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Brunswick Hall, 210, Whitechapel Road.
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Holiday Home, Southend-on-Sea.
Windyridge Farm Colony and Hostel,
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Warden—Mr. F. Hall. Matron—Mrs. Hall
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Then—

Hitler's agents of destruction have hurt every part of London, but they have given the East End special attention. To subject these poor people to this terrorism is as near the unforgivable sin as anything I know. Living in Whitechapel for twenty years, I know something of the "silent heroism of the poor," but never has this been revealed so clearly as during these tragic days.



James E. Thorp

Damage to our buildings, and the scattering of the people, filled me with many fears; the greatest being that the widespread dislocation would make it impossible to carry on our work, but that fear passed. Some of you sent me money and clothing. Sister Betty travelled many miles racing the people and seeing to placing others in safer places. Mr. J. B. Coggle left a secure job in Oxfordshire to come and help us. After temporary repairs our meetings were resumed, and all the while, through night and day, help and advice were available and freely given as required.

It would be ungracious not to give credit to the local authorities, but it is no reflection upon them to say that without the accommodation and voluntary help that we and other Missions were able to provide the situation here would have been catastrophic.

At Whitechapel we depend on voluntary gifts, and those that came in those grim days were more precious to me than I can say, and they were a saving ministry to many.

And now—

THIS FATEFUL YEAR HAS MEANT :

Southend-on-Sea The defence regulations compelled us to close the Holiday Home. We had put an excellent shelter in the garden and reinforced

the basement ; this cost us over £50, a heavy expenditure and unnecessary in the circumstances. However, the garden shelter has been a great boon to our neighbours. For the time being our Ministry of Rest and Healing has ceased there for this winter.

Windyridge In June the Home Office decided that probationers must be removed from South and East Coast Homes, so the happy family at Windyridge was broken up. However, four of our old boys, who were in work and lodgings in the district, asked to come back to us and we agreed. Two others were received, so the work goes on.

Mr. & Mrs. Hall have faced a difficult situation with courage and hard work. They have a hard task to keep the land and stock up to the fine standard reached, but they are full of determination and hope, and I am confident that Windyridge will hold on till the brighter days return.

Whitechapel For ten days the failure of electricity, gas, and water interfered with our services. Relief work was not checked, obviously the need for it was greater than ever. Soon we were able to resume in something like the usual way. Our numbers are depleted, but not discouraging. We are in touch with many who have had to leave our district. They still need us and we must not fail them. Strange as it may seem, they will not be happy until they return. They will look for the usual Whitechapel Christmas Cheer.

And to-morrow—

In America it is said that only God and Hitler know what the future will be. I don't subscribe to that sentiment. Hitler has no more idea what the coming days will reveal, any more than I have, and that is not much. But God has never failed us yet and in that we have confidence.

*"The Lord of Hosts is with us
The God of Jacob is our refuge."*

FOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS we have had both feet down and hearts up in Whitechapel. It would be foolish to give the impression that we have not had anxious moments lately, nor are we without anxiety now. God can only help us through you. The majority of voluntary gifts come in response to our Christmas Appeal. If they had to fail now we should be undone.

Many of you have suffered grievous losses ; incomes are reduced, taxation is high, the calls of Charity are many and they increase. The generous-hearted are as anxious about their giving as I am about receiving.

One friend wrote me this week, "I have had to leave my home, my wife is now an invalid, income from my property is cut off for the duration, but I am glad you have heard from the bank in the usual way. I hope to keep up my charitable gifts to the end."

I know many would like to be able to write in the same way, but circumstances are against them and us.

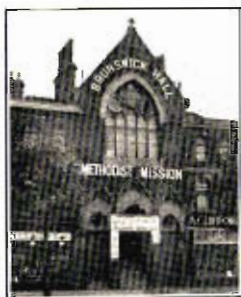
Nevertheless, we have to make our appeal. You will come to our help as far as you are able, and joy will go through you to those who, without us, would be deprived indeed.

May I wish you all the Season's Greetings, and pray with you that Victory and Peace will soon gladden this beloved land of ours and Justice and Goodwill begin to reign throughout the world.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Thorp

*Help us to
Carry on*



In the Front Line and not undamaged, but "Still in Action" serving the poor for whom Christ lived and died



Form of Bequest by Will

For the guidance of Friends who may desire to bequeath money for the Rescue Homes for Destitute Orphan Lads ; the Holiday Home, Southend-on-Sea ; or the general work of the Whitechapel Mission, the following Form of Bequest is appended for their guidance :

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.