

two houses. You are asked to pray especially for this that the Work may be developed in accordance with His will.

I think thanks are due to our Box Secretary, Mr. W. Parker, for the amount of £163 15s. 6d. collected in boxes which is the largest sum we have ever received in this way. We do praise God for the interest our friend takes in this and every sphere of the Work.

Among the gifts received there are many interesting details such as £350 especially for the enlargement of Tiptree; £28 9s. from a Charitable Trust created by one of my old Bank Managers who died many years ago; £200 from a lady whom we went to visit in order that we might pray for and encourage her in sickness, the Lord rewarding our visit; £75 from a lady working for the Lord in Shanghai; £20 from a lady as a thankoffering for the safe arrival of a grand-child; £200 anonymously, signed "Well-wisher"; £200 left by a Woodford friend who retired and moved to Bournemouth; and 100 dollars, i.e., £24 left by a Woodford friend who went to Canada some 40 years ago. We could go on to mention further details of gifts received if there was more time, but we are grateful to God for every gift whether great or small bearing in mind that sometimes the small gifts are great in God's sight as in the case of the widow's mite.

Gifts in kind such as the Harvest goodies from many Churches and Missions, Pound Day, Pheasants, Hares, etc., not forgetting turkeys at Christmas have all been a great help to us and we praise God for moving all hearts to share in this His Work. All details will be in the "Links" which are sent to interested friends. If any one does not receive one and would like a copy kindly leave your name and address with one of the stewards. Incidentally there are some small booklets about the Work printed free of cost to the Home by a friend, and if you would like a copy they are available in the vestibule of the Church.

Our title is not only the 'Children's Home,' but 'Children's Home and Mission' and this includes the work of the Evangelical Free Church, Abridge about which the Co-Pastor, Mr. Gilbert, will speak later, as well as the numerous places we have visited during the year, some as far afield as Bridgnorth, Southsea, Haywards Heath and Diss, etc. Men and women have been won for Christ and we hear of others who have had their life for God deepened through the many services conducted.

Now I want to close with what one feels to be the most important item of all—this is our Prayer Partnership with so many friends all over the world: We render praise to God and thanks to all those friends who bear this Work up in Prayer. 'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of' and 'If my people that are called by 'my name' shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.' I should like to mention here that, *D.V.*, we hope to start our monthly Prayer Meeting on the second Thursday in September at Woodford and we shall look forward to meeting our old friends and many new ones month by month. May the dear Lord add many Prayer Partners to our list to His praise and glory."

The Rev. J. W. EWING, M.A., D.D., said:—

"My dear Mr. Chairman, Mr. White, Friends and Children, I feel it a great privilege to be here this evening to take part in this most inspiring Anniversary. Since I saw the dear children on the platform my heart, like your hearts, went out to them with affection

and interest, and when I heard the Report I could not help thinking that when the angels pass over Woodford and Tiptree they must take delight in seeing what is taking place in those two centres.

We are hearing tonight the appeal of the child. Long ago when Xavier, the great missionary to Asia, was in the height of his work, he was tired and worn out and said to his attendant, 'I am going to rest in the tent, and you must stand outside the door and prevent anyone coming in. I must rest or I shall break down.' For a while Xavier was there, and then the attendant felt a touch on his shoulder, and when he turned he saw the face of Xavier looking as though he had seen a vision of angels, and Xavier said to him, 'I was wrong. If a child comes, call me.' This evening we have heard the call of the child, and our presence here tonight is our response to it. The child is indeed important. Here we have a little boy or girl—a new human life. Here is a soul born to great destinies in time and in eternity; one starting on the journey of life, who will know something of the joys and the sorrows, the temptations and the cares which are familiar to us all, and this little one needs help, teaching and inspiration as it starts on this great journey. What charm there is about a child, what simplicity, what innocence and what naturalness! Sometimes a smile is brought to us when we hear the words of a little child. Mr. Kenton, in his delightful book of Children's Sayings tells of a little boy whose father was coming back tomorrow after a journey, and had promised to bring the boy a toy train. The child went to bed full of hope, and in the morning he offered this prayer, 'Lord, please bring father home safely, and his luggage.'

Then there is the readiness of the child for love. When I was visiting Palestine years ago I was in Nazareth one day and near the house in which it is believed that Jesus lived; I was crossing the large playground of the children's school, and a little boy, just a tiny fellow, came and put his hand in mine and walked with me across the playground. We had never seen one another before; we did not speak the same language; we could not converse, but the child's touch touched my heart and I felt what a precious thing the love of a little one is. Then, a little child is open to influence, one who might be brought to Christ with suitable teaching. Sometimes children try those who care for them, but even a tiresome one may have energy and ability which will be capable of great things in coming years. I remember in the life of Bishop Hannington, that splendid servant of God who died in entering Uganda, it is told how, when he was a boy, he was always in mischief, and was a great anxiety to his mother; she was a lovely Christian woman who used to be patient and gentle with him, and by her love influenced him. He said afterwards his mother's love was his guiding star, and out of the tiresome boy of the early years there rose up a great missionary and martyr who died for Jesus and inspired the work in Uganda which has now become a great missionary centre.

One cannot bear the suffering of a child. They have very tender hearts, and when the little ones are in pain their trial is hard to bear; they have not the experience of friends of older years; they have not seen how a trial can be turned to a blessing, and they need the care of others. One rejoices in this Home; there is a response so sympathetic and so moving to the needs of the children.

I feel that here this evening, however, we have something more than the human appeal—there is the call of the child to which we have answered, but we must all have realised already that there is something Divine working here. We are reminded of God's care for the child. The Lord Jesus has told us it is not the Will of our Heavenly

Father that one of these little ones should perish, and He has also said that their angels behold the face of the Father in Heaven. I think we do not fully know the complete meaning of that word of Christ, but it is evident from His teaching that God thinks of every one of these little ones, that He has His plan for them, and His resource for them. Who knows but that every one of them has an angel watching over him or her? 'Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?'

There is a great deal about children in the Bible. One reads of Moses, that baby put out into the river by the King's intent to die but by God's intent to be taken up by one who would train him and fit him for the great liberating work which God had for him to do: or here is little Samuel in the Temple hearing the voice of the Lord; at first mistaking it, but by and by able to answer, 'Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.' Then there is that lovely picture in the Prophet Isaiah of the coming era of peace when wolf and lamb will lie down together and wild animals live at peace with the tame, and 'a little child shall lead them.' The child-spirit coming to banish the selfishness and quarrelling of the nations! Surely we need in the world today the leadership of those who have the child-heart.

And then the word, 'Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,' and we see there the Babe lying in the manger around whom all our hopes are centred—the child Jesus. God knows the child's need of shelter, care and help, and He inspires the parental heart to care for the needy child. Naturally, it should be the father of the child who protects it and works for it, and the mother who by her love, sympathy, and prayer helps its start in life. But in some cases the parents do not realise this; we have heard this evening of some, and we know from our daily newspapers that there are some who are not worthy of their children, and through whom sorrow comes into the child's life. In other cases the father and mother are dead and then who is to care for the child? Who is to ward off the stormy blasts of poverty and need? God raises up eminent Christians who do this work and who become the fathers and mothers in spirit of the children. George Müller in Bristol and his great orphan homes; Charles Haddon Spurgeon in South London and his homes at Stockwell; William Quarrier in Scotland, and Herbert White and Mrs. White in South Woodford who, 48 years ago in the case of Mr. White, started this work for the children. As I think of it all I give honour and reverence to our friends who are doing this Christlike work through the long years.

How are the children to be provided for? I am quite sure that the history of this and other institutions of the kind prove that God undertakes and provides supplies. When there was drought in Palestine, Elijah had to be cared for; God set him down beside the brook Cherith from which he was to drink, and He said: 'I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there,' then, when the brook dried up, God said to Elijah, 'Arise, and get thee to Zarephath, for I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.' Now it seems to me that these two experiences of Elijah represent God's plan, and God's work both in the natural world and in the realm of human service. To-day God says to our friends in this Home, I have commanded the cornfields, I have commanded the orchards; I have commanded the fish in the sea, to provide for the needs of the children, and then He adds, I have commanded the loving hearts of Christian friends that they shall sustain you. And so to-night there have come from many places, near and far, those who are under the command of God to sustain the work of which we have heard this evening.

It has been well remarked that in such a movement as this we see the evidence of God's working in the world. I remember years ago they were holding such an Anniversary as this at Stockwell Orphanage, and Archibald Brown referred to the day when Elijah stood on Carmel and faced the hundreds of prophets of Baal; the question was whether God or Baal was to be worshipped, and they built their altars and put bullocks upon them, and then came the challenge, Call upon the one whom you worship, Baal or God, and the God that answereth by fire let him be God. When the prophets of Baal had failed to bring fire from Heaven, Elijah called upon the Lord in the evening hour, and fire from Heaven fell and consumed the sacrifice. Then the people fell on their faces and worshipped God, saying, The Lord, He is God. Mr. Brown cried, 'The God that answereth by orphanages, let Him be God.' Where do we see the establishment of Homes like these? Not with the atheist, or the sceptic. These things are the result of the Spirit of God working in the hearts of men and women, and to me this Mission at South Woodford is one of the evidences of God, one of the proofs in our modern days that God works, that God hears prayer and that God is gracious.

I rejoice, as I am sure we all do, that this is not only a Home—that is a beautiful thing—but a Mission. There is the desire to bring the children to the Lord Jesus Christ, and evidently there has been much success in that respect; the child with its tender heart is susceptible to the appeal of the Gospel, and when won, what promise there is of the future!

Looking back to the early days of the 19th century, we see in one of the stately homes of England a little boy, Anthony Ashley, and no one amongst his family to teach him about God, but there was a girl, Mary Millas, a nursemaid, who loved the Saviour and taught the child. She died when he was only seven, but the teaching she had given, and the influence she had exerted upon his life remained with him, and by and by he became the great Lord Shaftesbury, caring in his turn for the children who were in distress, watching over the needs of the poor, and earning the gratitude and affection of multitudes.

Then one thinks of that little boy in Essex who sat in a country Manse on a Sunday morning looking through a picture book while his grandfather prepared to preach the Gospel. What shall this child be? Little Charles Spurgeon to become the great preacher of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, and himself the founder of an orphanage.

Or we think of one who has lately passed into the unseen realm. Years ago little Charles Brown, at 8 years of age, working on a farm! What shall this boy be? Brought to Christ he becomes a preacher of the Gospel in London, honoured throughout the land and the leader of many gracious movements.

So we think of these boys and girls; Mr. and Mrs. White and the workers know them personally, and the question comes about each one—what manner of child shall this be? We need the children to grow up for Christ for the world is adrift. Any Christian worker at an orphanage like this, is making a great contribution to the nation, a contribution of character and faith for the solution of our national problems as well as those of individual life. Dear children, we want you all to give everything you have to Jesus. When He was talking one day there were thousands of hungry people round Him, and a boy came and brought five little rolls of bread and two fishes and handed them up to Jesus. Jesus accepted the boy's gift and broke up the bread and the fishes and made a meal for five thousand people. What great things came out of the boy's gift in the hands of Jesus, and we want you all to give your trust, your love, your life to Jesus.

Boys, what will you be? One will be a sailor, another will be a farmer, another will be a man of business in the City, and I hope some will be Ministers of Christ, preaching His Word and shepherding the flock of God. What will the girls be in the coming-days? We trust many will be mothers who will train little ones for Jesus as they are being trained to-day; some, nurses in hospitals caring for the sick, some missionaries in distant lands winning those in darkness to the true light. I should like to think, as a result of this meeting to-night and the message I am giving to you boys and girls, that some of you were led to say, 'I do give myself to Jesus. He gave Himself for me, and, by the Grace of God, I will give myself to Him.'

Dear Friends, I want to remind you all of the blessing He gives to those who care for the children. Who are they in this company? We think, first of all, of Mr. and Mrs. White; we rejoice in them and in their faithful, long-continued ministry, and then we think of those who work with them in the Home or on the farm, taking part with them in a blest enterprise. Then we remember the subscribers who give of their money or send their gifts in kind, many of whom are present to-night to help forward this good work. Surely all these are amongst those to whom come the blessing and the success of this work. When Carey was going out to India to start the modern missionary movement, he and Fuller and two or three others met, and Carey obtained from them a promise. He said, in effect, I am going down a deep mine, will you hold the rope? They promised they would. Our friends here are going down into the mine of service. The subscribers are holding the rope for them. I am sure there will come upon you all the blessing of the children's love, the love of the children to-day, and the love of those who grow up, as so many have done already, to manhood and womanhood, and are scattered throughout the world.

I was visiting Canada some time ago, speaking in various cities across that land to the Pacific coast, and everywhere I went I found those who had left home and Churches and Missions and who spoke with gratitude of those who had helped them in the days when they were in the old land; so I am sure that from those who are cared for in this Home there will go forth young men and women to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and lands perhaps outside our Empire, who will be building up the Kingdom of Jesus in those distant realms, and there will come to you the blessing of a peaceful heart. I think nothing brings such rest to the spirit as doing what God wants you to do and accomplishing that which is helping others. John Watson told of a local preacher, who went many miles to speak the Gospel message, and said to the people one evening, 'Why did I come?' He answered his own question, 'It is because I cannot eat my bread alone.' Is not that why we are helping this work? We cannot eat our bread alone?

I like to think of the day when Jesus took a little boy and put him in the midst of the disciples and told them they must become like him if they really were to be in His Kingdom, and then said, 'He who receiveth a child in My Name receiveth Me,' and 'He that receiveth Me, receiveth Him that sent Me.' Dear friends, I am sure if to-night we saw the Lord Jesus in our midst and when He raised His hand we saw the mark of the nailprint there, what He once did for us would inspire new access of love to Him. What can we do to show our love for Jesus? How can we prove our devotion to Him to Whom we owe everything—all the joys of to-day and the hopes of to-morrow? We can do it by helping the children. When the King comes in His glory He will say to those on His right hand: 'Come

ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. I was hungry and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger and ye took Me in; I was naked, and ye clothed Me,' and when the righteous ask, 'Lord, when did we do this to Thee?' He will say, 'Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these my brethren, my sisters, ye did it unto Me.'

God bless Mr. and Mrs. White, the workers, the subscribers, and the dear children!

A. M. GILBERT, Esq., said:—

"Those of you who are familiar with Amy Carmichael's missionary books will remember that one is entitled 'Overweights of Joy'; you may also remember that one of the chapters in that interesting book is 'The Dust of the Actual.' It is strange, sometimes, how the 'dust of the actual' and the 'overweights of joy' are found so close together. As I sat in reverie a day or two ago, thinking of the work of Abridge during the last twelve months, thinking of this meeting this evening, that relationship came to my mind. Sometimes we get down to the 'dust of the actual,' and, after all, dust is dust, it is not very inviting, and yet, as we sort it out, the 'dust of the actual,' hidden in it sometimes was precious gold; we felt these grains of gold to be 'overweights of joy,' and we gave praise and glory to God.

I suppose that must be characteristic of Christian work in a tiny village such as Abridge is. I suppose it must be characteristic of Abridge because it is near enough to London to feel the great attractions that draw people away from the simple things of everyday life to some of the empty things that the world gives. When we see some of these attractions and counter attractions, we are brought down to the 'dust of the actual.' Then something comes along to cheer, and we find 'overweights of joy.' Many a time we have thought and prepared during the year in great expectation; when we have come to the Service we have found many things missing that we have hoped for. Perhaps there was a change, a disappointment, but at the end of the Service someone came forward and spoke to one of the workers and there was fine gold; there was 'overweights of joy.' Things we had planned for the winter—last winter—seemed to drop out; the severity of the weather, the difficulty of communication, seemed to obliterate—that was 'the dust of the actual'—and yet, as we look round we gather up other things that give us great thankfulness to God.

We have been watching some of our young people all through the last year. One of those things that is very difficult to understand; those you perhaps have been watching suddenly go away like a will-of-the-wisp, the 'dust of the actual.' We can only hold on in prayer—feel that can be our touch with them—and then one or two come out and say to you, 'We would like to go through the waters of baptism as soon as possible,' and we gather up the 'overweights of joy' again. Friends come, and friends go. Helpers here, helpers there, give all their time and all their service, then they have to pass on. That is the 'dust of the actual,' but the memories that they leave behind are sometimes very precious. When this year we learned that someone had left nearly £100 toward the work of extension in Abridge then we remembered that we had not laboured in vain; someone has been interested far beyond what we had anticipated, and we give glory to God.

I remember at our Annual Meeting last year I referred to the proposed Widows' Cottages. Gradually funds and promises have been coming in. Here a promise, there a promise, here a gift, there

a gift, and I think we are now well on the way to the first £100. The 'dust of the actual,' shall we say? Hard cash. Then Mr. White tells me the other day that he had had an application for the first house! That, I suppose, is the 'overweight of joy.' Somebody has looked forward in anticipation to occupying the first cottage! Well, that is how the work comes and goes; much to cheer, much to send us to God in prayer; much to make us humble before Him, and in the great Prayer Partnership we ask that you will ever remember us, praying that God away there in Abridge will do a great work to His glory and to the extension of His Kingdom."

The Chairman, M. P. LAUGHTON, Esq., said:—

"I think it is a good thing to make the Chairman the last speaker, especially if he has over 60 miles to go home and wants to get there before midnight.

It must be 40 years since Mr. White came into our meeting. He wore a tall hat in those days, boys and girls, and a frock coat, and he amazed me by saying, 'God gave me this hat, God gave me these trousers.' As he told us the story he gave me a new angle on God, a new apprehension of God. Some time ago I went on Tower Hill, and Mr. White was talking. He was saying how God had sent some things for the Home in answer to prayer. There was a dirty old man standing next to me—I am sorry to say so but he was really dirty—and he turned to me and said, 'I don't believe that.' I said, 'What don't you believe?' He said, 'I don't believe God gave him that money and those things.' I said, 'Why don't you believe God gave him that money and those things?' He said, 'Because my conception won't allow me to believe it.' He was very serious and repeated the reason for his unbelief. 'Conception' seemed to be the operative word. As I went away from Tower Hill that day I thought to myself, What is my conception of God? My friends, in the words of the much honoured Dr. W. E. Charles, of Loughton and Walthamstow, 'I am convinced that my impression of God determines my expression of Him.'

In the 115th Psalm it tells of the gods of the heathen. 'They have mouths but they speak not, eyes they have but they see not, they have ears, but they hear not, and so on. Then comes a very significant verse, 'they that make them are like unto them, so is every one that trusteth in them.' And I am convinced, my friends, that we become like the gods we worship, we become like the God in whom we trust. And so it came to me, What kind of a God have I? What is my conception of God? Then I realised that the only true conception one can get is from God's Word.

Readers of 'Daily Light' will remember a quotation from Isaiah 64 a few mornings ago. In the Revised Version the 4th verse is beautifully brought out. 'For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, a God Who works for him that waits for Him.' The God Who works for him that waits for Him!

My friends, I am certain that is true. It is true of Salvation. The first mention of salvation in the Bible is in Genesis 49, 18, 'I have waited for Thy salvation, O Jehovah.' If there is a Jew here, he will hear me out in saying that every pious Jew says it three times every day in three different ways, if he says his prayers as he should. 'I have waited for Thy salvation, O Lord.'

And the second is in the 14th chapter of Exodus and verse 13, 'Stand still, and see the salvation of God.' Only as God works for our salvation shall we be saved. I know it says, 'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,' but it also goes on to say, 'for it is God which worketh in you.'

It is so in Sanctification, that much misunderstood word. But it is God's Word. And it is God's will. 'For this is the will of God, even your sanctification.' And then I am so glad it is God's work. 'And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, Who also will do it.' He does it. It is not by going to Keswick that we become like Christ. Here it is in 2 Cor. 3, 18: 'We all with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord.' We are changed, we do not change ourselves. We do not go about making ourselves holy. Some people try to and make an awful mess of it. I went to the Ideal Homes Exhibition a little while ago, and I was amazed at the large section which was given over to beauty treatment. You would hardly believe it, but there were women in full gaze of about half a million people being beautified. I really did not see very much difference. Girls, here is the true beauty treatment—'He is altogether lovely: the chiefest among ten thousand.' You and I one day are going to be like Him if we accept the Saviour, and even now we are changed into the same image from glory to glory by the Holy Spirit. Yes, it is God's Word, it is His Will, and it is His Work.

Then I am certain that God works for him that waits for Him in Service. That is the secret of this service, I am sure. Apart from God there would be no Children's Mission. I have been reading the life of George Muller to whom Dr. Ewing referred. And this is what I read, one hundred years ago this month, the £10,000 which he needed for the Ashley Downs Homes had come in after 18 months of prayer. Earlier he had already fixed on a piece of land he would like to buy. Mr. Muller was something like Mr. White—he did not expect God to do for him what he could do for himself after he had received orders—so he went to see the owner of the land. First of all he called at his house and the maid said he was out. Mr. Muller explained the object of his visit, and then went to the man's business to find he had left. Mr. Muller went home; he knew that his case was in the hands of God. Now think of this—after those two unsuccessful visits the owner heard the story from the maid. He never knew why, but that night he could not sleep, and he thought to himself, if Mr. Muller wants this land for the Lord's work, I ought to put the price down. So instead of asking £200 an acre, he brought it down to £120 an acre. Had he wanted £200 an acre Mr. Muller had not the money then, and he would not go into debt. So he writes in his diary the next day, 'How good the Lord is! Observe the hand of God in my not finding the owner at home last evening. The Lord meant to speak to His servant first about the matter and to leave him fully to decide before I had seen him. Thus does God work for them that wait for Him.'

They have proved it, my friends. It is for you and I to prove it also, because we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."



The Late Dr. F. A. MARTIN FLEGG,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A.

As most of our friends know, our dear Doctor received the "Home Call" on 13th March, 1947, after a brief illness and was laid to rest at Loughton after a Service in All Saints Church, Woodford, on the 18th March, 1947.

The Children's Home and Mission, first known as The Home for Destitute and Motherless Children, was founded on the 20th November, 1899, and within five months of the start Dr. Flegg offered his services as the Honorary Medical Officer, and it was not until he sold his practice that he relinquished this office and was then our Honorary Consultant Physician until his departure.

We have indeed lost a great friend and one who was loved by Workers and Children. All will greatly cherish their memory of him. No matter what day or hour we phoned he at once responded and took as much pains with the smallest child as if being paid the largest fee.

When deciding to retire, I well remember him coming to see us and breaking the news with the words, "There is one thing that makes me sorry when thinking of retiring and that is I shall not be able to continue to be the M.O. What will you do?" Our answer was, "What did we do before you came, Doctor? We prayed for God to guide and without our approaching you, you kindly offered your services." "Yes," he said, "I remember." "Well this is what we must do now," was our reply and here is a wonderful thing.

A fortnight before this happened we had occasion to talk with Dr. David Smith and he said "Should Dr. Flegg ever suggest retiring I offer my services as your Honorary Medical Officer, but of course you must not mention this until Dr. Flegg speaks first." I shall never forget Dr. Flegg looking at me and saying, "White, isn't God wonderful?" Yes, He says, "before you call I will answer and whilst you are yet speaking I will hear."

In both Dr. and Mrs. Flegg, who predeceased her husband, we had two loyal supporters and real "Prayer Partners."

H.W.W.



"The founder with his senior boys."

CHRISTMAS, 1946.

December 25th, 1946, at The Grove, Tiptree, was heralded by a queer selection of voices singing "Christians, Awake" outside the "sluggards'" doors. The clamour roused them from their slumbers, and they came downstairs, to be greeted by gay decorations and shouts of "Merry Christmas." The day had begun. It was a typical Christmas at the C.H. and M—a time of plenty-for-all, and nothing stinted, as the children could have told you, when they staggered from the dinner-table, the spirit of "don't-really-want-it-but-mustn't-see-anything-left-over" having laid them low for a time.

The morning began with breakfast, which appeared to have lost its usual attraction, probably in anticipation of the joys to come. After prayers, and the singing again of "Christians, Awake"—properly, and in tune this time—the presents were brought in—a great mountain of parcels—and distributed until each child had at least one. At the word "open" they were untied, and the air was rent with screams of delight, succeeded by a deafening blowing of trumpets, shrieking of whistles, and bedlam of voices.

Mr. White and the Sisters were immediately beseged by a mob of children, beseeching them to "Have one of these" or "Try this new game," and it was with great difficulty that they extricated themselves sufficiently to commence the enormous amount of work necessary to make the day a happy one for the kiddies.

Dinner calls for no description from me, suffice to say that the best of everything was on the table, and plenty of it!

After dinner the children were given an hour or two to play with their newly-acquired toys and recuperate after the effects of their dinner. Then came races and games, with all the adults joining in, and throughout the whole afternoon sweets and fruit circulated perpetually.

Then tea arrived, with the same profusion in evidence as at dinner. After tea came the *finale* of the evening—a concert—given by some of the children, and organized by one of the more patient of the Sisters (for everyone knows what a vast amount of patience it takes to teach children anything), and after more games, at which the fun reached its height, Mr. White, noting the drooping eyelids, decided to call it a day, so the happy day concluded with Mr. White conducting prayers, at which, as on all special occasions which come to an end, the "Home Anthem" was sung—"How good is the God we adore," and, with promises of another happy day "if they were good" ringing in their ears, they retired to bed and went sound asleep, "perchance to dream."

Boxing-Day dawned, fine and dry, with a crisp, frosty tang in the air. The boys, with a few of the gentlemen staying for Christmas at The Grove, retired to the football-field for a game, and emerged around dinner-time, covered in mud, and with enormous appetites, as the dinner-tables bore witness.

Lady visitors and the Sisters watched with astonishment, some with politely-concealed horror, as helping after helping of turkey, vegetables, and Christmas pudding was whisked off the tables, and disappeared down the yawning cavities which the boys termed "their throats."

After no more was to be had, the tables were cleared, and the afternoon's revelry commenced. In the spacious hall, decorated with holly, mistletoe, and gay paper decorations, all kinds of games were played, the adults joining in with such zest that they were soon

rendered breathless, but were "kept at it" by the very capable M.C., Mr. Victor White.

After a long, uproarious afternoon, tea was brought in again, every scrap up to yesterday's standard, and partaken of to the deafening "crack-crack" of bon-bons and crackers.

Tea over, more games were enjoyed, and then came a play, "A Christmas Carol," enacted by a few of the senior boys, and the children (and grown-ups) appeared vastly amused by the antics of "Scrooge & Co." and applauded vociferously. The play held their attention for two hours, and most of the children, being gorged to repletion by the sweets that circulated incessantly throughout the entire performance, being thoroughly tired and happy, were ready for bed, so Mr. White conducted prayers again, expressing his regret, as at every Christmas during the war, at the unavoidable absence of all his "old" boys and girls who used to make it their business to come for Christmas in time past.

With the singing of the "Home Anthem" again, the happy day ended.

Truly, any person who says that children in "Homes" have a miserable Christmas, should pay us a visit sometime.

G.S.,
A Senior Boy.



"Our senior girls."

EXTRACTS FROM DIARY

1st MAY, 1946 to 30th APRIL, 1947.

MAY

- 2nd. Cumberland Road S.S., Canning Town, 10/-. Colchester Railway Mission, "I enclose the sum of £1 5 0 from our Good Friday Love Gifts marked for your Work. May God's richest blessing rest upon you and your labour of love for Him." Colchester, £1.
- 3rd. Bristol (Anon.), 10/-.
4th. Malton—1 Jumper and 4 pairs Socks.
6th. Finner, £2. An old boy, £2.
7th. St. Albans—50 day-old Chicks. Datchworth, £1. West Mersea, £2 10 0. Tiptree Congregational Church S.S., Easter Collection, £2 5 6d.
8th. Tiptree—Large load of wood. Harrow, £5. Pean Hill S.S., Whitstable, 10/-. Ley St. Gospel Hall S.S., Ilford, "Once again I have the pleasure of forwarding to you on behalf of the S.S., a gift of £2 for the work in your homes. We do trust that your children are all well and that you are enjoying great blessings at the hand of God."
10th. Woodford Green, £1 1 0, "In memory of Mr. Morrison." Guildford, £1, "Enclosed is a small gift towards the work of God in which you are engaged. Having proved the faithfulness of our Heavenly Father, we desire to express our gratitude for His goodness by obeying the injunction, 'Freely ye have received, freely give.'" Whitstable (Covenant), £10. Bath, £1 1 0d.
11th. Colchester—Parcel of Books.
13th. Haverhill, £3. Haywards Heath E.F.C., £5.
15th. A Child Lover—1 pr. Second-hand Shoes and Clothes.
16th. Leign—Parcel of Second-hand Clothes, and £2.
17th. Tiptree—2 pairs Socks.
18th. W.I., £5. Gidea Park, "Enclosed please find £1 as a small contribution for that wonderful work among the children that God has entrusted to you. How it strengthens our faith and confidence in Him when we look back and see what He has brought us through. You have got some wondrous stories to tell of His care and protection over you and all those dear to you and how He blesses us when we fully trust Him." Great Totham C.C. Women's Meeting, 12/9d.
21st. Welling Sunday School, £4.
22nd. Cricklewood, "I have pleasure in enclosing cheque £5 towards your Work and pray that God will bless all you seek to do for Him and the children." Shoeburyness Gospel Hall—Donation £1 and £1 2 6 for Children's Sweets; 1½-lbs. Chocolate for the Workers; 2½-lbs. tea; 6 boxes Matches; 2 packets Bisto, ¼-lb. Sugar, and remainder of Pound Day Gifts—Second-Hand Garments, 6 pairs second-hand Shoes and 5/- for repairs, 1-lb. cocoa, tin of household milk, jar of pickles, tin of groats, 2 jars fish paste, oxa and cake flour. Shoeburyness, 10/6d.
27th. Bristol (Anon.), 10/-. Stisted Congregational Church, £1.
28th. Braintree (Covenant), £100.
29th. Witham Convention, 15/-.
30th. Stisted Congregational Church, 10/-. Burgess Hill, £1.
31st. Meesden, "Enclosing cheque £5 to help forward your good work in caring for so large a family and may you have great blessing in the coming anniversary day." Hayes, £1. Romford, 5/- and 6/-.

JUNE

3rd. Buckhurst Hill, £1. Grantham, £5. London, E.C., 7/6. Finchley—2 boxes Second Hand Clothes. Broxbourne—7 pairs Knitted Socks.

4th. South Woodford, "Thank you for your invitation to the Annual Gatherings. I should like to be there but cannot. I trust you may have a time of blessing and encouragement. Please accept enclosed 10/- towards the Home expenses." Chingford, "I am enclosing £2 this being contributions received from friends to whom I have told the story of your wonderful work. I have never asked for money. They have volunteered it." Rochford, "I am enclosing £2 for your family. I should like to have come along to your day with my blind friend, but I am moving to Kent that week, so am afraid shall not be able to. The money is made up with cash from that friend, some from a Sunday School Class at Hawkwell Church and myself." Tottenham—Scrap Book. Barking Baptist Tabernacle Women's Meeting, £2.

5th. Broxbourne, £1.
6th. Walsall, £1. Tiptree, £1 5 0.
7th. East Rudham, £5.
8th. St. Stephen's Church, E.17, £3.
11th. Barn Chapel, Great Totham, £1. Tubney, "Some few months back I was able to render a business service to a young friend of mine which (unlike the usual run of such things) he evidently highly appreciated, and wanting to show such appreciation looked round for some tangible expression. Knowing he could not give me anything he did the next best thing, and last week he sent me the enclosed cheque for £5 requesting me to pass it along as a 'thank-offering' to any of the many good causes he knew I was interested in. Coming as it has done at this particular time, I think it is indicated that it should go to 'The Home,' so please accept same as my young friend's expression of thanks for a service rendered."

12th. Finchley, "A birthday gift, £2 2 0."
13th. Woodford Green, £2. Rayleigh Baptist S.S., £2.
14th. Ilford, 5/-. "We continue in prayer for you all." North Kensington, "Please find enclosed 10/- for your Work. I had a very happy time when I visited the Home. May God bless and save the children when young, that they shall not depart from the truth, as in God's word. The Lord bless and keep you in His will." Minsterworth, £1. "I pray that God will bless you and yours through the coming months." Maldon, Fullbridge Hall Working Party—1 knitted Vest, 4 Nightdresses, 2 Knickers, 2 pairs Socks. Stratford, 10/-. Blackpool, 5/-. Poulner Baptist Chapel, £5.

15th. Seven Kings, 10/-.
17th. Enfield Wash, 7/6d. Ambleside, 5/-. Beccles, 10/-.
18th. Southbourne, £2. Anstey, £5. "I am writing in bed where I have been nearly a week. . . . I am so disappointed being unable to attend the Meetings on Saturday—had so looked forward to coming." A Thundersley S.S., £1.

20th. Enfield Wash, "Please accept the enclosed cheque 10/- as a little love gift for the children under your care. We were pleased to read of so many of the boys and girls trusting the Lord Jesus as their own Saviour. Yours is a noble work for the Master. May He bless you in it." Chilworth, £5. "May God greatly bless you and those under your care." Shaftesbury, £1. Sandy, £2 2 0. Halstead, £2 2 0. R., £1.

21st. Hailsham, 10/-. "As one looks back over the years it gives us great cause for praise to God for His Faithfulness and the Blessing He has bestowed on you all." Maldon, £1. Tonbridge, £1.

"It doesn't seem possible that you will be commencing *another* year of your care for the children and Service for your Lord and Master. How the years do fly! and how grateful we are to God for His wonderful goodness in your Work and labour of love over the past six years of war." Grantham, 3/6d., "I do not forget you in my prayers and will you also remember us as well." An old girl, £1.

22nd. Tottenham—9 prs. socks; 4 hats. Anon.—1 dress; 4 night-dresses. Romford—54 remnants woollen material. Waltham Cross—Parcel of games and toys. East Ham, 10/-. Leytonstone, £2. Highams Park Congregational Sunday School, £2, "With love from the Primary S.S. scholars to the children of Mr. White's Homes." "Our Day" Offering, £46 13 10.

24th. "Alma," £2. An old girl, 2/6d.

25th. Tyldesley, £2. Colchester, 2/6d. Leytonstone, "I enclose £1 1 0 toward the Lord's work under your care. My late husband I know used to send to you so you shall have it from me. With my prayers for you and the Work." J.C.W., £5. Hollingbury Hall S.S., £4.

27th. Christchurch, 10/-. Whitstable, £3. S. Woodford, £1 2 7 for Boot Fund. Hullbridge Free Church, £2 10 0.

28th. Victoria, Australia—72-lbs. jam. Thorpe Bay, £10. Doncaster, 2/6d. B., £1.

29th. High Barnet, 5/-. "I believe you once asked for prayer that you might have victory at Tiptree, Woodford and Abridge, and doubtless in the past year, as well as all along the years of your wonderful Work you have experienced gracious answers. The Lord is ever mindful of those who put their trust in Him." Lewisham, £10.



"A few of the lads at our Tiptree branch."

JULY

1st. Manchester, £1. Cranford Baptist Girls' Bible Class, £2. Peckham, "I am pleased to enclose a cheque for £25 as a Thank-offering to our Lord for His many Mercies during the war and at all other times." Leyton, £1. "As thou goest step by step the Lord will open up the way before you." G.J.M., 10/6d. Minehead, 3/-.
2nd. A friend gave £2 16 4 towards this month's sweet ration.

3rd. Great Clacton, £1 1 0. Fraddon, £1.

4th. Shalford Green C.C., £2 2 0.

5th. Llanelly, £1, £1 and £1.

6th. Glasgow, £1. Seven Kings, 10/-.
8th. Enfield West, £2. "This is just a brief note to let you know how very sorry I was to miss your Annual Gatherings again. However, I heard you had a very good time and do praise God with you for all His abounding mercies to you and yours during all these most difficult years, especially to you personally for health and strength and sustaining grace. I pray that you may be conscious of His Presence and Guiding Hand in all your daily problems—to His Praise and Glory." Barking, 10/-. Beckenham, £2.

9th. Colchester Gospel Band Women's Meeting—2 scrap books and £2 15 7d. Colchester, 10/-.
11th. Anstey, £200 and 6 jars honey.
12th. St. Albans—1 box dates. White Colne Baptist C., £3 16 4. Willesden Green, £1 1 0. Eastwood, £1.

13th. Loughton, £1.
15th. Hornchurch, 10/-. Thorpe Bay, £10.

16th. Cecil Hall, Enfield—1 shirt; 2 blouses and skirt; 2 pull-overs; 5 nightdresses; 1 scarf; 3 pairs knickers; 2 petticoats and 2 frocks. Loughton, £1. Husband of one of our old girls, £5. Ilfracombe Assembly Hall S.S., £2. S. Woodford, 10/-.
17th. Stisted C.C.—4 doz. eggs and 6-lbs. flour. Enfield, £2 10 0. "May God richly bless you in your service for Him."

18th. Maldon—3 knitted vests.

20th. Witham United S.S., £1 1 0.

22nd. Tiptree—14-lbs. raspberries.

23rd. Tiptree—24-lbs. black currants. Hamilton Road Mission, Whitstable, Women's Meeting, £1. Harrow, £2. "I pray that you are being sustained in your Work for our Lord Jesus Christ and seeing blessing in all that you do for Him." Wanstead, 5/-.
25th. Sydney, Australia—2 cases meat and 1 case jam. Twickenham—4 jigsaw puzzles. Clacton—secondhand coat and books. York, 9/6d. Ipswich A.T.P.M., £1 10 0. Bridgnorth, "The enclosed 5/- was handed to me to pass on to some good work, so I am sending it with our continued prayers for blessing on the children under your care."

26th. Manor Park, 10/-. "Wishing you every spiritual blessing." Tiptree, 10/-.
27th. Southend Gospel Mission, £1 10 0 and £10. Sudbury—2 prs. socks and secondhand clothes. Abridge—secondhand maids' aprons, caps and collars. Battersea—parcel secondhand clothes. Tiptree—28-lbs. raspberries.

29th. Sidcup, £12. "I greatly enjoyed 'Our Day' and must congratulate you and your workers on the splendid behaviour of the children at both services and also the beautiful way they sang. May the Lord continue to lead you, giving you your heart's desire in knowing the little ones are trusting the Saviour." Sydney, Australia—2 cases jam.

30th. Colchester, £3 10 0.

31st. Bristol, £50. Seven Kings, £2. Dagenham, £2 2 0.

AUGUST

2nd. Tollesbury—3 pairs socks and 1 petticoat. Tollesbury, £1. New Barnet, £1.

3rd. Hainault Road Baptist Women's Meeting, Leytonstone, 10/-. "We still continue to have a prayerful interest in the Work and those of our friends who were able to attend the Annual Meetings had a very enjoyable time." Worthing, £2. "Our prayer is that the boys and girls may be brought to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour."

4th. Waltham Abbey, £5.

5th. Peterborough, 5/6d.

6th. Stanway, £1. Eastcote, 10/-. Ipswich, £1.

7th. Australia—2 cases canned meat and 1 case tomato sauce.

8th. Sudbury—box secondhand shoes. Leytonstone Methodist Sewing Meeting—7 nightdresses and 2 pairs socks. Romford—secondhand coat.

10th. Tiptree—2 boxes plums. Shoeburyness Gospel Hall Boot Fund, £3 10 0. Ilford, 5/-. Worthing, 10/-. Surbiton, 10/-.
12th. Cranleigh Baptist Church, £2 2 0 and 10/-. An old girl who was with us in the Home 32 years ago called to see us with her husband, and left a donation of £1.

13th. Walkern Mission, £3. Colchester, £2.

14th. Stratford Railway Mission, £3 3 0. Leytonstone, £1 1 0. Anon., 10/-. Ipswich, £5.

15th. Kempston, £4 2s.

16th. Wickham Bishops, £2.

17th. Finchley—parcel secondhand clothes.

18th. Great Totham C.C., £5. Heybridge Basin C.C., £1 1 3.

20th. Croydon, £2.

22nd. Pier Avenue Baptist Church, £11 and £2 1 6. Newick, £4 3 0. Northampton, £5. "I often think of you and am frequently remembering you in prayer. May the Lord bless you abundantly."

Southend, £1. Maldon, 10/-.
24th. Hampton, £1.

26th. Surrey Chapel, Norwich, £4, £1, 10/-, 13/-.
27th. Ipswich, £1.

28th. Tiptree—10 pints milk. St. Albans—35-lbs. plums; 28-lbs. greengages. Woodford Green—bag of buttons. Abridge Free Church S.S.—toy garages. Prophetic Meeting, £1 5 0. Brixham Gospel Mission, £1. Maldon Elim Pentecostal Assembly, £5. Woodford Green, 10/-.
29th. Ilford, £1.

30th. Heybridge Basin C.C., £1.

31st. Southend £1.

SEPTEMBER

1st. Maldon—2 nightdresses and 2 vests.

2nd. Wolverhampton, £5. N.W.2, £1. Blackmore, 10/-. Broomfield Methodist Church, £2 10 0. H., £1.

3rd. Witham, £1. "You have no doubt heard that the 'old folk' are to have repayment of three of their 'Post War Credits'—which most of us did not expect for a long while, if at all. Well, ours came in the shape of an Inland Revenue cheque; and on consulting with the wife we decided on a 'Thankoffering' to White's Homes. Here it is."

5th. Tiptree—3 boxes apples. N.19, £2. "May God bless your good Work—there is such a lot of sorrow in this world, it is good to know that the Lord raises up His servants to help."

6th. Epping Congregational Church Women's Meeting, £1 6 6d. Lewes, "I have thought much of you since we met at Newick and have passed on at various Women's Meetings the account of your Work and God's provision during past years. I feel I would like to have a small share in it so enclose cheque for £1." Leyton, £2.

7th. Tiptree—20-lbs. Apples.

9th. Maldon—2 nightdresses. Regent Gospel Hall, Swindon, £6 10 0 and £1 1 0.

10th. Kings Lynn, £1. St. Albans—2 boxes prunes and basket of pears.

11th. Pitsea—harvest goods. N.17. "Now the holidays are nearly over and the dark evenings are coming I am enclosing £1 10 0 for some wool including postage. About 2-lbs. I thought would cover that amount."

13th. Romford—2 flat irons. St. Albans, £1, "May He continue to richly bless you in your labours for Him." Brentwood A.T.P.M., £2. Harold Park Baptist Church, 5/-.
14th. Croyland Road Gospel Hall, Edmonton, "Please find enclosed £1—a little gift from the Girls' Bible Class for your Work amongst the boys and girls. We remember you in our prayers." Pitsea, £1 10 0.

16th. Ashley Hall, St. Albans—Harvest goods and collection, £11 7 9.

17th. Walkern Mission—Harvest goods and collection, £3. Barn Chapel, Great Totham—Harvest goods and collection, £3 12 0. Tyttenhanger—Harvest goods. New Zealand Mothers' Union—2 Parcels clothes.

18th. Anon.—Parcel of clothes. St. Albans, £1 10 0. Brentwood, £1. "May God's richest blessing continue to attend your noble efforts which are of great importance, especially nationally, at this time."

19th. Australia— $\frac{1}{2}$ -cwt. suet.

20th. Broxbourne, £1 and 3 prs. socks. Feering, "During visitation my wife had handed to her 5/- from an invalid who is much interested in your Work, requesting that it should be forwarded to you. My wife adds a further 5/- with every good wish for your Work. We often remember you in prayer."

21st. Beechcroft Mission S.S., Surbiton, £2. Chelmsford, 10/-.
22nd. Theodore Road Baptist Church—Harvest goods.

23rd. Romford £3 3 0. Colchester Gospel Band, £5 and 10/-. People's Hall, Bridgnorth, £3, "With prayers and good wishes for your Work, and very grateful thanks to God that He sent you into our midst." Stisted Baptist Church—Harvest goods.

24th. Harold Park Baptist Church and Victory Hall, Tottenham—Harvest goods. Harold Park, £1.

25th. Meldrum S.S.—Harvest goods. Maswell Park Women's Meeting, Hounslow, £1 1 0. Beckenham C.C.—Harvest goods and collection, £3 14 0.

26th. Theodore Road Baptist Church—Harvest collection, £2. Southminster C.C. S.S.—Harvest goods. Nassau, Bahamas—3 Cartons tomatoes. Ramsgate, 10/-.
27th. Fullbridge Gospel Hall, Maldon—2 Nightdresses. Anon.—Parcel secondhand clothes.

28th. Finsbury Park, £3 3 0, "Assuring you of our constant prayers."

30th. Cranford Baptist Church, £6 5 0. Chase Cross Baptist Church—Harvest goods and collection, £7 11 3. Southminster C.C. S.S.—Harvest collection, 6/6d. Bruce Grove—Harvest collection, £4 17 0 (including 15/3d. from S.S.). Harvest goods from: Ashurst Drive Baptist Church, Ilford; New Park Hall, Barking; Ingatstone Elim Pentecostal Church and Tolleshunt D'Arcy Chapel.

OCTOBER

1st. West Mersea Union Church—Harvest goods. Waltham Abbey Baptist Church—Harvest goods.

2nd. Norfolk, £5.

3rd. Panfield Chapel, £1 10 0.

4th. Clifton, £5. "Once more we are enjoying the time of harvest. How good our God has been, notwithstanding all our fears. So too we think of that greater Harvest—may God bless you in your Work and labour of love with the souls under your charge." Manor Park, £1. Southampton, £2. Southampton, £5. Westcliff, £10.

5th. Ingatstone Elim P.C., £6 10 0.

7th. Tiptree United Brotherhood, £1. Harvest goods from:—Grafton Hall; Feering Faith Mission; Tolleshunt Knights Village Hall. Tiptree—5 Bushels apples. Anstey Union Church—Harvest collection, £6 19 0. Welling Gospel Hall S.S., £4. "We pray that you are continually proving the goodness of the Lord who has promised to never leave or forsake us." Hounslow U.C., £1 1 0. Grafton Hall, £2. Tolleshunt Knights—Harvest collection, £1 15 3. Feering Faith Mission—Harvest collection, £2.

8th. S. Woodford, £1. Leyton Elim Church—Harvest goods. Thundersley S.S., £1. "Trusting you are meeting with encouragement in every aspect of the Work."

9th. Ilford, 5/-. Woodford Baptist Church, "We have pleasure in enclosing cheque for £8 13 6, being amount of our Harvest Offering. We are all so glad that at least part of your Work will soon be back in Woodford and we shall then be in closer touch like olden days."

10th. Inworth C. of E.—Harvest goods. Chingford Hatch Methodist Church—Harvest offering, £5. "May you continue to prosper under God's richest blessing." F.B., £20.

11th. Tiptree—Horse roller. Whitstable, £1 1 0. "We trust you are seeing blessing among the children committed to your care and that their material needs are being supplied." Prittlewell, "As it is our usual custom to give any extra pension we receive to the Lord, I enclose £1. We are more than grateful to the Lord for all His benefits to us."

12th. Leytonstone Methodist Church Sewing Meeting—4 prs. socks.

14th. Muswell Hill United Mission, "Enclosed please find cheque for £3 4 0 from our Harvest Thanksgiving Services. As we cannot send the vegetables, etc., we know the money is acceptable." Brentwood Gospel Hall S.S., £4. Cranleigh, £2. Yelling Baptist C., £6 10 0.

15th. Ashley Hall Sewing Meeting, St. Albans—10 prs. pyjamas; 8 pillowcases; 3 girls' caps; 2 dish cloths; 2 prs. knickers; 3 vests; 3 flannel vests; 3 cotton frocks; 1 woollen frock; 7 jumpers; 7 prs. socks; and 5 prs. gloves. Waltham Abbey Baptist Church, £1-10 0, Harvest Offering.

16th. Shoeburyness—parcel secondhand garments. Yelling—6 scarves and 1 cardigan.

17th. Gift acknowledged in "The Christian"—£2. Theydon Bois Baptist S.S., £2. Shoeburyness, £4 10 0 for Boots. Eastney Gospel Mission, £4 and £5. Ingatstone, £1. Mill Hill, £1. "May God richly bless the service of love in the Homes to the reclaiming of many of these precious young lives from the power of Satan to the service of the Master." Bedford Hall S.S., £3. N.1, £1. F., £1.

19th. Abridge E.F.C. S.S., 13/-. Binfield, £2 10 0. "I have such joy in being able to send you this amount from 'Michael's Missionary Garden' this year. As you will see we have been able to more than double the usual amount. Thank God for the increase which He alone gives. May your Work for Him prosper mightily."

21st. Hollingbury Hall S.S., £4. Wadham Hall S.S., £2.

22nd. Kentish Town Mission—Harvest offering, £9 15 0, and from the S.S., £1 2 6. Shoebury Boot Fund, £1 10 0.

23rd. Thorpe Bay, £10. Tunbridge Wells, £1. Leytonstone, 14/-. Tiptree, £1 10 0. Goodmayes Baptist Women's Own, 10/6d. Brentford, £3.

24th. Anon., £1. Upney Baptist Women's Meeting, £2 2 0. Stanway, 10/-. Beckenham—2 parcels secondhand clothes. Canada (per W.V.S.)—35-lbs. Chocolate Powder. Romford—5 jackets; 1 mackintosh; 20 khaki shirts; 4 cape mackintoshes; 22 pyjama coats and some ties.

25th. South Africa—1 dressing gown; 1 skirt; 3 blouses; 1 pr. knickers; 2 pullovers; 4 prs. pyjamas; 3 knitted frocks; 1 romper suit; 5 prs. socks; 2 hoods; 1 pr. slippers and knitted quilt. St. Albans, 10/-.

29th. Edmonton, 10/-. P.P. Stanway, £3 10 0.

30th. Alexander Hall, Westcliff, £2 10 0. Walthamstow—3 prs. knickers. Margaret Preston Charitable Trust, £28 9 0. Brentford C.C., £1 1 0. Christchurch, £1.



"Sports—the Potato Race."