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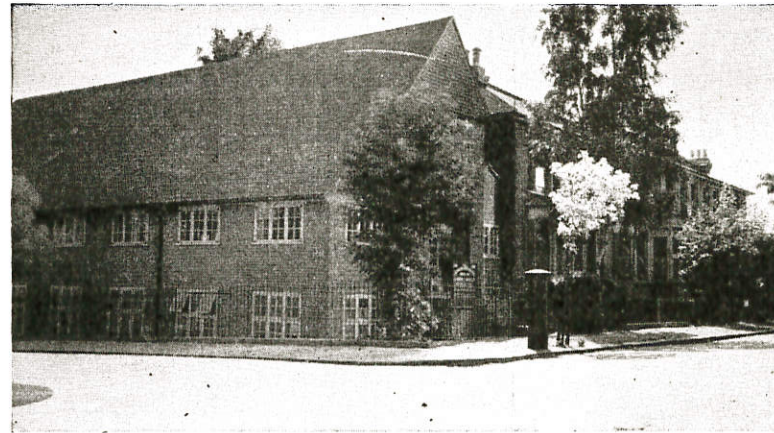
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“ But seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness ; and all these things
shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6. v.33.

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EDITORIAL NOTES—November 1953

Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

I feel I must first of all convey to everyone my sincere thanks for the prayerful and practical support over the past momentous year. We give all glory and praise to God for the supplying of all needs in unique, unexpected and timely ways. How bountifully we have proved His promises—"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in Glory, by Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4 v. 19).

Our new venture—the "Open Day" held here on 18th July last was a very happy time when staff and young folk alike were "at home" to friends, relatives, Sunday school teachers, deacons, school teachers, and last, but not least, Councillors who didn't even know there was such a large family in Crescent Road!

The children enjoyed being hosts and made the most of their opportunity in displaying their hobbies and in demonstrating their prowess at physical training, country dancing etc. The younger boys were very thrilled to descend from a top floor window on a 'Longworth' fire escape.

The climax to the day was our "family prayers," though it seemed more like a service as there were so many of us, when Mr. Eric Cook told us something of the work of the Young Sowers' League connected with the Scripture Gift Mission in which we share. Mr. Stokes, one of our Trustees, unveiled a picture of Mr. Herbert White, our beloved Founder, which will remain in our large hall. As we look at this picture, taken not long before Mr. White died, we are reminded of one whose life was dedicated to the Service of God amongst little ones in need, and to the furtherance of the Gospel of His Saviour.

As we find there is no time to spare on our Annual Meeting Day to show folk around the Home, there is a general feeling that this Open Day should be a more frequent event. Our visitors were mostly local friends this year, some who had lived nearby for years and years, but had not previously seen the 'inside' of the Home.

Perhaps in the future other friends would like to see something of the 'inside' of our home life. If you would, let us know and we will see that you receive an invitation.

I mentioned in my Afternoon Report on 9th May last that we needed your prayers regarding Tiptree, as we were troubled by the tremendous cost of upkeep with small benefit to the Home now that the kiddies were entirely housed at Woodford. Many factors had to be carefully considered, and after much prayer we felt guided to relinquish the property with the exception of the small bungalow and adjoining field which will still remain part of the C. H. & M. property. The Trustees were unanimous in their decision that the time had come to sell the Grove and Farm but it was recorded in the Minutes, and I feel I should mention again

here, that we do acknowledge our thanks to God who provided this place just prior to the last war, so that over 70 children could remain together as a family in safety. When food was short they were well provided for from the farm. Truly God did plan ahead and now that the purpose has been accomplished, God is calling us to re-double our efforts here at Woodford and at Abridge. Please spare a place for the Abridge Work in your prayers—the village is growing and the Gospel is needed.

Please PRAY—that He Who has supplied, guided and blessed in the past, may continue so to do, as we, enabled by His strength, labour on in this His Work amongst the young folk. Our one desire is to please Him and to keep the Banner of His Faithfulness flying high!

Again—thank you so much,

God bless you,

Sincerely yours in Him,

VICTOR J. WHITE.



Our Children's Choir practising for "Our Day."

"OUR DAY"

9th May, 1953
AFTERNOON MEETING

The Chair at this Meeting was taken by Mr. A. M. Gilbert, Co-Pastor of the Evangelical Free Church at Abridge, Essex.

ANNUAL REPORT—Mr. V. WHITE.

"OUR SUFFICIENCY IS OF GOD!"—our motto for the past year, and it was with these words that I completed my Report on the occasion of our Memorial Service to my late beloved Father, Founder of this Work, on 24th May last.

Is it true? Most certainly—He has been sufficient—He IS sufficient—He WILL BE sufficient! God is alive—a loving God, understanding and gracious in all His dealings with those who implicitly trust Him. He is indeed a completely sufficient God!

You know, the longer one experiences the presence, blessing and guidance of God, with the multiplicity of daily intimacies with Him, the more forcibly is one aware of the depth of need of the human heart and the unworthiness of oneself to be numbered among His Family—world wide!

It is an honour to know Him—a privilege to serve Him—it is indeed a thrill to realise that we have been given the opportunity of following the Master when He said—"Suffer the little children to come unto me." We joy, not only in the easier and happier experiences of the past year, but also in the times of testing, for from His Word we are clearly shown time and time again that God tests His servants, preparatory to greater blessings and such times are really signs of His love and favour. God tested Abraham—"take thy son, thine only son whom thou lovest"—what a test—what faith—what blessing!

I find it very difficult (I believe this is now a yearly complaint) to summarize in Report form this year's work amongst our boys and girls and in the field of ministry. What a year—what blessing—what needs supplied! Of this one thing I am certain (and we live in an age of uncertainty—apart from God) it has been a year which will mean so much to us all in the days which are ahead. We have been thrown upon God, completely and utterly, and His strong arm has not only held us but, I say this reverently—"pushed us forward."

Thank you Prayer Partners for the great and vital part you have played, for without the constant and earnest prayers of all we surely would not have been able to keep the pace. Added strength—new visions and friendships—a deeper understanding and knowledge of our gracious God has been our portion. We shall ever, I speak now on behalf of my mother, wife, staff and helpers—we shall ever thank God for His kindness in permitting us to pass through this unforgettable experience. Pray on dear friends—there is much to do—the days are full of golden opportunities and possibilities and as we unitedly prevail upon our God for His continued blessing, all is assured.

Our family now totals 64—29 girls and 35 boys.

23 — 8's and under
19 — 9-12
8 — 13-14
14 — 15 and over.

Since 1899—795 boys and girls have been in our care.

During the year 12 girls and 11 boys have joined us and 12 girls and 14 boys have left. Of those who have left 18 returned to parent or relative because of improved circumstances; 3 went to residential jobs; 2 joined the Forces and 3 joined our Staff.

These latter three, Irene, Margaret and Ted have been a great blessing to us. My wife and I both feel that they are suited for the work they are doing—Irene with her boys (8's and under); Margaret the younger girls and Ted mainly on maintenance work with Mr. Olney. Thank you for all your efforts in this respect, Mr. Olney—the buildings certainly are looking better inside and out.

We praise God for so planning the coming of the Twins in 1944 and Ted in 1942 (with their respective sister and brothers) that just at this time—a time of need—they would not only be ready, but willing to serve Him in our family circle. Each one came to know Jesus as their personal Saviour whilst with us (it is the Twins' Spiritual Birthday today), and have obeyed Christ's command in following Him through the waters of Baptism. Did we visualize all this 9 and 11 years ago? Hardly—but God knew! May I take this opportunity of thanking our three young friends for (in the words of the hymn our children will be singing this evening) "your selfless service." You have given my wife and I much encouragement and brought happiness in the kiddies lives. God bless you.

With our 64 young folk we are F.T.B. and have actually had of late to refuse several little ones in need—our hearts go out to them—our prayers follow them. It is indeed an upsetting experience to have to say "no" and we all feel it keenly.

As you have heard for yourselves—we teach the Bible—795 children have been trained to use God's word. Many of this number are actively engaged in full or part-time service, others witnessing in their homes and business. Today it is a joy to realise that, in our Family, there are many who know Jesus. For myself—I say this with full conviction and without reserve—my greatest thrill is not when a large cheque comes (although I must admit, it does make one's heart bubble over and all gifts give us joy) my greatest thrill, is when a girl or boy surrenders heart and life to the Lord Jesus. Several recently have made this decision and what a difference there is in a family atmosphere when there is unity in Him. Whether at morning or evening prayers—Y.S.L. Meeting—

at Church, Bible class or Sunday School here, or Staff and Seniors Bible Study each week, His Word takes the central place. With young life there is always the thought of building—none can be accomplished or even begun without foundation. The only lasting foundation is Jesus—upon Him and Him alone can we build and live!

Our weekly activities—**Monday**: General Quizz taken by Mr. Gilbert. **Tuesday**: Music and Choir practice under Miss Leary. Dress-making taken by Mrs. Smith. Stamp Club supervised by Charles, our Senior Boy—and Badminton. **Wednesday**: Y.S.L. (kindly note the Birthday Meeting for this will be combined with our Open Day on 18th July next). **Thursday**: Games of all varieties taken by our long standing friend Mr. Crowhurst. **Friday**: Art Class instructed by Mr. John Styman of Abridge. From next Tuesday an additional item for the boys—physical training taken by a new young friend who has only recently experienced the transforming power of Christ within his life. Our girls have Country Dancing from time to time and this with the Hobbies will no doubt be coming to the fore again after this weekend as we prepare for our Coronation Celebrations and our Open Day, 18th July. Please book and come from 3 p.m. onwards—we can promise you a good look round and a really interesting time! The normal games and sport are played and practised in addition to these other activities already mentioned—swimming is again popular dating back to our happy antics at the seaside when we (staff, I mean) managed to survive continued duckings from our older children as we endeavoured to float a rubber dinghy.

Back to facts and figures (for the purpose of the “Links” details as on leaflet enclosed).

Not only financially, but in many other ways too, which I shall mention this evening, God has supplied.

To all who have in any way helped—thank you. God bless you and give you a joyful experience as you share with us in this His work—that young lives may be influenced by His love and power and in their turn be the means in God’s hands of a Christian influence upon yet another generation. May I stress here please:—

The need for the work—tremendous—increasing—vital. The moral background of our land is collapsing and children, as a result, are suffering.

The possibilities of the work—far-reaching—I am sure. Who knows the potentialities wrapped up in these young lives? I speak now from my own personal and intimate knowledge and daily contacts—a wealth untold is awaiting the touch of His Hand—to be brought out and then presented to God for His control and guidance.

What a privilege He has given us—are you and I fully and gladly accepting our responsibilities? Even when we may think

we have reached our limit for God—He can and does enable us to go the extra mile—to do more. “None of self—all of Thee”.

In the motor world—insurance business—in hospitals—office—shops and full time service there are those today who learnt of Christ here. Can we ever estimate the full possibilities—never. This is God’s prerogative.

I know you always like to hear a few quotations from the letters we receive from the older members of our Family:—

From one who was with us a good many years ago:—

“Dear Mrs. White, Mr. Victor and all the Family. Just a few lines to thank you for sending the “Links” once again and I started to read it to see how good God has been to you all through the year. My husband and I should very much have liked to visit you for the Reunion, but sorry we cannot manage it as it’s the day we have our family party now our children are married. Please remember me to Will Cowling and his wife and any others I know who come, and give them my best wishes. I am enclosing my little gift—a small token but given with a good heart for all that was done for me while with you.

—From “still an old girl.”

From one who this time last year was serving in H.M. Forces in Germany.

“I hope you will be able to arrange for a job for me to go back to and I would like to take this moment of thanking you, not only for what you are doing for me at the present but for all that has been done in the past. Even if I live to a hundred years I could never repay you, but I would like to remind you that I have not forgotten.”

N.B.—We were able to find with the help of one of our Trustees, a very good job for this lad.

From an old girl:—

“I will never forget the four years I spent in your care and the love and kindness lavished on me and my brothers and sisters. They were the happiest years of my life.”

From an old boy:—

“Thank you for kind invitation to attend the Old Girls’ and Boys’ Reunion. I shall certainly be there on the 27th at 3 p.m. so that I can re-live for a few moments those happy and enjoyable days I spent with you. It is surprising how often I think of

those days, and wonder how many of the old children who were there with me are still singing the choruses we learnt in so happy surroundings. It was sad to lose "Pa" but what a wonderful memorial he left behind for all of us to think of."

From one of the old girls:—

"First may we wish you all a very Happy New Year. Thank you very much indeed for the invitation to join you all on the 27th December I should have loved to come, but it wasn't possible. I'm certain you had a wonderful time and you may be sure that my thoughts were with you, also my prayers as usual for you.

You don't see or hear from me often, but that doesn't mean I don't think of you all. I do. Never can I thank you enough for all the good you did for me in the years I spent with you and now that I have a husband and children of my own I appreciate it even more, because if the dear Lord hadn't so willed that I should come to you, He alone knows what would have become of me. We spent a very happy afternoon at Tiptree during last summer and soon we hope we shall be able to come to Woodford."

From an old girl:—

"Well I don't know if you know, but we had the gift of a baby girl on the 13th August and we have named her Ruth Ann. I know I can say "Thank you" dozens of times, but never will I ever thank you enough for the ten years of loving care and attention I had, and now I have a little girl of my own it makes me more grateful to you and I thank God every day that I was with you.

My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed the Annual Services and we are looking forward to next year's, which will soon come round.

So this is all for tonight, not forgetting to remember the work in our daily prayers."

Our prayers too are ever with all the members of our family—there are many more letters.

We of this present generation thank those who paved the way—pioneers of this work. I think now, of course, of my late father and Miss Hutchin, and my mother still with us, and inspiring us by her great faith in God, and all the staff and friends down the years who have linked hands in service to God.

I am often asked—what can we do to help—for what shall we pray? My report must have given you much to pray about and to this I would add:—

Woodford: Development plan for Essex in which our area of Crescent Road is scheduled as an Industrial Site. How does this effect us? I honestly do not know. God knows—if He wants us to stay—we shall—if the time is coming for us to move on—we shall be ready. Please pray.

Tiptree: There are no children here now. Just one lad helping on the Farm. The upkeep of The Grove for holidays and convalescence alone is a big item. The transport of milk daily is difficult and also of other produce. Nearly 50 miles—a costly business. We seek His guidance—please pray.

Abridge Evangelical Free Church: A real part of our family. Some of our folk are here today. So pleased to see you. We all know the story, or most of us do I'm sure, of the caravan which set out from Woodford to Abridge in 1927; how the Church was eventually built after experiences of opposition, then blessing. During the last war, Mr. Gilbert became Co-pastor with my father and ever since then has continued—a model of consistence and persistence if ever there was. Hard times—easier times—small meetings—large meetings, all treated with the same careful preparation and sincerity. We have much to thank you for Mr. Gilbert and we count it an honour to labour with you. Very seldom have I been able to get down to Abridge, but Mr. Gilbert has carried on so magnificently with a small body of workers. May God vindicate Himself in and through the work at Abridge. May we all awake and realise our full responsibility to God and may we see in the New Year an expansion in the church and Sunday school activities.

And now, both Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are for the time being playing a very noble part in our work here at Headquarters. A recent caption in a daily paper said "Can a 44-hr week kill a man?" One of the speakers at the Annual Meeting of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, thought it might. "If we are going to live to draw old age pensions, we need a shorter working day and much more leisure time." Mrs. Gilbert, you'll never get yours! All day, every day—washing, ironing, cleaning, cooking, mending, etc., with a zest that leaves us all far behind. Thank you both so much! Thank you Mr. Gilbert for chairing our Meeting today.

Thank you Mr. King for coming—we look forward to your message—to God's message through you. Mrs. Dannatt, we have already enjoyed listening to you, and we shall listen again with real pleasure. May God greatly bless your talents which you have dedicated to Him. To Mr. Farndon, Mrs. Johnson, Rev. Hunter (Minister of this Church) and Members, thank you so much for the free use of the Church and premises: to the ladies, for the tea—we trust you have prepared! To Trustees, Prayer Partners, all friends young and old. Thank you all.

Friends, Can we depend upon you for your full prayerful support?

God has called us to this exacting task and in confidence we go forward, for as our dining-room motto states—"God always meets big experiences with great demonstrations of His love and power."

We have come here to praise Him—for is there not much to praise Him for! We come to pledge ourselves anew, for this Year's Service—may we not fail.

Feeling a bit low one evening, sitting in the office, I found an unopened envelope on my desk, one that had come with the earlier post, but without the 2½d. stamp, hence the delay in opening. Casually opened—this is what I found—

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

Has God committed to you a task to perform—a work to do while He tarries? Are you sure He called you—has He given evidence of the call in manifest blessing or failing that, sustaining grace in the performance of the task?

Then brother, stand! Be not alarmed nor disturbed by the battle around you—by the attacks of the enemy upon the work or upon you. You did not plan the campaign. God did that—it is His task or work which He committed to you. Carry on!

What looks like a wrecking attack may be but the loosing of the shackles for a greater freedom. We are reminded of Paul and Silas in Philippi—many stripes, thrust in jail, feet in the stocks and while helpless and bound a great foundation-shaking earthquake! What a situation in which to find yourself! But what was the outcome?

Prisoners all free from their chains, prison doors open, jailer and his family saved, and the magistrates calling to escort them out.

Let us enjoy the peace of God even though in the turmoil or strife. Be sure to bear a good testimony and remember "it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4. 2-5).

God will sustain His work though He may permit the workers to suffer or be persecuted. The work is greater than the workers—always. Then too, we can see but the present and judge from what we see, but God sees the end from the beginning and in the fulness of time we will rejoice in that we were counted worthy to suffer in order that the works of God should be manifest (John 9. 1-3).

"Hour by hour let Thine enabling
Strengthen me to firmly stand;
Through Thee make me 'more than conqueror,'
Shield me with Thy mighty Hand.
From Thee I can draw all power
Needed by me hour by hour."

What a tremendous thrill this was—how in tune with God must have been the friend who sent it—nothing else was enclosed! Just the tonic needed for that moment. I was on my knees soon after!

We do value your prayerful and practical support and interest in this HIS WORK—He does too! We value your presence today. What an inspiration this meeting is. Can I leave our young folk out? Thank you too, you've done well—I really am a proud Dad. God bless you.



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The Rev. GEOFFREY KING

I would like to say first of all, and I am sure I shall carry everyone of you with me, old and young alike, that Mr. Victor White is, in the very deepest sense of the word, a son of his father. If it does not seem irreverent to say so, I would almost call him "a chip of the old block." We discern in him a real successor, chosen of God, to his father. He will, of course, hew himself out new paths, but he will obviously carry in his heart all the time the great traditions of his father, and his father's God, and Who is already abundantly proving to be his God. We are all full of praise on this account.

Now this is Coronation Year, and we are getting very near to the Coronation. Perhaps you older folk will not mind if I talk to the children for a little while,—perhaps you won't mind all being children.

Now, children, you do not know the wicked thing I have done? Of course I can easily get it back, and I hope to do so before it is missed. They are all so busy putting up stands, fixing microphones and laying carpets that they won't have missed it; but I can assure you that it will go back. I did so want to have it here this afternoon. And I thought perhaps such a good cause as that of Mr. White's Home would excuse me for acting so wickedly. I think people were a little suspicious of me when I came along. I may have looked a bit like a Scot, but my pure English accent rather gave me away, and they realised I had not come from the North!

You will wonder what I am talking about: you will soon know. Two of the boys are going to bring IT in. Here they come! Now most of you can see it. It is the Coronation Chair: but as I have said, it shall go back immediately after this meeting! But I've been teasing you. It's a good model isn't it? I did not make it. It was made by one of our members for our recent

Thank-Offering Day. For your encouragement I will say that our Thank-Offering has gone up every year during my 19 years at East London. Last year we broke all records with £730. And this year I did venture to set a target for £800. We did not quite realise that figure, but we got very near it. At the last Church meeting we found that the total result was £799.18.9!! This member of our Church made this chair, and it was used to receive the gifts. And if you come and look at it afterwards, in the seat of the chair you will find a large opening where the thank offerings were put.

Of course, the Coronation Chair is a most interesting thing, as you all know. Do you know it was made in 1300? (Hands up anyone who was alive then!) It was designed by Master Adam, the King's goldsmith, and decorated by Master Walter, the King's painter. Do you know how much it cost? A hundred shillings. The equivalent in these days would be about two thousand shillings. I doubt if you could make a Coronation Chair today for £100. I was interested in these prices. In 1300 the cost of the carving, painting, and gilding of two of the four small leopards was 13/4! The chair was made of oak. There is nothing like British oak, and only that is worthy for the coronation of our kings and queens. The chair is said to be the oldest piece of English furniture still being used for the purpose for which it was originally intended. It has only left the Abbey once, and that was when it was taken to Westminster Hall for the installation of Oliver Cromwell as Lord Protector in 1657. The **stone** left the Abbey recently for a little while—but hoots mon, we'll say nae muir o' tha'!.

The chair itself is not the most important thing: it is only a case. Of course, you know what this case is for. It is just an elaborate casket to hold the Stone: it is the Stone which is the important thing; and the chair was made specially for the stone. That is true also of your body. It is only the case, and that is not the important thing. You need to feed it well: you need to dress it well to make it look its best. I think it is up to Christians to look their best for the Lord, as long as they do not overdo it. Remember, your body is merely the casket for your soul, and it is your soul which is the important thing. We know in Mr. White's Homes, while they care for your body, it is the well-being of the soul within that they are aiming at all the time.

This stone has a wonderful history. It is guarded there by the four leopards (not lions) and these are also to be found on the heraldic sign of our nation. They have a place of honour there because they are guarding the Stone. They say, and presumably it is true, that that Stone in the Coronation Chair at Westminster Abbey is actually the stone that Jacob laid his head on at Bethel. We read about that pillow upon which Jacob rested in the Old Testament. Later on Jacob made that stone into a pillar of testimony, so that what happened on that wonderful night might be made known far and wide. And Jacob consecrated it by

pouring oil upon it, and so it became a very sacred thing to the nation of Israel. That is what Jacob did when he went back to Bethel years afterwards, following upon his backsliding.

What is the story of the Stone, and what is its history? So the legend runs, the Jews transported it to Egypt. The Egyptians became so alarmed at the growing power of Moses that Gathelus (who had married Pharaoh's daughter, Scota), and a band of followers, took the Stone to Spain. Then in the V century B.C. it found its way to Ireland by Simon Brech, son of Milo the Scot. When they wanted to land on the Irish coast there was such a storm that they dropped the stone into the sea and used it as an anchor; but the storm the next day threw it up on to the seashore, and it was recognised and taken care of as a magic thing rescued from the sea. Then it was taken to the sacred Hill of Tara, where St. Patrick used to preach, and it was called the Stone of Destiny. On this strange stone flung up from the deep the Chiefs used to be installed. The tradition is that it would mutter aloud in tones of thunder when the right chief was being chosen; but if a usurper was coming into power the Stone would be silent. It was then taken to Dunstaffnage in Argyllshire, by Fergus, the founder of the Scots' monarchy. By the way, the Scots are really Irish, you know. They are! The Scoti were an Irish tribe and when they migrated across the Irish Sea they called the land they discovered there Scoti-land, which has been abbreviated to Scotland.

Well, in 844, King Kenneth II of Scotland brought the Stone to Scone (pronounced SKOON), a village near Perth, where he placed it upon a raised piece of ground, at the spot where he had gained a victory over the Picts. There for centuries the Scottish kings were crowned, seated upon this Stone of Destiny, until 1296. Then an English king, Edward I, defeated the Scots and, in token of his conquest, visited Scone, and brought the Stone of Destiny to Westminster Abbey, where it has been ever since. So you can see why the Scottish Nationalists want to get the Stone back into Scotland.

I am leaving out lots this afternoon because we have had a long meeting already. I want to remind you that your soul is very much like the Stone of Destiny. Your eternal destiny is going to be determined by your soul. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." You will find that there are enemies who are continually seeking to steal away your soul.—three enemies in particular. I will tell you what they are. The world, the flesh, and the Devil.

Even the Stone is not the most important thing about the Coronation Chair. The most important thing is the use that the Stone and the Chair are put to. They are both for one purpose only, for the Coronation of our Sovereigns. Now the great thing about your soul is the purpose for which it was made. Do you know what that purpose is? The one purpose for which your soul was made is this, that it might be the place where the King

of kings is crowned the King of your life. Is Jesus king of your life? Does he really reign over you? Are you His "liege man of life and limb?" Remember the tradition of the Stone of Destiny in Ireland! Your **conscience** absolutely thunders in warning if the **wrong** King, Self, the usurper is on your throne.

On June 2nd our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II, of whom we are so proud, and for whom I hope we shall pray, will sit in the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey. And she will have St. Edward's crown placed on her head, and she will then become our crowned Sovereign. One of the girls is now bringing from the vestry a replica of this crown, on a purple cushion.

This is your 53rd birthday: and the 53rd chapter of Isaiah is about the King of kings, who has been crowned already on this earth: He was crowned with thorns. But at His Ascension into Heaven He was crowned with glory and honour. And we think of Mr. Herbert White in the presence of the crowned Lord in Heaven. One day Jesus is going to leave His throne in Heaven, and He is coming back to this earth a second time, and He will be crowned with many crowns, and the nations of the earth will acknowledge Him as King of kings and Lord of lords. I know that Mr. Victor White would wish for you nothing better but that on this day we call "Our day," some of you boys and girls would crown the Lord Jesus Lord of all in your hearts and lives. Will you ask Him to occupy your Coronation Chair, and will you put the crown on His head, and will you own Him as the King of your life from this time forth and even for evermore?



A Necessary Pastime.

EVENING MEETING

DR. E. MATHIE (Chairman) said:—

There is one advantage in having a Chairman who is also a Medical Officer; the great advantage is that the Chairman's remarks (if any) can be telescoped into the Medical Report (if any) and so I will steal a few minutes.

I am not going to burden you with the Chairman's remarks because we have a speaker who has come a long way—from Ipswich—to give us the Lord's message and I want to leave him as much time as possible.

As to the Medical Report I know you are not interested in statistics; I think I will just tell you what one of my partners said when I rang him up this morning to ask him if he had any items of interest to add to the Report: "Oh, the Home? Oh, they are all a disgustingly healthy lot!" If you ask my opinion, well, standing as I am on a public platform, I might have chosen a different adjective but I agree with it none the less. The children have been very healthy indeed. There have been just the minor epidemics, the same as other people have had, but nothing of note at all.

There is just one point I might mention and that is, in accordance with the Home Office regulations we are now making a practice of giving the children a thorough medical examination once a year. That is in addition to the examination which we have always made on admission. We have always examined the children carefully when they were first admitted to the Home, and there are also the usual school medical examinations, so you can see that they are well inspected and examined, and if anything goes wrong it should be able to be detected at the earliest possible moment. We do try to detect minor abnormalities and cope with them while they are still minor, and I think that we try to keep abreast with the modern ideas of preventive medicine.

That is all I am going to say in the way of a Medical Report, and now I am going to ask for the next item, the quartette, "I waited for the Lord."

As during the Afternoon Meeting, the children sang and recited. Several pieces were given by the small "choir," made up of Staff and Senior Girls.

Mrs. Molly Dannatt, L.R.A.M., A.M.R.S.T., also delighted the congregation with her recitations and solos.

ANNUAL REPORT—Mr. V. WHITE

What a grand time we all had this afternoon. Such messages in word and song—a deep challenge to us all.

This evening, may I break away from tradition and give my Report in diary form. Don't worry—we shall not take the full

365 days. These items are typical happenings from day to day. We sing, do we not, "Count your blessings"—so often we are apt to forget to do this. We have a wonderful surprise when we tot them up.

How often over the past year—just at the right time—God's time—has come a word of encouragement—a gift—a visit—an experience to lighten the load—to quieten the heart—to increase our Faith. Shall we reminisce together.?

May

- 1st Another year. We need to pray in several thousand pounds—Impossible? No—if we are doing His Work and seeking His Will. He cannot fail. £21 in today.
- 2nd Whilst up in town an elderly lady called with £5—saved hard for God's work.
The railway man called with a box of new shoes from Waltham Cross.
- 3rd Young Sowers' League London Rally. Our members attended, some taking part.
- 7th Our Monthly Prayer Meeting (held every 2nd Wednesday in the month at Crescent Road). Are there some here who could join us—all are welcome. Much prayer is needed.
- 13th Trustees Meeting in London. I presented Accounts and Reports of last year's work. Was much encouraged by loyalty and sympathy shown by the Trustees and the sound advice too!
- 15th Two children popped round to see Mr. Stephen Smith for dental inspection. Both Mr. Smith and his partner Mr. Aldridge make regular inspections of all the children during the week and unlike in my younger days—most seem anxious for their turn!
- 16th Received gift from local shop—25 boxes of shoe studs.
- 17th Booked for a Meeting—numerous opportunities are offered to the staff and myself to proclaim God's word. May He prosper this side of our work to the extension of His Kingdom.
- 18th Abridge Sunday School Anniversary. Very lovely services. I'm so glad some of the folk from our Abridge Church are here today. As you know, this is very much part of our work and we praise God for ever prompting my Father to take the caravan to Abridge.
As mentioned this afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are taking the main responsibility of this work just now—they have been since 1939 and Mr. Colin McDermid helps with the Sunday School.
- 20th All the girls had their hair cut by the local hairdresser free of charge. This is done at intervals during the year and we are grateful for this gift to the Work.
- 23rd Received a cheque for £1,000—last post before the Annual Day. A lovely intimation of His continued favour.

- 24th "Our Day." What a rich time of blessing we had. What memories flooded our minds as we were taken back over the years to the time of the young lad (14) in the garden at Woodford—called of God. Surrender followed—active ministry almost at once. 20th November, 1899, C. H. & M. commenced. How little we experience of this great characteristic of my late father, Faith! Fifty years of selfless service; Miss Hutchin, my mother who is still with us and other helpers down the years, joining together to prove God and help young people. Indeed we cherish every memory of their stalwart lives.

- 25th Gift of £10 to be divided amongst Staff. Our staff have always given their services voluntarily because of their love for God and because He has called them to this special work. May I thank all who are now helping for their truly loyal and valuable service. Many times—without number—you have gone the extra mile. What an encouragement you have been to my mother, wife and self. What a blessing to the Children.

- 26th Admitted a little boy age 5. (I can't say more about him because he is here), but as each new member of the family joins us we realise afresh our responsibility and see the possibilities if God alone takes control. How thrilled we are when a lad here, a girl there, having realised God's love and their need, come to acknowledge His Son as Saviour.

June

- 1st Received letter from one of our boys serving in Her Majesty's Services. I will quote from it. "By the time you get this letter 'Our Day' will be past and gone, but I'm sure you will know that it has not been forgotten and although I cannot be there in body I shall be there in spirit. As I sit here writing I can visualize the scene myself. The children singing their songs and reciting Scriptures. The old girls and boys most likely sitting up in the gallery. I'm sure you had a wonderful time and that God's blessing fully descended upon the meeting.
- Well here I must make a confession. You asked in your letter whether I had accepted the Lord as my Saviour and that you would love to hear me say 'yes.' I accepted the Lord as my Saviour when I was 16 at evening prayers down at Tiptree, but since leaving the Home, I became what is known as a back-slider. I felt very guilty when you asked me that question. I could have said 'yes' I suppose, but I felt a guilty feeling inside because I had not been living up to it. But since being at the Home again when on leave and joining in your Prayer Meetings I resolve to try to live up to it. So just spare a thought for me in your prayers tonight and ask Him to give me strength

to do His will. Psalm 121—"My help cometh from the Lord."

9th A visit today from a very old friend, Mr. Humphries. My late father when a young man was preaching in the Open Air—an even younger lad (16) heard the message; came to know Christ and a friendship then formed with the work, which has continued right up to this present day. Mr. Humphries is here today! How valuable the command to, "Go—preach!!"

12th My wife and I were on holiday. Whilst away one of our "old lads" kindly helped out with the collection of farm produce etc. from Tiptree. He has often helped in this way—little kindnesses like these are a big asset and greatly appreciated. Incidentally, talking of the Farm, we have received from it during the year:—

8,660 eggs

1,680 gallons milk

4½ tons potatoes.

(these latter have carried us through right up to now).

Apples—rhubarb—plums—greengages—peas—beans—gooseberries etc. We did quite a deal of bottling and jam making—the supply has not run out yet! Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White and our lad Peter for the work put in over the past year. So glad my brother is back with us again, in time for "Our Day" after a long illness. May the Lord continue to keep you in good health.

15th The following is an extract from letter received from one of our old boys—"I was hoping to attend the Annual Meetings, but found I was on duty. I'm sorry our part of the collection is late so on behalf of my wife and myself I enclose our share toward the good old Home. Please send me a collection box if you have one to spare. I do not promise to fill it with silver, but I will promise to put something in it each week. Also, should there be a girl or boy who like myself used to have very little pocket money, I should like their names. I should be especially delighted about this as we have no children of our own. I used to listen to Mr. White when he spoke about drink. I wondered if it was true. I can see just how right he was. For myself I am far from being an angel, but I can say that I do not smoke or drink thanks to the Home teaching. The amount I owe to the Home I can never hope to repay, but from now on we intend to do our little bit. Thank God for people like you and your family and that wonderful man, the late Herbert White who was loved by so many throughout the country."

21st One of our old lads came to stay the weekend. We often have the joy of fellowship with our old girls and boys.

29th Had the privilege of presenting the Gospel at our Abridge Church. Always a happy time.

July

5th Two of our family returned to mother—improved circumstances. During the past year 18 have returned to parents; 3 have gone to residential jobs; 2 have joined Her Majesty's Forces and three continued with us here as staff. I mentioned this afternoon in more detail how this had gladdened our hearts! As 26 have left, 23 have come to us. We are now full with a total of 64 according to Home Office speculation. Have had to refuse several cases this year.

7th Received two new tennis racquets and 7-lbs lemonade powder.

9th Visit from Home Office Inspector. We are of course registered and are open to inspection at any time. Our last interview recently was indeed happy and apparently satisfactory. The inspector commented upon the obvious happiness of the youngsters and expressed pleasure at the new beds, mattresses, blankets etc. bought by the means of utilizing some of the money given originally for developing at Tiptree. There have been other interior and exterior improvements, mainly carried out by our staff—Mr. Olney and Ted.

14th Received parcel of hand-knitted socks from an old friend who aims at completing 25 pairs each year. What a real help—hand made socks wear so well. Other folk help in this way too.

16th One of our girls admitted to Jubilee Hospital for tonsil operation. We are grateful to the Hospital for their kind attention to any of our youngsters who have to be admitted—every consideration is given and what is more, our own Doctors attend them. Here, I would say thank you to Drs. David Smith and Eric Mathie, and Cary Baker for all their help and advice over the year. New Home Office records require detailed medical examination of all the children each year and they manage this complete yearly check up.

18th Appointment with our Honorary Chiroprapist, Mr. A. Thompson for one of the girls. We do appreciate his willing help. We don't often have to worry him but he is always ready when we need him.

24th Met a Farm Friend at Tiptree to discuss the possibilities of Farm and to receive suggestions.

25th Children break up. Children delighted—Teachers relieved—our heads ache—until 8th September!

29th Some women folk called representing the women's work of Westminster Chapel bringing a parcel containing—22 jumpers with long sleeves. 1 twin set. 4 cardigans with sleeves. 38 pullovers (sleeveless). 10 vests. 12 pairs socks. 2 pairs gloves. 5 dresses. 4 dirndle dresses; 15 night-dresses. 9 aprons. 1 bag and other items. We thank this working party and others. At Ashley Hall, St. Albans

I spent a very happy afternoon viewing the work and telling of ours. So glad to see such a large party today! Many thanks to Haverhill Free Church, Eastney Gospel Mission—Elmsleigh Hall—Bedfont Tab. Bible Class—Fulbridge Hall, and others. The same day our friends called with their parcel the children were taken by local Round Table friends to Southend for the day. The arrival of these goods mentioned above helped us to show them an up to date practical answer to prayer.

August

- 7th Gift of £2. Please spend on children.
 9th Pouring rain. 6 of our Senior Girls set off to camp in Hampshire with a group of young girls from a Gospel Hall in South London. 3 Senior Boys went to Herne Bay with our friend Mr. Crowhurst.
 11th Remainder off to Tiptree—coach for children—lorry for luggage—for a change (but not a rest).
 Our diary for the time at Tiptree includes days by the sea—scavenger hunt (the village policeman didn't appreciate this) tennis—treasure hunt—rambles—sports—fruit picking etc. etc.
 16th 6 brown girls returned from camp with news of tents blown down—plenty of grub—fun and games and also spiritual blessing.

September

- 2nd Returned home—looking well—pleased with change—glad to be back.
 7th Received in first of our 70 harvests which came in during September and October from Churches, Sunday Schools, Day Schools etc. Very grateful to all for this help—only one thing gave us the “pip”—marrows.
 22nd & 29th Visits to Kentish Town Mission and Stockwell Baptist Church to take part in Harvest services and bring back produce.
 30th Some of staff and seniors went to Abridge Harvest Supper and joined in the singing of the grand harvest hymns. There is something outstanding about the harvest celebration in a country village.

(I must hurry on.)

October

- 18th Parcel of hand made gloves—just in time for colder weather.
 25th One of our old lads, with his wife took some of the youngsters to the Zoo. Gave us a thrill to see them set off. Surprised they all came back.

November

- 1st Our twins joined staff. Some of the kiddies popped over to Eastern Optical at Stratford for eye tests. Very grateful to friends for this help and especially for the repairs made to glasses. Can anyone invent some unbreakable spectacles?

- 4th Country Dancing for the girls.
 10th Received cheque for £50 from the Box Secretary. A big thank you to him for all he does in this way.
 15th Our “Aunties”—The Misses Marriott and Tann of Goodmayes took out some of the girls on Xmas shopping expedition. All the girls went with them on various Saturdays and in the New Year they gave a party for them. These Aunties keep in touch with the girls who have left the Home and follow the work with a keen prayerful interest.
 One of our staff left us to join parents in preparation for moving to Canada, after several years' devoted service.
 17th From Norfolk—28-lbs soap flakes; 28-lbs Soap powder; 56-lbs washing soap and 72 tablets toilet soap (someone knows us).
 Getting the children washed in time for bed is often a neck to neck experience!
 18th Admitted two little girls. Parcel of clothes from Hampshire just in time for their needs.
 22nd A homely social at Abridge to present Mr. Gilbert with a book from all the Members as a token of sincere appreciation for his service to God at Abridge and to mark his 50 years of proclaiming the Gospel.
 25th Mr. and Mrs. David Schwier moved into The Grove—their coming very timely in view of my brother's continued ill health. Great help to farm and work.
 30th Completed Food Office Returns. Catering for our Family during the years of rationing, has meant considerable additions to the office work—forms to fill in—instructions to read and understand! With these restrictions getting less we can divert our energies into more profitable channels!

December

- 4th Protest Meeting in our Hall re new Development Plan which shows an Area including buildings and grounds or the Home, as an Industrial Area. We are bringing this matter to God and have not entered into any active protest. He knows best and we are confident that He will take charge for us.
 7th Toys from over 40 churches, Sunday schools, etc. commenced to come in. What should we do without Mr. Crowhurst's help in sorting these I do not know. Thanks to all friends for helping us at Xmas.
 8th One of our lads home from Germany—stayed over Xmas. With help of Trustee found him job and he is now comfortably settled in digs too!
 13th Friend with some young folk looked round the Home—often have parties to see us.

February

- 1st Letter (typical of so many received) enclosing £3 towards the work. Also:
- 25th Anonymous gift of £10. We are often touched by the sacrificial gifts of older folk—regularly they send and pray for us. We realise afresh our responsibility to God to be faithful stewards in His work.

March

- 10th Two friends called (as they often do on a Tuesday evening) to cut the boys' hair. This as you realise is a valuable help.
- 16th Letter from an old boy: "I am writing to let you know my change of address. The Reunion invitation went to my old address and I was awfully disappointed since I should very much like to have seen you and all the old faces again. Please let me know at any time if I can be of assistance in any way. I look forward to seeing you all again soon. God Bless you all—and wife and family."
- 20th Anniversary of my father's death. One whole year gone. Had special prayers in Hall. All the family present—used Recorder. Impressive time. Received many letters of understanding for Mother.
- 27th Nearly 30 children sat for Scripture Examination. Also some of the Abridge scholars. Still awaiting results.

April

- 5th Good Friday—received dozens of hot cross buns. Ted joined our staff. Never come across such sheer determination before. Could do with a lot more of this fine resolve to please God!
- 7th Ted baptised.
- 11th Visit from Stockwell friends. Lots of fun and games—we won tug of war. They taught us the "Gospel Express" chorus. (We taught them a chorus too).
- 30th Closed books. They balanced. All needs supplied.

A great year. How good God has been once again. Thank you prayer partners and friends for all your help and prayer support. Pray on! The year is before us. He knows our need—our desires—and as we join together in this fellowship of service amongst the boys and girls, He will bless.

Thank you Dr. Mathie for chairing this Meeting and Mr. Bird for travelling so far to be with us. May God bless your message. Thank you—everyone—who have so wonderfully helped to add to the greatness of this day.

Let us rise and give praise and thanks to God as we sing "How good is the God we adore."

- 19th Visited large London Factory—saw Xmas tree decorated for us. A present for each child—paper hats—crackers etc.
- 20th Letter from old boy spending first Xmas away from Home, "Thank you for your most welcome letter. As you know I shall not be home for Christmas but I shall be thinking of you, so I trust you will have a happy time. I shall miss you greatly as you know, but 'all things work together for good to them that love God' . . . God bless you till we meet again." (This boy has spent two leaves with us during the year).
- 22nd Letter from old girl "what a lovely idea to hold the reunion as an extension of Christmas. It will bring back so many memories of happy Christmases to all of us. My husband, myself and Susan will be very pleased to come. Although 'Pa' is not with you this Christmas in flesh he will surely be with you in spirit. A happy Christmas to you all."
- 24th Hectic preparations—final touches to decorations etc. Received 9-lbs beef—2 turkeys—2 cockerills, which with our own fowls gave us three Christmas dinners. Also crackers, christmas cakes, mince pies, fancy cakes etc.
- 25th and 26th What fun and blessing we had—more details in the 'Links.'
- 27th Our Reunion a great success.

Eight months have passed—I haven't covered half the experiences—comings and goings of staff and children. Time just will not permit.

Four months remain—I must just pull out a few of the many happenings and close my Report.

January

- 1st Letter from an old girl "Thank you very much for having me for Christmas and may I say it was my happiest. I never realised when I left the C. H. & M. nearly a year ago that I would miss it so much as I do. And I can truthfully say that I shall never be able to thank you all for what you did for me. There will be a lot more children who will realise this too, I am sure, when they also have to leave you. I started work again today. It was dreary but I suppose it must be done."
- 21st Visit from Lord's Day Observance Society speaker at our Y.S.L. Meeting—especially interesting in view of Sunday Observance Bill before Parliament. What a great victory Sunday Defenders had.
- 31st Two of our young people decided for Christ—others have during the year. Praise God!

Our
Junior
Staff.



THE REV. G. E. J. BIRD :

Dear Dr. Mathie, Mr. and Mrs. Victor White, Mrs. Herbert White, friends and my dear girls and boys,

One of the mercies for which I can be very thankful is that I have a Christian doctor whom I never have to visit, but who sometimes visits me, and it is good to meet Dr. Mathie, a Christian doctor, tonight. I shall always be sorry that in my busy programme it was never possible for me to come to your Annual Meetings before, or to accept the gracious invitations of my friend, Mr. Herbert White, to speak before he went to Heaven. I loved him; we all did; this man of faith, this lovely Christian gentleman. We rejoice in the use that he is making of his dear son, we exult together to the glory of God in that magnificent report he has given us.

Now this is a birthday, the 53rd birthday. When Prince Charles had his last birthday his mother gave him a cake and on the cake were four candles. We were told that they were lit and that he was bidden to blow them out with one puff, and he did it. Now we could not blow out 53 candles with one puff could we? But I want you to imagine that there are ten candles up here—you have got marvellous imaginations, I know. You can see them—here they are—ten candles. Listen to this:-

Ten little candles, Jesus bade them shine,
Selfishness snuffed out one and then there were nine.

Nine little candles, one without a mate,
Bad companions came along, and then there were eight.
Eight little candles doing work for Heaven,
Laziness came over one, and then there were seven.
Seven little candles, all with blazing wicks,
Someone cried out "Goody-good," then there were six.
Six little candles, everyone alive,
One got tired of working hard, and then there were five.
Five little candles, once there were far more;
Worldly pleasure fanned one out, then there were four.
Four little candles bright as bright could be,
One gave up Sunday School, and then there were three.
Three little candles, was one of them you?
One didn't have the time, then there were two.
Two little candles, my tale is almost done,
"I am too small, no use," one sighed, then there was one.
One little candle, left all alone,
Kept on shining by itself, and oh, how it shone!
Brave and steady burned the flame until the other nine
Kindled by its steady flame, began again to shine.

Will you remember that?

By the grace of God, in your little corner, shine, shine and keep on shining for the dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we are going to talk from the Word of God and I want to read this text of Holy Scripture from the 41st chapter of Genesis, 38th verse:

"And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?"

Now the key to the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament just as noon-day fulfils the dawn. You get a truer, clearer, completer and final conception of the Grace of God and revelation of Divine Grace, but every principle of grace is set forth in the Old Testament Scriptures and in the light of the New Testament can be clearly understood.

I remember Mr. Rainey showing me the key in Belfast of the great hostel opposite to the Presbyterian Headquarters there: that marvellous hostel that was erected for students as a memorial to men who died in the war, and he said: "Mr. Bird, there are four hundred rooms in this beautiful building and everyone of them opens with this key." Now everyone of the Books in the Word of God opens with a key and the Lord Jesus Christ is the key. Joseph (who is spoken about in my text) is a perfect type of the Lord Jesus and his story is an amazing illustration of the great doctrines of Grace.

Now I wonder if you boys and girls ever dream? Kings dream, Pharaoh dreamed, and what a dream he had! You know, down in Suffolk where I live there are lots and lots of cornfields, and lots and lots of cows, and the dream that the king had was of seven fine looking cows and then, the other side of the river, seven

miserable, thin looking cows, and the amazing thing in the dream was that the thin ones ate up the big ones! And seven lovely ears of corn, and seven poor-looking, miserable pieces of corn, but the miserable ones ate up the fat ones! What a dream! I remember hearing about Dr. Watkinson, the great Methodist preacher. He was a very thin man, and came one Saturday evening to the Chapel in which he was to preach the next day to try out his voice to see whether it would reach the whole Church. As he was going into the pulpit the door opened and the biggest man that you can imagine walked in. He was the steward of the Chapel, and that stout gentleman said to the thin gentleman, "Are you the Preacher tomorrow?" And Mr. Watkinson replied, "Yes, I am." Then he said, "It looks as though there has been a famine where you have come from." And the thin man said, "Yes, and it looks as though you are the cause of it!" And it was just like that; a very, very thin cow and a very, very fat cow, but the thin one ate up the fat one! What an extraordinary dream! And the king was so perplexed about it all as to its meaning that he sent for astrologers, magicians and wise men. He told them the dream and asked for an interpretation but none of them knew, and then, when he was distressed because none could tell him what it meant the butler said, "I know someone, Sire, who is in prison—I was in prison with him—but he did no wrong, and he could interpret dreams." It was Joseph, he was in prison for a long time, but though he was in prison we are told that God was with him in the prison, and it is better to have been in a kind of prison experience with God than to be in a palace without Him. God was with him as He will be with all of us. So Joseph came and interpreted the dream immediately. He said, "Seven years of wonderful fruitfulness shall come to the land and they will be succeeded by seven years of famine. Now, store up during the times of prosperity against the times of adversity and appoint a storekeeper." "Why, that is an ideal scheme," the king said, "can we find such a man as this is, in whom the spirit of wisdom rests?" And then, answering his own question, he said, "Why you are the man!" And so he appointed Joseph to be the Prime Minister, the keeper of the storehouse key, to be a controller in everything save the throne. He had the power over the whole nation. What an extraordinary thing! We think we have learned more and are much wiser in these modern times. Joseph said, "Store the surplus against bad times" but we burn the surplus or toss it into the sea, or let it rot on the trees. The Word of God came to Joseph, He said, "Store it," and so he did. I want to tell you this, that this picture as given to us of Joseph is a picture of the present power and authority of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. We can well ask this question, "Is there such a one as this?" as we look into the face of our dear Lord Jesus Christ; we believe that there is but one Saviour, one Lord and Master. "For He whom God hath sent speaketh the Words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him." But He is none such, there is

no one like the Lord Jesus Christ, and I want to show you His threefold Ministry as illustrated by the story of Joseph.

He is the incomparable Prophet. Now the work of a prophet is to see things in advance; this is an indispensable element in the equipment of the prophet; to be supernaturally endowed, supernaturally knowing what is to happen; with foreknowledge granted to him, knowing the end from the beginning, and there never was one like our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When He came among men, loving them, ministering to them, blessing them, healing them; He ministered for thirty and three years, and He was so obviously endowed with this faculty—able to see the things that others could not see in advance, he saw every foot of the pathway to His Cross. Oh, my dear friends gathered in Woodford tonight, you will never understand our dear Lord Jesus if you think of Him as struggling along like a mere mortal, if you reduce Him to the dimensions of man! He knew tomorrow's experiences before they came. Never man spake as this man, and never man knew as this man, and as He knew all about His Cross, His grave, His Ascension and His sitting on the right hand of the Father, so He knew that one bright day He would come again, and He said, "Thou shalt see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with glory." He could anticipate all that. He is Creator of all, and how marvellously He anticipates human need! He knows all the needs that are coming into the Homes this present year. He knew before our friend announced how much money would be necessary; He knows right to the last farthing; He knows how He is going to send it, whom He is going to honour as almoners to send it; He knows all.

Last summer time my dear wife and I spent a week or two at Frinton. We had the privilege of being the host and hostess of a Young People's House Party, and one afternoon some of the young people said, "Will you come down to the bathing hut and we will have tea ready for you. They got ready, they got some kerosene to boil the water, they gathered the provisions and the tea and teapot and all that sort of thing; we were to go down at a certain time and everything had been laid on. We got down at the very right time to have tea and then we could not have it because somebody had forgotten the key to open the hut!

God never forgets one thing, and the Lord Jesus Christ has made all the arrangements for all His children whose hearts are in His Hand; everything is provided for, everything prepared and planned in answer to our need. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, is Supreme, and He has the last word on all occasions and in every realm.

You know, Joseph, this Governor, was given a gold ring and a gold chain was put about his neck. This was a gift from Pharaoh, and indicated that the people had to deal with him. He was Joseph, the Governor. And our Lord Jesus Christ He is the Governor.

He is authoritative, in every realm. You know, I want you young people here tonight—one is delighted to see so many young people—to know that the Lord Jesus Christ is authoritative in the realm of Science. “You really mean that, Mr. Bird?” Someone asks. “Oh, yes, I really do.” There is not a word from the beginning to the end of this Bible that is contrary to the demonstrated facts of Science. This Word from beginning to end bears the stamp of approval of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can bring all your questions to this great Prophet. He is God’s last Word; He is the Supreme Authority in heaven and earth.

I remember to have read about a smart new science Professor at a small Mid-Western College and he scarcely bothered to hide the fact that he was an agnostic—if not an atheist. He said, “Unless you shake off these old-fashioned ideas, the world will leave you far behind. Putting your faith in God may be all right, but you cannot stop there. You take rain-making; in the old days the farmers when they needed rain would get down on their knees and ask God for it, what did they get? The dust bowl. Now when we want rain we simply send a plane up to drop some chemicals on a cloud, and it rains. “No questions, I suppose?” To the Professor’s surprise a drawling farm boy said, “Yes, Sir, where does the cloud come from?” And the Professor knew not what to say. God is behind everything, isn’t He? God gives the cloud, as He gives all. Listen to the testimony of the Word of God! “All authority is given unto Him in heaven and in earth.” You see, our Lord Jesus Christ was sent to men who were sinners, and He always had to speak about the dearth that was to come. Of what men would reap if they sowed to the flesh. He warned of the Wages of Sin. The prophetic word is that following fulness comes famine—“So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.” God has graciously afforded us, young and old, days in which to repent of sin and return in faith to the fulness that this Prophet has provided in Himself.

I was preaching quite recently down in Torquay at a very beautiful Church and after the first Service one of the deacons handed me an autograph album, and said it belonged to a member of the congregation who would be very pleased if I put my signature in it, and so I took it back to the Hotel where I was being entertained and after a meal I opened it and put my signature to it, mentioned where I came from, put a text, the date and then, when it was dry, I turned over the pages to see what other people had written. Do you think that is a very rude thing to do? Well, if it is, you have all done it! I was very interested to read that somebody had written this:

“Lord, teach us to number our days;
Life is made up of

Tender Teens,
Teachable Twenties,
Tireless Thirties,

Fiery Forties,
Forcible fifties,
Serious sixties,
Sacred seventies,
Aching eighties,
Shortening breath—Death
The sod—God.”

So we are all in it, aren’t we? And whatever our age, “We must pray, Lord, teach us to number our days, to apply our hearts to wisdom” and then listen to the incomparable Prophet, our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is an incomparable Priest. Now Joseph illustrates that, and if you ask me what the business of a Priest was I should have to tell you to pay off old scores and to provide sacrifices, to make atonement for the folly of man, and for his sin, and for all his foolish yesterdays. Our Lord came not only to tell us of famine, He came to provide for that time of dire need in Himself, for “He shall save His people from their sins.” Little by little we are coming to understand how good our God is. Before He put us in this habitation He made provision for us; for instance, before He put us into our homes He put coal in our cellars for us: long, long generations passed before man discovered the coal that God had provided to warm our homes, but God had put it there; He had provided for that material need. I came away from Ipswich this afternoon and motored down for your delightful services to-day and my car brought me here. Where did I get the power to drive my car? Why, it was stored before Abraham was born! God provided it. Now, if God, in His Mercy, provides for these our material needs, do you not see it is just like Him, so much like Him to provide for our spiritual needs long before we reach them, and there, in the Lord Jesus Christ, is provided this wonderful Redemption, this forgiveness, this blotting away of our sins by the most precious blood of God’s dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We have nothing in ourselves; we have no powers of spiritual recuperation, but our gracious Lord anticipated our need, prepared righteousness to clothe our moral nakedness that we might appear before God. When we feel our need, there is the Saviour to meet it. Men and women who are conscious that they need the Saviour, I point you to Christ Who is the Priest of God Who has in Himself provided the pardon from sin for every needy soul.

I heard an American giving his testimony quite recently and he said, “Oh, it was wonderful. The Lord Jesus Christ, He showed me my need, then showed me Himself. I heard Him say, “Thy sins I have dropped into the depths of the sea,” and you know, when God buried my sins in the depths of the sea, He put up a notice “No Fishing.” That is a lovely thing. God did that, He buried our sins and then He says they will never be recovered again, you cannot find them: they are gone, gone, gone for ever.

Now, may I speak for another few minutes? Do you mind?

He is an incomparable Prophet and He is an incomparable Priest, and He is **an incomparable King**. How lovely it is to be reminded that our Lord Jesus Christ is the King of all the Kings, to Whom every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess.

It would be lovely to see our Queen on Coronation Day, wouldn't it? Mrs. Bird and I, we shall see the Queen go by, if all is well, on Coronation Day. What a day that will be when our dear Lord Jesus has His Coronation—the incomparable King. You know, Joseph had some brothers; they made the journey before to this Governor, failing to recognise him as brother—and now they came on their second journey to him, and I am sure you children, who are so well versed in the Scripture records, know the story. Joseph's brethren came on their second journey full of fear; they had got something on their conscience. They had not yet acknowledged the sin against Joseph. I am quite sure had they only told the Governor, if they had only known the Governor, they might have been sure he would not exercise his authority to do them hurt. Joseph opened all the storehouses when the dearth came, and our gracious Lord has opened the Kingdom to all believers. He did not come to make us miserable, our Lord Jesus Christ—He came to make us happy; He came to make us glad of His coming, and when at last his brothers found out who Joseph really was, he said to them, "God did send me before you to preserve life." I like that. I want Mr. White to remember it. It is his ministry, and I want you, all the prayer partners, all of us who are in this work to remember, "God did send me before you to preserve life." Lovely isn't it? Jesus says, "I am come to prepare a place for you." He who wrought our salvation here below has gone to prepare a place above. His kingly power brings sinners to his feet and then He brings them to a banqueting house. When the secrets were all out and they knew who the Governor was, he put his arms about them and he wept, and said, "I would love to have you and my father live with me in Egypt, go back and tell of all my glory here." And you know how he sent them on the journey, and by and by they came back, all together and lived with him evermore.

Now this old world is in such a condition today that anyone who would observe the world situation must know that it needs a superhuman effort to put it right, and only a superhuman attempt can put it right. A greater statesman than can be found in any country in the world is needed to put things right and, hallelujah! Somebody is going to do it! The kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ and He shall reign for ever and ever. I want to be on His side then! There is something of which I am absolutely sure, surer than of anything else in life, and that is, that the Lord Jesus Christ is my Saviour. When I was a boy, a small boy, I came to Him and I was converted in the words that led to the conversion of John Bunyan—a long

while after, of course!—but the same message because God said to John Bunyan what God said to me: "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out," and that is the lovely promise of the Lord Jesus Christ to girls and boys, men and women, the promise of the King, and it is true. Jesus said it, and what Jesus says is truth, and He is my Saviour, He is my Prophet, He is my King.

I hope you will remember these words, children, and as you trust in Him you can be quite certain that He Who hath given to us salvation in Himself will deny us no good thing—"I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine for ever."

God bless this wonderful, beneficent, God-honouring enterprise, and give you the most prosperous year of all. Amen.



The Realisation of a Child's Dream.

Impressions: Christmas 1952

By an "Old Boy" on leave after 2 years National Service.

- 06.30: Awakened by loud and persistent hammering on door. Look at watch—discover it to be middle of night, and turn over. No sergeants now to bawl and shout at one. Heigh-ho, Morpheus, open thine arms . . .
- 06.35: Hammering continues and won't be ignored. Place nose (freezing), below blanket and invite persistence to enter.
- 06.45: Cup of tea, now cold, drunk. Conscience beginning to stir as thoughts of previous night's arrangements drift, unwanted, across mind.
- 06.50: Self and mate, clad in army greatcoats over pyjamas, shuffle into dormitory. Boys all up and dressed . . . ugh. "Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas!" Try to mumble suitable reply through numbed lips.
- 07.00: Parcels opened which 'Father Christmas' (probably by now in bed, snoring, the lucky blighter!) had brought. Trumpets blow, whistles scream, headache begins. Kept occupied refusing large lumps of chocolate and pieces of orange, which are being put away at lightning speed. At 07.00 a.m., ugh!
- 07.10: Children getting restive. Demand to go downstairs, but remembering last night's arrangements, have to refuse. Feel helpless, and begin to wonder if I can hold twelve largish boys by brute force. Doubt it. Shiver.
- 07.15: Crowd dressed as "highwaymen" arrive, to sing carols. Mate and self gratefully make escape back to room. Look longingly at still-warm beds. Resist temptation—with effort.
- 08.00: Walk into hall for breakfast. Very little being consumed by children—excitement I presume. I make hearty meal. Feel a little better.
- 09.00: Prayers in upper hall. Carols sung. Feel much better now, and eyes stay open without too much effort.
- 09.30: Huge mountain of parcels given out. Begin to miss our late founder of the Home—Mr. H. W. WHITE—Mrs. WHITE gives his time-honoured prerogative of "One, two, three, OPEN! Instead, bedlam reigns supreme.
- 10.00: Busily occupied with "testing" toys, and refusing sweets and chocolates. Note with amazement the amount of confectionery inhibited by one small child.

- 10.30: Persuaded, not without some difficulty, to don multi-hued jesters' attire. Do so, and emerge, to be greeted by several "old boys", whom I have not seen for some time. Chat. Children still occupied with toys, etc. Observe same small child getting outside what must be its third bar of chocolate. Turn away with shudder.
- 11.00: Organise one or two games for the older children with balloons. Very rough—don't know whether the children enjoyed them or not—WE did!
- 12.00: Retire to lower hall for Christmas Dinner. Settle firmly in chair: loosen belt, roll up sleeves, brush back hair, and endeavour to prevent salivary glands from disgracing me while waiting. Grace said . . .
- 12.45: Extricate self with extreme difficulty from chair and stagger to room to divest self of jester attire.
- 13.00: Assist with serving of children's dinner. Begin to speculate on space remaining in small stomachs after morning's avalanche of confectionery. Am soon left in little doubt. Space—lots of it—does undoubtedly remain! Observe with incredulity colossal amount of excellent fare being put away. Visions of large bottles of bicarbonate drift across mind.
- 14.00: Games commence in full earnest. Assist with organising, with aid of amplifier. With remainder of organisers, am kicked, buffeted and trampled, in (mainly) abortive attempts to acquire a chair, lap, or arm, when only a few remain. "Forfeits" delivered, which necessarily involve much giggling and simpering before a pseudo-reluctant male can be persuaded to bestow hallmarks of affection on some young lady's cheek beneath the mistletoe bough.
- 15.00: All members, children, staff and visitors, dispose themselves, panting, in chairs around the wireless. The traditional Christmas speech by the sovereign begins. Am struck by the dead silence of children, who all appear to listen intelligently. No fidgeting, either.
- 15.15: Message ends. Chairs are now placed in rows, facing the platform, where a play depicting Father Xmas is soon in progress, performed by the children.
- 16.30: Play over. Tea. All retire downstairs to more food! Tables set nicely, and loaded with usual Christmas fare. Children begin wrapping themselves around trifles, jellies, etc. We have a cup of tea and a sandwich, then all repair once again to the upper hall—once more unto the breach, dear friends!

- 17.15 : Games continue. Voice fast disappearing. Brains racked for more and more games.
- 19.30 : Prayers. Memories of past Christmases drift across mind as Mr. V. White speaks. Memories at once sad and joyful : of "Pa", as he led the singing of his "Home Anthem"—"How Good is the God We Adore." Feel carried back into the past as "Mr. Vic's" voice rises in prayer.
- 20.00 : Small children in bed. Remainder of evening devoted to rougher and more exciting games by "Old" girls and boys and senior children. More running, pushing, scuffling . . .
- 21.30 : Supper. We sit down to a quieter meal. Little speeches delivered by various persons. Much reminiscing and laughing. "Remember when we climbed out of . . ." and "What about that time when 'Ma' chased us up the stairs with . . ." so supper ends.
- 22.30 : More and more games. Beginning to ache all over. Children appear indefatigable.
- 00.30 : All that noise and tearing around is wonderful ! It's like the lunatic beating his head against the wall, it's so lovely when it stops !
- 01.00 : Relax . . . Oooh ! . . . Sleep . . . Morpheus, here I am again . . . I think that boy was . . . and . . .
- 01.05 : ZZZZZZZZ

BOXING DAY

- 09.00 : Force eyes open to find hand vigorously shaking shoulder.
- 09.15 : Put one foot out of bed. Freezing. Pull it back hastily.
- 09.20 : Force self to climb out of bed sharply, before rot sets in.
- 09.30 : Walk into hall for breakfast, to be greeted by wild applause, instigated by Mr. V. White, finishing the last remnants of his breakfast.
- 09.45 : Prayers. Once again memories of "Pa" are revived. Join in singing of carol.
- 10.00 : Games begin again. Fun, fast and furious. Shuttlecocks flying in all directions.
- 11.00 : More visitors arrive. Jaws begin aching through talk.

- 12.00 : Retire to lower hall for dinner. Go through same process as yesterday. Stagger from table and collapse in chair.
- 13.00 : Clear up upper hall while children have their dinner. Leave it nice and tidy, secure in the knowledge that it will not stay that way for long.
- 14.00 : Informed that I was to be the forelegs of a cow in a "circus" that was to be staged. Retired to dressing-room, where mate and self climbed into the outfit, amid much ribald mirth from the onlookers.
- 15.00 : Emerge into ring, and commence to perform. Begin to perspire freely in thick skin. Various persons appear to be seized with a burning desire to jump on our back. Try to dissuade them by lashing out violently with foot which has some effect.
- 16.00 : Emerge from skin, dripping with perspiration, and retire to room to change into dry things.
- 16.30 : Arrive back in hall to find a large cracker on wheels, drawn by "fairies" moving slowly around the hall, while sweets, oranges, nuts, etc., are distributed.
- 17.00 : Tea. No comment.
- 17.45 : Games and more games. Children once more appear indefatigable.
- 19.30 : Prayers. Once more, the "Ghost of Christmas Past" appears. Prayer is offered for the "old girls and boys" reunion, to be held on the morrow.
- 20.00 : Small children to bed. Rest of evening devoted to the games, which tend to grow more and more strenuous as the evening wears on.
- 21.00 : Supper. More laughter, joking and reminiscing. Sit back, filled with well being . . .
- 21.45 : Games . . . games . . . proceedings broken by sketches, at which everyone laughs : sometimes heartily, sometimes sympathetically . . .
- 01.30 : Wearily climb the stairs, and crawl sleepily into bed. Ooooooh . . .

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1952.

(as written by one of our boys)

It was Christmas morning at last. I woke fresh after a long night's sleep. Singing a little song to myself I got dressed and followed the Senior boys over to the home. They were all dressed up as highwaymen etc. We went up to the dorms where the large portion of the boys and girls were. Here I found some presents waiting for me, which read, "To Billy from Father Christmas." Though I do not believe in Father Christmas I very much appreciated the presents. Next we had our breakfast but most of us did not eat much. (Perhaps it was excitement.)

After breakfast we had our Carol Service which I quite enjoyed. As the Carol Service went on, Mr. Victor White said, "This is the first Christmas without our loving 'Pa' White"—we missed him very much. After the Carol Service we had the presents from our friends given out.

As Pa White was not there to say "One, two, three OPEN" Mrs. White said it and we felt very excited as we ripped off the paper and saw our toys. After playing with our toys for two or three hours—we had the thing which a lot of us had been looking forward to—Christmas Dinner. We had brussels, sausages, turkey, baked potatoes and gravy. For sweet we had Christmas Pudding which was greeted with loud cheers. We had some crackers as well. Feeling happy after a big dinner we went up to our top hall and had some games. Here are some of them—Indoor Hockey, Cat and the Mouse, Here We Come Gathering Nuts in May, Dog and the Bone, and lots of others and I know we really enjoyed ourselves.

About half past three we had the play which went very well. What I liked best was when old Santa Claus came on in the second scene. The play lasted an hour, after which we had tea. When we had had grace we pulled our crackers and then sat down to a hearty meal of jelly and cakes etc. After tea we had our Candle March which looked a very pretty sight with all the lights out. While we were marching round singing carols old Santa Claus turned up and did we cheer! Out of his sack came a present for each boy and girl. After Santa had gone, we opened our parcels and had many surprises. Then we had prayers, after which the little boys and girls went to bed. Those of us who stayed up had the time of our lives with the games we played. At 9.30 p.m. we had supper. After supper we played games till midnight, then tired but happy we crept into our warm beds and wished the stars goodnight. What a day we had!



Open Day—18th July, 1953
An Exhibition of Country Dancing in Progress.

THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS

by
AN ONLOOKER

The Old Boys' and Girls' Re-union was held on Saturday, the 27th December, 1952.

It was a remarkable evening; the spirit of Christmas was still rampant—holly and paper chains gaily festooned the walls, and even Father Christmas had been persuaded to stay on an extra day. The most noticeable feature of the evening was the atmosphere. There seemed to be an unseen Figure (as indeed there was) controlling and guiding everything.

Of course everyone missed dear old Pa, but the genial spirit which he always radiated remained, and one felt that it was an evening after his own heart. He was with Christ and Christ was with us, therefore, surely he was closer than we realised.

It was an entertaining evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert did much in making the Sketch a success, and the children who took part should be congratulated on an excellent performance. The enormous bon-bon (made by Mr. Will Cowling—an Old Boy) caused a great thrill. It was dragged round the hall by six small elves and two minute fairies. From it large packets of chocolates and sweets were distributed. The members of Abridge Mission were responsible for this generous gesture.

The babies' turn came next, and as the floor was cleared for the "under fours," coloured balloons floated down to outstretched hands. Fun and games soon followed.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the evening for the children was the wonderful Christmas Tree, which yielded such fruit as walky-talky dolls, tea sets and other truly magnificent presents. Messrs. Smith and Sons had kindly given these gifts, and they would have been amply rewarded if they could have seen the children's faces light up and heard their squeals of delight.

It was a

United evening. Grandparents and grandchildren joined in the fun, and everyone's object seemed to be to make their neighbour happy. From the tiny tots to the oldest ones, there was a co-ordinating sympathy, which is hard to find these days. Friendliness was in the air.

It was a

Naive evening. There was a simplicity and wholesomeness that savoured of the worthwhile things in life. In the midst of the jollification the youngest children went to bed, but not before they had been committed to their Heavenly Father's safe keeping, and the hymn "How good is the God we adore" sung. (A favourite of Pa's, I believe.)

It was an

Inspiring evening. To see so many young people from different walks of life, many of whom were as attractive and modern as this age can produce, enjoying to the full such an unsophisticated affair. Several had come long distances in a dense fog to be at the party held in their old home. Mrs. White's talk was something which I feel sure they will remember and value. They may well rejoice over the fact that they had such a spiritual background.

It was an

Operational evening. Everyone seemed to have a job of work to do. Washing up was an enjoyable operation. Tongues wagged while cups and saucers rattled. While Mr. Victor White's job was mainly behind the microphone, his wife with the workers carried out numerous tasks unobtrusively.

Last of all, it was a

Noisy evening. The games waxed furiously as the evening wore on, and if the neighbours wondered why their wireless sets became faint or distorted by the bursts of laughter from "over the way," I feel sure they remembered their own young days and thanked God for a gathering where He was the Guest of Honour.



Our Van, re-made by one of our "Old Boys,"
having its very occasional Wash and Brush Up!

Please take note!

Our 54th Annual Gatherings

ON

8th May, 1954

AT THE

South Woodford Baptist Church

(George Lane)

Meetings at 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

TEA BETWEEN MEETINGS

Reports of the year's experience and items
by the Young Folk will be given
at both Meetings.

We shall be strengthened by your Prayers and encouraged
by your Presence!

"NEVER A DULL MOMENT"

One boy of seven on admittance to our Home was taken to the Doctor's surgery to be medically examined. He was extremely fidgety and our Doctor's patience was taxed to the limit as almost everything in his surgery was picked up and examined by this small boy. Finally when the medical examination had been completed the boy asked "And now can I shine that torch down your throat?"

We were having a high jump competition and the last two or three competitors were being watched and encouraged by their supporters. One of our 'lanky' senior girls was knick-named 'horse' by the spectators, and when she made her last jump, tipping the rod off, her ejaculation was, "Mr. White—they keep calling me 'horse', it puts me off—I keep thinking I've got another two legs to get over the rod!"

On the way to High Beach a policeman was seen. A little girl turned to one of the Staff and in a horrified whisper said, "That man isn't a real policeman. He's just an ordinary man, 'cos I saw his hair!!!"



Channel Swimmers?!
Shoeburyness—August, 1953.



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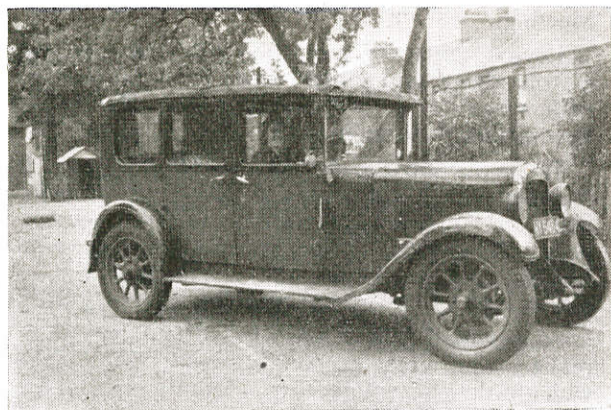
From 1st MAY, 1952 to 30th APRIL, 1953.

May

- 1st Lighthouse Mission, E.16, £3. High Barnet, 5/-, "I was more than grieved to hear of the passing of your dear husband after such a wonderful and God-honouring life of sacrificial service on behalf of the many children who have found in the Homes real places of refuge, restoration and Christian upbringing. I do believe that the work of over 50 years is so established, that by God's goodness it will be continued." Bowes Park, £5. Meldrum Road S.S. and C.E., £2.5.0. "E.G.", 10/-, Sawbridgeworth, £1. Hainault Road, £1. Havering Church Women's Meeting, who visited us, £2.3.0.
- 2nd S. Woodford, £5, "An expression of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for Godly parents and Christian upbringing." London, W.1. £5. Box of new shoes from Waltham Cross.
- 3rd Northwood, "I have come across a little book I had from you some years ago 'Real Rest', and feel led to send you a small gift, £1 towards the wonderful work you are doing in caring for these dear children both naturally and spiritually. May the dear Lord's richest Blessing rest upon you." Our Y.S.L. members attended London Rally—some taking part.
- 5th Chingford, £2.2.0.
- 6th Walthamstow, £2, and 3 sets of boys underclothes.
- 7th A Legacy, £10. Bush Hill Park, 15/-, "God richly bless you and draw very near in loving comfort to strengthen you for all that is before you." Our Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 8th Leyton, £50. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, with whom is no variableness, nor shadow of turning. Best wishes." Woodford £1. ...
- 10th From our Box Secretary, £39.7.6. Pitsea, 12/-, "I remember you all in my prayers, that God will help and bless and give you strength to carry on His work for the little ones. If spared till September I shall have my golden wedding and be 80 years old." Woodford, 6/6. Woodford Green £1.0.9.
- 12th Southport, £3. Palmers Green, £3. Sandy, £1.1.0. "I realize what great responsibilities have fallen upon you with the loss of your father, but am sure God will supply all your need." Woking, "Kindly accept 10/- for the work God has so graciously blessed. Although God has called

one of His servants Home—and we cannot but thank God for happy memories of him and blessing received may God continue to bless and guide you in future days, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord is our prayer.”

- 13th New Barking, £2. Legacy, £100. Trustees Meeting.
- 14th From two “old girls,” £4. Stisted, £1. Liverpool, 10/. Ashurst Drive B. C. Women £1.13.0.
- 15th Stratford, 10/-. “W.”, £2.2.0. Falkland Hall, £1, result of collection of farthings.
- 16th “A.E.E.” £250. Kensal Medical Mission, “3 guineas from our Missionary Fund as a small token of our gratitude for all you are doing for M. and J.” S. Woodford, £1 and 115 hand hemmed handkerchiefs. Bournemouth, 10/-. 23 boxes boot studs—local gift.
- 18th. Senior children walked down to Abridge s/s Anniversary—happy service.
- 20th Enfield 5/-. A friend cut girls’ hair—free.
- 21st Chelmsford, £5, “I enclose small gift. I had the pleasure of meeting your late dear husband and entertaining him and held him in the greatest esteem. God buries His workmen, but carries on His work. With best wishes.”
- 23rd From our Box Secretary, £24.12.6. Wickham Bishops, £1. Brighton, £4. Lytham St. Annes, £1. Theydon Bois, 10/-. Legacy, £1,000.
- 24th Loughton, £1. Bromley, 10/-. Leigh-on-Sea, 10/-. Westcliff, £2.2.0. Buntingford, “Please find enclosed £50 for the work of the Home. Our daily prayers assured.” Our 52nd Annual Gathering and Memorial to our late Founder and Hon. Director—Herbert W. White—grand meeting, much blessing!



A Recent Gift—Left on the Doorstep.

- 26th Islington, Croyland Road Junior Guild, £1. Annual Meeting Offering, £65.18.3. Berwick-on-Tweed, £1, “I trust your work goes well and that the Lord continues to bless. You must have great joy to see the little ones growing up to know and love our Lord, realising how different things might have been in each of their lives.” Ipswich, £1. Highbury, £2, “I still remember very clearly all that your father told us when he came to speak to us at Westminster Chapel, so it was a privilege to be present at the Memorial Service.” Personal gift to Staff, £10. Admitted one little lad.
- 27th East Molesley, 10/-. “After such a wonderful meeting of victory and glory to Christ as the funeral service of your honoured and beloved father, and the two meetings yesterday I am constrained to write to assure you of the prayer support of my wife and self as you carry on the task so recently laid down by him. May Paul’s experience be yours, ‘I can do all things in Christ.’ It was always a great joy, privilege and inspiration to be in his presence and listen to him recount with such delight the faithfulness of God in the work of the Children’s Home and Mission and hear him declare the glorious gospel of Redeeming love—How he revelled in it.” Subscribers to Covenant Scheme Tax Rebate £346.12.3. Eldon Road Children’s Meeting, 10/-. Eldon Road anonymous, £1.
- 29th Hampstead, £6.10.0 Wimbledon, 5/-. “H.J.A.”, £10. Sidmouth, 10/-. “With loving prayerful interest in your labour of love—may God’s Holy Spirit do His work of regeneration in each little heart you touch.”
- June
- 2nd Ley St. Hall S. S., £2. Brixham Gospel Mission, £1. E.15, 10/-. “T.C.”, £4.10.0. Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 4th
- 5th Woodford, £1. Thundersley, “As soon as money put into our S. S. Children’s Box reaches £1 we send that sum to help in a sound Evangelical Children’s work, so we are happy to send same on to you and trust you will continue to be helped and blessed.” From our Box Secretary, £10. Legacy, £76.16.6.
- 7th Latchingdon, £5, “May the Lord bless you all as you seek to carry on with the noble work.”
- 9th Ilford 5/-. “Enclosed is a small gift to help with your work. Still thinking and praying for you all.” Lancing, £2. Winchester, 5/-. “Hospital patient,” 2/6. Woodford, £1. Wodford, 5/-. “In memory of dear Miss Gairns.” Wanstead, £2, “God bless, guide and keep you always in His love.”
- 10th Middleton, £1. Woodford Green, £5.5.0. Newquay, £1.

- 11th Carley St. Bap. Church, Leicester, £4.10.0.
 12th St. Stephen's Church, £3.3.0. "Sacred to the memory of Miss D. Gairns I enclose 5/-, being a small donation to your funds, in accordance with her last wishes." "D.P.", 10/6.
 Abridge Outing.
 16th An old boy, £1. Gift of cherries.
 17th Gt. Bookham, 10/-, "In memory of the late D.G." Tip-tree District C.C., £3.3.0.
 18th West Norwood, £2.10.0, "In memory of Miss D.G." Sutton, 10/-, "I enclose small gift for the work—I am in my 80th year—I pray regularly for your work and trust you may experience much of the Lord's blessing and undertaking mercy." 1st S. Essex B.B., £3.3.0, "This represents collection given by the boys during the past few months at our Sunday morning Bible Class and we hope you will accept it for the work of your Homes."
 19th York, 2/-, Epping, £5, "We, just a few of the Lord's people who gather together in His Name wish to have a little practical fellowship with you in that great work which your late father carried on so faithfully. We hold many happy memories of him." Dagenham, toys.
 21st Reading, 10/-, "In memory of Miss D.G."
 23rd Hornchurch, 10/-. Leytonstone, 14/-. Ilford, 5/-.
 24th B.W.L. Bap. Church, Ilford, £1.1.0. Anon. S.E.A., 10/-. Woodford Green, S.H. clothes.
 25th Terling, £1.1.0, "Please accept as a very very small token in memory of the late Miss D.G."
 27th 10/-. "In memory of the late Miss D.G." Toronto, "Enclosed with this letter you will find a Ten dollar bill—a special acknowledgement of the Lord's goodness to me in recent afflictions—'This God is our God, even for ever and ever' In trust we will all go forward relying on His mercy and confident that every promise is 'Be it so in Christ'." Woodford, £1.

July

- 2nd Frinton, £1.1.0.
 3rd Elmsleigh Sewing Class, £1.1.0. Anon., £1. H.W.I., 10/-. Anon., Tiptree, £1. Barking, £1, "Praying God's richest blessing since the passing of dear Mr. White." Great Gransden, 10/-.
 4th Christian Friendship Circle, W. Mersea, £1.10.0. Whitstable, £20.
 8th High Cross, 2/-. Kings Langley, two new tennis rackets. South Woodford, 7lbs. lemonade powder.

- 9th Southampton, £2. Colchester, £2. From our Box Secretary, £3.14.9. Ladies Bible Class, Colchester, £1.10.0. Monthly Prayer Meeting.
 10th "M.A.", £1.
 11th Westcliff, £1.
 14th Ipswich, £5 and £1.10.0. N.W.10, £1.1.0. From an old girl, "I enclose 10/- from the Women's Meeting I attend. I was asked to tell them about the Home and they were all interested and asked me to send on this gift." Cricklewood, £5. Southend—12 pairs hand-knitted socks.
 15th Welling "Once again it is my privilege to send on to you a gift of £5 from the teachers and scholars of the Gospel Hall S.S. The Orphanages are remembered in our prayers every week and we trust you are still enjoying the blessing of the Lord in your work."
 16th £1, "from the boys and girls of Latimer Hall S.S." South Woodford, 33 handkerchiefs and 27 flannels, hand-made.
 21st Newbury Park, £2.11.9, "further gifts in memory of Miss D. Gairns."
 22nd Shoeburyness, "Please find enclosed £4.10.0 from Boot Bag Offerings." South Woodford, £1. Snaresbrook, £3. South Woodford, 2 boys shirts.
 23rd Ilford, 10/-.
 24th St. Albans, £1.1.0. Buckhurst Hill Y.W.F., 14/-. Orford Road Jr. C.E., 10/-. Bethany Hall S.S., £2.10.0. £3, from children of Roe Green Hall S.S., Kingsbury. Children's holidays commence!
 29th Westminster Chapel Dorcas Guild called with lovely parcels of hand-made garments for children. Local Round Table friends took children out for day.
 30th Ipswich, "I have pleasure in enclosing cheque £5.5.0 representing some donations which have been made in memory of my mother, who did much work for your Homes through the Church at Haverhill." Pitsea, 10/-. Norfolk, 3 new suit cases and sundry articles.
 31st Highams Park, 5/-. "I have recently had an increase in salary and as I always give the first week to the Lord I felt this time I should like to send it to you. Trusting you are being blessed in your great work for the Master." South Woodford, 14-lb apples.

August

- 1st Holy Trinity Church Women's Meeting, 19/7. Congregational Church W.M., £1.
 5th Westcliff, £50, "It gives me great pleasure to send the enclosed as I feel I am helping in a small measure the good

work to which you and your family are giving their whole lives. I pray daily for you all." Southend, 15/-, "With all good wishes and continued prayer for the work. Singapore, Bethesda S.S., "May the Lord strengthen the hands of them that remain to carry on with equal fervour and faithfulness the work the founder has been called away from, looking unto Jesus, and the blessed hope of a grand reunion. Here-with is draft for £6 which is our gift to the children of the Home."

- 7th Woodford Green, £2, to spend on children during holidays.
- 8th South Croydon, £2.2.6.
- 9th Latchett Hall Girl Covenanters, £2. Peterborough, 10/-.
3 Senior lads go to Herne Bay for holidays.
6 Senior girls off to camp.
- 11th Hainault Bap. Church Sisterhood, 15/-. East Ham, £5.
Southend, £5. Holloway Anon., 10/-. York, 5/-. Off to Tiptree for Holidays.
- 13th Outing to Walton-on-Naze.
- 14th Surbiton S.S., £5.
- 15th Westcliff, £140.
- 16th Lighthouse Mission, £2.10.0, "May God bless you in your labour of love. We pray for you." Campers return to Tiptree.
- 18th Wickham Bishops, £5.10.0. Ilford, 5/-. Westcliff, 12/6, "Psalm 23."
- 19th Woodford, "Will you put the enclosed £1 towards your work for the Lord's Treasury. I think of and pray for you and know His blessing is round about you—everyone."
- 20th Outing to Little Holland.
- 22nd Brixham G. H. S.S., £1.
- 23rd Colchester, £2.10.0. Kempston, £2.2.0. Leyton, £2.12.0.

September

- 1st Return from Tiptree.
- 4th Anon. Tiptree, £1. Leyton, 1 parcel S.H. clothing.
- 6th N.W.5., £15. Hampstead, £1. Various shields and prizes presented to children for holiday competitions.
- 7th Harvest from Broadmead S.S.
- 8th Maryland Point Bap. Women, £1.3.6. Local Youth Club,
1 Billiard Table.
- 10th Palmers Green, £3. Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 11th Legacy, £250. South Woodford, 1 piano.
- 12th Crescent Road friend, £1.

- 15th Leytonstone, "Please find enclosed 14/- for the work amongst the children, with prayer for the Lord's constant blessing upon you all and His refreshing grace to sustain you daily in that difficult work." Epping Anon., 10/- and £1. Darenth, £1. Harvests from: Shrubland Road Cong. Church, Epping Cong., Lifeboat Mission, Ley Street Hall.
- 16th Harvests from: Eldon Road Bapt. Church, South Darenth and Lanes End Hall, Kent, Salem Bapt. Chapel, Braintree Elim. Church, "C.S.", Tiptree, Barn Chapel, Totham, Black Notley S/S. Railway Mission, Colchester.
- 17th Walthamstow, Brandon Road Mission, "Just another little gift of £1. It seems so small but is collected in pennies from the tinies and it is lovely to see their interest in other children. God bless you all very richly in such a grand work." Hand-made garments from Ashley Hall Women's Meeting. Harvest from Walkern Mission.
- 18th Leigh-on-Sea, £6. "Please accept small gift towards your work. I still have happy remembrance of my visit to you early this summer." From the friends at Walkern Mission, £3. Eldon Road Baptist Church S.S., "Collections taken at our open School. The Harvest gifts are of course from us all—Church and S.S."
- 19th Shirley Hall, Enfield S.S., £3. Ley Street Hall S.S., £1.11.0. Carlisle, £1.
- 20th £2.10.0, "Trusting and praying that God's rich blessing continues on your work."
- 21st Harvests from: High Cross and Gt. Munden.
- 22nd Fullers Road S.S., £2.6.0. Tebworth Road Mission, £5.5.0. Munden Church, 17/6. Broadley Common Church, 5/-. Ashley Hall, £9.13.11. Barn Chapel, Totham, £3.8.0. Harvests from: K.T.M., Romford-Rise Park Hall, Springfield Hall, Hope Chapel, Tebworth Road Mission, Fullers Road S.S., Higham Hill Bapt.
- 24th Hornchurch, 10/-. "A.T.", 2/6. Harvests from Blackhorse Lane School, Lister Road Methodist Ch., Ashley Hall, Collier Row Bapt., Broadley Common Cong. Ch., Ingrave Hall, Spruce Hill Bapt., Clay Hall Bapt., Harold Park Bapt., Chingford Cong. Church.
- 25th Anon., 10/-. Harvests from: Havering Church, Little Ilford Bapt. Ch. Jnr. C.E., Visit from Leigh-on-sea, Elim Women's Meeting.
- 26th Elim Sisterhood, Leigh, £2.10. Worthing, £2, "May you have the joy of seeing the dear boys and girls early turn to the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. God bless you." Ebenezer Bap. Church, 10/7. Harvest goods from Salisbury Road School.

- 27th Enfield, £1. "God bless you always. In loving gratitude for all God's love and mercy to me all my days." Woodford, 10/-. Chase Cross Road Bap. S.S. Harvest gift, £1.10.0; "Our continued prayers are for those who are carrying on the work." Little Ilford Bap. Jnr. C.E., 10/-.
 28th Harvests from : East London Tab. S/S, Abridge, Latchett Hall.
 29th Kentish Town Mission, £12. Tottenham Bap. S.S., 15/-. Harvests from : Stockwell Bap. Ch., Waltham Abbey Bap., Tottenham Bap. Ch., Matthews Memorial Hall, Highway Hall, Upshire Evangelical Ch., Chadwell Heath Bap., Fillebrook Bap., Paddington Chapel, Out and Out Mission, Gurney Road Bap., Mayes Hall.
 30th Barnet Brotherhood and Sisterhood, £2.2.3. Harvests from : West Ham Lane Bap. Chapel, Ashurst Drive Bap., Brook Street Chapel, Ridley Hall, Strangers Rest, Grove Road Evangelical Church.

October

- 1st Paddington Chapel, £1.3.0. Stockwell Bap. Church, 3.15.0. Elim Church, Hadleigh, £3. Proceeds of Sale of Harvest Gifts form United Mission Muswell Hill, £3. Waltham Abbey Bap. 11/6. Harvests from : Meldrum Road S.S., Mountnessing and Ingatestone Cong. Churches, Layer Breton Friends, Tolleshunt D'Arcy Cong., Hadleigh Elim Ch.

Off to the Sea-side
for the Day.



- 3rd Chailey Undenominational Mission, Harvest Thank-offering, £4.10.0. Edenbridge, £50. Chingford Hatch Methodist Church, £2.2.0, with produce from Harvest Festival, "We think of you often, still going forward, though that wonderful moving spirit which was your father is gone from you." Forest Gate, parcel S.H. clothes. Harvest from Chingford Hatch Methodist.
 4th A gift from the boys of Brandon Mission S.S., 10/-.
 6th Yelling Bap. Church, £12.10.0. London, 10/-. Keswick Hall Evangelical Church, Harvest.
 7th Gift from Harvest Festival, Tolleshunt Knights, £1.15.0. Wood Green, From an "old girl," 10/-. Harvests from : Avenue Hall, Tyttenhanger, Broadley Common Cong. S.S.
 8th Harvest produce with £7.14.6, from Anstey. High Cross, 3/-. Eastney Gospel Mission £3.12.0, "This was realised from sale of Harvest Festival Produce. Wishing the Lord's Blessing on your work." "J.W." St. Albans, £5. Broadley St. Cong. S.S., £1.15.2. Norfolk, 8 sacks carrots. Harvest from Feering Mission. Monthly Prayer Meeting.
 9th Harvests from : Stratford Central Hall, Great Wigborough Ch., Little Wigborough Ch., Tolleshunt Knights Village Hall, Anstey Union Church, Emmanuel Mission.
 11th Woodford Green, £5.
 13th Napier Road S.S., £1.1.6. Ilford, 5/-. Manor Park, 10/-, "I pray daily for you all." Harvests from : Salway Hall, Napier Rd., Tottenham S.S., Barnet Gospel Hall.
 14th Southampton, £2, "I enclose a little towards the everyday needs of the Home". Kentish Town, £2.10.0. Barking, £2. Camberley, £1.1.0, "I enclose a small donation with my sincere Christian love towards your really great work for Christ. I have carried away in my mind an indelible impression of the love of the Saviour being extended to destitute and needy little ones. To give a loving Christian home to little lives is surely the height of our Lord's compassion to a needy humanity. Your Home and your children have completely captured my heart."
 15th Ilford, A thankoffering for the gift of a little son, £2.2.0. Wormit, £2.
 16th Poulner Bap. Church, £5. Hornchurch, £5. Stratford Railway Mission, £3.
 17th The Welcome Mission and John Gurr Memorial Hall, W.B.H., 5/-.
 18th Watchet, £1. Royston, 6 prs. gloves.
 20th From Primary Dept. Salway Hall, £4.10.0, with fruit etc., from Harvest Thanksgiving Service." Alexander Gospel Hall, £2. London, W.C.1., "Herewith cheque £2.10.0, being proceeds of sale of old brass and metal, which we would like you to accept for your work."

- 21st Witham, £3.
- 24th London, N.1., £2. Enfield, Eden Bap. Women's Meeting, £1.16.6, "This amount was collected by sale of Harvest gifts after the sick and needy were supplied." St. Albans, 10/-, "A.E.T.", £1.
- 29th Bridgnorth, "I am happy to enclose cheque £5 for your God-appointed work. The passing of Mr. White brought to me a sense of personal loss—I had so much enjoyed his Godly and delightful fellowship. May our Gracious Lord continue to bless you in all your endeavours and sustain you in quietness and confidence." Thundersley Gospel Hall, £1, from the S.S. children. "We feel it right that the money should be devoted to the needs of other children not so favoured as themselves." £4 personal gift.
- 31st Latimer Hall S.S., £1. Wokingham, book of stamps.

November

- 1st "Please accept £1 from Woodberry Down Women's Bible Class. The Bible Class remembers you in prayer every Thursday afternoon and we pray for any special child when we know the need." Friend took two lads to see F.A. game.
- 3rd Ardleigh, £3.3.0 from the children of Union Chapel. "I expect things are pretty difficult these days, afraid they are bound to be but you know we **are** on the **victory side**! The best is yet to be, and in the darkest hour of the world's history we are commanded to look up! for your redemption draweth nigh, Praise Him, He will not disappoint. The Lord bless you and yours." Mr. and Mrs. "C.", £1. "W.", 10/-.
- 4th Six children went to see the Queen drive to the State opening of Parliament.
- 5th New Town Mission, Waltham, £4.0.6. East Ham, £1.10.0, "May the Lord abundantly bless you all."
- 7th Guildford, £5, "Every blessing in the work." Mount Hermon Hall, Dundee S.S., £5.
- 8th Sawbridgeworth, £1. Swindon, Regents Hall, £3.19.0, "Being part of our Thanksgiving Offering. May the Lord continue to bless you in your labours."
- 10th From our Box Secretary, £50.
- 11th. From the P.O.C.A. Ramblers, £4.
- 12th Beckingham Cong. Church, £1. Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 13th Latimer Hall Senr. Girls, £1, "We continue to remember you all in our prayers."

- 14th Ashville Hall S.S., £3. Horam, £5, "I hope you are finding grace and strength for each day in His promises who provides all our needs." Elmsleigh Hall Bible Class, £1. Parcel of socks from friend via Shoeburyness.
- 17th East Rudham, 28-lbs Soap flakes, 28-lbs soap powder, 56-lbs washing soap, 72 bars of toilet soap.
- 19th Ashurst Drive Bap. Women, £1.10.0. Eastleigh Work Party, 1 coat, 1 jumper, 1 pullover, 7 prs. socks, 4 trousers, 1 skirt, 1 glove.
- 21st From our Box Secretary, £30. Salway Hall Bible Class, £3, "Our young men expressed the wish to send you this to help in making Christmas a bright and enjoyable time for those less fortunate than ourselves. We continue to remember your work in prayer regularly knowing that much blessing has, and will take place at your Home." Epping, 1 pair brown shoes.
- 25th Southampton, "Please accept £2, a mite to help with expenses. Part of it I send to you instead of paying Fire Insurance. I know you will have all your needs supplied by our faithful God." Anon., S.H. clothes.
- 28th Anon., 4 new dresses, 3 berets, 2 skirts, skirt length, 2 parcels S.H. clothes.
- 29th Cumberland Road Gospel Hall, £3. 1st Woodford G.L.B., £2.

December

- 1st Walthamstow, £1. Woodford Green, £1. Buckhurst Hill, 6/-.
- 2nd Anon., "Please accept 2/6 for those in your care. The Lord loved the children always. —From one who is trusting in Him wholly. John 15, 12." Harpenden, £1. Chadwell Heath, 3 prs. hand-knitted socks. Westcliff, 12 prs. hand-knitted socks.
- 3rd Barking, £3, "May rich blessing attend your work of faith and labour of love." Woodford, £1, "Often are you and the helpers in thought and desire for the Lord's blessing and guidance to be with you. As our Lord has blessed the work, so He will continue, for He changeth not." Pitsea, 10/6.
- 4th Broughton Union Chapel, £1. Keswick Bap. Ch. Boscombe S.S., £3.3.0. Walsall, £2.
- 5th Enfield, £1.1.0. Bristol, £1. Clacton-on-Sea, £1. Palmers Green, £3. Westcliff, £10. Eastleigh Working Party, 2 prs. gloves, 1 pr. socks, s. h. stockings.

- 6th Higham Hill Bap. Women, £1. Readers of "The Christian" £1. Epping—Book of stamps. Leytonstone, 10/-. Romford, £1.1.0. "G.", 5/-. "R.", £1. "S.", £5. Haverhill Working Party, 1 bed cover, 2 dresses, 17 pinafores, 1 scarf, 5 handkerchiefs, 4 pyjamas, 4 nighties.
- 8th Westcliff, £1. Pinner, £1.1.0. Westcliff, "I do indeed thank you for sending copy of Links, 1899-1952. Is indeed a wonderful record from beginning to end and I do hope and believe that for many years to come it may be used by God in bringing many of His children to put their whole trust in Him. I have pleasure in enclosing £20 to help with the printing, but if that has been arranged for, any other purpose the work may need."
- 9th Abbots Langley, 10/-. Yelling, £5. Wendover, £30. Worthing, £2. Barking, £1, "Praying that many there may be that shall come to know Him Whom to know is Life Eternal." Manor Park, "Many thanks for Links, received today, and the reading brought back happy memories. Herewith £2 for the work. The Lord truly bless you this Christmas." Anon. £5, "With best wishes for a happy Christmas." Leytonstone, 14/-. "When I looked at the happy faces of the photos in the 'Links' I said, 'Thank God for such Children's Homes as those at Woodford.'"
- 10th Maldon, £3. Westcliff, £10.10.0. Sudbury, 5/-. Peterboro, 10/-. Woodford Green, £3.3.0. "Please accept a Cup of Cold Water in the Master's Name." Tunbridge Wells, 10/-. Leyton, "Am daily remembering you and your dear ones at the Throne of Grace knowing that Phil. 4. 19 is very true, and the **all** means **everything** does it not. Please accept £1 for Christmas." Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 11th Minsterworth, £1. Plaistow, 10/-. Rayleigh, £2. Bromley, 10/-. Whitstable, Hamilton Road Mission, £1.
- 12th Elmsleigh Gospel Hall, £5.5.0. Woodford, 10/-. Woodford Green, £1. Childs Hill, 10/-. Highgate, £1. "S.", £1. Woodford Green, £1. Lancing Tab. S.S.: £2. Ruislip, £5. Eldon Road Women, £1. "E.", 10/-. Newquay, £1. Faversham Gospel Mission, 10/-. Canfield Hall S.S., £2.10.0. Westcliff, £2. Christchurch, 10/-.
- 13th Seven Kings, 15/-. "It was my great pleasure to have known the late Mr White on Tower Hill and thank God for his consistent witness for the Master. May God's richest blessing continue to rest upon the work and many of the children be won for Christ." Peterborough, scarf, note-paper and envelopes, toilet bag, gloves, apron and book.

- 15th Totteridge, £1.1.0. Wormit, £1.10.0 and £1. Stratford, £2. N. Lancing, £1. Highgate, 10/-. Hornchurch, £1. Clapton, £1. Enfield, 10/-. "R.H.", 10/-. Upminster Bap. S.S., £2.11.6. Toys from: Bethnal Green Medical Mission, Clapton S.S., High Cross and Great Munden, Upminster Bapt. Church, Goodmayes Bapt. Church, Haywards Heath, —12 boxes crackers.
- 16th Whitstable, "Please use the enclosed £5 in any way you are led. I was glad to hear of the good hand of God upon you. You have a great task and a great God." Anon., S.W.2., 5/-. Ealing, £5. Peckham, £20, "I pray for all who share in the work of the Homes." Plaistow, 10/-. Wanstead, £2, "Thank you for 'Links,' so many comforting words from so many trusting folk is good to read." Waltham Abbey, £2. Otford, £2.2.0. Rickmansworth, £2. Ley St. Hall S.S., £2. Wanstead Cong. Church G.L.B. gave party for some of our girls. Toys from: Diss, Norfolk. Hele Bapt. S.S., Torquay, 5 Boxes crackers from Abridge.
- 17th Billericay Sisterhood, £1.1.0. P.O. Savings Dept., Holloway, 5/-. Woodford, £1, "I rejoice to know through 'Links' how much encouragement you have received since your dear father was taken Home." Upper Holloway, £1. Loughton, 10/-. Gidea Park, £1. Gt. Munden and High Cross, 15/8. Wallasey, 10/-. Doncaster, 5/-. Hanwell, £2.2.0. Christchurch, 10/-. Southend, £1. Ilford, £2. Woodford Green, £1. Bethnal Green Med. M., £5.2.6. Walthamstow, 2 doz. jellies and 7-lbs. Lemonade.
- 19th Hove, £1. Broadley St. Youth Centre, £2. Commercial Rd. Bap. S.S. Guildford, £5.4.0. Ilford, £1. Osborne, £1. "I pray that God's blessing may rest ever increasingly on this lovely work and may you yourself continue to receive true guidance and blessing just as you need. May Gen. 49. 24 be fulfilled in wonderful measure to you." Swindon Evang. Church, £3.15.0. Enfield, £1.5.0. Liverpool, £1. Anon., 10/-. London, £1. Eastbourne, £1. East Sheen, 10/-. Stoke Newington, £1. Frinton, £1.10.0. Beulah Bap. Women, 15/-. Abbey Wood, 10/-. Ilfracombe Assembly Hall, £2. Northfleet, 10/-. Chingford, £2.10.0. From the boys and girls of the Raglan Sec. School, £10. Cranford, £1.10.0. Ilford, 10/-. Paington, £5. St. Albans, 10/-. Little Ilford Bap. Jr. C.E. Toys and 5/- (farthings). Parcel clothes from Elmsleigh Hall Class and also from Bedford Tab. Bible Class. St. Albans, Parcel S.H. clothes. Toys from: West Ham Central Mission. Roydon Cong. Church. East Rudham, 2 prs. pyjamas.
- 20th From our Box Sec., £25. Woodford Green, £2 and £3.3.0. East Ham, £2. Pinner, £2.10.0. Hainault, 5/-. N.13, £5. Cranleigh Bap. S.S., £7.12.0 with parcel of books and toys.

"R.W.E.", £5. Leytonstone, £2. Peterborough, 2/6. Toys from: Brentford Cong. Church. Party for children (30) given by Trunk Control City Exchange.

21st Abridge Toy Service, Happy Time.

22nd Wimbledon, 5/-. Salisbury, £1.10.0. Felixstowe, 10/-. Hornchurch, £1, "We feel sure there never was a time when it was more necessary to train the children in the way the Lord would have them go than it is today. May God bless you in all your efforts to extend the borders of the Master's Kingdom and the redemption of the boys and girls whom God has given to your charge." Enfield, £1. Chigwell, £1.10.0. Leyton, 10/-. "As our dear Lord has so marvelously blessed the work in your dear father's life time, so we feel sure His blessing will rest upon you all as you go step by step." Boscombe, £1.1.0. Westcliff, £2. Forest Gate, 10/-. Loughton, £2.2.0. Halstead, £1.1.0. Leigh, 10/-. Redbridge, 10/-. Kings Langley, £1. Woodford 10/-. W. Mersea, 10/-. Blackmore, 10/-. Toys from: Haywards Heath Free Church S.S. Palmers Green. Cranleigh Bapt. S.S. George Lane Bapt. Woodberry Down Bapt. Broadley Common Cong. Christ Church, Welwyn Garden City. All Saints Goodmayes. Hainault Rd. Bapt. Bloomsbury Square (and large box of sweets). Woodford Green, £3.3.0. Sidcup, £2.2.0. Woodford, £1. Southport, £1.1.0. Watford, £4.

23rd Stanway, £1. Theodore Rd. Bap. Women, 10/-. Cranford Rd. Bap. C. "From our Communion Fund." N.W.11., 10/-. From "H.K." & "V.P." £10. Three Bridges, £1.1.0. "God bless you richly and guide you in every way." Norwich, 2/6. St Albans, Anon., £8. Barling Gospel Mission, £3.5.0. "E.A.L.", (Tottenham), 10/-. Christian Friendship Circle, W. Mersea, £1.10.0. Thundersley, £1.10.0. Anstey Union Church, £5.15.0. From an "old girl," £1.10.0. Great Totham, £1. Anon. Tiptree, 7/-. Presents from Wanstead and District Cubs. Toys from Girton Bapt. Parcel new books from Woodford Bridge.

24th Newport, 5/-. "from and 'old girl and her husband.'" Kings Head Hall Y.F., £1. Ilford, 10/-. Hare Street, £1. Hampton, £3.3.0. Frant, £25. S. Woodford, £5. New Haw Gospel Hall, £3. Weymouth, £10, "Every blessing on your work for the children," "F.C.N.", £1. Bishopstoke E. F. Church, £1.10.0. Woodford, £2.15.3 (carol singing). Tollesbury, 6 prs. hand-knitted socks. Woodford Green, 9-lbs. beef. Copford, Essex, 2 cockerels. London E. Supply Co., one Xmas tree. Anon., 3 trays cakes and mince pies. Anon. 2 boxes cake rolls. Toys from: Victoria Bapt. Church and Form 5c II, S.W.E.T.C.

25th-26th "G.M.A.", Woodford, £2.2.0. Willesden, £2. Ramsey, £2. Sidmouth, 10/-. "A small gift for your (or our) large family, thanking God for your labour of love on their behalf." Toys from: Cricklade Cong. Church. Henfield Cong. Ch. S.S. Wanstead/Woodford Round Table. Turkeys from Abridge and Theydon Bois. Very happy time—all needs met.

27th Reunion of "Old boys and girls"—In spite of fog, good number gathered.

29th Woodford Green, £1.10.0. Chingford, £1. Gt. Bookham, £3.3.0. London, £5.5.0, from an 'old girl' and her husband. Woodford, £1. "D.M.F.", 10/-.

30th Grantham, 6/-. Bude, 10/-. Woodford, 10/-. Gravesend, £1. Broadley Common S.S., 10/-. From an old girl and her husband, 10/-. Broxbourne, 10/-. Toys from: Underhill Bapt. Free Ch. Barnet. Malden Cong. Church S.S. 36th St. Pancras Wolf Cub Pack. Commercial Road, Guildford. Upminster Bapt. Church S.S. Islington. Messrs. Haskins, Ltd. Robin Patrol Party invited 5 girls to share with them.

January

1st "W.I.", £1. S.W.9, 10/-. "Your 'Links' was to us most inspiring as were always your father's addresses and discourses and it is a matter of great pleasure to know that you maintain such standard." Bournemouth, 10/-. Shoebury-ness, £6.10.0. Boot bag offering. "Z.A.S.", £2.2.0. Harpenden, £2. Hornchurch, £1, "I have been intending to write you ever since your father passed away. What a testimony was his! Praise God the work of the Homes were not his but the Lord's and He will care for it as in days past." Canning Town Girl Covenanters, £2.2.0. Wickham Bishops, £2. "We would assure you of our prayerful good wishes for 1953, that you may continue to prove 'God is just the same today.'" N.W.5, £15.

2nd Westminster Chapel, £50. Kenton Evangelical Church, £3.17.0. W. Mersea, £5. Wycliffe Chapel, Ardleigh, £2.16.0. Anon., Colchester, 2/6. Leigh, £1. "C.S.G." £1.1.0. Chelmsford Sisterhood, £1. Burnham-on-Sea, 10/-. Herts, 6 prs. gloves. Ilford, 6 calendars and magazines.

3rd Ilfracombe, 10/-. East Ham, £2.10.0. Lindfield Mission, S.S., £2. From our Box Sec., £11. 14th Chingford Senior Scout Group gave party to 24 children.

5th London, £1. Loughton, £1. Wickford, £2. Leytonstone, £1.1.0. Waltham Cross Anon., £2.10.0. Red Cross (local) gave party for Senior girls.

6th Walthamstow, clothes. Forest Gate, 2 skirts and dress.

- 7th Anon. £1. Leigh-on-Sea, £1. Eastney Gospel Mission, "I enclose cheque £6.4.6, the Christmas morning offering for your work at Woodford. You can be assured of our prayers." Kings Lynn, £1. East Rudham, £5.5.0. "Cubs good turn", 44th pack, £1.3.0. Hainault Rd. Bapt., £1.1.0. being part proceeds of our Carol Service recently held." Woodford Bridge Primary, 10/-. Churchfields School, 2 pairs girls' shoes.
- 8th Bournemouth, £3.2.0, "I was sincerely sorry to hear of your dear father's death. I always held him in high regard during those war days when I knew him down at Tiptree. Whenever I heard anyone disputing whether faith is a working power I always quote 'Pa' and the Home. It does it every time. I shall always cherish the memory of your family old and young down there at Tiptree." Stanway P.P. Women's Fellowship, £2. People's Hall, Plumstead, Men's Bible Class, £1.10.0, "Thank you for all your labours of love rendered for the Master." Mill Hill Lane S.S., £1.4.8. Honiton, £1.1.0. Cricklade Con. S.S., £1. Wanstead Cong. Church Y.P.F. gave party for children.
- 9th Toys from Walkern Mission.
- 10th E.15, 10/-. "R.M.", £1. Finsbury Park, £1.10.0. Walthamstow, 5/-. St. Barnabas Youth C. gave party for our children.
- 12th St. Andrew's Church S.S.—toys
- 13th Ashurst Drive B.B., £1, "Part of our Bible Class offering." Abinger Common, £5. "From a little S.S. held in a small hall in the village." Camberley, £1. N.W.11., £3.10.0. "My sister and I gather a number of children together on Sundays for a little service and the children thought they would like to send contents of their missionary box to some children's work. Praying His richest blessing on 1953." Handed in at door—new white overall.
- 14th Hornsey Rise, 10/-. "I pray for you every night as prayer is better than money, but both are needed." St. Andrew S.S. Chingford Lane, £3 and toys. Our Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 15th Caernarvon, £2.2.0, "I have been thinking of you and your tremendous task, but the God whom your father proved to be faithful is the one you also serve—He will not fail. I like the version of that verse "Even though our faith fail yet He abideth faithful for He cannot deny Himself."—Psalm 91—All of it." Tonbridge, 10/-.
- 17th Highgate Rd. Bap Church, £5.6.0. Wanstead, £2.2.0. N.W.2. £1. Forest Rd. Hall, £5. 10 lads invited to B.B. party at Fillebrook.
- 19th Thorpe Bay, £1. Westcliffe, 10/-. "Phil. 4:19."

- 20th Salway Christian Youth Centre, £2, "I believe we are meeting your young folk in a competitive way next week and may the best team win, I wonder who that is, I have a shrewd idea it's you—we shall see."
- 21st St. Albans, £1, and 6 bundles children's newspapers.
- 22nd 19th Epping Forest "Cubs' good turn," 10/-.
- 23rd Ilford Canteen Club, £10. Woodford Green, £1.1.0. Party of 33 taken by coach to Earls Court Circus—arranged by friends of a Stratford Sports Club.
- 24th Party of 12 girls attend Red X Party, locally.
- 27th Our Box Secretary, £1.3.1. Llanelly, £1.
- 28th Union Cong. Ch., Leigh, "Am enclosing £5.3.10 collection taken at a combined service with our Bap. Church friends on Christmas Day."
- 29th Primary Dept. Kings Head Hill Hall, £3.10.0.
- 31st Sewardstone Mission Covenanters Classes, 10/-. Brixham Gospel S.S., £1. S.W. Essex County T. Sch., £3, "This is part of the proceeds of a sale held recently in aid of various funds in which the children are interested." Party of boys (6-14 years) attend Xmas Party given by a Debden (Essex) firm.

February

- 2nd Maidstone, £3. "There never was a day when there was such a need for such work as yours as the present . . . I will continue to pray that you may be blessed in it, and that God will give to you all the grace and wisdom you need to do it to His glory. May He uphold you and use you." Woodford, £1. Barnet P.S.A., £5.5.0. Westcliff-on-Sea, parcel of socks.
- 4th Epping Cong. Church J.C.E. gave party for our children.
- 5th North Weald, 10/-. Navestock, £2.10.0. United Mission S.S. Muswell Hill, £5.11.6. Forest Rd. Hall, £1. Walthamstow, £1. Southend-on-Sea, 15/-. "With best wishes for the Lord's richest blessing on all the work." Battersea, £2.2.0. Woodford, £5.
- 6th Maldon, Essex, parcel of clothes.
- 7th Further Party by Red X for girls and also party by local Round Table.
- 9th The Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, £3.3.0.
- 11th New Barnet, 10/-. Anon., £1, "A thankoffering in the name of the Lord." Bermondsey Med. Mission B.B., £2. Monthly Prayer Meeting.
- 12th Ilford, 5/-. Ealing Common, £20. Re "F.R.F.", £2.12.6. Ipswich, £3. Kentish Town Mission S.S., £7. Colchester,

£1, "May the Lord bless you all mightily and enable you to continue with such a grand work. Press on and keep looking Up."

17th £5 personal gift.

18th Wendover, £5, "A bequest from the late Miss I. B." Ley St. Hall, £2, "We do pray for you all in this wonderful service for the Master to lead these little ones to His feet."

19th Hampton Hill S.S., £1.10.0. Thundersley Gospel Hall S.S., £1. A Cranford Bible Class, £5. Mundon, £5. "An old boy" kindly collected farm produce from Tiptree for delivery at Woodford.

23rd Hornchurch Bap. Ch., £1.1.0. Palmers Green, £2. Forest Gate, £1, "February 20th is my brother's birthday. I always send you his birthday present as thanks to God for his treasured life and memory. God bless you all and the great work." Hornchurch, 10/-. Welcome Mission, 10/-. Woodford, £5, "You are constantly in my thoughts. God bless you all."

25th Anon., £10. Latimer Hall Senrs., £1. Cambridge Hall S.S., £5.5.0. Esher, £2.2.0.

26th North Kensington Girls' Class, socks and vest.

March

1st Abridge S.S. Prize-giving.

4th "C.", £1. North London, very fine assortment of ladies' clothes—a great help to staff.

5th Waltham Cross—6 collars, 9 caps, 1 pr. gloves, 1 coat, 1 blazer, 2 shirts and 1 suit.

6th Bournemouth, £4, from an "old girl." Latchett Hall S.S., £5. Southampton, "I am enclosing £1.10.0 a mite to help with the heavy expenses." Broad Oak, 10/-. "The enclosed small gift in His Name and our fervent prayers for all the needs of the Home and that many of the dear children may give their hearts to the dear Lord Jesus." Blackheath, £1. Anon.—parcel s.h. clothes.

9th High Barnet, 2/6, Proverbs 3. 5,6. Woodford 10/-.

11th Ware, £1. Clapham, £5. Monthly Prayer Meeting.

12th Woodford, £1, "From the Lord's Treasury", Phil. 4. 19.

13th Barkingside, parcel of socks.

16th Corringham Ass. S.S., 7/6. Chingford, £5, "A thank-offering to God for His gift to us of another little son." Barkingside, £3.

17th Norfolk, heavy roller and various other items for farm.

18th Parcel containing sweets, 6 pr. socks, 2 matinee coats, 3 pinafores, from Higham Hill Bapt. Women's Meeting who came to visit us.

20th Eldon Rd. Children's Meeting, 10/-. Higham Hill Bapt. Women, £1. Chingford Methodist Guild, £1. Anniversary of our beloved founder's death—United Family Prayers with recordings, as Memorial.

23rd "P. M. & Co.", £1.17.6. Fillebrook Sunshine Guild, £4.5.11. Bethesda S.S., Singapore, £6. "E.T.", 5/-. Dagenham Bapt. Women, £1.5.0.

25th Woodford Green, £10, "I should feel privileged if you would accept this as going some way to meeting the cost of your children's Sunday School Outing." Elmsleigh Sewing Class, £1, "We have launched out in Missionary work this year and some garments are being sent out to India. All the same we have not forgotten the dear children of your Home." "O. T.", £2. "C. C. D." Fund, £1.5.9.

26th Woodford, £1.1.0. Leytonstone, 14/-. Horam, £2, "We continue to pray that the good work may prosper and that you and your workers may be blessed."

30th Secondhand gas stove and bicycle.

31st Manchester, £2..

April

1st Westminster £10.10.0. Easter Holidays. Watford, 3 scarves. South Woodford, 1 Easter egg.

2nd Maldon, Fulbridge Hall, 2 hand-knitted socks, 1 blouse, 1 cardigan, 3 sleeveless pullovers, 1 long-sleeve pullover, 1 jumper, 2 prs. mittens and 2 shirts.

3rd Dozens of Hot Cross Buns!!!

4th Ilford, 5/-. "P. M. & Co.", 3/6. Waltham Cross, very fine child's cot with doll etc.

7th Woodford, 10/-. Puckeridge, 5/-. Meesden, £5, "It's a great work you are carrying on and may God's blessing be upon it all, and help you in meeting its many needs and difficulties." Anstey Chapel, £3.

8th Walkern Mission, £4. Our Prayer Meeting.

9th Walthamstow, £7. "L.", 10/-. "W.", 10/-.

11th Colchester Christian, £5. "H.", £2.10.0. Tiptree Cong. Ch., £1.12.0. Stockwell Bap. Ch. £1.8.5, who paid us a visit, bringing several boxes of sweets.

14th Ilford, £9.10.0. N.W.2., 10/-.

16th Leytonstone, £3. "J.C.E.", £1.13.0.

17th Clacton, £1. Anon., 5/-. Shoeburyness, £7. Boot Bag Fund, "Praying that God will undertake and guide in all that you do." Govt. Tax Rebate, £378.8.7. Hainault Rd. Bap. Women, £1. Leyton, 10/-. Harpenden, 2 hand-knitted pullovers and vests.

- 18th Woodford, £5. "R.E.T.", £3.3.0. Highams Park, toys.
 20th St. Albans, anon., £4., also calendars and diaries etc.
 21st People's Hall Bridgnorth, £1. Hainault Rd. Bap. Women, 10/-. "R.", 10/-.
 24th "Michael's Xmas Gift," £5. Pitsea, 10/6. Harrow, 6 prs. socks.
 27th "C." £1. Ebenezer S.S., £1. Anstey, £5. Paxton Hall Men's Miss. £2. Woodford, £1.
 28th "An old girl," 5/6. Hornchurch, 10/-. "May you have much joy and blessing as a result of your efforts." Ley St. Gospel Hall Women, £2. Anon. Ley St. Hall, £1.4.6.
 29th Liverpool, 10, 5/-. "Sorry it is such a small amount but every little counts." Woodford, £2. Sidmouth, 10/-. "May 'Our Day' 1953, be a specially happy and blessed occasion for one and all."

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow.

IN MEMORIAM

One of our beloved and trusted helpers in the Abridge Evangelical Free Church, from the very beginning, has been called Home—Mrs. Ellen Brewster. She was in every sense a "true Christian who walked with God" and consequently her quiet witness was felt by all with whom she came into contact.

There is no doubt whatever that we shall miss her tremendously. What a challenge she leaves behind to those of us who are to carry on. Are we going to fail? Out of this loss may there come gain to His Church, as we unite together in this valuable work at Abridge. There are souls to be won—we must be active in our service for Him. Whilst talking with her not long before her passing, she was so very thrilled to hear that we were intending to visit the village houses, making an all-out effort to bring the folk in touch with the Gospel, and she gave this venture her sincere blessing. We do truly thank God for every memory of her life—it is our joy and privilege to endeavour in His strength, to fill the "gap" caused by her Home Call.

BOXES

1st May, 1952 to 30th April, 1953.

MAY OPENING—

				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
May	1st	Receipt No.	924	...	...	10	0		
	10th	"	950	...	...	39	7	6	
	10th	"	958	...	...	1	0	9	
	15th	"	979	...	...	10	0		
	19th	"	988	...	...	10	0		
	23rd	"	996	...	...	24	12	6	
June	6th	"	1035	...	...	10	0	0	
July	9th	"	1126	...	...	3	14	9	
							80	5	6

NOVEMBER OPENING—

Nov.	5th	Receipt No.	1371	...	...	14	7		
	10th	"	1381	...	...	50	0	0	
	10th	"	1382	...	...	3	7	0	
	21st	"	1399	...	...	30	0	0	
Dec.	20th	"	1564	...	...	25	0	0	
	23rd	"	1619	...	...	7	10		
Jan.	3rd	"	1679	...	...	11	0	0	
	27th	"	1767	...	...	1	3	1	
April	17th	"	209	...	...	4	18	0	
							126	10	6

Record Total £206 16 0

Our grateful thanks to Mr. Parker, our Box Secretary, and to all Boxholders.



At Play in the Garden,



Holiday-time in a nearby Park.

THANK YOU!

to ALL who have in any way helped by Gift or PRAYER, during the past twelve months, but especially just here in this little space, I want to make mention of those who come along from time to time and help in the domestic work, or interest and teach the young folk in needlework, handicrafts, art, piano and singing lessons, physical training, country dancing and games—we certainly have a very full programme for the winter months.

Last, but not least, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. White who, due to the closing down of our Tiptree Branch and Farm, are no longer on the Staff of the C.H.M. For many years they have served God here at Woodford and Tiptree—may the Lord bless and guide them in every way.



The Start of a Happy Day.