

CHILDREN'S HOME & MISSION

GOD SAYS:

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7-14

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EDITORIAL

Dear Prayer Partners,

Another busy year has drawn to a close. We are now 52 in number, including four young folk at work. To meet the accommodation need for the latter, we are using the flat we were able to put at the disposal of Mr. and Mrs. Davey in 1960. (They now have a flat in Brentwood.) We have moved the office next door and all the rooms have been redecorated. One of our 'old' lads popped in recently, had a peep at the rooms and exclaimed, "Terrific—congrats." We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Reeves who have made it possible for us to recommence the senior side of our Family in this way, by being temporarily here with us.

We gladly welcomed Miss R. Rifkin and Miss S. Pignot on to the staff during the year.

Holidays were a great success last summer and we are most grateful to all who shared with us in these and helped to make them such happy times!

We are continuing with our systematic house-to-house visitation in the two roads adjacent to us and would ask for your prayers as we seek to be neighbourly in practical ways. We long that folk so close to us may come to KNOW Him!

Our monthly sing-songs after church time have been times of real blessing and we have numbered over 100 on average. In this happy informal fellowship there is sincere expression in song and testimony to the reality of the Christian life.

You can see from the lists of Harvests goods, Christmas gifts and Accounts, that once again there has been an abundance of good things, for which we praise God and thank His people.

The Gospel—what a great opportunity we have of presenting the Good News to this sin-torn world. Somehow it seems that we have little incentive and little power. J. Wilbur Chapman once wrote:

'Anything that dims my vision of Christ,
Takes away my taste for Bible Study,
Cramps my prayer life or
Makes my Christian work difficult,
Is wrong for me and I must, as a Christian,
Turn away from it.
This is the rule which governs my life.'

Knowing the Lord—delighting in His Word—doing His Will—being positive and purposeful in every action—such a life must tell for Him and bring honour to His Holy Name.

Continue then in prayer for us here—we desire to present Him to all with whom we come in contact.

Thank you for being "with us" throughout 1967. We have valued tremendously your prayerful and practical support. We shall look forward to having fellowship with you on "Our Day", Saturday, 4th May, 1968. Our guest Speaker will be the Rev. Derek Prime, M.A., S.Th., Minister of Lansdowne Evangelical Free Church, West Norwood. The Family will be at home to you in the afternoon and share in the Thanksgiving Service at All Saints' Church, Woodford Wells.

With love from ALL the Family,

Yours in Him, VICTOR J. WHITE



GRANDMA WHITE (Mrs. Edith White, Wife of the Founder)

"OUR DAY" 7th May, 1967

Following a very happy afternoon at home, crowds of friends travelled to All Saints' Church for the Thanksgiving Service, and the organ and piano recital prior to this. By 4.30 p.m. the centre of the Church was nearly full and there was a happy air of expectancy.

Councillor F. C. Mountier chaired the meeting with such warmth and liveliness that there was an immediate sense of fellowship in the now packed church.

The Revd. Melville Scutt welcomed everyone to his church and then led in prayer. It soon became evident as the meeting progressed, that the children and young folk were in fine form—their singing and recitation being tremendously appreciated. The congregation responded wonderfully—how they sang the well-known hymns!

Mr. Victor White gave his report—"What a wonderful day! We really did wonder on Wednesday of this week-what with the wind and torrential rain and so many things going wrong-just what would happen today. How Satan gets at us at such times. However, here we are enjoying a glorious day and how we do praise God. What a sight this is from the pulpit here to see so many friends and prayer partners. We are most grateful to the Revd. Melville Scutt and his folk, for the loan of this lovely church and hall adjacent, quite freely, for "Our Day". Very special thanks to the verger for his ready and full help in every conceivable way-to Councillor Mountier for chairing the meeting—the Revd. Joseph Coffee, Vicar of St. John's, Havering-atte-Bower, our guest speaker-Mrs. Curtis and her helpers for tea in the church hall-all who have helped in any way at home, this morning, this afternoon and even before that and to our stewards here this evening. Thank you one and all! At very short notice, Mr. Dennis Carney has taken over from Mr. Peter Macdonald at the organ and fitted in so smoothly. We thank both him and Keith for the lovely recital we heard earlier, and for their help throughout the service. As a Family, we are grateful to Keith for the words and music for the main pieces our choir are singing.

Well, there are a lot of thank-you's at the moment and many more besides—but that's just how we feel. Thank-you to God and ALL His people for such a Day. The reason for gathering here is, as our chairman has stated, that we might PRAISE God for all His love and provision throughout another year. It has been a thrilling experience to see God at work.

Since my father died in 1952, I have had the privilege of bringing you news of the Family, but how to present this in a different way is a continuing problem. This year I have asked several folk to help me. It may mean less statistical information, but will, I am sure, add colour to the "picture".

What of the provision for our daily needs during 1966? You will rejoice with us, I'm sure, when I tell you that our income for 1966 was £13,400! This is a record figure for the Family and don't forget, we were born in 1899. How we do thank God and His people for this token of love and affection. There are no government grants, apart from a reduction in rates. Fourteen per cent. of this income was payments from parents—eighty-six per cent. as God directed His people.

The analysis of the accounts is in our last "Links". Our "Know your Bible" booklets are going out further afield as the months go by and we thank God that there seems to be an increasing number of people who are desirous of systematically reading God's precious Word. We had 10,000 copies of "These 60 Years" printed and now only a few hundred remain.

Gifts have varied from a large legacy of £3,300 to a postal order for 3/6d. How thrilled we are to have so many prayer partners, not sleeping partners either! From children to old age pensioners. Some have prayed through with us since 1899!

At Harvest-time, we received groceries, etc., from 88 different places. Because of these gifts we shall not need to buy any sugar, tinned fruit or soup throughout the year. You will see in the "Links" that the provision expenditure was actually down for 1966.

Christmas was a time of tremendous joy and blessing. We received mince pies, a colossal Christmas Tree, toys, turkeys, etc. The carol service, Family prayers and suppertime greetings, all helped to make it a real Family Christmas. Quite a number of the older Family popped in. Amongst them Mr. and Mrs. Will Cowling, here with us again today. It was in 1905, when Will lost both his parents, that he joined the Family. Always up to mischief, so I'm told, and yet much loved. Since those boyhood days a very deep friendship has continued and we are terribly proud of Will, his wife, two married daughters and five grandchildren. Some time back he had the urge to make an electric organ. He succeeded. This week he had it sent up here to Crescent Road, as a gift to the Family. Thanks a lot, Will!

For every gift received, whether small or large, given individually or through a Church Working Party, we are most grateful.

As a Family we number 45 just now. Add to this our own grown Family, nearly 1,000 of them, plus wives, husbands, children and grandchildren, and we are quite a size. Our present Family ranges in age from Grandma (83)—not able to be with us today. We do miss her, for it is the first time she

has been absent from our Thanksgiving Service! From Grandma to Hayley, Sarah and Kenton, under school age. These three little ones attend the Broadmead Baptist Church Nursery School, and I cannot speak too highly of this happy and efficiently run tiny tots centre. Trained Christian staff maintain a well-balanced programme. The remainder of our children attend Oakdale and St. Barnabas local schools except for Karen, who is at Walthamstow High School, Angela at Woodford High, Anita at Loughton College for Further Education, Martin at Buckhurst Hill High, and Keith at Hertford College, Oxford. Two, beyond the bounds of school, are at work. Several of the Family are facing examinations; Lynda and Jackie, "O" level G.C.E.'s—Anita and Martin doing "A" level work. Congratulations for every success so far We really are proud of you all. Domenico has been chosen to represent his school in the 440 yards, in the Redbridge Championships. Congratulations! Four leave school this summer. Pray that these youngsters may strike out positively in the new world of "earning one's living" and may take their stand for the things of God. We do wish all four of you much success. Three will continue within the Family circle and we shall be reorganising the accommodation to make room for them in their new status!

Very sincere thanks to the staffs of the schools we attend —some here today. We do really appreciate the happy understanding and ready help and co-operation we receive.

Doreen, who joined us in 1950, will be getting married in July next. She and David have been able to put down a deposit for a house—we are pleased about this. The Lord bless you both. It will be my privilege to give away yet another bride. (Must be six or seven now since the last war.) Anyone here who seems a bit stuck, let me know afterwards and I'll see what I can do! Excluding staff, that is!

Weekdays are full of a variety of activities, including Sport, Covenanters, Girls' Brigade, Music Practice, Badminton Club, Y.S.L., etc.

Sundays are spent in an entirely different way. Household chores down to a minimum. Family Worship at Grove Road Evangelical Church, Sunday School, Bible Classes, Covenanters. Anita teaches and plays for the Baptist Church Primary. At regular intervals we have after-church Singsongs at home. I have asked Miss Carol Purves, who, with her parents and brother, is often with us on these occasions, to say a word:—

Carol—"We come from many different churches and various denominations to spend an hour or two singing to the glory of God. We begin with a few friends choosing certain hymns which probably relate to their experience during the preceding week, or on that Sunday itself. Mr. Victor White



DOREEN and DAVID-29th July, 1967



Grove Road of David and Doreen at Burton conducting the Wedding Service or Evangelical Church. Ä Revd.

leads our singing with great enthusiasm, with either Keith or Mrs. White ably accompanying on the piano. The hymns are linked by a few relevant words from Mr. White: sometimes various people give a word of testimony, or we have solos or duets. We always have a time of prayer. It is not rigidly planned beforehand, but friends take part as they are led by the Holy Spirit. Looking back on these Sunday evening 'singsongs', it seems as though every one has followed a certain theme, thus the leading of the Holy Spirit can be clearly seen. Dedication may be the theme that has evolved. Hymns that friends have chosen might include 'Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand 'or 'In full and glad surrender I give myself to Thee.' The solos have also emphasised the need for dedication. A testimony reveals the need of dedication in a person's life. Under the guiding of the Holy Spirit another evening may be centred around the thought of prayer. Favourite hymns are, 'What a friend we have in Jesus', or 'Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care: And bids me at my Father's Throne: Make all my wants and wishes known.' Many friends have testified of the great blessing they have received from these 'sing-songs' and to the genuine help given to them in facing the problems of the world during the following week. My family and I are deeply grateful for the spiritual blessings we have received from these 'sing-songs' and also for the warmth of Christian fellowship we enjoy at all times from our contact with the Family at Crescent Road."

We are increasingly aware of the vital necessity of true Christian teaching for Salvation and for the development of the best characteristics, to meet the challenge of this new age. At daily prayers we turn to the Bible. We believe this book to be true. We believe this is God's Precious living Word. We have proved this book to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. It is the power of God, unto Salvation!

Oh, that our young folk may come to know the Lord Jesus in a personal way, may mature in the things of God—may, in time, choose Christian partners and set up Christian homes. This is the deep need within our beloved Nation today. (Entering the Common Market will not be the answer to ALL our ills.) We need good, happy Christian homes with Mum and Dad and the family giving the Lord Jesus Christ central place in heart and home—being guided by the Holy Spirit.

So much depends on our staff for the happy smooth running of a Family such as ours. This full-time exacting and tiring work needs dedication indeed. They have responded to God's call and are giving their lives unreservedly to this task. It is sacrificial work. My wife and I say a very BIG



"Ride-a-cock Horse"

THANK-YOU, to our staff—all of you—and particularly Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Baker, who have borne much responsibility throughout the twelve months. We meet for prayer each weekday and on Thursdays Mr. and Mrs. Davey join us. On this occasion we specifically remember the Evangelical Church at Abridge. We are most grateful to Abridge friends who have helped us in various ways today. Continue to pray for that Work.

After much persuasion I have prevailed upon my sister, Mrs. Gilbert, and also Miss Baker, to speak to us:—

Mrs. Gilbert—"We have in our lounge at home these words, 'Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart, for consider what great things He hath done for you.' 1 Samuel 12 v. 24. And this is what we are doing here today—we are considering what great things He hath done for us during the past twelve months. My life is spent chiefly amongst the girls, and I think you will agree with me that they really look very nice today and are singing very well, too! As I sat in the front of the church I felt very proud of them!

"Sometimes they remind me of Bassett's Allsorts—different sizes, different shapes and most decidedly they have different tastes. We do seek to understand one another and live happily together—we have our ups and downs and

our different opinions, but I do feel that God is very gracious in helping us day by day to understand and help each other.

"Now, I thought that you might like to hear about 'Birthdays'. Yes, we all have birthdays and some of us would be quite happy to forget them! The young folk really do look forward to their birthdays. As each one approaches we receive gentle and not so gentle reminders. On the day, there are presents from brothers and sisters, friends and parents, too. I must say a very big thank-you to the Aunties, Miss Tann and Miss Marriott. They never forget one of the girls' birthdays and there is always a very interesting parcel arriving on the correct day, with a lovely card, too. This must take a lot of thought and time. We also are in touch with, I think you call them, 'a pack of cubs', who remember the children's birthdays, too.

"Well, then, we start off in the morning and our presents are arrayed on the centre table. As breakfast finishes we sing 'Happy Birthday to YOU', which is followed by a speech or just 'thank you'. On returning home from school ready for tea, the younger Family members have a cake. This is a very interesting cake and it is amusing to see what colour our icing is and what is on the cake. There are always candles, numbering our age, which have to be duly lit as we



Croquet Instruction



Bedtime

sing again. The great thing is to be able to blow them out at one puff. Whoever's birthday it is, after the cake has been cut into pieces, very proudly goes round with the cake, and I can assure you it is a pleasure to watch the faces of the little ones as they trot around from table to table. As we get older, we choose to have a birthday supper. We choose what we would like to have and it is a very exciting affair. At the beginning of the year I had quite a shock-a very pleasant one. I was to have my birthday supper in the senior girl's bedroom. I was not allowed to look in until all was ready and then I was escorted there, given a lovely chair to sit on, and a stool for my feet. 'We're waiting on you and you are not doing a thing'. We had a very good supper-ten of us squeezed into that room! This spoke a lot to me, and the girls knew that I appreciated their kindness and thought. They paid for this out of their own pocket money and did all the thinking and preparation.

"Our first aim is to seek to lead the girls and boys to know the Lord Jesus as their own personal Saviour and it is a great thrill to us when we see the children turning to Him. I have been personally encouraged recently in noticing some of our older girls regularly reading their Scripture portions and it is a great joy when I kiss them 'goodnight' to see them reading their bibles.

"I needn't say much more. As you fully appreciate, I am no speaker, but I should like to add in closing that I do thank God for the way He has upheld us during the year that has passed. There have been days when one has felt, well, there is too much with which to cope. Yet, in the quietness of one's room at the end of the day a real sense of thankfulness to the Lord steals over one, for He has been our sufficiency!"

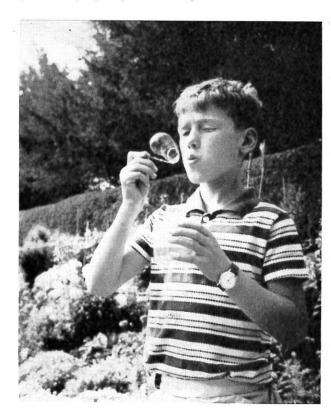


Deep in thought

Miss Baker—" Mrs. Gilbert thinks her girls are lovely. I think my boys are beautiful! Look at them. Now I will stand in front of them so that you won't see them blush!! 'Boys will be boys.' I wonder what that means to you. I would like to tell you some of the things it means to me. It meant on 'Our Day' today, getting up at two o'clock to hush somebody who was proudly announcing to everybody at the top of his little voice, 'It's raining, it's raining'. I just had to remind him that it was still in the middle of the night and that everybody was supposed to be asleep. It means knowing something about a football team, 'Spurs' I think they are called, and Chelsea, too. It means knowing something about Gabriel, at least, it is somebody who makes a noise up above my room, and Heaven is up above, isn't it?; and it is Gabriel's voice, or somebody, that I hear night after night when I am trying to

go to sleep. It means losing the right to my library tickets, and sometimes being given a French book to read in French, and 'You can use my dictionary if you like', or else being given a history book with a patronising comment, 'Well, it is quite readable, so you ought to be able to manage it'. It means helping older boys to count out their supper time biscuits, because they can only manage 1, 2, 3, 4—6. It means knowing at least two languages at bedtime, because you have to say 'Now come along upstairs to bed' or else 'Come along oop-stairs to bed'. It means knowing the difference between poomps and plimsols!!

"You know Jesus said 'Suffer the little children to come unto me' and Jesus took a little child and set him up in the midst, and it is a tremendous responsibility not to hinder one of these little ones. Many people say to me, 'How do you cope?' and 'how do you manage?' Well, I don't and I can't, but I have the privilege of proving day by day that His Grace IS SUFFICIENT. I have the privilege and the opportunity to prove day by day His strength is all I need."



Blowing
Bubbles
is a
Serious
Business!

members of our Family here. The majority are too far away to join us, but we do constantly remember them in prayer. In Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, America, and so on.

Mrs. Harper—" Dear Friends. It is a great joy to me to take part in our Annual, today. As an 'old girl' I would like to tell you a few things about the Family when I was in the home as a child and staff member. Today is the 56th Annual Gathering I have attended. Fifty-seven years ago, having lost our mother, my sister and I were taken to the home at Woodford. It was different then to the home you have been over today. There were no halls, only the four houses in Crescent Road, and about 50-60 children, Mr. and Mrs. White, Miss Hutchin, who was Mother, and Auntie. We had no lights in the bedrooms and used to have a candle to get into bed by. No single beds in those days—we slept four in a bed, two at the top and two at the bottom. Our food was very much the same each day. Breakfast was porridge with salt, and three slices of bread and margarine and a cup of cocoa. Dinner was always vegetable stew cooked in a big copper and sometimes breasts of lamb were put in, but you had to be 14 before you had any of the meat. Tea was four slices of bread and iam and a cup of milk and water. How would you boys and girls like that today? But we were a happy lot of children and used to get good fun out of our lives. In winter Dr. Flegg used to say the dessert-spoonful of cod liver oil we had at night and morning helped to keep us all well, and in summer holidays we only wore our shoes and socks on Sundays or if we went out, otherwise we used to run about all day with nothing on our feet.

"There were four special days we used to look forward to each year. In October we had a tea with home-made cakes, provided by some ladies who used to make clothes for us. Then at Christmas we had turkey and Christmas pudding for dinner and everyone had a present, and the older boys and girls would play games with us in the meeting room. Then there was a day spent at Clacton each year. One year at Prayers I remember Sir (as we then had to call Mr. White) telling us we would have to pray hard as we had no money for the fares, but I am pleased to say God met our need and to Clacton we all went. Annual Day was the other exciting day of our year and this day always started with the older girls getting up at 6 a.m. to scrub the meeting room floor. The first Annual I remember was held in a marquee in the Family grounds. Mrs. Barclay used to come each year to speak and always gave us a book or picture, many of which I still have. One year, we all went by coach to her home at Hertford Heath for dinner and tea and how we enjoyed ourselves. At the age of 14 we left school and had to work in the home for a year, then went out to service. After two years in service my sister and I felt the Lord wanted us to work for Him in the home. We came and saw Pa, as we then called Mr. White, and after much Prayer, we came back home trusting the Lord to provide for all our needs. I took over the washing without all the mod. cons. you have seen today. There were then about 80 children to wash for and I used to have different girls to work with me. I had a fire copper and one deep sink, plus two wooden tubs: no detergents in those days, just soda and sunlight soap, a scrubbing brush and board. The ironing was done by flat irons on a stove in the middle of the laundry. We would start washing on Monday morning, and everything was finished and cleared away by Saturday! After nine and a half years as a staff member I was married by Pa in the Baptist Church at George Lane and we had our reception in the Florence Barclay Memorial Hall (our hall) just a year after it was built.

"The heart of our work was always centred round staff Prayers (as it still is today). After the children had gone to school we always met together for Prayer and Bible Study. Here we faced the problems and needs of the work and learnt to rely on God to supply our every need. How wonderful it is to look round the home today and see all the improvements since the days I have been telling you about. As the cost of living and the needs of the Family have increased over the years, so has God opened up the way for more prayer partners. Woodford always has been home to me, and always will be, and my prayer is that you boys and girls will all find Christ as your Saviour, for He is the One Who will guide you all your life.

"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.
"'Tis Jesus the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home,
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come."

Miss Roberts also spoke, telling of her early years in the Family, and subsequent reunion with her mother. She was especially looking forward to a visit to this country of her two sisters (twins) and their families, from South Africa and America, in 1968. Both were with us in the Family until they were married in 1955.



Margaret (one of the twins) with her husband Karl and children in America

Mr. Richard Kent, whose dear wife was called home to be with her Lord earlier in the year, and whose children are sharing in our Family home for the present, was able to sing, very movingly, "Thanks be to God." Do remember this family in prayer.

Mr. White then introduced his son :-

Keith:—"So at last I stand at the front at an 'Our Day' meeting . . . and speak. When I was very young I listened at the back of the church; then I sat in the front of the choir, and gradually moved back, row by row. For two or three years I've been privileged to sit at the piano—and now I'm standing at the front expected to say something (a real 'chip off the old block'!).

If you're expecting anything exceptional I'll just tell you what happened when I was speaking at a little village church one Sunday. I was shaking hands with the members of the congregation as they were leaving. One old lady said to me: 'I knew your grandfather.' 'Really?' 'Yes, he was a grand, grand speaker.' (I'd heard similar remarks before.) Then she continued: 'I know your father, too; he is a grand, grand speaker.' I'd heard that before, too; but the next step was going to be embarrassing . . . 'And now,' she continued emphatically 'I've heard you speak, and **one** day, I'm sure you will be a grand speaker, too!

"Well, here I am, anyway, with a few friends from Oxford, too. We're supposed to be in Oxford, so we hope the Principal is not here! One statement I saw on a notice-board outside a church near the University could well be the motto of this 'Our Day'. In an age when everyone seems to be asking: 'Is God dead?' this notice read: 'Our God is not dead—so sorry to hear about yours'!

"If you think about that, you will realise what I mean. The people who think God is dead have got the wrong chap. I say it very sincerely. Our God doesn't change. To expect Him to die when He was never born is absolutely ridiculous. It's limiting an infinite Being to the same processes as mere man. A master at school once told us that we were stupid to think that because everything we touch, taste, see, smell or hear has a beginning and an end, therefore everything else does. That's like a negro in a primitive African tribe saying that all humans are black. What he should say is that everyone he has seen has a dark skin.

"We are now going to sing our 'Family anthem'. Like all you have heard and will hear today, it describes God as unchangeable and eternal. How wonderful to know the C. H. & M. is in the hands of

"Our faithful, unchangeable Friend Whose love is as great as his power And knows neither measure nor end."

Mr. White continued: "It is lovely to have some of the lads from Hertford College, Oxford, here with us today. Thank-you so much for coming. They arrived just in time for dinner, and brought with them a cake tin, kidding me on, you know! As I tried to pick it up, one suggested there was a rock cake inside. It was colossally heavy. When I eventually opened it, the tin was packed with money. A gift from the College to the Family, amounting to £7 10s. 0d. We are most grateful to you. God bless you.

"Since 1933, when the Trust was first formed to safeguard the Children's Home and Mission, we have been most encouraged by the prayerful and active support of our Trustees. Miss Marsh, serving God in Singapore, is in constant touch with us and in her latest letter tells of much spiritual blessing in Indonesia. She asks for our prayers for the new believers that they may be kept. Mr. James Stokes, in Canada, a very close Family friend, sends greetings for this Day. Thinking of our speaker today he says, 'I trust



Holed in One ?! that the coffee will be to your liking and no grounds for complaint.'

"Recently we held our yearly Trustees Meeting—it was good to discuss the Family progress in some detail. We have been taking stock over the past 18 months—there is a changing social pattern throughout the country. I don't mean moral improvement—the reverse— no, a changing emphasis of need. Being alerted to this we desire to meet it, as God guides. Our property is now sandwiched between two factory sites. Our quiet road has become a busy by-pass, choked with parked cars and lorries, resulting in increased noise and possible danger. Of course, on the other hand we do have many 'advantages', positioned where we are. These and other matters were discussed with our Trustees. Pray with us!

"I have asked one of our Trustees, an 'old' boy, to to speak to us." $\,$



Determined to hit it!

Mr. Kearns—" As a member of this Family it has given me much pleasure to join the Trustees and to meet with them at the yearly Trustees meeting, to listen to the first-hand account of God's faithfulness to those who will obey and trust Him. One comes away knowing that 'Our God is the same yesterday, today and for ever.'

"My wife and I are often at home with the Family. One of the great things about being a member of a large family is that there is always plenty to do. My wife has been helping with the teas at Crescent Road today. We were on the committee that formed the Badminton Club some fourteen years ago. This club is still going strong today and is very much enjoyed by those who attend. Each evening we close with an epilogue, which is taken by the members.

"The Family have a 'sing-song' about one Sunday evening a month, and friends and neighbours are invited. We are pleased to come along and share in this fellowship whenever possible. My Christian life has been brightened and deepened by all these experiences. God has led me along His way, and He has clearly shown me His great love for me and that His Word is so dear to those who will trust Him! I believe that God is wanting each one of us to prove Him today. In Mal. chapter 3, v. 10, we read where God said:



Mr. Kearns spends a day with us on holiday

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

"I believe that this is the challenge to God's people today."

Mr. White—"You know, I feel like breaking away from my notes at this point and pouring out my heart to you. There is so much that the dear Lord has done for us as a Family over these 67 years. There is so much more that we desire to do for Him. So many opportunities of telling out the gospel. As I said earlier, we constantly hear from prayer partners and it is difficult to express adequately our gratitude to God for raising up such a loyal band of Prayer Warriors. The Lord bless you. I have asked just one to speak to us who for a short while helped on the staff and comes from the lovely land of Denmark."

Miss Inger Ernstsen—"I am very, very happy that God led me to the Family here. It was in a wonderful way that I came because I asked one of my friends to seek for a job for me here in England and I had never thought about a Faith Mission. I have met some people at home, and I have friends that work in Faith Missions, but I was afraid that God could supply their needs, but not mine! When He led me to the Family I really experienced that God was so great and that He was supplying wonderfully and I am very happy that I came. Many times after I came here God was speaking to me in various ways—He broke through into my life and showed me that it was not enough to be a Christian and do what I wanted to do, but that I must consecrate my life completely to Him and do what He wanted me to do and go where He wanted me to go. That is what I learned in the time I was with the Family, and I praise God that He started to work in my life in such a way.

"It has been wonderful, too, after I have left, to come back and be like one of the Family. I have been very, very happy to come and to give a little hand here and there—it is not anything, but I have enjoyed it. After I had left and had been praying for the Work I have seen how God supplies the need much, much more than expected. He supplies in different ways and always at the right time. I praise God for my time in the Family."

Mr. White concluded: "How we do praise God for a remarkable year. With confident expectancy we look to Him to open the doors of service ahead. We desire to be alert to the opportunities—so many—and to be equipped for them. Friends—Pray on with us. Please pray!!

"On behalf of all my Family — thank-you again for coming. To my wife, Keith and Anita, mother, brother, staff and children—thank-you. It is difficult to express what you all mean to me. But He knows. God bless you.

"My final word. Do you know Jesus? In a personal way, I mean—not in some vague historical way. You don't—then there is no need for you to wait longer—you can know Him now. Jesus said 'Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.' I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.' Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.' — Seek Him now—you'll find Him. Amen'



A Happy
Day—and
now to
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Later in the programme Mrs. White spoke as follows:-"I wonder when you first came in touch with the CHILDREN'S HOME & MISSION? When I was quite small my family moved to Woodford, and because of the illness of my father, we could not continue at the church we had been attending. We went down to the George Lane Baptist Church and I remember seeing there a group of boys, looking very smart in grey suits . . . sitting on the left-hand side of the church. On the right-hand side of the church were girls dressed in very beautifully made red coats. I rather envied those for I thought they looked so nice, and of course I asked my parents who these children were and where they came from. I was told that they belonged to the Family of Mr. Herbert White. A year or two later a school friend of mine happened to say one Saturday morning that she was going round to Crescent Road and that she was going to take some gifts down to Mr. Herbert White. I don't remember that I followed her example.

"When I was a teenager one of my Sunday School teachers (she is here today) said to me: 'Have you ever been to Mr. White's Annual Meeting?' and I said 'No.' I usually listen to notices, but I don't do much about it unless somebody takes me along. She invited me to come, and that year it was on a Thursday. She took me along and I sat in the gallery. I think even then the children could sing as well as they have today. I remember them singing one piece which was: 'Jesus loves a shining face, Outward sign of

inward grace.'

"Probably some of you here this evening were in the choir that night and sang those words. I little dreamed on **that** 'Our Day', that some thirty years later I would be standing before the 'Our Day' congregation talking to you and would have been the wife of Herbert White's youngest son for twenty-five years. You don't know what's in store for you!

Looking back over the years I have been in the Family. there are many things that have come to my mind, and many things I could talk to you about, but time is slipping by too quickly. However, one thing has been really outstanding to me and that is the fellowship and friendship of so many people. It is evident here tonight, and yet you are only a small portion of the number of people who write, telephone. bring gifts to us and assure us of prayer. I sometimes find myself bewildered when we hear so much about church unity (or is it uniformity?) when it seems to me, and it is evident here tonight, that people of all denominations who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are already ONE and there is unity existing here and now. This, to me, has stood out over the years. I never know just how I can thank you, but I have deeply appreciated not only the love of prayer partners and friends, but of all the members of Herbert White's own Family.



PETER and LYNDA—4th March, 1967
Mr. and Mrs. White were very happy to be present at the Wedding of Peter, one of the Family. The service was conducted by the Revd. Stuart Smith in Plashet Park Congregational Church, E.6.

Address given by the Rev. JOSEPH COFFEE ON "OUR DAY"

Reading: Genesis Chapter 24, verses 1-26, 48 and 67.

I am sure that this beautiful story is well known to many of you here this evening. I want to share a few thoughts that the Lord has given to me. This is a wonderful picture of God's abounding love for you and me; in fact, it is a picture of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches that there are the three Persons and yet one God. Each of these Persons has an important part to play in the spiritual realm of our lives. Perhaps there is someone saving. as once I did, "What do you mean? One God and three Persons?" I know that this is difficult for us to understand. but the Bible says that this is a fact. You and I have just finite minds, and God Himself is infinite. There are some things we just cannot understand—God hasn't told us everything about Himself. He's only told us a little, but He's told us enough to give us Salvation through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Even in the ordinary realm there are certain things we cannot understand, yet we know them to be true. For instance, I cannot understand, and you cannot (if you will pardon me for saying so), how it is that a red cow eats green grass and gives white milk! Do you know, because I don't? Yet it is a fact that the red cow does eat green grass and produces white milk. If this happens in the ordinary realm, then surely in the spiritual realm there are things we don't understand.

Let us take our minds back to this glorious picture we have in chapter 24 of Genesis—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. In this story Abraham represents God; Isaac, Abraham's son, is a type of Jesus Christ, and the servant represents the Holy Spirit. We must realise that the Bible gives us a picture of the Bridegroom and the Bride. The Bridegroom is our dear Lord Jesus and His bride is the church. I mean this corporately as well as individually. The church as a whole is the bride of the bridegroom. Each one of us when we come to that place of giving our heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ is, in a sense, married to Him.

Abraham was very old and he was interested in his son and wanted the very best for him, and he longed that the right bride might be found for him. As Abraham was so concerned about his son, do you know that God is very concerned about every one of us? God cares for us from the youngest to the oldest. He longs that we may accept the challenge He makes upon our lives—His love for you and me is so great. God has a plan for every life if only we will allow Him to put it into operation. Now what happens is this, that Abraham decided to send one of his servants to find a bride for his son. This servant represents the work of the Holy

Spirit in the world today. The servant went to find the one who was to be Isaac's bride and this is just what the Holy Spirit of God is doing today in a world which has forsaken its Maker. The Holy Spirit of God is going out into the far country and He is bringing home those who are willing to let the Lord Jesus Christ deal with them.

He finds us and then He points us to the Saviour. This is what Jesus says in John 16, verses 13 and 14: "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself: but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you."

This is the work of the Holy Spirit of God. Today He is at work in the world. He is reaching out to people. All of us are in the far country until we come to that point of giving our heart and life to the Lord Jesus. The spirit of God is working today in our country and throughout the world, coming, touching and opening the eyes of people for them to see the Lord Jesus.

In Genesis 24 we read in verse 17 that this servant "ran to meet her and said 'Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher'." And the servant ran to meet her. Today the Holy Spirit is running to meet some of you people here. He longs to come and be allowed to deal with you because He is concerned about you, because He loves you. And the servant ran to meet her and this man just ran forward, because he saw the one whom he thought God was leading him to. The servant said "Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher." And she said "Drink, my Lord." He invited—she responded. Many of you have known the Lord Jesus for a number of years—you have been a child of God much longer than I have, but I'm sure there are others who have never given their hearts to the Lord Jesus.

What does Jesus say in the Gospels? "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." He invites—this is His province—but we have to respond. I am sure you know that when our Lord Jesus laid down His life upon that Cross at Calvary, there He made peace with God for you and for me. He died for the sins of the world, but each one of us has to come to Him in a personal way: to acknowledge Him as my Saviour. He paid the price of my sin. The One who died there on that Cross for me, unworthy though I be. We have to come to the point of seeing the One who died for me—not for anyone else, not for the other millions of people, but for me—for Joe Coffee, for you! So often this Lord Jesus is so near to us, but we seem to reject Him. We seem to turn our back upon Him. He's there and He's patiently knocking at the door of our hearts. The Spirit

is seeking us, pointing us to Jesus and yet we just don't want to give our lives to Him.

No, we say, "I want to be the boss of my own life. He may make changes." He will make changes, radical changes -vour friends will see them. If we don't accept His offer of Salvation life is so empty, so frustrating—I know—I have not been a parson for very long. Seven or eight years. I have only been a Christian a little over 12 years. If you had told me iust that number of years ago that tonight I would be standing up in this pulpit speaking to you about the Lord Jesus. I would not have believed you! I was in business and all I wanted was prosperity and success, all the things the material life offered. I found that the more I had, the more I wanted. I was never satisfied. All that prosperity was bringing to me and my dear family, was unhappiness. When money was coming in, love was going out. By God's grace I went to a Meeting and I heard this simple Gospel. It was a "Get right with God" Campaign run by Tom Rees at the Albert Hall. I heard of God's love for me—a man who had got himself into such a mess—he'd got so much money, but he hadn't got happiness. Our marriage was almost broken. My dear wife is here and she would tell you the same. The devil had got right in and was causing havoc. I just heard of God's love for me—Jesus died for Joe Coffee. My wife and I came back from that Meeting and we knelt together beside our bed. We had never prayed together before in our lives. We had been married 14 years and we said "If there is a God, if there is a Jesus, just come in and put our lives right, put my life right." This was the beginning of a new life for us. We want to praise God for the changes He has wrought. Why he loved me, why He went to Calvary, I honestly don't know. Yet I believe the Word of God to be true and that He died for me. I am banking my whole life on Him. I learned that God's love for me is greater than all my sin. It's incredible that God hates sin but God loves the sinner. No matter what our past life has been; no matter how often we have rebelled against God: no matter how often we have turned our back upon Him, He longs to forgive. No sin is too great.

"And the servant ran to meet him" and that's what God is doing tonight. He is running to meet you, to show you His Son, Jesus.

I must get on with the story. Eventually Rebekah had to decide whether or not she would go with this servant. Rebekah's mother wanted her to stay with her, so they called her and said, "Let her decide for herself whether she would like to go with the servant or not." Genesis 24, v 58—"And they called Rebekah and said unto her, "Wilt thou go with this man?" And she said "I will go". Each one of us has to decide what we shall do with the Lord Jesus. I can't decide

for you: you can't decide for someone else—you have to decide for yourself. All of us can either accept His offer of salvation or reject it. The Jews were asked this question, "What shall we do with Jesus?"—"Who do you prefer—Barabbas, the thief, or Jesus?" The crowd shouted "We want Barabbas," and Pilate said "What shall I do with this man?" They cried, "Crucify him, crucify him. We don't want this man to rule over us." Isn't this what thousands and thousands are saying today? "We don't want Him—we don't want Him to rule over us." Barabbas is just a picture of the world.

It often means if we really decide to give ourselves wholeheartedly, that we have to "forsake" some of our families. This is the price one has to pay, if you can call it a price. I have relatives and I love them in the worldly sense so much. When I left business some thought I was crazy. "Give it all up, Joe—going into the church!" I said "Yes, I've come to know the Lord Jesus and He has changed my life." They couldn't understand. How my dear wife and I pray that they may come to know the Saviour before it is too late.

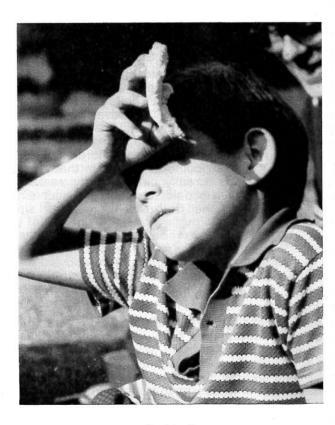
"And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife: and he loved her." The servant's work is done. The bride is brought to the bridegroom. The two meet and "he loved her". There are many here tonight who know the real love of the Lord Jesus. Many who know that forgiving love, the love that sent Him to die on the cross. Those who are children of God know what I mean. When you come to Him from that far country and you find Jesus in a really personal way, realising that He died for you, that He paid the price for your sin, your eyes are opened to the truth. We sometimes sing the chorus—

"Why did He love me I never can tell, Why did He suffer to save me from hell, Nothing but infinite grace from above Could have conceived such a story of love."

So Rebekah came to Isaac and he loved her. So the sinner comes to Jesus and finds that Jesus loves him or her.

One final thought, Rebekah came to Isaac in faith. Rebekah had never met him — she came because she believed what the servant had said about him. We cannot see the Lord Jesus, but you have to come in faith because of what I've said and because of what He says in the Bible. As you believe, you will find Him to be true. In 1 Peter 1, v 8, we read, "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." I cannot put God in a test tube and say "Look, here He is "—it's impossible, but I can testify how God, by His grace, has changed my life and the life of my

dear family. This is my proof—what He's done for me. Not that I deserve it. If you come, too, and give your heart in simple faith, not seeing, but believing, you will find that He will start working. You will be transformed and you will start leaping for joy. Perhaps there is someone here who has never taken that step. All I can say is, launch out deeply in simple faith and you will find that He will make changes for which you will ever thank Him and praise Him. He will then be glorified through the testimony of what Jesus has done for you. . . . "And He loved her."



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CHRISTMAS, 1967

Gifts, which we were delighted to receive, included turkeys, ham, mince pies, cakes, chocolates, sweets, biscuits and cordial, serviettes, fruit, nuts, vegetables and groceries, Christmas trees and decorations, crackers, stockings, balloons and handmade paper hats, handmade garments, cot covers, blankets and soft toys, books, stationery, toys and games, teenage gifts, toilet requisites and handkerchiefs, record player and record token, umbrellas, plastic footballs, Gaydon dinner plates.

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CHILDREN'S HOME AND MISSION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1967

818 0 7 381 10 10 200 0 0 0	2,848 17 2,848 17 8 2,848 17 8 2,848 17 8 298 15 0 224 0 0	103 3 0
Covenants Subscriptions & Donations 6,818 0 Less Transfer to Dep. A/c.: (a) Special Gift for Modernisation or Rebuilding 200 0 (b) Reserve for Contingent Death Duties - 300 0	d on count	Transfer to Accumulated Fund, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year
1966 366	5,332 322 25 5,295 1,697 1,697	13,264
Rates, Taxes and Insurance		Spring Holiday 298 15 0 (Summer Holidays 344 14 9 Transfer to Accumulated Fund, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year
1966 433 F 964 H 569 F 1,940 F		

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CEMBER, 1967	Ereehold Property	The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall - 2,250	Woodford 1,700	Woodford - 1,150	Deposit Account	Garage and Shed - 98 Household Furniture - 500	' ‡		: 		Sundry Creditors 51 0 0 Earmarked	0 0 0			
31st DE	1966			5 100	3,635	98	97	7 + 7	•	1,438	51		1,387	£10,122	
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1967	nvested Funds	The Florence Barclay Memorial Hall - 2,250 0 0	The Doctor F. B. Marsh 1,700 0 0	Stark Gift - 1,150 0 0		Accumulated Fund Balance at 1st January, 1967 - 5.022 9 6		come and Expendi-	, b					9 9 610,013	
	1966			7 100					5,022					£10,122	
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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 31st day of January, 1968.

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

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