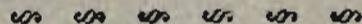


"Thy only glory let us seek ;  
O let our hearts with love o'erflow !  
Let us believe, and therefore speak  
And spread Thy mercies praise below."

—Charles Wesley, altd.



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## Redemption

In this year when Methodism throughout the world is praying and preparing for mighty happenings, we are impelled to use the word "REDEMPTION" as the title of our Report, for all the redemptive agencies of the Mission are on a sound evangelical basis. This year marks the centenary of the passing of Hugh Bourne, of whom it was said that he was moved with compassion as he looked upon the multitudes "scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd". Many of the things which saddened the heart of Hugh Bourne are still here in our part of London; there is crying need all about us. And it is our privilege

to "preach good tidings—to bind up the broken-hearted—to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound—to comfort all that mourn—to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness". We would give thanks for all those who uphold us in the work by their prayers and gifts, without which it would indeed be a hard task.

In April we had the joy of seeing the fulfilment of hopes long deferred when "Bethany", a delightful little Eventide Home for ladies, was opened by Mrs. L. Johnson, who was accompanied by her husband, a member of the Borough Council of Southend-on-Sea. Councillor and Mrs. Johnson are staunch Methodists. A number of ladies have found sanctuary in that bright little home, and one or two have passed from it in peace to the

brighter Home above during the intervening months. We wish it were at least six times its present size! Such a work, both in its inauguration and its maintenance, of necessity involves us in considerable expense, and we make no apology for asking our friends to bear this particular need especially in mind. The Home is registered under the Medical Health Act, it is beautifully and comfortably furnished, and the residents are looked after with loving care. We are deeply indebted to Mrs. D. Buck and her sister, Nurse Plummer, for their voluntary service over many long weeks, and to Miss Redhead,



Rev. A. E. D. Clipson

Mrs. A. E. D. Clipson



who has had to leave us because of sickness, but who together with Mrs. Battersby had the care of the Home for a period. We have received many expressions of gratitude, both from the ladies themselves, and from the relatives of one or two who have entered into rest since coming to Bethany.

This Eventide Home is only a short distance from the Holiday and Rest Home at Southend-on-Sea where some seven hundred and fifty people have had a very happy time in the year ending September 30th, 1952. Many of these latter are among the unprivileged, but have richly appreciated their holiday. To some it has indeed made, as we say, "all the difference", a redemptive ministry has been exercised, and great things wrought in this quiet retreat.

The Mission's work among delinquent youth has been continued throughout the year, and in the near future we expect great developments in this branch of our activities. Lads from all parts of the country have been put in our care, some have truly made good and have become our firm friends (two travelled miles to be with us at the Mission Anniversary, and one brought his girl-friend with him), some are still with us, "making the grade", one or two have failed to respond to the affection and help that was extended towards them, and have gone elsewhere. They are still remembered, and it may be that we can yet be of help in some way.

The Chaplaincy work in the great London Hospital over the way has been maintained, and constant witness borne. Mr. Harold R. Bowes, who came to us as a lay helper two years ago did a valuable work here. He was presented to the Synod and the Conference as a candidate for the ministry this year, and having attained a high standard of proficiency, was accepted. His pre-collegiate year is being spent in the Saddleworth Circuit near Oldham. We all join in good wishes for a fruitful ministry.

I have mentioned elsewhere the names of some who have been our guests during the year. As the proof of this report goes back to the printer we take leave of Rev. G. Rowlands, Mrs. Rowlands and Phillip (Welsh Presbyterian Church) who have just returned from Pakistan, and have now left for their native Wales; and Mrs. Horton (Guernsey) and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sarre (Glasgow) are still with us. We are grateful for the enriching fellowship of our friends.

The cost of printing is such that we decided to condense our Report this year, but I trust that this will not result in any slackening of interest on the part of our friends. Elsewhere in this booklet I have touched upon other aspects of the work, which goes on seven days a week and fifty-two weeks of the year, and we are on call, as we are expected to be, night and day. Without a patient and understanding staff, and a strong, kindly committee, we could not continue.

*A. E. D. Clippson*

## Bethany

*"I have been young, but now am old; yet  
have I not seen the righteous forsaken  
nor his seed begging bread"*

*Psalm 37 v. 25*



## 56th Mission Anniversary

In spite of the very bad break in the weather which coincided with our Anniversary, we had a wonderful weekend. The City of London Choir rendered fine service on the Saturday evening as they always do, and a large company assembled for worship on the Sunday morning. Our good friend the Rev. J. D. Blinco, at very short notice, came to conduct the evening service and



Bethany, Opening Ceremony, April 5th, 1952

for all it was a time of blessing. On the Monday, the day to which so many of us have looked forward for so long, rain poured down! The Rev. Dr. W. E. Sangster, true to his word, came along and led our worship. His forthright sermon was greatly appreciated and will long be remembered. At the tea-table we had greetings from Revs. John Roberts, Reuben Skinner, George Kendall, o.b.e., Roy Beattie, George Pollard, John Dakin, J. D. Blinco, Percy D. Beckwith (Chairman of the District), Dr. Irvonwy Morgan (General Secretary, London Mission), and the Rev. Dr. W. E. Sangster, M.A. The Rt. Hon. Ernest Brown, C.H., presided ably over the evening Rally, and gave a very fine and most appropriate address. After a brief report on the work by the Superintendent, and a moving solo by Mrs. Dorothy Robinson of Leigh on Sea, who enriched both the services by her solos. Dr. Sangster led us to the heights and held us spellbound. We shall ever be grateful to him, to Mr. Brown and to Mrs. Robinson, for the inspiration they brought to us on our Anniversary day. We had record attendances.

## In the Open Air

*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season" 2 Timothy 4 v. 2*

Together with the Rev. George Kendall, O.B.E., it has been my lot to take a stand at 'Speakers' Corner' on many occasions during the last four years. For some of our brethren it may be easy to handle the Hyde Park crowds; for others of us it means sweat and toil and almost tears! I quote a sentence or two here from the Annual Report of the Public Morality Council: "The Chairman gratefully acknowledges the help of the Rev. A. E. D. Clipson of the Whitechapel (Methodist) Mission, who is responsible for a hostel at Tulse Hill for boys sent from the Police Courts, and a farm training centre near the Essex coast. His addresses on the subject of youth delinquency have been of the utmost value. - - This valuable piece of open air propaganda presents the Council in touch with teeming multitudes who gather round the Marble Arch, Sundays and weekdays, many of whom know nothing of what the churches are doing to bring about the better life which all sorts and conditions of men so heartily desire, but for this vigorous and effective witness."



Anniversary Tea, October 13th, 1952 - (Platform)

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-and (opposite) A Few of our Friends

## Friends from Overseas

Amongst those who have visited us since our last report appeared we have had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Lillian Huggett, U.S.A., Miss Heather Forrest, Australia, Mrs. Oscroft and Miss Phyllis Oscroft, Canada, Mr. Joseph Gibson, Canada, Mr. Harry Cooper, Malta, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pierce and the boys David, Brian, and Martin, who were with us when last year's report appeared, but who are now back in Bombay. Many, of course, of our friends from all parts of Britain have been here, but we like to make special mention of friends from overseas. We hear a lot about racial problems and colour bars—but not here! We have many friends from warmer climes who come and go, and some of their lovely children come to our Sunday School. On one occasion deep grief over the passing of a boy far from home and loved ones, brought us all very close together around the feet of Christ in spite of the fact that thousands of miles lay between us.

Each Christmas brings us greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Geissensetter, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Otter, New York, and our dear old friend Rev. T. A. Pybus of Ravensborne, Dunedin, New Zealand; and we do not forget Miss Rita Pritchard (India), Miss Hilda Biddulph (India), or Roy Yelland (Fr. West Africa), three splendid young people in whom we have more than an interest, nor Dr. F. B. Plummer of the U.S.A. whom we visited in the hospital in the summer of last year. To all we send our affectionate greetings.

"We are one body in Christ" Rom. 12 v. 5

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"Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile" Mark 6 v. 31

## Beside the Sea

The words held magic for us in our childhood days. In this age of rapid and frequent transport they may not mean so much to us as once they did, but let us not forget the many, young and old, for whom it is indeed a treat to go to the seaside. And there are very many who would never go if it were not for the special terms and facilities provided by the Mission. Not only do we have many letters from those who have tasted these joys, but we have many also from the authorities and their representatives who brought their need to our notice and who appreciate this service, which your continued generosity enables us to continue from year to year. Our pictures show two groups taken at Southend-on-Sea.



"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord" Psalm 127 v. 3

## Christmas

No sooner will our Report be in your hands than Christmas will be round again. We do try to bring happiness into the the drab homes and places around us, especially at Christmas. The Mission's warm, bright rooms will echo to children's laughter, and old folk will rest their tired limbs, and enjoy the comfort and good cheer provided. Parcels of food and of clothing will again be distributed. Heed not the carping critics. Do like my old friends Councillor and Mrs. Lawley, of Shropshire did, COME AND SEE. Many have been in tears before they went away, because of what they saw. Thank you all for your valuable help through another year.



The Office Staff at 279

"And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord." 1 Cor. 12 v. 5.

### Five Ways in which you can Help Us

- ★ By remembering us in Prayer
- ★ By asking for a Speaker
- ★ By arranging a Gift and Toy Service
- ★ By sending a Donation
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"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18 v. 3. Halifax Photos Ltd



## Form of Bequest by Will

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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, addresses, and occupations at the same time, in his presence and the presence of each other.