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Psalm 105, v. 1.

*O give thanks unto the Lord;
call upon his name;
make known his deeds among
the people.*

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EDITORIAL

April, 1958

Dear Prayer Partners,

We are very happy to be able to send out our Spring "Links" for this year and trust that as you receive your copy you will rejoice with us in the goodness of God to this Family throughout the past six months.

I am constantly reminded that **we** are working TOGETHER with God in caring for these young folk, helping them to find their place in life, and to set out, physically, mentally and spiritually equipped for the days ahead. Thank you for your prayerful interest, your letters, your gifts and for the happy fellowship we have together.

It is comforting in these perplexing days to KNOW that He is our Father, that we are His children and that we are able through the medium of prayer to have rich, intimate fellowship with Him and each other. The God of Abraham, of Moses, of Daniel, of Paul, is our God! HE has not changed. He is just the same today, and by a simple childlike trust we allow Him to prove Himself to a world which is largely unresponsive to His gift of Love in Jesus Christ. Our privilege in this unique family circle is to SEE the power of God at work.

You will remember no doubt that we commenced our Financial Year in May, 1957, with a balance in hand only sufficient to cover just a few days' needs. We could only turn to God because the covenant entered into by my father in 1899 was that no appeal should be made to anyone else for any need under any circumstance.

We meet many people today who feel that direct answers to prayer are unrealistic, coincidental, or even perhaps a hoax! We KNOW our God and there is nothing unreal or pretentious about the fact that He has provided in every way for our Family (totalling just on 60 including staff) throughout another year. God has met the need of staff, of finance (including the extra to help with the continuation of the building improvements and maintenance) and given strength for the daily task and wisdom and guidance concerning numerous decisions.

As we recall the daily incidents that point to God's overruling, we disdain our own weak faith. Yet He is always ready to use, to His own glory, those who place their confidence in Him. It is surely beyond reason that God is satisfied to produce anything but the very best in and through the lives of those who belong to Him through faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave of His best that He might make the best of us! Nothing short of a complete and constant trust in God enables Him to show His power. As Paul in his letter to the Corinthian church tells us—the things of God are discerned by the Spirit of God and the greater

room we give to His Spirit, the more shall we "see" of His power and the more useful shall we become in His Service.

We have for some long time been thinking and praying about compiling a record of the faithfulness of God to this Family. With the approach of our Diamond Jubilee in 1960, we feel that it would be appropriate to commence the work, so that completion will be reached in time for this special milestone. Just recently we have found someone willing to tackle this job—one who is intimately connected with the Family. Mother is still with us and her contribution will be of inestimable value. Do pray concerning this important project. We desire only to bring glory to His Name. If you have some thought to contribute, some incident to recall, please do write and let me know.

"OUR DAY" is nearly here again. We are looking forward to it. Do come. Pray for blessing! This year we shall have more opportunity to get to know each other, as all the activities, including tea, will be held on the premises here in Crescent Road.

The Lord Bless you.

Yours very sincerely,

VICTOR J. WHITE.

N.B.—All the Family wish to thank friends who sent greetings at Christmas.

MAJOR P. LAUGHTON

We were very sad last November to hear of the passing of Mr. Laughton. He had been interested in our Family here since the very early days and his radiant personality will never be forgotten by those who knew him. He loved children and perhaps this was one reason for his special interest in the Children's Home and Mission. Another reason was his delight to hear of God's specific answers to prayer. At Open Air Meetings held in Postman's Park, Aldersgate St., London, he often urged Mr. Herbert White, our late Founder, to tell of God's faithfulness. Mr. Laughton himself was fearless to witness in the open air, and in everyday life his bright, cheery countenance portrayed his inward spiritual experience. At the request of his wife gifts of money were sent here in memory of Mr. Laughton, and with gratitude we acknowledge receipt of £41 7s. od.

We praise God for every remembrance of Major Laughton and for his help and encouragement over many years. We rejoice that he is now in the presence of his Lord whom he loved and served so well and we pray that God will comfort his loved ones who miss him so keenly.

Very abbreviated extracts from our Diary

OCTOBER

1st Very busy receiving and sorting harvest gifts. (These were acknowledged in last edition of "Links"). We have been able to share fruit and vegetables with over 100 old age pensioners.

2nd Two of the boys had Medical Exams at school.

3rd Our "Bible Study" group went to the Convention Meeting at the Hawkey Hall.

5th Ice creams in abundance were left here this evening—some of the children had four and five each and still there were some over!

7th As a family we went over to Kentish Town Mission to take part in a harvest service. This really is a traditional event because Mr. White senior took the children over for many years prior to the war.

9th Monthly Prayer Meeting—speaker, Mr. Henry Hole.

12th There are many occasions when we are entertained by our friends, but today we did some entertaining. The "Aunties" brought some of the pen friends over and after a netball match and tea we had games in the hall. We finished with family prayers.

11th Our cricket team was presented with the Junior Church Cricket League Shield which had been won during the 1957 season.

13th The baptismal pool at Abridge was opened for the baptism of Miss Catherine Bennett. It was a very cold day and despite the fact that we borrowed an immersion heater the water was still cold. However, it was a very happy service—Catherine came to know the Lord as her Saviour first at a Sunday School Anniversary service previously.

18th The 'flu epidemic is raging! 18 down with it now. We were expecting the Debden Congregational Church Women's Meeting here this afternoon, but their visit had to be postponed for their sake and ours! The largest dormitory is being used as a hospital ward.

20th The Sunday School Anniversary at Abridge—Speaker all day, Mr. Ernest Plant. Unfortunately there were a lot of absentees because of 'flu both from here and at Abridge, but nevertheless we had a very happy day.

21st Junior Badminton commenced. Two members of the senior club come over on Mondays to teach the children badminton so that eventually when they are old enough to join the senior club they will know something about the game.

23rd Interviewed a young woman needing help for her three children.

25th Children broke up for half term holiday. Mr. and Mrs. White moved out of office for Mr. Olney to move in for re-decorating. It was a "spring clean"!

28th Miss Parkes took the "Valiant" boys to the Tower of London, and to a News Theatre in the Strand.

29th Badminton club had tournament.

30th Miss Mumford took four of the boys to see some of the "sights of London".

31st Miss Revell took four of her boys to Kensington Museum and to a News Reel, whilst Miss Parkes took her little boys to and on Woolwich Ferry.

NOVEMBER

1st Miss Long took her girls to the Tower of London, Christian Literature Crusade to buy Christmas cards and then on to a News Theatre.

4th Children returned to school.

5th Guy Fawkes Day! Very wet. After tea we cancelled celebrations, but half an hour later the rain stopped and proceedings went on as usual. Miss Burstow came for a chat and also enjoyed the fun round the bonfire. A gentleman called for a chat about help for his 10-year-old daughter.

9th Moved back into the office. Friends from Elmsleigh Hall came to tea and to look round the premises.

10th Remembrance Services. At Abridge we joined with the C of E in the morning, and in the evening the British Legion and Girl Guides paraded at our service. One of our lads who, a few weeks back, had returned to the care of his father, returned home after a gruelling time. His mother's sister brought him home with only what he stood up in. We learned a great deal about the father which we had only guessed before. We were faced with no alternative but to continue caring for the lad—perhaps it has been a hard lesson, but he will know that human relations do fail. In contrast he will know that God will not fail him.

12th A local postman, a christian, called in to see if we could help him. His wife is ill and he needs someone to take care of his three boys ages 10, 8 and 6. We were able to give assistance and told him to bring the boys here tomorrow.

13th Monthly Prayer Meeting—Speaker, Rev. B. Moore of Manor Park.

16th Official opening of Cranham Baptist Church. We are especially interested in this because it is the "spiritual" Home of one of our "old" boys and his family. It is a very prettily and usefully designed church and we feel the builders have executed a very good job for the money paid.

20th Foundation Day and Mr. White's birthday. We had a special tea and made it the occasion to place in the Dining Room a Barometer and Cuckoo Clock which had been given to us by Smiths Pump Shop of Cricklewood, and also the Junior Church Cricket League Shield which had been won by our Woodford and Abridge team. At family prayers we reminded ourselves of some of the early happenings in the family and Mr. White showed the children the very first reports, single sheets of paper, which had been compiled. We noted with amusement that at one time they specifically prayed for cats to combat the nuisance of mice running round indoors. Of course the prayer was answered!

We received a telegram "Greetings on your 58th Anniversary" from an "old" girl and boy. They were evidently thinking of this special day and perhaps they recalled that we would be singing the "Home Anthem" (How good is the God we adore).

23rd Several children went out Christmas shopping!

26th Badminton evening. Two of the lads from Abridge who come regularly didn't arrive. We kept wondering where they had got to and just before the epilogue a telephone call from their mother gave the explanation. They had met with an accident on the way here and were both in hospital with fractured legs.

28th Abridge Church Social.

30th The boys played a football match and won. Others continued Christmas shopping.

DECEMBER

1st Missionary Sunday. Miss R. Newton, a missionary from Aiyangba Fellowship, Nigeria, was our speaker all day and we were enthralled to hear of her work for the Lord and we felt that there must be ways in which we can help. The children hope to be able to colour texts later on.

2nd The children who attend the infants school had a day off for Christmas shopping!

3rd By invitation some of the children went to Baker Street Studios for a Christmas commercial sound broadcast. The climax was walking the last part of the journey home in thick fog because the coach came to a stand still about three miles from home!

7th During the afternoon a group of visitors from Kingston came to look round and later a group from Leytonstone.

9th Staff and Seniors had first play practice. The children always appreciate an effort by the staff on Boxing Day—this year the play is entitled "The Dragon's Bride".

11th Monthly Prayer Meeting. Mr. Oliver Styles was our Speaker. A Fire Brigade officer called to check our fire precautions.

12th Violet's 21st birthday. We sent her greetings from here—she is living with her husband in Woodford. We had a Carol practice at Abridge following the usual Bible Study.

13th Peter's 21st birthday. He is still with us so we shall be having a celebration party here soon. A little girl of 2½ joined our Family.

15th We had rather an unusual morning service at Abridge. Two of our fellowship who during the war had been married in a registry office felt that on their wedding anniversary they would like to renew their wedding vows in our church. We went through the wedding ceremony and they confirmed the vows which had previously been made. It was a helpful service to all who were married and reminded us of the solemn promises we had made.

16th The girls went round to a local hairdresser. They all had a "trim" and for 6d. each—a special rate for us!

17th Mr. and Mrs. White and some of the senior girls went over to share in the Post Office Christian Association Christmas



"He put in Thumb and pulled out a Plum"



Enjoying the Fun



Christmas Day



party at the National Savings Certificate section. After a luxurious tea we sang carols and our "choir" gave several items. Then followed games.

18th Some boy scouts who wanted to do us a Good Turn at Christmas called for instructions. We decided to give them our hall windows to clean.

19th Two of the staff popped along to the Junior School to see the work of our children. There is adequate co-operation between staff and parents. We hear the worst as well as the best! We sang carols on the Pancroft Estate, Abridge. It wasn't too cold and we enjoyed ourselves. The listeners were appreciative.

20th Bill arrived home on leave for 10 days and Anita came to London from Devon to spend two weeks with us. Billy and Bryan after a long stay in our Family returned to their mother who after a long time has been able to secure sufficient accommodation to have all her family with her once again.

21st Carol singing in Abridge—this time on the Caravan site. We were short of male voices so Mr. McDermid brought his musical saw. This accompaniment seemed effective.

22nd Our special Christmas services at Abridge. In the evening gifts for missionary work were put on a Christmas Tree. The total was over £25.

23rd The postman frequently calls at this time of the year and we could do with someone just for sorting letters here. Lots of folk call and we just don't know what is going to arrive next—Christmas Cake? Mince Pies? Turkey? Toys? Anonymous letters are slipped through the letter box. It was fairly quiet this afternoon as some of the children went to see a film "Bambi".

24th Christmas Eve at last. Parcels are being tied up everywhere. Perhaps the loveliest time was to pop round after all the children were in bed. The decorations looked pretty and included coloured lights: it was quiet because (believe it or no) all the children were asleep. Father Christmas (he didn't see us) was filling all the stockings: the Christmas Trees were laden with presents: the larder and food store were packed with festive fare: breakfast tables had been prepared in the dining room and by the imitation log fire was arranged a mountain of presents. Everything ready for Christmas morning. Oh yes—it has been terrifically hard work to prepare all this—the staff are tired but looking forward to the next two days which the children are going to enjoy so much!

25th Christmas Day began for some at 6 and finished at midnight. The children first attacked their stockings to see what Father Christmas had brought. The excitement is beyond description! After breakfast more presents, this time from relatives and friends. Later in the morning we had our special carol service to which we invited neighbours and friends. Ted, an "old" boy took the opening prayer and we received greetings from Charles on behalf of the "old" girls and boys, from Mr. Fitze, a parent, and Pauline welcomed all. Mr. Henry Hole was our guest speaker. After dinner we listened to the Queen's speech and watched Suitable

Christmas films so kindly brought by Mr. Pollard, one of our Trustees. It was kind of him to leave the comfort and warmth of his own fireside and travel over from St. Albans to show these films. We've forgotten to mention the lovely Christmas dinner—turkey, sausages, sprouts, baked potatoes, Christmas pudding, mince pies and custard. For tea we had fruit, fancy cakes and Christmas cakes. For supper trifles, jellies, etc., etc. The little ones went to bed soon after family prayers as they were so tired, but the older ones managed to keep awake for games and more eats.

26th The children all had chocolate biscuits and tea in bed. We had more visitors today. One "old" boy brought a gift from his church and passed it over with the remark "You know what Pa used to say: 'Bread cast upon the waters shall return after many days'." The children had plenty of time today to play with their new toys. They had more presents—sweets from our Waverley Road neighbours and Christmas Tree gifts. After tea the tiny tots presented nursery rhymes—they sang beautifully and acted well too. Jack Horner put in his thumb and pulled out a plum! Miss Muffett had a big spider come to sit beside her! Just as family prayers were finishing a loud bell rang through the buildings and the Town Crier came in with very important news: "O Yez, O Yez!" Unrolling a formidable scroll he read: Mr. William T (T for Terror) Cowling has been present at the C.H. & M. for 50 Christmasses or more, with good behaviour, etc., etc. Mr. Cowling was then presented with a large gold medallion (chocolate). This "episode" was a complete surprise to everybody—especially Mr. Cowling. He graciously reminded us that Mrs. White Senior had been present at EVERY Christmas and called her to stand with him!

"The Dragon's Bride", a humorous play, was presented by staff, seniors, and Mr. McDermid incorporated. Games—supper—games and more games. "Roger-de-Coverly" was the finale followed by Auld-lang-Syne and prayer.

27th Mr. White mentioned to the children that Miss Parkes would be leaving us. We celebrated Peter's 21st birthday in the usual fashion.

28th Miss Parkes said "Good-bye". We shall always recall her three years plus on the staff with happiness. She has looked after the smallest boys—terrors at times. We wish her God's richest blessing in the future.

29th One of "those days"—Only one present at Abridge Bible Class: Pianist absent—no music: One boy sent home from Sunday School for bad behaviour: Another boy should have been at class but didn't go! How the Devil tries to get us down, especially when you feel weary.

31st An encouragement by the way. Letter from local friend: "... I should like to add it is a pleasure to have the lads here. They are always so thoughtful. ——— comes in like a ray of sunshine, he dug up all my dear husband's dahlias which he treasured so much and dug the garden. When I was unwell during the fog he dashed in each dinner time to fill my coal scuttle."

JANUARY

1st Many resolutions made by staff and children. How long will they last?

A young girl preparing to leave school at Easter came to see us because she felt the call to children's work. She has been educated at a technical school: been very friendly with the daughter of one of our "old" girls and first became aware of a desire towards this Family at a C.E. Convention Meeting when the need of Home Missionary work was presented.

2nd Lynn went to see a specialist at the Woodford Jubilee Hospital because she has had too many sore throats lately! He thinks it best to relieve her of her tonsils. An "old" girl who has spent Christmas with us returned to her farm work in Devon. It was nice having her here—her love affairs are somewhat complicated, but we do seriously pray that she may be guided aright.

Mr. White took a group of senior children over to Harris Lebus' factory at Tottenham. This is the largest furniture factory of its type in the world and the tour round was most interesting. The enormous quantity of wood handled, the intricate machinery, the wood shavings used for heating purposes, etc., etc. all produced amazement. Even so, the greatest thrill seemed to be the unexpected tea provided at the end! At home the staff carefully prepared tea for the hungry tourists only to be greeted with—"We've had our tea—we're not hungry!"

4th All the children had 2/6 to spend—the gift of two friends. Some went to their Sunday School parties.

5th After tea a young teen-age girl called to see us. Her mother and father are separated and she has experienced many unpleasant episodes in her home—court proceedings—and so on. She prayed so hard that the break-up would not come—and it did—that temporarily she lost her faith in God. We had a long chat with her, and we must continue to pray that she may be able to trust God in a child-like way and regain that peace which only He can give. We wonder—how many young teenagers have experiences like hers? Of course, we are looking after some in our Family.

6th Mr. and Mrs. George Tryon came to tea for a chat about the intended Children's Campaign at Abridge. We had occasion to visit a young woman, very ill, and very concerned about the welfare of her little lad aged 20 months. The case was introduced by the employee of one of our "old" girls.

7th Children returned to school. The staff "took stock" of the goodness of God over the Christmas. Miss Burstow will be joining the staff at the end of January. We must pray for her—she is leaving a very remunerative and secure job at the call of God—the world thinks her foolish!

8th Monthly Prayer Meeting. Mr. Albon of Salway Hall was our Guest Speaker—his first visit to us.

14th Mr. and Mrs. Aberdeen and their son, Lynn, of Queensland, Australia, called to see us. Mr. Aberdeen has been granted leave from his University and being responsible for the

administration of a children's home (in his spare time) he decided to visit some Homes over here. Ours seemed similar to his own and we had a happy chat together—his problems with children and parents are just the same as ours—his family is the same size—the staff are as loyal and devoted as ours—cases helped are just like ours—the children are as mischievous as ours, etc., etc. Above all—they rely on God to supply their needs—just like we do!

17th Mr. Goddard and a colleague came to lunch and we were relieved to be able to seek professional advice about building matters. Mrs. Powell, speech therapist, came to tea. She helps one or two of our kiddies week by week at special classes and we felt it would be helpful for her to see the "inside" of our family.

20th Architect and Builder had a chin-wag about outstanding alteration problems.

21st During breakfast we heard the weather forecast proclaiming that snow was on the way to London—by the time we had finished there was a carpet of snow two inches thick outside. The children were so excited! Two new boys arrived from Aldershot. They had a thrilling journey along icy roads and were full of the four "crashes" they had seen en route.

25th Some of the children went to a party given by Grantham Mission C.E. Others had a Ropeholder party.

26th Abridge Church Anniversary—Guest Speaker, Dr. Horace Willings.

27th A young lady called to see us with a friend. She wants to help us every Saturday. It will be helpful to have somebody extra on a day when the children are home.

30th Peter went to his sister's funeral. She used to be here in the Family, but has always had heart trouble and for that reason had to attend a special open air school. Recently it was thought she was gaining strength, but a sudden relapse necessitated an operation from which she did not recover. She was with us at Christmas. Those of us who remember Margaret will miss her and we do pray that comfort may be given to her relatives at this time.

We couldn't get down to Abridge for the usual Prayer and Bible Study because of thick fog which blanketed this part of the world. During the afternoon Abridge enjoyed spring sunshine, whilst Woodford was gloomy in the fog, but later it spread and became general.

FEBRUARY

2nd After dinner today we had special boxes of chocolates to enjoy. They were sent from someone at Clapham. We always have sweets after Sunday dinner, but these were extra special.

7th More snow—still appreciated by children.

8th A party for all here at home. It was given by the Woodford Round Table. This has become an annual affair and is designed, not only to give the children a good time, but to give the staff a complete rest. There was a ventriloquist who entertained us with "Charlie" the talking doll (a boy doll of course) and a Punch and Judy show. Normally this party is held at the Gasko restaurant

and one boy was heard to remark that we couldn't get the gas stove so there wouldn't be a party!

11th Miss Burstow really and truly came to join our ranks. We have been looking forward to her coming and she certainly fits in as if she belongs here! Our Queensland friends came to show us some coloured slides of Australia, including some of the children's home in which they are specially interested.

12th Monthly Prayer Meeting—Speaker this time, Dr. David Smith.

13th We have been praying consistently for a children's campaign which, D.V., will be held at Abridge in April. Mr. and Mrs. George Tryon came down to our Bible Study and prayer meeting this evening.

14th Received news that the father of one of our girls had passed away. He has been ill for a very long time. She will be going to the funeral on Monday with her older brothers and sisters.

15th A stem with over 100 bananas growing from it arrived this morning in a "black maria". Having seen pictures on Tuesday evening of bananas growing in gardens in Australia it was extra interesting this week to have some actually before us—and to eat! George had his 21st birthday party here. He is living at Forest Gate, near his work, with Christian folk from Woodgrange Baptist Church. He asked to have this important celebration here. After fun and games in the hall, 30 of us sat down for supper in the dining room.

18th Routine visit by three children to dentist Miss Burstow now takes them. Mr. Stephen Smith sets aside time for us every Tuesday. This enables us to ensure the children's teeth are kept in good condition. Another lad had to see a Specialist at Wanstead Hospital.

19th Half-term holiday.

Five children went to see Mr. Henry Hole, optician, for eye check. All the younger children went over to Epping for a party in the afternoon, and were joined by the rest of the family for tea. This party was given by the C.E. Society of Epping Congregational Church.

20th Miss Long took five senior girls to see "The Ten Commandments". Miss Burstow took some of her boys sight-seeing in London. Miss Revell took her little boys across Woolwich Ferry (this is, of course, a cheap outing as there is no charge on the ferry!)

22nd We all went by coach to Elmsleigh Hall, Leigh on Sea, for a party. After a lovely tea and games we had a quiz—Elmsleigh v Us, five a side. Elmsleigh studied two chapters on Daniel and we studied two chapters on Paul's Missionary journeys. We won by $\frac{3}{4}$ point. We enjoyed some lively chorus singing before the return journey home—the tiny tots love singing "I am the way, the truth and the life, That's what Jesus said".

24th Although early and weather rather variable, we started spring cleaning today in earnest. Quite a lot of planning is necessary to fit this in and the staff try to cover routine jobs early in the day and later unite their efforts to spring clean one dormitory in

one day, or in about four hours which is the longest allocation of time which can be given to this type of work in any one day.

25th Very heavy fall of snow once again.

27th Mr. White's office work was interrupted by a phone call from one of the schools saying that Edwin had cut his chin and needed a stitch. He was taken to Woodford Jubilee where the necessary attention was given.

MARCH

1st The boys' football match had to be cancelled on account of all pitches being water logged. Some of us went to Margaret Tilby's 21st birthday party—she is the older sister of one of the boys here and is working in a Home for Blind people.

3rd The children scurried home from school, washed, changed, had tea and went over to Canbury Hall, Kingston, by coach to take part in a young people's meeting. Mr. Tryon who led the meeting dared to tell the children that he knew Mr. White when he used to wear short trousers! By request the children sang "Just the same" with a special verse added:—

When Mr. White first had some little children with him live
He asked the Lord to help him and their daily bread to give
He prayed to Him and day by day God answered every
prayer

And the God that lived in our Founder's time is just the
same today!

4th A gentleman from Shoeburyness called bringing with him the Will of an old lady who passed away recently. This lady, although we had her name on our records, had not been in contact with us for many years—we did not know her personally at all. In her Will she left practically all her estate to the C.H. & M. We do not know at this stage how much will result, but it will be several hundred pounds. We praise the Lord for this. This has brought to notice a problem—we do not usually continue sending "Links" to folk who do not keep in contact with us, but God must have overruled here, in some way that we hadn't cut her name out of the Index.

5th Rodney was taken to Wanstead Hospital to see Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. Mr. White spoke at the Ministry of Power Christian Fellowship and Highway Hall Women's Meeting. The Woodford Tent Campaign Committee met in our Hall.

6th Half-ton potatoes arrived—a lovely surprise.

7th Short session of games for children this evening. Youth for Christ supporters' squash in our hall.

8th The boys played football against St. Elisabeth's, Buckhurst Hill, but lost 4—8.

9th Mr. White conducted services all day at Nazeing Congregational Church and was able to take some of the older children with him.

11th Mr. White was invited to talk to the Women's Home Group, Foresters, Chingford. It was an informal meeting and to

our pleasant amazement Mr. White returned with a gift of £30. This was totally unexpected and was the result of a private sale of hand-made garments during the winter session.

12th Monthly Prayer Meeting—Speaker, Dr. Carey Baker. Dr. Baker tackled rather an unusual topic—"death". Before he had finished we realised that death wasn't a case of entering a heavenly harbour for an eternal rest, but rather a launching out into a wider sea of experience and blessing!

13th Miss M. Watt, Hon. Deputation Secretary of the Thonon Mission, came to see us today and very kindly addressed the Women's Meeting at Abridge and showed slides at the evening prayer meeting. It was helpful to have up-to-date news of this difficult work in Savoy and we shall be able to pray the more intelligently for those who are working in the "front line" of the battle.

15th The boys played football and lost. The girls played netball and lost. The Badminton Club lost to Nazeing. Tottenham Hotspur and other favourite football teams lost, too! Some of the staff and girls went over to the Meldrum Sunday School Anniversary.

18th Received letter from a "Trusts and Foundations" Committee suggesting that if we liked to pay £1 is. od. we could select a number of names and addresses of Trusts to which we might apply for financial help! No reply—our sufficiency is in Him.

19th Great thoughts from little folk: While one of our six-year-old boys was being bathed, he suddenly remarked "When Jesus comes again He'll make all the dead people alive, won't he?" "Oh," said his brother, "so we **will** see our Grandad again!" Which reminds us of another conversation between one of the staff and a five-year-old. "I live here, don't I, Miss?" Yes. "It's my house, isn't it?" Yes. "Well, whose the boss here anyway?" Mr. White. "Oh no he ain't." Yes he is. "He ain't, cos God is." Yes dear, He is, but He tells Mr. White what to do. "Coo! Mr. White will have to do what he's told now, won't he!"

20th Our Founder, Mr. Herbert White, passed away six years ago today. Our younger boys have begun learning some scriptures for the Annual Meetings, one of which begins "Train up a child". When told to repeat this they said "Chain up a child". At times we think this a good idea.

Some of the womenfolk at Abridge scrubbed the church. It does look nice and once again we record our thanks for this valuable piece of service in His Name.

21st The twins, who are now four, arrived back from the optician complete with glasses. Victor, aged three, was a little put out. After all, why shouldn't *he* have a pair?

22nd Several teenagers went with Miss Burstow to see the film "Seventeen" which was being shown by our local "Youth for Christ" committee. Three of our boys played football for the Baptist team and won 8—1.

23rd One of our girls having called and called for a member of the staff, who either couldn't or wouldn't hear, decided to ring

the fire alarm, surmising that *that* would bring her. It did! Plus the necessary disciplinary action!

Youth evening at Abridge. Six of the young folk took part. It was encouraging to us all.

24th The Woodford Evangelistic Committee are showing some films this week—"Wiretapper", "Souls in Conflict" and "Manhattan Miracle". Some of the seniors went to see them.

A small fire broke out in the Clinic Room, but Mr. Olney came through the buildings on an unexpected mission in time to deal with it and prevent it spreading. Once again we acknowledge with thanks, God's hand in preventing serious damage.

25th Seven of our children attend Oakdale Infants School and they were all very delighted when their Headmistress, Miss Sprakes, came to tea.

27th Mr. and Mrs. George Tryon came to the Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at Abridge.

29th The 'phone is sometimes regarded as a "mixed blessing"—today, interruptions were incessant. However, one call was from a gentleman to say that his sister had passed away in October and in her will had left £100 to the C.H. & M. and he would be calling over this afternoon with the cheque.

It is just overwhelming to us—and yet it shouldn't be—how gifts sufficient to meet all the needs of the family have come in steadily throughout the year.

30th One of the older lads objects to wearing "Sunday" clothes and, as they *aren't* black striped trousers, black jacket and high stiff collar, we can't understand it. One of the staff said "Good-bye" to this lad as he went off to church, correctly dressed, only to find later the said clothes in the coke cellar!

"THIS IS MY STORY"

(as contained in a letter to us last year)

"Thank you so much for the Links. I was thrilled to read of Pat's wedding and I do hope she'll be very happy. Please give her my love when you next see her or write to her. I was very interested, too, in all the news in the "Links," and especially in the letter from one of the twins (I don't know which one though!). I was glad, too, to hear of Evelyn Smith's success, in fact I enjoyed reading about everyone, and especially about the work the C.H. & M. are doing.

I'm sorry I was unable to come to "Our Day", I should like to have seen you all again. It must be about seven years since I left you, although that seems too long a time for it to be possible. Such a lot of things have happened in those seven years, in fact a tremendous lot has happened since last I wrote to you. I do know this thing now with absolute certainty, that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Perhaps you remember that last June I wrote to you and said that I felt I was being guided by God to do a special work, but at

that time it seemed to be such a small, impracticable seed sown in my heart, that I couldn't tell you exactly what it was. I know now that my mission in life is to teach in an Approved School and I would like to tell you about some of the things that have made me sure that this is God's will for me. (It'll take a long time, and I'm not sure if I'll have time to tell you it all, but I'll begin at least.)

You probably know that I was always interested in Art. When I got to the VIth form at school the headmistress tried to persuade me to drop Art and pursue other academic subjects (such as English Literature) for she felt that I was well able to do other subjects, and Art was a useless one. Moreover, there is a glut of Art teachers, but a desperate shortage of all other teachers. My examination marks were better in other subjects than they were in Art—however, I kept Art up and finally came here to the ——— Academy of Art to train as an Art Teacher.

Since I have become interested in work with difficult children (i.e. in Approved Schools, etc.), I have found that Art is needed for therapeutic reasons, more than any other subject and it is the best qualification I could have chosen, and so I am very thankful that I have been able to do something that I've not only enjoyed but will be really useful.

You know that my mother has been in ——— for 10 years now. As a child I was ashamed of this because I did not understand what mental illness was. As I have grown older I have realised that it is as much of an illness as cancer, or anything else. I felt very ignorant about it and I also felt that I should have a particular interest and knowledge. Therefore, in each of my vacations while I've been here I have worked in the occupational therapy department of Claybury Hospital (here my art and craft training was invaluable). In this way I have gained a practical experience of working with people with disturbed minds. I feel, therefore, that my mother's illness, which normally would have seemed a tragedy, has awakened in me an interest which has also been a preparation for the work I am going to do.

It would, too, have been a great misfortune for most people to spend part of their lives away from the small family atmosphere, and in a children's home as I have done. However, I feel now that the time I spent with you, and previously at the National Children's Home, has also been a unique preparation for work in a residential school—for I think that having, of necessity, part of my childhood in a community I can now understand how the community of children I hope to teach are likely to feel about a lot of things. For you know that I was happy for most of the time I was with you, but in reality I don't like crowds and I'm sure you'll understand when I say that I often felt I'd like to be by myself, and not one of many, and so I often felt lonely—sorry to have put this so badly, at any rate I must thank you with sincerity that comes from the bottom of my heart for all your interest in me and for the (unconscious perhaps) preparation for life that you gave me.

I feel I've been prepared in lots of other ways—I've been able to stay in Approved Homes and Schools, I've met Probation Officers (I stayed with one at Easter and learned a lot about social problems), people have loaned me books, etc., so that everywhere I've turned I've not been able to escape this sort of work. I can't say it's started from any one cause, I feel I've been prepared in a multitude of ways.

When I was with you I admired you and your staff, but I was certain you were mad! I could *not* understand how *anyone* could give up their homes and families to help people, especially children, for whom they had no real responsibilities. I knew that you were doing it because you felt you must—the love of Christ compelled you. I knew this and believed it, in formula form—because I saw it work, but I just didn't think it could work for me. I craved that I would live as close to my family as I could—a real unity was my whole ambition. Now I feel that I *must* help those who are in difficulty through (often) no fault of theirs—for I so easily could have got into an Approved School myself, if I hadn't been surrounded by true Christian love.

I'm now nearing the end of my training. I had expected to teach for at least two years in an ordinary school to gain experience of children. Then I planned (or hoped) to do a 2-year Home Office Course (psychology, etc.) which would then qualify me to do work in an Approved School. I still hope to do all this. During the Easter vacation I started to apply for posts. I was offered several (4 or 5) in ordinary schools, but I just didn't know what to accept, I wasn't really happy about any of them. Then I had the opportunity of applying for a post in a residential school for mal-adjusted boys. The vacancy was for one year only while the regular teacher does a university course. I didn't know what to do, but I was sure that I would be turned down if I wasn't yet ready for this work. I therefore applied after a lot of prayer. It's too long a story to tell now—but I got the job, although several other teachers with a lot of experience were turned down, and I'm absolutely *certain* for lots of reasons I haven't time to write about, that it's really what I should be doing, and so I'm looking forward to it, with tremendous joy and faith.

I've been really helped by my father's attitude to all this. He has been truly sacrificial. It's been a struggle for him to allow me to have so much education, and now when I had planned to come home and teach, I shall instead be going right away from home. I feel that helping in the Sunday School and Youth Club in his Mission Church by the docks has taught me a great deal too, and so has his faith and courage at all times.

I'm needed at home now more than ever before, ——— and ——— are growing up ; ——— is taking G.C.E. this year—it's hard for them to do all their school work and keep house, etc., as well, and I would like to be there, and also I'd like to help them spiritually, because I feel that since I've been here I've grown spiritual inches—I've had to stand on my own feet, and it's not

always been easy in a college of this type. ——— especially is developing at a tremendous rate—he's really studying—in fact, devouring his Bible and anything else he can read (like J. B. Phillips' *New Testament Christianity*). You see, therefore, this job away from home meant a big pull, and the wonderful thing is that my family are happy for me to go because they believe that I am doing God's will, too.

I'm feeling now happier than I've ever been—I can hardly wait to begin my work. The boys are from 8-16 years and are sent there mostly from Child Guidance Clinics, Juvenile Courts and so on. Like yours, it'll be a 24-hour job. Please pray for me, for although I feel I've had a unique preparation for this sort of work, I still feel very inadequate and young (20 isn't very much older than 16!).

I'm sorry to have written so much. I hope I haven't bored you. I do hope I've written the right thing. I really do want to thank you for my time spent with you—please don't think from what I've said that I was unhappy—anything that was amiss was amiss within my own queer make-up, and was no fault of yours. I never met anything but love and kindness from you. I assure you that I pray for you and your work continually. One day I intend to write a book about children and C.H. & M. will certainly be in it!

I've learnt a lot about faith in the last few months (I went to a conference for Students' Christian Unions at Easter) and I believe that if you feel that your motives for doing a thing are such that they would be absolutely approved by God, and He can know about them entirely, then you can have faith that that thing is right and worth doing. I have faith now that what I'm doing is right and so I'm going to it with no fears at all—only joy (although I've not got a lot of pretty illusions!). Thank you for reading all this and for everything." Love.

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1. *Why is there still a need for Children's Homes? I thought the Welfare State covered everything.*

A fairly recent estimate quoted that over 60,000 children in our country are being cared for in voluntary or state controlled children's homes. This number is apart from children put into foster homes.

2. *Where do you get your children from?*

Cases in need of help are introduced by various people. Minister of Religion: Doctor: Welfare Officer: One of our "old" girls or boys: or just someone who knows of our Family.

3. *What sort of cases do you help?*

Orphan children: illegitimate children: children whose parents are separated or divorced: occasionally in cases of

illness of parents: when parents are incapable of caring for children themselves. When the Family was founded in 1899 and until the second world war, the children were mainly orphans, but now the majority of cases are with us because of "broken homes".

4. *How much does it cost per week to keep a child in your Family?*

This figure varies slightly from year to year, but at present works out at £2-15-0 approximately.

5. *Where does the money come from?*

When the Family commenced in 1899 the Founder covenanted with God that he would take care of the children if God would supply the needs. We have never been in debt and there has always been sufficient to meet the needs.

6. *Does the Government give you any financial help?*

No. Our Local Authority is allowed to grant us a reduction in rates, but even so, we have to pay nearly £100 every half year.

7. *But if there are parents alive, don't they have to pay?*

Yes, of course. We expect a contribution according to means. Some are very faithful in this respect. Some other-otherwise! We put every possible pressure on the latter. Even so, repayments average only about 20% of the total income.

8. *How many people are on your staff?*

11 residential. There are others who help part-time.

9. *How do you get staff? This always seems a problem. Do you advertise?*

No. The need of staff, as of other needs, is brought to God and He prompts those of His choice to offer their services. None of the staff receive wages, but a monthly allowance to meet personal needs.

Incidentally, we have to pay between £30 and £40 each month for National Insurance contributions for the staff.

10. *What about clothes? Surely this is an expensive item these days?*

There are a number of voluntary working parties, as well as individual people, who make new clothes for the children—socks, cardigans, pullovers, dresses, pyjamas etc. We are indebted to these folk. We also receive good secondhand clothes.

11. *What are the ages of the children in your Family?*

2½-21. Boys and girls.

12. *Don't they have to leave when they finish at school?*

Only if there is a surviving parent or relative who is able to take care of the young person. Otherwise they remain with us, going out to work from here until they get married, or reach the position where they can make their own arrangements for accommodation, etc. We feel that the time when young people leave school is a critical one and that love and careful supervision is still needed.

13. *Are all the children who pass through your Family successful in life?*

Many are happily married—some have entered the nursing

profession—a few have had university training—but most are in "ordinary" spheres of work. Those who acknowledge the Christian teaching they receive here are most likely to be successful. The background behind a child coming into our care often creates problems as the years go by, which, without the guidance and strength of God, can prove too much.

14. *Are there any other Children's Homes just like yours?*

There are some **similar**, but the only one we know of that seems to be "just like ours" is out in Australia. Two friends in charge of that particular Home visited us recently, and on comparing notes we found their family to be just the same size as ours—their problems just the same as ours—and their needs supplied by the same FAITHFUL GOD!

GIFTS RECEIVED OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.

1957

Bedfont Tabernacle	.. ..	Toys.
Waltham Abbey	.. ..	Toys.
Muir Bedell Foreign Accounts		
Department	.. ..	Toys.
Ilford	.. ..	3 annuals.
King's Road Baptist Church,		
Chingford	.. ..	Toys.
Willesden Hall	.. ..	Toys.
Beechcroft Mission, Surbiton	.. ..	Toys and sweets.
Goodman Memorial Chapel,		
Leytonstone	.. ..	Toys.
Diss	.. ..	Gifts.
Woodford	.. ..	Toys.
Ashurst Drive Women's Meet-		
ing	.. ..	Secondhand clothes.
Kenton	.. ..	Secondhand clothes.
Stapleford Abbots	.. ..	Christmas crackers.
Anon	.. ..	Toys, etc.
Lady from Chingford called and		left a beautifully dressed doll.
Leyton	.. ..	Presents for teenage girls and
		Christmas pudding.
Torquay	.. ..	Handknitted cardigan, 2 jumper
		suits, gloves and skirt.
Ministry of Housing and Local		
Government Christian Fellow-		
ship	.. ..	Toys.
Cranford Women's Meeting	.. ..	Large turkey.
Lanes End Mission, Kent	.. ..	Dolls' house and cot, toys,
		sweets.
Abinger Common S.S...	.. ..	Toys.
Eastney Gospel Mission	.. ..	Toys.
Hele Baptist Church, Torquay	.. ..	Toys.
St. Andrew's Church, St. Albans	.. ..	Toys.
East Finchley Baptist Church	.. ..	Toys.

Christ Church, St. Albans ..	Toys.
Rayleigh Baptist Sunday School	Toys.
Matthews Memorial Chapel, Walthamstow	Toys.
Eastern Avenue Baptist Church	Toys.
Woodford	Toys.
St. Matthews Church, West Ham	Toys.
Bowers Gifford	Christmas tree chocolate decorations, sweets and baby clothes.
Tottenham	Vest, gloves, scarf.
Haywards Heath Free Church	Toys.
Whitstable	Scripture painting books.
Woodford	Secondhand books.
Anon	Cardigan, pullover, football boots.
Wadham Hall Sunday School, Walthamstow	Presents for teenagers.
Dr. Barnardo's Christian Fellow- ship, Barkingside	Toys and presents for teenagers.
Canvey Island Baptist Church ..	Toys.
Brondesbury Baptist Church ..	Toys.
Woodford	2 Christmas cakes.
25th Ilford North Brownies ..	4 large stockings of sweets.
Harringay	New books and large box choco- lates for the staff that do the work!
16th South Essex Boys' Brigade	Gifts.
Brentford Congregational Church	Toys.
Highams Park Baptist Sunday School	Card and handkerchief for every child.
Goodman Memorial Chapel S.S.	Groceries.
Waltham Abbey	Large turkey, sprouts, cauli- flowers, fruit, etc.
Chelmsford Girl Crusaders ..	Sweets.
Hoddesdon Congregational Church	Toys.
Rayleigh	Parcel of toys.
Johnny Ray Fans	Doll.
Woodford Green	Hair ribbons.
Waltham Abbey Baptist Church	Toys.
Aunt Elizabeth, Walthamstow Guardian	Toys.
Highway Hall Girl Covenanters	Teenage presents.
Trunk Exchange Engineers ..	Toys.
W. Olivers Ltd., Walthamstow	Christmas tree and presents.
Leytonstone Methodist Church	Toys.

Roadcast Press Ltd., Cricklewood	Large Christmas tree, decora- tions and present for every child.
Epping	2 dolls.
Woodford	China dishes & preserving pans.
Chingford	Toys.
Anon	Toffees and books.
Epping Forest Boy Scouts ..	Presents for teenagers and Christmas tree lights.
Manor Hall, Boreham Wood ..	Toys.
Waverley Road Neighbours ..	Huge boxes of sweets for every- body.
Woodford	Box assorted fruit.
Rise Park Hall, Romford ..	Sweets and handkerchiefs.
Woodford	Large jar cordial.
Derby	Sweets.
Morecroft Hall, Thundersley ..	Toys.
Mount Zion Sunday School, St. John's Wood	Toys.
Stapleford Abbots	Large turkey.
Epping	Toys.
Lloyds Printing Department, London	Present for every child.
W. J. Bush & Sons	Toys.
Woodford Bridge	Books.
All Saints, Woodford Green ..	Gifts.
Anon	Christmas cakes and sweets.
A neighbour	Sweets.
Berkhampstead Baptist S.S. ..	Exercise books and pencils.
Chingford Round Table ..	Toys.
Debden Congregational Church	Doll.
Ilford	Christmas cake and mince pies.
Cranham	Ham.
An "old" Boy	Large jar boiled sweets and Christmas photos.
Woodford Green	Flash light photos of Christmas and Boxing Days.
Kingston	2/- for every child.
Woodford Green	6d. for every child.
St. Thomas Church, Becontree	Toys.
Leigh on Sea	Box oranges.
S. Woodford	Large turkey.
Bolney Mission	Toys.
Gt. Yarmouth	Toys.
Golders Green	Chocolate biscuits.
Handsworth Avenue, Chingford Junior Guild	Nat. Savings Greetings Cards.
Woodford	Loan of cutlery.
Dagenham	2 tins toffees.

P.O.C.A. Mince meat, Christmas tree lights,
decorations and fruit.

A VARIETY OF GIFTS RECEIVED

Date

Oct.	1.	Ilford	..	..	..	Second-hand clothes.
"	2.	Ashley Hall Working Party				4 pairs boys' pyjamas, 4 pairs boys' pyjama trousers, 5 girls' nightdresses, 2 pairs boys' socks, 25 pairs ankle socks, 1 pair gloves, 1 coattee.
"	3.	Muir Bedall Christian Fellowship	..	..	..	6 pairs hand-knitted socks, 2 scarves.
"	4.	Colchester	..	..	..	Second-hand clothes.
"	5.	Organiser of C. of E. Children's Society	..	..	..	Ice-cream.
"	15.	Woodford Green	..	..	..	2 eiderdowns.
"	25.	Ealing	..	..	..	1 pair sandals.
Nov.	1.	Norfolk	..	..	..	Clothes.
"	1.	St. Albans	..	..	..	18 new Bibles.
"	1.	N.W.2	..	..	..	16 dozen packets of paper handkerchiefs.
"	1.	"Friends at Heathfield"	..	..	..	Second-hand clothes.
"	1.	South Woodford	..	..	..	Second-hand clothes.
"	1.	W.6	..	..	..	Second-hand clothes.
"	7.	Norfolk	..	..	..	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	11.	Hainault	..	..	..	Furniture.
"	11.	Smith's Pump Shop, Cricklewood	..	..	..	Barometer and Cuckoo Clock.
"	14.	Norfolk	..	..	..	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	16.	Elmsleigh Mission Sewing Class	..	..	..	5 pairs socks, 3 pairs pyjamas, dungarees, cushion cover, 4 slipovers.
"	21.	Norfolk	..	..	..	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	21.	Anon	..	..	..	Suits, shirts and ties.
"	22.	Ilford	..	..	..	2 moquette armchairs.
"	23.	Hounslow	..	..	..	10 pairs hand-knitted mittens, second-hand clothes.
"	23.	Leyton	..	..	..	1 adult hand-knitted cardigan, 4 pairs hand-knitted socks, 2 small hand-knitted cardigans.
"	26.	Singapore	..	..	..	Second-hand clothes, 3 pairs shoes.
"	28.	Norfolk	..	..	..	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
Dec.	3.	Chiswick	..	..	..	5 knitted scarves, 4 hats, 3 pairs bootees, comb in case, vest.
"	3.	Royston	..	..	..	9 pairs gloves.

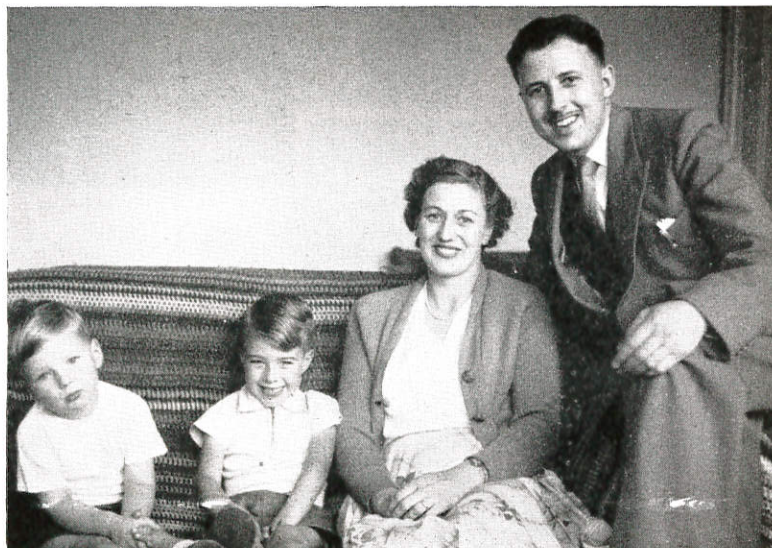


*The Day After
Christmas*





Sharing the Fireside



An 'Old Boy' and His Family

Date

Dec.	3.	Old Independent Church, Haverhill, Working Party	6 pairs boys' pyjamas, 2 pairs girls' pyjamas, 7 pairs girls' gloves, 1 cardigan, 8 pina- fores, 2 overalls, 6 slipper bags.
"	4.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	10.	Horam	Several pairs of socks.
"	12.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	13.	Peterborough	4 scarves.
"	16.	Torquay	2 jumper suits, 1 cardigan, 1 pair gloves, 1 scarf—all hand- knitted.
"	16.	Romford	1 scarf, 2 pairs socks—hand- knitted.
"	16.	Lanes End Mission, Graves- end, Working Party ..	6 slip-overs, 7 pairs socks, 1 pair gloves, 1 skirt.
"	16.	Cranford Baptist Working Party	9 cardigans, 1 hat, 3 pairs socks.
"	19.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	24.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	28th.	Walthamstow	Clothes.
"	28.	W.C.2	1 record cabinet, 1 firescreen, 2 chairs, 1 coal cabinet.
Jan.	2.	Coulsdon	2 pairs socks, hat, 2 mats.
"	2.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	8.	South Woodford	Large tin pork luncheon meat.
"	9	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	10.	Royston	6 pairs gloves.
"	16.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	23.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	31.	Anon	Second-hand coat.
"	31.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
Feb.	4.	Norwich	Second-hand clothes.
"	6.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	10.	Coulsdon	3 handkerchiefs (embroidered), 2 pairs socks (hand-knitted), handbag, compendium.
"	13.	Cricklewood	Swabs, toilet requisites.
"	14.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
"	18.	Gravesend	3 pairs ankle socks, 2 pairs knickers, 2 small silk dresses, 1 small blazer, 4 nightdresses, 2 jumpers, 1 blouse, 3 small vests, 2 pairs pyjamas.
"	19.	Harlow: Family of 4 children	made themselves: basket, skirt, jumper, gloves, pinafore; also sent second-hand books and toys.

Date		
Feb. 19.	Handsworth Avenue Junior Guild	A savings card for each child with 2/6 for older ones, 2/- for younger ones.
" 19.	E.C.2	Some very nice new Easter cards for the children.
" 21.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots.
" 22.	Royston	4 pairs gloves.
" 28.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages, sack of carrots
Mar. 3.	Southchurch	Second-hand clothes.
" 6.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages.
" 8.	Loughton	44 hand-hemmed handkerchiefs.
" 13.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages.
" 20.	Loughton	Coffee table, carpet sweeper, wicker chair, old wireless (for children to amuse themselves).
" 20.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages.
" 23.	Waltham Abbey	Shirts, dress, cooking utensils, long trousers.
" 27.	Norfolk	Sack of cabbages.
" 27.	Woodford Green	Wireless for senior boys.

" ANONYMOUS "

We acknowledge the undermentioned gifts with gratitude and trust that the friends who sent in this way will rejoice in the knowledge that their gifts arrived safely to be used to His Glory.

Date	Amount	Receipt No.
	£ s. d.	
1st October.	1 0 0	308
2nd "	1 0 0	314
2nd "	10 0	315 Stockwell.
2nd "	1 0 0	319
3rd "	2 0 0	320
3rd "	10 0	327
9th "	1 0 0	351
25th "	1 0 0	392 "E.L."
4th November.	1 10 0	419 Glasgow.
7th "	2 0 0	425 "G.R."
27th "	5 0 0	495 Readers of "The Christian". per Marshall, Morgan & Scott.

Date	Amount	Receipt No.
	£ s. d.	
29th "	10 0	501
2nd December.	1 0 0	507
9th "	10 0	576
9th "	1 10 0	582 Kentish Town.
12th "	5 0 0	614 "W.O.S."
12th "	1 0 0	618 A Wellwisher.
12th "	50 0 0	620
15th "	1 0 0	641
18th "	1 0 0	683 East Finchley.
23rd "	10 0	720 "F.E.C."
23rd "	10 0	722
23rd "	1 0 0	759
23rd "	1 0 0	766
23rd "	10 0	767
24th "	5 0 0	778 "Michael's Xmas Gift".
24th "	10 0	779 Bristol.
24th "	10 0	782
24th "	5 0	785
24th "	1 0 0	786
24th "	10 0	787
2nd January.	5 0	842
6th "	1 0 0	858
8th "	3 10 0	876 St. Albans.
7th February.	5 0 0	970 Readers of "The Christian". per Marshall, Morgan & Scott
17th "	1 0 0	997 Barnet.
24th "	3 0 0	1019 Hook.
5th March.	4 0	1061
7th "	10 0 0	1068 Halstead.
10th "	4 0 0	1072 Nazeing.
24th "	10 0 0	1097 Maldon.
31st "	10 0 0	1119 Halstead.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

OCTOBER

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Hook Evangelical Church	5 0	Muir Bedall Christian	
Kenton Evangelical Church	22 15 11	Fel., London	14 0
Tottenham Bapt. Church	7 6 0	Bridgenorth	5 0 0
Brook St. Chapel S.S.,		Ilford	6 0 0
Tottenham	4 0 0	King's Lynn	28 0 0
Keswick Hall, Epping	10 0	Ley St. Gospel Hall S.S.,	
Radlett	15 0 0	Ilford	1 10 0
Stockwell Bapt. Church	12 0 0	Buckhurst Hill	1 0 0
Chingford	2 0 0	Buckhurst Hill Girl Covts.	1 10 0
St. Albans	10 0	Salisbury Rd. Sch.,	
St. Albans	13 6	Romford	1 2 6
Ashley Hall Women's		Wanstead	10 0
Mtg., St. Albans	1 7 6		

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Princes Hall S.S., Buck-			Great Munden Mission ..	1	13	11
hurst Hill	2	2	Chailey Undenominational			
Binfield	1	10	Mission	12	7	6
Eastney Gospel Mission,			Palmer's Green	1	0	0
Portsmouth	7	11	Muswell Hill		10	0
Ilford		2	Roe Green S.S., Kingsbury	5	0	0
Brondesbury Bapt. Church	2	10	Anstey Chapel, Herts. ..	5	0	0
Elmsleigh Hall Bible Class,			S. Woodford Residents'			
Leigh-on-Sea	2	0	Assn.	2	2	0
Walkern Mission, Herts.	4	3	Lacon House Christian			
Emmanuel Chapel,			Fell.	1	0	0
Abridge		10	Tottenham	1	0	0
Thundersley Gospel Hall			Digswell	10	0	0
S.S.	2	0	Cumberland Rd. S.S.,			
Beckingham Congrega-			Plaistow	2	0	0
tional Church	1	0	Lighthouse Mission, Can-			
Sandy Bapt. S.S.	2	10	ning Town	5	0	0
Salway Hall S.S., Wood-			Yelling Bapt. Church ..	13	0	0
ford Green	6	0	Harpenden	1	0	0
Strood Conference	3	0	Kentish Town Mission ..	14	0	0
London, W.6	4	17	Broughton Chapel	1	0	0
Alma Road Mission, Pon-			Frant	25	0	0
ders End	2	0	Legacy	25	0	0
Ponders End	1	0	Shoeburyness—Shoe Fund	2	2	0
Wormit—Fifeshire	3	0	Billet Lane Hall, Horn-			
Avenue Hall S'hood,			church	2	2	0
Woodford Green	2	0	Hornchurch		10	0

NOVEMBER

Hornchurch	5	0	0	King's Langley	2	0	0
London, W.6		5	0	Rayleigh	2	0	0
Upper Holloway	20	0	0	Walthamstow	1	0	0
Walthamstow	2	0	0	Stratford Central Bapt.			
Woodbury Down Bapt.				Church	1	0	0
Women's Mtg.	1	0	0	Coulsdon	5	0	
Epping		10	0	Elmsleigh Gospel Hall,			
Abbots Langley	2	0	0	Leigh	5	0	0
Gravesend	1	0	0	Bishopstoke	9	17	11
Barnet	1	0	0	Friends Meeting,			
Leigh-on-Sea	25	0	0	Walthamstow	6	7	
Tankerton Evangelical				Princes Hall Y.P.F., Buck-			
Church	3	3	0	hurst Hill		10	0
Bangor Convention,				South Woodford—Box ..	12	6	
N. Ireland	10	0	0	Boxes	40	0	0
Claybury Pk. Bapt.				Leigh	2	0	0
Women's Mtg.	1	10	0	Woodford Green	1	0	0
Doncaster		10	0	London, N.16	1	0	0
West Ham Tabernacle ..	2	0	0	W. J. Bush Fellowship ..	2	0	0
Wadham Hall Y.P.F.,				Dalston	5	0	0
Chingford		10	0	Boxes	30	0	0
Peterborough		10	0				

DECEMBER

Weybridge	10	0	0	Stocksfield-on-Tyne ..		10	0
Seven Kings		15	0	Barking		7	6
Epping Green Chapel ..	2	2	0	South Woodford		10	0
Witham	2	0	0	Brandon Hall S.S.	4	4	0
Woodford	2	2	0	Wormit-on-Tay, Fifeshire		10	0
South Woodford		10	0	Bexhill-on-Sea	2	2	0

	ff	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shirley Hall, Enfield ..	3	0	0	Ramsgate		5	0
Sidmouth	1	0	0	Crawley	2	2	0
Hornchurch		10	0	Woodford Green	3	0	0
Balham, S.W.12	1	0	0	Manor Park Bapt. S.S. ..	1	0	0
Beechcroft Rd. S.S., Sur-				Bournemouth	5	0	0
biton		10	0	Abinger Common S.S. ..	7	0	0
Tottenham		10	0	Winsor Mission S.S. ..	1	0	0
Colchester		10	0	Highbury, N.5	6	0	0
Epping	5	0	0	Faversham		10	0
1st Surbiton Girl's Life				Hornchurch	1	0	0
Brigade	5	10	0	Harrow		10	0
Hoddesdon		10	0	Bournemouth		10	0
Doncaster	1	10	0	Rise Park Covenanters ..	4	0	0
Hornsey Rise, N.19 ..		10	0	Min. Housing and Local			
South Woodford		10	0	Government	4	0	6
Poulner Bapt. Church ..	5	0	0	Manor Park	1	10	0
Canvey Bapt. Church ..	4	2	0	South Woodford	14	11	0
Epping	1	0	0	Cranford Bapt. Church—			
Woodford Green	1	10	0	Women	6	0	0
Walsall	2	0	0	Barking		10	0
Leytonstone, E.11 ..		7	6	Derby	2	0	0
11th South Essex B.B. Co.	5	0	0	Connaught Mission S.S.	2	0	0
Portsmouth		10	0	Woodford Green	5	0	0
Barnardo's Fellowship ..		10	0	Epping	2	0	0
Wanstead		10	0	Bletchley	2	0	0
Southend-on-Sea	2	0	0	Upper Holloway	1	0	0
Woodford Green	1	10	0	London, N.W.11	1	0	0
Salisbury	1	10	0	King's Rd. Bapt. S.S.,			
Chelmsford Girl Crusaders	5	0		Chingford	1	8	9
Glasgow	5	0	0	Hove	1	0	0
Kenley	5	0	0	Loughton Pentecostal			
South Woodford	1	0	0	Church	2	0	0
Canfield S.S.	2	10	0	Grantham		8	0
Boscombe	1	1	0	West Indies Inter-			
Hampton-on-Thames ..	5	0	0	Christian Fell.	2	13	7
Boys' Brigade, Abbey				South Woodford	1	0	0
House	3	0	0	Paignton	5	5	0
Radlett	20	0	0	Clacton-on-Sea	2	0	0
London, N.13	2	0	0	Newcourt Congregational			
Muir Beddal & Co. Ltd.				Church, Holloway ..	10	0	
Christian Fell.	5	0	0	Newcourt Congregational			
East Sheen		10	0	Church Fell.	1	11	9
Canning Town Girl				Epping	2	6	
Covenanters	2	2	0	Holland-on-Sea Bapt.			
London, E.C.3	1	0	0	Church	1	1	0
Cranleigh Bapt. S.S. ..	5	19	0	Epping	1	0	0
Ilford	2	0	0	Ware		5	0
P.O.C.A. Savings Dept. ..	8	4	0	Cheam	3	3	0
West Mersea	1	10	0	Grantham Gospel Mission			
St. Columb, Cornwall ..	1	0	0	J.C. Endeavour	1	0	0
Bournemouth		10	0	Woodford Green	1	1	0
Southend-on-Sea		10	0	St. Albans		10	0
South Woodford	5	0	0	Clapton		5	0
Ilford	1	0	0	Guildford	1	0	0
Whitstable		5	0	Barling Gospel Mission ..	4	13	9
Harrow	1	0	0	Wimbledon	1	0	0
South Woodford	1	0	0	Ealing, W.5	5	0	0
South Woodford	1	0	0	Kilburn, N.W.6		10	0
Theydon Bois	5	0	0	Woodford Green	3	0	0
St. Matthew's Church				Brighton		10	0
Fellowship	3	10	6	Totteridge	1	1	0
Muswell Hill, N.10 ..		10	0				

	£	s.	d.
W. J. Bush & Co. Ltd., Hackney-Holiday Fund	5	0	0
Cambridge	1	0	0
Enfield	1	0	0
Loughton	10	0	
Horam	5	0	0
Yelling	5	0	0
Theydon Bois	5	0	
Hornsey Rise	10	0	
N.W.10	10	0	
Ilfracombe	10	0	
Southampton	2	0	0
Dorchester	1	0	0
Northfleet	1	0	0
Brentwood	10	0	
Cullompton, Devon	2	2	0
Frinton-on-Sea	10	0	
Whyteleafe U.F.C.	1	0	0
Leyton, E.10	1	10	0
Woodford Green	7	0	
Ilford	10	0	
Fetcham	3	0	0
Cranford	2	0	0
Poole	10	0	
Hanwell, W.7	2	0	0
Leyton, E.10	10	0	
Thorpe Bay	5	5	0
Christ Church, Welwyn	2	2	0
Faversham Gospel Mission S.S.	10	0	
Broxbourne	10	0	
Chorley Wood	30	0	0
Blackmore	5	0	0
Hainault	1	0	0
Peckham	25	0	0
Porchester	10	0	
Boxes	6	10	0
Chelsea	2	0	0
Seven Kings	10	0	
Enfield	1	5	0
Hornchurch	5	0	0
Letchworth	3	0	0
South Woodford	2	2	0
Brondesbury, N.W.6	2	0	0
Kentish Town, N.W.5	10	0	
People's Hall, Bridgenorth	2	0	0
Kentish Town Mission	2	2	0
Bethesda S.S., Singapore	5	14	5
Northwood	1	0	0
Hounslow	1	0	0
Woodford Green	1	0	0
Manor Park	6	0	0
Black Notley	5	0	
Pontypridd	3	0	0
Wadhurst	1	0	0
Ilford	10	0	
Gloucester	1	0	0
Westerham	10	0	
Walthamstow Central Bapt. S.S.	5	0	0
Chigwell	2	2	0
Waltham Abbey	5	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Bedfont Tabernacle— Boxes	2	19	6
Kentish Town	1	0	0
Enfield	1	1	0
Haverhill O.I. Church Women	10	0	
Odell	2	2	0
King's Lynn	10	0	0
Battersea Park	2	2	0
Leytonstone, E.11	5	0	
Ware	1	1	0
Westcliff-on-Sea	2	0	0
Leyton, E.10	1	0	0
London, N.W.11	1	0	0
Worthing	2	0	0
Cong. Women's League, Woodford	10	0	
Lexden	1	0	0
King's Lynn	10	0	
Abridge	5	0	
Harlow	1	0	0
London, N.7	10	0	
Fullers Road S.S., Wood- ford Green	3	17	6
Woodford Bridge	2	0	0
Ramsey	1	10	0
Cuckfield	1	0	0
Woodford Green	10	0	
Salisbury	15	0	
Shipley	3	0	0
Epping	1	0	0
Leyton, E.10	10	0	0
West Mersea	10	0	
Keswick Hall S.S., Walthamstow	2	0	0
Loughton	1	1	0
Westcliff	10	0	
Higham's Park	1	0	0
Boreham Wood	3	0	0
Southampton	1	0	0
Brondesbury Bapt. Church S.S.	2	17	6
Blackmore	1	0	0
Toronto, Canada	1	0	0
Halstead	1	1	0
Hainault Road Bapt. Church, Leyton	3	3	0
Barking	3	0	0
Cranleigh Bapt. Church S.S.	16	0	
Southport	5	0	
Barkingside	1	0	0
Royston	4	0	0
South Woodford	20	0	0
Plaistow, E.13	10	0	
Cranham Bapt. Church	5	10	0
South Woodford	2	0	0
South Woodford	10	0	
Bodmin	1	0	0
Applecroft School Fund	8	8	0
Barclay Mission	3	0	0
Cranham	5	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Llanelly	10	0	
Lindfield	5	0	0
Berkhamsted	1	0	0
Woodford Green	2	0	0
Union Cong. Church, Leigh	10	3	6
Epping Methodist S.S.	7	2	0
North Chingford	2	0	0
Watford	3	3	0
Boy's Brigade, 2nd S.E. Co.	1	10	0
Gorleston	3	3	0

	£	s.	d.
Surbiton	5	0	0
Kenton Evangelical Church	7	6	2
Westminster Chapel	70	0	0
Chigwell	1	10	0
Hayes	10	0	
"E.T.M."	3	0	0
Leigh	2	2	0
Battersea	10	0	
Westcliff-on-Sea	1	0	0
Westcliff-on-Sea	5	0	0
Barking	1	0	0

JANUARY, 1958

N. Lancing	1	0	0
Guildford	4	0	0
Meldrum S.S., Goodmayes	2	2	6
Eastney Gospel Mission	5	15	8
Woodgrange Bapt. Y.P. C.E.	3	0	0
Clapham, S.W.9	1	1	0
London, N.W.2	1	10	0
Finsbury Park, N.4	1	10	0
Littlehampton	6	6	0
South Woodford	10	0	
Loughton	5	0	0
Moorcroft Hall, Thundersley	1	14	0
Camberley	1	0	0
Wood Green	10	0	
Barnet	1	0	0
Leytonstone, E.11	1	1	0
Brandon Road S.S., Walthamstow	1	0	0
Westcliff-on-Sea	10	0	
Leytonstone, E.11	1	0	0
Grays	10	0	
Forest Road Hall, Walthamstow	1	0	0
Walthamstow	1	0	0
Honiton	1	6	6
Colchester	5	0	
Woodford Green	1	0	0
Navestock	2	12	6
Epping, Junior C.E.	5	0	

York	7	0	0
Westcliff	12	0	
London, E.C.4	2	2	0
Ilford	1	1	0
London, N.1	3	0	0
Llanelly	5	0	0
Lansdowne Bapt. S.S., Bournemouth	3	7	6
Barking	2	2	0
Debden Cong. Church	10	15	0
Harpندن	1	0	0
Christchurch	10	0	
"Old member of the Staff"	2	0	0
Stratford, E.15	10	0	
Barn Y.P. Guild, Gt. Totham	2	2	0
Cambridge	10	0	
Walthamstow	5	0	0
Shrubland Rd. Cong. Church	7	1	6
Hornsey Rise, N.19	5	0	
Boxes	5	0	9
Legacy	22	12	2
Bishop's Stortford	250	0	0
Evan. Free Church, Harold Hill	5	0	0
Loughton	1	0	0
Moreton Congregational S.S.	3	0	0
Maidstone	3	0	0
Latimer Hall, East Ham	5	0	0

FEBRUARY

Stanmore	10	0	
Manchester, 21	2	0	0
London, W.5	20	0	0
Stock Exchange Christian Assn.	3	3	0
South Woodford	1	0	0
Walthamstow	5	0	0
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Ch., Children	5	0	0
Toronto, Canada	1	0	0
The King John School, S.U. Rayleigh	1	0	0
Shipley	5	0	0

Goldings Hill Free Church	1	1	0
Finsbury Park, N.4	2	10	0
Highgate Road, S.S.	4	0	0
Falkland Hall S.S.	2	0	0
St. Stephen's Church, Walthamstow	7	19	7
Stanway Women's Fellowship	2	0	0
New Town Miss., Men's Meeting	4	0	0
Kingston	3	3	0
South Woodford	5	0	0
London, N.W.11	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
King's Lynn	10	0	0
Elim Church, Leigh-on-Sea	1	0	0
Forest Road Hall S.S. ..	12	0	0
South Woodford	10	0	0
Guildford Park Evang. Church	5	0	0
Boxes	6	17	3
Sudbury	5	0	0
Enfield	1	0	0
Ilford	2	0	0
Axminster	1	0	0
Cyprus	9	0	0
London City Mission, Rumbold Road, S.W.6 ..	4	10	0
Elmsleigh Gospel Hall ..	2	0	0
Boscombe	15	0	0
Keswick Bapt. Church S.S., Walthamstow ..	3	0	0
St. Andrew's Church, Woodford Green ..	4	0	0
Southampton	10	0	0
London, N.W.2	1	0	0
Fairchild Youth Services, New Addington ..	3	0	0
Maldon	10	0	0
Strood Gospel Mission Choir	3	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Northwood	1	0	0
Elmsleigh Gospel Hall S.S. ..	5	15	0
United Mission S.S., Muswell Hill	5	10	0
Hampton	15	0	0
Ave. Hall Women, Woodford Green ..	3	0	0
Woodford Green	10	1	0
Walthamstow, E.7	2	0	0
Shoe Fund, Shoeburyness ..	12	0	0
Hook Evangelical Church ..	3	3	0
Woodford Bridge (box) ..	5	8	0
Dalston	2	0	0
Barnet	2	2	0
Southampton	10	0	0
Faversham	1	0	0
Hook	2	0	0
Stockwell Bapt. S.S. ..	4	4	0
Waltham Abbey	50	0	0
Boxes	1	11	0
Grantham	5	0	0
Kentish Town Evangelical Church S.S.	6	0	0
Walsall	2	10	0
Hane St. Gospel Hall S.S. ..	3	0	0
Cambridge Hall S.S. ..	7	15	0
Chelmsford	5	0	0

MARCH

Boxes	2	0	0
London, S.E.5	3	0	0
Westminster Chapel ..	10	0	0
Australia	5	5	0
Colchester	2	0	0
Bridgenorth	2	0	0
Southend-on-Sea	1	0	0
Tolworth	1	0	0
Treaty Road C.B. Youth Club	3	3	0
Highbury, N.5.	1	0	0
Covenant Gift Rebates ..	287	1	6
Ministry of Power Christian Fell. ..	1	0	0
Highway Hall Women ..	1	1	0
Edmonton, N.18	2	0	0
Walthamstow	2	0	0
Forrester's Group, Highams Park ..	30	0	0
Meldrum S.S.	2	0	0
Redcliffe Independent Bapt.	5	5	0
Radlett	15	0	0
Abinger Common	25	0	0

Boys' Brigade, 11th South Essex Comp.	2	2	0
Highway Hall Women ..	1	19	0
Cricklewood Cong. Church ..	3	0	0
Lovelace Fellowship ..	1	11	6
Two "Old" Girls	4	0	0
Bournemouth	1	0	0
Barking	2	0	0
Gurney Road Baptist Y.P.F.	10	0	0
Singapore	50	0	0
Ilford	1	1	0
Latimer Hall S.S.	2	0	0
N.W.2	10	0	0
Palmer's Green	1	0	0
Colchester	5	0	0
Colchester	10	0	0
Wanstead	5	0	0
Legacy	100	0	0
"3 B's Lenten Offering," Squirrels Heath School, Romford	1	14	0
Westcliff-on-Sea	1	0	0
Boxes	3	8	10