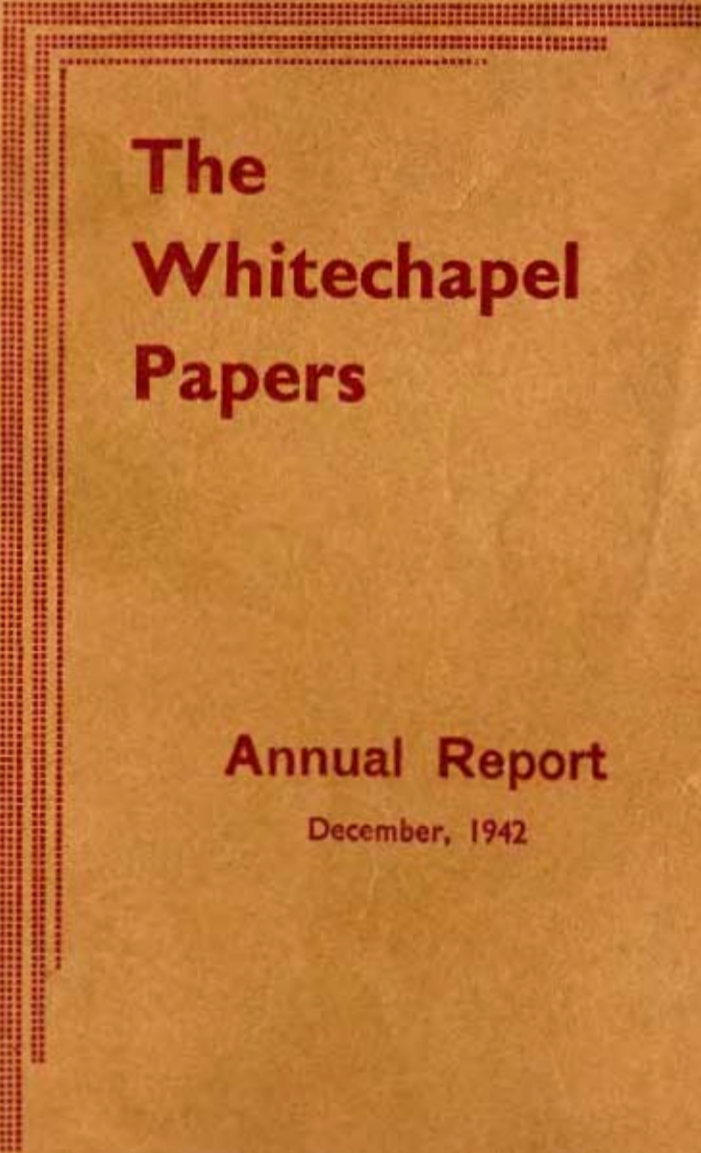

We Serve the Poor

We Save the Lads

In His Name

By Your Help



**The
Whitechapel
Papers**

Annual Report

December, 1942

The Whitechapel Mission

Founded by REV. THOMAS JACKSON

Superintendent, 1896-1932—Thomas Jackson
1920—James E. Thorp

CENTRES OF CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY—

Brunswick Hall, 210, Whitechapel Road.
Working Lads' Institute and Home,
279, Whitechapel Road.
Holiday Home, Southend-on-Sea.
Windyridge Farm Colony and Hostel,
Thorrington, Essex.

STAFF—

Superintendent and Secretary—James E. Thorp.
Assistant—Rev. C. E. Buck.
Lay Agent—J. B. Coggle.
Sisterhood—Sister Betty, (Hon.: Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Pruce).
Circuit Steward—Owen A. Rattenbury, J.P.

Institute and Home:

Matron—Mrs. Thorp. *Assistant*—Mrs. Coggle. *Warden*—Mr. Coggle

Windyridge:

Warden—Mr. F. Hall. *Matron*—Mrs. Hall.
Telephone—Brightlingsea 129.

Holiday Home (Southend-on-Sea):

The General Office is at 279, WHITECHAPEL ROAD, E. 1,
where all Gifts and Donations will be gratefully received.
Telephone—Bishopgate 3280

Trustees—The Bourne Trust Corporation.
Solicitors—Messrs. Butt & Bowyer, 14, National House, Moorgate, E.C.4.
Auditors—Messrs. Turberville & Co., 20, Essex Street, W.C. 2.
Bankers—Barclays, Mile End Branch, 234, Whitechapel Road, E. 1.

Executive Committee for Whitechapel Mission and Working Lads' Institute and Homes—

Revs. Robinson Whitaker, Oliver Hornabrook, W. Upright, E. Barrett, M.A., Jacob Walton, George E. Wiles, W. J. Noble, W. Potter, W. R. Wilkinson, Messrs. H. H. Bowyer, Owen A. Rattenbury, J.P., E. Rutter, Mrs. F. Harding, F. C. Yelland, F.L.A.A., M. Lloyd, W. Wood, Mrs. Pruce, Mrs. Thorp.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. T. Proud, 247, Baring Road, Grove Park, S.E. 12.
Superintendent and Secretary—J. E. Thorp.

This is the 46th Annual Report

For 36 years Thomas Jackson recorded the great work of the Whitechapel Mission and pleaded eloquently and successfully for the help needed to carry it on.

My association goes back to the year 1920, and in our 23rd year Mrs. Thorp and I give thanks to God for this extended opportunity to serve God and His poor. And we are deeply grateful to you for helping us through this year.

How easy it would be to enlarge upon our difficulties, but life is difficult for all in these days; we prefer to count our blessings and raise our Ebenezer.

Much has been destroyed here, but at Brunswick Hall, in the Institute Home and at Windyridge, Christ's ministry to the poor and saving work among the lads has continued. The preaching of the Gospel in word and deed has not ceased.

"We will praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come."



James E. Thorp



Mrs. Thorp

War-time Week-end in Whitechapel

by Rev. Arthur E. D. Clipson

Over twenty years ago I heard the thrilling story of Thomas Jackson's life and work. His faith, his daring, his sacrifice captured my imagination, and since then I have followed the development of the work at Whitechapel with never-failing interest. Later, the colourful biography by the Rev. W. Potter was an added stimulant, and has provided material for many a talk on Home Missions.

In view of this it was with a sense of real delight and high privilege that I accepted the invitation to preach on the occasion of the Anniversary, to stand at Thomas Jackson's desk in the Brunswick Hall, sacred to so many whose souls and bodies were amply blessed by his wonderful ministry. The contrast between our village church, high on the Lancashire Fells, and this battle-scarred building amid the desolation of what was Whitechapel, was painful, but the sight of the devoted worshippers, constant and serene despite the horrors they had known was an inspiration, and the presence of the lads from the Institute warmed one's heart in an endeavour to give a helpful word. It was an added joy to join the boys and staff at lunch, and to feel that one was for the time being accepted as "of the family" and free to see all the facilities provided for their use. If I am to summarise in one word the spirit prevailing at the Whitechapel Mission I give that word unhesitatingly as **HOMELINESS!**

With characteristic humour, interspersed with much shrewd wisdom, the Rev. Sam Rowley delivered a timely message at the Monday meeting, and later, over the tea-table, the gracious words of Dr. Wiseman, M.A., and the genial support of the Revs. E. J. T. Bagnall, A. E. Binks, and others formed a fitting conclusion to the Anniversary celebrations.

The Rev. Thomas Jackson found in Whitechapel a virgin and fruitful field, and by sheer persistence wrought wonders. Swiftly-moving events have changed the face of the district and have at the same time laid bare fresh opportunities of service. The need now is for further extension of the work, particularly among the boys who come within the range of the Mission's activities. It is imperative that immediate action be taken, even if needs be, without counting the cost, so would we honour the memory of the Founder of this mighty redemptive crusade.

The Farm Colony of Windyridge, that great gift to the Mission, has enlarged (and is intended further to enlarge) this glorious venture of social and spiritual reclamation, visualised and earnestly sought by the Mission throughout its many years of unceasing activity on behalf of the unfortunate. Your gifts were never more needed, never more appreciated than



Rev. C. E. Hook

now; with them, by prayer and work, we shall again behold "great marvels."

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Mrs. Roosevelt in "My Day"

But even more poignant is the destruction that we viewed a little bit later in Stepney. Here a crowded population lived over small shops and in rows of two-storey houses. Today there is only one-third of the old population left and each empty building speaks of a personal tragedy.

They showed me one of the big shelters which at one time housed as many as 12,000 people, and where even now about 300 old people come to sleep every night. They feel cared for and less lonely, and their own houses are no longer very secure.

It seemed to me as I walked through the brick compartments of that shelter that I learned something about fear and resistance to total destruction which exists in all human beings. How could people be herded together like this night after night without some epidemic being the result? And yet it was done, and the spirit of kindness and cheerfulness prevailed, and those who had lost so much still managed to smile.

Collie Knox in "Open Letter" in "The Star"

Oh, by the way, when you went to Stepney . . . the heroism of the people of Stepney will go down in history . . . you were greeted by two "Alerts." I expect you were intrigued at the way no one took any notice.

You will not let this example of our "funny little ways" give you a wrong impression, will you? We are perfectly aware that the blitz may return to us at any hour, and though we do not seem to be so, we are ever-conscious that scarcely a day goes by without someone being killed.

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Sister Betty

"The poor supply Thy place
Deputed, Lord, by Thee
To exercise our Grace,
Our Faith, our Charity;
And what to Thee in them is
given,
Is laid up for ourselves in
heaven."

C. Wesley.



J. B. Coggle



V. Hat

Through the year we have tried to keep our subscribers posted with the scope of our work. In this Annual Report we are not emphasizing details, but can assure you that all of us have tried to maintain the character which the Rev. C. Ensor Walters gave when he came to know us, "This is a good Mission, it is a real Mission."

We can assure you that the need for all the Whitechapel Mission stands for is as great as ever, and that means that our annual appeal for your help is as urgent and necessary as before. Local resources are practically nil. Because of that, Churches and Institutions one after another have ceased to minister in this part of the East End. We now stand alone to bear the Protestant and Free Church witness in the parish of Whitechapel.

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For the children, for the lad who has taken the wrong road, for the aged and the poor, we plead.

JAMES E. THORP.

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O. A. Rattenbury, J.P.

Is it Worth While

to see our Windyridge lads joined by twelve to twenty local friends at their Community Song Service every Sunday night and sometimes one of the lads leading the service?

To see one or two accompanying Mr. Hall or Mr. Robertshaw to their appointments at one of the village chapels and sometimes taking part in the service?

To see our lads at the Guild Meeting and not silent members?

To remember that these lads had gone wrong and were in danger of going further along anti-social lines and even into fixed criminal ways?

SAYS A LINCOLNSHIRE PROBATION OFFICER—

"I was pleased with what I saw at the Institute and my lad says he is quite happy with you."

A Yorkshire lad, who had over twenty appearances before the magistrates against him, has returned home a confirmed Christian. His letters to Mr. & Mrs. Hall reward them for their care and training. He is now as active and enthusiastic in the Christian way and work as he was in folly and sin.

BREAD CAST UPON THE WATERS—Two months ago I received a letter: "Dear Mr. Thorp, Seventeen years ago I was in London, in need, you helped me with food and lodgings. I am able to repay all you expended and will add five per cent. interest if you will tell me how and where to forward the same." We were unable, even if we had been willing, to say what the cost of our help had been, but this youth had kept a record through all the years and later sent a cheque, as welcome as it was unexpected.

SUPER RELIGION—Said the late Sir Stuart Samuel at one of our annual meetings: "I was first attracted by the wide tolerance of this Institution. No religious barrier is erected here. To snatch boys from a career of crime is super religion. When the Institute took hold of a bad lad and made him a good lad it effected a double service; it performed a service to the lad and a service to the State."

It is Worth While!

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, South-end-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.

Whitechapel Mission Treasurer's Cash Account for year ended 31st March, 1942

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
To Balance at 1st April, 1941	5 2s. 0d.	
Subscriptions, Donations, Legacies, and Contributions for general and special work, including half-yearly meeting for Christmas	367 13 6	
From	92s 18 2	
Subscriptions and Donations to Lads' Institute and Home (including half-yearly interest on T. & A. Jackson Memorial Fund)	237 2 2	
Contributions for Support of Lads' Institute	24 1 2	
Payments by Trustees Home Lads' Home and Lettings	227 2 3	
Home and Lettings	281 8 3	
War Damage Claims—Furniture	13 0 0	
War Damage Claims—Furniture	259 4 4	
Women's Meetings	28 7 7	
Men's Meetings		
Holiday Homes		
Rebating Fund Interest, withdrawn	104 0 0	
T. & A. Jackson Memorial Fund	138 19 8	
Whitechapel Colony and Hostel	7 0 0	
Donations, Grant for Support of Lads' Institute		
Lads, etc.	173 7 8	
Sale of Stock and Treasure and Storey Receipts	611 8 10	
Receipts	29 7 0	
C.A.A. Interest Charitable Gift	3 50 0	
Whitechapel Hall	837 13 0	
	70 3 5	
	1,027 6 4	
Balance at 31st March, 1942		180 16 4
Whitechapel Hall (including balance in hand £3 12 3)		70 3 5
Cash at Bank		106 11 6
Loss amount due to Rev. J. E. Thorp		96 4 9
Third Club		96 4 9
		£3,509 2 6