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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our readers will have noticed in our last issue we decided D.V. to send out a Quarterly Paper in connection with our Work so as to, the better "Link" on the many friends who are bearing this work up in prayer. We feel that those who pray should have an opportunity of seeing more often than -perhaps once a year- what God is doing in answer to their prayers and we are believing that the reiteration of "These acts of God" may inspire the hearts of all who read to a life of deeper dedication and prayer. Also that those who pray may be able to join us in Thanksgiving and Praise for the many answers which God is graciously giving.

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For the advantage of new readers this opportunity is taken of stating the objects of this work.

1. To receive destitute and Motherless children.
2. To be the means in God's hands of bringing those children to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.
3. Of proving that God is able to answer prayer by appealing to Him alone for funds.

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The principle on which this Home was founded and maintained is for the purpose of showing that God answers prayer without

in any way appealing to anyone for financial assistance.

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We here desire to express with hearts overwhelmed with Praise, our gratitude to our gracious God for thus enabling us for the past twelve years to carry out such a principle and to be able to once again declare that He is faithful to his promises.

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"We are bound to thank God" (2 Thess. 1-3) and also wish to express our hearty thanks for all those who have allowed God to use them as a blessing to this corner of His vineyard. We pray daily for God's blessing upon those who have shown their practical sympathy in so many different ways in our labour of love for the dear children and below we enumerate some of the branches of the work so kindly undertaken by our loving friends -such as -

The Bible Classes
The Sewing Meetings
The Boot Club
Carpentering
Gardening
Working in the Home
Musical training
Recreation and instruction of the children
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DIARY EXTRACTS.

I will now proceed to give extracts from my Diary for the three months ending July 1912 showing how the Lord answers our daily need both in money and kind.

MAY.

1st, 2lbs of dripping. 2nd, 5½d, 2s 6d, 1s, Contents of three collecting boxes. 3rd, 1 guinea from London, from Isle of Wight £1 13s. 0d, from Brentwood £1 16s. 0d. 4th, 15s. 6th, 7s. 6d, 12s, 1s. 5d, £1 4s. 0d. 7th, 2s. 6d, 2s. 0d from Woolstan, Glos, from Woodford 4s 6d, Parcel of new story books. 8th, From Brentwood 5s, from one of our old

girls 2s. 5d, £1, from Tunbridge Wells, £5. 9th, from Woodford 10s. 0d. 11th Anon., 5s, £1 10s. 0d, from Ealing £1 0s. 0d, 2s. 0d, £2 15s. 0d, Parcel of clothes Anon., 1 pudding, from Woodford parcel of clothes. 12th, 1s. 0d, handed to me by a lad at the close of the morning service where I was preaching for the week end, 2s. 6d, handed to me by an old saint over 80 years of age at the close of the evening service, 5s. 0d given to me by the friend who gave me hospitality and 10s. 0d put into my hand by another friend who had not been at the services but

who came to see me off. 13th, from Wimbledon £1 0s. 0d, 6s. 1d, from a box held by one of our old girls, from Woodford 4s. 6d, and in a registered letter anon. a £5 bank note, post mark (Queen Victoria Street). We had been praying very definitely for some few days that God would appear in touching the hearts of His people to send us funds as we had closed the year without clearing all our liabilities and were very anxious for His glory to have our liabilities cleared off before our Annual Meeting day on May 23rd. This we took as an earnest of what He was going to do and it filled us with anticipations for the near future. Quantity of beans for the garden, 2 eggs, 3lbs of mutton, one pair of new boots from the Boot Club. We had also been praying for some time past that God will touch the heart of one of his children to come as a helper into the work and to-day our friend Miss L. Lawrence has been definitely led to join us for which we praise God. 14th, from Muswell Hill parcel of clothes, from Woodford 12s. 0d, 2s. 6d, 15th, 30lbs of wet fish, 1 kitten also an answer to prayer. I received to-day a letter from a friend in London informing me that he wished to make a special thank offering by sending to the work in a few days £100. This is indeed a great deliverance for us and is the largest amount in one sum that we have received since the commencement of the work. This is a very great encouragement to us to "believe God" and has fostered the spirit of confidence in our loving Heavenly Father which enabled us to commence and carry on this loving service for Him for so many years. Surely a strong verification of God's word when he says "Before they call I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear." This has not only cleared away difficulties that were hampering the work but removed obstacles of a spiritual character in the minds of others, and compels all concerned to see most clearly that "God is." 17th, From Frinton-on-Sea £1 1s. 0d, from Hamstead 12s. 0d, 18th, Sale of old clothes £1 4s. 8d, from a worker 10s. 0d. 7s. 4d. 5s. 1d. 8s. Cheque for £100, as promised on the 15th inst. Our hearts are full of joy and gratitude to God for this token of His love. 20th, from Woodford 4s. 6d, 12s. 0d, 2s. 6d. 21st, 8s. 0d, from our Seven Kings sewing meeting 12 nightdresses, 12 chemises, 14 pair of knickers, 1 pillow tick, two pillow cases, 2 blouses, 2 overalls, 4 childrens' blouse tops, 2 pinafores, 6 second hand shirts, 1 pair of boy's knickers, 1 doll, 3 collars, two pieces, 22nd, Highams Park £1 0s. 0d,

from London £10. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me." This came as another refreshing token from God and strengthened our hearts to trust him more fully in the future. 23rd. Parcel of second hand clothes, 1 pair of boots from Boot Club, 1 pair of second hand shoes, from Muswell Hill Sewing Meeting 4 boys shirts, from Kilburn £1 0s. 0d, from Warwick £1 0s. 0d, Whitstable 10s. 0d, from Ilford 14s. 0d, from Godmayes 5s. 0d. This is the day of our twelfth Annual Meetings (report of which will be found in another column). Money put in the boxes after meeting amounted to £15 4s. 8½. This has been a day of much blessing and our hearts have been greatly cheered by the many friends who have come from all parts to show their interest and sympathy in the work. 24th, from Woodford 3s. 6d, 25th, 10s. 0d, 8s. 0d, 15s. 0d, 3s. 2d. 80 oranges and from North London 11 pinafores, 5 overalls, 1 feeder, 27th, 1pt. milk, pieces of cake. 29th, from Isle of Wight £2 14s. 0d, from Wanstead 2s. 6d, Woodford 2s. 0d, 30th, A counterpane made by an old lady over 70 who writes, "Once again I have great pleasure in sending a counterpane for the Home which I hope will be acceptable. Please do not look at the work as my eyes get worse, it is so difficult to thread my needles but it is for the Master whom I see from the report you sent continues to hear and answer prayer. May your faith still be increased and hope strengthened by your labour for Him who is able to do for you more than you can ask or think," from Woodford 3 loaves and 20 girls' hats. 31st, handed to me by a friend who came to see the work for the first time 10s. 0d, from Woodford 2s. 0d, and Anon., 1s. 0d, with the words "Monday if you please," reminding me I presume of the meeting at which I speak the first Monday in every month., 1 man's coat.

JUNE.

1st, from London 1 guinea, left by a lady who called living in Bristol, 2s. 6d., odd pieces of ribbon. 4th, 5s. left by a lady who called, 7 lbs. of sausages which came soon after breakfast and whilst we were being exercised as to what we should buy for dinner. 27 Missionary Magazines. 5th, 50 gospels of Our Lord Jesus Christ by St. John, 5s. 6th, from Ireland 5s., from Totton 10s., from Blackheath 1 coat and skirt, from the British and Foreign Bible Society 4 dozen Bibles, a parcel of second hand clothes from Brownswood Park. 8th, Woodford 12s., 3s.,

Brentwood 5s., £1 10s. 0d., cheque for £2, handed to me by a friend who I met for the first time and who said he felt led to give me this donation in the name of the Lord. We thanked God together and parted. 10th, 1 pair of boots from Boot Club, from Woodford 2s. 6d. towards the excursion, from Walton 6s. 11th, from Brighton £5, 1 dozen linen collars, this friend had previously written to me as follows: "I happened to notice at the Annual Meeting that you wear turn down collars and I was thinking about you all after I reached home and remembered that I had some of my dear husband's nearly new. After what you said about the boots I thought perhaps you would not mind accepting them if they fit." 2s. 6d., 4s. 8d., From Walden 5s. from a friend and his wife who were unable to be at our meetings and who would have placed that amount in the box had they come, 5s. 11d. 12th, 66 New Testaments and 72 wall texts from the Pocket Testament League, 46 magazines, 1 lb. dripping, some rhubarb. 13th, gooseberries, from Catford 10s., Wimbledon £1, Balham £1 4s. 0d. 14th, 1 lb. strawberries. 15th, 15s., 4s. 8d., 3s., two bags cakes, 1 pair boots from Boot Club. 16th, dripping, from Woodford 2s., 10s. for our Annual excursion. 17th, bag of cakes, 15s., 8s. 18th, from Woodford £1 4s. 0d. 19th, 2s. 6d., 3s. 6d. 20th, from one of the Woodford churches £3 towards excursion, 22nd, 8s., Launceston 3s., 5s. 24th, from Woodford £1 for excursion, from Wanstead £3 9s. 8d. for excursion, from Baughing 10s., from Woodford 1s. for excursion, Alresford 10s., Ilford 14s., from Wanstead 3 petticoats, 1 pair cuffs, 6 pinafores, 2 pairs of stays, 1 parcel of second hand clothes. 25th, 2s. 6d., 3s., £2 12s. 0d. 28th, from Brentwood £1 16s. 0d. 30th, from Woodford £2, Anon. 1s. with "Monday if you please." I received to-day a new suit. I was preaching last week end in the country and on coming away Monday I called to see a friend who said he had been waiting to see me to give me a piece of material for a suit for myself, at the same time giving me a letter to his tailor in London where he told me to go and have same fitted at his expense. This was just what I was needing and has greatly encouraged me, from Highbury Vale Sewing Meeting, 12 dress tops, 13 girls' dresses, 9 shirts, 3 vests, 15 petticoats, 8 chemises, 1 pair stays, 1 frock, 1 yard crochet lace, 13 pinafores, 12 coats, 12 pairs of boys' knickers, 17 dolls, 3 pairs of new stockings, 16 pair second hand stockings, 1 lb. tea.

JULY.

1st, 6s. 2nd, 2s. 6d. 3rd, Quantity of cherries, from the Home box 11s. 5d., from readers of the "Christian Herald" 4s. 6d., from Woodford 9s. 4d., 10s., 5s., from readers of the "Christian Herald" 5s., Ealing 10s., 16s. 1d. 6th, from the Isle of Wight £4 13 0d., from Woodford 12s., 15s., from the Isle of Wight a cheque for £25 with 'I am sorry I did not send enclosed sooner as I am sure it must each year be almost as happy to make plans and arrangements for holidays as it is to have the actual holiday, but here is an offering which I want you to use for a holiday for yourself, for Mrs. White and for Miss Hutchins together with your own little boy and girl and I hope it will be an exceedingly happy and peacefully restful one for you all.' This touches our hearts as one more of the many instances of His loving interest in the details of our daily life truly showing that "He careth for us." Is it not wonderful how God has put such tender thoughtfulness in the heart of our kind friend to relieve the strain of some of our workers who can measure what this means to the workers and the work, "He is marvellous in His loving kindness." Oranges and apples and one basket of raspberries, gooseberries, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb margarine, 1 pair of boots from Boot Club. 8th, 1 jar of marmalade, 1 lb. prunes, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. biscuits, 1 jar of honey, 7s. 6d., 2s. 6d., from Codsall 5s. with "Please accept a mite towards the support of your little children and may God bless and increase your faith and supply your every need in Christ Jesus both for soul and body, 'In Him dwelleth all fulness.' " 9th, from Walton 6s., Hampstead 12s., Wimbledon £1. 10th, £1. 11th, from Shenfield 5s., from Walthamstow £2 10s. 0d. We receive this annually from a Sunday School and is sent to us as their contribution to Home Missions from their Missionary Fund, this greatly encourages us and our continual prayer is that God may bless the teachers and the children in that Sunday School. 12th, 1 dozen lettuce, 5 cabbages, bundle of rhubarb, 3 lbs. gooseberries. 15th, 7s. 6d. 16th, 1 pinafore and some odd garments, 2s. 6d., from Tunbridge Wells £2 10s. 0d., 8s. 18th, Alresford 10s., from Woodford 5s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., I arrived home to-day after spending a most enjoyable time at the Mundesley Conference. I had thought of attending this previously but could not through lack of funds but on the Thursday before the Conference started a friend called and asked whether I would accompany him, he paying all expenses, and so the Lord graciously opened up the way, proving that

He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. Before I left the Conference a lady handed me 16s. towards our work, and in walking from the Home a friend stopped me and asked me if I would accept a new silk hat. 19th, from Kilburn £1, Ilford 14s., 4s. 8d., 4s. 8d., 7s. 6d. 26th, 2 lamps, 2 foot warmers, 1 box of cards, from Ilford a large see-saw which delights the children. 22nd, from I. O. Wight £2 14s. 0d. I was away this week end in Hertfordshire preaching when they kindly gave me contents of the box which amounted to £1 14s. 11½d. and a friend gave me 5s. marked "for Mrs. White's own use,"

another friend gave me 1s. for me to send him quarterly the "Home Links," from box held by one of our old girls 2s. 10½d., from Walton 6s., Woodford 4s. 6d., 2s. 6d., from Brentwood 12s. with "kindly accept the enclosed P.O. on behalf of the Home, I am sorry it is not more." 24th, Sale of rags 9s. 6d., 1 pair of boots Boot Club, 1 pair second hand boots and skirt, 1 piece of cooked beef, from Woodford 9s. 6d. 25th, Anon. marked "Inasmuch" 10s. 27th, 8s., 15s., 3s., 3s. 28th, dripping, piece of cooked beef. 29th, 7s., 6s. 6d., 6s. 30th, 2s. 6d., from Sevenoaks £3.

The 12th Annual Meetings.

These were held on Thursday, May 23rd at 3.30 and 7.30 p.m. in a tent in the Home grounds. We were favoured with fine weather and the meetings were largely attended by our staunch friends and we were also pleased to welcome a number of new faces.

We regret that the Rev. A. J. Palmer of Stratford was unavoidably prevented from occupying the Chair in the afternoon which was kindly taken by our good friend Pastor Josiah Wilson of Braughing.

THE CHAIRMAN

said how pleased he was to see the children looking so happy and comfortable and recounted an experience of the way God sent help to the Home. A man who disliked the idea of making no appeal for funds, except by prayer, and the carrying on of the work on faith lines, expressed his disapproval of these methods and yet even he was so constrained by an inward prompting that he handed to the speaker a cheque to forward for the children's benefit "If ye abide in Me and My word abide in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Surely this is a better way of raising money than the means adopted by some and certainly more glorifying to God.

THE REV. A. A. SAVAGE

of Woodford Baptist Church gave a cheery message and indicated the close relationship between his church and the Home by the fact that three of our Sunday School teachers are members of his church.

THE REV. JOHN JERMYN

of Waustead Congregational Church greatly encouraged us by his sympathetic speech

and amongst other things said that this work occupied a large place in his heart and prayers.

MR. GEO. GOODMAN OF THE C.S.S.M.

The Lord Jesus said: "*Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth Me.*"—(Matt. xviii., 5).

We have a literal fulfilment of these words in this Home—the children have been received in the name of the Lord Jesus, and all the grace and power of the Lord Himself has been given. Though there have been trials, and always will be, yet the Lord has been true, and has made His presence known and felt.

I rejoice in the work of this Home because it is upon a scriptural and definitely spiritual basis. It seeks, as we have heard, not only the physical welfare of the little ones, but their conversion to God.

It is recognised that *true character must be based upon Conversion*, and that in no other way can a godly life be assured or a life be lived that is to the glory of God.

Recently I heard it argued that environment made character, and it was claimed that Dr. Barnardo's Home was a proof, for so large a proportion of the children turned out good citizens. The fallacy of the argument was shown to be in this, that it overlooked the fact that it was Christian principle that had created the environment. Dr. Barnardo was himself confessedly a converted man who worked for the love of Christ, and had created a Christian environment and recognised the need of and aimed at the conversion of those under his care. Character based upon true conversion to

God had preceded and created the environment.

Though environment was not without its influence, it was not, in the absence of the regenerating grace of God, sufficient to assure Godly character.

The world does not recognise this, and does not so readily extend its sympathy to spiritual work. It loves philanthropy—even Judas could be philanthropic and say, "Why was not this ointment sold and given to the poor!"—but he knew nothing of the constraining love of Christ, which characterises the work of this Home.

I rejoice, therefore, that the Home aims at the conversion of the children as the foundation of a Christian life and character.

Many are in doubt as to the reality of the conversion of children. "Can it be," they ask, "that by one step, however solemn, the whole life can be changed and turned to God?" In reply I say—

1. *The Conversion of Children has the Sanction of Scripture.*

This 18th chapter of Matthew speaks of "little ones which believe in Me," thus recognising child believers. It tells the story of the lost sheep and adds a different moral from that given in the xv. Luke, where the same parable is told of publicans and sinners, for here the lost sheep is a "little one," and the Good Shepherd seeks the lost child and saves it. "Even so it is not the will of your Father, which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." In Matthew xix., 14, the little ones are to be allowed to come (or convert) to the Saviour because of such is that kingdom which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. And in the 11th chapter, v. 25, we are told it has pleased God to reveal His salvation to babes.

2. *The Conversion of Children has the Sanction of History.* That unbiassed witness down the ages of time confirms this great fact. For example, Jonathan Edwards, the great preacher, was converted at seven; Dr. Watts at nine; Matthew Henry, the famous Commentator, at eleven; and Robert Hall at twelve. The list might be lengthened of those who at an early age came to know their acceptance in Christ.

3. *The Conversion of Children has the Sanction of Experience.*

Sometimes in large gatherings I have asked those who were converted to God as children to stand up, and generally the finest workers have been amongst those who have so testified.

As a lawyer I have to prove facts in Court

by calling witnesses. I have often said that I could call many witnesses, men and women, whose word has ever been received without hesitation, who are known to be reliable witnesses, to prove this simple fact that conversion to God that is lifelong in its blessed results is granted to children.

It is because the workers in this Home believe in and seek the conversion of the children in the Home that my heart rejoices in this blessed work of God.

MRS. FLORENCE L. BARCLAY.

then gave an inspiring and helpful address on the "Essential Need." After the meeting Mrs. Barclay again generously presented each child with a well chosen and beautifully bound book which they greatly appreciated.

MR. J. A. AYLOTT (of Westcliff), the chairman of the evening meeting, gave a very interesting address on the "Significance attaching to the figure '12.'"

He said what struck him most, when Mr. White read the Report, was the fact that it was the 12th Annual Report. Twelve, he added, is a wonderful number to the British people and to the Jews. As 3 is the perfect Divine number and 7 the Perfect Church number, the Bible seems to suggest 12 as a perfect earth number. As regards our own race, we calculate by the dozen, 12 pennies make a shilling, 12 jurymen try a case, and also that we "talk by the dozen."

After the resurrection of our Lord there were 11 apostles left, but they did not, or could not, receive the blessing which was to come to them until the 12 was made up.

Mr. Aylott referred to Jacob and his 12 sons. Until the 12 sons were completed Jacob could not go forward—irresistably forward—as he did afterwards when the 12 were completed. It seemed to open up a new era or period, and they became the inheritors of the blessings which had been promised to them.

He then gave an interesting comparison between some of the sons of Jacob and the Home, explaining the meaning attaching to their various names, and comparing them with the corresponding years in the existence of the Home. Beginning with Rueben, or the year of "Good Fortune or God's Mercy," surely to many in the Homes the beginning of the work was a year of good fortune and God's mercy. Simeon—"One Heard, or a Cry Heard" could find its counterpart in the year when malignant sickness visited the Home and prayer was made unceasingly, and at last the cry was heard and health returned to all. Naphtali—

"Contests," can be remembered by the newspaper controversy, etc., when opposition and bitter contests arose and foes tried to crush the work, but at last this year passed away. Judah—"Praise," was surely the year when God's name resounded in every street around the Homes as the Gospel was preached to all by word and song. Zebulon—"Habitation," seems to be the year when the Homes were enlarged and the two habitations became four with the opening ceremonies so many of us joyfully remember. We must pass owing to time. Levi—"Crowned"; Asher—"Happy," etc., and the other names you will remember, each having a special significance and mention. Joseph meaning "He shall add"—and surely last year, the eleventh, was the year of Joseph. As you have heard from the Report everything has really increased, and He has added, as promised, more funds, more friends, more gifts. And thus leaving Joseph, the eleventh son, we come to Benjamin, the 12th, "of the right hand," and it seems as though he changes his sword from his left to his right hand and is confident of victory. Addressing the children, he said, that this is the "right hand" year. They would remember learning that the sheep go on the right hand and the goats to the left, as the sheep cannot protect themselves, so the right hand is the side of protection and the side of safety. If they wanted happiness they must get into the year of Benjamin and on the right hand, for the Psalmist says, "in His presence is fullness of joy and at His right hand are pleasures for evermore." It is also the place of reward and honour, for Jesus, after obtaining all victory, entered the Glory of Heaven, as we are reminded by Stephen, the first martyr, when he was stoned, saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

THE REV. JOHN LEWIS, M.A., the new minister at George Lane Congregational Church, the next speaker, said that the most essential truths of Christianity are the most practical ones, and the most practical ones are the ones concerning which we all agree.

Jesus had a wonderful way of settling theological difficulties—and sectarian difficulties also—by bringing those questions to bear upon the needs of the hour.

At the time Jesus appeared there were many sects in Palestine, and they were discussing the meaning of the term "neighbour," and Jesus presented to them a concrete case, and put it in such a way that even the Pharisees themselves could give but one answer.

He said a certain person, travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, fell among thieves, and he was wounded and left there to die on the roadside. There were three men passing that way, two of them were religious people, and the other was a religious person, but somewhat of a heretic. The first two looked upon the wounded man, and when they saw he was not of the same religious denomination as themselves they passed on. The other person came along afterwards, and he took pity on him, and cared for him. Jesus asked now which of these three was the person whom you would regard as the neighbour to that poor man? and as before stated not even the Pharisees could give any other answer but one. The essential religion is the practical religion.

He did not know of any person who becomes a bigot by sitting at the foot of Jesus; he did not know of a single person who has become narrow, but he did know of many who had become very broad. He did not know of any person who had become a Pharisee, but he did know of many persons who had become Samaritans, whose hearts have gone out to meet the needs of the world.

Mr. Lewis added that he was pleased to be there that evening because this Institution is of the Samaritan order—an order which Jesus commended, and an order which gives practical expression to the religion we profess.

He said he was delighted when the report was read to hear that the Home had helped, since the start, 180 cases, and had now 34 girls and 24 boys. One hundred and eighty young souls rescued and put upon the highway of life! We hear a great deal these days, he remarked, about people making their fortunes, but what was that in comparison with a work such as this?

Mr. Lewis concluded by wishing the greatest blessing upon the work done by the Home, and upon the efforts of Mr. White and his comrades.

REV. F. G. LINTERN, Union Church, Woodford Green, said he was drawn particularly to the work of this Home, as it was the kind of work which would necessarily lie near to the heart of our Lord.

Although we all feel grateful for all the social agencies—the Salvation Army, and others—which are at work dealing with men and women, yet side by side with that kind of work is that carried on by this Home, and it is a more important work. "It is a very fine thing," he said, "to pull people out of the fire, but how much more magnificent it

is to build up a guard round the fire so that the young ones might not get into the fire at all."

Mr. Lintern, who told us that he is a West Countryman, said that he used frequently to go to Ilfracombe and other places in the West of England for his holidays. Whilst staying at Ilfracombe on one occasion he remembers the cry going round the town that there was a wreck and that the lifeboat was to be launched. He went down to the beach to see the boat launched, as although he had lived in the West Country for so many years he had never before then seen a lifeboat launched. When he reached the sea front, however, he found that the boat had gone. He stood looking over the vast expanse of Atlantic through the darkness, he continued, and right away on Lundy Island could see the twinkling light of the Lighthouse sending out its rays over the waters. He went back to his rooms, and thought to himself that although the bravery and heroism endeavouring to rescue people who were drowning is a grand thing, yet the lighting of the lighthouse is a more important work. "It is a magnificent thing to pull people out of the water, but is it not," he asked, "a better thing to show out the kindly light to prevent them getting into the water at all?"

In concluding, he remarked, that we want to get these young lives and make our impress upon them; to encircle them with the rays of the kindly light and keep them from wreck before the world has had its chance with them at all.

MRS. FLORENCE L. BARCLAY.

My subject to you to-night is "The Essential Gift, and the text I would give you is this: "Such as I have give I thee."

I daresay you can fill in what goes before, and at once you seem to see the scene: the poor lame beggar carried to the Gate of the Beautiful Temple at Jerusalem. Day after day, month after month, year after year, it may be, he had been carried to that place, where the worshippers passing to and fro up to the steps to enter in at the Beautiful Gate were likely to have their hearts moved by the spirit of charity.

Now, this poor lame beggar must often have been lying there when One passed by to enter the Temple who could have given him immediately the healing for the body and the healing for the soul which he required, and yet he had always missed the chance. How many times do you suppose Christ, when He walked this earth, passed in at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple?

But now His resurrection had taken place, and His ascension had taken place, and He was gone, and so far as those men of Jerusalem knew, all the power had ceased; they did not yet possess the secret of the fact that He had left behind Him the power of the NAME. And so this poor lame beggar might have said "I have lost my chance."

The great Healer is gone, and there may be someone here to-night who has been saying, perhaps for weeks, or months, or years, "I have missed my chance." "There was a mission I went to, the Holy Spirit had strived with me and I resisted, and the missionary left," and now at the Church or at the Chapel, or wherever it may be, the ordinary routine goes on, "I have missed my chance."

My friends, there is always a chance so long as the power of the NAME is still upon earth—so long as the power of the Spirit is free to enable His ministers to stand up and say, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

"The Essential Gift." You see this poor lame beggar held out his hand and asked for alms. He did not realise that he could have the essential thing he required, but asked for money, just a pittance to give him, very likely, his evening meal. The Apostle said to him, "Silver and gold have I none, but that which I have give I thee"—and that gift was the essential gift—"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." The gift of perfect healing which should put him for ever beyond the need of begging alms.

About six weeks ago, one dark, still night in Mid-Atlantic, a man sat in a boat; the boat was full. A woman came running along the deck of the sinking ship. That man could have taken out his cheque-book, he could have written a cheque for one million pounds and given it to that woman—what use would it have been to her to be a millionairess for half an hour on a sinking ship? But he did better than that; he said "Ladies first," and he got up and climbed on the deck of the sinking ship, and he gave up his seat to the woman. That was the essential gift! Silver and gold was worth nothing then, but the seat of safety was worth all. Do you know what it is to give the essential gift to those who ask?

These Homes were started by the giving of the essential gift, which is not silver and gold, but which is consecrated love of a willing heart. Yet, you know, silver and gold is wanted. I do not want you to say, "Silver and gold have I none, but I will send you on a pound of dripping"—that is

not apostolic. When Peter said that, he gave something which was far better. If God has trusted some of us with silver and some with gold, let us remember this, my friends—and I speak to you to-night on this point from the depth of a very full heart,—let us remember that the more the Lord trusts us with, the more must we remember that every penny is His, and that He simply gives to us the enormous responsibility of being His stewards. Whether it be much or whether it be little, I want you to hesitate before you say in response to a request, "Silver and gold have I none to spare. We can usually spare much more than we think we can."

After we have considered what we can afford, and even if we can afford none you come to the great essential, "Such as I have give I thee." Now I want to ask you to-night how much have you got which you could give which you have not given? The greatest gift of all is real loving sympathy and interest. I want you not to forget the Homes all the year; it is very well to be enthusiastic now, but I want you to remember them *all through the year*.

My friends, we are to-day in the midst of what in our own old Church we call the "waiting days." You see, the Ascension Day is over, and the great Whitsunday—the Sunday when we remember the giving to the world of the gift of the Holy Spirit of God—that Sunday is coming. Three days from now—next Sunday—is Whit Sunday. These are the waiting days, and those of us who are conscious of our need of more power in our lives, more love, more Christlikeness, we are hoping and trusting that when that great day comes, when we remember the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we shall receive an even greater feeling of inflow of His power and His presence than we have ever known before. That is the essential gift.

Who was it said, "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him."

Now, I have said we are in the midst of the waiting days; but why should we wait? God is limited by no times or seasons of man's making; His time, and the only time He ever fixed for blessing is *now*, and now is the narrow lane between the past and the

future—it is the little moment of time which you can see in three letters "now." Do you want this great gift? Do you want the certainty of future power in your life? Do you want the indwelling Spirit which shall bring Christ with such power to you that you shall be a new being from this moment? Now is the time for the essential gift. Remember the illustration I gave you of the poor woman almost left behind on the sinking ship; when she was safely in the lifeboat then she could row over the sea of time to land upon the shore of eternity. My friends, that is what the soul wants. Just as in earthly things that poor woman landed safely because she received the essential gift (a seat), so if you want safety, certainty, salvation, power, all the eternal blessings which may be yours if you come now from this uncertain deck of being conscious that on your own you may be sinking, of being conscious that you have been sinking and failing in your daily life—ah! here stands the One who can say "Such as I have"—and He has *all* power—"Such as I have I give it thee, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth receive ye the Holy Ghost."

DR. FLEGG,

the Honorary Medical Officer, said that the health of the children had been extremely good during the past year, and that he could not recall a case of serious illness amongst any of the children, so he was unable to give a long list of the diseases from which they were suffering. Mr. White weighs the children periodically, and there is a steady increase in their weight. Dr. Flegg remarked that he calls at the Home once a week, and is frequently met at the door with the words, "There is nothing for you to-day."

This, he concluded, is a very happy state of affairs, and is due to the blessing of God and to the care of those responsible for the Home.

The children, who looked very well and happy, on the platform, recited the 27th Psalm and sang several sacred songs.

Madame Annie Ryall sang at both meetings some spiritual songs which proved a great blessing. Letters regretting their absence were received from Rev. G. A. Hamson, Mr. Andrew Johnston, J.P., Mr. A. Lister Harrison, J.P.

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If my people shall pray *then* will I hear.—2 Chron. 7-14.

Praise God—

raise God—
That He has been pleased to continue this
His work up to the present.

His work up to the present.
That a fresh worker has come.
His children have received

That a fresh worker has come.
That the children have received spiritual
blessings 14 having recently decided for
the Lord Jesus Christ.

the Lord Jesus Christ.
That with the exception of two or three
cases of whooping cough we are quite
free from sickness.

That another girl has been placed out in service knowing Jesus as her Saviour. That funds have come in better during the past 3 months than ever before.

Pray—

For God to glorify Himself through the workers here.

workers here.
Definite results of conversion amongst our
old children.

For the full supply of our needs.

The Monthly Prayer and Praise Meeting is held in the Home at 3 p.m. every first Thursday in the month. You are welcome.