district east of New King Street the change is working thro' demolitions, the newer buildings being occupied by a (outwardly at least) better class.

A great change has come over the people: instead of

of spending so much in the publichouses; they go for excursions of all kinds & to this change Sergeant Vanstone attributes the improvement.

The value of house property has increased enormously. An old man, who formerly lived at the corner of Grove Street & Windmill Lane, bought a house there for £40 some years ago & sold it to the Railway Company for £105. He has recently sold the 40 year lease of a house there for £300. ground rent 50/-.

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Walks with Sergeant Vagg over district bounded by on the north by New Cross Road & Deptford Broadway, east by the Ravensbourne, south by the L.C. & D. Rly and west by Lewisham High Road, being part of the parishes of St John, Lewisham High R^d & St James Hatcham.

Started from the Marquis of Granby. S.E. along Lewisham High Road. Beyond the pub. are a few shops and some small 2½ st. houses to corner of Park Road. Pink barred instead of Red as map. Between Park Road and Florence Road, 3½ st. houses, long gardens in front. Keep servants. Few shops near Florence Rd (2st). Red as map. E into Park Road. Mostly semi-detached. 3½ st. gardens in front. Retired publican & city people. Nearly all keep servants. Pink barred to Red. Red on map. Into Amersham Road. Wide clean road. 3 & 3½ storied terrace houses on east to the bend & then semi detached. On west all s. d. Red at upper end where all keep servants. Pink barred near N.C. Rd where two families or let apartments. Red on map. Florence Road 2 floors + basement on E + 2st on west side. £36 houses. Working class - 2 families or

ladies

Alpha Road - pk

New Cross Road (to Railway) pk^b

— " — E of Florence R² — "

Lodgers. Plants in windows. Roadway clean. ~~Pink~~ No servants.

Pink. Pink barred on map. W. into

Alpha Road 3 double fronted houses face railway. Remainder

3 1/2 storied houses. Two families, no servants: have doorstep girls. City people. Pink to pink barred. Pink barred on map.

New Cross Road (Margins of Granby to Rly)^{s. side} 3rd shops and private

houses used for business purposes: dressmakers, milliners, builders, solicitors. Nearly all have brass plates affixed & most keep a servant. Pink Barred to Red. East of

Railway to Florence R². Better class terrace houses 3 1/2 st. gardens in front. Few near Florence Road are turned into

shops. New Addley & Stanhope School being built to east of Zion Chapel. Few poor class shops with people living over reach to Wilson Street beyond which Red as map to Florence R² & then pink barred.

Deptford Broadway. Theatre at corner of Jamaica Hill & large shops to Mill Lane. Shopkeepers live over & a few housekeepers. Red as map. E. to

Greenwich Road is known as Deptford Bridge. 3rd shops on E. side. Second rate. No backs: the Quaggy runs

behind. On Deptford side is Peppercorn's Depository: a ^{few houses}

Holland's Distillery ^{& Norfolk Brewery} at corner of Mill Lane. Pink barred to

Red. Red on map

Pearson's Avenue - lb

W to Wilson Street. 2 st. houses flush with pavement. West side poorer than east; windows curtained, doorsteps whitened. Lot of Italians, costers. At far end vegetables are heaped on the pavement & a coster is arranging his stock on the barrow before going his round. LB as map. East side might be

Purple.

E leading into Danners Hill

is Pearson's Avenue. Mission Hall & 2 2-st houses on south side. LB. Not on map. Back across Wilson Street into

Florence Groul 2 st. houses, flush with pavement. 3 on south side & 6 on west. Iron curtains; flower hawkers, agents. New Addy school has entrance on North side.

Purple as map.

S into

Florence Cottages. 2 st houses - run 10/ a week. Look comfortable working class. Fancy flower pots & clean white curtains. Pink rather than purple of map. S

into Florence Street 2 st. 6 rms. small forecourts. Narrow streets: houses face back of gardens of Florence Road. Respectable working people; builder &c. Look comfortable. Pink as map. E into Florence Street East 7 houses. 2 st. 6 rooms 10/ a week. 2 families in each. Purple as map.

Heston Street 2 st. houses, small bay window. South of

Florence

Janner's Hill Broadway to Nelson St pk b. }
S. John's Road to Railway pur. }

Florence Street is the poorer part. People from Mill Lane have come in. Costers; free fights at night. At extreme south end are 4 2¹/₂ st houses DFB. in character. North of Florence St on west side are some respectable families. Purple at north; remainder LTB. as map. Add DFB. at south end. At north end of Heston Street are 8 cottages known as Fisher's Rents 2 st. cemented fronts, outer door opens into room. Court is below level of street. LTB. as map E into Heald Street 2 3rd tenement houses on north side. Purple. Pink old map: colour wrong. Janner's Hill near Broadway old 2 st. shops. Between Nelson + Ship Street, all houses have been rebuilt - now 2 st. private houses. W. side is mainly shops; 2 st., irregularly. Second rate trade Pink as map. Broadway to Nelson Street Pink or Pinkbarred instead of Rd as map. From St John's Road to the Railway the houses are old. Very mixed in character 2¹/₂ + 3 st on west + 2 st. on east. A few small shops; Italian ice cream vendors. ~~note~~. Mostly old residents. Pink to purple. East side near Railway is LTB. ~~North of~~ From railway to Lewisham High Road 2 st. houses on south + small shops on north. Pink as map. On NW. side leading into Heston Street is Summer Street.

Summer Street. Old 2 st. houses, flush with pavement. Labourers & hawkers. LB. as map. On west side is Kentford Place. 6 2 st. cottages - no backs. Washhouses & WC (2) on ground in front. Rough labouring class. Small rooms but people are content & even think themselves fortunate. "Not half the convenience you have here" in a disparaging tone said one of the women speaking of the tenement houses. Nearer the railway is Spring Street. Old 2 + 3 storied houses. Broken windows stuffed with bundles of rags; Dirty and ragged children playing in the unpaved roadway. D.V.B. Light blue on map. ~~At~~ the end of the street are 3 houses shut off by fence & gate. These are better only LB.

Lewistam High Road (Florence R^d to Oscar Street). Mostly shops 2 + 3 stories; some large. One double fronted house. Red as map. Between Dammer's Hall & Florence R^d is entrance to Alexandra Cottages - a cul de sac. 2 st. houses (12). Clean & well kept. Notice in one window "Mangling done here".

Purple as map. E into Lucas Street. 2 st. houses. All working people. Pink as map. Builder, bootmaker etc on N. side is Nicholas St.

Yhor
Townville Street E purple }
W pk }

S. John's Road - red & pk

Cliff Terrace - pk b²

Nicholas Street. 2 st houses; narrow fronts. Mineral water factory on east side employs some of the people. LTB, as map

Oscar Street 2 st. old houses to St John's Road. Rather poorer than Lucas St but comfortable working people. Pink as map

Back to ^{Thorn} Townville Street (late Hill Street.) On ~~west~~ side facing railway is the Board School, ~~some~~ caretakers and one other house, marked LTB on map. Should be pink. On east side between Oscar & Lucas Streets are five little cottages. Labouring people. Purple to LTB. Pink on map. Open space in front of these cottages, with railway passing under, is used as playground by the children.

Lewisham High Road (Oscar St to Rly Station) Shops extend a little beyond Friendly Street. Good class trade. Then 3 & 4 storied terrace houses with large gardens in front and a few detached houses. Stone House is very large: beautiful with the front being built to represent a Grecian temple. All keep servants. Red to Yellow. Red on map.

St John's Road. W. side semi detached houses, 3 1/2 st. 3 with bays. S. of Ashmead Road 2 1/2 st. Some servants. Pink banded. Pink on map. S into

Cliff Terrace 3 & 2 st. houses at south end. Near St John's Road 3 1/2 st. double fronted. Keep servants except a few

Ashmead Road - pk

Friendly St E. of S. John's Road pk }
- corner of Mill Lane lb' }

S. John's Road N. of Friendly St - pk

south end. Red to Pink barred. Red on map.

Ashmead Road. 3rd on west. 2nd on east. Wide road & good gardens in front of houses. Comfortable folk; men go to City. Pink. West side might be Pink barred.

Pink barred on map.

Friendly Street to S. John's Road. 2 storied shops on south side between Lewisham High Road & the News - not marked on map - should be pink. 2 storied private houses the remainder, occupied by comfortable working people.

Pink as map. Colour to be added near High Rd.

N. along

S. John's Road. Immediately round the corner on west side is a yard with house standing back - pink. 2 storied houses. old on west but east side rebuilt & considerably improved. Builder, insurance agents &. Pink. Purple on map. - W. up

Deloraine Street (late Brunswick) Small 2 st. houses, flush with pavement. Clean & well kept. Labouring people but don't look poor. Purple as map. On the west side is Knott's Terrace. 2 st. houses in a raised paved court with two other rows reached down a flight of steps. Small crowded rooms. Costly. Two houses have notices "Mangling done"

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Nelson Street - all purple

Cranbrook Road N. of Friendly St - pk.

done here". Girl turning mangle & singing one of Sankey's hymns. Women come to doors; & stare as you walk past and talk to each other from one doorway to another.

LV3. as map.

This ended the day's walk. The following day, we started ~~at~~ from the corner of the Broadway and Tanner's Hill. S.E. along Nelson Street (late Mile St.). Modern houses built for two families; venetian blinds. Set at 124. Mechanics, brewers, men & others, mostly in regular work. Pink rather than purple & LV3. of map.

The block between Nelson Street & St John's Road (E. side) & Friendly Street & Tanner's Hill has been rebuilt in this style & is greatly improved.

Friendly Street (Mill Lane to St John's Rd) N. side like Nelson Street. South older houses but look comfortable - well kept windows, fancy flower pots &c - except four houses close to Mill Lane, which are v.p. Some prostitutes & other bad characters. Pink. except corner of Mill Lane. LV3. & black line. Purple on map. N up Cranbrook Road (Victory St). Like Nelson St. Cabinet maker,

Insurance

Ship Street - purple

Mill Lane

Mill Lane S of Friendly St } dt b.
W side

--- E. side dt b.

Houses on Water Company's ground - red

Insurance agent - tablet "Piano + mandoline taught." Pink.

Purple on map.

Ship Street. New houses 2 st. but little poorer than other street
Houses flush with pavement. Purple to Pink. SB.

on map. E. along

Harton Street (King Street). Small old shops left on south
side. ^{Tradesmen are old established.} ^{map} North rebuilt partially. Between Nelson + Ship streets.

3 st. levelment houses. North side purple, south pink. All
pink on map.

Dark blue patch behind south side of this
street has gone. E. into

Mill Lane. West side to Friendly street has been
cleared by the L.C.C. Other side remains. 4 row
houses - prostitutes + bullies. Few two houses - south of
Friendly Street also bad. Broken windows. D. Blue
to Black. Black + purple on map. Further south
are two houses on the Kent Waterworks ground. occupied
by Secretary + other official. One is marked pink. If
coloured these houses should be red. S into

Ravenbourne Street. 2 st. houses, some double fronted
where the depth is small. Nearly all on east side
Few shops near Cranbrook Road. Look comfortable: some

police

Albyn Road - pk

Bolden Street - pk

Lind Street - pk

Batsford Street - pk

police, brushmaker, ~~the~~ tailor &c. Entrance to recreation ground near the railway. Pink. Purple on map

N up Albyn Road 2 storied houses; bay window. Good class of people foremen &c. Street makes a turn & runs north - improves as it approaches St Johns Rd. Furnished apartments - no servants. Pink. Pink barred on map

On E. is Bolden Street 2 st. bayon fronts covered with creepers. Like Albyn Street - no servants. Pink. Pk b. on map

Lind Street 2 st. bay windows. Foremen, mechanics and people in the city... Some lodgers, others two families.

Pink.. Pink barred on map.

Batsford Road 2 + 2 1/2 st. Well kept & comfortable but no servants - Pink. Pink b^d on map.

N up St Johns Road (to Friendly St). 2 1/2 st on east, 2 st on west. gardens in front. Comfortable working people. Few trade notices in window exhibited ^{2 bootmakers &c.} Pink as map.

Strickland Street. 2 st. small forecourts; rather smaller than other houses. 2 families as a rule. Pink as map.

S. to Clendon Street cul de sac. 2 st. Clean & well kept. Pink as map.

Cranbrook Road (to Friendly St). Few shops on east; remainder 2 st houses. Working people - two monthly nurses. Pink as map.

Seymour Street. St John's Schools at corner. Facing school houses are 3 storied. Remainder 2st. with small forecourt. All working people - a few trade cards & plates - coal & coke merchant, dressmaker etc. Saw one ragged child leave house on north side but was well nourished. Most of the children are well dressed.

Pink as map

General Remarks. Roughly the S.E. Railway divides this district into two parts. The western differs entirely from the portion of Deptford on the north. The ground is much higher; over-looked the north; the air is fresher: always a breeze. The people are comfortable & not crowded. East of the railway the land sinks to the Ravensbourne. In the southern portion the people are tending to a pink level. pink barred sheets changing to pink and ~~the~~ purple to the same colour. Between Friendly Street & Tanner's Hill the improvement due to rebuilding is immense. Old cottages have

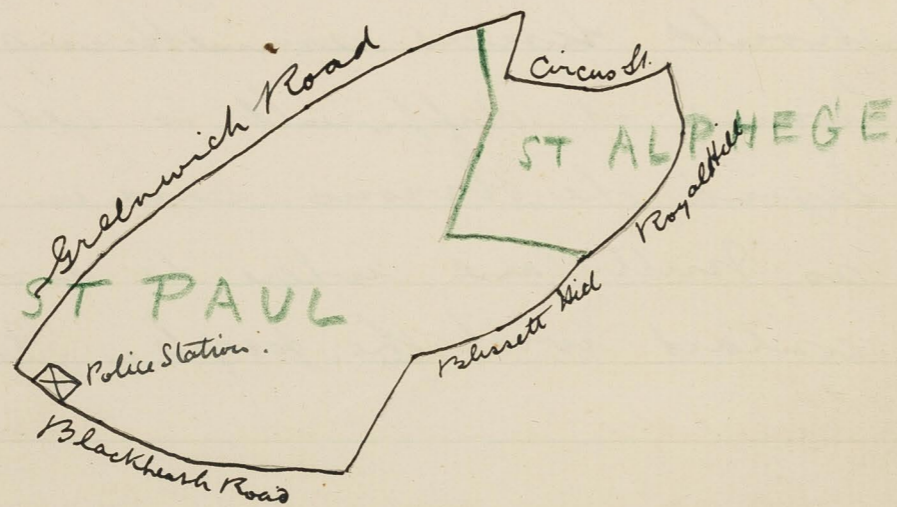
dwelling

Personal Note

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dwellings. Excepting a few houses near Mill Lane the only poor part is the area between Tanner's Hill and Florence Road, and this compared to the poor shacks north of the Broadway is quite comfortable.

Sergeant Vagg is a solid, stolid officer. Has been 10 years on the district & should know something about it but I found it difficult to get much from him beyond the obvious, save in a few places such as Mill Lane, where he would come in direct contact with the people. Walks a little land

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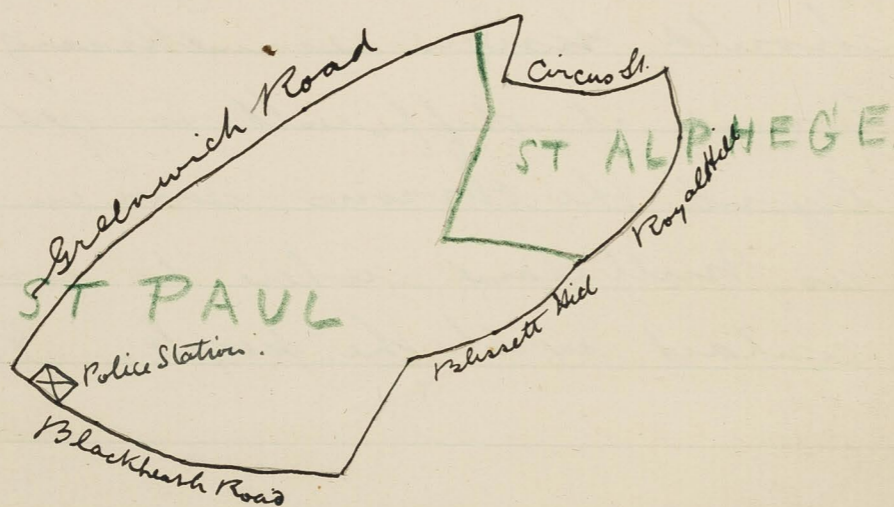
Walk with Sergeant Osborne round district bounded by Greenwich Road, Blackheath Road, South St, Blissett Hill, Royal Hill + Circus St., being parts of the parishes of St Paul + St Alphege

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Starting from the Blackheath Road Station, east along Greenwich Road. On south west side are a ~~few~~ ^{coffee} shops + row of poor looking private houses, one used as a laundry. Prink in character. Between Burgo Grove + Devonshire Road, 4 st. private houses with small front gardens. Some 2 families + most keep servants. Prink barred. The Muller Hospital also at corner. From Devonshire to Egerton Road are a few 3st. shops + then 2 + 3 storied old houses. comfortable people. At corner of Egerton Road are the Jubilee Almshouses which extend

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Greenwich Road



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Walk with Sergeant Osborne round district bounded by Greenwich Road, Blackheath Road, South St, Blissett Hill, Royal Hill + Circus St., being parts of the parishes of St Paul + St Alphege

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Devonshire Road

Devonshire Road - pk b²

Terrace on E. - pk

Catherine Grove - pk

Egerton Road - pk b²

into Egerton Road where two blocks of cottages stand - Warham
& Sarwell Almshouses. These places have been rebuilt in
red & white brick & are an ornament to this very small
road. Pink barred. Purple on map. On ^{South} ~~North~~
side is Burgos Grove (late Wellington fine) 2 floors and
basement. 2 families as a rule. Comfortable working class,
some police. One poor house. Pink, as map. St
Next turning is Devonshire Road. As far as Egerton Road
the houses are semi detached; a few double fronted on east
side. ~~North~~ ^{South} to South Street are terrace houses 2 1/2 st. & the
Roan Girls School - modern red brick building. West
side is better than the terrace houses on east & near
^{Greenwich} ~~Devonshire~~ Road most keep servants. Air of comfort
& repose characteristic of place. Pink barred to Red
except terrace on E. pink. Red on map. W into
Catherine Grove 2 1/2 st. 8 steps to front door. Nice front
gardens; double avenue of trees. Quiet street. Comfortable
working people, engineer, police etc. Pink. Purple on
map
Egerton Road. Wide road. Semi detached, 2 floors;
some double fronted. Small front gardens with hedges.
Well to do as a rule: solicitor, Inspector of police. Servants
in more than half the houses. Pink barred. Red on map

Guildford Road - pk

Ashburnham Grove

Ashburnham Grove - pk

Ashburnham Road nr South St pk b²

Langdale Road E side pk

— W — pk b²

Greenwich Road

pk b²

E along Guildford Road 2 floors + basement. 6 rooms. Terrace houses £20 to £30 a year. Comfortable working class; engineers etc. Not so good as Egerton Road.

Pink. Red on map. E to

Ashburnham Grove 2 1/2 st. houses with large front gardens. Some semi detached + 3 st. at east end. Comfortable working people. Pink. Red on map. E along

Ashburnham Road. On east side some 3 st. houses built for 3 families have been recently erected on the ~~old~~ erstwhile gardens of Greenwich Road. A few 2 st old houses. On west side a few good 3 st. houses near South Street, remainder 2 1/2 st. with gardens in front. Good class working people. Pink. as map. Add colour on E.

Might be pink barred at South Street end. E into Langdale Road. On east side modern 2 st. houses. Working people - Insurance agent's plate on one door. W side is 3 1/2 st semi detached, bay windows. Comfortable people; some solicitors. E. Pink. W. pink barred to Red.

Not coloured on map.

Greenwich Road (Egerton Road to South St). To Langdale Road terrace of old fashioned 3 + 4 st. houses. Some double fronted. Modern bay windows added to some.

Contractor

South Street

South St, SE side, to Blisset Street - pk b:

Blissett Street, new houses on N side - pk

Nameless court - lb

Contractor, solicitor and professional people. A few take lodgers. Pink banded in character. Further east are 2 old houses 3 floors Red. + Queen Elizabeth's Almshouses. (1576). Home built on three sides of a grass plot with chapel + clock in central part. Pink banded. Front not coloured on map

W. along South Street (to Blissett St) N. side to Devonshire Road 3 1/2 st. s.d. + terraced houses. Good gardens in front. Tradesmen + retired people. Kelp servant. Red as map. South side smaller houses, 2 fl + basement; a few s.d. + 3 1/2 storied. Poorer than north side. Pink to pink banded. Penn's Almshouses, a modern red brick block with gardens in front on the south side. All Red on map.

N.E. up Blissett Street. 2 st houses. Shops on S.E. side near South Street. + then new private houses to Blissett Street not marked on map. Beyond this are old 2st cottages & N.W. side are new 2st cottage houses with gardens in front. Pink except old cottages on S.E. purple. Pink on map. Part uncoloured. N down Royal Hill (to South Street) 2st houses, modern on south side, others older and look poorer. ^{then south side} Narrow front, white curtains. Pink to Purple. Pink on map. On the north side is a narrow court leading to cottages between South Street + Brand St. Look poor. St 3. Not on map.

Circus Street - pk b²

Prior St^e new hos. @ S. end - pk
Court @ S end - purple

N. along Brand Street 2 st. houses. Conf. working people. Plumber, decorator &c. Few S. d. houses. Now building at corner of Circus Street. Pink. as map.

Circus Street 2 st. bay windowed houses near South Street. A few shops and ^{old} private houses (3 floors). On south side several large houses. Comfortable people; some let apartments. Book binder, builder. Pink to Pink lined. Pink on map.

S. along Prior Street 2 1/2 st. Working class - not quite so good as Brand St. Pink as map. At the

top of the street on the west side are 3 cottages facing north. 2 st. gardens in front, also a new house. Pink to Purple. Not on map.

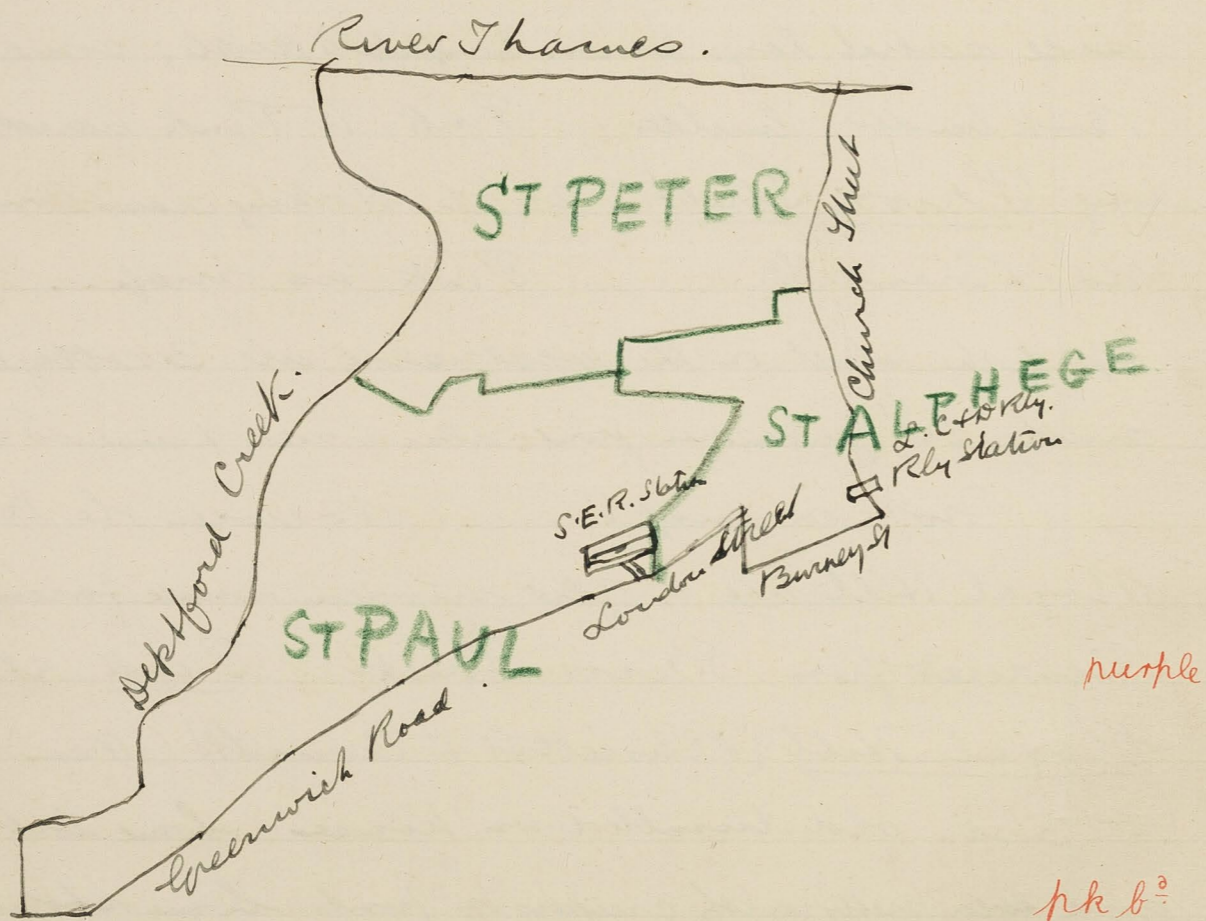
Between the Railway and Royal Hill are a few modern houses facing the railway & entered from Prior Street. Pink. Not on map.

Royal Hill (Blissett St to Circus St). Near Blissett St. 2 1/2 & 3 st. old tumble-down houses. Some look comfortable with and even pretty with creepers on front. Some shops, mostly on west side between Prior & Circus Street. Comfortable & well to do even. On opposite side 2 st houses - small windows some look poor.

Purple & Pink. except on west side N. of Prior St. Pink

At this ~~present~~ time, Sergt Osborne was relieved by Deddeline Mercer, who was waiting for us at Greenwich Rly Station.

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 Aug 14th 2nd
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purple

pink

Wb
 District 46 161

Walks with Detective Mercer over district bounded on west by Deptford Creek, north by the Thames, east by Church Street & Stockwell Street, and south by Burney Street, London St and Greenwich Road, being the Parish of St Peter and parts of the parishes of St Alphege and St Paul.

Starting from Greenwich Rly Station (L.C. & D. Rly) South along Stockwell Street. 3 storied shops. Good class on east side. Mostly old houses with red brick facings; two with dormer windows in roof. Shops on west side are not quite so good. Red. as map. W. along Burney Street. A row of 3 st. poor houses near South street. Several families in each house. Purple in character. Remainder of street is well to do. 3 1/2 st. houses; mostly keep servants; solicitor etc, good lodging houses. Pink barred. Pink on map.

Nearly opposite Burney St in Royal Hill is Peyton Place. One 3 st house on north side - pink. Row of 2 st cottages opposite side; coachman etc. Look comfortable & may be pink. Pink on map.

Royal Hill (Circus St to London St). Shops, old fashioned & small

South Street (nr. London St.) pk b²

Felma Court E side - lb

Prince of Orange Lane - lb

on east side; a few on the west but greater part of this side is taken by the Public Baths + Literary Institute. Pink.

At the corner (S) of Bunney Street some 2 st. modern houses have been built facing the railway, some entered from Bunney St + others from Royal Hill. Pink. Not marked on map.

London Street. Principal shopping street of the district: In a state of transition: some newly built shops; others old + yet others with private houses with shop fronts added.

A few semi-detached 3rd houses near Greenwich (S.E.R.) Station - dentists &c. Red as map.

Between the Wesleyan Chapel + Circus St are a few shops in South Street (pt.)

Rather poor class - not so good as London St. One 3rd. large tenement house with shops under. Poor working people.

Pink barred Black Red on map. Two courts

run off north side of London Street - near to Roan Street end is Felma Court. Narrow flagged court. 3. 2st cottages on west side + one facing railway. Dirty; old curtains, refuse lying about + children playing on railway wall.

D.V.B. to L.V.B. On east side are 4 cottages down little entry - rather better - L.V.B.

Near the S.E. Railway Station is Prince of Orange Lane Court, 4 houses;

2st. 4 runs on west side, gardens at back. behind these are

four

Straightsmouths

Straightsmouth ^{W of} Randell's Place - purple

Glaisher Street - purple

Randell's Place { E side near
Roan Street - lb

Haddo Street

Haddo Street - purple

four other & similar cottages, ^{facing W.} reached by a narrow passage. Nicely kept gardens in front. Fowls, flowers; dogs chained up... Sabwers.

LV3.

Through passage way

~~on west~~ ^{under} of Railway Station onto a row of houses facing the railway. called Straightsmouth. Two cottages face north - nursery & comfortable. Pink. At west end 2 st. + 2 1/2 st houses. Houses clean & well kept except a few near the Board School. Pattern, many railway men, musician &c. Pink. Purple near the School.

Near the west end is Glaisher Street a cul de sac with 2 st. cottages. doors open into lower rooms. Windows of some look poor. Purple to LV3. N.W. from Straightmouth into Randell's Place. Board School takes south side. N. is 2 st. houses = mixed. some coolies. Looks quiet & Mercers say rows twice a week - Saturdays & Sundays. Purple. The place turns north toward Haddo Place 2 st. houses, 7 on west & 3 on east side. Clean but poor. LV3. N ~~at~~ along

Haddo Street 3 + 2 st. on East & 2 st. on west side. Mixed class - 2 or 3 families in house. Costers and men employed in the docks & on the creek. Some just coming home, grumpy to dinner; Some windows well kept. Curtains neat.

Haddo Place - lb

Frederick cottages - lb

Blucher's Buildings - db

neat. Purple. On west side at north end of street is Haddo Place. 2 little two storied cottages. Labourers. One has a fine show of calceolarias in bloom, growing in boxes on the wall. So very proud of them. LV3. to purple. Into Norman Road &

S. along Pearson Street 2 st houses, flush with pavement - 6 rms. People working in neighbouring factories, engine cleaners etc. Purple. On W

is Thorndam (late Charlotte) Street, Houses like Pearson St. A few broken windows the only signs of poverty. All this part has improved - The roads have been made up. Purple. S to

Claremont Street 2 st houses. A few houses east of Pearson St might be pink but street becomes poorer toward the west ^{Hawken wood-chopper} etc. Purple to LV3. S under archway is

Frederick Cottages 3. 2 st houses. 2 rms with small garden in front. LV3. The houses in Claremont St

have long gardens - beans &c growing at the back. Tablet on one house gives date 1845. At end of Claremont

St. is Blucher's Bldg. Two entries, one on each side of a beer house. 2 st houses, back to back. 2 rooms - let at 4/- a week. Cartaker says they average 2/6 a week - charity people & people do not pay. N. side used to be very rough but

is better now LV3. to DV3. South side is still rough & is DV3. Had several cases here.

Cottage Place - lb

Court on W. side - lb

Roan Street

Roan Street - N side - lb

--- S side to bend - lb

Courts out of Roan Street

S along Cottage Place (Clement on map) Little 2 st. houses. Labouring people, costers & shirt sellers. Carts waiting in road whilst the men are having dinner. Letter of paper in shed. LTB.

On the west side is a little court reached thro' archway, also known as Cottage Place. 4 houses, 4 rooms. Poor class; gas workers etc; geese waddling about in front of houses. LTB to DTB.

E into Roan Street. On north side is Skinner's Buildings 10 houses; 2 rooms, one up & one down. Small gardens in front. 4/6 a week. "Quite enough for these little hovels" said a woman who had been there 2½ years. One house is well kept; children look well fed. 2. DTB houses.

LTB.

Roan Street is wide. A good breeze blowing. 2½ + 2 storied houses to Haddo St. Shirt sellers - go out with burrows. don't look very poor. LTB. East of Haddo Street to the bend of shed the houses are old 3 storied. LTB on N. On south side is a lodging houses & some houses let in furnished rooms. DTB in character. East of the bend to London Street the houses improve. St Pauls Mission on south side. LTB to Purple.

On south side of Roan Street, near Haddo Street is Roan Place 2 rms & scullery; small gardens in front. Windows broken & stopped with paper. DTB to LTB

S. James Place N. of Roan SE - db

^NMorris Bldgs - N of Roan SE - db

S. Alphege's Cottages - N. of Roan SE - db

Chittington Cottages (?)

Halford Row - lb

Nearly opposite Roan Place on N side is St James's Place. Narrow entry ~~to~~ with 3 storied houses, 3 rooms, one above the other facing west. Long gardens in front with washhouses &c. One garden is well kept: pigeons &c. The others have ~~wood~~ palings broken & gone. Bricklayers' labourers, street sellers. Women wash & support the men. Eight other houses exactly similar back these & face east. but have smaller gardens - also numbered in the Place.

Both rows are DTB. Further east is another entry - Morris's Bldgs 4 2st. houses. 4 runs 6/6 a week. DTB to DTB. Still further east is another entry, looks like entrance to stables - called St Alphege Cottages 4 cottages back to back to 4 others 2 runs in each 3/- a week. One rough man at home & another working as a tailor in one of the washhouses.

DTB to DTB. On the south side of the street opposite Morris's Bldgs is another Court. (no name) 3 houses facing west. Well kept little gardens in front. Hanging flower pots. 3 W.C.'s & one water tap. DTB.

Near the corner of Straight's Mouth is a row of cottages running west, called Halford Row. 2st. with little gardens in front

DTB.

Straightsmouth ^{Randels Place}
to Roan Street - purple

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Greenwich Road

Greenwich Road N. side E of Notham Road - red

— " — " W — " — " pk b²

Terrace - pk

West into Straights Mouth (late Gale St). This is the portion between Randels Place & Roan St & ~~the~~ has only been recently added to Straights mouth. Old 3rd st. houses on south side. On north new houses - a few shops. Bakers; & 3 others poor. North side is better than south. South, LTB and N. Purple.

This completed the days walk. Started on the following day at the S.E. Railway Station in Greenwich Road.

Greenwich Road (N. side) from the S.E. Station.

going west are some old fashioned 3 storied houses, covered with creepers. Behind these is Lovibonds' brewery and the partners live in these houses. Beyond these to Norman Road is a terrace of 3rd st & basement houses with few shops at corner. Pink barred to Red.

West of Norman Road are a few shops; the publichouse being the only modern bldg. Then private houses, 2nd st & attic in roof. Some are used for business premises. Some of these houses look poor; working people ^{tailors, dressmakers}. Some of these houses are to be absorbed by Merryweather Engine works, which now occupy large premises facing Devonshire Road. Beyond these works are the tram stables & some shops. Pink to Pink barred.

On map the whole of Greenwich Road is marked Purple.

Capella Place - db

Norman Road

Lydia's Cottages - db

Drysdale Buildings - db

N out of Greenwich Road, just west of Norman Road is Capella Place. 2 roomed houses, with scullery behind - Rent 7/- . Dirty windows, patched with paper. Very poor class; some come from Hale Street Deptford. D.V.B. N along

Norman Road. Near Greenwich Road are 2 st. houses; doors open into room - people about 21/-, carmen etc. Windows look poor.

Purple to D.V.B. - Open ground on west is taken by the Waterworks. Just through the railway

arch on the west is the entrance to Phoenix Wharf (Eastwards. Lime & cement works) on the north side are 2 cottages called

Lydia's Cottages 2 st. poor; small white blinds. D.V.B. In Norman Road just north of Railway are 2 rows of 2 st. houses

facing each other. Merryweathers, brewers and cement workers. Some poor and none look really comfortable. Purple

Proceeding north a succession of wharves are passed with an occasional house until near the corner of Thornham

Street. Men are sitting on the footpath or standing about waiting for work at Gasworks or wharves. Houses are 2 st. like

Thornham Street but better kept. Sighlman & others comfortable & few poor. Purple to pink East into

Lamb Lane On South side is Drysdale Bldgs. 2 st. 4ement. Separate doors for ground floor & stairs leading to two

4ement

Fawn Buildings - db

Bardsley Street - lb

Sexton's Buildings - db

tenements above. Built 1895. narrow curtains; blinds drawn. Very poor. Children playing in front - one little thing covered with sores.

DV3.

On opposite side of

The Lane facing Bardsley Street is a block of buildings - Fawn Buildings. 3 st. Built on the back premises of the Beehive publichouse in Bridge Street and a back way from the pub. passes through ~~the~~ (or by) the building. ~~to~~. Urinal for the publichouse is in this passage - no door & full of filth. A most disgusting place and dangerous to health. People are very poor - children dirty. Mother swearing at children.

DV3.

S along

Bardsley Street (late York Street). Shop & cottages 2 st; one old wooden cottage standing alone. Tablet on east side gives date 1810. Look poor. LV3. to purple. On west side of street is entry to two cottages - now closed - dilapidated. On the east side approached by archways from street are Sexton's Bldgs. Two sets of 4 cottages, back to back. 2 rooms, 4/- a week. Wash-houses in front. Cemented courtyards. Women washing & singing; children ragged and dirty; one child in its night shirt (10.40 am) Another 3 years old is sent with a sister to get beer but objects to be accompanied. Goes alone & presently returns from the Beehive with a pint of

Bell Street - ^{part}~~ditto~~

Mary Ann Place - purple

Blyde Place - lb

Matilda cottages - purple

porter in a can. D.V.B. S into
Bell Street. On south side 2 floors and basement kitchen
with grating over windows. On north side near Haddo Street
2 st. houses with raised footway. East of Bardsley Street
the cottages have 2 floors + basement. Here the windows are
well kept; sills clean + an air of comfort. Pink.

Remainder of street - purple. People are gasworkers +
barge labourers. On the north side of the
street near Bardsley Street is Mary Ann Place
4 3 storied houses with short garden in front. Only 3 rooms
one above the other. Row of little washhouses at end and 4. W.C.

Look comfortable - plenty of furniture in the rooms; mirrors.
Family in each Pink to purple. On south
side near Haddo Street is Blyde Place. 5 two
roomed houses with underground cellars used as kitchen.

S.V.B.
Back + east along Lamb Lane 2 storied cottages. Those on S.
side have basement scullery. Other side called Providence Place
then work on barges or in gas works. Backway to Lord Hood pub.
here also. S.V.B. Near Bridge Street on east side of the
lane is Matilda Cottages 2 st. modern houses; clean;
stablesmen etc. Purple. At the Lamb Lane entrance to

the

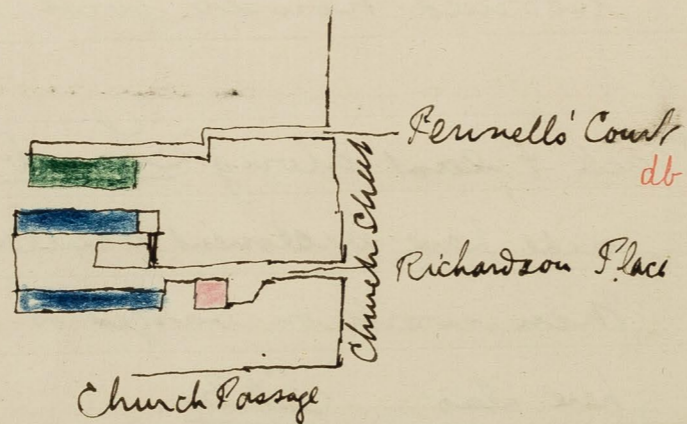
St Alphege's Churchyard

Lamb Lane - cottages in recreation ground - pk

Church Passage

Church Passage - purple

Large houses near Church SE - db



Churchyard - now laid out as a recreation ground - are a couple of cottages with outhouses and greenhouses. They are for the use of the keeper of the ground, who lets them and lives ^{in London St.} elsewhere retaining the gardens. These are quite a picture - masses of nasturtiums, sweet william, calceolarias, daffodils - quite an old fashioned garden. People living in these cottages are comfortable & should be pink.

Across Churchyard to Church Passage on the right ~~to~~ near Row that are 3 3 storied shops & 2 2 storied wooden shops. Poor class - broken windows - 2 families in one house - Purple to D.B.

Nearer Church Street & facing church are 6 houses - 2st. & basement forecourt. Windows well kept with flowers etc. Purple.

At corner of Church St are 3 3 storied houses - let in rooms - windows closely curtained with torn curtains.

D.B.

N into

Church Street. Immediately round the corner on west is Richardson's Place. At the entrance is a 3 storied house kept by a "Chimney cleaner". House well kept - flowers etc.

Beyond this are 11 houses. 2 storied - 2 rooms - in courtyard with washhouses & 6 W.C. near entrance. Everything filthy. Rent 4/6 a week - have to buy key for W.C. Three navvies & gas stoker. D.B. Some girls (about 12 years of age).

The Influence of the Board Schools

Pennell's court - lb

Church St W. side to Bridge St - red

Bridge Street

Bridge Street - pk & purple

were playing schools in the court. It was a singing lesson. Before they noticed us, we were able to hear them sing two pieces - a negro melody and "The old folks at home". They had good voices & sang the pieces well both as to time & tone. ~~It was~~ The only bright thing about the place, it was a tribute to the value of our Board Schools.

A little further north is a very narrow passage, closed by a gate - entering this alley, & after passing the backs of the Church St premises, it widens out & on the south are 14 3 storied wooden houses, each with a scullery in the basement. It is known as Pennell's Court. Houses contain 3 rooms, one above the other & let at 5/- . Children are better kept & women are cleaner than in the next court. L.V.3.

Church Street West side to Bridge Street is good shops.

2 & 3 storied, some modern & others old houses. Pink ^{to Red} lined

W along Bridge Street. Shops near Church Street, then on N. side 2 storied cottages to Welland St - some poor opposite Lamb Lane. South side. 3 st. houses - 2 & 3 families - people in character - coalies etc - plenty of money but spend it as they get it & houses are poor. West of Norman Road are 2 st. houses to Bridge - conf. working people. Pink. Also on north between

Norway St

Norway Street W. side ph

Norway Place - lb

Norway Street + Horseferry Road. 2 storied houses with gardens in front - one family - mechanics + others. Pink. Other parts of street Purple. N into

Norway Street. Side of by the Creek is large coal wharves + 2 3 storied houses. Look comfortable - Pink. East side 2 storied houses, some with bays - 2 families. About 307. people. Pink to Purple. At N.E. corner of street is

entrance to a Court behind east side. 4 2 roomed houses. Rather poor. Purple to LB. East into

Thames Street ^(to Horseferry Rd) West end is entrance to coal wharves + gas works. 2 st houses flush with pavement.

Looks poor. LB to Purple. Two courts off south side of this part of the street are: -

Lake's Cottages (near Norway St.) 3 2st. cottages reached this archway. Lady visitor was on her rounds as we entered the court. Rents 6/- (4 rooms + washhouse). Have been raised from 3/6 - 6^d added 2 years ago. One family in each but each has a lodger. Near Horseferry Road is Burlington Buildings. 4 four roomed cottages, with paved courtway in front. Entered by narrow passage. Look clean.

Both courts are LB as street. In with side

Bishop's Cottages - lb

Bishop's Buildings - lb

Horseferry Place

Little Thames Street - purple

side near Horseferry Road is Bishop's Cottages 2 3 st. houses & two 2 storied houses. Labouring people. LTB. N ~~off~~ by Bishop's Bldgs (dated 1825) 2 st. houses with basements, facing wharves on west. One double fronted house. Used to be very rough but people have gone. One ~~man~~ man works in the Great Market; some widows charming. LTB. Passing under archway at end a narrow entry leading to Horseferry Road is reached. A house over arch is DTB. Immediately south is a Court with 3 houses facing north. 3 floors. Water & washhouses in front L.TB. S. along Horseferry Road 2 storied houses, 5+6 rooms. East side poorer than west. Some with 1/2 basement. LTB to purple to Thames St. South of Thames Street the houses are better and people look comfortable. Lighterman's. Pink. A Court runs at back of west side of this part of the street. 8 2-storied houses - 4 rooms, small forecourts with W.C's. Poor working people - DTB. DTB in Note Book E into Little Thames Street 2 storied houses flush with footway. West end is better than east - ranging from pink to LTB. Three barge owners live here. Used to be rough but now better than Thames St. Houses are well kept; ~~the~~ street is narrow - Purple. South side of street is taken by St Peter's Church and Schools and Nelson

Nelson Bldgs

Nelson's Bldgs - pub.

Sarah's Buildings - db

Terrings out of Thames Street

Townsend's Cottages - db

Coltman Street - lb & people

Coltman Place - lb

Nelson Bldgs. 5 storied tenement dwelling facing on Bridge St
Belongs to the Improved Industrial Dwellings Coy. - All look comfortable.
Bldgs are bright & airy - painted pink & green. Many of the men
work on barges - Pink. Two entries on
N side of Lit. Thames St lead to Sarah's Buildings Three
(built 1821)
groups of 2 storied cottages - 3, 2 + 2 respectively. Broken windows
families in single rows. DB. At last
is Melland Street (Cross St on map) 4 2st cottages on E, +
a new 2st tenement house on west. Working people. DB
N into Thames Street. On south side east of Melland Street is
Townsend's Cottages. Small court with 3 two storied
houses, 2 rooms each. Mess of all kinds in court. One W.C. & one
water tap. Poor lot of clothing drying in court. Woman has
been here 7 years. Rent 3/- a week - raised 6d a week 2 yrs
ago. Agents Blake & Dennatt. DB. On
N side nearly opposite is Rockfield Street a cul de sac.
2 storied 4 roomed houses. Front doors shut. Clothes
drying & airing in street. Poor class. DB. Further
W. is Coltman Street. S. end two storied (1837) houses - two families
in each. Not very poor - Purple. Houses to north are larger
and poorer. Poor labouring people. DB. Entrance to
Coltman Place on east side. 4 2st houses. 2 rooms,
scullery

Coltman Buildings - db

Sherry Court - lb

Delaney Court - lb

Devonport Place - db

scullery & W.C. in front. LV3. Back to Back
with these & with enhance further north is
Coltman Buildings 4 houses. + 2 other facing.
Cemented front, broken windows, Very poor. Woman washing
clothes in yard. Lot of dirty children playing with a swing
fixed in the doorway of the W.C. Rents 3/- + 3/6. LV3.
Out of N side of Thames Street, W. of Coltman Street is
Sherry Court 4 houses, 2 rooms + scullery. Have been
rebuilt recently. 5/3 + 6/- a week. LV3. to LV3.
Further west is another Court with one house. LV3. &
nearer Horseferry Road is Looney Court 5 two-
storied houses - and two facing them. Small lobbies
in front. LV3. On south side of street
nearly opposite this court is entry to Heath's Cottages
A small yard with one new + two old cottages. LV3.
Nearer Horseferry Road on S. side is —
Devonport Place 5 two storied houses facing east.
Hawkers + others poor. Several hutches of fine rabbits.
LV3. One house a little better than the rest.
Thames Street (Church St to Horseferry Rd) itself, is two
storied houses with poor white curtains. Watermen +
people employed in the coal wharves. A large number of
men

Wood Wharf - W. end - db
E of Coltman St - lb

Bakers Yard - lb

Brewhouse Lane - db

men turn into these houses for dinner at one o'clock, nearly all grimy. Most of these houses have good back gardens, tho' here & there a cottage is built at the back.

LV3... LV3 in Note Book. N. along Horseferry Rd to Wood Wharf. Houses on south side, wharves on north. "Two storied houses" "As poor as you like". Pedlars, labourers out of work half the year. Young woman with baby at front door; girls singing on door step. Houses are old & look dull & dirty. DV3... near Coltman St we come to the Sun Publichouse. Women standing in the bar and baby crawling on floor of bar. Large hay wharf here noakes, also Allens wharf. ~~At~~ East of Coltman St. are some 3 storied houses. Poor labouring people but not worse than LV3... LV3 in Note Book. S into Bakers Yard (at junction of Wood Wharf & Billingsgate St). Four houses facing west. 2 storied with a cellar below. Boat drawn up at end of yard which is railed off. Clothes drying. Poor class. LV3... LV3 in Note Book N into Brewhouse Lane, a narrow paved court. Coal landing stage at west end with publichouse adjoining. Then 3 storied houses & a few 2 storied. Let in rooms. Windows broken and patched with wood and paper. A low

Church Street

Church St. Brewhouse Lane to Billingsgate St.
- purple

Stantons Charity Tenements - purple.

Aboukir Cottages - db

Pages Terrace - W of Church St. - lb

Pages Avenue W. of Church St. - lb

low lot. Great puffy women + dirty children. ^{LTB in North Bank} DVB, South into Church Street. At the corner of Brewhouse Lane are 3 storied tenement houses, like those in the lane. South of these are 3 storied wooden fronted houses, + some old 2 storied. Much better class. Purple to corner of Billingsgate St. At corner of Thames St. is a 2 st tenement block belonging to Stattons Charity. Separate doors to first floor. Women standing at doors. Working class. Purple to LTB. Nearer to Bridge Street are shops. Pink in character.

Out of Church Street on west, nearly opposite Clarence Street is Aboukir Cottages 10 2 storied cottages facing south. Cemented yard with wash-house in front; also WC. Broken windows. Lot of women + girls in yard. Men are coalies + gas stokers. LTB to DVB. N of Thames St is Pages Terrace 2 st. houses. Kind of rough women standing listening to the woes of an elderly woman whose husband has ill used her and his two dirty wicked sons who have beaten their poor mother. LTB to DVB. W. into Pages Avenue, Asphalted court with modern two

Two storied houses like the Terrace. Wood-chopper working in shed at end. Two girls stagger down the path with a heavy ~~box~~ basket of dirty linen, one of the people evidently doing laundry work altho the houses are only 4 roomed & there are no back yards L13 to D13. N into Billingsgate Street. Mostly 3 storied houses: all old; some double fronted. Near Page's Avenue ~~the~~ the houses are let in tenements & look very poor. Further north labouring people of L13 type. L13 to D13 near Page's Avenue. L13 on map

General Remarks. This walk includes the greater part of what is known as Old Greenwich. It is unlike any other part of London the only ~~part~~ place with which I can compare it is a patch of Old Wandsworth near the River Wandle & The Melon Ground at Peckham but neither of these are so large or distinct from their surroundings. Shut off by the Railway, the Creek & with only

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Notes on District

direct approach from the London side the district retains the characteristics of a country town with ~~to~~ few leading streets and little alleys & closes tucked away in between. It consists of three chief streets - Bridge, Thorns & Roan - with little cul de sacs & winding alleys branching off at every 30 or 40 yards.

The houses are nearly all old - mostly dating from the early years of the century whilst some undoubtedly go back to the 18th century. As a rule the houses in the main streets have long back gardens & passing down one of the courts, one sees a scarlet beans, sunflowers &c & wonders whether Charing Cross can be within 7 miles.

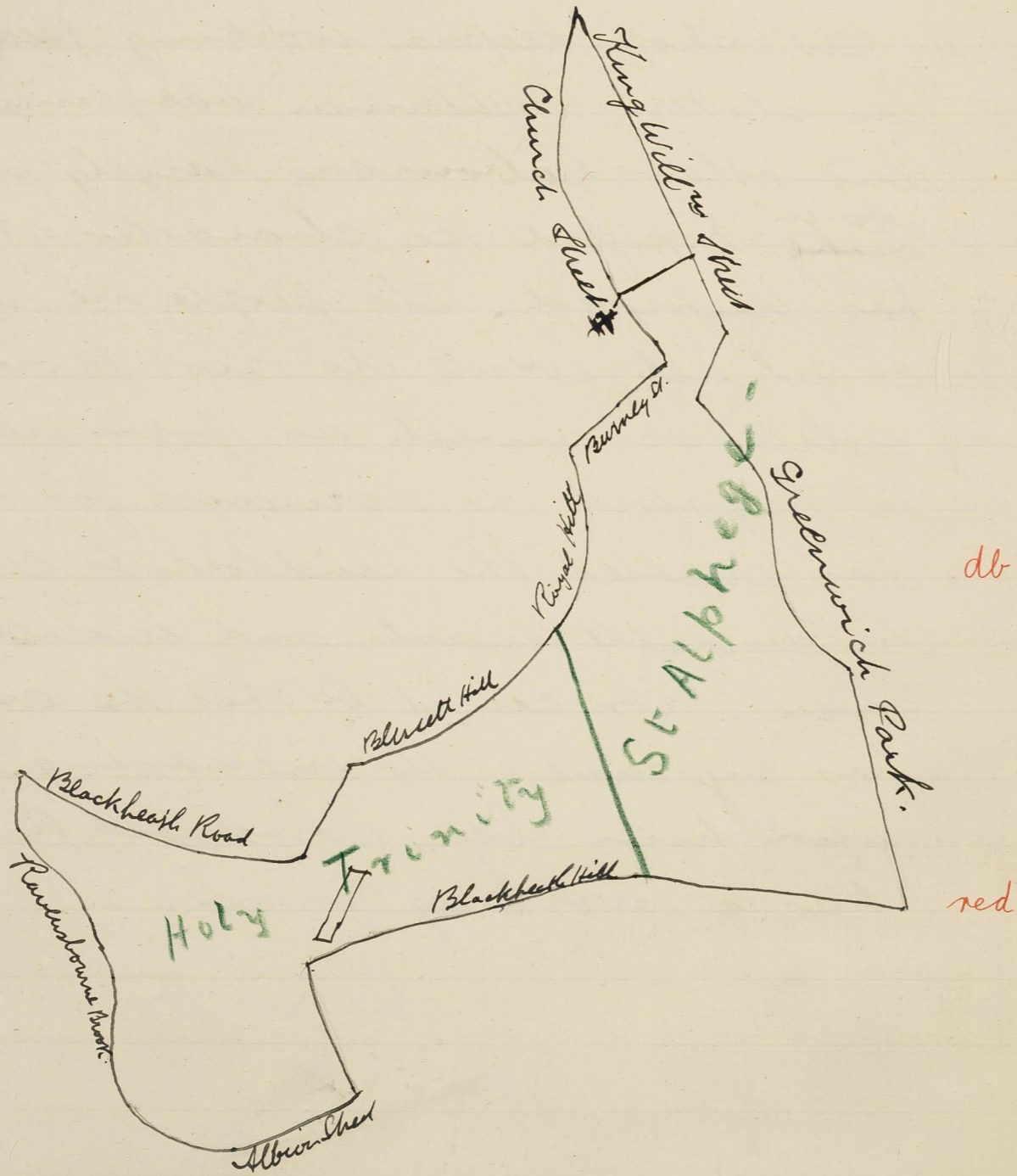
Like country town cottages, the smaller houses are set down anywhere behind - back to back - without any through ventilation. Drainage & ~~the~~ sanitary accommodation bad. This however has & apparently is being remedied: here & there at the entrance of the courts, one notices a comparatively new chamber

^{or} covered

covered with its iron plate indicating that the drains have been modernized.

The inhabitants are with exception of a few shop keepers, working people; coalies, gas stokers, lightermen, bargemen, waterside and other labourers largely predominating. ~~As in Deptford~~ ^{As in Deptford} the character of the people has improved. The people are not so rough or at all events do not trouble the police so much as formerly. Here as in Deptford the demand for house room has enabled the landlords to get rid of the undesirable tenants and install the working men. Or can it be that the one time rough has, by dint of the increasing pressure upon him, been compelled to settle down as a working man?

G.A.
 Aug 3rd
 1844-1899



purple(N)

Walks with Detective Mercer over district bounded on the east by King William Street & Greenwich Park; south by Shook's Hill Road, Blackheath Hill & the parish boundary to Albion Street and west by an irregular line, comprising the Ravenbourne Brook, Blackheath Road, Blissett Hill, Royal Hill, Bunney St & Church Street being parts of the parishes of St Alphege and the parish of Holy Trinity, Greenwich.

Started from St Alphege's Church, north up Church Street. On the east side is Fryer's Court. Very narrow entry, only about 2 1/2 feet across. Four 2 storied houses with cellar below. Let at 5/- a week. Raised from 4/- about 3 months ago. Poor working people - woman scolding children. Broken windows - only one water tap. D.P.B.

Church Street. 3rd. shops, modern to Clarence Street. North of Clarence Street old 3 storied shops. Poor class of trade - men go to work. ^{A few private houses.} The block of buildings near the Thames is the well known Ship. People stay there in the summer & local balls are held there in winter.

Red to Clarence St. Purple to park on north.
Pink in State Book On

db

Clarence St. S. side pk b²

Greenwich Market

Greenwich Market - pk b²

West Avenue - pk

lb

On east side of Church St north of Clarence St is ~~a~~ narrow entry to Yard. One wooden 2nd cottage on south side + + entrance to 3rd tenement house. LVB... S. along King William Street 3rd + basement. Good houses. Most keep a servant. Several "apartments to let". Pink barred to Red. Pink in Note Book West into.

Clarence Street. 3 storied shops - Good class. Shopkeepers live over. On north side is a terrace of 3rd houses. A doctor in one; others have two families - not so good as south side. Pink on North + pink barred on S. side.

S. into

Greenwich Market. Central part is used for stalls + a stand for market carts. The sides are occupied by tradesman, mostly in the green grocery line but there are other shops - bootmaker, milk vendor, eating houses. Shopkeepers live over. Red to pink barred. Pink in Note Book. W into

West Avenue. Narrow passage to Church Street. Small 3 storied shops. Poor class shops but people are comfortable.

Pink. On north side is entry leading to Three Cottages facing north. 2 storied. Paved court. Woman sitting on doorstep with baby. Farmers ^{work} ~~the~~ shop facing houses. LVB.

Turnpin Lane - pk b^d

King William Street - pk b^d

Nevada Street - pk

South to Turnpin Lane. Leads across south end of market to King William St. Shops. (2 are to let). Cutler, hosier, butcher + some refreshment houses. One man has several shops. Pink barred.

The market and adjoining property belongs to the Greenwich Hospital Estates. S to

Nelson Street. 3 storied shops. Houses all alike. Good class trade - main street. Red as Notebook Back to King William Street. Clarence to Nelson St is terrace of 3rd.

houses - cement fronts - cracked + look bad. Lodging house keepers mainly. Pink barred. South of Nelson

Street the houses are nearly all occupied by hotel + eating house keepers, who cater for visitors to the park.

Every class is provided for + the houses vie in the attractiveness of their invitations. "Tea + roll + butter 5^d;" "Coffee + Roll + butter 4^d;" "Tea, shrimps + cake 6^d;" "Cut from joint + two vegetables - 9^d;" "Tea for large parties 4^d per head" are some of the notices. Some of the houses have

'tea gardens' at back. Pink barred. Pink in MB. W. into

Nevada Street (Silver St on map) 3 storied shops on north side

Large 4 storied houses on north + the Parthenon Theatre of Varieties. Latter has been rebuilt + takes half the street.

Croom's Hill

All are refreshment houses. One house (Park Hotel) advertises dancing on Mondays + Tuesdays + holidays. Charge 6^d.

Pink to pink barred. It up

Croom's Hill. Good old red tiled houses; 4 floors + basement. ^(to King George St) Professional people; doctors, solicitors, architects, veterinary surgeon. Several have their plates on doors. Houses face Park. All keep two or more servants. Red.

W into The Circus. 3 stories + basement. Good class families as a rule, keeping 2 servants. Red. North side is called Gloucester Place. Terrace houses 3 1/2 st. Slightly better than the Circus. Garden in centre is well laid out, trees, seats + tennis courts. Red to Yellow. Along

Croom's Hill to

Croom's Hill Grove. (Built 1838) S side 3 1/2 st. double fronted houses; N. side 2 1/2 st. 2 or 3 families in some; others are boarding houses - all windows alike. Comfortable working people. Quiet retired place. Trees on side walk.

Pink, as Note Book. It along

King George Street. 2 st. houses, some with basement; creepers in front + plants in windows; a few shops. Comfortable working people: carriage builder, decorator, brick-layer, milliner - many keep the house. Pink. Near

Pont Hill the houses (2 1/2 st) are slightly poorer. Pink to purple

Georgette Place - pk

Suton Place - pk

Rentarn Cottages - lb

pk

On south side of street is Georgette Place. 2+3 storied houses on east side. Comp. working people - Pink, Large house at end with nice garden + double fronted house on west side

Pink banded.

Further west is

Suton Place. Large hall belonging to the Brethren at the corner. 2 st houses, flush with pavement on east + with small forecourt on west side. Look comfortable.

Pink.

On north

side of street is

Royal Place East side - 3 st + basement; west side 2 st. Working people - some windows look poor. Purple to pink

On the west side is entry to

Rentarn Cottages leading through into King George Street. 5 2 storied. narrow court paved with cobble stones. Honey suckle growing on houses. LTB.

Back to

Crooms Hill.

Just south of K. George St

is an Entry leading to an old nursery - now being cleared for electric light works. Only one pink house left. Remainder of Crooms Hill is large detached houses - Ursuline Convent + R.C. Church.

Might be Yellow. Red safer.

Further south

is Chesterfield Walk with a few large mansions -

Lord

Blackheath.
The Point

Yellow

Hyde Vale

Hyde Vale, S. end, red & pk
N end, pk b²

Glenmohr Terrace - red

Lord Wolseley & others. Yellow. Facing these on the Point are a few large detached houses also Yellow in character. Here we are standing on one of the highest points of Blackheath and command a magnificent view of London with Deptford in the foreground. Immediately below is Hyde Vale (Conduit Vale on map). These houses facing the Heath are good class - a few modern; others the old red tiled variety. All keep servants. Red.
Going toward K. George St. we come to a row of 2 storied cottages with long front gardens. Pink. Glenmohr Terrace is large houses 4 st + basement. Red.
Remainder of the Vale is 3 st: some semi detached; gardens in front, venetian blinds. A few let apartments but most have only one family, except on west near King George Street, where working people have got in - two families. Pink barred to Red.
W. into Diamond Terrace. Large semi detached houses. 3 floors + basement. Looks like a narrow country lane. Red. One pink house at entrance + near Point Hill are a few cottages + stables also pink.

Point Hill

Darnall Place - purple

Renbold Place - purple

lb

Winforton Street - purple

Point Hill. Houses on west side only north of Maidenstone Hill. 2 + 3 storied old houses with windows in the red tiled roofs. Chimney cleaners + other working people. Some shops near Blissett Hill. Pink. W into

Darnall Place 5 2 st. houses facing north. Faded court. SW to purple. S into

Renbold Place (Grove Place on map) Blissett St Mission Room at corner. 2 1/2 st. houses on west; doors to open on foot way; small shop + working people. On east side houses are smaller + ~~the~~ older - very narrow fronts. Purple to

SW on east side. E into

Allas Street 2 st. little cottages. Old + poor looking; bricklayer's labourers &c; Backway to Duke of Kent at end.

SW -

At end of N.

side is a Court with 5 houses. 10 ten feet frontages.

Same class as street. SW. Passage leads into John Street. East of Renbold Place houses are like Allas St. SW. bootmaker &c. West of Renbold Place street is continued as Winforton St.

2 st houses, some with bay windows. Larger + better houses than those to eastward. Purple.

This finished the days walk.

August 4th 1899

South Street

South Street Blackheath Rd. pk. 6²
to Blissett St

Laurel cottages - lb

Grove Street - purple

Brigade Place - lb

Fire Station - pk

Plumbridge Street

Plumbridge Street - purple

Lindsell (late Orchard) St. W. side purple

Dutton St. lb

Started this morning from Blackheath Hill Railway Station. Along South Street (to Blissett Hill), 3 storied shops + a few 2 st. houses - some semi detached. Shops are poorer as the cross roads are left. Pink barred. On N.W. side is narrow entry leading to two cottages. Laurel Cottages 2 st. old. Poor class. LTB.

S.E. along

Grove Street. 2 st. cottages. Labouring people. purple

On east side is Brigade Place. ^{paved} narrow roadway - 2 st cottages with doors opening on street case. Cul de sac. Poor class. LTB.

Opposite side is taken by the Fire Station, which fronts on Grove St. Large 3 storied bldg. Firemen live on upper floors.

Plumbridge Street 25 2 st. houses, flush with pavement.

A few new cottages, Builder, mangle, turncock. Decent working people. Purple. Pink on map S to

Richard Street. Old cottages (built 1812) on south side: a few flush with pavement; others have front gardens with trees. Some are nicely kept. 2 + 3 st. On north side are 2 st. new cottages, back on railway. Poor working class. Purple to LTB

E up Dutton Street (Trinity St. on map). narrow steep street. On N side

Trinity Grove - purple

At north end of Trinity Grove are 3 houses like Dutton Street. Purple

Dutton St^t part running N - purple

Maidenstone Hill

side. 2 st cottages; creepers on front. Backhouses. On south side is a row of 3 rm^d cottages occupied by costers + sheet sellers. Barrow laden with salt standing outside one + a lad sawing it into pieces for sale. Vacant ground beyond these cottages. SPB. to this point.

W up

Trinity Grove - steep slope, narrow roadway. 2 st cottages, 12 ft frontage - Children playing on shady side of shed. SPB ^{laboring people.} or into Dutton Street (which turns corner + is continued to include the Cottage Place of map. This part is better than near the main road. 2 + 2½ storied. Good working people: carman, laundry, men working at Pumps - roadmen. Purple

Round into Maidenstone Hill. South side near Dutton St. is called College Place West. 2 st. houses. Few are poor near lower end but most are comfortable working people. Row of houses on north side - 2 st. dressmaker; insurance agent. Purple to pink. East of passage leading to the Point the houses are better (2 st); mostly family with lodgers. On south side near Point Hill, 2 + 3 storied houses, some new. Pink to purple. On the east

side of Point Hill facing Maidenstone Hill is an Entry with two cottages + stables at the end. Three poor children playing. SPB. S. along

Point

Point Hill, South part

Point Hill (opposite Maidenstone Hill) lb
The Blue Coat Girls School

Nightingale Lane

Nightingale Lane - yellow & red
The Grove - yellow

Gloucester Terrace - red

Blackheath Hill

Point Hill near Heath - red
Blackheath Hill new houses on W. red

Point Hill. 4 houses 2st + attic. nice gardens. Plumber
to Pink. Facing these at corner of Maidenstone
Hill is the Blue Coat Girls school, a 2 storied building.
Tablet in front "To the Glory of God. This house for the board
& Christian education of poor girls of the parish of Green-
wich: 1732". E. along

West Grove Terrace. 3 floors + basement. All keep
servants. Red. Along

Nightingale Lane. Good detached houses with
gardens. Red to Yellow. At the end
facing the Heath is The Grove 4 floors + basement.

Some modern but most old style. All well to do.
Artist to. Yellow. This & the Paragon
are the best parts of Blackheath. Across
to Gloucester Terrace. 5 houses: 4 floors + basement; gardens

in front. One has very fine display of flowers in window boxes.
Good class people. Red to Yellow. Few houses at
corner of Point Hill are also Red. W.

down Blackheath Hill. Very steep. Footpaths are raised
above the level of the carriage way. 3 storied new houses on
west side to Dartmouth Hill. Remainder is large houses;
some detached, other in terraces; old & very varied. Towards the

~~Bottom of~~
Church

Lewisham Road

Lewisham Road to Ry - pk b²

Coldblow Street - to John St^e - lb

Duncan Cottages - lb

John Street - pk

Church. The houses are smaller on the south side and some working people are found. Near the railway station are some good shops. Red near Heath. Pink barred to Red for remainder. S along

Lewisham Road (to Railway) - Mostly 3rd shops. One double fronted house occupied by a doctor. Shops are poorer as you go southward. Pink barred. W into

John Penn Street. N. side is Penns Engineering Works. S. side 2nd cottages + a couple of small shops.

Salvaging class. Windows poor. SVB. S to Coldblow Street. 2nd cottages with short gardens in front. Labourers (to John St.)

Penns men, some police. SVB to purple. Thro' archway on west to

Duncan Cottages. 4 roomed cottages facing the pumping station. Gardens in front. SVB. One double fronted house with large garden at west might be pink. Path leads to John Street 2nd houses. Open breezy street - houses clean.

Mechanics at Penns etc. Pink to Purple. Passage at south leads to South Crescent on the west. 2nd houses facing the Ravensbourne. Good gardens at back. Comfortable working people - children look clean & healthy. Entrance to Recreation ground by bridge across the Brook.

Pink.

Ravensbourne Place - purple

Orchard Hill

Orchard Hill W. of Railway - purple

Bennett Street - lb

Albion Street W of Board School purple
E — " — pk

Back; just thro' railway arch on left are five Cottages -
Ravensbourne Place 2st. little places - Barber. & Purple
N up Coldblow Street 2 + 2 1/2 st houses. Rather better than the
part north of John Street. Few shops near Albion Street.

Purple.

East up

Orchard Hill. ~~Very~~ Steep rise toward Lewisham Rd. 2 storied
houses. Steady Steady working people; P.C.; bootmaker, Piano
men. At corner of Bennett Street is a large house used as
a working mens club & Holy Trinity Working Mens
Institute. Purple. N along

Bennett Street 2st houses - small. Labouring people -
rather rough. LB. Purple in Note Book Back along

Morden Street 2st. houses flush with pavement. Better
than Bennett St. Mixed class - some poor. Purple.

Orchard Hill. The portion between the Railway & Lewisham
Road is better than other part. 3st. old houses facing
railway & a few modern houses on N. side. Musical
Instrument maker, Insurance agents. Gardens well kept

Pink

Back & east

up Albion Street 2 1/2 st. houses; working folk - plumber, mangler,
Purple to Board School. Neater. Lewisham Road is rather
better 2st. modern houses - Pink

N into

Ground

Mount Nod Square - purple

Cottages at back of W side of Square - lb

Blackheath Road - pk b²

General Remark on
Area covered

Mount Nod Square 2 st. houses, some with basement. Centre of square is gardens belonging to the houses - vegetables &c growing. On the west side are two entries - one leads to 2 cottages & a double fronted house. Brethren hold services here - notice at entrance "To Arlington Room". The other entry leads to 4 cottages - numbered in the Square. The Square has improved greatly during the past 3 years. People were v. poor. better now. Purple. Pink in N.B. Back along Lewisham Road to

Blackheath Road. Shops near Lewisham Road & also at other end. Private houses, mostly 3 1/2 storeys between. Some good class people - coroner, dentist & keep servants. Red to pink barred.

General Remarks. In the whole of the somewhat scattered area included in these two walks, no extreme poverty is noticeable. The poorest parts are the streets in the angle by Penn's Engineering works and a few streets south of Blisset Hill. Elsewhere the general impression is one of comfort and cleanliness. The houses are mostly ~~old~~ old but well cared for. ~~and~~ ~~the~~
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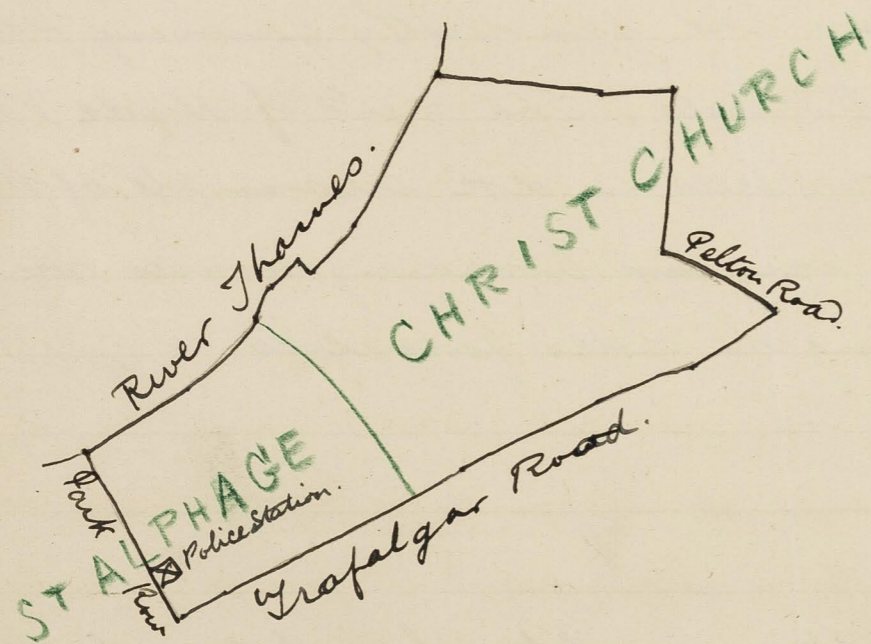
The best part of the district is the high ground ~~between~~ between Crooms Hill and Blackheath Hill.

It is a nice open ~~district~~ neighbourhood; a good breeze is obtainable, even when the lower streets are quite calm, whilst from many points, fine views of the lower land to the north are obtainable.

Originally a good middle class district the social decay has affected this part, and the working class are gradually gaining possession of the better houses. The end of Hyde Vale near King George Street is an example of this, whilst at the upper end ~~of~~ boarding houses are now superseding the older families.

This walk completes the whole of the Blackheath Road Police Sub division except a small portion in Lewisham, which is described in Book

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N side pkb²
S ——— pk }

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Police
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Walk with Detective Sergeant Hardy over district bounded by Greenwich Hospital on the west, The Thames on the N.W., Trafalgar Road on the S.E.; Pelton Road + Bellot Street on the east + a line to the Thames on the north, being parts of the parishes of St Alphage and Christchurch. (Westcombe Park Sub Division)

Starting from Park Row Police Station. Facing the Hospital are 3 storied old houses occupied by comfortable people, most of whom keep servants. N of Old Wood Lane Road is a building used as dormitories for the College lads and a house occupied by some of the officers. Red. E. along Crane Street. Stable yard (entrance Park Row) takes part of S. side - few poor stablemen live above stables at end of the row (d.B.) East of stables are 2 st. modern houses ~~filled~~ with 2 families. Comfortable working people. On North side is The Trafalgar + several old fashioned shops + houses. Boat builder at one - has a lot of property. All comfortably off. The Trafalgar trade is not very good + the owner carries on a large confectionery trade in the basement. S. side. Pink. N. Pink band.

Three brown bourt - lb

Highbridge

Highbridge - purple

Wymans Place East St lb

East Street

East Street - purple

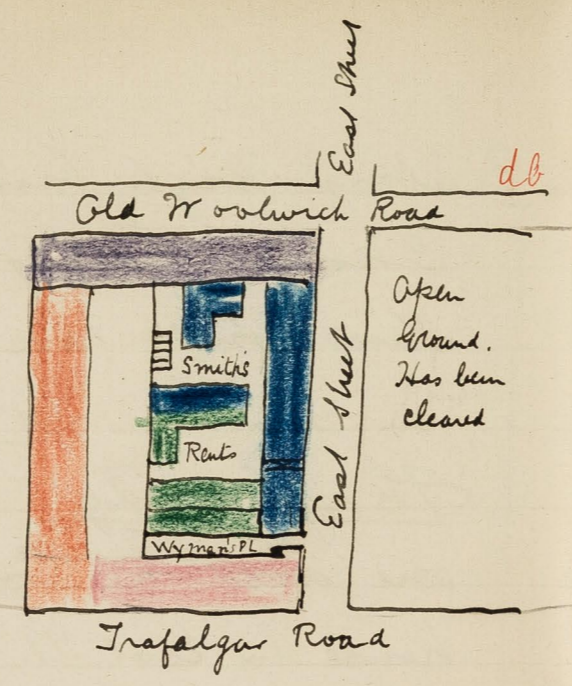
- " { S of Old Woolwich Rd
 } db

E along High bridge. On south side is Three brown bourt 3 houses facing west. Small 2st, wooden fronted cottages. Paved court. Mostly waterman - old man sawing wood in court. LB.

Highbridge. On N (river) side are a few large houses: one used as Conservative Club. S. side has a Lodging house by East St, a few old houses, two shops + a tenement house at corner of Queen St. Mixed class. Purple.

S along East Street. West side is new houses like Crane St. but look poorer. Purple to pink. East side - old 2 story cottages - labouring people: "dredger men, watermen + thieves" says Hardy. LB. South of Exmouth Court (on east side) the street is better + might be purple. Exmouth Court leads to a school + institute. No resident. East Street (S. of Old Woolwich Road). has 3st. old houses. occupied by one + two room people. All very poor except 2 pubs. DB to LB. East side is open ground to the Board school. Has been cleared.

At south end near Trafalgar Rd is Wymans Place. A paucourt court with a few small two storied cottages, facing south. LB to DB.
N of this is



Old Woolwich Road

Old Woolwich Road W of East St }
- - - to Park St } pur.

Queen Street - lb

N. of this place is Smith's Rents. Several blocks of houses built on the former gardens of the sheet. Paved courts. Few have more than one or two rooms. Mostly 2 st. houses. Northern part is poorest. ~~Land~~ Four open WC's. Stench is very bad. "You should visit it in the summer" said the Sergeant. "It is the poorest place we have" DTB, to LTB.

Old Woolwich Road (to Park St). South side to East St. is 3 st. houses, 2 or 3 families in each. Wood merchant & 2 publican. Remainder labouring people. East to Board School is cleared. Beyond the school are some 2 st. houses, flush with pavement. Coalies - drink; earn good money, but does not go into the homes. One house DTB in character Purple to East St & LTB to Park St.

On the north side is the College Bldgs & East of East St, St Mary's Institute (Policeman - caretaker) the cottage occupied by curate & 4 poor shops, 2 storeyed. Two east of Queen St. LTB to Purple It up Queen Street. Old houses, 2 st + attic. Narrow paved street through dock & river side labourers. "Wives go out washing, & the men loaf about, doing a odd day now and then. N. end is better than south. LTB and DTB."

Queen's Court - lb

Queen's Court (on west side of Queen St). Four house 2st. + attic. Only street door + a tiny window to staircase face the court, the front of the houses looking on the gardens.

LTB. (south side only). N. + E.

along Highbridge, a ~~sub~~ footway by the river is reached.

The entrance to Norfolk College is here. A neat block of almshouses for men belonging to Greenwich. Beyond this is the back of the Tramway Stables (entrance in Old Woolwich Road) and, a large publichouse, the Golden Anchor + a private house occupied by 3 families - Pink. S into

Hoskins St - On the east side is Crowley's Wharf. Six 3 storeyed houses, 2 families in each + some have an additional lodger. Labouring people + a fisherman - catches shrimps at Gravesend + retails them in Greenwich. LTB.

S. to

Collington Street (E. side of Hoskins St) Small 2st. houses, flush with pavement. Labourers - small white blinds. LTB.

Near opposite C. Street, out of Hoskins

St is Alfred Place 5 2st. + basement cottages. on S side + 5 on N side including large tenement house. In one of the long front gardens, a waterman keeps his boat + sub

LTB to DVB.

Further south

Crowley's Wharf - purple

Collington Street - lb

Alfred Place - lb

Baxter's cottages - db

Hoskins Street

Hoskins St S. of Old Woolwich Road - purple

lb

Prospect Place - purple

Park Street - pk

is Baxter's Cottages. 8 two storied houses, facing east & 3 facing north. Two room - 3/6 a week. All conveniences in small front yards. Place full of mess & litter. Costly & labourers. DTB. Black on map.

Hoskins Street (late Bennett St.). A few 3 st. houses near Alfred Place & from this point houses, 2 & 3 storied, are continuous to Old Woolwich Road. 3 storied house have 5 rooms, 3 in front & 2 behind. All old property. Labouring people with a few better off. LTB. as map.

Court on east side of Hoskins St. 4 2 storied houses facing north. Poor. Man making boxes in the court. LTB. to DTB.

South of Old Woolwich Road, Hoskins St is rather better. 2 st. houses. Bootmaker. Purple.

Prospect Place (W. side of Hoskins St). 3 storied houses: a family in each. Engineer, bootmaker. Purple to pink.

Old Woolwich Road (Park St to Hoskins St). South side 2 1/2 st semi-det. houses: 2 families as a rule. On the north side are a few old houses near Hoskins St; The Tram stables & some modern 2 storied houses attached thereto. Pink. Purple on map.

Park Street (Lower Park St). 3 st on west & 2 + basement on each. Long curtains & plants in windows. Police, tram people &c. 2 families or lodgers in each house. Pink.

Marlborough Street

Marlborough Street S of Old Woolwich Rd pk 9 }
N " " purple }

Ballast Quay - pk

Union Wharf - pk

Old Woolwich Road to Marlboro' Street. 2st cottages on south. One large house + several cottages on the north.

LTB. to Purple.

On north

side is Hampshire Cottages. 3 four roomed houses, facing west. Sweep + two labourers. LTB.

Marlborough Street. South of Old Woolwich Road (Gothic Row on map) are 4 3st. shops on east. Pink

and 2 storeyed old cottages on West. LTB. North of Old Woolw^l R^d on west side are old 2 + 3 storeyed houses.

with front gardens as far as Chester Street where the street narrow + houses open on footwalk. Purple.

On east side, Marlborough Hall, a handsome red brick building occupies corner of Old Woolw^l R^d with two houses (pink) attached.

Perhaps some open vacant land adjoins. Courts at back having been cleared. Near Chester St are some 2 st. cottages - poor labouring people LTB.

North of C. the street are little modern 2st. houses with gardens - mechanics + labourers. Purple.

This part is clean + well kept. LTB on map. E into

Ballast Quay 3 three storeyed houses - one a general shop Pink. E along

Union Wharf Old three storeyed houses facing wharves

Newcastle Street N. side purple

Gibson Street - lb

Orlop Street - lb

King William Lane - lb

Old Woolwich Road - pk

wharves and river. Comfortable people, mechanics and others engaged at the wharves, Harbour master house, a large detached building is now let in flats - the office having been abolished. Pink. Not coloured on map.

Along Pelton Road, which is entrance to wharves only here to Newcastle Street. South side is 2 st. houses, flush with pavement. L.B. as map. On north side the houses are modern - 2 st. AB People look better off - Dairyman & men engaged at the wharves. Purple. Not coloured on map S into

Gibson Street. 2 storeyed houses occupied by poor labouring class. South end of street is not made up & some 3 st. houses for family on each floor are built. L.B. Purple on map. S to Orlop Street (Marboro' St to King William Lane). A row of modern houses, facing south. 2 floors & basement. Venetian blinds, ~~freq~~ many kept down. Very poor class - one or two rooms people. Labourers who don't work; wives do washing. "They live on fried fish & beer" L.B. Not on map

King William Lane. Only a rag shop on west side. Man is poor but works hard. L.B.

Old Woolwich Road. (Trafalgar Road to Marboro' St.). On

north

North side is a row of 2 storied houses. Most of the people keep the house (Hardy lives in one of them). From Northumberland St to Marlboro St. the houses are new. 2 floors + attic. Better class people, travellers &c a few servants here & there. Pink to Pink based. The south side is 3 + 2 st. houses, near all are old except a row near Trafalgar Road. Pink.

N up Braddyll Street 2 st. houses - new near O.W.R.^d. Many police & mechanics. Two families as a rule. New houses 6 rooms; others 4 + washhouse. Pink to Purple. Purple + Uncol on map.

Chester Street (to Pelton Road). 2 st. 5 or 6 rms. flush with pavement. Mostly two families. Lab^r + mechanic. Purple & LTB on map. S. into

Caradoc Street, 2 st. 3 + 4 rooms, very small. Street littered. Homes poor. LTB. Purple on map. To west is Thorley Place 2 old houses on N. side LTB + two new houses on south. Pink like Braddyll St.

S along Wellington Place (Marlboro Place on map) E side old 2 st. cottages - about 3 rooms - one family. West side is new. 2 st. 5 rooms. Working people. Purple on West to LTB on east side. Hardy thinks west side is nearly

Braddyll Street - pk

Chester Street - purple

Caradoc Street - lb

Wellington Place - purple

nearly as good as Braddyll St. Had a case in one of them recently. A man took a lodging there & went off with £10 worth of jewelry. Hardy was surprised to find that the man had missed the greater part and the people had about £100 of jewelry in the house.

Northumberland Street - purple

Northumberland Street. Greater part of west side is the gardens of Marlboro's Place. A few ^{new} houses at each end. On east side 2 st. houses. Decent people, mostly keep the houses. Mechanics, labourers & men in the

Wellington Street - purple

tram service. Purple to pink ^{Pink on map} Across Pelton Road to Wellington Street 2 floors - 4 rooms. A cul de sac. Mostly a single family. Some respectable people: watermen, some poor - broken windows.

Pelton Road

Purple. L13 on map

Pelton Road (W. of Christ church St). 2 storeyed houses; 4 or 5 rooms on north & single families - 6 rooms & 2 families on the south side. Clean & comfortable on north side & not so well kept on the south. Probably poorer.

Houses are poorer north of Chester Street. Purple to pink. Pink on south between Chester & Christ church St

Purple on map.

N along

Lower

Lower Chester Street - purple

Paddock Place - purple

Derwent Street - purple

Christchurch Street N of Pelton R^d - purple

Lower Chester Street. 2 st houses. Car men & others. Mixed class. Purple. Beyond Paddock Place the street becomes poorer - 2 st cottages occupied by labourers. A few scattered houses connected with the works. District surveyor lives in one. L13. & Pink. West into Paddock Place 5 Two storied houses facing north. Look comfortable - work in wharves or telegraph works. Pink. Across fields at end of Chester Street to WB (Boys are playing football.) into Bellot Street. 4 rooms & washhouse. Poor labouring class. D13. near the fields but better toward south. Few mechanics but most are labourers. L13 to D13. West to

Derwent Street 2 st cottages, open on footway. ^{South side poorer than the north} Labouring people - a few may be skilled. L13 to purple
Christchurch St North of Pelton Road. is 2 st houses. People in telegraph works, bargebuilder, carpenter & better than Bellot St. L13 to purple, Pink on map. South of ~~the~~ Pelton Road. East side is 3 1/2 st. S-det houses occupied by two families. West is 2 storied 6 rooms - A second family or lodger. All are comfortable & those on E. v. conf. Servants in two houses near the main road. Single. Pink to pink barred
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