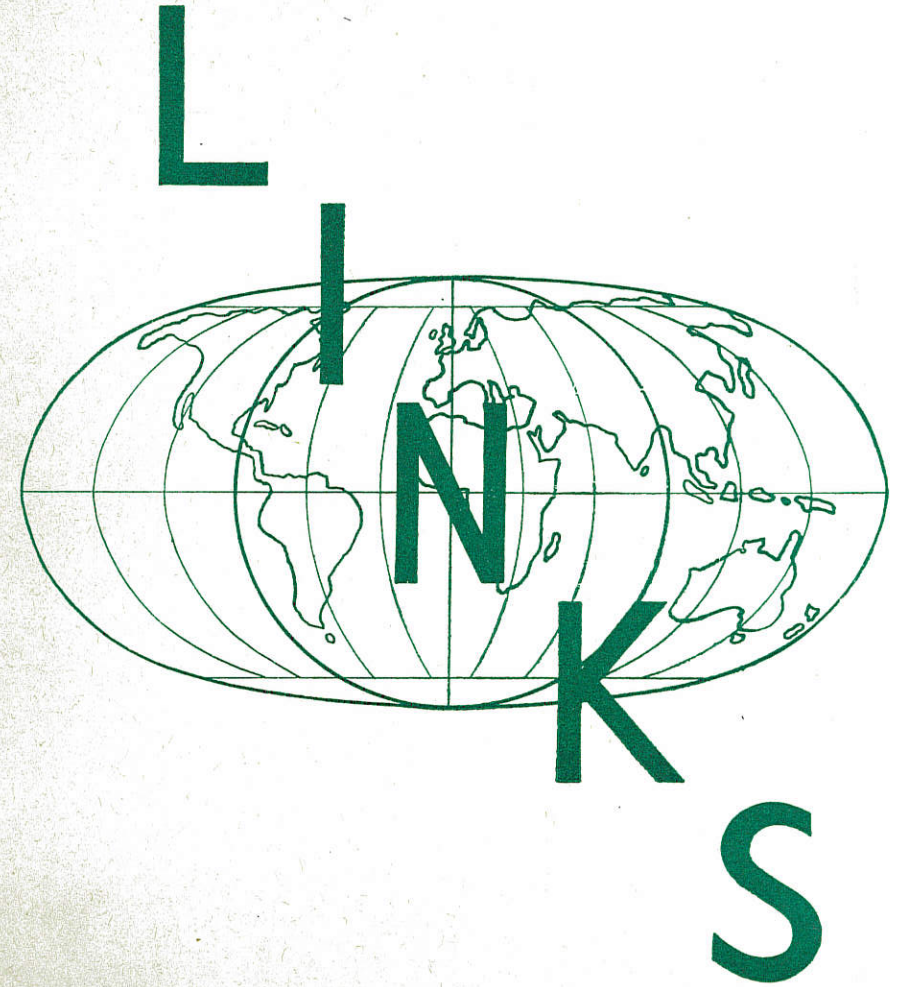


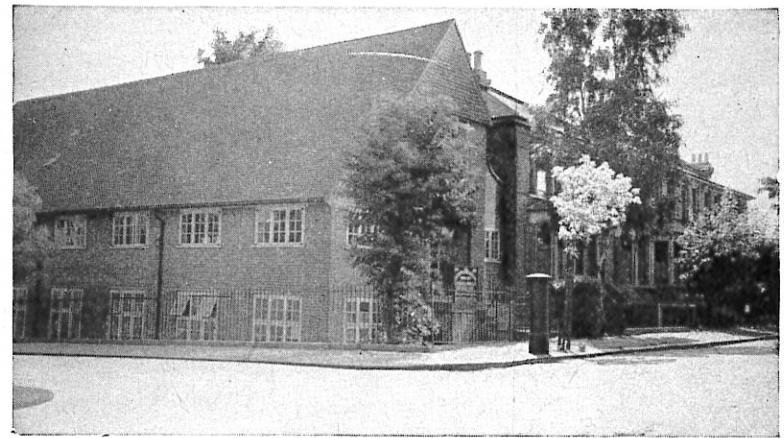
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EDITORIAL

January, 1963.

Dear Friends,

Moving into the New Year with all its unknown potentialities, we do so with a very positive sense of His Presence, Peace and Power.

Christmas was a most happy and successful occasion. Every need fully met—stockings well filled—tree laden, and a further visit from Father Christmas, who came by camel! One bright young lad remarked: "Perhaps modern transport has given him the hump!"

We were thrilled to welcome some of the "Old Family" who came home for Christmas. One who was unable to come with his wife and family, due to illness, sent along a short tape recording of his choir with a message from the Pastor. We played this over at Christmas morning service. More cards than ever reached us this year from all over the world.

Throughout 1962 we had been making a ciné film of the Family and were able to show this at Christmas. The young folk were delighted to see themselves in play at home and on holiday. The camera was a gift. With a further specific gift we were able to buy a small projector and suitable equipment for indoor filming.

The children are back at school again, and only Kevin remains at home. We now have room to take in a few toddlers, and the coming of Miss B. Homersham, as mentioned in my Report on "Our Day", enables us to do this. We are praying about this.

We are very happy to welcome Miss M. Baker, who is working with the boys. Feeling that the Lord was calling her to full time Missionary service, Miss Baker left school teaching to enter college for training. At the successful conclusion of her course, she found, to her dismay, that, on medical grounds, she was not accepted for the Field. She was invited to come and spend this interim period of waiting upon the Lord to know what steps she should take next. At the beginning of the year she accepted His call to serve the young folk here.

Miss A. Avery is with us for six months prior to taking up a nursing career, and we are most grateful for her help. In March next, D.V., we expect further help—another young Christian lady has indicated her desire to join us.

What a thrill it is to watch the youngsters growing up, developing and responding to influences around them. One in the Family for 16 years, who recently moved into a residential job, is now engaged to a Christian young man. The marriage is planned for 6th July,

with the wedding breakfast here, and it will be my joy to give the bride away!

Looking back over the year 1962, we praise God for His constant love and wonderful provision. Our income was over £8,000, and the gifts in kind, including harvest gifts, proved most valuable. I must especially mention the working parties. From these have come a generous supply of hand-made garments which enable us at all times to dress the children cosily and smartly.

Please accept the sincere thanks of the Family for your prayerful and practical support. We are encouraged and enabled to continue to serve these little ones in the Master's Name.

Trust you have booked "Our Day," Saturday, 18th May, 1963. Pray now for His blessing.

Wishing you a very joyful New Year,

Yours in His service,

VICTOR J. WHITE



Contemplation!

"OUR DAY" — 19th May, 1962

62nd ANNUAL GATHERINGS

held in the

SOUTH WOODFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

AFTERNOON MEETING

Pastor H. G. GODDARD—Trustee

I want to express my pleasure at being invited to this afternoon's meeting and speaking under the chairmanship of our dear brother Styles to such a full and attractive congregation. He is a speaker of no mean order and that he can before this great congregation restrain himself and let others tell you about the work of the C. H. & M. deserves a special word of appreciation. He and I first met during the war in a little village called Yelling (the name certainly belies it, for it is a place of quietness). Mr. Styles was conducting children's services there. We thank God for what he has been enabled to do for the Lord amongst young people.

Anyone who is given the opportunity of speaking on such an occasion as this—on "Our Day"—is faced with a problem. It is not the problem of not knowing what to say, but how to say it in the time allotted. Over the years there has piled up in one's mind a whole library of facts about this work, facts of what God has done through it; all so interesting and worth the telling; however, the important thing is for one to be led by the Spirit of God as to what should be said now.

First may I bear simple and humble testimony concerning the positive blessing to my own soul since first I was introduced to Herbert White and those working with him here at Woodford; for the blessing was not only personal, but has resulted in blessing to the various forms of service which God has allowed me to do.

Yes, when life has tended to get on top of me, and the anchor of my faith seemed to be drifting, one of the ways God has used to keep me on an even keel was the evidence of his faithfulness as I had seen it here at Woodford.

Since the inception of this work in 1899, there has been, and there still is, one great outstanding Personality Who has remained continually with it. Obviously I am not referring to Herbert White, he is in the Glory, and I am not referring to Victor, because he was not here in 1899. I am referring to the Lord Jesus Christ. He was here at the very beginning of the work. He was and is in the very centre of the work. He has been the maintainer of it, for He founded it. At times, concerning the physical world, we say: "It is He who has made it." This work of the Children's Home and Mission is His, for without Jesus Christ there would have been no Herbert White. Without Jesus Christ, no Mrs. White, Senr. Without

Jesus Christ, no Victor and Margaret White. Without Jesus Christ, no Children's Home and Mission.

Jesus Christ founded it not primarily for a social or humanitarian service, but that light, belief and faith in God should through human hearts shine out to men and women who would love and serve for Him, boys and girls, coming to the Home.

Our text this afternoon must be that found in Hebrews 13. 8: "*Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, to-day and for ever.*" There has been no change in the leadership of this work since 1899. Christ has always been at its head. He is there now, this makes the work so unique, sealing it as a work of God.

With the passing of time, in the experience of men time robs them of something; time is always doing that, it robs men of strength and vitality. It is always subtracting, and not adding. If we say to this generation "Jesus Christ the same" you almost feel their bristles going up. For if there is one thing this modern generation does not like, it is the idea of "sameness". Who wants to wear the same clothes that her grandmother wore! Who wants to use the same kind of transport as used years ago—four-in-hand and the mule! The present generation wants everything modern, something up to date. This is a confession that they have nothing which is complete, final and absolute. They know not the One who, through the passage of time, remains unchanging.

Jesus Christ is the same. In what way is He the same? He is the same in His great and marvellous attributes; in His Eternal Sonship; in redemption; in His High Priestly ministry. He is the same in His Godhead, unchanging and unchangeable. Also He is the same on the practical level. "Whom having not seen, ye love; In whom though now ye see Him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." That word "believing" is very arresting. It means "resting", laying one's whole weight upon another; it has the idea of dependency. Since God brought this work into being, how many thousand, yea, millions of people, have come with their troubles and cares to Christ? Since 1899 He has borne them all, plus the cares, problems and difficulties associated with this Children's Home. Is it to be thought because of all He has borne of the sorrows and trials of His people He is less *in strength to-day than He was then?* Is it to be thought He now lacks vitality to succour and to help all those who come to Him to-day? Has He lost His power? Has time weakened Him? Is He less able to help on the practical, everyday level than in 1899? Is He less able to meet the needs of those who trust Him now? *No*, for "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think". Yes, He is the same in His attributes: the same in His practical, everyday ministry to the people of God", so when we are tired, worried and anxious, when burdens and problems in the Home are so pressing, all can be brought to Jesus. Find that strength with which He refreshed the saints of old, for that strength remains and is just the same to-day.

He is the same. At this moment, the nations of the world are seeking better and more efficient arms for their country's protection. Our Lord Jesus Christ needs no new arms. The "arms" He used in 1899 are still the same to-day. He has not had to modernise any of His weapons. He has not had to dump any of them into the sea because they have become ineffective. Those He used for His glory in 1899 are precisely the same now. If they were perfect for His purpose then, they are perfect now for His purpose. His weapons are the same. There is nothing which can outmatch or outdate His oath, His covenant, His blood. In 1899 it was the precious blood which cleansed from sin; it does the same to-day. He is the same, Saviour of sinners, as He was years ago. Nothing, says Christ, can resist the power of prevailing prayer. That weapon is still the same. "If ye have faith", He says, "ye shall remove mountains". That promise worked in 1899; it will work to-day. He says "Pray, 'Give us this day our daily bread'." That prayer was answered in 1899; that prayer is answered to-day. There has not been added one new weapon to the armoury of God because when He provided the weapons for His servants' use so that His glory could be made known among men, it was a complete armoury and nothing needed adding to it.

Victor White's father used these weapons. When God in His infinite grace called Victor to take up the work, Victor did not look at his parents and say "Dear Mum and Dad (bless them), you must realise I am modern. I am living in this 20th century. I like things new and up to date". He did not refuse to use the weapon of prevailing prayer (which his father and mother and workers had used so effectively); he did not say: "This is out-dated. I must think of something which will be an improvement on it". No, he was prepared to take the weapons which God had provided throughout the ages for His Saints and to prove they are still mighty and effective, so Victor in the 20th century has been witnessing to the fact of the Living God who manifests His power through prevailing prayer. Our brother and his wife, by the Spirit, have been led to see that for God's work they do not need any new weapons, for all the promises are yea, and Amen in IT.

Yes, *Jesus Christ is the same in His promises.* Since this work was brought into being Christ has not added *one single promise to those that He gave in 1899.* Not one jot or tittle has been added to His Word. The Spirit of God, its author, has no new promises; the promises of God are still the same, they are absolute in the mind and will of God and nothing needs to be added to them. None of them have been found unnecessary; they all function for that purpose to which they are directed. The promises of God never fail. We see their outworking in the present life and witness of this Home.

Herbert White rested on "great and precious promises". I recall so many conversations with him and how often he said "I stand on that *promise*". Are we standing on the promises of God? Do we believe they can really operate in our lives in this 20th century?

The promises of God have not changed. Herbert White rested upon them. Now Victor and Margaret, with those who help them in the work, rest upon them, for the Lord has no other promises to send them. *He is the same in His promises.* "Come unto Me all ye that labour, and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Life would be a fearful thing if that promise became obsolete. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved". How frightening if there were no such promises as these! Yes, Jesus Christ is the same in His promises.

And Jesus Christ is the same *in Himself.* Looked at over the years we note that, as time passes, people's characters can change. One says of someone: "As a young man he was a man of integrity; you could then rely upon his word, but now his character has changed". But not so with Christ. He is just the same in Himself, to-day, as He was in 1899 and as He was before the foundation of the world; as He was when He came through the Incarnation, and when He went to the Cross, and rose again, and ascended into Heaven. He is the same. He loved His people before the foundation of the world. He has never ceased to love them, He has never changed or grown indifferent to them; He loves them unto the end.

Our glorious Lord is just the same in *His gentleness.* It was written of Him "The bruised reed he would not break; and the smoking flax he would not quench". "He would carry those who were with young in His bosom; He would succour and strengthen the weak". He is just the same to-day. He said to the poor sinful woman: "Sin no more," and you, believing, will find His authoritative word becoming active in your life, enabling you to live a holy life, and keeping you from sin.

He is just the same in *His understanding of us.* "Casting all your care upon Him for He careth for you". How precious that promise must be to those who are engaged in such a work as this. When they feel weary, and the work is difficult, how comforting it is to know He understands.

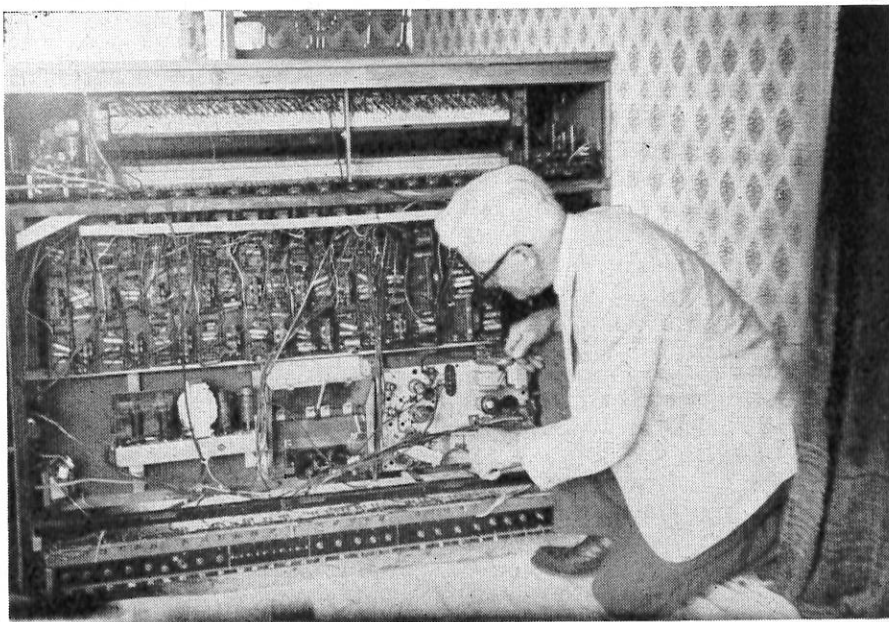
Jesus Christ is just the same in what *He desires His followers to be.* What he requires of us to-day is just the same as what He required of His people years ago. He has not lowered His sights. In 1899, to Christian men and women of that day, he said: "Be ye holy". And He says it to-day. He was holy before the foundation of the world, and He is holy now, and all those who are seeking to live for Him must be holy, too. He said to His disciples: "Have faith in God", and He says it still. It is a wonderful thing to know that God is willing to work within a man so that he becomes holy. The Saviour's word as to what He requires His people to be here in the world is still the same.

Those of us who meet from time to time with Victor and his wife and mother, know something of the inside battle of this work, of the forces that come, seeking to destroy it. The problems are not

solvable by the power of the flesh, but only by the Spirit, and we know how vital it is that their lives be right with God.

Yes, Jesus is the same. He issues the same warnings as He did years ago. You must wrestle, fight, pray. "The Devil as a roaring lion goes about seeking to destroy . . ." For the past sixty-three years there have been relentless attacks by the powers of darkness upon this work. (Perhaps that, at least, will challenge the Lord's servants to pray regularly), for the devil is still in business, seeking destruction of this testimony to God's faithfulness. Jesus Christ is the same, gives the same warnings re the world, the flesh and the Devil. Jesus Christ is the same, He saves in the same old way. Those associated with the work now, preach the same old Gospel as was preached in 1899. It proclaims the marvellous truth of Christ dying for sinners on Calvary's Cross. That was the message proclaimed years ago to the young people and proved to be effective. It is told to the young people in the Home to-day; the wonderful story of the Cross, and it is proved true and effective now.

The work is *in good hands. In His Hands.* In Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and for ever.



Mr. Will Cowling, an "Old" member of the Family, working on his self-built electric organ.

AFTERNOON REPORT

Mr. VICTOR WHITE

Welcome to you all—God bless you!

"EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE THEY LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT." This is the theme for "Our Day," this 62nd Annual, and is taken from the 127th Psalm. A suggested summing up of this lovely Psalm is, "The Lord, the homemaker for His people."

You see, knowing us so thoroughly, our Creator Himself must found and build. He alone understands the soul of His creation and can thus mould and fashion each life to a pattern which will produce His fruit in that life. In that way, the true purpose for which each life is given, is fulfilled.

Except the Lord build! This is the age for building. Roads, houses, factories, schools, and so on. The day of great progress. Shorter working hours, more leisure time. Fresh approaches to international and domestic problems. We are aiming for permanent peace and prosperity. UTOPIA, here on earth.

Just a minute. Last week a daily newspaper had this heading: "Biggest gaol building plans for 100 years. Overcrowding and under-employment of prisoners."

Quite recently a home was opened for very young unmarried mothers. I am given to understand by someone engaged in similar welfare work to our own that the influx of unwanted babies had created a great problem. The increase in drinking and gambling habits, always detrimental to the life of a nation, causes much concern in the minds of thinking people. The continued breakdown of decent moral standards and family life is a tragedy of momentous order. The pushing aside of God's Day, the Day set apart for worship in His House, the empty churches and decreasing Sunday School attendances, the largely ineffective church witness of this age, the compromising Christians . . . *Building?* My dear friends, what are we building?

Are our eyes blinded by the material prosperity of this twentieth century? We've never had it so good. Maybe, but what are we building? My dear father, co-founder with Miss Hutchin, of our Family, used to thump his fist in his hand and say—"In the last analysis, my boy, it's character that counts." The Scriptures say, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" My friends, we are living in days of great challenge. There is a crucial need and whilst we marvel at the genius of man and applaud the progress so clearly made in many spheres of life, we must note the moral decline and we must take action! May God prod us from our spiritual slumbers and bring forth the Jeremiahs and Pauls for this age. Causing added confusion there are the gigantic shadows of ceremonial religion and spurious cults,

and the preaching of false doctrines which blind men to the eternal truths of God.

From the very depths of my heart I say this—"Stop this feverish building and in the words of the Psalmist, 'Be still and KNOW that He is God!'" Look afresh at the cross and the empty tomb. In the death and resurrection of our blessed Lord see the only lasting remedy for SIN, which blights and crushes the very life of mankind. The need, the burning need to-day, is for men and women, boys and girls, to have a personal experience of Salvation in Jesus Christ, for *EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE THEY LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT.*

God has given us a very special field in which to build. It is packed with unknown potentialities and is a very responsible and privileged service. A little child arrives and from that moment the building commences. Seven days a week every mental, physical and spiritual aspect of the child needs to be understood, corrected and nurtured. The child needs to be loved and in this LOVE to grow and, we trust, become a true and balanced Christian citizen.

It was in the year 1899 that Rosie entered the newly-founded Family. This new adventure in faith had begun. Since that time, 871 children have shared in our Family Circle. Those of Rosie's era have now turned 70 years of age. Several of these are still in touch with us. It is true that the two world wars and the passage of time have come between us and many of the Family, but we are thrilled and encouraged—no, more than this, we are enriched in heart—to hear from and meet so many.

Allow me now to quote from some of the numerous letters we have received during the year:—

From BIRMINGHAM:

"Thanks so much for the 'Links', This form of presenting the news of the C. H. & M. is a great idea and I am sure that every-one who is favoured with a copy will agree.

"I was thrilled to read about Mr. and Mrs. Davey entering the work at Abridge, and sincerely hope and pray that they will have plenty of encouragement in that not-too-easy task.

"Will it be all right if we both spend Christmas with you—the children have asked me often if we are going to spend it with you."

(They did all come, arriving after 11 p.m.—bitterly cold. I went to put some heating in their bedroom and blew the fuse.)

From EASTLEIGH:

"Thank you very much for the wonderful Christmas present you sent us. It was a lovely surprise. We were both thinking of you all over Christmas and recalling all the things that happened the Christmas before, when we were able to be with you. We were much quieter this year. Had a wonderful collection of things for the bottom drawer given us—from a dinner service to a dustpan and brush. (Praise the Lord, all the tea-towels were addressed to Valerie.)

"What a wonderful thing it is to look back over the past year and see that not one of His promises has failed. I had the privilege of preaching at our own church last Sunday and felt greatly blessed of the Lord. The message was from Micah 6 and one of the forceful points was God's faithfulness."

(The wedding was on August 4th. We were not able to go, but prayed for God's blessing upon this happy Christian pair. We are grateful for the little part we were able to play in this young man's life.)

From MALAYA:

"Do hope you are all keeping well. I am sorry I did not see you before I came out here, but there wasn't much time.

"How is the sport progressing at home now? Is it as good as when I was there? (Conceit.) I see that the Spurs were not doing so well as when I left home. (Hope he's read the latest news.) Happy Christmas and thanks."

Several letters from WELWYN GARDEN CITY from one who as a little girl, with others of her family, spent her childhood days with us:

On Thursday she telephoned to say that her little child, suffering from a T.B. hip, had now seen the specialist and the news is good—she will be able to run and play again, after a further spell of treatment.

She asks for our continued prayers, especially concerning the erection of a church in her area. Ground is available, permission granted, but cash is required.

From CANADA:

A chatty letter, giving news and asking after one and another:

"Meanwhile all is well here. Hubby is studying very hard right now, and quite soon will sit for his M.A. degree. Following this, he has his Christmas theology exams. Do pray for us. We look to God to guide us to our future. We have plans and desires, but want to be quite sure we will be doing exactly as God wants.

"May He continue to bless you ALL."

We have been so happy to chat with many of the Family from near and far, one actually travelling from U.S.A., I have asked one of these, Mrs. Harper, known to us as Jessie, to give her testimony:

"My dear friends—I do thank God that 62 years ago God spoke to Mr. Herbert White and Miss Hutchin (whom we all called Mother) to begin the building of the Home in Crescent Road.

"When I was a little girl I lost my mother, and 52 years ago this July I was taken to the Home to be cared for. Staying at the Home while I was there was Mr. Sackett, and one evening when he was talking to the children at prayers he asked if any of us would like to give our hearts to the Lord Jesus. That evening I gave my heart to Him.

"Annual Day in the Home when I was a child was a day we all looked forward to and one of the first I remember was held in a marquee at Crescent Road and Mrs. Florence Barclay was the

speaker. To-day it is the 50th Annual I have attended in this Church or wherever the meetings have been held.

"When I was 14, I left the home and went into service, but Woodford had become to me on my half-days a home, and I used to go home to see 'Mother'. At 17 I was baptised in this Church by 'Pa', as we 'old' ones used to call him. After I was baptised God spoke to me about working for Him. I came home to see 'Pa' about it and after praying I felt the call to come and work for my Master in the Home and I enjoyed nine and a half years in the Work. There was always plenty to do and always time for prayer each morning. I thank God for the way I was helped in my Christian life. One thing I learned and have never forgotten—to take everything to God in prayer and that has helped me through many difficulties. In 1930 I was married in this Church by 'Pa'. After I was married, for the first few years I lived in Woodford and realised how much Crescent Road had become my home. Many times when I wanted advice I would go home to 'Mother'. When my first baby was born I lived in Tottenham and, like any other mother, Miss Hutchin found time to come to see me. It meant so much to me. When my children were young they spent many happy Christmasses at the Home, and I do thank God for the way He has answered my prayers, and I do praise Him for giving me two children who have both been baptised and are in Christian work. I thank God also for His Word which I learnt when I was a child in the Home and it is a joy to me to know that the children to-day still learn the scriptures. I do trust that as you children leave the Home you will not only take the Word of God in your memories, but that you will take God into your hearts and then you will be able to say as I do:—

*How good is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend,
Whose Love is as great as His Power,
Who knows neither measure nor end."*

What of our present Family? Well, here we all are, either in the choir or nearby. From three years of age to well over twenty-one. Our health has been excellent and we haven't had to worry Doctor Smith or Doctor Baker very much. Our yearly medical examinations were completed with very encouraging results. We do thank our doctors for their help. The condition of the children's teeth is good, and Mr. Stephen Smith continues to extract the bad from our young folk. Mr. Hole gives his attention to the eyes. We thank them both for their unstinted help in these ways.

Since Easter we have re-sited the sick rooms, and have nearly completed re-equipping them. They are situated on the lower floor and thus nearer to the everyday scene of life. They are warmer and altogether more suitable. This move has given us a newly-decorated bedroom for our teenagers. As far as the education of the children is concerned, we are proud of the sound progress being made at school. Reports have been encouraging and a number have

good positions in class. In sports and athletics we have done well.

Life at home is one hum of activity. It was a good year for the Badminton Club. During the Summer we are going to take up tennis quite seriously on our hard-court and also use the cricket strip. The re-commencement of Y.S.L., which my wife has undertaken, is something we have desired to do for some long while, and we pray that the training the young folk receive in this will prove to be of great value in years to come. Some of the Family have spoken of spiritual blessing, especially since the turn of the year, and one obeyed his Lord in passing through the waters of baptism. We praise God for these experiences.

What an important part the staff have to play. Mr. and Mrs. Brickman left us at Easter. We wish them God's blessing and thank them for help given during their stay. Looking around the meeting here I can see others who were once helping in the Family—it is good to see you—God bless you!

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson from Worthing are here to help us just now. Mrs. Litchfield returns in June after an operation and convalescence. Miss Homersham, completing a Nursery Nurses' course, will be with us in August. Mrs. Gilbert continues to help to hold the fort. Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Wombwell, Mrs. Redpath, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. E. McDermid, Mr. Crowhurst, Miss Leary, Miss Brown in the office, Miss Lee, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Southgate and Mr. Boggis are all helping in different ways and at different times each week to keep the wheels turning.

The needs of the Family have been wonderfully met in an abundant measure. We received harvest gifts from 72 different places during the Autumn of 1961. We were able to share the fresh vegetables with local hospitals and some old folk. Fresh fruit, which we stored, lasted until early into this year. Of sugar, there is 12 months' supply. Flour lasted until this month. Jellies—an almost unlimited supply. Tinned fruit, 12 months' supply.

At Christmas, gifts came from 159 different sources. Nine turkeys, mince pies, cakes, crackers, toys, Christmas trees!

Throughout the year our voluntary working parties and other individuals sent clothing. Furniture, vegetables, fruit, cups, 270 mixed bulbs for the garden, yogi-bear, swings, and a birthday cake for the Foundation Day, 20th November, and railway sets have arrived. How true—"My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus".

Financially it has been a remarkable year, too. From 1st January, 1961, to 31st December, 1961, our income totalled £9,150 and our expenditure £8,360, giving us an excess income over expenditure of £790. Adding to this the balance already brought forward from 1960 of £1,127, the new balance brought forward into 1962 was £1,917. Praise God!

Looking back, as we do, to the Summer months of 1960 and the great financial testing of that time, we are moved in our hearts at this abundant generosity of our God through His People. May God richly bless all who have shared in this magnificent giving. We feel

this is but one indication we have of His desire to use this His Family in an even greater measure in the days ahead. Because of the complete meeting of all financial needs, glory has been brought to our Father's Name, for there have been practical advancements within the Family, including improved staff allowances and holiday gifts, maintenance of the property and decorating of rooms. Also we have additional modern equipment for the laundry, kitchen and general house cleaning. We have completed the kitchen alterations, re-roofed a lean-to shed and built a much-needed bicycle shed. We are now planning for the re-designing of the recreation rooms, which, when finished, will give us a very comfortable lounge and well-equipped hobby room. This is thrilling, of course, and will help so much.

The teaching of the Christ of the Cross is old fashioned—the keeping of Sunday as a day apart is out of date—waiting upon God, in faith, for the meeting of all needs, is a thing of the past. IS IT? No, a thousand times, no! OUR GOD IS ABLE. He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

Concerning Abridge. We rejoice in the wonderful answer to prayer in the coming of Pastor and Mrs. Cyril Davey. Mr. Davey led us in prayer earlier. Living with us at Crescent Road, it is our joy and blessing to have rich fellowship with them. Thursday mornings they meet with us at staff prayers and then we especially remember Abridge. On Easter Sunday last we were full of joy when Pastor Davey baptised my son Keith. Looking at the tablets on the walls of the church which reminded us of Herbert White and Arnold Gilbert, who had laboured there, we were deeply moved in heart, realising how thrilled they would have been to witness this confession of faith. Do pray for Mr. and Mrs. Davey as they work for the Master there, that every need may be met.

Both at Abridge and here in Woodford we are brought face to face with the challenge of this century. Pray for my staff and Family. I would solicit your prayers, too, for my wife and self. The responsibility of leadership is great—we need Him. To keep alive this testimony to His Faithfulness, He must have us! All our energies and talents must be wholly surrendered to Him. Unless the Holy Spirit has the pre-eminence, then the tremendous opportunities which He is giving to us will not be taken.

Opening our hearts to Him and to you, this is our prayer :

Lord, what we have not, give us ;
 Lord, what we know not, teach us,
 Lord, what we are not, make us.
 Almighty God, whose ways are past wonder,
 Whose desires for us are beyond imagining,
 Grant us wisdom and daring, that with Thine aid
 We may serve Thee in all faithfulness.

For

“EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE THEY
 LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT.” Amen.



A happy day for Beverley and Valerie. The beginning of a Christian home.

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EVENING MEETING

Mr. Oliver Styles, Chairman

How thrilling is this Story, and what a joy to rejoice with the Family in all that God has done. As I said this afternoon, none of the Family will say publicly that everything really depends upon their own attitude to the work and the love that they put into it. Not the prayer partners only, but the prayers of the members of the family, staff and young folk—their prayers and their devotion to duty; not clocking in or clocking off—I do not think they have had any thought of a sit-down strike or walk-out; because they have not been serving Mr. White or even really serving a group of boys and girls, but serving the Lord Jesus. For love of Him and love of the work and love of what they are doing, and the fact that they are doing it for His Glory.

In the days when the work is difficult and, believe me, it is difficult, there are probably days when it brings real heartaches; there are days when they feel terribly burdened, I trust that the thought of a group of folk like this and the many hundreds of others who cannot be here with us who, nevertheless, do pray day by day for the work, will encourage and be a great source of strength to every one of you on the staff, and boys and girls of the Family as well.

THE REV. PAUL TUCKER

It is always a pleasure for me to come among you on this special day. It is always invigorating to listen again to the record of God's faithful dealings with His people in connection with this particular Work. I was thinking whilst sitting in front waiting for my turn that this Work is not a showpiece. It is far more than that, and it is not a monument—there is nothing static about it—it is a living, growing witness both to the power and the faithfulness of our God.

The older members of the family sang delightfully about the old-fashioned way, and the old-fashioned Gospel, and I was listening to the words they were articulating quite clearly, and one sentence speaks of "being convicted of sin in the old-fashioned way." To-night it is about the ministry of the Holy Spirit that I wish for a few moments to speak. Some great words from the lips of our Lord Jesus Christ as found in John, chapter 16, beginning at verse 7:—

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

"And when He is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment;

"Of sin, because they believe not on Me;

"Of righteousness because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more;

"Of judgment because the prince of this world is judged."

The Lord Jesus Christ, as you know, was about to take leave of His disciples, and in this Upper-Room discourse He introduced them to some of the deeper teaching concerning the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus made it perfectly clear to His disciples that He was going away from them in order that He might come nearer to them. In fact, in chapter 14, verse 17, we find Him saying this:—

"Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him, but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

The Holy Spirit was alongside them; He was there in the ministry of the Lord Jesus. Our Lord performed His entire ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power, He cast out demons by the Spirit of God. So He was able to address His disciples in the Upper Room and say concerning the Holy Spirit, "Ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you." He was alongside them in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Then, you notice, the Lord Jesus changes the tense and speaks of the future: "For He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." So that when our Lord returned to Glory on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came. He came to minister the presence and the power of the risen Lord Jesus Christ to the disciples. He came to make the Lord Jesus vividly real and to make Him correspondingly precious. He came, therefore, in this intimate way to the disciples. He came as the Spirit of Truth. That tells us something about the *moral character* of the Holy Spirit. He is the spirit of Truth essentially: He is the spirit of Truth processionally, He proceeds from the Father and the Son who are the Truth. He comes in order to ratify and confirm the Scriptures of Truth and to apply them to the hearts of men and women. He comes to bear witness to the Truth; He comes to make us men and women of the Truth; He is the Spirit of Truth.

He is also the Comforter, and that speaks to us of the *dynamic character* of the Holy Spirit. For this word "Comforter" means far more than giving solace in a time of sorrow. It includes that, but it goes beyond that. It means "One who is alongside us to strengthen us and uphold us, to undergird us and empower us."

But wait. In the middle of that word "Comforter" you will find another little word, "fort". You know what a fort is—a fortress. It is a bastion, it is a place of defence, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit is that kind of ministry. He comes to strengthen us, to uphold us and to reinforce the faculties of our personality, of our mind, our conscience, our will, so that we may be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

The Holy Spirit has a ministry not only to the believer, but also to the world—to the world of men and women around us—and it is of that particular ministry the Lord Jesus Christ speaks in these verses. He says: "It is profitable for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you, and when He is come, He will reprove the world." Now this term "world" does not mean the world of nature. It does not mean the hills, valleys and mountains. It means the world of men and women, the world of whom the young people were speaking a little earlier when they quoted John 3, 16: "For God so loved the world."

God loved the world of sinners lost and ruined by the fall, the world of men and women alienated from God in their minds by wicked works; the world of men and women also in the grip of sin, in the power of Satan. The Holy Spirit has a threefold, indivisible ministry to the world, to the unconverted, and this is the ministry: He comes first of all to reprove of sin. In the margin of the Authorised Version it is translated "He will convince the world of sin"; in the Revised Version it is rendered: "He will convict the world of sin." It would seem that in the original both these ideas are conveyed. The Holy Spirit has come first of all to convince men and women of their need, of their hopeless conditions apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, and then He has come to convict unto condemnation, to show people that, apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, they are under the condemnation of God; they are under the disapproval of God; they are by nature children of wrath. You will notice that the Holy Spirit convicts of a particular kind of sin; it is called here the sin of unbelief. "He will convict the world of sin," says the Lord Jesus Christ, "because they believe not on Me." In other words, the Holy Spirit has not come to convict of sins in general, nor has He come to convict of crime—crime against the State. You know, conscience can convict a man of sins; a man may not be a Christian at all, but his conscience may be operative within him and it may convince him of sins—of the sin of impurity, of theft, or immorality or lying. An unconverted man can be convinced by his conscience of sins. A jury and a judge can convict a man of crime, but only the Holy Spirit can convict a sinner of the awfulness of the sin of unbelief. The sin of refusing to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and King. According to the teaching of Jesus Christ Himself, this is the crowning sin of which any person can be guilty. It is the parent sin out of which every other sin grows,

because this sin of unbelief reveals the state of a man's heart. It reveals the state of his mind, it reveals his attitude towards God. God has shown Himself in Jesus Christ. God has given Himself in the Son; God has offered to the world redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ, yet men turn away from it, they spurn it, they ignore it and they refuse to believe on the only begotten Son of God. There is a very strong verse at the beginning of John's Gospel: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

You know, only the Holy Spirit can show a person the enormity of the sin of rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ. If you went out of this meeting tonight, you who are believers, and you spoke to someone on the road and said: "Are you a genuine Christian?" and that person said, "Well, frankly, no, I am not a believer; I am a decent living sort of person, but I am not a believer," and if you went on and said to that person: "Do you know you are guilty of the greatest sin that any human being can commit?" he would probably smile at you and say: "Well, that is your religious fervour coming out. That is your opinion, but in my opinion there are many sins worse than refusing to believe in your Jesus—adultery, murder, sins that outrage social convention—they, in my judgment, are far more serious than this so-called sin of unbelief." But once the spirit of God gets to grips with the soul of a man and shows him the hostility of his heart against Jesus Christ by nature; and shows him his lost and hopeless state, then that man is brought in reality to see that there is no graver sin on earth than rejecting God's appointed way to salvation. No preacher can convict a man of sin, no Sunday School can do it, no evangelist can do it, only the Holy Spirit Himself through the ministry of the Word of God can accomplish it.

That is not all that the Spirit does. He who convicts of sin also convicts of righteousness. Did you notice in this eighth verse: "When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness." Undoubtedly there is a development of thought here. There is a sequence of teaching here. This is the way in which the Holy Spirit works. He begins by showing a man himself, by showing a man his need, by showing a person his sinful unbelief, but, having shown that man his need, the Holy Spirit does not confound the man and leave him in wretchedness and misery, the Holy Spirit goes on to show that man with equally stirring conviction that God has provided the righteousness that can cover the man's sin; God has provided a righteousness that is adequate and available for every sinner. This righteousness is not a theological term; this righteousness is not some philosophical abstraction; this righteousness is embodied in a person; this righteousness is incarnate righteousness; this righteousness is seen in God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will reprove the world of righteousness because "I go to

my Father and ye see Me no more." What does it mean? It means this, that the Lord Jesus Christ was delivered up to the Cross for our offences. He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquity, but on the third day God raised Him from the dead as a great proclamation that Christ had fully atoned for the sins of the whole world, and God raised His Son and gave Him glory and a seat at His own right hand in the Heavenly place, and has invested Him with all authority and all power. The Lord Jesus Christ has become the great High Priest; He has become the Advocate between the poor sinner and God; He has become the One Mediator between God and man. The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience to God's Law, wrought out in His ministry, in His conduct, a perfect spotless righteousness. When He went to the Cross, He, the righteous One, died for the unrighteous, and all our sins were imputed to Him, and God punished the sins of the world in Jesus Christ, for God has made Him Who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might be constituted the righteousness of God in Him. And the wonder is this, when you and I come to the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ there is a blessed exchange; the Lord Jesus takes our sin and then He offers to us His Merit. He offers to us His imputed righteousness, and God looks upon us now, not in our own sinful condition, but God looks upon us in the robe of resplendent righteousness that Christ had procured for us. That is the kind of thing we sing about : "Jesus, thy blood and righteousness, my beauty and my glorious dress . . ." I can even stand in the very presence of Holy God, not because of what I am myself, but because of what I am constituted in Jesus Christ.

John Bunyan, in his autobiography, "Grace Abounding," tells us he had a wretched time of it before he came right into the full assurance of salvation. He tells us he did not know whether he was really right with God; he was so miserable and envied the crows in the field, he would have liked to have changed places with them; he even envied the slates of the roofs because they were inanimate—envying crows and slates on roofs because this man was so aware of his sinfulness and he had no sense of acceptance with God. He tells us one day as he was walking along the road, to use his own picturesque language: "There darted into my soul"—as if God spoke directly to him—"Thy righteousness is in Heaven".

Bunyan goes on to say: "Then did the chains fall from off my legs." In other words, he came to see that he was not to look within himself for any ground of acceptance before God—he tended to look within his own personality for anything that would commend him to God's favour. The moment he looked away and saw that God had provided the righteousness for him in Jesus Christ, and that he was accepted in God's beloved Son, then the chains fell off indeed, and Bunyan goes on to tell us God was looking upon His Son every moment in Glory and, in looking upon the righteousness of His Son, He was looking on the righteousness of John Bunyan

justified by faith in Christ, apart from any deeds of the law or works of self-righteousness.

My friends, where is the ground of your assurance? Where is your hope for the countless ages of eternity? Is your confidence in yourself? If it is, then I tell you, you have never known anything of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Is your confidence in Church membership? Then I tell you, you do not know anything at all of the Holy Spirit.

He shows a person first that he is a great sinner, and then He goes on to show him that Jesus is a great Saviour. "Thy righteousness in in Heaven"! One other thing here: the Holy Spirit convicts the sinner of unbelief; the Holy Spirit convicts of righteousness, and in the third place the Holy Spirit convicts of judgment. "He will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment." Verse 11: "Of judgment because the prince of this world is judged." There is this progress of thought here. First of all, the Holy Spirit convicts of sin and shows me my need; then the Holy Spirit goes further and He convicts me of a righteousness outside myself, a perfect, spotless righteousness that is mine for the taking, mine for the receiving if I will but trust the Lord Jesus. But then the question arises in the mind, "How do I know that Christ's Righteousness will avail finally; how do I know that there is no force that can change God's wonderful way of salvation or overthrow it?"

The Holy Spirit goes on to show us that the prince of this world, the devil, the enemy of all righteousness, one who is a liar from the beginning, who abides not in the Truth and who is the prince of darkness, the god of this age, the prince of the realm of unrighteousness, the Holy Spirit goes on to show us that Satan has been conquered; he has been routed, he has been overcome by the mighty power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There has been talk, has there not, about taking the devil out of the revised catechism and I believe now the learned dignitaries of the church have simply decided to postpone the matter for seven years. They *will* have a shock if the Lord comes during those seven years! But while these dear gentlemen are so busy with their pruning knife, we will stand by the clear, shining teaching of the Word of God. The Lord Jesus Christ makes no bones about it. Three times over in John's Gospel He speaks of the devil as the prince of this world, the god of this age, and He says that Satan has been judged. We ought to read this in the Revised Version; the reference here is not to a future day of judgment but judgment that has already taken place. The Holy Spirit will convict of judgment because the prince of this world *has been judged*. He has been judged. When was he judged? He was judged at the Cross. Do you remember when the Lord Jesus Christ was coming to the Cross all the forces of darkness were mustered against Him? Do you remem-

ber at Gethsemane the power of the devil was there, resisting the mighty ministry of Jesus Christ? So much so that our Lord sweated great drops of blood and there appeared from Heaven an angel in order to strengthen Him to come through with this mighty ministry of redemption. And as the chief priests and soldiers came to take Him, Jesus said: "This is your hour, and the power of darkness." But before He came to the Cross there was this great pronouncement: "Now is the judgment of this world; now is the prince of this world cast out."

Paul tells us in Colossians, chapter 2, that when our Lord Jesus Christ died upon the Cross He spoiled principalities and powers openly in His Death. This is all in fulfilment of the Old Testament promise, the great prophecy in Genesis, chapter 3: The sin of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head. If you want to kill a snake, smash its head—you are sure then that it is really dead—and though the heel of our Saviour was wounded upon the Cross, and "what He endured no tongue can tell to save our souls from death and hell," yet He was the Victor, not the Victim. He was the Conqueror, and He bruised the head of the serpent. You say: "Well, the devil is very active to-day, if he is conquered!" I know he is active, but he is on a rope. The Lord has got him on a rope. He has got a lot of rope, yes he has, but then he is under control. God is Sovereign, God is over-ruling. God is working His purposes out, and every time a person is born again, every time a person is ransomed by the Blood of Jesus Christ, what happens? A miracle! That person is taken out of the kingdom of the devil, taken out of the kingdom of darkness and transplanted into the Kingdom of God's dear Son, the Kingdom of Light. The devil has to release his grip on that soul the moment Jesus Christ in His mighty saving power claims that soul, and every time a person is claimed, the devil is reminded of his ultimate doom, and there are times when he can hear the clanking of the chain that will bind him for ever in the lake of fire.

Do you know, the issue of the Gospel is simple and clear. We do not need to dress it up, we do not need to rationalise about this Gospel; it is as plain as daylight. There are two kingdoms in this world; there is the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to which every blood-bought child of God belongs. There is the kingdom of the devil, the kingdom of darkness to which every person belongs who has not trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Master, and you and I and all the people around us have to make up our minds about this one matter. Either we are going to renounce the hold of the devil upon us and throw in our lot with the Lord Jesus Christ and commit our lives to Him unreservedly and join His Kingdom and be members of His family; either we are going to do that or we are going to turn our back on the Gospel, we are going to remain in the devil's kingdom and ultimately share the doom of the devil.

REPORT OF THE ABRIDGE WORK by PASTOR CYRIL DAVEY

The parish of Abridge comprises three sections. There is the village of Abridge, the population consisting of the descendants of the families of the original hamlet; there is also that part of the village which has been built in more recent years, the dwellings of those who have come to us from elsewhere; and, in the midst of us, there is the hostel for evicted mothers and their children.

Abridge has a growing population. When my wife and I first knew it, in 1926, there were about 300 people living there, whereas there are now 1,800.

One and a half per cent. of the population of the village come along to our meetings on Sundays. If everyone who ever comes attended regularly at each meeting we would have quite a large regular congregation. As it is, although there are a few faithfuls who come to every meeting, there are others who, in spite of the exhortation of Mr. Goddard on December 1st, when he told them not to be "oncercs", have not yet acquired the habit of regularly attending services.

We would value your prayers concerning this matter, for we long to see folks loving the Lord, loving to meet together, loving to learn from the Word of God, and loving to praise and to pray together.

Concerning the work among the children, we have a Sunday School which commences at a quarter to ten on Sunday morning, running concurrently with a Bible Class for 'teen-aged girls. As yet, we have no 'teen-aged boys, and are waiting on the Lord that we may have more boys in our School.

Children of under seven years of age have their nursery class, which meets in the Hall during the latter half of the Sunday morning service hour. (At the time of going to press, this class is combining with the Sunday School at 9.45 a.m.)

Also for children, on Thursdays, there is a meeting of the Young Sowers' League, the junior branch of the Scripture Gift Mission. We are hoping to commence a company of the Girls' Life Brigade, and are also contemplating starting a branch of Youth for Christ at Abridge. We commit these matters to your prayers, particularly the last two projects, which have not yet been inaugurated.

While speaking of children's work, I should also mention that we took some youngsters from Abridge to the Scripture Union Rally, where some of our children were able to see Mr. Styles, although from a distance.

So much for the children's work. Now let us speak of the work among the women. The Women's Fellowship meets on Thursday evenings, and my wife has been encouraged by the love and loyalty of those who come along. If you could come and see the Church when the women are indulging in what we call "scrubology" you would be really moved to witness their energy and devotion in

preparing and polishing the Lord's House, making it comfortable, bright and inviting for the next Sunday's gatherings.

We now come to the work at the Hostel. Every Monday evening some of us visit the evicted housewives there, and their children. Their husbands do not live there with their wives and little ones. For various reasons, the children are not able to have toys, and so, for some time now, some of the faithful folks from the Church have been going along, of a Monday evening, with my wife and me. We take with us toys for the children to play with, and are able to make contacts with the folks there. We are grateful to see interest in the things of God.

From time to time women from the Hostel, and some of their children, visit us at the caravan, and learn something of the way in which the Lord is working.

Not only on Mondays do we visit the Hostel, but on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, after our evening service, we go there for what is known as "Church Service". All have the opportunity of choosing a favourite hymn, which they like to sing, and we have the joy of opening to them the Word. At the close of our Monday evening visits, we have prayers with the children, and the mothers like to listen to the stories we tell to the young ones, or to see the objects from which we bring the message. We would like you to pray for this witness at the Hostel.

Another phase of the work at Abridge is that which concerns our witness outside the church. There is the ministry of visitation. Some of our ladies are very keen and devoted in this work, and, as we have been about the village, we have been impressed as we have heard of practical help and sympathy given by one and another without having told us about it.

Once a quarter we have produced a News Letter and are hoping to issue it more frequently, since we have acquired a printing press, and have had promises of help in setting up the type. We are hoping to include Gospel messages, in addition to articles of news. Friends in the Fellowship have taken responsibility of distributing this messenger in the various roads, and a copy has reached each dwelling in the village.

We have also started a Tract Fund, and are looking forward to commencing our Open Air work. We are hoping to hold meetings at the Caravan Site, where we hope to distribute Gospel literature.

We intend, during the brighter evenings, to hold Open Air Meetings in various parts of the parish.

Concerning all the activities of the Church, in operation and anticipated, we are very conscious that there is nothing that we or our devoted helpers can do in our own strength and enthusiasm. It is possible for us to prevent the working of the Lord, but it is not possible for us to do His work without Him, so we would like you to pray that everyone in Abridge who knows the Lord may be at His disposal, and that we might be usable in His hands.

We thank you for your prayers and rely on you to continue your intercessions.

EVENING REPORT

By Mr. VICTOR WHITE

My dear Friends—What a blessed time we had together this afternoon. May this evening meeting, too, be blessed of the Lord and spur us on to a fuller surrender to Him, and thus more effective service.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad".

At the close of my Report last year I suggested to you *Seven Topics for Special Prayer*. These were printed in the last copy of "Links". Did you pray along these lines? We are now going to take a look at each one and see the results to date. They were then very real and sincere requests.

First. "That God would prompt Christian folk to put us in touch with children requiring help."

During the year ending December, 1961, 14 young folk joined the Family. All were introduced by the Lord's people. We prayed and God answered. How humbled we feel to be allowed to help others. To share our Family life. This truly is a vital Christian ministry and we are thrilled to know of this link with others working together with God, to do His work. During the same period 13 young folk have left us for varied reasons. Do pray for them, that the time spent with us may bear fruit, good fruit.

Second. "For the young people themselves, their happiness, growth in every way. Their acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour."

Looking back over the year, we can trace the good hand of the Lord upon us. There is undoubtedly a real spirit of happiness in the Family. Of course, we have our ups and downs, but the former are more in evidence. One of the constant remarks of those who come to see us is this, the evident fact of happiness and true family spirit.

The Home Office representative, with whom we have a very happy understanding, has noted this, too, and when he called during the Christmas holidays, we had a good chat together. This was most helpful.

As is known by most here, our age range is quite unique, from Kevin, who is three, to Mary, now 300 months old! We now have only two tiny tots at home, for Stephen has reached the colossal age of five and toddles off to school each day. What a blessing! You recall the old saying, two's company, three's none! We are only small—there are only three of us, but we can make ourselves felt! . . .

Let me share this experience with you. The time, 7 a.m. Staff having met earlier for a cup of tea and prayer, have managed to disturb the majority from sleep. Not ALL, some sleep like logs. Of course, arriving home late from outside activities, using ear-

phones from the wireless in the bedroom after lights out, doesn't help!

Anyhow, opening the nursery door—what a sight! All three little pickles sitting up in bed turning over the pages of picture books—angelic, indeed. Praise the Lord. With due appreciation for such good behaviour and suggesting they go the extra mile and begin to dress, or at least try, off I go. The time now 7.10 a.m. A rather exasperated voice claims my attention. "Do come and see THIS!" Up the stairs again, this time to the nursery bathroom.

Lowestoft all over again. "Ajax" for sand, and plenty of it—water—flannels—boats. One glorious mess. Yes, you've guessed, the work of our three little angels! How CAN people fail to believe in original sin?

As we grow older we play football, hockey-on-skates, British bulldog, table-tennis, badminton, tennis, cricket and a host of other games. Maybe we are caught up in the latest craze for trolley making. Everyone has to take good care that anything they possess with wheels on is well out of reach. Perhaps it is the bicycle craze—frames and spare parts everywhere. The latest is a really good try at a "Go-Cart". The little ones were just off to sleep one evening when suddenly there was an ear-splitting roar. It couldn't be the latest American H-Bomb tests, too far away. Throwing up the bedroom window and there below, the "Go-Cart". A cry from David: "It works!" As if we didn't know. All Woodford knew!

Five of the Family have left school days behind and pop off each day to work. One continues at school. The swing of the Family depends on these older ones. Perhaps you didn't fully realise this. It is a joy to have you helping in the choir again this year. We are proud of you, recalling as we do the days when as tiny tots you toddled around here and there. Now you are grown up and able to take your place in life. God bless you.

We were particularly concerned about the lack of spiritual movement in the Family during 1961, somehow it seemed hard. I am so glad to be able to report that since the turn of this year, and especially recently, there is a renewed throb of spiritual vitality, which is in itself such a joy and of course makes itself felt in all walks of our family life. One of the aspects of this has been the very happy and spiritually blessed Sunday evening sing-songs following church services. This is held in our dining room, which is ideal, and we invite our friends along to share with us. The Sunday before last, the room was nearly full. One and another spoke of a direct challenge and, in response, re-dedicated their lives to Him. In this we are reminded of our theme text for to-day: "EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT."

Our *third* request for prayer was: "For staff help when and where needed. Fully-dedicated folk recognising in the Calling a great opportunity."

When that prayer request was given last Annual Day I did not, of course, know that Mr. and Mrs. Brickman would be leaving us, as mentioned this afternoon, but the Lord had this in hand.

Let me explain. Sharing in very happy Harvest Services at Worthing with Rev. Charles Brown and his fellowship, I met for the first time Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. They are comparatively young in faith, yet radiant with His love and determinedly bent on doing His Will. Mr. Patterson is a very badly war-wounded soldier. Mrs. Patterson is a fully-trained nurse. Chatting with them after the services, they made it known that the dear Lord had laid it upon their hearts to help in some way in the C. H. & M. They are here to-day and have been helping for some weeks. This is a trial period to ascertain whether Mr. Patterson can stand the hustle and bustle of our Family life. If not, then the Lord will make plain His will for service in some other way. Pray for them, that the Lord will clearly guide.

Further, Mrs. Litchfield, who joined us in 1959, had to enter hospital in December last for an operation. She has recovered well during convalescence, and is with us to-day and looks forward to rejoining us next month. From time to time she has popped back to lend a hand. Quoting: "I shall be happy to be back amongst you all again—back home—I don't feel as if I am functioning properly whilst I am away."

Yet again, Miss Homersham, from the Dagenham Congregational Church, will be joining us in August next at the completion of her Nursery Nurses training. Last year I was asked to speak at their S.S. Anniversary Services and our friend was challenged. During this year she has been in constant touch with us and is here to-day.

We prayed—He heard and answered. Praise His Name.

Fourth. "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." This was our prayer.

During the year we have heard from many of the Family—so thrilling to see such a good company to-day—from Rugby, Earls Colne, Ilford, and so one could go on. Let me read to you from some of the letters received:—

From "QUITE NEAR AT HOME."

"Thank you, Mum and Dad and all the staff, for having my brother and me for Christmas. How quickly it went by—it is always such a happy time—reviving happy memories and giving one the opportunity of meeting old friends, and new ones, too. One thing that stands out in my mind is that once again God has kept his promises—He never fails.

"Wishing you ALL every blessing for the New Year as you continue to look to Him for help."

From TOTTEN, NR. SOUTHAMPTON (one who had lost touch, and by helping her sister we were linked up again).

"Expect you will be surprised to hear from me. I am glad to know that you are all right and still going strong. I would very much like to hear from you with all the news. We must pop up to see you again and this we hope to do as soon as I am well enough. Bye-bye for now." (Here to-day!)

From a prayer partner and long-standing friend of the Family who visited New Zealand and called on one who used to be here with us. She writes:—

"Whilst in New Zealand I was able to visit Pat and her little family twice. She and her husband are very happily in fellowship at one of our meetings, but unfortunately live a long way from it. I was so pleased to find such a happy little Christian home. It would have rejoiced your hearts, as it did mine, to see the little boy putting his hands together and shutting his eyes for grace before meals. I hope to be with you on Our Day."

This thrills your heart, doesn't it?

Letters also received from Harry and Lizzie in Australia, who have now settled down in their country cottage, following Harry's retirement; from Irene and Wendel in South Africa (Irene, with her four children, spent some months with us last summer); from Pat and Neil in New Zealand; from Geoff. in Bermuda, and Karl and Margaret in Canada. Many others, too.

My wife and mother are responsible for the majority of this correspondence, and it does prove to be a very happy and worthwhile link, from both ends!

With me here now is Mr. P. Kearns, an "Old" Family member. Hardly a week goes by without Percy and his wife popping in. We, too, often have the joy of visiting their lovely home. Both are actively engaged in Christian work—he is chairman and she secretary and treasurer of our badminton club. I have asked Percy to bring us his word of greeting and testimony:—

"I am very fortunate, or so I was told over the telephone, to be asked to speak here for a few minutes. I said to myself: If you belong to and are a member of this Family here at Woodford, and if you share in its many joys and blessings which God so richly gives to this Family, then you have a responsibility both to yourself and to the Family, so it is with very great pleasure that I stand before you this evening, and I consider myself most fortunate."

"As you know, this is a large Family and it has been going for a long time. I shall talk about the time from when I left in 1946. Since then I have been living in the Ilford district, which is not very far away. Like most 'old' boys, I used to come back to Woodford at Christmas time, and what a wonderful time everybody had. I have heard it said that 'things are not what they used to be'. Christmas at Woodford has never changed. One of the great things

that is most evident at Christmas time at Woodford is God's goodness to His Family. Gifts of toys, presents and food just pour in so that all the store rooms are full.

"Some six years ago a badminton club was formed. I was asked if I would take charge of the new club. The purpose of the club was to teach the members how to play badminton and also how to become good sportsmen in the game. When we had all mastered the game we invited other teams to play us and we have had some wonderful times together. One of the important things of the club is the epilogue. It gives each one of us an opportunity to say a few words of testimony. We encourage everybody who loves our Lord to take part and it makes the club a witness to visiting teams."

"Over the years, instead of drifting away from the Family, I have been drawn closer. To me the Family has been a pillar of strength. Both my wife and I have always been most welcome at that wide-open door. Through this Family one realises that there is an even greater Family and that the Head of this great Family is also the Head of this Family at Woodford. All of us who have been part of the Family at Woodford can also join the great Family of God. Each one of us knows the way and how to become a member. Speaking for my wife and myself, we have joined this Family and we seek after those things which are of heaven, knowing peace and joy in this life which God gives to His children. In closing, I would like to say that I have been a witness to God's faithfulness to those who put their trust in Him."

Thank you for that word, Percy. You may now sit down and really enjoy the rest of the meeting! Since 1899 over 870 young people have shared in our Family life and are now in many lands of the world. To you I say, whether here or far away, however imperfectly the picture of Christ may have been presented to you, due to the imperfections of those of us seeking to serve Him in your midst, TURN TO HIM, TRUST HIM, SERVE HIM. Make Him your foundation and build on Him! To all of the Family present here to-day, please do pop in home after the meeting for coffee and a chat.

The fifth request for prayer: "That the Testimony of the Family may at all times bring glory to His Name and that we shall ever be aware of our Christian witness, for the Coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

The arrival of the children and their growth, the coming of staff and their service, the larger Family and their witness, all in their own special way are a testimony unto Him, for this is His Work. The upkeep of the Family is a witness, too, for the Third Aim has been, since the inception, to appeal to God alone to meet ALL needs, thus proving the reality of God.

Let us look at the financial situation. Income for the year ending 31st December, 1961, £9,150. The expenditure for this period,

£8,360, gave us an excess of Income over Expenditure of £790. If we add to this the balance of £1,127 brought forward into 1961, we have a new balance for 1962 of £1,917. How we do praise God for this exciting experience. This has enabled us to move progressively forward, as I mentioned in my report this afternoon, concerning staff allowances and general maintenance and improvements.

What a testimony to His faithfulness! As one "old member" who called last week said, "My, it is wonderful; over 60 years and still going and progressing, too."

Then, of course, there are Gifts in Kind—a tremendous list.

There is so much more that could be said along these lines and bringing in other facets, too, but time will not allow. I am sure you will agree with me that what I have been able to bring to your notice this evening bears glorious witness to our Faithful God.

The *sixth* request for Prayer: "That the work of the Abridge Evangelical Free Church may progress, and for the raising up of a Pastor."

You have listened to our Pastor giving his first Report earlier. We do praise God for this answer to prayer and we are moved in our hearts at the goodness of the Lord in this way.

The *seventh* request for prayer: "That the constant preaching testimony may be used to the extension of His kingdom."

During the year of 1961 over 138 different places were visited, apart from Abridge and meetings here at home. We do thank God for the opportunity of being able to go out in His Name and share with others the experiences that are ours in Him, and to have fellowship with other Christians around His Word. Chatting with folks after meetings one has rejoiced in the knowledge that hearts have been reached and blessed. One young lad said: "I've been a Christian for a year, but I've backslidden. What ought I to do?" My reply: "Get up." After conversing for quite a time it was thrilling to watch him responding to the challenge of God's Word and the testimony of His work. Undoubtedly, the faith aspect of the Family is a very real challenge to a largely sceptical world.

It has been my joy to be asked to join the Board of Trustees of the Anstey Chapel in Hertfordshire. Mr. and Mrs. Prime were great friends of the Family, and their son and daughter are to-day. Also to serve as a Council Member of the Poona and Indian Village Mission has proved a blessing to me.

It is time to close. We have looked at the Seven Prayer Topics I felt led to suggest to you at the close of my last year's report, and we have briefly examined the results. In all we see the Hand of God at work. He has undertaken, guided, provided!

Will you covenant to pray with us for the present and future days? Last year we humbly committed ourselves to Him. This we do AGAIN with renewed confidence in our prayer-answering and faith-honouring God. This is His Family and we are prayer-partners together, at Abridge, Woodford and wherever you are. May we ever remember the challenge before us to-day: "EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOUR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT!"

Thank you all for coming. Thank you, the Family, for your part. Thank you, my dear wife, for your constant support. Together let us stand to sing our praise to Him—our Family anthem "How good is the God we adore." Amen.

HOLIDAYS AT LOWESTOFT

How the Family look forward to a fortnight by the seaside! Even before the school holidays commence there is constant excited chatter about what we are going to do on the sands and whether there will be any really big boats to see in the harbour this time.

As the time approaches the feeling of excitement becomes more evident and is undoubtedly increased by the numerous preparations for this holiday by the sea. We must check our bathing costumes, our beach wear, buckets and spades, lilos, sporting gear and tot up our pocket money. The day before we "set sail" is one of great activity—each member of the staff ensuring that everyone in her group has just what is needed to last two weeks. There are personal toys that **MUST** go, too, and last-minute suggestions that we ought to take this, just in case!

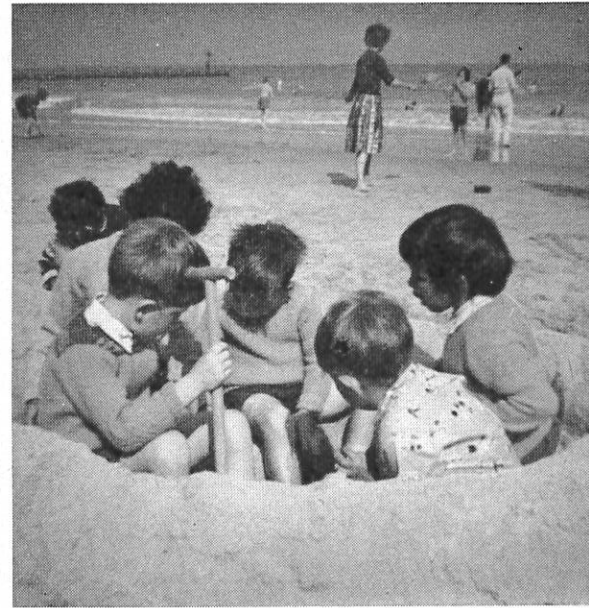
To-morrow we must make a good start in order to be ready when the coach arrives. Early to bed—no difficulty on this occasion—we're just bubbling over with excitement and longing for to-morrow.

Hurrah!—the day has come—in a few hours we shall be off and, my, what a grand time we are going to have! For a long time now we have asked the Lord Jesus to keep us well so that we can all go and we are just bursting to catch our first glimpse of the sea and sands again.

Mr. White and Keith left earlier yesterday to help with the preparations for our arrival at Southolme. When we arrive our beds will be ready and Mrs. Downes will not be too tired to give us her usual warm welcome.

At last we're off. We settle down in the coach trying to suppress our excitement, noting the places we pass and realising that as we journey on it will not be long before we arrive at Southolme High School, Kirkley Cliff. As we get near Ipswich we are aroused from our snoozing and reminded that in a few minutes we shall be turning off the main road to pull up at Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's farmhouse for refreshments. How exciting! Everything is so pretty, the farmhouse is old and enchanting, the garden delightful—there are lambs, horses, kittens and chickens to see. Set out on tables on the lawn is delicious fruit jelly and ice-cream, and we can have cold or hot drinks. For over an hour, with our driver, we either rest or scamper around the garden, try our skill at croquet or pay a visit to the animals. Clambering back into the coach, we are off on the last stretch of our journey. The weather is bright and we hope the sun will constantly shine, so that we can play every day on the beach and get really nice and brown.

At long last we see the sign "Lowestoft," and in a few moments we shall be there. Yes, there's the school. Out we rush, the boot



is opened—Mr. White and Keith, together with Felton, are there to welcome us and in next to no time we are greeting Mrs. Downes, rushing up to our bedrooms, making our beds and dashing off to the sea. It's a race as to who will be the first to splash in this year. The quiet holiday-makers look up and wonder what's going on—but we're not particularly concerned about them just at the moment. We have **ARRIVED**—this is our holiday! For one tiny tot it all seems so strange—lots of water and sand—overwhelming, in fact. He just stands and looks and looks. This is too good to be true! "I'm first." "The water's freezing!" "Where's my bucket?" Satisfied at last, we dry ourselves and walk slowly back to the house for high-tea. Really we are tired now and it won't be long before most of us are sound asleep, happily dreaming of the blue sea and golden sands.

No one over-sleeps next morning. Yes, we can actually see the water from the window—it's going to be a good warm day. Roll on, breakfast—and then off again.

After breakfast each day, we have our family prayers. Different members of the staff lead us from the Bible, using day by day a text from a letter of the word **LOWESTOFT**. My, can we sing! People look in as they pass and we hope they will catch the words we are singing, and be helped.

Visits to the harbour to see naval and fishing boats, watching the swing bridge in action—touring the shops to spend our very ample pocket money, digging castles, trying seriously to swim a few more

yards between the breakwaters, cricket, football and Jokari (hitting a ball tied to elastic), all fill in the days. Sunday is very special. We go off to church, enjoying a lovely walk by the sea. We see lots of people who obviously do not bother about Sundays, and we are sad. Can't they spend just one day with God? As we are all going out to the evening service, a special treat, the afternoon is spent resting or reading.

Two weeks go all too quickly. Not so long ago we were getting terribly excited because we were going away, and now it's time to pack up and return home. Yet, again, there is an air of joy and happy anticipation. Yes, we really have enjoyed ourselves! Wasn't that two-hour trip on the Oulton Broads wonderful, and the firework display, too; but there's no place quite like home. Aren't we funny? Longing to get away one moment and now longing to get home. We suppose this is what makes life so exciting!

All of us look well. We are brown and fit—ready for the return to school. We have little presents tucked away, bought with our own pocket money, for those special friends of ours. Buckets and spades look the worse for wear, and the lilo is now well patched. As we help to load up the coach and realise that our stay at the seaside has come to an end, we just can't help saying thank-you to Jesus for His wonderful kindness and watchful care over us all. No accidents—yes, we've had a lovely time!



On the Broads



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ANONYMOUS

Many folk send gifts to us anonymously, and we record below a list of such gifts so that these friends may be assured that their gifts have been safely received. We have thanked God for these gifts and commended the givers, known to Him, for His blessing.

1961.	Amount		Receipt No.
	£	s. d.	
January 13th	2	13 0	2865
January 19th	1	0 0	2890
January 23rd—"A Well-wisher"	1	0 0	2902
February 20th	10	0 0	3003
February 23rd	500	0 0	3012
February 27th—Barnet	1	0 0	3023
March 6th	2	0 0	3056
March 9th	1	0 0	3068
April 3rd—Halstead	20	0 0	3143
April 4th	2	0 0	3156
April 11th—Earls Colne	30	0 0	3180
April 21st—Halstead	25	0 0	3214
May 2nd	2	2 0	3243
May 2nd—Essex	35	0 0	3266
May 15th	1	0 0	3314
May 18th—Cranford	1	0 0	3325
May 30th	2	10 0	3358
June 19th	1	0 0	3422
June 22nd	5	0 0	3427
June 23rd	5	0 0	3432
June 26th	2	10 0	3433
June 26th	1	0 0	3443
June 29th	2	0 0	3450
July 4th	1	0 0	3467
July 10th	2	0 0	3488
July 12th	1	0 0	3505
July 21st—Worthing	1	0 0	3539
July 31st	1	0 0	3557
September 8th—"A Well-wisher"	1	0 0	3638
September 12th	12	0 0	3648
September 26th	5	0 0	3687
October 2nd	2	0 0	3707
October 9th—Romford	1	0 0	3741
October 25th	10	0 0	3800
November 6th—"V. J. L."	5	0 0	3832
November 7th	5	0 0	3846
November 21st—Godalming	25	0 0	3901
November 24th—"For Christmas"	1	10 0	3904
November 29th	4	0 0	11
December 1st	1	0 0	17
December 4th—"A Well-wisher," Leytonstone	1	0 0	28
December 5th	1	0 0	45
December 6th	1	0 0	62
December 7th	1	0 0	83
December 7th—Fillebrook	10	0 0	86
December 9th	10	0 0	117
December 14th	10	0 0	176
December 16th	10	0 0	218
December 27th—"A Well-wisher," Romford	5	0 0	332
December 27th—"For the Children," Enfield	2	0 0	342
December 27th—W.1	1	0 0	355
December 27th—Chingford	10	0 0	359

1962.	Amount		Receipt No.
	£	s. d.	
January 9th—W.C.	4	0 0	430
January 10th—Welwyn Garden City	1	0 0	436
January 15th—via South Woodford	10	0 0	459
January 19th—Woodford Green	2	0 0	477
January 22nd—Ilford	3	0 0	486
January 25th—Leytonstone	1	0 0	500
January 25th—Hatfield	1	0 0	504
January 27th—Rainham	1	0 0	508
January 30th—Chessington	5	0 0	517
February 8th	1	0 0	542
February 12th	1	0 0	548
February 21st—Halstead	6	0 0	581
February 26th—Llanelly	2	0 0	601
February 26th—Whyteleafe	1	0 0	603
March 6th—"First Fruits of O.A.P."	2	0 0	623
March 7th	1	10 0	628
April 11th	8	9 0	726
April 17th—Earls Colne	5	0 0	753
April 21st	1	0 0	772
April 24th—Paddington	1	0 0	776
April 25th	1	0 0	781
May 1st	10	0 0	809
May 1st—Worthing	10	0 0	816
May 30th—Ilford	1	0 0	920
June 12th—Barnet	1	0 0	956
June 18th—Loughton	1	10 0	974
June 21st—"A Friend—Loughton"	10	0 0	981
June 25th	10	0 0	994
July 3rd	1	0 0	1019
July 12th	1	0 0	1050
July 12th—E.2	1	5 0	1052
July 13th	4	0 0	1053
August 9th—Ruislip	1	0 0	1122
August 23rd—Hatfield	1	0 0	1159
August 23rd	10	0 0	1163
September 6th—"A Friend"	1	0 0	1175
September 26th—Tottenham	10	0 0	1239
September 26th—"Thank Offering"	10	0 0	1242
September 27th—St. Albans	1	0 0	1240
September 27th	6	0 0	1249
October 8th—Romford	2	0 0	1291
October 10th	1	10 0	1303
October 15th	1	0 0	1311
October 18th	1	0 0	1329
October 19th	1	0 0	1331
November 9th—Epping Green	2	6 0	1404
November 14th—Chingford	5	0 0	1424
November 21st—Earls Colne	10	0 0	1450
November 29th	1	0 0	1482
December 4th—Welwyn Garden City	1	0 0	1518
December 10th—Guildford	1	10 0	1547
December 10th—Guildford	5	0 0	1548
December 11th	1	0 0	1579
December 13th	1	0 0	1604
December 14th	1	0 0	1612
December 15th—Barkingside	2	6 0	1618
December 15th—Battersea	10	0 0	1624
December 15th—Worthing	1	0 0	1634
December 17th—Guildford	1	0 0	1644
December 20th	10	0 0	1687
December 21st	10	0 0	1722
December 22nd—Ipswich	1	0 0	1727
December 24th	3	0 0	1736
December 28th	1	0 0	1801

HARVEST GIFTS, 1962

We are most grateful to the following for sharing their "Harvest Thanksgiving" with us.

Muir Beddall Christian Fellowship Manor Hall, Boreham Wood	Broadmead Baptist Church, Woodford Green
Lanes End Evangelical Church	Keswick Hall Evangelical Free Church, Walthamstow
Newcomen Evangelical Church, Leytonstone	Ebenezer Chapel, Ash
Moor Lane Chapel, Cranham	Ongar Congregational Church
Meldrum Sunday School, Goodmayes	Full Gospel Church, Chadwell Heath
Rise Park Chapel, Romford	Canfield Road Chapel, Woodford Bridge
Leytonstone High Road Methodist Church	Halling Baptist Church
West Worthing Independent Evangelical Church	East London Tabernacle Sunday School
Beginners' Department, Winchester Road Methodist Sunday School, Highams Park	Abridge County Primary School, Junior Class
Ley Street Gospel Hall, Ilford	Chessington Evangelical Church
Railway Mission, Stratford	Fairlop Gospel Hall, Barkingside
Woodford Green United Free Church	Downsell County Junior School, Leyton
Elm Park Baptist Church	Cranham Baptist Church
Tottenham Baptist Church Sunday School	North Chingford Methodist Church
Waltham Abbey Baptist Church	Canvey Island Baptist Church
Upshire Free Church	Compton Primary School, E.C.1
Watford Baptist Tabernacle Sunday School	Claybury Park Baptist Church
Springfield Hall, Tottenham	Thomas Gamuel Junior School, Walthamstow
St. Lawrence's Church, Barkingside	Central Baptist Church, Walthamstow
Grove Road Evangelical Church, South Woodford	Ingrave Hall, Romford
Wanstead Congregational Church	Squirrels Heath Primary School, Romford
Fryerns Baptist Church, Basildon	Salway Hall Sunday School, Woodford Green
Sherm Hall Road Methodist Church	Christchurch, Leyton
Hook Evangelical Church	Fellowship House, Welwyn Garden City
Mill Lane Gospel Hall, High Ongar	Stockwell Baptist Church
Feering Faith Mission	Woodford Baptist Church
Ashley Hall, St. Albans	Kentish Town Evangelical Church
Great Munden Gospel Hall	Sewardstone Methodist Church, E.4
Squirrels Heath County Infants' School, Romford	Haverling-atte-Bower Parish Church
Cambridge Hall, Edmonton	Stapleford Abbots Church
Harold Hill Christian Community Mission	Harefield Hall, Harlow
	Wangey Road Chapel, Chadwell Heath
	Lillechurch Gospel Hall, Dagenham

Kenton Evangelical Church	Lambourne Parish Church
Cann Hall County Infants' School, Leytonstone	Chapel of Ease, Abridge
Abridge Evangelical Free Church	Waltham Cross Baptist Church
North Enfield Christian Fellowship	St. Mary Magdalene Primary School, Liverpool Road, N.7.
Churchfields Infants' School, South Woodford	Barclay County Infants' School, Leyton.
Grafton Infants' School, Dagenham	Hereward Infants' School, Loughton
Hope Baptist Chapel, Forest Gate	Epping Baptist Church
Thaxted Baptist Church	Higham Hill Infants' School, Walthamstow
Chase Cross Baptist Church, Romford	Chadwell Junior School, Chadwell Heath
Abridge County Primary School	
All Saints' Church, Woodford Green	
Brondebury Baptist Church	



CHRISTMAS, 1962

Gifts of toys, books, games, hand-made garments, hot-water bottles, sweets, teenage presents, hand-painted pictures, cakes, biscuits, crackers, groceries, turkeys, mince-pies, ham, Christmas trees, cordials, holly, tooth-brushes, decorations and serviettes received from:—

Eldon Road Baptist Church Women's Meeting Wood Green Peterborough Harringay E.C.3 Hounslow Leytonstone N.3 Kilburn Evangelical Church Sunday School Goldings Hill Free Church Sunday School Barton-under-Needwood Highams Park N.W.1 Westcliff Girl Crusaders South Woodford All Hallows Church, E.C.3 Brighton Gravesend Dr. Barnardo's Christian Fellowship and Scotch House London Colney Baptist Church Sunday School Southend Bowers Gifford Marchwood Gospel Church Women's Fellowship Cann Hall Baptist Church Seven Kings Ilford St. Lawrence's Church, Barkingside Chingford Congregational Church Christ Church, Leyton Chelmsford Muir Beddall Christian Fellowship Waltham Cross Tottenham Sudbury E.8 Wickford Baptist Church Sunday School	Cranbrook Baptist Church Primary Department Waltham New Town Mission Leyton Epping Upland Welwyn Garden City Lower Willingdon St. Edmund's Church, Chingford Romford Spruce Hill Baptist Church Goodman Memorial Mission Springfield Park Baptist Sunday School, Chelmsford Woodford District Guides and Brownies Canvey Island Baptist Sunday School Chadwell Heath Baptist Church Over 18's Bible Class Leigh Road Baptist Women's Meeting Rush Green Hall, Romford Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church Sunday School Hoddesdon Congregational Women's Sewing Hour Earls Colne "Guardian" Newspapers The Staff of Willings Advertising Co. Ltd., W.C.1 S.W.8 Nottingham Maulden Baptist Church Tintagel House Christian Fellowship The Staff of Barclays Bank, Ltd., E.C.4 Shern Hall Methodist Sunday School Matthews Memorial Sunday School Nazeing Congregational Church Hele Baptist Sunday School 1st Welwyn Garden City Company, G.L.B. Taylor Controls Social Club
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CHRISTMAS, 1962 (cont.)

Manor Hall Sunday School, Boreham Wood 13th Walthamstow Boys Scouts Group Liverpool Gorleston Technical High School, Great Yarmouth Ashurst Drive Baptist Women's Meeting St. Luke's Church, Walthamstow Maidstone People's Hall, Plumstead Little Waltham Congregational Church Hook Evangelical Church Girl Campaigners Finchley Girl Crusaders The Staff of William Olivers (Rubber) Ltd. Highams Park Methodist Junior Guild Woodford Green Walthamstow Brondesbury Baptist Sunday School Chelmsford Girl Crusaders Basildon Edmonton	Wadham Hall Sunday School St. Francis Church, Chingford— Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies Bedfont Evangelical Church Highams Park Osborne Hall Congregational Church Missionary Working Party The Staff of the Performing Rights Society, W.1 Waverley Road Neighbours Stapleford Abbots Fullers Road Junior Church West Ham Tabernacle Grove Road Evangelical Church All Saints' Church, Woodford Green E.3 Wanstead Ingaway Chapel Sunday School Ardleigh Green Baptist Church Chingford Abridge Hornsey Leyton Oegstgeest, Holland Clarence Road Central Baptist Church, Southend West Ham Parish Church
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THE CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1961.

	1960	£	s.	d.	1960	£	s.	d.
194 To Rates, Taxes and Insurance	315	11	1	187	By Covenants ... ..	...	...	...
410 " Heat and Light	819	7	2	3,682	" Subscriptions and Donations ... ..	...	...	275 14 1
556 " Postage, Printing, Stationery and Telephone	665	9	8	259	" Box Holders ... ..	...	...	4,586 4 8
1,147 " Provisions	2,075	0	0	4	" Shoe Fund and Pound Day ... ..	...	...	278 7 4
185 " Furniture, Linen, Clothes and Shoes	900	14	8	253	" Legacies ... ..	...	...	24 0 0
154 " Household Expenses	396	8	9	1,034	" Payments Received on Account of Children ... ..	...	...	2,127 18 5
712 " Staff Allowance and National Insurance	1,060	9	0	—	" Interest on Deposit Account ... ..	...	...	1,681 13 0
141 " Gifts to Staff (Holidays), Donation and Pocket Money Schemes	415	10	3	86	" Gifts for Holidays ... ..	...	...	11 0 0
22 " Medical Supplies	40	8	6	—	" Proceeds of Sale of Motor Car ... ..	...	...	95 18 5
128 " Travelling and Excursion Expenses	216	15	8	—				78 0 6
36 " Repairs to Property	622	7	7					
180 " General Repairs and Renewals	594	0	10					
18 " Incidental Expenses	35	10	7					
175 " Holidays	201	19	0					
	8,359	12	9					
4,058 " Transfer, Special Fund	11	0	0					
1,447 " Transfer, Accumulated Fund	788	3	8					
	£9,148	7	5					
	£5,505							£9,148 7 5

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1961

	1960	£	s.	d.	1960	£	s.	d.
INVESTED FUNDS								
The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall	2,250	0	0		FREEHOLD PROPERTY			
The Doctor F. E. Marsh Gift	1,700	0	0		The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall	2,250	0	0
The Mr. and Mrs. William Stark Gift	1,150	0	0		18/24, Crescent Road, Woodford	1,700	0	0
	5,100	0	0		8/10, Crescent Road, Woodford	1,150	0	0
SPECIAL FUND.								
Balance at 1st January, 1961	15	15	8		DEPOSIT ACCOUNT			
Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	11	0	0		HOME ACCOUNT			
	26	15	8		Garage and Shed	98	3	0
ACCUMULATED FUND					Household Furniture, etc.	500	0	0
Balance at 1st January, 1961	1,787	11	11		Prepayment	76	18	5
Add: Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	788	3	8		Current Bank Account	1,911	17	7
	2,575	15	7		Cash in Hand	7	6	7
	1,788							
	£6,904				Less: Sundry Creditors	2,594	5	7
						18	10	0
								2,575 15 7
	£6,904							£7,692 2 3

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 6th day of March, 1962.

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

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



A wedding picture of Kay (who came to our Family at the age of four) and Tony.



Jackie



Feeding the Lambs.

On our way to and from Lowestoft we called at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, just outside Ipswich. It is exciting for town children to handle farm animals.



Having lunch by the sea.