

PRESTON
Poor Children's Free Suppers.

Supper Rooms: Shepherd Street.

COMMITTEE:

MR. J. WILLIAMSON, 127, Oxford Street.	MR. GILBERT R. KIRLEW, 13, North Cliff Street.
MR. R. GREGSON, Avenham Lane.	MR. J. GARDNER, 13, Rutland Street.
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MR. H. DALE, 278, New Hall Lane.	MR. HUGH SOUTHWORTH, 43, Chaddock Street.

HON. TREASURER:

MR. R. E. SMALLEY, Chapel Street.

HON. SECRETARY:

MR. J. WILLIAMSON, 127. Oxford Street.

BANKERS:

MANCHESTER AND COUNTY BANK.

REPORT.

THIS system of publicly feeding the hungry children of Preston on cold Winter nights was carried on for many years by a Committee of gentlemen of all denominations, the late Inspector Dawson being the presiding genius. Three years ago, Mr. Williamson took charge of the Suppers for one winter. The work of sending children to the sea-side, etc., was again placed in the hands of the police, with whom it originated, but the Suppers were discontinued at the close of that winter.

The before-named Committee found there was no intention of Free Suppers being restarted, and, knowing that there was so much poverty in the town, and realising the crying need of the suffering children, it was decided that they should be neglected no longer. The suppers were once more supplied in December, 1903, and given four nights each week until March 11th, 1904. During that time 15,750 meals were provided, at a cost of £26, or less than a half-penny each.

The services of Mr. J. H. Toulmin and Mr. Titus Thorp (members of the late Committee) were greatly appreciated. These gentlemen interested themselves in the matter and interviewed Major Little, who kindly sent a cheque for £15, this being from the Preston Poor Children's Fund for the suppers.

The Committee also desire to testify their deep sense of obligation and thanks to all who rendered help during the past winter. It is intended to continue the suppers next Winter, and, if possible, dinners as well for the children of the very poorest.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

J. WILLIAMSON, Hon. Sec.


MARCH 23RD, 1904.

Subscriptions & Donations.

	£	s.	d.
Poor Children's Fund, per Major Little.....	15	0	0
Mr. Joshua Margerison	5	0	0
Mr. W. B. Roper	1	1	0
Mr. Arthur Margerison.....	1	1	0
Mr. Titus Thorp.....	1	1	0
Mr. John Kerr, M.P.....	1	1	0
Mr. Edward Myres	0	10	6
Mr. B. Butler	0	10	6
Mr. W. H. Woods.....	0	10	0
Mr. A. J. Fraser.....	0	5	0
Miss Myerscough	0	5	0
Mr. T. Myerscough	0	2	6
Mr. Jas. Green	0	2	6
Mr. Francis.....	0	2	0
Mr. C. Carter	0	1	6



—❧— **GIFTS.** —❧—



- Preston Gas Company—Gas for Supper Rooms.
Mr. Southworth—Bag of Carrots.
Mr. Millington—Fixing Boiler, etc.
Messrs. Seward & Co.—Boiler Pipes.
Messrs. Lupton & Kitchen—20 lbs. of Peas.
Mr. Jamieson—4 Apple Barrels.
Mr. Coward—2 cobs of Salt and Pepper Dredger.
Mr. Richard Seed—Bath.
Messrs. W. Mears & Co.—4 Buckets.
Messrs. T. Mears & Co.—2 Wood Spoons.
Mr. Wood—7 lbs. of Split Peas.
Mr. T. Blezard—1 cwt. of Split Peas.
Messrs. Marsden & Kay—1 cwt of Split Peas.
Mr. Cornall—1 lb. of Pepper.
Mr. Gardner—1 lb. of Pepper.
Mr. Watson—Bag of Turnips.
Mr. Ward—30 lbs. of Peas.
A Friend—Cob of Salt.
Mr. Jowl—1 lb. of Pepper and 7 lbs. of Barley.
Mr. J. Marsden—Case of Onions.
Mr. George Reed—Sweeping Boiler Flues.
Mr. J. S. Simpson—Meat.
Miss Hamer—Basket and Brush.
Mr. Harrison—Meat.
Mr. Dewhurst—Meat.
Mrs. J. H. Toulmin—Bag of Potatoes.
Messrs. Webster & Sykes—2 Lading Cans.
Mr. Rd. Myerscough—Meat.
Messrs. Furness & Son—Cart Load of Coals.
Messrs. J. Crook & Sons—56 lbs. of Barley.
Messrs. T. B. Dick & Co.—1 cwt of Barley.
Mr. R. Gregson—3 Baskets and 2 Ladles
Mr. Kilroe—Meat.
Mr. Singleton—2 Buckets.
A Friend—2 Ladles and 1 Funnel.

Statement of Accounts.

1904.		£	s.	d.	
Apl 1st, to Dona- tions as per List.....	26	13	6		1904. £ s. d. Apl. 1st, By Cost of 15,750 Free Suppers
To Sundry Sale..	0	1	10	½	24 12 11½
					By Printing..... 0 14 0 „ Balance in hand, carried forward..... 1 8 5
	£26 15 4½				£26 15 4½

