

## THE WHITECHAPEL MISSION

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# The Work at Whitechapel

MUCH for which we are profoundly thankful has transpired since our last report appeared. For quite a time our family life was overshadowed, and the work of the Mission somewhat impeded by my own sorry state of health, but eventually we moved into happier circumstances, and it is a matter of joy and gratitude for me to be back in the full work. We are indebted beyond measure to the many friends who gave help and encouragement in the hour of need. The Rev. Fred Proctor and Mrs. Proctor, who had retired and were enjoying their well-earned rest, came to our aid, and in the pulpit and in meetings and in the homes of our people and hospitals they did a great work. Other valuable help has been given by Miss Olive Scott who came in when the need was greatest and still comes at least twice a week all the way from Leyton, helping with the savings banks and files, and dealing in a most competent way with innumerable odds and ends which "some day" might have been straightened out, but now are clarified.

Others set about procuring a house in which we could live, near enough for us to have easy access to the Mission, and yet without our having to negotiate so many times a day the sixty-nine steps which give the only access to the flat in which we have lived for fifteen years. A house was eventually found on the Wanstead Flats, and we moved in on August 16th.

In September a young Minister who had been appointed to help us, the Rev. Eric W. Murray, B.D., Dip.Soc.Sc., with his wife, took up residence in the flat we had vacated. We had been promised ministerial assistance, but could hardly believe it would materialise until the list of Stations of Ministers appeared, and we were able to arrange a first meeting between Mr. & Mrs. Murray and ourselves. We consider ourselves fortunate in having Mr. Murray on our Staff, and we trust that he and his wife are as happy here as they appear to be. The demands are heavy, the burden of confidences, sorrows and sins

is grievous, but the scope is boundless, and when Sunday comes round after a week of heavy pressure the "precious Word of Grace" is vouchsafed to us again. We received many letters and a number of extra generous gifts during the dark period through which we

The Old —



passed, and we will never cease to be thankful for such friends.

The consequent re-organisation has naturally involved the Mission in a good deal of unexpected expense, both of capital and in current expenses, but short of my relinquishing this appointment and applying for early superannuation there appeared to be no alternative, and

all concerned felt we should try to carry on the work, if health permitted, a little longer in view of the Mission's commitments and advanced plans for the new project. And so we bring you our report for 1962, and hope that we may continue to have your prayers and your support in all our undertakings.

The Windyridge and Whitechapel House reports are included, as also are messages from the Rev. Eric W. Murray, Mr. F. C. Yelland, our Honorary Treasurer, and Mrs. Clipson.

Mrs. Clipson, of course, had the weight of our time of trial, and much devolved upon her that could never have been anticipated. What such places as this owe to the loyalty and devotion and sheer sacrifice of ministers' wives may some day be fully appreciated. I am more grateful than I can express for Doreen and her increasing labours on behalf of the Whitechapel Mission.

Mr. John B. Gadd, who gave three years valuable service at Whitechapel House, and later, here at the Centre, felt called to a particular kind of work, and in August, when he was satisfied that a second Minister had been appointed to join us, and he would not, therefore, be leaving us short-staffed, Mr. Gadd went to take up work with the Langley House near Reading, and since then has moved to their larger establishment near Winchester. We shall all remember thankfully Mr. Gadd's time among us.

What the coming days may hold for us no one knows, but in good heart, depending upon the promises of God and the help of so many friends we submit in thankfulness this simple account of the Mission's work for this year.

Yours sincerely,

*A. D. Clipson*



— and The New

## First Impressions

by REV. ERIC W. MURRAY,

B.D., Dip.Soc.Sc.

LET me say first of all how glad we are to be here at the Whitechapel Mission. Over four years ago, a tutor at Richmond College asked me where I would like to go when I left to be stationed in the ministry. I said, "Well, I would like to do some deep-city mission work . . . in London if possible". He replied, "Not a hope: at least as far as London is concerned". Four years is a long time, but I have not found my views altering. I still wanted to be in London. Why London? Because it's gay, amusing, full of life? Not exactly . . . the real reason is that both my wife and I have grown up in London, experienced much of our Christian life here, and worked amongst many London people in mission work, clubs, etc., long before I entered the ministry. We have grown to like Londoners very much, and like working with them. My wife herself is a Londoner. She has trained and worked as a social worker here. Though a Channel Islander from Guernsey, I found my home here too. We feel part of London and its people, we have shared in the sorrows and happiness of the people here, and experienced our own here too. When you have done all that, you find you want to stay and work with such people too. Not only the background of all our training, for I was trained in social work too, but the whole of our involvement in the life of the Christian Church has made us glad to be here.

When I came here I found a letter of welcome waiting for me from the Chairman of the District. In it he told me that I would not find a better man to be my first Superintendent than Mr. Clipson. After a while I was able to reply 'You are quite right'. Mr. & Mrs. Clipson have made us feel very happy and quite at home from the word 'go'. We walked into the Institute to find a brightly-shining flat, a fully stocked larder, and a fund of kindly affection awaiting us. It was good to meet! Mr. Clipson is a man of very many and different gifts, and the training I have received both ministerial and social is filled out and supported by his



Rev. Eric W. Murray

experience and deep knowledge of human life. This has made me doubly pleased to be here. Coupled with this is the interest, advice and active support given by my wife. She works as a psychiatric social worker at West Ham, but like all good minister's wives she is always there on hand with help.

When we arrived at Whitechapel I found that far from coming as strangers to this particular area, we were in fact taking up a family tradition. I discovered that an uncle of mine, Jack Cobley, had himself worked as a missionary here in the East End in a mission to the gypsies nearly 40 years ago. Perhaps this explains why we feel so much at home. At the Anniversary I was able to say, "I have not met all of you yet, but those I have met, I like". And turning to the Superintendent I was able to say, "And that goes for you too!" — And it still does!



Mrs. Murray

*COVER DESIGN.* Gerda has again produced the cover design, for which we are grateful. "Life With Father" from her pen might be interesting!

## MR. HENRY J. BOLTON

Mr. Henry J. Bolton has given valuable help as a member both of the Executive Committee and the Whitechapel House Management Committee over a period of a number of years. We are pleased to know that Mr. Bolton is now taking office in succession to Mr. S. W. Newman, and will be helping Mr. Yelland with the handling of the Mission's affairs, particularly on the financial side. We are grateful for Mr. Newman's long years of service, and glad to have him still helping us on the Windyridge Management Committee



# Windyridge - 1962



THE LAST YEAR has been quite an eventful year at Windyridge. Many new ideas have now been able to be put into operation through the co-operation of the Home Office, and we are looking forward to strenuous and challenging years ahead, and planning for further developments in every aspect of the work and training we strive to give the lads who come here and are under our care.

We have been invited by the Home Office to conduct an experiment at Windyridge which aims at reducing, or eliminating entirely one of the main difficulties which lads have to face after enjoying the complete security of living in a home such as Windyridge for up to 12 months. This is the apprehension and fear which all our boys have when the time comes to leave here and once again to have to obtain employment and sometimes lodgings in what, to them, is the hard, difficult and unkind outside world. This scheme is an attempt to bridge this gulf for the lads by obtaining employment for them locally during the latter period of their stay with us and gradually introducing them back to ordinary life in the community. During this period they are able to pay from their wages their board and lodging, have increased pocket money, open a savings account, be taught how to usefully spend their money and be able to expect increased privileges whilst still having the security of a home at Windyridge and enjoying the company and friendship of the boys and staff. If a boy is going to break down when he takes up

employment, it is better that the breakdown occurs whilst he is with us so that he can have the opportunity of further training and support rather than this breakdown occur after he has left here and when he is in the position of having to face further difficulties from which he has been sheltered during his period at Windyridge. The scheme commenced on the 1st October 1962, and at the time of writing this report one of our lads is already out at work with a local building contractor employed as a painter's improver. When this lad's period of residence is completed he will be leaving, in fact, not just Windyridge, but also an employer who will be in a position to give him a reference which will be of untold value to him when he is looking for further employment. From the contacts we have already made with local employers we are quite confident of their co-operation in this new scheme and their helpful and sympathetic attitude towards it.

Another innovation which has commenced this year has been a link up with a very big and efficient youth centre in Colchester for young people between the ages of 14 and 21 which is organised by the Colchester Area Local Youth Committee. All of our boys are now taken out to this youth centre two or three evenings per week and are able to enjoy the very many facilities which are open to them there. All boys are taking a minimum of two instructional classes, some are even taking three classes per week at the centre under qualified instructors in subjects such as maths, mechanical drawing, metalwork, pottery, woodwork, P.T., drama and ballroom dancing, with young people of their own age. They also have the opportunity of mixing socially with a large number of other members of the club, attending the monthly dance and participating in normal club life. This is proving to be a stabilising influence on the lads while they are at Windyridge and has the advantage to them of receiving useful instruction in classes outside of the Home where they are only part of a class and not a Windyridge class.

Any extension of activities demands additional responsibility and increased work for staff. This cannot be measured in £.s.d. or working hours, but only can be met by devotion and that sense of vocation which is necessary for all staff to have in this type of work.

It is still gratifying to have so many of our old boys coming back to see us, writing to us, and telephoning us. Matron and I went to South Wales some time ago to the wedding of one of our old boys and we had the pleasure of having him and his wife here for a week's holiday during this summer. My latest information is that we shall be having them once again next summer when they are expecting to introduce a new generation to Windyridge!



Mr. & Mrs. J. Ivan Elliott  
(Warden and Matron)

Once again we have had visitors to the Home from all parts of the globe and our garden party this last year reached an all time record, both financially and also in the number of old boys, parents and friends who attended, the total numbered nearly 500 people.

The type of lad who came to Windyridge during the last twelve months has, I feel, on the whole, been more difficult to handle, but I believe this is generally a sign of the times and will call for fresh approaches to be made to their problems, and using to the full the facilities we have to hand to deal with them.

I would like to express my appreciation for all the help, both financial and otherwise, which has been given to us by all manner of people who, I believe, all over the country, are deeply interested in the type of work which goes on here.

J. IVAN ELLIOTT.

#### OBITUARY

DR. W. A. BULLOUGH and MR. GORDON CRAWFORD, two members of the Windyridge Management Committee, have died during recent months.

Dr. Bullough, a former County Medical Officer of Health (Essex) had been with us from the days of the old Windyridge, and rarely missed a meeting. He took a personal interest in the lads and warmly welcomed them at Church. He will be missed by many.

Mr. Crawford, a more recent member of the Committee, was widely known, and deeply interested in all aspects of Christian work. Perhaps his particular emphasis was upon Home Missions, and he felt that Windyridge provides a practical example of what can be done when the Church goes out to meet the needs of the people at a particular point. We are all pleased that Mrs. Crawford is continuing to give her help on the Committee.

Windyridge — A view of the house



## A Word of Appreciation . . .

. . . from the Hon. Treasurer

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to those who have joined the growing number of supporters of the Mission who have covenanted their annual gifts, and will gladly send on information and supply a form to anybody interested. The Mission acknowledges with gratitude the memory of those who, when making their Wills, remembered our activities, and the legacies they have left us enable us to help countless folks day by day. We again ask those who can to remember us in disposing of their property so that the Mission will be able to carry on this work as long as is necessary.

Our Superintendent, we are glad to say, has recovered remarkably well from his illness following the 1961 Anniversary, but we believe that much of this is due to the relief afforded by the new manse at Wanstead, and the assistance of the Rev. Eric W. Murray, B.D., who commenced in September last. Neither the Mission, nor any of its Officials, had any part in seeking this appointment, but we are very grateful to the Home Mission Department and the Chairman of the District for making suggestions and approving the arrangements eventually made. They realised that if the work were to be maintained, and especially the fruition of the



The Superintendent and Mrs. Clipson



### THE "BIGGEST IN THE WORLD"

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## 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.*

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.

## 66th MISSION ANNIVERSARY

Our 66th Mission Anniversary was wonderfully successful, the Monday gatherings constituting a record. It was a pleasure to have Rev. John H. Cash, who, as a boy, attended the Mission, as guest preacher, and to be able to introduce Rev. Eric W. Murray to our many friends. Mr. E. J. Nelson, a very old friend of the Mission, presided, and solos were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Dorothy L. Robinson of Leigh-on-Sea. Our guest organist was again Mr. Leslie Bennett of Birstall, Leics., who was accompanied by several friends.

Whitechapel — A view of the house



## CHARLIE

It is some years since we published a full page photograph of Charlie with his tray of burtons, matches, etc. standing outside a brewery gate. A faithful member and regular attender of our services, he was taken seriously ill, and had a long period, first in the London Hospital, and later in the Southern Grove Lodge. Eventually, through the persistence of a friend Charlie was found a place at Staunton Harold Hall (one of the Cheshire Homes). We paid him a visit in July, and found that whilst he is now over seventy years old he appears to be in good health, and certainly is very happy among his many new friends. Our picture shows Charlie in conversation with the Rt. Hon. Enoch Powell, M.P., Minister of Health.



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## For Their Sakes

AS little girls we used to sing the song -

“Christmas is coming,  
The goose is getting fat.  
Please put a penny  
In the old man’s hat.”

I feel we need to sing the same song for our Mission as our 1962 Report goes out.

Weeks before Guy Fawkes night some of our youngsters had already acquired their stand for the Guy just outside the Mission. One night the Guy complete with go-cart had been forgotten, but just inside the Underground Station approach next door a very dilapidated gentleman complete in rags and untrimmed beard was standing. In spite of his protests the youngsters stood by him with their tins for “Guy Fawkes”. We, too, realise how necessary it is to commence in good time with our Christmas preparation. There is so much to be done. Our women and men are already telling me their wants. “Have you a pair of thick stockings, black if you have them?” “A warm nightdress and vests, Mrs. Clipson?” “Sommerk warm for my bed. I am so cold of a night.” “An overcoat to keep me warm, some warm underpants”. As I mark the register, giving them a star each week, I have already commenced putting by each name W, WX, OS, in readiness for making up Christmas parcels. For the last three years we have managed a turkey Christmas Dinner at our various Men’s and Women’s Parties. We must not disappoint them.

The youngsters are certainly scenting Christmas in the air. God forbid that children should ever lose the thrill of it. We would that Jesus was reborn in every heart. Last year we had our Manger scene: in taking it to pieces after Christmas we found a child’s toy buried in the straw - a little offering from one of our Beginners or Primary children. So many people these days commercialise Christmas. We would ever keep it before our people, old and young, as the most wonderful event in the world, because it was -

“Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love Divine.”

So we at the Mission would rejoice in all we have been able to do in His Name remembering Christ’s “Inasmuch”, and believing that our many friends will not fail us in their help to make this Christmas the best ever for our Men, Women, and Little Children.

DOREEN CLIPSON.



At  
The  
Manger

## 8 ways by which YOU can help our work to progress :

1. PRAY FOR OUR WORK AND OUR WORKERS.
2. SEND A DONATION NOW.
3. HAVE A COLLECTING BOX IN YOUR HOME.
4. BECOME A COVENANTED SUBSCRIBER.
5. MAKE A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL.
6. ARRANGE A GIFT SERVICE OR A CAROL PARTY IN YOUR CHURCH.
7. SEND CLOTHING PARCELS AND SHOES.
8. ASK FOR A MISSION SPEAKER OR OUR FILM.