

## THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

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# 1973

WHITECHAPEL MISSION  
THE METHODIST CHURCH

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## The Super writes . . .

A word of true gratitude to so many for so much but especially to my wife and colleagues for all their help and loyalty through another varied year. Only with such is it possible to continue the work and witness here at Whitechapel.

"CREED and DEED" is the theme of our Report this year. The reason for this is theological but the fact that it describes this great Mission means a great deal to me. Whenever Creed and Deed are separated, for me the Church ceases to exist and the Incarnation loses its meaning.

For me Evangelism is not a matter of words be they written or recorded or in cassettes and papers - it is a matter of a living WORD - God in the Flesh as Saviour and Lord. Our love must reflect His love and move with compassion towards.

This we do everyday - and often night but we can only continue so long as we get the amazing support from so many of you. Yes, we have Creed and the Deed but NEED your help.

God bless you ALL in your hearts and in your homes.

Good Lord, I often say my prayers,  
And weekly come to Church,  
I saw a fellow fall downstairs,  
But left him in the lurch.  
Good Lord, I have Thy Book and read  
And take Thy Bread and Wine,  
If over half the world's in need  
Their troubles are not mine.  
I love the quiet and sacred calm  
Within Thy temple found,  
The racket of the world might harm  
With such discordant sound.  
Lord, do I hear you speak to me?  
And what is that you say?  
I am a million miles from Thee  
And I have lost my way!  
Then show me Lord where I've missed out  
Bid all my pride be gone.  
And I'll begin to turn about  
Till Creed and Deed are one.

JOHN JACKSON

## "Naked and Ye . . ."

THE need for clothing continues to increase here at Whitechapel, especially MEN's clothing and shoes and large women's clothes, but whatever is sent to us we can put to good use and are deeply grateful to all you kind people who help and support us through the years. At Christmas time we make up and distribute about 150 parcels of clothing and food to the elderly and needy people in and around Whitechapel, this we can only do through the kindness and generosity of all the people who help us by sending parcels of clothing. I am well aware of the increase of postage in these days but do ask for your continued support and help and prayers for our work at Whitechapel. My grateful thanks for all your help, so let us

Praise Him for all that is past  
And trust Him for all that's to come.

FLORENCE L. JACKSON

## Sister Nora writes . . .

"UP THE Apples and Pears, over the Frog and Toad, round the Johnny 'orner and there's the door of the Lurch". Pubs? No - just the Cockney directing you from the tube train to Whitechapel Mission.

There are lots of pubs too. Their names tell a little of the past, the Lord Rodney, the Blind Beggar, the Pearly Queen, the Hospital Tavern, the Good Samaritan. They represent the present too, the more affluent, the poor, the real old pearly queen I visit regularly, the hospital and the many people in the East End who extend a hand of friendship to the people in this needy area. The Mission is privileged to stand with them.

In the summer we gathered some of our 'shut-ins' together. It was a happy occasion and they were so pleased to see each other. Six of them were over 90 and three 97! They can remember the bad 'good' old days, Thomas Jackson, and how important the Mission was to them in so many ways. Now we have a small but growing group of tinies, 4 - 6 year olds, growing up in Cockney land, where life is just as tough and problematic in some ways more so - as it was 90 years ago. They swear hard and fight hard. We want this Mission to be important to them too for we want them to know Jesus.

Since I came I have watched our congregations grow. We are an extraordinary family - hospital staff, medical students and nurses, housewives, pensioners, men who live in hostels, others who spurn such 'luxury' and skipper. All shades of skin - yet one in Christ, and that means a lot of caring for one another too. (What would we do without our wonderful helpers. Our pianist for the Women's Meetings has been coming twice a week for 12 years - it takes her 1-1½ hours and three buses. Thank you everyone.) Our evening service is an experience for we have congregational participation in most unorthodox ways. Nevertheless it is meaningful and we build together with Christ.

SISTER NORA FOWLER



SISTER NORA IN ACTION

\* Our good friend The Rev. Christopher Belfield \*  
\* has gathered together and recorded much \*  
\* material on Whitechapel Mission over its past \*  
\* 76 years. We are most grateful to him. If \*  
\* anyone has anecdotes or letters etc which \*  
\* would help him to add to these, please send \*  
\* direct to the Mission office. \*

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**We have had a 16 m.m. FILM PROJECTOR OFFERED TO US  
AT £90. Can anyone help us to accept this offer? We could  
well use it.**

## Thomas Jackson Memorial Hostel

THROUGH ANOTHER YEAR boys aged 15-18 years 'In care' have been sent to us from many parts of the country. The Hostel has accommodation for 30 lads all of whom go out to work and should make some contribution to their keep. Each one too is theoretically under the care of a Social Worker. The background of all too many would hardly be believed if printed in our report so we begin with great problems. Add to these the permissive climate of today, especially in East London, the well-nigh insurmountable issues of staffing, and the all too frequent weakness of the liaison with social workers and you will well understand that the time has come for us to look hard and long at what we are doing. Our creed says go on, our deeds have done just that; the need is great, we can only turn to God for a lead for the coming days J.J.

### LIFE

*(Reflections from one of the boys from our hostel)*

Alone in the world am I  
As I look to the sky above.  
With tears in my eyes, I cry  
Give me strength, peace and love.  
As the book of life is read  
The years pass on and on.  
We might as well be dead  
In this world so cruel and wrong.  
Where do we go from here?  
I heard a singer sing.  
We all live in fear  
Of what a new day will bring.  
Is there a reason for broken hearts?  
Is there a reason for a broken home?  
Is there a reason for loved ones to part?  
Is there a reason to be alone?  
The depressions of life are here to stay.  
You may be sad, lonely and blue.  
The challenge of life begins each day.  
But remember there are people worse off than you.

CHRIS CONWAY

## "No Fixed Abode"

BEFORE I came to work at the Mission I often came across this phrase in the newspapers when reading the court cases. When asked where he lived, the prisoner would answer "No fixed abode", or that is how the paper would put it.

I always thought that this was the way to stop your home address appearing in the papers but I soon learned its true meaning as I worked among the men and women who come to the Mission doors seeking food, shelter and help with their many problems. We begin to talk together and you ask "Where are you staying?" and nearly always the answer is "Nowhere really, I'm sleeping rough. Sometimes, if I have the money, I book for a night at the 'Sally Ann' but that's not often." So most of their nights this winter will be spent in derelict houses or under the arches.

When you have no home and you're sleeping wherever you can find a place to rest your head, you become part of the growing number of the 'No Fixed Abode' problem society and this is when the 'Mission' becomes their only home.

After a night sleeping rough, they come to us for warmth, the chance to have a good hot wash and shave, a clean shirt and underclothes and socks to help them feel they are somebody. On Sundays they join us at worship and stay for tea and a hot supper. At 10.00 p.m. we sadly have to ask them to leave as we have no night shelter for so many. Our Day Centre during the week gives them somewhere to sit dry and warm and provides them with a hot mid-day meal, and our mid-week men's fellowship meeting gives them a feeling of belonging to someone or somewhere that cares.

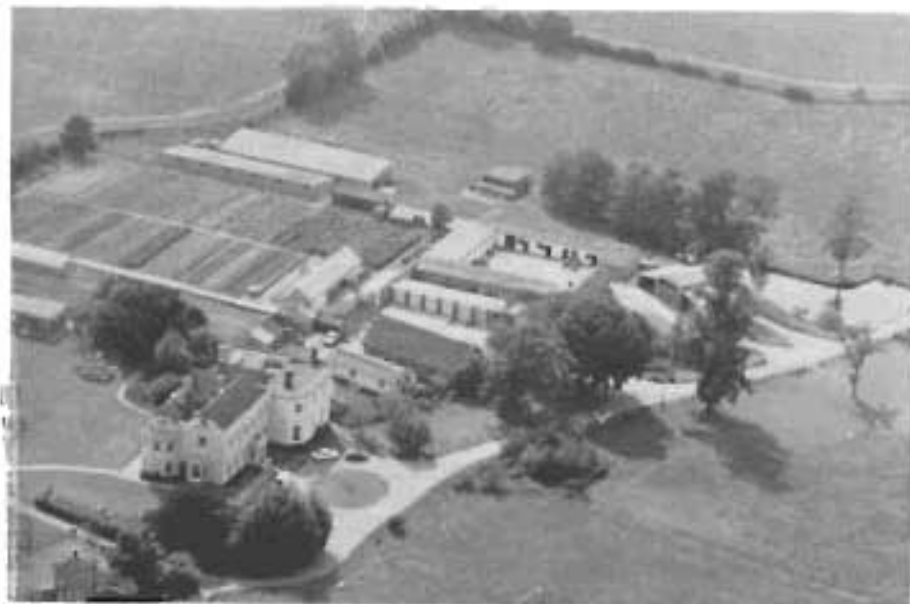
Yes, we preach our Creed but we also have to be the means of supplying the Need that is so necessary in this area called Whitechapel.

E. MAYNARD

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The Superintendent's Book — "IT WAS ON A MONDAY MORNING" will be available soon now, published by Marshall, Morgan and Scott. The book contains some broadcasts already made.

## In Constable Country "Windyridge"



MANY, many years ago the founder of The Whitechapel Mission, Rev. Thomas Jackson, became increasingly aware of the vast problems facing the homeless, the rejected and neglected in the East End of London, and took it upon himself to do something positive about it. From his humble beginnings grew the effective social agency that exists today.

An important part of the work of that agency is this Probation Home which stands as witness to the realization that some of society's number still desperately need the chance to bridge the gap between being an "outsider" and an accepting and accepted member of society.

1973 has, at last, brought to fruition many months and even years of hard thinking and work to make Windyridge a uniquely constructive establishment where, if the resident so

desires, he can achieve his aim with the help and support of professionally qualified staff. Life at Windyridge is, in future, going to be a little more demanding than hitherto in keeping with the extended opportunities offered.

From an initial period spent in a structured but unrestrictive environment, during which time he can enjoy a sense of being accepted for what he is, but at the same time experiencing a positive group learning situation and absorbing the results of self-controlled personal interaction, he will, by virtue of his own progress in re-thinking and re-orientation, advance to a less structured but more responsible regime. Here he can learn in a practical way that every privilege carries its own responsibility. Both moral and physical support will not be so readily available to him, in order to stimulate his sense of independence, thus necessitating careful consideration of consequence upon decision.

Having attained a reasonable level of achievement in both social and vocational skills he will then, it is hoped, be sufficiently self-confident to test out his newly acquired objectives in the ordinary working world. He will learn the remaining skills of standing on his own two feet and taking responsibility for himself, his needs and his behaviour.

It is to meet the needs of this final phase of equipping residents adequately to compete and survive in the working world and society that we are shortly to open a new single bed-roomed block which will house the working out residents.

Perhaps it is justifiable that a feeling of gratification should be aroused when it is remembered that the founder of Whitechapel Mission pioneered taking practical steps to alleviate the sufferings of socially deprived young people of his day, and the Whitechapel Mission of today is again pioneering a new thought and system designed to fulfil virtually the same purpose.

With the continued support which "Windyridge" enjoys, it is fervently hoped that many "outsiders" will in future be helped to bridge the gap and be able to stand tall and look the world straight in the eye, confident that they are not only rightful, but useful members of society, who in their turn might well be the means of helping others after them.

J. STOWERS

## Our Treasurer writes . . .

HE'S AT IT AGAIN! Who? Our old Treasurer.

Yes, like our staff who are always at it, we still need money to keep going. The Mission was founded by a great beggar – and there are still many old friends who remember THOMAS JACKSON – the first full-time Probation Officer not paid by the State, in our part of London.

The State Officials are doing a fine job in many ways but there are many loose ends with which they cannot cope and Missions try their level best, with their limited resources, to fill the gaps.

I will not repeat my suggestions of last year although they are as valid now as then.

Why cause your Executors to pay death duties on money which you wish to be donated to Christ's Kingdom? Make your gift now and enjoy the satisfaction of doing what you can and seeing it done.

Leslie Mole, our new Treasurer and I will gladly give advice and information as required.

With grateful thanks to all who pray for us and give in any way.

FRED C. YELLAND

### NOTE FOR COVENANTERS

The new tax rate for 1973 meant that instead of collecting 38.75%, we only got 30%, which is a large reduction, but our subscribers were better off! I can only encourage them to make a further Deed to make a replacement.

### OUR THANKS TO:—

All our helpers in so many ways and so many places

- our various committees and officials
- all helpers from the London Hospital and our Sunday workers
- Mr Leonard and Mrs Reynolds our organist and pianist
- our solicitors, auditors, bankers and printers
- our friends at the Home Office
- the hundreds who have helped us because of our Superintendent's Monday morning broadcasts at 6.40 a.m. Radio 4 — these still continue

## YOU can help our work by . . .

Praying for our work and workers

Sending a donation now

Having a collecting box in your home

Covenanting your gift (Details on request)

Making a Legacy in your Will

Arranging a Gift Service or Carol Party in your church

Sending clothing parcels

Asking for a Mission speaker for one of your meetings



### 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 212 Whitechapel Road, London, E 1, 1BJ 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.