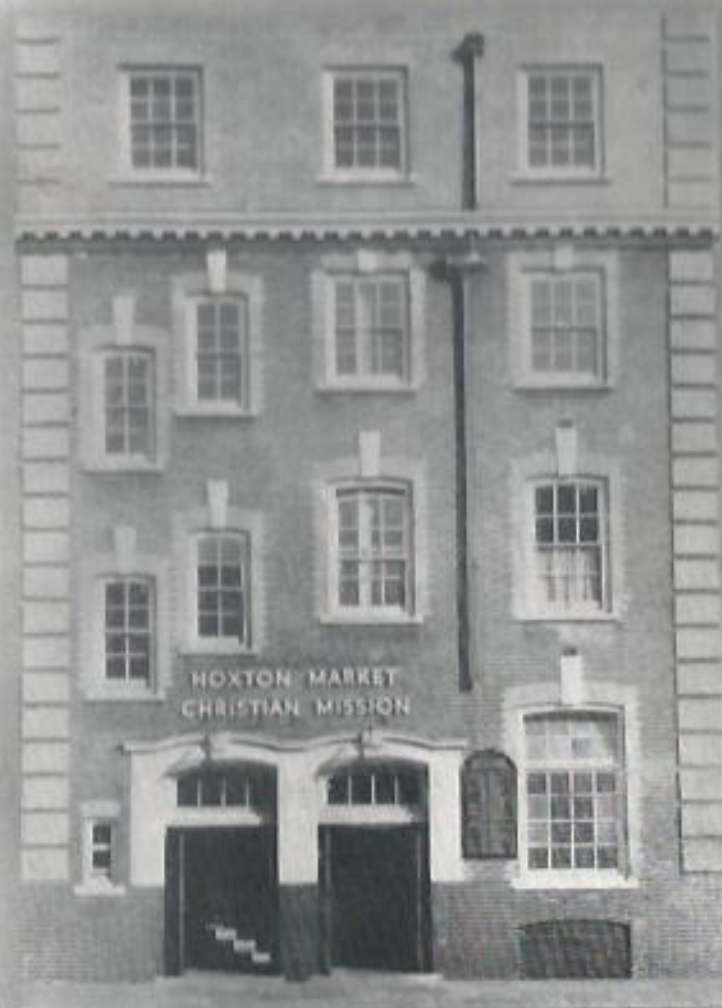


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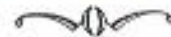
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72 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN HOXTON

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## THE STORY OF THE BEGINNING.

Over 70 years ago, in an underground cellar, the year 1881 saw the beginning of the great work, which today is known all over the world. Two brothers, John and Lewis Burtt, dedicated their lives to the service of God and the people of Hoxton. The first who came under their gracious influence were some of the local lads, gathered from a street corner. Through the gift of such things as an old pair of boots, a jacket, a meal of sorts and a friendly talk, the love of Christ was brought home to these lads. As now, home visiting played a very large part in the brothers' efforts, and from that beginning we see the results today. The work was continued until in 1886 premises were secured in Hoxton Market itself, and here were begun our Sunday and weekday meetings, Mothers' meetings, Band of Hope and Bible Classes. Such was the influence of John and Lewis that they even had to use their own workshop for meetings in the evenings and on Sundays.

In 1904 the premises were rebuilt, which meant larger space and as a result better organization and a more sure foundation for the work to be carried on later. For years the work went on growing daily, until in 1915 the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of London (Sir Charles Johnston) officially opened the rebuilt premises.

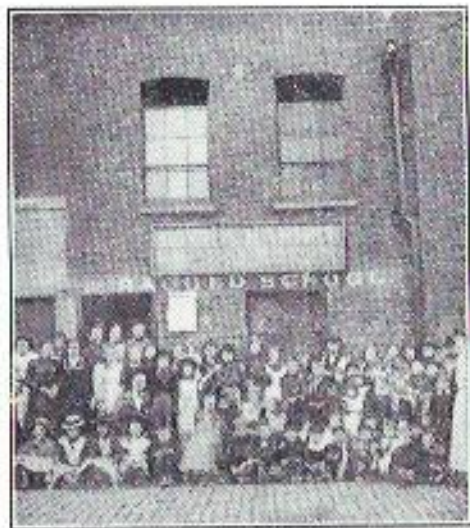
It is interesting to note that this building was opened free of debt.

The tablet commemorating this achievement can still be seen in the present Hall.



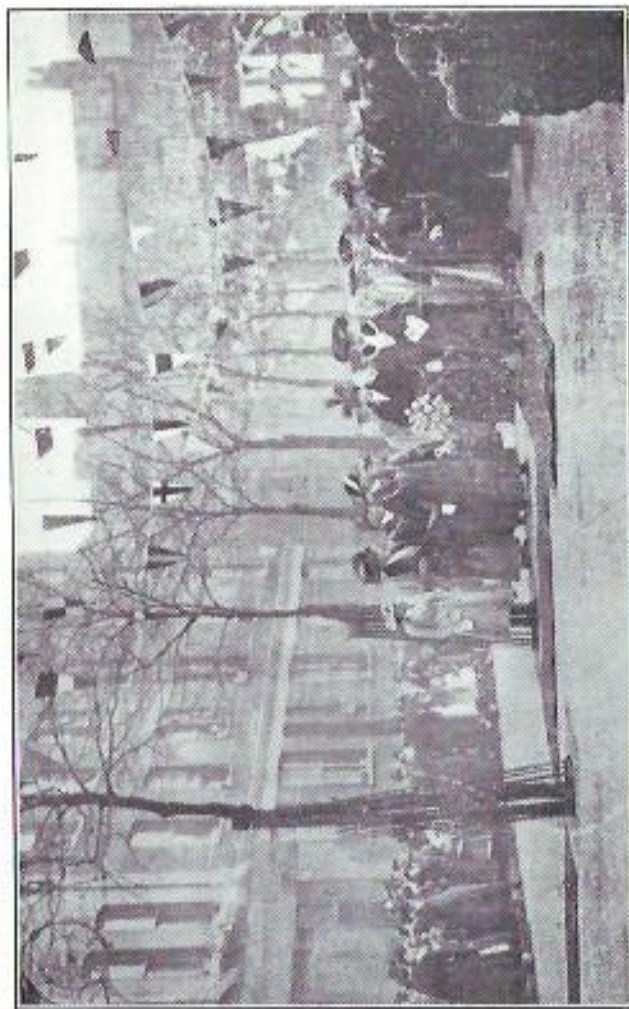
The underground Nithen, where the Mission started in 1881.

1881



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Opening the new Mission premises, 11th February, 1915

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## THE 1914-18 WAR AND AFTER.

During the First World War the Mission was called upon to deal with the social and domestic problems which are so rife under such conditions. The heads of many of the families were away and it was to the Mission that those who were left behind turned for help and advice. One can well imagine the hours of patient toil which faced the workers, and there is no doubt that once again the power of God and the love of Christ found expression in the devoted labours of the workers.

Following the War, a period of unemployment and destitution—which to this day has left its mark upon the Nation—was a still greater challenge to the Mission. All forms of relief were organized, meals provided, instructional classes arranged—in fact everything that could be done by the Mission was offered to those in need.

Some were assisted to emigrate to the Dominions and it is with deep thankfulness that we record that many of these men, who have achieved success and honour in the Countries of their adoption, still keep in touch with the Mission that gave them their first real chance in life.

The children who grew up during this period, though at the time they did not realize it, owed much to the love and friendship of the Burt

brothers. Those children in their hundreds were fed and clothed. Hundreds of people today remember the "dinner" which were provided, the tea-party with Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday and the toys that were given to the children at Christmas. Those children are the men and women of today and it is deeply moving to hear them speak of their debt to the Mission. Some whose names are well-known in municipal affairs have made public the fact that they in their childhood so often turned to the Mission in time of need.



## 1937—THE BURTT MEMORIAL HOME.

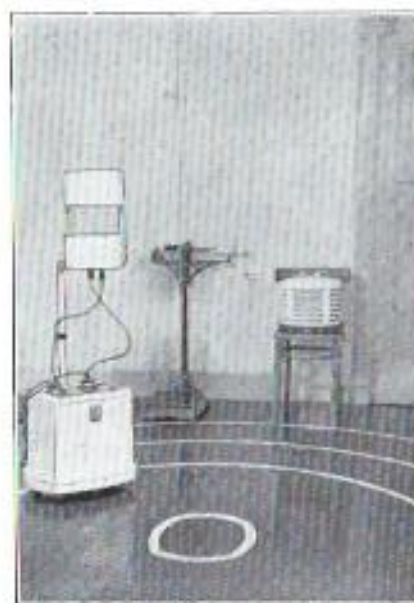
The Burtt Memorial Home—a children's convalescent home—was opened in 1937 to the loving memory of John and Lewis Burtt. Situated in the beautiful countryside of Sussex it was here that the children of Hoxton who were in need of convalescence after illness and good food and fresh air were sent. The house stood in its own grounds with kitchen gardens, lawns and trees, and to the children, after their drab lives in the smoke and grime of Hoxton, it was like something they had only read or heard about. The look of amazement on their faces when they discovered that they were going to sleep in a bed of their very own, with two sheets, and blankets instead of rags and overcoats, was touching.

The sight of a bathroom was almost too much for many of them, and their first approach was one of great suspicion, but after two or three weeks the use of soap and water became a habit and not an unusual event.

Later, in 1948, the Home was moved to Bognor Regis, where the children have now the added joy of being by the sea.



Part of one of the bedrooms



Sun Ray Treatment Room

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# THE "BURTT MEMORIAL" HOME

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GOODMAN DRIVE,  
BOGNOR REGIS, SUSSEX

Telephone : Bognor Regis 517

Matron : Miss F. Cawfield, S.R.N.



"Duffy" and some of the children.



Dining Room



Children in Play Room

## THE TRAGEDY OF WAR.

To many the first sign that the Nations were again at war was on the 3rd September, 1939, but months prior to this the Mission, realizing its responsibility to its people and the neighbourhood, had been preparing itself for the task of rendering assistance to the populace should the need arise. The staff were trained in First Aid, Fire Fighting and Rescue Work. The first months of the war were strangely quiet, but preparations had to be made, accommodation was found to house the homeless and a meal kitchen organized. When the bombing actually started on London, the Mission was ready and entered fully into the work of caring for its own people and for any who needed its help.

It would take too long to tell in detail of all that was done—of the evacuation of the blind, of the coach load of cripples taken to Hastings, thence on to Malvern when Hastings became a target area. After some weeks the Mission was able to obtain the use of a large house at Heanor in Derbyshire and there accommodation was found for 20 old people. A plaque commemorating this endeavour and expressing the people's thanks was presented to the District Council of Heanor.

On the night of 10th May, 1941, oil bombs fell on the Mission and three floors were completely destroyed by fire. Although the damage was so great we were thankful that there was no loss of human life. All this damage was a great blow to the work and life of the Mission, but the



workers valiantly carried on doing the best they could in the restricted accommodation available in the Mission Institute near by.

Through the generosity of friends of local Churches, the Mission was able to carry on its Sunday Services and Women's Meetings in various halls in the neighbourhood.

After twelve months, temporary repairs were effected and once again the people were able to return "Home." Under these conditions the work was carried on until the early part of 1951.

With the cessation of hostilities came other problems as men returned from the Forces and mothers and children came home from the evacuation areas.

Accommodation now became a very serious problem. The need for rebuilding the Mission premises became more apparent every day, but for some years it was felt that the greater need was for housing ; and it was because of this that no application was made for a licence for the rebuilding of the Mission.

In 1950, it was decided to apply for a building licence ; this was finally granted and on the 1st May 1951, a start was made on the reinstatement of the premises.

The rebuilding was to take a year, and once again for a period of six months alternative accommodation had to be found for Sunday Services and the Women's Meetings. This time our friends at Hoxton Hall came to the rescue and we were able to have the use of their premises which were kindly lent us for such time as we should require them.

## RE-OPENING OF MISSION PREMISES

16th MAY, 1952.

The Builders took considerable pride in doing their work, and after almost 10 years to the day of the Mission being bombed, it was hoped that the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Leslie Boyce, would be present to re-open the new premises.

Unfortunately, however, the Lord Mayor was indisposed but the Mission was honoured in having Alderman and Sheriff Denis Truscott, whom the Chairman welcomed and invited to address the meeting.

In his interesting speech Alderman Truscott said how much he regretted that the Lord Mayor himself was not able to be present for he knew that it would have given much pleasure to the Lord Mayor to have performed this ceremony. In declaring the premises officially open, he expressed the hope that, under the blessing of God, the Mission might be used even more during the coming years than in the past. In conclusion, he wished the Mission every possible success.

The Mayor of Shoreditch, together with the Mayors of Hackney and Finsbury also honoured the Mission with their presence.

The Mayor of Shoreditch welcomed Alderman Truscott to the Borough and later during the proceedings, spoke of the good work done by the Mission, not only as we all know it in the present day but as he knew it when a boy.



Alderman and Sheriff Denis Truscott



Alderman and Sheriff Denis Truscott, F. Jerran (Mission Superintendent), and the Mayors of Shorelitch, Hinsbury and Hackney.



The opening ceremony, 16th May, 1952

### **The Women's Meetings.**

Every week, from Monday to Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. our women gather for their Meeting. Over 400 women come together during these four days and, under the guidance of Sister Marjorie, they join in a service of praise and worship and never fail to hear the Gospel Message.

### **Men's Meeting and Bible Class.**

The men meet on Friday afternoons for their service. Here again the Gospel is preached. Many of the men are elderly and are thankful that they have been brought to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. On Saturday afternoons a Bible Class is held, and it is a great joy to see and hear how these men love to read and study the Word.

### **An Evening Meeting.**

Most of the week-day meetings are held in the afternoon, but, in order that those who are unable to join any of them may still meet, there is a Praise and Prayer Meeting every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Basil Foster, has charge of this meeting and under his guidance and leadership the meeting is progressing both spiritually and in numbers.

### **The Silver Band.**

The Silver Band takes a very important part in the Mission activities, and provides the music at the Sunday evening services.

Under the leadership of Mr. J. Jayes, who gives of his best to this work to the glory of the Lord, every member of the band responds to his enthusiasm. During the summer months, an Open Air service is held prior to the Sunday evening service, which has been a means of bringing the Gospel Message in music and word to many who would not otherwise hear it.

The Band, which consists of both young men and women, has also taken its message to other Missions in the Home Counties.

### **Work among the Children.**

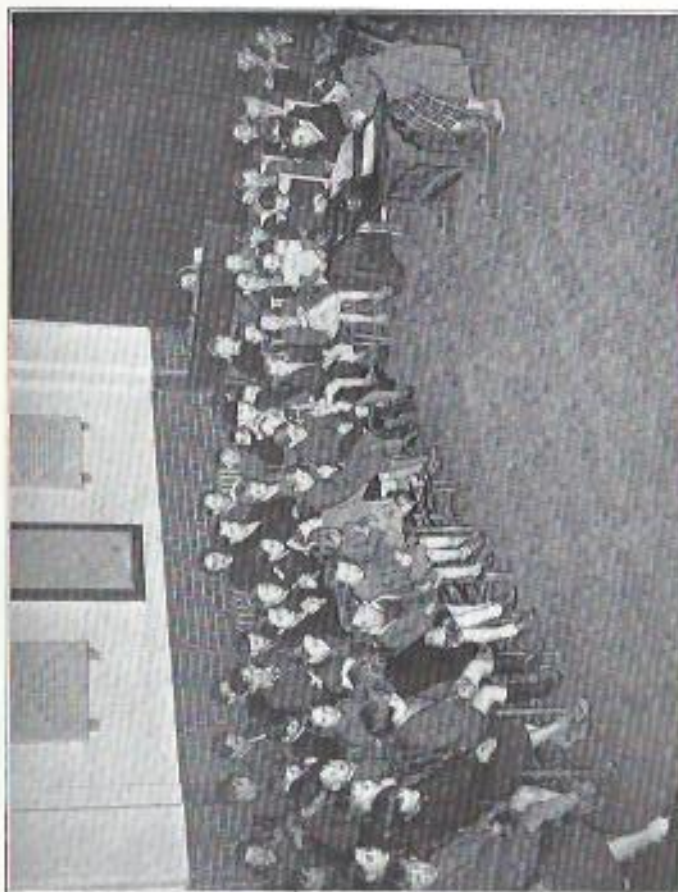
Bringing children to the realization of the love of Christ has always been an important work of the Mission. As will have been seen from earlier pages it was the children that John and Lewis Burt first strove to win for Christ. Today the concern is still as great. Both Primary and Senior departments of the Sunday School are making steady progress, in spite of the counter-attractions which the world offers to the child of today. Mr. H. Bright and his band of teachers spare no effort in their endeavours to bring the children to the knowledge of the Saviour. In addition to the Sunday School in the afternoon, there is also a Children's Meeting in the morning and a Children's Church at 5.30 p.m.

A Christian Endeavour service is held on Wednesdays, and it is a joy to see so many children present.

Clubs for both boys and girls are held during the week so that they may spend as much time as possible in a Christian atmosphere.

## The Day by Day Programme of the Mission

SUNDAY :	11.0 a.m.	....	Morning Service
	3.0 p.m.	....	Sunday Schools
	4.0 p.m.	....	Adult Service
	5.30 p.m.	....	Children's Service
	6.30 p.m.	....	Evening Service
MONDAY :	10.0-12.0 a.m.	....	Meal Kitchen
	2.30 p.m.	....	Women's Meeting
	5.0 p.m.	....	Boys' Club—Juniors
	5.0 p.m.	....	Girls' Club—Juniors
	6.30 p.m.	....	Praise and Prayer Meeting
	7.0 p.m.	....	Boys' Club—Senior
	8.15 p.m.	....	Fellowship Meeting
TUESDAY :	10.0-12.0 a.m.	....	Meal Kitchen
	2.30 p.m.	....	Women's Meeting
	7.0 p.m.	....	Girls' Club—Senior
	7.0 p.m.	....	Men's Club
WEDNESDAY :	10.0-12.0 a.m.	....	Meal Kitchen
	2.30 p.m.	....	Women's Meeting
	5.0 p.m.	....	Stamp Collectors' Class
	5.30 p.m.	....	Junior Christian Endeavour
	7.30 p.m.	....	Band Practice
THURSDAY :	10.0-12.0 a.m.	....	Meal Kitchen
	2.30 p.m.	....	Women's Meeting
	2.45 p.m.	....	Bible Class— Men and Women
	5.0 p.m.	....	Boys' Club—Junior
	5.0 p.m.	....	Girls' Club—Junior
	7.0 p.m.	....	Boys' Club—Senior
	7.30 p.m.	....	Choir Practice
FRIDAY :	10.0-12.0 a.m.	....	Meal Kitchen
	3.45 p.m.	....	Men's Meeting
	7.30 p.m.	....	Band Practice
SATURDAY :	4.0 p.m.	....	Men's Bible Class
	7.0 p.m.	....	Young People's Club



The Wednesday Junior Christian Endeavour Service