

The Licensed City

Regulating Drink in
Liverpool, 1830–1920

David Beckingham

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY PRESS

Contents

List of Figures	vii
Abbreviations	ix
Acknowledgements	xi
1 Liverpool: The making of a licensed city	1
2 Liberty on licence	27
3 Between teetotalism and free trade: The rise of temperance politics in Liverpool	49
4 Mapping drink: The spatial logic of social reform	85
5 Attacking the licensing system: The 'twin evils' of drunkenness and prostitution	125
6 Women and the public house	161
7 The reformed licensing system: Slum clearance and social reform	183
8 'Liverpool's temperance lesson to the nation'? The challenge of compensation	203
9 The licensed city at war	229
10 Conclusions: Liberalism's local logic	247
References	263
Index	285

List of Figures

- FIGURE 1.1 Proceedings for drunkenness.
Source, LRO, H 352 2 WAT, Watch Committee Reports on
the Police Establishment and the State of Crime. 7
- FIGURE 1.2 Mapping drunkenness.
Source, BPP, *Select Committee of the House of Lords for inquiring
into the prevalence of habits of Intemperance*, Fourth Report,
1878 (338) XIV.1, Appendix R, 591. Reproduced by kind
permission of the Syndics of Cambridge University Library. 15
- FIGURE 2.1 The licensing system. 45
- FIGURE 4.1 Map of the Most Unhealthy District in Liverpool.
Source, LRO, Hq 647 94 SMY. 88
- FIGURE 4.2 Comparative Frontages of Public Houses and
Private Houses, &c.
Source, LRO, Hq 647 94 SMY. 104
- FIGURE 4.3 Map of Public Houses round the Sailors' Home,
Liverpool.
Source, LRO, Hq 647 94 SMY. 105
- FIGURE 4.4 Map shewing Licensed Premises within 200 Yards
of Town Hall, Liverpool.
Source, LRO, Hq 647 94 SMY. 119
- FIGURE 5.1 The Walker Art Gallery – A Casket to
Commemorate the Opening of the Potters' Field.
Source, LRO, Hf708.5 DOC. 130

The Licensed City: Regulating Drink in Liverpool, 1830–1920

- FIGURE 5.2 ‘Poor Miss Liverpool’.
Source, LRO, *Liverpool Review*, January 3, 1891. 131
- FIGURE 7.1 ‘The Drink Map of Liverpool. Thick with Licensed Houses’, *The Liverpool Daily Post*, 24 August 1900.
Source, LRO, 364 LWD 21/10. 189
- FIGURE 8.1 Brownlow Hill demolition area.
Source, LRO, 347 MAG 1/1/8. 222