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TRIBUTES TO MISSION.

EXCELLENT WORK AT SHEPHERD STREET, PRESTON.

LETTERS FROM FORMER RESIDENTS AT THE HOME.

The 56th annual meeting of the Shepherd-street Mission and Children's Home attracted a large attendance of workers and supporters to the Council chamber on Thursday. The Mayor (Councillor Rainford) presided.

The Chairman (Mr. W. A. Margerison) presenting the 56th annual report of the committee, said that notwithstanding the anxieties of trade and the effects of unemployment generous financial support had enabled them to end the year free from undue anxiety. They recorded with regret the passing of Miss E. Poole and Mrs. E. Drysdale Huck, two generous friends who had left substantial legacies as a memorial of their long interest in the work.

The health of their family of 51 children had been satisfactory. Five children had been admitted during the year, one lad had passed out to farm service, and a girl to domestic service. One of the boys had gained a borough scholarship and was now at Deepdale Modern School. Many past residents under 21 were still under their care and supervision. A bank account was kept for each of them, and some saved as much as £100 by the time they reached their majority.

Many gifts in cash, in kind, and in services from churches, schools, and social organisations were recorded and thankfully acknowledged in the report, and the many activities connected with the Mission and the Home were reviewed in detail.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

Amongst the letters from former residents (always a feature of special interest at these meetings) was one from "Charlie," writing from a farm at Carnforth, which was headed "Wanted. Urgent": "Please could you send me two shirts and a new pair of nee breeches. I could not say the size, but send me a pair with lase bottoms. When Sister packed my case she put Bob's breeches in my case and mine in his, as I ordered lase bottoms and mine are buttons. I hope you are pleased to hear that I have got a good home and I like my job, and we have nearly finished harvesting. I will now close. I have not spent a penny since I came."

"Billy," writing from near Fleetwood: "Here's a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. I have settled down nicely and I like very much. We have got about 1,200 poultry and I help another man to look after them and also milk twice a day. As I said before, I am still learning."

"Bob" writes: "I am quite happy here. I have got to milking. We have finished hay-making and bracken mowing and we have started harvest. I think I am in the most beautiful country there ever is. In summer time it is bonny, there is rabbits and squirrels running about. There is hens clocking, cocks crowing, and lambs biateing. I will now close, good bye."

"Annie" writes from another farm: "I am quite well and happy. I have plenty of work to do. I get up at six in the morning and I have learned to milk. I also help with the cheese and butter, and milk again at night. I wash up, and the floors, and wash eggs. I will now close with love to all."

The financial report of the hon. treasurer, Mr. Hugh Southworth, showed a total income of £1,786, £130 less than last year, when a gift of £100 came from a trust fund. Subscriptions and donations totalled £765, as against £802, and house to house collections £242 as against £246. Expenditure totalled £1,806 as against £1,872 last year. Legacies amounting to £269 had been used in reduction of the bank overdraft which now stood at £214 instead of £487. The cost per child worked out at 13s. per week, all expenses included.

THE VALUE OF CHILD LIFE.

The Rev. T. Ashton (St. Thomas'), moving the adoption of the annual reports and the election of officers, said the great advantage of the Home was that the children learned that somebody cared for them. Some people thought there was less need for such homes since widows' pensions came in, but at the Barnardo Homes they had 5,000 more cases than before that Act came into force.

The Rev. W. J. May (North-road Methodist Church), seconding the motion, said aviators stated that the cry of a child could be heard higher up than any other sound on earth. Whther that was so he could not say, but the cry of a child's need stirred every human heart more than any other and loosened the purse strings. Money spent on a child was not a gift, but an investment that brought in 250 per cent. dividends and more every year. Raikes dreamed of the time when the Sunday schools would close the goals. We were living in times when goals and workhouses were closing down as the result of caring for our children. Less than a century ago children were sent from workhouses in barge loads to be worked to death in factories, and it was only 60 years since the right of every child to education was recognised. We had learned as a nation the value of the immense asset of child life.

Responding to a vote of thanks moved by Mr. Chas. Plant, and seconded by Councillor Rawcliffe, the Mayor said the Mission was doing excellent work not only for the children, but for the town itself, and the Council could do no less than welcome them at their annual meeting. He and the Mayoress had thoroughly enjoyed all they had been able to do for the Mission, and counted it a privilege to be associated with the work.

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LEYLAND WOMAN'S BEQUESTS.

HOSPITAL ENDOWMENTS AFTER SEVEN YEAR GRANT TO EMPLOYEES.

Mrs. Elizabeth Drysdale Huck, Melrose, Moss-lane, Leyland, who died on August 9th last, left estate of the gross value of £7,641 19s. 4d., with net personalty £6,425 5s. 2d.

The testatrix left £50 to George Herbert Redman; £100 to her servant, Ada Alice Davidson, if in her service at her death; £100 to Leyland Congregational Church, the income therefrom to be applied towards the annual inspection and repair of the church organ; 2,000 ordinary shares in J. E. Baxter and Co. Ltd., Leyland Rubber Manufacturers, to George Herbert Redman and Robert Edwin Smalley, or other two senior directors of the said company in trust, to pay the income thereof for seven years immediately after her death to all employees in the service of the company, in equal shares, and at the expiration of that period, or the winding up of the company, as to 500 such shares to William Slater, 500 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 500 to the Hospital at Fleetwood for the endowment of a cot, and 500 to Shepherd-street Mission; £1,000 to the London Missionary Society; £500 to the Royal Infirmary, Preston, for the endowment of a cot; £500 to Sarah Huck, £100 to William G. Rew, Congregational minister; and the residue of the property to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

SHEPHERD ST. MISSION, PRESTON.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, SUNDAY, June 19th.

Preachers:
2 30 p.m.: W. HARGREAVES, Esq.
President, Preston and District Sunday School Union;
6 45 p.m.: Rev. E. PORTER (Inskip).
Special Singing by Children.

He was died
at
last
Monday
June
MR. WILLIAM FAZACKERLEY.

FUNERAL TAKES PLACE AT PRESTON CEMETERY

Mr. William Fazackerley, who died on Friday, was interred at Preston Cemetery, this morning, after a short service at Marsh-lane Wesleyan Church. Mr. Fazackerley, who was 83 years of age, and had been in business in Union-street for 56 years, resided at 37, Fishergate-hill.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Page, minister at St. Mary's-street Wesleyan Chapel, with Mr. W. Edgar at the organ. Mr. J. S. Greenwood and Mr. W. A. Margerison represented Shepherd-street Mission and Children's Home.

The mourners were Mrs. Fazackerley (widow), Mr. Will Fazackerley (son), Mrs. Livesey (daughter), Mr. Henry Fazackerley (son), Mr. and Mrs. Messham (daughter and son-in-law), Mrs. Henry Fazackerley (daughter-in-law), Mr. Fred. Messham (grandson), Miss Halliday (nurse), and Miss Alice Savage (maid).

Besides the family tributes were wreaths from Croft-street School and Marsh-lane Chapel, the employees at Union-street, the staff at Cannon-street, the trustees of Marsh-lane Chapel, the maids at Fishergate-hill and "Parkside," and Nurse Halliday.

The funeral arrangements were by Frederick Matthew.