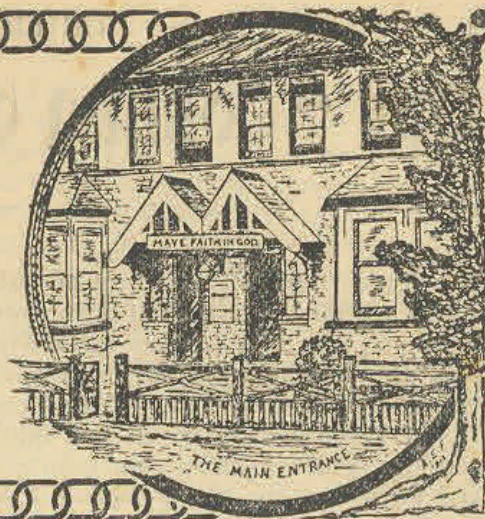


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Objects of the Work.

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

Our "Coming of Age" Anniversary.

The thunderstorm and shortage of trains no-wise checked the enthusiasm of the many friends from far and near who gathered in the Woodford Baptist Church (kindly lent for the occasion) to celebrate our 21st Annual Gathering on May 26th 1921, at 4 and 7 p.m. From first till last an atmosphere of intense interest and keen sympathy linked up with many loving memories, greatly cheered our hearts and called forth our gratitude and praise to the One who had bid us undertake such work for Him.

The Afternoon Meeting.

MR. V. G. LEVETT presided, and, although he did not make any lengthy speech, he managed, as he always does, to impart a sense of real inspiration to all the proceedings.

Following the singing of the hymn,

Saviour, Thy dying love
Thou gavest me,

and opening prayer led by Mr. Geo. Goodman, the children gave a very sweet rendering of "The Song of the Flowers" which was heartily applauded.

Miss HUTCHIN, who was very cordially received, spoke words of welcome to those who had come to join in praising God on this our 21st Annual. Two texts had come to her that day, "Whatsoever He saith unto you—do it" and "Feed My Lambs." These were the objects of our Work. (1) To do His Will and (2) That He might be glorified in salvation of our children.

One of our Tots followed with the solo

We are little children.

The chairman said he felt that one must recognise the grace of continuing in well doing. There were plenty of people who had a craze for starting new things. The real grace was the grace that kept on and kept at it. They thanked God for those 21 years and they trusted God for the years to come, whether they be few or many.

One of the elder girls then sang "Children of Light" and the

REV. JOHN JERMYN said he loved to be at that gathering. It was always an inspiration to be at those anniversaries. They convinced him that the age of miracles was not passed. The work had reached its majority. They thanked

God for showing what He could do for those who put their trust in Him. He recalled his first acquaintance with Mr. White, soon after He (the speaker) came to Wanstead. His first news of him was of a rather "peculiar young man" who went to the City every day, and worked for the children's home in the evening. Then they gradually came to know each other and now Mr. White had only to whistle for him and he would answer. Mr. Goodman had come a long distance that afternoon to be present, and he wanted him to have a good innings, so he would only make a few remarks. He had in mind two prayers—the prayers of the prodigal son. In the first of these the request was "Give me." The selfishness of that prayer was like the selfishness of most of our prayers. We wanted something for ourselves. Our prayers were largely self-centred prayers. When the prodigal said, "Give me," he did not think of what his father had been to him. Many of us were like that; thinking of our own enrichment. The second prayer of the prodigal was very different. "Make me," he said, "as one of thy hired servants." He placed himself utterly in the hands of God. Mr. Jermyrn said that what he wanted to suggest to that assembly was that when we reached that stage we had got into line with the Allwise Purpose, and out of the line of our own selfishness. He concluded with a beautiful little "Star" story for the children.

The hymn, "How I praise Thee, precious Saviour," having been sung, the chairman introduced Mr. George Goodman by recalling that twenty-five years ago he had been used to stir up a great revival in Mr. Levett's church; a revival which had resulted in keeping the Sunday School staffed with teachers for a very long period.

MR. GOODMAN said it gave him great pleasure to be there. He was glad to hear that God was preparing the work amongst the children. He thought they could not do better upon that occasion than remind themselves of Christ's attitude and teaching in regard to children. He was the first who had put an emphasis upon children. Referring to Matt. 18th, as "the children's chapter," the speaker said that the Lord had given us to understand that the kingdom of heaven had in it, "such" as little children. Hidden things had been revealed to babes. Christ spoke of little ones who believed

in Him. That was one of the reasons that made them so earnest in seeking the salvation of the little ones. In speaking of conversion which he recognised as a very definite experience in one's life, Christ used a little child as an illustration. The two things to which he referred were the humbling of ourselves and the spirit of trust. Repentance was a humbling of ourselves. It was the first step towards salvation. The second step was faith. When there was the humbling of the spirit and the simple committing of ourselves to Christ, there was conversion. Had we ever used those words and learned the lesson Christ taught from a little child? He taught also the lesson as to what was true greatness. It was greatness that humbled itself to serve. Christ also used the child to teach the solemn lesson that he identified Himself with those who were poor and weak. And his words were never out of date. He supposed our Lord never spoke in stronger or more solemn words of terror than when he said that it would be better for a man to have a millstone round about his neck and to be cast into the sea than to offend one of those little ones who believed in Him. Another child-lesson was not to "despise" one of the little ones. To do so was absurd. Let us give them reverence. Let us see to it that we exercised our hearts to give them a good chance. The singing of a hymn and prayer offered by Mr. Goodman brought the afternoon meeting to a close.

Our 21st Report.

MR. HERBERT WHITE in giving the report said "It is with profound gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father that we are enabled once again to bear testimony to His goodness in permitting us to carry on for the past 21 years the work which He has entrusted to us. Before I go into details of the work I wish to say how sorry we are at the absence of our dear friend who was with us last year and who to-day is with the Lord, which for her, the apostle says, is "far better," I refer to Mrs. Florence Barclay who did so helpfully unfold the Word to us at our Annual gatherings for many years past and who was always kindly interested in this corner of the Lord's work. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the Rev. Charles Barclay and family in the great loss which they have sustained in the Home call of our much loved friend. We should have been so glad if Mr. Barclay could have been present to-day, but he has written to say "I should dearly love to come, but am quite unequal to it at present. My loss is so overwhelming I feel quite prostrated and have as yet been unable to undertake any

work. I trust as time goes on I may be able to do so. In these troublous times may we look more and more for the "Coming of our Lord" and be ready for His appearing. Mrs. Barclay will be mourned by a great crowd of friends and especially the great Leyton Bible Reading which she had conducted for many years, and eternity alone will reveal the results of that work; as she sought to get her members to believe and rest in the "Power of God" which is "His Word."

We have also received letters from Col. Phillips of Brighton, Pastor Clatworthy of Wanstead, Mr. James Stokes of Harrow Green, Rev. Josiah Wilson of Newport Pagnell and others regretting they cannot be with us to-day. Special prayer is asked for Mr. Frank Cockrem the Secretary of the Open Air Mission who is passing through a great trial in the loss for the time being of his eyesight.

We should like here to thank our chairman and speakers of to-day for their kindness in coming to our meeting which we greatly appreciate also Mr. Bruce Flegg our soloist.

We are reminded at this 21st Annual that we are growing older, but as an antidote to feeling older there is nothing like keeping amongst children. We have had another wonderful year and the objects of our work have been maintained. 17 children have been received into the Home and 15 have gone out during the year, making a total of 64 with us to-day and a grand total of 282 who have been helped since the start of the work and many children staying from 10 to 13 years with us.

Our great desire is to win these young people for Jesus Christ and we have had many encouragements. A gospel meeting is held on Tuesday evening for one hour and a believers' meeting on Thursday for the same time, no one being pressed to come to the latter, and it has been a great joy to us to see between 20 and 30 coming to this meeting and some taking part. We are glad to see too a number of our old boys and girls present at our Annual, many of whom are trusting the Lord Jesus and are receiving answers to prayer. We had a most enjoyable time in March when quite 50 of our old boys and girls came for the afternoon and evening and we are hoping to make this an annual affair. We are glad also to report a clean bill of health, both amongst children and workers with the exception of Miss F. Hutchin (Auntie) who is now 82 and who is in a very weak condition. I saw her just before coming to the meeting and asked her for a message and she said "Please tell the friends that I am praying for successful meetings and will you please ask them to pray that I may soon hear the Home call. In this connection we have much to thank our hon.

Medical Officer, Dr. F. A. Martin Flegg, for, who offered his services at the start of our work and who will be giving the Medical Report later. Thanks are due to Mr. A. W. Willis for the great assistance he has been as Hon. Dentist, taking great pains to keep the mouths of our children in good order.

As you will see from the audited account our income for the year including the balance brought forward of £46 amounted to £1,359 8s. 9½d leaving us a balance to carry forward to this year of £18 18s. 9½d. This is the largest total we have received in any one year. On the other hand our liabilities have been larger, so that the balance carried forward is smaller than the previous year. No large donations have been received during the year and there have been 813 receipts issued for the 12 months. It is indeed wonderful how our Gracious God has supplied our needs in this way, often sending money from unexpected quarters in answer to our prayers. We should like here to thank our Hon. Auditor Mr. Albert Wilmott for undertaking this service for us once again this year.

Gifts in kind too have greatly helped us. The same friend still continues to send us the 56lbs of fish twice a week (we keep the box for firewood) for which we are very grateful and on several occasions one of the bakers in the neighbourhood has sent as many as thirty loaves. This is the more remarkable to us as we are not even one of his customers. On other occasions we have been using our last lot of vegetables and half a ton has been sent along by one of the Lord's children. The proceeds of the harvest festivals from neighbouring churches were also of great value to us and the goodies received as the result of pound days held by friends at Leytonstone and Shoeburyness were a real help. For those who have sent cocoa, jam, eggs, fruit, cereals, cake, dripping, sweets, etc. we bless God, feeling sure that He will give to all, the "Inasmuch" blessing.

Then the clothing of our children is a great item, especially in these days and we have been greatly assisted in this matter by the continued and splendid help received from the working parties and Sewing Circles, and those interested will recognise many of the garments which the children are now wearing as their handiwork. The two boot clubs have again helped us from this point of view, which also causes praise to rise from our hearts. Parcels of new and second hand clothes have also been received from other friends, coming sometimes just at the nick of time, reminding us that "He will carry us through".

Prayer has also been answered for workers and we have added to our staff Miss Janet Jones

since last November. We would point out here that none of our workers are paid a salary, receiving only pin money when funds allow. One worker receives from an outside friend a small cheque quarterly which has been kindly promised for her special use whilst she remains a worker here.

In closing our 21st year and entering upon our 22nd we do so and rightly so, with feelings of real optimism knowing that He who has led us in the many years which are behind is the same One who promises for to-day and the future neither to leave or forsake or fail those who put their trust in Him. May God increasingly give to us an up-to-date experience that we may be able to bear a continual testimony that "He is and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" from now even until the Lord Jesus shall come for His own.

The Evening Meeting.

The evening meeting which was well attended, was presided over by Mr. A. T. Crabtree, of Wanstead, who was supported by the Rev. J. Holyoak, B.A., Rev. J. Haydon, Rev. J. W. Ewing M.A., D.D., Dr. M. Flegg (hon. Medical Officer) and Mr. Herbert White, the Rev. Ronald Williams, of Higham Hill, was also present.

The meeting commenced with the singing of a hymn, after which prayer was offered by Mr. Hall, and the children sang several selections very sweetly.

The **Rev. JOHN HOLYOAK** was then called upon to address the meeting. He said he was a very privileged speaker to be able to address the meeting before the Chairman himself, or before Mr. White had given his usual report. When Mr. White asked him to speak, he told him he was occupied that evening and that he could only come early in the evening. He was sorry he would not be able to listen to the report or to Dr. Ewing. They would have the benefit of not having to listen to a tremendously long speech from him. That was the first time he had been there and he came with some trepidation and some mixed feelings. If he was not quite as confident in speaking there as he was elsewhere, they would perhaps understand. But he had this confidence, that they had one thing in common to begin with; they all had a deep love for the Bible. Anyone who was interested in Mr. White's work must be interested intensely in the word of God. They all realized that it was inspired by the Holy Spirit of God and he hoped they all felt that they needed to learn more and more what the Holy Spirit did in inspiring God's word; not

only what was done in days gone by, but what was possible to be done now by the agency of the Holy Spirit as they took the word of God and read it and meditated upon it. It seemed to him that when they read the word of God with care and prepared by prayer, that there were two things that were astonishingly helpful. One thing was the declarations God's word made; and another thing was the definition God's word gave of difficult things. Amongst the most wonderful of its declarations were those upon the subject of prayer. There could be nothing more illimitable "Ask, and ye shall receive". It was we who surrounded that word with so many difficulties. Christ's word was very open and very full. It is we who limit in the asking; never God who limits in the giving.

That work of Mr. White's was one whose whole basis rested upon that wonderful declaration with regard to prayer. He supposed Mr. White would own quite readily that unless he could believe whole-heartedly what God said about prayer, it would be impossible for him to carry on this work. The whole thing had depended from the very beginning on Mr. White's belief and the belief of those who worked with him, that when Christ said, "Ask and ye shall receive," He meant just what he said in the very broadest sense.

The word of God was also exceedingly helpful in the matter of its definitions. Among these there were just two he would like to numerate: one was the definition of Faith that was given in the 11th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews. If they listened to what men said about faith and tried to concoct a definition that would suit every phase of faith they would find it an almost hopeless task; and when they were driven almost to despair as to what the meaning of faith really was, it was very helpful to turn to the 11th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews and see the definition given there: "The assurance of things hoped for; the proving of things not seen". That definition helped him more than he could possibly convey to them in words.

There was also another definition which the word of God gave, which was also very helpful in these days in which we were living. He didn't ever care to prophecy, because the ordinary mortal man was foolish to do so; but he did believe more and more that those who were followers of the Lord Jesus Christ would find themselves driven back to the standards which Jesus himself set up. If they tried to make a compromise of the standards that were pleasing to the world and those which the Lord Himself initiated he could see nothing but chaos, and if that arose the only safe thing to do was to get back to the standards set up by the Lord Jesus

Christ. They would be driven back on to the foundations that the Bible had given them, and when they were asked what they meant by Faith or by Religion, they would have to give no human interpretations, but those interpretations that were given in days of old by the Holy Spirit.

He wanted to refer to another definition, and that was the secret of his coming there: "Pure religion before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." They sometimes forgot that religion was not all Christianity. There were many other religions besides that of their Lord Jesus Christ, and some of these religions were competing very strongly with the religion of Jesus. He thought it was not unfair to speak of Christian science as a religion and it was making a very bold bid for popularity. How were they going to define what they believed to be the essence of the Christian religion. Try to define it in terms of man and the task was almost hopeless. They must get back to the definition of St James in the words he had quoted. Wherever they found men and women who were visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and above all were keeping themselves unspotted from the world, there they were at the heart of pure religion, where they could stand in awesomeness of holiness and see God.

Mr. Bruce Flegg having sung with much acceptance, "If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,"

Dr. FLEGG, as Medical Officer of the Home, made his report on the health of the children in the Home during the year. He said he should be very brief because the health had been so good, there had been very little illness at all. They had had one or two cases of rheumatism and a few trifling ailments and slight injuries. Mr. White had added to the casualty list by his zeal at football, on the occasion of a re-union of old boys. (Laughter). They had had no cases of infectious disease at all. Last year they had to report for the first time in 20 years a case of scarlet fever. They had had one serious case of a child who was sent to the London Hospital to be operated upon, and unfortunately died afterwards. The Home had been in existence for 21 years and there had been only five deaths during the whole of that time. He thought that was very satisfactory.

The duet "Jesus Knows" was then sung by two of the girls, whose efforts were much appreciated.

THE CHAIRMAN, in his address, said he recently attended a very representative meeting at which there were present a Canon of St. Paul's

Cathedral, a bishop, a titled gentleman, the president of the Methodist Connexion, and others, and he noticed that they all addressed the people as brothers and sisters. (Cheers). He could not do less than that, though there were more sisters than brothers. He was glad to be there to hear the testimony he had of God's goodness and power. There were two things he was sorry about that needed a word of apology. Last year he should have been at their annual gathering, but he was on his back in bed. The doctor said that if he didn't improve it would mean an operation, and an operation on him at his time of life was rather a serious matter. He told the doctor that there was another Physician behind him and that He was not going to give Him up. When he heard that prayers were going up from numerous churches on his behalf, he knew it would be all right. Still, he was sorry not to have been with them, as he had been looking forward to hearing that saintly woman, Mrs. Florence Barclay. He was sorry for that, but he was glad to be there that night. He was thanking God for keeping him alive because he had four other chairs to take during the week. The Lord was good and he gave to them liberally and upbraideth not. What they wanted to-day was praying men. He remembered listening to Mr. Bateson giving a lecture on the War. Mr. Bateson, who was an Army Chaplain in the Wesleyan connexion, said that he was with Lord Kitchener at Westminster when news came through that there was a terrible reverse, and that most of our men had been stricken down. Lord Kitchener turned to Mr. Bateson and said "Down on your knees, Bateson," and he went down on his knees and prayed to the only One that could answer prayer. The Chairman then told a story of an answer to prayer that occurred in his own experience 40 years ago, when he was at sea, and his ship got wrecked. The men on board were terribly frightened, and didn't believe that God could save them. He prayed to God to save those men from drowning and every man was saved. When they reached the Island for which they had been making, he went down on his knees and thanked God for saving his life, and promised from that day to serve God, which promise he had kept. And God had been with Mr. White in the work he was doing amongst the children. The Chairman then told an amusing story of his old friend Peter Mackenzie. A chapel that he was visiting was in great straits for money, and he tried in his old-fashioned way to get a lot of that money together. He heard that a member of that Church who was very well off, had given it to be understood that when he died he would leave £100 for the benefit of the Church. Old Peter on getting to hear this

decided to visit the gentleman at his house. Upon entering the house he said "God bless this house and all the people in it," and then to the occupier of the house he said: "I have come for that £100," adding "Do you believe in prayer and answer to prayer? I am going to pray that you die this night. We want that £100." And he got it. (Laughter). They were not going to have such a prayer as that that evening; they didn't need it; but they wanted those present to show their practical appreciation of what God had done for them.

When he was laid up with a serious illness some years ago he read about Dr. Paton's Work on the South Sea Islands. He thereupon decided to help that work, and sent enough money to keep a native teacher going for thirteen years. God had been good to him and he was going to show his appreciation of God's goodness. "There was a man they said was mad; the more he gave the more he had." That applied to him. The law of the harvest was that we always reaped more than we sowed. They had got to put their hearts into this matter and encourage that grand and good work. God would not only bless them now, but also in the life to come.

Following the Chairman's address, Mr. Bruce Flegg sung "The Blind Ploughman".

Dr. J. W. EWING, followed with an inspiring address. He said it was a very great joy to him to be in their midst that evening, retaining as he did happy memories of his former visit, the inspiration of which had never left him. He remembered well on that occasion they had the presence of Mrs. Florence Barclay, and listened to an address from her which he thought none of them could ever forget. He had read much that she had written but he was not so charmed with anything she had done as with that address, so vivid, so real, so tender, so full of love. They thanked God for the memory of His handmaid and realised that her influence was with them still. They prayed that God might comfort all those who would miss her, and raise up those who would take up the work she did and in the same spirit. He had listened with pleasure to the report that had been given them of the splendid work that had been done at the Home; of the way the needs of the children had been met, and the way the prayers of the workers had been answered during another year. One's own heart had been gladdened; one's faith strengthened, and one's confidence in God deepened. In that meeting that night they were surely touching the glowing heart of Christianity. There was a great love kindled by the infinite love of Christ which went out to others in words and deeds which expressed the same spirit. That night they were not

realising difference of opinion, difference of Church, difference of standpoint ; but they were realising their unity at the centre. They were one in the love of Christ ; one in love and sympathy, that was service. He realised that they were thinking of the work not only in its material aspect but in its spiritual opportunities. Mr White wrote to him and hoped the meeting would bring them spiritual blessing, and he wanted to put his address in the form of the unfolding of one of those beautiful old world stories which God's book had preserved for them. A mid-day sun beat upon the City : the air was hot and the ground parched. For months there had been no dew and no rain. Vegetation was dying ; men and cattle were suffering ; famine was impending. At the gate of the City they saw a solitary woman, who was stopping here and there collecting sticks, and as she engaged in her task there came along the road from the south a traveller from afar, dusty and travel-stained, and weary by his gait. He stops beside the gatherer of sticks and appeals to her for her help : "I am weary and thirsty ; can you kindly bring me a drink of water." She hastened away to fetch what was desired. The stranger calls to her to also bring him a cake of bread because he was hungry. The widow then unfolded her trouble and tells how she and her boy are brought to their last meal. She tells him they have in their barrel only a handful of meal and in the cruse a little oil and she had come out to gather sticks that she might kindle a fire and make one last cake for herself and her son to eat before they died. Then the stranger spoke to her ; told her not to be disheartened, but to go and make the cake, that he might eat thereof with her and her boy, and assured her in the name of the Lord God of Israel that the barrel of meal and the cruse of oil should not fail until the Lord sent rain upon the earth. The widow had faith in the words of the stranger. She shared her scanty resources with her visitor, and there came to her the miracle by which her needs and the needs of her son were met until the special time of famine had passed and there was a sufficiency in the land.

That story of the past was full of meaning for us and for those who were engaged in that work. It assured them that God could ever succour those who were in distress. One thought of that widow and the trouble in which she had been as she saw her slender resources dwindling day by day. Where would the promised supply come from? Would it come from the palace of the King? No, it was to come from the widow's own larder. That was God's way through the ages. He took our little resources and used them and multiplied them. When Christ was surrounded by the hungry multitude, he received from the little boy,

five barley loaves and two fishes and used them. All down the centuries we saw that same principle in operation. It was to be seen in the work of the Apostles, of Martin Luther, of Florence Nightingale and others. It was the same to day. What had they that they could use? The hand that could work, the heart that could love, the tongue that could speak. That was enough. Let the heart be filled with love, the hand with service, and the tongue be used to speak forth the messages of God, and their life would become a blessing to all around them. Let them begin with what they possessed, trusting in God to multiply it.

Then he noticed another thing about these resources of the widow. There would have been no miracle if she had kept her meal and oil to herself. It was by sharing them with others that the principle of increase was brought into operation. Christ said, Freely ye have received, freely give. It was for those who had been to the Fount of Cleansing to lead another to it ; those who had received the Bread of Life should share with some hungry brother or sister. If any of them were cast down by cares and anxiety, God's way for them was often by some special service for others.

Love Divine will fill thy storehouse
Or thy handful still renew ;
Scanty fare for one will often
Make a royal feast for two.

Mr. and Mrs. White had often found the truth of that. It was a modern illustration of the old world principle of sharing with others.

Then again they noticed how long the supply was to last. The meal and the oil should not fail until the Lord sent rain upon the earth. The widow acted upon the promise of God spoken by His servant ; and we had the promises of God which were Yea and Amen in Christ. To those faced with a difficult task like that in which Mr. and Mrs. White and their helpers were engaged, here was a promise : "As thy days, so shall thy strength be". When a large difficulty came God would give the required strength. "Lo, I am with you always", and "My grace is sufficient for thee", were other precious promises of Christ upon which they could rely in times of difficulty. How did the miracle of the increase of meal and oil take place? There was nothing spectacular about it. The time came to make the cake for the next meal and the widow simply used what meal and oil there was. Was it not thus that God dealt with His people? He did not give us at once the full barrel of meal and the full cruse of oil. He taught us to trust Him and He went on helping us day by day. We most of us felt that we should like to have the full barrel of meal and the full cruse of oil all at once. God's way

for us was that we should pray, Give us this day our daily bread, and as they trusted in God day by day for the individual life or for a great family such as Mr. and Mrs. White had, God showed himself, heard prayer, honoured faith and supplied the need.

What a wonderful commentary upon the Scriptures these institutions were. In order to show God honoured faith, George Muller of Bristol, started his Homes there, and £4,000,000 had been raised by faith to keep on the work. Then there was Spurgeon's Orphanage at Stockwell, which also began in prayer. Mr. Spurgeon invited his people to a meeting and told them what was in his mind and almost immediately a very large sum of money was forthcoming to start the work. It was the same there at Woodford. After listening to Mr. White that evening they could see that there was a Home in which there was a full trust in the living God, and that God answered the prayer of faith of His people. The widow had the cruse of oil and the barrel of meal, and Mr. White had his box of fish twice a week and vegetables that were sent half a ton at a time.

Dr. Ewing then went on to relate an experience that came to his notice one night when preaching in Lancashire on the subject of Prayer. After the service one of the deacons told him a story of his experience of prayer. He said his father was a manufacturer of things used in machinery. The time came when business fell off and there was depression. His father and mother looked very grave; their money was exhausted. They knelt down to pray; the father prayed and then the mother, such a tender earnest appeal, reminding God of His promises and calling Him to help them in their trouble. When they had prayed they got up from their knees feeling that God would help them. Then there came a knock at the door and a stranger asked to see his father. He said, "Are you Mr. So and So?" "Yes," said his father. "Well," said the visitor, "I want twelve gross of weed forks like this pattern. Can you make them by such and such a date?" The time was rather short, but his father undertook to get them ready by the date named. The customer insisted upon paying at once for the order, which was duly carried out. The help that came to them that day financially, said the deacon, was not the chief of the blessings that they received. They realised, children

as well as parents, that God had heard their prayer and had sent them an answer as though the Angels of God had come down. And from that day business had never looked back. He and his brothers had prospered.

While they could trust God for their temporal need, he could not help praying that they might trust Him for greater things. How were they to be strengthened in the faith of God and preserved in purity of life and from all the wickedness of the human heart? The secret was just this: By coming to God in prayer; by the study of the Word in fellowship with His spirit; and receiving moment by moment, hour by hour, a renewal of their faith, an increase of their courage, a deepening of their assurance that all the blessings of the Christian life came to them as they did to the widow. He wondered whether any of the boys or girls present were saying: I am only a little child; how can I stand firm through years of Christian profession? They would only be able to do so as they looked to Jesus, having the miracle of God's love inspiring them and never failing them. Let them remember the secret of the widow's barrel of meal and cruse of oil. He would make a confession to them. When he commenced his ministry he had one anxiety, the result of his inexperience. He was afraid that at the end of nine months he might come to the end of his resources as a preacher, but he had since come to the conclusion that there was always a handful of meal in the barrel and some oil in the cruse. God did not give to preacher or Sunday School teacher a year's supply at once; but he would give them a message as required.

They would notice that the miracle was not to go on for ever. It was to go on till rain came, until the fields were fruitful again and the need of special help had passed. He and they would receive help while the need lasted.

In conclusion Dr. Ewing reminded his hearers that the inspiration of that work was love of Jesus Christ. "Inasmuch as ye have done it for these boys and girls, my brothers and sisters, ye have done it for me" God help them in preparing the men and women of the coming age who should take their part nobly in the establishment of the better order in which Christ should reign and there should be a united band everywhere. Jesus was in their midst he was sure and they would hear his "Well done".

Our special Prayer and Praise Meeting second Thursday
in each month at 3 p.m.

The Home for Destitute & Motherless Children, South Woodford.

Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st May, 1920, to 30th April, 1921.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward ...	46	10	11½	By Rent, Rates and Taxes ...	197	19	7
„ Donations ...	627	3	11¾	„ Water, Gas and Coal ...	69	12	2½
„ Subscriptions ...	58	4	0	„ Provisions ...	669	10	7½
„ Box Holders ...	85	9	11¼	„ Printing, Postage and Stationery ...	41	11	7
			770 17 11	„ Furniture, Linen, Boots, Repairs, etc. ...	280	15	3½
„ Repayments on account of Children ...			541 19 11	„ By Petty Cash ...	52	12	2¾
				„ Wages... ...	28	8	6
			<u>£1,359 8 9½</u>		1,340	10	0
				„ By Balance carried forward	18	18	9½
					<u>£1,359 8 9½</u>		

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

14, Old Jewry Chambers,
London, E.C. 2.
13th June, 1921.

ALBERT WILLMOTT, *Honorary Auditor*,
Chartered Accountant.

CASES LATELY RECEIVED.

Two boys whose father was killed at the battle of Mons, and whose mother was dying of cancer (since deceased).

Two girls and a boy whose mother is dead and no one else to look after them.

Two boys—found, marked Motherless and Homeless.

A little boy aged under four—father unknown (soldier) and deserted by mother.

A girl 8 years old—The Secretary of a Rescue Society wrote saying “The girl should be got away from her present surroundings and for her sake I wish it were possible for you to take her in. The mother is a very dirty, thriftless creature. It is for the girl’s sake and not for the mother’s sake I should like to see the girl in a home

where she would be cared for and where she would be safe. I quite understand and fully appreciate your position and I know how impossible it must be for you to respond as you would like to all the appeals you must receive.”

Two boys—Owing to the infidelity and desertion of the mother home entirely broken up.

A boy aged nine—Both parents dead.

Two boys and two girls—Mother in sanatorium, father in bad health and quite unable to look after them.

Extracts from Diary.

Owing to the full report of our gatherings space forbids us including our extracts from Diary in this issue.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF EVERY RECEIPT ISSUED

FROM 1ST NOVEMBER, 1920. TO 31ST APRIL, 1921.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
126	0	10	0	178	1	0	0	230	0	10	0	282	1	0	0	334	2	16	0
127	2	2	6	179	0	10	6	231	10	0	0	283	1	0	0	335	1	1	0
128	1	7	6	180	1	0	0	232	0	10	0	284	0	10	6	336	0	10	0
129	0	2	6	181	1	0	0	233	0	10	0	285	1	0	0	337	2	0	0
130	5	0	0	182	1	0	0	234	0	10	0	286	3	3	0	338	0	5	6
131	4	0	0	183	0	10	0	235	0	5	0	827	0	5	0	339	0	10	0
132	0	16	8	184	0	10	0	236	2	5	0	288	2	15	0	340	0	2	6
133	0	5	0	185	6	0	0	237	1	0	0	289	0	10	0	341	2	0	0
134	2	0	6	186	0	5	0	238	1	0	0	290	1	0	0	342	0	10	0
135	0	12	0	187	0	10	0	239	1	4	0	291	0	10	0	343	2	16	6
136	0	10	0	188	0	10	0	240	5	0	0	292	3	5	2½	344	0	11	6
137	2	0	0	189	5	0	0	241	2	0	0	293	1	0	0	345	1	17	6
138	1	0	0	190	1	0	0	242	0	5	0	294	0	5	0	346	1	0	0
139	0	10	0	191	2	0	0	243	0	10	0	295	2	0	0	347	0	10	0
140	5	0	0	192	0	2	6	244	0	13	9	296	2	15	0	348	0	10	0
141	0	5	0	193	1	0	0	245	0	2	0	297	2	17	4	349	0	19	7
142	5	0	0	194	0	10	0	246	5	0	0	298	0	11	0	350	3	0	0
143	10	0	0	195	1	0	0	247	5	0	0	299	1	0	0	051	0	5	0
144	5	0	0	196	0	10	0	248	1	0	0	300	12	5	0	352	1	1	0
145	2	2	0	197	1	0	0	249	1	10	0	301	1	10	0	353	0	2	6
146	3	3	0	198	0	10	0	250	1	0	0	302	1	0	0	354	0	10	0
147	1	0	0	199	0	5	0	251	0	1	0	303	3	0	0	355	0	5	0
148	1	8	0	200	1	10	0	252	1	0	0	304	0	10	0	356	0	10	0
149	1	0	0	201	1	3	4	253	0	2	6	305	2	10	0	357	1	0	0
150	0	5	0	202	0	10	0	254	0	4	0	306	0	7	6	358	1	4	6
151	0	10	0	203	22	19	4	255	0	10	6	307	0	5	0	359	0	10	0
152	0	10	0	204	10	0	0	256	1	1	0	308	0	14	1	360	0	2	0
153	0	17	6	205	1	0	0	257	0	10	0	309	1	0	7	361	1	2	0
154	5	0	0	206	0	10	0	258	0	6	4	310	5	5	0	362	1	0	0
155	1	1	0	207	0	10	6	259	1	0	0	311	1	14	0	363	0	10	0
156	0	14	0	208	5	0	0	260	1	14	7	312	1	1	0	364	14	6	0
157	0	10	0	209	1	0	0	261	1	0	0	313	0	10	0	365	0	7	6
158	1	1	0	210	1	0	0	262	0	5	0	314	0	8	1	366	0	10	0
159	3	0	0	211	4	0	0	263	2	10	0	315	0	10	0	367	0	10	0
160	2	0	0	212	0	10	0	264	0	10	0	316	1	0	0	368	0	12	6
161	2	0	0	213	0	5	0	265	0	5	0	317	0	10	0	369	0	2	6
162	0	10	0	214	0	2	6	266	0	5	0	318	1	10	0	370	2	0	0
163	0	5	0	215	2	0	0	267	0	7	6	319	0	5	0	371	0	8	10
164	0	10	0	216	1	0	0	268	0	10	0	320	4	4	0	372	1	11	6
165	1	0	0	217	0	18	0½	269	3	0	0	321	0	5	0	373	5	5	0
166	0	12	6	218	1	0	0	270	1	4	0	322	0	7	6	374	0	10	0
167	10	0	0	219	4	0	0	271	3	12	0	323	0	10	0	375	0	5	0
168	0	2	6	220	0	14	0	272	2	10	0	324	1	13	6	376	0	10	0
169	8	5	0	221	0	15	0	273	1	0	0	325	0	15	0	377	1	10	0
170	1	4	0	222	0	10	0	274	0	5	0	326	1	0	0	378	1	0	0
171	0	10	0	223	3	0	0	245	2	0	0	327	0	10	0	379	2	0	0
172	0	5	0	224	0	3	6	276	1	0	0	328	0	10	0	380	0	15	0
173	1	0	0	225	0	3	0	277	0	5	0	329	1	0	0	381	0	14	0
174	1	10	0	226	0	4	0	278	1	0	0	330	0	9	6½	382	1	0	0
175	1	14	0	227	0	10	0	279	1	0	0	331	0	10	0	383	0	3	0
176	1	0	0	228	1	0	0	280	0	5	0	332	1	0	0	384	3	11	6
177	4	4	0	229	1	1	0	281	1	0	0	333	0	3	0	385	2	2	0

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF EVERY RECEIPT ISSUED.—CONTINUED.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
386	0	9	0	426	3	2	6	466	1	0	0	507	0	10	0	547	1	0	0
387	0	16	6	427	1	1	0	467	0	10	0	508	3	0	0	548	0	10	0
388	0	11	0	428	0	10	0	468	1	0	0	509	0	5	0	549	0	5	0
389	0	10	0	429	1	0	0	469	1	0	0	510	1	10	0	550	0	10	0
390	0	10	0	430	0	5	0	470	0	10	0	511	0	10	0	551	2	0	0
391	0	10	0	431	0	5	0	471	0	5	0	512	2	0	0	552	0	10	0
392	1	0	0	432	0	10	0	472	5	0	0	513	0	10	0	553	0	14	0
393	3	15	0	433	1	10	0	473	1	14	0	514	0	10	0	554	1	0	0
394	1	0	0	434	0	5	0	474	5	0	0	515	2	15	0	555	1	16	0
395	0	15	0	435	0	10	0	475	0	6	0	516	3	15	0	556	1	0	0
396	2	0	0	436	0	10	0	476	10	0	0	517	0	10	0	557	1	0	0
397	2	0	0	437	11	9	6	477	1	0	0	518	1	0	0	558	0	10	0
398	1	0	0	438	0	10	0	478	0	10	0	519	2	10	0	559	0	5	0
399	2	0	0	439	0	8	0	479	1	13	0	520	0	5	0	560	2	2	0
400	0	5	0	440	1	0	0	480	1	0	0	521	0	5	0	561	14	15	9
401	0	10	0	441	13	12	5	481	1	0	0	522	1	0	0	562	1	0	0
402	0	5	0	442	1	10	0	482	1	0	0	523	0	10	0	563	0	10	0
403	0	10	0	443	0	10	0	483	0	5	0	524	2	2	0	564	3	0	0
404	1	0	0	444	0	10	0	484	0	10	0	525	1	0	0	565	2	0	0
405	1	5	0	445	0	10	0	485	5	0	0	526	1	8	6½	566	10	10	0
406	3	5	0	446	0	5	0	486	0	5	0	527	1	0	0	567	1	0	0
407	0	10	6	447	1	1	6	487	5	0	0	528	0	7	6	568	0	10	0
408	0	10	0	448	10	0	0	488	1	0	0	529	1	13	0	569	0	5	0
409	3	0	0	449	0	4	6	490	1	0	0	530	4	0	0	570	0	10	0
410	0	5	0	450	1	0	0	491	0	5	0	531	1	0	0	571	1	0	0
411	0	5	0	451	0	14	0	492	0	10	0	532	1	10	0	572	4	8	10
412	5	0	0	452	0	10	0	493	1	0	0	533	0	10	0	573	1	13	0
413	0	10	0	453	3	0	0	494	0	5	0	534	1	14	0	574	2	0	0
414	10	0	0	454	0	3	6	495	0	10	0	535	0	5	0	575	0	10	0
415	2	2	6	455	1	0	0	496	0	5	0	536	4	0	0	576	1	0	0
416	1	15	0	456	2	0	0	497	1	0	0	537	1	0	0	577	2	0	0
417	0	10	0	457	0	10	0	498	0	5	0	538	1	11	1	578	0	10	0
418	0	10	0	458	0	5	0	499	0	14	0	539	0	10	0				
419	2	0	0	459	4	0	0	500	0	10	0	540	10	0	0				
420	0	4	2	460	0	10	0	501	10	0	0	541	1	10	0				
421	0	11	5	461	0	7	9	502	5	0	0	542	1	1	0				
422	1	13	0	462	5	0	0	503	0	10	0	543	4	1	10				
423	1	0	0	463	0	5	0	504	0	15	0	544	3	11	6				
424	1	0	0	464	0	10	6	505	0	2	0	545	0	4	0				
425	4	0	0	465	2	0	0	506	1	0	0	546	1	0	0				

734 5 7½
 Previously
 Ack'd. 625 3 2½

 £1359 8 9½

THE HOME CALL.

In addition to the Home Call of Mrs. Florence Barclay referred to in our report we have lost lately the Rev. Samuel Jones of Twickenham Green Baptist Church and one whom it was my privilege on many occasions to have fellowship with in the gospel and who was buried a year after his wife in February last and Mr. A. A. Mathews of the M.O.B. Walthamstow who for many years prior to taking up that work was Secretary of the Baptist Church Woodford and Sunday School Superintendent when both my

wife and self were scholars in that school. A special memorial service was held at the M.O.B. Hall, Walthamstow, on Sunday, July 17th, and one felt it a privilege to be asked to give the address on that occasion. The sympathy shown and the esteem in which this honoured servant of Christ was held, was evidenced by the large company who assembled at this most impressive and yet happy service.

"Our loss is indeed their gain".

Prayer is asked for the relatives.

H.W.W.

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