

55m21

LOSS ON YEAR'S WORKING

Preston Guardian Oct 1933
Reported at Shepherd Street

Mission Meeting

The 58th annual meeting of Shepherd-street Mission, Preston, was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday afternoon, the Chairman (Mr. W. A. Margerison) presiding.

The Mayor (Alderman Mrs. A. M. Pimblett), who is the president of the mission, was present at the start of the meeting. She said that all who knew the conditions of children left without parents, or parents who could not adequately look after them, realised the value of an institution such as Shepherd-street Mission.

Giving his report on the work of the year Mr. Margerison said their income, after allowing for exceptional non-recurrent amounts, had been maintained, and they had continued to receive generous help by gifts in kind.

They greatly regretted the recent passing of their honorary physician (Dr. C. O. Stanwell), who had been a very dear friend. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Slater had been appointed Master and Matron, following the former Matron's resignation.

A cottage adjoining the children's home had been acquired, and this had enabled them to effect much needed improvements to the girls' quarters, in addition to giving accommodation for more children.

To meet the cost of the extension they had to draw on their investments, but a legacy of £500 received by the will of the late Mrs. Alice Wilkinson, of Miles-street, Preston, had compensated for the transference of capital.

The family at the home numbered 46. Three children had been admitted during the year, four returned to parents, four girls placed in domestic service, one boy to farm service, and one girl had been adopted. There were 170 scholars on the books at the Sunday School, and a Mothers' Class of 40 members. A troop of scouts made up of boys from the Home was proving a success, and they were at present on the look out for a leader to take charge of a group of Guides to be formed from the Home girls.

The honorary treasurer (Mr. Hugh Southworth) reported a loss on the year's working of £201, which meant that the bank overdraft had gone up from about £500 to £718. This loss was brought about by reduced income and increased expenditure, including items for repairs. During the past 25 years a total of £9,200 had been left to the Home through legacies.

The Rev. R. H. Morgan, new minister of Garstang-road Congregational Church, proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet and the election en bloc of the officers. The Rev. J. Baxendale, vicar of St. Saviour's, seconded, both speaking on the needs of the child and the duty of every Christian citizen.

Mr. T. Kittson proposed and Mr. John Wilson seconded a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for the loan of the meeting room, and also to the speakers.

A collection was taken for the Home during the afternoon.

Lancashire Daily Post
Oct 18/33

UGH HIS C

SHEPHERD-ST. MISSION, PRESTON

ANNUAL MEETING

Former Residents Send Letters of Appreciation

LETTERS from former residents in the children's home of Shepherd-street Mission, Preston, most of them now in farm service in different parts of Lancashire, were read out by the chairman (Mr. W. A. Margerison) at the 58th annual meeting, held in the Town Hall, Preston, this afternoon.

The writer of every letter expressed sincere thanks for what had been done for him or her while at the home, and the desire to do something to show gratitude.

MAYOR'S APPRECIATION

The Mayor (Alderman Mrs. A. M. Pimblett), who is the president of the mission, was present at the start of the meeting. She said that all who knew the conditions of children left without parents, or parents who could not adequately look after them, realised the value of an institution such as Shepherd-street Mission. She did not think the work of the mission needed any advertising, as everybody in Preston knew of the good that was being done.

This year further improvements in the home had been made. The premises had been added to, and the children's accommodation had been improved, the public lending real support. Year after year workers were looking after the interests of children who had no home life of their own.

GENEROUS HELP CONTINUED

Giving his report on the work of the year Mr. Margerison said their income, after allowing for exceptional non-recurrent amounts, had been maintained, and they had continued to receive generous help by gifts in kind.

They greatly regretted the recent passing of their honorary physician (Dr. C. O. Stanwell), who had been a very dear friend. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Slater had been appointed Master and Matron, following the former Matron's resignation.

A cottage adjoining the children's home had been acquired, and this had enabled them to effect much needed improvements to the girls' quarters, in addition to giving accommodation for more children.

GUIDES' LEADER WANTED

To meet the cost of the extension, they had to draw on their investments, but a legacy of £500 received by the will of the late Mrs. Alice Wilkinson, of Miles-street, Preston, had compensated for the transference of capital.

The family at the home numbered 46. Three children had been admitted during the year, four returned to parents, four girls placed in domestic service, one boy to farm service, and one girl had been adopted. There were 170 scholars on the books at the Sunday School, and a Mothers' Class of 40 members. A troop of scouts made up of boys from the Home was proving a success, and they were at present on the look out for a leader to take charge of a