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**OUR IDEAL.**

**"To promote the religion of Jesus Christ in its most comprehensive meaning."**

**"To live to the highest in all things that pertain to us, and to lend a hand as best we can to all others for this same end."**

**"To recognise the good lying at the heart of all people . . . . . to aid in righting the wrongs that cross our path."**

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Urchin: "Oi, Miss! Can we come to the Concert?"  
Social Worker: "Yes, of course you can."  
Urchin: "Do we 'ave to bring our adults?"

(This actually happened at the Settlement.)

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## PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD.

This has been a year of great changes all over the world, and in our little world of the Canning Town Women's Settlement we also have gone through the experience of great change.

Our beloved Warden, Miss Catherine Towers, who has been the life and soul of the Settlement during the last thirty years, has felt it necessary to retire from active service amongst us. The manifestations of grateful affection which were shown towards her by the different sections of the whole community were very many, and were proof—if proof were needed—of the beneficent influence she has exercised, both collectively, through the many sections of the Settlement and on the individual lives of those connected with it.

She showed great faith that a successor would be found who could enter into all the activities carried on and, indeed, extend and develop them. And I think we shall all agree that her faith has been justified, and that in our new Warden and Leader, Mrs. Galloway, we have found one exceptionally equipped for the great responsibilities devolving upon her, and for whom we may confidently predict a career of blessed achievement both for herself and the Settlement.

I know she has been greatly cheered by the welcome given to her, and by the way all the workers have combined to make the first months of the new regime a success.

May the Settlement's Old Grannie now appeal to all its friends to make every effort to supply the necessary financial provision to meet the needs of these very difficult times, when the generous benevolence of the nation has been called upon to meet the unexpected and the almost unbelievable claims of sufferers from the cruel wars going on in different parts of the world, and for the care of the helpless tortured thousands of refugees thrown upon the world's charity. Under these circumstances, the need of maintaining in its full strength such centres as the Canning Town Settlement becomes a pressing anxiety to those responsible for the work, and who realise the effect that any falling off may have on the lives of the brave Canning Town folk.

May we once more turn to the faithful friends who have stood by us in the past to help us to minister to both the spiritual and material needs of the community served by the Settlement.

In days of great National strain and anxiety the Settlement is a veritable tower of strength, and is able to undertake truly patriotic work in guiding, calming, and inspiring those of all ages who look to it for leadership, and it is an infinite privilege to be in any way connected with an institution which is so adaptable and able to show its vitality and its strength in times of emergency.

Godspeed to 1939, and may it bring us renewed hope and confidence, and Peace.  
January, 1939.

*Isobel Aberdeen & Temair*

## PENNY WISE.

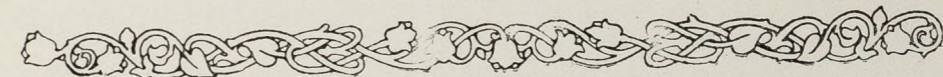
The impulse to spend when the money is there, and often when it is not, is instinctive in the great majority of men and women. Even the most careful know how cashing a cheque or breaking into a pound note seems at once to increase the rate at which the money goes. That knowledge makes the cautious man almost niggardly in parting with the change actually in his pocket. A perversion of that frame of mind is sometimes seen in the man or woman who cannot bear to hand out a coin to a beggar and yet will write a cheque for a charity. It is as if the actual sight and feel of the money touched some chord of thriftiness which the physical remoteness of a banking account left undisturbed. But very few of the normally generous people can at any time indulge their inclination to spend as freely as they would wish. Happily, if they cannot spend money, they are not at the end of the possibilities. They can still spend other things—time, trouble, sympathy, and last, but not least, in that it covers all the rest, themselves. Such expenditure is never waste.

I have laid emphasis on the question of money because it is essential if we are to carry on our activities. The real difficulty in making both ends meet is in finding the ends. Like all efforts, from a golf swing to a foreign policy, the really important part of the operation is the follow through. So I hope when you read this Report you will help us in whatever way you can.

As you all know, our Warden, Miss Towers, has retired. She had given over 30 years of her life to the work of the Settlement, and our thanks are due to her for her untiring energy and marvellous work during that time. We hope that she will enjoy the leisure she has so richly earned. We welcome our new Warden, Mrs. Galloway, knowing that she will carry on the work as efficiently as has been done in the past.

I should like to thank all our friends who have helped us during the past year, and hope they will continue to do whatever lies in their power during the present year. A special word of thanks is due to the Residents, because without them the Settlement could not carry on.

H. B. ANDERSON.



## TREASURER'S REPORT, 1937-38.

Again our many friends have helped us through a rather difficult financial year. Some of the old subscribers have passed away, and we have to try to interest new ones in our work.

The General Account unfortunately shows a debit balance of £1,074 as compared with a credit balance of £8 in the previous year. In that year we had nearly £900 from Lady Aberdeen's Birthday Appeal and the Christmas Ball, while in the year just ended we had no corresponding functions to help the exchequer. The net overdraft at the Bank has been well over £2,000 during the year, and this accounts for the high Bank interest charges, amounting to £91. Three years ago they were £36.

The November Bazaar, the working of which was energetically carried through by lady members of the Committee, realised £323, which was quite good. One of the most productive efforts of its kind made during the year was that of Lady Diana Abdy, who very kindly undertook a collection among her friends on behalf of the Settlement. The sum collected reached the splendid total of £175, which was divided among those departments of our work which were most in need of it. Lady Diana Abdy has clearly shewn us that "Where there's a will there's a way"!

Another useful sum, amounting to £15 13s., was raised by the kindness of Miss Banks in giving a Dancing Display, whilst the Dance organised at Wonersh by the staff at High Canfold, our Chairman's home, brought in the splendid sum of £54 14s. 6d.

Legacies from old friends of the Settlement, amounting to £77 10s., were received during the year.

The Pilgrim Trust gallantly came to our assistance again by granting £200 to the Garden House Club which, with a welcome increase in donations, shows a credit balance of £58 on the year's working.

Grants of £72 and £173 were made from the General Account to balance the expenditure on the Wellington and Nursery School respectively.

Our Holiday Appeal was again very well responded to. Besides giving many outings by the day to poor mothers and children, this money enabled us to send those who were badly in need of a longer holiday to our Convalescent Homes at Firbank and Pagham. Alas, Pagham, which was kindly lent to us, is no more, but we are hoping, if finances will permit, to try and establish a similiar seaside bungalow to take its place.

Our best thanks are due to all who have helped in the Settlement work, and one must not forget the splendid unselfishness of Local Correspondents in different parts of the country, who have given up their time to making collections in their neighbourhoods. The late Mrs. H. B. Shephard collected £90 in this way over a period of two years at Purley.

Mrs. Galloway is worthily filling the gap caused by the retirement of Miss Towers. Like her predecessor, she radiates to those around her an infectious enthusiasm in the Settlement work, which results in things being carried out with efficiency.

Although this report was only intended to relate to the year ended September 30th, it may be mentioned that, since then, two most welcome cheques have been received in answer to the Finance Appeal. The first was for £100 from the two kind ladies who have helped us so liberally in the past, and who wish to remain anonymous. The other cheque was for £500 (a marvellous wind-fall!) from two anonymous donors, who have always taken a keen and active interest in the doings of the Settlement. Their very generous help has come at a most opportune time when the serious rise in the overdraft was causing grave concern. The receipt of these cheques, supplemented as they are by the pounds being converted to guineas by another anonymous friend, is proof that those who have given know that their money will be well spent on the objects for which the Settlement exists.

One hopes that these remarks may induce one or two others to write out big cheques, for our activities are still encumbered by a large Bank overdraft. Nevertheless the smallest subscriptions are most helpful, and our best thanks are as much due to the small subscribers, who give what they can, as to those who send the larger sums.

DO let us try during the current year to work up collections among our friends as Lady Diana Abdy did. We may not be as successful as she was, but even if a number of people could each raise as many shillings as she did pounds, it would be a wonderful help. It is only by lessening the burden of the Overdraft that we can adequately keep going our beneficent work in Canning Town.

J. Haughton Watson.  
Hon. Secy.

Those who listened to the excellent Broadcast Appeal so kindly made by Miss Ann Todd on October 9th, will be glad to learn that the sum of £259 was received as a result of it.

We should like, also, to mention here another item which does not actually belong to the past financial year; that is our "adoption" by the Ministry of Pensions Staff Social Service Association, whose cheque for £50 brought with it the assurance that other cheques might possibly follow.

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## WARDEN'S REPORT.

"What do you actually *do* at your Settlement?" is a question put to all of us repeatedly; and often it is followed by "Yes, but nowadays don't the State and the Local Authorities do all that?"

The social problems of to-day are certainly very different from those tackled by the pioneer women who founded this Settlement nearly forty-eight years ago. Children, for instance, do not starve

or go barefoot in the streets; but this does not mean that there are not thousands of cases of need, thousands of ways in which lives can be made fuller, happier and more fruitful by the help of the social worker from a voluntary organization.

One important piece of our work is teaching people how to avail themselves of the assistance provided by State or Borough, when and where to apply for the benefits to which their circumstances entitle them.

We try, by living amongst the people of Canning Town, to give them disinterested service, guidance and leadership, and by so doing to help them to live their lives more abundantly.

The backbone of our work is visiting; men, women and children flock to our "meetings" for physical, mental and spiritual refreshment and recreation; we try to know every member of our "meetings" in his or her own home.

The following paragraphs will give some idea of the variety of our activities:—

**Women's Meetings.** The Lees Hall P.S.A. was the original meeting of the Settlement. It meets every Sunday afternoon. The members have a Working Party, which they organize entirely by themselves, and by their efforts they raise funds annually to contribute substantially towards the upkeep of Firbank, to support a bed at the Balaam Street Children's Hospital, and to help other local charities.

**The Monday Sisterhood** has a membership of 350, and runs its own creche for babies and toddlers during the meetings.

We have three **Townswomen's Guilds**, whose members take an increasingly large part in the responsibility of Committee-work and the running of their meetings. These women show very definite progress in their appreciation of the responsibilities of citizenship.

The Cumberland Road Garden Estate has a Wednesday afternoon meeting in St. Cedd's Hall, but we have as yet no building of our own in this district.

In addition to these there are Sewing and Dressmaking Classes, Singing Classes, a Bible Class, an Adult School, a Garden Guild, and Dramatic Groups.

**Men's Clubs.** At the Wellington and at Garden House there are Men's Social Clubs; the fact that they are overcrowded is a proof of their value as a healthy alternative to "pubs" and "dogs."

An account of the Gardeners' Clubs appears elsewhere.

The Grandfathers' Club keeps up to the full strength of its seating accommodation at The Wellington. Friday afternoons are Red Letter Days to many an Old Age Pensioner, and as soon as he has wiped from his lips the gravy from his Christmas dinner he begins to look forward to his "outing" in the summer.

**Play Hours** at Lees Hall and Garden House are a boon to mothers and children. With more space, time and helpers their work could be greatly increased. At Lees Hall, Play Hour children pass on through different groups, graded according to age and inclinations, until they are ready for the senior **Girls' Club**. During the year the Girls' Club has had dramatic, cooking, and

handwork classes; hiking was popular in the summer; netball is played on Saturday afternoons; but by far the most popular activities are "**Keep Fit**" and "**Health and Beauty**" classes.

At Garden House the Girls' Club carries on such activities as space and time will allow.

Every Club or Meeting has its **Thrift Club**. Small contributions accumulate until such time as a pleasant little sum can be withdrawn for an "outing," a holiday, or perhaps a much needed pair of shoes.

At **Firbank**, our delightful country house in Loughton, 499 men, women and children have had restful, health-giving holidays during the year. Hundreds more have been out for the day to meals.

Wonersh Bungalow at **Pagham** provided glorious seaside holidays for 113 East-Enders—and Wonersh Bungalow is no more! Kind friends have already offered to buy us a plot of ground; £400 would build a bungalow on it. In case of War, if we chose a "safe" area, it could be used for our Nursery School. In the peaceful times for which we all hope, it would be playing its part towards establishing national fitness. May we have it?

**Other Holidays.** Eighteen women had splendid holidays at Moreton-in-Marsh, and many more were sent away for holidays to other places, either through invitations or with the help of our Holiday Fund.

At Canvey Island fourteen boys, as well as several "grown-ups" revelled in a holiday by the sea. (We have no house of our own there, and had to pay for the use of two bungalows.)

At Welwyn Garden City 30 little girls went to "camp" as the guests of the Ladies' Hospitality Committee, and eight children were sent in response to private invitations. Horsham and Hayling Island also provided private invitations for six children.

In most cases (for we choose them with great care) we have to dip into our Holiday Fund for fares and to replace the meagre wardrobes of the young holiday-makers. Thanks to invitations from many kind friends, Women's Institutes and Church Guilds, hundreds of our women have had glorious days in the country.

The only Club in the Settlement which is able to have a room for its exclusive use is **The Art Club**. An artist's "gear" takes up so much room that his premises cannot be used as a Play Centre or a Creche! And there are few hours in the day when some artist, a pensioner or an unemployed man, is not at work in the studio. Wednesday night is Club Night, when the room is used by men and women. A successful Arts and Crafts Exhibition was held in June.

**The Clothes Room** continues to serve admirably a fourfold purpose. It helps many people to get rid of old clothes and household stuff for which they have no further use; it enables us to provide poor homes with warm and useful articles, either free or at a very small charge; it provides material for our Sewing Classes, where experts teach our mothers to convert old skirts into small boys' knickers, or faded curtains into nightgowns; it provides a small source of income which is used for our benevolent work.

A short time ago **The Office** was described by some visitors to the Settlement as our "information bureau." This description is apt; the information which it gives is on such things as how an Old Age Pensioner can get artificial teeth, how a delicate woman can get away for a holiday, how a man can make himself look decent to go and apply for a new job, how a mother whose husband is sick can tide over that dreadful period when two ends will *not* meet, and when there will be a vacancy at Firbank!

In the second year of its existence the **Foot Clinic** has given 6,060 treatments, an increase of 15% on last year. It functions two days of two sessions each per week, and queues of people are content to sit and wait for hours for the comfort that it gives. The average contribution per attendance was 1s. 3d. The excellent start made in 1937 has been more than maintained, and we regard our Foot Clinic as one of our most "worth while" undertakings.

At our **Medical Mission**, over 5,000 cases have been treated in the course of the year, comprising 3,066 medical treatments of adults, 1,110 diseases of women, and 1,032 children. Consultation hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on four days a week. New medical cases pay a fee of 3d., old cases 2d.; 6d. is charged for gynaecological examinations, and a flat rate of 6d. a week for medicine. Many kind friends have contributed babies' woollies, warm clothes and blankets; and our patients had a glorious day in the country as the guests of Women's Institutes. We are very grateful for such kindness.

At our branch of the **Invalid Kitchens** of London, 442 invalids and convalescents were supplied during the year with 13,054 dinners. Every type of patient, from a newly weaned baby to a man or woman in the last days of fatal illness, has been helped. Under-nourished mothers, reported by midwives, have been supplied immediately with dinners during their confinements. One of our most pathetic, and at the same time one of our most heartening sights, is the daily queue of people calling at Lees Hall either to eat a good dinner there, or to carry nourishing food home. After "Invalid Dinners" the next stage is often a holiday at "Firbank."

Daily, from Monday to Friday, a collection of empty prams downstairs at Lees Hall is the sign that the **Infant Welfare Centre** is carrying on its invaluable work. Many of our old Club girls attend the Centre after marriage, and we like to think that many future participators in our activities begin their Settlement careers on the scales at the Welfare Centre.

Even to-day, when domestic service is passing through a phase of unpopularity, our own **M.A.B.Y.S.** branch has "placed" 196 girls in the course of the year. Not only are they "placed," but an individual interest is taken in every one of them, and many girls are helped over difficult times and encouraged when they have lost heart.

Mr. Robert Middlemas, the owner of the **Fairplay 'Bus Fleet**, allotted a 'bus to us for the whole season this year. From May to September, *every* day except Sunday, fifty-five children were

driven out to Upminster to play in the Fairplay Field. There were buns and lemonade, and sometimes ices and entertainments. Thousands of children enjoyed these wonderful expeditions.

**A.R.P.** Several of our men and women are now trained Air Raid Wardens, and many more are undergoing training. We have our own First Aid Class at Lees Hall, under the St. John Ambulance Association. At the "Crisis" everything was ready for the removal of the Nursery School to "Firbank," but we learn now that, if the occasion arises, we shall have to find a "safer" place.

In spite of the vicissitudes of 1938, and the demands of A.R.P. and illness, free legal advice has always been obtainable at Lees Hall on Monday evenings, and we are very grateful to our three **Poor Man's Lawyers**. In all, 549 interviews were given, of which 178 were to people coming for a second time. A rough analysis of the work of one of our lawyers shows that 33% of his cases were in connection with accidents, including Workmen's Compensation, 16% were Landlord and Tenant cases; 11% Matrimonial, and the remaining 40% various. As we are affiliated to the Bentham Committee, it has been possible to send on to them cases requiring action; their number is relatively small, but they are usually cases in which much hardship would be involved if no one would take them.

**Guides, Scouts, Brownies, and Cubs** flourish at our various Centres.

Several of our many **Other Activities** have special articles and illustrations further on. Perhaps enough has been written here to answer the questions with which my report began.

E. MARGARET GALLOWAY.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

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Three old friends of the Settlement have passed away in the course of the year:—

*The Reverend F. W. Newland*, once Pastor of Canning Town Congregational Church, was actually responsible for the founding of the Settlement.

*Mrs. Eleanor Catherine Shephard* was a devoted friend, untiring in her work as Local Correspondent at Purley.

*Miss Lucy Gilfillan* was one of the oldest members of the Settlement Executive Committee, and always an interested and generous supporter.

## THE NURSERY SCHOOL.

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Our Tiny Toddlers returning from Play.

Some of those happy little people in the photograph above have been hastily dressed in the early morning and thankfully handed over to the Nursery School Staff by busy mothers of large families, only too thankful to have them "out of the way." This is not because the mothers want to be rid of their children, but because their homes are sordid, over-crowded, indescribably dreary, and they know that their toddlers will spend natural, happy days in light and airy rooms.

The children have good, nourishing food, learn hygienic habits, play with wholesome and attractive toys, and after dinner settle down to rest on their little camp beds, in a way which is not possible in a busy and over-crowded household.

Nursery School parents, whenever possible, contribute 1s. 3d. a week, which covers the cost of a child's food; the cost of running the school works out at £11 a year per child. We are "recognised" by the Board of Education and receive a grant to cover 50% of our yearly expenditure. For the other half we have no regular income.

A visit to the Nursery School is far more valuable than any verbal account, and visitors are heartily welcomed. Ours was the pioneer Nursery School in this district; now there are five; but we always have a waiting list.



## HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY.

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Our gardeners have been delighted to receive plants from Sandringham sent by H.M. Queen Mary, who has also honoured us again with gifts of calendars and Christmas cards.

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## GARDENERS.

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The Settlement "Gardeners" struggle cheerfully along against the great odds of soot and fumes, and high praise is due to them for the very excellent results in most gardens and allotments.

The Wellington and Oasis are the greatest sufferers from factory fumes and bad soil. Yet the tiny yard-gardens of Canning Town are tended with such care and coaxing that they give in their seasons a brilliant display of colours.

In the Autumn the members bought their 2d. worth of super-phosphates or basic slag and diligently forked it into their borders.

Every gardener suffered from the bad season of drought last year, but this was specially disastrous to the Oasis men's dry cindery ground where there is difficulty in obtaining tap-water. Yet many of the allotments yielded fair crops of Brassica and roots. We have been able to obtain a quantity of first-rate loam for the Oasis from the Port of London Authority—enough for each allotment to have a layer of a few inches. This has been needed for many years, and we have great hopes of the effects.

The Cumberland Road Allotment gardeners have much better soil than the Canning Towners, though they have had to work hard getting it clear of rubbish. They also suffer to an extent from gas fumes, but are on the whole in a much more airy position. Consequently they produce very splendid crops of vegetables, and also many fine flowers.

Great credit is due to all the allotment workers who, being mostly unemployed, have not the necessary money to expend on their ground each year. They have to collect their manures as best they can and from whom they can.

The Cumberland Estate women members show immense interest in the fine open pieces of ground provided for each flat and house. They have mostly good conditions of air and soil—being out of the fume range—and they accordingly take great pride in producing large displays of flowers, many being really show gardens.

There were some fine contributions to the London Gardens Society Autumn Show. We are now growing bulbs in pots and bowls with a view to exhibiting at the Spring Show, and we are all praying for a proper supply of sun and rain this year.





Back-yard Horticulturalists—old and young.

## GARDEN HOUSE WORKSHOP.

The Workshop at Garden House forms an important part of our work in that centre. Ever since its opening the response has shown how real was the need for such facilities as we have been able to provide.

Men suffering from the monotony and depression of unemployment, who often can not afford to pay for ordinary social pleasures, have little chance of any activity that seems to them worth while. To these the workshop has been a boon indeed.

Of themselves they could not possibly afford the cost of adequate equipment, nor could they be expected to meet the running expenses. The most that could be asked of them was the payment of a subscription to the Social Service Club, of which the Workshop forms an integral section, and this they have always willingly given.

The shop has not only served to ease the hardship of unemployment but has placed within the reach of all our members opportunities to develop the interests for which they had previously

had no opening, and to use their talents in satisfactory employment.

The purpose of the Workshop is not to produce a mass of articles that are either unwanted or could have been better made by machinery; nor does it train men for industrial re-employment. It rather serves to produce articles which are of modest but real use, either to the maker or his family, or to friends, which their users cannot afford to buy; and to ensure that they are adapted to the individual need, well designed and executed, with the deliberation and care which bring their makers the reward and satisfaction of good craftsmanship.

This means, in many cases, that useful articles, for which there is no economic demand, are made voluntarily as an act of service to others, while the Club itself has benefited frequently by articles made for its use.

Tastes and aptitudes differ, of course, and the varieties of articles produced correspond with the varying degrees of interest and skill to be found in different men. Many start by making some simple item, and more or less quickly pass on to more ambitious efforts.

As a result of the opportunities offered by the Workshop, many homes in the district display, with pride, furniture and other articles made here by members. At various times one could see such finished products as Chairs, Tables, Babies' Cots, Children's Chairs, Children's Toys, Medicine Cupboards, Dog Kennels, Bird Breeding Cages, Hall Stands, Wardrobes, Boot Boxes, Bookcases, Benches, Linen and Clothes Cupboards, Garden Seats and other needed articles.

Members can, and do, repair the family's boots and shoes in our Workshop, and we are hoping, if funds allow, to develop further activities in the directions of metal work, rug-making, and other forms of craft work.

We are grateful to those of our friends among neighbouring wood merchants who have so willingly given us loads of wood of varying kinds for the use of our members.

It cannot be too clearly understood that the provision for our craft work is inseparably related to our other Club activities, and its support and improvement has to be regarded as part of a general effort to raise the standard of our Club work as a whole.

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## PUBLICITY.

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During the year the Warden and Residents have addressed meetings in many places. We welcome opportunities of speaking about the Settlement, and are always pleased to send speakers to Women's Institutes, Guilds, Church Meetings, Drawing-room Meetings, or any other social gatherings.

### British Legion and United Services Fund.



Jobless Ex-Service Men—Twenty years after!

It is twenty years since the men were demobilised, and though many are still in the prime of life the number of those incapacitated by permanent disabilities increases rapidly. We are now able to assist these through the Chronic Sickness Scheme for sixteen weeks in each year. No less than 736 grants were thus made in 1938 at a cost of £825. In addition we were able to provide them with a moderate amount of clothing or bedding. Incidentally, some of these are now receiving pensions of ten shillings per week, which will continue until they can draw the Old Age Pension.

During the period under review 507 cases of temporary sickness have been assisted, the grants totalling £413. In these cases the grant voucher is given immediately on production of a satisfactory medical certificate. This prevents the distress occasioned in some cases by the delay in payment of National Health Insurance.

Unemployment has not been so serious this year, partly because so many of our men are employed on the production of munitions. Nevertheless, there is occasional distress due to bad weather, seasonal trade fluctuations etc., always to be faced. Our district, too, has an unenviable reputation for accidents at work and industrial diseases, there being so many dangerous trades, such as steel erecting, rigging, dockwork of all kinds as well as the handling of flour, sugar and chemicals. There is usually a fortnight's delay before the employers send the half-pay, which is never more than 30s. per week, however large the family or rent, and in these cases we give vouchers on loan, recovering the amount when a lump sum of compensation is paid. This involves

correspondence with solicitors. The sum of £46 2s. 6d. was so utilised in respect of 49 cases last year. No further education grants are being made—the last two recipients being now aged over 21 and working as teacher (B.A. with special P.T. qualification) and male cook respectively.

#### *Soldiers and Sailors Help Society.*

Grants from naval and regimental funds amounted to £475 from which 195 cases were helped. In addition, £125 was granted by the Society for special cases of homeless men and others.

#### *Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association.*

For about two years we have represented this Association in South West Ham, and last year we were asked to include cases in respect of East Ham also. We have assisted 13 families (generally those of widows) for whom £37 was granted by the Association.

We have sent 679 appeals for Surgical Aid letters, and dentures have been obtained for 54 persons largely by this means.

Clothing is collected and distributed and personally fitted so that waste is eliminated. No less than 1,259 garments, including shoes, were given, all of course to needy men and their families. There was a run on this clothing at the time of the crisis, when several families were fitted out for evacuation.

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## A NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE.

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To play our part as neighbours in the community in which we have "settled" is one of our objects.

We willingly respond to frequent invitations to provide speakers at other clubs and meetings in our neighbourhood, and to co-operate with them in various ways. The Warden is a member of the following Committees:—

- Children's Country Holiday Fund (Local Committee);
- I.C.C.S. Hospital, Executive and House Committees;
- Invalid Kitchens of London (Local Committee);
- Mansfield House University Settlement Advisory Council;
- M.A.B.Y.S. (Local Committee);
- South West Ham Child Welfare Society;
- "Wayside" Home and Hostel for Girls;
- West Ham County Borough National Service Committee;  
and is
- President of Plaistow Postal Horticultural Society; and
- South West Ham Horticultural Society.

## A ROYAL VISITOR.



H.R.H. the Princess of Piedmont with our Grandfathers. This photograph was taken on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. to the Settlement, an account of which has already appeared in the "Settlement News."

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## RESIDENCE AT SETTLEMENT HOUSE.

At Settlement House we have accommodation for about seventeen social workers. Some of these come only for short periods, so there are fairly frequent vacancies.

Voluntary workers contribute towards their "keep," and information about terms of residence will be supplied to any applicant.

There is also a permanent staff of trained and experienced women.

Excellent experience in practical social work is available for students; this is especially useful for those who are in training, or about to train for Hospital Almonry, the Probation Service, and any other work in which a practical knowledge of social conditions is essential. There are special terms for students, for long or short periods.

## YOU CAN HELP US

- By becoming a REGULAR SUBSCRIBER either to our General Fund or to any branch of our work which appeals to you.
- By COVENANTING your annual subscription, so that we can have the Income Tax you pay on it rebated to us instead of it going to the Government.
- By becoming a LOCAL CORRESPONDENT, responsible for raising funds and keeping up interest in one locality.
- By sending a ROSEMARY SUBSCRIPTION of 13s. 9d., which makes you a host or hostess at "Firbank" on any day of special significance to you.
- By becoming a RESIDENT for any period.
- By giving us your service once a week as a VISITING WORKER, in any department which you choose.
- By sending clothes and household goods to the CLOTHES ROOM.
- By sending plants, seeds, bulbs, soil, or anything horticultural for our GARDENERS.
- By sending SURGICAL AID, HOSPITAL and CONVALESCENT LETTERS.
- By offering us OUTINGS and other treats.
- By sending us ZOO tickets for the children.
- By offering us "TALKS" or ENTERTAINMENTS.
- By sending FLOWERS and EGGS.
- By sending TOYS, especially at Christmas.
- By sending ARTISTS' MATERIALS for our Studio, and SILKS, WOOLS and materials for needlework.
- By noting the ADDRESSES on the back cover.
- By coming to our next ANNUAL BAZAAR, which will be held at the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, W.1, on Thursday, October 26th, 1939.

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## GRATITUDE.

It has sometimes been suggested that we should publish the names of all the kind people who help us in any way. The list would cover pages and pages, and we are not going to attempt it. We have deliberately omitted names in the reports of our activities.

We are deeply grateful to everybody, from the Residents themselves—many of whom give years of service—to those who come perhaps only once to help at a concert or a meeting.

We thank all kind friends who have sent us flowers, plants, clothes, books, materials, toys, food, and household goods; all who have spoken at our meetings, sung or played, danced or acted or entertained us in any way; all from whom we have had invitations for holidays and "treats" of any kind; all who have given us their help in any way at all; and finally all our subscribers.

In the cause of economy we are cutting out the usual lists of subscribers' names, trusting that our kind friends will agree with us that our limited number of pages can be filled with matter of more general interest.

We are deeply grateful to all who make it possible for us to carry on this voluntary organisation.

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## LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

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Here we make an exception, and allow names to appear. This is because we wish these names to be well known in order that intending subscribers may know where to send their money.

The Warden will be delighted to hear of any possible Correspondent in a new locality.

The following are our Local Correspondents and the sums which they have collected:—

	£	s.	d.
Bournemouth, per Miss Harrison, The Plot, Burton Rd.	9	15	6
Bushey, per Mrs. Baynes, High Elms, Aldenham Road	4	7	6
Cambridge, per Mrs. Welford, Rothesay, Tenison Road	3	12	0
Crouch End, per Mrs. Hughes, 102 Barrington Road ....	1	18	6
Enfield, per Miss B. Jones, 9 Chase Court Gardens ....	7	9	6
Golders Green, per Mrs. Robinson, 4 Brookland Close	3	3	0
Hampstead, per Miss Shephard, 7 Carlton Mansions	12	19	6
Kensington, per Mrs. David Powell, 7 Unwin Mansions	17	17	0
Kettering, per Miss S. Toller, 86 Headlands .....	4	0	0
Letchworth, per Miss J. Goodman, 34 Willian Way ....	3	9	6
Northampton, per Mrs. Featherstone, 301 Devon Parade	4	2	0
Northwood, per Mrs. Moore, Birkdale, Dene Road .....	7	12	6
Oxford, per Miss W. Thornton, 61 Hamilton Road ....	17	13	6
*Purley, per the late Mrs. Shephard .....	50	0	6
Sherborne, per Miss Baker, Cheap Street .....	0	16	0
Sheffield, per Mrs. Archibald Young, 72 Crimicar Lane	8	11	0
Shrewsbury, per Mrs. Breeze, Engelberg, Bell Vue Gdns.	1	7	0
Steep, per Mrs. Sturge Moore, 40 Well Walk, N.W.3	3	15	0
Walton-on-Thames, per Mrs. Boden, The Retreat, Bowes Road .....	8	5	6
Woking, per Miss E. Walker, 173 York Road .....	4	8	0
Woking and Horsell, per Miss Pitowsky, Green Close	1	10	0
Woodford, per Mrs. Beresford, 86 Lansdowne Rd., W.11	32	1	6

\* PURLEY—Miss Pringle, 33 Russell Hill, Purley is now the Local Correspondent.

## GIRLS' CLUB.

Statement for October, 1937 — September 30th, 1938.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Fees ... ..	34	10	2	Donations ... ..	7	13	0
Gym. Sports and Dramatics ... ..	9	16	5	Club Subscriptions ... ..	28	7	4
Printing, Postage and Stationery ... ..	7	19	7	Entertainments ... ..	0	16	3
Guides and Brownies ... ..	0	16	10		36	16	7
Junior Red Cross ... ..	1	5	8	Balance ... ..	44	1	10
Conference Fees and Fares ... ..	7	13	4				
Dances and Canteen ... ..	1	13	6				
Rent to Settlement ... ..	10	0	0				
Equipment ... ..	6	2	4				
Sundries ... ..	1	1	7				
	£80	18	5		£80	18	5

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## BENEVOLENT FUND.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.	£	s.	d.
Pensions administered ... ..	64	11	6	Donations to Christmas Festivities and Relief ...	664	7	10
Relief of Distress ... ..	125	14	1	Pensions ... ..	103	15	6
Loans ... ..	3	4	0	Loans Refunded ... ..	5	6	0
New Estate, Rent of Hall, etc. ... ..	16	17	9	Sale of Clothing ... ..	138	12	2
Christmas Relief and Festivities ... ..	377	4	4	New Estate Subscriptions ... ..	6	14	2
Excursions ... ..	116	4	9	Excursions ... ..	104	15	1
Cartage, Fares, etc. ... ..	34	6	1				
Printing ... ..	2	0	0				
Administration ... ..	30	0	0				
Sundries ... ..	6	17	0				
	776	19	6				
Balance ... ..	246	11	3				
	£1,023	10	9		£1,023	10	9



INCORPORATED CANNING TOWN WOMEN'S SETTLEMENT  
MEDICAL MISSION AND HOSPITAL FUNDS

*Balance Sheet at 30th September, 1938.*

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Capital Accounts</b>							<b>Land and Buildings</b>						
Balance at 30th September, 1937, available for Medical purposes in accordance with the orders of the Charity Commissioners dated 2nd October, 1923, and 15th January, 1937 ... ..				7899	0	9	Estimated value of Medical Mission Premises in Quadrant Street, E., at 30th September, 1937 ... ..				300	0	0
<b>Sundry Creditor</b>							<b>Investments as per Valuation 30th September, 1935</b>						
Lewis Hardy & Co. (Audit Fee) ...				5	5	0	£455 Buenos Ayres Midland Rly. 4% Deb. Stock ... ..	332	3	0			
Overdraft at Bank ... ..	145	18	1				£500 East Indian Rly. Co. 3½% Deb. Stock ... ..	436	5	0			
Less:—Cash in Hand ... ..	7	0	0	138	18	1	£1100 Argentine Republic 4% Loan Bonds ... ..	946	0	0			
<b>Income and Expenditure Account</b>							£1000 London & N.E. Rly. Co. 4% 1st Pref. Stock ... ..	500	0	0			
Balance at 30th September, 1937 ...	352	12	11				£500 Buenos Ayres Gt. Southern Rly. 4% Deb. Stock ... ..	355	0	0			
Less:													
Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 30th September, 1938 ... ..				66	2	0							
				286	10	11							
				£8329	14	9							
							£400 United Rlys. of Havana and Regla Warehouses 5% Deb. Stock 1906 ... ..	28	0	0			
							£500 British Columbia Electric 5% Pref. Stock ... ..	480	0	0			
							£422-13-4 New South Wales 5% Stock, 1945-65 ... ..	456	9	8			
							£734-19-0 3½% War Loan ... ..	758	16	9			
							£715-11-0 3½% Conversion Loan ...	737	0	4			
							£3858-8-11 2¾% Guar. Stock at Cost	3000	0	0			
							8029	14	9				
							£8329	14	9				

We have audited the Balance Sheet of the Incorporated Canning Town Women's Settlement, Medical Mission and Hospital Funds, dated 30th September, 1938, as above set forth. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Medical Mission and Hospital Funds according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the Books of the Funds.

LEWIS HARDY & Co.,  
Chartered Accountants,  
8 Breems Buildings,  
Chancery Lane, E.C.4.

22nd November, 1938.

## CONVALESCENT AND HOLIDAY FUND

### *Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 30th September, 1938.*

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
				Pagham			Firbank									
Housekeeping ..	133	11	10	334	3	3				Donations ...	880	12	4			
Wages and Salaries ...	11	7	4	126	18	11				Visitors', Patients' and Girls' Holiday Payments ...	182	19	9			
Rates and Taxes ...				68	8	4				Nurse Elsie Memorial Fund ...	10	0	0			
Repairs and Renewals ...				20	14	0										
	144	19	2	550	4	6	695	3	8					1073	12	1
Administration Expenses ...							75	0	0							
Printing, Stationery and Telephone ...							24	15	11							
26 Other Convalescent Expenses and Girls' Club Holidays ...							194	19	0							
							989	18	7							
Balance or Excess of Income over Expenditure ...							83	13	6							
							£1073	12	1					£1073	12	1

We have audited the Convalescent and Holiday Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September, 1938, as above set forth. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Account is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the transactions for the year ended 30th September, 1938, as shown by the Books.

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22nd November, 1938.

## THE "WELLINGTON."

### *Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 30th September, 1938.*

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Housekeeping, Salaries and Wages ...				269	12	0	Grant from Settlement General Fund...	72	7	0			
Rates ...				24	7	10	Grants, etc., received ...	82	10	0			
Gas and Electricity ...				16	13	5	Donations ...	200	4	6			
Telephone ...				12	18	1							
Printing and Stationery ...				3	9	0					355	1	6
Repairs and Renewals ...				28	1	2					£355	1	6
				£355	1	6							

## NURSERY SCHOOL FUND.

### *Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 30th September, 1938.*

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rent ...				80	0	0	Grant from Settlement General Fund...	173	1	3			
Housekeeping and Wages ...				87	0	4	Grant from Board of Education ...	221	11	6			
Salaries ...				267	16	0	Donations ...	80	5	9			
Superannuation Contribution ...				7	10	0							
Gas and Electricity ...				22	1	0					474	18	6
Repairs and Renewals ...				10	11	2					£474	18	6
				£474	18	6							





## INCORPORATED CANNING TOWN WOMEN'S SETTLEMENT

*Balance Sheet at 30th September, 1938.*

	LIABILITIES		ASSETS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
<i>Capital Account—</i>				
Balance at 1st October, 1937 ...			30774	17 5
<i>Sundry Creditors</i>				
Lewis Hardy and Co., Audit Fee ...	21	0 0		
Gas ... ..	10	0 0		
Electricity ... ..	3	0 0		
			34	0 0
<i>Wellington Nursery Endowment Fund</i>			172	1 1
<i>Overdraft at Bank</i>				
<i>General Fund</i>				
(Lees Hall, Barking Road, E., charged to Bank as Security) ...	3009	1 6		
<i>Less:—</i>				
<i>Cash at Bank and in Hand</i>				
Holiday Fund ... ..	543	10 7		
Garden House and Social Fund ... ..	104	3 10		
Settlement House Account ... ..	42	19 0		
			690	13 5
			2318	8 1
			£33299	6 7
<i>Freehold Land and Buildings:—</i>				
"Settlement House" and piece of land, Cumberland Road, Plais- tow, E., at Cost ... ..	4915	15 4		
"Lees Hall," 81-87 Barking Road, E., with additions at Cost ...	13084	9 7		
"The Wellington," Bidder Street, Canning Town, E., at Cost ...	3094	18 8		
"Firbank," Loughton, Essex, at Cost	2827	17 6		
"Garden House and Social Club," Hamilton Road (Building only) at cost ... ..	420	12 5		
			24343	13 6
<i>Furniture and Household Effects:—</i>				
Valuation at 30th September, 1935:—				
"Settlement House" ... ..	1030	4 0		
"Lees Hall" ... ..	1033	15 6		
"Wellington" ... ..	279	17 0		
"Firbank," Loughton, Essex ...	766	16 0		
"Garden House" ... ..	164	7 6		
			3275	0 0
<i>Wellington Nursery Endowment Fund:—</i>				
Cash on Deposit at Post Office ...			172	1 1
<i>Insurances paid in Advance</i>			25	9 10
<i>Investments per Valuation at 30th September, 1935:—</i>				
£400 Buenos Ayres Gt. Southern Rly. 4% Deb. Stock ... ..			284	0 0

£688 Gt. Western and Gt. Central Rly. 3½% Guar. Stock ...	681	2 5
£848 London Midland and Scottish Rly. 4% Pref. Stock (1923) ...	407	0 10
£27 10s. 2½% Consolidated Stk. at Cost ... ..	27	10 0
	1399	13 3

<i>Income and Expenditure Account:—</i>	
Balance at 30th September, 1937 ...	3151 12 2
<i>Add:—</i>	
Balance or Excess of Expenditure over Income:	
General Fund ... ..	1074 5 2
<i>Deduct:—</i>	
Balance or Excess of Income over Expenditure:	
Garden House and Social Club ... ..	
Holiday Fund	58 14 11 83 13 6
	142 8 5 931 16 9 4083 8 11
	£33299 6 7

We have audited the Balance Sheet of the Incorporated Canning Town Women's Settlement General Fund, dated 30th September, 1938, as above set forth. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Settlement General Fund, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the Books of the Fund.

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22nd November, 1938.

## ADDRESSES.

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PLEASE SEND —

*Parcels of Clothing, Jumble, Furniture, Woollies, Flowers, Eggs,  
Toys, Etc., to:*

Mrs. Galloway, B.A.,  
Lees Hall,  
81 Barking Road, London, E.16.

*Plants and Garden Produce to:*

Mrs. Galloway, B.A.,  
Settlement House,  
Cumberland Road, London, E.13.

*Correspondence to:*

Mrs. Galloway, B.A.,  
Settlement House,  
Cumberland Road, London, E.13.

*Money to:*

The Hon. Treasurer (T. Haughton Watson, Esq.),  
Settlement House,  
Cumberland Road, London, E.13.

