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EDITORIAL

Dear Prayer Partners,

What does this year of 1967 hold?

Well, for us it seems certain to be a very busy year indeed. There are at present 45 of us making up the Family Circle and our average age range is younger than ever before. This Summer, several will be leaving school, which means that we are now in consultation with the schools concerned as to suitable posts for them. We shall also have to reorganise for their continued accommodation within the Family.

With 'wider thoughts' in mind we are earnestly praying for guidance as to whether we should continue just to care for children, or broaden our help in other practical ways to the parents and also some 'old' family members, who have not been able to settle well and need our further assistance. Pray with us.

A new and interesting venture is that we shall be having candidates from the Poona and Indian Village Mission, for a period of three months, prior to a final decision of acceptance by the Mission. This arrangement could well prove beneficial, both to the P.I.V.M. and ourselves.

It was my privilege to visit the Field, Nasrapur, near Poona, Western India, during November last. I accompanied the Revd. G. Hemming, our U.K. Chairman, to a special Conference where vital decisions were taken relating to the future. Our travelling expenses were covered by Christian friends and we were very grateful for this.

We experienced much blessing and felt the Presence of the Lord in a very marked way. However, we were both deeply disturbed by the serious situation out there. Pray for all Christian workers, that they may be sustained as they seek to bring the Good News of Salvation to the multitudes in darkness. Pray for the millions in their physical and spiritual need.

You will rejoice with us as you look through the accounts and realise the abundant provision for all our material needs. Among other things we shall now be able to undertake the necessary maintenance and decoration to our property. Praise the Lord!

We are looking forward to a very exciting and new experience—a Family holiday during the Spring Bank Holiday week. A Middlesex firm is making it financially possible to go to Herne Bay Court. We are most grateful to them. Planning for the long Summer holidays is in hand and we feel confident that everything will be happily arranged before long.

What a real joy it will be to meet many of you on the occasion of 'OUR DAY' on Saturday, 6th May. We welcome you here at Crescent Road for the afternoon and to our Thanksgiving Service at All Saints' Church, Woodford Wells, at 5.30

p.m. Prior to this there will be an organ and piano recital in the Church.

As a Family we do thank you for your constant prayerful and practical support. Continue with us as we journey on through 1967. Pray earnestly that we may be guided specifically in every step we take to meet the changing needs. Problems abound and Satan is ever enlarging them to our discomfort, but we 'know in Whom we have believed and are persuaded, that He is able to keep that which is committed unto Him against that day'. Hallelujah!

God bless you,

Yours sincerely in Him,

Victor J. White



Two "Old" Boys in deep discussion at Christmastime

' OUR DAY ', 7th MAY, 1966

Awakening to hear the heavy patter of rain—and to see a dark sky which gave every indication of continued rain—we asked the dear Lord to undertake. This was the Day when many folk from near and far would meet to praise Him for His faithfulness throughout another year.

Throughout the morning, at All Saints' Church, Woodford and the sun shone fitfully at first, and then brightly. By lunch time there was very little to show for the heavy downpour of the night before, except that the flowers looked so fresh and the grass so green.

Throughout the morning, at All Saints' Church, Woodford Wells, Peter Macdonald and Keith White were rehearsing on the organ and piano, and then from 4.45 p.m. until the Service began at 5.30 p.m., gave a recital which was greatly appreciated by the large congregation.

All the Family seemed to be busy helping. Final tidying up—sandwiches to prepare—tables to set—'old boys and girls' to welcome—cups of tea—numerous 'phone calls asking for direction to the Church and wishing us God's blessing.

Following dinner, the parties began to arrive—by coach and car—by bus and train—all happily moving upon our home at 8-26 Crescent Road. How busy were the young stewards—how interested was everyone to walk round the houses and see for themselves. Quickly enough the time went by. Parties of folk were sent up to All Saints' Church Hall for tea, where Mrs. C. Curtis was superintending a group of happy volunteers.

By 4.30 p.m. there was a general exodus from Crescent Road—all wanted to get a good seat at the Church and if possible to be in time for the recital.

Mr. George Tryon conducted the large congregation in the singing of "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" and then the Chairman, Mr. Peter Warren, headmaster of Cheshunt Grammar School, gave a warm welcome to all.

The Revd. Melville Scutt, Vicar of All Saints' Church, after a brief word of personal welcome on behalf of his church, committed the meeting to God in Prayer.

The kiddies seemed to excel themselves—their singing and recitation were a real delight. Throughout the meeting there was an air of expectancy—a real controlled bubbling over with praise to God, for the blessings received during the year past and happy and confident anticipations for the year to come. My, how the congregation sang the well-known hymns!

Early in the meeting Mr. Victor White gave us 'Extracts from the Diary':—

Of course our Diary is just full of information concerning every kind of situation and experience imaginable. I have decided to open it at the 16th May last year—the Sunday following "Our Day".

The children's morning greetings were something like this—"Smashing day, yesterday, wasn't it?" "Did I do well?" "Was I good?" "Weren't there a lot of people?" "I was so busy showing people round, I missed my tea." "Feels a bit flat now, doesn't it?" And, "Thank you for a really lovely day!"

After dinner and before going to Sunday School, we sat in the lounge and listened to recordings of "Our Day". There were smiles of delight as one and another recognised a familiar voice. Odd glances, too!

Returning from Church at 8 p.m., over 100 people gathered for our monthly 'Sing-Song'. The atmosphere created by 'Our Day' made it an extra special evening. Mr. George Tryon came for the first time, and stimulated us all with the challenge, "It doesn't matter what **you** think: it doesn't matter, or make any difference, what **I** think. What does matter is what **GOD SAYS**. God says, that you are either for Him or against Him—there is no middle road."

Monday, 17th May. We received a letter from an 'old' boy, just 14 years of age. 'Thank you for an enjoyable day. I arrived home safely, as you can see from this letter. It was nice to see all the old faces. As I watched the children perform, I remembered when I was up on the stage in front of so many people, and I sang a note that shouldn't have been there. I liked looking round and seeing the improvements you have made over the past years. Can't think of anything else—God bless you.'

Wednesday, 19th May. Some of the Family visited our Dental Surgeon, Mr. Stephen Smith. All the youngsters see him at least twice a year and usually enjoy the time off from school! The ride up and down in the 'chair' is a real thrill! One child saw the Dentist and Chiropodist the same day—repaired both ends! Many thanks to both our friends.

Tuesday, 25th May. I returned from a committee meeting to hear that Alaine's knee had been wedged in a tree for nearly an hour. Apparently a saw and a crowbar were eventually used to release her. Let's hope that victim and on-lookers learned a lesson!

Wednesday, 26th May. Early in the day. Children are at school, tiny tots are playing, staff have their feet up! All is peace and quiet? Well, that's the picture some folk have. Actually, there are 70 rooms to clean: the washing, ironing, mending, meals to prepare, office work, meetings, sick nursing, visiting, etc., etc. It's full time, I assure you. This afternoon 30 womenfolk travelled from St. Albans by coach

to see us. As they toured the buildings we related some of the sad, amusing and wonderful stories of the past. For example—we might tell of the boys who one night (in the very early days of the Family) found themselves with a penny to spend, between the twelve of them! Secretively, plans were made. They went to bed obediently and quietly and, I might add, most unusually. Well-manufactured snores told the staff that they could relax for the evening. Amazing how these youngsters change, they **thought!** One lad, on the look out, breaks the news that the coast is clear. Another, chosen for his light weight and bravery, quickly dresses, whilst others knot the sheets together and in no time the nimble lad climbs down the sheets to the pavement below. Up to George Lane he goes to buy ONE PENNYWORTH OF PEASE PUDDING! Home again, the sheets are lowered and he is back again with his shopping. The pease pudding is handed over for CAREFUL distribution—hands are cupped together and each boy receives a wallop of pease pudding. Those were the days! I see that Mr. Cowling down below there, one of our 'old' boys, over 70 years of age, is smiling broadly—he knows a thing or two.

Back to the Diary, 26th May. In the evening I visited Pound Lane Mission, Pitsea, where Terry, an 'old' boy, now married, is very active. He and his wife commenced a Young Sowers' League branch in their home, and my wife, with some of our own Y.S.L. Members, have visited them on occasions.

2nd June. We received a letter from Hockley today. This was from an 'old' boy who, incidentally, married one of our attractive young helpers.

"I am writing to ask you to give me a reference of character. I have written to the G.P.O. Engineering Dept. about a job and they wanted a name and address, so I thought of you. Hope you don't mind. We do hope that you are keeping well. It was so nice to see you all at the Annual again—we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I expect you are now preparing for and looking forward to the holidays.

3rd July. At 7 a.m. we meet in the kitchen for a cup of tea and prayer. We need this prayerful pause before the busy day begins. Then to awaken the little darlings. One little girl is particularly happy, it's her birthday. There's general excitement. Presents to undo—cards to read—happy birthday to sing and a loud persistent call for speech to be answered. Almost as rowdy as the House of Commons sometimes! Later in the day there is a special birthday cake. Miss Baker has some very original ideas, all sorts of things find themselves on top of the most vivid coloured icing you've ever seen. The candles are lit, blown out in one go, and then the cake shared round. Of course, the older ones of the Family, 13 and over, probably choose to have a special supper—my, what a feast, too!

5th July. My wife and I awaken early, realising that we shall soon be off to Barry in South Wales to take Mrs. Savage and her son down to join her husband, an 'old' boy, who is studying for the ministry. On the way back we make a three-hour call to see Derek, now living in Newnham, Gloucester, who, until he reached the age of 15, was in the Family here. He then needed special care. It was good to see him, to take him out to tea, to visit the farm where he is working and notice his concern for his younger brothers and sister, still with us. Mr. Jenkin knows quite a lot about Derek and we have been most encouraged by his personal interest in this case.

6th July. Great excitement today. Irene, one of our 'old' girls, is coming for the day. Her home is in Johannesburg, but her husband and children have sent her to spend a holiday back in the homeland. Her young sister and mother, who now live in Kent, came with her. We had a most enlightening day listening to her varied experiences and sharing ours with her. At prayer-time she gave a little talk to the children. As a young lass in the Family she used to take a leading part on "Our Day" and some of you may remember her recitation of "Paul before Agrippa".

Thursday, 8th July. A lovely summer day. Junior School sports day. Our youngsters did very well and gained points for their respective house teams. An interesting point—the average age of our Family is younger now than it has ever been. There are five under 5 years and 16 of Primary School age! Doreen is at work, Keith is teaching. It seems hardly possible, but John will be leaving school before long. Jackie and Lynda are now tackling the extended school course, with R.S.A. exams looming up in the autumn. Anita takes her "O" level G.C.E. in June and has been accepted at a nearby College to study there on a two-year pre-nursing course. She heard only yesterday of another R.S.A. exam success. Our other senior scholars are fitting nicely into school life—do pray for them all.

14th July. Being the second Wednesday in the month we had our Family Prayer Meeting in the afternoon. Just a small group of local Christian friends gathered with us, to thank God for the blessings of the past month and to commit the Family to Him for the days ahead. On this occasion Mr. Cyril Davey, Pastor of the Abridge Evangelical Free Church, gave us a word. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davey ask for our continued prayer support. They have been working at Abridge for four and a half years with a small band of faithful workers there, and they praise God for some encouragement by the way. It is so good to see Abridge folk here this evening and we are grateful to those of you who have helped in the preparations for this day.

21st July. As teachers sigh with relief at the prospect of summer holidays we gird ourselves for the long seven weeks. It's not so bad as that really, especially when we have two weeks at the seaside or on a farm, to look forward to.

27th July. Received a letter from Auckland, New Zealand, from one of our 'old' girls. "Thanks for your letter. It's good to hear from Woodford and about the children I knew when I was there. It seems an awful long time since I saw any of you. I really would like to spend a few weeks in England again, to see old faces and places. If we had the money I would be over, but we haven't so here I must stay and be content with letters. So glad you liked the snaps of our children. Aren't they growing rapidly! Kevin had to go to the school dental clinic the other day to have a tooth filled. They have a clinic in every school over here, because the children's teeth are so bad. It's something to do with the water, I think. They've been talking about putting fluoride in the water supply for months, but so many of the people here say they don't want it because it's poison and they've already got false teeth, so they won't need it! I ask you, how stupid can people get? I'd just like them to have heard the commotion going on when young Kevin was having his treatment the other day. Well, that's all for now. Lots of love."

28th July. In the evening Mr. Victor Levett came from Chalkwell to take a Bible Reading with our staff and teenagers. He has been coming every other week and his deep knowledge of God's word applied to everyday living in a very practical way, has proved most helpful to us all.

Saturday, 7th August. Today Charles, a well-loved member of our Family, was married to Susan at Salway Hall. This was a very happy occasion. Incidentally, Susan has taken charge of the teas in the adjacent hall this afternoon. We do thank her and her helpers very much indeed. Interesting to note here that since the last war we have had six wedding receptions at home—if you want to be "given away", see me afterwards!

11th August. I returned from West Worthing with Mrs. Gilbert and her group of little children. My, what a journey! Early on route the exhaust gasket blew. What a hullabaloo! I had developed a high temperature and it was a hot and tiring journey. Nearly home and seeking to keep the car as quiet as possible, we drove carefully into Leytonstone but, unfortunately, had to stop at some traffic lights. There was a colossal back-fire. A police car nestling at the kerbside drew out and followed us all the way into Crescent Road. The folk waiting to welcome us looked with concern as we pulled up with the police car on our tail. A tense moment, then out jumped the driver, who was none other than an 'old' boy. "I recognised you and thought I had better escort you home. My, what a row you were making," he said.



Little Ones
on Holiday at
West Worthing

14th August. 11.30 p.m. All is quiet. Suddenly, a doorbell rings. On with my dressing gown and downstairs, to find young David, who went back to live with his widowed mother, on the door step. Returning from the motor-cycle races at Silverstone, his motor-cycle blew up. "I was only doing 97 miles an hour," he said. We asked the police to let his mother know that he was safe and then bedded him down for the night.

15th August. Letter received in today's post, typical of many: "We feel that the Lord would have us send you a small gift towards the support of your Family. We assure you of our prayers for God's blessing upon His Work." How we do value this prayer support.

7th September. The seven-week summer holiday is almost over. We had just had lunch when much to our surprise Bobbie and Rosie called. They were both in the Family here in 1910. I personally hadn't seen Bobbie before, but once we got on the same 'wavelength' we were away. Of course Mother, Mrs. Gilbert and my brother remembered them both well. It was a very happy afternoon.

8th September. Back to school. Winter clothes will soon have to be taken out of moth balls. Hardly any will fit, for everyone has grown so much, both ways. There is a tremendous amount of work attached to the clothing of our Family and I must say how much I appreciate the way the ladies cope with this. The children arrived home from school today with all sorts of news. Domenico cross-country house captain. Jean register monitor. Stephen form captain. Karen class monitor. Megan prefect. Anita prefect and house vice-captain. Jackie librarian monitor. Perrin junior house vice-captain. Alwyn form vice-captain. All sorts of other news besides. A very exciting tea-time. Some of these positions have been changed and added to during the year.

9th September. Just before breakfast there's a shout, "The rabbit's out!" We have a little pile of logs in our orchard and this particular bunny is well aware of this. Bless his little heart. We had to move log after log until we managed to grab his ears! Debbie is unwell today—in bed with a temperature of 104. Dr. Baker kindly called and prescribed the necessary. We really haven't had to worry Dr. Smith or Dr. Baker very often during the year, but we do thank them for their help when required.

4th October. Some missionaries and missionary candidates arrived for a Poona and Indian Village Mission candidates' course, to last four days. This proved to be a very useful time for all concerned and we were most happy to welcome these friends into our Family circle. The children were on their best behaviour throughout this time. Mrs. White was overwhelmed when a three-year-old pickle of a boy opened the door for her and standing back said: "After



Frinton



A Tour Round the Farm



On Saturday Afternoon with Daddy

you!" Keith heard today that he had been accepted by Hertford College, Oxford. We all felt this to be God's undertaking for him and as a Family take this opportunity of wishing him every success as he goes there in October. We shall miss him, and not least for his musical talent. All but one of the pieces sung today were written and composed by him.

8th October. Sarah, a two-year-old, joined the Family today. We had all prepared to welcome her. A little bed was made up in the nursery and a place designated at the meal table. Being so small she was very quiet and shy. My, she's so different now, and I'm hoping that in a short while you will see her for yourselves when the tiny tots sing.

15th October. With the coming of winter the Badminton Club started up. From what I hear, it has been one of the best seasons, with new members joining, and an improved standard of play.

25th October. Following an urgent 'phone call from a Christian friend yesterday we went to collect a family of five children aged two to nine. It was a big surprise for our kiddies when arriving home from school to meet five new friends.

Saturday, 4th December. Two children went along to our optician, Mr. Hole, to collect glasses for which they had been tested recently. Sincere thanks to Mr. Hole. As we move on into this month, preparation for Christmas gathers momentum. I would love to stop and share with you the joy and the happy anticipation of these days. You must read the "Links" if you want to know more.

31st December. The last day of the calendar year and the last day of the financial year for us. We looked back and recalled the very real challenge on the 1st January as to the possibility of all the needs being met for 1965. Our message then was "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and for ever". It was with gratitude and praise to God that we eventually closed the books with a small balance of £68 in hand. Payments for the whole year totalled £8,173. Our income for the same period was £7,754. Using a balance brought forward from the previous year, we were able to step into 1966 with every commitment met, including the support of the Abridge Evangelical Free Church.

With 1966 before us we came before the Lord seeking His guidance. We felt that this must be a year for "taking stock". It is wise to do this from time to time, otherwise one is liable to get into a rut, even in Christian service. We recognised the need to look into every aspect of our Family life, and this we are doing now. Do please pray with us as we seek to know His will.

6th January, 1966. It's amazing how the hair grows. Today Mrs. Howard Smith came along to give the girls a trim. We do thank her for her help in this way.

7th January. Two children went to the Chest Clinic for a check.

Let's take a quick look at what happens, apart from bathing, play, homework, etc., in the evenings of an average week:—

Monday—Mr. Ronald Brewster arrived from Harlow to help the children with their sums. He has endless patience and a very attractive way of putting things over. Laura went to Jucos at Grove Road.

Tuesday—Carl went to Life-boys at Woodford Baptist Church. Miss Leary arrived for music lessons. Incidentally, she has been coming for 16 years now and we are most grateful to her. Lynda and Jean went to Covenanters.

Wednesday—Alwyn, Megan and Peggy went to Girls' Brigade at the Baptist Church, and Perrin, Karen and Alaine to Jucos at Latchett Church.

Thursday—Stephen and little Jackie went along to the "66" Club. Mr. Dalton and friends came to continue to build up the railway track in our train room. When you were looking round at home I do hope you saw this. Many thanks to Mr. Mr. Dalton and Co. The Young Sowers' League Meeting was held in our Hall for all over nine years of age.

Friday—Karen went to a music lesson with Mr. John Turner. We do thank him for his kind help in this way. She is also learning the 'cello at school and has passed Grade 3 with distinction. There was a badminton match this evening—we won!

Saturday—Youth for Christ Rally in our Hall. An encouraging evening and we are very happy to be able to accommodate Y.F.C. in this way. So ends another week.

20th January. Received a letter today from Devon: "Dear Mum and Dad—Thank you very much for the lovely toy rabbit you sent Nigel for Christmas. I expect you all had a lovely time with plenty to do and lots of 'old' boys and girls. I always get homesick at Christmas as I look back and remember the grand times we used to have. Most of all, perhaps, I miss the carol services where we remembered the true meaning of Christmas. How many people today, I wonder, realise it's not just a time for eating and drinking, giving and receiving presents, but we are celebrating the birthday of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless and guide you in another year's work. All our love."

24th January. Monday morning. All sorts of things are needed for school each day. When **you** get in a panic in the morning as your one or two go off to school, please spare a thought for us! Dinner money: homework: letter needed because of absence from school: a button or buckle comes off at the last minute: ingredients or money needed for domestic science: a woodwork apron must be taken: swimming things, where are they?: "I want a book on London—we're working

on it today": John must catch his special bus. Quite a time!

27th January. A more serious note. Can you take into your Family a baby of eight weeks? Many and varied are the requests for help and if we are not able to do so ourselves we seek to give useful advice. We do covet your prayers for guidance in these serious decisions.

28th January. 9.10 a.m. As a staff we meet for prayer. This is difficult to arrange with so many tiny tots, for someone has to be with them. We chat together and discuss the problems (I'm not **only** referring to the children), and then share the post together. Following our Bible reading we spend a time in prayer. There is so much to pray about and we really need His help. I wish I had more time in which to read to you from many of the letters we receive, but to suffice at this point I will quote from two: From Northfleet, "Please find enclosed £1. I do wish it was more, but I am an A.O.P. I used to go to your 'Our Day' when I was younger and your father was alive. God bless you all." From Thorpe Bay, "My husband and I feel led of our Lord to send the enclosed cheque for £100 as a special donation to be used at your discretion. With our prayerful best wishes for God's blessing on you and the Family."

10th February. The Young Sowers' League Fourth Birthday. We had a special tea, inviting friends and neighbours. The oldest neighbour present lit the candles for us—it was his birthday, too!

Y.S.L. encourages the young folk to get to know the Scriptures. Prizes are awarded and many of our members have won certificates, New Testaments, Bibles, and one a Concordance. Alwyn has just completed her 500 questions and has earned her Bible. Lynda has gone beyond this to earn a Concordance. It is my joy now to ask Mrs. Warren, wife of our Chairman today, to present prizes to these two young folk.

17th February. Miss Baker went to the Baptist Women's League at Theydon Bois. There are numerous invitations to speak at all kinds of meetings and I have noted from the diary that at least 150 were accepted during the year, covering a wide field of denominations, schools and colleges, etc. These are great opportunities for God. We should value your prayers as we seek to serve Him in this way.

25th February. No sooner are the children back at school than they are home again. It's half term! Special trips to London to visit the museums and other places of interest.

4th March. Trustees' Meeting. We had lunch together and chatted over the experiences of the year, recalling God's unfailing goodness. His unchangeableness. We are able to share with our Trustees some of the things we are not able share with you now. The Trustees expressed their particular

appreciation for all that Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Baker do. Day in, day out, they plod on. Often tired, sometimes unwell, but caught up in the never-ceasing movement of such a Family as ours. God bless you. They are assisted by two junior helpers, Janice and Rachel. It is appropriate here to mention the valuable work done in the office by Miss Brown and others who help on the domestic side: Mrs. Reeves, Miss Lee, Mrs. Wombwell, Mrs. McNeil and my brother, too. There are folk who kindly pop in from time to time, but I can't mention every name. We are of course delighted that Mother is with us today and value tremendously her constant prayer support.

8th March. Two of the Family are off to their friend's birthday party. Such "expeditions" are quite frequent—both ways.

14th March. A 'phone call. The inevitable—young John has broken his leg at school. Can we go at once to King George Hospital to bring him home. My wife drops everything and goes. Bless him—although shaken, he has taken it very well.

19th March. The wedding of Miss Edwards, who was on our staff for a while and has been helping here today. Miss Baker and Jackie represented the Family on this happy occasion.

26th March. Boat Race day. Obvious pressure now on to support Oxford! Personally I always have. Of course, Oxford won easily.

30th March. The mending had to be put aside this morning because John had to attend the hospital for check-up. Left at 8.20 a.m. and returned in time for dinner!

8th April, Good Friday. We had Family Worship in the lounge, to which our neighbours were invited. As we read together the wonderful story of the "Christ of the Cross" we realised among other things that, but for Him, our Family wouldn't be.

9th April. Doreen's 21st birthday celebration. Forty friends were invited, including her fiancé and relatives. We spent a very happy time together. Doreen has been a member of our Family for 16 years.

14th April. SNOW! We prepared tea for 40 people. At 2.45 p.m. we heard by telephone that the visit was cancelled because of the weather. My, what a feast we had! We are all wondering how Keith is getting on. He is in solitary confinement for seven days in a tent, in a wood at Ugley, near Bishop's Stortford. Quite voluntary, this, to see if it is possible to be alone for seven days and also to spend uninterrupted study on the book of the Revelation. This proved to be a tremendous experience and a blessing for him.

16th April. A parent arrived with a little budgerigar. One of ours had died earlier in the week and this parent, knowing of the children's sadness, provided a new wife for Joey. We

also have a dog, cat, bunnies and guinea-pigs, and their care is meticulously supervised by Anita with Jean's capable help.

18th April. I spent quite a long time today with the children, going through their school reports, congratulating and encouraging as necessary.

25th April. After school hours, four of our Family went along to see Mr. Roberts, our chiropodist. The Jucos at Grove Road had a special evening when Gladys Aylward was the speaker. Sometimes we feel we are getting too old for our job, but Gladys Aylward is still increasing her Chinese family at the age of 60!

28th April. An 'old' boy, realising "Our Day" is getting near, called and did some necessary gardening

29th April. My wife took Tina to see a specialist at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

30th April. A parent came to help with the garden. Don't all rush!

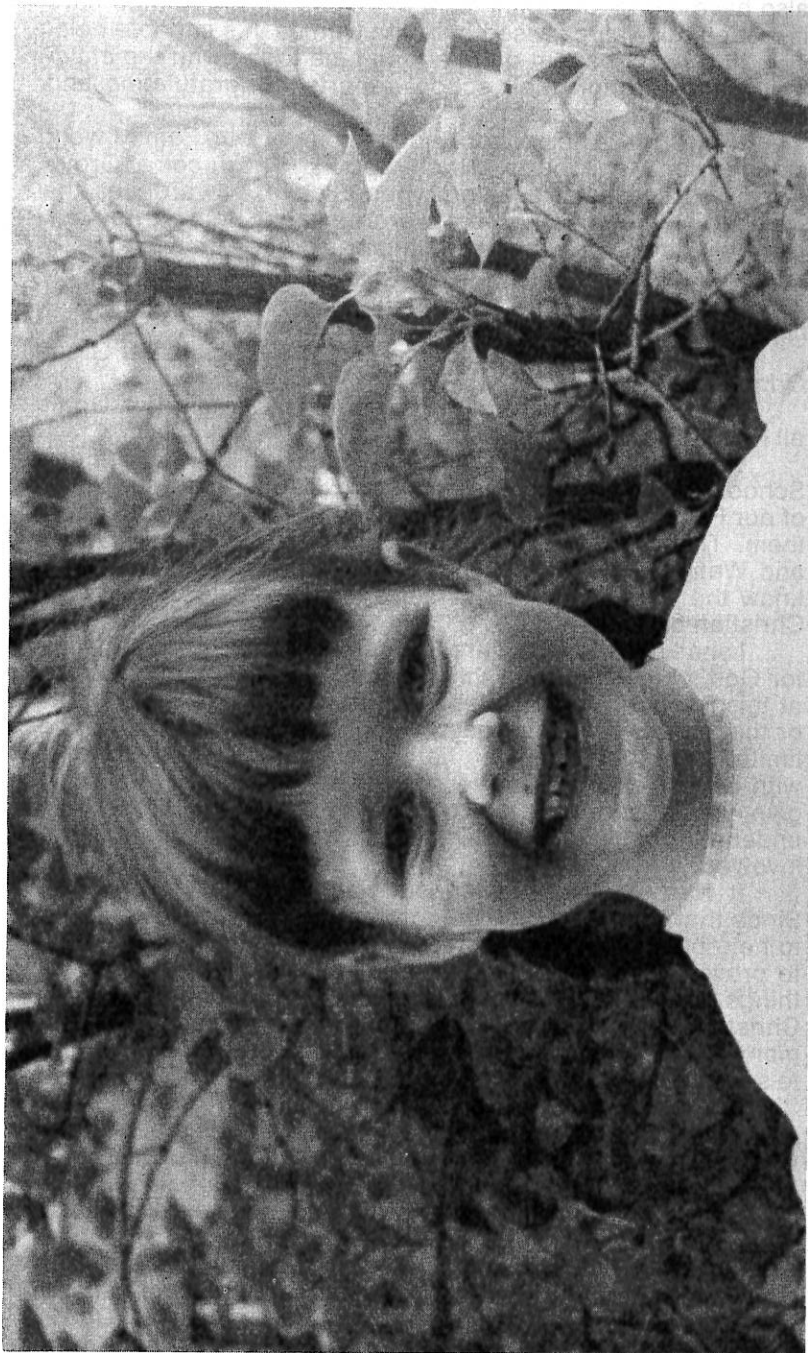
1st May (last Sunday). The occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary at the Woodford Baptist Church. Some of our Family were taking part so we all went along to support them. This was the first Church Service for Hayley, Sarah and Wendy. We do trust that early in life they will come to know the Lord Jesus as Saviour and grow up to be effective Christian citizens.

I shall have to stop here. We have been praying earnestly for God's blessing upon this day and upon all who gathered at this Service. You may feel that I have not dug very deeply or that so much has not been said. How true this is. With the limitation of time, the wide field to cover, the Family present with us, and many other young folk here, too, I have tried to give you a general picture of our Family life rather than underlining specific details which are often intimate and involved.

It was God who called our Family into being in 1899. Since that time until now the three aims have been the same: to help boys and girls—to teach them of the Love of Jesus—to prove the reality of God by appealing to Him alone for all things. The need for care continues. The need to teach Christian truths increases. As to the reality of God, the testimony of His Faithfulness throughout 67 years is for us all to see.

My heart is very full. God in all His love, power, and purity stands out so dramatically against the selfishness, weakness and impurity that we see and feel all around us in these days. Surely, as never before, we need a voice in high places, uncompromising, unafraid, to sound forth a message of warning. God is love, but He is just. Let us not underestimate the wrath of God. He loves the sinner, but He hates sin. God grant that the coming Crusade in June will cause a stir deep down in the heart of our nation, for we need God.

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Peggy

Mr. PATRICK JENKIN, M.A., M.P.,

Member of Parliament for Wanstead and Woodford

I remember once when I was canvassing, I knocked at a door and a small man came to the door, and I said to him " Well, tell me, my man, which party do you belong to? ". His wife emerged from the room at the back, and she was a large formidable woman, and she said: " I'm the party he belongs to."

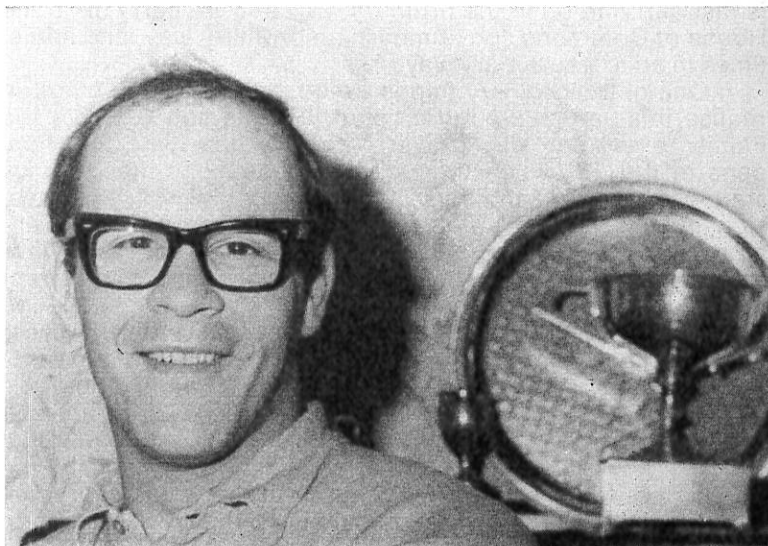
Let me say at once how very happy I am to be here with you all this afternoon and just to emphasise that, I'd like to say that I am H A P P Y to be here. I am sure you all enjoyed it as much as I did, the singing of the tots as they sang their favourite choruses, and I have also enjoyed, of course, all the singing and the recitations that the Family have given us this afternoon. Thank you very much indeed.

I wasn't able to come as I did last year to the first part of " Our Day " to visit you, because I was at the House. Now, while you were showing a lot of people around your home, I was showing a lot of people around our House and so we were really doing the same sort of thing today. It occurred to me, that of course I do this not just one day a year, I do it quite often, and indeed all members of Parliament do this, because we are very proud of the Palace of Westminster, where we do our work. You only do it one day, but as Mr. White said in his talk, you obviously have other visitors and you show them around. But of course life isn't always showing people around and showing them what you do when you are on show. A great deal of one's life and one's work is just carrying on in the ordinary way, and we carry on in the House of Commons sometimes in an ordinary way, and sometimes in an extraordinary way.

One of the ordinary things we do, and people don't often realise this, is that we in fact start just like you, just like the Family, every day with prayer. The very first thing that happens in the day when the House of Commons meets is we start with prayer, and this is a very special, private occasion in the House of Commons, because no strangers are admitted to the House at all. Just the Members. We always call everybody else " strangers ", and, indeed, if we want to send them out somebody says " I spy strangers " and out they have to go and we start the day with prayers and the first reading (it has been the same for hundreds and hundreds of years). The first thing that the Speaker's Chaplain reads is just the verses from Psalm 67. I won't read it to you now, but I expect you all know it, " God be merciful unto us and bless us " and so on right to the end of the Psalm. It is followed by prayers, and this happens every day whenever the House of Commons meets; it always has, and I hope sincerely that it always will.

That's one of the occasions when nobody is watching us, but of course there are a great many others. The House of Commons is not like the Family, I may say, because part of the time, indeed, for most of the time we are working, we have a lot of the public sitting up in the Gallery watching us, and I think sometimes they are amused and sometimes they are interested and, I am sorry to say, sometimes (quite rightly), they are a bit disgusted. But we are ordinary people, we do our best. Sometimes we fall short, even when they're watching us, but of course most of one's life is not lived like that. Most of one's life is lived without anybody particular watching what's happening. Of course, what we have always got to remember is that God is watching us all the time and I think if we remembered that more often, then perhaps those people, the people who sit in the Gallery, would not be disgusted, perhaps, quite as often as they have cause to be.

Now, the portion of the Scriptures which I have been asked to read to you this afternoon is really very suitable in this context because it is the 12th Chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, and as you will know it contains perhaps the most famous, the most well-known, of St. Paul's injunctions to people as to how they should live their ordinary everyday lives, and if we remember that God is watching us, if we remember the words of St. Paul—then I think perhaps we may be able to lead rather better lives than otherwise we would. So, then, the 12th Chapter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service . . ."



An "Old" Boy with Sports Trophies.

MESSAGE GIVEN BY THE REV. G. A. HEMMING, B.A., Minister of Kenton Evangelical Church

I should like to turn your attention this evening for a short time to some very well-known words in the fourth chapter of the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians. Paul here is writing about himself. He does not often do this, but from time to time, particularly in the Epistles to the Corinthians, and just occasionally in other epistles, he makes a personal reference, and here in Philippians Chapter four, verses 11 and 12, he says this:

"I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound; everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Apostle Paul here is giving his testimony to this fact—that through the years God has taught him this tremendous lesson, that whether by earthly standards his circumstances are happy or unhappy, whether there is an ample provision for his material needs or whether he is left completely without any material comfort, he can still **trust God**, he can still **praise God**. He has learned to be utterly content in all circumstances. This is a lesson which it is quite easy to write about, it is very difficult indeed to learn, and no man learns it in a hurry. No man learns this lesson except he be disciplined and trained by God over a period of many years. But the Apostle Paul had learned this lesson. "I know," he says, "how to prosper, I know what it is like to have plenty. I know how to act and how to react when all is going well, but equally I know how to act and react when everything is going badly and when I am being denied even the necessities of life."

Now, we need to look at these two things separately for they both have a lesson for everyone of us here. The Apostle says this first of all—"I have learned the rather easier lesson. It is not an easy one, but it is easier than the other. I have learned this rather easier lesson of how to abound, I have learned to praise God for all that He provides for me. I have learned to recognise the hand of God in meeting my need day by day"; and of course this is a note which we find it very easy to strike on an occasion like this. One of the scriptures to which I intended to turn has already been spoken to us, in Hebrews chapter 11 and the 6th verse, where we read this that "He that cometh to God must believe that HE IS, and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Now, it is not difficult on an occasion like this to believe that **GOD IS**, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, and I think many of us here tonight would be quick to acknowledge the debt of gratitude which we owe to Mr. and

Mrs. White and to the entire Family, and I say this utterly sincerely. We live in a day when even those who believe themselves to be Christians are beginning to have doubts about the reality of God. People are talking about 'this age in which we have come to understand something about the death of God, all the past ideas are now to be put on one side, and we are moving through into a more enlightened age'—and even God's people are being troubled about this kind of nonsense.

Thank God when we are assailed in this way, when the enemy of our souls comes to us and seeks to feed such poison into our minds, we can think of the Family, we can think of the way in which God has provided for that Family for all those years. You look at them, you listen to the stories that you have heard tonight, you think back over these 67 years of the history of this Family, and is there any man here tonight who cannot believe that **GOD IS**? He is not some vague force. He is not some fancy spirit, He is not some idea in the minds of men. God is, and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. It says it here in the Bible and if you are tempted to doubt the words of the Bible here is confirmation, here is that which shows indeed the Scripture is true. But you will notice that the Apostle writing this Epistle to the Hebrews is not concerned simply that we should learn facts about God. I say this again, I doubt if there is anybody here tonight who is in any difficulty on this point. We all indeed believe that **God is**, and He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, but the scripture is this. He that cometh to God must believe this, and the whole point of this verse and of this whole passage in Hebrews, chapter 11, is this, that men being convinced of the reality and the mercy of God should make haste to come to Him, and I think I speak for Mr. White tonight, indeed, I know I do, when I say this, that he and the Family are not simply concerned that everyone of us here should believe that **God is**. Their concern is this—that believing this we should come to God. God is not there, as it were, to be admired from afar off, the fact of God's existence is not something which we are simply to hold in our minds; no, this knowledge is to have an effect upon us, it is to move us, it is to cause us to act. What is the good of having this certainty that "God is", that He rewards those who diligently seek Him, if you do not come to him? This is what we are to do and I say again I have no doubt that we believe the fact, but have we all acted upon that fact? You believe that **God is**, have you come to Him? Have you come and made your peace with Him through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who gave Himself on the Cross to redeem us, to take away our sin? Have you come to God and have you humbly on your knees before God said "I believe that Thy Son did

indeed die for me, therefore receive me and make me thy child"?

Have **you** come to God? You believe that **HE IS**, you believe that He rewards those that diligently seek Him. Have you sought Him, have you sought Him diligently? My friend, your visit here has been a waste, it has been more than a waste, it has done you harm, and I say this deliberately, your visit here has done you harm if it has simply convinced you that **GOD is**, and yet it has not led you on to seek that God, for He is indeed to be found of those that seek Him with all their hearts.

Now, here is the first lesson that the Apostle learned. I have learned, he says, in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content, I have learned **how to abound**, I have learned this, that **God is**, I have learned that a man may come to God, that he may call upon Him for those things which he needs, and God does indeed answer. Now, that is a wonderful thing, and I say this again, we are tremendously indebted to God for the way in which he has raised up men, men like Herbert White, men like George Muller, men like Hudson Taylor. He has raised up men who by their lives and by their whole activities, have demonstrated the truth of His Word in this way. Oh, thank God for it, what a strengthening of faith these things are to us! Paul, you see, had learned, as Daniel had learned, as Caleb had learned, as so many people, so many characters in the old Testament had learned, as Herbert White learned, that God was with him and therefore **GOD PROVIDED**. This is the testimony of the Family all through these years.

Well, then, why does the Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, say something quite different in 1. Cor. Chap. 4, v. 11? He says this: "Even to this present hour we hunger and thirst, we lack clothing, we are buffeted, we have no certain dwelling place," and he says a similar thing in the 2nd Epistle to the Corinthians, the 11th chapter and the 27th verse. If this be true, that God is, that He rewards them that diligently seek Him, if this be true, that God does provide for our needs, that though He may test us, yet He does provide, he does give our daily bread. Never in the 67 years has a day come when the daily bread has not been provided for this Family. If this be true, why then does the Apostle Paul have to say, "Look, I'm hungry, I am not getting enough to eat, I am thirsty. I have not enough clothes. I haven't a place to live in." Does not this contradict all that we have been saying? Does not this make nonsense of these great claims that the scriptures make, and which men of faith have made all through the centuries? Does not this contradict all that we have stood for this afternoon? What do we read in the 34th Psalm? Well, Psalm 34, verse 10, says this: "The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall

not want any good thing." Lions may go hungry, but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Isn't this the foundation upon which the Family stands? Why, then, does the Apostle Paul say this, "But I am hungry, I am having to go without"? No, this is a lesson which many of us never learn, and we lose tremendously because we do not learn it. The Apostle Paul has gone one stage further. He has seen this, that there are times when God in His great love chooses to give his children greater blessings than they had actually asked for. The Apostle Paul knew the Psalms. Here he was, a time of need had arisen, he lacked his daily food, he lacked a place to live, he had not sufficient warm clothing to wear. Well, he knew the Psalms. He knew this promise that they that fear the Lord shall not want any good thing, and he would, therefore, go to God and he would plead these promises, as many a man has done since. He would say: "Lord, thou hast engaged Thyself in Thy Word to provide for my needs, now Lord do thou honour Thy Word and do thou send that which is needful for me." But, you see, the answer was not given, the food was not provided. This is a devastating experience for a child of God, when the promises of God apparently fail, and it happened quite clearly to the Apostle Paul. What lay behind it? Why, this—that God at this point was seeking to give to the Apostle Paul something greater. Something better. He was seeking to bring Paul into that spiritual state, into that communion with God where he could trust in God even though the promises appeared to fail. He was being given something **better than** a material answer to his prayers. He was being given a spiritual experience which was for his eternal good. How many of us have come to that point? How many of us have come to the point where we have had to face the apparent failure of the promises? Where we have had to face denials, and where we have come through to that point where we have said with Job: "Though He slay me, YET WILL I TRUST HIM, though He deny me my daily bread, though he withhold that which in other parts of His Word He has promised to give me, yet I will trust Him for I KNOW HIM so well. He is so real to me. His presence with my soul is so real and precious I can trust Him and I **do** trust Him." "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content."

"I have learned this first lesson—how to **abound**. I have learned this other lesson—how to be **abased**. I have learned how to be full and thank God, but I have learned also how to suffer hunger. I have learned how to accept the denials of God."

Some of you may be saying now, what is the point of all this? Are you suggesting, therefore, that all will be in order if Mr. White comes along next May and says in the past year on several days we have gone hungry? No, if Mr. White had

to make a statement like that I should say there is something profoundly wrong, for this reason, that in this work here are involved young lives, and they are at that point when they are learning the first lesson—trust in our Heavenly Father, and at their stage this is the lesson that must be learned. They cannot go on to learn more profound and difficult lessons, and therefore I would say with the utmost confidence that God will always provide the daily bread for the family. Thank God for that confidence. But, there are other issues at stake here. The work of this Family is not simply to provide bread, be it by faith or works, for children who are in need. The work of this Family is to engage in spiritual warfare, to wrestle and fight and pray for the souls of children committed to the care of these God's people, and in this spiritual warfare there are harder lessons to be learned. There are times when in spite of all our prayers and in spite of all our efforts and devotion, yet, the answer we long for is not given. If you doubt me read the book of Jeremiah. What was Jeremiah's great trial, what was it that baffled him, that nearly drove him out of his mind at times? Well, it was this apparent failure of the promises of God. God was not blessing as Jeremiah felt God had engaged Himself to bless, and here was this great trouble for a man of God. He had to face failure. He had to accept that in spite of all his faithfulness no fruit followed. That is a hard lesson.

Mr. White and I have the privilege of working together on a missionary committee. We have to interview candidates, young men and women, who are going to give themselves for the work of the Gospel in other countries, and one of the things that disturbs us is this, that so often young people will attach certain criteria to their work for the Lord. Why, they say this: "We are going out to a certain country to work for Him; now we believe that if we are faithful and if everything is done in the way God wants it done, then success will follow. He will provide for our material needs, and we shall see fruit following." But they go out to the country of their leading, and something goes wrong and they do not see the success that they think they should see, and they are troubled by this and they begin to say, well, now, is there something wrong with us, or they say is there something wrong with the Mission and its organisation? There is something wrong somewhere and they are troubled and even tempted to give up, as Jeremiah was. They have not learned this deeper lesson. I have learned, says Paul, how to be **abased**, I have learned how to be a **failure**, I have learned to prove God, even **in the denials**, I have learned these things. My faith, by the grace of God, is unshaken. Now, have you learned these lessons? Have you learned the first one, **THAT GOD DOES PROVIDE**, that God does send that which is needed. He does give daily bread to those who ask him.

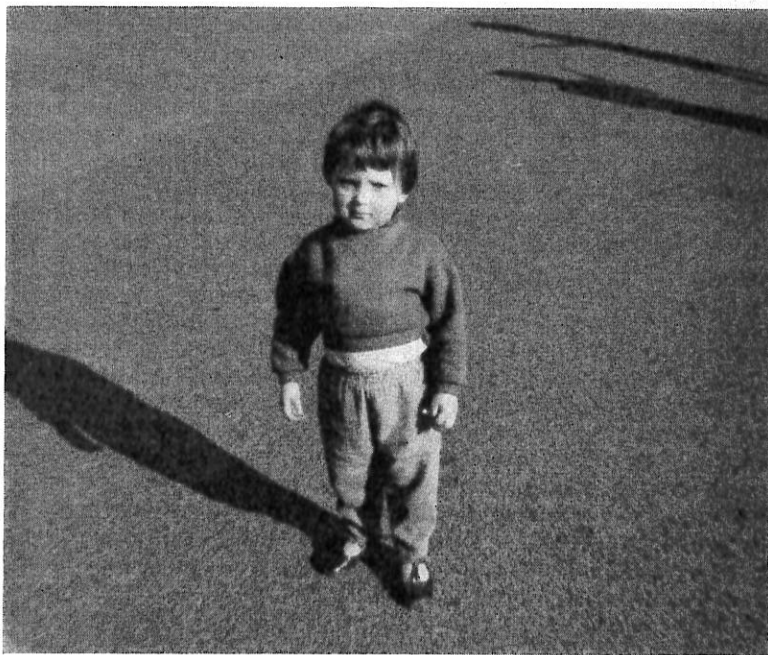
Ah! that is a great lesson, and that should lead us clearly to that point where believing that "He is" we come to Him and we humbly make our peace with Him and we walk in His ways. That is the beginning, ah, yes, but we are to **go on** and we are to tread this path where, even though failure come, and even when God does not give that which we had hoped He would give, we learn to receive at His Hands a much higher and more eternal gift, that of utter implicit and joyous trust in Him. So that we may say with the Apostle:—

I can do all things.
I can succeed and I can fail.
I can prove God's bounty.
I can accept God's denials.
I can do ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
which strengtheneth me.

May God lead us to that point FOR HIS GLORY. Amen.

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God bless you for coming, for your prayerful and practical support. Special thanks to my Family, children and staff and to my own wife and two children. Together let us rise and sing our Family Anthem, "How good is the God we adore".



Sarah

RETURNING HOME

For many years I'd heard 'old' boys and girls making speeches. At "Our Day", perhaps, or on Founder's Day, November 20th, or during supper on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The speeches varied, of course—in matter, content, degree of humour, style, and so on, but always one could detect an underlying sincerity and gratitude in what was said. And sooner or later the same old words would be out again: "What a thrill it is to return home", or something along those lines.

Year after year I'd listened, but was unable to understand the feeling and emotion involved in "returning home". This Christmas was different for I myself had come home for a short stay. My first term at university was over and at last I could identify myself with the words I had encountered so frequently.

I suppose the intellects and critics of our generation would write the whole matter off as "sheer sentimentality". Let them do so, but remember that it may be these two hackneyed words that they use to fill a vacuum in their own lives. I've discovered only now, that there's no place like home.

Home is a place where you can be yourself: where people know you for what you are. There's little point in being anything else. But it is a place where love is shown in spite of the fact that they know your weaknesses and failings there.

It is a place where advice—friendly, helpful advice—can be gained by simply asking. You don't mind asking for help at home

Home is, of course, many more things, but one more important point: home is a place where God is the Head of the house. Why? For only then can real stability, serenity, peace, order and love radiate from the home. We humans have changing moods from day to day and week to week—home cannot change with our feelings and remain "home". Therefore God must be supreme—with His never-changing love and forgiveness and His never-failing power.

Yes, in spite of everything, a home cannot be without God. And yet we as a civilisation are trying to cut Him out of our lives—do we wonder why the first sign of strain is a break-up of the home? But then I'm not supposed to be preaching a sermon, so let me get back to the point . . .

When I returned home I found it to be all these things, and more, to me. All I had taken for granted now began to take perspective before my eyes. At supper-time on Boxing Day I was at last able to stand up and say a few words with many others.

When will 20th century Britain realise that a house is not a home? That carpets, armchairs, TV sets, curtains, modern kitchens and gardens do not make a building any more like a home than when it stood as four damp brick walls. We give children all they want—show our love to them in a material way—give them the best of everything—and what happens? Have we created a home by doing this? Of course not.

At Crescent Road there are many modern appliances and conveniences today, but these have not always been there, and yet it was still "home"! The staff have changed, the buildings have changed, conditions have changed. One thing only remains the same—the position of God in the Family. Is this the key to the matter? It must surely be.

This Christmas many of us had in our minds our Family anthem. It was how we felt . . . on "returning home":

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

K. J. W.



Thank You Lord for Everything

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	Selwyn Junior Boys' School, Highams Park
	St. Mary Magdalene Primary School, N.7
	Barclay Infants' School, Leyton
	Grafton Infants' School, Dagenham

CHRISTMAS, 1966

Gifts, which we were delighted to receive (*see note below), included:—

Christmas trees and decorations, crackers, stockings, cakes, Christmas puddings and mince pies.

Turkeys, chickens, ham, hock of bacon, chocolates, sweets, biscuits and cordial, serviettes.

Fruit, vegetables and groceries.

Hand-made garments, cot covers, blankets and soft toys.

Books, stationery, toys and games.

Teenage gifts, toilet requisites and handkerchiefs.

Scalextric model game.

Electric iron.

Trays.

Melaware cups and saucers.

Gaydon plates, condiment sets.

They came from:—

Basildon
N.4

Brighton
S.E.5

Harlow
Rush Green Hall, Romford
Woodford Green

Ramsgate
Haverhill Old Independent Church
Sisterhood

Seven Kings
Highams Park Methodist Junior
Guild

Buckhurst Hill Girls' Crusader
Class

Liverpool
Stratford
Dagenham

Billericay
Barking
Civil Service Christian Union,
S.W.1

Goodman Memorial Mission,
Leyton
Clarence Road Baptist S.S.,
Southend

Horsham
Torquay
South Woodford
Walthamstow

The Staff, Barclays Bank, E.C.4
Leyton Baptist Church, B.W.L.
Bury Street Chapel, Edmonton
The Rowans School, S.W.20
Tottenham

Highams Park
St. Laurence's Sunday School,
Barkingside

Woodford Green District Brownies
The Staff of "Felco Moore",
Silvertown, and friends

All Saints' Sunday School,
Woodford Green

Waltham Cross

Eden Baptist Sunday School,
Ponders End

Little Waltham Congregational
Church

Mathews Memorial Methodist
Sunday School, Walthamstow
Manor Hall Sunday School,
Boreham Wood

M.G.M. Sports and Social Club
Aquascutum Ltd., Leyton
E.11

St. Paul's Sunday School, Hainault
Highams Park Baptist Tabernacle
Sunday School

Tankerton
Brondesbury Baptist Sunday School
Theydon Bois

Hornchurch
Fullers Road Junior Church, South
Woodford

The Guardian, Walthamstow
St. Edmund's Sunday School,
Chingford

Westcliff Girl Crusaders
Bedfont Evangelical Church
Chase Cross Girls' School

The Staff, Tate & Lyle Ltd., E.C.3
Leytonstone Congregational Church
and Sunday School

Forest Hall, Loughton, Sewing
Fellowship

St. Albans
50th Epping Forest Cubs
Harringay

Marchwood Gospel Church Women's
Fellowship
Dr. Barnardo's Christian Fellowship,
Barkingside

Earls Colne
Church Hill Baptist, Walthamstow,
Campaigners

Salway Hall Sunday School,
Woodford Green

Hoddesdon Congregational Junior
Church and Sewing Class
Bluntisham Baptist Sunday School
Epping Congregational C.E.

Westcliff High School for Girls
Brook Street Chapel Covenanters,
Tottenham

Abridge
Cecil Hall Sunday School, Enfield
Builth Wells Bible Club

Cheshunt
Welwyn Garden City
Ashford Congregational Sunday
School

Spruce Hill Baptist Sunday School,
Walthamstow
Tintagel House Christian Fellowship,
S.E.1

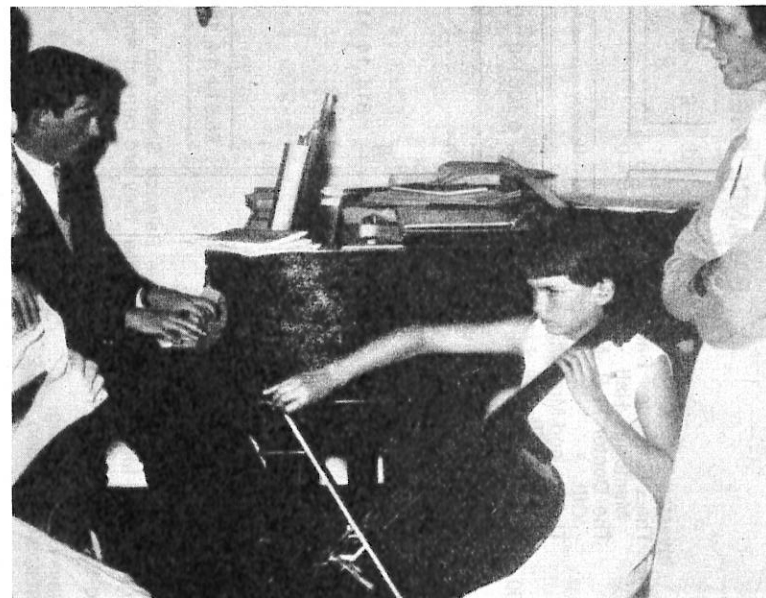
Stowmarket Baptist Sunday School
Fryerns Baptist Women's Fellowship,
Basildon

The Walthamstow Group
Waverley Road Neighbours
Woodford Bridge

Birmingham
East Ham
Chadwell Heath
Canvey Island Baptist Sunday
School

From the Scouts and Cubs of the 13th Walthamstow Company our children have received National Savings Stamps on their birthdays. Old G.L.B. members attached to Greenleaf Road Baptist Church have again provided one child's pocket money throughout the year. Girl Covenanters from Brook Street Chapel are providing pocket money for two children. We are most grateful.

* We do thank all friends who have so kindly sent along new toys— we had a lovely supply this year. As was mentioned in our last "Links", it is not possible for us to accept second-hand toys nowadays. Thank you for your kind understanding.



A Musical Interlude

**CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1965**

	1964	1964
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Invested Funds		
The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall - - - - -	2,250 0 0	2,250 0 0
The Doctor F. B. Marsh Gift - - - - -	1,700 0 0	1,700 0 0
The Mr. and Mrs. William Stark Gift - - - - -	1,150 0 0	1,150 0 0
5,100	5,100 0 0	5,100 0 0
Accumulated Fund		
Balance at 1st January, 1965 - - - - -	1,234 6 8	85 15 8
Less Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account - - - - -	419 11 9	18 4
1,234	814 14 11	728 19 3
<u>£6,334</u>	<u>£5,914 14 11</u>	<u>£5,914 14 11</u>

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 15th day of February, 1966.

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

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

**CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1965**

	1964	1964
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
406 Rates, Taxes and Insurance - - - - -	432 13 4	375 6 11
866 Heat and Light - - - - -	973 5 5	
685 Postage, Printing, Stationery and Telephone - - - - -	507 1 2	4,614 18 2
2,303 Provisions - - - - -	2,142 3 8	
525 Furniture, Linen, Clothes and Shoes - - - - -	378 11 2	
411 Household Expenses - - - - -	391 15 2	
2,003 Staff Allowances and National Insurance - - - - -	2,213 16 3	75 0 0
436 Gifts to Staff (Holidays), Donations and Pocket Money Schemes - - - - -	284 10 2	4,539 18 2
43 Medical Supplies - - - - -	30 1 2	340 14 9
409 Travelling and Excursion Expenses - - - - -	450 5 10	
428 Repairs to Property - - - - -	187 10 9	
72 General Repairs and Renewals - - - - -	48 15 8	
103 Incidental Expenses - - - - -	47 3 11	
312 Holidays - - - - -	85 15 11	1,716 10 11
1964	18,716 10 11	18,716 10 11
259 Covenants - - - - -	259	340 14 9
4,667 Subscriptions and Donations - - - - -	4,667	600 0 0
Less Amounts paid for Outside Tuition - - - - -	75 0 0	1,786 10 11
320 Box Holders - - - - -	320	70 0 0
19 Shoe Fund and Pound Day - - - - -	19	1,716 10 11
358 Legacies - - - - -	358	18 16 0
Payments received on Account of Children - - - - -		600 0 0
Less Amounts paid for Outside Tuition - - - - -	1,748	1,786 10 11
16 Interest on Deposit - - - - -	16	70 0 0
84 Gifts for Holidays - - - - -	84	1,716 10 11
Transfer to Accumulated Fund, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year - - - - -	1,531	3 13 0
<u>£9,002</u>	<u>£8,173 9 7</u>	<u>£8,173 9 7</u>

CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1966

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1965						
				1965		
Invested Funds						
The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall -	2,250	0	0		2,250	0
The Doctor F. B. Marsh Gift -	1,700	0	0		1,700	0
The Mr. and Mrs. William Stark Gift -	1,150	0	0		1,150	0
	<u>5,100</u>		0		<u>5,100</u>	0
Accumulated Fund						
Balance at 1st January, 1966 -				86		
Add Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account -	814	14	11			
				<u>4,207</u>	14	7
				<u>5,022</u>	9	6
815				<u>£10,122</u>	9	6
				<u>£5,915</u>		
				729		
				<u>1,438</u>	6	4
				<u>51</u>	0	0
				<u>1,387</u>	6	4
				<u>£10,122</u>	9	6

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 7th day of February, 1967.

12a/13 Well Court, Queen Street,
London, E.C.4

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

CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1966

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1965						
433				449	16	10
973				963	17	9
507				568	18	7
2,142				1,940	0	8
379				619	14	4
392				528	15	2
2,214				<u>2,150</u>	16	10
284				566	12	11
30				26	16	10
450				437	18	9
187				564	5	2
49				178	16	0
47				75	17	9
86				147	14	3
				<u>4,207</u>	14	7
				<u>£13,427</u>	16	5
1965						
375				365	16	4
4,539				5,331	7	8
341				322	6	2
19				24	14	0
600				5,295	5	6
1,716				1,860	12	0
4				49	7	6
159				178	7	3
419						
				<u>£13,427</u>	16	5