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**“OUR DAY”**

**62nd ANNUAL GATHERINGS**

on

**SATURDAY, 19th MAY, 1962**

at

**SOUTH WOODFORD BAPTIST CHURCH,  
GEORGE LANE, E.18**

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THE FAMILY, PAST AND PRESENT

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## EDITORIAL

Winter, 1961

Dear Prayer Partners,

The colder weather has reached us again, elbowing from its path the lovely Autumn with its constant changing beauty expressed in a wonderful variety of ways! This is our reminder that it is time for us to be bringing you news of the Family and to share with you some of the highlights of "Our Day" in April last.

We are able to underline, yet again, the great fact of God and His Faithfulness. Sixty-two years ago this month the Founders of this Family accepted God's challenge to commence a home for children in need. The seemingly audacious reply was given: "Yes, we will commence such a home, but You must supply all needs." This HE has done and at this moment we are able to look back upon a wealth of achievement during the ensuing years: over 860 young folk have been helped: premises have been extended and kept in good condition: an evangelical witness has been maintained at Abridge—all this from a very small beginning, but PLUS A GREAT GOD.

Over the doors of two of the houses we have the text "Have faith in God." This is a challenge for the peoples of this day and generation. The hymn writer when prompted to write the words "Change and decay in all around I see" unknowingly summed up the current situation for all generations. In spite of all that man has achieved and the fantastic progress in many spheres, there undoubtedly remains in the mind and heart of man a lurking uncertainty bordering on fear.

It is increasingly amazing to the staff here that our Omnipotent God has chosen folk such as we to serve Him in this special way, for the continuance of such a work does enable HIM to confound the sceptic and challenge the fearful. It is a practical display of His Infallibility.

The months have as usual been filled with a variety of happenings. Quite a number of "new" children have arrived and we are full up. In the school sports this year a good number of the Family took part and we were exceptionally pleased with Harriet, who, in her last school term, won the individual challenge cup and carried away several medals. We are proud of her. The summer term reports were, on the whole, most encouraging and it is interesting and informative to note how the children begin to climb in their form position and become more settled in behaviour as they remain on in the Family.

The summer holidays were enjoyed by the kiddies and especially the two weeks at Lowestoft, where we had good weather and lots of fun together.

The income so far this year has been outstanding, nearly £7,000 to date, and we do praise God and thank His servants for this abundant provision.

As you look at the list of harvests received you will realise that our stores are full. We now have a variety of goods to meet every demand and fancy, and we thank all who have shared in this giving.

Do please note in your diaries our next ANNUAL GATHERINGS—19th MAY, at 3.0 and 6.30 p.m. in the local Baptist Church.

You will also read about the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Davey into the Family Circle, and their willingness to accept the challenge of Abridge (page 6). This, of course, has been one of the "red-letter" experiences and we praise God yet again for this answer to persistent prayer.

It seems early days to be talking of Christmas, but I can assure you that the children are reminding us that it will soon be here, and we are already making plans for a happy time. We, as a Family, wish you a very blessed Christmas. May the centering of our thoughts once again upon the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world, warm our hearts afresh as we realise the great love of God poured out in full to meet the needs of His creation.

Thank you for all your love shown to the Family in so many ways. Please go on praying, particularly for the spiritual well-being of the Family, that much more may yet be done in His Name and to His Glory.

Sincerely yours in Him,  
VICTOR J. WHITE.



Off to Lowestoft—August, 1961



## MR. AND MRS. CYRIL DAVEY AND FAMILY

It was a year ago that they arrived in England, returning from troubled Congo for their normal furlough. I remember this quite well for a telephone call from London Airport at 11 p.m. announced the fact! The story is told in the last Annual Report of how we were in a position to offer accommodation at that time and of the bountiful provision of our Lord to meet this new situation.

For the year past Mr. and Mrs. Davey have been very busy on Deputation work for the R.B.M.U., their hearts tuned to the work there and ready to return to this field of service. During twenty-five years working among the Congolese they have grown to love them and their home is there.

However, their return is not to be at present and as they became aware of this new situation arising they turned to the Lord for His guidance for their pathway. The little Evangelical Free Church at Abridge, as well as the Family here, has taken a keen interest in their ministry and has considered it a privilege to have had a small share in "holding the ropes." Abridge itself is a very needy field and I have personally felt burdened for a long while concerning my inability to give enough time to the work and also to the difficulties arising out of my being six miles away from the church. As a Fellowship we have been in prayer that, in the Lord's time, He would send us those of His choosing to take on this vital work. Here and now we are SEEING the answer to these prayers, for Mr. and Mrs. Davey have accepted the challenge and are already busy in service for their Master in Abridge. For the present their "home" continues to be within the walls of the C. H. & M. at Woodford, but a member of the Fellowship has kindly loaned a caravan for the winter months and this has been temporarily sited next to the church, enabling Mr. and Mrs. Davey to spend as much time as possible in the village and to tackle the work from the spot.

Will you pray for Mr. and Mrs. Davey as they labour for God in Abridge? We do not look to them to do great things, we look to GOD to move by His Spirit through these His dedicated servants, to the meeting of a very real and deep need in the village. My father would rejoice to know that the "Daveys" were active in this field. Again we see how a little seed sown in the 1920's, when the caravan was sent from the C. H. & M. through the Essex villages, is bearing fruit.

Great opportunities lie before us all. This is our day of opportunity. Let us use it well, wisely, enthusiastically, and unite with our friends in such a way that He will be able to do a great work!



*"Our Home" at Lowestoft. Mary and Kevin, eldest and youngest of the Family.*



*On the Beach—Keeping back the tide.*

**"OUR DAY"—29th APRIL, 1961**

**61st ANNUAL GATHERINGS**

held in the

**SOUTH WOODFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**AFTERNOON MEETING**

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

**(Assistant to the Minister, Westminster Chapel, London, S.W.)**

It is a great privilege for any man to be here in this position. I do thank God that I have this particular share in "Our Day." It is a great day for me to be identified in this way with this work. It is many years since I first heard of Mr. White's Homes, but I had to go some six thousand miles away in order to hear about it. It was in India that Mr. Victor White and I first became acquainted, and we have remained firm friends ever since. In the pastoral Epistles to Timothy and Titus this fact is stressed—that no man is ever to be put into a position of responsibility in the Christian Church who has not demonstrated that he is a man of integrity, and who commands the respect of the world outside. I was in the same unit with Sergeant White, as he was then. I knew the people for whom he worked, and with whom he worked. Victor White is a man who fulfils the biblical qualifications: he is a man of integrity, a man who has commanded and enjoyed the respect of utterly ungodly people because of the way in which he has lived. I would like to say here and now in his presence that it is a good thing when a man has a reputation like that.

Then, too, we have both worked very happily together on the London Council of the Poona and India Village Mission.

I hope you children here from the Family are enjoying this meeting to-day. I wonder if you realise that those who are present here are all of them, without exception, your friends. They are people who are really concerned about you, and they are praying for you regularly. Do you realise how fortunate you are? There are not many boys and girls who have so many people interested in them as you have. It is really a wonderful thing.

I want to direct your attention to some words which we find in Exodus 2. 9: "And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." Here is a chapter concerned with children's work. Here in this verse is summed up all the principles we need, and all the information we need concerning our work among the boys and girls, be they our own children whom God has given us, the children in our own family circle, or other children with whom we may come into contact.

You know the story. How the child Moses was hidden until his parents could no longer keep him in the home. The edict had gone forth from Pharaoh that all the male children were to be slain at birth. So Moses was put into a little ark of bullrushes, and his sister kept watch over him. And when the daughter of Pharaoh came down to the river and saw this tiny babe, her heart was touched, and understandably so. Moses' sister came forward and joined the group: and sensing the situation, she said to the princess: "Would you like me to get one of the slave women to come and look after the child?" "Yes," said the princess, falling into the trap. And the girl goes away and brings back with her the child's mother. "And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will pay thee thy wages." Fancy being paid for bringing up her own child! A delightful situation! In this command from Pharaoh's daughter we find all the principles that we need.

We see, first of all, the complete helplessness of the child. This child was in a desperate state: everything was against it: it was in a position of acute danger, from the elements, and from the law: it was in such a position that even its own parents could not look after it. And there are many such children to-day; children who cannot be brought up by their own parents: wrong influences are being brought to bear upon them. God have mercy upon such little ones who suffer in this way from the day that they are born, and who are completely dependent upon decisions that other people make for them.

But we need not stay there. Notice, not merely the helplessness of the child. Notice the command that is given, and it is a royal command. "Take this child." Everything in nature prompted the woman to "take the child": that was what she wanted to do: but that was not the reason why she did it. She did it because she was under command. The reason ultimately for our doing anything for God is that He has commanded it. Let us be quite clear about it, that nine times out of ten God's will and our desires do go hand in hand. God seldom requires His people to engage in a way of life which is distasteful to them. There are times when we feel differently: when we expect that God is going to make us do things that we do not want to do. But that is not often so. Missionaries accept God's call to serve Him in the Mission Field, not only because He has called them, but because they want to go. I have no doubt that if you talked with Mr. and Mrs. Victor White, they would tell you that what they want to do is to look after children. There is no doubt but that is what they *want* to do. Naturally, God uses the instincts and the capabilities with which He has endowed us, and He works through our own natural abilities. But the *ultimate* reason for our doing anything is that we are convinced that it is God's will for us. "Take this child." It is a command. Let us be quite clear about that. Here is a command which in some measure is laid upon us all: we cannot escape it. If we have come here this afternoon merely to admire this work, or to rejoice in

what other people are doing, while we stand aloof from it, then there is something wrong with us. We all come in some measure under this commandment. We are called to relieve as much as we can the need of others as we meet that need day by day. Here are helpless children: we cannot take them into our own homes: we cannot ourselves do anything to alleviate their sufferings. We have to do it through other agencies, through the Children's Home: and we do it because we want to. We support such a work as this not merely because we are required to do so. But, none the less, we who are more comfortably placed cannot accept our blessings and mercies and shrug our shoulders and ignore the needs of others which are so obvious all around us. See how the apostle puts it in Gal. 6. 10.: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." There is no option about this. It is not that we may support this work if we feel like it: or because some people are naturally made that way: because some people are specially interested in children's work. No, that is not so. We are under command. "As we have therefore opportunity," and we all have some opportunity, "let us do good unto all men," and that includes the children. "Take this child, and nurse it." Do you see, we are always under command: let us obey it, let us accept the obligation that is laid upon us, and do what we can to meet the need of these little ones.

Notice further what is said here: "Take this child, and nurse it"—nourish it. When a child is tiny its mother is everything to it: it depends upon its mother for everything. Here is a further command, a command to nourish these young lives. You see how comprehensive this is. The command is not simply that we are to see that the child develops a healthy body or mind. We are, indeed, to look after it in every possible way, and we are never to regard children simply as souls to be saved. For they are persons in their own right. And our task is to nourish them. Away with this pseudo-spiritual idea that our task is simply to work so that children should be converted. God has not called us to be child-converters: He has called us to care for the children, to nourish them: to meet their every need in so far as we can. This command comes home to us all this afternoon. We are to nourish these boys and girls, those for whom we are responsible in our Sunday Schools, and in our homes; we are to nourish them, to care for them physically and mentally. You are under command "to do good unto all." You are to care for their bodies, to develop their minds in every possible way: to nourish their souls. And this is the most difficult of all our tasks, and the most delicate, and the most unpredictable. How many of us find ourselves in this position? We think of our own children: and our great concern is that they should grow up to love the Lord Jesus Christ. How can we ensure that when they reach manhood and womanhood they will be true Christian men and women? How can we guarantee that this will take place?

The answer is that we cannot guarantee it: and this is a fact with which we always have to reckon. This is one of the most acute problems that we have to face: it is the thing which causes us the greatest amount of concern. We cannot guarantee that a child when it grows up will truly become a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ: and we have to accept that fact. And here, of course, we are faced with a difficulty. On the one hand, we can say that we cannot guarantee what is going to happen spiritually to that child, and so little can be done. On the other hand, we may say that we are going to put on all possible pressure to ensure that the child becomes a Christian. Both these attitudes are wrong. What we have to do is to deal with the Lord and seek that He may establish these young ones in the faith. You may have a family of ten: nine may become Christians: but not the tenth. That is a fact we have to face. The farmer tends his farm, and he may have a bad year from time to time. But the farmer who works hard can expect a good return for his labour through the years. But the Christian worker is not in that position. He works very hard and he prays, and yet he may get very little result, as far as he can see, for his work. And yet another may gather a great harvest. We cannot explain these things: we have to accept them: we have to go on fulfilling our task, nourishing our children, feeding them on the Word of God, and praying for them. One of the greatest temptations that besets those who have to deal with children is to try to take the lid off to see what is going on inside. We want to know what kind of spiritual experiences they are undergoing. And because of this we put wrong pressures upon our children in order to bring them to some premature decision. We have to stand back very often: we have to pray, and to wait for the Lord to work in their lives. We must never try to make children do what we want them to do spiritually. They must be led and never driven.

You cannot force a child to go through a spiritual experience for which God has not yet prepared its heart. "Take this child. Nourish it." Is that all that God is calling upon us to do? No. "Take this child, and nurse it *for Me*." You are doing this, not for your own satisfaction, not in order that you may report that so many children in the Sunday School have been converted. No, you are doing this for God, and not for man. God will make good use of what you have done. "Take this child, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." "I will give you wages for doing this" said the princess to the mother of Moses.

Why do we receive these children into our care? Why do we teach them, and train them? Is it because we want to: because we have a love and a concern for them? But more than that, do we do it for the Lord? And if we do this work for Him, then He undertakes to give us wages. God does reward His people: He rewards us here and now: and He will reward us even more hereafter. Let us not be in two minds about this. God rewards those of His servants who seek to do His will. Let us not be spiritual in a spurious sense. Sometimes we speak of "not asking for any reward."



But the Bible encourages us to ask for a reward. It says that at the last Great Day the Lord will look upon His people, and He will reward those who have served Him faithfully. It was that that sustained Paul. He looked forward to the day when he would stand before the Lord. He said: "I have fought a good fight: I have finished my course. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." He was looking forward to his reward. It was true also of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame." You remember how He said to His disciples that if they gave a cup of cold water in His name, they would have their reward. This will be true at the last Great Day. And they shall stand before God, and the things they have done, which maybe they have forgotten, will be rewarded. This is the great promise that comes to us. But our religion is a religion of hope, God has not reserved all His blessings until that Great Day. He is bountiful to His people here below, and He gives us some of our rewards here and now. When Mr. Victor White read those extracts from the letters he had received from some of the old boys and girls, I can imagine that they were rewards to him. When he sees the children growing up in the Family, and making their profession of faith in Christ, that is a reward to him. Our Lord is not a hard taskmaster. There are many rewards which He gives His people here below to those who faithfully serve Him. You remember how Christ one day gave some strange advice to his disciples. He said: "If you have any money, use some of it to make friends of yourselves. And when you die, those friends will welcome you in heaven." What He meant was that they should use their money wisely, for the material and spiritual good of others. What a wonderful thing it is that men and women overseas whom we have never seen are being helped by us at home who use our money in order that they might hear the message of the Gospel. They will welcome us in heaven: and it will be a reward. What a wonderful thing that the time will come when boys and girls will be able to say that we were those who made it possible for them to come under the care of this Family, to be nourished in the faith, and to be brought by God in His mercy to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is our command. "Take this child: nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."

### Afternoon Report—Mr. Victor White

Psalm 119 v. 105: "Thy WORD is a LAMP unto my feet, and a LIGHT unto my path."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon wrote—"Holy writ is not sent to astound us by its brilliance, but to guide us by its instruction. It is true that the head needs illumination, but even more the feet need direction, else head and feet may both fall into a ditch! Happy is the man who personally appropriates God's Word, and uses it personally as his comfort and counsellor—A lamp to his feet and a light to his path."

The year 1961; this 20th Century finds us, as a people, rather feebly endeavouring to grapple with feelings of uncertainty, doubt, indecision and mistrust. It is a time of darkness, of GREAT DARKNESS, in spite of so much glitter of material prosperity in many places. A godless age!

At this moment people are in need of LIGHT, the Light of God's Precious Word, to illumine the dark and sinful recesses of heart and mind, to a NEW LIFE in Christ Jesus.

Friends, I would ask you all, "Do you open God's Word every day?"

Have you been made aware of your sinful condition before a righteous, holy God?

Have you opened your heart to Jesus Christ?

Are you walking along the pathway He has chosen, by the Light of His Word?

Day by day, it is our joy to open the Bible and read it together. To turn in prayer to our Heavenly Father, for He is father to us, you know—He never sleeps—is never too busy, nor too far away to hear us, and our full confidence is in Him, Who doeth all things well.

Not only do we read and study God's Word at our Family Prayers, but from time to time we learn the Scriptures and perhaps it is opportune for the young folk to recite some of these to you now.

Maybe there are questions in your minds as to the reaction and result of such teaching and learning. Our prayer times are happy occasions, and a gentleman who visited us some months back, commented before leaving, that he now realised the truth of that which I had endeavoured to explain to him so often, namely, the value of a Christian home. As he shook hands he said "Yes, it is true that the Family is drawn together at Family Prayer-time. I felt it myself, just now!"

Sad to say, there are some young folk who eventually leave the Family without having opened their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ; but here we take encouragement from the Scriptures, which tell us that "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it"; and, again. "Bread cast upon the waters shall return after many days."

May I illustrate this?



1. One who in the Family 24 years ago made no profession of faith. After she left there was no contact with the Family. I was preaching one Sunday and in the congregation I noticed this person. She had seen my name advertised in the local paper and came along to the service. Her husband had died the previous evening. I excused myself from my host and hostess to visit her in her home—through remembering the scriptures she had learned as a child she eventually came to know the Lord and after her conversion her husband, too, came right through. The testimony was given at my father's memorial service at Abridge.

2. Again—on another preaching engagement. A young woman came in. She, after drifting for some years after leaving the Family, came to know the Lord as her Saviour and was baptised. At another preaching engagement in her area she was present and this letter followed my visit: "It was good to see you at the meeting the other evening. I promised to tell you why your reading from Acts 3 seemed especially chosen for me." The letter continues to give details of her little girlie suffering with a T.B. hip. Hopes, fears and doubts crowd into the mother's mind. She prayed and then found herself reading about the lame man who was healed. "I knew then that my little one would be well again." There were visits to the child in hospital—time passes—journeyings on a tube train and one day she sees a little girl through the window, so much like her own, climbing up the steps slowly, holding on to the rail. "Straightway, doubts came into my mind—maybe, my little one will always limp. Better not hope for too much. Then along you came with your reading of the lame man, again, explaining the faith aspect. It was a comfort and a challenge. Do come and see us when she is home. She will have to be in bed for six months. God be with you all."

3. Again, a few weeks back the daughter of one of our "old" boys was baptised.

Parents, children's workers in Sunday School, and Youth Workers—take heart! Go on teaching the little ones from His Word and sowing the seed of His Love.

God has blessed us in so many ways throughout the year, and especially do we praise Him for those of the present Family who have come to KNOW HIM for themselves. Two have passed through the waters of baptism, in obedience to His Command and because of their love for Him. Others are showing encouraging signs of spiritual growth and helping in His Work. The Working of the Holy Spirit is manifest in the midst!

It is now almost a year ago since we crammed into this Church and the adjoining Hall for the celebration of our Diamond Jubilee. What has happened since then?

I only remarked to my wife last week, that I would find it so much easier to pour out my heart to you, giving experience after experience of God's love, His guiding, His provision, His patience, *than* to report in this way. I have been able to do this at several meetings of late, with question time, taking from an hour, to an

hour and a half. *Now don't get worried*, this is "Our Day," not my day, and I have just twenty minutes allotted to me. If you want to hear lots more intimate details, arrange to come to see us and we will share our experiences in greater detail.

Concerning the Family: We are, all told, 50 in number, from Kevin, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ , to mother, now well past the three score years and ten. We are ALL here to-day, though not all in the choir. Some have very recently joined us and therefore are not familiar with the pieces. Others are too young as yet, and then just a few lack the "necessary" to turn a joyful noise into a harmonious song! Our health has been remarkable in every respect. Dr. Smith, our senior Medical Officer and Trustee, commented on this fact at the last Trustees' meeting. We thank him, Dr. Carey Baker, Mr. Stephen Smith, Dental Surgeon, Mr. Henry Hole, Optician, for every help and consideration given.

One laddie, David, has made a good recovery from a serious accident. He had an argument with a London Transport Bus when coming home from school one day. Not entirely his fault, we would feel, and this is being looked into. His left foot was badly smashed as the rear offside wheel went over it, but in the goodness of God and through the expert care and attention of the Wanstead Hospital, David has been able to get back to school again. We heartily agreed with the Christian Specialist who remarked: "This is an answer to prayer!"

He was a very plucky little chap. Whilst I was with him during the X-rays and waiting for the operation, he chatted quite a bit. "Can't understand it. The policeman said 'Go'. I went. The bus knocks me down. Have you caught the driver? What have you done with him?" Another time he remarked: "The bus was one with a top on it. Coo—it was heavy!"

The over-all picture of school life is most encouraging and I would like to underline here the happy and helpful relationship that exists between the local schools and ourselves. Our children are really part of their respective schools, entering into the varied activities of school life and with a good measure of success in some spheres: athletics, netball, football, cricket, choir, orchestra, Christian union and, incidentally, lessons, too! Some find lessons easier than others. Some would rather do without this side altogether! Do pray that the children will put their very best into every good opportunity that is open to them to-day!

*At home*—what there? It's a fascinating experience—a large family indeed (even by Victorian standards), but nevertheless a Family. Surely it is a known fact, but certainly not understood or practised everywhere to-day, that a stable, happy, secure home life is the essential to a child's balanced progress. Ask the school teacher!

We do see the outworking of this. Our school friends come to tea: we go out to tea: "big brothers and sisters" (in other words) "old" girls and boys come to see us: and many other friends, too.

Here I wish to convey special greetings to all Family members

present with us this afternoon. Thank you for coming—shall look forward to seeing you during the tea interval, and if you can possibly stay on after the evening meeting, do join us in the dining-room at home, for a chat and refreshments.

We have had greetings from lots of folk who have been unable to get to Woodford to-day; from prayer partners, places of worship, "old" Family members, etc.

I know you always like me to quote from letters—here we go :—  
From an "OLD STAFF MEMBER :

"Trust the perennial disease of Annualitis isn't too bad. No doubt all will be well in the end as usual. We will be with you."

From JOHANNESBURG :

"To-day is a typically 'London Day,' bags of thick mist—makes one feel even homesick for London. Irene refused point blank to get up this morning and has the nerve to accuse me of telling an untruth when I said that I'd been up twice in the night to Lucille. Don't know what you fed her on at the old Family homestead, but whatever it was, it sure does promote deep sleep. Poor woman, never even heard the children at night. Unfortunately, I, like Samuel, have an ever-open ear!

"As I read 'Links' I just felt like jumping up and shouting 'Hallelujah' in the realisation that if there is anything or person alive, it is our Lord.

"We are looking forward to leaving here and coming across to you in July and then going to Canada. Irene dreams of the day when she sets foot in No. 10, the realisation is such that her eyes just fill with tears. I must say that my own tummy experiences a butterfly onslaught, too.

"Well, goodbye for now—tons of love—thinking of you all, especially on Our Day."

From BOURNEMOUTH :

"A very happy and peaceful New Year to you all. Thank you so much for the book you sent for Christmas. What a joy that we in this country have good literature to counteract all the modern rubbish on our bookstalls. If only the youth of our once Christian England would discern good books and read them. I often wonder, you know, why it was out of the millions in the world our dear Lord should have chosen us for His so great salvation. What a privilege it was to have found that Peace in the Family at Woodford. With our love and continued prayers."

From DALSTON :

"Do please pray for relatives of my husband who have had a nasty accident with a paraffin heater. We need your prayers."

From RUGBY :

"So sorry I haven't written for such an age, but we have been moving again. All the family, five of them, are growing rapidly and will all very soon be at school. Please give our love to all."

(One Sunday when returning from an afternoon meeting I pulled up just as this family were climbing out of their car.)

From BISHOPSTOKE :

"Firstly, a big thank-you for the wonderful time at Christmas. We both agreed it was the best we have ever spent. The taste of that wonderful turkey lingers on. We were so glad to be able to join in the different things we did, although we have felt half-dead ever since. It was good to catch up with all the news and also visit Abridge again. It hasn't altered one bit. The Pews still bend in the middle when sat on, it's a wonder they don't break."

Further news. "We can't be with you on Our Day. You see, we have recently become engaged and we are trying to save up. We are waiting on the Lord very much with regard to the future—we both feel that we would like to go out together into some full-time work for Him, but we are not sure as yet, what the Lord wants for us. I'm feverishly working at a correspondence course in preparation for whatever the future holds.

"Our love to all—please."

From PHILADELPHIA :

"Thank you so much for the gift for Jennifer. We are at present renting a house only ten minutes from the University and this is a great help to Karl. There are about 18,000 students at the University and one has a special map to find one's way around the Campus. We are looking for a good Evangelical Church in which to settle for the time being."

Karl continues : "Though a silent, I have been a most interested, spectator of all that God has done and, praise to Him, is doing at the C. H. & M. I feel that Christianity is in such a terrible state of confusion to-day and if redemption is needed anywhere to-day it seems to be in the organised institutions of Christendom. You can hardly imagine how much the C. H. & M. means to us; our great sorrow is that we have been unable to date to express our deep interest in a more tangible way.

"Wish you could hop a plane and come and see us.

"Love from us all."

Back to our home life. What do we do each day? How IS the Family run? Quite honestly, I am sometimes amused at such questions, for behind the enquiring mind, often the most lurid pictures of Oliver Twist's days still persist. Permit me to say this, that the soup, I feel certain, is much more tempting and possibly more nourishing to-day, and we do actually serve it, at the table!

More seriously, we are just ordinary folk, perhaps a little more handsome and pretty than most—bursting at the seams with energy and ideas. Life is good and we are living together and preparing ourselves, albeit unconsciously, for the adventurous life ahead.

During the day time you won't see many of us at home, of course, unless we have successfully developed a school pain, or are genuinely ill. You will just meet the staff; probably polishing, cleaning, washing, mending, cooking, typing, answering the telephone (an all-time record recently when it rang no less than half-a-dozen times during tea), gardening, running repairs, book-keeping, patiently waiting for a tiny tot to finish "helping" us, or

bargaining with the rag man! Or perhaps we are trying to *persuade* a tiny tot that it really IS the best time, now, to have a rest! Interviewing in connection with various problems; mainly relating to disrupted home life. Many folk readily accept advice until we bring in the topic of God's love—speak of His Son—of sin and need of salvation.

Come at evening time, preferably to tea. The first eye-opener will be our good manners, and then possibly the amount of tea we are able to consume! You will probably hear Stephen (aged 3) asking Mr. White where the other Mr. White is, the one without the trousers. He is referring to my wife—so far he has been unable to sort out the Misters and the Mrs.'s!

You would share with us in Family Prayers, following which, the many activities of evening time unfold. Homework for the intelligentsia, tennis on the hard court, or hockey on roller skates. Maybe cricket at the nets: cowboys and Indians: hopskotch: tree climbing: swings, television (if there is something worthwhile to watch), badminton, or table tennis.

You might see some of us going out—if it's Monday, to a hostel at Abridge to bring help and cheer to mothers and children in deep need: if it's Tuesday, to the dentist: if it's Wednesday, to G.L.B. at this church, or to Fellowship of Youth at Grove Road: if it's Thursday, to 66 Club at Latchett Hall, or Bible Study. As the evening wears on, the happy hum gradually dies down as from time to time one and another are reminded of supper and bath time. "Come on, supper's ready." "Don't forget to wash your neck." "Have you really finished your homework?"

Eventually the lights go out, for at last the courting folk are home; the dog, cats, the budgerigar, the tortoise, the rabbits and the children are asleep. The boilers are made up and set for the night. Peace reigns supreme—or does it? Oh, bother, there's Kevin staking his claim for clean pyjamas and he continues to disturb the peace until accommodated! Just climbing into bed, all is still. Good! No. this time the telephone bell is ringing. Is it really urgent? Better answer it. Sorry, wrong number! or, could you come to us and speak about the work, early next year? *This request at 11 p.m!*

When folk pop in to see us, or I am out preaching, the inevitable question pops up. How do you manage financially? Does the Government help? Do you make appeals? What happens?

We are never tired of telling folk; in fact, we thrill at doing so, of our God, Who meets all the needs of the Family—staff, buildings, directing the children to us, or of the actual £.s.d. needed.

Throughout 61 years and more, He has supplied, and we do praise Him from full hearts for His constancy. We appeal to Him alone—our Heavenly Father.

Let me bring to your notice the financial happenings of the year gone by. Just one point—our financial year is now running from January to December, and not from May to April, as heretofore.

I will therefore give you first of all the figures for the eight months from May to December in 1960:

Income as from May to December, 1960	-	£5,505
Expenditure for same period	-	£4,378

Balance carried forward	-	£1,127
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We have received in the first four months of this year £2,500. If we add this figure to the Income during the eight months of last year, we have a total of £8,000—the largest income ever recorded in twelve months. We do praise God for His love in prompting so many prayer partners to share with us in this, His Work. Such a figure possibly conjours up in your mind thoughts that in this respect—of finance—it must have been an easy year—coasting through. Not so, actually a time of severe testing. I will bring this out more clearly to-night. Time and again, in answer to prayer, and following a step in faith, He met the need!

The everyday subscriptions and donation gifts increased tremendously, and the Box Gifts, yet again. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Cook for their great help in this work. Mr. Cook is at the Y.S.L. rally to-day and is sorry not to be with us.

May I remind you all that the aims and principles of 1899 are still in FULL operation to-day, and the third is to appeal to God alone for the meeting of ALL needs.

The same, yesterday, to-day and forever!

Various gifts in kind have been received, including Harvest goods from 84 separate places. At Christmas there was an abundance of everything we could wish for. All through the year working parties have been active and we are delighted with the needlework and knitting which is tastefully and lovingly done.

We have been able to redecorate completely two boys' bedrooms, with improved lighting, and to continue with the kitchen alterations, with the prayerful hope that, whilst away at Lowestoft in August, this work would be completed. We were making up our minds to part-exchange our Bedford Utilabrake for a new and slightly larger model, and after much prayer and careful thought on the matter had decided to do so. That very morning a letter arrived enclosing a cheque for £500 from a friend who previously had donated just small gifts, but this time felt urged to send more! How wonderfully this was timed!

You might well ask me this question: "As you look back over the twelve months, what are your REAL feelings. What have you learned together as a staff circle? How would you sum it all up?"

In this way. The year has been a time of extreme testing and extreme blessing. I believe testing and blessing go hand in hand, and in my report this evening I shall give details along this line.

It has been a great year! We praise God from full hearts for all His Love; for His patience with us and for the very clear revelation He has given that He intends to take up this Family and use it in an even greater measure, to His Glory.



Thank you, Revd. W. J. C. White, for chairing our meeting. There is a bond of fellowship growing up between you and our Family.

It is very special joy to have my personal friend, Rev. G. Hemming, as the guest speaker this afternoon. We met in India in the 1940's; we share on the same Mission Council, the Poona & India Village Mission, and we love the same Lord. I don't think you realise, you know, what a thrill it is to have you with us at last, and your wife and daughter, too. May God speak through you to us all.

Thank you, Mr. Hunter (Minister of this Church) and deacons, for granting to us once again this year the full use of the Church and adjoining halls. This is home for us on "Our Day"!

Mother, my wife and the staff thank you all for having fellowship with us in this particular field of service for our Lord and Saviour.

I know all in the congregation would wish me to thank the young folk of the Family for their love and keen preparation for this "Our Day."

Unitedly, we praise God for ALL His great Love and for His blessed Word, which has been and will continue to be a Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our path.

Let us rise to give expression to the feeling of our hearts as we sing our Family Anthem:

"How good is the God we adore,  
Our faithful, unchangeable friend,  
Whose love is as great as his power  
And knows neither measure nor end."



*This is lovely!*

## "OUR DAY" EVENING MEETING

### NOTES OF THE ADDRESS BY

The Rev. JOHN A. CAIGER

(Gunnersbury Baptist Church)

It is a very great privilege to have been asked to come and take a share in this very special anniversary gathering: I am very delighted to be here: I have greatly enjoyed listening to the "family." Although I have not met them before, I have heard a lot about them. At Redcliffe Missionary Training College, of which I am chairman, one or two members of the family have been preparing for missionary work. It has been an inspiration to listen to the Strood Male Voice Choir. On my way here we passed the Royal Albert Hall: I understand they were holding a festival of Male Voice Choirs there this afternoon. I take it that our friends are here to-day because they feel that this meeting is more important.

I want to speak to you about the importance of a good conscience. I do not think that is very often spoken of to-day. We used to hear a lot about it years ago, but it is just as important to-day.

Turn with me to 1. Tim. 1. 19: "Holding faith, and a good conscience which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck . . ." There are many things which make people different from animals. There are people who try to make out that we are only animals, and some feel quite free to behave like animals. But there are important differences between the animals and ourselves. One of the most important differences is that we possess a conscience.

A conscience is a moral sense. We have all sorts of wonderful senses. We see, we hear, we touch, we smell. And God has given us in our souls this moral sense, the sense of the difference between right and wrong. With our sense of touch we can tell the difference between what is hard and soft, and cold and hot. With our sense of smell we can differentiate between the different kinds of fragrance and smell. But this moral sense, our conscience, is present in us all. It has been badly damaged as a result of our fall into sin. When we sin we suffer for it: and because man has sinned the whole human race is suffering. Man's sense of right and wrong has been severely damaged because of sin. I wonder if there are some who find it a little difficult to understand how real this moral sense is.



There are times when we say in the course of our conversation, "I *ought* to do this. I *ought* to do that. I *ought* to write that letter. I *ought* to return that book." When we say "I ought to do this or that" we are referring to that part of us which God has given us, and which we call our conscience. When we say "I ought" we simply mean "I owe it to someone to return that book. I owe it to someone to run that errand, or to write that letter." We are referring to the fact that there is within us a moral sense which reminds us of the things that we should do. We talk about a good or a bad conscience. It is a terrible thing to have a bad conscience. People can have a bad conscience when they are very old: they carry it with them all the way through life to the grave. A bad conscience which is constantly accusing us, and saying: "Do you remember that thing which you did, which you said?" Our conscience is constantly reminding us of the things which we have done wrong: and it becomes a terrible burden. Shakespeare has rightly said: "Conscience doth make cowards of us all." I expect we have all felt like that. There have been times when we have been strong and brave, and other times when we have been cowardly just because our conscience has risen up and accused us. While a bad conscience is a terrible thing, a good conscience is a very great blessing, one of the golden blessings of the Christian life.

Do you remember when our Lord was one day teaching in the Temple his enemies brought to Him a woman who had been taken in the committing of a terrible sin? And they asked Him, "What do you think we ought to do to her?" But they were not, in fact, in the least interested in that poor woman: what they wanted to do was to trap our Lord to say something which would enable them to bring about His destruction. They thought they would be able to trap Him. If our Lord had said: "I agree that you are right in what you say about Moses that one committing such a sin should be stoned"; and they had reported that to the Roman authorities they would have been told that the Jews had no right to put anyone to death. And if our Lord had said: "Of course, you must not stone her" they could have gone to the Jews and would have had to face opposition from them; they would have said that He was a false Teacher. But do you remember what our Lord said? "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." And He waited, and then in the ensuing silence there was heard the shuffling of feet, until at last when our Lord looked up He saw that the woman's accusers had gone: they had been convicted by their own consciences: not one of them was able to cast the first stone at that poor woman. They all had bad consciences.

But we want this afternoon to talk about people who have good consciences, consciences which are sound and healthy, sensitive to what is right and wrong. The two people mentioned in v. 20 of this chapter—Hymenaeus and Alexander—had good consciences, but something had happened which had turned their feet on to a wrong pathway. They had embarked on a course of wrong-doing, and it was not very long before they made shipwreck concerning

their faith. If you are a Christian you need to hold your faith and a good conscience. A good conscience is like the ballast hidden in the sailing ship which is needed when the cargo is discharged. If it was thrown overboard into the sea the ship would at once begin to toss on the waves, and get out of control, and it would not be very long before it would be dashed by the waves upon a rock, and the ship would founder. Paul says here that these two men "having put away a good conscience concerning faith have made shipwreck."

The great question is, How can we have a good conscience? Because we are not born with a good conscience. And the first thing we have to face is that our conscience needs to be cleansed. Here is a wonderful verse in Hebrews 9, 14: "How much more shall the blood of Christ who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Here is another wonderful verse, Heb. 10, 22: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." If we would draw aside into the presence of God, if we are to experience His blessing, we must have a conscience that has been made clean. We have to come to that fountain that has been opened for sin and uncleanness. I wonder if your conscience has been sprinkled with the blood of Jesus? Are you going through life impotent because you are burdened with a bad conscience, and though you profess to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you have never yet discovered victory over sin in the power of His precious blood? For that is God's answer to the accusations of your own heart. You are still being held in bondage, and you know nothing of the freedom and of the life abundant which is to be found in Christ.

One of the problems in our Christian life is that we are prone to forget what God would have us remember, and we are prone to remember what God would have us forget. There may be some specific thing in your life, something that is defiling your conscience, and yet the promise of God is: "Though your sins be as crimson they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool." Let your conscience be purged from dead works by the sprinkling of the blood of Christ that you may serve the Living God. Sing with Charles Wesley:

"Oh, for a heart to praise my God,

A heart from sin set free,

A heart that's sprinkled with the blood

So freely shed for me."

Do you know the joy of a heart that has been set free from the burden of a bad conscience: a heart that has been sprinkled with the precious blood? But, more than that, the conscience must be quickened: it must be made to live. There is that wonderful verse in Ephesians: "You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." That is God's picture of ourselves by nature. We are by nature "dead in trespasses and sins." That means, of course,

that by nature our consciences are dead. And this is, surely, one of the problems about our human life. Someone is plunging headlong into trouble. You appeal to their conscience, and to your horror you find there is no response to your appeal. They may even be quite convinced that the thing which they are doing, and which you know to be wrong, they think to be right. There was a case recently of a high court judge who said to a girl connected with the Worthing bank murder: "If you do what you believe to be right you cannot go far wrong." With great respect, that was extremely dangerous advice. It is quite possible for a person to do something which he himself believes to be right, while all the time he may be doing wrong. Here is Paul giving his testimony before King Agrippa. He said: "I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." Here was a man whose conscience was driving him in the wrong direction: driving him to move against Christ: driving him into the darkness, and quenching the light. There is something very wrong with the conscience of a man which leads him thus to act. His conscience needs to be cleansed by the grace and power of God.

We dare not rely upon our consciences apart from the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your conscience can deceive you. You may be committed to a certain course of conduct, and you are consoling yourself with the fact that your conscience does not condemn you. But the vital question for you is, What does the Word of God tell you? What we need is for our consciences to be cleansed by God, to be quickened by Him, to become the voice of God in the soul.

There are people who teach that the conscience is, indeed, the voice of God speaking, but that is not always so. Was there not a time when the conscience of Judas became the very voice of Satan? It is a terrible thing when Satan uses the conscience of a man or woman. He can turn a man's life inside out, and upside down, and he can make that man believe that the darkness is light, and the light darkness: that the crooked is straight, and the straight crooked. But it is a wonderful thing when the conscience is made alive and sensitive to the will of God, so that we grow up in Christ, and we become more and more sensitive to the things which please Him, so that there grows up in the heart that which is pure and holy. How powerfully does your conscience speak for God? How far has it been purged of its dead works? How far is your moral sense increasing with the years? Are you more sensitive to the difference between right and wrong? Or is that sense becoming blurred? Are you permitting yourselves to watch things which you never would have done three or four years ago: to say things you never would have said?

Lastly, the conscience must be cultivated. When it has been quickened and made to live, it must be educated, and taught, and instructed. You remember what Paul said when writing to those early Christians at Philippi. "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge, and in all judgment.

That ye may approve things which are excellent: that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." There he is praying that those Christians might have a conscience quickened by the love of God in such a way that they approve things which are excellent. I wonder if that is true of you? I wonder if your conscience is approving things which are earthly and mundane, and trivial, and cheap. Are you approving things which may be wrong? Or is your conscience pure, and cultivated, and illumined by the Holy Spirit, that it flies like an eagle with wings straight into the presence of God? God shows you those things on which your heart should be set: He shows you His pearls: and He does not cast His pearls before swine: He shows them to His own, these precious things. These are the things which we must seek, and for which we must ask, and knock. We must ask God continually to cleanse our consciences, in order that as Christians we may become holier: that we as Christians may set a moral tone in the world. There are those who by their lives bring discredit upon the Gospel. These things ought not to be. The Christian is the salt of the earth, the light of the world. The presence of a Christian in an office should bring shame and rebuke to those who indulge in unseemly conversation. The Christian should be a purifying influence. But that can only be as our conscience is being quickened and cultivated, so that day by day our own moral standards are being raised and lifted to those higher levels. Think of what Paul says in Romans 9. 2: "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost. That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart." Is your conscience enlightened by the Holy Spirit? Is the love of God quickening your conscience? Is the light of God being shed upon it? Here is the answer to our moral problems. We must seek cleansing by the blood of Christ. We must seek the Holy Spirit's power to educate, and to quicken, and to cultivate our conscience. We must learn to pray for this day by day, in order that we may experience this blessing in our own lives. Then we shall be able to move about among our fellow men, witnessing by our testimony to the Gospel, living a life which is holy, a life that is rooted in Christ: that men may see that in the power of the Holy Spirit we have discovered the secret not only of our faith but of a good conscience.

God bless you all, and may you know in the Family here, through many years to come, not only God's material provision, but also His spiritual grace and blessing.



Our Baby—Kevin



## “OUR DAY”—29th APRIL, 1961

### Evening Report—Mr. Victor White

Our sincere thanks to ALL who have helped us to-day, and especially to Mr. Stephen Smith, our chairman this evening; to Revd. John Caiger (on his first visit to us), who will be God's messenger this evening; and to the Strood Male Voice Choir for their renderings at both meetings.

*“Wait on the Lord : be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart : wait, I say, on the Lord.”*

This precious Word has been an anchor to us throughout the year past. This afternoon in my Report I endeavoured to present you with certain facts and figures concerning our Family Circle, but this evening I feel led to share with you our experiences in some detail. As I have sat pondering over to-day—preparing these reports—God has spoken to me in this way :—

“The story of the C. H. & M. over 61 years is one long proof of MY Sovereignty and Love.

“I have NEVER failed you.

“Many, many are the times I have shown MY Hand.

“Through two world wars—times of great testing and of blessing—I have been with you.

“Boys and girls, men and women, hardened sinners and fearful saints have been helped and blessed because of My testimony through this Work.”

You see, we are here to-day to give thanks to Almighty God for what He has accomplished from the beginning, and particularly throughout the twelve months just gone by. It has been a year full of interest and challenge. Come with me now through the summer months of 1960, and let us SEE together how the dear Lord undertook.

With the stimulating Diamond Jubilee Celebrations over, we quickly came down to earth, and journeyed on into June, July, August and September. It soon became evident that we were facing a challenge to Faith, concerning financial things. We were to share something of the early experiences—waiting upon God daily for every need. From hand to mouth or, as Hudson Taylor expressed it, “From God's hand to my mouth”!

In His own way, God met all the needs—as a bill was popped in through the letter box, so a gift would arrive just then, or a little later, to meet it. During this time a peculiar and particular gift kept arriving—just an ordinary envelope—amounts in £1 notes—£29, £43, £35, and so on. No address. Other gifts arrived, too—all adding up to meet the need. Very thrilling this, you know—we were *seeing* our Heavenly Father at work, in His own personal way, showing us that He did care.

At staff prayers we met around His Word and were constantly reminded—*of what?* The need to *praise* God, at ALL times. Praise Him for what He is, and for our Salvation through His Son. Look-



ing back, we realise that our prayer-life during this experience was strengthened and deepened. Prayers became more purposeful—less general. We were drawn closer to Him.

As mentioned in "Links", Mr. and Mrs. Brickman, accepting God's Call, joined the Family, with their two children. The testing-time was made clear to them, but this did not deter them from coming! God has amply shown to them and to us, that He was very present then, in the decision made. There are times, you know, when God demands that we take such a step in FAITH, and when sure of His Will, we need not fear!

The time for our summer holidays drew near, when 40 of us were going to Lowestoft for two weeks. We knew when the day dawned that we had not enough in hand to meet the full costs of this holiday

*Why did you go, then?*

1. God had opened the door
2. Kept the door open
3. Faith must be exercised.

We all set off happily. The first week was full of activity, particularly on the beach, but the second week we found ourselves building very large sandcastles, or a church, or a Bible, and each time the completing task was to inscribe a text with shells. These texts, unrealised by us at first, could be seen clearly from the top of the cliffs and before long Christian folk and non-Christian folk were coming to chat with us. This was quite an unintentional witness, but it was during this time that various gifts were received, one from as far away as Northern Ireland, which together enabled us to meet all our commitments before pulling away from Lowestoft.

What were the lessons?

1. He will not fail.
2. Keep your eye on Him, NOT on the need.
3. Continue to witness, even when tested.

The scripture says: "Put ye first the kingdom of God . . . and all these things shall be added unto you."

*Home from the holiday.* We had been praying with Mr. and Mrs. Olney (who have been with us for nine years) concerning the opening up of a new field of service for them, and this He did. We were glad to have them with us this afternoon and to know of their progress.

We now had a spare flat—in 1961! We continued to pray for His guidance in this respect. How should we use it, etc? Late one Saturday night in October a telephone call from a Missionary at London Airport, just arrived from Congo. Please pop round and tell our parents of our arrival.

This errand accomplished, I returned home. My wife was in bed, asleep. I woke her up and discussed a new thought. Perhaps this is the plan for the flat.

After the morning service I called to tell them a flat was available for them. They called later: "The God of the impossible has done

the impossible yet again. We prayed that He would grant us somewhere, near our parents, now aged. Near headquarters—amongst many friends—where the children's education could be arranged!"

Good enough so far—we had offered the rooms, but they were empty! Still the day-to-day experience. Then the further answer to our prayers, a gift from two elderly ladies who, in the name of the Lord, felt constrained to send their token, just now £500! In a short while the flat was ready, all the staff sharing in the preparation and equipment in various ways.

Quite frankly, we were left breathless. In graciously taking us all along this pathway, He had enriched our lives and strengthened our weak Faith. The rich fellowship we are having with these missionary friends and the many blessings abounding since their arrival, have rejoiced our hearts. *What a God is ours indeed!*

This outpouring of His love has continued. Harvest and Christmastime—my, an overwhelming abundance of good things.

The health of the young folk has been very good and neither Dr. Smith nor Dr. Baker have anything special to report. At school, the majority have worked hard to gain successes both in academic work and sporting activities. We ask your prayers for those sitting for the G.C.E. this summer.

Maybe you are thinking, how did the financial side eventually work out at the close of the year?

From May to December, 1960 (new closing date for books):	
Income - - - - -	£5,505
Expenditure - - - - -	£4,378
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Balance carried forward - - -	£1,127

Praise the Lord!

Now if we add to this income figure, the amount received these four months, our total income figure for 12 months is over £8,000—the highest ever!

Testings and blessings go hand in hand. Our hearts go out to God; our thanks to His people who were ready, when He directed, to share in our Family life.

As well as financial gifts there have been many others: vegetables, clothes, Kenwood Mixer, swings, furniture, sweets, iced cakes, Easter eggs, etc.

What of the larger family—the 860 now in various parts of this land and overseas? We are in touch with a good number, and the amount of correspondence (mainly covered by my mother and wife) is quite astounding.

Let me quote here from a few of their letters:—

*From GERMANY:*

*"Thank you very much for your letter—lovely to hear from you again. We are especially thinking of you this week as you prepare for the Annual, wishing that we could be there. We shall pray that you will have a very happy day."*



From DEVON:

A very full letter asking for advice concerning certain matrimonial affairs. A sincere Christian girl desiring to do the right thing.

From AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND:

"I thought it was about time I wrote you, especially after a visit from Miss Crawley (a friend of the Family who called on this 'old' girl). We had a lovely holiday. My husband persuaded me to go sailing with him one day. There was quite a stiff breeze when we set off. His experience of sailing is almost nil and mine even less, and of course I can't swim a stroke. It was jolly good for a while as we skimmed around the harbour. Then suddenly the yacht capsized and in we went. My, I was scared, but fortunately there happened to be another yachtsman nearby, to rescue us. Never again!

"I do miss you all very much at times and pray that you will have a very happy time on Our Day. God bless."

From SOUTH AFRICA:

"This little letter is being typed by a virus 'flu patient, just prior to hopping into bed on doc.'s orders. Many thanks for the kiddies' book. Little Marguerite says that this book Mrs. White sent us is for our prayers. Prayers at present are of great importance to Marguerite and she just can't wait to bring her petitions before the Lord."

Further news: "Many thanks for your letter and congrats. We are very thrilled—the baby is named Andrew Victor (after his proud grandfather). We do praise the Lord for His gift."

From LONDON:

"Thank you for the lovely afternoon we enjoyed last Saturday (our Diamond Jubilee). We were thrilled with every minute of it. Seeing the 'Old' ones and thinking back makes me realise what a lot was done for me, and I do thank my heavenly Father that it was through coming to the C. H. & M. that I learned to love the Lord Jesus Christ. Do pray for me, that I may stand firm—sometimes it is very difficult."

There are many more, of course.

As I mentioned this afternoon, our "old" girls and boys can clearly recall the scripture verses learned in childhood days within the Family, and have found in them a great source of strength. Perhaps here it would be very opportune for the present Family to bring you again some portions of His Word.

STAFF:

I wish now to ask your prayers for the residential staff and older members of the Family:—

Mother—yes, she is still actively helping us.

Mrs. Gilbert (my eldest sister).

Mrs. Litchfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Brickman.

Mary and Margaret, two of our older girls, help us part-time. Miss Beryl Brown has been helping in the office for over a year

and we see in her just the one of God's choosing. Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Southgate come in from Abridge to help with the domestic work.

Others pop in from time to time: Mr. Crowhurst, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wombwell, Mrs. Redpath, Mrs. Eileen McDermid and Mrs. Bartlett.

For the residential staff it is a round-the-clock experience. Ups and downs, disappointments, joys, funnier moments, eg., one of the staff had just puffed into Stewart Dorm. on the top floor and a lad pipes up: "Do you mind coming up and down these stairs?" The staff member unsuspectingly replies: "Well, no, not really." "Then you wouldn't mind bringing me a drink of water, would you?" says the small boy!

By the way, our Census forms have just been completed. What a paraphernalia for us! They brought to light something we had not realised previously—we have 52 rooms. If we include bathrooms and toilets, there are over 70. No wonder we find ourselves busy keeping them all clean, especially with children running around. Incidentally, our large hall is ONE of these rooms!

Drawing to a conclusion, I want briefly to bring the following thoughts to you. We have three main centres of activity within the "working of the C. H. & M."

1. *The Family itself*—past and present. We have chatted about this quite fully already.

2. *The Church at Abridge*. Maybe some of you are quite unaware that a little E.F.C. exists in the village of Abridge—some five and a half miles from Crescent Road. The population is 1,800, compared with 300 at the turn of the century. It was in the 1920's that a Caravan set out from the C. H. & M. to take the Gospel News to the Essex villages. One of the results of this pioneering work—the E.F.C.

We have felt disheartened at times—appearing to make no headway. One of the reasons for this is because I cannot attend to the Pastoral work in a full way. Then, again, the distance. However, we now have a small band of faithful workers and from this number a small council meets each month to discuss the work and pray. A Campaign held during last Easter holidays and conducted by our friend Mr. G. Tryon was a blessing. It again underlined the fact that there are village folk desirous of discussing eternal things—some with great problems that He alone can solve.

Mr. R. Brewster has taken over the secretarial work—he lives in Abridge—Mr. C. Curtis (one of our "old" boys), the treasurership, and Mr. P. Reeves the editing of a quarterly newsletter. A very happy and energetic band of women-folk keep the Church premises in tip-top condition and are a real source of encouragement to my wife and I. Thank you, one and all.

Please pray with us for the raising up of a Co-pastor and more workers in Abridge to meet the need. Our confidence is in Him and we desire only that many shall be won for the Lord.

*The third field of service*: "preaching engagements." Week by

week, one finds oneself in all sorts of places proclaiming the Gospel. To His glory, the evidence is clear, that the preaching of His Word, backed up with vivid demonstrations of His dealings with us, brings a deep challenge to many hearts.

The diary is full for 1961 and away into 1962. Time to prepare is needed, strength to meet these demands, and also the assurance that in all three spheres everything is fully covered. As a staff, we are often confronted with further avenues of service—one of these is a closer contact with parents. There is one parent here to-day who has a wonderful story to tell of the saving power of Jesus Christ and of victory over so much that was destroying and pulling down. A real conversion, thrilling for us to witness.

God has given us a unique opportunity of service. We have a well-established Family home in a very favourable position—there are Evangelical Churches all around us; there are good schools nearby. Our doctors, dental surgeon and optician, all Christians, are just round the corner. We are near the city, by tube.

*What of the year or years ahead?*

In spite of increased governmental welfare work, we are sure that there will be a continued need for a Christian Family such as ours. May I then suggest to you all that what is needed is an upsurge of prayer—real effective prayer—daily prayer, on behalf of the Family.

May I suggest the following prayer topics:—

1. That God will prompt Christian folk to put us in touch with needy cases. At our Trustees meeting in March this point was emphasised—result to date—six young folk!
2. For the young folk themselves—their happiness, growth, in every way. Their acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. For staff help, when and where needed. Fully dedicated folk, recognising in the Calling a great opportunity.
4. For the larger Family in various parts of the world—that they may look to God and seek to bring up their little ones to please Him.
5. That the Testimony of the Family may at all times bring Glory to His Name and that we shall ever be aware of the urgency of our Christian witness; for the Coming of the Lord draweth nigh.
6. That the work of the Abridge Evangelical Free Church may progress.
7. That the constant preaching-testimony may be used to the extension of His Kingdom.

I am sure we can count on your continued prayerful support!

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”

The Lord bless you.



*A Testimony on the Beach*



*John and his Friend*

## "HARVEST ABUNDANCE"

Our grateful thanks to all who have sent gifts for the Family again this Autumn.

Rise Park Chapel, Romford  
 Keswick Hall Evangelical Free Church, Walthamstow  
 Newcomen Evangelical Church, Leytonstone  
 Broadmead Baptist Church, Woodford Green  
 Meldrum Sunday School, Goodmayes  
 Moor Lane Chapel, Cranham  
 Winchester Road Methodist Sunday School Beginners' Department, Highams Park  
 Leytonstone Methodist Church  
 Wanstead Congregational Church  
 Elm Park Baptist Church  
 Chessington Evangelical Church  
 Leytonstone Congregational Church Women's League and Friendship Club  
 Warren Secondary Modern School, Chadwell Heath  
 Ley Street Gospel Hall, Ilford  
 Salway Hall Sunday School, Woodford Green  
 Epping Congregational Church  
 Woodford Green United Free Church  
 Canfield Hall, Woodford Bridge  
 Harold Hill Christian Community Mission  
 Ongar Congregational Church  
 Tottenham High Road Baptist Church  
 Full Gospel Church, Chadwell Heath  
 Hook Evangelical Church  
 Upshire Free Church  
 Waltham Abbey Baptist Church  
 Cranham Baptist Church  
 Dagenham Baptist Church  
 Stockwell Baptist Church  
 East London Tabernacle Sunday School  
 Fryerns Baptist Church Sunday School, Basildon  
 St. Lawrence's Church, Barkingside  
 Muir Beddall Christian Fellowship  
 Harefield Hall, Harlow  
 Shernhall Road Methodist Church, Walthamstow  
 Grange Road Mission, Ilford

Thaxted Baptist Church  
 Cambridge Hall, Edmonton  
 Roe Green Hall, Kingsbury  
 West Worthing Evangelical Church  
 Railway Mission, Stratford  
 Kentish Town Evangelical Church  
 Holy Trinity Church, South Woodford  
 London City Mission, Chapman Road, Hackney  
 Christchurch, Leyton  
 Hainault Road Baptist Church, Leyton  
 Claybury Park Baptist Church, Ilford  
 Mill Lane Gospel Hall, High Ongar  
 Compton Primary School, E.C.1  
 Ebenezer Chapel, Ash  
 Chalk Church  
 Harold Hill Evangelical Free Church  
 St. John's Church, Havering-atte-Bower  
 Wangey Road Chapel, Chadwell Heath  
 Canvey Island Baptist Church  
 Squirrels Heath Primary School, Romford  
 Yelling Baptist Church  
 Kenton Evangelical Church  
 Nazeing County Primary School  
 Abridge Primary School  
 Chase Cross Road Baptist Mission, Romford  
 Ingrave Hall, Romford  
 North Enfield Christian Fellowship  
 Hope Baptist Chapel, Forest Gate  
 Cann Hall County Infants' School, Leytonstone  
 Abridge Evangelical Free Church  
 Thomas Gamuel Junior School, Walthamstow  
 Barclay County Infants' School, Leyton  
 Woodford Baptist Church  
 Brondesbury Baptist Church  
 Woodford Roding School  
 St. Mary Magdalene Primary School, Liverpool Road, N.7  
 Higham Hill Infants' School, Walthamstow



*Packing Up to Come Home*



*Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Family give us a lovely welcome at our halfway stop—Ipswich*



### The Late Mrs. E. C. L. ROBERTS

With regret we announce the Home-call of our valued friend and Trustee. She will be greatly missed by many, and particularly the Family here.

How she loved her Lord and sought to serve Him wherever possible. We were always so encouraged and helped when she was able to come and join us at our Trustees Meetings and on "Our Day."

We remember Mr. Roberts and all members of the family just now and pray that they may experience His Presence and Peace.

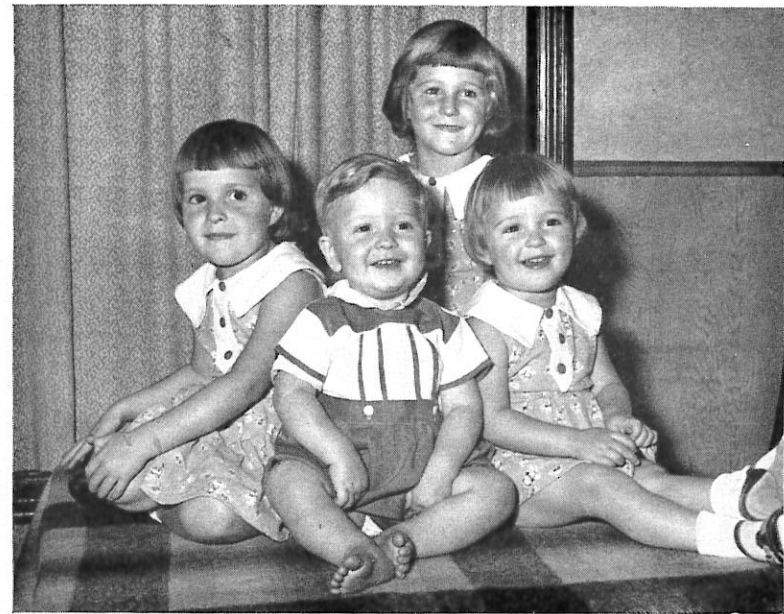
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*Concentration !*



*Ready for five-a-side Football—plus Ref.*



*Four of our "Grandchildren" who, with their Mummy, spent three months with us this summer.*



**THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1st May, 1960, to 31st December, 1960**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1959 (12 months)				1959 (12 months)			
310 To Rates, Taxes and Insurance ...	194	7	2	70 By Covenants ...			186 10 4
728 " Heat and Light ...	410	9	4	2,948 " Subscriptions and Donations ...			3,682 2 9
407 " Postage, Printing, Stationery and Telephone ...	556	2	3	239 " Box Holders ...			258 19 4
1,957 " Provisions ...	1,146	17	3	19 " Shoe Fund and Pound Day ...			4 0 0
321 " Furniture, Linen, Clothes and Shoes ...	185	3	2	754 " Legacies ...			253 9 9
210 " Household Expenses ...	154	4	10	1,769 " Payments Received on Account of Children ...			1,033 12 6
1,008 " Staff Allowance and National Insurance ...	711	13	10	" Interest on Deposit Account ...			9 0
357 " Gifts to Staff (Holidays), Donations, and Pocket Money Scheme ...	140	9	5	" Gifts for Holidays ...			86 5 0
39 " Medical Supplies ...	21	9	7	55 " Gifts for Cost of Booklets ...			— — —
239 " Travelling and Excursion Expenses ...	127	17	4	922 " Transfer from Accumulated Fund ...			— — —
832 " Repairs to Property ...	35	19	6				£5,505 8 8
322 " General Repairs and Renewals ...	180	7	5				
17 " Incidental Expenses ...	17	11	9				
178 " Holidays ...	175	0	0				
6,923	4,057	12	10				
—	—	—	—	Transfers: Special Fund ...		9	0
—	—	—	—	" Transfers—Accumulated Fund ...	1,447	6	10
£6,923	£5,505	8	8				

**BALANCE SHEET, as at 31st December, 1960**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1960				1960			
5,100	5,100	0	0	INVESTED FUNDS:			
				The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall ...	2,250	0	0
				The Doctor F. E. Marsh Gift ...	1,700	0	0
				The Mr. and Mrs. William Stark Gift ...	1,150	0	0
				SPECIAL FUND:			
				Balance at 1st May, 1960 ...	15	6	8
				Add Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account ...	9	0	
15	15	15	8				
				ACCUMULATED FUND:			
				Balance at 1st May, 1960 ...	340	5	1
				Add Transfers from Income and Expenditure Account ...	1,447	6	10
340	1,787	11	11				
£5,455	£6,903	7	7				
				FREEHOLD PROPERTY:			
				The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall ...	2,250	0	0
				18/24 Crescent Road, Woodford ...	1,700	0	0
				8/10 Crescent Road, Woodford ...	1,150	0	0
				DEPOSIT ACCOUNT:			
				HOME ACCOUNT:			
				Garage and Shed ...	98	3	0
				Household Furniture, etc. ...	500	0	0
				Prepayment ...	74	8	8
				Current Bank Account ...	1,127	1	8
				Cash in Hand ...	4	8	7
				Less Sundry Creditors ...	1,804	1	11
					16	10	0
					1,787	11	11
					£6,903	7	7

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 3rd day of February, 1961

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

WHITE, SALOMON & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants,  
Auditors