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## EDITORIAL

1st January, 1961.

Dear Prayer Partners,

My sincere apologies for the delay in getting this copy of "Links" to you. We do endeavour to bring you up to date with news each Autumn, but the ever-increasing activities within and without the Family Circle have made this impossible. However, here we are again, and my prayer is that as you read you will receive blessing and be able to rejoice with us in a fresh realisation of the completeness of our God.

Our 60th Annual Day was an experience that will always stand out in the memory of the Family. "Old" girls and boys, and a crowd of prayer partners and friends from near and far, filled the church and overflowed into the adjacent hall, where the meetings were relayed. A record number of 900-1,000 people of all ages met at each meeting. Other details are given as you read on, but I must say how very grateful we were to ALL who spent that day with us, whether in person or in spirit. God bless you for your loyal and prayerful support.

Just on 6,000 copies of the new booklet, "These 60 Years," have been distributed to interested friends, and we have been encouraged to hear of readers being challenged and stirred by this account of the faithfulness of God. If perchance you have not received a copy, or desire further booklets, please let me know.

Throughout the summer months we experienced a time of financial testing, inasmuch that literally from day to day only the needs were met. An experience very much akin to the earlier days of the Family! We wouldn't have missed this for anything—we were more than ever conscious of His presence and overruling and had a peace within our hearts. When we left for Lowestoft for the summer holiday there was not sufficient money in the bank to meet the cost. Should we cancel the holiday? We couldn't—we had prayed and God had led us to accept the accommodation. We went in faith, trusting, and after a very happy time we eventually returned home with every bill paid!

I cannot close this introduction to "Links" without reference to a most compelling and fascinating topic for Christians to-day—"THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST." Whether we look at home or abroad, in the political, social or scientific spheres, in every direction there are the SIGNS of which the BIBLE speaks, depicting the drawing near of the most wonderful EVENT—the SECOND ADVENT! What a challenge to us all! This is NOT an hour in which to despair, no matter how difficult or unspectacular the way. We must LOOK UP, for Jesus, our Redeemer, will soon return. There is much to be done. The second coming has been understood by God's people for ages past, but now perhaps it is more vivid as we SEE foretold events unfolding before our very eyes. Surely we are driven to look WITHIN our lives to ensure readiness at His Coming. Revd. Francis Dixon, in one of his Bible Studies, remarks: "What would be our immediate reaction if we were suddenly told that the Lord was coming in

two hours time? Is it not true that many Christians, on receiving such a message, would need every bit of two hours to prepare for His Coming? Apologies would have to be made. Debts would have to be paid. Books would have to be burned. Loved ones would have to be warned. Cheques would have to be written. Confessions would have to be made, etc., etc. Well, the FACT is, HE IS coming, and the practical effect of this truth should be an incentive to holy living. If we are expecting HIM to come, we shall desire to be found of Him 'without spot' and 'blameless'."

We must also look WITHOUT. Mankind is wallowing in the mire of sin in all its various sinister forms and is, generally speaking, completely unaware of the tremendous pending EVENT, or determinedly opposed to any such thought. Have we a real compassion for lost souls?

It is inevitable, I suppose, that from our viewpoint of the world, concerned as we are with the constant sad breakdown of home life, we are indeed very conscious of "These things" (signs of the coming of Christ). We humbly ask for your CONSTANT prayers that we may continue faithful to Him in the work He has given to us.

On behalf of my Family I would wish you all a very happy New Year with rich experiences of His Love and Power. As we look up to God and then plough with firmer hand and straighter tread, may we find that our labours are acceptable unto Him.

Thank you for your greetings and messages throughout the Christmas period. We had a wonderful time.

Sincerely yours in Him.

VICTOR J. WHITE.



*Cup and Medal Winners at School Sports.*

# "OUR DAY"

**Diamond Jubilee Gatherings, 21st May, 1960  
at Woodford Baptist Church**

Preparations for the 60th birthday of the Family were in hand for many months, and on the 20th November, 1959, we invited lots of friends to tea. These visitors included the Town Clerk of Wanstead and Woodford, our Doctors and Dentist and Head Teachers of all the schools attended by the children. After a scrumptious tea Mrs. Edith White (wife of the late Founder) lit the sixty candles on our birthday cake. At Family Prayers Mr. Stokes (Secretary to the Trustees) chatted with the children about some of the things that happened in the bygone days; Mrs. Dannatt sang a solo and we united in praise to God for His goodness in maintaining the Family for so long.

For the 60th Annual Gatherings it was felt we ought to have some very special speakers, but no matter who was approached, they were already booked, or felt too unworthy to speak at such gatherings. We, as a Family, felt unworthy, but were left with the baby! In other words, it seemed and became evident that God was saying "No. The Family must take a bigger part this year." Surely if God has been at work for 60 years, we should have something to say! We wrote to many of the "old" members of the Family asking one another to give a testimony or to sing in a choir, and back came enthusiastic replies of desire to serve God in these ways. The children practised their singing, learned scripture texts, and gradually a programme was formulated. When "Our Day" dawned it was chilly and grey, but even this seemed a blessing because so many people gathered (there was a relay to an overflow congregation in the large hall of the church), and we might have been uncomfortably warm had it been a hot day.

One of the greatest joys in life is a family "get together." Our Day is always just this, but it is not only a getting-together of all the brothers and sisters and grand-children, but it is a getting-together of the larger family of prayer partners whom God has called to serve Him in this particular way. The meetings were a heartfelt expression of our love to God, Who, in His wisdom and patience, had founded, directed and watched over the Family through sixty years!

Just before the afternoon meeting "old" boys and girls arrived for a choir practice (the only one that could be arranged), and very thoroughly the pieces "Trust and Obey" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness" were rehearsed. Letters of congratulation were received from many parts of the world and included a message from Sir Winston Churchill (Member of Parliament for Woodford), and another from Mr. Ronald Raven (Harley Street specialist, and one of our Trustees).

## GREETINGS

THE MAYOR OF WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD.

*I think this is the first time I have ever spoken from a Church pulpit. I was born in this Borough some forty-seven years ago, and ever since I was a child I have been very conscious of the fine work which has gone on in this Children's Home. It was, indeed, a thrill to walk through the vestry door and to see this Church absolutely full. I have not seen such a magnificent sight during my whole year of office. I feel privileged indeed to have been invited to be present here, and I would pay my tribute to the splendid work that has been done during the past sixty years.*  
MR. BRUCE FLEGG (Son of our first Honorary Medical Officer)

*When Victor wrote and asked me to come, and to bring greetings, I hurriedly explained to him that I was not a preacher, and that I had never preached in my life. I am one of those who sits at the feet of preachers, and listens. Whatever preaching I have done in the past has been done in the realm of song, using the words of others. Perhaps to-day, as I am not going to sing, I am glad to be able to use my own words, and not those of someone else.*

*This is a wonderful moment, as we think of this great Work which has been carried on for sixty years. In the nice little booklet which has been published, very kind references have been made to my father, who was so devoted to the Family. It recounts how he first offered his services to Mr. White, who had told him how he was going to carry on. And there is an interesting sequel to that. For, a little while afterwards, Mr. White said to my father: "You know, doctor, you already have announced how this work is to be carried on." "How do you mean?" asked my father. "Why, yourself—your service," replied Mr. White. "You probably thought it was your own idea, but in fact it was God's idea, and you were the instrument which God used."*

*Years afterwards, I suppose it was in the mid-'twenties, on the only occasion when my father was seriously ill other than at the time of his death, a specialist had told us that he would not recover. We spent one night with him, and halfway through the night he turned over, and said: "I have suddenly had a feeling that I shall get better." The next day I met Mr. White and he said: "How is your father?" and I told him what had happened. Herbert White said to me: "Well, perhaps you should know that we did not go to bed last night; we prayed for your father throughout the night."*

*My father greatly admired the work of the Home, and he was only too happy to carry on as he did. There must have been many difficulties that Mr. White encountered in looking after the Family throughout that long period. And I am sure they are no less now for Victor under the Welfare State, when forms have to be filled in, and everything has to be put down in black and white. But it is by keeping very close to God that God is drawn nearer to*

them. It has been said, I think with some truth, that in the world it is not that Christianity has been tried and found wanting, but rather that it has been tried, and found too difficult. But here is an example where Christianity has been tried, and has been responded to. It is a wonderful story.

Do not imagine, children, that things will always be easy for you, however strong your faith, because the closer you get to God, and the farther away you get from the world, the more difficult you will find it to understand the position which you wish to maintain. Remember, you must always keep very close to God in all that you do, and He will help you. So when you leave the Home and go out into the world, where you will meet with every kind of difficulty and problem, go in the strength of God, so that you will be able to say with confidence when you leave here, words that you know very well:

“Just as I am, young, strong and free  
To be the best that I can be  
For truth, for righteousness, and Thee,  
Lord of my life, I come.”

REV. E. J. POOLE-CONNOR (Founder of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches)

“This is a great occasion in the history of the Children’s Home and Mission, and I beg humbly to present my greetings as one who for over half a century regarded Mr. Herbert White as one of my esteemed and beloved Christian friends.

My first acquaintance with him was somewhat singular. More than fifty years ago he and I were standing in an open-air gathering—for he was essentially an evangelist as well as a lover of children. You may judge that it was a good while ago by the fact that after we had been there for a few minutes a hansom cab suddenly turned the corner, and ran into our open-air meeting. The horse was pulled up so suddenly by the cabbie that it fell down in our midst. I had not met Mr. White until then. He was standing by my side, and when the horse went down, he said: “Hallelujah! Sit on his head.” I thought to myself: “Here is a very remarkable character. He has learned the great secret of giving thanks in everything. And he also has practical commonsense, because when a horse falls down, and is likely to do some damage, the proper thing is to sit on his head.” But they were the characteristics—praise and practical commonsense—which marked all his life.

I could tell you of many incidents, interesting to me, at least, but this is not the occasion. You are aware that Dr. F. E. Marsh made a generous gift to this work. I had a very humble part in it in this respect, that when Dr. Marsh, who was also a friend of mine, knew that he was drawing near to the end of his life, he asked me to inquire into the Work with which Mr. White’s name was associated, to see whether it was still carried on with the same principles, and in the same manner, as when it was commenced. I was, of course, able to report enthusiastically on the subject. Dr. Marsh then said: “You may tell Mr. White that I am going to

leave him a little money in order to help to purchase some property for the children.” I told Mr. White, and he said: “Hallelujah! We have been praying for that like billy-ho!” That was the first time, and the last time, that I ever heard that remark used in connection with prayer. But there, again, that was characteristic of Herbert White. Prayer with him was not something that was a vain dream; it was something that was very real and powerful. In the carrying out of God’s will he prayed with all earnestness and power, and God wonderfully answered his prayers.

There are two things which have always commanded my great admiration and thankfulness in connection with this Work, and I am so delighted that those same principles are being continued by those who are carrying on to-day. The first principle was belief in prayer as something very real, very practical, and very operative. Hudson Taylor once said: “God has spoken in His Word; He means what He says, and He will do what He has promised.” It is on that principle that the work is still being carried on.

Another feature is that those who are responsible for its conduct are not only concerned for the moral and social well-being of the children who come under their care, but they do earnestly seek to lead them to a personal saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was my privilege to come into close contact with Dr. Barnardo, and on one occasion he said to me: “My driving force in all that I am seeking to do is the desire to see children converted to faith in Christ.” That, I am glad to say, remains true and operative here. May God bless in the days to come, as He has blessed it in the past.

During both meetings the children thrilled the congregation with their singing and scripture recitations. One item by the tiny tots brought smiles to all the listeners—“He thought of them all, whether tiny or tall, so I’m CERTAIN He thinks of me.” How true!

#### RECOLLECTIONS OF THE SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER, Dr. DAVID H. SMITH

I cannot recall 60 years, but I remember with great pleasure that Christian gentleman who was Medical Officer to the Children’s Home & Mission for 30 years, Dr. F. Martin Flegg. His selflessness and willingness to give of his utmost at all times to this Work was a great inspiration to me in my early days of medical practice in Woodford. We must remember that in those days all medical attention, drugs and dressings were supplied by the good Doctor at his own expense. The children admitted were usually in a poor state of health, there were often physical deformities, skin diseases and almost invariably those dirty “somethings” that needed more than just soap and water! Every child was, as now, examined before admission and isolated until free from all infection. The Medical Officer of Health for Woodford regarded the health arrangements with some ill-disguised suspicion, and Dr. Flegg had no easy task. However, he steadfastly maintained his loyalty to the Work and humbly acknowledged the fact that his

own faith in God had been greatly strengthened by the way God provided in answer to prayer. His devotion was a great example to me in my early days of practice and I was only too honoured when he asked me to co-operate with him in the care of the children and later, when he retired, not only to take over altogether, but also to become the Doctor to Mr. and Mrs. White and their Family, of whom Mr. Victor was one of the smallest and least important!

My own memories of the Work go back to my boyhood days. That saintly man of God, Mr. Horne, who lived in Malmesbury Road, where my father also lived, used to tell me about the Work of faith and labour of love that was being carried on at Crescent Road. Incidentally, it was Mr. Horne who carved out of cork the texts that adorned the doorways of the Mission's houses until quite recently. On the other hand, my parents taught me to "lay hands suddenly on no man" and to "prove all things," and so I approached Mr. White somewhat cautiously to know something of the Family. Was this really of God OR was Mr. Herbert White (as many were saying) just a clever pleader who preferred to beg for his children than do an honest day's work in a bank? The joy of the Lord, radiant in Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White, convinced me of the genuineness and I felt very humbled and privileged when my offer to give medical help at any time, should Dr. Flegg be unable to carry on, was accepted.

Often in those days there were epidemics running through the home, and the poor health of the younger children, especially made them particularly vulnerable to infection.

In 1933 Dr. Eric Mathie came to Woodford and his conscientious and skilful efforts on behalf of the children were of great benefit to them, and it was a considerable loss to the Family when he left Woodford to go back to his native Scotland in 1955. In 1947 Dr. Carey Baker joined our practice, and his ability and knowledge, especially in children's diseases, has been a valuable asset to the C. H. & M. In 1956 Dr. Willings came to Woodford and once again we have found a doctor who has given unstinted help, care and love to this Work.

In these days the children admitted are in much better health physically and are seldom affected by the nervous fears one used to see. No doubt the excellent ante-natal and post-natal care that mothers receive these days is largely responsible for the changes. A medical examination is made of every child each year and the majority are passed A.1.

Sometimes, in the past, I have wished for a fully-trained nurse to be on the staff, but these days it seems quite unnecessary. This is one big family (a favourite word with Mr. Victor, I've noticed), and the mother and father with their big brother and sister helpers are well able to cope with all the Family's ailments.

I realise that I have learned much of God's faithfulness and power through the practical demonstration given at the C. H. & M. and that this Work is a good and great witness for God here in South Woodford.

## AFTERNOON REPORT—Mr. VICTOR WHITE

Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday and to-day and for ever! The faithfulness of God. This is the message of "These Sixty Years." We have seen, and we are still seeing, our miracle working, loving and understanding Father, God, IN ACTION. We KNOW He never fails and this prompts us to say to you all—HAVE FAITH IN GOD.

The very theme of to-day—"These Sixty Years" bespokes a degree of permanency. One of the great essentials for permanency is a good FOUNDATION. What more satisfactory Foundation can one have than JESUS CHRIST: He Who never changes?

It is also vital to have an AIM. What, then, is OURS?—TO PLEASE HIM. Again, it is necessary to have the Power to fulfil this aim—what POWER have we? The mighty, all-prevailing POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF. As we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee to-day we are very conscious that our Family could never be, unless HE IS!

You see, it was God Who called the early pioneers—Herbert White and Miss Hutchin—they not only heard the Call, but RESPONDED. This they were able to do because, prior to the Call to Service, they had received the Son of God as their personal Saviour. That which separated them from God—(SIN)—had been dealt a death blow. Standing righteous before God, through the finished work of His Son, they were in a position to be "Called."

In this day and age of material prosperity and neglect of the things of God, it is a thrill to stand before this large congregation and boldly to announce—the INVINCIBILITY OF GOD! In the earlier days, even throughout the Family History, the devil has often attacked, subtly, openly, in strength, yet God's Work has stood the challenge. Trials and testings in various guises have been the experience and lot of the C. H. & M. There have been two ghastly world wars during its lifetime, and it was in the period 1914-1918 that certain people thought they scented an opportunity to smash this Work of God. The devil overstepped himself, for although it did mean that my father was forced to work for long hours away from his large Family, added grace and strength were given to Miss Hutchin and Mother to carry on. My father, challenged by this new turn of events, knowing that God was in control, seized this chance of taking the Gospel to the men in the armed forces. Many of these men were won for the Saviour.

During the time of the 1926 depression all needs for the large Family were met!

My wife and I, whilst delving into the archives of the past, for the purpose of compiling the booklet, "These Sixty Years," were very soon aware of the constant need for vigilance in every department of this service for Him.

The Christian life is a challenge, a battle for God and with God for the best things in life. Let US all, we who love His Name, rally to His Banner with a firm and deliberate resolve. Why, I

ask, do we shrug our shoulders these days with an air of inevitability as we look upon this beloved land of ours, which in its unseemly haste for material prosperity slips further and further away from God, and weakly submit to the serious inroads by the world and spurious religions upon all that we as a Nation hold dear?

God is ABLE to do ALL things. He expects us to hold on to His Faithfulness. It is through us, we His people, that He is seeking to continue His great work here on earth. Failing Him, we fail our fellows. **BE STRONG IN THE LORD!**

Built upon the Solid Rock, this Family took form away back in 1899. This was not just a philanthropic whim or fancy. It was a direct call from God. There was at that time, and still exists to-day, a very practical need for such an enterprise so very near and dear to the heart of our Lord.

His servants, Our Founders, were SAVED, CALLED and DEDICATED. Their's was not the reply, when faced with the challenge, "Here am I, Lord, send him!" Whatever the work God had for THEM to do, wherever it was to be, they were ready. **ARE YOU?**

Little did they realise at the commencement, the expansive possibilities of such a step in Faith. Over the 60 years, 855 young folk have shared in the Family. Some have grown old and have their own grandchildren. Some have just started out in married life in Britain or overseas. Others are hardly on the first rung of the ladder, they are only two years of age. Many of these "children" of ours are experiencing for themselves the wonder of salvation and the joy of Christian service. Over the 60 years men and women in all walks of life have joined hands with us to meet the demands of the growing Family. Doctors, Dentists, Opticians, Auditors, Trustees, Chiropractors, Voluntary Working Parties and Prayer Partners.

The Children's Home and Mission has reached out to men and women in spiritual darkness, as in Churches, Chapels and Mission Halls throughout Great Britain, on the Race Courses, at Tower Hill, Hyde Park and Postmans Park, invitations have been afforded us to endorse the Gospel Message with the testimony of God's faithfulness to the Family. It was Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, of Westminster Chapel, who once said: "Herbert White was first and foremost an evangelist. That was what he was called to be. That was what he wanted to be. He was primarily concerned about bringing men and women, boys and girls, to a knowledge of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's honouring of his faith in the matter of the Family was just a marvellous argument for the evangelist to use because the world is in a state of unbelief."

As I speak, it is of course on behalf of my mother, wife, staff and the Family. I am just the mouthpiece and it is most difficult to place in proper perspective the rich and supernatural experiences of the 60 Years. I am not able on my own to paint adequately the picture of this Family which has undoubtedly made its mark upon the annals of all time. My own rather limited

knowledge as leader and father has naturally enough made its own peculiar mark upon my heart and life. I am going to ask others to join me, and I shall allow them the freedom of the "brush" to fill in their colour to this fascinating canvas.

A very dear friend of my father was the Secretary of the Open Air Mission, Mr. Ernest Jealous. He is with us to-day. Come, Sir, and tell us your story!

MR. ERNEST JEALOUS :—

*It is a great privilege just to add my brief word of testimony concerning the life and witness of our beloved brother, Herbert White. As an honorary evangelist of the Open Air Mission he became my friend. It is only natural that we should speak of him with affection and appreciation, and behind all that we say there is a deep thanksgiving and praise to God for this Work.*

*Mr. White was a vessel indeed unto honour, and sanctified and meet for the Master's use. I often used to speak with him on Tower Hill, Hyde Park, on Epsom Racecourse and at Royal Ascot. Our dear brother could gather the crowd! It was made evident to everyone who listened to him that he was a man who knew God. He used to tell those fascinating stories of answers to prayer in connection with the Home. In dealing with scoffers he demonstrated again and again that the man who has a positive experience of God is never at the mercy of the man who is only out to argue.*

*Some years ago at Epsom, on the morning of the race, we were having some personal dealings with the gathering multitudes, and Mr. White was busy offering tracts and scripture portions to the people who passed by. A gentleman came along, and with a cheery smile Mr. White offered him a Scripture portion. The gentleman looked at it and said: "This is interesting. I have come from the United States to see your Derby. I think you are just about the second man who has spoken to me voluntarily since I landed. One was the guy at the hotel, and you are the other. Here I find religion on the racecourse. I think I would like to stick around and see how you men get on." He remained with us during the morning; he had lunch with us, and when the afternoon's work began on the hill where scores of people stand, there stood this American gentleman with us and listened to the message. Later Mr. White mounted the platform and began to tell, out of a full heart, the story of God's love in Christ, and of his willingness to receive all those who will come to Him. Later this American gentleman went around the party bidding them farewell, and he shook Mr. White warmly by the hand and said, "I want to thank you, Sir, for speaking to me this morning and I want to thank you for all that I have learned during the day. I think it will interest you to know that when I go back to the United States I shall take the Lord Jesus with me."*

*In that incident we see the whole burden of the message and testimony of our beloved brother, Herbert White, out among the people wherever the Lord called him.*



Archbishop Brookes reminds us: "You hear some men speak of God as though they were speaking of some casual acquaintance, of some neighbour to whom they might go in an emergency perhaps to borrow a loaf of bread to help them over the emergency, but (says Archbishop Brookes) you hear other men speak of God and it is as though the sunlight spoke about the sun: it is as though the blood spoke about the heart: it is as though the child spoke of the father, in whom he lived and moved and had his being."

That is just how I felt, and many, many others standing there under the open canopy of heaven, listening to this man of God preaching concerning the Lord Jesus and His guiding power, to save and to keep and then to undertake the government of the life committed to Him. To-day, as our thoughts reach back, may they bring a challenge to every one of us as we remember in so many ways what we knew and experienced of Herbert White, and may our prayer be thus: "Oh, God, to us may grace be given to follow in his train."

Thank you so much! May I be permitted here to add my little bit? As a youngster (years and years ago now) with other members of the Family, I was privileged to travel to London for a day out. Prayer had been made for the meeting of that day's needs. Following prayer time we left in great excitement. Father stepped out in faith, for he did not have enough money to cover the return fare from London for all of us, nor the wherewithal for a meal at mid-day!

Out we set—our's the joy—my father's the testing. Various places of interest were visited, and at lunch time we arrived at TOWER HILL. We stood round in awe; father got us to sing and this drew an even bigger crowd. The gospel was preached and one fellow in particular, persistently heckled. This eventually proved too much for one of the girls, who, leaving the Family group, pushed her way through to him and with glaring eyes and grim determination, shouted at him: "Stop it—He cares for us, what he says is true—you should listen and not interrupt!"

Needless to say, this unusual interruption from one so young and obviously so sincere, made a great impression on the crowd and on the heckler. With renewed power my father and the other evangelists continued their ministry. At the close of the meeting, one gentleman said to father: "May I have the pleasure of taking you and your Family to lunch?" You can imagine the look of amazement upon the face of the manageress as we all trooped into a restaurant, with the request for a full meal for this gentleman and his FAMILY!

Yet another man, challenged by the witness, pressed a gift into the hand of my father, and slid away. Arriving home that evening it was realised that not only had every need for the day been met, but there was a balance in hand.

The three aims of 1899 are still fully operative to-day:—

1. To help the young folk.

2. To be the means in God's Hands of bringing them to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ.
3. To prove that God is able to answer prayer by appealing to Him alone for the meeting of ALL needs.

It is a wonderful story of the Love and Power of God. He moves hearts and directs minds to meet the daily requirements of His children, who are depending upon Him. Of all the experiences and results, to me, the most demonstrative and persuasive to the sceptic to-day is the FACT that throughout this World there are those who, once little tots in this Family Circle, are now playing their full part in this our civilisation. They are firmly established in the Truth and enjoying the unsurpassable of blessings—a happy, stable home-life. The backbone of any nation! In our choir—and elsewhere—hidden in this vast audience—are many who have travelled from near and far to share this happy day with us. Your presence today, your letters, your visits, your prayers, mean everything to us. You cannot all share the pulpit with me now—but four this afternoon and four this evening will bring a greeting and testimony. Here in this very Church they sang and worshipped in childhood days.

It is at this moment that I have been asked by the Family to call upon my mother to make herself known. She is very retiring in temperament. It is not often, if ever, that we can get her to show herself. However, we have succeeded to-day (I hope), yes! Mr. Will Cowling, who joined the Family in 1906, is now coming forward with Janet, a younger member of the present Family, to present a bouquet to mother.

MRS. EDITH WHITE:

*Thank you very much for these lovely flowers. What a joy it has been to serve the Lord in this Work! My late husband said to me: "He will never leave you nor forsake you." I pass on that message of his to-day.*

Recently Mr. WILL COWLING was taken seriously ill. Earlier I was prevailing upon him to speak to-day, latterly I was endeavouring to discourage him, but he is determined to add his brush to the picture:

*After 55 years as a member of this large Family, I feel I must pay a tribute to the dedicated people who run this home, including the founders, present director, staff (past and present), who, day after day, year after year, carry the burden and responsibility and all the hard work involved in a home of this kind.*

*I lost both my parents in 1905 and as a result came into this home and into the loving care of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White (the lady you have just seen) and Miss Hutchin, and I am very conscious of the debt I owe to them for all the love and understanding devoted to me during the seven years I was here. I think I owe them something very special and I am very proud to have been here. It is still my home where I am always welcome.*

To emphasise the personal touch that is a special feature of this home, I recall that Pa White conducted my marriage service, bringing a bus load of children to sing, and his cousin to play the organ. Mr. and Mrs. White attended the weddings of both my daughters, and my wife and I attended the weddings of both theirs. We have spent a number of holidays with them at Woodford and Tiptree and have been away with them to Brixham and Lowestoft.

At Christmas time, for more than 50 years, I have been here, and have been present at all the Annual Gatherings over the same period. So I think I may claim to know them all very well, and to know them is to love and respect them, because it is a really wonderful job that they do.

There have been a number of staff changes and many material improvements over the years, but the personal and spiritual values have not altered, nor the wonderful spirit of service shown to the children by Mr. and Mrs. White.

As a last word I should like to quote a text from the 15th chapter of John which I feel applies to these dedicated people. I shall alter a couple of words, but I am sure you will get the point. "Greater love hath no man than this, that he giveth his life for others."

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Miss Louise Coleman came to the Family in 1921 with her sister. They both later served on the staff. Louise is at present a Sister in a hospital in Bournemouth. Her life story and testimony is very stirring. Her constant letters of good cheer, gifts and daily prayers give gladness and encouragement.

Not so long ago Louise and her sister came to London to take my mother back to Bournemouth with them for a holiday. They met all the expenses. Mother had a lovely time and benefited in every way.

MISS LOUISE COLEMAN :

*I am a person whose knees are knocking to-day!! But "our God is able" and it gives me very great pleasure to stand here and to pay my tribute to each staff member of the Children's Home & Mission. If asked for a text I would say, Matthew 10, verse 42: "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."*

*When I first came to the Home we experienced right from the beginning the love of the Lord Jesus shown forth in a practical way. We were two children in need of care. As Victor said, we arrived in 1921. My sister was 10, and I was 13. On our reception we received kindness and love. We both expressed wonder at being so accepted without the promise of any support from our remaining parent. We had lost a godly mother; we had lost our school; we had lost our home. In fact, within a few months, we had lost everything, and were in desperate need of care.*

*We had not been in the home very long (for I speak for my sister as well) when we found salvation through John 3, 16, so often repeated to us by Miss Hutchin, Mr. White, Mrs. White and every faithful worker. We received the love of God manifested in answer to prayer in the supplying of all the needs. That was a great thing to us. It was new to us even though we had come from a so-called Christian home. We had never realised anything like that.*

*As we look back, we remember that when Mr. White came home from the racecourses and from Tower Hill, he would ask us, as children who loved the Lord, to pray for certain people. We used to pray for that man whose name was Martin. What happened to him I really do not know. Then again, when I was in the Home I learned the love for Missions; of the spread of the Gospel. I remember Miss Hutchin would have a whole box of books and she would give them out for us to read, and among them, "China's Millions." We are prayer partners of that Mission to-day. Dr. Chesterman, from this very pulpit, spoke about his hospital work at Yakusu. We remember his work to-day. From the Open Air Mission we met Mr. Causley. We pray for the work of the Open Air Mission to-day. We also learned tithing. We learned, in the Home, that a tenth of anything that we have is God's due, but all above that, is a love gift.*

*We also learned the value of friendship. You young people here to-day—be very careful who you take into your lives as your dearest friend. Jesus Christ is your dearest friend—He wants to be and He is the only one who should have first place. But after receiving HIM, be very careful who you take as your friends. They can either prove a curse or a blessing to you. We also learned of the Lord's keeping power. Right down the years He has kept us and He will keep you. There have been lapses on my side, but the words of Mr. Herbert White always come to my mind. "We are saved, and once we are saved, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we can never be lost again." We have proved that many times. There are many other tributes I could pay, but I close by saying that I daily thank God for His revelation in Jesus Christ which I learned as a teenager at the Children's Home & Mission.*

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The 60th Christmas proved to be, as we had hoped it would, a time to be remembered. Every need, from toys to turkeys, was fully met. As for the latter—10 in all!! A record! The thrill and excitement of Christmas time each year has to be seen and felt within the walls at Crescent Road, to be understood. (This is not an invitation to ALL present now to join us next Christmas!)

Mr. Richard Kent, his wife and children, travelled from Birmingham to join us, and at our Carol Service on Christmas morning, Dick brought us a message. Some of you may remember him sitting here in the church with the other children, Sunday by Sunday, when he was very small. I am now calling on Dick to add his story :—

MR. RICHARD KENT :

*Friends, brothers and sisters. Isn't it a real privilege to each one of us, especially those of us who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, to know Him as our Lord and our Master? I am very grateful to the Children's Home & Mission for this reason, this paramount reason. It was there I found the Lord Jesus—it was there the Lord Jesus found me. I do praise God and I give Him all the glory, too, that He has kept me right until this day. There is a verse in scripture that I like very much. It is a great encouragement to me. "Fear thou not for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; I will help thee; I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." I just say those few words. I do not want to take up a lot of time. Time is precious, especially with the Lord. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. White and Mrs. Edith White and all the hosts of friends for such a wonderful welcome that we always receive when we come home. Amen.*

There is still one more "brush" to complete the afternoon's picture. Beverley was a rascal when here. He has grown up somewhat and is even courting, I understand. Beverley, you represent a younger generation of the wider Family. Come along.

MR. BEVERLEY SAVAGE :

*What more can we say? If God be for us, who can be against us? How thrilling it is to be here and to testify to the wonderful power of God. The influence of the C. H. & M. in my life? I received a letter a short time ago asking me to speak on this subject this afternoon, but I thought there was already a speaker, for this would take up all the afternoon. How wonderful it is, though, to have been in the Family and to have experienced the power of the Lord. The influence of the C. H. & M. in my life has not been so great and outstanding as the influence of the God of the C. H. & M., and yet, how can you separate these? This Home is His home, conceived, owned and kept by Him alone. Yet He has chosen to employ servants who are to occupy until He comes to claim His own. Praise God for His faithful servants. That He ever allowed me to enter this Home and become one of the Family is still a great mystery to me, yet one thing I know—whereas I was blind, now I see! For it was during my stay here that I first met Jesus Christ. But meeting Christ has just been a start. This meeting gave me new point to my life. One began to see that the years that had gone before had been working to a plan, His Plan. Little insignificant things had, I discovered, been preparing me for the future, and are still. So, primarily, the influence of the C. H. & M. has been working to bring me to Christ.*

*Secondly, it has been used by God as a means of moulding my character. The most simple things I took for granted were the things I have found which were preparing me to face life with its many problems.*

*But the life of the Christian isn't just a path of roses. Even here in the Home the devil tried very hard to kill and destroy the seed. In Mr. Victor White's experience as related in the booklet, "These Sixty Years," which perhaps you have read, "The devil doesn't just stay round the corner. He soon comes bounding down the street." Yes, this has been my experience. I have suffered many onslaughts and been defeated many times through my lack of faith. But very often I look back to this training ground of my life and take fresh courage from the fact that, as Mrs. Edith White has said: "God never makes a mistake." So we must continue to trust Him.*

*Thank you, Mrs. Edith White, thank you, Mr. and Mrs. White for your dedicated lives, for your willingness to be used by your God. Your God is my God and our God is able.*

Our picture for this afternoon is now complete—truly a contrast in colour, but blending to make a bright and fascinating whole! Surely our hearts have been stirred as we have seen and listened to some of the "FRUITS" from the little seed sown in Faith, in the closing year of the 19th century.

We do praise our mighty God for His love—for His perfect plan and that He ever called the early pioneers into this specialised field of service.

JESUS CHRIST, the same, YESTERDAY and TO-DAY and FOR EVER!

In Him, we recognise One, not only able to SAVE, but KEEP. May the blessings of this our Diamond Jubilee Gathering—OUR DAY—prove to be the turning point in ALL our lives.

You who know not Christ as Saviour—SEEK HIM NOW.

We who know Him, place our lives upon the altar of Service.

For many weeks we have been praying this prayer: "Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit manifest Thyself in our midst on OUR DAY, break down all barriers that block the way to THEE—may the result of our THANKSGIVING DAY redound to Thy glory and our enrichment."

May this be so.

At the close of the meeting the children sang one of their favourite hymns: "Just the same," adding their own "copyright" verse:—

When Herbert White first had some little children with him live,  
He asked the Lord to help him and their daily bread to give.

He prayed to Him and day by day, God answered every prayer;  
And the God that lived in our Founder's time is just the same  
to-day!

#### TEA

Some of the coach parties had tea at the Church and there was a large crowd of folk who wended their way down to Crescent Road to feed and to look around the Family's home. As everyone chattered there was an increasing joy and happiness at the realisation of God's bountiful goodness and love in prospering the Family for so many years.

One group of folk had intended travelling on to a meeting elsewhere in the evening, but they couldn't tear themselves away—they stayed right through!

### EVENING MEETING

This was chaired by Mr. Victor White in the absence, through illness, of Pastor H. G. Goddard

Greetings from:—

MR. STEPHEN SMITH (Dental Surgeon):

*The rumour recently went round that Mr. Victor White recently celebrated his birthday; he was sixty years old. But that is not true. The wonderful thing is that he has not a grey hair upon him: he has the dew of youth upon his brow. And that is true of Mrs. White also. Think of the way in which your adopted father and mother care for you. They have such wonderful confidence in our Heavenly Father that they have no need to worry. The work here in the Home is a record of God's faithfulness. I am very fond of these lads and lasses. I have known them for so many years.*

*Christian brothers and sisters, let us stand in awe to-day at this demonstration of sixty years of God's faithfulness. The health of these children is of such a high character, especially their dental health. It speaks volumes for the care which is bestowed upon them: the good plain food given at regular times—not a lot of stuff out of tins—and so they grow and develop. I bring you greetings from Latchett Hall: you are in my parish, that is why I come to visit you from time to time. We really do love you down at the Hall. We have got to know some of you at our Sunday School, and we are glad to see some of the teenagers in our Club. It is wonderful to think of this work going on, without any advertising. We see in it God honouring the faith of His children.*

REV. H. J. L. HUNTER (Minister of Woodford Baptist Church):

*It is a great joy to bring to you the greetings of the Church, and of the Free Church Federal Council. All the Churches in our town have been blessed and inspired by the witness of God's faithfulness in Mr. Herbert White's work. Just a few years before the War, when I was in Bournemouth, I met Mr. White. Little did I know then that later I would be meeting him here in Woodford. He was a leader in the Band of Hope; and he was a soul-winner. There has always been a close link with the Baptist Church here and the great work which Mr. White founded. Our prayers are with you. It is inspiring to see the boys and girls growing up, and following the Lord. God bless the work of the Children's Home & Mission.*

MRS. MOLLY DANNALT (Friend of long standing!):

*It is a great joy to be here to-day. So many thoughts and memories come crowding through my mind. I am sure we would all like to say "Many Happy Returns" to the Children's Home & Mission. My mother was one of the members of Mrs. Florence*

*Barclay's Bible Class years ago; it was during those days when the home was started. My husband and I have a great regard for the Family. I remember we went down to see the premises at Tiptree, and he was very impressed, and I remember that on the way home he proposed to me! And so we lived happily ever after! I bring you greetings from our Crusader Class at Chelmsford; the members take the greatest interest in the Home.*

### EVENING REPORT—Mr. VICTOR WHITE

This afternoon we looked back over 60 years. This evening I want to tell you in more detail what has happened during the past year. I must turn your thoughts toward GOD, for with a deep sense of gratitude we recognise His practical intervention in our everyday affairs. We join with the psalmist: "I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. I will show forth all Thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in Thee!"

FINANCIALLY.—We have had an unusual experience in that we carried over into this new year accounts amounting in ALL to approximately £300. How was this?

Well, our total Receipts from all sources amounted to £6,007. This was £1,660 down on the previous year. Two particular avenues, Covenant and Legacy, were much lower than usual. Someone has said: "My, it seems as if the Christians haven't been dying quickly enough this year!"

However, Box gifts rose to a record figure of £240. Gifts earmarked for our Family holiday increased and there have been two gifts amounting to £55 towards the cost of the Booklet just printed. These items gave us encouragement.

The total Expenditure was £6,880, a drop of £630 as compared with the previous year. God had wonderfully overruled in that we carried forward a balance from the previous year of £550, and so the gap was narrowed to £300. Had God failed? Was it possible that at least we were seeing the collapse of Faith in this sphere of the Work?

*Not at all!* We have to draw a line to mark the end of a financial year, but our bills are never paid prior to the 10th of the month following, and a legacy bequeathed to us in July last was still not realised. This was a wonderful gift of £500, plus two houses, maybe worth about £3,000. The Bank acting as executors for the donor apologised for the delay due to some technical matter relating to the Estate, although not actually relating to our gift. So, financially, we were sound, and as we meet here now, all outstanding accounts have been met by gifts received since 1st May, apart from the anticipated legacy!

However, this experience was a challenge and a period of testing. It meant a time of heart-searching, drawing near to Him, and studying His Word. We were encouraged to realise that the expenditure was down, but looked to God for His message!

At staff prayers we had been studying together for some weeks the book of Jeremiah, and had reached chapter 22 at the close of

the year. Had the children not been on holiday from school, which means the re-adjustment of prayers, we should have reached this passage earlier. Everything dovetailed in, we felt, in the providence of God, that we might be strengthened at the right time.

When we took up the study again, at the time of deeper heart-searching, we found Jeremiah being challenged by God to buy the field of Hanameel, seemingly against the God-given revelation that the City was to be destroyed, necessitating a great step of faith in obedience to God. A severe challenge and test!

Jeremiah exclaims: "There is nothing too hard for Thee. I have bought the field—but I am puzzled." Then came the Word of the Lord—"I am the Lord—is there anything too hard for Me?"

As we read this our hearts were strengthened, and we turned to prayer with this precious reminder of His Omnipotence.

We were also reading Stuart Holden's commentary on this passage of scripture, as follows:—

"Upon our conception of God depends our attitude to every one of life's problems and difficulties. These arise constantly to threaten our peace and daunt our courage, as we all know. Again and again we are brought right up against frowning difficulties and threatening enmities before which faith might well quail. And it is then that our conception of God, if it is adequate, saves us. For what can these do if He that is perfect in knowledge, and the Lord of all might, is with us? It is this confidence which has encouraged His people in all ages to go straight forward, cleaving a path through every tangled jungle, and levelling every mountain to prepare His Way. What shall be our answer to this His challenges, and their example, which confront us in to-day's adverse circumstances?"

This was spiritual food and vision just when we needed it most!

We have for some long time been in prayer and thought about the decoration, alteration and improvement of our main kitchen. The sinks were worn out. The gas oven was damaged beyond adequate repair as a result of an explosion. Gas stoves and sinks are costly, but we felt they were a need and not just a luxury. We were confronted with the necessity for the step in faith.

Committing ourselves for fitting during May or June, I was quite horrified when the gas stoves arrived before the end of April, but the firm assured me that it was in their interest to deliver them, and no account would be forthcoming until the end of May.

With the experiences just related concerning the close of the financial year, we were naturally active in prayer as to our next step *re* these stoves.

Should we hold on, having committed ourselves, or retrench? A Christian friend popped in at the time and desired to look around. He was pleased with the progress and very interested in the kitchen alterations. Noticing the new stoves standing idle, he said: "Have these fitted and send me the bill for stoves and fitting!" We praised God.

## THE FAMILY

We now total 52 all told. Eleven children left during the year and ten joined us. Four of those who left returned to parents who had come to KNOW the Lord as their own personal Saviour and have set up a Christian home not far away. They attend a local evangelical church and with us rejoice in the goodness of the Lord in this fresh beginning with Jesus Christ as the foundation of their new hopes.

Three staff have left us, one of them after five and a half years' service—Miss Patricia Long. We acknowledge before God our gratitude to them all for service rendered, and pray for them in the future days.

These vacancies on the staff has meant "increased pressure" on the remainder of the staff, but God in His own unique way has provided extra help, in unexpected ways.

Three local Christian friends have been coming one day a week to lend a hand wherever needed. Mrs. Parker, the wife of our former box secretary, now lives nearby and spends most of her time in active service amongst the Family.

You see, the Lord knows "the end from the beginning," and enables the work to go on whatever the circumstances! His ways are past finding out! We have also had the added help of a secretary in the office, without whom we could not have compiled the booklet in time for the Diamond Jubilee.

One of our older girls has not been well; her doctor advised her to give up travelling to the city and she is at present giving her time to the Lord in looking after the younger girls. This was unexpected—but timely!

I must mention also that three other of our senior girls help us part-time and they have rowed very happily with us and taken on added responsibilities in a most capable way. One of our older lads has tackled outdoor and indoor maintenance under Mr. Olney's guidance and we have appreciated his help.

This afternoon, as a sign of our affection and in recognition of her value, we presented flowers to my mother, and I record here again how much she means to us, and has meant down the years. She always recognises the "old" members when they call.

Under the guiding hand of God and with the service of His people, the care of the young folk has continued. Both at school and in other spheres of life, the Family is proving its value, and the Home Office are particularly pleased with the obvious happiness and all-round development of the young folk. How is this possible in such a large family? We acknowledge: 1. It is because of the presence of our Lord. 2. The spiritual atmosphere. 3. The united endeavour of all who work together. 855 children have now shared in the Family, and over 60 men and women from various walks of life have served as resident staff throughout the 60 years. Of course, added to these there is a host of helpers in various spheres. We praise God for them all!

It is sad to-day to witness in our own beloved land the decline in happy, united home life; the lack of respect by children to parents and to adults; lack of simple etiquette; the "do-as-you please" attitude; lack of parental control and guidance. This is serious, for its effect is already making itself felt in adverse ways upon the life of our Nation. It is worth noting that we are not the great power we once were in world affairs!

A good, balanced Christian-home-life is the most valuable gift any child can receive.

Parents appear puzzled when they are confronted by their own children treading paths abhorrent to themselves, yet when questioned as to the circumstances of the home life, it is evident that there is an absence of proper parent/child relationship. The stress to-day is: "Don't MAKE your child attend Sunday School and Church. It confuses the mind of a child—leave the child to find its own way!"

Do YOU make your child eat and drink, sleep and share in the Family routine? Of course, looking at it from one angle, I suppose you could reply "Yes," but in replying to the deepest meaning of the question, surely the answer is "NO"!

These things are part of our Family life; we do them, for we are convinced that this is the way the little one is going to obtain the best for his or her full, steady growth and development. Meals, leisure time, recreation, education, spiritual training: the true mother and father so arrange the family life to give proper time for all these things.

Why select just the spiritual and label necessary guidance with—MAKE !?

God is our Creator—it is God, therefore, Who, given His rightful place in our homes, business, and recreation, is able to make possible in us, a balanced and abundant life.

Sin, the separating factor between God and man, is treated very lightly in this age. The true meaning of Christ's sacrificial death upon the cross to bridge this gulf and enable man to meet with God, is so little understood! Surely this situation should challenge those of us who are born again. But what are we doing?

The passive acceptance by the Christian church of the prevailing conditions in home life, and deteriorating moral standards, is a clear indication of the lukewarmness towards our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are proud of our big Family. We see growth and recognise affection. We realise tremendous potentialities within each life. Touched by the loving hand of our God, no one can tell what may unfold.

God bless you all. We have been encouraged to feel your loving interest on this our special day.

#### THANK-YOU'S

My list of thank-you's for help given throughout the year and in preparation for Our Day, is enormous. It would be very unwise to mention names, but in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, I commend you ALL to Him for His richest blessings and reward.

With grateful hearts we recall numerous gifts in kind—such a variety, too :—

Armchairs and settees: (There appears to be a real MOVE here—they come from all quarters and in a variety of condition).

Pianos: and an American Organ which I brought home with me after special Easter Services.

Large Towel for each child, all brightly coloured and different.

Vegetables: almost throughout the year.

Harvests: a wonderful selection of groceries—able to share with Old Age Pensioners in the locality.

Easter Eggs: one a real monster.

Train Sets: here again we have been surprised at the number of these—we are looking for a suitable room to have them usefully laid out.

A New Carpet, 15 feet x 12 feet: this set us thinking about the possibility of a Lounge—and we have now taken over one of our two recreation rooms for this purpose!

New Bibles and books.

Clothes from our voluntary working parties and individual friends.

A bicycle.

... and numerous other items!

You are aware, I am sure, that such gifts are of real financial help and have a favourable influence upon our cash expenditure.

The longer one is permitted to remain a "steward" in the C. H. & M., the more one is convinced that this is His Work and that WE are just co-workers with Him.

Those who hold the "ropes" of prayer, gift and service, and who do the work within the Family Circle, must continue together so that in the midst of spiritual apathy and godlessness, the C. H. & M., this monument to our Faithful God, may remain clear and bright for ALL to SEE.

#### THE BOOKLET

As most of you know, we have been enabled to print a new booklet, "These Sixty Years." For some long time we had been prevailed upon to do some such thing. The first booklet, entitled "These Forty Years," was outdated and it seemed right and proper in this our Jubilee Year to complete the story to 1959.

#### THE FUTURE

Dare we try to draw back the curtain a little? My own feeling is just this. Having reached this special milestone, we should not only look back with praise, but take stock, contemplate, re-dedicate our lives to the One who has made this journey possible, and proved Himself to us all. Everything is so vastly different now in comparison with the early days. Then we lived in the country—now we are in a large London borough. Then we welcomed orphan kiddies into care—now the moral breakdown in home life necessitates our continuation. However, the Government

has increasingly taken upon itself at great expense to undertake child care, and the Courts and Welfare Societies will mostly direct cases to local government centres.

Is there, therefore, a continued need for a private Family such as ours? God started this enterprise and He is in it. Every child needs the living Saviour as his own true Friend and, unfortunately, it seems that so many institutions to-day neglect this fundamental. It is our duty, as well as our joy, to give every child the opportunity of hearing about the love of Jesus Christ. *WE* cannot change them, but we can instruct them and endeavour to conduct our Family life, that the children may have a true picture of Jesus Christ, the only One Who can really change a life and live in and through that life in love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness and meekness!

For the sake of the boys and girls in need of care to-day, this His Work must go on, whilst He still opens up the path.

The testimony to His Faithfulness is a vital factor concerning the continuation of the Family. I am more than ever convinced that we are to become increasingly valuable to God in this respect. The original faith principles are in full operation to this hour, and as lives within and without are changed, and all needs met by God, the man of the world can SEE Him at work, and the Christian, struggling in the grip of doubt and sometimes despair, may take heart.

We are encouraged week by week to receive understanding letters and gifts and to know of constant prayers. Talking to an eminent surgeon in London only last week, he said: "Victor, I remember you and the Family in prayer every morning of every day!"

Sixty years have gone by. Scenes have changed. Young children have become grandparents. The Co-Founders of the Family and many prayer partners are in Glory, but *JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME, yesterday and to-day and for ever!*

God bless you all. **PRAY ON. WORK ON WITH US.** We value your presence here to-day and your continued fellowship with us in this Family, which has in so many respects become *The Challenge of the Hour*. Let us go on together, none daring to make us afraid, that God may fulfil His purpose in and through the C. H. & M. Dare we fail Him, Who gave ALL for us? His Kingdom must be extended. The past is gone. We must turn our faces to the future, the unknown. I now recall words quoted by His Majesty King George VI in an Empire Broadcast: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' *And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'*"

This we shall do, with sure confidence in the knowledge of His Presence in the past and in the surety of His Presence in the days which lie ahead.

The "Old" boys' and girls' choir sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness," and four of them gave their testimonies.

MRS. MINNIE SUTTON (a child in the Family and later on the Staff).

*What a wonderful day this has been, hasn't it? I can remember many Annuals. I wonder how many of us can remember when we used to meet in the tent in the Home grounds? I know Mr. Victor doesn't! But there may be some who can remember those days, and for many years we have met in this church which, for me, has many happy memories. For many years I sat down there with some 20 or more boys Sunday mornings while Revd. Louis Parkinson occupied this pulpit. At the age of 18 I was baptised in this church with about half-a-dozen other young people by Mr. Herbert White. Some years later I was married here. Mr. White conducted the service.*

*Mr. Victor has asked me to say something of the influence of the Children's Home & Mission on my life. Influence is that something we all have on the lives of others, and influence in our early years is very important. Mr. White used to quote a religious sect as saying: "Give me a child until he is seven, and you can have him afterwards." But for the faithful witness and Christian teaching we received, my life would have been the poorer to-day.*

*The most outstanding witness is the proof that God hears and answers prayer and this my husband and I still continue to prove. I learned that God not only hears our prayers, but He is interested in the details of our lives and we can take everything to Him in prayer. I remember Mr. White once saying to some of us, "If you want a husband, then tell the Lord about it. Ask Him to choose one and you will not be unequally yoked together!"*

*I learned, too, the value of Sunday as a day of rest and that only things really necessary were done on that day, a practice that is fast slipping away even in Christian homes. How we need to guard this one day in seven. Also, that it was our duty as well as our privilege to be in God's house twice on a Sunday.*

*A further influence was the value of God's book, the Bible—not that it contained the Word of God, but that it IS the Word of God. We were taught to read it daily. I remember on Sunday evenings when the older ones had gone to church, the youngsters were gathered together by Miss Hutchin (Mother to so many of us), round her sitting-room fire in the winter, and she would read Bible stories to us, and the lives of missionaries. In this way the foundation was laid and the desire aroused for Christian service.*

*It has been my privilege in the past years to be Missionary Secretary for my church and to work in the Baptist Women's League. How true the scriptures: "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days."*

*My prayer is that those now in the care of the C. H. & M. may learn to love the Saviour and His Word, proving the power of prayer and continuing to value His day.*

MR. GORDON MAYS :

Well, I bring you my greetings from Leeds. Now, most people can give a date as to when they were converted, but I do not know, somehow with me it was a little different. I don't think I can. It was with me, as with little Topsy, "something that just grewed." But it had roots! I had a job in London and I did not like that very much, so on my earlier training and instincts we prayed about it and God found me a job in Leeds. Yes, we are in Leeds. Well, the things I learned in those earlier years in the Family have stood my wife and I in good stead, because we are rather like one of the old-fashioned families, a very happy family. My eldest lad is an officer in the Boys' Brigade and a member of the Leeds Male Voice Gospel Choir. The youngest lad has joined the Lay Preachers' Association and we have great hopes of our daughter, aged 11. We do not quite know what she will make yet. We are hoping great things of her.

But, as Mr. White would say, we are content to trust God for the future.

Now, I have only been given five minutes and I am rather afraid of reminiscencing, but there is one little episode which I have told before, but I think it is worth telling again. It was when "Mother" was very short of buttons and she said, "Well, boys, if you see any buttons about I would be very glad if you would pick them up, because I am desperately short." So we had a brilliant idea of putting on a concert and making the admission three or four buttons. It worked! It worked! We had a packed house and instead of four buttons they were prepared to pay six or even eight quite willingly. We ended up with a dozen cottons probably 18 inches long, full of buttons which we proudly took along to Mother. Well, her feelings were mixed. She was both pleased and bewildered. However, she thanked us. Well, the next day Mother called us together. "Well, boys, I appreciate your efforts in getting me some buttons, but don't do it again, will you, because there is hardly a button left on the clothes!"

I have found that although we are some 200 odd miles away from the C. H. & M. it is a wonderful thing to be able to worship the same God in Leeds as we did in Woodford. God hears our prayers just as well in Leeds as He did in Woodford. That is a wonderful feeling and we praise God that our children are growing up to know and love and fear God. I leave you with my greetings and I leave you knowing that our children are growing up in the way that Pa White would have loved.

MISS ELSIE MACKIE :

I was only in the C. H. & M. for perhaps two or three years. I left about ten years ago, but those two or three years had an influence on my life that I think perhaps has made me what I am now, and I feel very grateful.

I thank God for the time I spent here and for all I learned in this Home. There are so many things I could tell you that I do not know quite where to begin. I start with the most important, I think. My father is a London City Missioner and from the time that I was very, very tiny I learned about Jesus and His love. Not only from the stories that I heard, but from the very life in the home and from watching my father, I saw that Christ was an example for us to follow. When I came here my first impression was to find that it wasn't just a thing that happened to our family. It wasn't just a thing that belonged to us. As I lived close to these people, and saw that they had Christian love, God's love, too, we were one. We were a great family together and there are, as you know, hundreds of us throughout the world. We are all one in Christ Jesus. That was a very important lesson to me then and to me now.

I am a teacher. I learned a lot at the time I was in this Home that I did not think would come in useful, but I find now I just can piece it together all the time. I learned the importance of working together, of team work, perhaps. We used to have dormitories with different names. Like little families within the Family. I belonged to Sturman. We would have all sorts of competitions. I learned, too, to mix with other people. I have spent two years working in a school for maladjusted boys and I have found it an absorbing task—one in which I can witness to my Saviour. At present I am working in a Secondary Modern school in London. May God continue to bless the Family, as in the past.

MRS. MAGGIE SMITH

It is a thrill to me to come home. I think of the things we used to do. We were very naughty sometimes! I was nine years old when I came to the Home and I was twelve when I gave my heart to the Lord Jesus. When you give your heart to the Lord you get the assurance that you belong to Him. You know He will keep you and never let you go. I challenge any here this evening, and especially those who have been in the Family, if you haven't accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, do not let this opportunity go by.



**The Revd. Paul Tucker took as his theme for the**

**Closing Message :**

**LIVING WITH A PURPOSE**

Please turn in your Bibles to the familiar passage in Matthew 5, v. 13-16 : "Ye are the salt of the earth . . . ye are the light of the world . . . a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid . . . let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

My dear Mr. Victor White, young people, and christian friends who are met here on this historic occasion. I am very sorry that Mr. Goddard is so unwell, and unable to fulfil his engagement to speak to you to-night, to which he and you had been looking forward for so long. I am, indeed, honoured and glad to be here and in some small way to be identified again with the excellent work of the Children's Home & Mission. Before I left, my Sunday School Superintendent asked me to convey the greetings of our children to the children of the Home. We have this personal link between the Children's Home and our School. It happens to be their Outing to-day.

Mr. Victor White has asked me to bring to you a closing word of challenge. I do not intend to speak in laudatory terms concerning the Work, though we all truly thank God for it. I would, however, bring you an appeal from God's Holy Word. Recently my thoughts have been turned towards the Sermon on the Mount, and in particular to the opening two sections of it.

You remember that the Sermon on the Mount opens with the beatitudes. There are eight of them—a heavenly octave, and in these beatitudes we have the *pattern* of a holy life. Really, the beatitudes are the expression of the fruit of the Spirit, showing to us the kind of life that every believer ought to be living. But that pattern of a holy life is followed in a very natural and obvious sequence by the *purpose* of a holy life. God does not save His people without an objective, He does not seek to conform them to the likeness of His dear Son without some very definite purpose in view. That purpose is a double one—the glory of God and the benefit and well-being of our fellow men. "Let your light so shine before *men*, that they may see your good works, and *glorify your Father* which is in Heaven."

Here in these verses there are three truths I wish to underline. Notice, first of all, the *influence that a holy life should exert*. If you are a believer, if you are in any degree seeking to be like the Lord Jesus Who has redeemed you, then your life should exercise a very deliberate and definite influence. "Ye are the salt of the earth." Our Lord introduces the thought of salt with one idea in mind, that of preventing corruption. Salt is a great preservative, and one of its many functions is to stave off corruption. We are not thinking now of our pure table salt, with which we are all acquainted. We are thinking rather of that crude salt taken

from the marsh land of Palestine, which was used as a great preservative. Peter and John, Andrew and James, who were listening to this Sermon on the Mount, would well appreciate what our Lord meant, because not far from this mountain in the region of Capernaum there was the Lake of Galilee, where the Lord Jesus Christ had called these men; for they had been fishermen. It was from that lake that these men drew their livelihood. They would bring their fish to shore; they would sell some immediately; others would be packed up in cases and sent up to Jerusalem for the Jerusalem market. These fishermen would be very careful, before they despatched their fish, to see that they were wrapped in salt in order that they might not become rotten or corrupt during the journey. You and I are living in a godless and irreligious society, in a corrupt world. Many of the standards of unregenerate men are corrupt. And God has set us in this world as salt, to stave off the corruption.

You remember when Elisha began his ministry he came to Jericho, and the men of Jericho said to him: "This is a pleasant place, but the water is corrupt; and because the water is corrupt we shall not long be able to live here." When Elisha heard that, he called for a new cruse of salt. Taking that salt, he cast it into the spring of the waters, and we are told that those corrupt waters were healed. Notice where Elisha placed the salt. He took it to the very source of the pollution, to the spring of the waters, and he cast the salt in there. If we would seek to arrest some of the corruption that is in the world, we must go to the source of it. We must take the Gospel to the heart of man, because it is from the heart of man that all defilement springs. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." And if we would arrest our national life from its on-coming putrefaction, we must go to the young people, and seek to influence them for Christ, that they might be enabled to live in an unwholesome society kept by His power.

Christians are set in the world as salt. There should be a certain quality about your life and mine that makes our corner of the world a little better by reason of our testimony and presence. Is your home better for your presence there? Is that office where you serve cleaner because of your witness? Is that factory where you are a leader somewhat sweeter because of the influence of your personality? If Christian men and women are not standing up for the righteousness of God, and for the honour of Christ in these days, who else is going to? Our Lord adds a warning here. "But if the salt have lost its savour wherewith shall it be salted?" There is this terrible possibility of the salt losing its unique chemical properties—its tang, its vitality, its usefulness. We know that our salt on the table does not lose its savour, but this kind of salt to be found in Palestine can well lose its savour. Sometimes the heavy rains will wash all the chemical properties from it, and leave it savourless, insipid, with no "punch" in it. "But if the salt have

lost its savour . . . it is henceforth good for nothing." Salt without any tang, or vitality, is utterly valueless.

One writer has pointed out in his commentary that there are many things which, if they do not fulfil their highest function, can be used to serve some lesser function. He cites a bunch of grapes, their highest purpose being to give refreshment to man, but if they are over-ripe they can be used to make wine, and if rotten and sour they can be used to make vinegar. Should they be completely rotten or corrupt they can be mixed with other things and used as valuable manure in the growing of the vine. Our Lord says in effect: What are you going to do with salt that has lost its savour? What lesser function can it serve? "It is henceforth good for nothing." There is no useful purpose that it can serve. If you have grown cold in your devotion to Christ; if you have lost that stinging vitality that scorches the conscience of the ungodly—then you are good for nothing, except to be cast under foot, and trodden upon by man. The world soon recognises when a believer has lost his testimony. The world tramples upon his profession, and says "It is not worth anything."

Notice, in the second place, the *prominence that a holy life should exhibit*. Our Lord takes up three very simple things in this section. He speaks, first, of salt. He takes this well-known commodity in order to fasten a spiritual lesson upon the minds of His disciples and hearers. Now He takes up another simple thing: He talks about a *city*—"A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Probably as our Lord was seated there on the mountain side, He could look out over the hills around, and see little villages and townships built upon mountain tableland, because Palestine is a mountainous country. Dean Stanley says that in all probability our Lord was looking in the direction of Tabor, with its military fortifications, and probably He was pointing to it. He had a lesson to teach about the sower going forth to sow his seed. He had a lesson to teach concerning the birds on the wing. Now here He is teaching the people by using the illustration of a city in a conspicuous place. The teaching is that the holy life should be outstanding in its piety and godliness; there should be something conspicuous about the believer. "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." It is not, my friends, that we are to draw attention to ourselves, it is rather this: that there should be a distinguishing characteristic about our lives, if we really are the children of God. Go through your Bible, and you will see that men of God stood out in their day and generation. Joseph stood out in Egypt; Daniel stood out in Babylon; Elijah stood out in Israel; John the Baptist stood out in Judea. It is said that on one occasion Jesus entered into a house, and would have no man know it, but "He could not be hid." He wanted a time of relaxation and privacy so that when He entered into a home no one would know anything about it. But the fragrance of His life was ever apparent. "He could not be hid." There should be that about our lives

which marks us out. In by-gone days the ancient city was a landmark, there were no sign-posts. Often stones on high levels would be set up to give directions to travellers. If the ancient landmarks were removed then some traveller was going to lose his pathway. So, then, many of these old-time cities were as landmarks. Travellers arriving saw them, and they reached quickly their destination. Is there a clarity about our testimony which is of such character that people when they see us are reminded of God? When people look at us is it made easier for them to follow the Lord Jesus Christ?

The apostle Paul, in writing to the Thessalonian Christians, many of whom he had led to the Saviour, has this striking thing to say. He says to them: "Ye became followers of us and of the Lord." In other words, Paul was walking so near to the Lord that when the new believers followed Paul they were *ipso facto* following the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Paul, by his mighty ministry, by his exemplary character, by the power of the Spirit, made it easy for people to follow Christ when they followed him. Most of us have to say: "Do not look at me. Look away from me. Look to Jesus." There is a sense in which this will always be in so far as each one of us, however godly, is but a broken light of the Lord of glory. And yet we must not excuse ourselves. "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." We should be as landmarks making it easier for people living in a godless world to find the Lord Jesus Christ.

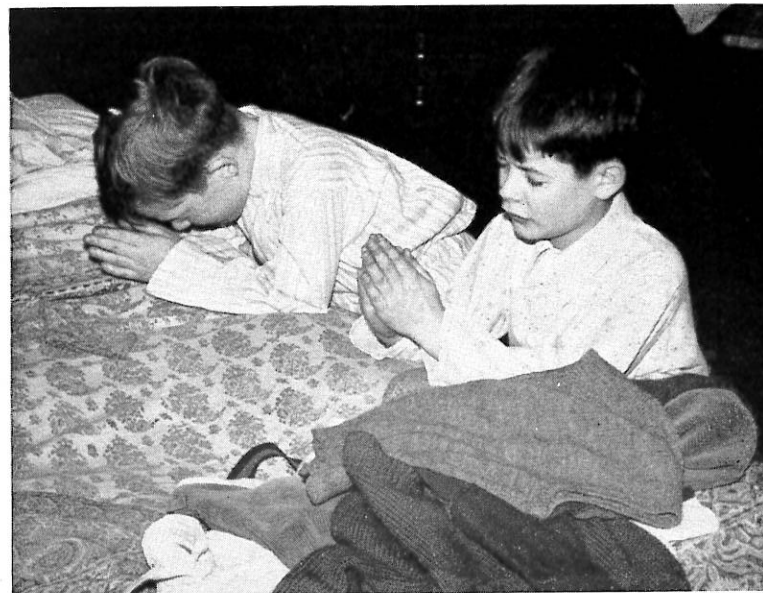
There is just one other illustration which our Saviour takes up. "Ye are the salt of the earth." There is the influence that a holy life should exert. "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." There is the prominence that a holy life should exhibit. "Ye are the light of the world." There is the *brilliance that a holy life should exercise*, a luminosity, an out-shining which marks the road leading "to the Lamb." "Ye are the light of the world." I do not know how that statement appeals to you. To me it is one of the most staggering utterances in the teaching of Jesus. Remember to whom these words were spoken. He was not speaking to a company of philosophers; He was not addressing the intelligentsia of His age. He was speaking to ordinary men, to fishermen, a tax collector, very average people, people who believed on Him to the saving of their souls. It was to them that He said: "Ye are the light of the world."

What is the source of this light? Notice how the Lord Jesus puts it. "Let your light so shine before men." He does not say "Make your light to so shine before men." Because you cannot make this light. There is only One Who can "kindle the flame of sacred love on the mean altar of our hearts." We catch the light from Him, Who said: "I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." When we receive the light into our hearts, we are called

upon to let it shine forth from our lives; we are to draw aside the curtain and to let the light shine out from us. Not only is this world a corrupt world needing salt, a lost world needing a city, but it is a dark world requiring light. You remember the children's hymn: "Many kinds of darkness in this world are found. Sin, and want, and sorrow . . ." and we might add "loneliness, frustration, fear." But here we are touched with the living power of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are set in a dark world to shine, and to give light to all that are in the *house*. That is where we begin: we begin with our family. The light that should shine the brightest is the light nearest home. If your home-life does not stand investigation, it is no good your being interested in evangelizing the unconverted overseas. The light must shine first of all in our own home, in our own environment, and then from there to others. No man who had lit a candle would dream of putting it under a bushel; he would put it where it belonged, in a prominent place, that it might give light to all who are in the house.

I am afraid there are many believers who are hiding the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ under the bushel of timidity. They are like Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple, but "secretly for fear of the Jews." There are those who hide their light under the bushel of apathy. You remember how the Apostle Paul puts in writing to the Corinthians: "But if your gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of the world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Yet others are hiding their light under the bushel of inconsistency. Things have come into the life which makes their influence much less apparent than it was years ago. Think of Lot hiding his light in Sodom, vexing his righteous soul with the filthy conversation of the wicked, and yet at the same time tolerating it, and remaining in that false position in Sodom, until he came to the moment when he knew of the doom that awaited that city. Then when he sought to warn people of its approaching doom, we read that he seemed as one who mocked. The people thought he was joking, because there was no quality behind his life to support his words.

When you go back to your home, to the office, to the factory, and you begin to testify of Jesus, would it have to be said of some of you: "You have never spoken like this before?" Are you sure you are not concealing that light of yours? The purpose of a holy life is that we may glorify God, that we may minister to our fellow men, that we may testify to the world that we belong to Jesus, that we may be as a light set in a dark world that men may "see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in Heaven."



"What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear;  
What a privilege to carry  
EVERYTHING to God in prayer."

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### KEEP THE SOUL-FIRES BURNING

It is much easier to keep the fire burning than to rekindle it after it has gone out. Let us abide in Him. Let us not have to remove the cinders and ashes from our hearthstones every day and kindle a new flame: but let us keep it burning and never let it expire. Among the ancient Greeks the sacred flame was never allowed to go out: so in a higher sense, let us keep the heavenly flame aglow upon the altar of the heart.

## HARVESTS RECEIVED DURING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER,

1960, from :—

Ley Street Gospel Hall, Ilford.  
 Newcomen Road Evangelical Church, Leytonstone.  
 Lanes End Mission.  
 Ridley Hall, Forest Gate.  
 Richmond Road Evangelical Church, Romford.  
 Wanstead Congregational Church, Woodford Parish Church.  
 Leytonstone Methodist Church.  
 West Worthing Evangelical Church.  
 Meldrum Sunday School, Goodmayes.  
 Elm Park Baptist Church.  
 Rise Park Chapel, Romford.  
 Matthews Memorial Church, Walthamstow.  
 Broadmead Baptist Church, Woodford Green.  
 Chingford Hatch Methodist Church.  
 Coleman Street Gospel Hall, Southend-on-Sea.  
 Springfield Hall, Tottenham.  
 Highams Park Congregational Church.  
 Cranham Baptist Church.  
 Ray Lodge Congregational Church, Woodford Green.  
 Stratford Railway Mission.  
 Harefield Hall, Harlow.  
 Canfield Hall, Woodford Bridge.  
 Woodford Green United Free Church.  
 Brook Street Chapel Sunday School, Tottenham.  
 Salway Hall Sunday School, Woodford Green.  
 Hermon Hill Methodist Church, Wanstead.  
 Epping Green Union Church.  
 Epping Congregational Church.  
 Cranbrook Baptist Church Primary, Ilford.  
 Winchester Road Methodist Sunday School, Beginners' Dept., Highams Park.  
 Mowbray's Mission, Romford.  
 Brondesbury Baptist Church.  
 Manor Hall, Boreham Wood.  
 Chase Cross Road Baptist Mission, Romford.  
 Claybury Park Baptist Church, Ilford.  
 Waltham Abbey Baptist Church.  
 Uphire Evangelical Free Church.  
 East London Tabernacle Sunday School.  
 Tottenham Baptist Church.  
 ? received 9.30 p.m. September 26th.  
 East Road Baptist Church, Chadwell Heath.  
 Full Gospel Church, Chadwell Heath.  
 Great Munden Mission.  
 Ashley Hall, St. Albans.  
 Stockwell Baptist Church.  
 Thomas Gamuel Junior School, Walthamstow.  
 Muir Beddall Christian Fellowship.  
 Warren Secondary Modern School, Chadwell Heath.  
 Mill Lane Gospel Hall, High Ongar.  
 Kentish Town Evangelical Church.  
 Chapman Road London City Mission, Hackney.  
 Ingrave Hall, Romford.  
 St. John's Church, Havering-atte-Bower.  
 Kilburn Evangelical Free Church.  
 Blackmore Baptist Church.  
 Roe Green Hall, Kingsbury.  
 Hook Evangelical Free Church, Surbiton.  
 Wangey Road Chapel, Chadwell Heath.  
 Chessington Evangelical Church.  
 Christchurch, Leyton.  
 Ebenezer Chapel, Ash.  
 Cambridge Hall, Edmonton.  
 Abridge Primary School.  
 Canvey Island Baptist Church.  
 Hope Baptist Chapel, Forest Gate.  
 Kenton Evangelical Church.  
 Keswick Hall Evangelical Free Church, Walthamstow.  
 Nazeing County Primary School.  
 Cann Hall County Infants' School, Leytonstone.  
 Thaxted Baptist Church.  
 Grafton Infants' School, Dagenham.  
 Squirrels Heath Primary School, Romford.  
 Barclay County Infants' School, Leyton.  
 St. Mary Magdalene Primary School, Liverpool Road, N.7.  
 St. Andrew's Church, Barkingside.  
 Higham Hill Infants' School, Walthamstow.  
 Bible Class, Hammersmith.



OUR FOOD STORE  
 TOWARDS THE END OF HARVEST-TIME



## "GOINGS AND COMINGS"

Since you last received a "Links" (Autumn, 1959), there have been several changes in our staff circle.

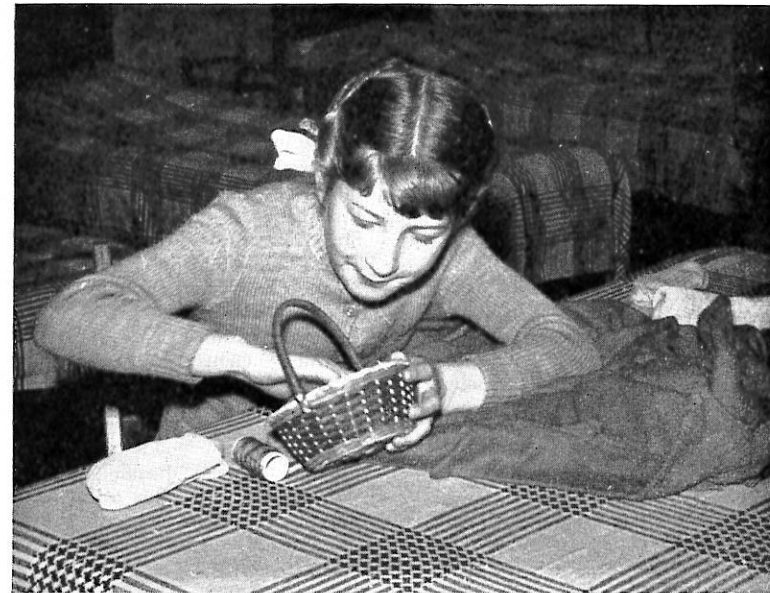
MISS ANN LITCHFIELD left in December, 1959, after a short time with us, to get married. We wish Ann and her husband every happiness and congratulate them on the recent arrival of a baby daughter. MISS PATRICIA LONG, after five years, left us in the spring. She had not been feeling too well, and a complete change was necessary for her. MISS BARBARA REVELL, after six years, left in August to get married to Mr. Peter Reeves, a member of our Abridge Free Church. The Lord wonderfully undertook for them in that a little cottage was available in Abridge just at the right time, and they are now settled and working keenly together in the work of the Church and Sunday School there. MR. and MRS. DAVID OLNEY and family said "good-bye" in September. In 1949 they joined us at Abridge, and in 1951 they came into full time service at Woodford. They have been led by the Lord to take up work at the Kensit Memorial College of the Protestant Truth Society.

There was a sense of loss as each of these members of the staff left us, but they had filled their niche for the Lord's appointed time. We can give them no material reward, although we wish we could, but we do know that the Lord will remember all that they have accomplished in the C. H. & M. We pray that His blessing will follow them as they continue to serve Him in new spheres.

How have the vacancies been filled? Not by advertisement, but *in answer to prayer*. MR. and MRS. BRICKMAN, having sought God's guidance for over two years concerning full-time service, felt the assurance of His direction and are now here with their two children. We welcome them and rejoice in God's leading.

Five residential staff have left, and only two have come. Doesn't the balance seem uneven? It would be, but the Lord has had other ways of doing things! Mrs. Parker, the wife of our late Box Secretary, is now living nearby and helping most of the time. Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Wombwell have been coming one day a week for over a year. More recently, two others have offered to come certain days each week, and with this part-time help everything has been well covered. Further, Miss Beryl Brown, for twelve months has been helping part-time in the office.

Sixty-one years have gone by. God has met *all* our needs and we have cause for very sincere thanks to God for the way He has undertaken during this period.



Where is my needle?



Poor Pussy!

## CHRISTMAS, 1960

### GIFTS—From North, South, East and West!

Anon. (St. Albans)—18 new Bibles.  
 Westcliff—6 rag dolls, beautifully dressed.  
 Rainham Gospel Hall Girls' Own—Hand-made garments, toys, etc.  
 Clapham—Toys and books.  
 Harringay—Toys. Aprons and chocolates for staff.  
 South Woodford—14 pairs socks.  
 Mayfield School Christian Fellowship—Toys.  
 Kilburn E.F. Ch. Sunday School—Toys.  
 Goldings Hill Free Church—Toys.  
 Chigwell—Christmas cake.  
 Leyton—Doll, sweets, etc.  
 Whitstable—2 Dressing gowns, 2 vests, 4 cardigans, slipover (all hand made).  
 Dr. Barnardo's Christian Fellowship—Teenage gifts and toys.  
 Lancing—Large box sweets.  
 Worthing E.F. Church—Toys.  
 Abinger Common Sunday School—Toys.  
 Sudbury—3 Indoor games.  
 Covent Garden—Large Christmas tree.  
 Goodman Memorial Hall Sunday School—Groceries.  
 Anon., via Bearmans Ltd.—4 Boxes Christmas crackers.  
 Hainault—Books, 2 pairs socks.  
 Christchurch, Leyton—Toys.  
 Collier Row Mission Sunday School, Romford—Toys.  
 King's Road Baptist Sunday School, Chingford—Toys.  
 Anon.—Booklets.  
 Southend-on-Sea—Toys.  
 Seven Kings—3 Annuals.  
 Haverhill O.I.C. Working Party—Hand-made garments, handkerchiefs, etc.  
 Peterborough—Socks, gloves and scarves.  
 Perivale—Junior *Reader's Digest*.  
 Tottenham—5 Cardigans, 7 hats, (hand knitted).  
 Brondesbury Baptist Sunday School—Toys.  
 National Health Service Christian Union—Toys.  
 Frinton—Dolls, etc.  
 Edmonton—Toys.  
 Chigwell—Table decoration.  
 South Woodford—Turkey.  
 Birmingham—Turkey.  
 South Woodford—Turkey.  
 Ilford—Cake and mince pies.  
 Anon.—Battery cameras.  
 Anon.—2 Toys.  
 Chingford Rotary Club—Toys.  
 Downhill Central School, South Tottenham—Christmas tree and toys.  
 Chadwell Heath—Vegetables and Fruit.  
 Prince's Road Junior School, Buckhurst Hill—Box of biscuits.  
 Brentford—Junior *Reader's Digest*.  
 London, N.W.5—Junior *Reader's Digest*.  
 4th Chingford Brownie Pack—Sweets, handkerchiefs, flannels, etc.  
 St. Thomas's Kindergarten S.S. and Junior Church, Dagenham—Toys.  
 Brandon Road Mission, Walthamstow—Sweets.  
 London, W.11—Junior *Reader's Digest*.  
 Ashurst Drive Baptist Junior C.E., Ilford—Sweets.  
 Chelmsford Girl Crusaders—Sweets.  
 Brighton—Hand-made socks and scarves.  
 Colchester—Ham, chicken and biscuits.  
 Matthews Memorial Mission Sunday School, Walthamstow—Toys.  
 Cranford Baptist Women's Fellowship—Hand-made garments and blanket.  
 Romford—Dolls, sweets, books and handkerchiefs.  
 Cranleigh Baptist Sunday School—Toys.  
 Southampton—2 Cuddly Toys.  
 1st Welwyn Garden City Co., G.L.B.—Presents.  
 Walthamstow—Crate of apples.  
 Leigh-on-Sea—Toys.

Lanes End Mission Working Party—Hand-made garments.  
 Westcliff—Dolls.  
 Wadhams Hall, Walthamstow—Toys and teenage presents.  
 Leytonstone Methodist—Gifts.  
 Spruce Hill Baptist & B. B. Co. (16th)—Gifts.  
 Anon.—Building outfit, doll.  
 Rise Park Chapel Women's Meeting and S.S., Romford—Gifts.  
 St. Andrew's Church, St. Albans—Toys.  
 Loughton—Large compendium of games.  
 Woodford Green—Groceries.  
 Tottenham—Outing to "Peter Pan."  
 Cranbrook Road Baptist Church S.S., Primary Dept., Ilford—Toys.  
 Walthamstow Guardian—Gifts.  
 Liverpool—Cot covers, 2 cardigans, 2 slipovers.  
 Junior Dept. of Junior Church, United Free Church, Woodford Green—Toys and food.  
 Leytonstone—5 Jumpers for older girls.  
 East Rudham—Doll.  
 1st Debden Co., G.L.B.—Toys.  
 Brighton—Hand-made woollies.  
 Steeple Bumstead Congregational S.S.—Toys.  
 Toppesfield Congregational S.S.—Toys.  
 South Woodford—Gifts.  
 Bedfont Tabernacle S.S.—5 Bibles.  
 Epping Congregational Junior C.E.—Toys.  
 Rush Green Hall, Romford—Gifts.  
 Anon.—2 Parcels fruit, etc.  
 Bowers Gifford, Pitsea—Socks and jigsaws.  
 South Woodford—Toys.  
 Goring and Ferring E.F. Church S.S.—Toys.  
 Elmsleigh Hall Working Party, Leigh-on-Sea—Hand-made garments.  
 Brentford—Gifts.  
 Canvey Island Baptist—Gifts.  
 Westcliff—Toys.  
 Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation Ltd., Gants Hill, Ilford—Toys.  
 Woodford Bridge—Set of football jerseys.  
 Stockwell Baptist S.S.—Toys.  
 South Woodford—Nuts and fruit.  
 Waltham Abbey—Turkey.  
 South Woodford—Presents for the little ones.  
 Highams Park Congregational S.S.—Toys.  
 Chingford—Sweets, biscuits, clothes, etc.  
 Southend-on-Sea—Gifts  
 Fullers Road Hall—Toys.  
 Harlow Jucos—2 Cakes.  
 Ardleigh Green—Toys.  
 Manor Hall, Boreham Wood—Toys.  
 Woodford Green—Biscuits.  
 Cranham—Ham, 400 mince tarts, and 5 loaves bread.  
 London, S.E.1—Toys.  
 South Woodford—Christmas cake.  
 Finchley—Chocolate cakes.  
 Woodford Green—Crackers, chocolate log cake, biscuits, Christmas pudding.  
 South Woodford—Twin dolls.  
 Barkingside—Biro.  
 Finchley Girl Crusaders—Toys.  
 W. Olivers (Rubber) Ltd.—Christmas tree and small toys.  
 South Woodford—Large tin sweets.  
 Gorleston Technical High School, Great Yarmouth—Gifts.  
 South Chingford Congregational Church—Toys.  
 Sea Rangers, Barnhurst, Ilford—Decoration of Top Hall.  
 Leyton—Christmas tree and toys.  
 Woodford Green—Toys.  
 Tottenham—Gifts.  
 South Woodford—Sweets.  
 Lloyd's Printing Dept. Social Club—Turkeys and Christmas fare, fruit, crisps, cordial, etc.  
 Hele Baptist S.S.—Toys.  
 Anon., Woodford Green—Presents for the older girls.



*"This is how WE do it!"*

## ANONYMOUS

We are very grateful for the undermentioned gifts. All others have been acknowledged and official receipts sent.

	Amount	Receipt No.
	1959	
November 4th	30 0 0	732
November 30th (Surrey)	1 0 0	824
December 11th	10 0	921
December 12th ("A Wellwisher")	1 0 0	934
December 18th ("W.O.T.")	1 0 0	1010
December 21st	5 0	1047
December 22nd	10 0	1051
December 23rd	1 10 0	1064
December 23rd ("Michael's Christmas Gift")	5 0 0	1074
December 24th	5 0	1083
	1960	
January 12th	5 0 0	1187
January 29th	11 6	1233
February 10th (Barnet)	1 0 0	1265
February 10th	2 0 0	1267
February 16th (Guildford)	1 0 0	1277
February 17th	2 0 0	1288
February 19th	3 10 0	1294
April 11th (Essex)	1 0 0	1461
April 19th (Herts)	2 10 0	1476
May 3rd	1 0 0	1518
May 20th	18 0 0	1618
May 23rd	3 0 0	1647
May 24th	10 0 0	1659
May 26th	2 0 0	1662
June 1st	1 0 0	1695
June 3rd	5 0	1715
June 3rd	2 6	1718
June 13th (Essex)	10 0	1746
June 27th (Addington)	1 0 0	1789
July 4th (Hounslow)	3 0 0	1811
July 7th (Holidays)	2 0 0	1822
July 25th (Romford)	5 0 0	1879
July 27th	10 0	1889
August 12th	3 0 0	1929
August 22nd (Holidays)	1 0 0	1956
September 14th (Colchester)	20 0 0	2018
September 20th (Worthing)	1 0 0	2024
September 21st (Colchester)	25 10 0	2033
September 29th (St. Albans)	1 0 0	2064
September 29th (St. Albans)	2 0 0	2065
September 30th (Essex)	16 0 0	2070
September 30th (London)	1 0 0	2072
October 3rd (Walthamstow)	5 0 0	2077
October 5th (Colchester)	18 10 0	2092
October 10th	1 0 0	2112
October 12th ("Bee")	10 0	2120
October 17th (Worthing)	1 15 0	2139
November 4th (London)	10 0	2185
November 10th	5 0	2202
November 14th	4 0 0	2208
November 16th	10 0	2221
November 22nd (Dovercourt)	1 0 0	2250
November 29th	10 0	2285
December 5th	10 0	2314
December 7th (Ruislip)	10 0	2330

	Amount	Receipt No.
December 8th ... ..	1 0 0	2338
December 15th ("W. T.") ... ..	1 0 0	2633
December 17th ... ..	1 10 0	2652
December 19th ... ..	10 0	2672
December 19th ("A Friend") ... ..	5 0 0	2678
December 21st ("The Brownies") ... ..	1 10 0	2709
December 23rd ... ..	1 0 0	2712
December 23rd ... ..	10 0	2728
December 23rd ("Michael's Christmas Gift")	10 0 0	2750
December 23rd ... ..	5 0 0	2751
December 26th ... ..	1 0 0	2783



*Back at Lowestoft Again—August, 1960*



*At Home on a Saturday Morning*



**THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th April, 1960.**

		1959	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
300	To Rates, Taxes and Insurances	748	310	7	1	By Covenants	...	...	69 12 0
771	" Heat and Light	2,987	727	14	11	" Subscriptions and Donations	...	...	2,947 12 1
62	" Telephone	220	58	18	6	" Box Holders	...	...	239 7 8
261	" Postage, Printing and Stationery	1,956	347	17	0	" Shoe Fund and Pound Day	...	...	19 0 0
2,059	" Provisions	1,664	1,957	0	6	" Legacies	...	...	754 3 1
339	" Furniture, Linen, Clothes and Shoes	10	321	5	2	" Payments Received on Account of Children	...	...	1,769 8 7
194	" Household Expenses	63	209	19	3	" Interest on Deposit Account	...	...	147 9 6
1,087	" Staff Allowance and National Insurance	—	1,007	11	5	" Gifts for Holidays	...	...	55 0 0
281	" Gifts to Staff (Holidays), Donation and Pocket Money Schemes	—	357	6	6	" Gifts for Costs of Booklets	...	...	6,001 18 4
37	" Medical Supplies	—	39	3	10	" Transfer from Accumulated Fund	...	...	921 14 10
283	" Travelling and Excursion Expenses	—	238	15	7				
208	" Repairs to Property	—	831	16	10				
985	" General Repairs and Renewals	—	321	10	0				
23	" Incidental Expenses	—	16	11	2				
171	" Holidays	—	177	10	0				
432	" Alterations and Improvements to Property	—	—	—	—				
		£7,493	£6,923	7	9				
10	" Transfers—Special Fund	—	—	5	5				
164	" Transfers—Accumulated Fund	—	—	—	—				
		£7,667	£6,923	13	2				

**BALANCE SHEET, as at 30th April, 1960.**

		1959	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
5,100	INVESTED FUNDS:	5,100	5,100	0	0	FREEHOLD PROPERTY:			
	The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall	15	2,250	0	0	The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall	...	...	2,250 0 0
	The Dr. F. E. Marsh Gift	—	1,700	0	0	18/24, Crescent Road, Woodford	...	...	1,700 0 0
	The Mr. and Mrs. William Stark Gift	—	1,150	0	0	8/10, Crescent Road, Woodford	...	...	1,150 0 0
	SPECIAL FUNDS:	15	—	—	—	DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	...	...	5,100 0 0
	Balance at 1st May, 1959	15	15	1	3	HOME ACCOUNT:			
	Add: Transfers from Income and Expenditure Account	—	5	5	—	Garage and Shed	...	...	98 3 0
		15	—	—	—	Household Furniture, etc.	...	...	500 0 0
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS:	1,262	921	14	10	Prepayment	...	...	23 19 5
	Balance at 1st May, 1959	1,262	921	14	10	Current Bank Account	...	...	28 1 3
	Less: Transfers to Income and Expenditure Account	—	340	5	1	Cash in Hand	...	...	11 0 0
		1,262	340	5	1	Less: Sundry Creditors	...	...	661 3 8
		£6,377	£5,455	11	9				320 18 7
		£6,377	£5,455	11	9				340 5 1

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account with the books and vouchers of the Mission and certify that they are correct and in accordance therewith.

Dated this 26th day of September, 1960.

Barclays Bank Building,  
73, Cheapside,  
London, E.C.2.

WHITE, SALOMON & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants,  
Auditors.

# **“OUR DAY”**

61st ANNUAL GATHERINGS

**SATURDAY, 29th APRIL, 1961**

at

**WOODFORD BAPTIST CHURCH,**

3.0 and 6.30 p.m.

Speakers :

**Rev. G. A. HEMMING, B.A.**

and

**Rev. JOHN A. CAIGER**

of Gunnersbury Baptist Church

**THE STROOD MALE VOICE CHOIR**

are coming again.

THE FAMILY, past and present, will be taking part, and Reports  
will be given.

TEA ARRANGEMENTS as for the Diamond Jubilee—  
at the Church and Crescent Road.

Please book this date. Pray for His blessing—come and enjoy  
a happy time of fellowship.