

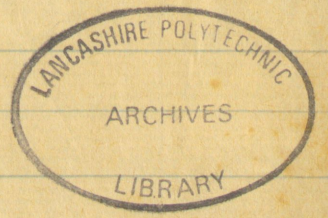
Shepherd Street Mission  
Preston.

Details of Origin and Development  
of Mission and Children's Home  
in general outline, its historical  
background and varied activities

From a leaflet which appears in an  
old Minute Book of the Lancaster  
Road Congregational Church, in a  
report dated 1840, the work was  
first known as the Lancaster  
Road Congregational Church  
Christian Mission and afterwards  
as Shepherd Street Mission. A copy  
of the report of 1840 is included  
on pages 5 and 6 of this rough  
account of origin and development.

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Annual Reports of the works

date from year ended 1888

except for 1915 1918

1919 1923.

which are missing.

Together with other sundry  
records these are kept in

a chest utilised for

preservation of records.

This chest is kept in

the House Storeroom.

Minute Books ~~start~~ date from  
January 1878 onwards.



Outline of Origin and Development  
of the Mission and Children's Home  
as listed on an appeal form issued in  
1902 to provide new workshops  
and also to commemorate 1902 Guild  
by clearing off the debt ~~off~~ on the  
men's shelter and Children's Home.

The appeal was for £2500 as under:

- £1100 needed for adjacent land
- 628 for erection of workshops etc.
- 772 to discharge present mortgage

A record of past work included:

~~50,000~~ destitute men and boys provided  
with temporary work and lodgings.

11,088 provided with meals.

259 boys and girls (some women) helped in  
the Home. Of these many had gone to  
Canada and were doing well. Many  
prodigals and run-aways from other  
towns had been recovered. The  
majority had been permanently helped.

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next page.



SHORT HISTORY  
of the  
SHEPHERD STREET MISSION AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

- 1876 Mr. Williamson commenced the work by conducting Gospel Meetings in a cottage in Rose Street.
- 1879 An old handloom weaving shop was taken in Shepherd Street to accommodate 100 people, and enlarged the following year to provide for 50 more.
- 1889 The Committee bought four houses and a shop, premises of which had originally formed part of Dr. Shepherd's Library.
- 1892 Owing to a collapse of this newly acquired property, the present Mission Hall was built on the same site, giving accommodation in the main hall for 250 people.
- 1894 The Committee rented, and afterwards bought, three cottages in Laurel Street. One of these was used as a Shelter for men; the second as a Boys' Home, and the third as a home for the Superintendent. The need for rescuing boys and girls from an evil and harmful environment so pressed that in.
- 1898 Two more houses were rented in Berry Street to accommodate boys, and, as from the beginning, women and girls were passed on to other Societies. The property in Laurel Street was pulled down and a Men's Shelter erected on the site, where a large cellar was used for wood chopping, which enabled the men to earn the price of lodging and food. Owing to the Great War this side of the work ceased in 1915.
- 1900 The Committee bought Crow Hill House, Oxford Street, where children of both sexes were accommodated; Mr. Williamson giving up his business to look after them.
- 1901 Twenty-five children were maintained there.

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AND  
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Subsequently the Children's Home was extended in 1906 <sup>(GIRLS)</sup> 1920 <sup>(BOYS)</sup> and 1934, and in 1962 three separate family groups accommodating up to 30 children were introduced.

Approx. Admissions to 1934: 600.

In 1949 a new house (built up on old site) was built for additional use. In 1950 to conform with modern standards, further extensions and alterations were carried out and, as advised by Children's Branch of the Home Office, accommodation was limited to 16 boys and 16 girls.

1961. Annual Report records



Copy of a Leaflet which appears in the Minute Book of Lancaster Road Congregational Church Christian Mission ( afterwards Shepherd Street Mission ) kindly loaned by Mr Kittson, Secretary of Lancaster Road Congregational Church, Preston. 1935.

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1st page. Lancaster Road Congregational Church Christian Mission,  
Preston.

Report, 1880.

Preston :  
Printed by C.W. Whitehead, 123a, Fishergate.

2nd page. Lancaster Road Congregational Church Christian Mission,  
Preston.

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Four years <sup>ago</sup> this Society was formed for the purpose of carrying on unsectarian evangelistic work in some of the most degraded parts of the town, which were apparently overlooked by existing organisations. At first, Prayer Meetings were held in a cottage in Rose-street, kindly lent for the purpose. Then a house was taken, and afterwards, more space being required, two rooms were thrown into one. Last September, still greater accommodation being requisite, the present Mission Rooms in Shepherd-street were engaged; so that from the first, its sphere of usefulness has steadily but surely increased, and thousands have been brought under the direct influence of the Gospel, who, but for its existence, would have been entirely neglected.

The work comprises Tract distribution, and Sunday Evening & Services in three common Lodging Houses, in addition to the regular Services, Meetings and Sunday School, which are held in the Mission Room. By the list of Services given below, it will be seen that on an average 540 attendances are registered weekly at its varied meetings, and it may justly be presumed that few of those who attend would ever have entered a regular place of worship.

All the Lodging Houses in the neighbourhood are visited every Sunday morning, the Bible is read, and portions of it (gratuitously supplied by the British and Foreign Bible Society) are occasionally given. In addition, about 15,600 Religious and Temperance Tracts are every year distributed to their inmates. Special visits by the tract distributors are often solicited by many sick, infirm and dying people of the district.

A flourishing Band of Hope and Temperance Society has been established, numbering 110 members, many of whom have taken the four-fold pledge against Drinking, Gambling, Smoking and Profanity.

The Sunday School, which was opened in September last year with 56 scholars, now numbers 104; its apparent success shewing the need there was for its formation, but it is seriously crippled in its work from the want of suitable teachers. The Superintendent would be glad if Christian friends, many of whom must be eminently adapted for the work, would promptly volunteer their assistance.

Mr Joshua Williamson, to whose untiring devotion as General Superintendent much of the success of the Mission is due, has been generously assisted by many gentlemen and friends connected with



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These labourers, in spite of much difficulty, can point to many as the fruit of their labours, and are thus encouraged to carry on their Christian effort with increasing energy. They work under the assurance that God will not permit His own preached word to fail, and that He will shower down richer blessings on the important work they have taken in hand.

LIST OF MEETINGS.

Place.	Time.	Character of Meeting.	Average Attendance.
Shepherd-st. Mission Room.	8 p.m. Sunday.	Preaching.	100.
"	" 2 p.m.	" School.	64.
"	" 6.45 p.m.	" School.	58.
"	" 9.30 a.m.	" Prayer Meetings	6.
"	" 9 p.m.	" "	38.
"	" 7.45 p.m. Thursday	Temperance Meeting	121.
"	" 7.30 p.m. Saturday	" Entertainment	70.
High-st Lodging House	5.45 p.m. Sunday.	Preaching.	16.
Main Spirit Weind.	" 5.45 p.m.	" "	35.
Back Lane	" 5.45 p.m.	" "	32.
Total average weekly attendance			540.

The class of people amongst whom this work is carried on precludes the possibility of their being able to contribute towards its support, so ~~that~~ that the Committee look to the members of the Congregation and friends for financial aid. The Ladies of the Sewing Meeting have, as on a previous occasion, kindly consented to devote their funds to this purpose, and to hold a "CHRISTMAS TREE" at the close of the present year. As there is a considerable debt now owing to the Treasurer, nearly £100 should be realized to place the Society in a satisfactory position to continue the work. The Committee, in making this appeal for help, have confidence that friends will show their sympathy with the Mission and with those engaged therein, by contributing such WORK and USEFUL ARTICLES as shall make the sale a thorough success.

JOHN HARMAN, Secretary.

October, 1880.

Subscriptions will be gratefully received by

Rev. J. LAMBERT, 3, Bairstow Street.

J. CROOK ESQ., 8, Bank Parade.

And articles for the Sale by

Mrs BENNETT, 12, Bushell Place.

Mrs HAGUE, 6, Stanley Place.

Mrs Jno. HARDMAN, 3, Elcho Terrace.



Personnel

Copy of Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees  
 Mr. Joshua Williamson be requested to take the Minutes forward

within 10<sup>or 11</sup> years he work and become independent of Lancaster Road Church. From its commencement Mr Joshua Williamson had accepted responsibility of leadership and became Superintendent and Secretary. Later he gave up business <sup>TO LOOK AFTER MISSIONS INTERESTS</sup> and, I would appear, together with Mrs. Williamson, ~~he~~ went to live at Crow Hill House, Oxford Street when it was bought <sup>for 1930.</sup> from Mr Beresford in 1900 and used as Children's Home. Twenty five children being in residence in 1901.

Mr Williamson remained until early in 1914 when he left the Home to live at Hoole but travelled daily. He died <sup>suddenly</sup> during the night of the Armistice of the first world war 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. Mrs Williamson died 1911.

Mr Williamson's assistant Mr Collins who, together with Mrs. Collins had been appointed as Sups Mission on 18<sup>th</sup> Febry 1914. succeeded him. Mr Collins <sup>RESIGNED</sup> ~~was transferred~~ in 1923.

Since that time there have been three Sups & Matrons.

Mr & Mrs Geo. Harrison (ex Sups of Person Rough Police) from 1923 until Mr Harrison's death in 1927.

Mr & Mrs J Chadwick 1928 to 1930 when Mr Chadwick died. Mrs Chadwick continuing as Matron for a time.

Mr & Mrs Slater, who came to the Mission in 1929. Later became Sups Mission. Mrs Slater retired in ~~1963~~ 1961 and Mr Slater in ~~1961~~ 1963.



Personnel

continued.

Missionary

from early 1900's various men for short periods to 1917

Assistant Secretary  
Caretaking Minister  
P. J. [unclear]

1917-18 Miss Horner  
Captain Coleman  
Ex British Army

HOME SISTER and  
PREVIOUSLY IN CHURCH  
ARMY.

1919 to 1920.

- Assistant Secretary

Mr Hyde

Collector

1920 to 1929.

- do - Missioner

Mr W. Parker

1929 & months only (years in).

- Assistant Secretary  
Missioner

J. A. Slaves

1929 - 1930. Secretary from 1930

- do -

Mr A. G. Nixon

1930.







Hon. Officials

Chairman of Committee  
and Trustees:

Councillor & Hon

	Alderman W. Margerison J.P.	1909	to	1922
	W. A. Margerison	1922	to	1952.
	J. C. Messingham	1952	-	1959
	<small>PREVIOUSLY VICE CHAIRMAN FROM 1927.</small>			
	J. Maxwell FCA	1959	-	
	<small>PREVIOUSLY VICE CHAIRMAN FROM 1952.</small>			
Vice-Chairman	Miss M. Margerison J.P.	1959.		

Hon Treasurers

John Brook	1883	-	1886
Paul Walsley	1887	-	1888
M. Pilling	1889	-	1898
H. Hall	1899	-	1900
Robt. E. Swalley	1900	-	1917
Hugh Southworth	1917	-	1943.
Fredk. C. Messingham	1943	-	1947.
<small>Previously Vice-Chairman</small>			
Stanley J Maxwell	1947.	-	1952
Hugh W Southworth	1952.		

Hon. Solicitors see page



Hon. Auditors

See page

Property Insurers.

- do -

General Committee

- do -

Hon. Physicians

- do -

Hon. Dentists.

- do -



activities discontinued.

Jumble sales commenced 1894.

wood chopping, <sup>or</sup> sale of same. (Lanet Street and Manchester Road) 1894-1914

(LANE STREET)

Men's shelter for tramps and those down and out known as "Penny St. up" 1894-1915 228888 provided for new shelter built 1910. CLOSED 1915.

Shot Black Brigade (Boy helped in this way)

Emigration of children to Canada

per Mrs. Bin's Sheltering Home, 1884

Liverpool. In all 57 girls and boys to 1922. ONLY ABOUT 6 OF THESE BEING GIRLS. N

Meetings in Courson Lodging Houses.

Tract Distribution Lodging Houses & Cab Stands to

Band of Hope and Temperance Society from 1876

Free meals for children and adults (Ginner words) 1901-1913. 187376 provided at Mission Hall.

cloys and shoes provided for poor children.

2725 pairs 1906-1913. Clothing also provided.

Needy children sent for a holiday to sea side. <sup>From ?</sup> To 1899.

~~Boys~~ Boys Club 1930-1932 (In-cooperation with To.H.)

Sunday School (from 1879 to 1965).

1916-17-18 Lanet Street property partially used as Detention Room for children from various Children's Courts. Nominal fee being charged. Also mentioned as a Remand Room in '91 Annual Report.



Poor children's Christmas Breakfasts commenced 1879. To 1962.

1879 to 1961	84450 provided for
1962	300
<del>1964</del>	<del>20</del>
1965	
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	84750.
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<sup>IN</sup> ~~From~~ 1963, instead of providing for a large number as hitherto, approximately 60 needy children were provided with seasonal fare and entertainment.

Previously, to provide for larger numbers, this treat had been in the nature of a distribution.