

FOR THE HELPLESS AND STARVING CHILDREN.

Great Entertainment

IN THE

PRESTON HIPPODROME, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 22nd. 1906.

DEAR SIR,

Through the great kindness of Messrs. Broadhead, the Preston Hippodrome has very generously been placed at the disposal of a body of gentlemen, who, anxious to do something to lessen the miseries of the children of the slums, are organising a great 'Xmastide Entertainment, to help the funds of the unsectarian Mission in Shepherd Street.

This Mission last Winter provided suppers for thousands of ragged, wretched, starving children, who suffer through no fault of their own. The little ones of all the Churches, whether Protestant or Catholic, are helped equally well, so that the funds of this noble Institution of Mercy, Charity, and Compassion, which are managed without fee or reward, by Mr. Williamson and his devoted wife, have a claim upon everybody.

A number of the orphan poor are maintained, clothed, and educated, at Crow Hill House. Lads have been transplanted from the degradation of the courts and alleys to healthy homes, and we expect a few will soon blossom out into Canadian farmers.

Poor tramps are given hot food and a night's lodging in a warmed chamber for breaking a little firewood. A Refuge is wanted.

Women of Preston help the poor homeless women who once were pure as the snow. A Night Shelter is needed for them, with food and the helpful consolation of a word of sympathy. Here is a good work for the women of Preston to do. Will they do it?

The cold Winter Nights are coming on, and now is the time to give hot suppers to enable little hungry lads and lasses to go to their poor beds with something to keep body and soul together.

This is what we want to help, and Messrs. Broadhead, with great practical sympathy, have given us the chance to ask you all to rally round us. Let us fill the house. It will be a splendid entertainment with all the Hippodrome programme, and contributions by some of the best of our North Lancashire Entertainers.

Will you sell us a few tickets? How many may we send you? Mills and Workshops can be of real help if someone will take the tickets, and spread them among their workpeople to sell.

There is real joy in helping the ragged and the starving, and we want the people of Preston, to make this 'Xmas supremely happy by the certain recompense of the knowledge that they have done something for the poor children that are in the midst of them.

The Mayor, Mr. Councillor Ord, has kindly consented to preside at the Entertainment.

Will you please say on enclosed sheet *if you will purchase, or sell tickets* for this noble object? We ask your help. Will you give it?

The price of Tickets will be 1/6 Dress Circle, 1/- Stalls, 6d. Side Circle, 3d. Pit.

The proceeds will be divided between the Fund for Suppers for Poor Children of all denominations, and the Fund for Night Refuges for Men and Women.

Enclosed please find stamped addressed envelope. May we hope you will reply as early as possible?

Yours faithfully,

W. B. ROPER,
R. J. PEAKE,
J. J. JACKSON,
R. E. SMALLEY, HON. TREASURER.
JOHN W. MAKINSON, HON. SEC.,
59, Holmrook Road.

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Address,

Preston,

November, 1906.

Dear Sir,

I shall be willing to take
Tickets for the Poor Children's Concert.

I shall be willing to sell
Tickets, with power to return those unsold.

I am,

Yours truly,

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