



CRESCENT ROAD, SOUTH WOODFORD & TIPTREE.

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THE GROVE—A HOUSE OF HAPPINESS.

*I saw a house whose gates were open wide,
A solemn stately building it appeared ;
I wondered then if grave and pompous people dwelt inside,
Who cleaned the windows, who kept the garden cleared.*

*From somewhere in the house there came a shout,
A young voice told the world of many joys;
Sadness, like a candle, seemed blown-out,
For in that house, dwelt happy girls and boys.*

*Who does the work?—why, all must do their share,
And willing hands can always work with speed.
Who supplies their wants?—why, friends are everywhere,
And Jesus never lets His children go in need.*

*The men and women, who've worked there through the years,
They can look back each one without regret ;
While nursing, feeding and soothing away fears,
They find reward in smiling faces set.*

*The work was started many years ago,
Now, children are still finding joy inside.
What of the future?—this one thing I know,
That door will never shut—but e'er be open wide.*

Composed by a girl (14 years of age) who visited the Home.

To all our "Prayer Partners" We wish you every blessing
this Christmas and in the New Year.
"Brethren Pray for us"

CHILDREN'S HOME LINKS.



AT PLAY



STARTING FOR CHURCH

CHILDREN'S HOME & MISSION, SOUTH WOODFORD & TIPTREE.

“OUR DAY.”

THE 43rd ANNUAL GATHERINGS.

AFTERNOON MEETING

A time of rich blessing and spiritual refreshment was experienced by the friends of the Home, who gathered together at the Woodford Baptist Church on Saturday, June 26th, 1943, to celebrate the 43rd annual meetings. They gathered rather as members of a family to rejoice together in the great things that God has done. The Rev. H. J. Hunter led in prayer and read the Scripture, and we were reminded that God had brought His servants to yet another milestone along the road.

“Oh, how great is Thy goodness!” These words of the psalmist express what must have been the impression made upon the minds of those who listened to the report of the work given by Mr. Herbert White. “We have come round to our anniversary once again” he said “and we praise God for this gathering. It is not like the old-time gatherings; but, after all, it is not quantity, but quality that tells; so we praise God for this our birthday party. We have met together from all quarters, and for one object, that is to praise God for what He has done in days gone by, and for what He is doing to-day. We miss many of our old friends and have received some letters from these who cannot be with us. Amongst these a postcard from Dr. Flegg. Saying: “I wish you very happy and inspiring meetings. May the Lord continue to bless and prosper you in your work.” Also a letter from Miss Phyllis Lett (now Mrs. de Burgh Ker) from Queensland. She wrote to say: “I was so glad to receive by this Mail a copy of “Links” as it is such a very long time since I heard from you. I am grieved to read in it that Miss Hutchin is no longer with you, my deep sympathy goes out to you all, and to the children in the great loss you have sustained through her passing—but it must comfort you all to realise what joy must be hers in the presence of her Lord, whom she loved so dearly and served so truly. I always felt it was a privilege to have met her and I shall never forget her, nor the radiance of soul which shone through her eyes. I feel I would like to send the enclosed in memory of the little mother and to help the cause which was her life work. May God’s blessing rest on you all and on the dear children.”

Our friend was the finest contralto singer in her day and we had the joy of listening to her singing at our annual meetings several times. So you see God scatters His people, but He scatters them for a purpose. There is a prayer centre out there in Queensland, Australia, because Mrs. de Burgh Ker is there to-day.

We started the year with 57 children; 11 boys and 3 girls have left us during the year, and we have taken in 8 boys and 7 girls, making a total of 56 now in the Home. Since the commencement of the work we have helped 631 boys and girls. I WILL GIVE YOU SOME

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM OLD BOYS AND GIRLS.

India.—An old boy writes—“I hope you, family and all at the Home are safe and well. Pleased to say I am

going along all right out here. Hope to be paying you a visit soon as I have been out here for seven years. We are at a new station now and are able to get to some of the biggest churches in India and hear some wonderful services. We are still able to have our own service on Sunday. God bless you all and keep you safe. Yours always.”

Home Forces.—“Thank you for nice letter. You will be surprised to hear that I am now a married man. I met the young lady two years ago in Somerset. I shall send you a photo as soon as I can, and hope to be able to come over and see you in the near future unless sent overseas. I enclose my wife’s address, she would love to hear from you. I have often told her about you and the grand work you do at the Home. To tell the truth I never realized until I left what a grand job was being done by those looking after the children. There must be many of the old boys in the Forces all over the Empire. May God bless you all.”

The same boy writes a little later.—“I am now on foreign service in North Africa. We had a safe journey out and I am quite happy etc. Yours affectionately.”

London S.W.1. “I am one of the old boys who had the privilege of being in your Home for seven years, and thanks to your training I have got a good job. Am at present in the Home Guard helping to man London’s Anti-aircraft guns and am going to work in an aircraft factory shortly. I was rejected from the Army on Medical grounds—I think it is a magnificent achievement for you to keep the Home running in wartime and under God’s care and guidance I hope it will continue to be a Home for children for many years to come. I must close now, but I would like to hear from you. Yours sincerely.”

Isle of Wight “At long last I write to thank you for sending me Home Links each year. Am deeply grieved to hear of mother’s Home Call after a devoted life. We are proud to know that she looked after us when we were children, for which we are still grateful. I recall happy annual gatherings held in the Home grounds in large tents. I do not seem to find time to write often, but each morning and night I still remember you all in my prayers, not forgetting your sons who are serving the cause of freedom. My boy is in Palestine. I still believe in what you taught us—that God answers prayer. Wishing you all God’s blessing. From one of your old girls.”

Edmonton. “I am very pleased to hear that everything is still going well with you, as always. I still thank God for the day I was sent to you for you to look after and bring up, as you have done many others for the past forty three years, and hope and pray that it will go on for another like period, with you as its teacher. I do not suppose you will be coming back to Woodford until this war is over, so I hope as do many others, to see you soon at your old headquarters. My wife sends her love and I am sure the boy would also if he was able to say so. Please give mine to everybody I know. Sincerely yours.”

West Hove. "You will probably have forgotten my name as it is 14 years since I was at the Home. Living so far away I have not been able to come. However you will see I have not, and could not forget the old place where I spent my childhood. I suppose one never can, especially when one has had such a good religious training, which must keep a man or woman on a straight path throughout their lives. I still remember many things you used to tell us, many of us laughed at them then, but since then, I, personally, have come to find them very true indeed. I am sure you have had many letters like this from scores of other old boys and girls which make you realise that your good work is far from wasted. I should like to hear how you are and how the work progresses these trying days. I expect you are not able to do such a great deal as you used when I knew you, but I do hope you are in good health and that God still spares you to carry on His work. I have been married four years and have a small daughter. My husband is in the Army, out East. I shall do my best to see you again one day, in the meantime I hope I shall hear from you with some news of the old Home. My very kindest regards to all and gratitude for your help in the past. Yours very sincerely."

Yorkshire. "When I was called up I went to Warley and did six weeks infantry training. I should like to say I never before appreciated the training I had at the Home, so much. After that I was sent up here. When at Warley it was difficult to lead a consistent christian life, but by the Grace of God I was able to conquer, and once again I should like to give you my thanks for the way we were all bought up in the love of God. When I arrived here I chummed with another christian chap and together we went to a service in a Church Army Hut and although only five of us, the meeting was really inspiring, which goes to prove that where one or two are gathered together in His name, He is in the midst. Last Sunday we went to a Methodist Church and when the preacher made an appeal for members of the congregation to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ, 25 people went forward and I thought the revival for which we have been praying is coming upon us. I should like to tell you of some of the things that happened to me spiritually after I left the Home. After attending Church for over a year, one evening God spoke to me very definitely and it was then that I decided to follow my Lord through the waters of baptism, shortly after I took a Sunday School class and when the Season for Open Air meetings came round I spoke on several different occasions, and so by these small services for my Lord my spiritual life was greatly deepened. God bless you and all at the Home. Yours in the Service of Jesus Christ."

British General Hospital, Colombo. An Airgraph. This is to send my sincere Christmas wishes and to let you know that though so far away, you dear folk at Home are very often in my thoughts. I had an airgraph from my sister recently telling me of a very happy visit to Tiptree, and to be honest, I did feel envious. However, in spite of the colossal number of lives being lost, war news is very good and we hope D.V. to be back again very soon. I have sent you some Ceylon tea, though I expect you have plenty, judging by the number of coupons you should have, but fresh tea will taste all the better you know. With all my love to all I know. Yours very sincerely."

Leighton Buzzard. "You may remember me as one of your old boys. It is now five years since I left you. I should have written before this, but although I failed to do so, my mind often wanders back on the seven years when I was under your protection and loving care, so many things

which I did not understand, I have found the answers now, and I truly do thank God for what and where I am to-day, doing my little bit for my country, I always remember your saying: "If you all put your weight together every little helps," and my ambition is to do everything in my power to help win through. You will probably remember that my brother and I lost our mother when we were quite young, after leaving you we did not have a very good time with our father, so we went away from him.—I volunteered for the R.A.F. and have been in the services a year now. It is a grand life, I have made many friends, they are all a wonderful bunch of fellows.

I often think of the old boys who were there in my time, expect they will be serving somewhere. My prayers I offer to God each night are for you and all those who help you in the work you have undertaken for all these years, I am deeply grateful for all you did for me. I went from you into a strange world, with just your teaching behind me, all that you taught me has not gone in one ear and out of the other, I want you to know I have not failed in what you wanted me to be, and live up to, there are no doubt many of the boys, who you are proud of; I want to be among them. Please Sir, I would like to ask one favour from you. Will you pen me a line, so that I know you have received this letter. I am, Yours very truly.

R.A.M.C. India. "Just to let you know I have arrived safe after a long but very nice trip I am in a very quiet little place, very few English lads, the rest Indians. There is not any Church here, the nearest 30 miles away, so we have to make good with our tent. Am still praying for you. From one of the old boys."

Dagenham. "I miss everyone at Tiptree even though I have settled down here, and am finding things rather difficult. Can you put me in touch with a Baptist Church and I will go there. I can never thank you enough for all you have done for me. I now realise, even more, what a great thing I should have missed if I had never come to you and I shall always be grateful, and one way I can show it is by praying for the grand work you are doing and that the Lord will mightily bless you and all those connected with you. Please give my love to all the children. With love."

We have had several cases of mumps and measles during the past year, but apart from these the children have enjoyed good health and we would like you to pray that this may continue. I tell them that next to their salvation their health is their greatest asset.

God has made wonderful provision for us and has greatly blessed us during the past 12 months. We do not receive so many gifts in kind now owing to the rationing, but our needs have been met, for instance, when the supply of meat has run low God has sent such things as rabbits, hares, pheasants etc. etc. as you will see from "Extracts from Diary." This just gives you a little indication of how God answers prayer with regard to gifts in kind. He is ever reminding us that "He is on the Throne and He remembers His own." We love to feel that our loving, faithful God is moving the hearts of His people in different ways, and in different places, to help us when we are in need.

Re Finance. Last year we carried forward a balance of £844. Receipts this year amounted to £3237 and expenses £2531 leaving a balance in hand at the end of April of £1550. The biggest total we have ever brought forward into the new year. During the year we purchased a meadow for £452-18-6. We needed more grass for our cows. A friend called to see us and suggested we ought to have the adjoining field. He went away and that same night about 10 o'clock rang me up on the phone and said: "My wife is sending you £200 towards the cost of that

meadow." The following week another friend came and made the same suggestion and he made the promise of £150 towards the cost before he left. We added £100 which came from a praying friend in Gibraltar, and the meadow is now ours.

I believe that in many parts of the country this work is a great strength and inspiration to many who know what God has done, and is doing in answer to prayer. Though we are living about fifty miles from our headquarters, yet our friends have remembered us, and we are able to present this our 43rd Report of the work. Will you pray that God may save our children, and may bless the "old boys and girls" scattered all over the world; and that He will use this work to strengthen and hearten His own people who may in these difficult days be tempted to get downhearted.

The first speaker whom the Chairman, Dr. David Smith, called upon was SQUADRON LEADER KENNETH PARK-INSON. He said: Mr. White has told us that the second important thing after conversion is health of body. I learned the truth of that when I was in Africa. It is almost impossible to speak to any congregation just now without making some reference to the War. But after listening to Mr. White's report, I feel a lot more easy about things. I realise afresh something of the greatness of God. We just realise what the possibilities are to those who have been saved through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, keeping mercy for thousands." There are one or two things I want to say to you; and the first is this. I believe that God is a Creator. God has given us life, and it matters very much what we do with our lives; and it matters a great deal what those with whom we come into contact do with their lives. In such a gathering as this, we hear of what God has done through those who have given their lives to God for His service. I believe that God has given us our lives here on this earth in order that we may glorify Him. Therefore I would say, Let us worship God, and glorify Him now because of what He has done through this work.

Secondly, I believe that God is good. Here is the story of something that happened at the camp. A young fellow came into my office one afternoon; he was a young pilot, and he had been through two rather bad accidents in bombing raids over Germany. He had actually escaped with no physical injury, but they had entirely upset his nerves. He came to my office, and said: "I cannot hold my hands still; the others look at me, and think that I am weak. I cannot think why God should allow me to be like this." You see, he was doubting whether God was really good, or not. I talked to him and tried to help him. The following day a lady and gentleman came to see me from Newport in Wales, and they sat down and started talking about their boy. They said: "We are anxious about him because of the letters he has written. He is a member of the Church, and organist there, and a God-fearing boy. He seems to be blaming God for the things that have happened, and we are very anxious about him." I called him in, and he sat down. I said, "I am going to a Church where I have great associations, and I am going to speak at a meeting where there will be gathered those who are doing a wonderful work on behalf of needy children." I told him about Tiptree, and I tried to recall some of the incidents that we had heard, in years gone by. I said: "Do you believe that God is our good heavenly Father?" and he burst into tears. And I left him and his parents to talk things over.

Yes, God is good, and we see Him at work in these Homes. There is no reason why we should not take this Report of Mr. White, and use it in blessing to our own souls, and to the blessing of our friends; we can use this testimony to the glory of God.

And, thirdly, God forgives. Thank God for that. How necessary it is in these days to know that God forgives! Do you believe in what Jesus Christ has done for you on the Cross? If there is one thing I would like to leave with you it is just that thought. Go and tell others of what God is doing through His servants, and you will thereby treble the blessing. Our thanks are due to those who so faithfully carry it on. And, above all, we look up to Him in praise for the blessing He has bestowed, and for the power He has given to His servants to labour in His Name.

DR. DAVID SMITH (Chairman) said: There is one thought I want to pass on to you; it has been suggested to me actually by what I feel to be one of those remarkable happenings in connection with the work during the past few years, I refer to the provision of the Home at Tiptree. What was originally intended as a Convalescent Home for the children has now become a residential Home during these war days.

There is a verse in the 107th Psalm "He led them forth by the right way." I am going to take that portion of the verse out of its context. You know we are always concerned about the sensational things of life. And there are many sensational things happening to-day; we realise that as we open our newspapers. While it is right that we should rejoice in these wonderful things that Mr. White has told us about, let us remember all the daily humdrum things that have to be done—the washing, the ironing, the cleaning. I have been into the Homes at all sorts of times, and I know a little of what has to be done. We all know how difficult it is to keep bright and happy when there are so many things to try one. I want you to pray that the daily strength may be given to those who labour at the washtub, and ironing board, and who have to do the washing up and the cleaning day by day. A nervous lady one day asked the captain of a ship if he knew about the reefs and rocks they might have to pass on their journey. "Madam, I do not" he replied and just as she was about to have an attack of hysteria, he added "but, I know the deep waters." That is all we need to know, that love of God which shines more brightly when things are difficult. We think of the provision of that Home at Tiptree. God led our brother forth by the right way. We see the hand of God in that gracious provision. God provided that Home, and there the work is being carried on. God took the children away from the danger to the quiet of Tiptree. God has been, indeed, good, to His people, and we desire to acknowledge His goodness more and more.

One day when General Booth was getting out of his carriage a drunken man shambled up to him, and said, "Governor, what are you going to do for me?" And the General laid his hand on his shoulder, and said, "My man, we cannot do much for you; but we are after your boy." It is the boys and girls we are after. We want to spare them from the effects of sin. In the Homes they are being taught of the love of God, and are being led to put their trust in Jesus Christ, who died for them. May God bless this work done in His name.

THE REV. JOHN WILMOT said: It is not often that I have been able to come to these annual meetings, but I can truly say that my heart has been with our Brother White, and I thank God for the work that God has done through him and his helpers. I wish I could have enjoyed more fellowship with our friend. He came to our Mission Hall in Kentish Town recently, and publicly reminded me in that little congregation we had known each other for thirty years. That is true, though we have not seen so much of each other as we ought to have done during that time. But I am kept in touch with the work through "The Links," and I rejoice with him, and with all of you in what God continues to

do through him, and that our brother's faith is still maintained in the God Who hears and answers prayer.

It is a little difficult to know just what to speak upon on an occasion like this. In regard to my own congregation I make a habit of planning ahead, and I know more or less the subject for discourse on the Lord's Day. I believe the *consecutive* study and exposition of God's Word is Scripturally sound, and is profitable both to preacher and congregation.

In reading the little booklet "These Forty Years" I notice recurring references to similar matters. On page 6, for instance, there is a reference to "the first house." On page 8, to the second house, and then to four houses. Later, on page 11, reference is made to the provision of a Hall and Dining Room. Eventually the four houses were a purchased gift by a Doctor of Divinity. Lastly a Georgian House at Tiptree, and the subsequent purchase of an adjoining field, and the interesting story of the landlord who bought his own rent! Since reading these things I have said to myself "What next?"

I cannot tell you what is *next* in the way of Houses, but I can tell you what is *last*! Let us consider some of the things which Scripture tells us about that great House which God has prepared for those who love Him, of which the Heavenly Landlord has already met every farthing of expense, indebtedness, by the merit of His own precious blood. The last reference to it in the Scriptures is in Rev. 22. 14, where it is called a city. "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may enter in through the gates into the city." I abhor Roman Catholicism and all its works; but in this instance their translation is right: "Blessed are they that *have washed their robes*..."

Our Chairman spoke of *the way* in which God had led you, and he mentioned that it was a step by step faith in God; which immediately brought to my mind a chorus that I first heard years ago in Edinburgh:—

"Step by step to the glory land
My Savior leads with a loving hand
I go to dwell with the blood-washed band,
And step by step He doth lead me."

The first object of this work is the spiritual and eternal salvation of these children that have been committed to our care and, as Mr. White has said, the next blessing desired is good health.

In relation to this City there is, first of all, the great ascription of salvation unto God; "salvation which, from God proceeds, and leads to God again!" "Salvation unto our God Who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." And there is also the tree of life "and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." There you have salvation and health combined. Did not the Lord Jesus Christ, when He was on earth, combine the two? To those to whom He said "Thy sins be forgiven" He gave also healing of body. The Psalmist anticipated it when he said: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases." To be spiritually saved makes for physical wholeness. I am sure some sinners have saved themselves doctor's bills by coming to the great Physician. Our Chairman has recalled my address here, some years ago, on Psalm 32. Well, David did not need a physical physician, but a Saviour, and then God made the bones that were waxing old to rejoice.

Now, as I have said, last of all there is the great house the eternal mansion that God has provided for all His redeemed. It is a grand thing, a very salutary thing, to meditate thereupon in these days of war and tragedy.

Our politicians and others are talking about a new order. I do not share the views of those who would discountenance the well-meaning proposals of those who are in authority. We have very much to be thankful for that we have good Government as compared with other nations. Let us be thankful for the mercies we have. But I do not believe it is given to men to bring in the new order that is going to prove abidingly satisfactory to either God or man. The Lord Jesus when He comes will find the world in red-hot rebellion against Himself, and He will bring in an entirely new order which He will establish upon His own abiding principles.

In the last two chapters of the Book of the Revelation you have a detailed description of that Home over there. I think we ought to give our meditative thought to it more than we do. I wonder what you think it is, and where it is. It is the new creation of God in Heaven.

The Book of the Revelation seems to gather up all the threads of history, leading up to the glorious consummation, the Coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ from Heaven. In the study of Scripture there is a principle I have found very serviceable; often God directs to the terminus before the route. When our friend, at the call of God, started this work, he certainly had in his heart the temporal needs of orphan children. God gave him a tender, sympathetic heart. But his objective was the eternal salvation of those children through these earthly means. God gives us a clear view of the end we are intended to reach. When I took a ticket to come here, I named my destination; I made no mention of the stations that I would pass through in that slow-moving train. When at school, I was not taught first of all about London, or this country, or about the countries on the Continent, or Africa or America. I was shown a globe, and I was shown a map of the world; and after that, as we proceeded in our instruction, we took the different countries separately that make up the world. We had the whole thing first, and then there followed the details. Similarly, the destination first, and then the particulars upon the route;

In this 21st chapter the heavenly city is introduced as coming down from God out of heaven. That is when eternity will begin and time will pass. The finally established eternal state in the new heavens and earth is thus *first* introduced.

Then you have the second introduction, and for that purpose the seer was carried up into an exceeding high mountain, and he saw the heavenly city descending out of heaven from God. That is, the Millennial relation of the city, exalted for that period above the earth, but in clear view thereof. In his wonderful vision John saw the city descending; he saw it all. He saw the foundations first of all; then the gates; and then the golden streets, and then tier upon tier of the many mansions.

How is this City Home related to believers? That heavenly city is the source of our spiritual life. We are born from above. Paul writes of Jerusalem, which is above, as the mother of us all, the mother that gave us birth. So when we are born of God's Spirit we are already connected with the heavenly city. It is set before us as the goal of our pilgrimage. Abraham was a pilgrim. He looked for a city which hath foundations Whose Builder and Maker is God. And Isaac and Jacob were heirs with Him of the same promise. The Scripture argues like this—if these pilgrims had looked for an earthly dwelling-place verily they could have gone back to the one they had left. Even in the Land of Promise they confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims. "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." It is our

glorious hope we shall all be housed together "as one great family in the heavenly city. So Paul wrote Our citizenship is the heavens." Our City-Home, our permanent dwelling-place, is there. What better word can you use than the word "home?" Could you wish for anything better for your loved ones than they should be "at home" with the Lord? Home, if it is what it ought to be, brings to you everything that you can wish of comfort and provision. "Our citizenship is in the heavens from whence also we look for the Saviour our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change the body of our humiliation that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious Body." Christ was transfigured in the presence of His disciples, and we read that His face shone as the sun. And those who believe in Him are thus to be transfigured. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father." And according to Daniel "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." So it is the goal and destination of all saints.

Again, this City, this House which is from heaven, will be related to the earth. On the twelve gates of the city were inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. God has not cast away His people. They are going to be the first really Christian nation. Every Israelite will be converted by the direct action of the Spirit of the Lord. "They shall all know Him from the least to the greatest." That is first of all addressed to Israel by the prophet Jeremiah. It is quoted by the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and he applies it to the believers of this present age. When God performs that great work in the Israelitish people "what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead?" And so the nations of the earth who will not have heard His Name, or seen His glory, will find the sons of Israel eager missionaries telling them of the Saviour, and there will be a tremendous harvest reaped during the thousand years of Christ's Reign; and so, not only is Israel's tribes, "saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation" have inscribed relation to that city, but "the nations of them that are saved shall bring their glory and honour unto it."

Do you believe in the literality of the prophetic Scriptures? Do you really think that the desert will rejoice and blossom as the rose? Do you really believe that there will be an handful of corn growing on the top of the mountains, such will be the change in climatic conditions. What supernatural changes will be effected by the glorious appearing of Christ to reign! "Beautiful for elevation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion" for then the valleys will be exalted and the hills shall be made low, and the whole of Palestine will become a huge plateau, when Jerusalem below shall be exalted and made glorious in its relation to Jerusalem above.

Yes, these changes will come to pass. Read and study prophecy. Do not you believe that these things are only to be taken spiritually; take them literally. Look forward to that better order which Christ will introduce when He comes again.

Think of the size of this heavenly City. London is but a hamlet compared with it. It is a city. It is called also called a house. "In My Father's House are many mansions." What a House is His, who is the Almighty One, the Infinite Eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Whom the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain! "The earth is my footstool; Heaven is My throne." "What house is this that you will build for Me?" asked Jehovah. But He has prepared a House, a Home, a City, a Country, a Kingdom, for all His redeemed. Measure the house by the greatness of God. There is ample room and a mansion for every believer. "In My Father's house are many

mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you." I would remove from your mind any thought of uncertainty. "I go to prepare a place for you." This, then, is the Home of God's children, the last home of all believers.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first began.

The interval between the meetings was spent round the tea tables when a time of happy fellowship between friends new and old was enjoyed. This is always a helpful feature of the anniversary, and one which adds much to the family atmosphere of which the friends are always so conscious.

EVENING MEETING

The evening meeting, at which there was a splendid attendance, opened with prayer offered by Mr. Warwick who also read the Scripture (1. John IV.)

PASTOR H. G. GODDARD, speaking from the chair, welcomed the friends. He said: We used to love to see the children here, we rejoiced in their singing, and we were encouraged as we gazed upon their happy little faces. We regret the circumstance which are responsible for their enforced absence, but we are profoundly grateful to God that we older friends are able to meet on this annual occasion each year. We might have had to record the total destruction of the Homes, and loss of life on the part of some of the children; and even this House of Prayer might not have been standing. So we have much to praise God for, and especially for His protecting mercies. We do thank God that our dear Brother is spared to be with us again this year; and we are looking forward once more to listening to his Report of the work. We know that it will be full of stories of God's faithfulness.

Mr. H. WHITE began his address by quoting several well-known passages of Scripture. "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."

"I rejoice more than I can say," said Mr. White "in the fact that this work which we represent is a work of God, which we did not found, but which was founded by God. We are only the instruments through which He has worked and is working. It was only a tiny seed that was sown in November, 1899, but, by the grace and goodness of God, it has grown into a great mustard tree. Boys and girls who have been under our care are now scattered in many parts of the world—in Palestine, India, Tunisia—and many of them are passing on the message which we endeavoured to proclaim to them. In many countries, and on many continents, I believe this work has been blessed by God in the hearts and lives of those who have gone forth from the Homes. So we are not here to pat one another on the back, and to sing "For he's a jolly good fellow." We are here to record the glorious fact that "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." This work is simply the outcome of obedience, and is proof of the fact that those who trust in the Lord will never lack what is needed. "Those who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true." Having been called of God forty-three years ago to start and carry on this work, God has been pleased to vindicate His power, and to carry out his purpose, so that to-day we can still praise Him that in His sovereign love and mercy He has been mindful of us and supplied all our needs.

One likes to forget about figures and facts, and to get on with the one great job, and that is to get the message of the Gospel of Christ's love over to all, boys and girls, and men and women. I feel that by life and by lip we must carry on that great task to which God has called His people. Men are talking so glibly nowadays about a new order; and they think they can bring it about, and at the same time leave out the verities of God. If we are to have a better world we must have better men; and you can only have better men as they become saved by the Grace of God and put right by Him.

This is our 43rd annual meeting. I want to thank Pastor Goddard for taking the chair tonight. He was for some years Superintendent of the Kentish Town Mission, and he did a wonderful work for God there. He is now the pastor of the Baptist Church at Cranford. He has always taken a prayerful interest in the work. For some years our children used to go over to the Mission on the Monday following the Harvest Festival services, and it used to be packed to the doors on that occasion. Those people in Kentish Town used to love to hear the children sing. He has expressed his regret at their absence from the meeting, but when the War is over we will bring them up posthaste. We do appreciate also the presence of Mr. J. B. Watson among us; and shall look forward to hearing the message he has to give us. We also thank Mrs. Dannatt for her beautiful recitation this afternoon; she will be reciting to us again to-night; and we thank her for coming. Her husband is in the Forces in India, like my own youngest son, who is interested in the Soldiers' Christian Association there, and writes to say that souls are being saved. Some have been baptised. God is blessing the message. I am sure we shall all pray for him and the work in India.

We do praise God for the many friends who have come to spend our birthday party with us. We do not look upon this as an annual gathering; but look upon it as a birthday party, when our prayer partners gather together to hear of what God has done, and to give Him all the praise. Many of the boys and girls who have left us are Christians, and are serving God in many parts of the world, and it is a joy to get letters from them.

We do not receive so many gifts in kind as we used to owing to War difficulties. Nevertheless, God has met our needs, and very often sent us things just at the very time we needed them. He did not, for instance, send cocoa when we wanted coal, He did not send money when we wanted blankets. The very things we prayed for God touched the hearts of His people to send.

"Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." How true is this word! If we believe, if we obey, if we carry out His will, He will see to it that He vindicates His power. Let us go on praying for the work.

PASTOR GILBERT, speaking of the work at Abridge, said: The second time that Samson went down to Timnath, he came to the vineyard, to the place of the old conflict. Yes, there it was, the grim carcass of the lion. I can imagine him standing and watching it. He remembered the fight he had with it, a grim reminder of the past. But he found there something he did not expect to find; he heard the sound of humming bees coming from that carcass, and presently he put in his hand, and drew out sweet honey, for himself and his parents.

It is good to go back in thought to the old conflicts, and to remember what God has done in the past; you can often draw wondrous sweetness from the past. I put it that way, because it is something like a grim conflict in that kitchen behind the canteen. I am only a mere man, but I like to look in at the door sometimes, and see the ladies at work there in a very small compass, with two gas stoves going, and other apparatus in use, providing anything from a

hundred to two hundred meals for the men every night men who might, otherwise, be in "The Blue Boar" or "The White Hart." From that grim experience behind the canteen there comes forth sweetness. I have got quite a number of letters that come from different parts of the country, fellows write to us after they have gone. Here is one bit of the sweetness that comes to us. One fellow writes: "I felt there was something different from other canteens, the atmosphere was homely, the service was excellent, but I think what impressed me most was the cheerful sincerity of you helpers, so anxious to do all they could to make our few hours there as happy and as far removed from barracks as possible—I would like to convey my personal thanks and undying gratitude to Miss White, particularly for the superb excellence of the meals served under her expert supervision. It will lure me to Abridge if I should be anywhere near there at any time, just to enjoy to the full the luxury of a well-cooked and satisfying meal."

But there is not only sweetness that comes out of the canteen work. The men often get a personal talk, and they sometimes come into the Church, and enjoy the service there. Here is a bit of sweetness that comes from the Church. Another fellow writes: "I will always remember the service in the little Church, the sincerity and the simplicity, which, to my mind, are the highest, purest ideals of Christianity. I consider myself privileged even to be associated with your Church." Two or three of the men were standing together at the counter, and I said to one of them, "You look rather happy to-night, my friend." "Happy" he said "I should think I am happy after last night at the service, for it changed the whole course of my life; I am a different man now."

So one could go on. I would like to say that the Canteen also had a ton of potatoes sent in. God knew that they wanted potatoes at Tiptree, and He knows that soldiers like chipped potatoes at Abridge. We have had many other things that have come along in that way. We wondered at Christmas whether we dared to hope for a Christmas tree at Abridge for the grown-up boys in the Services; but we ventured it, and we had fifty-two parcels to hand out to the men who came to the canteen at Christmas.

Let me turn to the Church side of the work for a few moments. Here are one or two things that are of special interest. Ever since the Church was opened we have had many applications for baptism, and the suggestion was made this year that we might have our own baptistry; a baptistry has now been installed. Then also, thanks to the generosity of our friends, we have been able to provide sixty to seventy new hymnaries, together with tune books. God has indeed been blessing the work at Abridge. We are looking to Him, we are depending on Him, and praying that His work there may prosper to the glory of His Name.

PASTOR H. G. GODDARD, in his address from the chair, said: It is a delightful and refreshing spiritual experience to be here, and to know of the faithfulness of God manifested constantly on behalf of His children. I am reminded of what an old Puritan, William Bridge, said—he often used the phrase in his writings: "It is like our heavenly Father to keep on slipping surprises into the hand of faith stretched out to take them."

I am reminded of a minister in a Scotch Church, who began to give out the notices. He said: "During the week we shall have our usual meetings" and he gave a list of them, and ended up by saying "and at the end of the service I want the board of the Church to meet me in the vestry to discuss a very important matter." And he started to preach. When he was half-way through his sermon some of the people came down the aisle and began to pass up and down in front of the pulpit, until the poor minister

could stand it no longer, and he said, "What is your trouble?" and one man, answering obviously for the rest, said, "Tell me, where is the vestry for I am *bored* enough." That cannot be said of this meeting, for there is not a minute of it that has not been packed full with spiritual realities.

I would like to leave with you the words in 1 Cor. 12. 7. "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to prophet withal." Moffat translates it: "Each receives his manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." God gave to our Brother White in the initial operation of this work the gift of faith; God gave him that gift, not only for the benefit of the work in which he is particularly associated but for the edification of the whole Body of Christ. Nineteen years ago Mr. White came to us at Kentish Town and conducted some special services. The flag of faith has never been dipped, unless it is dipped to the honour of God Who nailed it to the mast. We have this manifestation of the gift of faith in Brother White, it has been honoured by the Holy Spirit, and what it has achieved in the lives of the children eternity alone will reveal.

Mr. J. B. WATSON said: I am sure we have found it very exhilarating to hear of what God has wrought in these last twelve months in the history of the Children's Home, whose birthday we are celebrating. I always find it a pleasure to listen to a servant of God who can talk about a work to which he has been manifestly called, and for which he is, beyond all question, fitted by God. God works through individuals, and when He wants a particular testimony borne to some great truth of His word, He seldom appoints a committee for it; instead He lays His hand upon an individual. You know what great works have been carried through because God has selected a particular man as His instrument. To face the Papacy He laid His hand on Martin Luther. To lift eighteenth century England from the depth to which she had sunk, He laid His hand upon Wesley. And in the nineteenth century He put His hand on Charles Spurgeon that he might proclaim the full riches of the Gospel of Christ. And in order to teach men that God is a living God, and that faith in Him is that which He always honours, He put His hand upon George Muller. It seems to me when we are hearkening to the witness borne by a man called of God to a particular task we are learning about a truth in a way that we could not otherwise, learn about it.

We read that 4th chapter of the 1st Epistle of John, that profound word about the love of God. I feel that in that great truth we have the root from whence this work has sprung—the love of God shed abroad in the hearts of His people. I want that we shall think for a short time about the 16th verse of that chapter. "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." We are told that this Epistle was the last written of the Books of the New Testament. We are listening to the last thing that revelation tells us; here we have the apex of the Christian revelation about the heart and being of God. Just as some vast stream keeps welling up from its own profound depths so out of the depths of the glorious divine nature there wells forth endlessly the eternal love of God.

There are three words in the Greek language that are translated by our English word "love." One of them the Holy Spirit dismisses, as not capable of being used in the New Testament in connection with God's love. There is another that has to do with love that finds expression in the affinity of nature. Then there is a profounder word that does not indicate emotion at all. The love of God is something that is far profounder than an emotion. It is a disposition. It tells me how God is disposed towards me; it tells me what is His attitude towards me, and what is His

purpose. That attitude towards me is this, that in His heart there is the purpose to do me good, to visit upon me blessing, to look upon me in whatever need is mine, and out of His infinite fulness, to meet and satisfy it. And the third thing it tells me is this, that it is not only a disposition, and a purpose, but it implies a planning. Here is love that will find a way to reach me, and will find a way to reach me at whatever cost.

There was a young man whom God raised up in order that that truth should be laid upon the hearts and minds of men and women in this land, and in America. In the last part of the nineteenth century D. L. Moody was preaching in Dublin, and at the close of the meeting a young fellow said to him "I was thinking of going to America. Will you invite me to preach in your Church in Chicago if I come over?" Mr. Moody looked at this youngster and put him off with a cool answer. When he got back to America he found a letter waiting for him. It was from this same youth who was then actually in New York, and he was repeating his request to come and preach in Moody's Church in Chicago, indeed, he said he was on his way to Chicago. Moody was quite put about to know how to get rid of him. He called his deacons, and said, "It so happens that I am away on Thursday and Friday. If this young fellow turns up you can make what use of him you like." When Moody returned on Saturday he asked his wife how the young Englishman had got on. "He preaches very differently from you" she said, and Moody at once concluded that he could not have been much good! "He tries to make people believe" she said "that God loves them, and wants to do them good; that He has designed their highest blessing." Moody went to hear this young man who preached from John 3. 16. and he was told that that was the third time he had preached from that text, and that he had chosen it on the two previous occasions. The sermon impressed Moody profoundly. And the young man stood up again in Moody's Church on the Lord's Day to preach, and this youthful-looking little fellow began his sermon by saying "Let us take as our text John 3. 16. And from Genesis to Revelation he showed from the Scriptures how the heart of God is disposed toward men who have erred and strayed from Him and with what a profound yearning He seeks them that He may bring them back and do them good. This young man preached three more nights, and he chose John 3. 16. as the text for all his seven sermons. At the last service the Church was packed to its full capacity, and he closed his sermon with these words: "Dear friends, I have been trying to tell you this week about the love of God, but this poor stammering tongue of mine won't let me tell you properly. If I could scale the ladder of Heaven, and say to Gabriel, 'With what words can I tell men of the love of God, I believe Gabriel would say,' 'For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

That week changed Moody's preaching. The full-orbed Gospel that "God is love" rang out from his pulpit. And we all know that great movement of the Spirit of God that spread throughout our own land as a result of Moody's preaching, and we owe that, under God, to the man who was raised up, and specially called to emphasize that truth; a young man who before he was twenty had been in prison several times, and had attempted to commit suicide. And who, in order to get a living, carried on his business as a Dutch auctioneer in the markets around Manchester, and was called from that work because a strange person, with a big black beard, who wore no hat, and had a kind of plaid shawl over his shoulder constantly moved about in front of him, saying "Put down that hammer, Henry Moorhouse,

and go, preach to the people the Word of God." And he put his hammer down, and he went to preach. and God gave him Moody to preach to.

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." How simple those words are, but how profound! John is the most difficult of all men to expound. "God is love." It has reached our souls. It is an individual thing. We have seen that love exemplified in the gift of His Son on Calvary. We have come to Him with our sin and burden, and we have been blessed and saved, and enriched, and now our task is to make Him known. The love of God is intended to be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit that is given to us. We are told to keep ourselves in the love of God. And the Apostle in the Colossians tells us "above all things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness."

So, dear friends, it is as that love reaches our hearts, and

as we respond to it, and as we abide in it, then it is that our lives begin to have the same disposition as is in the heart of God. The love of God is a disposition, not just an emotion. It is a love that plans, as God planned. It was a sacrificial giving, the giving of His best. And when the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts we take a share in the plan of God to meet human need. We are thinking of one phase of it as we think of these dear children, and we thank God for His love shed abroad in the hearts of His people, so that they look upon that need with purpose, and planning, and a readiness for sacrifice. So let us seek that we may dwell in love, for so God and the soul are in constant touch and fellowship, and the life is enriched and made blessed. "He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

And so the 43rd annual gatherings came to an end, and it was with hearts full of praise to God that His people bowed their heads for the Blessing, and made their way homewards.

Children's Home & Mission Boxes, from 1st May, 1942, to 30th April, 1943.

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EXTRACTS FROM DIARY

From 1st May, 1942, to the 30th April, 1943.

MAY,

5th.—Yorkshire, £1/2/6, with "Herewith a thank-offering for the safe arrival of our baby boy." A.B. 5/-

6th.—Ilford, 5/- with "We still continue in prayer for the work. May God richly bless and keep you all safe and well." Rainham. "It is a great pleasure to send enclosed £6/12/3, with love from the Assembly here. It is the freewill offering given on Sunday last on behalf of your work for God. We shall continue to remember you and the children under your care, praying that God will really bless you and that many of the children will be brought to know the Saviour."

7th.—Anon. Parcel of S.H. clothes. East Ham, "I enclose 10/-. This money has been taken entirely from the children's collection at L. Hall. I trust you are seeing the Lord's blessing on your work."

9th.—Wanstead, 1 large linen tablecloth. Dagenham, "Please accept this £2 a token of my prayers for and my remembrance of the C.H. & M." Peterboro, 3/-. London, "I have pleasure in enclosing £25 to help on the good work." Woodford £5.

11th.—Barking Tabernacle, £4/10/6. Watford, 10/-. N.4 £1.

12th.—Leyton, "Am enclosing £3. I lost both my dear mother and father just before last Christmas, and felt I would like to give a little to the Lord's work, as a "Thank you" to Him for having blessed me with such wonderful christian parents for so many years." Woodford Green, £1. Woodford, "Please accept enclosed 10/- as unto the Lord for the work amongst His children."

13th.—Ilford, 87 pairs laces.

15th.—Romford, 1 doz. prs. laces.

16th.—Bournemouth, Parcel of woolies.

18th.—M.P. Charitable Trust, £18/12/6. Beckenham Cong. Church, £1/10/2. Romford, 5 frocks, 9 aprons, 2 pieces material. St. Albans, 4oz. leek seed. An old girl, 16/-.

22nd.—Latimer Hall, Parcel S.H. clothes. Fullbridge Gospel Hall, 4 nightdresses, 2 jumpers, 1 pr. knickers. and 5/-, with "Herewith a few garments we have made at our Womens' Meeting which may perhaps fit some of your family whom I trust are keeping well, "And the Lord shall guide thee continually and thou shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. Isa. 58. 11. Peterboro, 5/-. Sockets Heath, £10.

25th.—Woodford, 10 tins meat.

26th.—Tiptree C.C., 120 eggs. Potton Baptist Church £1. Hoddesdon G.H., £1/10/0. Sutton, £2, with "I have much to praise the Lord for His abundant and sustaining grace during all these changes at my advanced age. (79) Have also recently had another pressing trial and bereavement but "He faileth not" and I am proving His All-sufficiency in these sad days. "The God who is Enough." Feering, £1. Gainsborough, 10/-.

27th.—Epping C.W., £1/8/0.

30th.—Romford, Hair slides, roll of flanellette, box of sweets. Thorpe Bay, £5 with, "Trust that the Lord will

continue to bless abundantly." Toronto, 5/- with "We are called to serve and to quietly go forward to the great things which God is doing and will do in the world's darkening day. Trusting you are both well and God's hand upon everything." Chingford 5/-.

JUNE.

1st.—Westcliffe, £3/18/0. R.M. Stratford, £2/15/0 Chingford, £3. Tiptree C.C.S.S., £1/17/6. Billingsgate Market, £5.

4th.—An offering for an answer to prayer £1. with Ruth 2. v. 12. "The Lord recompense thy work and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel under whose wings thou art come to trust."

5th.—6 aprons, 3 prs. stockings, 2 petticoats, 5 prs. knickers, 1 pr. pyjamas, 22 prs. laces. St. Albans.

9th.—St. Albans, 1 dolls house, Parcel of S.H. clothes

11th.—Woodford Boot Fund, £1/12/3. Manor Park 10/- "The Lord bless you and your helpers in their labour of love for His glory. J.E.G. (88 years old)"

12th.—Earlier in the year a friend some sixty miles away was moved to build a cowshed here. This was completed last Saturday and to-day we had a phone message saying a cow would arrive within half an hour from Chelmsford. There was great rejoicing at the arrival of this cow which will be a tremendous help to the work.

13th.—Southampton, £1/10/0. Barnet, £1, "with all prayerful good wishes."

15th.—Brotherhood, Tiptree, £2/5/0. Sutton, 5/- with "I shall remember you all in prayer on the 27th as I always do on Saturdays." Buckfastleigh, 1 guinea with "This is a very small offering towards the cost of one little child and a thankoffering to God for the safety of my own little children." Fairlop Hall S.S. Leytonstone, £3. Chasewater, £5. "Please find enclosed a little for your work among the children. I was at the Barn on Whit Monday and was helped much by your message. May the Lord bless you more and more in your labour of love for Him." Shirley, 7/-.

16th.—Grenada, £25. Weybridge, £2/2/0. Sandy, 1 guinea.

17th.—Y.P.E. Shoebury, 1 guinea.

19th.—Gidea Park, £1. with "It gives me great pleasure to be able to continue to send my small contribution to the work that God has entrusted to your care and pray that you all may be kept in perfect safety and greatly blessed in seeing souls won for our adorable Saviour." Dalston Y.L.C. and Maranatha, £1. The gift comes with the assurance of our prayerful co-operation with you and the work and we trust that God's richest blessing may continue to be manifested in the salvation of precious souls and the continued growth of the christian church in your midst to His praise and Glory." Thorpe Bay, £5. "Just a line to remind you that we are thinking of you in your work for the Lord and also to tell you that many are receiving help from your constant trust and faith in God. What seems most necessary in the world to-day is a practical demonstration of christian living through the power of God for faith

without works is dead. We trust that God will enable you to carry on in your efforts to bring men and women face to face with Divine realities." Royston, £2.

20th.—Anon., bag of cow cakes. Battersea Park, 10/- for Boot Fund. Witham, £2/10/0. S. Devon, 10/-.

22nd.—Tiptree C.C., 2 guineas. A Canadian Officer left 10/- Enfield, 2/6. Ashley Hall Women, 10/6.

23rd.—Thundridge, 10/- Woodford, £1. Waltham Abbey, 15/-.

24th.—Tiptree, £5. Bromley, Parcel S.H. clothes. Maldon, £1.

25th.—Whitstable, £3. Gloucester, 10/-.

26th.—Bridgnorth, £100, with "A friend of mine abroad in the Forces sent me a cheque for £200 with the request that I was not to mention the matter to anyone, but to divide the amount between an orphanage and a cripple. Please send receipt to me in my name. With all good wishes." Poplar, £10, "I have pleasure in enclosing cheque towards the work with very best wishes. I very much regret I shall be unable to be at your Annual Gathering. I shall miss the uplift of your meeting, but trust that all who attend will receive a real blessing." Anstey, £5. "We shall miss the fellowship of christian friends and the spiritual feast at the meetings." Southampton, £2. "It is a great pleasure to send this, which was given me by another sister to pass on to you. What a comfort His promises are at such times as these. They are certainties." New Barnet, 10/6. Dunstable, £1. Southbourn, £2. Woodford, 10/-.

27th.—Bournemouth, 2 cot covers. Leytonstone, £1. Frilford, £5/5/0. Leytonstone, £2/2/0. Woodford 10/- Enfield West, £1. "May the Lord continue to sustain you and your workers in this work so dear to His heart." Annual Offerings, £12/13/0. Minsterworth, £1. Romford, Ingrave Hall, 10/- Coggeshall B.C., £2.

29th.—Bournemouth, £2/10/0. "I trust you are in good health and that all your needs are still being met. In fact, I am quite sure they are, for your Heavenly Father knows just what you need and when you need it. This gift is in the nature of a Thankoffering."

30th.—Eastwood, milking pail. Sudbury, 3 prs. socks. Woodford, 5/-.

JULY

1st.—Thorpe Bay, £1/4/0. E.15., 10/-. Loose B.S.S. £3/11/6. A gift from our school with our prayers and best wishes for the work you are doing for the Master. Ilford £1/1/0.

2nd.—Romford, 6 doz. vests. Tiptree, 60 lbs Strawberries. Letchworth, £1/2/0. "Trusting that the Power of the Holy Spirit is manifest in your midst."

3rd.—Maldon, 5/-.

4th.—Goodmayes, £1. Ilford, 5/-. Battersea, £1.

6th.—Romford, 6 doz. vests. R.M. Colchester, £1. Manchester, 10/-.

7th.—Romford Anon, 10/-

8th.—Walthamstow, £3. Holloway, £1. Bishopsgate, £1. Leytonstone, 10/-. Stanway, 5/-.

9th.—Loughton, £2. given by the Goldings Hill F.C.S.S.

14th.—Sudbury, 7/-. Readers of "The Christian per Marshall, Morgan & Scott. £2/12/0."

16th.—Tebworth Hall S.M., 14 prs. socks, 2 scarves.

17th.—Leyton, 5/-. St. Albans, £3. Edinburgh £2. "With prayerful interest." Ashford, 10/-.

20th.—Maldon, 1 frock. Colchester, £1.

21st.—St. Albans, basket of tomatoes. Leyton, £2. Wanstead, 5/-. Whitstable £1. "You and 'the Children's Home are always in our prayers."

23rd.—Potton B.C., £1.

24th.—Much Hadham, 5/-. Heybridge, 5/-. Chilworth 1 Cor. 9. 23. £5.

25th.—Valley Mission, Biggin Hill, £2/2/0.

28th.—Shoeburyness, £1/10/0 for boots. Kenton £1. with "We trust you may have all needed wisdom and grace in these difficult days." Eastwood, £1/10/0 in "threepenny bits."

30th.—Latimer Hall Sewing Class, 7 frocks, 2 jumpers, 2 vests, 1 petticoat. Southborough, £3. Ipswich, £1/10/0. Anon. E.S., 10/-.

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1st.—Hithergreen B.C. Women, £2.

3rd.—Totteridge, 5/-. Westcliff-on-Sea, 10/-. Bristol 10/-.

5th.—Yelling, 10/-. Ramsey, 10/-. Tiptree, 28 lbs. raspberries. St. Albans, 7 prs. socks, 17 caps, 9 aprons, 1 pr. knickers, 4 vests, 2 jerseys, 1 cardigan. Enfield Wash "My wife makes a practice of putting aside ship halfpennies until we have 10/-. May the Lord bless your work and accept same as to Himself."

6th.—Whitstable, Hamilton Rd. S.S., £1.

7th.—Woodford, £1. Maldon, £2. Worcester, £1/8/0 "as a gift from our mother's meeting, saved in halfpennies."

8th.—Cambridge, 5/-. Seven Kings, £1. Nottingham £1.

10th.—Colchester, 2 prs. socks, and £2. Wadham Hall S.S., 1 guinea.

12th.—Wickams Bishops, £13/10/0. "We all thank you for coming last Sunday and for the Gospel message so faithfully spoken. On behalf of us all I enclose a gift towards helping your large and happy family." Wroughton Swindon, "On behalf of the children of Markham Road. Gospel Hall I enclose £2. It being their wish that the money collected weekly should be used for the benefit of other children less fortunate than themselves." Chesterfield, £2. Brockly, 8 vests. St. Albans, 12 lbs. tomatoes, 1 bottle vinegar. Cambridge, Parcel of hankies. Brixham £1, sent by the children of The Gospel Union Mission. Redbourne, 10/- "in His Name." Collier Row B.M., £2/7/6 Joy of the Lord, Neh. 8. 10. 10/-. Harold Park B.C. 10/-.

17th.—Romford, 17 prs. rubbers. Anon., 1 box bacon. Tiptree, 56 lbs. greengages.

20th.—Colchester E F., 10/-.

22nd.—Ashley Hall, £3/11/6. Ditto Anon, £1/10/0 and £1.

24th.—Hollingbury Hall, Brighton "I am enclosing £4 from the S.S. I am glad to be able to do this as so many things have had to be cut these days—but the Lord's work will go on." H.M.S. K..... A..... G.P.O. London £3 Gloucester, £1/10/0. Totteridge Rd. B.S.S. £8/7/0.

29th.—St. Albans, 7/3. "The money was collected by my friend and I by saving waste paper."