

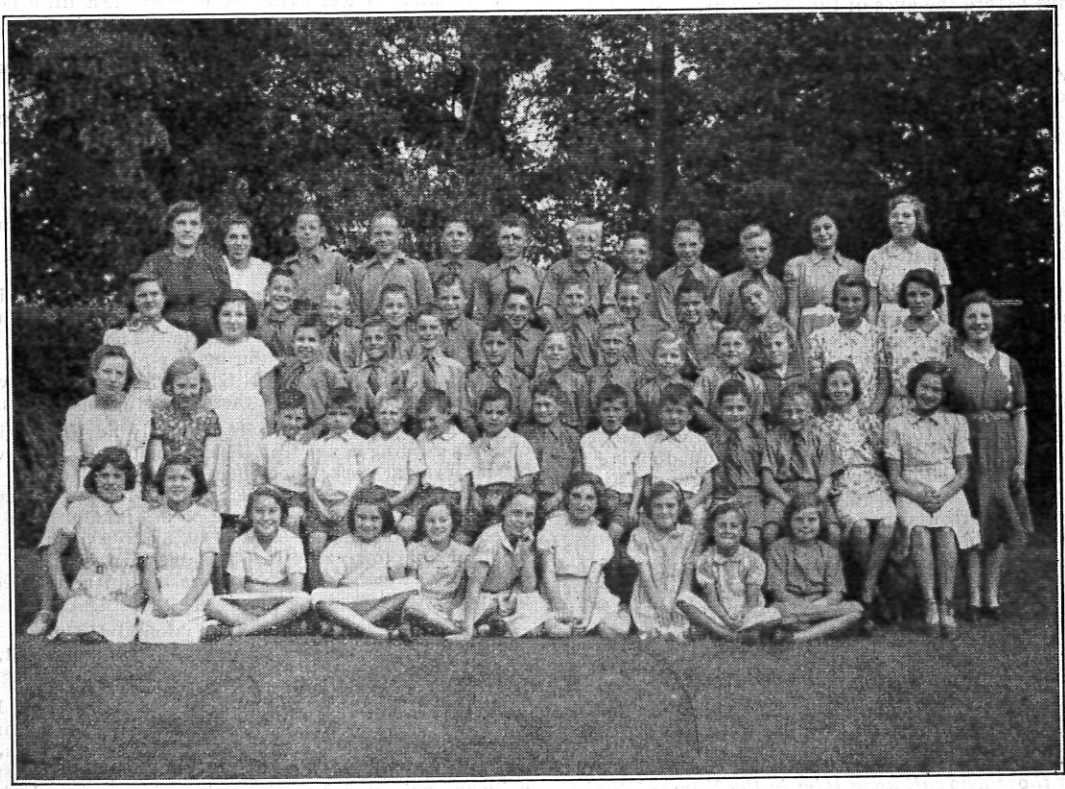
CHILDREN'S HOME LINKS



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

"Brethren Pray for us"

CHILDRENS HOME & MISSION, SOUTH WOODFORD & TIPTREE,

"OUR DAY."

THE 44th ANNUAL GATHERINGS

AFTERNOON
MEETING

War conditions did not prevent a splendid attendance of the friends and supporters of the Children's Home on Saturday, June 24th, 1944. They rallied together from all parts, and the keynote of the afternoon and evening meetings was that of praise to God for all His goodness to the Home through yet another year. There was a happy time of social intercourse round the tea tables between the gatherings. Mrs. Molly Dannatt sang during the afternoon, and in the evening she recited most beautifully the story of the Prodigal Son, and made the scene live before the eyes of those present.

MR. JAMES STOKES presided at three o'clock, and after prayer, and the reading of the Scripture (Heb. 11. from v. 24.) he called upon Mr. H. White to give his report of the work. This is always the most striking feature of the gatherings.

MR. H. WHITE said: "This is our 44th annual gatherings, and I am so glad to see so many from different parts who have come to have fellowship with us on this 'our day', a day on which we commemorate the time when God put it into our hearts to commence this work for Him. I want to thank all present for coming, as well as our speakers for so gladly consenting to help us on this occasion. I would like to thank also this Church, (Woodford Baptist) and the pastor, and deacons, and workers for their kindness in allowing us once again to hold our anniversary meetings here. We do thank our friends who so willingly make arrangements for the tea, which will follow this meeting.

Now with regard to the work. When you are the father of a large family of over seventy, you do tend to get a bit concerned under the prevailing conditions. Nevertheless, we want to rise above all those depressing things which surround us, and cast our eyes upon the Lord Jesus Christ, that He might lift us up into His presence, and give us that fulness of joy of which the psalmist speaks. That is a text that I should choose for these days: "Because Thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee." That is, indeed, a wonderful word.

May I say that the work was started forty-four years ago with three definite objects. First of all, *to help destitute and motherless children.* Second, *to be the means of bringing them to know Christ as their personal Saviour.* Third, *in proving that God is able to meet the needs of those who call upon Him in the Name of Christ, without making any public appeal to those outside.*

I am glad to say that these three objects are still the objects of the work; and God has carried us through these forty-four years on those lines of simple trust, and childlike faith in Him.

We have now helped since the start of the work 647 children. Ten have left us during the past year; and we

have received sixteen children into our family and have now thirty-nine boys and twenty-three girls; making a total of sixty-two, plus the workers, bring our family up to seventy-two

I would like to refer to some of the cases for a moment.

A FEW OF THE CASES HELPED DURING PAST YEAR.

The Secretary of a Church writes—A member of our chapel is seriously ill, and may at any time be removed to hospital or the Lord call her Home. Her husband is in N. Africa. She has a family of six, ranging from 3 to 16. Could you take the only boy age 11. She has expressed the desire that if she is removed, her children should be brought up under christian influence. We have taken in this little chap.

A Probation Officer writes—Can you take a little boy of 10 Mother divorced—out all day at work. No one with proper control to look after him—has lonely existence. We took him in—rather a problem at first, but what a difference in him to-day.

A Salvation Army Officer writes from a War Emergency Home.—Two years ago I took in four children, whose mother had left them. The father is a sick man and often out of work. We cannot keep the two boys any longer. An officer has been to investigate their case and finds it is all true and the father really has nowhere to put them. I should be very grateful if you could help me. We have taken in these two boys.

An N.S.P.C.C. Inspector writes re three little girls—father and mother separated—mother just come out of hospital and expecting to go in again. The eldest girl of 12 had been acting as mother during her absence. We have taken these three and the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector says "I thank you for helping again these unfortunate children."

A man writes saying his wife had sadly neglected his six children ranging in age from 14 months to 11 years—while he was away at work, since then has deserted them. The N.S.P.C.C. recommended the case. In this instance the girl of 11 had been left in charge of the family. We have taken in the four eldest—ages 11, 9, 8 and 5 years old. He has been able to arrange for the babies and has been able to return to work although in poor health, and expecting to go into hospital.

Another little chap. Mother in Mental Hospital. The father and child had been looked after by an old Aunt, but she is now incapable of seeing after the child any longer.

A Health visitor writes—Can you help a family I am interested in—five children ages ranging from 6 years to nine months. The mother left them for four weeks, but has now returned, but is ill physically, mentally and spiritually and quite unfit to pick up the reins again. I should be very grateful if you could help us build this home up again. Her husband is a neurotic, invalided out of the Forces (after Dunkirk). We took the two eldest 6 and 5 years old.

Another boy age 12. The Probation Officer writes.—He is a likeable boy and would be amenable to any ordinary discipline. His father is a prisoner of war and his mother has a

weak character and does not look after the boy as she should and in consequence he keeps getting into trouble, which I feel he will not do when he is under proper discipline.

This deals with the question of our first object—to help destitute and motherless children.

But then one of our burning desires is that we might win them for the Lord Jesus Christ. Although it might seem to be a big thing to take these children in, to care for them and to feed and clothe them, we should fall very far short of our object unless we kept ever before us our aim of winning them for Christ. We are not earnest enough in bringing our boys and girls to a decision for Christ while they are young. It was a boy who led me to the Lord at Woodford fifty-three years ago on the 24th of May. He dogged my steps; he followed me about; he prayed for me; and he was not satisfied until he had led me to Christ. And I praise God for it. And I believe that God will give him a great share in the blessing which has come to so many through the decision which was made that afternoon. So we are glad to report that many of our children have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour: and many of them understand what prayer means, and they are able to join with us in thanking God for salvation; and I believe when they go out from us they will take the prayer-life with them. Many are now married with homes and children of their own and it brings to us much happiness to see what God has been doing in the hearts and lives of those who were once in our care.

I have here some letters which I have received from some of our 'old' boys and girls; and I will read you a few extracts from them; it will help you to realise how these, nearly 600 children are now living in all parts of the world—in the Army, and Navy, and Air Force, and in the Nursing Service, and they are passing on to others the message which was proclaimed to them while they were with us.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM OLD BOYS AND GIRLS.

From a boy in the Forces. Just a line to let you know I have not forgotten all you have done for me and my sisters. I hope all are well at Tiptree, and that I shall see you all soon. We have the Church of Scotland here, where we can spend a very pleasant Sunday evening. I do not mean pleasure only, but at the services which are held. I enclose 30/-, with love to you all. An old boy.

From a girl who has left us during the past year. I think the thing which should come foremost in this letter, is to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your kindness to me. When I think back upon the time you have cared for me and my sister, I cannot thank you enough. You will be interested to know that last Sunday I sang, as a solo, in the Church here, one of the hymns we used to sing at Tiptree. I am praying for you.

From a boy who left us 8 years ago. Arrived O.K. last Friday. Am spending 28 days leave. Some time since I've written, but the limited issue of air mail makes writing difficult. Am feeling very fit. Find this country a good deal warmer than Italy. Trust you are all well. Will endeavour to get down to see you.

From a girl who left us some thirty years ago. I see by my calendar it is the 12th tomorrow—your birthday—so I feel I must write and wish you very many happy returns of the day. How we thank God He has spared you still to us all, and we trust He will do so for many

more years. The work is still going on well here, praise God, and we had a very blessed time at our Harvest services. Thank you so much for all your prayers. We do so value them. We pray God He will supply your needs. My husband and daughter join in best wishes for your birthday. With continued prayers and much love. Please accept the enclosed wee birthday gift with a grateful daughter's heartfelt love.

From a boy in India who left us 13 years ago. I was so pleased to receive your letter and to know all are well at the Home and that things are still going along well under God's guidance and care. God's people out here are really doing a wonderful work. When in hospital some time ago, one of the missionaries came to see me quite often and held services in the ward. Am afraid I have very little news. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

The same boy writes later. As you can see, I am now safe and sound, back in England, thanks be to God who cared for me all the way over. I shall try to get down to see you on my next leave, God willing. May God keep you all from harm, now and for ever.

From a girl who left us recently. I would like to say 'Thank you' for all you have done for me, which I appreciate very much, also for the Bible teachings which I shall never forget. Some day I hope to pass the Word on to somebody else. We had a warning the first night I was here. I was a bit frightened, but I knew you had prayed for me that night, and it set my mind at rest. My love to all

From another girl. Sorry that I have not written to you for such a long time, but I have not forgotten you, and pray for you every day that God will bless you. Lots of love.

From a girl who left us about 30 years ago. I must thank you for sending Home Links. I enjoy reading it very much. It reminds me of the old days when I was with you, and the good times we had at the Annual Gatherings. I never forget to pray night and morning for the Home and all who have left the Home. I am a strong believer in prayer, for I have proved God answers prayer, and I have you to thank for the teaching I had while with you. My boy is serving overseas. My daughter and husband in Government work and I am in the W.V.S. I attend Womens' meetings and sometimes sing solos. I cannot preach, but sing for the Master, which may help someone. Am sending just a little gift to help with the good work. I know it is a cause worth helping, when I think of all the children you have been made a blessing to. I read my bible every morning, if only a few verses. It helps me through the day. With best wishes for your work from my husband and myself. I remain, STILL one of your old girls.

From a girl who has left us during the past year. I find life very different to what it was at Tiptree. I often think about what you told us at prayers, and pray for you. Thank you for caring for me for those six years. I shall not forget the bridge that has carried me across, and I cannot express the gratitude I owe to you.

From one of our girls who is a Sister in the British General Hospital, Colombo. Very many thanks for rai-

graph. I shall be going up country soon and will send you some more tea. Have met Mrs. Henry and had some most interesting conversations. I had airgraph from J. the other day telling me of the Annual Gatherings. I shall D.V. be there again one day. My mind goes back to a memorable Annual Day when I was thirteen. What a deal has happened since then, but through it all we have been 'Kept' and always will be.

Some 11 years ago we took in a little orphan boy of 8 years old. He remained with us until he was 18. On leaving school was placed with a builder to learn plumbing. He joined the Home Guard, and when 18 was called up to further serve his country. He joined the Royal Fusiliers and afterwards volunteered for the paratroops. In one letter, telling of his doings he said: "I shall be here for two weeks, and then go to make my jumps. That will be the time. By the way, don't worry about me, will you, because its perfectly safe. I'll tell you about it when I come home on leave. Praying for you ail. Love from P....."

Just a week ago, in the early hours of the morning, a phone message came through to say he was seriously ill with wounds in a hospital 18 miles from London. I went by the first train, and am glad to report that although wounded in four places they felt with the help of penicillin he should make a good recovery. He is a christian lad. Will you pray for him, and that He may be made a blessing to others, while in hospital, and for many other boys who are serving their King and Country.

From these letters you will realise how greatly God has blessed the message of the Gospel to these young people and now they are bearing their witness in different parts of the world. Would to God someone had taught Hitler and Mussolini, and others, whilst they were young, the message of the Gospel. We know how important the conversion of children is, and you and I ought to be constantly in prayer for them, that they might lay hold of this wonderful gift of God.

Then I would remind you of our third object, that of proving that God is able to answer the prayers of those who put their trust in Him. Extracts from Diary will show how God has blessed during the year under this heading and although not so many gifts in kind owing to rationing our needs have again been met.

Then again we have had a bungalow—adjoining our ground—given to us. We had been praying for a little more accomodation. My eldest son, who is in charge of the outdoor work had the joy of having a little daughter arrive during the year, and he and his wife needed accomodation. A friend from over 60 miles away came to see us one day and pointing to the bungalow he asked me if it was ours. I said—No! Do you know who is the owner? he asked. I told him that I knew who the owner was. He said "Would you like it?" If it would be any use to you I and another friend will buy it for you." He paid the deposit there and then. That was a real answer to prayer.

We had been praying about a bathroom and a new laundry, and one friend has interested herself in it to the extent of giving us £250 towards the cost of building, the actual cost of the building will be just under £500. (This is now complete and paid for.)

The large shelter which was erected last year has been used several times during the winter months when the workers have felt it was necessary to call the children up. Whilst waiting for the "All Clear" they sometimes read or

sing hymns and we have been able to give them hot milk before returning to bed. We believe this has helped to keep them in the good health which we have enjoyed during the past year. I might say we have not had to call the doctor in since last September.

One day I was showing a friend this shelter and he wondered why it was so large and built where it is, and was told that we had a vision when the war was over to use this for a store room, putting a two story building up 70 x 40, so that the shelter would be the corner room and not, therefore, be wasted, and would always be there if necessary. He asked how much that would cost and was told anything up to £5000. He shook hands and said "I believe the Lord would have me do this when the war is over out of gratitude to Him for all He has done for me and to help the work you are doing."

One other thing I would mention is that during the year we have printed three Tracts, which I believe God is blessing. A friend has interested himself in these and has met all the expenses. No. 1. is entitled "These Forty Years," No. 2. is designed to get people to read the bible day by day and is entitled "Know your bible" and No. 3. is an appeal for a decision in salvation entitled "Real Rest." Pray that God may bless their distribution.

As you will see from the statement of accounts we have had a very remarkable year, with the biggest balance to carry into the New Year that we have ever had—over £3000 but although this sounds so big we feel that God has a purpose in it, as there will be many big expenses immediately after the war is over in renovating and putting in order our seven houses and halls etc. He can see the end from the beginning and we do not know even yet what we may need in the future. I would ask for your prayers, that God would abundantly bless the work "He is faithful that promised" and our hearts are strengthened to go forward as we think of the years that lie ahead. Let us pray that God may make our experience of the past but an earnest or what He is going to do in the future.

MR. J. STOKES, speaking from the chair, said: "We are glad to have the opportunity of listening to this Report. I do feel that all these friends who have been praying throughout the year have had a share in this wonderful work of God. That is one of the wonders of the Christian faith, and of prayer, that although you may be separated, yet you are linked on to this Home at Tiptree by the avenue of prayer, and if you are making this work a constant theme of your prayer and thought, then who can tell the collective influence of those prayers. It is beyond the power of man to measure its force. And we want more believing prayer; and I believe this large balance that we have this year is a challenge to us to pray more, because in my experience I have found that when there has been a large balance at the bank, people have begun to think to themselves, 'Well now we are rich, we have got a big balance in hand. Is it necessary now to be so keen? We have only to draw out what we need.' But we do not want, because of this balance, to develop any idea of self-sufficiency. If we are really in line with God's will and thought concerning this work, I am sure we shall all feel that this balance which God has given us is a challenge to a greater dedication to His service. After all, we are stewards. This money has got to be expended, not for the glory of man, but for the glory of God. And we need His guidance in our spending of the money, and in using it according to His will and purpose. I would suggest that whilst we are rejoicing to day in the fact of God's provision for the needs of the work let this throw us more and more upon our gracious God, and His power to keep, and guide and protect us in the

future. Let us not trust in ourselves, otherwise we shall be in danger of falling. So we will think of our friends at Tiptree holding the fort, whilst we in our various spheres of labours, uphold them in prayer.

I wonder what you are thinking about things to-day? I have no doubt you came here with mixed feelings. Perhaps you felt, would it not be a good thing to be able to get away from it all? I think we all feel a bit like that. I was taking the chair yesterday at a meeting in Haywards Heath, and Mr. Merryweather, of the Ceylon and India General Mission, told this story in the course of his address. It was about a young Christian girl who worked in a factory in London where there were some five hundred other girl workers, and she felt that she was just about the only Christian girl in that factory, the girls working around her all seemed bent on having a good time in life, and the language they used, and the stories which were handed about from one to another in this factory, made her feel sick at heart. And she went to her minister, and said: "I cannot stick it there, I simply feel terrible, I cannot stand the atmosphere of that factory." I believe that the minister was guided in his reply by God, for he said: "You know I think it is very wonderful to think that you are there." "Wonderful, indeed," she said. "In that place! with all its nasty talk and swearing and impurity. Why am I there?" And the minister said: "Do you know God was looking for someone to put in that factory, and He looked north and south, and east and west, and He saw you, and He put you there." And she said: "I had not thought of it like that. I will go back, and I will seek to uplift the Cross there." Now when we feel like quitting, remember that God has put us where we are for a purpose, and our task is to fulfil that purpose. That explains Tiptree; that explains this work. Those whom God called did not quit, and these forty-four years is the record of a wonderful achievement, God working through human instruments. And God is waiting to work through each of us in greater measure. And it is only as we open the windows of our heart to His gracious influence, that we can become useful in a world battered and sorrowful.

We want to be careful that we are not carried away with new ideas. You remember the story of David and his fight with Goliath, and when Saul offered him his armour. Well armour was a useful thing, but you remember that David refused it because, as he said: "I have not proved it." Let us always remember that God's methods do not change. When we are dealing with some of the problems of our time we want to be quite sure that we are going along approved lines in our service. I pass that thought on, and I speak as an old friend of the work.

It was in 1913 that Mr. White and I met on Tower Hill, and we have met there since on many occasions. Thirty-one years is a long while. It was thirty-one years ago that I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. White, and I thank God for it. And so I would wish you God's blessing upon the work of these Homes in the coming year.

DR. DAVID SMITH said: "We are very fond of the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10.30-37.) I want to apply it in a spiritual way, and we shall think of it as the story of a sinner who is travelling along the broad road, and who falls among thieves. Sin robs him of the best things in life. And first there came to him two men representing the religious world, who are unable to help him; and then there comes the Good Samaritan, representing the Lord Jesus Christ, who travels that same road deliberately, and he comes to where the man is

lying by the roadside, and He binds up his wounds, and He brings him to the place of fellowship at the inn. And He promises him that He will take him to His own home for ever. We like to apply it like that.

We are all glad to know that the Lord Jesus Christ has rescued us, that He has bound up our wounds caused by sin, and has brought us to the place of fellowship with God's people, and has promised that He will come again for us. But perhaps we do not get the full meaning of this story unless we believe it literally. This is a practical story intended to teach practical Christianity. We find in this same chapter that there is a man, a lawyer, well versed in the law, who stands up and asks the Master questions which reveal his quest for life, the longing of the human heart for life. "Master what shall I do that I might inherit eternal life?" And our Lord answers him on his own ground "What is written in the law" says Christ. And the man gives that wonderful answer concerning our attitude towards God and towards man (v. 27.) The lawyer stands convicted, and in order to evade the issue, he says, "Who is my neighbour?" And then our Lord tells him the story of the Good Samaritan; and the lawyer learned from that story that it was the Good Samaritan who was the good neighbour because he shewed mercy on the man who fell among thieves. And Christ said to him, "Go and do thou likewise." This poor man who fell among thieves came into contact with three classes of people—the thieves, whose motto was "What's yours is mine." The priest and the Levite whose motto was, "What's mine is mine." And the Good Samaritan whose motto was "What's mine is yours." That is the spirit of the true neighbour.

Forty-four years ago Mr. White decided that he must be a neighbour to children in need. As he has told us to-day, when he commenced this work for motherless and destitute children he did so because he felt the challenge that he should be a father to them. Do we love our neighbours as ourselves? To whom are we acting as neighbours? There are men and women to-day who are distraught in mind, who are distracted with grief, who are without hope in the world. Are we willing to be neighbours to them? We have the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. There is a good deal in the Scriptures about acting as neighbours to those in need. We find it in Deuteronomy, and several times in the Gospel. James refers to it in the 2nd chapter of his Epistle. "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scriptures, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well." And the loving of our neighbour is linked with the thought of class distinction. And there is that striking word in Romans 13. 8. "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." There is a wonderful debt that you can never repay, and that is the debt of love to our neighbours. The great example of love is the example of God's love. We can never love as God has loved. But are we willing to go where the need is? Are we willing to go where God calls us? Are we prepared to bring to men and women the glorious message of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ? Remember that

"Love ever gives, forgives, outlives,
And ever stands with open hands.
And while it lives it gives.

For this is love's prerogative
To give, and give, and give."

The REV. D. M. RUSSELL-JONES said: "I want to bring to you one of the most wonderful texts in the Old Testament. The Prophecy of Habakkuk never ceases

to bring a message to my own heart. I want to speak upon an aspect of faith that is frequently forgotten, and very seldom exercised in these days. In Heb. 2.4. you will read these words "The just shall live by his faith."

Now Habakkuk was a great philosopher amongst the prophets. He had an enquiring mind; his life bristled with problems and perplexities, and he came to God with the one word "Why?" He says in chapter 1 v. 13, "Wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously?" There is one thing unique about this prophet. You do not find him proclaiming the message on the street corner to all and sundry. No, we are listening to a man in the secret chamber, he is alone with God; he is speaking to God. Let us tread softly whilst this dialogue goes on between a distressed soul and God.

The book can be divided into two sections. You have, first of all, the problems of Habakkuk; and then you have the prayer of Habakkuk. There are great problems facing him in the first two chapters. He is distressed because God seems to be so far away, and there arises from his heart a great cry to God. "Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me; and there are those that raise up strife and contention." Why art thou silent? I am living in difficult days; sin and iniquity are rampant. That was his problem. The divine silence in the presence of iniquity. But the answer is given in v. 5. and following verses. God said: "I am not unmindful of the evil of the day. I will raise up the Chaldeans; they shall be the instruments in My hands to punish the wicked. Sin will never go unpunished." And in the 12th verse: "Art Thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God? We shall not die, O Lord Thou hast ordained them for judgement."

This raises a big problem. Habakkuk sees the Chaldeans sweeping through the land; he sees not only the ungodly, but the godly suffering. There are godly men who suffer because of the godlessness of their day. And we are tempted to ask, "Why does not God do something about it? What did the prophet say? He said: 'I will stand upon my watch, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.'" He took his problem to God in prayer. The difficulty only succeeded in pressing the prophet down lower and lower before the throne of God's grace. Blessed be every difficulty that brings you there.

I want you to notice this, that God gave him an answer, but He did not explain His doings. The Lord said: "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." In other words, proclaim it in such a way, write it in such large letters, that the one who is running may read it as he runs. Then it goes on "For the vision is yet for an appointed time—though it tarry wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry." The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews changes the pronoun. He says: "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." You will never get the trouble without the Christ.

And then the prophet comes to the words of my text, "The just shall live by his faith." These are days when people are looking upon devastation, and destruction, and death. It is easy to trust God at the time of harvest, but it is not so easy when everything is taken away from you. Read this chapter in the light of what Germany is doing to-day. And Habakkuk closes this chapter with v. 20. "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." God says, "You do not understand My ways, but I am still on the throne. Do not murmur, but trust."

Then in the 3rd chapter we have the prayer of Habakkuk. First of all, there is prayer for revival. "O Lord, revive

Thy work in the midst of the years." We look forward to the Advent of our Blessed Lord in these days. I pray for revival, I am expecting revival. We are going to be delivered from this trouble when Jesus comes. Habakkuk sees the ultimate deliverance of his people with the advent of the great God. What a glorious world it will be when Jesus comes! But the prophet forgot that glorious event for the moment for in v. 16 he trembles in himself. He wants to die before that awful day of calamity comes. But we have the example of our peerless Lord in the Garden, as the cup was offered to Him. "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless, not My will, but thine be done." He triumphed. And so Habakkuk triumphed, for he says in the 17th verse "Although the fig tree shall not blossom"—the result of invasion—"yet I will rejoice." I cannot rejoice in my circumstances, but I can still rejoice in God. "I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength."

When you get home turn to Heb. 11.35., and mark that word "others" in that verse. "Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance." And in the next verse "Others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings." That is faith. It is the faith that can trust God in the dark. Who was the greatest hero of faith in the Old Testament? You will agree that it was Abraham. He believed, until his hand was stayed by the restraining angel, that it was God's purpose that his son Issac should be slain. His was the faith that could trust God in the very darkest days. If you know God you will trust Him even in the darkest days.

EVENING MEETING

After Tea the friends reassembled for the evening meeting, and they were joined by others who were not able to attend in the afternoon, and a very happy time of fellowship was enjoyed. MR. W. A. WARWICK presided on this occasion. And first of all, he called upon MR. HERBERT WHITE to tell of the work of the Home during the year.

MR. WHITE said: "We have come round safely to our 44th Annual Meeting; and we are grateful to those who have gathered together to encourage us in the work to which we believe God called us. I always feel that these meetings are really gatherings of "Prayer Partners," those who love the Lord, and are seeking to keep the flag flying by their prayers and support. We thank God for such a gathering under the present prevailing conditions. It does reveal a deep desire on the part of our friends that this work, which God brought into being, may continue to grow and extend to His glory.

We have to be guided year by year in the speakers; and we do feel that this year God has sent us along those whose messages will help us to go forward. I want to say I am sorry that our workers and children are not here. It is always a great attraction to have the children on the platform. We hope by this time next year we shall be able to pack this Church out, when our workers and children will be with us. We thank God for our band of workers. Daily we gather together for prayer; and we trust that many of you will remember us in prayer at about nine o'clock in the morning, when we look to God for His directing power and blessing on the work. May I say that no one in the work draws a salary. We give the workers what we call "pin money." We have for many years experienced the truth of the promise that God Who sees in secret rewards His people openly. So far as finances are concerned, we have never yet been in debt. And this year

we have a substantial balance in hand, as you will see from the Balance Sheet. The rest is included in the after noon report.

MR. WARWICK, in his address from the chair said: That is a true Report, because much of the actual working I have myself seen during the year. It is a great work, and you who support it may rest assured that your money will be spent wisely and well. We feel sure that God has a purpose in so wonderfully blessing the work financially this year. We believe He is providing the money beforehand, so that when the need arises, we shall be ready to meet it.

My message tonight is a plea for INTERCESSORY PRAYER. One of the greatest needs of this work is for prayer partners. It is not merely that we have taken in so many hundred or so children, and saved them from a life of sin and shame; that is of itself a great thing. But the culminating point in our work is to lead them to put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. And it is the earnest desire of Mr. and Mrs. White, and their workers that these children shall be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ. I beg that you will become with us intercessors on behalf of this work.

In Luke 11. 5.10 we have a story of three friends. There was a hungry friend, the one in need. There was the praying friend who sought help for his needy friend. And there was the rich friend who came to his help. The whole chapter was a chapter of prayer, and we have in it an illustration of the method of prayer, of importunate intercession.

Now in intercessory prayer there cannot be less than three persons concerned. There is the one spoken for; then there is the one spoken to; and there must be someone who is rich, and strong, and powerful, or you would not pray to him. Think of the need. Why did this man become an intercessor? Because he was in desperate need. He said: "A friend of mine in his journey has come me, and I have nothing to set before him." "A friend in his journey" a friend out of the way. The word may mean that he was lost. That was the desperate need that created the intercessor. I am sure you will agree with me when I say that there was never more need in the world than there is today. Think of the world in its present condition. People come to us and say: "Can you help us? We are baffled; we are distressed and anxious." People in need are turning to us.

I want you to think of THE TIME when the call came to intercede. It was at midnight; a most inconvenient hour to be roused from sleep. This friend came and said: "I am in need; can you help me." I suggest to you that the present experience of our lives is something like the midnight hour. Have you ever thought of the challenge of the midnight hour? Have you ever thought of what the Scriptures tell us about the midnight hour? The Psalmist says: "In the night Thou hast visited me. In the night His song shall be with me. At midnight I will rise and give Thee thanks." We know that Paul and Silas when they were in prison prayed and sang praises in the night, and what blessing they brought to their fellows. How the midnight hour has driven us back to God. The soul is passing through a midnight experience; and there are those around us who are coming to us and seeking for our help.

Then consider THE POVERTY that sent this man to intercede. It was because this man had nothing that he became an intercessor. There are those who come to you, and they say "Can you set my mind at rest?" What can we give them; we realise that we have nothing. But remember, if we have nothing, we know that God

has everything. "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." And the thing to do, when we realise that we have nothing; is to go to God Who has everything.

I want you to consider THE APPARENT DIFFICULTIES in this life of intercession. How many souls are there today who say, "I have prayed to God, but nothing has happened." In the life of intercession we have many lessons to learn. This man in the story asks for three loaves because he was his friend; and he became an importunate beggar. It means insistent solicitation; it means extreme urgency. The Lord Jesus Christ has told us how to pray; and when there is an apparent refusal to our requests, what are we to do? Are we to say, I will give it up? No, we are to become importunate. Here is the test of faith. Can we go on praying when God is apparently doing nothing? This man went on knocking, and pleading until he was granted his request. "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him" says Jesus. That is not a comparison; it is a contrast.

The message that God has laid upon my heart to give you tonight in this, become intercessors in your life of prayer. Do not start with your own needs; but be concerned with the needs of others. That is the word—others. That is the secret of intercession. If only we could become occupied with the desperate need of the world, and of the Christian Church, and of the children in the Home. Some of them have been brought up in a life of sin. One little boy who was taken in looked like a miniature pugilist. Oh the need! Will you become a real prayer partner in this work. Try and imagine some of the difficulties and especially the spiritual difficulties.

I would leave this little message with you with just one other thought in closing. Consider THE SUCCESS which attended the importunate intercession. What was the net result of it all? We read that he rose and gave him as many loaves as he wanted. If you and I are importunate in our praying God will give us the blessing in other lives. While God keeps us waiting for the answer to some of our prayers He is seeking to educate us; it may be, that we are not ready to receive the answers He is waiting to give. Whilst we are pleading with God for blessing, let us lay bare our hearts before Him.

I would remind you that there is not only the Children's Home, but there is also the Mission at Abridge. God has been doing a great work among the troops. Not only has a practical work been carried on, but the Gospel has been, and is being faithfully preached. I will ask Mr. Gilbert to tell us something of what has been done during the year.

MR. GILBERT; In his "Life of Christ" Dr. Stalker divides up the ministry of the Master into three sections. First, the period of seclusion. Second, the period of popularity. Third, the period of testing.

Now thinking about three years' work in the canteen at Abridge, these three divisions that Dr. Stalker gives us were suggested to me. We did start in a very obscure way. But as we continued in the work no longer could we speak about obscurity, for we soon began to be quite well-known. And I think popularity characterized our second year right enough. And now we have passed to the third milestone. And as we look back over this third year, verily it has been a year of testing.

We have, perhaps, some two hundred to three hundred men in every night; every available seat filled; a long line of men from the door to the counter waiting

to give their orders ; sometimes there are only three or four workers in an appallingly hot kitchen, and often they are just at dropping point. It has been a year of testing, but as you can well understand the last week or two we have eased off a little ; we have had a little more time to think. And as we have reflected, even if we knew we would have to go through that same year again with all its testings, we have said we would not hesitate for a moment.

At Christmastime our mail came from almost every quarter of the earth. We had letters from India, and from Africa, and from Italy, and from all parts of this country, from men who had moved on. Many a time have we sat and talked with those men. We have had during this third year more men attending our evening service than in any of the previous years. Their words will long be remembered as they have passed out of the Church. We have helped to give them, not simply a cup of cold water, but a refreshing cup of tea. And we have prayed that behind the out-stretched hand they might see the nail-pierced hand of the Master. We have a short talk in the canteen on Sunday evenings ; and we believe that a great work is being done among these men ere they pass on.

Perhaps there walks into the canteen one day a man whose face we remember. He has been through the African campaign, and the rest of the men have made him promise that the first place he goes to on his arrival back, is the canteen. "You must take our good wishes to the workers at the canteen" they say." He stops and talks to us ; and tells us of some who have passed on, and of some who are lying wounded. That is one side of the work.

We carry on our services as usual. Here, perhaps, we are reaping what others have sown, and we are entering into their labours. Four times this year united services have been held in the parish Church, Holy Trinity. And the Rector has said to me, "There is no doubt that the Evangelical Free Church is the major Christian work in Abridge to-day." Yes, other men have laboured, and we have entered into their labours.

I want to finish with this incident. A week or two ago there stood in the village three or four women talking, and, as my experience teaches me, when women get together they do very often talk of spiritual things ; they cannot help it in days like these. And the youngest member of that little crowd said ; "I enjoy hearing an address about prayer. I know God answers prayer." (She was a girl who had been brought up in the Sunday School at Abridge.) And some of the others rather doubted what she said. "Yes" she said "God does answer prayer." "I prayed that my husband might be allowed to come home and see our little baby." And God answered my prayer-and he was allowed to come home quite unexpectedly, and we rejoiced together over our little one. Now he has had to go off again, but I still pray that God may bring him home again to us." It was more than a pious hope for that girl. And the others looked somewhat blankly at her as she said it. And then she put an after thought in which gave it its significance. "And if He does not send him home" "I shall know it is because He has got something better for me and for him."

Mr. M. P. LAUGHTON said: My subject is "God's Ministry of Supply." Let me quote you the 2. Cor. 9.8. from the 20th Century New Testament: "God has power to shower upon you every kind of blessing in abundance, so that having in all things, and on all

occasions a full supply for all your wants, you may be able"

"God's Ministry of Supply." Our lives are governed by Ministries to-day. We have a Ministry of Health ; a Ministry of Information ; an Air Ministry. The Ministry of Supply is one of the most important Ministries in the life of the Christian, and I am sure that is true in regard to the work of the Children's Home. There was once a Scot who buttonholed a minister when he got to the door after the service, and he asked him if he knew anything about astronomy. And the minister said, "No." "That's a pity," said the man, "for you have got an awful wee God!" It is a terrible thing to have a wee God ; for if we have a little God we shall live little lives. "They that make them are like unto them, so is everyone that trusteth in them." We are like the gods we worship. If we have a cruel God we shall be cruel people. If we have a great God we shall live great lives.

Some years ago I mingled with a crowd on Tower Hill. Mr. White was speaking. I did not take my place among the speakers, but I stood in the crowd ; our friend was talking about answers to prayer ; and a man standing near me said : "I don't believe what he is saying ; that God sent that money." "Why don't you believe it?" I asked. And he said : "Because my conception won't allow me" I said "What's that?" As I went away from Tower Hill I thought to myself "What's my conception of God? For I am convinced of this, that my impression of God determines my expression of God. If we have a little God we shall live little lives. But when we come to a Scripture like this, we realise that we have a wonderful God. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you ; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

God is able to supply all our needs. It is the failure to appreciate this that has led to so much weakness and waste in the Christian Church. E. M. Bounds in "Power through Prayer" says that we are constantly on the search to find new methods for helping on the work of God. But God is not interested, or concerned with new methods. God's method is new men.

A minister took up the subject of the Pool of Bethesda at a Methodist meeting of ministers, and he said : "We are told that the one who got down first into the water when it became troubled was healed of whatsoever disease he had." And he added. "But bethran, we Methodists get tired of waiting for the angel, so we put a turbine in to keep the waters troubled all the time ; but although there was much troubling, there was no blessing ; although there was much fever there was no fervour ; although there was much action there was no unction." And he went on to say "Let us take out the machine, and wait for the angel." Samuel Chadwick said that the trouble with the Christian Church, indeed, the tragedy of the Christian Church is that the prayer meeting has been ousted by the Committee Meeting. If the Gospel means anything it means this, that God has intervened in the affairs of human life.

The second thing I want to emphasize is that God's supply is ILLIMITABLE. "God is able to make all grace abound towards you ; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work." "He that spared not His own Son how shall He not with him also freely give us all these things." "All things are yours, and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's." All this abundance, this sufficiency is at our disposal. Why is it that there is such a disparity in the lives of so

many believers between God's supply and their experience? You may say, 'I feel it is all right for Paul. It is all right for men like Mr. White, but it is not for me.' Is it ignorance? Is it indifference? Is there satisfaction with present attainments? We know that we are saved, but we do not want to be bothered. A little girl once said, "I do not want to be too good, nor too bad; I want to be just comfy." Is it that we are not prepared to face the implications of life of absolute trust in God? The Christian life is like riding a bicycle; you either go on, or you go off. God's Word says, "Let us go on unto perfection." Or is it sheer laziness? Perhaps we are not prepared to give the time that is necessary. I think we can learn much from those folk who get up each morning sooner than they might in order that they might learn more of the will of God for their lives. There was a little girl who fell out of a bed, and when she was asked how it was, she said "I suppose I must have gone to sleep too near where I got in." Some of us are asleep spiritually.

The third thing I want to emphasize is that God's supply is ACCESSIBLE. God's desires for us is that there should always be an inflow and an outflow. He wants us to enrich ourselves from His abundant supply. There was an A.R.P. post built outside the Bank of England, and someone had written up over the top: "Built with a sound financial backing." We can say that we have all sufficiency at our back. But we want to know how

to make these riches of God our own. How are we to make them our own? Well, by our trust in God, and our treatment of others. These words in 2 Cor. 9. 8. might well be the text of the Home, whose work we are honouring today.

The late Prebendary Webb-Peploe was on one occasion feeling very anxious because of the serious illness of his daughter; and he went to his study and knelt before God, and said, "Lord, make Thy grace sufficient for me in this my hour of trial." And then he opened his eyes, and saw on study wall a text "My grace is sufficient for thee." "I ask Thy pardon because Thou art always making Thy grace sufficient for me" said the Prebendary. And he always used to say "Faith accepts what God offers." Mr. Charles, who died after a long life of usefulness, used to tell of an Irishman who often came to London to conduct evangelistic meetings, and sometimes he would give away all his money, and would not have enough to take him home again. One day Mr. Charles met this man in Cannon Street, and he asked him how he stood in these matters, and the man replied: "I bank on Phil. 4. 19, 'My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Christ Jesus.'" And he said it loud enough for a gentleman who was passing by to hear, and he said "What does that fellow mean?" And Mr. Charles said, "I suppose he means what he says." May God enable us all to bank on that same promise.

Children's Home & Mission Boxes, from 1st May, 1943, to 30th April, 1944.

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EXTRACTS FROM DIARY

From 1st May, 1943, to 30th April, 1944.

MAY,

1st.—Tiptree Cong. S.S., £1 0 1. Little Gransden, 10/-. Tiptree, 13/-.

4th.—Gloucester, 10/-. Railway Mission, Colchester, 10/-. "God bless your great and loving work." Ilford, 5/-, "May God bless every one of you is our earnest prayer. We know he supplies your needs." £2, "Please accept the enclosed from friends at the Walkern Mission." Mersea, 3 guineas and £1.

6th.—£2 found in letter-box.

7th.—Gospel Band, Colchester, 10/- Tiptree, sack of greens. Maldon, 1 frock 2 pixies.

8th.—Chatham, 3/4, "Enclosed little gift is sent with prayer for the Lord's richest blessing on you all. It was obtained by collecting farthings." Maldon, 10/-. "May the Lord bless you all and grant you His peace."

10th.—Cricklewood I have pleasure in enclosing £5 towards your worthy work." P.P. Stanway S.S., £2. London, 1lb. nutmegs. Ilford, 9 pairs shoes. Enfield, parcel of S.H. clothes. Woodford, £5.

12th.—Llanelly, 10/-.

13th.—Cranleigh, £1. Crayford, 10/-

14th.—Tiptree, 1 load of wood. Tebworth Road Working P., 28 prs. stockings, 1 scarf, 1 shirt 2 dresses, 3 toys and 2/6 from a friend. Watford B.T. C.E. £4 16 3.

15th.—Southbourne, 10/-, "A small donation from the children of my S.S. Class. 15/-, Paxton Hall S.S. Tottenham. 5/-, Rainham, "Collected from my S.S. class."

16th.—Colchester, Bible Class, £1 5 0.

17th.—Mrs. P., £1.

19th.—Chesterfield, £2. Gidea Park, "Please find £1 towards the work of God among the children under your care. I pray that you are all being kept in safety under the Hand of our God and Saviour."

20th.—London, "Enclosed please find £20. Trust all are well and that you have had good news of your own family." Ealing, M.H.B.C. £1.

21st.—Hurstpierpoint, parcel of S.H. clothes. Whitstable, £10.

22nd.—Tiptree, 1 sack of greens. Poulner B.C. £1.

25th.—Somewhere in England, "Please accept the enclosed very small gift £1 to be used for the carrying on of your work for my Lord and yours among the children at Tiptree. May our Father bless that work and grant that many of the children may come to know the Lord as a Personal Saviour, and so take a very active part in spreading the glorious news of Full and Free Salvation in the difficult days that lie ahead. God bless you." L.A.C., R.A.F.

26th.—2 lbs tea, from an old girl in Colombo. (A sister in a military Hosp.)

27th.—Collier Row Bap. C., £4.

28th.—Tebworth Rd. Working P., 5 prs. socks and 1 scarf,

29th.—Chingford, 5/-. Ipswich, £1.

31st.—Maldon, "Enclosed is £1 towards your work, and 5/- handed to me for you by a sister in the Lord as a Thankoffering." Salway Hall S.S., Woodford, £2.

JUNE.

1st.—Ilford, £1.

2nd.—Brixham, Parcel of garments. Finchley, Parcel of S.H. clothes. Romford, 108 prs. shoes and sandals.

5th.—Fairlop Hall S.S., £3.

7th.—Railway Mission, Stratford, £4. Maldon £1. Colchester, £1.

10th.—Romford, 3 coats, 1 pr. knickers. Buckhurst Hill £2. A. thankoffering, Mountnessing 10/- Romford £1.

11th.—F.A., Loughton, 10/-. Swansea, £1. North View S.S., Bracknel, £1.

12th.—£150 12 11 being Legacy by the late Miss E. L. K. Enfield Wash. "Please find enclosed 12/6 (saving ship halfpennies.)"

15th.—Woodford 10/-, "As unto the Lord and to His Glory." Ashford, 10/. Potten B.C., £1. Tiptree, £10.

17th.—East Rudham, £5. E.15, 10/- Woodford Green, £5, "The enclosed is just a small measure of my appreciation of your work and service for the Master. You and your work are most certainly a living witness of Him who is able to do all things. May He give you all needed Grace and strength to continue in your great work." Gt. Gransden B.C., £2 12 10.

18th.—Hornchurch, "Please accept £1 10 as my small donation to your splendid work which doubtless is more difficult in these trying times." A friend called and left £3.

19th.—"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ £1." Enfield, 5/-. Southend-on-Sea, £1. M.P.C. Trust £18 12 6 Islington. £1. Tiptree, 10/6. Ilton, £2.

21st.—Loughton, Goldings Hill S.S., £1.

22nd.—Lancing Tabernacle S.S., £1. Southgate 10/- Psalm 124. Peterborough, 5/-. Thorpe Bay, "Am enclosing £1 4 commending one and all to our Heavenly Father's care." Isaiah 26.3.4. Chilworth, "I am glad to be sending the enclosed £5 towards the support of your work for God. Please enter it as from Matt. 18.5. United Gospel Mission S.S., Brixham, £1.

23rd.—Blackpool, 10/-. Heath St. Mission, Dartford, 10/-. A friend, Huntingdon, £3. Salem Baptist C. Ramsey, £1 15.

24th.—Harrogate, £1, "We don't forget the nights of prayer. You have proved in the superlative degree MY GOD hath supplied all my need according to His riches in Glory by Jesus Christ, with no returned cheque marked refer to drawer? and thus we praise Him, you and "S3" while your card number now is "43." Lenzie, "As a result of a letter just received from my youngest son, who is a missionary with the C.I.M. in Fengsiang, I have pleasure in handing you a contribution £5 to which I have added £1 on my own behalf." Sandy, one guinea, and 10/-. Barnet 5/-.

25th.—Anstey, £5. Leytonstone, 2 guineas. Weymouth, £1.

26th.—Queensland, £5 5. Mountnessing, 10/-. Doncaster, 2/6. Enfield West, £1. "We have the privilege of remembering you and yours in prayer regularly. May the Lord sustain you all and keep you in Peace." Doddinghurst, £1. S. Woodford, £2. Leytonstone, £2. Leytonstone, 5 guineas, "from T. and M. with love to you all." A P.O.C.A. friend 10/-. Enfield, "£1 10 from an ever interested P.O.C.A. friend and one whose prayers constantly include the remembrance of the loving ministry rendered to the little children by yourself and band of co-workers." Hornchurch, £50 to endow a "Cot" in memory of those who have made such a proposition possible. With compliments and sincerest good wishes, L. J. Hainault Rd., B.C. Woman, £1. Offering at Annual Meetings, £16 12.

28th.—A.H.W., 2 guineas. Woodford, 10/-.

29th.—Loose Bap. S.S. £5 2 6. Potters Bar. 3/-, "A widows mite." Sutton, £1, "A small gift, praying for the Lord's continual blessing upon you. I have passed my 80th birthday, still have much to praise the Lord for and can still sing 'All the way my Saviour leads me.'"

30th.—London, £5, "2 Cor. 9. 11."

JULY

3rd.—Westcliff-on-Sea, £10. "I have pleasure in enclosing small cheque for the work with very happy memories of all the workers in the Home and best wishes to all."

5th.—Colchester, £1, "It was a great inspiration to visit you. As I watched your young charges 'Someone' else was too, and His Heart is gladdened to have such a servant caring for the flowers of His Earth. How proud you both must be of such a family. What a difference would be felt if God called out others and they responded, to carry out such loving work under same Gospel conditions."

6th.—Eastwood Bap. C. Women, £1 10, Gospel Hall, £5. Welling S.S., Guildford, 5/-, "Please accept enclosed for your work. I remember you all in prayer every day." Wanstead, 5/-. Minsterworth, £1, (J. L. Plant Memorial), £1, "The gift comes with the assurance of our prayerful co-operation with you and we trust than God's richest blessing may continue to manifest itself in the salvation of precious sons."

7th.—Romford, 18 towels, 18 prs. shoes, material for tea cloths, 37 prs. shoes. Gloucester 10/-

8th.—Old Chapel S.S., Upminster, £3 15.

10th.—Ilford, 5/-

12th.—£3, Minehead, "You are doing a grand work and I pray you may be helped and blessed in it."

13th.—Wickham Bishops, £5. A. 3/6. Catford, 10/- "I am requested to forward to you £3 as from the Pioneer Gospel Hall, Redbourne, in the Name of our Lord with many thanks for cheering report." Melbourne 2/6. Edinburgh, 2 guineas.

15th.—Enfield Town Mission W.P. 6 frocks, 2 vests, 2 nightdresses, 2 pullovers, 2 jerseys. Shoeburyness, Parcel of cloths.

16th.—Highgate, "You have given me the privilege of sharing your Annual Meeting's good things, and I have felt that I would like to express my gratitude even for having known you 'afar off' (so to speak) and as the Lord

has been good to me *specially* of late (He is always so of course, He abideth faithful,) I would like you to share therein, and am enclosing £30 for your personal use. We'll praise Him for all that is past, and we'll trust Him for all that's to come." Stratford, £1.

18th.—1 sieve, 1 crow bar. 1 truck. Leyton £2.

22nd.—Shoeburyness Boot Club, £2 10. Highgate Rd. Chapel, "We are grateful to you for coming for our Childrens Day. I enclose afternoon and evening offering £16 13s.

23rd.—Twickenham, £2 5. Whitstable £1.

24th.—Loughton. £1,

25th.—Tolleshunt Knights, £1. Dagenham—An old girl, £1.

26th.—New Park Hall, 2 guineas.

27th.—Clifton, £1, "To help feed your little ones." Tipprree £1.

29th.—Northampton, £5, "Just to assure you that you are not out of our thoughts and prayers. I often think of those happy days at Rhyll—23 years ago,—How much we all have to thank God for, these difficult days." H. M. Ship..... £5.

30th.—Shoeburyness, £1, "God bless you all in your labour of love and work for the Saviour.

AUGUST

1st—Halstead B.C. £2 10 0, Shaftesbury "As one who visited the Homes about 15 years ago I was interested to read in the Prophetic News the testimony of God's faithfulness. It is laid upon my heart to send this little gift—10/-—as a token of fellowship with you in your work of faith and labour of Love." A friend sent 10/- to each worker.

3rd—Railway Mission, Colchester £3 2 9, Woodford £1

4th Shoebury Boot Club £1, Haywards Heath 2 guineas, and 5/- to each worker. An old boy £1, Romford 6 blazers.

6th—Leyton 6/9, Southbourne 7/6.

7th—Whitstable, Hamilton Rd. S.S. £1, Tunbridge Wells "Please accept enclosed 10/- with our love, towards your splendid work, Praying God's richest blessing on all your labours for Him."

9th—Doncaster 5/-.

10th—Chesterfield £2, Rochford £1.

13th—Leytonstone 10/-, Cuckfield 10/-, Sudbury 4 pr. socks, some hankies.

15th—An old girl 5/-, Weymouth £1, Beckenham Cong. C. £1.

16th—Thundersley Gospel Hall £1, "A pound doesn't go far these days, but we trust it may help to meet a need in the support of the children who are under your care." C. £2, Manchester 10/-, "We are pleased to be able to send a small subscription to you for the work which we remember before the Throne of Grace often."

17th—Woodbridge 15/-, Southampton "I am enclosing £2 from my sister and one from myself. I know all your needs are supplied, as He is faithful." Ashford 10/-.

18th—St. Albans-apples, K.B. £1, Cecil Hall 2 guineas, Wanstead £1.

19th—Chigwell 10/- and 1, £ Beddenden Parcel of S.H. clothes and £2.

20th—Maldon 1 shirt and knickers and 10/-, Romford 4 doz. dishclothes, Tiptree-apples, Romford 2 prs. sandals and blakies.

23rd—Tiptree Cong. C. 2 guineas, Postmans Park Meeting £1 10 0, Brixham "I was speaking to a friend from Bristol about your work and the result was the next time I saw her she handed me an envelope which contained a number of threepenny pieces and also a pound note. I enclose £1 6 0 The lady wishes to remain anonymous." Romford "Please accept 10/-, a little thankoffering for the Lord's goodness to us both."

24th—An old girl and her husband £2, An old boy £3, Chelmsford 5/-.

27th—London, Psalm 71. 16, 10/-.

29th—Witham Brotherhood £2 8 6,

30th—Goodmayes £1 5 0.

31st—Hollinbury Hall S.S. "Once again I have the pleasure of enclosing £4. I am sure it is a good thing to instruct the young in 'giving' although they may have very little to give." The principle is good "It is better to give than to receive" and it is a big lesson most of us have to learn.

SEPTEMBER.

1st—Sudbury £1, Fakenham £5 "It has been laid upon my heart to have fellowship with you in your work among needy children. Have read with pleasure your booklet 'These Forty Years' and been cheered to see how the Lord inspired faith, increased it and honoured it. Please accept the enclosed as from the Lord in whose name it is sent. He is worthy of His own we give unto Him the Giver of all." Romford 37 prs. shoes 1½ doz. towels.

4th—St. Albans £2, Barn Chapel—Harvest Gift—£4 10 0 and 10/-.

5th—Rainham S.S. 7/6, Walton on Naze £1.

6th—Colchester £2 and 4 prs. socks.

7th—Gloucester 10/-, Ilford Womens Meeting 12/- and 5/-, Ilford 5/-, Waltham Cross 4 sleeping suits, 3 shirts, 2 knightdresses, 3 jumpers and skirts, 3 woolly hats, 2 prs. gloves, 2 prs socks, 1 bedcover.

9th—Bible Circle, Guilford 10/-, L.R. £1, Bulphan £2 6 0 collected in ship ½d. by the father of one of our old girls. St. Albans—apples, Clifton 7 pigs

10th—H. 10/-, Southchurch 2/-, Hampstead 1 pr. shoes Collier Row 10/-.

13th—Harvest gifts from Inworth Church.

14th—Romford 4 doz. shirts.

15th—Tiptree, apples.

16th—Romford 37 prs. shoes, Barking "I have much pleasure in cheque for five pounds. May the Lord richly bless you in your ministry of love to the little ones. With best wishes and prayerful remembrance." 7/- in Savings stamps with "I found this in S.J.P. (who passed away last month) effects." Walkern "Our Harvest services were held on Sunday and we had a very blessed time. The produce we are sending along together with the Sunday Offerings £3 11 10. Harvest gifts from Ashley Hall and £10 0 3 Harvest gifts from Tyttenhanger.

17th—B. £1 10 0 "Instead of flowers."

20th—Falkland Road Womens meeting £1, Colchester 10/- "This is a very small token towards the wonderful work you are doing at Tiptree. I feel after such a wonderful day of blessing which I have had to-day I should show some appreciation."

21st—Eastwood £1 5 0, Harvest gifts from Maldon and Tolleshunt Major, Woodford 10 kippers.

22nd—Theodore Rd. Bap. C. Harvest and £4, Woodford Anon. £1, Tolleshunt Knights basket cucumbers, Tiptree 1 skirt, Northfleet 10/-, G.H S.S Brentwood £3, Tebworth Hall, "It is my great pleasure to forward the enclosed 5 guineas made up as follows:—Harvest Thanksgiving Offering £2 19 0, Sunday School 6/-, one of our friends in Memory of her son killed in Sicily £2," London 5/-, Romford 1½ doz. khaki shorts, 11 tins polish, blakies, 1 pr. football boots, studs.

23rd—St. Albans, Ashley Hall Working Party 178 hankies, 18 prs. Pyjamas, 5 overalls, 3 prs. socks, 27 pillow cases, 4 skirts, 3 nighties, 1 shirt, 3 underskirts, 11 prs. knickers, 5 jerseys.

25th—Cranford £6.

28th—Stratford Railway Mission £6 14 0, "being retiring collection taken yesterday at our Harvest Thanksgiving services instead of gifts of fruit, vegetables etc." Tiptree 1 book, Plymouth Anon. £1 10 0.

29th—London W. 1 guinea, Southend £1.

30th—St. Albans 6 aprons and caps, 1 pr. knickers, 1 petticoat, Box apples, Southend toy farmyard, 1st Essex G.L.B. Leyton £1 12 0.

OCTOBER

1st—Gospel Band Mission Hall 10/6.

2nd—Waltham Abbey B.C. £1 3 6.

4th—Goldings Hill S.S. £1, Finsbuay Park, "I enclose £3 towards your work. My prayers are with you always for the continuation of this splendid christian work and may God richly bless you and give you strength to carry on." Muswell Hill, United Mission £3.

5th—Assen Hall S.S. £2, Ashford 10/-, Leyton "I enclose £2 10 0 for your wonderful work and pray that God will richly bless you in leading many to Himself." Anon. £2 and 9/- "Wishing you every spiritual blessing in your labour of love for the Lord."

6th—London £1.

7th—Kentish Town Mission, Harvest gift £12 13 5. St. Albans £3, Anstey Union Chapel £5 6 9, Woodford £1.

8th—Chingford Hatch Meth. C. £2 8 6.

9th—Mountnessing Cong. C. Harvest Offering £2 5 0 Wadham Hall S.S. £2, Totham £1.

11th—Feering Faith Mission £1, Elim Church, Ingatestone £3 5 0, Pinehurst 10/6, Woodford Baptist Church, "Enclosed is £7 2 7 being amount of offering at our Harvest Festival services. With this offering for your great work among the children goes our sympathy and united prayers that the work will continue to prosper."

12th—Three Bridges "The enclosed £1 17 2 represents the amount of the retiring collection taken at the meeting yesterday. Please accept it for use just as you feel led and may God continue to richly bless you in all you undertake for Him."

13th—Barking Bap. Women £5. London £10.

14th—St. Albans 4 boxes apples, Inworth 4 boxes apples, Maldon 10/-.

15th—Cheltenham 1 pr. boots.

16th—Chigwell £1, Westcliff £10.