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HARRIS ORPHANAGE FINANCES

December 1935

Mr. W. F. Ascroft Warns Annual Meeting

INCOME PROSPECTS

"I WANT to sound a really grave warning with regard to the future income of this institution. It takes rather more than £5,000 a year to run the Harris Orphanage, apart from repairs and special expenses.

Towards that sum, a little over £4,000 is provided by the trustees from their invested funds. I calculate that during the next two years, unless the trend of trustee investments alters and the market for securities of that kind changes its character, this institution is going to lose something like £1,200 of its annual income," stated Mr. W. F. Ascroft at the annual meeting of the Orphanage, at the Preston Town Hall, to-day, when he appealed for more donors and subscribers.

MAYOR'S JOY

The Mayor (Councillor E. Ley), who presided, said it was a real joy to be associated with the mothering and housing of children without homes. He felt he was among friends at that meeting, because his father was secretary of the Orphanage School, along with the late Mr. John Aspinall, many years ago. The Orphanage School was the first Sunday school he attended, because it was the custom for him to accompany his father there.

The adoption of the annual report, which was moved by the Mayor, was seconded by Mr. John Booth (chairman), who recalled the days of the Orphanage School in Lancaster-road, Preston, 70 years ago, and later the allocation of £100,000 by the Harris Trustees for the erection of the present Orphanage.

In its 47 years' existence over 700 children had passed through the Orphanage, and with very few exceptions they had all turned out useful, God-fearing men and women.

ANNUAL REPORT

"There is at present accommodation for a few more children, and the council will be pleased to receive nomination forms, which can be had from the Matron," stated the report for the year ended 31st October last. The number of children in residence at the end of the year was 64, several having left for situations during the year.

The general work of the orphanage during the year had kept on an even, uneventful course, and the health of the children had been good.

The statement of accounts of the Orphanage Council for the year showed that income amounted to £5,098 12s. 10d., including £4,145 7s. 10d. interest from the trustees and the expenditure was £4,897 16s. 10d. The assets were shown at £98,356 9s. 10d.

Mr. W. F. Ascroft was re-elected as a representative member of the Council.

Thanks to the donors and subscribers were moved by Mr. Ascroft and seconded by Mr. A. E. Healey. The Mayor, for presiding, and the Corporation, for the use of rooms at the Town Hall for meetings, were thanked on the resolution of Mr. A. W. Wilson, seconded by Alderman Matthew.

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HOUSES AND LAND WANTED

LARGE Unfurnished House Required, for holiday home for 50 children; N.W. Lancs. coast; July 27th to August 25rd.—Terms to Secretary, Shepherd-street Mission, Preston.

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ARRESTED IN OFFICE

11/11/35

Two Men on Penwortham Theft Charge

James Sumner (25), of 21, Pleasant-street, Preston, and Clifford Greenhalgh (26), of Dunmore-street, Preston, were charged together at Leyland, to-day, with breaking and entering the office of Messrs. Spencer and Son, Liverpool-road, Penwortham, on November 8th, and stealing money and various articles.

Chief Inspector Ball said at 1 50 a.m. on Saturday, November 9th, P.C. Woodhouse heard an unusual noise in the office of Messrs. Spencer. On flashing his lamp through a window he saw one of the prisoners, who got behind a table to hide. The constable was joined by P.S. Turner and P.C. Rose, but the officers were unable to find a means of entry to the office. The prisoners had broken in by first getting a ladder and gaining entry through a man-hole in the roof, then making an opening 18 inches square through the plaster in the ceiling finally to squeeze through and drop to the floor.

Sergeant Turner ordered the office door to be forced, and on this being done he arrested and searched the two prisoners. Sumner had 11s. 6d. in silver and copper which he had taken from a collecting box in the office which was intended for the Shepherd-street Mission, Preston. He also had a small office clock, a box of lead pencils, and a pair of wire cutters. Considerable damage was done to the office furniture through the forcing of locked desks. When taken to Penwortham police station and charged, both men replied: "We have been drinking."

The Chief Inspector asked for a remand until Monday next, and this was granted.

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Preston Mission Reopens

After being closed for renovation, Shepherd-street Mission, Preston, was reopened this week-end with special services. On Saturday night, there was a large congregation when the address was given by the Rev. J. S. Bond, minister at Wycliffe Memorial Methodist Church. Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. P. Myerscough, of Broughton, was the speaker, and special hymns were sung by the children of the Mission Home.

In the evening the Mission choir sang the anthem, "O, Rest in the Lord," and the sermon was preached by Mr. G. E. Griffiths. All the services were well attended and the collections, which will be devoted to the Renovation Fund, amounted to more than £7 10s.

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SHEPHERD-ST.

28/12/35

Happy Time for 2,000 Poor Children

Two thousand of the poorest children in Preston had their Christmas morning brightened at Shepherd-street Mission on Wednesday. As in previous years, they were given breakfast bags and toys, the money being raised by subscriptions in the town and district.

Preparations began at the Mission on Christmas Eve, when a small army of workers spent hours decorating the room with hanging, balloons, and a Christmas