

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND

from John Nelson

The illustration - on the next page - is a photocopy of a cover sent to me by Alan Sabey the specialist collector of Wembley Exhibition items. The perfin is **HW/L^d** (H7770.01), identified with H. Williamson Limited, Wholesale jewellers; watch and clock makers of 81 Farringdon Road, London EC1. I have been unable to find any connection between Williamsons and the Hospital Fund but the following might be an explanation for the existence of the cover.

It has been, and still is, customary for the holder of the office of Lord Mayor of London, during his year in office, to make an appeal to City business houses on behalf of a Charity in which he has a special interest. I would suggest that the choice of Sir Louis Newton, the Lord Mayor in 1924, may have been the Hospital Sunday Fund and the letter of appeal sent out would have been accompanied by an unstamped printed return envelope in which a donation could be sent. The name of the charity was printed on the envelope to facilitate the identification of the donations among all the other official post arriving at the Mansion House.

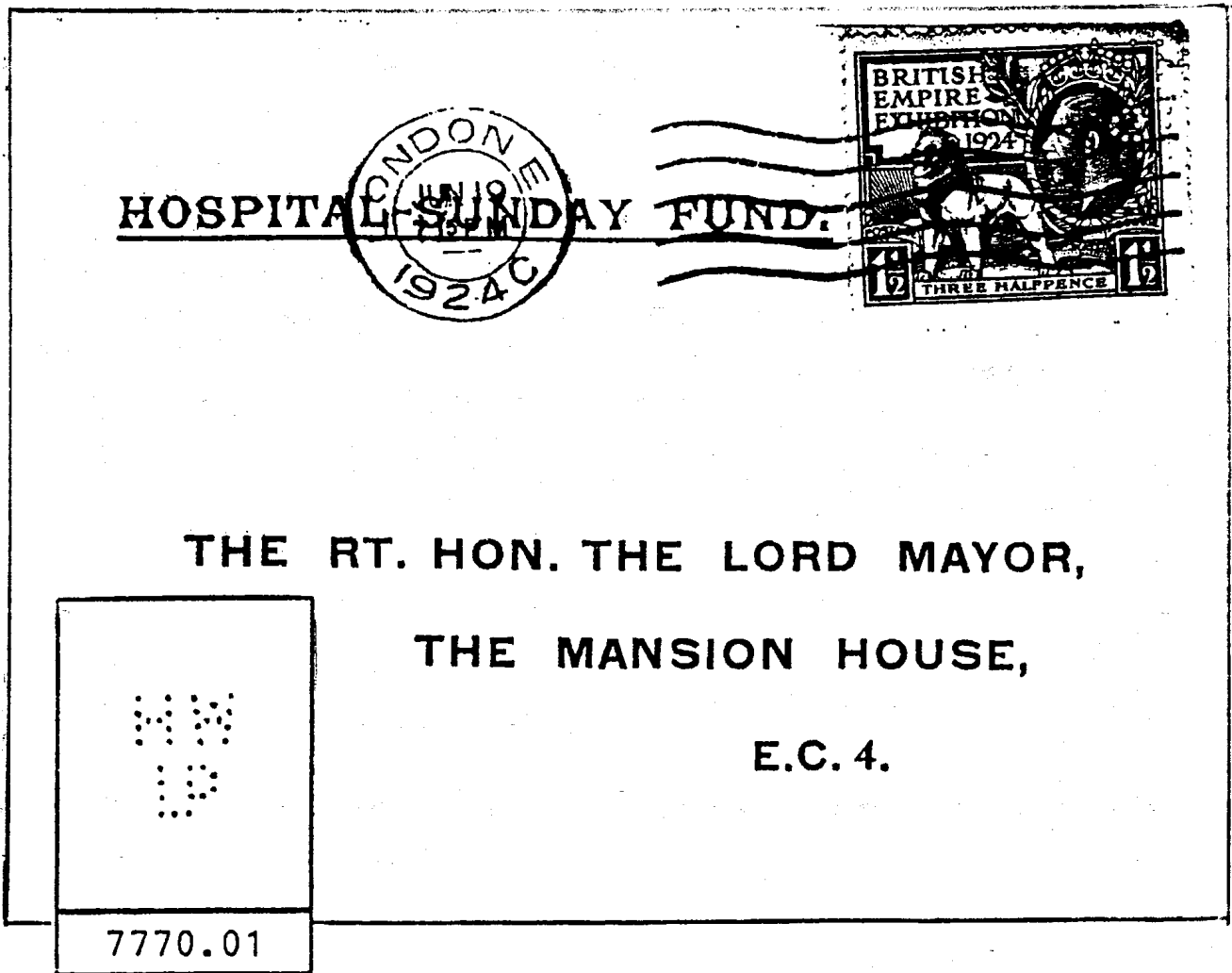
H. Williamson Limited when sending their donation affixed one of their own perforated stamps (we know from the survey of perfins used on 1924/25 Wembley Exhibition stamps that H. Williamson did perforate 1924 Wembley stamps with their perfin) which leads to the possibility that there may be other covers around bearing the identity of the Hospital Sunday Fund and a variety of different perfins!

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MEMBER'S WANTS

WANTED - Security embossing of postage stamps on 1d. Top quality for exhibition and I can pay top price!

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ANSWERS TO MEMBER'S QUERIES

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MAURICE TAINTON reminded Dave that The Holloway Sanitarium and Womens College is near Virginia Water. He has an idea this may have been called St Anns until Holloway's death. Can anyone confirm this? (Thomas Holloway of pill fame - user of 533/TH perfin)

A Further Query Dave Hill

In auction 6, 1988 were a pair of KE7 ½d with perfin LINES (L3190.01) These were overwritten "p.p. Chas V Lines" Who was he? Was he one of the LINES Brothers of TRIANG toy fame? I remember them near Wimbledon but can find nothing on them