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BRINGING CHRISTMAS TO 2,000 CHILDREN.

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Shepherd-street Mission
Does a Great Work.

PRESTON'S CHANCE.

CHRISTMAS at the Shepherd-street Mission this year will be more strenuous than ever. The need is greater; therefore Shepherd-street is determined to work harder.

Last year 1,500 children were entertained at breakfast on Christmas morning. That was 500 more than the normal number.

This year there is need for preparations to bring Father Christmas to 2,000 children. Shepherd-street is ready to face that need and to trust the public to foot the bill.

It is not mere guess-work, but based on reports from the education authorities, and on figures of the actual need, compiled by teachers who are in daily touch with the children in the various schools.

Definitely the need this year, if Preston's poor children are to be remembered on Christmas Day, calls for provision for many more than 2,000. That figure is the share allotted for Shepherd-street Mission to cater for, and the Mission Committee has accepted the responsibility gladly.

In the same spirit "The Lancashire Daily Post" once more, as in years past, appeals to its readers to subscribe to the funds of the Mission, and will gratefully acknowledge all subscriptions.

FULL UP.

There are 54 children in the Shepherd-street Home just now. Full up; no room for more (unless they tuck them two in a bed rather than turn a homeless one away). The 10 bairns taken in recently include two motherless families of four and three children, aged between three and 10 years, whose fathers could find no homes for them, one "unwanted" baby chick whose mother has married a man who didn't want another man's child, and two more whose mother is in hospital looking hopefully to the day when she can take them again.

Do you know this mission home? Have you visited it?

There is nothing "institutional" about it. Here is a big happy family, where each child has its own corner in the hearts of the others, and of those who have the care of all.

Even after they have grown up and gone out into the world they are watched over and cared for, and they keep in touch by writing home and eagerly helping the family exchequer.

At the Mission Hall, in one of the poorest quarters of the town, services for children and adults, Sunday schools, classes, meetings indoors, in the open-air, at the lodging-houses, and many helpful associations are actively carried on all the year round by a devoted band of voluntary workers.

Mr. W. A. Margerison, the enthusiastic chairman of the mission, leads an equally eager and devoted committee, trustees and officers in the ceaseless work of this unique mission, and year by year as the work and the need increase the help from many churches, schools, social clubs and organisations of all sorts increases too.

Typical of this aspect of the work is the close interest taken by the boys of the Preston Grammar School, and the headmaster and staff, all the year round, and particularly at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Christmas morning at Shepherd-street will be a sight worth seeing. The Mayor and Mayoress and many members and officers of the Corporation will be there, the mission staff and helpers in full force, two thousand children anxiously waiting for the first note of eight o'clock from the Town Hall tower.

A throng of thankful and admiring mothers, fathers, older sisters and brothers watching the fun and excitement. Then the handing out to each child of a parcel of meat pies, cakes, fruits, sweets and nuts, and a lovely toy from the hands of Father Christmas himself.

Everybody happy, and the happiest of all are the busiest—Mr. Slater, the mission secretary, the staff of the Home and the mission committee, trustees and workers, most of whom have been busy all night making all things ready.

Don't miss your share of the happiest Christmas function in Preston. If you cannot be

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SHEPHERD STREET MISSION, PRESTON.

56th ANNUAL MEETING in the TOWN HALL, 3 p.m., THURSDAY NEXT, October 27th.
His Worship the MAYOR (Councillor T. C. RAINFORD) will preside.
Speakers: Rev. T. ASHTON, Vicar of St. Thomas's, Preston; Rev. W. J. MAY, North-road Methodist Church.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

GARDEN PARTY at the CHILDREN'S HOME, OXFORD STREET, SATURDAY, June 25th, 1932, 3 p.m.
To be Opened by W. M. KIRKPATRICK, Esq., M.P., and ADRIAN C. MOREING, Esq., M.P.
His Worship the MAYOR of PRESTON will preside.

BOOK THE DATE.

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... Preston, was successful at the recent final examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.

SHEPHERD-STREET MISSION.—A garden fete held at the Shepherd-street Mission Children's Home, Preston, on Saturday afternoon, was opened by Mr. A. C. Moreing, M.P., who was introduced by Mr. W. A. Margerison, chairman of the home. The Mayor, Councillor T. C. Rainford, presided. The children gave an exhibition of dancing and the visitors were conducted round the home. The St. David's Silver Band played selections.