

SHEPHERD STREET HOME MISSION  
Band of Hope and Temperance Society,  
PRESTON.

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Sixth Annual Report, 1882.

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**T**HE COMMITTEE have much pleasure in laying before their friends and Subscribers the work of another year, completing the Sixth of the Shepherd Street Band of Hope and Temperance Society.

In taking a view of the past year's labours, we have much to be thankful for, when we think of the class we are working amongst. Men and women who fear neither God nor man; people who are deep sunk in sin and drunkenness, and their children dragged up in the same evil ways. They care not about sending their children (there are some noble exceptions) to the meetings, but would rather send them to the public house.

That is one reason why they need so much visiting and looking after, and this is one cause of thankfulness that so few have broken their pledges, as will be seen further on in the report. Most of the Members of our Band of Hope live in and are surrounded by temptations, but some of them have the principles of Teetotalism so thoroughly instilled into their minds as to refuse to fetch the drink when asked to do so by those who live about them, and if they adhere to these principles will grow up worthy men and women to carry on this battle against strong drink in future years.

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday Evening, September 20th, 1881, the REV. J. LAMBERT in the Chair. REVS. G. GOODCHILD C. H. MURRAY, and others took part. There was a large attendance.

Fifty-two Band of Hope Meetings have been held; 104 is the average attendance; 113 last year; decrease, 9.

Three Open-air Temperance Meetings have been held and well attended by large and attentive audiences.

Twenty-nine Saturday Night Entertainments have been held; 101 average attendance; 90 last year; increase, 11.

The Reformed Drunkards have held one meeting and given addresses. Present, 167.

Our Annual Week's Meetings were held the second whole week in the New Year, and proved successful in the extreme.

On the Monday Night was held an experience meeting of reformed men, who gave addresses, recitations, and sung Temperance Melodies. Present, 144.

Tuesday, Public Tea Meeting, at which 100 sat down to tea, and 173 were present at the meeting held after.

Wednesday, United Kingdom Alliance Meeting, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. H. Murray, Mr. Evan Fowler, of Blackburn, and others. Present, 146.

Thursday, Band of Hope Meeting. Speakers, Rev. George Evans, of Stretford, Manchester. Present, 210.

Friday, Entertainment of Dissolving Views given by Messrs. Davies and Ford. Present, 214.

Saturday, Special Entertainment. Present, 150.

The week's Meetings were brought to a conclusion on Sunday with a Sermon to workers, by the Rev. G. Goodchild. Present, 90. 1127 visited the Mission Room that week. An average attendance of 161.

We again joined in the Preston Band of Hope Union Procession, which took place on Friday in the Guild week. 141 took part in it, 140 the year before. The children were neat and clean and looked as well as any other school in the procession. The time was too early, and the little ones were not up, or we should have had 20 or 30 more walking with us. We also have a lot who are too poor, or at least whose parents drink the money that should be spent in clothes, therefore, they cannot take part in the pleasures of the society.

168 have signed the pledge during the year.

The following also proves that the society is a success. In 1879 we had on the register 103 members, in 1880, 124, increase, 21; 1881, 137, increase, 13. This year we have 149; 73 of this number have taken the single pledge, 71 the four-fold pledge against drinking, smoking, gambling, and profane language.

During the past year one has joined the Salvation Army; 15 left, and gone to other schools; 3 are dead; 4 have broken the pledge, and 7 have left the town, yet we have an increase of 12.

We have 5 reformed drunkards on the Speakers' Plan, who have become very useful at our Temperance Meetings, and some of them more so at the religious services held at the lodging houses.

There are 7 on the Committee helping to carry on the business of the Society.

Coming to the Finances of the Society, the Committee regret to state their need of funds for the first time. The year closes with a balance due to the Secretary of £2 11s. 5½d.

We are also in great need of a new supply of Melodies and Tracts. Subscriptions towards the debt will be thankfully received.

The Committee beg to tender their grateful thanks to the subscribers, and to their numerous friends who have given their valuable services during the past year, and thus helped to amuse and instruct the people.

In conclusion, there is no time to halt, temptation is still surrounding us, and thousands are falling victims to intemperance. The Committee therefore feel it their duty to again go forth in the name of the Divine Master, to pull down the strongholds of sin and satan, knowing that "if they are faithful unto death," they will hear the welcome voice of Jesus saying,—“come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

PRESIDENT:

Mr. JAS. JACKSON, Tulketh Place, Ashton-upon-Ribble.

TREASURER:

Mr. THOS. RYDEARD, 60, Hudson Street.

SECRETARY:

Mr. J. WILLIAMSON, Junr., 143, Brackenbury Street.

# Shepherd Street Band of Hope and Temperance Society.

Balance Sheet from September 22, 1881, to September 22, 1882.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.		EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
By Balance on hand September 22, 1881.....	3	11	10		To Mr. C. W. Whitehead for Printing.....	4	13	2
„ Proceeds from Dissolving View Entertain- ments .....	1	0	5		„ Mr. S. Jarrold for Christmas Tracts .....	0	16	5
„ Subscriptions collected in 1881 .....	4	13	0		„ J. Skerratt for Tips for Banner Poles ....	0	4	0
„ Subscriptions for Guild Procession and Tea Meeting for Members .....	2	15	6		„ Preston Band of Hope Union Subscription..	0	5	0
„ Cash collected in box at the door .....	0	13	4		„ Mr. R. Watson for Sockets and Straps for Banner.....	1	3	0
„ Cash received from Provisions sold .....	0	3	8		„ Preston Rifle Volunteer Fife and Drum Band .....	3	0	0
„ Balance from School Treat .....	0	9	0		„ Mr. Rd. Bailey for Horse and Lurry for Procession .....	0	11	0
	£13	6	9		„ Messrs. Barratt and Parkinson for Printing.	0	10	6
Balance owing to Secretary.....	2	11	5½		„ Messrs. Parkinson, Blundell, and others, for Provisions, etc., for Tea Meeting .....	3	16	4
	£15	18	2½		„ Secretary and others for Sundries .....	0	18	9½
	£15	18	2½			£15	18	2½

We have examined the above accounts, and hereby certify that they are correct,

JAMES JACKSON, }  
THOMAS MORETON, } Auditors.