

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Home for Destitute and Motherless Children

(UNSECTARIAN),

CRESCENT ROAD, SOUTH WOODFORD.

Founded 1899 by Miss R. A. HUTCHIN and Mr. HERBERT WHITE.

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May, 1911.

DEAR FRIENDS,

We are pleased that another year has closed so that we can put on record and place before our friends in this eleventh Report the wondrous things that God has done for us whereof we are glad. One's mind is turned to Hebrews, Chap. II., verses 8, 9 and 10, where it tells us how that when God called Abraham out to exercise faith in Him promising Him that He should be blest and made a blessing Abraham obeyed and "went out" not knowing whither he went. He "*sojourned*" (or stayed out) and "*looked for a city.*" How wonderfully God kept His promise as Abraham endeavoured to carry out the conditions. One is led at once to think of what hung upon the obedience of this call from God, and what Abraham and those after him would have missed had he disobeyed. Is not this applicable to a work of this kind, when just over eleven years ago God gave us the unmistakable call to start this work for Him? Without money or influence or power we simply obeyed Him, and have found during this long test "That He is faithful that promised." Now, the object of the work is to receive destitute and motherless children, and applications are dealt with in the order in which they are received. Over 160 children have been taken in since the start, and some have remained with us for over eight years, out of which number there are over sixty girls and boys scattered about the land in service and work; and we closed this year with fifty-five children in the Home. We are most glad to report that we have real reason to believe that quite fifty-eight children have been born again through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are showing real signs of growth in Grace. There were some good results through the eight-day Mission conducted by Mr. Geo. Goodman, of C.S.S.M., when some for whom we had been specially praying yielded to Jesus Christ. We often receive encouraging letters from our big children to this effect, and are greatly cheered thereby.

Our Tenth Annual Meetings were held in the Woodford Memorial Hall on the 19th May, 1910. At the afternoon meeting the chair was taken by Mrs. Parsons, daughter of the Rev. A. J. Palmer, of Stratford, who should have occupied the chair, but was unavoidably prevented from coming. Mrs. Parsons said "it gave her great pleasure to be present and to take the place of her father at the meeting; she had heard a good deal about the noble work which was being carried on, and which had her full sympathy and prayers. It did her good to see the happy and cheerful faces of the children, and she commended the work to the audience, urging them to help the work with their gifts and prayers."

The Rev. Robert Spurgeon, who has just returned from 35 years service as missionary in Central India, said "he was very glad to be present to show his sympathy and interest in the work which was being carried on for God and the children. He was living quite near and often saw the children. He praised the workers for what they were doing, and said he believed they would live to see the day when the children under their care would grow up to crown their efforts with blessing." After others had spoken Mrs. Charles Barclay gave a most interesting address, and based her remarks upon a text found in II. Timothy, 4th chapter, verse 13. At the evening meeting, the Chairman, the Rev. Edwin Green, M.A., expressed sympathy with the work, and said he had visited the Home and had enquired of numerous friends, who were well satisfied that the spiritual and bodily requirements of the children were being well cared for. Dr. F. A. Martin Flegg wrote, saying, "I am sorry not to be able to attend the meeting. Will you kindly apologise for my absence and tell the meeting how excellent has been the health of the children committed to your care. Ever since the outbreak of diphtheria some four and a-half years ago, except for a few cases of measles last year, there has been no case of illness of any sort. A few cases of minor skin affection occurred a few weeks ago, but the Home is now free from this. The children are systematically weighed, and in nearly every case a steady and regular increase in weight is observed. This speaks well for the care and attention bestowed upon the children, and does great credit to you and your workers." The Rev. G. A. Hamson gave an interesting speech, and having dealt with the work which he had known for some years, said he thought it was wonderful that the income of the Home had again increased this year without appeal, seeing that the problems which they had to solve as ministers was what scheme they should put forth in order to maintain their respective works. He thought it was a call to all present to exercise more faith in God. Mrs. Barclay then gave a very helpful address upon the word "Remember." She exhorted the children to remember their Creator in the days of their youth. The text for the congregation was "Son, remember." Mrs. Barclay said that it behoved all present to remember the poor and needy whilst they had the opportunity. When we left this life we should not leave our memories. She said, here in the Home was a nest of 60 little ones whose caretakers were looking up to God alone for light, and she trusted that no one in the audience was guilty of ever having done anything to try and extinguish that light, and that no

one had ever attempted to sit upon them. She exhorted the workers in times of adversity to remember they were building upon the rock Christ Jesus, who would never fail. Mr. J. A. Aylott following, said he had never come across a work where the working expenses were so low for the income received, and from what he personally knew, as well as from the statement of account, the money sent in was devoted to the purposes for which it was sent. Letters were received from the Rev. A. A. Savage, Rev. C. L. Thornton Duesbery, M.A., and Mr. V. G. Levett, regretting their inability to attend.

There have been many encouraging incidents during the past year respecting the income, and we have been continually reminded that God is not unmindful of those who look to Him alone for their supply. There have been amounts sent in ranging from 6d. to £25, and as you will see from the list, the number of receipts issued for the twelve months was 758, the majority of them being under £1. A friend, who was unable to be at our Annual Meetings last year, forwarded £2 for the collection. We have had on several occasions money sent by post without knowing who from. On one occasion we were requiring money very badly when £10 came by post from abroad, another time three £5 cheques came in one day, and on another we had been especially praying for funds to meet the district rates, King's taxes and gas, when a £25 bank-note came by post from a friend who did not know our circumstances, making up the amount we required to meet these three items.

We have been greatly assisted again this year, as well, by friends sending in gifts in kind and we will here mention just a few. From one friend we have received on several occasions quite a quantity of goodies such as a large tin of cocoa, dozen seven pound jars of jam and marmalade, a large box of biscuits, box of sweets, a large bag of oatmeal, rice, split peas, etc. Another friend has given every other week a joint of meat. Several ladies have made marmalade and jam which they have sent. For the fifth time we have had the fruit from an orchard close by, for which we are extremely grateful as we believe the children's health has benefited thereby. The neighbouring churches too, did not forget us at Harvest time when we were greatly cheered by the proceeds from same. Our Leytonstone friend again helped us this year by collecting amongst her friends separate pounds of provisions etc., which greatly delighted us: over twice as much came in from this source and included bacon and one ton of coal. We were also greatly uplifted at Christmas time by the receipt of a large box of provisions and toys from a neighbouring church: and from other sources, Christmas beef, turkeys, sausages, sweets, oranges, dates, cakes, Christmas pudding for the workers which all helped to make the best Christmas we have ever spent. Sundry smaller gifts, such as dripping, onions, stale bread, etc., have come along and have proved a real help. Our working parties, too, have done splendidly this year. Our dear friends at Seven Kings who have been now labouring for over five years have been able to send us again no less than 130 garments. Those working in Puckeridge, Anstey, and Highbury Vale have also sent large parcels of useful garments. We are glad to say that friends in Muswell Hill and Streatham have just been led to start working parties to help us. Quite apart from these we have received from several quarters many parcels of clothes and boots and stockings, new and old for which we truly thank our God. The boot club, started two years ago, has done even better this year than last. They have collected a sum of no less than £10 3s. 10d., and bought with same 53 pairs of boots, making a total collected for the two years of £18 3s. 11d., and the total number of boots bought, 96 pairs. When we know that this amount has been made up by the weekly collection of pennies, we praise God for the sacrifice of time and energy which must have been spent. Our readers can imagine the exceeding great help these working parties and boot clubs are to us, both in helping us financially and in other ways assisting us to bear the burden which we are gladly shouldering for the Lord.

We took part again this year with the neighbouring Sunday Schools in an excursion to Clacton-on-Sea and had a most enjoyable time. The funds as in previous years were given for this special purpose by the neighbouring churches and friends whom we heartily thank, not forgetting our Sunday School Secretary, who carried out the necessary arrangements. Our children entered again this year for the Sunday School Union Scripture Examination. Seven obtained a first-class certificate and 13 second class out of the 28 that sat.

During the year, God has opened up the way for the workers to have a much needed rest, Miss Hutchin and my wife and children were invited to Westcliff, Miss F. Hutchin (Auntie) had a good rest at Launceston, I had a most enjoyable change for a fortnight in a Gospel Car on the coast of Kent and took part in meetings indoor and out in Ramsgate, Margate and outlying villages. I have also had the privilege of taking week-end services and other meetings and should be glad to go in the future where called to speak for the Master.

Visiting hours for friends and relatives of the children are every Saturday between six and 8 p.m. and for visitors, any afternoon between 3 and 5 o'clock, except Sunday.

In closing this Eleventh Report, we desire to bear record to the faithfulness of God who hath "called us out" and who enables us, whilst "sojourning" here to "look for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

That God may bless all who have in any way helped is the continual prayer of Miss R. A. Hutchin, workers and

Yours in Him,

HERBERT WHITE.

THE HOME FOR DESTITUTE AND MOTHERLESS CHILDREN, SOUTH WOODFORD.

Statement of Receipts and Payments, from 1st May, 1910, to 30th April, 1911.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance from last Account			By Rent, Rates, Taxes, Gas and Fuel ..	176	15 7
„ Donations	121	13 4	„ Provisions	202	18 10
„ Subscriptions	114	6 2	„ Sundry Articles of Clothing, Linen, etc., including Boots	32	9 11½
„ Boxes	25	16 6½	„ Printing, Postages and Stationery	12	14 0
	261	16 0½	„ Wages	9	11 6
„ Repayments on Account of Cost of Board and Lodging of Children ..			„ Incidental Expenses, including Fares, Repairs, etc. ..	16	9 0½
				450	18 11
			„ Balance carried forward		1 17 10½
	£452	16 9½		£452	16 9½

I have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers, and certify the same to be correct.

ALBERT WILLMOTT, Chartered Accountant.

Honorary Auditor.

May 27th, 1911.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF EVERY RECEIPT ISSUED.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
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2	1	6	0	30	7	6	0	58	7	6	0	114	10	0	0	142	1	3	0
3	0	7	6	31	5	0	0	59	3	0	0	115	2	0	0	143	1	19	0
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