

THE WHITECHAPEL HERALD

September,

A Light in Darkness.

1927.

Whitechapel Primitive Methodist Mission.

Centres : 1—Brunswick Hall. 2—Working Lads' Institute & Home. 3—Homes of Rest, Southend-on-Sea.

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JUBILEE TESTIMONIAL.

"Something
Attempted—
Something
Done."



The Sum of
**Two Thousand
Guineas,**
raised & invested
on behalf of
**Whitechapel
Mission.**

My warmest and most sincere thanks to all Contributors.

THOMAS JACKSON.

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES.

Two events of the last twelve months are of special interest. The Jubilee gathering, held in the Mansion House on October 18th last, and presided over by the Right Hon. The Lord Mayor, had a crowded audience, including the City Sheriffs, civic dignitaries, representatives of the Free Churches, the Church of England, Roman Catholic Church, and Jewish community. Jews and Christians joined enthusiastically in expressing their appreciation of the past fifty years labours of the Superintendent in East London and the work of The Working Lads' Institute and Home. That the writer should be the first Primitive Methodist to receive such a signal honour by the City Authorities was gratifying to him and gave pleasure to his many friends.



Mr. Jackson handing the Lord Mayor the Accountants' Certificate of the Testimonial Fund, May 9th, 1927.

A RECORD EVENT.

The Meeting held at the Institute on May 9th last, will be long remembered by those present. The Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, City Sheriffs, President of Conference, Rector of Whitechapel, Jewish Rabbi, Ex-President of Conference, Mr. Henry Hill (Founder of the Institute), and a great rally of our Whitechapel people and friends assembled to form what proved to be one of the most remarkable occasions in the history of the Institute and the Superintendent's ministry. The Report

of the work for the past year was of deep interest and was received with applause. The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs, and speakers highly commended the record. The Lady Mayoress received a beautiful bouquet, subscribed for by lads who were sent to us from the police courts, but are now doing well and grateful for what our Home has done for them. She also distributed the prizes to lads as rewards for merit and good conduct. We then had the greatest possible pleasure in handing the chartered accountants' certificate, stating that £2,073 had been received for the Jubilee Testimonial (since increased to £2,100), which sum would be invested on behalf of the Whitechapel and Southend Homes and would be known as the "**Thomas and Annis Jackson Jubilee Testimonial Fund.**" To thus dispose of the generous contributions of my friends in honour of my Jubilee and in remembrance of Mrs. Jackson, gave me more joy than the possession of the money could possibly afford. We regarded it as a privilege to be able to furnish an additional proof of our aim and desire to make the social and spiritual interests of the poor and fallen in our slums to have the prior and chief claim upon what we have and what we are.

CHOICE MEMENTOES.

A deeply interesting incident of this meeting was the presentation by Mr. Henry Hill to the Institute of the **Visitors' Book**, containing the autographs of King Edward VII., Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family and distinguished persons; two silver trowels; an ebony mallet and plumb. These are now in safe keeping at the Institute and will form

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Mr. Joseph Calow.



The late Mrs. Joseph Calow.

A NOBLE EXAMPLE.

On Wednesday, July 27th, a choice honour fell to my lot in being asked by my friend, Mr. Joseph Calow, to perform the dedication ceremony at the opening of the "**Joseph and Mary Calow Memorial Homes**" for eight aged couples, at Lingdale in the Guisborough circuit. Eight houses, neat externally and internally, fitted with requisite domestic appliances and convenience, and £500 invested for meeting future expense of repairs

and water rates, with a supply of coal for each house to begin with, represent this generous gift of our friend. It was my happy duty to hand to the future tenants the keys and to express my own and their benefactor's good wishes for their future comfort and happiness. The day's proceedings proved there are exceptions to the rule, "**A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country,**" for on July 27th, crowds filled Lingdale streets, flags and streamers waved from windows and across the roads, an excellent brass band gratuitously supplied stirring music; representatives of churches,

civic bodies, and political parties, all joined in honouring him to whom honour was due. A substantial meat tea, such as seems to be a Yorkshire speciality, was supplied to 200 invited guests, and the school-room, in which the guests assembled, had been transformed, by means of flowers and ornaments, with a 28-lb. beautiful birthday cake adorning the central table, into a veritable fairy scene. It was a delight to all that Mr. Calow, though very feeble in health owing to his serious accident some few years ago, was able to be present and receive the congratulations so warmly tendered him.



Dedication of the Calow Memorial Room, Southend-on-Sea.

THE LATE MRS. CALOW.

Considering the deep interest the late Mrs. Calow took in the Whitechapel Mission, our Holiday Homes specially, and her friendship with Mrs. Jackson, I suggested to my friend, the beautifying and furnishing of a bedroom in our Holiday Home, No. 2, as a Calow Memorial Room in her memory. He at once consented, and on July 20th we held a dedication ceremony, followed by an inspection of the room by ministers and friends. This generous gift will not only add an additional attraction to the Home, but keep the memory of our departed friend sweet and sacred.

TWO BELPER BOYS.

What, in subsequent years, became the beginning of a close friendship between Joseph Calow and Thomas Jackson, was the discovery that we were each born in Belper on the same day. As lads we would often play in the same park and fields. He started work as an apprentice in a chemist's shop and I began, at eight years of age, to learn to make nails in a smithy. For years our spheres and occupations were "far apart" until the discovery named. Then, as my friend had prospered and acquired a share of this world's goods, and I had prospered and was needing help for the work, he, in true Christian fashion, used his cheque book from time to time as a token of practical fellowship. Belper gave to Primitive Methodists the name of "Ranters," and, in Joseph Calow, the generous helper and friend of Medical Missions in all parts of the world.

WHAT A CONTRAST.

It was reported in a Lancashire newspaper, on August 12th, that for Stockport wakes week £100,000 had been withdrawn from clubs, etc. for holiday makers' purposes. If the details of a week or ten days expenditure of some of the Stockport holiday makers were reported to some of our Whitechapel toiling, struggling women, they would be astonished. My colleagues and I are perplexed to know what to do in the presence of so many pathetic appeals from so many of our weary, languid, poverty-stricken, slum

neighbours to be sent for a week's free holiday at Southend-on-Sea. With the exception of a few welcome gifts from friends, our appeal has been no more successful than beating the air. Still, we are not without hope that some, who have enough and to spare for the requirements of their holidays, will rally to the call and respond to the plaintive appeal or the poor for the favour of exchanging their drab slum surroundings for the bracing air and charming views of the sea-side.

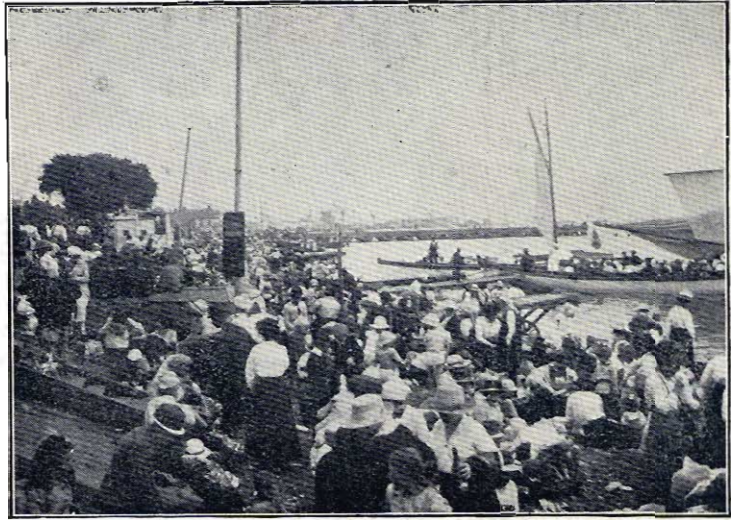
One old-age pensioner, who is hoping we may be able to send her for a week, is already making her financial plans for the anticipated week. She will draw her pension, ten shillings, out of that she will pay the rent of her small room, two shillings and sixpence, the return railway fare will be six shillings and sixpence, so she will have one shilling left for pocket money and luxuries. Other old Primitive pilgrims will be made to have a little holiday appearance by being adorned with cast-off garments sent us by friends and will, by the attention of Mrs. Thorp and the Sisters, appear in more up-to-date, fashionable attire. In extremely penurious cases we shall have to pay their railway fare, and if a boat trip or a charabanc ride can be added, it will delight both giver and receiver. Who will honour us by making us their almoner and selecting their holiday guests at one Home, £1 each for a week? May we hear the welcome response by wireless, 'phone, or otherwise, from many, "I will! I will!!"

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NEVER-FORGETTABLE DAYS.

The late Dean Stanley wrote, "He has achieved success—who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children—who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had."

We are of the opinion that all intelligent men and women will approve our efforts during July, which resulted in transferring from five to six hundred adults and children from the courts and alleys of Whitechapel to the sea-side and Epping Forest for a day's enjoyment and welcome change. On July 4th, six charabancs carried a party of a hundred and sixty mothers and ten helpers to Southend. On July 9th, two hundred and fifty children and adults were taken by train to Epping Forest. July 16th, Sunday School Scholars were given a treat in the Forest. July 21st was the Primary Department's day of enjoyment. July 29th saw the Girl Guides off to their summer camp at Waltham Abbey and the Boy Crusaders off to their camp at Foot's Cray, Kent. Canvas, poles, blankets, cooking utensils, crockery, and sundry other curios made up a motley collection. If any one of the six hundred had been asked on those memorable days, "Is life worth living?" there would have been a chorus by optimists heard equal to any so called community singing.



Whitechapel's Tired Women on Southend Beach.

The only "fly in this fragrant pot of ointment" was the fact of our having to meet the expense of it all with borrowed cash, with the hope that the subsequent liberality of friends would recoup us the loss.

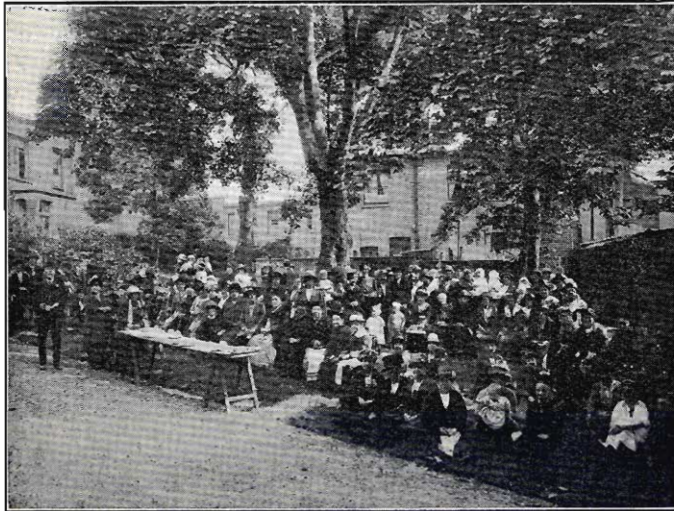
SALVAGE WORK.

First offenders, homeless orphans, and even prodigal sons from manses have found their way to the shelter and hospitality of our Whitechapel home. If anyone should think it is an easy task and a pleasant exercise to salvage such social wreckage, let them consult my colleagues, Mr. Thorp and Mr. Kinchin. In this branch of our activities we can endorse the lines of an anonymous poet:

*"If I can help a falling brother
Into his strength again;
If I can calm one fretted mother,
I'll not have lived in vain."*

Provincial, as well as Metropolitan magistrates, have sent their troublesome offenders to our care, and the Institute has been "a refuge in the time of storm" to juveniles, who were in imminent danger of entering upon a career of crime. All have not responded to our kindly help and fostering care, but there are many who have, and are to-day the "crown of our rejoicing," and will be when "the King shall sit upon His throne and before Him shall be gathered all nations." What we desire is a continuance of the prayers of our friends, while our rescuers go down into the depths, to hold the ropes at the top. Your sympathy, your cheery words, and your generous financial help will have the response of our gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS JACKSON.



Picnicking in the Grounds of Holiday Home, No. 2.