

inches in one place. One of the tenants states that the staircase has been in this condition for four years. Interior of rooms very dilapidated, having uneven wooden floors, the woodwork round the doors broken away, and deep cracks in the walls. There is no water-supply in the house, the eight families having to share one water-tap, situated in a passage at the back of the buildings, with eight other families who are living in other houses. The grating under this water-tap is used for the disposal of human excreta, and was partially blocked with it when inspected. The above sixteen families also share six water-closets, which are situated in the same passage. The length of the passage is roughly 25 yards, the width 52 inches. The whole is cobbled, and pools of water are standing in some places. A heap of rubbish measuring 3 yards long, 2 feet wide, and 1 foot deep lies in one part, but a considerable portion of the passage, perhaps a fourth of the whole, is strewn with tin lids, dead flowers, broken bottles, old rags and bones, etc. At the extreme end is an unused privy even more filthy than the passage generally.

House No. 4. Two rooms. Seven inmates. Walls, ceiling, and furniture filthy. Dirty flock bedding in living-room placed on a box and two chairs. Smell of room from dirt and bad air unbearable, and windows and door closed. There is no through ventilation in this house. Children pale, starved-looking, and only half clothed. One boy with hip disease, another with sores over face.

House No. 5. Two rooms. Six inmates. Brick floor in holes. Cupboard door broken off. Wall-paper falling off. Walls in holes in many places, plaster having fallen away and bricks much broken. Staircase very rickety, containing only one sound step. Children very dirty and ragged.

House No. 6. Two rooms. In the lower one the brick floor is in holes. Fireplace without grate in bottom. Wooden floor of upper room has large holes admitting numbers of mice. Roof very defective, the rain falling through on to the bed in wet weather. Outside wall also very damp, plaster falling off. Tenants apparently clean.

House No. 7. Rain comes through roof, requiring pail to be