

## EVENING MEETING.

PASTOR HERBERT WHITE continued with the Report.

"Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits!"

This must be the note for our Evening Meeting. All will agree that our Afternoon Service has been one of the best. I am sure we all felt it good to be here, not merely because we were here, but because the Lord was present in Power and we realised the Holy Spirit at work. What a benefit it was to each heart as He talked to us by the way, through His servants.

We would thank our Chairman, Mr. James Stokes for again helping us this year in guiding the Meeting—how very pleased we are to welcome our good friend the Rev. John Pritchard of the Leigh Baptist Church. We remember with pleasure his last visit and have not forgotten his message based upon the 121st Psalm which he then gave. Thanks again to our special Soloist, Mr. Bruce Flegg; the Accompanist, Miss Greta Parkinson; our choir master, Mr. F. W. Whitford and the organist, Miss Elizabeth Geary.

There may be some here who do not yet know what the work stands for, so I will now repeat the three objects which by the grace of God have been adhered to since the inception of the Work.

1. That we might help needy children.
2. That we might be used of God to win these children for Christ.
3. That we might prove that He is the living God and through the Lord Jesus is waiting to answer our prayers, by appealing to Him alone for the supply of our needs.

It would perhaps interest you to know that we have a Trust Deed which is signed by 13 Trustees and also the Charity Commissioners, and that in this is clearly stated our basis of Faith, which I would like to read to you, but time is limited. You will find this in our next "Links."

This we feel is essential for should the Lord see fit to remove any of his workmen, the work would still be carried on in the Spirit of the last 48 years. True it is that change and decay all around I see, but we must still declare "O Thou Who changest not, abide with me." Our Lord cannot be cornered—The Word of God is not bound—He is not limited by circumstances—Real Christians are really the only optimists and the One who is the same yesterday, today and for ever is only waiting for our simple childlike trust in Him that He might use us to work out His own sweet will and prove to a lost world that HE Lives and Loves and will always answer Faith in action for "If God works, who can let?"

The property so far vested in the Trust Deed consists of:—

Six three-story houses and large double hall in Crescent Road, Woodford, and at Tiptree:—

One double-fronted house and large hall, together with

One Bungalow.

Parcel of Ground purchased for £200.

Parcel of Ground purchased for £444.

Parcel of Ground, 12½ acres purchased for £850.

This makes, with the ground attached to the House when bought apart from the garden, about 22 acres of land

When we think that in 1899 the Home was commenced in a flat of three little rooms and now we possess the property detailed, without asking anyone but God alone, we have to say—"The Lord, He is GOD!" He has moved hearts to give and His servants have obeyed.

We have helped 704 cases since the start. 71 are with us today, 19 have been added during the year and 12 have left us. As you see we are gradually climbing in numbers. We are hoping that controls may soon be off, enabling us to enlarge as the Lord shall lead. We are sorry to say that many children now have to be refused—where we used to sleep 80 children we are now only allowed to accommodate 48 as each child must have 40 sq. ft. floor space for bed.

Those who were present this afternoon heard something of our activities when we showed you that from the spiritual, educational and recreational aspects we have had a very happy and successful year. Some of the children who have received Christ during the year are now seeking to pass on their message by life and lip and influencing others in the things that matter. One of our girls was baptised in this church last year.

Each week a group of the Christian children, known as "The Home Missioners" meet for fellowship and service. This little meeting was the children's own idea and already has proved to be a great value in the Home. Please pray that these young witnesses may be encouraged and go on to do greater things for Him.

Many of the old children have visited us during the year and it is good to see that they still remember the things they learnt whilst with us. I will quote from just a few of their letters.

*From an old Boy:—*

Many thanks for copy of Links, and furthermore to know I am still in your thoughts. We shall soon have another Christmas here and I know the children will be looking forward to the grand time you have always given us. I am enclosing a small gift which I know will come in handy. Only wish it could be a hundred times bigger. *I must tell you this*—My little girl went to Sunday School last week for the first time and believe me it brought back many memories when she walked in with her first little text. I often think of the good times you gave us, but we do not realise what it means until we get out into this big world. Shall look forward to seeing you all again soon. God bless you all and a very happy Christmas.

*From one who was with us 27 years ago:—*

I am very sorry I shall not be able to join the happy family at the Reunion. Shall be thinking of you all in my wakeful hours. I have taken the post of night sister for the next year . . . Shall value your prayers. It is a terrific responsibility being in charge at night, but the Lord's presence has been very real. He knows just how much we can bear and He has never failed. Trusting that He will continue to supply your every need and richly bless you all in His work. With love—Yours gratefully.

*From one who was with us 30 years ago:—*

Thanks so much for kind invitation to Reunion tea party. All being well the three of us will be delighted to come. Our boy is specially looking forward to it. I often think of you all and the big work and what it must mean to look after all the children as you do and realise what a wonderful work it is and pray God will bless you all for it. With much love and every good wish from us three.



*My dear true friend:—*

Thanks for invitation to Reunion. I have always waited for the day when I should see you again, and some of my playmates who were with me in 1921—1927. I would have loved to see "Mother" again before she received her reward, but through God's love I shall meet her again. It is twenty years since I left the Home and went to Canada with two other boys. It seems only yesterday since you saw us three off at Euston Station. They were grand days. Well, my wife and I hope to see you soon, so till then God bless and keep you all in His loving care—From one who remembers your care and devotion.

*From an old girl:—*

We shall be pleased to accept your invitation to the Reunion. Fancy 48 years saddled with other people's children and you have never laid the burden down. I am sure my little girl will love to investigate her Mummy's old home. Incidentally I myself feel I would like to do a little exploring there again. I think it is wonderful how you have advanced and expanded through such complete faith in God. My husband will be coming with me. With best wishes.

*From one who was with us 30 years ago:—*

We are sending our little gift to you once again to help in your good work for the Master. We wish it were more, as I shall never forget your goodness to me and my sisters while we were with you. We enjoyed our visit to you in October and it must have encouraged you to see so many old girls and boys. We wish you all a very happy Christmas. Our son, wife and little grand daughter are well, also our daughter. With love from "Still one of your old girls."

*From a girl who left us recently:—*

Well here I am at last writing to thank you from the depths of my heart for all the kindness you have shown me during the nine years I was with you. Without your training I should not be where I am today and also I should not have known the right way to live and the love of Jesus Christ. On Sundays I go to the Baptist Church and other services during the week and have met some really nice Christian girls. Just a word of thanks too for all the nice things I have to wear. With fondest love and a grateful heart. From one of your old girls.

*From a lad now in the Forces:—*

Sorry not to have let you know earlier that we are sailing today for the Middle East. Never have I felt the pull away from home as I do now. I am most deeply grateful for all you have done for me while I was with you. It cheers me up to think that although we will be away from each other God will bring our prayers and thoughts together. Good-bye for now. Keep on praying.

We have kept on praying especially that this lad would get in touch with other Christians and this week received a letter from him in which he says "I have met a Christian lad out here. We were in a canteen having a meeting, afterwards in conversation I told him I came from Woodford and he replied do you know a Mr. White's Home there, and was surprised when I replied "I was only there for eleven years." We hope to meet you at the Annual Meetings next year, when I will introduce him to you."

Our Staff now numbers 16. Since last we met two have been added in answer to prayer, and we realise that these have been sent, by God to help His Work, for which we praise Him. They are a keen band of workers.

On account of present day restrictions, gifts in kind are not as numerous as they used to be, but we are indeed very grateful to all who have sent—here are a few items:—

Consignment of C. H. & M. Booklets; Secondhand Clothes and Books; Harvest Goods from more than 20 churches; Tea from Ceylon; New and Secondhand Toys; Rabbits; 28lbs. Plums; Several Baskets Cucumbers; Fruit of all kinds; Foodstuffs from U.S.A., South Africa and Tasmania; Turkeys; Tablecloths; Rubber Floor Covering and Mats; Two New Motor Tyres; Car Overhaul;  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton and 1 cwt. Seed potatoes; Eggs, etc.

I must read you here extracts from a letter received this week from Santiago:—

Last week I sent via the States £5 worth of rice. The origin of this gift is a little unusual. Down South we have a Mission Station and one of the lady missionaries has been telling them about the need in other lands. I was there last February and they were insistent on sending a gift to you when I told them about your work. How they collected the £5 I do not know. They live in huts and mostly support themselves on the land around. They are the remains of a noble race which the Spaniards maltreated and tortured in the most inhuman way, and with methods only Rome can devise. I besought them not to give money, because it is I who try to send money to them for the work of the Gospel, but this was their own personal contribution over some months. I doubt whether you will ever have a stranger gift, but it comes from Indian young people who have been under the influence of the Gospel for many years. The Gospel has changed the whole of this district.

There are several working parties who meet to sew for the Work. We usually supply coupons for material. We are very grateful to the members of these working parties, and to others who work individually.

**Boot Fund.** We are sorry to report that our Woodford Boot Fund Secretary, Mr. Suckling, has been called home during the year. His good wife started this work years ago and he continued to carry on after she died.

Indeed we are very appreciative of what has been done under this heading as boots and shoes are always a tremendous problem.

With regard to finances—we had a Balance last year on the Tiptree Forward Move Account of £1,750 and we have received a further £496 9s. 2d. during the year for this account, making now £2,246 9s. 2d., which is on Deposit.

Since last Annual, the funds of the Mount Hermon Girls Home which was merged into our work about 16 months ago, realised £4,860 18s. 5d. This amount, less £25 for Solicitor's fees, has been placed on Deposit towards the Forward Move Account, so that this Fund now totals £7,082 7s. 7d.

With regard to the General Account, we carried over last year a balance of £2,300 5s. 0d. We have received during the year £4,744 6s. 6d. and our payments have been £6,716 8s. 4d., which shows excess of payments over income £1,971 13s. 10d. This leaves a balance on the General Account of £328 3s. 2d. with which to start our new year. Complete details as to how the General Fund is made up will be given in the "Links."



The following are just a few of the amounts received during the year:—  
Late Mrs. Emily Sharpe, £200; Walkern, £60; Earis Colne, £50; Bishops  
Stortford, £100; Shanghai, £25 and £50; Bedfordshire, £50; Ilford, £100.

It has been a wonderful year from the financial point of view—the largest total of receipts ever. No appeal, public or private, has been made, proving for the 48th year that our God is able and that the Bible is true. Spurgeon once said:—"Give up the Bible? We would sooner give up our lives. Doubt the inspiration of the Bible? Some of us never can, for it has inspired us and when a Book inspires a man he knows the Book itself must be inspired."

Now we want to thank our medical officers, Dr. David Smith, Dr. W. Eric Mathie and Dr. Carey Baker for their great help to this great Work. All service given is entirely voluntary, and we praise God for so prompting their hearts to serve Him in this way. This also applies to our Dental Surgeon, Mr. Stephen H. Smith, Miss Hawkey our Honorary Chiropodist, and Mr. W. Parker, our Box Secretary. Since Mr. Parker took on this work the box amounts have increased yearly and we do greatly appreciate this vital piece of service.

These words of George Müller have come to mind —

#### HOLD TO THE WORD.

Our Universal Remedy for all our difficulties is prayer, faith and patience. The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.

Faith is developed—or increased—by clinging to the Word of God, looking for the fulfillment in the time of need, expecting the answer to prayers, and to do this in spite of all contrary appearances. As I began sixty-five years ago so I continue, and am not in the least tired of this life of entire dependence upon God, nay, the very reverse. It is a delightful task to me, to roll all my burdens upon God, and to speak to Him about everything, as anyone would open his heart to his bosom friend.

I wish to direct the Church of God at large to the fact that God is what He was in the days of the prophets and apostles, ever willing and able to answer the prayers of His children, when they ask for things according to His mind, if they ask on the ground of the merits and worthiness of the Lord Jesus, viz., in His Name, if they believe that God is able and willing to answer their prayer—if they do not live in sin, and if they go on in believing prayer, till the answer is given; for God has not a fixed time when our prayer shall be answered.

Truly great thoughts!

Many letters have been received from friends and old girls and boys who are unable to be with us today.

*From an old girl now a nurse:—*

This is to wish you all a very happy and blessed day on Saturday. How I wish I could be there but shall be remembering you in prayer. The Rev. J. Pritchard took the closing message at the Bournemouth Bible School last evening, and as he stood at the door at the close I could not resist asking him to bring you my greetings on Saturday. It seemed more personal than a letter and at the same time was a testimony of someone who will ever be grateful that she found the Lord Jesus Christ while at Woodford, now, many years ago. With my love.

*From another old girl:—*

Sorry I cannot be with you. God bless the meetings and may they be the means of winning some souls for Him, through the children's singing or messages given.

*From the son of Dr. Ewing:—*

My father is still very weak in hospital but making slow progress. He hopes your Annual Meetings this year will be happy ones and he asked me to assure you that his thoughts will be with you.

*From Mr. J. B. Watson:—*

It would have given me great pleasure to come, but I shall be arriving in Central Africa on that day. I pray that the gatherings may be highly successful, in the finest sense of the term.

*From Johannesburg:—*

Many will be coming from all sorts of distances, perhaps 7,000 miles is a bit too far?

My heart is with you and I thank God and take courage as I think of you and the work God is doing through you . . . A few weeks ago God saved a man (over 70) who wanted to be certain that his sins were forgiven. He literally wept his way to the Cross as he asked the Lord Jesus to come into his heart. Hallelujah! May God give you a triumphant 48th Annual. Every time the Holy Spirit brings you to my remembrance I will lift up my heart for you. Rev. W. H. ROWDON.

These and many others have written, I must finish now—thank you for coming—for helping to make this, our 48th Birthday, such a happy one. God bless you all!

Mr. A. M. GILBERT said:—

It is about 40 years ago since our Chairman of this evening introduced me to Mr. Herbert White. It was not long before one discovered that in addition to faith and prayer the great bent of his life and his ministry was the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The evidence of faith and prayer you have heard this evening, as you have heard it many times before in the Children's Home and Mission side of the work. There are other sides to the work; there is the testimony given in many parts of the City of London, the preaching engagements far and wide that Mr. White carries out from week to week through the whole year, and then there is the Abridge side of the work.

From the day when the telephone bell rang and Mr. White answered the query whether he had any use for a caravan, the message of the Gospel has been proclaimed unadulterated in the village of Abridge. That caravan went forth and tarried there for many weeks while children and men and women gathered around. They formed the nucleus of what is now the Evangelical Free Church of Abridge. There came a day when every door practically, except one little cottage front room, was closed to us. Nobody wanted the evangelical proclamation of the Gospel of Saving Grace but, just as the telephone bell brought the message of a caravan, an Abridge farmer, the only man to have a little piece of land at his own free disposal in the centre of Abridge, came and offered it to Mr. White. I wish at one of these Annual Meetings Mr. White would give the Abridge report in detail concerning some of these great happenings of the past at Abridge.—How God answers prayer! The work at Abridge is one of the most



romantic stories in the whole of Christian evangelism, and some of us today in God's grace are permitted to continue the proclamation of the Gospel of His Grace in this village.

We have carried on through another year. Have there been any exciting events to record at this Annual Meeting? It just depends on what you call exciting. Sometimes God calls His servants just to go on with the plough right on to the end of the furrow, and it is just one long straight ploughing: one cannot stop to look back; or stop to look to the right or to the left, otherwise the furrow would not be straight. Believe me there are many things in Abridge that would call us away from driving a straight furrow of proclaiming His Gospel, but we just keep straight on. There are a team of us there. There are Mr. White's two sons and his daughter together with the workers down there. We hold the standard high, we plough the furrow straight, and though sometimes we have no glowing word to report, yet in a hundred different ways we hear of this one, and that one, who have been helped. The coming in of someone inspired by the work there. The crowd of youngsters that come to the Young People's Meetings in the week. All these things are encouragements to go on.

We love the work in Abridge and the opportunity to proclaim the old, old Gospel. There are many things that would divert us, but we are there just to do our duty, and at this Annual Gathering we have to record with great thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that He has been with us, and He will be with us in the year that lies before us. When we come to report again we shall still be able to raise our Ebenezer, but it will be only in the Hereafter we shall read the whole story. But I am glad to be able to say tonight that God never called us to be successful workers; He called us to be faithful, and if we carry on the quiet work in this interesting village faithfully and well, then His Heart will be glad and the end will be achieved.

JAMES STOKES, Esq., (Chairman) said:—

This is the 48th Annual Meeting. I should like to make a correction, Arnold; it is not quite 40 years ago—you must not make us too old—it was in 1913 that I first met Mr. White, so that is 35 years ago, not quite 40. Well, anyhow, it was in the October, I think, of that year, that I strolled down to Tower Hill during the lunch hour and there in the crowd saw an Open-Air Mission Banner fluttering in the breeze, and Mr. White was talking. I didn't know him then; I was just one of a crowd of a hundred or so men who were listening, banded together very closely, and then when he had finished he said, "I believe there is someone in this crowd who knows something about what I have been saying. If that is so, why don't you come up here and make your testimony?" I didn't move, although I felt I ought, and then he looked straight at me and said, "I think that young chap down there knows something about it, don't you?" I could not get out of it. He said, "Well, come up here and tell us about it," and with shaking knees and trembling heart I went up. He looked at me, and I looked at him, and for 35 years I think we can say we have been one. We have had many conversations, many conferences, many talks about intimate things and about the work in general, and I have never ceased to thank God for that introduction to this, His work, through Mr. White, his family and friends.

It has been my privilege for many years now to serve as a Trustee, and I would like to say on behalf of all the fellow Trustees how grateful we are to God for this privilege of being able to serve the work in this small fashion. We do not, in any way, take control of the work or dictate in any measure the way it should be carried on; that is not our task, but we count it a great privilege to be the official body, shall I say, recognised

by the Charity Commissioners for the maintenance of this great work of God.

Now because I hold that position perhaps I can say something which a Chairman in another position might not say. I want to say something about the Balance Sheet. Some while ago I was talking to a friend of mine in the City, and in the course of conversation the question came as to the disposal of certain funds which were available, and the suggestion was made that some might be directed to Woodford. "Oh," said this man, "Mr. White does not need any money, he has got a balance of four thousand." I am wondering how or whether that is the right way to look at a balance sheet, particularly of a work like this. Of course, from a business point of view if you were examining a balance sheet of a business which showed an adverse balance, in other words, revealed bad trading, you would not think of investing in it, would you? You would say, "Why, these people cannot manage their affairs, I am not going to lend them any money." To a work of God, therefore, which shows a balance each year, are we right in saying they are not in need? Surely it is not quite logical. We ought to enquire when we see a balance in hand in the accounts of a work of this nature; we ought to see the evidence of God's Hand, and it is essential when reading the balance sheet to remember that this is a work of faith. There are no appeals and no advertising, so what does it mean when there is a credit balance? Just this, that God's promise is being fulfilled; "before they call I will answer." We get the classic example in Tiptree. Away back before the war commenced, Mr. White was approached by some friends whose hearts had been touched about buying the property at Tiptree. For some years before that there had been an item in the Accounts called "Forward Move Account" and something like £800 had been carried forward for two or three years. What was it for? Mr. White visited Tiptree. Tiptree was thought to be the spot that God wanted them to have, and these friends bought it for £1,250. They bought the property, but there was an indoor Riding School that needed to be turned into a Dining Hall and Dormitory for the children, and that is where the £800 came in. You see God answers in a wonderful way when people trust in Him. He knows what He wants to be done in the future even before those who are working for Him know. He is the Senior Partner and He does not tell all His secrets at once. And so the purpose of that "Forward Move Account" was revealed, and today again we have large sums on the "Forward Move Account." Remember, friends, that God is planning ahead, and as we look at these accounts let us remember this, that if God entrusts us with a large balance, then something is going to happen, and we have got to be ready for it. Don't let's look at the balance sheet and say, "This work doesn't need money." Surely it should be a message to us from God causing us to say, "this is something in which I want an interest."

There is another thing; we have no invested funds. We do not believe in investing money and sometimes people have said, "Well, why don't you invest it?" It is no business of a work of this nature to risk the money which God gives into our care in investments. I wonder whether you will agree with what I am saying, that in my view the measure of the Church's powerlessness today is very largely the measure of her invested funds. The New Testament conception of a Church surely is a company of called out ones, living by faith in the Risen Son of God. The atmosphere of the early Church was one of expectancy and belief in the Lord's return; they held worldly possessions lightly. Their outlook was, "Here we have no continuing city, our citizenship is in Heaven." Consequently they were pioneers, evangelical, aggressive, eager, always on the alert to do work for God. They did not sit down in some obscure office of organisation secure in the knowledge that they were provided for because of invested funds. What God gave they used, used for the aggressive evan-



gelisation of the people to whom God had called them to serve. The Church is powerless today very largely because she is afraid to take risks for God. God calls us to adventure, to a crusade in which we should fling aside the ordinary safe-guards that men use in business believing that what God says is true. The members of the early Church did not rely on the abundance of things which they possessed on earth but in the Living God, and constantly thrown upon Him for their daily needs, their faith was kept bright and their love aglow.

Now to maintain a work like this there is constant need for prayer. It is hardly necessary for me to emphasize that, but one feels in these days when the Government of our country is taking such an interest in young people—the Children's Act had a second reading yesterday, I understand in the House of Commons, a great humanitarian measure for looking after young people in our land, the establishment of Child Welfare Committees, and so on, which is all to the good—but such Acts of Parliament, humanitarian as they are, are going to make great demands on a work like this, and they can only be met in the spirit in which it was commenced, by absolute dependence upon God, by faith and prayer and courage.

And so we would ask you to remember these our friends holding the fort for God at Tiptree and Woodford; wherever you are remember them in prayer. I remember, and with this I am finished, Mr. White telling us the story many years ago of one evening—I think it was a Sunday evening, he was rung up by an old friend, a man in a position of affluence, and he said something like this: "You know, Herbert, I have got quite a number of men with me in my house, men who are prepared and able to give you anything which you might need," and over the wire the answer went back, "What we need is more prayer." But, Herbert, don't be silly, these men want to help you—say what you need, you have only got to say it" "What we need is more prayer," was again the answer. "You are incorrigible," said the man, and with that the conversation ended. But that is the spirit that God is looking for in you and me today, our weapons are not carnal, they are spiritual.

You won't mind this little homely chat from me about the balance sheet, will you, and if you hear whispers by people just talking like I have hinted, will you try and give them the background of this work? May God bless our friends as they go forward into the 40th year—I almost said we are looking forward to the 50th—what a great day that will be on the 50th anniversary!

THE REV. JOHN PRITCHARD:—

Mr. Chairman, My dear Friends,

May I be permitted, first of all, to say how glad I am to be here once again on this happy occasion. I do rejoice with you all and with the workers and with the Prayer Partners in this work in all that God has been doing for you and through you throughout another year.

Now this afternoon I came in late: I was standing right away at the back and as I heard my dear friend, Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones begin to give his address I just held my breath for a moment or two because I wondered whether it was going to prove that he had elected to speak on the very incident on which I had chosen to speak to you tonight! Those of you who were here this afternoon will remember he began by saying that he was going to base his remarks upon an Old Testament incident that would interest the older people and the children as well, and as he went on my heart beat quicker and quicker, because that is just what I am going to do. However, I heaved a sigh of relief when I found he was only going to talk about a *girl*, because I am going to talk about

a *boy*. We heard a lot about the "Old Girls;" I am going to talk about "An Old Boy." I want to speak tonight about an Old Testament incident just as well known as the one about which Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones spoke this afternoon. I want to read you just one or two verses from the Book of Exodus and the second chapter. I will not read the whole of it or even the whole incident but just a few verses to revive your memories about it. Beginning at verse five:—

"And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river, and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

And when she had opened it, she saw the child; and behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."

I am going to take a text for my closing message, at the end of this very happy day, and it is the ninth verse that I have just read to you: "Take this child and nurse it for me and I will give thee thy wages." Now it isn't often that I take a text out of its context; but I am going to do that tonight. I am going to take this text right out of its context because I do believe that those words spoken by Pharaoh's daughter to Moses' mother are words which the Lord has been speaking and will speak afresh tonight to those who are engaged in this great work and indeed not only to them, but to all of us in this great gathering this evening who have anything at all to do with children. I assume that in this Church tonight and in these gatherings today there are those who are not only interested in this particular work but those who are here, partly, at least, because they have a particular interest in work amongst children. Some of us have children in our homes, others of us are engaged in Sunday School work, Bible Class work, and so on and so forth, and I do believe that the Lord would say to us at the end of this day, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and when he is grown I will give thee thy wages."

Now let us think of this word of commission bit by bit—Take this child. I want you to notice that it does not say "these children," it says "this child." It does not say "this family," it says "this child." In other words, God is concerned about each child as an individual. I need not say to you that every child is different from every other child, and sometimes you get a Sunday School Teacher or a worker amongst children saying, "You know, I should not do so badly if it were not for *this* child. I can manage all the others but *this* one." And God says to you, "My friend, take *this* child, this particularly naughty child, this particularly difficult child—maybe this particularly unattractive child—take *this* child." And sometimes the children that we imagine to be the most difficult and least promising are the children whom God takes and uses ultimately to His Praise and to His Glory. The one that Mr. White spanked! This child. Take *this* child and nurse it for me. Of course, when Pharaoh's daughter said that she was placing in the hands of Moses' mother her own little baby, in the matchless miracle of God's Providence—Take this child—and as Moses' mother took her little babe, her own little babe, in her arms her heart must have leapt for joy and responded with all the love of which it is capable for this child. And yet think of him; there are certain things about Moses that are true about every child, every one of these



children here, every one of the children in your Sunday School class, every one of the children in our homes. This child was a proper child. Do you remember that description of him in the 11th Hebrews "when they saw that he was a proper child?" That is to say, they discerned that God had some special purpose for this child. I never read that word when they say "he was a proper child" without thinking of the story of the Minister who went to the Nursing Home to visit two of his lady members, each of whom had been gifted with a little one. When he saw the first baby that was shown to him—Oh, it was a beautiful baby—and the Minister out of the gladness of his heart, he had wonderful things to say about this beautiful baby. But then, alas! the second mother showed him her baby, and it really was the queerest little baby he had ever set eyes on, and how to be honest and not to offend the mother's feelings he really did not know. She had heard all that he had had to say about the first baby, and now this one—what could he say about it? And with rather a stroke of genius he simply stood back and said, "Well! that IS a baby!" He was quite truthful, and everybody was quite pleased.

Well, Moses was a proper child, and God had a purpose for him, and that is true of every child. Oh, how wonderful it is to realise that God has got a purpose for every child we see here in front of us tonight, for every child in our homes, for every child in our Sunday School, God has a purpose for this child. But Moses was a doomed child. Do not forget that, will you? The very reason why the little baby Moses was placed in the ark amongst the bulrushes was that when he was found, instead of being slain, whoever found him in these circumstances might take pity on him, because the command was that all the male children should be slain. We might have said, if I may link on with Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones this afternoon, "Why was our child born now, at this moment, the most unpropitious time imaginable?" He was born a doomed child. By the way, that is true of every child. Oh, there is a lot of sentimental nonsense talked about children. How lovely they are, and how our hearts go out in love toward them—but let us not forget it, they are born into this world, every one of them, with a sinful nature. I am sure I do not need to say that to our dear friend, Mr. White, and the folk who work with him, but there are some people who say—If you talk to children you must not talk of Him as a Saviour, you must talk of Him as a Friend, and to talk to them about being sinners and so on is hopelessly out of date! Is it? It is absolutely true! Moses was a doomed child. This child is a doomed child apart from the Grace of God, and apart from the saving power of the Lord Jesus, and he was a needy child. The child wept, the babe wept we read in those few simple verses tonight. Oh, the need of our girls and boys today! Oh, the background in the homes and in the lives of some children! And God says to us, Take this child, the child for whom He has a purpose, the child who, apart from the Grace of God and the Salvation that is in Christ is doomed, the child who is full of need—take this child. And what then? "And nurse it." Nurse it, not merely amuse it or entertain it, or even educate it. These things have their place and are all good and right and proper as far as they go but there is something more than that—Take this child and nurse it. Well, of course, that requires love, care, constant attention, teaching, training and personal interest. Take this child and nurse it for me. What a wonderful commission! I wonder if those of us who are in charge of children, who have the responsibility of teaching and training them, I wonder if we are faithfully fulfilling that condition? Taking the child and nursing the child, trying to understand him, trying to get to know him; trying to discover his strong points and his weak ones, his needs. Take this child and nurse it for me. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to co-operate in a work like this, or in a Sunday School, or any Children's Service, or in a Home, a wonderful thing to be able to co-operate with others so that in the fulness of time a child may come to know the

Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and then grow up in Him. Take this child and nurse it—for me. It was Pharaoh's daughter speaking and no doubt there was an imperious note in her tone; she was a king's daughter. Nurse this child for me. But so far as you and I are concerned as we are here gathered tonight we are listening to the words coming not from the lips of Pharaoh's daughter but, as I verily believe, from the Lord. It is the Lord Himself saying to us: "Take this child and nurse it for Me," not merely for the Church to which you belong, or the Sunday School, or the organisation for which you are labouring, not even for the Children's Home here at Woodford or Tiptree, not for Mr. White, not for any body of Trustees, but for Me, for the Lord Jesus Christ, every child a personal trust from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. That lifts our work, doesn't it, on to the very highest of planes, keeps us going when otherwise we might give up, saves us sometimes from despondency and despair and discouragement. We are doing it for Him, and that very fact is an evidence of His Love for and His Interest in all children. Every one of these children here tonight can say to himself and herself—The Lord Jesus Christ is interested in me; He loves me personally! Yes, my dear girl, my dear boy, supposing you had been the only sinner in all the world Jesus would still have died for you. What a wonderful thing that is! And when He put you into the Home where you now are and spoke to Mr. White and those who are concerned with him about you, the Lord Jesus said to them about you, "You look after this boy, you look after this girl, and you do it for Me." You will see how much He loves you. Do not forget, will you?

Because you have been listening so faithfully and so well throughout this Service I will come to my last word and leave you to fill in the details. Pharaoh's daughter said, Take this child and nurse it for me, and when he is grown I will give thee thy wages. "I will give thee thy wages." Oh, says somebody, but I always thought this was a purely voluntary work. Is it? Well, it is and it isn't. You know sometimes we get people talking a lot of nonsense because they imagine they are working in a voluntary capacity. Sometimes in our Church work, sometimes in other organisations we get people who say, "Oh, well, after all nobody can say anything to me if I do stay away on Sunday afternoon; after all I am serving in a purely voluntary capacity, you know I am not paid for it." Wait a minute. Is not all the service that we render but a small part of what we ought to give for the One Who shed His Blood, laid down His Life for us, and anyway, God is no man's debtor. I will give thee thy wages, and He will. This word, I think, comes to us as definitely from the Lord as any other word upon which we have placed emphasis in what Pharaoh's daughter said to the mother of Moses on that occasion. "I will give thee thy wages," and when we read that three things come to our mind, first of all personal accountability. Generally speaking, the one that pays us our wages is the one to whom we are accountable, and when the Lord Jesus Christ says to you as a Sunday School teacher or other worker in connection with this or any other Home, "Take this child and nurse it for Me, and I will give thee thy wages," you immediately become accountable to the Lord Jesus Christ. Personal accountability. Then ultimate reckoning comes into mind because, of course, if He is a just Employer He will pay you fair wages, and that involves ultimate reckoning. There will be a reckoning one day and every one of us must give an account of his stewardship. We must be judged in order that our service may be rewarded or that we may suffer loss accordingly. Oh, I know that in the mind of the true servant of the Lord Jesus Christ there is never any thought of reward, but it will be His delight to give a reward one day, and those who have served faithfully and well will receive from the Blessed Lord and Master whom they have served the reward which He sees fit to give, and they will hear what will be the greatest reward of all, they will hear Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." And so as we come



toward the end of this truly great day let us hear again the Master re-commission us as we go forth to continue the work that He has given us to do amongst the girls and the boys: "Take this child and nurse it for Me, and when he is grown I will give thee thy wages."



View of part of Headquarters.

Having been asked how to leave a legacy for the Work, a legal form is here given:—

I give to Herbert William White, or such other person or persons as shall, when this legacy shall become payable, be the Director or Directors of the Children's Home and Mission, South Woodford, (of which the said Herbert William White is now the Director) the sum of £ : : to be applied by the said Herbert William White or such other Director or Directors for the general purposes of such Children's Home and Mission, and the receipt of the said Herbert William White or such other Director or Directors shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.

## THE RE-UNION, October 18th, 1947.

This was a great day. Over 70 of our "Family" met together to recapture old memories, re-new boy and girl friendships and talk of old times.

It was indeed a great joy to see how thrilled all were at meeting one another. Whilst some chatted, others looked round the "Old Home" taking note of alterations and additions and recalling many happenings of their childhood. Such remarks as these were overheard—"Remember the time when "so and so" roared down the stairs on a tin tray!" the reply—"Yes, and I can well recall the time he was caught too!" Later, "It does seem strange without Ma." The children always used to refer to the late Miss Hutchin affectionately in this way.

Some were busily engaged in rather a hectic game of "Netball" against the senior lads from Tiptree—this caused much amusement.

Eventually, when it was realised that nearly all who would be coming along were assembled, we made our way to the dining hall for tea—a very happy and homely affair.

During the evening the senior lads again entertained, giving their own version of Dickin's Christmas Carol. Although typically amateurish it was greatly enjoyed and the antics of "Old Scrooge" and his enemies created much fun and laughter.

The happy day, one which Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White in particular will look back upon with much joy and feelings of thankfulness and encouragement, came to a sincere climax with family prayers. It truly was an inspiration to see the "old and young" joining together in Song and Prayer.

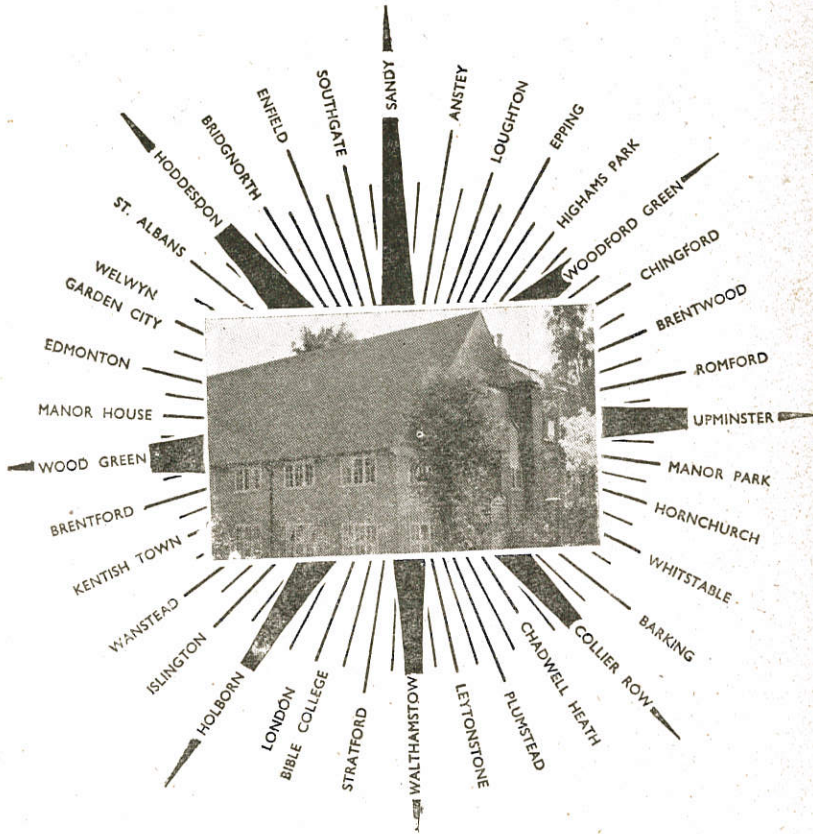
We are looking forward to our next Re-Union, 16th October, 1948, four days after the Founder's 70th birthday.



Some of the Staff—Tiptree.

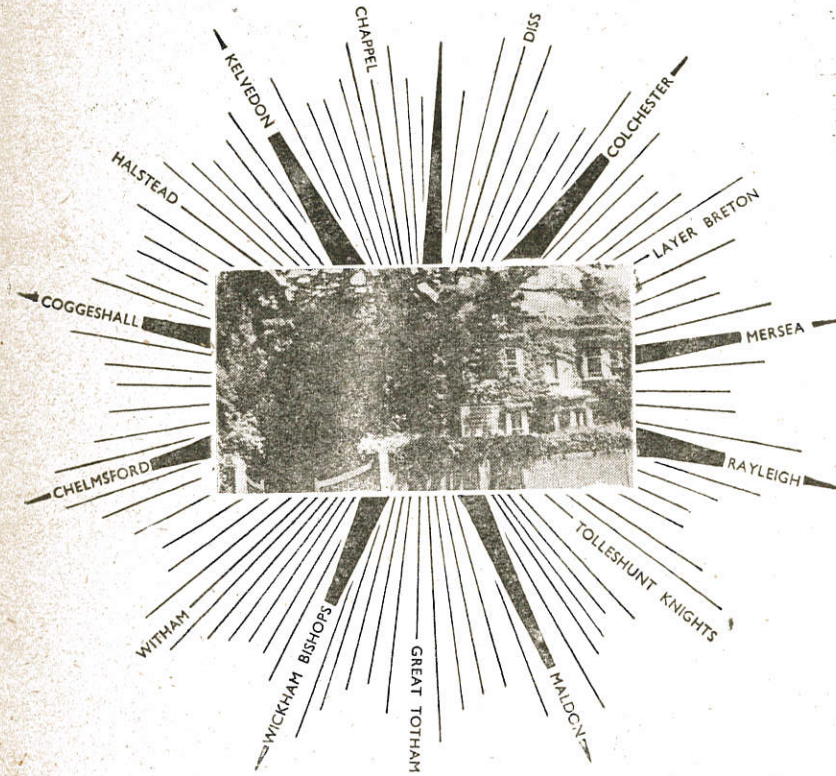


— WOODFORD —



PLACES VISITED WITH THE GOSPEL

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MESSAGE DURING THE YEAR 1947-1948.





### NETBALL AND FOOTBALL—Winter.

Perhaps it might interest you to see details of the season's activities:—

**NETBALL.** Played six games—won four, lost two. There were numerous friendly and trial matches between the Highams Park Methodist Church, Abridge Free Church Intermediate Club and the Meldrum Road S.S. Ilford, on our ground besides the games detailed above.

#### FOOTBALL.

| P. | W. | D. | L. | For | Against |
|----|----|----|----|-----|---------|
| 15 | 9  | 2  | 4  | 83  | 35      |

For most of these games our boys combined with the lads of the Intermediate Club at Abridge.

We were very pleased with the steady improvement of play shown by both teams during the season.



Netball—our girls with a team from the Highams Park Methodist Church.

### CRICKET AND ROUNDERS—Summer.

Cricket is now in full swing and the way some of the lads are shaping up it does look as if we are being privileged to train some future "Bedser's and Compton's." The country certainly needs them! We played our first game away against the boys of an Ilford Covenanter Class and won quite easily. The second game played at Abridge eventually ended in a second win for us, 91 runs against 73. A very thrilling match.

The girls haven't yet commenced their Rounders Matches (at the time of going to press) but we are hoping they, too, will have a very happy season.

### THE HOUSE SYSTEM.

This has now been completely re-arranged. We have proved that the idea is good and the children enjoy the spirit of competition. Although the year's trial with the two Houses was a success we have now divided the children into four Houses—Marsh, Montgomery, Sherwood and Sturman, with one Sister in charge of each. The four Houses will compete one against the other throughout the year (April, 1949) and the winners will be presented with a cup and small shield.



## Children's Home and Mission Boxes.

### 1st May, 1947 to 30th April, 1948.

#### May Opening—

|                             |     | £  | s. | d. | £  | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| May 15th, Receipt No. 1607  | ... | 50 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| May 21st, Receipt No. 1618  | ... | 1  | 18 | 0  |    |    |    |
| May 23rd, Receipt No. 1620  | ... | 10 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| June 3rd, Receipt No. 1644  | ... | 10 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| June 14th, Receipt No. 1682 | ... | 20 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| June 17th, Receipt No. 1695 | ... | 2  | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| July 5th, Receipt No. 1762  | ... | 13 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    |
| July 19th, Receipt No. 1800 | ... | 6  | 16 | 6  |    |    |    |
|                             |     |    |    |    | 82 | 7  | 6  |

#### November Opening—

|                                |     |    |    |   |    |    |    |
|--------------------------------|-----|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| November 10th, Receipt No. 88  | ... | 10 | 0  | 0 |    |    |    |
| November 15th, Receipt No. 105 | ... | 50 | 0  | 0 |    |    |    |
| November 18th, Receipt No. 114 | ... | 10 | 6  | 0 |    |    |    |
| November 28th, Receipt No. 138 | ... | 2  | 0  | 0 |    |    |    |
| December 17th, Receipt No. 236 | ... | 25 | 0  | 0 |    |    |    |
| December 30th, Receipt No. 374 | ... | 2  | 0  | 0 |    |    |    |
| February 21st, Receipt No. 565 | ... | 6  | 17 | 3 |    |    |    |
| March 23rd, Receipt No. 660    | ... | 1  | 6  | 6 |    |    |    |
| April 8th, Receipt No. 710     | ... | 1  | 7  | 8 |    |    |    |
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## Extracts from letters received from Boxholders

during May, 1947—April, 1948.

WANSTEAD. "It is nice to see some of the children back at Crescent Road. They came to the Baptist Church yesterday. We do indeed praise God for answers to prayer in supplying all their needs. We cannot thank Him enough for His wonderful love and goodness."

KENTON. "I trust that the necessary finances will come in to keep the work going on and increasing, with the hope that is yours also that very many of the children may be led to the Saviour while young. What a difference it would make to their whole lives. I often thank God for calling me when I was young—14 years of age. It has blessed my whole life (I am now over 70) and I trust not mine only."

WALTHAMSTOW. "The contents of my box are enclosed herewith and I need hardly add what a joy it is to join in the work in this small way. Be assured of our continuing prayers for everything connected with Woodford and Tiptree."

EAST MOLESEY. "What a wonderful thing it is that our Heavenly Father is willing to accept the small offerings of His People and in the hands of our Blessed Saviour multiply and use them for the good of others and the glorifying of His Wondrous Name."

PRITTLEWELL. "Once again we have the joy of opening our box for the Children's Home and Mission and it is a joy hoping to find a little more each time as we are sure in these days Mr. White needs all the help from God's people that they can give."

VICTORIA DOCK. "I do trust that many of the children will find the Saviour. I believe many have gone out into the world trying to serve Him and I trust that God's richest blessing will continue to rest upon the work."

ILFORD. "Once again I am spared to send you the contents of my box with my best wishes and prayers to the Home, trusting that in these difficult times your faith in the Master's care may be the sustaining power in your noble work for the children."

EAST MOLESEY. "Once again it is our privilege to have a little practical interest in the glorious work amongst the boys and girls at South Woodford and Tiptree entrusted to God's dear servants. Eternity alone will reveal to what extent the faithfulness of His children has been rewarded when around the Throne of God in Heaven there will be those who at one time or another were children passing through these homes who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. So the little that we are privileged to give comes with our united prayers that the Lord of the Harvest will take and multiply it for His glory and the blessing of these little ones which are so precious to our Saviour."

TOTTENHAM. "Thank you for the interesting letter concerning the children. Was pleased to read about the increase in boxholders. I often think of and pray for the children although I have not visited the Home for some time."

HARROW. "So glad to be able to send our half-yearly 'thank-offering' for the Children's Homes. We praise God with you that He is ever faithful despite our human failings. Truly it can be said that 'He hath been mindful of us and He will bless us.'"

BISHOPS STORTFORD. "May the Lord of the Harvest still richly bless the Homes at Tiptree and Woodford and the Mission at Abridge. May He gather all the children into His fold, and richly bless His servants in the work and abundantly crown their labours for Him."

EAST MOLESEY. "How good is the God we adore in continuing His great goodness upon the sons of men. We rejoice in His Faithfulness and take courage to pray more earnestly that His work in the hands of His Servants may continue to increase and abound. For His Servants, Pastor White and those associated with him, we give thanks to God for them making mention of them in our prayers, remembering without ceasing their work of faith, labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ amongst the boys and girls at Woodford and Tiptree."

COLCHESTER. "How very encouraging to read of God's blessing upon the work, by the increases shown. Am sure you are greatly encouraged yourself—may it spread. In spite of all the 'ups and downs,' God's people are remaining loyal towards their part in supporting what Jesus would have them do. I greatly appreciate the 'Links' kindly sent me by Mr. White. What an interesting booklet of Faithful Service on his part and God's Faithfulness, meeting every need and flowing over. Continuing in prayer for all Staff and Young Souls."

BOSTALL HEATH. "We rejoice to know that the circle of boxholders is growing and pray that the Work may be greatly blessed in coming days."

MARGATE. "Herewith small donation. So glad you do not weary in well doing. It is such a help to Mr. White to have such as yourself."

BURNT MILL. "Very glad to get yours and to be able to rejoice with you in the 'abundant blessing on Box Holders Efforts in His Work.' The total is surely one to praise God for! I join in earnest prayer for all the work of the Homes."

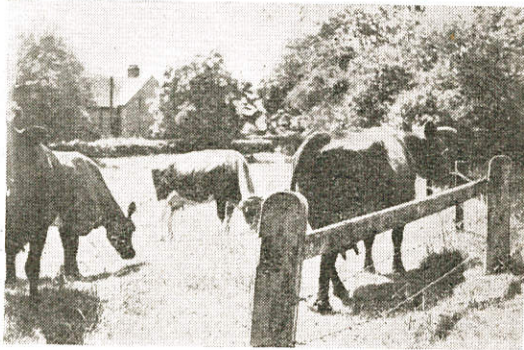
BOSTALL HEATH. "We do remember the work among the children constantly in our prayer life. Very sorry we shall not be able to have a share in the Special Services next Saturday—may they indeed be a season of blessing and uplift."

ST. PAUL'S CRAY. "Received your kind and welcome letter and very pleased to hear of such good results from Box Holders. I am sure it is very encouraging to yourself and also Mr. White and his workers. How true those words are in the Book 'My God shall supply all your needs.' Yes, as you say, there is much difficulty and darkness all around us, yet He remaineth faithful if we cast all our care upon Him, for He careth for us."



SOUTHBOROUGH. "Many thanks for sending invite to the Annual Gatherings. I am very sorry I shall not be able to come, but I shall remember them all in prayer. I should have loved to have heard the children again, but the travelling tries me too much these days. May God continue to bless and help you all in this grand work of caring for the children."

TIPTREE FARM.



Our Cows  
Mollie, Lucie, Jolly and Darkie.



Hoeing.

### A few brief details of some of the cases we have taken in recently.

#### *Letter from a Moral Welfare Committee.*

"We are very anxious to find a suitable home for a little girl aged 6. Both parents are anxious for her to go to a Home—the mother has little affection for her, and the father, who is separated from the mother has no room for her. According to the mother the girl has been presenting some problems recently and we feel she should be placed in a Home with a friendly atmosphere and which is not run on institutional lines."

This child came to us just over a year ago. She is indeed a problem child, but has responded to love and affection.

#### *Two Boys in need of care.*

The father, a hard working and conscientious man came to see us regarding his two boys. The mother had left the home in spite of several efforts on the part of the father to persuade her to look after the children. The father could not look after the children as he was at work all day and asked us to help him. He found it very hard to part with his children and was very self-conscious at having to seek outside help.

The two boys have settled down very happily. They had never said their prayers when they came to us and thought it was a funny thing to do.

#### *Two little girls we have helped.*

The father came home as a repatriated prisoner of war from Japan to find that his wife had had a mental breakdown and had been removed to a Mental Hospital. His two children were living with their Grandmother and his home had been broken up. The schoolmaster of the children reported that both the children were very dull, but he put this down to the fact that they were not too well looked after. In his opinion the food they got was poor and they had many late nights. He thought that the children had really brightened since their father had been home.

The father obtained a job and we have taken his two children. They are a picture of health now.

#### *Case recommended by a Council of Social Service.*

"Is there any possibility that you would have a vacancy for a little girl in your Home in a few month's time. It is a particularly sad case. She is one of six children, the father has deserted, and the mother seems incapable of coping with the children. This little girl is the most uncared for one of the family, and although four years old only weighs 27-lbs. She does not seem to have had any care, and often when the Health Visitor went to the home it was to find her all alone in the house, clad in nothing but a vest. We have managed to get the child into the care of a kind woman for a few months, but she will not be able to keep her indefinitely, and I am wondering if you would be able to take her later on."

We took in this little under-nourished child at Tiptree, and she is being built up mainly with the food produced on the farm—plenty of milk, eggs, fresh vegetables, etc. You would have hardly recognised her after she had been with us a year!

#### *Case recommended by the Education Department of a County Council.*

"During the war when Mr. ——— was serving abroad, the mother sent the children to a nursery in the country and went off with a Canadian soldier. This man has now deserted her and she has lived with several



others since then. Mr. ——— refuses to consider a divorce but does not feel he can live with her again. When he returned from the army, he spent the greater part of his gratuity in setting up a home for himself and the children. His mother shared this home but it soon became clear that she was not physically fit to care for two growing children. He has tried to get a woman to help, but has been unable to find anyone who is prepared to help in the home for the amount he can offer. Mr. ——— appears to be exceptionally wise and thoughtful and is deeply concerned about the children's future. When the subject of a permanent home was brought up, he did not care for the idea at all. After consideration, however, he realises that his mother is quite incapable of taking on this extra burden and it would be to the children's advantage for them to be placed in a home where they would have a safe background and where they would be well cared for. He is particularly anxious to keep in close touch with the children. I do feel that your Home offers all these advantages, and I should be very grateful if you could take these two children."

We took in these children aged five and seven. In their short lives they had experienced the realities of air raids, and we are seeking in safe and happy surroundings to give them a "home" and to bring them to love Jesus who will always be their friend.

*A little boy aged five.*

A letter from a District Care Organiser says "This is a case I am very worried about and am anxious to have the child removed to a Home at the earliest possible date. The parents are separated, the Mother having complete custody of the child. I was able to arrange convalescence for him through the Children's Country Holiday Fund and he was away about six weeks. The situation at present is as follows:— The father was allowed to see the child but he has made himself a nuisance. Before I sent the child away, he used to wait outside the school and collect the boy, taking him away for hours on his lorry, and returning him home sometimes after 10 p.m. When the boy came home from his holiday the father insisted on the child going to live with him. The mother agreed, as she felt the child was being used as a buffer between them and as a result could never settle down. Last Sunday the father returned the child at 10.30 p.m. saying he had had enough of him. The mother is herself in a very bad nervous state, due entirely to her present difficult situation. I have discussed the matter with the Probation Officer and she agrees that the only solution is to place the boy in a Home. The boy was seen at a School Medical Inspection this morning. He has a very heavy cold at the moment and appeared nervous and frightened. The good effects of the holiday have already been undone since his return. I should be grateful if you could help in any way with this very distressing case."

When this little boy came to us he had a most frightened look in his eyes and tried to run away. We had to entice him in with an orange. He is gradually losing the frightened look and seems very happy and contented.

*Case recommended by a Director of a well-known Firm.*

"I should be glad to hear if you can do anything to assist in the following matter. It is a very sad case and I know you will do something if it is at all possible. A friend of mine has two children, boys aged three and seven years. He suffered great misfortune. He built up by his own efforts quite a nice hairdressing business and was then called up for service in the Army. During his absence in the Army his wife spent his money, incurred debts, consorted with soldiers and then finally ran away and left the two children. She has since given birth to a child, the

father of which is the man with whom she is now living. The divorce would have gone through some months ago, but unfortunately the shock was so great that his nerves went entirely and he became, and still is, a voluntary patient in a Mental Rehabilitation Hospital. For some time his aged mother has looked after his children as best she could but her health has now completely broken and she will shortly be going away. We have tried to find foster homes but there is the difficulty of cost."

We were not able to help both these children, one being too young for admittance, but we took the elder one who appears very happy with us. We hope, perhaps later, to take the other child so that they will be re-united.

*Case recommended by a Citizens' Advice Bureau.*

"This little girl and boy have recently lost their mother very suddenly in childbirth and the father is distracted about how he can get them cared for. He has had various offers of neighbours to adopt the children, but he is quite firm that he wants the family to keep together and to keep in touch with them himself. They are nicely brought up children of a pair of devoted parents and the security of a home."

We were very pleased to help these two motherless children and they certainly were a credit to their parents.

*Case recommended by a Family Welfare Association.*

"We wondered if you could possibly help this unhappy child, by letting him have a vacancy in your Home. G—— is a very highly-strung boy who has had a very poor home life. His father, who was an engine-cleaner at the water-works, was killed at work. His mother was never able to cope with bringing up a family of four as she was not very strong and when our visitor used to call on them she would find the living room with closed windows and curtains drawn, no matter what the weather, and the candles always lit, which she insisted on using, although she had gas fittings. She was always nursing one or other of the boys, and according to the school report, when one of them started school he was unable to walk properly because of being continually nursed. The mother died in Hospital a few months ago and a friend has taken G—— for the time being. Unfortunately, when the boy was examined by the school doctor his I.Q. was found to be 68, but the doctor said this was due to extreme nervousness at being examined. He is also suffering from eneurisis, due no doubt to his environment. We feel that if this boy could be happily settled in a Home he would no doubt become a happy, normal boy."

We took in this boy—although 11 years old he did not weigh as much as a normal boy of eight years. He appeared very timid and nervous. Our Honorary Doctor who examined him on admittance is watching him carefully and so far is very pleased with his progress. The boy had never played the games that boys usually revel in, but is being initiated into these by the enthusiasts.

*A boy aged ten.*

A District Care Organiser writes "I shall be very glad if you will let me have an application form on behalf of this little boy. In September, 1940, the boy's mother, step-brother, grandmother, grandfather and uncle were killed in a raid and he was the only one who escaped from the house. His father was then serving in the Army in North Africa and did not get home for four months after the family had been wiped out. On