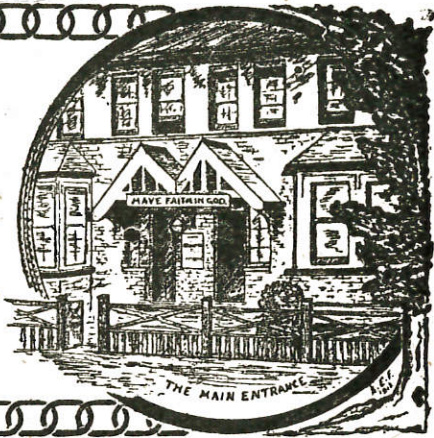


CHILDREN'S HOME

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CRESCENT ROAD, SOUTH WOODFORD & TIPTREE.

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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"

THE PRINCE OF PEACE Isa. 9. 6.

Peace promised at His Birth "Peace on earth."

Peace purchased by His Death "Having made Peace by the Blood of His Cross."

Peace presented to His own "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you."

Peace preached "Peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh."

Peace procured by faith "Justified by faith" and "Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Peace possessed in the heart "The peace of God shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

CHILDRENS HOME AND MISSION,
SOUTH WOODFORD, AND TIPTREE, ESSEX.

"OUR DAY."

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The Annual Meetings of the Children's Home and Mission always possess a special charm of their own. It was a joy this year to welcome once more the children, and the pieces sung by these bright-faced boys and girls under the conductorship of Mr. Herbert White added to the inspiration of the meetings. The meetings afforded the friends who gathered in such splendid numbers in the Woodford Baptist Church an opportunity of hearing once again of wonderful blessing that God has bestowed upon the work through yet another year.

Mr. James Stokes, happy and smiling, presided in the afternoon, and called upon the Rev. J. Hunter (Pastor) to read the Scripture (John 15.) and to lead in prayer. The Chairman spoke truly, when, in introducing

Mr. Herbert White, he said they had reached the most interesting part of the meeting; for in the Report of the Work they would hear of the Lord's faithfulness in supplying all the needs of the work.

Mr. Herbert White said: I feel that to-day is a special day of praise and thanksgiving to God for his goodness in allowing us to meet together for our annual meetings again this year. And having read a letter from Dr. Flegg, he said they missed their medical officer, Dr. Mathie and Dr. Smith; who had assisted them so wonderfully in days gone by; and they were hoping very soon that when they returned to the Home at Woodford they would be able to enjoy their help once again.

To-day there must be sounded forth a real note of praise to God for His goodness in, first of all, allowing us to take over the Home at Tiptree before the War, and in sheltering us during these years of war. Whilst that terrible War was being waged we passed through all kinds of experiences, but, as the Word of God declares, not a hair of our head was touched throughout the whole time. We know that God does, indeed, care for His children, and that He is waiting to answer the prayers of those who put their trust in Him. So we lift up our hearts at this our birthday gatherings, and thank God for our preservation, and for the blessings He has given us.

The three fold object of the work of the Home from the beginning has been. First, that we should help needy children. Second, that we should win them for Christ. Third, that we should look alone to God by prayer for the supply of all our needs. I am glad to say that these three things have remained true of the work during the whole time that we have been at Tiptree. There is now no doubt about it that the important work of to-day is work amongst the boys and girls of our land. We talk to-day about winning the peace, but we shall not even win the peace unless we start at the commencement, and seek to guide the children along the paths of righteousness. Field Marshal Montgomery was speaking recently at the Mansion House about the

problems that lie ahead of us; where are we to find the men to face up to these problems? It is our British youth that we must look to, he said, the youth of our empire. We older people are passing on, and others will have to do the work; and they cannot do it unless they are trained. It is my experience as a soldier said the Field Marshall that as a boy is trained so he will do when he comes to man's estate. It is also my experience that when you get crime in the Army, you find the cause of it generally lies in unhappy home surroundings. It is for that reason I am interested in what I can do for the training of boys."

We believe that in the last analysis, it is character that tells. If only we can capture the boys and girls for Christ, and they have His character, then something great and lasting will be done through their lives. What wonderful things can be accomplished, if only they, as individuals, come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour! There are old boys and girls — now men and women—who used to be in the Home in days gone by, who have come to our Birthday Party this afternoon.

Since the start of the work we have helped 661 children; and during the past year four girls and eight boys have left us; and we have added to our numbers during the year nine girls and five boys. Our present family in the Home now numbers sixty-four girls and boys. We feel as a result of the year's work heartened to go forward. We are praying that God will extend its activities; and we are hoping this time next year, that we shall be able to tell you of the answers to prayer that God has given us in regard to this extension.

Mr. White read the following letters which he had received from some of the old boys and girls.

EXTRACTS FROM A FEW LETTERS FROM OUR OLD BOYS AND GIRLS RECEIVED DURING THE LAST YEAR.

From a girl in the A.T.S.

"It was marvellous seeing everybody again last week, and I shall look forward to coming again. May God bless you all. I do pray that the Annual will be successful. I really have no doubt though. I shall be thinking of you. Love G....."

From a boy in the Forces.

Many thanks for your most welcome letter. I must apologise for not writing for so long, but will pay you a visit on my next leave. Life seems so different now, especially when we look back over past years. So many times I remember Mr. White saying "I wonder what sort of man so-and-so will be in ten, twenty, or thirty years time. Well, I have passed the centre age, and I ask myself, what sort of a man I will be five years hence. Surely there is a testing time coming for most men when this bitter struggle is over. How true those words will be—Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. So many, like myself, were helped after the last war, by kind friends of the Childrens Home and Mission, and it is only right of me to thank you again

for the help I received; and also for all those who are still under your care, and for those you so kindly will look after in the future. I often think of the work and my mind goes back to the very good teaching we all received. I wish you all at Tiptree the best of health, and may the blessing of God rest with you in the days that lie ahead.

One of your old boys.

From a girl who left us many years ago.

Thank you for "Links." I have enjoyed reading it. The letters from old boys and girls must encourage you and show that your labours have not been in vain. I know I shall always remember what I learnt while with you, and how it helps me always to trust in the Lord and have faith. I remember the text over the door way "Have faith in God" and have a longing to come and see you all again. Both my husband and I hope to when this war is over. My sisters are well and wish to be remembered to you. M..... is now a grandma. I enclose a small gift and wish it was more. May you be spared to help win many more children for Him. With love from us both. Still one of your old girls. From a girl who left us recently.

Many thanks for all you have done for me during those seven years. Everybody says how healthy and strong I've grown and I have to Thank you to you and the workers and of course, God. How I miss the Home with all the children. Please give all my love.

One of your old girls.

From an old girl.

"Thank you for making it possible for me to come and see you this week-end, not only for the coming pleasure, but, oh, for so very many others, which in truth are countless and though I have merely been able to say "Thank you" my heart has always been overflowing with gratitude which words alone can never convey. I realise only too well that I shall be in life-long debt to you, as that which you have done for me these many years can never be repaid, except by One who has blessed you the more for it. God bless you all, every one, and take you into His keeping, free from harm and fear. With much love, Yours affectionately, From a boy who has left us during the past year.

I hope you are still going strong. I have completed my month's trial satisfactorily. I am more grateful than I used to be. I find all that you said is true. It is not easy to stick to your principles in the world. I hope you, workers and children are all right.

Cheerio till I write again,

From an old girl.

You will really think I have quite forgotten you, but that is not the case. Thank you very much for Links. I am delighted to hear all the news. My eldest son is now in West Africa with the Air Sea Rescue Unit in the R.A.F. My second boy expects to be called up in June. How the years have flown. It seems no time since I brought my babies to the Xmas parties at Woodford, and we spent happy times together. I hope I shall be able to come and see you all soon. Please will you accept the enclosed—a tiny contribution to a debt that

can never be paid. My love and best wishes. Another girl writes.

"I would like to come and see you and bring my husband along too. It seems a very long time since I was with you, but I have not forgotten you. You are often in my prayers and thoughts. May God bless you all.

These letters show how God has blessed the teaching which has been given in the Home to these young people who have come under our care. We are praying for those who are now with us that they, too, in years to come will be living lives that are pleasing to God.

We thank God for the work that has been done, and for the blessing that God has given to us. It is very remarkable that all through these years of war we have not had to call in the doctor, except just for one or two minor ailments. God has kept the children in wonderful health. I think that is largely due to their regular habits, and to the plain simple food that we give them. We grow a good deal of this now on our farm at Tiptree

Our diary shows that many gifts have been sent in gifts of food, clothing, boots and shoes, medical supplies, farm implements. We thank God for the working parties, whose members have been busy making garments for the children, and knitting socks (we supply the wool.) We have also received harvest gifts from many Churches. Some friends have sent us goods in kind, and others have sent us money. Our needs were wonderfully supplied at Christmas-time. We received parcels of toys and books. We received one parcel its contents worth £2-10-0 and inside the bill receipted, "paid by the Bank of Heaven." One friend brought along a large Christmas tree. Another friend gave us a turkey; and that, with the geese we produced at our own farm, enabled us to give the children a good spread, even including Christmas Pudding.

We had been praying for some time for a new laundry and bath-room at Tiptree. We found difficulty in getting the necessary licence through. But after some considerable time, and much correspondence we were able to take the thing through to a successful end; and to-day we have a nice laundry and bath-room. I was talking to a friend who came to see me about this particular need, and his wife sent me £250 towards the cost of the work, and we were able to make up the balance. We had been feeling that we must have more help on the farm; just before Christmas we hardly knew what to do. One day a large wagon drew up, and a man jumped out. "I have got a mare for you" he said. We praise God for putting it into the heart of our brother to send that mare to help us in the work of the farm. We were also able to buy a piece of ground, about twelve acres. We now have three cows; and we are able to enjoy the farm produce, God having richly blessed everything that has been undertaken in that way. The cost of the new ground, laundry and bathroom have been met out of income and special gifts. We desire to praise God for the wonderful way in which He has supplied us with the means to carry on our work; during this past year. We commenced the year with a balance in hand of £3,029.

The total received during the year amounted to £7,307. We have spent £4,166. 1.10. and we commence the new year with a larger balance than last year, namely, £3,141. 11. 5. I do not know how much money we shall need to put the Woodford Home right; the six houses are very much battered; we are praying that God will enable us to get these put right as soon as possible, and that we may continue to go forward in the work among the children. We have some amounts in hand towards the new buildings at Tiptree. We have £450 which has been

sent by a brother who came to see me some time ago after we had built our shelter. As I took him round, he said, "What do you want a big shelter like this for?" I said: "Perhaps one day we shall put up a two-storied building." "What do you think it will cost?" I said probably £3,000 to £5,000. "Give me your hand," he said, "I feel that God wants me to meet that cost as soon as I can after the war, up to £5,000." We are getting a number of applicants for entrance to the Homes that we are not at present able to deal with. They come to us through Church workers, Probation officers, and the N.S.P.C.C. We thank God for this great opportunity He has given us to-day in thus laying hold of the children for Christ.

Will you help us as workers. I want to ask each one of you to become a prayer-partner. We believe that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." We ask you to join us in this prayer crusade. I believe that in answer to prayer God will open up the way so that we may be able to take in many more boys and girls who need our care.

We praise God for the return of our youngest son from India; he has been brought safely back to us. My son Ewart is in Holland, or Belgium, with the B.L.A. Please pray for him. We praise God for our happy band of workers; they are not paid for their services; but have offered themselves for this work of God because of their love for Him who "loved us and gave Himself for us" Will you all please continue steadfast in prayer that the work may prosper and Gods will accomplished.

Mr. A. GILBERT said: I have been asked to tell you a little about the work at Abridge. It is just about five years ago that Mr. White asked me to go down to Abridge and to carry on there while they were at Tiptree. I remember saying to him, "Well, I do not think I shall be able to get down there very often; but I will give you this assurance, I will go as often as I can." Little did I think then that I should be going down there every evening, and doing my little bit with so many other workers in the canteen. Looked at from the financial point of view, our average turnover in that canteen each year has been about £1,500. Interpret that in terms of an ordinary restaurant, and it means that our income would have been somewhere in the region of £5,000 a year. That will give you some idea of the proportions in regard to the development of the work. We were having sometimes between two to three hundred men every night for hot meals. And there is the other side which we can never put down in pounds, shillings, and pence—the treasure that is laid up in Heaven; the spiritual influence that has been exercised on many of the men and women who have come within our doors; those who have joined with us in our Church services; those who have taken part in our prayer meetings in the vestry, and have come to us with troubles of many kinds; and one worker after another has been able to help, and guide, and inspire. That job is practically finished, but the work at Abridge will still go on; it was there before the canteen work commenced. As one walks about the village, and meets with one and another, sometimes with people who never come within the doors of the Church at Abridge, they bear testimony to its witness, and they are inspired by the work that is done there. With the help of your prayers, we believe we shall have cause for great rejoicing in the days which lie before us.

Mr. J. STOKES, speaking from the chair, said: As this is the first time we have met together since the cessation of hostilities in Europe, it is right that we should at this meeting register our deep and profound thankfulness to God that the warfare on the Continent

at last has ceased, and to make public record of our thanks to God for the wonderful way in which He has led us, as a country. We thank Him for preserving the Home, and for preserving this Church, which has been our sanctuary, and where we always meet together for our annual meetings. It is a great thing to be able to say that we have been able to celebrate "Our Day" in this Church, without a break, all through these War years.

There are times when we can hardly realise that the War is over. I think our experience is something like that of the writer of the 1st verse of the 126th Psalm. "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream." I think that most of us seem to be in a dream about it; it has not quite come home to us yet. We know that the Eastern hemisphere has still to be cleaned up. Our minds go back this afternoon. What a wonderful record it is of God's goodness to us as a nation! Think of May, 1940. Think of the state of Europe at that time—Poland, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, Norway, all over-run and Britain standing alone, within twenty-three miles of the enemy. The world thought that Britain was done for. But to-day, what a reversal of fortune! I need not try to describe the condition of Germany and Italy. How joyful are the people of Denmark, and Holland, and Norway in their liberation! To whom are we going to bring our honour, and praise, and thanksgiving for so great a deliverance? I think the 126th Psalm carries with it the thought that should be in all our minds. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." Is it not remarkable that we have had raised up such wonderful men and women in these war years as leaders. I do not think it was just mere chance that Winstone Churchill was ready when he was called to lead us. It was not just chance that we had upon the throne such a king who believed in God. We, as Britishers, should thank God for these blessings. Do you remember that the King said: "Put your trust in God as I do." And we all remember those words which the King quoted in one of his broadcasts: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied, Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

I would remind you that forty-five years ago a young man said that he, too, would put his hand into the hand of God, and during these forty-five years the Children's Home and Mission have proved that the way of God is "safer than a known way", and that the way of faith is better than the way of reasoning. And we remember that the Queen in a Broadcast talk said, "It is the creative and dynamic power of Christianity which can help us to carry the moral responsibility which history is placing on our shoulders." There are men holding key positions in the war fronts of our Empire who have not been afraid to testify publicly to their faith in the living God. We believe that God has been leading and protecting our land. If we really believe that, and we publicly give God thanks for that fact, then it places upon us a tremendous responsibility for the future. In this work among the children we are holding aloft the torch of freedom, and justice, and truth. And our friends need your help. How are we going to face the future? In the same way as Mr. and Mrs. White forty-five years ago, and their friends, faced the unknown, pledging their faith in God. Shall not our prayer be:—

"Lord, give me faith to live from day to day.
With tranquil heart
To do my simple part
And with my hand in Thine, just go my way."

"Lord, give me faith to trust, if not to know.
 With quiet mind
 In all things Thee to find
 And, childlike, go, where Thou would'st have me go."
 "Lord, give me faith, to leave it all to Thee
 The future is Thy gift
 I would not lift
 The veil Thy love has hung 'twixt it and me."

The Rev. LEONARD B. CALEY said: It is a privilege to come and join again with you in "Our Day." I am sure our hearts have responded to the words of our Chairman. There is in the heart of everyone of us this afternoon as we have gathered for this meeting, and have welcomed the children themselves from Tiptree after these years of War, a feeling of very real thankfulness to God for His marvellous goodness to us as a nation. From what the Chairman has said it almost seems as though his mind has been running along the same lines as mine.

As I have been thinking of this meeting, the words which have come to me, are the words of Jesus Himself: "I have chosen you and ordained you." (John 15.16.) I do not want this afternoon to look back, because I think we can waste so much time looking back; I want rather that we shall look forward, and in order to look forward, perhaps, with understanding, we need for a moment to glance back.

I have been feeling very much during these last few weeks as I felt as a much younger man after the Armistice in 1918. At that time a group of eleven men joined themselves together as a band of friends, and of that number only two of us yet remain. And I ask myself the question, Why am I still left? I have felt rather like that during these weeks since V.E. Day. We think of these war years; we see the damage and the loss all around us. And we are still here. Why? We look back to those days in 1940 when the world thought that Britain was lost. And to-day, through the mercy of God and nothing else Britain stands before the world again at the peak of her prestige and her opportunity. And we ask ourselves, Why?

I remember some years ago, in those strange years just before the War, I was sitting in a little committee meeting of men to whom was committed at that time the task of advancing the Kingdom of God in the world; there were men there of various Christian denominations, and of various nations. And as we sat at that little Committee, Dr. John Oldham began to think aloud, as he was wont to do; and he began to say: "Where can that thing come from that the world so desperately needs? It cannot come from Germany, that is evident. I do not think it can come from Europe. It will not come from Russia, as far as I can see. The only place it can come from is Britain and America." That was before the War. And as you look out to-day, as Christian people on the world, and you ask yourselves that same question, Where can that thing come from that the world so desperately needs? I think we shall give the same answer from Britain and America. It is an amazing fact that the Christian world mission in these coming years has got to go forward from Britain and from America.

"Men are God's methods." I remember many years ago reading those words. And that is a vital and urgent truth that we need to remember at the present time. We are looking out on a world in ruins. We see European civilization, the home of Christendom for so long, lying in the dust. We talk to-day about reconstruction, and about building a new world order. But the Holy Spirit works through men. Take up your Bible, and you will see God's methods—that they are through men—Abraham, Moses, David, John the Baptist. "There was a man sent from God whose name was John." Yea, with all reverence we say to

the perfect Man, our Lord Jesus Christ, we say that of Him. "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given." Going on in our thinking down the years we think of Wycliffe, Tyndale, Whitfield, Luther, Wesley—God's methods are men." And in every generation our Lord Jesus Christ says this, "I have called you friends. I have chosen you. I have ordained you." He called that little band of men to His side in the days of His flesh. They were none of them very outstanding in the eyes of the world. They were what we should term very humble men. But we know that they were the key men of history, because He chose and ordained them.

So I want just to try and stress this, this afternoon. How all important is this work about which you and I are thinking this afternoon. We are not going to look back any more; we are going to look forward. You remember when the Children of Israel came to that point in their journey when there was the Red Sea in front of them, and Pharaoh and his hosts behind them; the position looked fairly desperate. We remember how Moses struck the right note when he turned to the people and said "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." And He bade them go forward. "God's people can never stand still. So you and I look forward to the years that lie ahead. We look at these children this afternoon, and we rejoice that they are with us. And God is saying to His servant, Mr. White, and to all those who are working with him in the Homes, "Go forward. I have called you friends. I have chosen you. I have ordained you." Yes, how true it is that "God's methods are men." We believe that some of these boys and girls who are present here this afternoon may be used wonderfully by God in the years to come to achieve His own divine purpose in and through their lives, and on behalf of this poor, stricken world.

Think how wonderfully God works. When He wanted a man to work for Him in Africa He went to that factory, and He found David Livingstone. When He wanted a man for India, He went to Cambridge University where there was a young don, a brilliant scholar, with a fairly good opinion of himself at that time; and that young man went one day into Holy Trinity Church where Charles Simeon was preaching, and the message went home to his heart, and Henry Martyn heard the call of God, and he threw away all that the world could offer him; and he went forth to India, and as he stood on the quay at Bombay, he said: "Let me burn out for God." And he did, for he died young; but he did God's work. When God wanted someone to work for Him in China, there was a boy who heard the Gospel message, and he said: "There is nothing for me to do but to fall down on my knees, and accept my Saviour." And Hudson Taylor went to China. I do ask you this afternoon to lift up your eyes, and look on the fields. Where is that thing to come from that the world so desperately needs? We think of the Continent of Europe, and of Africa, swept into the modern world, and of the great problems of India, and of China. Think of it, that out of the 500 millions in China only one million are Christians. How wonderful to think that God has placed at the top of the life in China Generalissimo Chang Kai-Shek and his wife. He has been placed in that key position, because "God's methods are men." I would leave this thought with you this afternoon. In our Christian life the initiative is always with God. "I have called you friends." What an amazing thing! We can each one claim to be a friend of God. The Bible opens with that scene in the Garden of Eden, with God communing with man. And the Bible closes with the words "Even so come, Lord Jesus." And in between there is the broken friendship, until there comes One Who is the friend of publicans and sinners, and Who says to those who trust Him "I have called you friends."

Mr. W. A. WARWICK said : This word has been ringing in my ears for the past three or four weeks. It is in the 1st Chronicles, 16.7. "Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the Lord into the hand of Asaph and his brethren." If we look at the Bible as a whole it is in reality a Book of Psalms. Every psalm is different. In a sense there is almost a psalm for every day. And from this verse we see that there was a day when David had a psalm in his heart. He wanted it put to music, so he handed it to Asaph, and he turned it into a song.

Do we praise God enough for His marvellous kindness to us? "Bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery." Therefore we turn to the Book of God, the Book of God's providing, and we find that God has provided a psalm for us. Are we ready as Christian men and women to take the psalm, and to turn it into a song. How much we miss of the music of life, and how much we deprive others of the joy of life, because we do not turn the psalms into songs of praise! "Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the Lord into the hand of Asaph and his brethren." There's a psalm for you and for me every day of our lives. They will not always be joyful psalms. But we can express our feelings, and our emotions, and our experiences in the words of the Psalms.

The psalm that David gave to Asaph on that particular day was a psalm of thanksgiving. I feel that the predominant thought in all our minds to-day is that of thanksgiving to God. God has done wonderful things for us; we render thanks to Him for His special mercies to us. We would unthinkingly this afternoon thank God for preserving this work. Humanly speaking, if God had not provided that home at Tiptree, the children would, undoubtedly, have been scattered, and the work would have come to an end. God has miraculously preserved these children. The Homes at Woodford have been damaged; but although the bombs fell a few feet away there was no structural damage.

All through this 16th chapter there is the keynote of praise. In the 4th verse we read 'to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel.' In the 7th verse "David delivered first this psalm to thank the Lord." In the 8th verse "Give thanks unto the Lord." In the 34th verse "O give thanks unto the Lord." In the 35th verse "That we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise." God had led His people step by step; and David had had a wonderful deliverance. And this psalm of thanksgiving was created in his heart. And we, too, are gathered together that we might give thanks to God for His great goodness to us. We feel something like the psalmist did in Psalm 34. "I will bless the Lord at all times. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord, Let us exalt His name together."

Thanksgiving is a free expression of gratitude for benefits received. And that thanksgiving is dependent upon its sincerity, and on the motive that moves us to render it. In thanksgiving there must never be thought of payment for debt. Thanksgiving must be a free expression of a heart full of love to God. Thanksgiving is a purely personal thing. God deals with us as individuals. That is why we notice in the Scriptures that thanksgiving is so often linked with worship and praise. Just as the Israelites of old were urged to offer their sacrifice of thanksgiving of their own free will, so God calls us, His redeemed people, to offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. This is the sacrifice that God calls upon us to render to Him to-day. Is thanksgiving a part of our life? Do we think enough of thanksgiving? Thanksgiving is emphasized throughout the whole Bible. In the Old Testament it is mentioned in forty different places, thirty of which we find in the Psalms. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Praise is stressed in the revival under Ezra and Nehemiah. You would not expect a revival without thanksgiving, and without praise;

and if God revives our hearts, there will be thanksgiving. We are looking for new men and women; that is why we are looking after these children. If they become new men and women, the world will be a better place as they pass through it. Thanksgiving has a prominent place in Heaven, and it should occupy a very central place in our hearts and lives. David did not give this psalm to Asaph until the ark of God was in its place; the ark, the symbol of God's presence, had been in the hands of the enemy, and the people mourned because they felt that God was not with them. We are continually to be giving God thanks. We must give God His rightful place in our hearts. I would remind you that Daniel, when the sentence of death was almost written over him, when he knew that the writing was signed, he gave thanks to God. The giving of thanks had become part of Daniel's life. We read, too, that Paul and Silas, in the dampness and darkness of that oriental prison gave thanks to God. Beware of the sin of ingratitude. Let us return to the feet of our Saviour, and let us bow down before Him, and give Him thanks.

Now here is a story for the children. There was once a lady going into a store. Outside the store there were two little ragged boys; and as the lady came out, one of them rushed forward and opened the door for her, and the lady said very politely, "Thank you very much." And the little urchin turned to his pal, and said, "Did yer hear what she said. She thanked the likes of me for opening the door." The lady was highly amused. "It always pays to be polite" she said, and she passed on; and soon forgot all about it. Some years later she went into the same stores again, and the shopwalker came up, and very politely asked her if he could help her; he gave her some very special attention. "Thank you very much for your attention to me" she said. "Well, madam," he said "you taught me the first lesson in politeness. Do you remember the little boy who opened the door of the store for you one day? Well, I am that boy. I remember you thanked me, and said that it always paid to be polite; and I thought there must be something in it. I got a job as errand boy in this store; and now I am a shop-walker." Yes, he had learned the lesson well. It always pays to be polite. You thank God for the food, and for all the good things He gives you. Do not forget to thank God for His unspeakable Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you learn, too, that it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

EVENING MEETING

After a happy time of social intercourse round the tea tables, the friends gathered in the Church for the evening meeting, when Mr. F. H. Stephens was in the chair. He read the Scriptures and opened with prayer, thanking God for the provision He had made for the carrying on of the work of the Home.

Mr. Herbert White again reported on the work—this being a part of the annual meetings to which all present look forward. He reminded the friends that when they met together to offer to God their praise and thanksgiving they were doing something which was well-pleasing in His eyes, for in giving glory to Him they were giving to Him that which was His by right. Mr. White had necessarily to repeat some of the details given at the afternoon gathering for the sake of those who were not present on that occasion. He said that in all the forty-five years that the work had been carried on they had never yet been in debt; they had never advertised for workers, or for funds. God, in His mercy, and in answer to the prayers of His people, had moved the hearts of Christian people to help in the work which He had given them to do. Commenting on the fact that some of the old boys and girls were present, Mr. White said

they praised God when they remembered those who had been in the Homes, and had found the Saviour, and who sought to keep in touch with the work. Many letters were received from those who once had been under their care. "If you sow the seed, God will give the increase." Mr. White read several letters that he had received from old boys and girls, and he told of one of the boys for whom he had asked prayer last year. He had been in the Home as a boy; later he was called up, and after going through his training as one of the paratroops, he went out on D. Day, and was dropped down in the enemy's country, and after fighting for five or six days he was wounded badly, and was brought back to England. They prayed for him at the Home, and a short time before Christmas they received a 'phone message from him from Manchester asking if he could come home for Christmas. He said he was trying to get the Red Cross to meet him at his end, and could someone meet at Euston. He was able to walk with the aid of crutches. He spent Christmas in the Home, and later he was discharged from the Army, and he was now living at the home at his own request for the time being. "Please pray that God may completely restore him to health and strength again; and that he may do what Dr. Flegg said to my own son some years ago after he had recovered from an illness. Dr. Flegg wrote and said: "You have no one in the world to thank for your recovery but God. God has brought you back to life. Find out the reason." We believe that God has brought this lad back to life, and has spared him that he might, perhaps, in the days which are ahead, do a great work for Him."

Speaking of the work of the Home, Mr. White said: We are praying that God will give us His direct orders in the days to come, that we may have a still more wonderful story to tell. In the meantime, we desire to put the Home at Woodford into shape again, in order that we may use that as well as the Home at Tiptree. We are hoping to extend at Tiptree, and one friend has promised us £5,000 towards the new buildings there. Continue to pray for the Salvation of our children, and the health of our workers, and for all the future of the work. Pray that we may continue to have faith in God, guided by the Holy Spirit, because He faileth not. We know that if we have faith nothing will be impossible to us. And those who exercise that faith in the Name of Christ are able to look for new experiences of His faithfulness. We know that "God is still on the throne, and that He remembers His own."

MR. VIC WHITE said: I have been forcibly reminded to-night of the question—For what purpose am I living? And I would challenge you with the same question—For what purpose are you living?

It is a great joy to be here this evening, back in the old Church. Well, do I remember the last time. I have greatly missed these annual gatherings. We used to remember you in India. We have come together to hear once again about God's guidance, and provision for the Work of the Home; and I would like to take this opportunity of adding my testimony to God's keeping power. Your prayers here were greatly valued in India. The lads said when I left them this time, "We shall be praying for you, and for all at-home."

We find in Gen. 22. the story of Abraham and Isaac. And in the 2nd verse we read of God's command to Abraham: "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and offer him for a burnt offering." That was God's command, and as we read through the chapter, we see how wonderfully Abraham obeyed that command of God. His obedience was prompt, and it

was complete. And, as always when we obey, the commands of God, blessing follows. So I would leave that thought with you. I would ask you to pray for the lads in India, and especially for those who are fighting in Burma.

THE GHAIRMAN: We are here to wish Mr. White many happy returns of the day. It is a privilege to have some share in their birthday celebrations. The boys and girls have made their own contribution to the day's enjoyment; you have not had the privilege of their presence during the war years. But they have come back once again to-day to give us of their song.

I want to give you a text to-day. "Know therefore, that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him, and keep His commandments to a thousand generations. And repayeth them that hate him to his face' to destroy them; and he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face." (Deut. 7. 9, 10.) Had we the time to read the context we should discover that this call to "Know therefore" was based upon God's choice, because "He hath chosen," on God's keeping power, because He would keep His oath, and because He had redeemed them. Those reasons were quite sufficient for any of the Children of Israel. They had experienced the faithfulness of God. And equally they are sufficient reasons for us to-day. While we rejoice with our brother, and his helpers, in the work of God carried out at Tiptree, while we thank God for what they are doing, and for what God has enabled them to do, we do want to take this to heart—that the God Who is working so faithfully at Tiptree will work just as faithfully as anywhere else. And I feel that these meetings are a challenge to us. We do not only want to say, "Well done, Mr. White"—and we do say that. But we want to face up to the challenge—What is God to me? And that is where our text comes in. "Know therefore"—because He loves you, because He keeps His word, because He has redeemed you—in the light of that knowledge, let us go out into the world trusting in Him. The world needs men and women who know their God; and who are strong and who do exploits. We want the world to know that God is a faithful God; and that salvation is only to be found in and through the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE REV. LEONARD B. CALEY. When I was thinking about the anniversary meetings of this Home, and of this day of praise and thanksgiving, thinking of all that it meant, these forty-five years of work amongst the children here in Woodford, and during the war in Tiptree, I remembered the story of its founding, and how Mr. White came to establish the work; and it seemed to me that the words of St. Paul just seemed to sum it all up. "For to me to live is Christ." (Phil. 1. 21.) When we think of the desolation of the world to-day, and of the rebuilding of the world's life that will be necessary in the days to come, it behoves us as Christian men and women to think out afresh the relevance of our lives in the world to-day. There are people who say, "Oh yes, Christianity is necessary; we want to have a Christian foundation to life." But what I want to help you to realise to-night is that Christianity is Christ. I think we have to be careful when we talk about Christianity. There is a great deal of talk about Christianity; but that is not the Christianity that Paul had in mind when he said these words; that is not the Christianity which God has blessed in the work of these Homes through these forty-five years. No, it has been this—"For me to live is Christ." It means living life for a purpose.

And when we compare that with what goes by the name of religion in these days in which we live we see there is a very big difference. There are hundreds of people who name the Name of Christ. There religion is just something that is talked about. They give just a certain residuum of life to what they term religion. But to St. Paul his religion was not just giving the residuum of life, it was the giving of the whole fabric of life; it was the giving of everything. "To me to live is Christ." It is very pleasant to come to gatherings like these, and to join in our hymns of praise. It is a great thing to come and listen to the story that Mr. White has to tell us of God's faithfulness. I want us to ask ourselves, as we hear of God's goodness, and mercy, and loving kindness and unflinching goodness, can we truly say "For me to live is Christ?" Have we definitely thrown open our lives to Him? That is something we must say by an act of our own will. Sometimes one meets Christians in whose life there is dissatisfaction. But we have not found any dissatisfaction manifested at these meetings to-day, and what our country is needing in the days to come, are men and women who really can say, and mean it "For me to live is Christ." We have had startling evidence during this War how men can become more devil-like. We have been horrified by what our advancing armies have revealed in Germany of horrors which we could hardly have believed possible fifteen to twenty years ago. We have seen how men can really become devil-possessed. But let us be sure of this, that we are confronted with an evil in the world which is not brought to an end because the Armies of the Allies have been triumphant on the Continent of Europe. There is still a real fight to be waged against Satanic powers that possess and corrupt the soul of mankind. This thing which we have seen manifested in the material, is an actual reality still going on in the spiritual. We have seen sin in its most horrible manifestations, but it is but a picture of that corruption which is in our own hearts and lives, unless we have been born again from above. It is only those who are Christ-possessed who can become Christlike.

This is the message which came to me to pass on to you, and I was wondering how it was going to fit in, yet I felt it was something which we as Christians have got to face in these days. "Life with a purpose." That was the message brought to us in song by the children. And that brings us back in our thinking to what we had in our minds this afternoon. "God's methods are men." "To me to live is Christ." That is what makes the difference in a man's life.

James Chalmers at the age of eighteen, with a lot of other young fellows, heard of some revival meetings that were being held by two evangelists in Northern Ireland, and they thought they would go and have a bit of fun upsetting the meetings. So James Chalmers and his friends went to the meeting, and as they entered the building the people were singing a hymn to the tune the Old Hundredth, and it stirred their souls; and they sat down in a solemnized spirit. And then the message of God came to them. "The Spirit and the Bride say Come." James Chalmers could not get away from it. It pierced him through and through. He felt lost beyond all hope of salvation. "Let him that is athirst come." And he came. And forty years later he gave his life among the cannibals of New Guinea. His was a martyr's

death. St. Francis of Assisi; there came to him this message. "God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The same message came home to Isaac Watts. "Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the Cross of Christ my Lord." May it be true of all of us "For me to live is Christ."

THE REV. K. C. PARKINSON said: I feel led for the next quarter of an hour to try and bring together some of the things which have been brought before us to-day. It seems to me that three things have stood out in the various addresses. One of them struck the note of thankfulness to God; and the second thing brought before us was that we should be able to say with Paul "For me to live is Christ." The third thing was emphasized in song, and was referred to by Vic White—What is the purpose of our life here upon earth?

Let me start with the first thing, by turning to a favourite text of mine. 2. Cor. 2.14. "Thanks be unto God which ever leadeth us in triumph in Christ." The Church at Corinth was inclined to be rather a quarrelsome Church. There are some Churches like that to-day. There is always a great inspiration in standing up in this pulpit, for I can honestly say that whenever I have stood in this pulpit I have always been conscious of a prayerful Christian atmosphere from the congregation in front of me. Such a congregation is all too rare. This Church at Corinth, I say, was inclined to be quarrelsome. Some liked Peter, and some liked Paul. This is a sad chapter to read, for here Paul is reproving them, and then he suddenly breaks off and says, "But thanks be unto God, which always leadeth us in triumph in Christ." Here to-day that spirit of thankfulness is right amongst us. Paul was a clever man; he knew a lot of things; and that word "leadeth" is of special significance. When the Romans won a victory, they took as captives some of the chief men of their enemies, and they used to tie them by the arms to the back of the chariot, and so carried them in the procession that passed through Rome. It was a victory procession. "Leadeth us in triumph" that is the word that is particularly used for a Roman triumph. Are we in that great victory procession, following Him Who is our Leader?

Then the second thought. What are we here for? Boys and girls, what is the purpose of your life? God has given us the life that we live on the earth. God has put His life into you and me. And why are we here? Surely, in order that we may glorify God, glorify Him Who has given us this life to live. "I give Thee back the life I owe. That in its ocean depths its flow, May richer fuller be." It is only as we give back our lives to God that we can live lives worthy of Him in this world. "For me to live is Christ." Let that be true of each one of us. Are you in the victory procession? Have you been captured by Him?

"Just as I am, young, strong and free
To be the best that I can be
For truth, and righteousness, and Thee
O Lamb of God I come."

That is the prayer you must pray. If you see that victory procession, and long to have your place in it, then step out of the crowd of lookers-on, and take your place in that glorious procession. And let us raise our hearts in thankfulness to God for this work, which witnesses to His faithfulness. "Thanks be to God which always leadeth us in triumph in Christ."

EXTRACTS FROM DIARY

From 1st May, 1944, to 30th April, 1945.

MAY.

1st.—S. Woodford, "Unto the Lord," £1. Epping Green U.C. S.S. £2 10s. Ilford 2 guineas. Burnham Bap. S.S. £3 8s collected in farthings. Tudwick, box of lettuce.

3rd.—Mersea 5/-, St. Albans £1.

4th.—Mee-den, "Encl. sing cheque £5 to help you in the splendid work you are doing for the children. We often think about your work and how wonderful that you have been preserved and provided for.

How good is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend,
Whose love is as great as His power
And know neither measure nor end."

6th.—Goodmayes Sewing Class, sundry articles. Tudwick, large basket lettuce, F.H. 4/-.

8th.—From an old girl in Ceylon 2 lbs tea. Stanway. P. People £3. Please find enclosed £5 from the Rottingdean Winton Hall Assembly and S.S. We trust the Lord will still bless you in His service.

9th.—London W.C. "I have pleasure in enclosing £2 12 6. The Lord richly bless you in this great work for the boys and girls. This is very dear to our hearts and I hope we may be able to do more for this great work later on." Westcliff-on-sea £10.

11th.—Yelling Bap. C. 10/-.

12th.—Maldon 10/-, Fullbridge Hall Maldon, 1 cardigan, 1 jumper, sundry articles.

13th.—Straford, from a blind lady £1. Tebworth Mission, Tottenham 10 pairs socks and sundry articles. Romford 34 prs. stockings. Romford Evangelical Church one guinea.

15th.—An old boy £1.

16th.—Boxted "I am enclosing £2 in the hope that it will bring some joy and happiness to some child under your care and that the Lord will bless you and all your helper and the children."

17th.—Bath, one guinea.

18th.—I. of White, from an old girl 5/-, Colchester £1. Sidmouth 2 prs knickers "I had a pair of grey trousers passed on to me, so wondered if I could make use of them for two of your small boys. We often talk about your Home—"Links" is a real help to faith many a time. You have my prayers every Monday mornig, where you are on my prayer list for that day. May many of the dear children be led to know the loveliness of Him and the joy of His service."

19th.—Woodford £1. Llanelly 10/-, A.S. £2.

20th.—Blackpool, parcel of clothes.

23rd.—Shoebury Boot Fund £2 5 0. Shoebury Womens Meeting £1 10 0.

24th.—Falkland Hall S.S. £3. Righgate Rd. C. Missionary Offering £1.

25th.—London Colney Bap. Women one guinea.

26th.—Enfield W. "Kindly accept the enclosed £2 for your own personal use. We remember you in prayer and seek the Lord's sustaining grace and help during these trying times to the Glory of His great Name.

26th.—Whitstable £10. St. Albans £1 for personal use.

27th.—Cricklewood "I enclose cheque £5 and pray God's blessing may rest upon all you seek to do for Him."

29th.—Tiptree Cong. Church 2 guineas, Barn Chapel £1. and £1 Anon Woodford Green, Parcel of S.H. clothes. Totton £2.

31st.—Eastwood 10/-.

JUNE

June 1st.—Maldon 10/- Poulner Bap. Church £1. L. £1.

2nd.—United Mission S.S. Muswell Hill £3.

3rd.—E.A. £1 5 0. New Park Hall, Barking £7 4 8. Tiptree 5 bags cabbages.

5th.—Mountnessing, Parcel of S.H. clothes.

6th.—Hurstpierpoint £1. Manor Park 10/-, S.W.M. £1. H.L.B. one guinea. Railway Mission, Stratford £5 14 6. and £1.

7th.—Ilford 5/- "We continue in prayer for you all" Barnet 10/-.

8th.—Alexander Hall, Westcliff £2. Enfield £2 6 0. H.c.H. 7/-, Feering £2.

9th.—Cranleigh £1. From a reader of the "Witness" 2 Cor. 9.8. £2. Willesden Green one guinea Grays 10/-.

12th.—Strood "Enclosed is £2, a donation to your work and labour of love for the Lord. God bless your endeavours."

13th.—Battlesbridge Cong. Church, £5 1 0. Wimbledon 1/-, E.15. 10/-, Hatfield £1. Pitsea 5/-, Thorpe Bay, £1.

14th.—Leyton. The enclosed £1 was given me to make good use of, so send it along to you praying our dear Lord Jesus will multiply it in His hand as it will be used for His Glory." Latimer Hall S.S. £1 10 0.

15th.—Ashford £1. Brentwood Gospel Hall S.S. £5 "Our young ones delight to bring along their small coins each Lord's Day to help other boys and girls." Langley £1. Ricksone Gospel Hall £1. W. Measea 10/-, Grantham 7/-, Shanklin 10/-.

16th.—Romford, 1 pr. clogs, 1 pair shoes, 1 pair sandals, 4 lbs blakeys and studs. Westcliff £5 9 6.

17th.—St. Albans. £1 and Parcel of S.H. clothes. Brainton "Please accept small gift — 5/- — I rejoice to hear of your faith and faithfulness. How well you have proved the truth of Isaiah 30.7. "Their strength is to sit still." May God continue to bless you and your happy family at the Grove.

19th.—Woodford Green "In these times I do not know what we should do without our "Faith in God" God bless and keep you all. Enclosed £1 is towards your good work." Feering Faith Mission £1 10 0.

20th.—Tiptree, 26lbs strawberries. Hawkwell Bap. S.S. one guinea. Minsterworth £2. Whitstable £1 Southamton "My sister gave me £5 to send to you and I am enclosing 10/- for your personal use from myself.

What a pleasure it is to be able to send this thank-offering for so many benefits received."

21st.—Bude £2.

22nd.—Whitstable "Am writing to wish you and your big family a very happy time on Your Day and enclose my usual subscription £3. Thank you for sending booklets. The photos are delightful. The children look so happy." East Rudham £5. Sandy 2 guineas and 10/-. Anon. £100. Blackpool 10/-. Tiptree, 6lbs strawberries.

23rd.—Finchley. 2 guineas. Walton-on-Naze £1. Waltham Cross 10/-. Abingdon one guinea. Anstey £5.

24th.—S. Woodford £2. London N.2. 10/-. Southborough £3 13 6. Sutton £1. Loughton £1. "Our Day" offering £9 18 6. Tottenham. 9/-. Tunbridge, "Kindly accept this small gift of love- 20/- for your splendid Christlike work of the Homes." R.C. £1.

26th.—A friend, Anon. £5. Tebworth Rd. Working Party. 6 pairs socks. Finchley £1 and two boxes S.H. clothes.

27th.—Sturry 10/-.

28th.—Collier Row 10/-. Holland-on-sea. Womens Fellowship Beaulah Bap. C. 10/-.

29th.—Sleaford, 10/- "It was a joy to read of some of your experiences in the last booklet received, which has been handed on to a fellow in the Forces who does not yet know the Lord."

30th.—Thorpe Bay £1 4 0. A.K. £1. Leyton, Hainault Rd. Tonic Meeting 10/- and £1. "We are full of praise for God's wonderful Power over us all and His protection," J.L. Plant Memorial. In the name of the above Fund, I enclose £2 towards the work of the Home and we desire that you feel quite free to use it in whatever way you may think best." These are the days when the need of true evangelism is very outstanding and we assure you of our co-operation with you in your work with the children by prayer, that the Lord may bless your every effort in the great work of bringing up the children to the saving and keeping knowledge of our Lord." Plaistow, Cumberland Rd. S.S. 10/-.

JULY

1st.—A Welling Sunday School £5. Goldings Hill S.S. one guinea, Leytonstone one guinea, Seven Kings "I enclose £3 from my friend and myself towards the work of the Home. I do not know if you recognise my name, but my parents remember the commencement of the work." Loose Baptist S.S. "Please find enclosed £7 brought by the children during the second quarter of the year. Please accept our good wishes and prayers for God's rich blessing on you and yours."

3rd.—Chingford £1. York 12/6.

4th.—Barley, "We shall be glad to join the many who remember your work before the Throne and enclose a small gift- £5 - as I think prayer and giving should go hand in hand." Potter St. Bap. C £1. B. £1. Woodford Green £2. W. Mersea Sisterhood £1.

5th.—Rawmarsh "Thank you for booklet "Know your Bible" I have found it very useful. I enclose 4/- towards the work" 1 lad's suit, 47 yds. flanellette. (Romford) East Ham. £1 10 0. Brighton "Once again I am asked to forward you £4 from the S.S. of Hollingbury Hall. Next Saturday is our 12th Anniversary of

the Hall which you graced with your presence and help just 12 years ago. We were few in numbers then, but have had many through our hands- On Thursday a sailor found us out, saying he had heard of us and especially of the Young People. He had a long tale to tell, saved and dragged out of a public house by an officer, who although much loved by many had gone down on the "Courageous" I believe- leaving an indelible impression. What records there will be to hear above when we all get Home and how cheering to know of any little link we had in some one's salvation.

6th.—Melbourne 10/-. St. Albans, 16 lbs black currants. Tiptree, strawberries.

7th.—Maldon £1. Woodford Bridge £1.

8th.—£1. and 3 pr. socks. Westcliff-on sea £10. Ley St. Womens Meeting £1. L.M. 2/6 Grantham 1/-. Tunbridge Wells 10/-. Grantham £5.

9th.—St. Albans 12 lbs blackcurrants, parcel of S.H. clothes.

11th.—E.J.E. 10/-.

12th.—Thundersley Gospel Hall S.S. £1. Selborne £2.

13th.—New Barnet £1. Southend-on-Sea, one guinea, "We often remember you in prayer and are sure that God is answering the many prayers that ascend to Him on behalf of the Home." Witham Peculiar People £1 15 0. Eastbourne "We enclose £3 for the Childrens' Home and will pray God's richest blessing on the splendid work you and your workers are doing for the Master." St. Albans 4lbs strawberries.

14th.—Enfield Town £2.

15th.—"God holds the Key" £2. Yelverton £1.

17th.—Edinburgh 2 guineas. Maldon £1. 1 cardigan, 1 woollen suit.

13th.—Chadwell St. B.C. 2 guineas Harrogate £1.

21st.—Wanstead 5/-. Eastwood £2. Tiptree 6 lbs cherries, Tottenham 6/6.

22nd.—Box of cherries, Tiptree. Enfield Town C. Mission, 4 frocks, 4 prs knickers, 2 nightdresses, 1 cardigan, 1 shirt, 1 pullover, 1 woollen hat, 2 petticoats, 1 bedcover.

27th.—St. Albans, 1 box plums.

28th.—J.E.G. 10/-. Manor Park.

29th.—Sudbury 2 prs. socks. S. Woodford £1.

AUGUST

1st.—Leyton "The Lord has indeed blessed us these last terrible weeks, by keeping us all in safety and preserving our homes. Please accept the enclosed £5 as a thankoffering to God from us both. We always are remembering you all in prayer and hope the day will not be so far distant when we can blow in and see you." Manchester "We are pleased to be able to send you the enclosed small gift-10/- and assure you of our continued prayerful interest in your work amongst the children." Gt. Gransden £1 10 0.

3rd.—St. Albans 2 boxes apples. Llanelly. "I enclose £3 from some friends and myself towards the Lord's work. Do these terrible P. planes come near you? Again thanking the Lord for every remembrance of you." Leyton 5/-.

4th.—Milford-on-sea. "Through an old friend I have heard of your wonderful work. Please accept 10/-." Ilford "5/-, We remember you of.en. May God grant His richest blessing upon every one of you and each part of the work. We know we are in His keeping," Romford, 5 lbs blakeys and studs, 12 bibles.

5th.—Bury St. Edmunds, "I have been reading your booklet "These Forty Years" and feel I would like to send a small gift towards the work- 5/- enclosed". Whitstable, Hamilton Rd. S.S. £2. E.C. one guinea,

7th.—An old girl £1 10 0. Beccles £2.

8th.—Tiptree, box apples, 2 boxes plums.

9th.—S. Woodford £3. Leytonstone "We enclose 7/- for the work, with prayer for the Lord's blessing on it. As we are now in the last part of the race, by His grace we want to encourage one another "Till He come": R. M. £1.

11th.—St. Albans, 3 prs. stockings, 5 aprons.

12th.—Witham Brotherhood £1.14.0. Romford, Scripture Reading notes and magazines for remainder of 1944. 10 prs. clogs, Repairing tools.

16th.—Brixham 10/-,

17th.—Doncaster 2/6

18th.—Leytonstone 15/-,

19th.—Romford 5/-, Dulwich one guinea.

21st.—Barking 10/- "Happy remembrances of your visit and fellowship at Park Hall, Barking. May God bless your labour of love is my prayer." Stratford 2/-, Leyton 2/-, Romford 1 suit, 2 lumber jackets. Tiptree, cricket set. St Albans, 1 kasket plums, 1 box fruit.

22nd.—W. Ham Tab. £1. Maldon 2/6

23rd.—Chelmsford "We have been waiting upon God for His leading as to where He would have us send money we had put aside for His work. We now feel He would have us to send it to you for the children at Tiptree. We enclose £5 praying God's richest blessing upon you all."

24th.—Watford "Have been reading your booklets with great interest and profit and would be so grateful to have some for distribution to members of my C.A.W. G. Club." I enclose 5/- for the work in which my friend and I take a real interest and pray for God's continued blessing upon you all in every department." Cranford Bap. Church £5. Cranford £2. and £1.

26th.—Worthing 10/-, London "Enclosed please find £10 to help to feed the orphans." Romford "We enclose cheque £100 being the legacy bequeathed to your Home by the late G.F.W." Buntingford £1.

27th.—St. Albans. 2 cwt plums.

29th.—Gt. Gransden £2. Woodford Green "I do hope you are all safe and well. The enclosed £1 is towards your good work. God bless and keep you all beneath His loving Hand." S. Woodford £1.

30th.—£2 Colchester "Just a small sum to help in running the Home. Two pairs socks enclosed, sorry there are not more, but it is difficult to obtain the wool. With best wishes." Rawmarsh 10/-, St. Albans 2 boxes apples. Harvest gifts from Walkern and Ashley Hall, St. Albans.

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2nd.—Florida U.S.A. £1. "It has been no small privilege to have you and your Christlike ministry in prayer-

ful remembrance and to rejoice with you in the precious experiences you have had of God's faithfulness through the years." S. Woodford £3.

4th.—Southbourne 7/6, Guildford "I have pleasure in enclosing on behalf of our Young People's Circle £1/16 towards your work." Tunbridge Wells 10/-.

7th.—St. Marys, Woolnoth £2/4/6. Romford 14 dresses.

8th.—Bitterne Park. "My sister gave me £1 to send you instead of paying insurance on her house and I have great pleasure in sending £1 for your personal use. God has been good to us here in preserving us and giving us quiet nights." Fairfax Hall £1/10/0,

9th.—Peterborough 7/6 Maldon 10/-, Minehead 3/-, Romford 8 gardening hoes and 4 dibbers, 1 field gate complete.

13th.—Ashford 10/-, Walsall £2.

14th.—London £5. Northern Textiles £1/7/0. Tottenham £10. Stratford £100. Romford £1. Coggeshall £5. Barn Chapel, Totham, Harvest gift £4. Waltham Abbey "I am sending £10 on behalf of my husband and myself as our wedding gift to you."

15th.—Haut Cong. Belge £2. Romford 3 blazers, 1 pr. knickers, 14 pairs shoes.

16th.—St. Albans £250 given towards our new Laundry and Bathroom. Gift from Walkern Harves £3. From Ashley Hall, St. Albans Harvest £13/7/9. C.W. 2/6.

17th.—Maldon Gospel Hall 13/- and £1. Tiptree Brotherhood £1/2/6.

18th.—Tebworth Mission, Tottenham, "Herewith £4/5/0. for the Lord's work in your charge. We had our Harvest Thanksgiving service yesterday and instead of the usual display made a special offering for your work." A.T. £2. W. 10/-.

19th.—Ponders End 2 guineas. Finsbury Park. "It is always a pleasure at this time of the year to send my gift - £3. Sorry conditions have made it necessary to send cash as my friends used to help me when I sent vests. Still times are so abnormal. "Our prayers are offered daily for you all." T. & M. 10/-.

21st.—Tolleshunt Knights £2.

22nd.—Letchworth Bap. C. £6/16/11. Harvest gifts from Tyttenhanger. Colchester 1 large dolls house. Harvest gifts from Chadwell Heath Bap. C. Collier Row Bap. C. Harold Park Bap. Church.

25th.—D. L. 4/-.

26th.—Railway Mission Stratford £4/17/0. Harvest gifts from Tolleshunt D'arcy Congregational C. and 10/-, Harvest gifts from Tolleshunt Major C. C. Tiptree Cong. C. 7/6.

27th.—Hollingbry Hall Brighton £4. Tolleshunt Major C. C. one guinea.

28th.—S. Woodford. "Enclosed is a small gift -£2. for your good work. I have been selling my pears and using the money for a few of our wonderful charities. I feel thankful that you and your happy family are away from Woodford in these trying times. We must go on praying for the end to it and to build a happier and better future." Elim Pentecostal Church, Ingatestone "Instead of holding Harvest meetings this year we took up a special thanksgiving offering to be devoted to your needs at Tiptree. The amount which was given in was £6. and it gives me great pleasure to be able to forward this to you to be used in any way you desire "