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SATURDAY, OCTOBER

"A SPLENDID HOME."**MAYOR'S TRIBUTE TO SHEPHERD-STREET MISSION.****MORE ACCOMMODATION MAY BE NEEDED.**

There was a good attendance at the 52nd annual meeting in connection with Shepherd-street Mission and Children's Home, Preston, held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the Mayor (Alderman R. Durham), who was accompanied by the Mayoress (Mrs. Durham), presiding.

The Mayor, who explained that he had to leave the meeting almost immediately owing to another engagement, said the Mayoress, their two daughters, and he had the pleasure of visiting the Home recently, and they were extremely pleased with all they saw. All the children were healthy and nappy, and the whole surroundings of the Home were exceptionally bright and comfortable. It was due to the large-hearted generosity of so very many people in Preston, and to Mr. W. A. Margerison (the chairman) and those who worked with him, that the children were so well cared for in such a splendid Home.

The report, read by Mr. Margerison, records the committee's thanks "to the many friends of little children who, by their continued interest and financial support, enable the increasing work of the Home and Mission to be carried on free from anxiety." The financial statement, it is pointed out, contains several items of heavy non-recurrent expenditure, payment having to be made, for example, of a proportion of the cost of making the street on the northern boundary of the Home.

The great loss sustained by the death of Councillor John Hunt, and of Mr. George Harrison, who was superintendent and secretary, is recorded, with tributes to their practical interest and work.

"The health of the children," proceeds the report, "has been good on the whole. During the year we have admitted 14 children. Three boys have been sent out to farm service and four girls to domestic service, leaving us, at the time of making the report, with 40 children, an increase of four on the last report.

"Of the 40 children in the home 34 are under the age of 10; of the remaining six, one is 10, one 11, two 12, and two 13, which means that for the next three years we are only in a position to receive children with none to place out, so that should there be anything like the number of cases seeking our help next year as sought it last, your committee will be compelled to find further accommodation, and this, we believe, will meet with the approval and support of the people of Preston, to whom we have never looked in vain to supply the funds for carrying on our work."

Reference is made to the various entertainments and other activities during the year, and thanks are expressed to all who, in any way, rendered assistance. Some interesting appreciative letters from former residents in the Home are also quoted.

Mr. Margerison, who subsequently presided in the place of the Mayor, emphasised that Shepherd-street Mission was in no sense an institution; it was in a very real sense a home.

Mr. H. Southworth (hon. treasurer) submitted the statement of accounts.

The Rev. Edward Greaves, in moving the adoption of the report and re-election of the officers, said there was no doubt that Shepherd-street Mission had a very warm place in the hearts of the townspeople of Preston, and if the excellent work that was being done were better known, it would be appreciated all the more whole-heartedly. They were grateful to all those who took a tender, practical interest in the life of the Home, and they were fortunate in having in charge as Superintendent and Secretary Mr. Frank Chadwick, with Mrs. Chadwick.

The Rev. L. C. Davies, in seconding, said he had never seen a Home so efficiently run, where the children enjoyed such a high standard of training and where greater kindness was shown to them as the Shepherd-street Home.

The report and statement of accounts having

Children by the Sea.

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At the present time there are about 40 orphan and destitute children from the Shepherd-street Mission, Preston, staying at the Cleveleys House, Garfield-road. The large house, previously occupied by Coun. Kirwan, has been taken by the mission for a month, and the little ones are in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick, secretaries of the mission.

They seem to be enjoying themselves in the district. The mission, which is non-sectarian, is doing a good work in ministering to the comfort of the unfortunate ones.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

The annual house-to-house collections are being made this week on behalf of Shepherd-street Mission. The institution, which now maintains 40 children, is dependent on the public. It has no grants, and this collection is the chief means of keeping the home clear of debt. This year the effort will take a little longer than usual to complete owing to a dearth of collectors. The officials hope that the monetary support from all classes of the people will be upon a generous scale. The home caters for orphans, destitutes, and needy children, and such a cause deserves the greatest possible

Last evening a concert, organised by the secretary-superintendent (Mr. F. E. Chadwick), was given in the Shepherd-street Mission Hall, Preston, in aid of the Children's Homes. The artists included Miss Belle Duxbury (soprano), Miss Doris Duxbury (soubrette), Master Harold Loxham (violinist), Mr. Jack Rhodes (baritone), Mr. H. Maudsley (tenor), Mr. J. Worsley (humorist), Mr. Fred Travis' dance band, Mr. Fred Clarkson (accompanist). All the artists gave their services and the effort was a successful one.

SHEPHERD STREET MISSION.—The annual Whitsuntide treat in connection with the Shepherd-street Mission and Sunday School took place on Saturday when over 100 children and teachers were conveyed by charabancs to Cleveleys. After tea sports and games took place on the beach, the prizes being presented by Mr. F. E. Chadwick, superintendent of the Homes. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

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