

CHILDREN'S HOME

## LINKS



Crescent Road, South Woodford.

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## TILL HE COME

*Tune NEARER HOME.*

I want to please my Lord  
 And do what He shall say,  
 That others may take note that I  
 Have been with Him to-day.  
 So shall His cause be spread  
 Wherever I may be,  
 And Jesus' name be glorified  
 Till He shall come for me.

*Chorus:* Till He come,  
 Till He come,  
 Till He shall come for me.

I want to serve my Lord  
 So long as life shall last,  
 That I may have no great regrets  
 When time for me is past.  
 The hour will soon be here—  
 How soon I cannot tell—  
 When I shall hear the trump of God,  
 O help me serve Thee well.

Till He come, etc.

I want to praise my Lord  
 And glorify His Name,  
 By life and lip and walk and work  
 And thereby spread His fame,  
 For he is wise who wins  
 Souls for Eternity.  
 Give me that wisdom, blessed Lord,  
 And I shall happy be.

Till He come, etc.

I want to see my Lord,  
 What a meeting that will be!  
 When I shall gaze upon the One  
 Who died to set me free.  
 But now He ever lives  
 To intercede on High  
 And soon He's coming back again  
 To complete the Victory.

Quickly come,  
 Quickly come,  
 Come quickly Lord for me.

*Words by Herbert White.*

## Editorial Notes

## "OUR DAY"

Those who were at our last annual gatherings or who have had our *Links*, remember that we had in anticipation the building of a dining hall and playroom, and we should like now to report what is being done so that you may be guided in special prayer for this.

In talking the matter over with the builder and architect, they both think as we have a basement plot it would be best and cheapest to build a hall with dining and playroom underneath and with meeting room above. We can use the two top floors of the Home for sleeping purposes and so increase our number by about 30 with better accommodation for dining, drill, play (when wet), etc., Sunday school and meetings. We have also decided to name the building "THE FLORENCE BARCLAY MEMORIAL HALL," in memory of our dear Mrs. Barclay, who for many years spoke at our anniversary. The Rev. Charles W. Barclay writes to say, "I am interested to hear of the proposed hall. I am sure Mrs. Barclay would have greatly appreciated your kind thought in calling it after her, and, of course, I gladly agree." Mr. Barclay, who sent a subscription, hopes to be well enough to open the hall. We actually now have in hand £230, and we take it as another answer to prayer that Miss Maud Burdett (Mrs. Barclay's friend), of 83 Elizabeth Street, Victoria, S.W., has kindly offered to act as treasurer to this Memorial Hall Fund.

Since the close of our twenty-fourth year I understand from Miss Maud Burdett that the fund has now risen to just over £320, without counting the £100 promised by our chairman at the annual meeting when the £900 was raised.

Our prayer and praise meeting, the second Thursday in each month at three o'clock, have been seasons of much blessing, and we should be glad to see any who can meet with us for this one hour.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ellis who have been labouring for some years on the Congo as missionaries, have joined us in the work. Will friends please pray that their private needs may be met as well as those of Miss Hutchin, my wife and self, as no salaries are drawn from the funds of the Home.

We regret that Mr. W. G. Fisher, who has been our honorary musical instructor for years, has had to relinquish this bit of service on account of altered circumstances, and we are happy to report that Mr. W. E. Willmer has kindly come forward to fill this gap and is now engaged in teaching the children a service of song entitled, "The Queen of Harvest."

THE Annual Meetings in connection with our Twenty-fourth Anniversary were held in the afternoon and evening of Thursday, May 8th, in the South Woodford Baptist Church, George Lane, thanks to the kindness once again extended to us by the Pastor and Officers of that Church.

Our old and esteemed friend, Mr. V. G. Levett, once again favoured us as Chairman at the afternoon meeting, and he was supported on the platform by Miss Phyllis Lett and Miss M. Burdett, the Rev. Jesse Sayer, B.D., Dr. F. A. Martin Flegg, Hon. Medical Officer to the Home, and the Rev. W. Percy Hicks, B.D. A very large number gathered in the church, and we had a very fine and happy meeting.

Miss R. A. Hutchin, who was very warmly received, said that they had much for which to thank God. He did still answer prayer, for they had had continuous evidence of it during the past year, as in other years. Last year God had been doubly good to the Home. Scarcely a day had passed but what some fresh gift arrived for their sustenance. They looked to Him to supply their need, and they had never yet looked in vain. They took their encouragement for the future from their blessings of the past. It had been the custom for many years for various sewing meetings in different parts to provide the girls with under-garments, but this year one such meeting had been led to provide them with outer garments, and making them to measure at that. Their pleasure also had not been forgotten. She instanced the occasion when, last July, a gentleman celebrated his birthday by taking all the children for char-a-banc to Clacton and looking after them for the whole day. More recently, another friend had also had a birthday, and he came round to them with some friends laden with cakes, games and toys, and they spent a most happy evening together. The children were fond of eggs, and recently one hundred had been sent round. Many of these things were not the bare necessities of life, but luxuries, "but," said Miss Hutchin, "that's just like God."

The Chairman prefaced his very brief remarks by saying that friends in the congregation who had birthdays approaching might take the tip given. (Laughter.) He said that usually he prepared for meetings, but he never did when coming to Mr. White's annual meetings. It was unnecessary, for his subject was there ready for him. He then went on to speak briefly of Mr. White and his God-given work. He said, "There are diversities of gifts, but all of the same spirit," and there were many who were ready to give of their best for the very sake of the work. He was reminded of the late Mrs. Florence Barclay, who had come down to these meetings for so many years.

Dr. F. A. Martin Flegg, before presenting his report on the health of the children, remarked that Mr. White himself was far from well, and if he could have done so with any prospect of being obeyed

he would have forbidden him to come out at all that day. He said that, taking it all round, the health of the children was exceptionally good. There were the usual minor ailments, of course, that children will have, but the only serious malady was scarlet fever, of which, between December and February, there had been seven cases. However, the patients had been isolated and, thanks to the splendid work of the staff, the trouble had been prevented from spreading far. He spoke in warm terms of appreciation on the general management of the Home and on the efficiency of all in charge.

Mr. White, owing to the state of his health (and, too, the proximity of his medical adviser), was necessarily briefer than usual, but his report was nevertheless full of interest.

They were encouraged year by year, he said, to see such large numbers gathering for their annual meetings, to which he always felt it a privilege to go. It proved that people were willing and anxious to hear how God was blessing those who leaned on Him. He thanked all who had helped or were going to help that afternoon, particularly Miss Phyllis Lett—(applause)—who had again so kindly offered to sing for them. Often, said Mr. White, had he thought what a great thing it would have been had she and the late Mrs. Florence Barclay gone together as evangelists, like Moody and Sankey, and told the Gospel all around in song and story.

Speaking of the past year, he said, "Give God the praise for what has been done." He was delivering those who called on Him. The great need of the present time was to press home the truth that God was still God, and that He was only waiting to bless if people would but be willing to rely more on Him. He will carry on as of old if men will only trust Him.

Their financial aspect, said Mr. White, was good. They had commenced the year with a balance in hand of £58. The receipts had amounted to £1,558, of which £230 had been subscribed explicitly for the Building Fund, leaving a total for the General Account of £1,328. This was a record amount, the previous best year being 1922, when £1,366 in all was given. Their expenses during the year had been £1,281, which left them with a balance in hand of £47. This sum had been made up in 871 gifts, the largest of which were one each of £60 and £50, and eight of £10. Thus was their largest income comprised for the most part in small amounts.

Referring to their Forward Movement, Mr. White announced that Miss Burdett, their chairman at their afternoon meeting last year, had become the treasurer of the fund for their projected new hall, and the money had been handed over to her. They badly needed this hall for use as a dining-room and also as a playground. They had proposed to call it the "Florence Barclay Memorial Hall," and he had had a letter from the Rev. Chas. W. Barclay stating that he was deeply interested in the venture, giving his full permission to the coupling of the name of his late wife in connection with it, and hoping that he might be well enough to come up and open the hall when the time came. (Loud applause.)

The ensuing year was their twenty-fifth, and its close would see the completion of a quarter of a

century's work. He (Mr. White) had a fine band of workers round him, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, late of the Congo, had also joined them, and he trusted they would be spared to put in many years of useful service with them.

The Rev. Jesse Sayer commenced by saying that he had known Mr. White for several years. They were Brethren in the Ministry of God. He did not know quite why he had been called upon to speak at all, for Mr. White could easily have shut out the two speakers by just talking of his work. It was a great thing, said Mr. Sayer, to have such a home going in these days of materialism. It remained as a definite witness that God did still answer prayer. Stories of such worked acted as a very real encouragement to the young people of his own church. The children of the Home were being trained along the lines of the true inspiration of Holy Scripture. The times were very solemn, for there were not so many these days who interested themselves in God.

His subject for the afternoon, briefly, was "Abiding, Asking, Abounding," and his text had been taken from the Gospel of St. John, xv., 7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." To abide in Christ was to be at home with Him, to be ever conscious of His presence. His early followers had asked of Him, "Where abideth Thou?" and He had answered, "Come and see," and so it was to-day. We must "come and see" if we wanted His answer to that question. Christ had referred to Himself as "The Vine," and we were to be brought into union with Him. This could not be accomplished without suffering. The Lord Jesus Christ had poured out His life-blood for us, and, as one branch was grafted on to another tree, so we, when we were brought to believe on Him, were severed from the old life and grafted on to the new. We then passed through that agony of the soul when the self within us died. Christ had said, "Enter ye in the straight gate." We also had to abide in His will. "As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so abide in Him." Men were to obey the Word, to depend on Christ for everything, and only by constant meditation on His Word could this come to pass, for that was as the sap to the new life, and we thereby contemplated Christ.

"To abide" meant *endurance*, standing fast in battle, to be able to withstand the attack without flinching. The true Christian stood by his Master when the storm was at its highest. This was no mere sickly sentimentality, but it was a big, strong thing. Then again, it meant *Watchfulness*: to watch with Christ, to see Him working out your deliverance, and, above all, to watch for His re-appearance.

*Asking*.—Men were to ask God to supply their needs, not as His equals, but as His subordinates. We were to ask in knowledge, always bearing in mind that He would answer if our petitions were in accordance with His Divine Will. True prayer, after all, was an assertion of the claim for life and energy for the glorification of His name. It was God's name that was always glorified in connection with the home, and no one else's. In such cases the words of Christ were pledged to perform great things.

*Abounding.*—Nothing could hinder His working. He had all power in heaven and on earth. These words suggested a supernatural power. Nothing that men might need would be refused if it were needed for His work, no matter what it might be. The man who bore these things in mind and followed them out honestly in their own lives became a great man and became a power in the lives of others.

The Rev. W. Percy Hicks, B.D., was the last speaker at the afternoon meeting, and he spoke on the following text: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans xii., 1). He believed that Paul had in his mind when he penned those words the great truth which must be apparent to all to-day—that the great purpose of Christianity was to lead men into conformity with the will of God. All the troubles in the world to-day were brought about by the clashing of the will of man with that of the Divine. Men believed that permanent peace would come through machinery and organisation, whereas it would only come with a complete change of mind and heart. Men should be willing to surrender themselves in order to find out what the will of God was. There were a number of illustrations of this in the Old Testament, notably that of Isaac being led up the hill. Ever after that he was the one man in the Old Testament who never once got his own way, but he grew abundantly in material as well as in spiritual things. In the New Testament there was the story of One Who had fought a great battle, and said in the end, "Not My will, but Thine be done." If that were our watchword then we should find the finger-print on all our troubles, and we should find it possible "to dwell in the secret places of the Most High."

Mr. A. M. Mathews, E.C.C., presided in the evening, when the accommodation was taxed to its utmost capacity, and he was supported by Miss Phyllis Lett, the Rev. W. Leonard B. Caley (Vicar of St. Paul's, Stratford), and Messrs. Charles Lidington, D. J. Hutton, and James Stokes.

Mr. Lidington recited the thirteenth chapter of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians in his own most impressive manner, following which Mr. White gave further particulars of the work of the year.

Mr. White said the work represented behind him (pointing to the children) was not the outcome of his work, but it was God's work living in the hearts of those who were praying for the Home. He founded it, and He will carry it on. He hoped that those present would go away with a deeper desire to pray for one another. If men realised the power of prayer it would be a very different world to-day from what it was. Let them pray that God would permit the work to go on and increase year by year. He was glad that they took their stand on the Word of God, and believed it from cover to cover—(applause)—and it was a joy to him and his helpers to know that God was blessing the children in the many decisions among them to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the year 13 children had been sent out from the home and 12 more had been admitted. They had at present 65 in residence, making a total since the commencement of the work of 322. (Applause.)

After repeating the financial statement, Mr. White acknowledged the kindness of friends in Leytonstone, Brixton, Shoebury and Feltham, who had organised pound days and sent on the proceeds to Woodford. Last Christmas Eve they were visited by a friend in his car (a Father Christmas) who brought a quantity of good things that helped to gladden the hearts of the children at the festive season. (Applause.) He then went on to give instances of direct answer to prayer.

Their harmonium had gone wrong and they wanted either a new one or a piano, and just at that time a friend rang them up and said, "There's a piano being left with you to-morrow, don't send it away." From West Mersey had come a gift of 100 fowls, half of which had been eaten, and the other half were laying eggs for the children. Their washing soap was running short, when a friend, who had often before sent such things as jam, etc. but never soap, sent along a consignment of soap. Then they had had a gift of mohair boot laces, small but necessary things. The boot club run by Mrs. Suckling, was still going strong. This good lady had been collecting for years to provide boots for the home. Last summer they had been given the use of a private garden every Wednesday evening for tennis, while last fall the local churches had sent them their harvest goodies. Without their having made a single public appeal, God had kept them going in everything. He was more convinced than ever that the salvation of our country depended only on the Gospel of the grace of God, and it was up to them to live it and preach it at all costs. How was it that such a company as was present that evening could be gathered together with things so difficult outside? It was only because of the grace of God working among men.

Mr. Mathews (the Chairman) prefaced his remarks by saying that he wanted to say what he was going to because of the larger audience outside. He personally had tried to get out of coming to the meeting that night. He was their chairman last year, and he thought that someone else should be asked this time, but he was there all the same. (Applause.) He had been talking to outsiders about the Home, and he had met with a number of questions and criticisms, and he proposed to deal with and answer some of them at once.

A number of questions had been fired at him, such as these: Did he mean to say that they lived by faith and had all things provided by God, that all kinds of money and goods were sent? Wasn't the food rather monotonous? In answer he stated that they had been provided for a long time by one person with fish two days a week. He said that God, Who supplied all needs would see to it that they had a sufficient variety of food with which to nourish the children. The proof was that the children would not be healthy or happy if they had not the necessities of life, and the confirmation of that was in their faces. Another question was: "Could he prove that they were happy under such conditions?" Yes, he could. The boys and girls who had been in the Home would not go back there in later years, some to stay and help in the work, if they had not been happy while they stayed there. Yet another question was: "Are

they turning out to be useful citizens?" Here again the answer was "Yes." They were turning out to be the highest type of useful citizens. Salvation did not come through political or social action, but through the Gospel, and in that they were proving themselves to be the highest type. "Isn't all this done, after all, for self-glorification?" was another query put to him. He (the Chairman) knew Mr. White years ago in commercial life, and he had no hesitation in saying that had he stayed on in commerce he would not only have had by this time an honourable position, but would also have had a pension to look forward to. But he had thrown it up, and he was now wholly dependant upon God. His only pension now would be the Crown that would never fade.

These Homes were a great test of faith, and the present age of materialism meant that these things should be blazed abroad far and wide. He (the Chairman) had once offered Mr. White something, but it was refused. He did not know why it was refused, but he could say Mr. White's public professions were consistent with his private life. (Applause.) Referring to the proposed Florence Barclay Memorial Hall, he said that here there was a chance for people to do something in return for the privilege of having read her books and for having heard her speak. He wanted to see the fund reach £1,000, and if it were made up to £900 he and his wife would give the last £100. (Loud applause.) "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

The Rev. W. Leonard B. Caley was next called upon to speak, and he chose as his text John xxi, 6, "And He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes."

Christ was here speaking to some friends of His when out on the boat; Doubting Thomas, Nathaniel, Impetuous Peter—all were there. It was after the Resurrection, and these disciples found life changed very much. It seemed to them that the past wonderful three years were faded as a dream, and that their hopes were shattered; and in their despondency they had gone back to their old trade of fishing. They knew that He was risen, but the days had seemed long and empty. On the occasion in question they had been out all night and had caught nothing. Maybe their minds had harked back to that other instance when they had once before caught nothing all night. The Lord was to teach them in order that He might have their service as well as their lives. "Human leadership," said Mr. Caley, "means no catch." They were coming in, depressed and disheartened, when they espied a Figure on the shore. "Children, have ye any meat?" Of course, they hadn't. Then came the Lord's command. They obeyed, and were now fishing under His leadership. They cast over the *right* side. It was natural to them to always cast over the left side hitherto, but the Lord's methods were not Peter's. They did it, however, and caught lots of fish. The teaching of this incident was that men could do nothing if they worked merely in their own way. The Christian soldier's joy was, "I am a man under authority." He was always under discipline. It was as foolish

to hear God speak as it was for Peter to cast the net over the right side of the ship, and yet it succeeded. One wondered how men could take the Word and treat it anyhow. Was it done because it was respectable to do so or because of conviction? What the disciples saw later was Christ cooking the breakfast on the shore of the lake. They had the realisation of the Lord Jesus Christ among the common everyday things of life. We had also to realise that, before we could be of real service. These disciples came in tired, weary and hungry, and He was there ready to supply all their needs. Did we realise Him like that? He set Himself ever to teach men from among the common things of life. When He was going to give Peter a commission He said, "Feed My sheep." Man knew nothing of the Divine Love until he knew God. Would it be a joy to men to-day if they should be called upon to die for God? Man's love could never put the world right; only God's love could do that.

Mr. D. J. Hutton said that that meeting was an inspiration as well as a call. He looked around and saw what God had wrought. Motherless and fatherless children were cared for in this Home—a work after God's own heart, for did not God call Himself the God of the fatherless and the widows? It was ever that the weak things of the world were chosen to do the big things. Man must have the big things if he were to succeed, but with God it was otherwise. He instanced Ruth, a widow, and yet one in whom was the seed of David, and through David of Christ Himself. The Bible was full of such instances. The eye of God could not travel over the land without its resting on the Home. Holy ground was there. Run on faith, the Home was an object lesson, and in it was the Word of God at stake. He had said, "I will never leave thee," and they answered boldly, "The Lord is my helper."

Mr. James Stokes commenced his address with the question, "Do you know the Christ of the Book?" As the real story of the early Church, one must be thrilled when reading the work of love as unfolded in The Acts, and Mr. White's work could easily be the twenty-ninth chapter of that book. At times it almost looked as though organised Christianity were failing, and yet in Woodford there was blow upon blow being struck at sin. What was it? In Acts ii, 4, we read, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." It was this power of the Holy Spirit that was lacking in many of our churches to-day. There was too much playing at Christianity. Jesus Christ had shewn that it was possible to overcome sin, and we had only to go His way to do it. We heard much of the unity of the Church, but unity in only one way was essential: that of unity in aim and object. If Jesus Christ were enthroned in the hearts of men, then much could be done. In Judges vii. we saw that it was when Agar's sin was removed that the Israelites became powerful again. Too much time was wasted these days, when there were people who were waiting for big things in prayer and supplication. We said that prayer changed things, but our practice did not fit in with our talk. We were not to pray for a promise to be fulfilled, for God never went back on a

promise; but we should rather pray that we might be fitted to receive its fulfilment. We should open our windows for God's light and spirit. The disciples were expectant and they were blessed. So it should be to-day. If we went to church expecting something to happen what a different atmosphere would be apparent! Did we expect things? God could not fill the unresponsive soul with His power; but it was in this Power that the hope for the world lay.

At both meeting Miss Phyllis Lett delighted all with her inspiring voice, and at the evening meeting the Chairman took the opportunity to extend to her on his own behalf and that of all present their most hearty congratulations on her engagement, and wishing her every happiness in the future, to which Miss Lett suitably replied. Also at both meeting the children, admirably and carefully trained by Mr. Willmer, sang and recited most excellently.

## Extracts from Diary

### NOVEMBER.

2.—L.B.R. Sewing Meeting, 8 boys' shirts.

3rd.—Midland Bank, H.O., £1 1s. 0d. Manor Park, "Thank you for sending me *Links*. It is very interesting and encouraging to faith. I trust you and your large family are well and prospering in every way. Am enclosing £1 for the work." Wimbledon, "With best wish—£1."

6th.—Godalming, "Many thanks for *Links*. My God shall supply all your needs, but through many channels. May I be one of the tiny ones? 10s. enclosed." Wanstead, "With best wishes and kind thoughts—2s. 6d." Great Yarmouth, "Thank you for *Links*. It is a joy to know the Lord is prospering and blessing your Home; praise Him. He is the faithful God who will supply all our needs according to His great riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I have much pleasure in enclosing the small sum of 2s. 6d. of His own I have given, and wish for you in this next year His blessing which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow thereto." Barking, from an Open Air Missioner, 10s.

9th.—Chichester, 2 jerseys, 1 cap, 2 frocks, 1 coat. Kilburn, £1 and 10s. A child's birthday gift, 10s.

12th.—London, "Enclosed please find £10 for Home Cot. Glad you were able to be with us for the week-end." Mersea, "I hope you and the new baby are getting on. Kindly accept the enclosed £2 as a birthday present for her. The Lord blss you all." Golders Green, large box of toys.

14th.—1 coat. Woodford, dripping and parcel of S.H. clothes. Shernhall, £16 5s. 0d. (This amount, together with five guineas, handed to me on October 30, and 16s. 6d. sent on December 11, was the most helpful result of a visit by our children. This was specially given towards the new hall).

16th.—Westcliff, two guineas. Anon., postal order 10s. enclosed with compliments from a "South Woodfordite" for benefit of your Homes. West Ealing, "I am afraid I am rather late in sending my one guinea subscription, but better late than never."

17th.—Great Yarmouth, 15 pairs of stockings, 2 petticoats, 6 overalls, 1 pinafore, 8 pairs of braces, 4½ doz. handkerchiefs, 1½ doz. studs, 4 workboxes, 3 doz. skeins of darning wool, 1 doz. reels of cotton, 9 doz. buttons. Leytonstone, "Welcome, Women, one guinea." Handed to me at close of Sunday services at Shoburyness, £5, 10s., £2 15s. 0d., 5s. and 10s. for the Home, and £1, one guinea, and 10s. for self.

20th.—Parcel of clothes, "Am sending you some garments, hope they will be useful, also 12s. from our Women's Meeting. So often think of you and yours. Praying that you may still have God's richest blessing resting upon you and your dear ones." Wakefield, 5s. Hove, "It was a real pleasure to me to read from your *Links* of our Heavenly Father's goodness and tender care in upholding you and your fellow workers and sending in needed supply for your your large increasing family. What a number there may be now amongst the lads who have been under your care and cannot but bear testimony to God's goodness to them. These are difficult times in which we are living, but we prove the promise of our Master, 'He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the Light of Life.' How dark the outlook is to those who do not know Him wh is the Light of the world. I am enclosing £1 with very best wishes." Victoria, "£10. As I shall be out of the country for Christmas, am sending my gift to the Home before I leave for New York, with all and every good wish for its welfare and prosperity."

21st.—Walthamstow, 5s. Woodford, one guinea from the S.W.B.C. Barking, "I am enclosing £1 which we have collected in our 'Farthing Box' at the Shaftesbury Hall Mothers' Meeting, wishing you every blessing in all your efforts." Bournemouth, "Dear brother in Christ Jesus; I am enclosing herewith cheque one guinea, my annual contribution to your Home for Motherless Children, in memory of my beloved boy . . . . It seems but yesterday, though now over five years, since he was killed. His mother is still suffering terrible as a result largely of the loss, and I have been obliged to give up my little house in Bedford and take rooms here. Trusting you are keeping well and the Lord's work pros-

pering in your hands." Wanstead, 10s. Sidcup, 10s. Stroud Green, 2s. 6d.

27th.—I took two lads over 14 to Hackney endeavouring to get them a situation. 2s. 6d. was given to each boy and one guinea for the Home. Woodford, handed to me at drill display, 10s.

28th.—Walthamstow, 12 pairs bloomers, 5 pairs boys' knickers, 8 pairs combs, 3 pairs boys' stockings, 1 duster, 2 sleeping suits, 2 shirts, 1 chemise, 5 petticoats, 2 jersey suits, 2 jerseys, 6 frocks, 2 night-dresses, 3 blankets, for which we said "Praise the Lord." Leytonstone, 1 box S.H. clothes.

### DECEMBER.

1st.—Chingford, 10s. Winchester, "Am enclosing £5 for the funds of your Home, and trust that all is well with the Home and your wife and family.

4th.—Clapton, "Enclosed please find cheque £2 12s. 6d. with every good wish for a happy Christmas."

6th.—Leytonstone, 10s. 6d. London, 19s. 3d. handed to me at the close of Police Institute meetings. Wimbledon, 2s. 6d.

8th.—Woodford, 5½ doz. handkerchiefs. Forest Gate, "Enclosed please find Postal Order for £1 as a subscription to the Children's Home.

10th.—Wanstead, box of S.H. clothes. Anon., parcel. Leytonstone, "I have very much pleasure in enclosing one guinea with the best wishes of the Leytonstone and Wanstead Branch of the Young Abstainers' Union. We so enjoyed seeing your happy, healthy crowd of children last year and are sorry we cannot give them a similar evening this winter." Woodford Green, £1, "A bit of Christmas cheer." From a Leytonstone Young Men's Bible Class, "I enclose small contribution £1 from the above as just a little help in His Name." Snarebrook, "Am sending you my annual subscription of £5 for your work amongst the children. All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year." Leytonstone, "Enclosed please find herewith cheque one guinea, being a small gift for your Home from a member of the L.B.R." Norbury, "I have sent you a little gift from time to time for the children, although I try to send to other institutions at this time of the year I feel I can't leave any out, however small, and to make it equal to all I have been round collecting from friends to do this, and I am sure you will appreciate how pleased I shall be to show any letter you may send me to all I have been to that they may see how the thought is appreciated by the Home. I have pleasure in sending you £1 with prayers and good wishes to all." Gidea Park, £1, "Please accept enclosed as a little Christmas gift towards some good cheer for the children. I trust they will all be having a happy time and enjoying the presence of the Master. How much deeper and fuller our joy is when He can share it with us." South Woodford, "My sister joins me in continuing the annual gift which our dear father had such pleasure in sending to you for your grand work of looking after the children. I therefore enclose postal order for 5s., with our best wishes for the success of the Home." Wanstead, "Enclosed please find

cheque one guinea towards the funds of your Home from our Men's Meeting."

11th.—Stratford Baptist, toys.

12th.—"I herewith enclose 11s. 3d. collected at our annual share-out at The Stratford Sick Benefit Club, hoping it will be useful to you in your good work. Our members join in wishing all the compliments of the season." Amyard Park, "I am enclosing 10s. from our Young People's Christian Band. I believe you have some collecting boxes and should be glad if you would forward me one for personal use." Woodford, "Enclosed is cheque for 20s. Last evening when paying out the Slate Club I placed one of the Mission boxes on the table, inviting contributions towards Christmas gifts for your children, and the result was 19s. 2d., for which with you I say, 'Praise the Lord.'" Woodford, 2s. 6d.

15th.—Minsterworth, "Just a line hoping you will all spend a Happy Christmas. We could not this year send you fruit as we had very little, but send £1 just to help in your good work amongst the children." Leytonstone Sunday school teacher and class paid us a visit to-day and brought £2 specially towards our new hall. Worcester, "Once again I have pleasure to enclose cheque £5, being my donation for the children, with all good wishes to you and your flock for the Christmas and the New Year. I have had you and yours on my prayer list for years." Woodford, "As a result of my children entertainment at the Memorial Hall on Friday last, after deduction of the expenses, I have the pleasure to enclose you cheque value five guineas as a Christmas gift to your Children's Home, with best wishes." A friend, Woodford, one guinea. Wanstead, a Crusader's member, £2. Brighton, 7s. 6d. Finsbury Park, £1 10s. 0d. A Woodford Sunday School, £1 11s. 7d. and toys.

18th.—Alexandra Park, £1 10s. 0d., "Am sending gift to buy kiddies something nice for Christmas. I wish it were pounds instead of shillings, but send many prayers and good wishes." Leytonstone, £1. E.17, 10s. London, one guinea. Woodford, £1 4s. 0d. Woodford, "Herewith three guineas towards your Christmas sustenance, with every good wish. I have only recently discovered that God does answer prayer through Christ, but you have experienced it daily for many years. Well better late than never, blessed be His Holy Name. With every good wish." Mersea, "Once again we wish you and yours all the very best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year if He tarry. Am enclosing cheque £5, three for your own use and two for the Home. With our Christian love." Grays, £2. Barkway, £1. Muswell Hill, "It is with much pleasure I send cheque £3 5s. 0d. from our Mothers' Meeting collected in pennies every Tuesday. When I showed them the cheque this afternoon and asked them to try to give a little more if possible, they were pleased at the amount collected. We hope to send you a larger amount next year."

19th.—Our Leytonstone friend had a Pound Day for us again this year, with the following splendid result, for which we praise Him: 31 lbs. flour, 4 lbs. Quaker Oats, 3 lbs. rice, 7½ lbs. sweets, 13 lbs. raisins, 2 lbs. prunes, 16 lbs. currants, tin of mustard, 1 lb. almonds, 2 lbs. peel, 16 lbs. sugar, 1 lb. peaches, 4 lbs. sultanas, 1 lb. cocoa, 1 lb. tea, 2 lbs.



soda, 2 lbs. golden syrup, 1 lb. tapioca, 3 lbs. soap, 4 tins milk, 1 tin custard powder,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. spice, 4 packets soup, 3 lbs. apples, 2 boxes dates, 23 lbs. cake, 1 lb. figs, 1 lb. jam, 2 boys' shirts, 4 needle cases. London, box tinned fruits. Seven Kings Sewing Meeting, 48 pillow cases, 10 nightdresses, 6 shirts, small bed cover, together with £5. Forest Gate, 5s. Stratford, "I have pleasure in enclosing 10s. towards the expenses of the Home, and hope you, your family, and all the dear children will have a very happy Christmas. Thank you for continuing to send *Links*. I have sent the last copy to a friend in New Zealand, and hope it will bear fruit. I rejoice in all the blessing the Lord continues to bestow on your work, and in all the friends He has raised up to help you. You are doing more than you know by strengthening the faith of other Christians. A chapel at Silvertown which would have been closed owing to lack of funds was kept open through one of the workers remembering your work of faith, and to-day it is prospering. With prayerful wishes for greater prosperity in the coming year." Northampton, "Will you please accept the enclosed 10s. 6d. on behalf of any special Christmas Fund for the orphans." Woodford, "I am enclosing a gift of 10s., a small donation from the Union Church and Sunday School in connection with our Christmas Gift Sunday." Brighton, "It is with real pleasure I enclose cheque £5, a trifle to help forward your noble and blessed work for the Master. May He still richly bless you and yours and continue to guide you in all that you are doing for Him amongst the little ones, and also other branches of the work that you are engaged in for Him. Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a real prosperous New Year." North Brixton, "I have much pleasure in handing you £5 10s. 9d.; a present from the girls and boys and adult friends of North Brixton Baptist, to your girls and boys for Christmas joy. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. Will this cover the expenses of Christmas dinner, and how many have you this year?" Chelsea, 10s. London, 10s. Walthamstow, "As a member of Greenleaf Road B.C., I have heard you speaking there, also I have heard of the good work you are doing amongst the children that come under your care. My friend and I thought this Christmas we would like to help you a little and so send a small donation (£1) to you. In sending this we wish you every success in your work, and know that the Lord's blessing will be upon you and yours." Hastings, "Just a 'scrap of paper' in the Name of Him who died for the children. He knows the trial through which I am now passing, but His goodness is upholding me, and I feel I must put your good work for Him on my prayer list, and I cannot offer to Him that which costs me nothing. Yes, blessed be His name, He knows. The best is yet to be; then once more Hallelujah 'Till He comes.'" Chelmsford, £1. Watford, 10s. Doncaster, "As it is nearing Christmas once more, among others, we think of you and your large family, and herewith enclose the result of these thoughts—£6. We are also sending off a parcel of knitted things which we hope will come in useful. . . . We all join in love and best wishes to you and all pray that God will prosper your work." Leytonstone, Pound Day friend, £1 3s. 6d. Manor Park, "Please accept

the enclosed P.O. 7s. 6d. from Ronald with his best wishes for a happy Christmas."

21st.—Spilsbury, 2 pork pies. Doncaster, parcel of knitted garments. From a neighbour, 1 cake, 1 pair knickers. Edenbridge, box of dolls. Chichester, parcel of new garments. A friend called and left £5. A mother, 2s. 6d. Walthamstow, "Herewith enclosed 5s. for your splendid work. An L.B.R. member." London, "I have much pleasure in forwarding to you herewith the usual cheque £3 3s. 0d. for Christmas, and hope that you, your family, and all the kiddies will have a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year." Woodford, £1, "With the best of blessings and all good wishes from all at No. 10." A neighbour, 10s. From a friend, collected in his office in London, £2 5s. 0d. Plumstead, 7s. 6d. Leytonstone, 10s. 6d. Per *Christian Herald*, 10s.

22nd.—Woodford, 25 lbs. sausages and 5 pigs' heads. Westcliff, parcel of toys and pair of socks. Leytonstone, bon-bons. Walthamstow, 18 pairs boys' stockings, 1 hat, 1 scarf, 1 Christmas pudding, parcel of S.H. clothes, 3 pairs shoes. Leyton, 7 pairs socks, a quantity of toys. Montague Road Mission, large number of toys. Forest Hall, Walthamstow, number of toys. Woodford, ten shillings' worth of cakes. Doncaster, "I am sending you £7 for your Home. I trust you are all well. We have had something of a spiritual movement on a large scale up here of late. I trust there is going to be a time of general revival the countr yover. Yours in the blessed hope of the Lord's speedy return." 10s., "With love and best wishes for your dear little people from Auntie." Wanstead, £1. A Woodford Lads' Bible Class, one guinea. Wanstead, "One of my personal friends has handed me the enclosed £2 for remittance to you direct. The friend (a mutual one evidently) wishes no trace or acknowledgment of this contribution to appear in any way, but would like to feel that you will be able to give the kiddies some little Christmas treat each with the amount. It is left to you to see how this can best be done. Wishing all of you at the Home a very happy time." Stratford, handed to me after Sunday evening service, £2 14s. 6d. A Woodford Bible Class, £1 5s. 0d. A Leytonstone Men's Meeting, £1. Walthamstow, "Enclosed please find 12s. 6d. from the Young Men's Bible Class towards your good work at the Home. We all wish you every success in your efforts and trust you will derive much blessing." Woodford Green, £1.

24th.—Lansdowne Sewing Circle, 20 knitted vests, 8 dresses, 6 nightdresses, 6 chemises, 6 pairs stockings, 2 combinations, 2 boys' shirts, also parcel of S.H. garments. Woodford, 20 lbs. beef, 2 jars of ginger. Sidcup, toys. Surbiton, 4 flannel petticoats, 2 pairs knickers, 1 frock, 1 knitted dress, 1 costume, 1 dressed doll, several scrap books, packet of sweets, chocolates, box of puzzle bricks, 1 overall. Wanstead, toys and oranges. Woodford, a bright sixpence for every child. Leyton, 2 boxes of chocolates.

25th.—A Woodford friend and wife called and left four guineas. An old girl, 5s. Anstey, "I enclose 25s., being a Christmas offering received at the services yesterday to use as you think best in the Lord's work." Woodford, "Yesterday was Gift Sunday at our Sunday School, and the committee decided to send the cash offering to the Home, and it is my



pleasure to enclose £1 19s. 2d., with our best wishes to you and your large family. Again we can say Hallelujah." Surbiton, 2s. 6d. Woodford Green, "With best wishes for Christmas to you all. Am enclosing £1 towards your expenses."

26th.—Some Leytonstone friends called to-day and brought £3 5s. 0d., result of their mission carol singing collection, also 12s. 3d. from another friend, being the farthing collection. "Enclosed please find £1 6s. 6d., being amount collected at the Sidecup Baptist Church Sunday School on behalf of the work you are carrying on at Woodford." Woodford, £1. Wanstead, one guinea. Muswell Hill, "I have much pleasure in sending you the enclosed £3 collected by the Freehold Sunday School. We were very sorry to hear of the cases of scarlet fever, and trust it has not spread. Hoping you had a good time over Christmas and that you will soon have a clean bill of health." Sutton, 10s. Leyton, £1. Epsom, 10s. Woodford, £21 12s. 6d., being result of a Christmas dinner offering inaugurated by one of our neighbours. West Ham, 13s. Ilford, 10s.

28th.—A Walthamstow friend called and brought a quantity of cakes, mincepies, etc. Herne Hill, 2 pairs of socks.

31st.—Walthamstow, "I have much pleasure in enclosing £2 10s. 0d. from our Mission Fund, with our sincerest good wishes for the New Year." Stratford, £3 12s. 6d., "With love from the Young People's Society Carol Singers."

### JANUARY, 1924.

1st.—Brighton, Anon, £2.

2nd.—Will you please accept the enclosed 5s. towards the expenses. I am very interested in your work for the children and was present at the entertainment a while ago in which some of them took part. This is the first time I have sent you anything and am only sorry I cannot do more just now, but trust I may be able to do more at a future date. Wishing you all a happy New Year and good success in the splendid work you are doing for the Master. Roby, "I enclose £5 for the Children's Home with all good wishes for the New Year."

3rd.—Crewe, "Enclosed please find 30s., with our best wishes to all connected with the Home." Leytonstone, 2s. 6d. Woodford, "On behalf of our C.E. Society, I have much pleasure in enclosing a small gift, from our Missionary Fund, chiefly raised by our carol singers. We send the £1 11s. 6d. with our New Year's greetings and prayers that God's blessing may continue to rest on your labours." Buckhurst Hill, from a Young People's service, £3 9s. 6d. Upton Poole, 10s. Forest Gate, "Please find enclosed 5s.—farthings collected in Girls' Bible Class, also a few garments. Trusting you will find them useful for some of your little ones."

5th.—Woodford, parcel of sandwiches. West Ham, "Our treasurer sends you £1, the watchnight collection at our Mission. I am quite sure this is of the Lord. We have been compelled last year to use all possible funds for our new building, but I felt the last collection should be given to some outside work, and your work presented itself." Forest Road Hall, 5s. 6d. Minsterworth, 3s.

6th.—Woodford, basket of sandwiches.

7th.—Westminster, "I intended sending you the enclosed Christmas week, but was laid aside for seven days. Please use the £1 as you see fit in the Lord's work for the orphanage. I trust you are still realising much of the Lord's presence and anticipating the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

10th.—Muswell Hill, "This is just a short note to wish you and your big family a very happy, prosperous and blessed New Year. £1 enclosed." A Cheerful Giver, £1. Walthamstow, 10s. Woodford Boot Club, £1 12s. 6d.

18th.—Sidecup B.C., 8s. Canning Town, "Accept the heartfelt thanks of the brethren and sisters, also from myself for the love, joy and fellowship received during the special effort, for the glory and praise of our Lord and Master. I am not quite certain of my figures, but the young woman the last evening who reconsecrated herself to the Lord (who had decided to give all up) believe there were 19 out. You will rejoice to hear last evening the young lad (of the three in front who gave a little trouble) was compelled to return by himself, and being under conviction of sin, it was an easy matter to see him through, praise the Lord. I believe there are others yet to come and complete the work begun. Again I feel it has been a time of great blessing to our own, not only experiencing the power and faithfulness of our Lord to our younger members, but of increase of faith and confidence, also sanctification to the more matured. How our hearts rejoice to see... delivered I believe the Lord will return to her the years the locusts have eaten. May the dear Lord grant the fruit to remain and be prepared for service where He shall direct them. I enclose £6 in the Name of the Lord for His service on behalf of the children." Hove, parcel of clothes. Shoeburyness, "As a result of our Annual POUND Day held here on behalf of the Home I have forwarded to-day by rail (carriage paid) 3 bags of potatoes and three boxes containing about 263lbs. of groceries and some second-hand clothes which may be of use to the children. There is also an orange and apple and a bag of sweets for each child and a Cheery Word calendar for you. Also enclose in this letter £10 which I am sure will come very acceptable to you in your work of caring for these little ones. God bless you and yours and enable you to carry on. We were very sorry indeed to hear of the outbreak of scarlet fever and we are remembering you in prayer, and we shall all be pleased to hear that God has undertaken for you in this, and that things are looking very much brighter."

21st.—Southend, £1 2s., "with all kind wishes." Grays, the Bible Class, 8s. Leytonstone, "I have pleasure in sending you herewith a contribution towards the good work you have in hand. I am very sorry to hear of the trouble which has come upon the young folk in the shape of sickness. You must all of you I fear be having a very trying time and I trust you will not be overworked in your efforts to relieve and attend to the needs of the young people. (£5 enclosed.)" Highgate Rd., "I have pleasure to enclose a cheque for £1 16s. 6d., for the funds of your Homes from our officers, teachers and scholars."

Ashton-on-Mersey, "Please find 10s. to help towards the great and valuable work of your Home." Handed to me by a Woodford lady, £1.

28th.—A St. Margaret's-on-Thames Bible Class, 10s.

29th.—Worcester, "I am very sorry to be so late in forwarding the enclosed £1 as part of money collected by carol singing by the 'Welcome' Young People. I think you remember us very well and we have before helped in the same way. I pray God may richly bless your efforts in the coming year, and that as hitherto the Lord hath helped you so this year you may prove it in a deeper sense both temporarily and spiritually. Woodford dripping.

## FEBRUARY.

1st.—Wanstead, 5s. Chngford, 10s.

4th.—Forest Gate, parcel of new garments and three dolls. Merton, "Am sending you 12s. 6d. as a little New Year's offering from our women, praying that you may still have God's richest blessing resting on you. May God still help you to say, 'My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary.' May He bless you more and more in your great work." Stoke Newington, from an old boy, 3s. 6d. Teddington, "I have not forgotten your God-given work and am thankful to be able to enclose £1 as a small thank-offering for many mercies received. Trusting Mrs. White and family, also your large family, are all well, and that God is giving you much spiritual blessing in your work." Merton, 80s. sent by a friend on behalf of two other friends.

8th.—Woodford, dripping and cakes.

15th.—Parsons Green, Anon., 1s. Woodford, 10s.

19th.—Eaton Terrace, "Please accept the enclosed £5, half for your personal use and the other half as you need. Yours in Him who is our hope." Southend-on-Sea, 1 jersey suit and 6 pairs socks. Edenbridge, "Am so sorry to hear that you still had some cases of scarlet fever, and I do sincerely trust that by now you may be free of this awful infection and that those who have had it may be well on the road to recovery. Will you please accept enclosed 10s. to buy a little extra nourishment, maybe for some of the little invalids. I do pray God will abundantly bless all you do for His little ones in His name and for His sake, and trust you are keeping well and your wife and family." Leyton, "The committee of the above Society (Grange Park Junior C.E.) has asked me to forward to you the small donation of 10s. 6d. Wishing you every success in your splendid work." Ware, 10s. London, 1 lb. sugar.

21st.—Brighton, two guineas. Upton Manor, 10s.

22nd.—Minsterworth, 10s. Merton, 25s.

23rd.—Leytonstone, handed to me during a mission, 10s.

26th.—Leytonstone, £1. Hampstead, two guineas for the new hall. Kingston, 17s.

29th.—Leytonstone, during a Gospel Mission I was invited to visit an old lady whom I had not heard of up to this time. She informed me that she had discovered some Consols belonging to her late husband. These her friends had cashed for her, and

she handed me in the name of the Lord the result in Bank of England notes amounting to £60.

## MARCH.

1st.—Cardiff, "So sorry I have left it so long before sending you my annual subscription of £1 in return for the good mercies God has given me. I am glad to say my Heavenly Father has been good to give me health to go through another year again, but it is lonely with all my loved ones gone before." Chingford, 10s. Woodford, dripping and bread. Torquay, "I have pleasure in sending you once again two guineas towards your good work among the children, and I trust you are still having the great joy not only of helping them as regards this world, but also as regards Eternity, which I know is your greatest desire."

3rd.—Shoebury Pound Day, 2s. 6d. Westcliff-on-Sea, parcel of clothes. A Twickenham Sunday school, one guinea. Woodford, 3 pairs knickers, 4 pinafores, 2 dresses and 3 dolls.

6th.—Newington Green, "Please find cheque £1 to the funds of your worthy society."

7th.—A Wanstead friend called and left 11s. 4½d. on behalf of his employees.

9th.—A Woodford Sunday school teacher brought 10s. from his class. London, "Am thankful to hear that you are at last free from sickness in the Home. It must be a great relief and great cause for thankfulness. I enclose cheque £10 for use as you think best." Forest Gate Mothers' Meeting, 15s. 4d.

13th.—Westcliff, £2. Bermondsey thankoffering, 10s.

16th.—Ware, 2 nightdresses, 1 shirt, 1 pair bed socks, 5 pairs bloomers, 1 pinafore, 5 handkerchiefs.

23rd.—A Stratford Womens' Meeting, £1 11s.

26th.—From a Buckhurst Hill Church, one guinea. Woodford Green, 4 cases of soap. Watford, parcel of clothes. Romford, harmonium. Wanstead, parcel of S.H. garments. Merton, parcel of S.H. clothes.

27th.—Highgate, parcel of S.H. garments. A Woodford friend instead of celebrating his birthday at home came with wife and friends, bringing refreshment and toys and gave the children a very happy time.

28th.—Lansdowne Sewing Circle, 10 shirts, 8 dresses, 6 pillow cases, 4 pairs bloomers, 2 nightdresses.

29th.—Woodford, 36 lbs. marmalade.

31st.—Wanstead, parcel of S.H. clothes. Bedford, "Enclosed please find cheque £1 for the good work. I like the 'Uncle and Aunt' designation and must try to live up to it. Give our best love and best wishes to them all." Chingford, 10s. The Union Church friends arranged with Mr. Chas. Lidington for a pleasant evening and handed us a cheque for £23 3s. 6d.

## APRIL.

1st.—London, 4 sacks greens. Woodford, 1 sack of potatoes.

2nd.—The Fillebrook Guild came to-day and gave our children a good tea and happy evening.

Leytonstone, "Last Christmas my class of lads (ages 13 to 15) asked me whether I would care to take them out carol singing and collect for your Home. This would not, of course, be very remunerative, so I suggested that they should subscribe, say, a farthing per week—more if they cared to—and it is with great pleasure that I enclose 10s., being three months collection to March 31st."

3rd.—Woodford, 5s.

7th.—Muswell Hill, parcel of shirts. A Leytonstone morning school, 10s. Bayswater, 10s. Woodford Boot Club, £1 15s. 0d.

11th.—Roystone, "Please accept enclosed 5s. to help on your good work. May the Lord prosper you with temporal and spiritual blessing."

12th.—The Fillebrook Life Brigade gave a drill display at the Woodford Baptist Hall and handed us £2 17s. 3d. Theydon Bois Sewing Meeting, 6 dresses, 2 shirts, 10 pairs bloomers. Woodford, 2 lbs. rice, 2 lbs. sugar, 1 lb. prunes. Woodford, dripping.

15th.—"Enclosed please find cheque 1 guinea from our Benevolent Fund towards the work of your Children's Home. Also my personal cheque, 1 guinea. With every good wish for its continued success," from a Leytonstone friend.

16th.—L.B.R. Sewing Meeting, 36 yards case-ment cloth, 16 shirts, 2 vests, 1 pair pants. Woodford, box of Easter eggs and toy chickens. Merton Sunday School Class, 14s. 6d.

17th.—Woodford, 100 buns, large basket buns. Chingford, 120 eggs. Clavering Mills, "I enclose donation towards your Home from the estate of the late Miss A. C. (two guineas), who was very interested in same."

22nd.—Woodford, 3 or 4 lbs. dripping and bread. Anstey, handed to me after services, 10s., 10s. and £1. Wimbledon, "I am enclosing £5 as a small donation towards your Home for the dear little ones. I have received special blessing from our dear Heavenly Father the last six months, while passing through sickness and difficulties, and I have been praying lately that I might be able to do some little thing for the dear Master out of deep gratitude to Him, and I feel I cannot do better than help you in your work, which seems to me such a grand thing to be able to look after and train the children for

the Master's sake." Westcliff, "I am sorry to be rather late in sending my £10 this year, so I am sending 10s. extra as a little Easter present. I do hope everything is going well with you and that you have been able to carry on successfully during the long winter. I hope your own children, Mrs. White, and yourself have been blessed with good health and that you will be spared many years to continue your splendid work for the children who so much need a good friend."

23rd.—London, "Enclosed please find cheque £50 for whatever purpose you consider best." These last three amounts and especially the last one came as a special answer to prayer and enable us to close our twenty-fourth year on the right side. Anon., for hall, 7s. 6d.

24th.—Leytonstone, parcel of clothing.

25th.—L.B.R. Sewing Party, 30 dresses; 3 shirts, 1 boy's suit.

26th.—3 lbs. dripping and bread, Woodford. Anon, Limehouse, £1. Shoeburyness, "Will you please accept this small gift of £1 for your own personal use. Just a present from the spoil of the enemies of the Lord (I. Samuel, 30, 26), also to remind you that we are remembering and praying for you and your work for the Lord." Brentwood, £1.

27th.—Woodford, S.A. bread and cake.

28th.—Buntingford, 2 lbs. butter.

30th.—Walthamstow, handed to me at close of meeting £1. Aylsham, 10s. and sewing machine. Gidea Park, "Just a line to wish you much blessing during the coming year, also hearty congratulations on the completion of another year spent in the Lord's service. Oh, the possibilities of the conversion of a young life and to get them soundly converted I know is your supreme aim and object in this life. The Lord's richest blessing rest upon such work everywhere. Have enclosed £1. Please accept it as my contribution at this time. Yours in His precious name." During the past six months our London friend has continued to send fish, 56 lbs. twice a week, keeping the boxes for firewood. Our Canonbury friend has supplied us with boot laces. Our Woodford Green friend with cocoa. Our Buckhurst Hill friend has helped us in repairing boots, and one of our old boys has helped in the spring cleaning.



## CHILDREN'S HOME LINKS.

Number and Amount of every Receipt from November 1st, 1923,  
to 30th April, 1924.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
590	3	5	0	646	0	1	0	702	5	5	0	758	0	10	0
591	0	10	0	647	0	12	0	703	1	1	0	759	1	0	0
592	1	1	0	648	3	0	0	704	2	0	0	760	1	1	0
593	0	15	0	649	1	0	0	705	0	15	0	761	2	0	0
594	0	10	0	650	1	1	0	706	0	7	6	762	2	14	6
595	1	0	0	651	0	19	7	707	1	10	0	763	0	15	0
596	1	0	0	652	0	10	0	708	1	11	7	764	0	15	0
597	1	16	0	653	0	10	0	709	0	10	0	765	1	5	0
598	0	9	0	654	0	2	6	710	0	10	0	766	1	0	0
599	1	10	0	655	1	8	0	711	1	10	0	767	0	15	0
600	0	15	0	656	0	15	0	712	1	0	0	768	0	12	6
601	0	15	0	657	1	8	0	713	0	10	0	769	0	10	0
602	0	10	0	658	0	15	0	714	1	1	0	770	1	0	0
603	0	2	6	659	1	1	0	715	1	4	0	771	1	8	0
604	0	2	6	660	0	10	0	716	1	8	0	772	4	4	0
605	2	0	0	661	0	7	0	717	3	3	0	773	0	5	0
606	0	10	0	662	0	10	0	718	5	0	0	774	1	5	0
607	1	0	0	663	2	10	0	719	2	0	0	775	1	19	0
608	0	10	0	664	0	1	0	720	1	0	0	776	0	2	6
609	0	10	0	665	3	0	0	721	3	5	0	777	1	0	0
610	1	10	0	666	0	15	0	722	0	5	0	778	3	5	0
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CHILDREN'S HOME LINKS.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.
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SOUTH WOODFORD

Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st May, 1923, to 30th April, 1924

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
To Balance brought forward				57	17	7½	By Rent, Rates and Taxes...	196	10	9		
„ Donations ... ..	883	8	5½				„ Water, Gas and Coal ...	73	16	3		
„ Subscriptions ... ..	28	19	0				„ Provisions ... ..	551	5	6½		
„ Box Holders ... ..	56	16	11				„ Printing, Postages, Phone and Stationery ... ..	33	17	9½		
				969	4	4½	„ Furniture, Linen, Boots, Repairs, etc. ... ..	269	6	9½		
„ Payments on account of Children ... ..				531	2	0	„ Petty Cash ... ..	67	12	5½		
							„ Wages ... ..	90	9	0		
										1,282	18	7½
							„ Cash at Bank "B" A/c reserved for Building Fund for New Hall ... ..			230	2	9
							„ Balance carried forward			45	2	8
				£1,558	4	0½				£1,558	4	0½

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.,  
2nd August, 1924.

A. WILLMOTT, Chartered Accountant,  
Hon. Auditor.

## EVANGELISTIC WORK

Our friends know right the way through this work, Gospel work both indoors and out, has been linked up with the Home. For some little time we have been specially thinking of the villages, and we had offered to us in a remarkable way a wagon, which could easily be converted into a Gospel wagon for this purpose. This having been done, we had the "Send-off" meeting in the Home Hall on Thursday, July 10th, when a good company of friends gathered. Messrs. Vic Jones and Roy Aylott, students from the B.T.L., Glasgow, are the missionaries for the first three weeks and have been working in Abridge, Essex. The following encouraging report is to hand from these brethren:—

You will remember the wonderful weather that God favoured us with the day upon which the wagon left Woodford; the inspiring meeting, the crowd of kind friends, the stir which the car's advent occasioned in the neighbourhood, and the rousing send-off you all give us as we started on our Gospel cam-

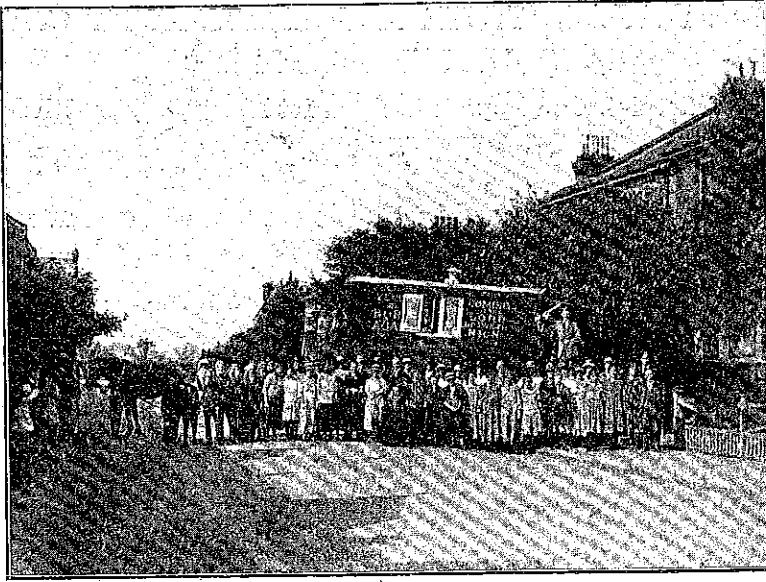
paign, feeling assured of the love and prayers of you all.

The journey to Abridge was delightful, and surely the texts painted on the car must have gone home to many a heart and preached a sermon five miles in length. Abridge, which had been chosen as our first stopping place, is a sweet little Essex village of about 300 souls, and presented a charming appearance as we caught our first view of it in the light of the setting sun.

Arriving there we lost no time in preparing for our first open-air meeting, and our arrival caused much excitement amongst the villagers, who, on this first occasion, stood and listened from afar.

This first gathering was very encouraging, however, and we were conscious of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the speaking, distribution of tracts, and personal dealing, although it was but a beginning of the still greater things which the





The 1924 send-off of the Children's Home and Mission (South Woodford) Gospel Wagon to the Essex Villages.

Lord had in store for us and those friends who had so kindly come along to help us.

The next day we settled down to a regular routine of work, visiting houses in the afternoon, holding meetings for the children in the evening, and two open-air services in different parts of the village from 7 to 9 p.m.

Even then the day's work was not finished, for quite a crowd of young men would gather inside the caravan for conversation upon divine things, often staying until nearly midnight. This work amongst the young men was most encouraging, for about thirty of them professed conversion, and by what we saw in their changed lives and enthusiastic desire to witness for Christ in face of much opposition, we have reason to believe the cases were genuine.

It is a great joy to us to know that these young fellows have since decided to commence open-air meetings by themselves, thus continuing the good work.

The children were a delightful crowd, and their average attendance every evening numbered about thirty, with ages varying from five to fifteen years.

Like the "poor," we had them always with us, for whenever school did not claim their presence they were crowding around the van with a constant desire for "Just another chorus."

It was a great joy to see many of these little ones give their young hearts to the children's Saviour and we are sure the choruses and hymns will be sung for many a long day in their homes where they may unconsciously carry on the sweet message of the Gospel.

The open-air work was not confined to the villagers, for our "stand" was close to the bus terminus, where there was a constant queue of people who were obliged to listen.

These open-air meetings were also attended by many Christian friends, who, at no small sacrifice on their part, came from Woodford and other places to lend a helping hand.

Nor must we close this report without remembering in grateful thanks those who have remembered the work at the Throne of Grace, and with very full hearts we can say a big "Thank you, Lord, for all answered prayer."

The wagon moved on after three weeks to Stan-ford Rivers, and is now in Ongar with Messrs. Ellis and Sutton as missionaries. Abridge is not being forgotten, and the new converts are being kept in touch with. Through going to Abridge a hall which had been closed for some time for services has been re-opened, and some 70 to 80 people have gathered each Sunday since.