

## THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

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*Church:* Brunswick Hall, 210 Whitechapel Road, E.1.

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

*Windyridge Farm Home:* Horkesley Park, Nayland, Nr. Colchester. Tel.: Nayland 332.

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

*"Bethany" Eventide Home:* Thorpe Bay, Essex. Tel.: Thorpe Bay 64073.

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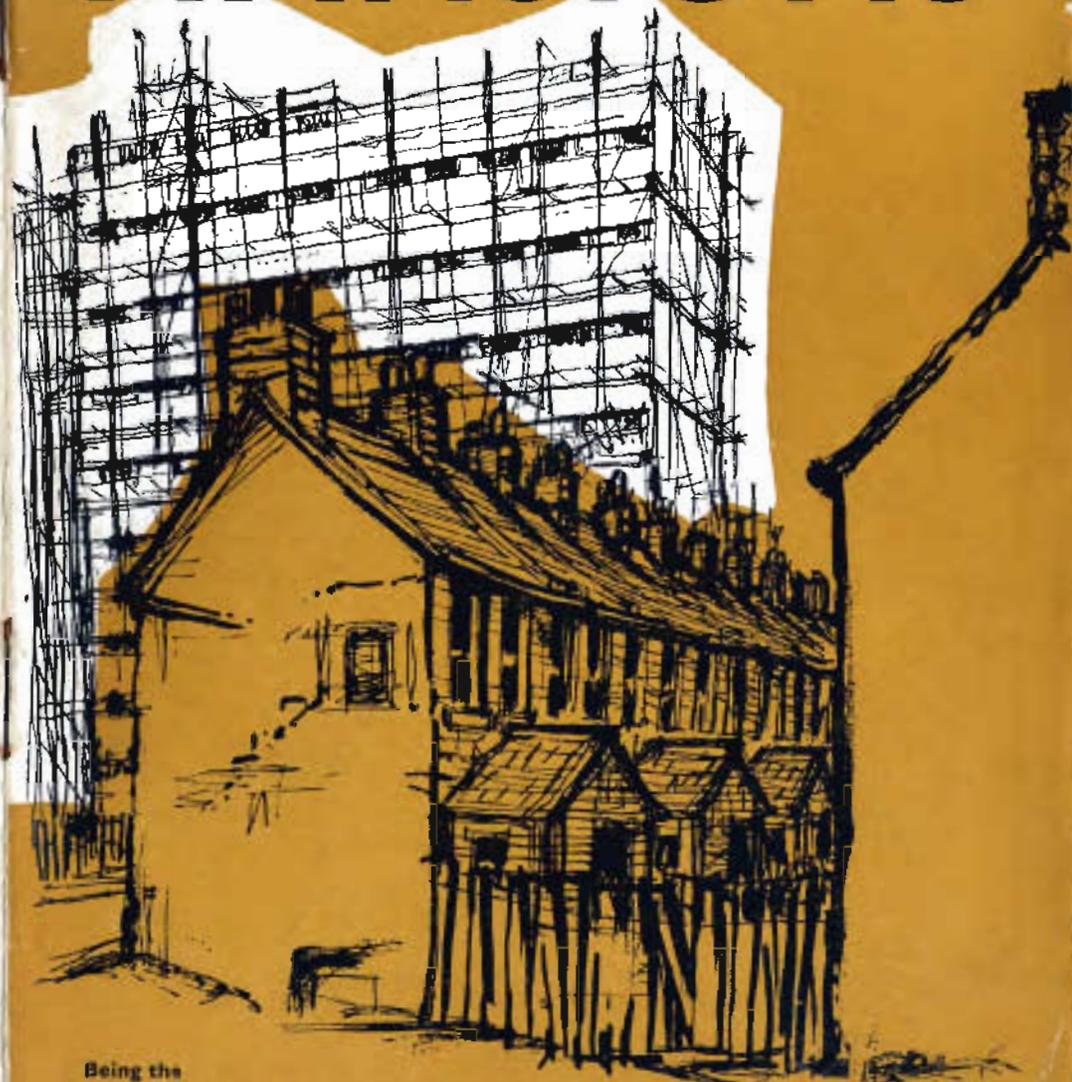
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# MANY MANSIONS



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THE COMFORTING PASSAGE in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel according to John, with its reminder of the many "abiding-places," or rooms in the Father's house, has brought peace to many a weary pilgrim. We all hunger for security, and having once become established in more or less congenial surroundings we are loth to leave. Yet such are Life's challenges and contingencies that again and again we must fare forth, leaving the familiar places and acquaintances, to begin all over again.

Many poignant problems have arisen among our people at the Mission through the movement of population which has inevitably followed upon the building programmes which have rightly been put in hand by the Borough and County authorities. We all know, of course, how essential it is that the last "slummy" street should be bull-dozed out of existence, and modern buildings with such amenities as are available set up for people to live in, but to many we know the implementation of this long-overdue programme of rehousing has brought great anxiety and in some cases real suffering.

In one house lived three sisters, advanced in years, but happy together in the only home they had known. During my ministry here two of them have died, and the surviving sister has gone completely blind. Imagine, if you can her state of mind when she was told that the house, along with the rest of the street was to be demolished, and a place would be found for her elsewhere. Fortunately, I happened to know of a couple who also were in fellowship with us, who occupied a small ground-floor flat in a block within three minutes walk of the Mission and they had told me that they were being moved out into another estate in Essex to be near their son. I got into touch with the officer responsible for the area, and shall ever be grateful to him for arranging that our blind friend should be brought into the little ground-floor flat where she is within easy reach of our help. That is not the end of the story. Very painful and disturbing symptoms have arisen necessitating frequent visits to the hospital, which are only possible when one of our helpers can take her, remain with her and bring her back home. Many times we have expressed our thankfulness that she has been able to remain so near to the Mission.

Another lady, a victim of arthritis among other serious ills, was moved into a ground-floor flat in a new building a few streets away from her former room. I sought her out so that she might go on a little trip that had been arranged. She could only walk inch by inch, with frequent stops to get back her breath and ease her legs, as we



A "Favoured Few" who went to Pangbourne, Summer, 1957.

went to the car. She told me that day how when she was moved she fell ill with influenza, the home-help who should have come likewise was a victim, and when after three days our friend dragged herself to the door and called to children playing near by to ask for help, child-like, they ran away jeering at such an apparition. Eventually a relative came seeking her out, and got there just in time to save her life. She had been without food or drink and unable to help herself in any way. As I brought her back through the darkness that evening, and innocently asked, "Now do I turn here and isn't it the second street on the left?", the good soul had not the slightest idea, as I might have known, and I had to find my way. Happily, I managed without much difficulty, but how sad to think that in old age, and with such limitations, anyone should be subject to such an anxiety.

On that same day and for the same trip I collected another very sweet elderly woman from the top of a new block. Before we came out of her little flat she produced a handful of threepenny bits. "Look," said she, "I have been trying to save a pound's worth of these for the Mission. I have got eighteen shillings and ninepence, so you had better take it." I protested in vain, and eventually accepted the gift, for I felt rebuked. Who am I to try to stem the flow of such genuine generosity? I did what any minister would have done in such circumstances, and the receipt for one pound was duly sent along. Weeks later our Deaconess put one shilling and threepence in threepenny bits into my hand. Our little friend had insisted that she having received a receipt for one pound, must make it one pound — and indeed, was that not her original intention? Who could help but love such people as this?

# WINDYRIDGE

— our Farm Home



H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, speaking at the opening of Windyridge, May 12, 1955.

WHEN in May, 1955, H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh came to perform the official opening of our Farm Home we were really proud of all that we had to show. Since then the place has improved wonderfully, and we only wish it were possible for Prince Phillip to come again soon and see for himself what has been wrought. Workshop, sheds and piggeries have been built by the residents under the skilled guidance of the staff, and now, having given proof of their interest by making some first-class church furnishings our friends at Windyridge are out to build their own chapel in the grounds. Materials will cost at least one thousand pounds, but we can do no other than support them in such a project, and we hope soon to see a fitting edifice rise



Two lovely beasts from the Windyridge Herd.

among the ancient trees. Any contribution you may see fit to send for this specific purpose should be marked "Windyridge Chapel Fund". The lads and staff are deserving of encouragement. Let it be noted that during the summer a Garden Fete for the Mission was held at Windyridge, and as a result £126/0/10 was handed over for our funds. We are most grateful to the Warden and Matron. Staff and lads for this effort.

## “BETHANY”

*The Mission's Eventide Home at Thorpe Bay*

As this is being written we come to the end of another chapter in the Mission's history. for Mr. and Mrs. Hopwood, having come to the age of retirement, have this week gone from Bethany. We are deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hopwood for ten years of devoted service to this Mission for what can only be called nominal pay. It was a real sense of vocation that brought them to us from Bradford in 1947, when they took over along with Mrs. Kennedy, the old Holiday and Rest Home. When that building had to be demolished, Mr. and Mrs. Hopwood, already so well known to many of our people, went to Bethany, to take charge, and many will be sad to know that the time has come

when they feel they can take their well-earned rest. Would that more people with genuine desire to do some useful work like this without too anxious an eye on the perquisites and pay might come forward. Until other arrangements can be made, Mrs. Walker, who has given very great help in the office and at Bethany, on a voluntary basis, has kindly consented to take over Bethany. This little Eventide Home has proved to be a real blessing to many old people, and a happy family is there, ever-ready to welcome callers, and ever grateful for the little we are able to do for them. When I try to write up these reports I just wish I could gather up all those I am hoping may be interested, and take them round to meet my friends in the various places I mention. That would do far more than any word I can say or write! We receive no grant from State or County for our Eventide Home.



"A Breath of Fresh Air"  
— a group on a summer  
outing, 1957.



A group of our young  
people at Fairbourne  
1957.



'All Aboard' for  
Walton-on-the-Naze!

**HOLIDAYS** are always acceptable to any of us, but there is an added attraction about the prospect of a week or so out in the country or by the sea when you live in Whitechapel. It is only in recent years that our young folk have ventured far afield. Their farthest horizon hitherto has been Southend-on-Sea, but Fairbourne and Tintagel have been visited in the last two years, and both were greatly appreciated. Sister Margaret has taken groups from the Youth Club, and in each case they have returned with great enthusiasm, having not only benefited by their stay by the sea, but having made new friends and shared in joyous experiences. We would like all our people to have at least a few days in similar surroundings.

We are again indebted to Michael Clipson for our cover design.

We note with pleasure that H.R.H Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, has seen fit to include in his published speeches, recently issued, the one he delivered at the opening of the Windyridge Farm Home.

THE Rev. Derrick Greeves, M.A., was our guest speaker at the 61st Mission Anniversary, when in attendances and financially we had a most successful weekend. The Rev. David Melton preached for us on the Sunday, and was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Winifred Stibbards was again our soloist, and in the regrettable absence of Mr. Stanley G. Shaw, M.B.E., J.P. (who was convalescing) the Chair was ably taken by Mr. J. A. Thornley, B.Sc., F.R.G.S., of Ilford. A pleasing feature of the Monday evening meeting was the singing of the hymn "Lord of all being throned afar," by the lads from Windyridge.

THE 16 mm. film, "Whitechapel Story" (sound) is at the studio as this report is being prepared, and we hope soon to have the finished

prints to hand. Enquiries concerning the use of the film should be made by post to the Mission.

WE are still without a Student Pastor, which means that heavy burdens have been thrown upon Sister Margaret, who has continued to work hard and enjoy it. Mrs. Wilson in the office, and Mr. Mackender, (maintenance and caretaking) have been with us through most of our ten years at the Mission, and in their respective spheres are kept busy all the time.

Miss Joyce Gardiner, who came to us from Pickering two years ago, left us in June and was married in July. We were glad to have Joyce with us, and all join in wishing her every happiness. Her place here has been taken by Miss Mavis Carlile, who appears to be very happy in her work.

THE Clothing Department still continues to function and with the onset of winter we are already having more requests for help coming in than we can possibly meet. Men's clothing and footwear are especially acceptable, but clothing of any kind is always welcome here.

**MR. F. C. YELLAND, F.A.C.C.A.**, who is seen in our picture with **MRS. YELLAND**, gives invaluable help as Honorary Treasurer of the Mission. The work involves him in many hours of laborious checking, not only of our income and expenditure but of innumerable forms, estimates, etc. from the Home Office, and if we had to pay for this service it would prove very costly indeed. In addition to doing this work so thoroughly, Mr. Yelland has for some years been our Senior Circuit Steward, and as such has carried out his duties meticulously, and in such a manner as to make us feel he is our good friend. During the year we have added still further responsibility by appointing him Chairman of the Whitechapel House Committee, and we gladly acknowledge our indebtedness to one who so freely and ably serves this Mission.



Mrs. Yelland serves too, on both the Whitechapel House Committee and the Windyridge Committee, and again, we would acknowledge our gratitude for all the help given and for the gracious way in which it is done. We are indeed highly favoured in having such able and devoted friends on all our committees. A lot of heavy work falls upon them: it is discharged cheerfully and efficiently at all times and this we do appreciate.

**LT. CDR. H. DENTON, R.N. (RETD.), J.P., C.C., O.B.E.** has for some years served us well as Chairman of the Windyridge Committee. With his wide experience, and quick mind he has proved to be of great help to us. We gladly pay our tribute to his helpfulness and generous service, trusting that he may long continue to pilot our great enterprise at the Windyridge Farm Home



# Christmas



## 1957

ALL AROUND as this report is being prepared there is talk of Christmas. At such a Mission as this weeks of preparation must go into all that is planned, and so far, each year, we have had the pleasure of bringing, by the help of our friends, a great deal of happiness to a large number of people. Those who attend our various meetings will have their parties, and will be given the gifts which so many of our friends from various churches and Sunday schools so kindly send along. If any think there is no need for such parcels may I once again stress there is very real need – and what some of our friends here would do without such aid as we can give I just do not know. Much is being done through official channels – that none can deny. It is equally true that much more remains to be done, and it seems to me there will be need for such Missions as this to bring their aid for a long time to come. Christmas brings us all a wonderful opportunity of relaxing, and as we enter into the full enjoyment of Home and friends and all that the Happy Season stands for, we shall be the happier for having remembered the needs of others.

### 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.

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.

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