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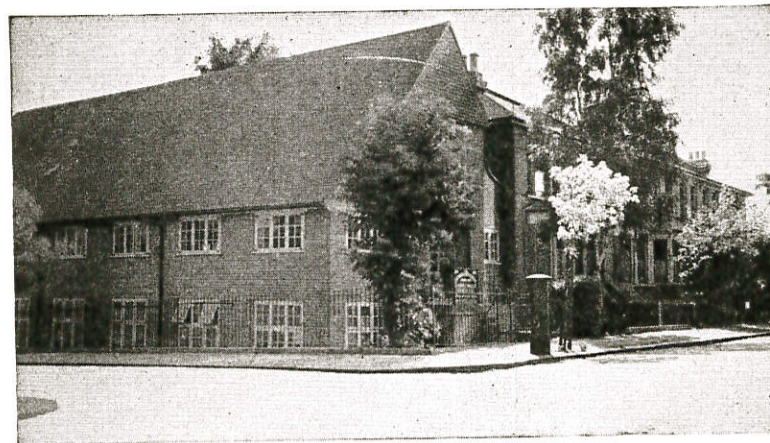


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EDITORIAL

Dear Prayer Partners,

Time again for a further edition of "Links." Each year we determine to get this out to you in October, but there are always so many activities that crowd upon us in the Autumn, that once again we have failed in our objective.

Nevertheless, we rejoice in the opportunity afforded to us of sharing with you the blessings of the past six months, mainly in diary form, and also to bring before you the written record of the happy time of fellowship experienced on the occasion of our 56th Annual Day.

As the Reports given at the Gatherings are printed here, there is no need for me to be lengthy in this editorial. There is one thing, though, that I am sure you will be delighted to hear—the much longed for, prayed for and hoped for improvements to the buildings are well on the way. They are taking the following form:—

Erection of a Laundry adjoining the rear of No. 18. Conversion of old Washing Scullery, Ironing Laundry, etc., into Two Bathrooms, two Cloakrooms, Toilets and Boiler Room.

We have prayed for a long time for His guidance as to when this work should commence and felt sure that the beginning of September was the time. How lovely and encouraging it was to us all here when we had the following blessed and precious experience within a few days of the decision to commence:—

A friend rang to tell us that an elderly lady (over 90 years) had been carefully putting by a small amount of her limited means week by week and year by year intending when she died that we should benefit from her Will. Of late, however, she had felt the desire to share the joy of this gift with us personally, and to have the pleasure of handing over the money to the Home. Arrangements were accordingly made for her to visit us the following day. Because of the Abridge Sunday School outing, I was to be out all day, but my wife with some of the staff welcomed her. The little "handing over ceremony" in the office was a lovely occasion—£100 in notes! Of her little she truly gave much. There were tears of joy, not only for the splendid practical value of such a gift, but for the realisation of the sacrifice made and the timing of the gift. Who but God could have so planned this thing? How good is the God we adore, our faithful unchangeable Friend! We had a letter from another Christian friend who wrote, "The Lord Who has begun, will surely continue." Indeed our trust is in Him Who doeth ALL things well.

We shall, of course, be having an "Opening Ceremony" and Dedication Service in the New Year—if YOU would wish to share this happy time with us, please advise and we will gladly notify you.

The harvest produce gifts this year have been a real inspiration. The Food Store is packed to capacity—a delight to behold. Our very sincere thanks to all who have shown by this practical demonstration their love to Him and His Work.

Once again our Family desires to take this opportunity of sending to all Prayer Partners our very best wishes for a happy Christmas. The Lord give you much joy. We shall count on your continued and CONSTANT prayers, for we desire to please Him in all that we seek to do here.

Yours in Him,

VICTOR J. WHITE.

November, 1956



APRIL — SEPTEMBER, 1956

April

- 1st Easter Sunday. Staff have to be very careful on April 1st, because all the young people are seeking opportunities to make "April Fools" of us. Today the atmosphere was a little less tense than usual because of a mysterious "something" hidden under a table cloth on the centre table in the Dining Room. The children were so curious—not quite sure whether we were playing a joke—half hoping there might after all be something nice—that they almost forgot their original intentions planned for 1st April. After breakfast and each child having had an individual Easter Egg the mystery was revealed and there before them was a huge milk chocolate Easter Egg, prettily decorated right round with animal motifs. It was a delight and thrill to us all.



There is always an extra thrill about going to services on Easter Sunday—the thrill that "He lives—He lives—Christ Jesus lives." The reminder of His resurrection following His great sacrifice on Good Friday stirs us to sing praises to Him. We were pleased to have our friend and Trustee, Mr. James Stokes to conduct our evening service at Abridge which was very well attended. The church had been prettily decorated the day before.

After most of the family had gone to bed some very beautiful flowers arrived here—they were from the children of the United Free Church Sunday School, Woodford Green.

- 2nd Bank Holiday. We arranged a ramble from Abridge to which young people from other churches were invited. Over 100 joined us and we arrived back in Abridge for tea, after which we held an Open Air Meeting in the village square. The roar of the Bank Holiday traffic was baffling but nevertheless we persevered.

- 3rd Forest Gate "Please accept the enclosed as a small gift in memory of my brother. It is in fact the money I should normally spend on his birthday present were he still with us. He would be happy to feel it came to you I know. I am a bit late this year, as I have so much to do, serving perhaps in a humbler way God's sick people who are in need."

Liverpool, £1. Walkern Mission, £4. Leigh, £1.

Our new refrigerator arrived and was very much admired by all the children. This will be a great asset in the kitchen, particularly when the warmer weather arrives.

96 Chicken's Eggs, and 70 Chocolate Easter Eggs were brought from Harold Park Baptist Church—what a lovely gift!

Our girls played a netball match against "The Hummers" or more respectfully, the Handsworth Methodist Church Team. We won 11—6.



- 4th With the children home from school there is always plenty of activity, especially for the staff! "Please may I have some dressing up clothes?" "Have you got some blankets we can have for our Camp?" "Can I go swimming today?" "Can my friend come to tea?" "Do you want any help in the Food Store?"—(a frequent request).
- 5th From New Milton, £5. Walthamstow, £2.
- 6th Roger went away to stay with friends on a Farm and David went to his Auntie and Uncle.
- 7th The large Easter Egg was ceremoniously cut and we all had a large piece of chocolate each day for four days—the chocolate was delicious.
- 8th The Women's Fellowship held their Anniversary service this evening. There was a good congregation; several of the women took part and the guest speaker was Mrs. Gilders—a very real friend of the C.H. & M.
- 9th Ashurst Drive, 10/-. Tiptree Congregational Sunday School, Easter gift of £3. Woodford Green, "I have recently heard about your Homes, and would like you to accept the enclosed gift of £2." Cambridge Hall Sunday School, £7/7/-.
- Some of the girls popped round to a local hairdresser to have their hair trimmed. This is done from time to time free of charge.
- Mr. Hole called to check spectacles.
- 10th Parcel secondhand clothes.
- 11th Southgate, £2/2/- (in memory of Mrs. Hutton).
- Once more we had a long chat with an architect regarding the alterations—it really seems that the plans are reaching a satisfactory stage and we should be able to go ahead, D.V., soon. The part of the buildings affected by this scheme are looking rather sadly and we do hope work can proceed soon.
- Went to a meeting at the Lighthouse Mission, Bow.
- 12th Conducted a "before breakfast" meeting in London at the premises of Rely-a-bell.
- Two little girls joined our family—ages 8 and 5. They settled in very nicely.
- 13th Lighthouse Miss; £1. London, £2. Legacy, £200. Ilford £2. Woodford Box, £4/16/2. Tollesbury, 6 pairs hand-knitted socks. Preparations in progress for gradual change over from winter to summer clothes.
- 14th A wet day, but to occupy the children we had a painting competition—prizes, Easter Eggs.
- 15th Mr. White conducted services at Nazeing Congregational Church, taking with him some of the older Members of the Family. Mr. David Olney took the morning service at Abridge and Mr. Barrett, our honorary herbalist, conducted the evening service. He brought friends with him and

- squashed others in his car so that as many as possible from Woodford could get along. There was present in the congregation one for whom we had been praying for a long time.
- 16th Nazeing Congregational Church, £3/3/-. Debden Congregational Church, £1. Last day of Easter holidays—preparations for return to school.
- 17th School Days. Reveille once more at 6.45—although some were up earlier for their Quiet Time. All the children off in good time to their respective schools.
- Kentish Town Mission, £2/2/-.
- Mr. and Mrs. Chopard, newly-wed, arrived from Switzerland. Following correspondence with them since before Christmas and prayerful consideration, it was agreed that they should spend six months with us. They wished to gain more spiritual experience, to learn English, and to be useful in God's work here. Mr. White met them in London and brought them down to Woodford. Mrs. Chopard has been in England before and can understand us quite well.
- Some of us were able to go over to Stockwell Baptist Church for the Induction Service of the new Minister.
- 18th Our Monthly Prayer Meeting. Praise God, as the financial year draws to a close our current expenditure will have been met by current income, thus leaving our Deposit Account to go towards the heavy cost of the necessary alterations.
- 19th From Westcliff via the Bangor Convention, Northern Ireland, £10. Mr. White addressed the Hainault Road Baptist Women's Meeting.
- This evening a Fellowship Meeting was held at Abridge when we discussed the programme for completely re-decorating the interior of the Church. Mr. Olney roughly estimated that the cost of materials would be in the region of £10 and Members of the fellowship agreed to help in one way or another. One lady, unable to help with the re-decorating work, volunteered to provide hot dinners each day for Mr. Olney and Mr. Chopard who would be working long hours there. After the meeting an anonymous gift of £10 was given to meet the cost of materials. Praise God for this encouragement.
- 20th Leytonstone, £1. Leyton, "This money, 3/3d. was put aside for your work by our dear friend ——. She was called Home last Sunday and we are laying her body to rest today. She was beloved by all who knew her." Leyton, 10/-. Epping, "My wife and I would like to have a little practical fellowship, £5/10/-. in your work and labour of love for the Master wishing you continued blessing and much fruit among the children." Blackheath, Covenant Gift of £3/3/-.

- 21st 6 girls were invited to a Girls' P.T. Display at Highway Hall. They enjoyed this very much. Others today visited relatives or friends, went fishing, swimming, etc.
- 22nd After church in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, with staff and friends gathered for a "sing-song."
- 23rd Leytonstone, 10/-. One of the younger boys, Roger, hurt his big toe.
- 24th "S," £5. One of staff conducted Meeting at Ashurst Drive Baptist Church.
A Day of defeat. Our Badminton Club lost matches to Holy Trinity Club whilst at the same time our team in the "Youth for Christ" Quiz lost by 2 points in the semi-final. Ronnie fell ungracefully whilst roller skating and fractured his right arm.
- 25th Harlow Assembly Sunday School, £5. Ilford, £3. Anon, £2/9/-.
- 26th A scrubbing day at Abridge. It was necessary to thoroughly clean the hall in preparation for the Services to be held in it whilst the decorating of the Church is in progress.
Leigh Road Baptist Church and Leigh Union Congregational Church, £12/15/7, being the offering at combined Good Friday Service.
- 27th Palmers Green, "Enclosed £5 for your children's work. I cannot make things as I did 30 years ago (sight and arthritis the cause) so hope enclosed will be acceptable in the name of the Lord. Hope to be with you on 9th June." Anon, 8/5d. Received 3 tennis rackets plus money for repair.
- 28th A day of visits—Bette from Norfolk, Dinah from Poplar, Raymond on leave from H.M. Navy, and Will and Edie from Cranham. All "old" members of our family.
Some of the older children went to the "Youth for Christ" rally, whilst Mr. White went over to Cranleigh Baptist Church to address a Young People's Rally.
- 29th One of our own members, Mr. David Barr conducted our morning service at Abridge and Dr. David Smith the evening service. Mr. White was at Grantham Mission leading C.E. Anniversary Services.
- 30th Manor Park, £2/2/- . Cranleigh, £2. The re-decorating work at Abridge commenced, Mr. Olney and Mr. Chopard shouldering the main responsibility of the work. This evening Members of the Men's Fellowship helped too.
- May
1st We look back with gratitude to God for His wonderful undertaking through another year. He has sent in gifts to cover all current expenditure and we feel that this is His pointing to go through with the new "alteration programme" using the Deposit Money in hand towards the expenses.

We look ahead—realising once again the large amount of money required to meet our ordinary every day expenses with the ever increasing costs. There will be the further money required to complete the alterations. We desire, D.V., to take the children away to the seaside for a holiday. All these projects are in God's hands and we are trusting Him.

From Epping we received £1; from Chelmsford, 25 pots delicious honey and from Woodford, some secondhand clothes.

- 2nd Thursday. We call this especially "Abridge Day." There is the Women's Meeting in the afternoon, Y.S.L. and Bible Study and Prayer Meetings in the evening.
An "Old" girl who has travelled in many countries, called to see us. We do appreciate that, always when she is in England, she visits us here and is still keenly interested in the progress of the work. Also another of our "Old" girls and her husband spent the evening with us.
Mr. White went to see one of the Abridge Sunday School scholars in hospital. We are very anxious about her because she has an illness from which it will take a long time to recover and we are concerned for her parents for whom this is a very severe and disappointing blow. We shall continually remember them all in prayer.
From Chiswick, £3/3/6.
- 3rd East Dulwich, 10/- and three pairs handknitted socks. Woodford, £2. Visited Ray Lodge Neighbours Club.
- 4th National Savings Movement, Hermon & Roding West Wards, £3/10/-. Anon, £1. Southend, £1.
- 5th The children (and staff too) dispersed to the houses of various friends to watch the cup final on television.
- 7th Woodford (Box) £2/7/1. Sevenoaks, £5. Liverpool, £1
Our youngest little girl's birthday. She didn't mind us all singing "Happy birthday to you" and we celebrated with ice-cream for tea. These have become birthday traditions.
- 9th E.V.W., £1. Hornchurch, 10/-. London, £6.
Our Monthly Prayer Meeting—a look back and a look forward at the beginning of this new financial year. Pastor W. A. Warwick, one of our Trustees, joined with us and gave a very helpful word.
1955/56 Accounts deposited at the Auditor's Office in London.
One of the staff conducted a Women's Meeting in a Gospel Hall at the Harlow New Town.
- 10th Forest Road Hall, £5.
Mr. White conducted Women's Meeting at St. Andrew's Mission Church, St. Albans.

- 11th Great Pardon Gospel Hall Sunday School, £2. Cranleigh Baptist Church, 4/-. St. Albans, £2. Woodford, £1.
- 12th Being Saturday all the children did something special. A group of younger girls were taken by members of the staff to Abridge and Lambourne and gathered bluebells.
- 13th Sunday School Anniversary Services at the Kentish Town Mission and also at the Woodford Baptist Sunday School where a good number of our children attend. Mr. Olney took the Abridge Services. We especially thought of Irene and Wendel in South Africa as this was the day that they were having the Dedication Service of their little daughter Marguerite.
- 14th Kentish Town Mission, £5/5/-. Canning Town, £1. Wheatley, 5/- to cover cost of C.H. & M. Booklet No. 2—a Bible Reading Calendar. "H," £1.
- Westcliff, 10/-. London, "I have been meaning to send you the enclosed gift for sometime as a token of love and thanks for my grandmother. You may remember that she passed away earlier this year, and it was her wish that, rather than send flowers, we should give something towards the work of the Lord in your hands. At the time, I wasn't able to do this, but now it is possible for me to send you this small gift, £1, with the prayer that it may be used to bring blessing to some child in need and glory to the Lord's Name." Leigh, £2, "We praise Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that is to come." Our Box Secretary, £56/0/2.
- Mr. Raymond Castro came to tea with us. He is helping to prepare the way in Woodford for the opening of the Tent Campaign by visiting factories and schools, etc. We were pleased he was able to spare us a few moments in his busy programme. He led our family prayers.
- Highbury, secondhand clothes. Cranford Baptist Women's Meeting, 4 handknitted cardigans for school, 1 pair socks.
- 15th Anon, Rayleigh, 10/-. Liverpool 9, 10/-. Walthamstow, £5 for summer holidays. Harpenden, £2.
- The Annual Trustees Meeting was held here today.
- Miss Long spoke at the Canfield Women's Meeting.
- A badminton team from Nazeing came over to play our Club. This was our last badminton evening of the season.
- 16th Billy, one of the Senior lads, went for his National Service Medical Examination.
- N.W.2, "Please find enclosed £1. Trusting the Lord is blessing you in your service for Him and trusting souls are being saved for the One who saved me for which I am very thankful." Aylesbury, £5. Loughton, 10/-. "So many thanks for sending 'Links.' I enjoyed it all and it is very wonderful how all your goods are sent. It should increase our faith."
- A team from our Recreational Fellowship Meeting at Abridge went over to Kentish Town Mission to conduct a

C.E. Service there. We were encouraged to see these young folk take this step into active Christian service. Their leader is one of our own lads.

All the men folk from here went to the Tent site to assist in the erection of the marquees for the Evangelistic Campaign.

- 17th Anon, £2. Leigh-on-Sea, £1/5/-.
- 18th Letchworth, £2.
- 19th Cranleigh, 10/-. Walthamstow, £1/5/-. Llanelly, £2. Peter Manning, one of our "old" boys spent the week-end here, also the sister of one of the staff. The more the merrier!
- Some of the staff and teen-agers went to the first Tent Campaign Meeting. Mr. David Shepherd of Wales and Mr. Frank Farley of Somerset were the Evangelists.
- 20th Mr. David Shepherd spoke at our Abridge Sunday School.
- 21st Westcliff, 10/-. Bank Holiday activities included rambling, swimming, visits to Theydon Bois and Knighton Woods.
- 22nd Two girls went to Chessington Zoo. Clacton, second-hand clothes. Cricklewood, 2 pairs shoes.
- 23rd "Proverbs 8 v 17," £10. Life of Faith, £10. Cricklewood, £1. St. Albans, 10/-.
- 24th Guildford, "You may recall that I visited you just before Christmas and mentioned having a copper urn which I thought might be useful. As it has been difficult to get the urn taken to your Home I have decided to send you a small contribution, £1, instead. Always remembering in prayer the work you are doing amongst all those children at South Woodford."
- 25th Anon, £1. Buntingford, £5. Legacy, £100.
- Invited to Ashurst Drive Young Women's Guild to chat about the Family.
- Several, in fact, all the younger children went to the Children's Tent Meeting. The child who is usually one of the most boistrous received a prize for sitting still!
- 26th Westcliff, 16 pairs handknitted socks.
- 27th Mr. White conducted Anniversary Services at a Baptist Church attended by one of our "old" girls and her husband. Their own daughter is growing up and actively, with her parents, engaged in Christian work. This family entertained Mr. White and his mother all day.
- 28th Ilford, £1/1/-. West Green, £3/3/-. Boxes, £17/14/6. Muswell Hill, "I am going on holiday, D.V., next week and felt I would like to share my holiday with your children and so I am enclosing £2 towards their holiday this year." Minsterworth, £1.
- One of the lads had an interview at the South-West Essex Technical College following sitting for the 13-year-old Entrance Examination.

Mrs. White was invited to an "old" G.L.B. Members' Meeting.

The Tent Campaign Evangelists came to tea with us and took family prayers.

29th Loughton, £1. Stratford, 10/-. Canada, 5 dollars. Weston-super-Mare, £1. Loughton, 6 dozen hand-hemmed handkerchiefs.

30th "K.C.," £1. Southampton, £1/10/-. "I shall not forget to pray for you on the 9th June." A serious rehearsal of the Annual pieces.

31st "E.L." £1. Woodford Green, £1. Harringay, £15. "Many thanks for copy of 'Links.' Once again it is my very real pleasure (and a privilege) to enclose a small donation. I have reached my personal target earlier this year and hope that this will mean I will be able to help again later. I leave it to your own judgment to decide how best this can be used. . . . My best wishes to all the children and staff and all who take part in the 'small miracle of Woodford' for a miracle I'm convinced is the only way to describe such work."

The Oakdale Infants' School had their May Day celebration—a beautifully sunny day and all the little ones took part.

June

1st Had another practise of the Annual music. The children learn the words of the pieces over several weeks, a little portion each day during family prayers. Now they are fitting words to music—we are always encouraged with the way they enjoy and do their best for this special time of the year.

2nd Today was the day for the Woodford Baptist Sunday School outing. Three double-decker buses left Woodford soon after nine o'clock and sprinkled in these buses were a number of our children and staff. We were blessed with a really lovely sunny day and we praise God for His undertaking in every detail.

3rd At Abridge this evening a plaque was unveiled in memory of our Co-Pastor, Mr. Arnold Gilbert. Friends from varying spheres of life were present, together with a large number of Abridge folk whose presence expressed appreciation and thanks to God for a very dear friend and helper. Mrs. Gilbert unveiled the plaque.

4th St. Columb, £1. Bethesda Sunday School, Singapore. "Please find enclosed herewith a gift of £5/14/8 from the boys and girls of our Sunday School who are glad of this opportunity once again of fellowship with you in your work for the Lord amongst the children. 'Let us not be weary in well doing: for we shall reap, if we faint not.' Therefore, my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

N.W.5, £5. Sutton, "Many thanks for 'Links.' After reading it I was able to pass it on to a friend who was visiting us and who lived formerly in Buckhurst Hill. They had no idea the work was still going on and was so flourishing. . . . I have had some severe illness since August so often wonder how much longer I shall be left here, 'My times are in Thy Hands,' how blessed to know that. I was noticing in Daily Light how Jonah and others prayed for death, but the Lord still had purposes of blessing in spite of weakness and failure. May it be so with me. Among other blessings vouchsafed I have two great grandchildren! May the Lord continue to bless and use you all is my constant prayer."

Billericay, "The enclosed is a small contribution for your family. I would appreciate being put on the list for the 'Links'."

Received a very large "swan" cake from local friends.

Mr. Olney severely cut his right hand and had to attend hospital for stitches. Rather a handicap at the beginning of one of our busiest weeks!

Mrs. David Smith and a young Swiss lady came to tea. The latter, with her fiancé, is going, D.V., into full time service for the Lord in Italy shortly.

The last Tent Campaign Meeting. It was wonderful to look back and realise how night by night the numbers attending the meetings have increased until this last week the Tent has been full every night. The evangelists were looking very tired but nevertheless alive and alert to proclaim God's message of salvation. We praise God for the decisions recorded at these meetings and pray continually that these converts may go on to know the Lord more and more each day.

5th South Norwood, £5. Hornchurch, "I would love to come to join you in your 56th Annual Gatherings, but I'm not able to travel far these days, but I do trust you will have a most wonderful time and that some of the boys and girls will take the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and that it will be a day they will never forget and that everything that is said and done may be to His praise, honour and glory. Enclosed 10/-." South Woodford, £1.

Another music practise for Saturday.
6th Stratford, 10/-. Southminster, 10/-. "I wish I could send more but I am an Old Aged Pensioner." Woodford Green, £1. Stock Exchange Christian Association, £3/3/-. "G.A.H.," £1/1/-. Ipswich, £1.

Staff are busy this week preparing clothes, etc. in readiness for Saturday. The buildings must be spick and span.
7th Bournemouth, £5. Final practise in the Baptist Church. This took quite a long time, but all the pieces have been well learned and we do pray that the children will all do their best as "unto Him."

8th Friends from Abridge and nearby came to help prepare sandwiches for Saturday.

9th **Annual Day.** The long anticipated day is here. Children very happy and excited. Plenty of willing hands to help in the 101 things to be done. Dinner is a little earlier than usual to give everyone time to wash and change in readiness for the Meetings after dinner.

Gifts from Tiptree, £1. An "old" girl and her husband, £1. London, 10/-. Bromley, 10/-. "Last time I asked you not to write, but as you said you liked to do so, I am enclosing a stamped envelope. I do pray for your home and every member of the staff, as I am sure they need much grace." May you have a very happy Annual day and I trust it will be fine." Tonbridge, 10/-. Woodford Green, £1. Tottenham, £1. Seven Kings, £1. Helensburgh, £1.

The children were all in their places in good time for the Meetings (details separately) and they scurried home in a borrowed coach for tea. In the evening we were swarmed in Crescent Road by "old" girls and boys who wanted to see more of us and chat with us.

From Bedfont we received lots of sweets for the children, and several parcels of clothes were handed to us.

11th Greenwich, £5. Legacy, £100. Lancing, £2. Legacy, £13/12/8. Stratford, £5. Golders Green, £1/10/-. Barnet, "Will you kindly accept the enclosed £1 as a token of great blessing I received on Saturday at the 'Our Day' services. I enjoyed every moment both in the afternoon and evening services. I am sure God will continue to bless you in the great work you are doing for the Lord. I think the children are a credit to you for the Christian teaching they are receiving. They are wonderful both for their knowledge of the scriptures and their bright singing. I am sorry this contribution is small, but I am a pensioner, but every little helps. Epping, £1/1/-. "B," £1. Anon, £1. Anon, 5/-. Boxes, £2/16/6. Annual Offering, £57/18/6. St. Albans, 10/-. Cullompton, £2.

There were several disappointments today—surely Satan is on the doorstep after a time of uplift and blessing.

Mr. White and the Senior boys as usual went down to Abridge for the Men's Meeting—they alone formed the congregation this week. Travelling home torrential rain caused the van to halt and it had to be abandoned—they all arrived home safely, but dripping wet!

From Covent Garden we received 200 lb. lovely apples.

12th Mrs. White went to the Secondary Modern School to chat with the school leaving officer regarding five girls due to leave school this term. The officer remarked on the obvious happiness of all our children.

Our Auditor returned the accounts and stayed for a chat.

13th Monthly Prayer Meeting at which Dr. David Smith was our speaker. We are still praying very especially about the August holidays for the children.

14th Thursday—Abridge Day. Women's meeting, Y.S.L. and Bible Study and Prayer Meetings.

15th Mrs. Gilbert went away for short holiday. The staff are having a shorter holiday this year so that we all spend three weeks holiday with the children during August. Wanstead, £1.

16th A very wet Saturday. Some of the children visited friends but the remainder enjoyed themselves at home having organised games with staff, plus ice-creams. A little family of four returned to their mother who has re-married.

Southend, £2. Worthing, £2. Barking, "May your prayers re united holiday be answered. My wife and I are off on holiday next week and would like you to accept the enclosed £10 to partly help in the answer to your prayers."

17th Dr. and Mrs. George Cowan who are this year leading the Wycliff Language Course at Chigwell worshipped with us at Abridge this morning and this evening. The young people conducted the evening service and their testimonies were an encouragement to all present.

18th Anon, parcel of blazers.

19th Buntingford, "I was sorry not to have been present at your Annual, but glad to read of the good account. I enclose £100 for the work assuring you of our constant daily prayers."

Hook Free Evangelical Church, £3/3/0. Anon, 2/6d.

20th Our cricket team played a match at Ashton Playing Fields. A group of members of the Theydon Bois Young Wives' Fellowship came to look round the Home. They each brought a present of an item of grocery which next morning made us think harvest time was here already! It was a beautifully bright peaceful sunny English evening—the children played their part well, even the boys looked like cherubs in bed! The visitors had coffee and biscuits with the staff in the dining room and a chat about the way God undertakes for the Family.

21st We had a special Fellowship Meeting at Abridge when plans for house to house visiting in the village were launched.

22nd Today the completion of the sale of remaining land at Tiptree took place and £700 was paid into Deposit Account. Leytonstone, £3.

23rd The boys went to watch cricket on television whilst the girls went fishing in the River Roding.

24th A visit to the Hook Evangelical Free Church. We had a most inspiring day—this is a flourishing church, and it was not long before we knew why it was a flourishing church. When the announcements were given—there were no less than four prayer meetings in the week!

- 25th Had a chat with a relative of one of the girls regarding her future career.
- 26th Welling Gospel Hall Sunday School, £5.
- 27th One of our Trustees, Mr. Pollard, came to see us. This was a real pleasure and a blessing to us all. Westcliff, 1 slipover, 3 pairs socks. Horam, secondhand clothes. Anon, £1. Gosport, £1. Underhill Baptist Sunday School Primary, 10/-. For the holidays, £1.
- 28th Sewell Memorial, £2. "Sports Day" at the Oakdale Junior School. Both Harriet and Pauline won prizes. There was excitement because the new Headmistress was present. We are looking forward to meeting her.
- 29th Epping Congregational Women's Meeting, £1/10/-. Two girls helped the Aunties with cherry picking. G.L.B. Display—Lois and Kay were in this and others went to support them.
- 30th Woodford, £50. Ilford, 10/-. A nice warm day so most of the Family went swimming.

July

- 1st Sunday, the day for Family Worship once again. This is the day we are all home, and even those at work are able to have dinner with the rest of the family to complete the number. Their meals are arranged at different times during the week to suit their hours of work. We were able to support Abridge fully today as both vehicles were available for transport.
- After the evening service we had a chat with one of our "old" girls who will shortly be leaving this country for New Zealand and who wishes to spend her last few months here with us in Woodford.
- 2nd Wormit, Fife, £5. Some of the children had medical examinations at school today.
- 3rd Our team played a cricket match at Dr. Barnardo's Garden City, Barking.
- 4th Wanstead, £2/2/-. West Mersea, £1/10/-. We were very happy to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Cowan and their three children to tea today. Dr. and Mrs. Cowan are directing the Wycliff Language Course at Chigwell and we look forward to happy fellowship with them at Abridge and Chigwell during their three months stay. Dr. Cowan gave a little word to the children at Family Prayers and as he described an occasion when he was led over a very dangerous pathway at night by a native in Mexico and how completely he depended on this young fellow to lead him, he showed us just what Christ meant when He said: "I am the way."
- 5th Worthing, £1. Westcliff, £1. Received approximately 3 gallons of milk from Chigwell. (This continued to be delivered three times a week for many weeks, thus saving us shillings, in fact pounds, on our milk bill !)



Mr. White and Mr. Olney were able to take a Loud Speaker on to the Pancroft Estate at Abridge and were very encouraged because the folk were really interested to hear the Gospel. They had chats with children who were invited to the Sunday School.

- 6th Ilford, secondhand clothes. 6 young Cabin Boys came to look round our buildings and to see the children.
- 7th Various activities for the children today. Some went to tea with our Aunties at Goodmayes: others went for picnics, or swimming. One girl leaving school this term, went to see a Youth Employment Officer.
- 8th Mr. White and a team of the older children went to take services at Guildford Park Hall, Guildford. Some of the children at Abridge who were contacted on Thursday did come to Sunday School.
- 9th Mr. and Mrs. Olney and Family went off for their holiday and eventually arrived safely in Norfolk after a somewhat hazardous start. An early morning thunder storm with torrential rain caused floods en route, and because of the diversion of traffic they missed their connections, etc. We received the last cheque covering the sale of our Tip-tree property. This comes as we are praying very definitely about launching out into the alterations scheme.
- Guildford, £1. Anon, £1. Guildford, £1, also second-hand clothes.

- 10th Somerset, £1. Ebenezer Sunday School, Bermondsey, £1/1/-. South Woodford, £1 towards summer holidays.

Special praise today because a friend who, after many years of prayer, is arranging a first Christian Fellowship Meeting in his place of business. Always the door has been closed, but God who honours faith and prayer has now opened the way.

Our boys played St. Elizabeth's Cricket Team at Ashton Playing Fields.

It was a "red letter" occasion—we had our first games of tennis on our grass court. For many months, in fact for the last two years, Charles (the eldest member of the family) has been preparing, cutting and rolling the ground. Now staff and seniors can enjoy a game of tennis after the little ones are in bed.

- 11th Hampton Hill Church Sunday School, £1/10/-. Highgate, £5/5/-. Our monthly prayer meeting. For many months we have been asking God to undertake for our summer holidays, praying, if it is His will, that we may be able to get away similarly to the Devon holiday two years ago.

We received a letter from one of our "old" girls this morning saying: "I am sure God has answered your prayers for the holiday."

Mr. White addressed the Christian Fellowship meeting at the Caribonum Factory, Leyton.

- 12th Letter from one of our Abridge Fellowship, on holiday, saying: "I am sure God has answered your prayers re holidays."

David Fuller, the son of Mr. William Fuller, Toronto, Canada, called to see us on his way to Singapore. He is answering God's call to the Mission Field. His father was a great friend of Mr. Herbert White in the very early days of the C.H. & M. and it was a happy occasion to meet his son and to know that there will be unity in prayer fellowship with each other in the future.

Mr. White went down to Chigwell for the Language Course Morning Chapel.

Mrs. Webb went to speak at the Stratford Central Baptist Women's Fellowship.

- 13th Woodford, £1. Stratford, £1. Avenue Hall, £2. A.V.G., 5/-.

- 14th The Aunties took most of the girls to Chessington Zoo. It was a very wet and cold day, but in spite of this they all enjoyed themselves.

- 15th Our services as usual at Abridge today. We are grateful to those who carry on week by week when Mr. White is

elsewhere: cleaning the chapel: providing flowers: visiting often the homes of the village folk, etc. We were able to go out with a loud speaker again tonight and during the open air service we found people receptive. One of our older lads had a long conversation with a gentleman who had been cutting his grass. He seemed very interested.

A Dutch Boy who was staying at Grange Farm came to the Bible Class in the afternoon and had tea with us at Woodford.

- 16th Manor Park, £5. Southampton, 10/-. Walthamstow, £1. Anon, £2. Today we admitted four children, Victor, aged 18 months, Janet, 4, Edward, 6 and Christine, 9. Their mother used to be in our family once, and now she is very ill needing hospital attention and can only undergo treatment if someone can care for the children. It is not usual for us to take in children under school age, but their mother looks to this as her home and we felt very pleased that we had room to admit them all.

- 17th A day we are beginning to look forward to Annually now! A visit of representatives of Westminster Chapel Dorcas Guild. For several years during the winter months they have made garments for us and today they brought the following:—13 pairs school knickers, 6 pairs knickers, 5 dresses with knickers, 2 dresses, 7 aprons, 20 nightdresses, 14 jumpers, 22 cardigans, 20 slipovers, 5 vests, 2 cot covers, 21 pairs boys' socks, 15 pairs girls' socks. A really lovely gift, and when winter comes we shall be well prepared.

Mrs. White addressed a meeting of the Christian Union of South-East Essex Technical College on the subject "The faithfulness of God."

- 18th Beechcroft Road Sunday School, 10/-. Ilford, £2. Loughton, £1. Received several boxes chocolate biscuits from Woodford and Ilford. Mr. White visited North Chingford Church Women's Fellowship. Dr. David Smith examined the children who have just arrived. Several of the senior girls went to Highway Hall Girls' Club.

- 19th Django went swimming, cut his head and had to attend Wanstead Hospital to have "running repairs."

Billy, one of our Senior lads, set off for Catterick to join H.M. Forces. He does love the Lord and we have written to Christian folk in Yorkshire who we hope will be able to contact Bill soon after he arrives. We shall continually pray for him that this new experience will provide opportunities for greater experiences in the Master's service.

Several of the staff went with the Abridge Women's Meeting for their outing to Walton. We enjoyed one of the warm sunny days of the year. It was a happy time of fellowship, fun, and blessing.

20th Woodford Green, "I hear that you are hoping to give your big family something of a holiday, and would like to have a little share in their joy—and yours. May the enclosed £2 be a wee mite toward that end."

Willesden, £1/1/-. Seven Kings, "We would like you to accept the enclosed £3 towards the cost of your holiday this year as an offering on our part acknowledging the goodness of our God in His dealings with us both in the daily round and common task and also in the recreation that a holidays gives. The Lord continue to bless you and all those connected with 'The Family'."

A cricket match after tea for the boys at Wanstead Flats.

21st Wedding bells today for Mary, who left us in 1944.

Wherever her place of employment has been she has done well and it is a happy time for her now that she settles down in her married life with a Christian husband in fellowship at a Baptist Church in Surrey. Mrs. White, Senior, with the "Aunties" went over to the wedding and returned with glowing reports of all that took place. Mrs. White brought



home Mary's bouquet of pink roses with instructions that it was to be put in the children's dining room. What a happy thought and how delighted the children were.

22nd Mr. White conducted services at Wickham Market Gospel Hall all day, whilst with the help of folk from the Wycliff Language Course, Mr. Olney took charge of the Abridge activities. A very lively open air service was held after the evening service.

23rd Woodbridge, £5. Hounslow, 2 summer skirts and some flannels. Woodford Green, pieces of material for the children to use for dolls' clothes, etc.

One of the staff took part in the service of the Woodford Green United Free Church Women's Hour.

24th Hornchurch, £1. Keswick Baptist Sunday School, Boscombe, £3/4/-.

One of our Senior Girls, Dawn, returned to her foster parents at Chatham. The journey by car through Blackwall Tunnel was uneventful though somewhat slow. There was a happy reunion at Chatham and we left Dawn to enjoy a happy holiday before commencing training as a nurse at Sydenham Children's Hospital.

We had an extra Prayer Meeting regarding the children's holidays. We long to give the children a seaside holiday, but He knows best and we want to discern His will. We have also been praying for one of our neighbours who is a Deacon at Woodford Baptist Church. He is desperately ill and we feel confident that God can heal when human skill cannot.

25th Ashley Hall, 5 pairs socks, 2 pullovers, dress, skirt, jacket and some secondhand clothes.

Caribonum Christian Fellowship, £1/1/-.

Fixed 8th—29th August as the period for the children's holiday.

26th Manor Hall Women's Fellowship, Boreham Wood, £8, and Bible Class, £1—both for the holidays.

It was a very hot day—much excitement as the children listened to the Test Match in which Rev. David Shepherd is playing.

One of the girls at the Junior School had an injury which necessitated medical stitching. This school has recently had a new Headmistress appointed, and today, the last day of term, we were privileged to meet her when she called to see how the little girl was. Undoubtedly she will be very co-operative for the welfare of our children.

One of the staff addressed the Eldon Road Women's Fellowship.

Children broke up for summer holidays.

27th Eldon Road, 15/- . Manor Park, £2 for holidays. Our routine in the holiday is a little different. We lay in

bed for an extra half an hour, but those who wish to have a Quiet Time get up before the bell to do so. We have family prayers after breakfast, instead of after tea and we decided to read through the 119th Psalm in the period before the holiday proper commences. We are surprised at all the "jewels" to be dug out of this Psalm.

There was a rousing cheer at the dinner table today when over the wireless came the news that David Shepherd had scored a century!

We felt today that the time had come to say "Go" for the erection of the new laundry and alterations to basement floors of the houses 18-24. It is a big step of faith—cutting all ties of security that are contained in the knowledge of a "Deposit Account."

A letter from a dear friend in Canada saying, "Surely the time has come to 'go forward'" and the words of the Scriptures "Prove me now" were amongst other indications of His will in this matter and we launched ahead confident in Him.

News of our friend who is ill and for whom we are praying is that he is slowly gaining strength.

28th "The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and the storm" were the words from Scripture that we read today. We experienced one of the most severe gales which we can remember. Our tennis nets which had only this week been erected came down overnight!

Some of the children went away to stay with a parent or friends. Others went swimming. Another Senior girl left to go back to her father—we pray that she may be "Kept by His Power" during the difficult days ahead.

29th Wind still raging. Tree across the road at Chigwell but we managed to get both cars home for dinner by mounting the pavement between a bus stop sign and the fence. Good services at Abridge, and following the evening service some helpful testimonies were given by Wycliff Students. The message to us was that when one severs all earthly ties, then God meets the need. Trust more in God and receive more blessings! Make sure pride does not come in to spoil our witness.

30th Too breezy for early morning swimming today. "And the Lord said unto Joshua 'Go prepare victuals for in three days ye shall pass over this Jordan'"

31st "He guided them by the skilfulness of His hands."
Legacy, £10. Anon, £8 (for holidays).

August

1st A cold wet, rainy, windy, day!

2nd Westcliff, £20 for holidays.

Another Senior Girl left to return to her mother. Our prayers are with her that God will bless her and make her

a blessing in her home.

Ilford, £2.

3rd Stocksfield-on-Tyne, £5. Woodford Green, £2. Gravesend, £1. Holloway, £1.

4th We have been making preparations for holidays—getting clothes ready, etc., but staff still inwardly hoping we might be leaving Woodford. Not knowing the future as He does we leave all to Him and resolve that in His Path our holiday will be a happy and beneficial one, even if we remain at home.

5th Services at Abridge as usual. We have much enjoyed fellowship with the Wycliff students who have not only taken part in our services but also supported and encouraged us in the open air work.

6th Some of us enjoyed attending the Wycliff Open Day. Torrential rain these past days has made their camp like a swamp, but as Mr. and Mrs. Cowan remarked—it is good training for the Mission Field. God wonderfully overruled for the day—the weather forecast was reversed and rain expected for the afternoon, arrived in the morning and the afternoon was heralded with bright sunshine which continued for the proceedings. We were interested to listen to Mr. Cowan endeavouring to write down the language of a coloured man whose language he had never heard before, and which has not been written. We saw a film of the activities in the Wycliff Training Base Camp in Peru. We heard testimonies of students who from different spheres of life are seeking to follow the pathway God has chosen for them on the Mission Fields.

7th Chigwell, £20, "For use at the Children's Home and Mission in whatever way the Lord directs."

Halstead, £3.

All holiday preparations finalised. A Squad system to be implemented so that the domestic burden is shared by all. One or two staff with two children to do all cooking, washing up clearing up, etc. on their duty days, leaving everyone else to be "on holiday." Packing all done—clothes ready—tomorrow is the day.

8th Squad No. 1 on duty. Good breakfast (surprisingly so). Dining Room arrangements different from the usual—smaller tables only used, all moved over to windows. No table cloths—polished tables! After breakfast, family prayers. For the morning, swimming at the Lido, but cold. Dinner—rather than "feeling out of it" the Squad was watched with envy and admired by others who looked forward to their turn when the larder and its contents would be at their disposal!

There was a cricket match in the afternoon. At tea time the squad dressed in appropriate caps and aprons wheeled

in the trolley, duly decorated for the occasion, and announced:—

"Frying, cooking, baking,
It can be O' such fun,
If we keep in mind that others
Should enjoy it when its done.
Of course we are not college trained,
But we'll do our very best
To ensure you have enough to eat
Yet still enjoy your rest !

A television set had been borrowed for the holiday period. Mr. White made it quite clear that we should be very careful when and what we watched. We shouldn't stay indoors when the sun was shining and we shouldn't put on the switch at 2 p.m. and leave it switched on for the rest of the day !

Today was an extra busy day for the Squad because tomorrow we shall be out all day and it was their duty to prepare not only dinner and tea, and supper for today, but also to prepare dinner and tea for tomorrow. However a peep at the rota revealed that each squad has a duty on one of these busy days.

The gifts specially designated for the holidays were used for the purpose and our menu included luxuries which we do not usually have in the ordinary everyday routine. A holiday indeed !

Bill arrived home for week-end leave from Catterick.

9th Reveille 6 a.m. Breakfast 6.45. Family Prayers led by one of staff 7.15. Coach arrived 8 a.m. to take us to Little Holland for the day. A lovely warm day. High tide. Lots of swimming—if we can't swim we're trying hard to learn. The staff quietly noticed how interested other folk were in our Family and opportunities for a word for the Lord were given when people asked questions about us.

Coming home we sang choruses in the coach and finished with "How good is the God we adore," our Home Anthem, as we neared home.

10th A lay-in today to make up for the long day out yesterday. Children encouraged to read their daily S.U. Notes. There is to be a Quiz soon. Mr. Crowhurst took our Family Prayers today and the thoughts centred round the Miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. How unusual for a boy not to have eaten his dinner ! How unusual for a boy to give away his dinner !

Lastly—tidiness. Christ Himself ordered that all the fragments should be collected.

This morning we divided into groups, some went walking, some went rowing, some went shopping, etc., etc.

Rain seems to fall when we decide to be at home so we

remained indoors for the rest of the day watching television when the programme was interesting.

11th After breakfast at prayers Mrs. Webb told us a lovely story of a little Chinese Boy whose simple prayers and simple faith were abundantly rewarded. A forceful challenge to us! This morning we made our way over to Valentines Park which turned out to be deserted. The weather appeared doubtful so presumably this was the reason for the absence of other folk, but apart from the distant noise of traffic we could well imagine ourselves in some far away country mansion garden. We had a swim in the swimming bath (there was no one else there either) and we had the attention of the attendants to teach us new swimming strokes and even how to swim.

To warm up, afterwards we had a game of football—girls as well joining in to show the boys how to play. Rain began to fall but we didn't worry—just found a nice cosy nook under a group of trees and ate our picnic lunch.

After dinner—a game of cricket—even little Ted aged four managed to wield the bat in quite professional manner.

Roger went to a wedding today. His "adopted" Auntie and Uncle were married at Ashurst Drive Baptist Church and they had very especially arranged for Roger to be there, and we understand it was a very blushing little boy who was called to be in the centre of the photographs! Surely a courting couple who have given many of their Saturday afternoons to taking a little boy out to watch football, or for a picnic, are really showing the unselfish practical Christian spirit !

12th When on holiday you can choose your place of worship and having left all arrangements for the Abridge services during our holiday period in the hands of Mr. Olney and the Wycliff folk we were free to really be "on holiday." This morning we went to Grove Road Evangelical Free Church and this evening to Canfield Hall. It was really an outstanding experience to meet with other local Christian friends and to worship with them. This afternoon Mr. Pride from the W.L.C. took our Sunday School. Being holiday time, we all went to the evening service, the little ones having had a sleep before Sunday School.

13th Morning—Painting Competition. Afternoon—swimming at the Lido. The advantage of doubtful weather is that people are afraid to go out so we enjoy our outings all the more because places are not crowded !

Mr. and Mrs. White had to spend time today with Architect, Engineer and Building Manager discussing final plans for erection of laundry and alterations.

14th Another day out. Early reveille. Family prayers taken by Mr. and Mrs. Chopard, our Swiss friends. Walton was

the target. Very windy but no rain interrupted our programme. Plenty of time for swimming.

- 15th After breakfast the first S.U. Quiz. Gifts, E.L. Tottenham, £1. Northfleet, £1. Puckeridge, £5.

This morning we were able to go down to Ashton Playing Fields where, because of the understanding and co-operation of the Chairman, a cricket pitch had been specially prepared for us. Today it was Staff v. Children. In the afternoon, swimming again. Back for tea and television. Although television is perhaps a lazy form of entertainment, yet at least it is a time of relaxation for the staff who day by day are literally "on the go."

- 16th We divided into groups this morning and when on return home we compared notes, we found we had all visited a Woolworth's—at Ilford, Leytonstone, Wanstead or Loughton!

This afternoon we watched (with some sadness) Mr. Olney and the senior boys chopping down a large sycamore tree. This has to be removed as it stands where the foundation of the new laundry will be. We planned indoor games and it rained. The theme seems to be—and we definitely feel that having asked God to undertake in **every** detail HE is doing so—when we go out it is fine—when we stay in it's wet.

Mr. Pierre Chopard gave us a violin recital this evening—it was most enjoyable and we only wish we had more time to listen to Mr. Chopard's playing while he is in England.

- 17th A unique outing today. No, we didn't go to the seaside, but we took our swimming costumes. Our coach arrived at 8 o'clock and we went the opposite way—we made for Cambridge. On arrival we split into groups to get a "morning coffee," or perhaps an ice-cream, whilst also a map of the town was acquired. Next we found the "Jesus Green Swimming Pool" which was right by the River Cam. In coming to Cambridge the remark had been made, it's sure to be more expensive at a swimming bath in Cambridge than here at home, so take plenty of cash. But to our delight it only cost 2d. instead of 4d.! We had a swim in this pretty pool and then lunch under a shelter overlooking Jesus Green. It seemed strange hearing such names as "Christ's College," "Jesus Ditch," "Jesus College"—it seemed to us irreverent, but on looking through a brief survey of the history of Cambridge we discovered that this university town had been established in a time of religious revival and obviously the founders of the colleges, etc. had chosen these precious names in reverence and sincerity.

After dinner—the river being deserted by other sightseers, it seemed an opportune time to go "punting." We tried to explain to Mr. Chopard in English what a punt was and

how you manœuvred it but eventually Mrs. Chopard caused us to be silent and spell bound as "ninteen to the dozen" she exploded into a French explanation of what had to be done. If visitors have not seen the view of Cambridge from the River—they have missed one of the most beautiful sights to be seen in England. This quiet winding river flows between vividly green sloping lawns which form the foreground for views of St. John's College, Trinity College, Clare College, King's College and others. There are the low grey stone bridges under which the punts float and which complete the scene of beauty and grandeur. After this experience we divided into groups to explore as much of the town as we could. Some of us managed to see the King's College Chapel and were left breathless and amazed at the beauty of it. We met again for a picnic tea on the banks of the river and after tea we reluctantly had to make our way back to the coach.

But our sightseeing hadn't ended—we travelled back along a different route part of the way and included a visit to Audley End Mansion. Back home again—a nice supper awaiting us—and BED.

- 18th Morning—Swimming at Valentines Park: Afternoon—walk to Knighton Woods: Evening—Television.

- 19th Sunday—the special day once more. We popped along to the Baptist Church this morning: had two students from Redcliff College who are at Chigwell Course to take the Sunday School and this evening went to Salway Hall.

- 20th Swimming this morning and cricket in the afternoon.

- 21st An all day outing to Frinton. It's not easy to find places within reach of London which are not too crowded during August, but once more we succeeded in our choice. The tide was high and some of the nine-year olds managed to swim some distance out to a raft. The greatest



feat having arrived at the raft, was to get on it, but this was achieved even if the waves did tip us off again!

22nd We had a very enjoyable table tennis tournament today. Everyone took part, but the children started off with a plus five advantage over staff. The children played remarkably well and there was a very happy spirit even if we lost a match. We also had another cricket match at Ashton Playing Fields. Another S.U. Quiz. Prizes were awarded to those gaining a high percentage according to age.

23rd Swimming and games. This time team games, etc. Children's Hour Television was very interesting. One of the luxuries of the holiday for the staff was a "sit down" supper each evening all together. In the ordinary everyday routine we hardly ever have time together apart from Staff Prayers each morning, and the time spent around the supper table was most interesting and happy.

24th Today was very sunny, but cold. We had planned an out to Windsor. On the way we called at Isleworth Swimming Pool—semi-indoors—and had a lovely time. Some of us who weren't usually very daring, found it quite warm and enjoyable. At Windsor we had our lunch picnicing in the Long Walk. Next we made our way to the Castle. The soldiers on guard had to be very serious as our little children spent a long long time looking at them very hard and hoping to see a smile or a blink, but they were on duty and didn't fail!

We went through the State Apartments and wondered where royalty kept their belongings only to discover vast big cupboards tucked away in the pannelled walls. We climbed right up to the top of the Round Tower where we were told we could see 17 counties of England. We saw the Queen's Doll's House and were amazed to find it up to date with modern vacuum cleaners, television, etc. We went to Runnymede for a picnic tea by the river and one of the small boys was somewhat dismayed when his bun suddenly disappeared. A swan stretched his long neck over his shoulder and helped himself! The children pleaded for a swim in the River—so in they went. Next, homewards for supper and bed. "How good is the God we adore." We lovingly and sincerely felt this as day by day we went out—saw His beauty and handiwork and felt His protecting care and blessing around.

25th Swimming—table tennis—games, etc.

26th This morning we walked over to Claybury Park Baptist Church and this evening to Canfield Hall. A foreign student from Wycliff took our Sunday School—the children were interested in him and he in the children. He stayed to tea.

27th Torrential rain this morning—but why not go swimming—you get wet either way! We were disappointed because the

Test Match was "washed out," but we were glad we weren't out for the day.

28th Our last full day out. The vote was that we should go to Little Holland again and we had a lovely time in the water and playing on the sands. We found ourselves to be parked nearby some local Christian friends who were spending their holiday in the district.

29th The last day of the holiday always has a somewhat sad tinge for children. The thought of packing and going home isn't always welcome—they wish holidays could go on for always. In the morning we had our last swim at Valentines. In the afternoon a Treasure Hunt was organised and some quite hard thinking was necessary to decipher the clues. Next there was a Scavenger Hunt. The children were divided into small groups and given a list as follows:—Silver Birch Catkin: Black Beetle: 3d. Piece: Pencil: 2d. Stamp: Time of No. 10 Bus to Abridge to be in time for Sunday Morning Service: Sycamore Fruit: Ant: Used Match: Yesterday's Newspaper, etc., etc., etc. We always try to avoid worrying local inhabitants on these occasions. Last time in order to find the time of a train the children asked a ticket collector instead of using the timetable. Eventually to any young person who approached the station he had the time ready. This time our local newsagent was the victim and he provided a yesterday's newspaper free of charge for each group!

We had our last holiday tea. "Wonder Cakes" were provided for the celebration. Mr. White hadn't been well but managed to get downstairs to see us. It was with a sense of humility, awe and wonder that we had our Family Prayers. Looking back over the three weeks there was the evidence of His answers to prayer throughout, His blessing—of His overruling in the details and we humbly gave Him the glory.

30th Our neighbour, for whom we have been constantly praying, is on the road to recovery.

Woodford Green, 10/-. Leyton, £2/12/-. N.13, £5.

Heathfield, "We have been reminded that it is time to send to you again. You have been in our family prayers frequently and we were glad to get the 'Links' last time and to see how the LORD is working in and through you. I am sure of this that when one begins in Faith a work for the LORD, the right course is to go on IN FAITH, in spite of all the seeming contradictions and attacks of the enemy. The LORD will show HIS will from time to time—but there must of necessity be tests and more tests deeper each time. One can clearly see this in the life of the Apostle Paul (see II Cor. 4 8-18). So that we must not be alarmed if "our faith is made to rock," as someone says. I continually fall back

on God's own choice of His vessels in 1 Cor 1 v. 27.

- 1 Foolish things
- 2 Weak things
- 3 Base things
- 4 Despised things
- 5 Are not things

So that any accomplishment gives the glory solely to HIM. At the same time keeps us very humble and utterly dependent upon HIM.

We have this **treasure** in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us (in whom the weaknesses, fears, etc., still abide) so that there may be "More than Conquerors" brought to light.

May you experience much joy in the Lord and may the Work be such a witness as to make a real impact upon those who hear of it, or see it. Will you please accept the enclosed £2 as a token of our fellowship with you in this work.

Peterborough, £1. St. Albans, 10/-. Primary Sunday School of Clerkenwell, and Islington Medical Mission, £1.

September

- 1st Woodford Green, £10.
- 2nd After the holiday it was very refreshing to be back at Abridge once again for the Services.
- 3rd Enfield, 10/-. Two of the children had birthdays today so we sang the traditional "Happy birthday to you" and had ice-cream for tea.
George, one of our Senior lads, commenced at a new job.
- 4th East Rudham, sack of carrots (just as we had changed the menu for dinner because carrots weren't available. We changed back again!) Mr. White received a Notice to attend a Bristol court regarding a Family Allowance dispute between a parent whose children used to be here and the Ministry of Pensions.
- 5th Preparations for school tomorrow and an early night.
- 6th School again. Peace and Quiet at home! N.W.2, £5.
The challenge for day by day prayer to God for the supply not only of the current needs but the extra required for the erection of new laundry and alterations.
- 7th Lighthouse Mission, Canning Town, £5/5/-. Cricket Match at Wanstead Park—the last of the Season. Mavis started work at Woodford Green.
Ilford, pram—just what we needed for young Victor.
- 8th After a wet, windy cold week the Abridge Sunday School enjoyed a warm sunny day at Walton-on-Naze.
A unique happening today (recorded in Editorial Notes).
- 9th Wycliff Language Course representatives conducted the services all day at Abridge. Mr. White took a service at

Cranham Baptist Church. Cranham was a little country place until after the war when new housing estates have been built necessitating further evangelical witness in the District.

A service is held every Sunday evening in a workmen's old canteen and the folk are praying and working that a church might be erected in the near future.



Relaxing after Sunday Dinner

- 10th "A," £1. Loughton, "I am enclosing herewith a cheque for £8. A friend who lived with us has just 'gone to be with the Lord Jesus' for whom she worked in many ways and among her interests was 'Mr. White's Home.' Her request was that, although she would like some small floral tributes she would rather that we collected the money for the work among the children, hence the cheque, and we send it with her Christian love to you all. Although this dear one suffered a great deal, hers has been a wonderful testimony and her faith in the Saviour was a wonderful witness in Whipps Cross Hospital and also with her relatives at Epping. We would like you please to continue to send 'Links' to this address, as we still maintain a prayerful interest in the work. Under your care are some children in whom I have a special interest as I attended their mother at the birth of each of them and prayer was made for them all. Circumstances have proved the faithfulness of our God for who would have ever thought events would turn out that those children would, in such unique circumstances, be

brought under such Christian influence as I know they get with all at the Home."

Cranham Baptist Church, £1/1/-.

11th East Rudham, sack carrots. Mr. White spent the whole day travelling to, at, and travelling back from Bristol to attend the Ministry of Pensions Family Allowance Case. Humanly speaking from our point of view it seemed a day wasted except for a very interesting chat with an American gentleman on the way back. It was an opportunity for witness and for mutual blessing. Received en route gift £1.

12th Manor Park, 10/-. Epping, £1. Ilford, 9/1. Acton, parcel of secondhand clothes, "I have read 'Links' with much interest and would greatly appreciate any further news of your splendid work."

Dr. Willings, the new partner with Drs. David Smith and Carey Baker came to address our Prayer Meeting. We were glad to get to know him better and appreciated his helpful message—He pointed out how we long to see our children grow mentally, physically and spiritually—how Christ Himself grew 'in wisdom, in stature and in favour with God and man.' The message was a special challenge to those of us who have the care of children.

13th Buckhurst Hill, 10/-. Nash, 10/-. N.W.2, parcel second-hand clothes. We recommenced our Women's Meeting after the summer holiday break. One of the staff came down to do some visiting in the village. We find that Jehovah's Witnesses are very active in Abridge. Regularly every Sunday morning while we are holding our morning service, they visit the new housing estate.

14th N.W.7, £5. Woodford, 10/- and harvest gifts. Billy came home for week-end leave from Catterick.

15th Friends at Abridge decorated the church ready for our Harvest Thanksgiving Services to be held tomorrow.

A group of people belonging to the Post Office Christian Association came to have their tea here and to look round the Home. They provided ice-creams for the children and were much amused to see them tucking into "hot potatoes in their jackets" for supper just before leaving.

16th Our harvest services. Mr. White having rejected many preaching requests for this Sunday in order to keep it free for Abridge found himself spending the day at home with a severe cold. It was so disappointing, especially as we had Dr. David Smith to conduct the evening service. We praise God for the clear gospel message—we were reminded that the "wheat and tares are together sown" and that the tares **will be** thrown into the fire. It surely behoves us to make sure of our position in God's sight, to strive to bring the Gospel Message to the notice of others.

17th South Woodford, 10/- and some harvest goods. Waltham Abbey £3/4/6 brought round by the friend of a neighbour. P.O.C.A., £10. Liverpool, £1. Napier Road Sunday School, £1/0/2.

18th Woodford Green, "We want to thank you for lodging our car all these years in both yard and garage. I miss all the happy faces and cheery words I used to get from anyone who was about when I was fetching the car and putting it away. I don't ever remember hearing a moan or an angry word even from a child—and I think that pays tribute to the truly happy family atmosphere which is so obvious to a casual unexpected visitor as I was almost daily. We were so pleased to see the beginning of your extension when we delivered the harvest goods today. Please accept enclosed towards the new work.

19th Latimer Hall Sunday School, £2.

20th Home Box, £3/6/-. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at Abridge. This is held every Thursday evening.

21st Walthamstow, £1. Our optician performed a routine check on four of the children. Preparations for tomorrow's visitors.

22nd A busy day for we expect nearly one hundred visitors and they will arrive soon after 3 o'clock. They came from Hook Free Church, Surrey, and have had a very keen interest in our Family for many years. The children were hosts and hostesses and presided over the tables pouring out the tea, etc. All the visitors looked round the Home and afterwards we had Family Prayers when we were able in a few words to endorse the testimony of God's Faithfulness.

23rd The Meldrum Sunday School had Harvest Services and Mr. White with some of the older children celebrated with the folk there. Mrs. Webb spoke to the children at Mathews Memorial Chapel. This was the last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Chopard spent with us in the work and we invited Mr. Chopard to play his violin at the Evening Service at Abridge. Dr. Carey Baker was our speaker. We had a farewell supper to Mr. and Mrs. Chopard and presented them with a photograph album autographed by all the children and staff.

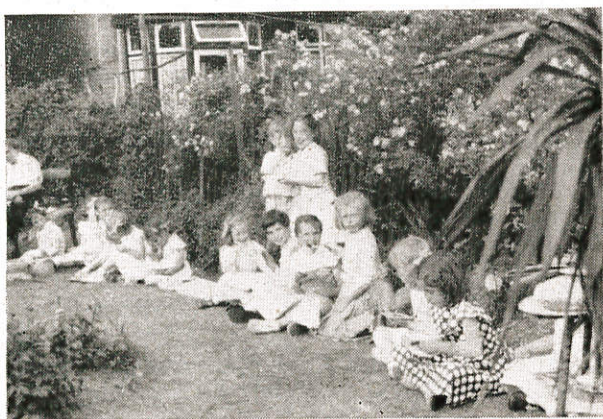
24th Meldrum Sunday School, £1. Hanworth Welcome Mission Women's Meeting, 5/-. Family Service, Manor Hall, £2.

Ridgeway Hall Sunday School, Chingford, £5. An annual day in our calendar—a visit to Kentish Town Mission. We left the very young children at home, and the rest had a scrumptious tea at K.T.M. and later took part in the Harvest Service, returning home afterwards with the produce. We always enjoy the happy and friendly atmosphere at K.T.M. and are conscious of a very lively prayer partnership.

The workmen today moved into the sewing room for alterations.

- 25th Stratford Railway Mission, 5/-. Hook, 5/-. Epping C.C., £1/10/-. Tottenham Baptist Church, £4/5/-. Hook Free Church, £8/5/-. Ley Street Hall Sunday School, £2/13/-. £8/5/-. Ley Street Hall Sunday School, £2/13/-.
- 27th Mr. White took services at Strood, Kent. Interviewed a parent of one of the children. Stratford, 10/- and 10/-. London, £2. Anon, £1.
- 28th Wycliff Language Course, £10. Strood Women's Meeting, £10.
- 29th Some of the boys played football with their Sunday School team. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton came to spend the week-end. Mrs. Sutton was in the Home as a child, later as a worker until she married. Their son is now married.
- 30th Mr. Sutton conducted our services at Abridge. He is the husband of one of our "old" girls. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton had tea with the children and related to us the history of the use of all the different ground floor rooms in time past. What is now the laundry and soon to be bath-rooms was then the kitchen. The present clothing store was the boys' dining room, etc., etc.,

Two staff went to East London Tabernacle Sunday School and Primary.



A Picnic With Pen Friends.

HARVESTS RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1956

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| Rise Park Hall, Romford. | Latchett Hall, South Woodford. |
| Lifeboat Mission, Leytonstone. | Mountnessing Congregational Church. |
| Broadmead Sunday School, Woodford. | Barnet Brotherhood & Sisterhood. |
| Napier Road Baptist Sunday School, Tottenham. | Out and Out Mission, Bow. |
| Leytonstone Methodist Church. | L.C.M. Hall, Siddons Road, N.17. |
| Keswick Hall, Epping. | Ingrave Hall, Romford. |
| Chingford Hatch Methodist Church. | Avenue Hall, Woodford Green. |
| Canvey Island Baptist Church. | L.C.M. Ridley Hall, Forest Gate. |
| Hook Evangelical Free Church, Surbiton. | Fillebrook Baptist Church, Leytonstone. |
| Abridge Evangelical Free Church. | Springfield Hall, Tottenham. |
| Salway Hall Primary, Woodford Green. | Paddington Chapel. |
| Folkestone Road Hall, Walthamstow. | Goodmayes Baptist Church. |
| Manor Hall, Boreham Wood. | Wood Lane Baptist Church, Goodmayes. |
| Kentish Town Mission. | Claybury Park Baptist Church, Ilford. |
| Stratford Railway Mission | Kings Road Baptist Church, Chingford. |
| Tottenham Baptist Church. | Blackmore Baptist Church, Essex. |
| Ley Street Hall, Ilford. | Salisbury Road Junior School, Romford. |
| Chase Cross Baptist Church, Romford. | Cannhall Road Infants' School & Dames Road Extension. |
| Epping Congregational Church. | St. Mary Magdalene Primary School, Holloway. |
| Shrubland Road Congregational Church. | Woodford Baptist Church. |
| Mathews Memorial Methodist Church, Chingford. | Little Ilford Baptist Tabernacle Life Boys. |
| Salem Baptist Church, Romford. | Cranham Baptist Church. |
| Ashley Hall, St. Albans. | Canfield Hall, Woodford Bridge. |
| Meldrum Sunday School, Goodmayes. | Cambridge Hall S.S., Edmon- ton. |
| Waltham Cross Baptist Church. | |
| Waltham Abbey Baptist Church. | |

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| Upshire Church. | Keswick Hall, Walthamstow. |
| Sherm Hall Methodist, Walthamstow. | Cleveland Road Baptist Church, Ilford. |
| L.C.M. Hall, Runbold Road, Fulham. | Notting Hill Gate Bible Class. |
| Ardleigh Green Baptist Church, Hornchurch. | Wangey Road Congregational Church, Chadwell Heath. |
| East London Tabernacle Sunday School. | Willesden Hall. |
| Church of Christ, Newbury Park. | Alma Road Mission, Ponders End. |
| Woodford Green United Free Church. | Wood Street Baptist Church, Walthamstow. |
| Brook Street Chapel, Tottenham. | Mill Lane, High Ongar Sunday School. |
| Woodford Parish Church. | Ray Lodge Congregational Woodford Bridge. |
| Ashurst Drive Baptist Church, Ilford. | St. Edmund's S.S., Chingford. |
| Harold Park Baptist Church. | Hope Baptist Chapel, Forest Gate. |
| Stockwell Baptist Church. | Chapman Road, L.C.M. Hall, Hackney Wick. |
| Ingatestone Congregational Church. | Hoe Lane Chapel, Abridge. |
| Anstey Union Chapel. | High Cross Chapel, Nr. St. Albans. |



Ready for School

OUR DAY

9th June, 1956

What a **challenge** to our hearts we received on OUR DAY through the words of the choruses and songs, and the texts recited by the children!

"I have a Saviour Who is mighty to keep,
One, two, three, four, five, six, seven days a week,
I have a Saviour Who is mighty to keep,
Fifty-two weeks in the year."

That first chorus of the **afternoon meeting** set the keynote to a wonderfully inspiring day, and was followed by:—

"Keep in touch with Jesus" and
"Have Faith in God, the sun will shine," and many people present must have realised the connection between the last two choruses, "There's a Way back to God," and 'I'm Happy in Jesus, I'm Happy in Him.'"

Pastor H. G. Goddard led the afternoon Meeting and we commenced with the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesu's Name." With its triumphant chorus, "Crown Him Lord of All," every heart was stirred.

Then the children continued with a challenge, "Have you heard the good news of the Gospel?"

Next, Mr. White gave a report of the past twelve months:—

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine: thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all: and in thine hand is power and might: and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now there, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name."

This is the Day of our Annual Meetings, always intimately referred to as, "Our Day." It marks the 56th occasion that Prayer Partners have gathered like this to give thanks and praise to God. Indeed we delight to do so—we just have to express our feelings—like Habakkuk—"I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my Salvation."

God has been our ALL SUFFICIENCY. We join too with David—"Thine O Lord is the greatness—the power—the glory—the victory and the majesty! Thou art exalted as head above all."

How rapidly the years seem to slide by. It is fascinating to try and trace the experiences which form the pattern of God's weaving through the years, from 1899 until now. There have been thrilling instances of answers to prayer—His upholding in the trials, temptations and disappointments—the unexpected victories and blessings. How carefully and lovingly God has undertaken. Father reminded me often during his last days that the Children's Home & Mission

was God's Work—not his, and that his God is our God **and** that our God is able—able to do all things well—He never fails.

I am finding it difficult this year to make clear in Report Form the experience which has been ours this past year. You see, in many ways it has not been a year of outstanding things—viz., of many conversions among the children: of noticeable spiritual growth amongst those who are Christians: of numerous **specific** answers to prayer: influx of children in need of help. **AND YET**, it has been a year of blessing!

Let us glance at the financial aspect for instance. On the 1st May, 1955, with a small balance in hand of £176 we looked ahead realising that we should need approximately £6,000 to meet the everyday needs for the year **and so to prayer!** Our total receipts for the year were £6,589.

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| Ordinary expenditure | £5,867 |
| Special Repair expenditure | £288 |
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This shows the happy and healthy financial state of affairs of, excess income over expenditure, £434. This together with our balance from last year of £176, gave us a balance in the present current account of £610. With grateful hearts and especially when realising the rising living costs of the present day, we acknowledge God's goodness and the readiness and willingness of His people to react in this practical way, to His promptings. "Can God meet the modern conditions and requirements of this 20th Century civilisation?" is the question which is often asked. Here alone is one irrefutable fact—in answer to prayer—no appeal to mankind—**HE AND HE** alone has met the need in providing enough and more to cover a Family complete, of 62.

Do not think this has just happened—**NO**—there has been day-by-day earnest prayer unitedly and individually, on the part of each one of the staff. I hope no one here tries to phone us between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, because that is the time we meet around God's word, the Bible, and unite for praise and prayer. I'm afraid if we left the phone connected at that time we should never have an uninterrupted session! Our days are crammed full with activities from morning to night, but our life line is prayer and God is our source of supply. We thank all prayer partners too for your intercessory prayers—we do know that so many remember us at the Throne of Grace—each day. As together we have sought Him, He has heard and answered, according to His promise—"He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him!"

Gifts, large and small, from far and near, have shown us again that God can direct just in His time and way and according to the need of that hour. The figure of money in respect of "income" already quoted, is only part of the story. Day-by-day throughout the year, gifts of varying kinds have been received which, if valued,

would reveal more outstanding financial surprises. There are the sacks of fresh greens and carrots which arrive from a farm week by week: the beautifully hand knitted socks and garments made by individuals and working parties: toys and Christmas trees: Christmas crackers: the tremendous store of groceries, fruit and vegetables received from Churches, Chapels and Schools at Harvest time.

The Financial gifts come sometimes from young folk who perhaps have been out carol singing or collected amongst themselves in other ways: sometimes quite anonymously: from Sunday Schools: from business men and women: very often from folk who have known the work from its inception and year by year they have set aside a portion of their income for our Family: sometimes from folk who have only just heard of us: then there is the letter from a Solicitor indicating that a client has left a sum, maybe small, maybe large, in his or her will for the C.H. & M. You see, God knows our need not only today, but tomorrow—He, in His great power, brings the past and present and future together, to bring about His will and manifest His power.

It has been a happy year in the staff circle. We acknowledge before God, the great value to us individually and collectively of the year's experiences. He has taught us—challenged us—pruned us—strengthened our Faith. We praise Him for the necessary schooling in the nature of the daily happenings, which have drawn us closer to Him and to each other—all one in Christ Jesus. I wish to say here that my Mother, Wife and I are very grateful to each of the staff. They have given loyal and unstinting service through the twelve months. No set hours—but an "all the time" service unto God and giving of their best for the kiddies, that they might be well looked after and have every happiness which childhood days require. The labour of the staff unfolds another financial surprise. Our staff very literally "labour for love"—they do not expect any material or financial gain. If we paid them what would be a business value of their work, our expenditure would be greatly increased. We know that God rejoices in the labour so freely given and He will reward them, for He is no man's debtor.

Now about the children. Well, here they are before you—some of the younger ones at the side—one or two older ones are at work but will be here this evening and others are stewarding. There are 46 in all ranging from 5—21 years of age. Thirteen have left and 9 have joined us since 1st May, 1955. Eight hundred and fourteen children have spent part of their childhood with us. We praise God that some know Him as Father through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the greatest thrill in all the work, when a young person accepts Him as Saviour! On behalf of the staff I would ask you to pray earnestly for them. The Scripture says—in fact, Jesus said—"Except ye be converted and come as little children."—I firmly believe there is more in this verse than is generally acknowledged. Whilst the heart is young and tender this is the opportune time for Jesus to come in and take control. What a tragedy it is to understand from recent statistics that out of

11,500,000 children of school age in our country, only 3,000,000 attend Sunday School. Our young folk here are often the only scholars in their day-school-classroom, who go on Sunday afternoon to God's House. In other words—oddities—according to present day standards.

Is not this a challenge to us all? What of our beloved land in 20 years' time? The child who is privileged to have a Christian background has many problems today, which we did not have to face in our childhood. They do need our prayers—we must be fully alert to their needs and problems.

We have all had good health during the year. Dr. Smith has given his report. We deeply appreciate the services of Dr. Smith and Dr. Carey Baker, our Medical Officers: of Mr. Henry Hole who takes care of our eyes and provides spectacles when necessary: and of Mr. Stephen Smith, our Dentist, who inspects our teeth and repairs, or eradicates them, if need be. Incidentally, Mr. Smith showed us some films one evening all about teeth. Having seen the subtle and efficient way the germs eat into teeth—the effect on the children was stupendous. I've never seen so many anxious faces peering into the looking glass—so many piston like arms pushing the toothbrushes up and down with such determination and vigour. If any parents have difficulty in getting their children to clean their teeth, ask for Mr. Smith, plus film!

Schooling. The children are all progressing normally—some quicker than others, but all with encouragement from the staff. We do like to see them making the best of the vital school days. There are opportunities each evening for healthy and profitable recreation—model making—dressmaking—table tennis—badminton, etc., etc. We see many other young folk aimlessly loitering in the streets, but the general cry from our young people—even when we question them as to why they haven't washed properly is—"I didn't have time—I was so busy, etc., etc."

The family you see in front here isn't of course complete. There are many I can see in the congregation whom we term, the "old" members. We have had greetings from various parts of the country and overseas. Here are a few extracts from letters received, which I know you are always pleased to hear.

From an "old" girl,

Thank you very much for sending me the "Links." I found them very interesting. It brought back many memories of the time I spent with you and I often wish I was back with you all. I am very sorry to say that I will not be able to come down this Christmas as I have to work Christmas Day and Boxing Day . . . I don't know when I will be able to see you, it might be in February as I have two or three days off a month. God bless you all. Love to everyone with you.

From an "old" Boy,

Thank you for the lovely time on Tuesday (Boxing Day). It was indeed good to see you all. To say my family enjoyed it all

does not do justice to the good time we all had. Who was there who could not say "How good is the God we adore"? What a haven of refuge the home is in this troubled world. I came away with the ambition to make my home something more than a shelter, by more prayer and a closer contact with God so that something of the spirit at Crescent Road would be at Wanstead too.

From an "old" Girl,

Thank you very much for the wonderful time I spent with you at Christmas. It was so good to see all the old familiar faces and just chat and be generally jolly. It was very kind of you all to put me up. I do sincerely hope I was not leaving someone else bedless! Well, I do hope you are not too tired after the rush. I am always praying for you and the wonderful work you are doing.

From an "old" Girl,

I am writing a few lines to let you know that I have now moved so please would you send the "Links" at the address on this letter. Thank you for sending to me each year as I like to know how you all are getting on. I often sit and think of the happy years I spent at Woodford. I am hoping to be at the Annual Gatherings in June.

From an "old" Boy in the Forces,

Thank you very much for the Christmas present. It was very nice—I am half way through the book now. It is very good and brings back memories when as boys we used to pester you to get books by Mr. Dempster. You don't think I could still pester you for some more, do you? I would be very glad to pass them on to my mates. My best friend, also a London boy, wants to read the one I've got now. He is going on a Church course on Saturday. (Methodist.) Well, how is everybody at Home? Give all my love. I'm sorry I haven't written before. I like the "Links" this year. I don't know whether you will laugh at me or not but when I looked through the "Links," I almost cried—I just managed to stop myself. I realise how lucky I was to be in your care and I thank you for all you have done for me and my brother and sisters. I often wish I was back there. Good-bye, Sir, and God bless you and the good work you are doing. Yours gratefully. One of the "Old" boys. (Other books were sent by return.)

From an "old" girl abroad,

"It was so nice of you to write a special birthday letter for me. I had so many letters from Home that I didn't know where to start. Yes, I certainly do remember the party Margaret and I had when we were 17. Great fun. We are praying for you very much for your Easter programme—may God's blessing rest on all you do for Him. Marguerite is really such a treasure—I'd love you to see her. You'd never believe it, but at two and a half weeks she was smiling. Yes, really smiling—not wind! She is getting very big and fairly plump and her wide open eyes take in everything that goes on. We are planning to take some photographs of her

soon. We have told two friends of ours from the Church (at present in England) to pay you a visit. You'll like them very much I'm sure. We are praying for the Annual Meetings—God will surely bless those Meetings. Please give our love to everybody. Tons of love.

From an "old" girl (about a month after arrival in the Shetlands).

Very many thanks for your card you sent for our Wedding Anniversary. How quickly time passes. Even up here, the days seem to go by all too quickly, despite the quietness and peacefulness around. It is still rather cold, although we have had one or two nice days. It is the winds that are so persistent.

Karl is out at a cottage meeting this evening. This is the first one we have held at the request of one of our Church Members and we hope to have them fairly regularly. It started about an hour after the evening service. There are many people who would go to a cottage for a meeting, but would not go to Church. We hope to hold the meetings in a different house each time.

Last Thursday, we had what we call a "Ministers' Fraternal." All the Ministers and lay missionaries on the Island met together, to discuss spiritual matters and any other problems which may arise. We praise the Lord that all ministers are evangelical. There are three different denominations here—Church of Scotland, Methodist and United Free Church of Scotland.

Every now and again we have a united service in one of the Churches when all denominations meet together for a Sunday evening service with the Ministers taking turns to conduct the service. The next United Service will be held in our Church on 3rd June and Karl will be leading and the Methodist Minister will be preaching.

I expect you are getting ready for the Annual Meetings. We do wish we could join with you, but will be remembering you in prayer. By the way, don't forget to send us Links, will you?

Jürgen is getting on fine. With all our love and prayers.

From one of our "old" boys,

"I would like to thank you for the lovely welcome you gave us at Christmas. It seems very late to be writing this letter, but three evenings I go to classes and I *am always very hard working!* (obviously personal opinion). Rev. Cyril Noad stayed at our house in January. He came to preach for the week-end and no-one knew him except me, so we housed him.

Have you any more of those little booklets that unfold right out and show you various religious cults tested by the Word of God? They are little brown booklets and I remember you letting us have some when I was with you. If you have any, please could you forward about a dozen and half and let me know what the payment will be. We are studying this in Bible Class.

Please remember me to all, especially Mrs. White, Senior. May God bless you all.

We do not have time for more now—I shall be able to read from a few more this evening. These letters do cheer us so much.

Just a few more remarks and I shall be done!

Property.

Our property, which consists of six three-storeyed houses and large double hall and grounds, is continually receiving attention to keep it in trim. As many of you know, we fairly recently divided the lower hall into a Dining Room and two recreation rooms and these are a vast improvement. Others of you may know we are anticipating a more enterprising scheme of alteration for the basements of 4 of the houses, and plans have been approved by the Council. At the present time we are waiting re-estimation from the Builders because of adjustments to the plans. Included in this enterprise will be the erection of a single decker laundry on to the present building. This will be covered by the gift of £1,000 held in our deposit account which was given by a friend in memory of his mother. You can visualise, I am sure, the great asset this new laundry will be to the Family. No more washing, airing, ironing—within the houses. With regard to financing the rest of the venture, apart from the £1,000 mentioned already, we have a further £2,100 in deposit account and we are just praying and trusting that the Lord will meet any extra cost that may be necessary, in His own perfect way. We shall value your prayers too.

Abridge.

This part of our work has given much joy, although there have been the sad moments. It was just a year ago that our beloved Co-Pastor, Mr. Arnold Gilbert, who had laboured there for 16 years, was called Home very suddenly. You will have read details in Autumn "Links," but you can imagine the blow this was to us all. However, as we reviewed our friend's stalwart work and witness in the village we were all stirred to realise that we should fulfil more diligently our responsibilities in the village and seek to fill his place. There has been a fresh enthusiasm and earnest practical demonstrations of deep love for Christ, perhaps brought out most recently as all worked together under the foremanship of Mr. Olney, to completely re-decorate the interior of the Church. The numbers in the Sunday School and other Services have grown. We have commenced a Men's Fellowship on Monday evenings—a small beginning and not growing as rapidly as one would wish, but we can already see blessing through this venture. The Young People's Recreational Fellowship on Wednesdays and Young Sowers' League on Thursdays are well attended as also are the Women's Meeting and Bible Study and Prayer Meetings. Last Sunday evening, when we re-opened the Church after the interior decorations, it was full, and it was very fitting that on this worthy occasion we unveiled a plaque in appreciation of the services of our late friend Mr. Gilbert. I would ask you all constantly and earnestly to pray for the village of Abridge where God has given us a great responsibility. There has been house-to-house visitation

during the year and we look forward to more personal contacts and also open air witness.

I must bring my report to a close. I very ashamedly realise that for several years I have thrown the carefully-prepared programme out of order, by being too lengthy. I am determined not to do so now.

In closing I sum up in this way. Throughout the "quietness" (that is our spiritual experience—not the practical!) of the year, there has been evident the sure knowledge of His Presence—His voice—His guidance. That quiet confident belief that He was and is, working out His Plan for us. We do know that when He undertakes, He doeth all things well and so I would say this—that there is a feeling within, confirmed by the careful experiences around, that He has something great in store. We are content to leave all to Him.

May our time of fellowship be the means in Gods' hands of stimulating our faith.

As we rose to sing the favourite old hymn, "My Faith it is an Oaken Staff," many of the visitors present—old friends from near and far—could have testified that this theme had been true in their lives for many years.

A very appealing item followed. Ten of the little children sang "Jesus Bids us Shine," and then each recited a verse showing something which can put out the "lights" in our lives—Selfishness, Greed, Unkindness, Untruthfulness, and so on. But the last child depicted how the love of God can light all the candles again.

Next, an older girl recited, clearly and confidently, "The Incomparable Christ," and this was followed by the Children's Choir singing "Jesus is Calling."

One of the highlights of the whole day was the way in which the children recited texts. This took a novel form. Mr. David Olney had made large cards, and each child held one. On each card was one letter, and the child recited a text beginning with that letter. Later in the day, the letters, expertly strung together, were hoisted aloft above the organ, and the text then read,

SEEK YE THE LORD, WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND.

The Rev. Ernest F. Kevan addressing the Meeting said:—

"Mr. White, and Friends of the Children's Homes. May I say how very happy I am to be associated with you once more. I am glad that I was allowed to sit in a pew facing the children: the last time I was here I was perched in the corner, and I saw nothing. I have had a wonderful view this afternoon, and I have taken my fill of the loveliness, and I rejoice in being able to gaze upon the boys and girls for whom you are caring in the Homes. We rejoice together in the wonderful testimony of God's faithfulness as Mr. White has recorded it for us. It is just because of what God is that this work goes on.

Now I want to talk to you for a little while on that which translates faith into action: and that, of course, is prayer. I suppose no theme is more appropriate, and more truly within the context, at such a gathering as this, as the theme of prayer. The one whose prayer-life particularly attracts me, and about whom I want to speak, is a man of whom we read in the Old Testament—Nehemiah: and he knew that prayer worked. Nehemiah was an exceedingly practical man, and he was also a praying man.

It is over thirty years ago since I first met Herbert White—"Father White" I was going to say, but that might sound rather ecclesiastical. I had, of course, heard about him and his work a little while before my first meeting with him. I had imagined someone rather ethereal and heavenly, a stained glass window type of man. But the first time I met him, well, of course, I was at once bowled over as by a shot out of a gun; disillusioned, I discovered what an alert, quick, matter-of-fact man he was. That was my first impression him, and it has remained with me ever since. The more I think about what prayer really is, the more do I feel that Mr. Herbert White, the founder of this work, and those who worked with him, and who are still engaged in the work, are true expounders of it. Prayer does not just consist of something that is emotional and effervescent, but it is rather a speaking to God, and expecting God to act. Prayer, as we know, changes things. Prayer moves the arm that moves the universe. And that is our confidence, that through prayer we touch men and things.

Now in thinking about the life of Nehemiah, I do not propose to give a complete biographical sketch of this great man of God. But let me rather drop one or two seed thoughts into your minds that you may carry away with you, and think about, and work out in your own lives.

The first thing that impresses me as I study the prayer life of this man of God in the Old Testament is that his prayer was

I. Prayer in Distress. The first chapter tells us how messengers came to him from his homeland and told him about the desolate situation there, how the wall of Jerusalem was broken down; the gates burned with fire: everything was neglected, and uncared-for, and ruined. It was this story of distress and sorrow that evoked Nehemiah's prayer. How often that is the start of prayer! How often it has been that God has used some distressing circumstance to teach His people to pray, perhaps for the first time. That has been part of His providential purpose in working out His purposes of grace. It is quite worth-while to begin to pray in that way. God delights to meet our extreme need. I wonder whether with some of us it has not sometimes worked the other way. Some great anxiety has turned us in upon ourselves. There are some who say: "Oh, well, things have got so bad now that I have just given up praying about it." But that is the time to begin to pray. When I was very young in the faith, I remember hearing a speaker on one occasion who said that it was his opinion that the devil could

rob us of everything except prayer. But I have lived long enough to prove that to be untrue, because I find that the first thing that the devil takes away from me is my prayer. Of course, what the speaker meant was that the devil can never effectively bar the approach of the soul to God, because God is always to be found of those who seek for Him. But doubt, and unbelief, and depression, can close up the heart when we ought to be pouring them out to God in prayer.

“Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!”

Prayer in distress.

Sometimes our cares, our burdens, mount up to an emergency, and that was true of Nehemiah.

It was **II. Prayer in Emergency.** He was standing before the king, fulfilling his usual duties. The king saw that his face was sad and asked him: “What do you want me to do?” And then Nehemiah tells us that he prayed to the God of heaven. There he stood in the presence of the king, who asked him this sympathetic question. What did Nehemiah want the king to do for him? I am quite sure that Nehemiah did not run off into a little corner, and put his hands together, and say a little prayer. What did he do? I believe that in that split second between the king’s asking him what he wanted him to do, and his own answer to the king, there was sent up to God a prayer for wisdom, that he might say the right word and make the right request. Yes, it was prayer in emergency. We do not always need to take a great amount of time in our praying, though it is perfectly true that unless we do cultivate regular habits of prayer, the definite setting aside of time for prayer, we shall be incapable of prayer in an emergency. But let us remember that prayer is, by no means, to be confined to those formal approaches. I should think that Nehemiah was blessed in never having attended some of our prayer meetings. Someone begins to lead in prayer, and he thinks of nine different adjectives, and a number of synonymys to describe the goodness, the greatness, the nearness, the strength and the wisdom of God Whom he addresses. As if God has to be described in all His manifold attributes before you can draw near to Him. If Nehemiah had thus wasted time in his approach to God, the king would have asked him what was the matter. There was nothing mystical about this man. He just shoots up a prayer to God on the spot: and God gave him His answer. We find that Nehemiah slips in a prayer in the writing of his diary, because he writes in Chapter 6 of some of the things that happened. He speaks of those who “made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done,” and then Nehemiah slips in this little prayer: “Now, therefore, O God, strengthen my hands,” I suppose there is a danger on both sides. We practical people are in danger of forgetting the importance of unhurried prayer, and, at the same

time, we are in danger of forgetting that at any moment God is near, and His help is nigh, that we have but to speak the word, and God Himself will answer.

Looking into the life of Nehemiah, I find that he uses prayer in another way.

III. Prayer in Self-defence. Let me read you a verse out of chapter 4. “Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, ‘Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.’” What does Nehemiah say? It is a prayer: “Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their approach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: and cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders. So built we the wall: and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.” I suppose the first instinct of all of us is to give a retort to those who attack us. But Nehemiah’s sanctified knowledge of God was this, that it was far better to hand over the opposition to God for Him to deal with it. And here Nehemiah declares that the Lord will deal with the one who opposes. I suppose the kind of “Old Covenant” prayer that is prayed in the Old Testament has to be slightly modified under the “New Covenant,” for those who know the Lord Jesus Christ. But here is the truth for us to take. “Beloved,” said Paul, “avenge not yourself . . . Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” God is capable of taking care of His own. Therefore whatever form of attack comes to you and me, and it comes through the more subtle and invisible channels, our defence is to hide ourselves in God. And with the Psalmist, we say, “I flee unto thee to hide me.”

Here is just one last thought.

IV. The Prayer of Precaution. In the fourth chapter where this building of the wall is going on, this is what we read: “We made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.” And lower down in the chapter we read, “The builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.” “So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.” It was from this picture that the great preacher, Charles Spurgeon found the title for his famous magazine, “The Sword and Trowel.” They were working with the trowel, and also girded with the sword. We, too, are soldiers, and we are builders. If we really pray we shall be inspired to the appropriate action. I remember once seeing this slogan outside a Church. It read: “God gives the birds their food, but He does not throw it into the nest.” “He that will not work neither shall he eat.” Therefore prayer calls for action. In the case of Nehemiah and his companions, they were sure that God would be their defence: and so they were always on the alert, because it was by that means that God would answer their prayer.

You have all heard the old story. There was a boy and girl in a family, and they were not seeing eye to eye. The boy had set some traps in the field to catch rabbits, and the girl told her brother that she thought it was cruel of him to set traps for rabbits. At night the little girl was saying her prayers, and her prayer was "Oh, God, don't let any rabbits go into John's trap." When she had finished her prayer she said to her mother: "I know that no rabbits will go into John's trap." "How do you know that?" asked her mother. "Because I have been out and kicked the trap to pieces," she replied.

Now this is the great thing that I believe Mr. White taught me in the lesson of prayer, that while it was true that there was never to be any wire-pulling; never anything that savoured of doubt or mistrust, yet those who believed in God, and who prayed, must also work. That those who wielded the trowel must also carry the sword. "Show me thy faith without thy works," says James, "and I will show thee my faith by my works." "Faith without works is dead." Prayer without practice is hypocrisy. Here, then, is the lesson for us—all, too briefly drawn from this wonderful story in the Old Testament—that Nehemiah's God is our God, and we know Him in the face of Jesus Christ so much more clearly than ever Nehemiah could have known Him. Therefore, if he thus prayed believingly, how much more should we. The one request which should be on our lips more than any other, is the request of the disciples to the Lord Jesus: "Lord, teach us to pray." So may it be for God's glory."

The Meeting closed with the hymn.

"There is no love like the love of Jesus," and this found an echo in all our hearts.

Tea-time was talk-time! Everyone **deserved** to get indigestion, the way they talked and ate at the same time! Wedding photographs were brought out for inspection, snapshots of babies of some of the old boys and girls, laughter over recalling the escapades of the old days—"do you remember so-and-so?" and "I saw so-and-so last week; she sent her best love to you all"! Oh, what happy reunions our family has at "OUR DAY" tea-times!

Mr. Victor White and his wife, Mrs. White, Senior and the rest of the Staff were kept more than busy renewing old friendships, and the time flew by as if on wings.

Prior to the evening service, in the Church, Mr. Peter Chopard from Basle, Switzerland, accompanied at the organ by Mr. H. Farndon, gave us some beautiful violin solos, and by 6.30 p.m., the seats were again filled to capacity for the opening Choruses.

They form a sermon in themselves:—

"None but Christ can satisfy, none other name for me"

"I do believe, I will believe, that Jesus died for me"

"I want no other argument, I need no other plea."

and the last one, always a favourite, was:

"The best friend to have is Jesus," with its two other verses,

"The best thing to do is to trust Him," and "The best book to read is the Bible."

The opening hymn, for the Evening Meeting, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," almost lifted the roof, and once again we were very conscious of the spirit of God in our midst.

The children singing "Live for a Purpose" came over as a challenge to everyone present. If ever proof were needed as to whether this is the **right** way to live, the Children's Home and Mission gives the answer.

The Chairman was the Rev. R. C. Dalton, from Chiswick Baptist Church (an old friend—not in grey hairs but in length of years' friendship with the family). He called on Mr. White to give The Report which was as follows:—

Have faith in God! Seek ye the Lord! As your eyes have rested on those words at the front of the Church—have you been challenged?

I am sure you will all agree that it is of vital importance to have an aim in life. To have a positive outlook. To know what you are doing and where you are going. BUT, there are many folk today, and particularly young people, who are living aimlessly—negatively—seeking unconsciously!

What is your aim? You are travelling along the journey of life. Some of you have life before you—some of you have experienced many of the hardships and problems of life—some of you are nearing the end of the journey. What has been your guiding principal so far? Very often you know, it isn't until we settle down in quietness that we realise in very truth, that our seeking is blind. We are so easily caught up in the excitement and rush of so called civilisation, that it is indeed easy to have lived a busy and active life, without serious thought about the goal!

But, I am not here to give a sermon. Our great friend Mr. Raven will be occupying the pulpit soon to pass on God's message. I am here to tell you about the faithfulness of God and I pray that nobody will leave here to night without being challenged to **seek God**. The very nature of our work and its testimony proves, that He is alive and, that he is intimately concerned with every life.

SEEK YE THE LORD. He, the Creator, desires you to seek Him, through the Lord Jesus Christ, that He might share your life with you—**your home—your career—your pleasures and your sorrows**. There is no need to be away from God! The sin that is within, which holds, darkens and ultimately destroys, has been dealt with at Calvary. If you seek Him, you will find Him.

The children will soon be quoting some precious promises from the Bible, the Word of God, which can be claimed and proved by any person who accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

In this materialistic age there is the ever increasing cry for proof of God's love and power. Some-one wrote to me recently referring to the Children's Home and Mission as the '**small miracle of Wood-**

ford." At the inception of the work in 1899 there was that challenge, **"To prove that God is alive by appealing to Him alone to supply all needs."** Over 800 children—814 to be exact, have shared in our Family—46 are present with us at the moment, ages ranging from 5 upwards. We have property here in Woodford consisting of 6, 3-storey Houses, a large double-decker Hall, the lower part of which is divided into a Dining-room and 2 Recreation Rooms and Kitchen. There is a large outdoor area for play and we also have our Church, Hall and field at Abridge.

How has God worked this miracle? Well, in answer to our prayers that all the needs of the Family may be met, God uses all sorts of people from all sorts of places, each person having different gifts to offer and talents to use, and, together, seeking the Will of God, we are fulfilling His purpose.

1. There are those who are called to full-time service. Our Staff.

We shouldn't get very far without our Staff (although perhaps some of the children have a different opinion at times). I referred to their devoted service this afternoon, and again I publicly thank them, for all they are doing in God's name, day by day, within the Family Circle.

2. Next, there are the part-time staff. The folk who pop in during each week and help. Some with the domestic work, cleaning, ironing, etc. Others to help with the gardening, sorting of toys, sorting of vegetables at harvest time, arranging of games for the children : organisation of badminton club : teaching music : needle-work : hobbies and so on. I feel all those who help would rather I did not mention names just now, because their service is rendered **"as unto God"** and we want to point your thoughts and praise, **to HIM alone.**

3. There are those who look after our health—the Doctors, Dentist, Optician, Herbalist. I don't know whether there **should** be any special preference under the National Health Scheme—but we always have a feeling that we receive extra special attention !

4. There are the many folk who help financially. Men and women of all walks of life. Young people in Sunday Schools. Box Holders. Old aged Pensioners and a **host** of others, who set aside of their little, that God might bless it and multiply it. **God plans all the giving**, so that when perhaps one year the subscriptions do not reach a figure as high as another year, the deficiency is met by legacies, and so on. The majority of folk who send to us we do not know personally. Prompted by the Holy Spirit they send their gifts along, at the right time, and the total is enough to meet the needs.

This year has been wonderful. Our Income has been £6,589. Expenditure £6,155 ; giving an income of £434 in excess of expenditure. This amount together with our Balance carried forward last year, gives £610 to bring forward into the current account. I would emphasise here what a rich experience and encouragement this has been to us on the Staff and to older

children, to realise that **God is able to meet COMPLETELY our financial need**, all current expenses met by current income. At the same time, we feel that this has confirmed the fact that we should press forward with the plans for the alterations to the houses and building of a laundry, using the money which remains in the Deposit Account and trusting in Him to supply the rest at the right time—His time ! Here are brief details re alterations : Erection of Laundry costing approximately £1,000. Gift in hand for this from a dear, longstanding friend in memory of his mother. Extensive alterations to rear basement section of 4 houses, giving improved, bathing, toilet and cloakroom facilities. We have £2,100 towards this and we know, that as He opens the way, the extra need will be met.—**PRAY !**

5. There are our Trustees. A group of christian people from all walks of life, who in accordance with Charity Commission regulations were appointed to guard such a work as ours. We usually only meet once a year, but it is not only then that their wise counsel and advice is gladly given. It is such a tremendous help and inspiration for me to be able to contact one and another through the year, and we know too that all the year round they are with us in prayer. Our speaker this evening, our Chairman this afternoon are two of our Trustees and others are sharing in our happy gatherings. Thank you for your practical and prayerful interest.

6. There are the women folk who work for us with their hands—sometimes separately in the quietness of their homes and sometimes in groups connected with a place of worship. Beautifully hand-made garments come to hand throughout the year, together with many hand knitted socks, jumpers, pullovers, etc. It is so exciting to unpack parcels of clothes, which arrive from time to time and one realises afresh the loyalty and love to God which prompts the labour. This past year we have received abundantly in this respect. God bless you.

26 pairs hand knitted socks from an old lady over 80 ;

6 dozen hand-hemmed handkerchiefs from another lady over 80 ; dresses : 3 skirts : 13 cardigans : 9 jumpers : 2 twin-sets : 12 pullovers : 28 pairs socks : with other garments, from a Dorcas Guild. (Just a very small sample indeed !)

7. There are the Members of our Abridge Evangelical Free Church Fellowship. That little church was built in (1926) and has been maintained in answer to prayer and is a part of our Family. There has been during the year an evident growth in so many ways. Enthusiasm to proclaim the Word of God and to witness personally. It has been an increasing source of uplift to me to recognise the "pressing forward" at Abridge and as we continue to share in the Work, may He abundantly bless. Two very practical links between Abridge and Woodford during the year have been (1) The coming of Miss Audrey Mumford to join our Staff Circle after many months of prayer and seeking His Will, and with the full blessing of her parents. (2) The help by the Women's Fellowship

of mending socks, etc., etc.

8. **There are the Churches, Schools and Individuals** who send their Harvest gifts to us in September and October and Toys, etc. at Christmas time. This year again we had a wonderful supply and as is the case with the supply of clothes, so in the receiving of food and toys also, our financial expenses are greatly reduced. The Food Stores and Pantry at Harvest Time are a delight to behold! Every day for several weeks, the tea tables particularly, groaned with the weight of oranges, apples, grapes, melons, peaches, pears, celery, pomegranates and so on. The apples lasted until February this year and we are still using jam made ourselves and received at harvest time, besides other things.

It's just wonderful to us—the variety of goods—sometimes amusing, too. You possibly remember the very old Austin which arrived on doorstep!

There are folk like our "Aunties" two Christian friends from Goodmayes who have a real interest in our family not only keeping in touch with the young people, but also with many of the girls who have left.

9. **Finally**, incorporating Staff, non-residential helpers, physicians, financial supporters, Trustees, Working Parties, Senders of Harvest goods and Toys, Aunties, Abridge Friends and Auditor who wades through my poor book keeping free of charge—we have a **greater family still—PRAYER PARTNERS ALL OVER THE WORLD**, who constantly remember us before God, that He will guide my wife and I in the directing of the Work, my Staff in their daily service, that He will bless the children, spiritually, mentally and physically as they make their home with us: and that He will watch over us all—the Family of 814 and their families, and Staff who have helped since the beginning. **THIS IS THE LIFE LINE—PRAYER.** This is how our manifold needs are met! God, bringing us all together to glorify His Name to the world in this practical way and bringing comfort to the lives of those in deed.

HE IS ALIVE, HE CAN AND DOES WORK. What a tragedy it is that we limit His Power. **SEEK YE THE LORD. TRUST IN HIM** for SALVATION from sin—trust in Him wholly for **ALL things.** He cannot fail.

In view of the fact that we now send out the "Links" twice yearly and give more intimate day-to-day happenings in our diary, it is not necessary for me to be too long this evening and I am now bringing my report to a close. Incidentally, if anyone here does not receive "Links" and would like to do so, please hand in your name and address to one of the Stewards.

Although we are a private and voluntary Family, we are subject to inspection by a representative of the Home Office at least once a year. An officer comes, stays sometimes to dinner and tea with the children and generally makes himself "at home." The last visit was on the 18th January and as we have heard nothing since,

we assume from the Home Office point of view, we are conducting the work satisfactorily. We are glad about this, for we do desire that those in Authority and in the World as whole, may see and realise, that what is undertaken in the Name of God, is up to the requirements of the day and age in which we live, and in fact, even better. **THIS ANGLE OF THE WORK CAN BE A FORCEFUL TESTIMONY FOR THE LORD!** At the conclusion of the last visit we chatted about the holidays. I mentioned that we were praying about it, that if it was God's will we should like to go away as a Family in a similar manner to that of two years ago when we went to Devon. That holiday was a great success—ask the children! We have so far received some special little gifts towards the cost of this venture, but we **do value your prayers** as to where and when we shall go and that the full need may be met.

You may have realised that, as yet, I have not read to you from some of the letters received from "old" members of the Family. I have not forgotten these, for we are always thrilled to have these contacts. During the year we received from them many letters, telephone calls; other have been to see us and sometimes a week-end stay, or longer, has been arranged. Sometimes we, members of the staff, have had the privilege of visiting their homes. Today many are with us sharing in this happy occasion. During tea it was amusing to recall some of the impish memories of days gone by.

I now quote from a few letters.

From an "old" girl.

"First I want to thank you very much for the "Links." It's a real joy to sit and read them. Somehow I seem to loose myself in them and for those few moments it's just as though I were back with you again. I often wish we lived a little nearer to you so that I could pop in and have a chat about little problems that arise from time to time. I often would like your advice, but still I am sure of the help from my heavenly Father, which I seek daily. My little girl, Ruth, cannot start Sunday School yet as it is full up so we have to wait a little longer. She is eager to go. I tell her Bible stories and teach her hymns—Jesus Loves me, Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, etc. She is so proud to be able to sing a new one to her Daddy. We are looking forward to the 9th. I expect you are all busy preparing for it and I trust we shall all have a wonderful time. I am sure many of us will be thinking of the one who is not with us in body, but in spirit. So till then I will say goodnight and God bless you. All my love."

From an "old" boy.

"Thank you for your most welcome letter. I was very pleased to hear from you and to know all are well. I would like very much to say that I have given my heart to Christ and that I am doing my best to stand for Him and He is helping me I know. I asked Him last Saturday to help me to get some of the chaps to go to Church and later one of my mates came up and said 'Do you

mind if I come to Church with you tomorrow' and I knew God had answered my prayer. I pray every night and morning for you all and, by the way, I have started to read the New Testament all the way through. I am up to Mark Chapter 6 and I read it every morning and at night. Please pray for me and ask God to help me not to fail Him any more."

God bless you all and give you all your needs.

My love and best wishes to all in the family circle.

From the husband of one of our "old" girls who died some months back.

... I have often given thanks to God for my wife's early days with you at the Home and for the Christian teaching of the late Mr. White which she carried with her for the 40 years since I met her. She not only looked upon Sunday as the Lord's day, but every day of the week was Sunday to her. ... God bless you all.

From an "old" boy in the Forces.

"Just a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten you. Many thanks for the "Links" which I received this week and enjoyed reading. It brought back many pleasant memories and I do want to say a big thank you for all that you did for me while I was in the Home. Please give my love to all.

From an "old" girl and "old" boy who after leaving the Home, met again, married and went out to Australia.

"We were pleased to get your letter, also the 'Links' which we always love to read. It will soon be Christmas so we are sending our very best wishes to you all. We shall be thinking of you and would love to be with you again. We hope you will have some old children to join you—how dear old Pa loved seeing us all then ... God bless you and supply all your needs. With love from us both. Your loving old boy and girl." P.S. Write again soon.

From one of our "old" girls.

"At last I have found time to drop you a line. Many thanks for your letter and gift for the baby. I'm awfully sorry I haven't written before, but with two children now and a house, **not forgetting husband and dog** (*wonderfully classified*) the days just don't seem long enough for all I have to do. ... If at any time you find you have nothing to do !!! please come and see us here in the Midlands. You will always find a welcome and we have plenty of room for entertaining. The trip from London by road takes approximately 2-2½ hours. We will try to borrow a car sometime in the near future and come to pay you a visit if you think you can put up with us and the children. All our love and best wishes. God bless you all.

From and "old girl" in South Africa.

A telegram announced the arrival of their baby daughter.

"Very many thanks for your letter. I can imagine how everybody is talking "Annual" these days. It makes me feel quite home-

sick. But we shall be with you in Spirit and prayer. Marguerite is really so cute now. She weighs over 10 lb. and laughs all the time. You can guess how Wendel spoils her. We shall be sending you some photos soon. We are looking forward very much to the Dedication next week. ... With lots and lots of love from us both. May God bless you and keep you. You are always in our prayers—and we are praying for your holiday out here too!

From Husband of one of our "old girls" in Shetlands.

... Thank you for your much appreciated letter. It was very kind to you to send us the telegram re birth of Rene's and Wendel's daughter. I happened to be down at the Post Office and it was a nice surprise. I am especially glad that it is a girl—it will complete Rene's education!! (*She looked after little boys when she was on the staff.*)

We have settled down here quite satisfactorily. I have done a bit of "ground work" as far as possible and I have found out that the island is spiritually dead. Here are a few comments in short:—

1. People in general are clean-living and of good moral standard.
2. Many church members trust in their own self righteousness and their lives are based upon a general belief in Christianity rather than upon a personal Faith in Christ.
3. Even in those who by their works show that they are Christians at heart one misses a lack of open profession and aggressive witness. This is partly due, I believe, to the slow reserved temperament of the people who are of Norwegian stock.
4. Great respect is being paid to denominational barriers—which hinders the work of the Spirit of God and sows prejudice in the minds of the non-church goers.

5. The greatest encouragement I have found is the fact that **all** ministers and missionaries on the island (there are about 6) are extremely evangelical and preach the gospel without flaw. I have already had great fellowship with my neighbour, the minister of the Church of Scotland, and with the Methodist minister in the next village.

Well, nothing new, is it? Except perhaps that the sense of complacency here is even greater than in England, possibly due to the rather isolated and quiet life people live. And they have no desire to forsake this peaceful life for the purpose of God!

Thus we are here confronted with a real missionary task. Actually the Church of Scotland minister and his wife have prayed that God would send an evangelical minister for the United Free Church. Margaret has already paid a visit on his wife and I gather they have had great fellowship together.

Jürgen is thriving. He smiles on nearly every occasion except when he is hungry. Love to all the family.

And so I come to the close of my Report for "Our Day." As

always, I do realise that much more could be said—so many blessed experiences shared with you, but others have their messages to bring. Do go on praying for us day by day and that His Word may burn its way into the hearts of the children—that all, ere they leave may know Him personally. Pray too, that both here and at Abridge we may progress to His glory—that whatever the future holds, we may be discerning His Will and be obedient to His direction.

Thank you for listening so patiently—thank you for coming to share this day. Pardon me if I do not stop now to mention individuals who have helped us. We, our Family—staff and children—are truly grateful to all who have made this happy day possible.

Let us rise and sing our Home Anthem—“**How good is the God we adore.**”

Later in the Meeting, after the children had again sung and recited **MR. RONALD W. RAVEN, O.B.E., F.T.D., F.R.C.S.**, thrilled us with the following address:—

“It is a great pleasure and privilege to be here again on ‘Our Day’. I have been looking to the Lord for a special message for everyone at this evening hour, and I should like to direct your thoughts to the Story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10.30. I want to examine this wonderful parable with you from two points of view. In the first place, I will discuss the narrative itself. It is one of beauty, and from whichever facet you examine it, you see light of a wonderful radiance. We read that a certain man took this journey, which was about 150 stadia, from Jerusalem to Jericho. The road lay through a very desolate and lonely region, infested by robbers, who also were violent men. This man, for some reason or other, we are not told in the Scriptures, decided to take this perilous journey. I will not discuss with you the possible reasons which caused his journey on this rough road in life; the fact remains that he was on the road leading from Jerusalem to Jericho.

He fell, as it was almost certain, into the hands of these violent men whose only object in view was robbery with violence. In the first place, they stripped him, and secondly they wounded him; then they departed, having obtained all that they wanted, leaving him by the roadside half dead.

We will stop there for a moment to examine that man. I see he is in a very serious plight and condition. I notice his deathly pallor: he is half unconscious, moaning and groaning. I notice that his pulse-rate is rising, and that his blood-pressure is falling, and, doubtless, his life-blood is running out, so sorely is he wounded by these violent men. His physical condition is grave; let us consider his thoughts, and what is passing through his feverish mind. Can you hear his cry of agony and dismay as he finds himself in this pitiful position? He feels that his life is soon to end for him, and that eternity is near. He finds himself homeless and stranded.

He sees himself in a rocky region, desolate, away from all human habitation, away from his friends, from his family, and he is crying out for his loved ones. He is looking for someone to take pity on him: he is crying out for a helping hand, but he finds there is none to pity, neither is there any arm outstretched to save. Can you hear him speaking in his dilemma? I can hear him saying something. He is asking for his loved ones. He wants someone to put a cool hand upon his feverish brow, to comfort and support him as he passes through the valley of the shadow of death. Those are the feelings of that man's heart, as he finds himself stranded and alone under the heat of the noonday sun.

Is there no hope for him? Can nothing be done to save him? Yes, I see a man coming down the road. Who is he? He is a priest of the Living God. He, surely, will save this man in his hour of need. He will bring him the help he so sorely needs. Yes, he is coming. But what happens? Oh, cruel mystery, he has gone by on the other side. He has left this wrecked dying man unattended to his fate. Is there no eye to pity, no arm to save him? Is he going to be left in his misery and agony? No, surely not. I see someone else; there is another traveller on that lonely road. Who is he? He is a Levite, a servant of the Living God. Doubtless he has a blessing for this wounded traveller, a precious gift in his hand from heaven. And he came and looked at him, and when he saw his bleeding wounds, he passed by on the other side. Both of these two men saw a brother in great need and they hid their faces from him. Doubtless, they made excuses. The priest would say to himself. “The service of the Temple cannot wait; this is more the work for the Levite than for me.” And the Levite would also excuse himself: he would say: “Why should I undertake this perilous task from which the priest shrank; surely the priest should have undertaken this duty.” He may even have thought it an affront to his superior whether to do the work now. And so the man is left alone doomed and dying on that lonely road with none to help.

I see a third traveller coming down the road. He is not a Jew: he is a Samaritan. Doubtless, he will pass him by, for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. He is an alien in the eyes of this traveller, and the Samaritan will certainly pass him by. He is also on a journey, he is in a hurry, he has other work to do. But we read that “when he saw him he had compassion on him” and he showed this man the meaning of love. His heart was not hardened by the hatred of the Jews. He “went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine.” He tore pieces from his own garments to provide the bandages. The oil and wine, two most costly things in the East, were freely given; wine to cleanse the wounds and oil to assuage the pain. He revived him. Then he placed the wounded man on his own beast, going on foot himself, and brought him to an inn, where he tended him again. And the next day he took out sufficient money, and handed it to the host to provide for the man's needs till he should come again.

What a lovely story! What a beautiful narrative! We shall not leave it there; for I want now to occupy your minds for the remainder of this evening hour with the interpretation of this wonderful narrative.

There are various ways in which I could deal with it. It would be very apt to take this lovely narrative and apply it to the work here in Mr. White's Homes at Woodford. I could paint for you a picture which Mr. Herbert White saw so many years ago, of children lying forsaken in their direst need without human help, human kindness, or spiritual care. I could speak also of the many who passed them by, who failed to give them a helping hand when they plainly saw that need. I could speak also of one who did not pass them by, Mr. Herbert White did not pass them by. He went to them, and bound up their wounds, seeking to heal their broken hearts. He supplied the oil and the wine, and he brought them into a resting-place, a wonderful home where they are cared for in every possible way. Mr. Victor White, and his mother, and his wife, today do not pass them by. They attend to all their needs and take care of them. I could also speak of the two pence. We must never lose sight of the practical needs of this great work and what it costs. "He took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, 'Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee'." I know all the practical requirements of this work will be met; there are riches in glory administered by The Lord Jesus Christ. Would that not be a very apt interpretation and application of this narrative? I will deal with it however in a much wider way so that everyone might feel in the innermost depths of the soul that we have received a message and blessing from God Himself.

The experience of this man who took that journey along that desolate road, and the plight into which his self-will landed him, is typical of the whole of the human race. Anyone who looks at the world situation today cannot escape the conclusion that mankind is sick: that the world is tempest-tossed, and restless. We cannot observe the tragic disillusionments in the world today, the heart-aches and turmoils without concluding that something in connection with the human race has gone mysteriously and vitally wrong. What has happened? The crux of the matter is this; we have departed from Jerusalem, the city of blessing, and we have taken that downward road to Jericho the city of the curse. Consider for a moment what Jerusalem really means; think what Jerusalem meant to the Jew himself. Remember the associations and the sentiments which that dear name carried with it. In the first place, it stood for history, for David the shepherd-king; for Solomon the builder of the temple in all its glory. It meant also the discipline and the heartache of years of foreign domination, followed by the thrilling hour of national deliverance, when the captive daughter of Zion rose from the dust. All the sorrow of ages past and the hope for years to come were bound up in the word Jerusalem. It stood also for religion, and for worship. Jerusalem meant the Temple,

and the Temple meant God. "Your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." And of all the visions, and of all the dreams the dearest and the best was this, that a day would come in the history of the world, when all the roads of the world would be full of pilgrims, host of men and women of every nation under heaven, singing the songs of Zion, and all praying "for the peace of Jerusalem" as they set their faces towards the Temple for the sake of Zion's God. That day will surely come. The Jews saw it in visions and in dreams. Jerusalem stood also for home. It was a Jew who expressed once and for all time, and for every exiled soul, the passion of home, the sorrow of parting and the deep yearning of the heart. He wrote, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down: yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof, How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee O Jerusalem let my right hand forget her cunning; if I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth." Everything that Jerusalem meant for the Jewish race has now passed into the very blood of the human race. History, culminating in the Crucifixion of the Saviour outside the city wall. Religion and worship; the type of our future heavenly home, the new Jerusalem, the spotless, perfect, glorious city which will descend from God out of heaven.

"Oh, sweet and blessed country
The home of God's elect.
Oh, sweet and blessed country,
That eager hearts expect.
Jesu, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest.
Who art with God the Father
And Spirit ever blest."

When Bernard of Cluny wrote "Jerusalem the Golden" the world had plunged into chaos and darkness. We have the same experience today. Consider the pitiful plight of mankind in this twentieth century. Look at the human race battered and bruised; forgetful of the Cross and the Sacrifice of the Saviour of the world. The human race is away from religion, worship, home and God; "dead in trespasses and sins," in the grip of Satan, and of violent men. That is the picture I see today; and there is the reason for the plight in which we find ourselves.

Is there any solution, may we ask, to this life and death problem? Many passed us by. The great patriarch Abraham passed us by, for he did not justify others but was himself justified in the faith of One to come. Moses passed us by; surely he could have saved us. But he was not the giver of grace, but of the law which leads none to perfection, for righteousness is not by the law. Aaron, God's great high priest, went by on the other side; for by those sacrifices which he continually offered he was unable to purge the conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Joshua the great leader of Israel could do nothing for us; he passed us by.

Isaiah and Jeremiah, all the major prophets, and all the minor prophets passed us by. They were completely powerless to help the human race. All the priests, and prophets, and potentates, and patriarchs passed us by. Salvation is not achieved through human efforts. Salvation does not come through human agencies. The total effort of the whole of mankind can never heal our wounds and give us life. There are many panaceas offered to us for our ills and modern distresses. We are told that the solution is better education, or else there is evolution; it is suggested that we shall evolve into beings more rational and saner as the years go by. It is suggested that the remedy lies in internationalism, or political science, economic readjustment, humanism or even psychology. They are presented as the cure for all our ills. But these things are merely tinkering with a tragedy. We must realise that unless some Power from the beyond takes a grip of this tragic condition of the human race there is no prospect before us, but that of doom and disaster. The prime necessity of this hour is a new discovery of God. As John Ruskin said: "It is not the weariness of mortality, but the strength of divinity we have to recognise." Let me say quite definitely, without any fear of contradiction, there can be no recall to sanity, equity, or peace, till there has been a recall to God. God has sent to us the true Samaritan, who has the power to save us in spite of our ugly wound and hatred of Him. He journeyed from Bethlehem to Calvary; we think of the end of His journey as He cried over Jerusalem, and wept in Gethsemane, and died on Calvary. That which we see happening in Bethlehem, at Capernaum, on the road to Jericho, in Gethsemane, and on Calvary, is the Divine in action for our eternal salvation. This is the heart of the eternal God brought near, and made bare for us. The Lord Jesus Christ is here. He is passing by. A month ago I was in Jamaica, when I spoke to eight hundred people on the evening of the Lord's Day; the hall was crowded, and many were outside listening through the windows and open doors. At the close of the service that great congregation sang a hymn: "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Yes, Jesus was certainly passing through Jamacia on that Sunday evening for we heard His voice and felt His power. At least four in the hall touched the hem of His garment, as He passed by and accepted Him as their Saviour and Lord. He is passing through Woodford tonight. Jesus of Nazareth is passing by on this our Anniversary Day. He is here in our midst, but He is passing by. My friend, receive the Lord Jesus Christ while He is here to bless; He is passing by: He is quickly gone: it may be your last chance to receive this heavenly Guest. He will bind up your wounds: He will pour in the oil and the wine; the wine is the blood of passion which cleanses from all sin; the oil is the anointing of the Holy Spirit which is the life of God Himself. Accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour; adore Him, and it is the everlasting God-head you are adoring.

We are not given any information in this narrative of any conversation between this man who was rescued and the good Samari-

tan; that is an interesting point. Not one word was spoken between the two which is recorded for us in the Scripture. I feel that a conversation must have taken place between them. It is often necessary to turn to a poet to translate these wonderful and deep experiences of the human heart and spirit, so that they can be translated into words and phrases which we feel unable to do for ourselves. The poet is able to do this for us, and that is why poetry is so attractive, helpful and deeply touches our hearts. Possibly the poet had this parable in his mind when he penned these lines.

"Thou wilt not leave me in the dust,
Thou madest man, he knows not why
He thinks he was not made to die.
And Thou hast made him: Thou art just."

That is what the man may have said to the Good Samaritan as he felt his arms around him, and was lifted out of the mire. When that man looked into the face of the Saviour beaming with light and love, and saw that countenance so fair, and radiant as the sun he doubtless repeated—

"Thou seemest human and divine,
The highest, holiest manhood Thou
Our wills are ours, we know not how,
Our wills are ours to make them Thine."

And he put himself unreservedly into the hands of Jesus Christ his Lord and Master for all eternity.

Did you notice the Good Samaritan placed the man on his own beast whilst he walked on foot?

The Lord Jesus Christ gives us a wonderful divine power to carry us through life, a power which is outside ourselves, and which will never let us down, nor fail us. It is one of life's most treasured possessions, that power which we have in our own souls, which makes us feel that we are connected with an invisible power, with a power Divine. I know that Mr. Victor White, and every worker in the Homes, feel that behind this work there is this mighty, divine power, the power of God Himself which is superior to every force on earth.

The wounded, friendless man was brought to the inn. This is the resting place. It symbolizes the Church to which the Saviour brings those He has rescued from the power of sin and Satan. This is the spiritual home where He tends, restores, feeds, and strengthens His own whom He has rescued from the power of sin and Satan. This is the communion of saints; the solidarity of the Church visible and militant in this world with the Church invisible and triumphant in God's presence. It is the unity of God's people in this world with God's saints in Heaven. If we apply that thought to this work here, is it not a glorious fellowship? One of God's saints in Heaven is Herbert White, he is standing before the throne of God and of the Lamb. And Victor White and all

his willing helpers are here engaged in the work of the Homes. He is there : they are here. What a wonderful fellowship ! One is visible ; the other is invisible. One is militant ; the other is triumphant. Apply this to your own circle, to your own fellowship, and then look wider throughout the whole world, and see the whole of God's great family composed of members of every class and colour and race, people of every clime under heaven, all one in Christ Jesus. This is the glorious Church, which we will discover composes of a multitude which no man can number from every tribe, and kindred, and nation under Heaven. The Church is in being now, there are saints on earth and saints in heaven. Our loved ones have gone before, and I can think of several at this moment. They are triumphant as they stand there before the Throne ; they are in fellowship with us. Never lose sight of this mighty invisible host who are in eternal fellowship with us. They are there, and we are here ; we are joined together, and all one in Christ Jesus. How thrilling our times of worship would be if we kept this thought constantly in our minds ! How it would save us from being downcast in spirit or disheartened if we remembered always that mighty invisible host with whom we are in fellowship, that great multitude which no man can number standing before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white raiment, with palms in their hands, and the praises of Heaven upon their lips. When we may be inclined to attach small importance to our congregation, and to our own individual place in the Christian community, let us think ourselves anew into the full width and sweep and divine magnificence of the heritage which is ours in worship.

" If I go away," said Jesus, " I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." Having paid the price for our redemption on the cruel cross, where " He suffered the just for the unjust to bring us to God," and having given His life a ransom for many, " He now sits at the right hand of the throne of God : and soon " He will come again and receive us unto Himself." In the meantime, we who are His children, let us walk in the light, with gladness in our hearts, singing the songs of Zion, working for Him in the sphere in to which He has called us. May we know in the depths of our hearts that power which raised Christ from the dead. Divine power alone can bring life to the dead ; there is no human power, or agency that can perform this miracle. Let us realise that this divine power is available for all of us. Let us pray that Mr. Victor White, his mother, and his wife, and all the friends and helpers in this work, may go forth from this meeting conscious that they have this mighty, eternal power behind them. May we all realise throughout our lives that this divine power is ours. And when life is drawing to its close, the sun westering and we find ourselves on the brink of the great silence walking through the valley of the shadow of death let us remember that the same mighty power which brought the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, shall resurrect us also when the last darkness falls to the glories of the daybreak of an eternal morning.

As we pass through the valley of the shadow of death may it be with consciousness within our hearts that morning will surely come, that the sun will shine again, we shall awake in His likeness, we shall be re-united with our loved ones, and see our Lord and Saviour and be all together for evermore.

" Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Hallelujah ! "

THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION **Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th April, 1956**

| | | 1955 | | 1956 | | | |
|---|--|---------|-------|----------|--|--------|------|
| | | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. | | | |
| PAYMENTS | | | | RECEIPTS | | | |
| 1955 | To Rates, Taxes and Insurance | 241 | 10 11 | 1,113 | By Covenants | 773 | 10 8 |
| 260 | " Heat and Light | 460 | 13 1 | 2,787 | " Subscriptions and Donations | 2,004 | 14 2 |
| 520 | " Telephone | 42 | 12 8 | 174 | " Box Holders | 201 | 3 10 |
| 38 | " Postage, Printing and Stationery | 471 | 2 7 | 20 | " Shoe Fund and Pound Day | 17 | 0 0 |
| 454 | " Provisions | 1,933 | 7 6 | 861 | " Legacies | 2,180 | 19 6 |
| 1,819 | " Furniture, Linen, Clothes and Shoes | 413 | 12 5 | 134 | " Government Grants (Pensions) | 134 | 16 8 |
| 423 | " Household Expenses | 249 | 9 0 | 1,202 | " Payments received on account of children | 1,276 | 11 5 |
| 265 | " Staff Allowance and National Insurance | 859 | 11 0 | 90 | " Proceeds on Sale of Car | — | — |
| 737 | " Gifts to Staff (Holidays) Donations and Pocket Money Scheme | 175 | 6 0 | | | | |
| 175 | " Medical Supplies | 34 | 17 1 | | | | |
| 39 | " Travelling and Excursion Expenses | 229 | 10 4 | | | | |
| 345 | " Repairs to Property | 354 | 6 4 | | | | |
| 162 | " General Repairs and Replacement including Vehicles | 222 | 9 10 | | | | |
| 341 | " Incidental Expenses | 36 | 8 3 | | | | |
| 12 | " Tiptree Land Tax and Valuation | 88 | 5 8 | | | | |
| — | " Holidays | 34 | 16 0 | | | | |
| 423 | " Depreciation—Motor Car and Van | 80 | 0 0 | | | | |
| 80 | " Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year carried down | 660 | 17 7 | | | | |
| 288 | | £6,588 | 16 3 | £6,381 | | £6,588 | 16 3 |
| £6,381 | | | | | | | |
| Income and Expenditure Account—(Cont.) | | | | | | | |
| 924 | Alterations and Improvement to Properties | 287 | 18 5 | 288 | Balance Brought down | 660 | 17 7 |
| | Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year carried to Accumulated Fund | 372 | 19 2 | 750 | Amount Transferred from Special Fund Account | — | — |
| 114 | | | | | | | |
| £1,038 | | £660 | 17 7 | £1,038 | | £660 | 17 7 |

BALANCE SHEET, 30th April, 1956

| | | 1955 | | | 1956 | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------|----|----|--|--------|-----|----|
| | | £ s. d. | | | £ s. d. | | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | ASSETS | | | |
| 1955 | Invested Funds— | | | | Freehold Property— | | | |
| | The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall | 2,250 | 0 | 0 | The Florence Barclay Mem. Hall, Crescent Rd., Woodford | 2,250 | 0 | 0 |
| | The Dr. F. E. Marsh Gift | 1,700 | 0 | 0 | 18-24, Crescent Rd., Woodford | 1,700 | 0 | 0 |
| | The Mr. and Mrs. Williams Stark Gift | 1,150 | 0 | 0 | 8-10, Crescent Rd., Woodford | 1,150 | 0 | 0 |
| | The Bungalow | 500 | 0 | 0 | The Bungalow | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | Less: Per galow | — | — | — | Less: Adjustment as per Deed of Rectification | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | Contra | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 5,600 | Special Funds— | 5,600 | 0 | 0 | Deposit Account | 3,103 | 98 | 3 |
| | Balance at 1st May, 1955 | 3,103 | 2 | 0 | Garage and Sheds | 98 | 3 | 0 |
| | Interest on Deposit Account | 69 | 7 | 4 | Household Furniture, etc. Motor Car | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| 3,103 | Accumulated Fund— | 3,172 | 9 | 4 | Less: Depreciation | 230 | | |
| | Balance at 1st May, 1955 | 1,078 | 14 | 4 | Prepayments | 102 | 150 | 0 |
| | Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year | 372 | 19 | 2 | Current Bank Account | 177 | 107 | 4 |
| 1,079 | | 1,451 | 14 | 6 | Cash in Hand | 14 | 610 | 11 |
| | | £9,724 | 3 | 10 | Less: Sundry Creditors | 9,824 | 13 | 15 |
| £9,782 | | | | | | 1,479 | 14 | 6 |
| | | | | | | 28 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | 1,451 | 14 | 6 |
| | | | | | | £9,724 | 3 | 10 |

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account which are in accordance with the books and vouchers of the Mission and the requisite information and explanations which we have obtained. In our opinion they show a true and fair view of the excess of income over expenditure for the year and the state of the Mission's affairs as at 30th April, 1956.

Dated this 13th day of June, 1956.
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