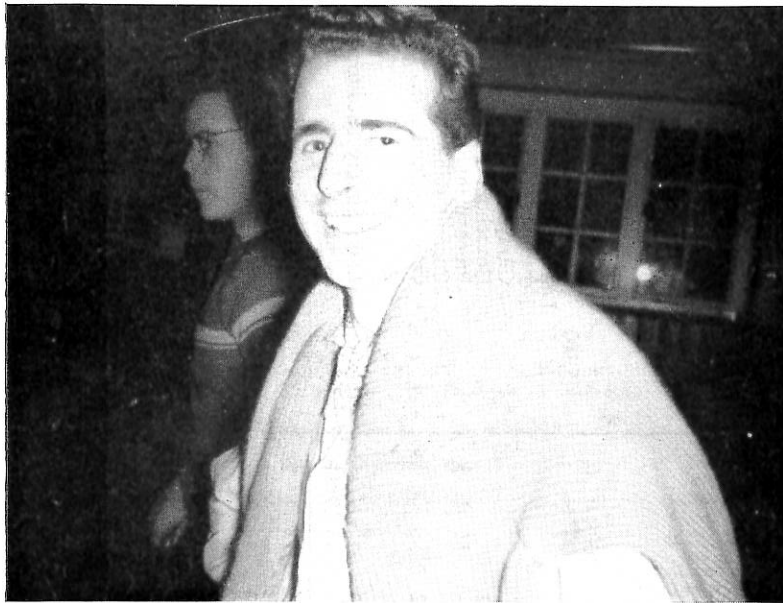
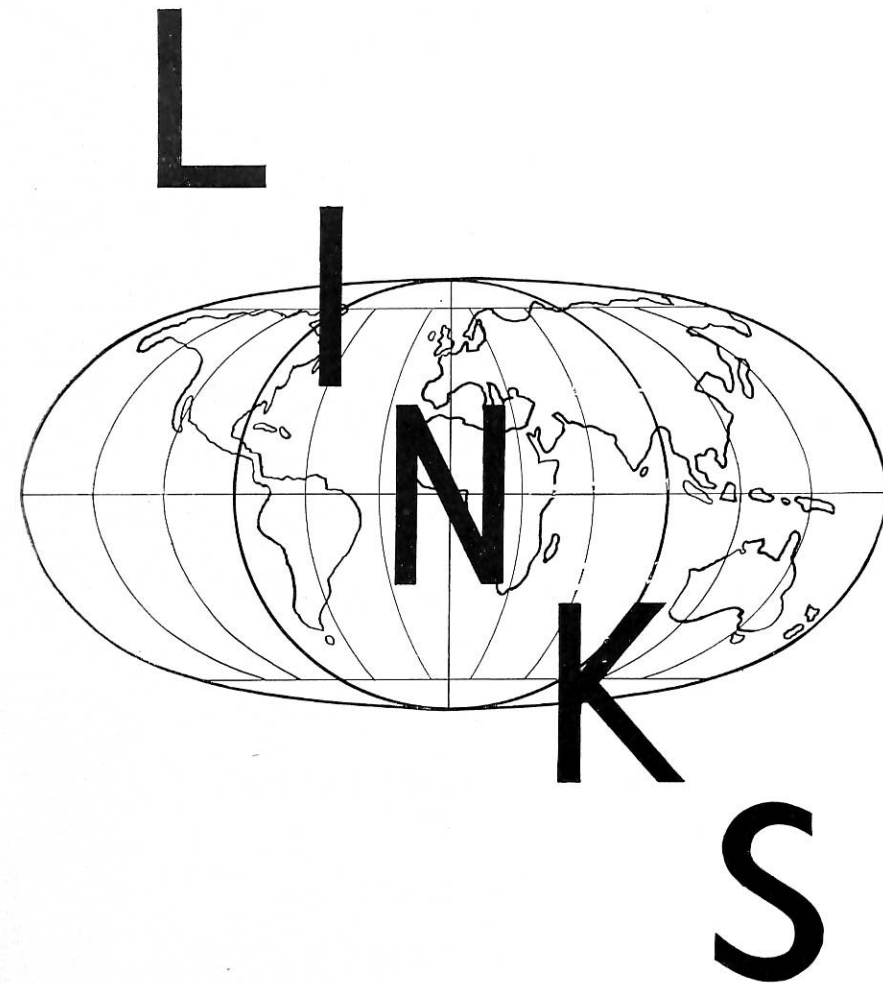


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EDITORIAL

Autumn, 1959.

Dear Prayer Partners,

"These Sixty Years"

There is an air of excitement in our Family Circle just now, for we are approaching our Sixtieth Birthday, on 20th November.

Inevitably at such a time as this we are constantly recalling to mind this and that experience, or some particular highlight in the history of the C. H. & M. The wee beginning—the small seed of Faith—the increasing challenge to this Faith—the steady progress—Woodford, Abridge, Tiptree—the evidence of joy and blessing in varied spheres directly and indirectly in touch with the Family centre, and the vast prayer partnership throughout the world. We recall that over 850 young folk have shared in the life of our Family, and many are happily living in Australia, Hong Kong, South Africa, New Zealand, America, Canada, Europe and the Homeland. Our hearts are stirred as we hear from one and another—read of their exploits and receive the latest photograph. How many grandchildren there must be to-day! Still greater joy is ours to know that many of this vast Family love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, and God's Word takes its rightful place in their homes. As you know, we have a threefold aim in our care of the young folk—to help them physically, intellectually and spiritually. Recently we have detected spiritual growth in many of these young lives, and we know from the Scriptures ("train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it"), and also from our own limited experience, it is this complete training that is necessary for the full balanced life to develop. We are a happy family—our youngest is John, not quite two years old, who with his sister and two others joined us just a week or two back. The Lord bless them—He gave Himself for them—may they give themselves to Him. At the other end of the scale we reach the grand old age of 22—Mary, who has been with us now for thirteen years. Both she and her sister are a blessing and bring us much joy.

What a glorious summer indeed! The Lord graciously opened another door this year for our holidays. Two weeks by the sea at a private high school at Lowestoft. Mrs. P. Downes, headmistress, gave us a right royal welcome and made everyone feel really at home. In the happy atmosphere that prevailed, fully enjoying the fresh East Coast air, the wonderful sands and gigantic waves, and spiritual blessing in His House on His Day, we returned home strengthened in every way to re-commence school and take up the busy routine.

Since then we have received over 70 Harvests from near and far, bringing all kinds of fruits to the dining tables and replenishing the stores. We do sincerely thank our many friends for this substantial help. From our bounty, we have been able to share with two local hospitals and about 100 old folk.

Again, it has been our enrichment to SEE God at work in the timing of the monetary gifts—just when we need them most! With the holidays fully paid for, we began to receive the usual monthly accounts, plus the quarterly electricity and gas bills and demand for our half-yearly rates. With the "barrel scraped" we prayed on and gloriously in God's time and way, from widely differing sources, He has met these needs. Two legacies amounting to £158, special harvest offerings totalling £75, and other smaller gifts, all together reached the required amount to offset the commitments. We were fully aware that a large account covering the complete decoration of the six houses, and other minor works, would be to hand at any time. We also knew that a dear friend had willed us £500, due sometime this year, BUT WHEN? Just the week-end prior to receiving this account, my bank informed me that the legacy had been paid in! We constantly marvel at His wonderful and perfect control over all things.

You will rejoice with us, I am sure, in the knowledge that two parents, with four children in our care for three years, have now come to know the Saviour and are desirous of setting up home again. Praise God for this miracle—pray for the parents that they may be kept in this hour. This has brought much happiness into the lives of the kiddies. Prayers answered!

Yes, wherever we look, even in the trials and disappointments which are our experience, too, we find that which draws us to Him in a closer relationship and which takes away the dross and constantly fits us for this vital and specialised work. We, the staff, praise God for this blessed and honoured calling. We value your daily intercession on our behalf, that we may not fail Him, or the children.

It seems hardly possible that ten years have slipped by since the Golden Jubilee when my late father gave a resumé of the Work over 50 years. On this our 60th Birthday, we cannot invite you ALL to tea—just a few local friends will be joining us. We shall, however, be greatly encouraged to know that you will be with us in prayer—a prayer of thanksgiving for all the way that He has led us. Through all the changing scenes since 1899 God has not changed. The flag of His Faithful flies boldly and confidently as we reach another important milestone.

In closing, I must say how much we value your friendship, your understanding and sympathy, your oneness with us. We look forward to seeing you on our Great Day—21st May next. Come and

let us unite to rejoice in the goodness of our Lord. In case we do not meet before, we send Christmas Greetings!

The Lord bless you.

In Him.

VICTOR J. WHITE.

Isaiah 26, 3 and 4.

CHRISTMAS, 1958

Gifts of Toys, Teenage Presents, Turkeys, Cakes, Crackers, Books, Sweets, Christmas Trees, Decorations, Games, Fruits Groceries, Knitted Garments, Soap, Vegetables, Nylon Stockings and Socks received from:—

Walthamstow
Upshire Free Church
Plumstead
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Sudbury
Diss
Muir Beddall Christian Union
Haywards Heath E.F.C.
Seven Kings
Epping Junior C.E.
Kilburn E.F.C. S.S.
Bedfont Tabernacle S.S.
Brondesbury Baptist S.S.
Leytonstone Methodist S.S.
Mission Grove School
Mowbrays Road Mission, Romford
Chelmsford Crusaders
Gresham Drive S.S., Chadwell Heath
South Woodford
Crayford Secondary Modern Girls' School
Canvey Island Baptist S.S.
Aldershot
Princes E.C., Buckhurst Hill
Hoddesdon Congregational S.S.
Gorleston Technical High School, Great Yarmouth
Goodman Memorial Mission
W. Olivers (Rubber) Ltd.
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Spruce Hill Baptist B.B. (16th)
Hele Baptist S.S., Torquay
East Sheen Baptist S.S.
Wadham Hall, Chingford
Employers' Liability Assurance Co. Ltd., Ilford

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Matthews Memorial S.S., Walthamstow
Woodford Bridge
Mount Zion S.S., N.W.2
Leytonstone
Rainham Girls' Own
London, W.C.1
Lansdowne Baptist S.S., Bourne-mouth
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Silver Birch Patrol G.G. (13th Woodford)
Claybury Park Baptist Brownies
Highway Hall, Stratford
Fullers Road Mission
Ponders End
Waverley Road Neighbours
Waltham Abbey
Rush Green
Wimbledon
Dr. Barnardo's Christian Fellowship
Via Debden
Harlow
Guardian Newspapers
Billericay E.F.C. Junior C.E.
Abinger Common S.S.
Tottenham
Epping Forest Boy Scouts
Lloyds Printing Dept. Social Club
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St. Thomas's Church, Dagenham
Rise Park Chapel, Romford
Highams Park Baptist Church

59th ANNUAL REPORT

given 9th May, 1959

"I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in Whom I will trust: my buckler and the horn of my salvation and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord Who is worthy to be praised."

Another year has passed away. Our testimony re-echoes that of David in the 18th Psalm—he was praising God for his manifold and marvellous blessings. We sing "Praise be to God, Who doeth all things well."

We greet you with thanksgiving in our hearts and praise upon our lips. It is right and good for us to meet together in this "Family way" that we might praise Him. This is "Our" day.

My report covers the year from 1st May, 1958, to 30th April, 1959.

OUR FAMILY.

Numbering fifty-six all told, we are all here this afternoon. Not all on the platform—some are too young, some at work are unable to practise in the choir. We are considered to be of average intelligence (so I'm told). Whether that is a compliment to our educational system, or otherwise, I would not dare state here! Average beauty, shape and weight! There are the odd exceptions to this (I am speaking generally). The winter months brought with them the measles and chicken-pox germs, but left behind no complications. Actually, only one or two were ill; for most it was a very nice holiday from school. Some were most disappointed when no spots appeared. One lad followed me round from pillar to post with all sorts of home-produced pimples which conveniently developed an itch. However, there was nothing doing—the holiday was missed with due feeling of being let down by the elusive chicken-pox germ! I suppose the prevalent entitlement of sick leave with pay has already taken root in the younger generation!

Nine children left and ten joined us during the twelve months.

The total of young folk helped since the beginning in 1899 is now 845.

We thank our Doctors, David Smith, Carey Baker and Horace Willings, particularly the last-named, for help and advice given. We really haven't worried them often—they have been busy enough without needing to call at Crescent Road to while away the time! We are also grateful to our Honorary Naturopath, Mr. Barrett, for his kindly help.

SCHOOLING.

We are conscious of the important part schooling has to play in the lives of the children, and so endeavour to keep happy and useful relationships with the staff of the schools attended. (The children would be surprised to know how much we do know!) A secure home life is a vital foundation factor to the successful school child. We may not at present have many potential geniuses in our midst, but we are pleased with the report which states "Tried his best," "Progress made," "A very willing and co-operative pupil." Ralph has taken and passed some of the R.S.A. examinations and is soon to tackle G.C.E. papers. Keith entered his new school in September, the result of his 11-plus success. We wish them both success.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

We have enjoyed various kinds of sport. We were given full cricket equipment and three netballs and goal nets during the year. A friend has made tennis net posts and prepared sockets, so with our playground newly re-surfaced and re-marked, our games should reach a higher standard. Perhaps, who knows, we shall be able to boost our national tennis morale, and there appears to be room for us on the cricket field also!

Our badminton club has completed a very happy and quite successful season. Some of the younger teenagers are in the junior club, and show promise. Quite soon they should be able to join the Senior Group. Each club night is closed with an epilogue and prayer.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY.

Our longing and prayerful intercession is that *all* our young people may come to know Christ as personal Saviour and Friend. Some have surrendered to Him. We must ever see that in every way there is constant encouragement and sanctified help given, promoting steady, strong spiritual growth. We know statistically that a strong Christian foundation is the greatest safeguard to their lives now, and their own Family life ahead!

On school mornings we have a prayer together, and "Family Prayers" following tea. Sundays are very special—we all go to morning worship: the children and young people to Sunday School and Bible Classes in the afternoon. After tea the younger ones stay at home, having a little service of their own, whilst the rest go to Abridge.

CHRISTMAS.

As usual, this was a very happy time for everyone. We had a large family party with tremendous fun and fellowship, and it was good to welcome home some of the "old" members. We received toys from eighty places. In addition, five turkeys and all sorts of things by hand, post, lorry, car—the sum total meeting all

the needs for the Family. At evening prayers we sang with much feeling our Home Anthem—"How good is the God we adore!" Father Christmas himself joined us, too—what an accommodating and loyal old friend he is indeed!

We shared a happy social evening at Grantham Mission, and, of course, the young folk attended their various Sunday School parties. Members of a London Factory entertained us with a "home produced" pantomime, and we gave a party to a C.E. Society. It is our intention that we should share in a family way with the community around—being entertained *and* entertaining, for in this way we are playing a normal role and giving to the younger generation the proper perspective. One harmful condition which can easily arise is to be always on the receiving end! This gives a wrong impression and creates numerous problems including an inferiority complex. We must be positive, not just passive—God helping and guiding us.

"OLD BOYS AND GIRLS."

Bill reached the significant age of twenty-one years earlier this year, and since then has left the immediate family circle for "digs." with his older brother, Charles, a loyal member of our Abridge Church and Sunday School teacher. Ted, the middle brother of the three, was married recently to a Christian girl, and last Saturday, quite unannounced, eleven of us found all in order at their brand-new home. There was a nice fire burning, we had a wash and brush up, cup of tea and refreshments laid on. We heard with amusement of their arrival at church an hour late the previous Sunday—they had forgotten to put their clocks on! Ted couldn't be seen for dust when he realised what had happened. Bill's leaving us brings to a close a very interesting chapter dating back to the last war, when three little boys aged seven, six and five, were welcomed to the Family at Tiptree, and we praise God for the part the C. H. & M. has been permitted to play in the development of their lives. We are thrilled to realise how wonderfully they have been blessed. We wish them God's richest blessing. May He always and ever be the centre of life and home. This prayer is for every young person here now, and all our Family members scattered afar.

Recalling the engagements and weddings since the last war, we are so happy and proud to know that each couple have settled down happily. We enjoy contacts with those near home, and we love to hear regularly from those who, by reason of distance cannot get to see us.

We had an interesting contact three weeks ago. A Greek couple, husband and wife, who, following their terrible experiences during the war, living in Athens, had gone out to Johannesburg to live, and came into contact with Irene (one of our "old" girls) and her husband. A deep friendship blossomed, and a few months

before leaving South Africa, they sold their charming house to Irene and Wendel. On their return to Greece, via London, they called to see us (as requested). Tongues wagged that evening! We heard of the very happy home of Irene and her family. As Mr. Englesater said: "We stayed with them for three months prior to sailing and enjoyed every minute of their family life. Their children are just adorable. The majority of marriages in South Africa are crashing to-day, and to feel the influence of this Christian Home is like a bright light shining and cheering many people."

There are many homes to-day where members of our Family are building upon the love of Christ Jesus. It is not enough merely to do our best in life or with life, but we *need* the full love and wisdom of God within, to help to make the home life what it should be. A new Committee now sitting in London is concerned with the gigantic problem of "child care." I am given to understand that the angle from which this is to be tackled in the future is not the "problem child," but the "problem home."

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Another remarkable year. We commenced 1st May, 1958, with £424 in hand. Could God again meet all needs and prove Himself? Perhaps the donors would change their minds or find that the cost of living was now so high that they could not spare more! Those who had left legacies couldn't die again! Can God? 1899 to 1958—God had! Why should He fail now— We must simply trust Him, allow Him to manifest Himself yet again. Well—He has! Here, briefly, is the story:—

Total expenses for the year	£7,492 17 2
Total income for the year	£7,666 15 1
<i>Excess Income over Expenditure</i>	£173 17 11

With the balance in hand at the beginning of the year, we now carry forward a new balance of £550 into this year.

Ever in prayer, we had our testing times, but all in His will and purpose He was never too late!

During a period of special need some dear anonymous friend was prompted to send along from time to time, in just a plain blue envelope, quite large amounts—£32, £34, £43. Then, when a larger gift in the form of a legacy came in November, these special gifts ceased. Coincidence? No, *Providence*.

Concerning this legacy just mentioned. A dear aged friend of my mother and father was called "home" in February, 1958. She left her entire estate to the Family here—£1,300—and her executor came to tea one Sunday, with his wife, and handed over this precious gift. There had been several problems in the winding

up of the estate, but in response to earnest prayer on the part of the executor the business progressed and the gift was available just at the right time so far as the financial need was concerned. The wonderful planning and overruling of God that the gift was available just then!! Why is it that we constantly doubt God's ability to overrule in all circumstances of our lives? He knows the end from the beginning. He is God!

Included in the total expenditure figure was an amount of £758 covering the cost of one hundred new stacking chairs, a new boiler, re-surfacing of playground, and a motor mower. Not only have the daily essentials been met, but we have been able to carry out improvements to add to the comfort and convenience of the Family. The variety of gifts from near and far; the encouraging thoughts expressed in letters, such as "morning and evening we are remembering you in prayer," and so on, are all a tonic to us, and no matter how small the gift, *all* go to make up the sufficiency! There is no deposit account—no fund round the corner—no human benefactor to whom we turn when things don't quite work out as we expect. To Him alone we turn!

My wife and I are at present attending a voluntary Home Office Course. It has been interesting and quite enlightening from our personal point of view. One fellow with whom I chatted asked frankly about the C. H. & M. Particularly was he interested in the financial side. Briefly, I explained. "Are you sure about this?" he asked. "You know, I have come across similar set-ups to yours, but have known that when they have been in a financial jam, there has been a very kind and helpful benefactor behind the scene to whom they have turned to meet their situation." I made plain the fact of our utter dependance upon God. He is our Benefactor—not behind the scene, but in the centre. This impressed our friend.

We are able to take each day, month and year to our Heavenly Father and rest upon His promises, that He will provide for this His Family. Again he has accomplished this very thing—it is marvellous in our eyes!

Although there have been many changes since 1899, the three aims of the Family are still the same. The third aim is very definite—"To appeal to God alone for the meeting of every need." I can well remember my late father strengthening me with the thought, "You know, my boy, as you journey on with the Lord, you will ever increasingly find that He is able to meet everything. He has proved himself to me, to untold numbers of His own, and will most certainly to you. Just draw near to Him. Rely upon Him." How true, as the years have gone by, even since 1952 (the year of my father's home call), it has been thrilling to experience His faithfulness. We need never doubt nor fear, for He is God! God and Father to us—what is He to you?

Now, of course, there is much more to tell. When I think that often I am asked to speak for an hour upon the goodness of the Lord towards the Family here, with numerous illustrations, you can see how little can really be told in report form to-day. Come to see us some time and we can show and tell you more.

BOXHOLDERS.

These folk are prayer partners desirous of holding a Box for the purpose of their giving. You will be pleased to hear of a new record of £220. Dear Mr. William Parker, who was our Box Secretary for twenty-one years was called Home suddenly last September. He was recovering from an illness. He went to post a letter—passed on. It was a severe shock to his wife. Our Autumn "Links" gave details and also brought the news of God's provision of new Box Secretaries—Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cook, of Woodford. We remember here with gratitude and admiration the twenty-one years of work undertaken by our late friend, and we commit our new secretaries to God, praying that He will bless and guide them.

GIFTS IN KIND.

What a variety! From Voluntary Working Parties, individuals, mission halls, day schools—furniture, a carpet, vegetables, turkeys, tops, Easter eggs, television sets, etc.

MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY AND VEHICLES.

The interior decorations have continued mainly under the guidance of Mr. Olney. One bedroom floor had to be completely relaid due to extensive woodworm damage. This redecorating is known as the "never-never job." No sooner do we reach one end of the property than we have to begin all over again.

Having struggled valiantly for some years, since our old mower packed up, to keep our fairly extensive grass area in reasonable shape with the use of two ordinary mowers, we have bought a new rotary mower for the job. My staff may feel that for me it presents itself as a new toy! The evidence of its usefulness is for all to see.

Our two vehicles have been kept serviced throughout the year and this has done away with the necessity to push and shove (unless the lady drivers ran out of petrol), most of us having experienced enough of this activity to last a lifetime. It used to be quite a common sight for our neighbours to see a C. H. & M. vehicle being pushed up and down Waverley Road.

My late father, co-founder of the Family in 1899, with Miss Hutchin, had many very strange and humorous experiences with cars. Returning home one evening from a service, he pulled up outside the home to a crescendo of bangs, hisses, vibrations, etc.

Climbing rather nervously out of the car, an old Wolseley, he was completely taken aback to see that the whole engine had fallen through the chassis and was scattered around the road and pavement. "Praise the Lord!" he cried. "It might have happened on the way home. I am safe!"

THE DENTIST.

Two children visit the dentist each Tuesday. I don't know what your experiences are at the dentist, but ours come back sometimes minus teeth, and then perhaps with a present in the nature of a nice toy. A visit to Mr. Stephen Smith is a highlight!

STAFF.

The cooking, cleaning, washing, maintenance work and all the other hundred-and-one jobs covered within the Family are done so well by my staff and some older Family members, apart from the actual direct care of the children themselves. May the Lord continue to give them His joy and blessing as they serve Him here. Not an easy task. His task for them. Let us continue to trust Him together and ever seek to please Him. I desire to express thanks also to non-residential helpers.

HOME OFFICE COURSE.

As previously mentioned, my wife and I have been attending a voluntary Home Office Course each Wednesday since October last. What a gigantic problem faces our country in coping with some 80,000 or so young people needing care to-day! Whilst we are impressed with the searching thought and activity expended to cope with this gigantic avenue of welfare work, and whilst we are more impressed still at the large sums of money expended by the Government, we are saddened to witness the exclusion of the One who is the answer—the Lord Jesus Christ. We exclude Him at our peril—for "Johnny" who needs care for the body and mind, has also a living soul. Shall we fail him? God forbid. What can we do? It may seem so little, but here at home, and also elsewhere, as we have opportunity to witness, we shall in your name make known our belief, that the answer to the broken home-life of our nation can be found, firstly, in the recognition of man's need of a Saviour—the reading of God's Word and the keeping of His Day.

HARVEST TIME.

An abundance of good things received at harvest time has given us the happy opportunity of sharing with some old-age pensioners. Besides the actual usefulness of the gifts themselves, their coming cuts down the cost of provisions.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT.

You see, for instance, little ones, tired out, long for early bed. Then, having refreshed themselves, they see no reason why they should prolong the hours of rest, and so awake with the morning bird chorus. Now, the older ones can see no reason to retire in daylight to bed, and have certainly no ears for the early birds! The staff are stumped either way!

Many incidents pack our days—some happy, some sad. At 9 p.m. one week-day evening the door bell rang alarmingly. We opened the door to find a very dishevelled, sobbing woman, with hand bleeding. Beyond her, down the steps, two young kiddies in a pram. "You must help me. My husband has come home drunk again—we had a fight. I've fled the house after taking the children from their beds!" We carried the pram indoors and after milk drinks, tucked the tots up in bed. To the Jubilee Hospital we went with the mother for some stitches in her hand. (We do register our appreciation of the ready help given by this hospital to us on many occasions.) In the morning, after breakfast, we became so active in trying to make suitable arrangements for the three that we completely overlooked a city engagement. The probation folk were contacted and took up the case.

MR. JIM STARK.

During the year we have lost many old friends. Mr. Stark has been a very long and trusted friend and Trustee. He passed away in April—we do miss him. It was his family who gave the houses Numbers 8/10 to the C. H. & M. in memory of their father. Miss Stark, his sister, also passed on. For over forty years she had knitted twenty-four pairs of socks per year. Over one thousand socks! What a consistent ministry—real patience and love.

Others, too, have laid down their work and answered His Call. We are full of thanksgiving to Him for all their encouragement to the work here.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.

It is always a joy (though sometimes a problem to fit in), travelling about frequently, to pass on news of the faithfulness of God. Pray for this aspect of the Work!

ABRIDGE.

At our Free Church we met recently in fellowship to iron out some prevailing difficulties, to seek God's guidance, and to plan for the days ahead. We have a wonderful opportunity in the village. This is a growing place. We must not fail the people or let down our Lord. Last Sunday, on the occasion of our Women's Meeting Anniversary, we had a good time. We are in the throes of reorganising our Young People's Work. I am grateful to all

who have laboured faithfully with us in the Work. May we permit the dear Lord to take us up and use us, to the blessing of the village folk.

CONCLUSION.

I come to the close of my Report. I always have a feeling following the Annual Day that I have left out so much. Please forgive me. If you desire to hear more of God's goodness and the various aspects of this Work, come to see us. We should delight to share our joys with you.

How quickly the years pass by. Those who were once so small are now the seniors, looking ahead. School days completed, the full responsibilities of life not far away. We are conscious of the responsibility we accept as we seek to mould these lives. To us, the visits from and to the families of children once here, and now grown, mean so much. It is difficult to visualise how one and another child will develop. Sometimes we have our misgivings! But how thrilled we are when so often we see real success. We are proud of our Family, and may I express a big thank-you to our older Group, who have co-operated so well in the general happiness of the Family throughout the year. We are here to-day as a Family Centre, expressing to God and everyone our heartfelt thanks for the joy of the life that is ours, shared in this rather unique and intimate way.

May God be praised for all the blessings in which you have shared throughout the twelve months now passed. For this new year—what? Our first aim will be to please Him. Then, so to work and live, and teach, that our young folk may be won for Him; that the world may constantly be reminded by the testimony of the C. H. & M. of the love and power and sovereignty of God; that our Little Church may rise up to do great exploits for Him; that in our contacts with the Home Office we may be used to draw attention to the need of Christ in the homes of England.

You have upheld our hands during the year ended. We shall count on your prayers for this year. Amen.

MESSAGE given by the REV. RONALD W. FRANCIS

(St. John's, Highbury)

at the Afternoon Meeting on "OUR DAY," 1959

I want to leave with you a simple message from Luke 15, a chapter which has been so beautifully repeated to us from memory; and we have sung about Jesus the Good Shepherd in our hymn together. I want to talk to you for a few minutes about the first seven verses. It always seems to me a remarkable thing that it is Luke only who records the substance of this chapter. It, surely, is a wonderful over-ruling of the Spirit of God, that Luke was moved to record for us these three wonderful parables. Just think what we should have missed if they had not been recorded for us. The very Gospel itself in all its fullness is proclaimed to us in this wonderful chapter. While we have not time to talk about all the three parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son—I would suggest that when you have a little time to spare you should study these three parables; which really are complementary and supplementary, and you will see how wonderfully they set forth the different aspects of Gospel truth.

Look at these first few verses. One of the wonderful things about the Gospel is that it is not only for old people, that it is not only for young people, but it is for everybody. Here is a chapter in the Gospel story which appeals to all of us, no matter whether we have just stepped out of the cradle, or are soon to step into the grave. There is something for all of us here.

The first two verses tell how Jesus came to tell these stories. "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." What a murmuring crowd they were! They were always ready to murmur: nothing ever seemed to please them. They complained because it was said of Jesus that He received sinners and ate with them. I am reminded of the story of a gentleman in Scotland, who had a large family, and he used to send them to Church every Sunday morning. Sometimes owing to ill-health he himself was not able to go with them; at other times his work as a farmer prevented him from going to Church. But when they returned home after the service he always questioned the children to see whether they had been listening to the sermon. He would start at the eldest, and say: "What was the subject of the sermon?" One Sunday this particular boy had been dreaming in Church that morning, and his mind was just a blank. All he could do was to scratch his head, and say nothing.

Then the father turned to the next one in the family, but he could not remember either what the sermon was about. The little

girl of the family spoke up and said: "I know what the sermon was about." "Oh, no, dear," said her father, "you are much too young to remember. Surely, you cannot remember when your big brothers and sisters have forgotten all about it." "Yes, I do," said the little girl, "because the text had my name in it." "But your name does not come in the Bible," said her father. "Yes, it does," she replied. And she repeated the text: "This man receiveth sinners, and *Edith* with them!" What a lovely story! That little girl found her own name in the Gospel story. And how true it is that the Lord Jesus receiveth sinners and eateth with them. You can put your own name in there, because the Lord Jesus is just waiting to receive you, to forgive you your sins, and to give you His own gift of everlasting life.

Then Jesus went on to tell the story of the Lost Sheep. "What *man* of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine, and go after that which is lost." The word "man" there is emphasized. You see, there is a great contrast here between "man" and our Heavenly Father. If an earthly shepherd is concerned about his sheep—and we know that the Eastern shepherd loves his sheep—he knows just how many he has got. He knows them all by name; he takes a personal interest in every one of them; and if an earthly shepherd cares so much for his sheep, how much more true that is of our Heavenly Father. He loves His children every one. He thinks about us every moment of the day, as though we were the only ones He had to think about; and our needs are His concern, just as if we were the only ones needing His love and provision. And here in this parable of the Lost Sheep we see something of the concern of our Heavenly Father for the sheep who have gone astray, for those who are dead in trespasses and sin. It rejoices my heart to know that our dear friends who are engaged in this wonderful work among the children realise that every one of these children needs the Saviour; they need Someone to lead them back to their Heavenly Father. And this concern for the souls of these boys and girls is, thank God, the prime consideration of those who are engaged in this lovely work.

What did the shepherd do? He left the ninety and nine in the wilderness—that means "in the pasture land"—they were not in a place of danger, but they were safe and secure; and we read that the shepherd went after the sheep that was lost. There you see the great difference between the message of Jesus and that of the other religions of the world. They tell us of men seeking for God, trying to find Him in this wonderful universe that He has made. But in God's Word we read that God came down to this world in the Person of the Lord Jesus to seek and to save the lost. God did not wait for men to seek Him. He knew that man had wandered so far away from Him that he could never have found his way back; and so in Christ He came down to this poor sinful

world to seek and to save men. Here we have a picture of the Good Shepherd going after the lost sheep "until he find it." I am so glad that the Lord Jesus said that, because, you know, the shepherd never gives up hope of finding the sheep that is lost. He will go on seeking it until he finds it. Sometimes there are boys and girls who pass through the Home without being found by the Good Shepherd. But I am quite sure that even though they may leave the Home, the Good Shepherd is going to follow them, because He has set His love upon them, and He will not rest until the lost sheep have been brought safely into His fold. What an encouragement that is for us to go on praying for those who are still without Christ, even though they may now be away from the immediate care and attention of the Home.

Then we read that "when he hath found it, he rejoices." Don't you think he ought to have scolded the little sheep for straying away? No, the shepherd was far too glad to have it back safely in the fold to have any thought of punishment. God is not going to punish us for straying away from Him. He is waiting to welcome home his prodigal son. I believe that every day that boy was away from home the father's eyes were down on the road towards the far country, looking for him to return. But there was no thought of punishment, only a loving welcome. And so we read that when the shepherd found the lost sheep he "layeth it on his shoulder, rejoicing." You know that the Eastern shepherd will take hold of the two front legs of the sheep in one hand, and then the two back legs, and he can then quite easily throw the sheep over his head, and he can bring it back to the fold resting on his shoulders. And so the Lord Jesus welcomes those who come to Him after years of straying from Him, and the moment we turn to Him in penitence He forgives and receives us. The Bible seems to go out of its way to underline His eagerness to forgive us.

Do you remember after David's great sin when Nathan was sent by God to rebuke him and to call him to repentance, we read in the 11. Sam. 12. 13. : "David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin." It is all there in one verse. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I wonder if you have come to Christ and sought his forgiveness. I wonder if you feel afraid to come to Him because you have sinned against His love and patience too long. Oh, come to Him to-day. There is a welcome awaiting you. He waits with open arms to receive you, and to pardon you.

And then in v. 6 we read : "And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." I wish we could all live at the Children's Home and Mission, though I am not sure that Mr. White would wish it. But would it not be lovely to share the life of that Home. I should be in my

element. But that cannot be. But what happens is that once a year they call together their friends and neighbours to rejoice with them in the great things that God has done. And here we have come together to-day to rejoice over the lost sheep that have been brought home. I am quite sure that if our young friends here were given the opportunity not a few of them would stand up and tell us of the day when they gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus. We do indeed rejoice because the Lord has used His servants to seek and to save some of the lost sheep; we are here to-day rejoicing together in lost ones brought home to the fold.

Some of you may remember Bishop Taylor Smith, that grand old man of God, who was called home some years ago. I well remember our Scripture Union branch at the school I used to attend. I had left at this particular time. But I had invested in a rather ancient Austin Seven, and I got the Bishop to come and talk to the boys, and I promised that I would take him back to the station afterwards. If you remember the size of the Bishop, you can imagine that I had some difficulty in driving my little Austin car; and as I sat beside him I could hardly change the gears! As we made our way to the station the Bishop told me how he won his first soul for the Lord. He said that he was only a boy of fourteen when it happened, but he had the joy of leading one of his school chums to the Lord. And he went home so full of joy that he knelt down beside his bed and prayed : "Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace." He thought that his work was done. If you do not know the joy of leading a soul to Christ, may God give it to you, that you may share in the joy of the shepherd as he brings home the sheep that was lost.

In the 7th verse we read : "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." Have you ever thought what that means? There is joy in Heaven over the lost ones brought home to the fold. We read in v. 10 that "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." But I am quite sure that there is no one who rejoices over these little ones to quite the same extent as the Lord Jesus Himself, Who is here in our midst. If we love these little ones, and long that they may come to know Him, how much more does He rejoice when blessing comes to them, and they walk in the way of the Lord. And there are those in the presence of the angels of God who rejoice.

I could not help thinking of our beloved Founder, Mr. Herbert White, while the Report was being read. How he would rejoice to know that the work was going forward; how his heart would rejoice to see how the work is prospering under the good hand of the Lord; to know that these little ones are still being led to the Lord Jesus through his work which he was allowed to found so many years ago. We thank God for every remembrance of him. It was my great joy to know him well. I am quite sure

that he and others who had a hand in this lovely work in the days gone by are rejoicing to-day in that the Lord is seeing of the travail of His soul, and the lost sheep are being found.

Thank you, my dear friends, for giving me this opportunity to be with you to-day. May God bless you all during the coming year. God is faithful. He will not fail you. May we all be faithful to Him in this work committed to our hands.



"Get Ready!"

MESSAGE given by The REV. DEREK J. PRIME, M.A.,

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1 Kings 21 : 3. "And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."

We are sometimes in danger of making the Christian life appear too easy. Perhaps this is in our endeavour to encourage others to join us. It is, however, a very dangerous approach. Jesus never did it. He made men count the cost. A person should not primarily be converted through the attractiveness of a life, but through his need of a Saviour. If a man makes profession of conversion through the attractiveness of the Christian life rather than through conviction of sin, it is likely that when that same person experiences the pressure of persecution or the onslaught of difficulties, he will abandon his Christian profession. If, however, a man is converted by reason of conviction of sin, wrought by the Holy Spirit, that same person, realising his continual indebtedness to Christ, will cling to Christ come what may. The Christian life is not always easy. It always involves a conflict with sin. The godly Christian, because he does not aimlessly follow the drift of the world, inevitably experiences at times periods of extreme conflict. Naboth was a godly man; as a consequence he experienced conflict against the forces of evil.

Naboth was a godly man living in a godless age. This has, of course, been the experience of many of God's saints throughout all ages. It was frequently the case in the Old Testament. "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations." Naboth was an upright Jew. All would have testified to his uprightness. By uprightness we mean integrity. He was strictly honorable and honest. Integrity and uprightness are rare characteristics to-day, yet, nevertheless, invaluable. He was upright in the religious sense. He had not abandoned the faith of his fathers, but rather he had vigorously maintained it. He lived in Jezreel, which was a city of lower Galilee, ten miles south by east of Nazareth. It was the royal residence during the reign of Ahab, though Samaria still seems to have been the capital of the country. It may have been the summer residence of the king. He owned property. Certain land had been in the possession of his family for generations. Some would have been used for normal agriculture. A particularly choice piece of his land was a vineyard which was adjacent to the palace of the king, who at the time was Ahab. This was one of Naboth's particular possessions—probably the pride of his family for generations—for it was in the best part of Jezreel.

As to being godly, Naboth was an exception in the age in which he lived. The people as a whole were godless. The people of Israel had lost their sense of God. They had lost touch with the true faith of their forefathers. They neglected to consider the true meaning of their law. They accepted Jezebel and her ways because they had no sense of the reality of the living God in their midst. Their godlessness explains in part their loss of integrity. Israel was filled with those who were self-seeking, sychophantic and pleasure-seeking. If men abandon God, they soon grovel in selfishness and jealousy. Naboth stands out the more because of this. The more godless the age, the more apparent should be the godliness of the people of God. How obvious should be the godliness of the people of God to-day!

The people of God were caught between two opinions. As Elijah stood before the gathered assembly of Israel on Carmel prior to the great contest he asked: "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; if Baal, then follow him." They were limping with two different opinions. They wavered from side to side. They were in a state of indecision. They had not really committed themselves to Baal or to God. They mingled the service of the Lord and Baal together. They had a desire to honour God, but also a desire to go the way of Baal, and thus disobey God's commandments. They were trying to serve two masters. They were lukewarm. Let us remember that we are talking of the people of God. Elijah's diagnosis might well refer to the Church of to-day. Many of God's people are in a state of indecision. They have not committed themselves one way or the other. In their hearts there is a desire to honour God, but the priorities of this life and of the flesh gain sway. They think more of the pleasures, comforts and relaxations of this life than of God. They try to serve two masters. Many churches and individual Christians might be described as lukewarm. How many are trying to serve the Lord and still go the way of the world? Such an attitude is the blight of the church. Naboth was called to be godly amongst the ungodly people of God.

Even the recognised spiritual leaders were involved in the godliness of the age. They had compromised. They failed to protest against the departures of the nation from the will of God. They had established what they considered a *via media* between the religion of Jehovah and the religion of Baal. The priests gave the lead in the departure from true faith and obedience to the Lord. This has been repeated in the course of the subsequent history of the people of God. The very men to whom the people naturally looked had left the word and will of God. As a result the spiritual foundations which before had supported national life had been removed. Justice was not truly administered. Obedience to the Mosaic law was abandoned, to the detriment of the honest citizen and the benefit of evil men. The blessings given by God

in the past were forgotten. The covenant of God with Abraham was forgotten. The wonderful deliverance from Egypt was neglected in their thinking. The glorious gift of the Promised Land was taken for granted. Even the demonstration of God's power at Carmel had had little permanent effect. For the moment the people had been thunderstruck and overawed. They had genuinely been convinced that Jehovah was God. But without consolidation, they had soon slipped back.

Matters were made worse by the fact that king Ahab was the leader of the spiritual degradation. Ahab had made an unhappy marriage. It was not unhappy in the literal sense, but it was spiritually so. Through his unholy marriage, Ahab reaped a harvest of bitterness and sorrow, and he plunged into the depths of degradation and shame, almost against his own will and judgment. Jezebel was a protagonist of Baal. Most of the evils of his reign might be traced to this unhappy alliance. She had no thought whatsoever for the spiritual heritage of Israel. Ahab was selfish and weak-willed. Ahab was the worst king Israel had had. This is explicitly stated. His utter selfishness was seen in his desire for Naboth's vineyard. He had returned to Jezreel after a further act of disobedience. Like a spoiled child he wanted everything he could see, and particularly the things to which he was not entitled. As he looked out of the palace, he saw the lovely vineyard of Naboth. And he wanted it. He sought Naboth out and asked him (verse 2): "Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money." Even to make such a proposal was a violation of something regarded as good and sacred in Israel. We cannot avoid the conclusion that Naboth was a godly man living in a godless age. And so do we. And if we are godly, it will display itself.

Let us consider, therefore, the expression and evidence of his godliness. If a man is godly; i.e., if his one desire is to please God, it will find expression in his life and there will be evidences. If you have faith, show me your works. If you have the Holy Spirit, show me the fruit. The circumstances of this expression of Naboth's godliness were Ahab's desire and Naboth's rightful possession. We gain an inestimable amount of information from his reply to Ahab: "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee." He had a knowledge of the will of God. Naboth knew that it was contrary to the will of God for him to let Ahab have his vineyard. The words of the book of Numbers were familiar to him: "So shall the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe; for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers." By the law of Moses, Canaan was considered as being, in a special sense, God's land. The Israelites were his

tenants. No man could finally alienate any part of the parental inheritance; it might be sold or mortgaged until the jubilee, but at that time it must revert to its original owner, if not redeemed before; for this God had particularly enjoined. Land, therefore, was considered as given by God to the people, and it was cutting across the sacred bonds of the nation's unity and family life for a man to sell his land. The godly man is one who has a knowledge of the will of God and who delights in it. We cannot have a knowledge of the will of God unless we pursue it. We cannot delight in it unless we obey it.

"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work," said our Lord. Whence came Naboth's knowledge of the will of God? From the Word of God. Naboth knew the Word of God. He knew the commandment of God through Moses which we have in the book of Numbers. The man of God is always a man who knows the Word of God. There is no by-passing this. The godly man hides God's word in his heart that he might not sin against Him. The godly man or woman seizes every opportunity of hearing and studying the Word of God.

Naboth had an understanding of the value of the past. He knew how important it was to hold fast to the things for which his fathers had stood. There is an apparent lack in the churches of this spirit to-day. He desired to be true to those who had gone before—his fathers. "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee." He valued the spiritual inheritance of his fathers. We have spiritual fathers. We are the honoured possessors of the privileges they gained for us. We are able to reap the fruits of the experience of the past ages. We have the Word of God—an inheritance. We have our religious liberty—an inheritance. We have the spiritual heritage of godly men. Do we value and appreciate these things? Our appreciation is seen in our use of them. Do we really know what our spiritual heritage is?

But not only did Naboth have an understanding of the value of the past, he had a due regard for those who were to follow after. The inheritance was not only something in which he rejoiced. He realised that it was a trust. He must hand it on intact to those who followed after. He not only rejoiced in his privileges but he recognised his responsibilities. There are many of God's people who accept the privileges of the Christian life, but who ignore the responsibilities. We hold the gospel in trust. We are in trust also of the defence of the gospel. We must pass it on intact—enriched—to those who come after. The godly man or woman has an understanding of the value of the past and a due regard for those who are to come after. The godly man or woman rejoices in his or her responsibilities as in the privileges of the Christian life.

Naboth was willing to call God into a situation. "The Lord forbid it me." This was his immediate reaction and his first words. "The Lord forbid it me." God's help was immediately called upon and the necessity for His help recognised. This is a mark of the godly man; he is ready, whatever the consequences, to call in God to a situation, to do His will. We should be willing to call God in in all situations. Do we seek the help of God in our personal decisions? Is the help of God sought in our domestic relationships? For the godly man there is no area of his life into which he will not invite God and His help and counsel.

Naboth's supreme desire was to be loyal to the Lord. "The Lord forbid it me." He knew that such an act would be disloyal to God. Loyalty to God is a mark of the godly man or woman. This meant that he put obedience to the Lord before obedience to man. The godly man puts obedience to what he knows to be the will of God before obedience to man, whether that man or woman be the person he most loves or respects, or not. It meant that he resisted the temptation to think in terms of earthly and material pleasures and possessions. Ahab said to him: "I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money." The offer from the human point of view must have been attractive. But Naboth was loyal to God, so he resisted the temptation to put worldly possessions and pleasures before obedience to God. If we allow earthly pleasures and possessions to fill our minds and occupy our thoughts they kill our loyalty to God. His loyalty meant that he was uncompromising to sin, even before authority. The godly man is uncompromising to sin above all in his own life, and then in the life of his family and church. It is not easy to be uncompromising to sin when those above one, or those in authority, encourage one to sin. The godly man resists, nevertheless. His loyalty meant that he exercised his will. Verse 4: "I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers." Often we say: "I ought not to do this," or "I should not do this," and then we give in. "I ought not" is not sufficient—it must be "I will not." Thus Naboth's godliness is seen, and it is the more conspicuous because he remained true in spite of many others round him who had forsaken the Lord. This is a severe test. If one of our closest spiritual friends forsook the Lord, would we remain true?

The consequences of his godliness must be our next consideration. He was recognised as a man of sterling quality and worthy of public respect. In verse 9 we read: "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people." Naboth was to be set on high, i.e., be made chairman of the investigating tribunal; this stresses his social importance. It was, of course, Jezebel's method to destroy him; but, nevertheless, it shows the respect which Naboth had acquired. The godly man will be recognised as a man of sterling quality and worthy of public respect. He will be recognised as such by those with whom he works, both by the

quality of his work and his approach to it. Often responsibility will fall upon him because he will be noted for his godliness.

Naboth's godliness, however, brought him into conflict with evil. The sterling quality and worthiness of the godly man will often make him the conscience of those with whom he lives and works. Elijah was such to Ahab. Ahab called him the "troubler" and "his enemy." Why? Because Elijah was godly. The godly man will be the object of the attacks of evil men. Naboth was perfectly innocent, but he was an object of attack for Ahab and Jezebel. After counselling the Christian man in the life he should live, Paul concludes by speaking of the Christian's armour in his Epistle to the Ephesians. Armour presupposes conflict. The godly man is acquainted with the reality of spiritual warfare. This is why the godly man values the prayer meeting. Many Christians live the Christian life oblivious of the spiritual battle in which they should be engaging. His godliness brought misunderstanding. Naboth was certainly misunderstood by Ahab. He was perhaps thought over-religious. Doubtless he was considered narrow. In the light of what Ahab had offered him in exchange for his vineyard, some might have called him a fool. The godly man will frequently find himself misunderstood. He will not seek to explain and justify all his actions. He will not stick up for himself if the honour of his Master is not concerned.

It brought hatred. Ahab hated him. It was the voice of God Himself that Ahab heard as Naboth spoke. Jezebel certainly hated him, and misguided those who stoned him. "All they that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." We should not desire this to happen, but we should not be surprised if on occasions it is our experience. Let us be sure, however, that it is because we are living "godly" that it happens, and not because we live "self-righteously" or "badly." It brought false accusation. In verse 10 we read that they "set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king." Of course, he had never said or done any such thing. Jesus said: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake." Again the emphasis must be upon the "falsely." It brought death. Verse 13 declares: "Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died." How dreadful it must have been for his loved ones. But it was a martyr's death. Throughout history, and even to-day, men and women have lost their lives for the sake of the inheritance God had given to them in trust. A man's godliness may mean the death of his ambitions. It may even mean literally death. Although we may never be called upon to experience such an unjust death, the willingness to do so for the sake of Christ should be ours, nevertheless.

Naboth's godliness brought glory. There is no need for us to feel concerned now about Naboth. Great is his reward in the kingdom of heaven. It was for loyalty to God that he died. God is no man's debtor. His is the honour of having his name in the Word of God as a godly man.

As we close I want to remind you of the words of Paul to the Philippians: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." We are called to be as Naboth in a godless age. We have a more wonderful inheritance than he, in Christ. Let us protect our inheritance and seek, even at the cost of our lives, to pass it on intact to those who come after. Let us protect the inheritance we possess in Christ in the most telling fashion of all—the living of a godly life. May God grant to us many Naboths!

NEWS FROM "OLD" MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

FROM AN "OLD" BOY, HONG KONG.

Thank you for your letter and for passing on the regards of the Badminton Club. News is always valuable out here so far from home, so I shall look forward to hearing from you again. I have given your request to write about my stay with you a lot of thought. So far as everyday life was concerned, I was very happy and I shall treasure my memories of my stay with you. When I left you to go home was when I started not bothering about going to church. Eventually I forgot all about the lessons I had learned and how I had enjoyed the services. Then, through losing contact with my Christian friends, and being taken up with the thoughts of the army, I lost interest altogether.

I don't like to ask you this, but could I have a copy of this year's and last year's "Links," please? You see, I have a friend in my billet who, by the way, belongs to the S.U. and is interested in any good work like yours. When I received your letter I started reading it just like any other letter, but when I was half way through I had to stop and think how lucky I was to have been able to go through the C. H. & M. This is the first time any letter has been able to make me do this, so, as I have written before, you all at the home did all you possibly could do, but it was me who let you down at the end.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for all you did for me whilst I was in the home, and even after. Well, I think I have written enough for the time being. I hope I haven't

bored you with this letter, but you asked me to be frank and honest about it, so I have.

FROM AN "OLD" BOY (QUITE YOUNG).

I hope you are having a nice time. My brother and I are having a pair of skates with double ball bearings and other surprises for Christmas. I have given my heart to the Lord Jesus. Grandad has given his, too. With lots of love. P.S.—This is a verse I saw on one of our Christmas cards: "We love Him because He first loved us." Merry Christmas.

FROM HIS SISTER.

I expect every boy and girl is tidying their locker ready for their Christmas presents. I hope you are all well and strong. Thank you for the "Links." It was nice to see Miss Parkes married to Malcolm Trevallion. I am waiting for Christmas because I want to know what I have got. I have given my heart to the Lord Jesus and so has Mummy's daddy. I go to a Secondary School for Girls. We have a book report that has to last us until we leave school. I came sixth in class. I am in the school choir. Lots of love.

AND FROM THE OTHER SISTER.

I hope you have a happy Christmas and a happy new year. Mummy has made me a party dress. It is yellow with blue forget-me-nots round the hem. My hair is long now and I have got plaits. With lots of love.

TELEGRAM FROM AN "OLD" GIRL.

Greetings on your 59th Birthday. Mizpah. Love.

FROM AN "OLD" GIRL, CANADA.

Just a short note to let you know of the arrival of our baby daughter. She was born on 25th September at 2 a.m. and weighed seven pounds six ounces. She looks quite different from Clive, and is cute. I am feeling very well and hope to be going home on Tuesday. Karl has started another year at College and he will be up to his ears in studies all the winter. His hardest subject this year is Greek, but I think he'll get through it all right. I do hope you are all keeping well and that we will be hearing from you soon. With much love from us all.

FROM AN "OLD" BOY IN HOSPITAL.

Just a few lines to let you know that your prayers are being answered once again, as I am feeling much better now. Please

carry on praying for my speedy recovery. I am looking forward to the day when I can go home.

I hope that all is well at the C. H. & M.—staff and children—and that the children have got over the chicken-pox.

FROM AN "OLD" BOY.

Thank you very much for letting my brother and I stay with you all on Christmas Day. I was very glad to see you all once more. I am sorry I cannot write much, but I have to go to Boys' Brigade Bible Class and I do not want to be late. Give my love to all and tell them I hope to see them once again in the near future.

FROM AN "OLD" GIRL.

I was very glad to have your letter and especially encouraged to know that you have been praying for me, for I feel I need more prayers in this work than I ever have done before in my life. Please forgive me if this letter is not really comprehensible. I have very little time to write letters and I'm writing this while supervising the leisure period of a room full of maladjusted boys and you can guess that there's quite a lot of noise. I love to have the "Links" and to read all the news, especially of people that I know. Like you, I've had a very wonderful year and I find that daily I have to thank and praise God for all my life that has gone before—it's been so useful to me here. My time spent at the C. H. & M. enables me to understand these boys' difficulties possibly more than any other member of the staff, and I can feel with them.

The work certainly is very wearing. I've never worked harder in my life, but I do love it and I know it's God's will for me. Although it's a twenty-four-hour job, I wouldn't change places with a 9-4 schoolteacher with normal children.

FROM AN "OLD" GIRL, LEIGH-ON-SEA.

Thank you very much for the notice of "Our Day." I'm very sorry to say I will not be able to join you in your praise and song for another year's answer to prayer. I shall be working until 7.30. I tried to change duties, but everyone seems to want an early Saturday on 9th May. I shall be praying and thinking of you all. I hope you and your large family are keeping well. I will try to see you very soon. David (her son) finishes his National Service in July. Praise the Lord for taking care of him for the two years he has been parted from us. God bless you all, and I'm sure everyone will be richly blessed on Saturday.



We shall ourselves be thinking of you very specially when you hold the Annual Meetings. What a feast lies in store for you. We wish we could just pop over, but that will have to be postponed for a few years. Boat fares, etc., are jolly high and the cost of living, too. The Lord is a great God who knows the end from the beginning. He will wonderfully guide in regard to the children's holiday and provide. He is not a disappointment—Jesus is far more to me than in all my glowing day dreams I had fancied He could be! A verse which comes to mind is: "If our lives were but more simple, we would take Him at His word!"

ANONYMOUS

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

<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Receipt No.</i>
1958		
November 17th	10 0 ...	1877
November 20th	29 0 0 ...	1886
December 4th ("W. O. T.")	1 0 0 ...	1941
December 5th	20 0 0 ...	1946
December 8th ("Wellwisher")	3 0 0 ...	1958
December 9th	1 0 0 ...	1970
December 11th	10 0 ...	1990
December 18th	12 0 0 ...	58
December 20th	3 0 0 ...	89
December 22nd	2 0 0 ...	102
December 22nd	10 0 ...	124
December 23rd	10 0 ...	136
December 26th	1 0 0 ...	175
December 26th ("Michael's Christmas Gift")	7 10 0 ...	710
December 26th ("A Fellow Christian")	1 0 0 ...	178
December 30th	5 0 ...	208
1959		
January 5th ("E. L.")	10 0 ...	230
January 6th	15 0 ...	252
January 9th	15 0 ...	272
January 13th (Harrow)	2 6 ...	293
January 15th	10 0 ...	297
January 19th	2 5 0 ...	306
February 5th	10 0 ...	353
February 6th	15 0 ...	360
February 16th	15 0 ...	378
February 17th (Barnet)	1 0 0 ...	389
February 19th	5 5 0 ...	393
February 20th	15 0 ...	397

February 27th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	13
March 9th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	35
March 16th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	55
March 19th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	63
April 1st	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	92
April 1st	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	99
April 3rd	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	107
April 13th	...	...	...	...	1	1	0	127
April 13th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	139
April 20th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	154
April 23rd ("M. B., Brentwood")	...	...	...	...	5	0	0	168
April 23rd	...	...	...	...	10	0	...	177
April 27th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	185
May 4th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	207
May 8th	...	...	...	...	15	0	...	235
May 11th ("Our Day")	...	...	...	...	3	0	0	243
May 11th	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	255
May 11th	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	263
May 22nd	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	292
May 27th	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	310
May 27th	...	...	...	...	10	0	...	315
May 29th	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	321
May 29th	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	323
June 16th	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	371
June 19th	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	386
June 29th	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	407
July 20th	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	457
September 8th	...	...	...	...	4	0	0	560
September 25th	...	...	...	...	5	0	0	595
October 2nd	...	...	...	...	1	5	0	621
October 2nd	...	...	...	...	2	0	0	623
October 5th	...	...	...	...	10	0	...	629
October 6th ("Old Lady")	...	...	...	...	5	0	0	646
October 12th	...	...	...	...	11	0	0	668
October 21st	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	695
October 22nd	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	700
October 27th	...	...	...	...	5	0	0	710

EXTRACTS FROM CHILDREN'S HOME & MISSION

DIARY

1958 :

NOVEMBER

1st—Boys busy building bonfire ready for the 5th. Crusaders had a party on our premises.

2nd—Doctor called to see Karen.

3rd—Received very nice oak table from Barking. Pauline went to bed with high temperature, making eight in all needing extra care.

4th—Lynn now at home with tonsillitis. Measle rashes appeared on the twins, Karen and Eddie.

5th—Received from Great Totham Barn Guild : Hand-knitted white cardigan and gloves. Guy Fawkes Day. Had a "sparkling" time. After Harriet's Guy had gone to his doom and the fireworks had been let off we sat round the embers eating bread and sausages.

8th—Girls went to a Squash. Peter has a Saturday morning job at a greengrocer's shop.

9th—Remembrance Sunday. The Abridge Fellowship joined with the C. of E. in the morning, and in the evening the British Legion and Girl Guides came to the Free Church.

12th—Prayer Meeting. Rev. W. J. C. White was the speaker. Thick fog—Miss Revell could not get to Nurses' Fellowship Meeting at Ilford. Parents' Meeting at Oakdale Junior School. Miss Litchfield and Miss Long went.

13th—Harold Wood : "In accordance with the wishes of my late parents I have pleasure in enclosing £200 from the residue of my mother's estate. I trust this donation to the funds will assist in a small way to further the excellent work that is being done by all who are connected with the C. H. & M."

14th—Presentation of Junior Cricket League Shield. Our boys were not able to complete their matches owing to the wet weather—others were in the same boat. If we had completed ours we might have been the victors again. Had a chat with a Christian lady who feels "called" to the Family.

15th—Thirty-eight friends from Kentish Town Evangelical Church came to tea and to look around. Amongst the visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Gibson—newly appointed minister and his wife—we were very pleased to become acquainted with them.

16th—Abridge S.S. Anniversary. Mr. Major was the speaker at 6.30. This year the children received very nice calendars and hanging texts for prizes instead of books.

17th—Dr. Willings came to see Kay. We had to fetch him because his car wouldn't start (it's a new one!).



HOLIDAY TIME



AT LOWESTOFT



18th—Peter Heath had interview with School Leaving Officer. Peter wants very much to train for farming.

Ware : “ My husband and I would like you to have the enclosed £1 1s. 0d. and only wish it could be larger. We look forward to your reports and read them with great interest.”

20th—Founder's Day and the successor's birthday! Mr. White explained, for the benefit of the younger children, how the Family commenced away back in 1899 and how it had been maintained in answer to prayer. He was greatly surprised to be presented with a gold watch—the gift of present and past members of the family.

21st—Raynes Park : “ On the occasion of my visit to your wonderful homes I was most impressed with all I saw. Also I thought how satisfying it must be for you in performing a work so dear to the heart of the Lord Jesus. It therefore pleases me to forward to you the sum of £25, and no doubt you will be inspired to put it to good use.”

22nd—Baptist S.S. Prizegiving. Several of the staff went to see the children receive their awards.

25th—Doncaster : “ I have pleasure in sending my little mite, £1, for the Children's Home, which I feel is a happy home. Thanks for sending the ‘Links.’ I don't suppose I shall ever see the Home—I am 75½ years . . . ”

26th—From a “Home Group” attached to Highams Park Baptist Church : One dress, three cardigans, one smocked dress, one buster suit, three nightdresses, eleven pairs of socks, baby clothes.

27th—Mr. Roberts, one of the Wycliff Preachers, came to Abridge to show a film on “The Martyrs of Essex.”

28th—Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Cowling and many went to see Harry Livermore off on his journey back to Australia. It was a dull day at the Tilbury Docks, but the sun broke through as we all had a look round the liner. We felt we would like a luxury cruise, too! Mrs. Litchfield indicated her clear decision to come into the family, bringing with her Freda, her 'teenage daughter. God is clearly mapping out the way—we are mindful of many pros and cons, but all have been carefully considered.

29th—A quick change round of beds for three new children. They didn't come after all! A group of visitors came over from Chapman Road L.C.M., Hackney. They had tea and looked around.

30th—A legacy of £1,305 2s. 4d. was brought by the Executor of the will of the late Mrs. E. F. Howard, of Shoburyness. This amount has come just at the right time, and we are grateful to Mr. Crowhurst for the speed and thoroughness with which he has coped with a very detailed estate.

DECEMBER

1st—Miss Burstow took several of the older boys to Highway Hall to see Dave Foster, a converted chalk artist.

2nd—Horam : £5 and nine pairs of socks and one dress. The girls went to Highway with Miss Long. It was a foggy night, but they managed to get there and back safely without any mishaps.

3rd—One of the H.O. Course “students” came to tea.

4th—Thick fog again. Couldn't get to Abridge. Staff had to fetch children from school. Royston : Four pairs of gloves.

5th—Anon : One pair of socks, four scarves and £20.

The tutor of the H.O. Course came to tea and joined in the Friday evening games. Some young people from Grove Road came to challenge us at table tennis. We won.

8th—Linda and Derek joined our family—ages twenty months and three years. The case was being considered, but there was no more time to consider—they arrived on the doorstep during dinner! It's a good thing our staff are ready for anything!

9th—Badminton. Jack leaves us for Hong Kong, so a parting gift was presented to him from the Club.

10th—School medical examinations for some of our younger children. There was a new medical officer and he had some peculiar ideas about children's homes. He evidently isn't familiar with us! The incoming and outgoing mail increases daily as Christmas draws near. We try hard to keep up to date.

11th—From Haverhill Old Independent Working Party : Eight waist petticoats, one cardigan, four girls' pyjamas, two pairs of gloves, twelve pinafores and aprons, fourteen flannels, two dungarees.

Harriet's school teacher came to tea. Battersea : “Once again the time has arrived to send you the usual £2 2s. 0d. towards the expenses of the Home at Christmas time. Thanks for the regular issue of ‘Links.’ It keeps us in touch and helps us to pray for the work.”

12th—From Cranford Baptist Working Party : Three polo neck jumpers, two pullovers, two slipovers, one cardigan, two vests, three pairs of ankle socks.

Had a chat with a young couple thinking of engagement.

13th—Most of the children went Christmas shopping.

14th—One of the staff went to speak at a Toy Service at Chingford. Others have taken part, and will be taking part, in similar services.

15th—Mr. White and team went to a Carol Service at L.E.W.C.O.S.

Woodford Green : “Please accept £1 towards your children's Christmas Party. We send it in thanks for the blessings we have received from you and your workers when you have visited us.”

16th—Six or seven buckets and an equivalent number of willing people set to work to scrub the top hall in readiness for Christmas. This saves scrubbing the children over Christmas!

17th—Two staff and a group of girls came over from Crayford Secondary Modern School to look around. The piano tuner did his rounds.

Woodford : Two bedspreads.

18th—Christmas holidays begin. Miss Small, who had been here helping for a few days, said "good-bye." Mrs. Litchfield and Freda came to help over the Christmas period—a prelude to their coming into the family when their business affairs have been settled.

Golders Green : "I have pleasure in enclosing £1 to cover my usual gift of chocolate biscuits towards your Christmas festivities. My wife and I send our best wishes."

19th—Lanes End Mission : Two pairs of socks, ten hats, one cardigan, eight slippers.

Wormit, Scotland : "As it is time to be thinking of the Christmas season and all the things that go with it, I have been thinking of all the folk in your care and wish to have the joy of giving a little something towards the vast expenses at that time. We still have the assurance that 'He is able.' How often the Christian experiences this."

21st—A Christmas Tree Service at Abridge, and on the tree gifts were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Davey in the Congo. Dr. Willings was our speaker, and he reminded us of the various attitudes of mind of the different types of people who were present soon after the birth of the Lord Jesus. There were those who took no notice—were not concerned—were too busy. There were others who recognised the Messiah and worshipped Him! What is our

22nd—Along with other Christmas gifts we know there will be at least five turkeys.

23rd—Mrs. Rogers and family came to stay. Mr. and Mrs. Cowling came to help.

24th—Arrivals to stay over the Christmas : Mr. and Mrs. Ewart White and family, Charlie, Anita and Raymond, Marion. Beryl and Malcolm came to help. Bearing in mind that over the season we shall be approximately 90 strong and may be 130 to 140 for tea, there is plenty of advance preparation to be done, and many hands make light work.

25th—7 a.m. What has Father Christmas brought us this year? 8.15 a.m. Breakfast. We're too excited to be very hungry, and Father Christmas gave us some sweets, which have taken the edge off the appetite! 8.45 a.m. Parcels. 10.30 a.m. Carol Service, to which friends and neighbours are invited. Greetings were brought

to the Family by Mrs. E. White on behalf of "Old" staff; Anita on behalf of "Old" girls; Charles on behalf of "Old" boys; and Marion on behalf of visitors. Speaker, Mr. Eric Cook.

Presents are further examined—games—traditional Christmas dinner and, the highlight of the day, tiny tots singing carols. They did so well they had an encore. After listening to the Queen's speech, Mr. Pollard (who had travelled over from St. Albans) showed us some Christmas films. These were most enjoyable. Father Christmas, on his way home after a busy night, popped in and brought yet another present for each child. 5.30 p.m. tea for all. Games, carols, prayers, supper—bed.

26th—9 a.m. Breakfast. 10 a.m. Prayers. Played with toys, had games, and another Christmas dinner. 3 p.m. Play, "Has anyone seen our Aunt?" Encore. Keith was supposed to be "Freddie," but as he developed chicken-pox on Christmas Eve, Mrs. Olney stepped in the gap, and she was "Freddie"! 4.45 Tea for all. Another performance of the play, but after three productions, still the Aunt hasn't been found! 6 p.m. Prayers. Nativity play, supper, games—bed.

27th—Chingford : "Please accept £5, a small gift towards the Lord's work. A copy of your magazine, 'Links,' would be appreciated if available."

Doncaster : "Thanks for 'Links' received last week. I have read with interest and joy of how your many needs have been so fully met, and with thankfulness, for we have for many years taken an interest in the work of the C. H. & M. It must have been either 1918 or 1919 that we first met your father, Mr. Herbert White. He stayed with my father and mother when at Doncaster with the Open Air Mission for the September race week, and we still remember the things he told us of the Home and Children. Especially of how the work was first started. Please accept the enclosed gift toward the work . . ."

28th—Staff supper—the first supper all together in 1958!

29th—Seaford : "Thank you for 'Links,' which I enjoyed reading from cover to cover. I am so delighted to read how greatly God has blessed your work during the past year."

31st—Watchnight service for some of the staff and older children.

1959 :

JANUARY

1st—Another year has commenced. For the staff the milestones on the way will be : Spring Cleaning, Annual Meeting, Children's Summer Holiday, Harvest Time, Christmas. No sooner is one of these events over than the next is approaching. For the children their year will be : School for three or four weeks, half-

term holiday, school for a few more weeks, Easter holiday for three weeks, school for a few weeks, Whitsun holiday, school for a few weeks, six weeks summer holiday, school for five or six weeks, half-term holiday, school again, and then Christmas holiday. What will be the most exciting things to look forward to this year? As we look back on our diary dater we shall see. One thing we do know—GOD will be watching over us. In answer to our prayers HE will meet all the needs of the Family, and we go forward in expectancy just wondering how He will do it.

To-day the receipt book records: Woodford Green £5. Walthamstow £1 10s. 0d. Brondesbury £2 10s. 0d. Henfield £6 15s. 6d. Bournemouth £3 17s. 6d. Poulner £5.

2nd—The children are still on holiday. Christmas for us is not yet over! Three boys went to buy new shoes and hot-water bottles—caring for their soles day and night! Three others went to London and arrived home late with the excuse that there had been a train hold-up. Perhaps the staff were a little doubtful as to the excuse being genuine; anyhow, three faces beamed broadly when on the nine o'clock news the hold-up was confirmed. "Wot did we tell you?"

We had an abundant supply of toys again this year for Christmas, and it was a delight this evening to be able to pass a number on to a Sunday School in Dagenham where some children did not have so many as we did. Receipts to-day totalled £22 15s. 6d.

5th—Amongst letters received to-day was this one: "So many thanks for 'Links' again. How I enjoy it—for the fun (those bananas!), for the thankfulness, for the 'faith which groweth exceedingly,' and surely must help others who read; and for the clear evidence of the 'goodness and mercy' of an Almighty Father in these careless and indifferent and unbelieving days."

With so much to do for the Family, it is sometimes difficult to find time to compile the "Links", but this letter has encouraged us. If we have really shown to others the "goodness and mercy" of our God to the Family, then we have succeeded. For no other reason would we spend time on it.

6th—One boy was unfortunate enough to spend Christmas in bed. He developed chicken-pox on Christmas Eve. To-day two more went to bed, but happy in the knowledge that they will miss school, and not Christmas! An unusual letter has been received anonymously: "A copy of 'Links' has come into my hands—having taken a house which was previously owned by ———, who presumably had some connection with you. I have read of your work with much interest and although the ——— Parish Council is my main care, I feel that I would like to make a small contribution to your funds, and I enclose a cheque for £1 1s. 0d. Please do not send any receipt or acknowledge by post, as every threepence counts. I am sure you do a good work and in a most efficient manner, as I see from your report and accounts. With every good wish."

7th—The children without chicken-pox spots returned to school to-day. This winter hasn't been easy for the staff. The tiny tots had measles before Christmas, which required nursing night and day. Now chicken-pox is on the rounds. However, God is with us and will give strength sufficient for these extra tasks.

This letter is typical of many received from time to time: "It is again my pleasure to enclose a cheque for £3 from myself and a friend. I can no longer get out or I should love to pay a visit to the Homes (87 years). May God's richest blessing continue to be poured upon your work of faith and labour of love. I had the pleasure of hearing your father many years ago. What a man of faith and courage he was! I still remember his address when he told us of the marvellous ways God had provided for all his needs. With prayerful interest."

Looking back like this we are reminded of our thoughts when our beloved Founder was "called home." We reflected on the marvellous answers to prayer of the past, and it seemed that couldn't happen to us. But as the years have passed we have realised the truth of his last words, "This is HIS work, not mine." Just as God answered prayers in Herbert White's time, so He answers our prayers to-day. Perhaps we haven't the same gift of telling others as he had, but nevertheless God is still the same!

9th—Mr. Oliver Styles brought a team from Highway Hall for a table tennis evening. Enjoyable for us all.

10th—Some folks went out to a Squash. Others went to their Sunday School party. Stephen and Alfred went upstairs with chicken-pox; Harriet went to a school friend's party. Miss Litchfield went away for the week-end.

11th—Sunday—God's day and, for us, Family day. We all go together to church in the morning and have dinner together when we come home. Inevitably, on week-days our interests are in varied directions, but Sunday is the day which brings us all together around the Bible and in Fellowship with His people.

13th—We received a small legacy gift to-day: "My father departed this life on December 3rd. I would like to share with your family part of a small legacy which he left me. I know it will be put to the best possible use by you in pointing the children to the One who cares so much for us. I would value your prayers for my future, my work and my home."

One of the "old" boys called this evening and brought his Christmas photos (coloured) which he had taken here. He showed them on a screen.

From Peterborough received four scarves, and from Royston five pairs of gloves.

14th—Mr. and Mrs. White attended Home Office Course. This commenced last October and continues until the end of May. Attendance is required from 11-4 every Wednesday. It will be interesting to hear their summing-up of it.

15th—On the receiving side to-day: Toilet requisites, two dresses and two children (a boy and a girl). The mother of the children is in hospital and it will be quite a long time before she is able to look after her children again.

16th—Friday evening is games evening for us. Mr. Crowhurst takes charge and all age groups in turn have a chance to "let off steam" in the hall. For the younger ones bats and shuttle-cocks are the main attractions, whilst the older ones play table tennis. If you want to use less physical energy, you can sit at a table and try ludo, snakes and ladders, dominoes, draughts or chess, according to your ability.

17th—More Sunday School parties to-day. Some of the children had to miss them because of chicken-pox (or chicken chops, as one child pronounced it). Cakes and presents were brought home for them.

18th—The Abridge Evangelical Free Church is to the fore in the life of the C. H. & M. This work commenced away back in 1926 when a caravan departed from Crescent Road to tour the villages of Essex and since then a morning service, Sunday school and gospel service have been held every Sunday. A friend once heartedly! However, we are determined to press on this year with more prayer, more Bible study within the Fellowship, and more open-air work in the summer without. As a trial we are having Sunday School at 10 a.m. Television and "going out for the day" has resulted in lower attendances, so perhaps we shall overcome these excuses. Abridge is a missionary field where there is sowing and reaping to be done for the Master. We are indebted to Christian friends who give of their time to minister at Abridge when Mr. White is engaged elsewhere.

19th—A local friend called to-day to cut boys' hair. He comes whenever needed. We don't know who enjoyed the evening most—barber or boys!

20th—Three came down from the sick bay after chicken pox, three went up. We have learned to discover the first spot at bath time, sometimes very small, perhaps behind the ear or on the back. Normally it would go by unnoticed, but we are on the look out.

23rd—Bill celebrated his twenty-first birthday. He has served his two years in H.M. Forces and is now once again established in civil employment.

24th—More parties: Sunday School, Ropeholder, and one especially for us at Grantham Mission.

25th—A lovely sunny morning. Enjoyed the walk to church and also a box of chocolates after dinner, which was given to us by local friends who cannot include chocolates in their diet.

29th—Cancelled Bible Study at Abridge, as we were unable to travel there owing to thick fog.

FEBRUARY

1st—Church Anniversary at Abridge. Special speaker: Mr. H. G. Ling.

2nd—Peter left our Family Circle very early this morning. He is going to an Essex County Council Agricultural Training College near Braintree. He has been keen to go into farming, and has been accepted for a course. Our prayers will always follow him.

3rd—Four boys in bed to-day with 'flu. Badminton this evening. The badminton club is mainly for seniors, staff and "old" boys and girls. A junior club is run on Monday evenings for the 'teenagers who are keen to learn how to play badminton. The badminton evening is a useful contact with past members of the Family—we always close with an epilogue, taken by Club members in turn, and we know that these times of quiet have been used by God for spiritual blessing.

4th—Four more have chicken-pox. One or two boys are disappointed because they haven't produced any spots—they cannot have a holiday from school.

Harriet, Doreen and Pauline are in their school netball team and had a match to-day.

5th—Two more down with 'flu. Our routine is somewhat disorganised with so many sick folks. Fortunately, the staff are keeping well. Before school each morning the children all assemble in the hall for short prayers before setting out for the day. There seems to be more empty seats than occupied ones!

6th—Two more with chicken-pox. Table tennis match against Grantham Mission—a win for us.

Accepted estimate for installation of new boiler for No. 26; immersion heater for domestic water supply in summer; and alterations to boiler room. This is the first step towards modernising kitchen premises.

7th—Some friends from Caribonum presented a pantomime, "Aladdin," and afterwards were our guests to tea.

8th—Some of our young people went to Mill Lane, Ongar, to take part in a Gospel Service.

9th—Meeting of Hostel Committee. Situated in Abridge is a hostel which accommodates mothers and children, mostly of evicted families. The superintendent and his wife have given us an open door to go into the hostel and to help the children and mothers in any way possible. As a result of the committee meeting we plan to visit the hostel every Monday evening.

11th—Mrs. Litchfield and her daughter, Freda, joined our Family. Freda is still at school; Mrs. Litchfield has joined our staff. Her other daughter has been on the staff for the past six months. We praise God for opening the way for them, and we

pray that God will abundantly bless all they seek to do for their Lord within our Family.

We held our Monthly Prayer Meeting this afternoon. Rev. G. A. Fellowes, of Christ Church, Leyton, was our speaker.

14th—We held a party for our friends from Epping Congregational Church C.E. It's a very nice feeling to be doing things for other people. As a family we enjoy the hospitality of others very often, and we feel it is part of the training of our Family to let them enjoy giving.

15th—Our young people's team went with Mr. White when he conducted a service at Prince's Road Evangelical Church.

17th—Match between Junior Badminton and Senior Badminton Clubs.

18th—A visitor from the Home Office Course came to tea.

19th—Bible Study at Abridge (in spite of the fog).

20th—Four children invited friends to tea and for games which follow on a Friday evening.

N.B.—Some changes. As we have four Davids and two Rogers, from now on, by happy agreement with those concerned, they will be known as follows: David Tilby, "Ralph"; David Fitz, "Fitzy"; David Tyrrell, "John"; David Lomas, "David"; Roger Banks, "Peter" or "The Colonel"; Roger Trevallion, "Roger."

With a number of similar Christian names, the tendency is to revert to surnames, which isn't a good thing within a *family*!

21st—In several places there are groups of womenfolk who meet together specifically to make garments for our Family. This is a very practical help, and to-day we received the following from Elmsleigh Hall Sewing Class: One vest, one summer dress, two slipovers, two pullovers, two pairs of gloves, four pairs of socks, one apron and two cushion covers.

Half-term week-end. One or two went away to spend the week-end with relatives.

Mr. Humphries, a very old friend converted under Herbert White's ministry, called to see us. He gathered the children around him for a sing-song as he played his concertina.

23rd—The Chase which belongs to the Abridge Church is being re-surfaced. We have felt it to be dangerous for older folk coming to the Church and, taking all things into consideration, decided to go ahead and ask property owners using The Chase to contribute towards the cost.

25th—From Chelmsford: "Please find enclosed £2 10s. 0d. towards your funds. We are sending this instead of our usual gift of honey, as owing to the wet season last summer the yield was down. We pray that God's richest blessing will be your portion from day to day . . ."

Workmen arrived to start on boiler alterations. More workmen arrived to commence re-surfacing of playground. The surface is in a broken condition—slippers are wearing out very quickly in consequence, and we hesitate to play netball because of the holes. Expert advice warned us to get a new surface before the foundation breaks.

28th—In view of the tar on the playground it was necessary to get the children out—as far away from it as possible! Staff took their groups to the park or forest.

MARCH

2nd—Since the beginning of the year we have been praying very much about the children's summer holidays. The staff do not feel entirely happy about preparing for their own holidays until they know the children have theirs to look forward to as well. Various folk have been approached, but so far no door has opened. We are confident the Lord will undertake.

We had a letter to-day from one of our "old" boys in Hong Kong.

4th—An "all hands on deck" effort to spring clean the laundry.

7th—Miss Burstow took several of the boys to Woolwich Ferry. This is an interesting trip and, what's more, a free ride!

9th—There are many invitations given for Mr. White and the Staff to conduct and address meetings. Unfortunately, we have to say "no" to many of these opportunities, but we undertake as many as we can properly prepare for and as God guides. For these openings to be accepted, not only must there be a servant willing, but there must be a united staff circle at home keeping the wheels turning. These engagements are accepted as a Family and we must all acknowledge our responsibility. It becomes more and more evident that the testimony of God's faithfulness to the Family is blessed to Christians and non-Christians. It encourages the Christian and makes the non-Christian think.

10th—Miss Burstow left our Family Circle to-day and during the re-shuffle of staff bedrooms to meet the new situation, two visitors came to look round. They indeed took us just as they found us!

11th—Lost—a Women's Meeting! One of the staff spent most of the afternoon looking for a meeting she was to address in the Chingford area, and eventually arrived just in time to give a short talk and bring home unexpected gifts of groceries.

A local hairdresser friend came to use her scissors on the girls' hair. Our previous hairdresser has retired from business.

13th—Unexpected arrival of folk bringing Easter eggs and a television set. The latter is something we hadn't prayed for, and it was received at first with diffidence. Our esteemed friend, Rev.

Paul Tucker, suggested that the Lord was testing our discernment! However, we feel that properly controlled it can be a blessing, and we felt very grateful to the one who presented this our first television.

14th—Ted's and Rosemary's Wedding Day. Ted, with his three brothers, was in our Family for most of his childhood days. On leaving Woodford went into lodgings in north-west London. After joining a nearby Baptist church he came to know Rosemary and her family. An amazing link—we knew Rosemary's parents when they lived in Woodford! May God abundantly bless them as they settle into their new home at Dunstable.



Some of the girls went over to Goodmayes for the Meldrum Sunday School Anniversary. They have pen friends at the S.S. The older Boys went to their Bible Class Social.

16th—We had been put in touch with a manager of a cinema who, if we wished, would put our Family on a Charities List, and moneys would be appropriated to us from time to time. This is by no means an isolated instance, and as God guides we accept the challenge to point out to these folk the foundation on which our Family is maintained. We could not accept. The natural man is spiritually blind and often he cannot understand, but it is always staggering to such people to find that it is possible for ordinary human beings to have a personal relationship with God. This relationship isn't for a favoured few, but is open to all who will accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour!

17th—Gifts of money sufficient to meet all our bills have been received from day to day. From Gravesend we had a parcel containing three vests, two bonnets, four nightdresses, one pair of pyjamas, two jumpers and two small dresses.

From Singapore: "It's time for my annual letter and it brings you all my loving greetings. Thank you for copies of 'Links' through the past year, which keep me in touch with the work. It truly is wonderful what the Lord is doing for you and through you all. I'm thankful to again be able to send on to you my gift for the work. It is encouraging to know that you remember the work out here. In these days of uncertainty we praise God for still being able to carry on, and trust that the door may be kept wide open for the spread of the Gospel message. What it may mean when once Singapore gets independence, we do not know. I fear there is a strong undercurrent of Communism here. On the other hand, there are some excellent Christian groups in Singapore, and we rejoice in the witness that is being borne in some of the schools, universities, as well as the different churches. In praying for Singapore, please remember the young people whose parents are not Christian, and who are ridiculed and oft-times intimidated. Among the British troops here, Sandes Soldiers' Home and the Army Scripture Reader are doing a splendid work and many of the British boys have found the Saviour in Singapore. God bless you and your colleagues in the work that you are doing with the young people in your care."

20th—Amongst gifts received during the year sometimes sacks of potatoes have arrived direct in the kitchen.

We are preparing for the Annual Meetings. The children are learning the words of their pieces, and the staff are endeavouring to cope with spring cleaning. This has been delayed by the epidemics.

24th—From Manor Park: "Please accept the enclosed donation. No doubt preparations are now well in hand for the Anniversary. This is an event to which many of us look forward, if only to witness the obvious happiness of the children, which is a testimony of the love and care which is showered on them. Wishing you God's constant blessing . . ."

From Westcliff: "I enclose a little Easter present for the staff and children with the Lord's blessing to continue as in the past. You will have 'Our Day' in May, D.V., but I shall not be able to join you but can continue to remember you in our prayers, which we do each day. Always interested in the 'Links,' and it is passed round to various friends. What days we live in—so true according to God's Word—men's hearts failing them for fear. But how true and full of power are the words of our Lord Jesus: 'My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.' His presence and peace are always ours through Christ . . ."

25th—Children break up for Easter holidays. A few will be going to stay with relatives—the rest will enjoy themselves at home.

27th—Good Friday. Hot cross buns for breakfast. We had our own Family Prayers in the morning; a quiet day, and a united service at Abridge. Mr. Steve Stevens, of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, was our speaker.

28th. Boat Race Day. For once the Oxford supporters were able to hold their heads high! Lynn started work at a florist's shop in Wanstead.

29th—Easter Eggs for everybody. The newness of life in springtime reminds us of the new life possible by simple faith in God's Son. Easter Sunday seems a very special day—the resurrection day! The boys always wish the Easter hymns were not pitched so high!

30th—Easter Monday. Weather forecast not very good, but regardless of that Mrs. and Miss Litchfield took a group of children to Canvey Island. Miss Long took others to Knighton Woods, and the rest joined Violet and Brian on a ramble through Epping Forest. All arrived home for a high tea and afterwards Peter showed his coloured slides of his holiday in Austria.

APRIL

1st—April Fools' Day—plenty of tricks, as usual. Spring cleaning going ahead. Annual practices progressing. Easter eggs still being devoured!

2nd—Stanmore: "I have been handed a small booklet which tells of the work of your Children's Mission over the first forty years, and I would like to contribute a small donation. May the Lord bless you all greatly for His glory. Please do not bother to send a receipt—returned cheque will suffice."

Took the Hillman to the garage for check. Bedford also will need to go soon. Interviewed a young Christian girl who feels God is calling her to Christian work. Met the Secretary of the Trustees. Saw a solicitor regarding problems arising from the resurfacing of The Chase at Abridge.

3rd—Tiptree Congregational Sunday School, £2 5s. 8d., the offering from their Easter Gift Service. A happy link with the second world war days! Instead of giving the children a Christmas party this year the Woodford Round Table gave us a complete set of cricket gear and three netballs and netball rings and nets. These arrived to-day.

5th—Mr. White and Family went to Hook Evangelical Free Church. The rest of us went to morning worship at the Baptist Church, S.S. and Bible Classes at Latchett Hall and Baptist Church. The younger folk remained at home for their own service in the evening, whilst the older ones went to Abridge.

6th—Kempston: "I have pleasure in sending cheque for £5 5s. 0d., my first payment under covenant." Leigh-on-Sea: "Your Christian work among children has recently been brought to our notice and we have pleasure in enclosing 10s. 0d. as a small gift. We rejoice that such Homes exist where not only the physical needs of the children are met, but their spiritual needs also, and we trust that by teaching these children the scriptures you will have the joy of leading many of them to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. My husband joins me in wishing you God's richest blessing on your work for Him." Rhodesia £2 10s. Chingford: "We thought you would be interested in the history of the enclosed note. Whilst on holiday last year at Abergavenney our family were climbing Sugar Loaf Mountain, and halfway up, with nobody in sight for miles, we discovered a chewed-up 10s. 0d. note in many pieces—probably some animal had eaten it. We have just been able to claim same from Post Office and are happy to enclose it."

7th—Doreen's birthday. Miss Long took her to Chessington Zoo for the day. They both arrived home safely! Miss Revell took five of her boys to Madame Tussauds, for a picnic tea in Regent's Park, to a News Reel, and back home for supper.

Mrs. Southgate, who comes to help with domestic work, had a nasty fall down some stairs. We had to call the doctor immediately, and a visit to the Jubilee Hospital was arranged. After X-rays she was admitted for observation. We do hope she will soon be well again and restored to her family.

8th—Some of the older girls went to see the Billy Graham film "The Heart is a Rebel," and "The Candlestick Maker."

9th—Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at Abridge. Time was given for a discussion on "Progress."

10th—Some of us visited the Southern Railway Children's Orphanage at Woking. We were able to take a group of children to Newlands Corner, where there is a wonderful view of Surrey and Kent, and where we searched for spring wild flowers.

11th—A wet afternoon. Picnics had to be postponed.

12th—Mr. White at Redcliff Baptist Church, Leigh.

13th—Juniors and Infants went back to school. M. W. P. Sports and Social Club: "The members of the above, who make weekly contributions to a charity fund, have again been asked to indicate how they would like the balance in the fund to be distributed. We have pleasure in enclosing £5 5s. 0d. to your funds."

Heating engineers came to install new boiler for hall circuit. This will be the first step towards modernising our kitchen—the last major building improvement, we think, although we hesitate to be final as there always seems to be one more step to take!

Had a chat with a young Christian couple living in Abridge. They are to invite a mixed 'teenage group to their home on Sun-

day afternoons. Much prayer is needed for the young people of Abridge.

14th—Proverbs 8. 17 and Numbers 6. 24 : £10.

Seniors returned to school. New pump fitted to main boiler. Primroses arrived from Cranleigh Baptist Sunday School. They made our dining room look very attractive.

15th—Derek was taken to see a specialist at Wanstead Hospital. Mr. Stephen Smith (our dentist) addressed the monthly prayer meeting.

18th—Bill left us after being in the Family for seventeen years! Ann, one of our staff, had an engagement party. We wish her every blessing in the future.

19th—Mr. White was booked for Sunday School Anniversary Services at Strood Gospel Mission, but it became evident in the early hours of the morning that he would not be well enough to go. Contacts by 'phone were made with various Christian friends, and we were grateful to Mr. Lenton who at very short notice agreed to fill the gap. How reassuring to claim Romans 8. 28 at times like these!

21st—Margaret entered for the Stratford Musical Festival and gained a certificate. The Abridge Women's Meeting came to look around our premises.

23rd—Mr. Olney took Bible Study at Abridge in Mr. White's enforced absence. One of the older lads decided he wanted to go into "digs." Sometimes there is a kick against discipline—mainly the requirement to be in by a reasonable hour each night—but many of the Family in later years have thanked us for this. A visit to the proposed home revealed it out of the question on financial grounds. We cannot say "goodbye" to this responsibility yet!

24th—"Anon.," Singapore : £18.

26th—S.S. Anniversary at Baptist Church. Keith and Roger sang solos and others took part. Mr. Medley, of the London City Mission, was the speaker.

28th—Some friends came for a chat. They had wanted to raise money for us in ways which were foreign to us. It is surprising how many people think we require "charity" and even are convinced it is our life line. How far from the truth! After a chat such folk go away astounded to find that God to-day really hears and answers prayer. "I thought that stuff was dead and buried long ago," was one comment. However, we do pray that every opportunity to testify of His Faithfulness may be used to God's Glory.

30th—End of financial year. There hasn't been time yet to look into all details, but one thing we know with certainty—all our needs in every way have been met—and in answer to prayer.

MAY

3rd—Women's Anniversary Service at Abridge. Mrs. Ewart White was our special speaker.

4th—Hornchurch : "Thank you for sending me invitation to your 59th Annual. I would love to come but am an O.A.P. and am not feeling well enough. I shall be praying for you *all*. Although I shall not be with you, I shall be with you in spirit." There were many letters received from older folk regretting the physical impossibility of getting to "Our Day," but promising to remember us in prayer.

5th—Annual Trustees' Meeting. Mr. White reported on the happenings of the year. Some of the Trustees were able to get along in time to have dinner with the staff.

6th—Mrs. Parker (wife of our late Box Secretary) came to stay for a few days.

8th—Spring cleaning finished just in time for "Our Day" to-morrow. Various folks started to arrive. The children do look forward to this special day—they work hard in every way for it. Some folks remark : "Fancy children having to sit through two long meetings—it must be torture!" For them it is one of the happiest milestones in the year, and one to which they will travel miles to witness long after they have left Woodford!

9th—A hum of activity everywhere. More folks arriving. Our faith was small—as only one coach-load of people was expected we thought numbers would be less than usual, but imagine our amazement to find the church crowded out—chairs down the aisles! Strood Male Voice Choir took part at both meetings and their renderings of simple gospel music were delightful. We do hope they will be able to come again another year.

Tea time—we on the staff had some shocks. Caterers should have had everything ready by five o'clock, but imagine our dismay to find less than half of the sandwiches and cakes prepared. Many willing hands rectified the deficiency, but not before folks had accumulated to wonder "Where is our tea?" However, eventually everyone was satisfied.

Lanes End Working Party brought three cardigans, one slip-over, four pairs of socks, two pairs of mittens. From Coulsdon : two pairs of socks.

10th—The husband of one of our "Old" girls conducted the services at Abridge.

11th—Back to normal routine again after the excitement of the week-end. A bombshell for the family to-day—when one in a family has a disappointment, we all share it. An engagement was broken off—the normal love letter had been received on "Our Day," but over the week-end unwise behaviour changed the whole picture. She knew she had the prayers and sympathy of us all.

14th—Mr. White with a team went over to Harlesden Baptist Women's League to conduct a meeting. The two cars were packed to capacity, but a slipping clutch in the Bedford kept us travelling tortoise pace.

A hard-working man called and handed over £20 in an envelope: "The enclosed is now in better hands than mine, and I'm certain that it will be used wisely. With the very best of wishes to all the staff and the children at Woodford." This man spends his life helping others, and his work-mates cannot understand that he does it all in love and not to get reward!

15th—Children broke up for Whitsun holidays. Miss Litchfield went off to Cornwall for a week's holiday with her fiancé. On getting near St. Ives they found they hadn't the address of their destination with them!

17th—After the evening service at Abridge some of the Fellowship went to give out tracts in preparation for our open-air work.

18th—Bank Holiday. A group went to Valentine's Park to fish, boat, and watch the squirrels. Another group went by car to Hatfield Forest.

19th—Lynn changed her job—from "live flowers" to "artificial flowers" (florist to hat making).

23rd—We have been praying since January for an "open door" to take the children away for a holiday, and to-day we went to investigate a school at Lowestoft which had been recommended to us. It was a lovely day. The situation of the school and the co-operation of the headmistress makes us feel very hopeful.

Seventeen of the Family were invited to share in an outing to Hastings with Grove Road E. C.

24th—Mr. White went to a Sunday School Anniversary at Hutton, where a family, once with us here, worship and work.

25th—Sudbury: "I returned home yesterday after eight weeks in hospital. I did a little occupational work there and received a little payment and felt led to share to the Lord's work in three places."

27th—Nigeria: "£10. We trust the Lord is blessing you all as indeed He has done in the past."

29th—Mrs. Parker returned home to Manchester. Her visit has been so helpful—she has worked hard with her hands, but her greatest gift is prayer, and consequently she is an encouragement to us all. Roy and Peter went to Portsmouth for the day from school.

30th—S. S. Outing from Woodford Baptist Church to Walton-on-Naze.

31st—Abridge S. S. Anniversary. Mr. Eric Cook was our special speaker.

JUNE

1st—Girls started their school examinations. Kay went out to work (part-time).

2nd—Several of the children are following the serial story, "Heidi," on television. It is a beautiful story.

3rd—Pauline's friend came to tea. We often have friends popping in.

4th—"66" Club at Latchett Hall. Derek and Linda went to bed—not too well. Bible Study at Abridge.

6th—Abridge Fellowship Outing. Four cars left Abridge at 8 a.m. Mr. Dennis Hull kindly swapped his Ford 12-seater for our Hillman, thus enabling us to convey 36 in all to Frinton for the day.

7th—Dr. Billy Graham was at All Saints' Church, Woodford Green, so some went to hear him. There are those in our family who came to know the Lord at Harringay.

8th—Hoddesdon: "Could you please supply me with as many copies of McCheyne's 'Daily Bread Bible Reading Calendars' as can be bought for 5/-?" We have sent out hundreds of these over past months since a magazine mentioned that these calendars could be obtained from us.

10th—Monthly Prayer Meeting—Speaker, Rev. L. T. Moon, of Ashurst Drive.

13th—A group went to the Young Sowers' League at Regent Hall, London, to sing as a choir at the Annual Rally. Mr. White went on to Eastney, Southsea, for Sunday School Anniversary Meetings.



15th—Mr. White returned earlier than expected from South-sea—he was taken ill and was unable to take last service.

16th—Ralph went to Ford's for an interview. Bill went to hospital.

17th—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lebon, of Southend, relatives of Mrs. V. White, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with us. Although they have not had the joy of having children of their own, they have helped to look after other people's children from time to time, and have a great love for young folk. Perhaps this accounts for their wide circle of friends now! However, as they formerly lived in Walthamstow, it seemed fitting to celebrate in the London area, and a Children's Home proved a most suitable background for this occasion. The children were treated to strawberries and cream for tea! Present were two of the bridesmaids and a pageboy (now, of course, well in middle age!). We were happy to share in this Golden Wedding, where acknowledgement was given to the goodness, guidance and blessing of God over fifty happy years. May these two of the Lord's servants have many more happy years.

18th—Copthorne: "I have been told that prayer has again been answered, and the children's holiday will be spent by the sea at Lowestoft. You may guess how delighted I was to hear this—the enclosed is a love gift from the Lord's purse towards the expenses."

We have accepted the accommodation at Lowestoft, and we are all looking forward to a seaside holiday in August. We give our thanks to God for answering our prayers.

20th—Mr. and Mrs. Olney and Family set off for Cornwall at an early hour, and some of the Family went swimming before breakfast.

We remembered to write to Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDermid to thank them for the many times we have enjoyed hospitality in their home to watch favourite television programmes. Now that we have our own there is no need to watch theirs, but nevertheless we are grateful to them for their kindness and for the times when they have 'phoned especially to tell us of something special we might like to see.

21st—Planned tract distribution at Abridge cancelled—not enough support!

22nd—Lent trestle tables and blankets to the Wycliff Language Course. Roger to-day becomes a "'teenager."

25th—Practice for the choir—we shall be taking part in the Evening Service at Grove Road E. C. on Sunday evening.

27th—Cricket at Ashton Playing Fields. Boys of the cricket league v. parents. Of course the parents won! But the boys put up a good show.

29th—Janet and Edwin went on a school outing to the Zoo and Beryl went with her class to Hampton Court.

Wood Green: "£5 towards the children's holidays and as a thank-offering for a very happy holiday myself. Rejoicing in the risen Lord."

Building representative came to prepare estimate for re-decoration of exterior of buildings. He offered us a television and promised to pay cost of installation. We will chat this over with the staff.

30th—There are opportunities to speak at far more meetings than we can possibly undertake. But today we went to Ashurst Drive Baptist Church and to Nazeing Congregational Young Wives' Fellowship.

Epping: "Please find enclosed £2, just a little to help for the holiday season, hoping you and the Family will have a very happy time and come back re-energised and ready to meet the demands and commands for the rest of this year."

JULY

1st—Miss Revell returned from holiday. Interviewed parent who needed help for a 'teenage boy.

3rd—Mrs. White, Senior, and Mrs. Gilbert went away to Shropshire for a week.

4th—A very hot day. Most of the children went swimming, although some were disappointed—they couldn't get in to the swimming baths. The summer—this *real* summer—is delightful for the children. To be able to plan outings and picnics without possibility of rain makes life easier for us!

Janet and Bernard and their children were coming to stay for a week, but had to cancel visit on account of illness. Very disappointing for us all.

From N. W. London we received some medical and toilet requisites. From Liverpool four cardigans, three slipovers, two secondhand cardigans and some handkerchiefs.

5th—A hot Sunday. Over 90 in the shade. Normally after dinner on a Sunday we all go out in the garden until it's time for Sunday School. We read or write letters, but to-day we laid on our beds instead.

6th—Admitted: two guinea-pigs (we were told they were both males). Request for a trousseau for a mother at the hostel who hopes to join her husband in North Africa!

8th—Prayer Meeting—Speaker, Mr. Henry Hole.

One of the little boys brought in a green caterpillar to show the staff, with the remark: "Oh, that's one without feathers!"

Beryl went to the Youth Employment Bureau.

Billy and Bryan Dunn (two "old" boys) popped in to see us.

10th—Violent thunderstorm aroused most of the family, but the toddlers slept peacefully. A misplaced slate on the roof caused considerable inconvenience.

12th—A hedgehog walked across the hall into the kitchen and spent a short time behind the gas stove. In view of our own variety of pets we gave this one to a neighbour—but, alas, it escaped.

14th—Birthday cake and ice cream for tea as Billy and Raymond celebrated their birthdays. Raymond's friend came to tea, and so did a Home Office inspector, but the latter was unexpected!

Some Young Wives from Nazeing came to see us and look around.

15th—Representatives from Westminster Chapel Dorcas Guild brought their contribution to our Family's wardrobe as follows:—Twenty-three pairs of pyjamas, ten pairs of knickers, eight pairs of panties, six dresses, seven aprons, twenty-four jerseys, twenty cardigans, eleven pairs of socks, one toddler's suit, eleven vests, sixteen pullovers and twenty-four slipovers.

What a tremendous help are these voluntary working parties to our Family. We praise God for them all.

17th—Two of the staff went to see the work of the children at Oakdale Junior School. Others went to see the St. Barnabas Sports. We are proud of those who won medals—Harriet, Doreen and Fitzy. Harriet and Fitzy broke records for running, and placing the shot, respectively. Interviewed a mother who requires help with her young son. Possibly we can help.

18th—Twenty-first Birthday and Engagement Party of Miss Barbara Revell. Barbara has been on the staff for just on five years. She was a demure 'teenager when we first welcomed her, but we are very grateful to God for calling her to the Family, where she has worked devotedly. Mr. Peter Reeves, of Abridge, is the privileged gentleman—others in the past have been turned down!

19th—As the children could not all be present at last evening's party, Miss Revell and her family provided a special tea for them to-day. Rodney presented the children's present—a cut-glass vase. The nine boys at present in Miss Revell's group, in spotless white shirts, sat at the important table.

20th—Ralph started work—butterflies in his tummy? Not at Ford's, as he hoped, but for a tea company in London. Ronald left the immediate family circle to return to his mother. The advisability of this move was confirmed by Kent County Council.

21st—Seven Kings: "Whilst listening to our records just now I came to 'I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,' which reminded me that before she went out my wife said that I must write to you a covering letter for the enclosed £4 10s. 0d. We do so hope you will be able to get away this year and would like this gift to be used to this end."

Never a dull moment, or an early night in the C. H. & M. . . Soon after ten p.m. 'phone bell—dejected lover the other end—minor accident with motor-scooter—Miss Revell slightly injured—help!—come and fetch us!!

23rd—At crack of dawn some very noble folk rose to say a final goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. White and Family and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kearns, as they set off for a camping touring holiday on the Continent. Panic set in at about eight a.m. when stray paraffin and methylated spirit cans were found in passage. Thinking these were required by the campers, a message was sent by the A.A. to the embarkation port, Dover. Actually, they were not needed—sufficient supplies were on board.

Children broke up for summer holidays.

24th—From Cranford Baptist Working Party: Two polo jumpers, two pullovers, two cardigans and two vests.

Barking: "Having just returned from a holiday which I much enjoyed, I feel I should send you the enclosed £25 in case you are trying to get some of your family away for a holiday."

25th—Beryl left the family circle to return to her mother. We have every hope in Beryl that she will make good, and we do pray that she will be a blessing to her mother.

27th—A few children are able to spend a few days with a parent or friend, but for the majority we are looking towards 25th August, the day when we set off for Lowestoft. There is much preparing and packing to be done.

Miss Lee, of Epping, has offered one week of her holiday to help, and she arrived to-day not knowing what would be required of her, but ready for anything. Mr. Olney also had extra help—a young man from New Town Mission gave the Lord two weeks of his holiday.

30th—Beautiful and interesting postcards from the "campers" have arrived daily and been read out during morning prayer time.

Mr. White away! Mr. Olney unable to go to Abridge! So Mrs. Parker took the Bible Study at Abridge. Mrs. Parker has also come to help during the holiday period.

Doreen, Harriet and Pauline went to Bearman's to choose material for holiday skirts.

31st—Several of the girls went to Valentine's Park for a picnic tea. The Colonel (Roger) has been sawing logs for the winter—total so far is four hundred.

AUGUST

1st—Everybody out—in small groups and individually.

2nd—Small boy: "If to-morrow is Bank Holiday, does that mean we have all our money out of the bank?"

In the morning most of us went to Grove Road Evangelical Church, and older ones in the evening to Abridge.

Anita Tilby was baptised at her chapel in Devonshire. She has made a very bold stand for her Lord and Master, which has included giving up her fiancé because he would not have anything to do with spiritual things. We have for a long time been praying for spiritual blessing, and it has come in unexpected ways. Here is Anita—far away from all her loved ones—enabled to give up what is most dear to her because she loves the Lord better. At home, Margaret, who suddenly found her fiancé to be unfaithful, proved beyond all doubt the comforting power of God in her trial. We know God will honour these two.

3rd—Some joined the Grove Road outing; some went to the Wycliff Open Day; some went out for a picnic, and the rest had races and games and a special tea. A missionary on furlough from Nepal came to see us.

4th—Some went swimming. Others dressed up as Grannies? Cowboys? Dutch Children?, etc., etc.

6th—Mrs. Parker left early to catch a train to Manchester. What's going on? Suddenly the playground is empty and all the children have disappeared. Why? The Bedford has arrived home with the campers, and nobody, however young wanted to miss saying "Hallo" before going to bed. The children eventually came in with a bottle of Belgian water, which they decided was not so good as English.

8th—Michael, aged ten, joined our Family to-day.

9th—Witness March through Abridge. Even Abridge folks seemed surprised!

11th—Early to bed—an outing to-morrow is anticipated.

12th—Family prayers over, a coach arrived soon after nine o'clock and we all—youngest to oldest—set off. We were taken to Victoria, where seats had been reserved on an excursion train to Westgate. Packet lunches were provided. We had a long afternoon on the beach. Some of the little ones hadn't been to the sea before, and the feel of the sand was unpleasant to their feet until they got used to it. However, eventually everyone was happily enjoying sea and sand. Tea was also provided, on the beach, and later the journey home commenced. It proved a change from always travelling from door to door by coach, as we usually tend to do. On arrival at Victoria terminus another coach was waiting to take us back to Crescent Road. The friends who arranged this day for us also provided pocket money, and two of their representatives were able to come with us to witness and enjoy the enjoyment, too!

13th—Keith arrived back from Holland with Zwannie and Yaap. Noddy (the dog) seemed satisfied now that everyone has returned home.

15th—Some of us went for a ride to High Beech and enjoyed a scramble and blackberrying in the forest. We visited the beauti-

ful little Church and noted a fairly new tombstone engraved: "Death came to him without a moment's warning and bade him haste to meet his God in heaven."

16th—Miss Litchfield had the day off. "Oh!" said Alfie, when he saw her in church, "Fancy coming to church on your day off!" After Sunday dinner Mr. White suggested a rest on beds. "Amen," says two-year-old Stephen.

At the last open-air meeting on the Pancroft Estate at Abridge we were grieved to see children from two to seventeen or eighteen years of age just aimlessly playing in the street. Where is home life to-day?

19th—An evening's outing for as many as could cram into Bedford and Hillman to see the Southend lights. At about 11 o'clock we all piled in to 18, Chalkwell Avenue to collect Doreen, who had been staying there. Mr. and Mrs. Oates aren't in the habit of receiving such late visitors, but they made us very welcome and provided refreshments.

20th—Bible Study at Abridge, followed by a Committee Meeting concerning young people's work in the village.

21st—A day of storms. Roger and Aurea's mother arrived very late, having had to finish her journey on foot along a flooded railway track. Keith and Yaap spent nearly two hours in a tube hold-up, also due to flooding.

24th—Leytonstone: "Although my father did not make a specific bequest to your society, I know he was always interested in its work and counted the Founder among his friends. He did indicate to me privately that he would like to leave a small sum to White's Homes, and in accord with his wishes I have pleasure in enclosing a cheque for £12 12s. 0d."

The builders came to re-commence exterior decorations. It's just as well we are going away, or the paint would be inside and indeed everywhere!

25th—Off to Lowestoft. Luggage, staff and children safely in coach; Mr. and Mrs. Olney, Mary, Margaret and Kay wave "goodbye." and the journey starts, but not before committing one another to the Heavenly Father. It was a warm day and perhaps the loveliest part of the journey was to arrive at a farm just outside Ipswich where we ate our sandwiches under the cool shade of trees in a picturesque garden behind a farmhouse. Cold drinks, fruit jellies and ice cream were provided. How grateful we were to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their family for their hospitality. Not only did we eat, but we were introduced to the farm residents—lambs, horses, cows, etc. The children were told to be especially good at the farm and then they might be invited again on the way home. The invitation was given!

At 2.30 we arrived at Southolme High School, where the headmistress, Mrs. Downes, and her sister were there to welcome us. We unpacked, made beds and went off to the sea for a dip before tea.

26th—Well, we're here. After breakfast, family prayers, and then off to the beach for swimming, sunbathing, etc., and back again for dinner. We explored the town, back for tea, and whilst the younger ones went to bed the older ones went for a walk along the sea front.

29th—Mary, Margaret, Kay and Lynn went off to Herne Bay Court. Mr. and Mrs. Olney saw them off at Victoria.

SEPTEMBER

At Lowestoft. We spent long days on the sands. The school with its co-operative headmistress was really home for us. Kensington Gardens were a stone's throw from the house! There were little electric boats which not only the little ones enjoyed, but all of us. On the beach there were big waves to knock us over; calm seas in which we could learn to swim; there were beautiful sands for building; there were visitors who came to see us; there were nice people at the nearby café who added to the enjoyment of the holiday; and last, but by no means least, was the happy fellowship with Christians at the local Congregational Church, at Bethel and at the Open Air Meeting on the promenade. Surely God blessed us in every way.

Special appreciation is due to Mrs. Downes—she is a French lady who escaped from France in the early days of the war and who later joined the British Intelligence Service in Cairo and was decorated for her bravery. We tried to learn about all her escapades, but brave people are very reticent about themselves. Mrs. Downes, with her domestic staff, fed us well, and because of their care and thrift our provision bill was remarkably reasonable.

7th—Saw us packing, packing, cleaning, loading Bedford and coach in readiness for departure. We arrived home, after another call at the farm, to a well-prepared tea. Crescent Road wasn't ready for us—the road was up all the way along (L.E.B. at work), and with parked cars everywhere we just wondered whether there was in fact room for us! Our builders had worked hard on the outside of the houses, and when Harriet got paint all over her new skirt within minutes of arrival we felt very glad that most of the work had been accomplished in our absence.

After tea efforts were made to remove sand from hair, etc., in preparation for return to school to-morrow.

8th—Summer holidays, 1959, all over, and all bills paid—in answer to prayer! Children back at school. Peace in our time! A mountain of washing filling the washing scullery!

Cranleigh: "Will you please accept the enclosed 10s. 0d. postal order to help pay for your large family's holidays this year? We have had a wonderful summer, but unfortunately holidays are not free like the sunshine is! Hope it will help a little."

12th—Mary, Margaret, Kay and Lynn returned home from Herne Bay Court, having had a lovely fortnight, and looking very brown. Derek and Linda returned to their parents. Mrs. Gilbert returned from holiday.

13th (9 a.m.)—Two male (?) guinea-pigs given fresh grass. Looking very sprightly.

(1.30 p.m.)—Lo and behold, three guinea-pigs! A little baby had been "hatched" (as one child put it) and there was great excitement when the children, on going out after dinner to sit in the garden, discovered the newcomer!

14th—Mr. White brought our first harvest. It came from West Worthing Independent Evangelical Church. The second followed close on from Newcomen Road Evangelical Church. A lot of speculation takes place amongst the children as to how many we shall receive before the season is out!

16th—Prayer Meeting. Speaker: Rev. W. T. Welch, from Theydon Bois Baptist Church. He and his wife stayed to tea—it was their first visit.

17th—Funeral of Mr. Faux at Abridge. Members of his family have been active in the Free Church for many years, and we believe he came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour during his long illness.

18th—Barbara and Peter set off for a week's holiday at Liverpool. Funds are low at present, but as each commitment comes to hand the "barrel" is sufficient. At these times we search our hearts to make sure we are in line with His will in all we do. We have committed ourselves to the expense of the exterior decorations. Was this right? We felt so, as to His Glory the buildings should be kept in good order.

19th—About thirty folk from the Post Office Christian Association came to tea with us after a ramble in Epping Forest. They left a gift of over £30. The Lord undertaking? We feel so.

Jackie joined our family circle—a little four-year-old girl. She is much in need of affection and security.

Mr. and Mrs. Olney and Abridge folk decorated the Church in readiness for the Harvest Festival.

20th—Walked to Grove Road this morning. Mr. James Stokes (Trustee) came to conduct the evening Harvest Festival service at Abridge. We had a good congregation. Harriet came home on Charlie's bike!

21st—Mrs. Parker came again to stay. We look forward to her visits. Abridge Primary School Harvest Service in our church. S. S. gifts were taken to the Hostel.

24th—7 p.m.: Commencement of new young people's meeting at Abridge, to be led by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brewster. Eighteen children turned up for the first meeting.

25th—Chadwell Heath Baptist Junior Christian Fellowship Meeting sent us a parcel of medical supplies. A unique but very practical idea.

26th—Mr. Trevor Morris and Mr. Fred Levett commenced an Evangelistic Campaign at Grove Road Evangelical Church. Some of us remember their visit to Abridge seven or eight years ago, and we have looked forward to meeting with them again and sharing in another campaign. Their films of other lands show the immense beauty of God's handiwork.

28th—S.W.8: "For quite a long time a few friends have been saving Victoria pennies for your children, and they have now reached the sum of £4 5s. 0d., and we are asking you to accept the same towards the expenses of the home. With prayerful best wishes."

The children hurried home to wash and change in time to go off to Stockwell Baptist Church to share actively in a harvest service. Ten Harvests arrived at Crescent Road in our absence, and at one time eleven cars were queueing up on the playground!

29th—Mr. Morris and Mr. Levett came to tea and took our family prayers. Stephen officially joined Life Boys and received his "hat."

30th—Westcliff: "With joy I send the enclosed £3 that half may be for the work, and the rest for the staff, as you see best. Number 6, 24-26." This is a very timely gift, particularly as at the moment there is not enough in hand to meet staff personal payments. It's a long time since they had this particular "test," but we are reassured as we look to God—without anything at all in hand—watching Him day by day meeting our needs. Of course, we don't need to buy much with the harvests coming in, and we have even received tins of stewing steak which will cut down the butcher's bill.

Brought back from Ashley Hall Working Party: Thirteen pairs of ankle socks, nine pairs of boys' socks, two jumpers, three skirts, three suits of pyjamas and three nightdresses.

OCTOBER

1st—Instead of the usual Bible Study at Abridge we joined in the local Evangelistic Campaign. We had a chat with two parents who came with us and who at the close of the meetings indicated their desire to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the answer to our prayers and the simple prayers of their children.

2nd—Amongst many invitations to harvest services there have been requests from day schools, too. We have been delighted with the variety of gifts received this year—our stores is like a grocer's

shop with a greengrocer's annexe. The staff have worked hard to bottle apples, pears and tomatoes.

3rd—Last weekday of the Campaign. Some of our young folk and staff have attended every evening and there has been blessing.

Four of us went to tea with Violet and Brian, but Violet, owing to a very bad cold, couldn't get along to the meeting as planned.

5th—Two lads went to London Museum. Some of us went by coach for tea at Kentish Town Evangelical Church (more familiarly known as Kentish Town Mission) and to take part in a harvest service. We were handed five knitted hats, two jumpers, a slipover, pinafores and dresses and dolls from Highgate Road Bible Class.

6th—Received a legacy for £95, which, with other gifts received, enables us to complete all payments, make staff allowances and have £80 in bank.

7th—Our new little four-year-old is like a flower opening out! When she arrived she seemed devoid of sparkle. In her play she was saying to her dolls: "I'm fed up with you—I don't want you," continually. Now she is responding to affection and security and she looks a bright, intelligent child. How rewarding to see such a rapid change in a child!

8th—Polling Day—General Election. Very exciting for Woodford, as one of our candidates is the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Churchill. Whatever our colour politically, we welcome him to our Borough as the greatest Englishman of our day! Two of us shook hands with him and in reply to a sincere "God bless you," Mrs. Churchill replied very warmly, "Thank you."

We decided it was educational to follow the first of the results on television, and some of the 'teenagers stayed up until the Woodford result came through. By then the trend of events was evident.

Bank 'phoned to say that a cheque for £500 had been paid into our account.

9th—Mr. Crowhurst started "Games Evening" in top hall. John, Miss Litchfield's fiancé, helped with table tennis.

Interviewed a parent about two boys. Can we help?

10th—Our boys played five-a-side football against Grove Road. The match was on our playground, so there were plenty of supporters! Raymond hurt his elbow—had to go to hospital. Fracture? A lad stayed out until the early hours and thus prevented staff getting to bed, too—'teenage problems!

11th—A day of happenings! Fourteen of us went to Yelling, Huntingdon, to take part in harvest services. We had hospitality at various homes, and it was a most enjoyable day, not least because we felt we were serving the Lord. On the way home a lorry

with trailer misjudged everything and took with it our off-side mirror. It is a miracle that we are here to tell the story, and we acknowledge the goodness of God in watching over us. We arrived home to find that just after our departure this morning there had been a gas oven explosion which slightly injured one of the staff and might have seriously injured a toddler, but a few seconds before he had been sent out of the kitchen.

12th—At staff prayers we gave thanks for the deliverances of yesterday—surely our prayers are answered abundantly.

13th—Interviewed the father of two children, whose wife has a very serious illness and cannot care for the family.

14th—Received in the post the four applications for the recent cases. Also the bill for exterior decorations. How timely was the legacy of £500. Prayer Meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Toye, of Gravesend, came over.

Chelmsford: "The enclosed contribution (£10) is part of the Lord's portion of a blessing my wife and I have recently received. It comes with our Christian love and greetings to you all, and our gratitude to Him."

15th—Lynn returned home after a stay of over three weeks in the Jubilee Hospital. She went to have an abscess dealt with, expecting to return home after treatment, only to find herself admitted! We are glad to have her back again.

16th—With all bills paid—decorations, rates, gas, electricity—we praise the Lord for his timely way of meeting all the needs.

17th—Handed in at the door: Box containing 46 pairs of hand-knitted socks. Six children went over to Chadwell Heath to share in a Junior Christian Fellowship party. They had a very happy time.

18th—Wanstead: Large bowl dripping!

19th—Stratford Railway Mission: £8 11s. 0d.

20th—Some womenfolk from a Chingford "Home Group" came to look round. We had happy fellowship with them. In the evening a friend called and left £5.

21st—John and Jacquelin, aged two and three, came to join the Family and a little later Keith and Paul, ages seven and eight.

One of the staff went to speak at Higham Hill Infants' School Harvest. Another went to the Highway Hall Women's Meeting. One of the staff not feeling too well—went away for few days.

22nd—Meeting to-day: Cannhall Infants' School Harvest. St. Andrew's Church Women's Meeting, St. Albans. Fellowship House, Welwyn Garden City. Woodford Baptist Women's Meeting.

23rd—Mrs. Reeves came to stay to help with tiny tots.

26th—Oakdale half term commences. Weather bright to start with, but later showers and gales developed.

The girls had their hair cut.

27th—Interview with a parent regarding his three daughters.

29th—St. Barnabas half term holiday commences. Meetings: Eldon Road Baptist Women's Meeting and Somerset House.

HARVESTS RECEIVED DURING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER,

1959, from :—

West Worthing Ind. Evangelical Church.
Newcomen Road Evangelical Church.
Abridge Evangelical Free Church.
Matthews Memorial Church, Walthamstow.
Grove Road Evangelical Church, Woodford.
Meldrum Sunday School, Goodmayes.
Wanstead Congregational Church.
Keswick Hall, Epping.
Chingford Strict Baptist Church.
Woodford Green United Free Church.
Brondebury Baptist Church.
Ley Street Hall, Ilford.
Canfield Hall, Woodford Bridge.
Latchett Hall, S. Woodford.
Manor Hall, Boreham Wood.
Ingrave Hall, Romford.
Claybury Park Baptist Church, Ilford.
Stockwell Baptist Church.
Leytonstone High Road Methodist Church.
East London Tabernacle.
Chapman Road London City Mission, Hackney.
Tottenham Baptist Church.
P.S.A., Barnet.
Waltham Abbey Baptist.
Upshire Free Church.
Hainault Road Baptist, Leytonstone.
Stratford Railway Mission.
Brook Street Church, Tottenham.
Princes Evangelical Church, Buckhurst Hill.
Hook Free Church.
Chessington Free Church.
Sawbridgeworth Congregational Church.
Chaplin Road Baptist Church, Dagenham.
Ingatstone Congregational Church.
Mountnessing Congregational Church.
Bible Class, Hammersmith.

Richmond Road Church, Romford.
Mowbrays Road, Romford.
Blackmore Baptist Church.
Shern Hall Methodist Church.
Kenton Evangelical Church.
Full Gospel Hall, Chadwell Heath.
Nazeing County Primary and Junior School.
Canvey Island Baptist Church.
Chingford Church of England Infants' School.
Great Munden Mission.
Ashley Hall, St. Albans.
Squirrels Heath Junior School, Romford.
Ray Lodge School, Woodford Bridge.
Gamuel Road Junior School, Walthamstow.
Hope Baptist Church, Forest Gate.
Salway Hall Sunday School, Woodford Green.
Cambridge Hall, Edmonton.
Church of Christ, Ilford.
Broadmead Baptist, Woodford.
Kentish Town Evangelical Church.
Christ Church, Leytonstone.
Chingford Hatch Methodist Church.
Hoddesdon Baptist Church.
Wangey Road Church.
Kilburn Evangelical Church.
Ray Lodge Congregational Church, Woodford.
Yelling Baptist Church.
Epping Congregational Church.
Epping Green Union Church.
Rise Park Church, Romford.
Mill Lane Gospel Hall, Ongar.
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ilford.
Muir Beddall Christian Union.
St. Mary Magdalene Primary School, Holloway.
Canterbury Road School, Leyton.
Higham Hill Infants' School, Walthamstow.
Cann Hall Infants' School, Leytonstone.
St. John's Church, Havering-atte-Bower.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended April 30th, 1959

	1958	£	s.	d.	1958	£	s.	d.
To Rates, Taxes and Insurances	261	299	16	11	By Covenants	689	748	2 0
" Heat and Light	751	771	7	1	" Subscriptions and Donations	2,828	2,986	8 7
" Telephones	62	62	7	2	" Box Holders	193	219	18 5
" Postage, Printing and Stationery	524	260	16	2	" Shoe Fund and Pound Day	19	18	12 0
" Provisions	2,071	2,058	14	5	" Legacies	2,575	1,956	6 4
" Furniture, Linen, Clothes and Shoes	374	338	14	2	" Payment Received on account of Children	1,584	1,663	19 7
" Household Expenses	197	193	10	10	" Interest on Deposit Account	320	10	5 2
" Staff Allowance and National Insurance	1,054	1,086	19	2	" Gifts for Holidays	63	63	3 0
" Gifts to Staff (Holidays), Donation and Pocket Money Scheme	218	281	3	5				
" Medical Supplies	30	36	17	7				
" Travelling and Excursion Expenses	260	283	4	3				
" Repairs to Property	169	208	1	9				
" General Repairs and Renewals	890	985	6	10				
" Incidental Expenses	15	22	14	0				
" Holidays	255	171	7	8				
" Alterations and Improvements to Property	800	431	15	9				
		7,492	17	2				
" Transfers, being Excess of Income over Expenditure:								
Special Fund		10	5	2				
Accumulated Fund		163	12	9				
	277	173	17	11				
	£8,208	£7,666	15	1				
		£7,666	15	1				

BALANCE SHEET, as at April 30th, 1959

	1958	£	s.	d.	1958	£	s.	d.
INVESTED FUNDS:					FREEHOLD PROPERTY:			
The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall	5,100	2,250	0	0	The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall	5,100	2,250	0 0
The Dr. F. E. Marsh Gift		1,700	0	0	18/24, Crescent Road, Woodford		1,700	0 0
The Mr. and Mrs. William Stark Gift		1,150	0	0	8/10, Crescent Road, Woodford		1,150	0 0
		5,100	0	0			5,100	0 0
SPECIAL FUNDS:					DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		15	1 3
Balance at 1st May, 1958		4	16	1	HOME ACCOUNT:			
Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	5	10	5	2	Garage and Shed		98	3 0
		15	1	3	Household Furniture, etc.		500	0 0
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:					Prepayment		137	19 5
Balance at 1st May, 1958		1,098	7	2	Current Bank Account		552	8 8
Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	5	163	12	9	Cash in Hand		3	9 0
		1,261	19	11			1,292	0 1
	1,098	1,261	19	11	Less: Sundry Creditors		30	0 2
	£6,203	£6,377	1	2			1,261	19 11
		£6,377	1	2			£6,377	1 2

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

Dated this 16th day of July, 1959.

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

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