

"It (the Report) spoke volumes, but then the reports presented by Rev. T. Jackson always did speak volumes. His work was not limited to the Borough of Stepney, but concerned the whole country, and he had heard Mr. Jackson and his Institute spoken of hundreds of miles from London."

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR OF STEPNEY.

May 12th, 1924.

*The Working Lads'
Institute and Home,*
WHITECHAPEL, LONDON, E.

**CARING FOR
EAST END
LADS. - - -**

**47th ANNUAL REPORT,
1924.**

Working Lads' Institute & Home

WHITECHAPEL, LONDON, E.

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WORKING LADS' . . . INSTITUTE and HOME.



Report for 1924.



The Annual Meeting.

THE work of the past year has been attended with cheering success, and affords the Committee much encouragement. The Annual Meeting held in May last was one of the best in the history of the Institute. The unavoidable absence of our honoured President and the Lady Mayoress, occasioned by their having received His Majesty's command to attend the railway station, at the same hour as our meeting, to welcome the King and Queen of Roumania, was a great but inevitable disappointment to all, not the least to the Lord Mayor and City Sheriffs. In the absence of his Lordship, the Mayor of Stepney very kindly presided, and the Ex-Mayoress, Mrs. H. Kosky, distributed the prizes to the members. Old and

respected friends and supporters were present in goodly numbers, and rejoiced in the evidences of the continued and increasing success of the work. The packed audience included many of the Institute members' parents.

Upholding Traditions.

WE are fast approaching the Jubilee of the inauguration of the Working Lads' Institute and Home. The public meeting held at the Mansion House in November, 1876, and presided over by the Lord Mayor, the late Sir J. R. Cotton, was an event that has been fruitful of blessing to thousands of East End lads. It will be interesting to our friends and supporters to know that the original object of the Institute's founder, viz. "To save poor but industrious lads from the temptations arising from the streets, bad companions, and low places of amusement, by offering healthy recreation, and the means of mental and moral improvement," is being successfully maintained. Words of commendation from prominent public men cheered those responsible for the work in past years.

His Majesty the late King Edward, when Prince of Wales :

"I cannot conceive any institution more useful or more necessary. It is of the greatest value that lads should have some home to go to in their leisure hours."

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Mr. Alderman Stuart Knill :

"My only regret is that I have been obliged to cross the boundary of the City to come here and be tempted to covet what I do not possess."

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart. :

"Allow me to say, not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of the Corporation of London, that we are heartily with you in the promotion of all work of this kind in the East End of London."

The late Lord Swaythling :

"I have always felt great sympathy with the work being done by the Institute."

Sir Edmund Hay Currie :

"I know of no work more likely to effect greater permanent good."

In recent years the commendation of succeeding Lord Mayors and Sheriffs of the City of London, also of prominent public men, has been an inspiration to us in our endeavours to maintain the worthy traditions of the Institute and Home.

Interesting Activities.

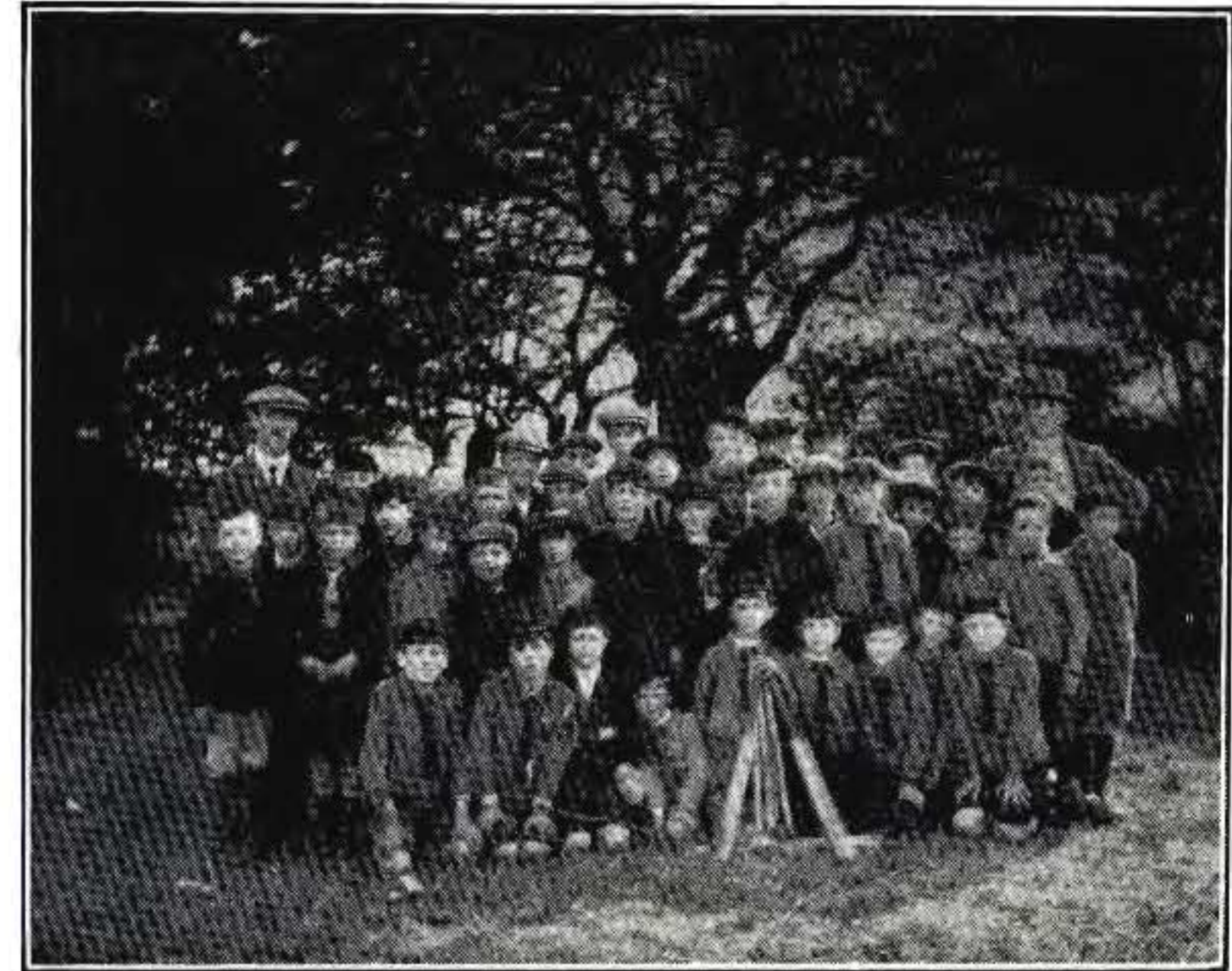
THE Junior and Senior sections of the Institute members have had a prosperous year. **Physical Training** has embraced Gymnastics, Drill and Swimming; **Instruction**, Library, Lantern Lectures, Cinematograph; **Amusements**, Concerts, Entertainments, Sketches, Listening-In; **Out-of-door Games**, Cricket, Football, and Camping-out; **Thrift** by Savings Bank, Addresses on Temperance, Industry, and Character Building. The seed has been sown and we believe has been productive of good. We are not unmindful of, or indifferent to, the harmful influences of socialistic and communistic propaganda that obtains in our district. The aim of these plotters against the good order of the State, with their contempt for the moral and spiritual interests of the community, is to capture the youth of our times. To be forewarned is to be fore-armed, and our endeavour is to anticipate the designs of these modern evil-doers and law despisers, urging upon the lads the claims of honesty, truthfulness industry and uprightness in all their conduct.



Camping out.

The Summer Camp.

FROM Whitechapel to Waltham Abbey is not a long distance counted by miles. The journey by train and motor lorry is soon made, but the experience of 71 lads who spent a fortnight in rustic, simple life, surrounded by green fields and forest glades, in exchange for the slum homes from which many of them came, was an experience that occasioned them delight, benefitted their health, and furnished an opportunity for giving practical lessons that would aid in their desire to become respectable and useful citizens. Excellent arrangements were made by Rev. J. E. Thorp and Mr. Gill. Mr. Brooker, of Waltham, generously placed his fields at our disposal for the erection of tents and camp requirements, and local friends manifested interest in the lads' games, drill, and entertainments. The weather was occasionally inclement, but juvenile spirits are not easily damped or depressed by rain or the absence of



The Cricket Teams.

sunshine. The Summer Camp of 1924 will be remembered with pleasure by the members who were privileged to visit it, and who were physically, mentally, and morally benefitted through the change it provided for them.

Increasing Need.

IT is obvious that, in a district like Whitechapel and neighbourhood, where the housing problem is so acute, for lads in their teens, and specially those who have left school and started work, their homes, unfortunately, cannot supply much attraction for them. The domestic conditions are such that games and recreation, such as youths need and desire, are impossible. It is of the greatest importance that such provision as the Working Lads' Institute supplies should be



Mr. Jackson selling Chocolates by Dutch Auction in Whitechapel Road for Hospital Sunday Fund. £1,120 raised during past 5 years.

is a time when local claims are the most pressing, but goodwill and perseverance enabled us to raise ten guineas for this worthy object. By these enterprises we aim at impressing the lesson of giving as well as receiving, and of performing the duties as well as claiming the right of citizens.

A Record Year for the Home.

THE activities of the Home as distinct from the Institute have been exceptionally successful during the past year. The following items will illustrate what an extensive service is being rendered to an unfortunate class of lads by us. Not only has the Home become known to a wider circle of Metropolitan and Provincial magistrates, who have invited our assistance when dealing with first offenders, but we have been able to co-operate with the Borstal authorities in a number of cases. Discharged prisoners have also been cared for and assisted to employment which has enabled them to make a new start in life. We have received only £4/10/- monetary grant from the State during the year; neither taxes nor rates have been drawn upon; yet we are pleased and thankful to state that an increased number of Police Courts have sent us donations from the poor boxes and assisted in providing outfits for lads for whom we have secured employment in the Provinces.

Admissions during 1924.

DURING the year 189 lads were received into the Home. Of this number, **25 had lost both parents; 36 had lost mother; 32 had lost father;** and in 3 cases the parents were living apart. The percentage of failures has been unusually small. Of those admitted, 6 had to be sent to hospitals to be medically treated, 8 absconded soon after admission, 2 failed to make good and were re-arrested for stealing, and one was re-arrested and taken to Manchester, having absconded from a reformatory.

First Offenders.

THE first offenders admitted during the year number 97. These came from the following Police Courts: **Metropolitan**—Old Street 12, Guildhall 11, Greenwich 6, East Ham and Acton 5 each, Woolwich and Thames 4 each, Lambeth, Wimbledon, and West London 3 each, Marlborough St., West Ham, Tower Bridge, Willesden, Westminster, Tottenham, Stratford, and Hendon 2



Christmas Dinner in the Home.

each, and Hampstead 1. **Total from Metropolitan Courts 73. Provincial**—Romford 4, Reading, Brentwood, Dartford, Bromley, and Yarmouth 2 each, Shoeburyness, Grays, Braintree, Dover, Ashford, Penge, Norwich, Leicester, Folkestone, and Gravesend 1 each. **Total from Provincial Courts 24.** These figures indicate that the Home has very extensive recognition and appreciation, and it affords the Committee much gratification to be able to co-operate with Magistrates, Probation Officers, and others in preventive measures to save first offenders from entering upon a criminal career and becoming a menace to the community. Long experience has made it quite clear to us, that many first offenders who have been under our care have offended owing to physical and mental causes, rather than from vicious or criminal propensities. Their parentage, environment, and deprivations explain much; given more healthy and helpful conditions and treated with discriminate kindness they respond to the claims of self-respect and orderly conduct.

What we have succeeded in doing for the Lads.

OUR aim and endeavours are to help to make good and respectable citizens of the lads who come under our care. It will be apparent that the material upon which we have to work is not of the most plastic and hopeful kind. Still we have the conviction that most of the unfortunates that come into our Home have some element of goodness in them, and are capable of becoming better, and can be placed upon the path that will lead them to the attainment of character and honourable position. The many testimonies that we have



*Leaving Whitechapel Home
for Lancashire.*

received during the past twenty-eight years confirm us in this optimism and justify it. The favourable opinion of many employers, who have received lads from our Home, explains the success we have had in securing situations during the year.

92 lads sent to Glass Works at St. Helen's, Lancs.

28 to various mines in Yorkshire.

**10 sent to sea (chiefly Merchant Service),
through Agent at Cardiff.**

10 Bakers.

10 Messengers in City Shops.

8 Tailors.

10 Restaurants.

5 Stick Makers.

6 Enlisted in the Army.

2 Warehouse Assistants.

2 Builders' Labourers.

1 Messenger at Lloyds.

Visitation and After Care.

SEVERAL visits have been made by members of the Institute and Home Staff to Lancashire and Yorkshire and to other districts where lads have been sent by us, and enquiries made

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. S. Hiscoke ...	0	10	0	Mr. Edgar Thompson ...	0	7	6
Mrs. H. Campbell Sea- brook ...	0	10	0	Mr. H. R. Salmon ...	0	5	0
Mr. J. Charles ...	0	10	0	Hull Police Court ...	0	5	0
Hand-in-Hand Society	0	10	0	Mrs. H. Roye ...	0	5	0
Mr. Wm. Whewell ...	0	10	0	Mr. W. H. Evans ...	0	5	0
Collected by Mr. W. Routledge ...	0	10	0	Mr. A. E. Hudson ..	0	3	0
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Brittle	0	10	0	Mr. J. Hall ...	0	2	6
Miss Aylott ...	0	8	6				
Mr. A. Walker ...	0	8	0				
					£321	7	10

Donations and Subscriptions allocated from the Whitechapel Social Agencies Fund.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Two Friends, "In mem- ory of the late Mrs. T. Jackson" ...	100	0	0	Mr. H. Garner Pugh, F.S.A.A. ...	5	0	0
Lady Hartley ...	100	0	0	Mr. & Mrs. J. Calow ...	5	0	0
Mrs. Annie McCready	100	0	0	Mr. John J. Spoor, J.P.	5	0	0
Mr. Wm. Lacey ...	25	0	0	Mr. T. L. Gerrard, J.P.	5	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Blanch "In memory of Rev. R. S. Blair, Sir W. P. Hartley, and Mrs. Jackson" ...	15	15	0	Mr. Thos. Singlehurst, J.P. ...	5	0	0
Mr. J. A. Colbourne ...	10	10	0	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Vernon	5	0	0
Miss M. A. Moore ...	10	10	0	Mr. C. R. Maynard ...	5	0	0
Mr. H. Brooks ...	10	0	0	Mr. Thos. Gibbon ...	5	0	0
Mr. T. C. Eamer ...	10	0	0	Mrs. J. Laverick ...	3	10	0
Mr. J. W. Arnold, jun.	6	6	0	Mrs. J. Taylor ...	3	3	0
Mr. & Mrs. E. Young Harrison ...	5	5	0	Miss Florrie Gater and Friends ...	3	3	0
Mr. Jos. Wilson, J.P. ...	5	5	0	Mr. Fred. Ellingham ...	3	3	0
Mrs. Benfield ...	5	5	0	Mr. Wm. Hevison ...	3	3	0
Mr. S. Gerrard ...	5	5	0	Mr. A. Younger ...	3	3	0
Mr. Rich. Fletcher, J.P.	5	5	0	Miss Hitchman ...	3	0	0
Sir Thos. Robinson, J.P., K.B.E. ...	5	5	0	Mr. C. T. Fletcher ...	3	0	0
Mr. J. R. D. Barfoot ...	5	5	0	Mr. R. W. Cox ...	3	0	0
Mr. W. Arnold, jun. ...	5	5	0	Mr. & Mrs. C. Illingworth	3	0	0
Mr. J. W. Mills ...	5	5	0	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crad- dock ...	3	0	0
Mr. Matthew Arnold ...	5	5	0	Old Friends in New Zealand ...	3	0	0
Mr. A. T. Johnson ...	5	5	0	A Friend, Chesterfield ..	2	10	0
Mr. L. Lee, J.P., Australia	5	0	0	Mr. W. D. Cook ...	2	10	0
Miss M. Parsons, New Zealand ...	5	0	0	Mr. & Mrs. T. R. Gleg- horn ...	2	2	0
Thank-offering for Minis- terial Jubilee ...	5	0	0	Mr. Percy H. Longden	2	2	0
Mr. W. H. Carden ...	5	0	0	Mrs. H. M. Rumming ...	2	1	10
Rev. J. T. & Mrs. Barkby	5	0	0	Rev. J. C. & Mrs. Wenn	2	2	0
Mrs. S. Bunting ...	5	0	0	Mr. G. E. Billington ...	2	2	0
Mr. Edwin Barlow, J.P.	5	0	0	Coun. J. Sivil, J.P. ...	2	2	0
					£575	12	10

The Working Lads' Institute and Home, Whitechapel.

Treasurer's Cash Account for the Year ending 31st March, 1924.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
To Subscriptions and Donations ...	328	9	9	By Salaries and Wages ...	483	10	0
Contributions for support of Lads ...	141	15	7	Rates, Taxes, Fuel, and Gas ...	187	3	6
Payments by Institute Home Lads ...	397	14	6	Printing, Stationery, Postage, and Adver- tising ...	33	13	11
Payments by and Donations to Crusaders	62	0	9	Repairs and Furniture Renewals ...	172	0	5
Rents and Letting ...	180	13	6	Petty Expenses and Insurance ...	59	15	8
Probation Fees ...	4	10	0	Gymnasium and Crusaders ...	82	1	0
Balance met by an allocation from the Whitechapel Mission Funds ...	575	12	10	Food, Clothing, and Outfits for Lads	672	12	5
					£1,690	16	11

We have examined the above Account and compared it with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify it to be correct.

58-59, CAREY STREET, W.C. 2.

23rd April, 1924.

(Signed), A. E. TURBERVILLE & Co.,

Chartered Accountants.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Institute and Home

WILL BE HELD

On Monday, May 18th, 1925.



THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR

Will take the Chair at 3 p.m., supported by

THE LADY MAYORESS,

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff F. J. Barthorpe and Mrs. Barthorpe, Mr. Sheriff H. G. Downer, C.C., and Mrs. Downer, The Mayor and Mayoress of Stepney, Rev. J. T. Barkby, and others.



The LADY MAYORESS will distribute the Prizes to Members.



During the Meeting a

Portrait of the late Mrs. Thomas Jackson

will be unveiled by Mrs. J. T. Barkby.



A collection will be taken for the Institute and Home Fund.

Form of Bequest by Will.

For the guidance of Friends who may desire to bequeath money for the Working Lads' Institute and Home, the following Form of Bequest is appended :

I Give and Bequeath to the Superintendent, for the time being of the Working Lads' Institute and Home, 279, Whitechapel Road, London, E. 1., for the use of the said Institute and Home, the Legacy or Sum of £ (free of duty), and direct the said last-mentioned Legacy or sum to be paid within twelve months after my decease from the proceeds of my real and personal estate, but primarily out of my personal estate, and the receipt of the Superintendent shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.

NOTE.—The Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1891, enables Testators to give by Will for the benefit of any charitable use not only pecuniary Legacies, but also tenements and hereditaments of any tenure.

The Will must be signed by the Testator at the foot or end thereof in the presence of two independent Witnesses, who must sign their names, addresses, and occupations, at the same time, in his presence and the presence of each other.