

THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

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Working Lads' Institute: Youth Centre, 279 Whitechapel Road, E.1.

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Whitechapel House Hostel: 153 Tulse Hill, S.W.2. Tel.: TULse Hill 1391.

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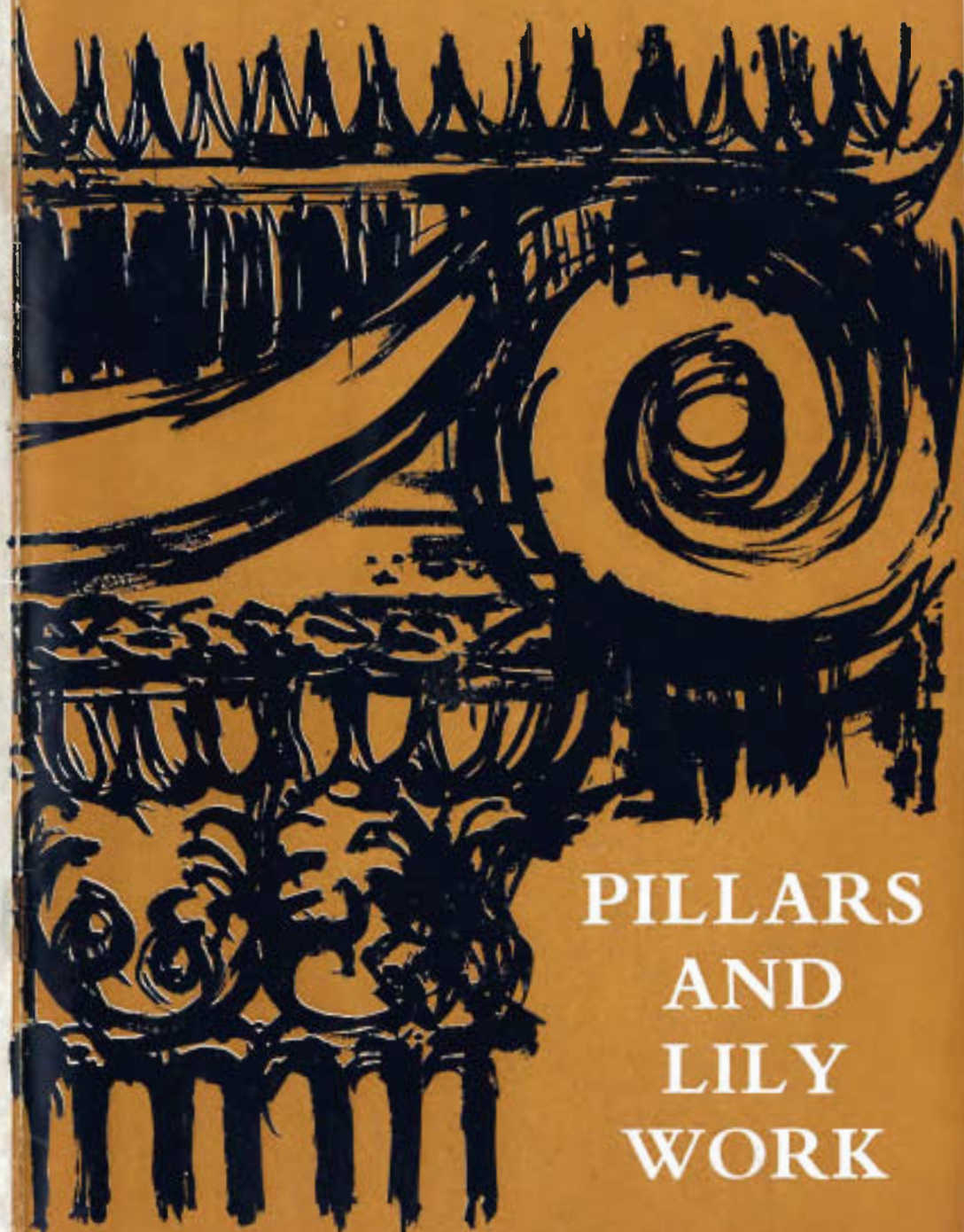
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PILLARS AND LILY WORK

BEING THE ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 1960

AS the two great pillars stood at the porchway or entrance of King Solomon's Temple, symbolising stability, so this Mission has stood through the years firmly enduring the shock of two world wars and bearing a not unimportant part in dealing with the many problems arising therefrom. Meanwhile, Time has laid its hand, not too gently,

Pillars and Lilywork

upon our main buildings — the Working Lads' Institute and the Brunswick Hall — both of which have served well over a long period, and are known to thousands the world over. It has now become imperative that something be done about this situation. It has long been agreed that the best proposition would be to rebuild on the site at present occupied by the Brunswick Hall, which was opened in 1864, and we feel it would be most fitting if the new centre could be opened in 1964, thus marking the passing of a known century of Christian activity on that particular ground. One or two able men, good friends of the Mission, are studying the possibilities from every angle, and we are hoping that in the near future, they will be able to lead us forward with such a project as will set this matter right for at least the next fifty years. When first our own dear people heard of the proposal to rebuild they began voluntarily to "buy bricks" at sevenpence a time, and to date they have thus set aside over £200 for this purpose — a considerable sum when we remember their financial limitations and their very generous giving at all times. Whilst this amount we know will not go far towards so large a scheme as is envisaged, we value highly the thought and devotion it represents and are confident that much more will be added thereto.

Those two massive pillars of brass set up by Hiram, King of Tyre, at the entrance of the Temple had their severity softened by a touch of grace and beauty for we read that "upon the top of the pillars was lilywork: so was the work of the pillars finished." Often as we go about the necessary routine work of the Mission we are brought up sharply by some unexpected reminder of the tenderness that lies unsuspected at the heart of things, that crowning beauty of grace that adorns so often the commonplace, and we marvel again at the old truth that:

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."

Yet again we beg of you — do not take for granted that there is no need these days for a social ministry. We give you two pictures of

Mrs. Ord and her little girl Rosalind, of Bede Road. I accompanied the "Star" photographer who took these photographs. The Borough Housing Manager received me courteously when I saw him on behalf of Mrs. Ord, and firmly announced that nothing could be done to rehouse these two people. Mrs. Ord has lived in the premises since 1953 and has been on the Housing List for nearly seven years. The child has recurrent bronchitis and a collapsed lung.

I therefore went to the Medical Officer of Health and again, whilst he received me most kindly, he was afraid nothing could be done. The owner of the property has refused to accept rent, and on being told to put the premises in order, forthwith applied for an eviction order. We are awaiting the outcome of this. Let no one suppose Utopia has arrived. We could spend ALL our time looking after people who find themselves at a sad disadvantage in this mid-century. We are grateful for loyal workers who spend themselves unsparingly. We are grateful, too, for all who remember us in prayer and give so generously. God willing, we will continue the work in which this Mission has so long engaged itself, and trust that the harvest of the years may be plentiful: that the pillars long may stand adorned with lilywork.

A. D. Clifton



The Home of Mrs. Ord and Rosalind

Photos by courtesy of the 'Star'

Rosalind's 'Back Garden'





Rev. A. E. D. Clipson

**ACTIVITIES
AT
WHITECHAPEL**

- Divine Worship
- Sunday Schools
- Whitechapel Fellowship
- Young People's Fellowship
- Whitechapel Youth Centre
- Women's Meetings
- Men's Meetings
- Young Worshippers' League

- Teenies
- Junior Clubs
- Clothing Department
- Camps and Outings
- Sound Cinema
- Handicrafts
- Savings Banks
- Hospital and Prison Visitation
- British Women's Total Abstinence Union
- Social & Moral Welfare Work

Windyridge Farm Home

Warden's Report

Windyridge continues to have an ever-increasing demand upon the accommodation available for training boys sent to us by the Courts from very corner of England and Wales. Since my last report there have been 41 boys received into the Home and the last boy who entered on 29th September was the 260th admission since the Home was opened in December 1953.

Although we have had our "ups and downs" this year, it is gratifying to record that during the last two years, of the number of boys left after training, 75% have settled down, are working well and have commenced a new and better life.

"Old Boys" keep paying visits to Windyridge, and it is remarkable to see with what pride they demonstrate to their friends whom they have brought with them, that they consider they still "belong" to the Home. The feeling of "belonging" to a family is something which for many of the lads has been previously lacking in their lives. More than one "old" lad has brought his fiancée to Windyridge, which is proof beyond doubt that he has found a new way of living and can afford, without

any embarrassment and with his fiancée, to look back to the time he spent at Windyridge as a turning point in his life.

Many distinguished visitors have come to Windyridge during the year from all parts of the world, and the most recent one has been Mr. Byung Ho Lee from Korea. Mr. Lee is Director of the Korea Bureau of Penal Administration, Seoul, and is making a comparative study of prisons and institutions in Great Britain and Scandinavia under the auspices of the United Nations Social Welfare Fellowship.



Windyridge

Mr. Lee was very impressed with Windyridge and appeared to be rather envious of what Windyridge had to offer to the lads in residence here. Who knows but one day there may be another "Windyridge" in Korea.

The lads continue to show in many ways their gratitude for all that is done for them in the Home, and although always a handful, they are also always very lovable and it is a wonderful privilege to have such a large family to keep one "on one's toes" all the time.

Many letters have been received during the year from grateful



Harvesting

Healthy Livestock

parents, and it is wonderful to read from mothers the following :—

"He is now the Bill I used to love".

and from another,

"I think I love him more than ever; I shall try to carry on where you have left off, because I am sure your way is the right way",

and from an old boy,

"Although I did not realise it at the time, Windyridge made me realise what a fool I have been. I can say this with honesty. I will never get into any more trouble."

During the year a change has taken place in our Gardening Instructor, who is now Mr. D Lenaghan, who served with the Braintree Hospital for many years. We are confident that the boys will benefit by the tuition they will receive from Mr. Lenaghan, and that he will become a very valuable member of the staff. Team spirit, with everyone pulling the same way and with the same object in view, namely, the well being and training of the lads in our care, is the aim of the staff at "Windyridge", and as time passes, it becomes more evident that God is blessing the work which is being attempted here, and to "HIM" be the glory.

OBITUARY

LT. COMMANDER HORACE DENTON, O.B.E., R.N. (Retd.)

Lt. Commander Denton was born on 1st November 1885, at Edenbridge, in Kent, concerning which he was always proud when cricket was on the tapis. He lived for many years in the second part of his life at "Roydene", Main Road, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex. He died on 16th December 1959, in London whilst attending a meeting of the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, of which he was Vice-Chairman. He left a widow and married daughter and two grandsons. He joined the Royal Navy in 1901, and in 1909 entered the Submarine Service, and in 1915 became a Specialist in Wireless Telegraphy. After two years service in the Dardanelles he was posted to Harwich where he met his wife, and retired from the Navy in 1924. In 1937 he was elected County Councillor for Harwich, but was recalled to the Navy in 1939, and served in an administrative capacity until 1945. He then resumed his seat on the Essex County Council, and was made Chairman of the Public Health and Housing Committee. As I was County Medical Officer from 1919 to 1949, this brought me into almost daily contact with the Commander. He used to arrive at County Hall, Chelmsford, before 7 a.m. and thus set an example which the public health staff did their best to follow. His untiring energy and acumen accomplished a great deal towards putting Essex to the forefront in the public health world, and especially in respect to the hospital service. Denton wards were named after him at Black Notley Hospital, Braintree, and later on at St. Mary's Hospital, Colchester. He was made Chairman of the Council for Hospital Ancillary Staff, and for these and other services, he richly deserved the O.B.E., which was conferred on him.



Windyridge Contingent! Anniversary Day

Brief reference need only be made here to his Chairmanship of the Colchester Group of Hospitals, Vice-Chairman of the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, Chairman of Hamilton Lodge, Great Bromley, member of the Committee of Chalfords School, Ramsey, near Harwich. He was for many years a Local Preacher and Circuit Steward in the Manningtree and Harwich Methodist Circuit. He was a J.P. for many years at Harwich. These are some of the fields of activity of this most energetic person, and yet he found time to watch the Harwich football teams, cultivate his chrysanthemums and become a noted philatelist. It also partly explains the background of his phenomenal success as Chairman of the Committee of the Windyridge Farm Home of the Whitechapel Mission. He had been associated for many years with the Whitechapel Mission and so become intimately acquainted with the Rev. A. E. D. Clipson and Mr. F. C. Yelland and the staff at Whitechapel, also the old Windyridge at Thornington, Essex.

His powers were extended and found more than equal to the task of Chairman of the new Windyridge at Great Horkelesley, established by the Whitechapel Mission, and which was officially opened by Prince Philip on 12th May 1955. A fully representative Committee served under the Commander and included such well known people as the late Tom England of Clacton, the late Rev. L. S. Shutter, Rev. J. R. S. Hutchinson of Clacton, Mr. A. McBain of Little Clacton, Mr. S. W. Newman of Great Bentley, Rev. J. W. Thomson of Colchester, and Mrs. Winchester, J.P., of Great Horkelesley. The Rev. A. E. D. Clipson and Mr. Yelland and their wives represented the Whitechapel Mission.

The Colchester Methodist Circuit Ministers visit weekly and conduct services for the staff and young men, of whom there are 30, sent by the Courts from England and Wales.

The Commander did not waste any time during Committee Meetings, whilst giving every member of the Committee opportunity to state his or her views. He was never afraid of meeting trouble and difficulties, and was never afraid of taking responsible decisions which were invariably confirmed later by the Committee. His intimate and kindly welcome to each "new boy" to Windyridge was always carried out with the greatest tact. The Commander paid regular and frequent visits to Windyridge, which were a source of great help to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Warden and Matron.

His sudden death on 16th December 1959, was a great blow to the many fields of beneficent work to which he had devoted his talents and time, and none more so than Windyridge. His name and memory will always be held in gratitude by those who remain to carry on the good work of serving the lost sheep for whom Christ died.

W. A. Bullough

MR. THOMAS ENGLAND

The Committee has lost a valued member in the passing of Mr. Thomas England of Clacton-on-Sea, who died on February 15th at the advanced age of 84 years. He had been associated earlier with the first 'Windyridge' at Thorrington, and when the larger and more ambitious scheme was entered upon at Gt. Horkeley Park in 1953, he was exactly the sort of person needed to guide us by his counsel through those first difficult days.

In his heart he loved young people, with a special and deep concern for those who, with little to help them in their beginnings, had slipped and fallen and should be given, in this early stage in their lives, a second chance. The redemptive mission of 'Windyridge' appealed to him and he looked upon the boys with imagination, sympathy and understanding. In one particular respect he evinced a personal interest in them by private gifts to the amenities fund, thus helping to defray the cost of an outing or the Christmas festivities. No one, except the Warden, knew about this at the time, and it was not intended that anyone should know. But it is proper now that it should be recorded.

In Committee, Mr. England had the happy gift of common-sense fairly applied to any situation that might arise. We have missed his contributions to the discussions, his straight drive for the main line of the argument, his humorous chuckle and the twinkle in his eye when his point was made, together with his good-natured acceptance of defeat when it went the other way. We are grateful to God for the service he gave to the Home and the spirit in which he gave it.

One of the first acts of the Committee after his passing was to invite Mrs. England to take his place. To the delight of all the members she readily consented to do so.

J. R. S. Hutchinson.

8 ways
by which
you can
help our
work to
progress

1. PRAY FOR OUR WORK AND WORKERS.
2. SEND A DONATION NOW.
3. HAVE A COLLECTING BOX IN YOUR HOME.
4. BECOME A COVENANTED SUBSCRIBER.
5. MAKE A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL.
6. ARRANGE IN YOUR CHURCH :
 - (1) A GIFT SERVICE,
 - (2) A CAROL PARTY.
7. SEND PARCELS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES.
8. ASK FOR A MISSION SPEAKER FOR ONE OF YOUR MEETINGS.



Two of the Lads

WHITECHAPEL HOUSE

By the time this Report is read we shall have had more than 800 lads through Whitechapel House since it was re-opened as a Working Lads' Hostel four years ago — that is over 300 admissions since our last report.

The pattern varies very little; lads continue to come to us from broken homes, from Borstal, from prison, and off the streets. Some are victims of domestic strife; more than a few are sufferers through parents' drinking habits, and they continue to find their way to the Hostel through various welfare agencies. They come from all parts of the country, and several have arrived from overseas

-- from Gambia, the West Indies and British Guiana.

Unfortunately, they do not all stay with us as long as we would like; some move on when they get their first wage packet, but very often they are unable to manage themselves and return to us for re-admission. However, a few have stayed for quite some time, one of them is still with us after more than a year.

"Shall I tell you somethin' Guv?" asked Jim, of the Warden.

"Yes, Jim, what is it?"

"You've been more of a 'farver' to me than my old man ever was, and I don't care who knows it!"

The cup of water given for Thee
Still holds the freshness of Thy grace;
Yet long these multitudes to see
The sweet compassion of Thy face.

J. Ernest Cankill.

"WHITECHAPEL STORY"

A 16 mm Sound Film—2 reels—is available on application to the Superintendent.

COVER DESIGN

We are indebted to Gerda D. Clipson for the cover design representing the "Lilywork upon the top of the pillars."



Crowning of May Queen 1960 by Mrs. J. Erskine-Hill

THE MAY QUEEN

It may seem odd that a "May Queen" is crowned here in Whitechapel year by year, but our children love the ceremony and always a large number of parents and friends gather for the occasion. With light-hearted singing, colourful dresses, and faithful observance of the ancient rites the young folk delight in it all. Our guest this year was Mrs Erskine-Hill, who graciously crowned Iris, our Queen of the Year. Mr. Erskine-Hill has for years been a valuable member of our Whitechapel House management committee, and we were happy to welcome his wife to the Mission.

Children at Crowning of May Queen

Photos by Halifax Photos Ltd.



Appeal from one of the Treasurers

Everybody who thinks at all must know that all we have comes from our Heavenly Father and our time, talents and money are all a *Trust* of which we are stewards and one day must give account. Everybody who is concerned about the work of God on this earth and the bringing in of His Kingdom can do something to help those who in the more difficult places such as down-town missions, work amongst the very young, the very old, and less fortunate ones, by their prayers and gifts.

We are very grateful to those who send gifts regularly, both small and large and to those who go a little further and take advantage of the State's help by entering into Covenants and thus enable the Mission, which is a recognized Charity, to claim Income Tax refund at the standard rate of 7/9. If you are at all interested, please drop us a line for further details.

There are others who form Charitable Trusts and in this way have funds available for selected Charities and we wish that they would consider this Mission for support of all the manifold activities, *briefly* outlined in this Report. Much more time and energy could be put into the proper work of the Mission if it were not for the necessity of channelling so much effort in raising money just to keep going.

If you know of persons who control such Trusts and can interest them or put us in touch with them, please do what you can.

It grieves us to read of the Wills published almost daily of good people, some Methodists, whose Estates have to pay over to the State enormous sums of money in Death Duties, whereas they could have done so much more good with that money while alive, or by forming Trusts could have made it possible for good to be done indefinitely. The State uses the duties for all sorts of purposes but our work helps the State to save money by relieving the needs of people, not only in money but in that direct care and interest that so many need.

We are more and more conscious of the great need to replace our Holiday Home at Southend. When we sold out, which we had to do of necessity because of the very bad state of the buildings, we little thought that after five years we would still be no nearer a new Home. There are so many needy persons around the Mission who would enjoy a week or two at the seaside and would benefit in health from the change from East London, but we keep having to say—"Not yet." This again is not idle charity but a healthy proposition, and prevents sickness by care and attention.

We need today about £15,000 for this Holiday Home project owing to the heavy increase in property values in recent months. Have we any reader who has in assets many times more than this put by for their old age who could do a magnificent job for countless numbers of genuine poor people? Please "Think on these things."

FORM OF BEQUEST BY WILL

For the guidance of friends who may desire to make bequests for the general work of the Whitechapel Mission, we append the following form of bequest.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to the Superintendent for the time being of the Whitechapel Methodist Mission, 279 Whitechapel Road, London, E.1., for the use of the said Mission, 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, and addresses, and occupations, at the same time, in his presence and the presence of each other.

If you have already made your Will, kindly add a Codicil directing a legacy to the Whitechapel Mission

64th Mission Anniversary

The 64th Anniversary was celebrated on October 16th and 17th when the Hon. Garnet H. Gordon, O.B.E., Q.C., and the Rev. Royston W. York were our guest preachers. Mr. Peter McCubbin, Miss Ena Mayes and Mr. Leslie Bennett, all of Leicestershire, gave valuable assistance, and with record attendances, we had a weekend of blessing.

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THE LATE MRS. WHITE

Earlier in the year we learned with sorrow that Mrs. White had died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Eric Thorp. Mrs. White was known to hundreds of people through her long and happy association with this Mission, chiefly in her capacity as Matron of the Holiday and Rest Home at Southend-on-Sea. Of sweet disposition, and having at heart the good of all, Mrs. White retained her interest in the work of the Mission to the end, and we all feel that a warm-hearted friend has for the time being gone from us. We are grateful for every memory of this good woman.

THE LATE MR. ANDREW McBAIN

Since going to print we have suffered yet another grievous loss through the passing of Mr. McBain, who will long be remembered and loved for his help at Windyridge. A warm-hearted evangelist, a sound counsellor and a generous giver to many good causes. Would that others of his kind might come to our aid.



On Holiday at
Herne Bay

HOLIDAYS

We are indebted to our friends of the Clapton Mission for help in finding places for those badly in need of a rest, until we can replace our own Holiday and Rest Home. These happy pictures were taken at Herne Bay this summer.



Mr. E. G. Roberts
Died November 20th 1960
aged 91 years

Mr. Roberts, "Robbie", who lived at the Mission for many years, and figured so often in our reports, was a faithful member of our church, and a generous supporter of this and other good causes. He passed peacefully away on Sunday, November 20th after a brief illness, in his ninety-second year. During the last night of his consciousness he prayed fervently for the Mission and his friends.

Bethany



Bethany

Our Eventide Home at Thorpe Bay has given sanctuary and peace to quite a number of elderly women, and continues so to do. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Waite, to whose capable hands and understanding hearts the management of the Home is entrusted, are deserving of the highest praise for their self renouncing lives, and we are most grateful for their ungrudging help. We receive no grant from any source for the maintenance of "Bethany", but each resident makes her modest contribution.

Our long-term policy envisages this work as being carried on in the future under the same roof as the Holiday Home. Such an arrangement would make for easier administration, would help with staffing, and would be more economic. Meanwhile we are doing our best to see that the residents have good food, comfort and every attention our good helpers are capable of giving, and that is quite a lot. How sadly we miss the Holiday and Rest Home.



A little group at 'Bethany'



THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

(by Mrs. A. E. D. Clipson)

Mr. Clipson has asked me to write a few words about Christmas as it affects both young and old at the Mission. For some weeks now I have been putting aside garments in readiness for the parcels which will be widely distributed. As I sort them I am saying to myself, "Mrs. So-and-So for this one": my tape measure being various bits of string with knots here and there, and my daily dread that one or other of our cats will take the string to play with! By each person's name I put W.M., O.S. or W.X. Any clothing

coming to us in the O.S. or W.X. sizes is almost worth its weight in gold. "Have you a flannelette chemise, dear?", or "Could I have some black stockings, something warm, dear?" Dare I say that these little extras are like the lily-work on top of the pillars? The day draws near for the party and rising excitement on the part of all marks its approach. There are no dinners like the Whitechapel Mission dinners.

Then there are the children. John Masefield reminds us that "he who gives a child a treat makes joybells ring in heaven's street." The joybells will be ringing here thanks to our many friends. A special house is erected for Santa Claus, and is stocked with the toys and books which come from more fortunate boys and girls. These are parcelled, and complete with name and address are handed out by Father Christmas in person to each boy and girl present at the party. A visit to the Circus, made possible by the generosity of the Mills Brothers completes the pre-Christmas festivities for the children. Late on Christmas Eve the Mission car is filled with good things for those who could not come, many of whom have "winter but no Christmas", and little eyes are made to shine like stars. It is with a sense of high privilege and gratitude to all givers who make this work possible that we go about our business. Thank you all once more. We are depending on you, and with Tiny Tim I would say, "A Merry Christmas and God bless us every one."

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Toys, books, clothing are always welcome, and should be addressed to us at 279 Whitechapel Road, London, E.1. Early despatch is a great help, as the Christmas rush is then avoided, and we have the opportunity to sort and pack the parcels in good time. Thank you!