NOTES

ⓐ Christchurch, Spitalfields: 1723–29. By Hawksmoor. Now much used for musical and broadcasting. Church restoration is costing £1½ million. There is a large skateboard park in the grounds, behind the church-hall.

ⓒ Mildmay Hospital: Closed some years ago. Now being re-opened as a Christian medical centre.

ⓑ St. Leonard's, Shoreditch: 1736–40 by George Dance the Elder.

ⓓ Columbia Road, Baroness Road: The names commemorate the Baroness Burdett Coutts – an immensely wealthy Christian philanthropist. Here she built the Columbia Market like a Gothic Cathedral to protect market traders from bad weather. The traders rejected it. For decades it stood as an empty 'white elephant'. "It was easily the most spectacular piece of design in Bethnal Green and one of the great follies of the Victorian Age." WRITES NICHOLAS PEVSNER. It was demolished in the 1950s.

ⓔ Bethnal Green Museum: Houses the 'Museum of Childhood' – a branch of the Victoria and Albert Museum. The emphasis is on toys of all kinds – splendid dolls, dolls' houses, puppets and Hornby trains. Well worth a visit. Entrance free – but getting the children out will be the problem!

ⓕ Victoria Park: Laid out by Pennethorne, 1842–5. It is about 1¼ miles long and is shaped like a leg. You will enter at the heel and leave at the calf. The park was created during the rapid urbanisation of East London, when it was realised that unless something was done, this huge built-up area would have no natural lung at all.

ⓖ St. Mark's Church, Old Ford: As you leave Victoria Park you will see the attractive housing of the Victoria Park Housing Association. These have replaced a large Victorian church, hall and vicarage. Canon Ted Roberts and Roger Dowley – the Association chairman carried out the scheme. Both are National Council members of E.U.T.P.

ⓗ Old Ford Road: an extension of Old Street in the City. It takes its name from the ancient ford over the River Lea, on the Roman road from London to Colchester.

ⓘ Bryant & May Factory: Still remembered locally for the strike of the match-girls in protest against their appalling sufferings from the effects of phosphorous on their jaws and teeth. The campaign was an early one of the Salvation Army. ("THE GENERAL NEXT TO GOD", COLIER. FONTANA. pp. 174–5.)

ⓙ Hartfield Terrace: Due for demolition. Restored by Victoria Park Housing Association.

ⓚ Bow Baptist Church: The original goes back 200 years. In those rural days the baptisms took place in the River Lea.

ⓛ St. Mary's Bow: A wonderful survival from the rural past. The old village church in the middle of the busy A11 traffic is surrounded by a tiny remnant of the village green. One Tudor cottage survives nearby. (See Quiz, q. 11.)

ⓜ Burdett Road: See note ⓓ

ⓝ Mile End Park: A new linear open-space from Victoria Park to the Thames, using bomb-sites and clearance areas.

ⓞ Aunt Sally P.H.: Once a fire-station.

ⓟ Peasants' Revolt Mural: Wat Tyler's rebellion was faced by 14-years-old King Richard on Mile End Waste.

ⓠ Queen Mary College: The East End's own University College – part of the U. of London. Many students, however, live in the more affluent suburb of Woodford.

ⓡ Stepney Green: Some well-restored Georgian and Victorian houses. Until the 18th. Century it was a quiet rural retreat. Here Sir Thomas More visited his friend Dean Colet in the 16th. Century.

ⓢ Mile End Road: Between Aldgate Pump to the Mile End Tollgate it is one Roman mile. The tollgate has long-since disappeared.

ⓣ Trinity House: Beautiful alms-houses around a green. At the entrance a 17th. Century building with a plaque, and two model ships above the coping.

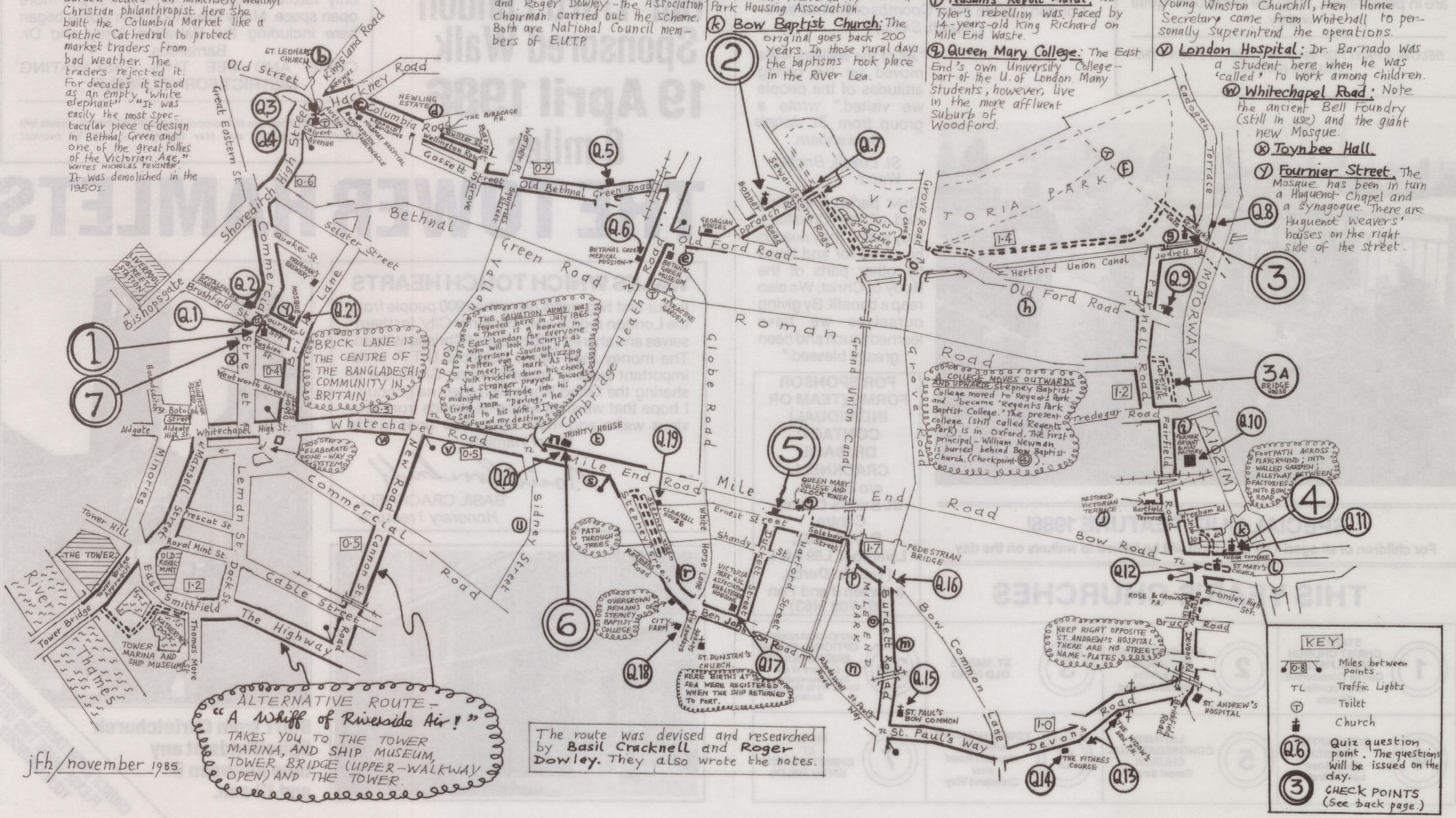
ⓤ Sidney Street: Remembered for the seige of two terrorists when the young Winston Churchill, then Home Secretary came from Whitehall to personally superintend the operations.

ⓥ London Hospital: Dr. Barnado was a student here when he was 'called' to work among children.

ⓦ Whitechapel Road: Note the ancient Bell Foundry (still in use) and the giant new Mosque.

ⓧ Toynbee Hall.

ⓨ Fournier Street. The Mosque has been in turn a Huguenot Chapel and a synagogue. There are Huguenot weavers' houses on the right side of the street.



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