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Shepherd-street Mission's Work for Preston Children

"THIS mission has done a great deal for the town," said the Mayor of Preston (Councillor J. Harrison), presiding at the 61st annual meeting, in the Town Hall, yesterday, of the Shepherd-street Mission and Children's Home, Preston.

The Mayor said he knew the founder, the late Mr. Joshua Williamson, and knew also of the excellent work the institution had been doing for many years.

Presenting the annual report, Mr. W. A. Margerison, chairman of the General Committee, said that though general income compared favourably with previous years, it had fallen below expenditure by £104. Of this, £97 was in respect of interior decorations; other contributing causes were the continued rise in commodity prices, and an increased number of children for whom provision was made. The bank overdraft had been increased to £917, and they appealed for further help.

FOR UNWANTED CHILDREN

The home existed primarily for unwanted and unfortunate children, and there were now 43 children in their care, ranging from five to 14 years of age.

As their charges left school, suitable employment was found for them, continued Mr. Margerison who read letters—received from children so placed—expressing appreciation of their surroundings.

"We share with you satisfaction in having been instrumental in removing these young people from harmful influences during their early years, and in preparing them for useful citizenship," Mr. Margerison said. "As far as possible we endeavour to give each child a normal home life with the training conducive to its best development."

He expressed thanks to the hon. physician (Dr. Thomas Harrison), the hon. dentist (Coun J. J. Ward), Mr. T. Fletcher, of Park-road, Blackpool (who had again given them free use of his house at St. Annes for the children's summer holiday), the staff and boys of Preston Grammar School, the staff and scholars of Penwortham Congregational Sunday School, Leyland Congregational Church and Sunday School, St. James' Sunday School, Preston, and other helpers.

The report also recorded indebtedness to the proprietors and Editor of "The Lancashire Daily Post," who for over 30 years had assisted their cause by an annual appeal at Christmas. The last had realised £226, without which their activities would have been considerably restricted.

FULFILLING ITS PURPOSE

It was further reported that last Christmas, 2,000 poor children received gifts. The mission hall was still fulfilling its purpose among the poor and needy of the area, and the Sunday School continued to be well attended.

Mr. Margerison also expressed regret at the death of a member of the committee, Mr. C. H. Plant.

Adoption of the report and election of officers was moved by the Rev. J. Peil Cooper, of Leyland Congregational Church, who said too much credit could not be given to Mr. T. A. Slater, the secretary, and Mrs. Slater, the matron.

Rev. T. G. Beer, curate of St. James's, seconded.

Mr. J. Wilson proposed and Mr. F. C. Messham seconded a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress.

The following officers were elected:—
General Committee: Mr. W. A. Margerison (chairman), Mr. F. C. Messham (vice-

PUBLIC NOTICES

SHEPHERD STREET MISSION

"THE LANCASHIRE DAILY POST" ANNUAL APPEAL.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	£165	15	2
Mayor of Preston	3	3	0
Employees of Vernon and Co., Ltd., Penwortham Mills	11	14	2
N. P. Rufford	1	0	0
Mrs. Tennant, Flag-lane, Penwortham	0	2	6
E. R. Farington	0	2	6
"In Loving Remembrance of M. T."	0	10	0
"In Memory of Bill and Dad," from Mother	0	2	6
Anon.	0	5	0
Additional from County Office Staff V. and A. K.	0	2	6
E. P. and H., New Longton	0	2	6
The Square House, Clifton	0	10	0
W. H. Johnstone	0	2	6
J. Parkinson, 11 Victoria-road, Fulwood	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson, Lune Vale, Fulwood Hall-lane	0	10	0
Anonymous	0	10	6
W. and E.	0	2	6
Mrs. R. Stewart	1	0	0
T. B.	0	5	0
"Suffer Little Children"	0	5	0
E. S. Lea	1	0	0
Lily and Edith Marsden	0	5	0
Mr. Morphy	0	5	0
Staff, Williams Deacons Bank, Ltd.	0	15	0
H. P. Lamont, Preston	1	1	0
L. Bannister, Ribblesdale	1	1	0
"In Memory of Jim"	0	5	0
W. Beetham	1	0	0
Bray-street Wesley Guild	0	10	0
M. S. B.	0	2	6
Mrs. J. Dunderdale, Fulwood	0	10	0
"In Remembrance of the late John Metcalf" from all at "Bolton Fold"	1	1	0
H. G., Leyland	0	10	0
H. T. C.	0	2	6
"In Thankfulness"	0	2	6
Mrs. A. Scott, Penwortham	0	5	0
E. and D.	0	5	0
"In Memory of Margery"	0	10	0
"From One who is Thankful for all the Blessings Received." H. T.	0	10	0
"A Good Cause"	0	2	6
"For the Kids"	0	10	0
A. B. and M. H. J., Goosnargh	0	2	6
Anonymous	0	10	0
"Baronde Broke"	0	5	0
Mrs. Hall, Garstang	0	5	0
"A Friend"	0	2	0
Betty and Peggy, Ashton-on-Ribble	0	10	0
Ronald and Beryl, Mulgrave-avenue	0	12	6
Geoffrey, Walton-le-Dale	0	10	0
"Pop and Daddy" Good Cheer	0	10	6
B. F. M.	0	5	0
Edsijl, Fishwick	0	10	0
Anon.	0	10	0
Jock	0	1	0
For Blessings received, thanking Him for the same, B. and L.	1	0	0
In Memory of Mother, from A. Thornber and Family	0	10	0
Moons Mill	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jones, Fulwood	1	1	0
Cop-lane School	2	18	0
In Memory of Papa and Lily	1	1	0
J. B. L.	1	0	0
Mr. J. Gregson	1	0	0
In Memory of Little Girl, Fulwood	0	2	6
GAR-NEL	0	10	0
"We Three"	0	2	6
In Memory of Cliff	0	2	6
Thomas Lewis, 34, Newton-drive, Blackpool	1	1	0
In Treasured Remembrance of Darling Rodney, from All at 241, Marsh-lane and 30, Bucklands- avenue, Preston	0	5	0
H. and M. L.	0	5	0
Anon.	0	6	0
Staff, Refuge Assurance Co., Leyland	0	12	0
Mr Melbourne (second instalment)	0	10	6
Muriel and Kathleen, Tulketh- avenue	0	10	0
From the Staff of "B. T." Ltd., Preston	2	17	0
"A Few Thoughtful Employees," Page and Taylor's Joiners' Shop	0	10	0
J. B.	0	10	0
From "M."	0	2	6
"Two Sisters"	0	2	0
R. G.	1	1	0
E. S.	0	2	0
"In Memory of F. W. D."	0	2	6
Anonymous	0	5	0
E. T. Penwortham	0	10	0
"In Memory of My Husband, T. H. F."	0	5	0
From Staff of District Bank Ltd., County Bank Branch	1	6	0
M. M. W.	0	2	6
From Granny	0	5	0
Collection by Employees of Messrs. Todkhl and Son	1	12	6
"A Friend" Hoole	0	10	0
New Longton C. of E. School	0	13	0
"Walton-le-Dale"	0	2	6
"For the Kiddies"	0	4	0
"In Memory of John Casson"	0	7	6
D. E. L.	1	0	0
"In Memory of Bert"	0	2	0
Neta and Jim's Party, 7, Hawkhurst- road, Collection, Boxing Night	0	8	0
Collected by Mr. Lishmann, Ashton- on-Ribble	0	10	6

[THIS FUND WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY
NEXT]