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**Preston Help
for Unwanted
Children**

TWO contrasting facts stood out in the 72nd annual report of the Shepherd-street Mission, Preston, presented at the annual meeting, yesterday, by the chairman of the Committee, Mr. W. A. Margerison. The Mayor (Ald. R. Ainsworth), presided.

One was the record response of £1,216 to "The Lancashire Daily Post's" annual appeal, an increase of £350 on the previous year. It was largely due to this that the Home was able to meet greatly increased expenditure without drawing on investments.

The other fact was a gift of 12s. from a back-yard concert organised by children of North-road and Acton-street, "in aid of Shepherd-street little children."

Mr. Margerison said the Mission had always championed the cause of unwanted and neglected children, and 1,500 had passed through it. The real value of the Home lay in the homely family atmosphere created by the founder, Mr. Joshua Williamson, and continued by those who had succeeded him.

During the year, they had admitted 13 children, eight for temporary periods, and 17 had returned home leaving a "family" of 38 at the end of September.

In thanking all supporters, Mr. Margerison paid special tribute to the Editor and proprietors of "The Lancashire Daily Post" for their "generous and unflinching consideration."

Of the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Slater, Mr. Margerison said that never in the whole existence of the Home had the care of the children been in better hands.

CHILDREN AN ASSET

The adoption of the report and the election of officials was moved by the Rev. E. M. Ozanne, who said the work of the Mission was a valuable social enterprise. Children were once regarded as property and an economic asset, but now they were often regarded as a liability and a responsibility. That was something of a tragedy, but their Mission looked upon the children, not only as a responsibility, but as an asset.

The Rev. C. L. Ward, seconding, said he saw much evidence of home life being broken down and undermined, and there was increasing need for such work as the Mission did. He believed that one of the greatest dangers of the time was the return to work of so many mothers. Perhaps it was right and desirable economically, but from every other point of view it was a bad thing.

Mr. S. T. Maxwell read the financial statement, which

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Promise of Christianity

SIR.—The conviction that Christianity alone can solve our national problems appears to be widespread. May I quote, from my "Song of the Christians":—

Go, ask the Scientist how man was made,
How Nature fashioned, how controls each part;
Ask the Astrologer how the moon's shade
Or star-rise rules man's destiny and heart;
Though neither Seer nor Scientist can say
Why man was made! What purpose to portray!
Why in dim, distant days a Power unknown
Breathed life and fostered growth in common clay
To people spheres with live seed widely sown.
God—God alone, knows wherefore man was made,
To what far flight directed, what goal bent.
God planned man's purpose and upon him laid
Responsibility, and grave intent;
Knows, too, his limitations. Did not He
Create them lest man spurn humility?
Go forward, man! Knowing that God will bless
Your efforts—when ye shall deserve success!
—Yours, etc.
BEATRICE CUNNINGHAM.
82, Garstang-road,
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we tender to you and the proprietors of "The Lancashire Daily Post" our heartfelt thanks for £1,216 received through your annual Christmas appeal on behalf of our work.

It was in 1905 you launched the first appeal on our behalf. Since then, up to and including this year's appeal, no less than £11,334 has been raised.

Whilst we have always deeply appreciated and greatly valued your help, we feel this year an even greater indebtedness for your efforts, which have resulted in your target of £1,000 being exceeded by £216.

Our thanks are also due to the many friends, organisations and clubs, etc. who have responded so generously.

This fine response is indeed a great encouragement to us as we continue our work in providing a home and all that this means to children who through no fault of their own are deprived of this necessary foundation for normal life.—
Yours, etc.,

W. A. MARGERISON,
chairman.
STANLEY T. MAXWELL,
Hon. Treasurer.
9, Chapel-street,
Preston.

SHEPHERD STREET

SIR.—On behalf of the committee of Shepherd-street Mission and Children's Home,