

Home for Destitute and Motherless Children,

Crescent Road East, South Woodford.

Founded 1899 by Miss R. A. Hutchin and Mr. H. W. White.

WORKERS: MISS R. A. HUTCHIN, *Girls' Matron.*

MRS. G. WILSON, *Boys' Matron.*

MRS. DYER, *Sister Mary.*

HON. MEDICAL OFFICER: DR. F. A. MARTIN FLEGG, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
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HON. DIRECTOR: MR. HERBERT W. WHITE.

REPORT.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

I do not think a better text could have been chosen, as we endeavour to bring before you the marvellous way in which the Lord has helped us during the third year of our existence as a Home, and I feel that we are better able to declare as we look back and recount past blessings over a longer experience than we had had this time last year that hitherto He has helped us. This brings fresh courage to our hearts, because we can safely conclude that He who answered our prayers three years ago in the starting of this work, and has continued to answer them day by day up to the present time, will continue to bless His work as long as we look to Him alone for support. There is, indeed, a great tendency in the human heart to look to his fellow creature and to things of time and sense rather than by faith to the One who has promised to supply all our needs, but although at times there has been the thought of appealing to those whom we know for assistance we thank God that this has not taken place, but that we have been able to rest in His promise alone and trust Him for everything which has been sent to this His work. When we realise that the work is not our own but that we are only the instruments in His hands which he has deigned to use to carry on this work, we cannot help believing that whilst we hold such a position and recognise that He is the leader, the work cannot possibly fail but must succeed, because everything which He undertakes always meets with success. Hallelujah!

I propose this year to go from the method which has been adopted in the last two reports and place before you day by day extracts from my diary, in order that you may be better able to understand how the work is daily supported.

The Home is for destitute and motherless children, who are admitted after their case has been brought before us and strict inquiries have been made and we are well satisfied as to the genuineness of the case. Our great object and desire is to bring them up in the fear of God and train them in Christian principles, and to prove day by day the reality and truth of God's word, and that it is possible not only for us but others to be able to rely upon Him for the necessities of everyday life with the hope that those of our readers may be led to exercise greater faith in God in order that His name may be glorified, His Kingdom extended and His people upheld and blessed, hence the reason why we do not appeal or in any way advertise this work. Our next object is specially to take in those who have lost their mother. There are many homes and institutions to-day for orphan boys and lads, but few for the special object of rescuing those who are motherless, and "what is home without a mother." The Home is quite unsectarian and is not officially connected with any place of worship, and as you will be able to see, God has led many friends of all denominations to give a helping hand in this His work.

This time last year we had 14 girls and 4 boys, 18 in all. We have now steadily increased our numbers to 17 girls, 5 having left and 8 added, and 14 boys, 9 having left and 19 added, making the grand total in the Home on the 30th April 31. Some of the children are bereft of both parents, but when a child is admitted with a parent living who is able to do something towards their support, a small charge is made according to their means, as we feel that if we took the entire responsibility off them it would be the means of helping them to become careless and indifferent and perhaps of assisting them to wander and commit sin, but every case, whether with or without parent, is proved to be in sore need before any help is given. I will now proceed with the extracts from my diary:—

MAY.

2nd.—14 straw hats, sack of potatoes, articles of furniture including looking glass, wooden bedstead, washstand, etc. 6th.—6/-, pot of jam. 9th.—Dripping, apples. 10th.—Funds had sunk very low and we were placed in great need for the day's provisions. Having told the Lord we were looking to Him for the supply, we found 6/- put through the letter box in an envelope without any sign as to who from, and after more prayer friends called and left 10/-, 1/9, 7/6. 12th.—Dripping, cake, two mackerel, £1 10s., 18/1. 13th.—6/-.
 *Being over-run with mice we asked the Lord to send two cats along, one for each house, which He did in less than two days; they arrived to-day. 14th.—Toys for children, French gospel of 4th John and French tracts for a French boy in the Home not able to speak or understand English, pot of jam, 2/-. 15th.—A few plants for garden. 16th.—14/- 17th.—9/-, three pinafores, cake. 18th.—5/-, 1/-, dripping. 20th.—6/-, some clothing and toys for children. 21st.—6/-, 2/-, 2/1, coat and papers for boys, dripping, fish and cake. 23rd.—8/6, 6/-, 8/-, parcel of clothing. 24th.—Cake. 26th.—Materials for dress. 27th.—Dripping, pastry and fish. 28th.—Bread for pudding, and apples. 29th.—One egg. *One of the children was lying dangerously ill on account of poisoning by eating leaves from a hedge, she becoming so bad towards evening that the doctor gave up hope of her recovery. We had a special prayer meeting, and in the morning were rejoiced to find that the girl was much better. We are also led to thank God for the great interest which our doctor shows; he came down three times to see the child during the day she was so bad. One bottle of Valentine's Beef Juice given specially for this little one. 30th.—Parcel of clothing. 31st.—4/-, 6/-, 15/-. *Our baby who has consumption of the bone went into the hospital for operation. Friend called and paid £1 7s. for the children to go to the S.S. Excursion.

JUNE.

1st.—Dripping. 4th.—Dripping, 8/-, £1, £2, 10/-. 5th.—Plants for garden. 7th.—Doll's house, 8/-. 8th.—One of the fathers of our girls walked all the way from Woolwich in trouble about his soul (this was Sunday), found Christ, signed the pledge, and went on his way rejoicing. We heard to-day that five girls passed the Sunday School Scripture Examination, one having a specially distinguished certificate. 9th.—6/-, £1, rhubarb. 10th.—New laid eggs and oranges. 11th.—Sundry clothes. *A poor boy aged 16 was brought round by some lads in a starving condition, and after I had interviewed him we got him a bath, some food and clothes; he was in a wretched condition. We kept him for about three weeks and then transferred him to another Home, as the age exceeded the limit at which we receive boys. The enquiries which were made proved his case to be a deserving one. 12th.—10/-, 2/-. 13th.—Bread. 14th.—2/6 rhubarb, Bovril, jelly, three frocks. 16th.—Rhubarb, 6/-, 10/6, £1 6s. 1d., 1/-. 18th.—Eggs, sugar and oranges, dripping, rice, clothes, 10/-, 8/-. 20th.—*Dripping (this was found on window sill and was at a time of real need), children all went to Buckhurst Hill Baptist Church by invitation from the pastor to the First Anniversary Tea and Meeting. 21st.—Cake, 8/-, 6/-. 23rd.—2/6, 11/6. 24th.—Cocoa, sugar, tea, rhubarb, sack of potatoes. *Baby returned from hospital much better. 25th.—Children all invited to their Band of Hope tea at Highams Park and had an enjoyable time. Miss Grandison, who had been labouring with us for one year, returned to Perth. 27th.—5/-. 28th.—A brother came to teach children some new hymns, 7/11, 8/-, 2/-, 4/-, £2. 30th.—4/9, 3/6, 2/6, 6/-, £1, 15/-, 11/6.

JULY.

1st.—Lady called through seeing a report of the Home to have a dress made, a parcel of old clothes and boots, some flowers, straw hats, £2. 3rd.—Bag of flour, 5/-. 4th.—Cake. 5th.—Clothes, dripping, 6/-. 6th.—Rhubarb. 7th.—7/6, £2 4s. 6d., 15/-, 1/-. Here again we proved the love of Christ. We had been specially praying for funds and it was not until late in the evening the amounts mentioned came in from quite unexpected quarters. 8th.—Dripping, 2/6, 3/-, 6/6. 11th.—Gooseberries, strawberries, flowers from two different friends. 13th.—Two ladies' capes, 2/0³, 1/-. 15th.—Flour, lettuces, flowers, 2/-, 4/6, 2/3, £1 1s., 10/9. 16th.—Dripping. 17th.—5/- (in match box), rice, dripping, sugar. 19th.—Jam,

❧ LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS OF GIFTS. ❧

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		*Mrs. McLaren.	

* Signifies gifts for Sale of Work.

† Signifies other gifts as well.

❧ DONATIONS. ❧

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Miss Fowler	1	0	0	Brought forward ..		18	16	11
Mrs. G. Wilson	7	8	11	Mrs. Clark		0	10	0
Mrs. Drayson	0	4	0	Mr. Carpenter		0	5	0
Mrs. J. W. Wilson	0	10	0	Mr. W. Hutchin		0	2	0
Miss Miller	0	10	0	Mr. H. Wells		0	5	0
Miss McFarlane	0	6	0	Mrs. Ellis		0	2	6
Mr. Kimmins	0	2	6	Miss Wallers		1	0	0
Mrs. Brown	0	2	6	Mr. J. S. Rush		0	2	0
Mrs. Witherspoon	1	1	0	Rev. E. C. Waller		0	10	0
Mr. Gourlay	0	5	0	Mrs. Waller		0	10	0
Mrs. Ensom	0	10	0	Miss Duff		0	2	6
Rev. J. R. Cox	0	2	6	Woodford Bridge Women's Meeting		0	2	6
Mr. Warwick	0	10	6	Miss Paton		0	4	0
Miss Fraser	0	10	0	Mr. S. Hughes		0	10	0
Mrs. Warman	0	2	0	Mr. T. O. Seabrook (per)		2	0	0
Miss H. Williams	0	3	0	Mrs. Page		0	5	0
Miss Blythe	0	0	6	Mr. T. Fitter		0	5	0
Mrs. E. Odling	0	2	0	Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson		0	5	0
Mrs. Daymond	0	10	6	Mr. and Mrs. Aylott		1	0	0
Mrs. A. Willmott	0	5	0	Buckhurst Hill Baptist C. E. (per Mr. Elvin)		0	10	0
Mr. E. Cox	0	5	0			27	7	5
Miss F. Hutchin (per)		1	0	Anonymous Donors		1	8	0
Mrs. Hutchin	0	3	0			28	15	5
Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyers	3	3	0					
Carried forward ..	18	16	11					

❧ SUBSCRIBERS. ❧

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Mrs. Shepherd	1	4	0	Brought forward ..		13	18	6
Miss Spruzen	0	10	0	Miss Shrimpton		0	8	0
Miss K. Harris	0	12	0	Mrs. Joiner		0	13	0
Miss Williams	0	14	0	Mrs. Potter		0	10	6
Mrs. Epp	2	8	0	Mrs. Overton		0	6	0
Mr. H. W. Glover	0	10	6	Mr. C. H. Lidington		0	1	0
Mrs. Fowler	8	0	0			15	17	0
Carried forward ..	13	18	6					

✿ BUILDING FUND. ✿

Miss Grandison	£1 0 0
Mr. W. Nash	1 1 0
	<u>£2 1 0</u>

✿ LIST OF BOX HOLDERS. ✿

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mr. W. F. Halford, South Woodford ..	0	3	9	Brought forward ..	19	3	9 ³ / ₄
Mrs. McDonell, Brentwood ..	1	0	0	Mr. Bert Brown, Woodford ..	0	9	10 ¹ / ₂
Home Box	0	14	1	Miss Spruzen, Theydon ..	0	13	2
Mrs. Willmott, Streatham ..	0	15	0	Mrs. Joiner, Woodford ..	0	3	10 ¹ / ₂
Anonymous	0	8	0	Miss Marriott, Woodford ..	0	7	3 ¹ / ₄
Mrs. Downes	0	2	11	Mrs. T. G. White, Wanstead ..	0	11	8
Miss Riley, South Woodford ..	0	19	9	Miss Hart, Woodford ..	0	3	7
Miss E. Mason, Hackney ..	0	9	0	Mrs. Prindell, Woodford ..	0	4	4 ³ / ₄
Mr. J. Humphries, Ironbridge, Salop ..	0	12	0	Nurse Wilson, Glasgow ..	1	1	6
Mr. F. C. Stark, Southend ..	8	15	0	Miss Fraser, London ..	0	3	2 ¹ / ₂
Anonymous	3	7	1 ¹ / ₄	Mr. A. C. Pain, Woodford ..	0	1	3 ¹ / ₂
Miss Prince, Seven Kings ..	0	2	6	Miss Ford, Bloomsbury ..	0	8	0
Miss Darlison, Seven Kings ..	0	3	0	Mrs. East, Woodford ..	0	0	10
Mrs. Nunn, South Woodford ..	0	7	3 ³ / ₄	Mrs. Gardiner, Perth ..	1	1	0
Mrs. J. Cox, Seven Kings ..	0	7	11	Miss Geary, Walthamstow ..	0	8	9 ³ / ₄
Miss Gladys Cox, Seven Kings ..	0	2	3	Mrs. Hedges, Woodford ..	0	1	5 ³ / ₄
Mr. J. Blatchley, Egremont ..	0	5	0	Mr. W. J. Barnes, Peckham ..	0	2	6
Mrs. Hutchin, Buckhurst Hill ..	0	5	6	Miss Chappell, Clapton ..	0	1	4
Miss V. White, Woodford ..	0	2	4 ¹ / ₂	Miss Gray, Woodford ..	0	4	0
Mrs. T. R. Johnson, Hereford ..	0	1	4 ¹ / ₂				
Carried forward ..	£19	3	9 ³ / ₄		£25	11	6 ¹ / ₂

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

From the 1st May, 1902, to the 30th April, 1903.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last Account ..	0	9 3 ¹ / ₄	By Rent, Rates and Taxes ..	70	18 4
Donations	28	15 5	„ Provisions, &c. ..	95	12 10 ¹ / ₂
Subscriptions	15	17 0	„ Furniture and Linen ..	5	4 11 ³ / ₄
Collections (per 38 Collecting Boxes)	25	11 6 ¹ / ₂	„ Printing, Postages and Stationery	2	2 2
			„ Sundry articles of Clothing, &c., purchased for the Children	3	5 10 ¹ / ₂
Dressmaking	70	3 11 ¹ / ₂	„ Wages	9	13 0
Repayments on account of cost of board and lodging of children	8	14 4	„ Incidental Expenses, including Fares, Sundry Repairs, &c.	5	14 10 ³ / ₄
Do. do. per Mr. H. W. White ..	75	6 0			
	36	0 0			
Sale of Work	111	6 0			
Building Fund Account ..	12	2 0	„ Balance in Hand	192	12 1 ¹ / ₄
	2	1 0			
	£204	16 6 ³ / ₄		£204	16 6 ³ / ₄

I have examined the above Accounts with the Books and Vouchers, and certify the same to be correct.

ALBERT WILLMOTT, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT,

Honorary Auditor.

14, OLD JEWRY CHAMBERS, E.C.,

16th June, 1903.

cakes, coat, 5/-, 8/-. ^{*}I opened a box hanging in the Home, being much in need of funds, and found 2/2 therein, which exactly met the immediate requirements. 20th.—Red currants. 22nd.—6/-, 4/-. 23rd.—We again were driven to our knees for funds in order to make up money for rates. Almost directly we had risen from our knees a lady came and bought a garment for 7/6, which was the exact amount needed to make up the sum required. 2/6, 2/-. 24th.—Flour, dripping, bread, cake and fruit. 27th.—5/-, given by a friend as a thank offering to the Lord for His goodness to her during the week. 28th.—10/-, 6/-. 31st.—^{*}We were in dire need this day, having not even bread, and after looking into God's word and being reassured of His power to answer prayer, and praying to Him he again graciously appeared for us and during the afternoon some bread was left, which supplied enough for tea. Gooseberries and sugar for jam, 2/6, £1 12s., 5/-, 10/-, 4/-, 4/-; thus our Father gave us more than we asked or thought.

AUGUST.

2nd.—Dripping, two blouses, cake, semolina, flowers. 4th.—Sweets, biscuits. We took all the children to Hainault Forest in the afternoon and spent a most enjoyable time, taking our provisions with us. £4. 6th.—Currants for jam, 6/-, 1/-. 7th.—10/6. 8th.—Rice, dripping. 9th.—10/-. 11th.—Dripping. 12th.—Sugar, dripping, cornflour, Quaker oats. 13th.—£6, 6/-. 14th.—10/10. 16th.—6/-. 17th.—3/-, 5/-. 19th.—8/-, some clothes, including frocks, coat and shoes, plums and apples. 2/6, £1 1s., 1/4½. 21st.—12/-. 23rd.—^{*}Our little baby who had been in the hospital undergoing operations for consumption of the bone was sent by the kindness of a lady to the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, 8/-. 25th.—2/-. 26th.—6/-, 15/-, beef tea, night stool, lemons, eggs, flowers. 27th.—8/-, 5/-. 30th.—Marrows, beans, 4/-.

SEPTEMBER.

1st.—^{*}Had come to the end of our store, so unitedly asked the Lord for more, and scarce had we risen from our knees when 10/- was left, and a little later 1/4½ and some apples, which set us off singing. I believe God answers prayer. I am sure God answers prayer. I have proved God answers prayer, glory to His name. This now becoming a daily experience. One of our workers had been very queer and we had been praying for the way to be opened for her to get away; the Lord sent in answer to our prayers a friend to take her place, so she went to stay at a friend's in Woodford for a fortnight, when the Lord opened up the way for her to go for a fortnight to Southend. 2nd.—6/-, £1. 3rd.—8/-, 15/-, £1 5s. 5th.—12/6. 9th.—6/-, 8/-. 14th.—5/- (put through letter box without any sign as to who from), 2/-, 6/-. 20th.—^{*}Funds were again quite exhausted, nothing having come in since the 14th, but during the day, praise the Lord, He sent along 9/-, 8/-, 4/-, 1/-, 5/-, amounting to £1 7s. Our Father knows our need and always supplies. 25th.—Large brass bedstead, palliasse and bolster and mattress. 26th.—2/-. 27th.—8/-, 4/6, apples. 30th.—apples, 16/-, 5/- (sale of jacket), 4/6, 7/4½, 6/-.

OCTOBER.

1st.—£3, beans. 3rd.—Flour, dripping, bread, plums, 5/-, 2/3½, 2/3. 4th.—£2, 10/-, apples, pears, 8/-, 6/-, cucumbers, 6/-, 10/4. 6th.—£1 5s., 15/-. 7th.—Cake and jam. 8th.—3/-, dripping. 9th.—4/-, 3/4½. 11th.—8/-, 2/6, pair of shoes. 13th.—8/-, 6/-, pears. 14th.—1/-, apples, pears. ^{*}Schoolmistress sent some slates and books for the children, as they were at home on account of chickenpox. 16th.—Pears, two pots of jam, 3 lbs. of cake. 18th.—8/-, 4/-, 7/6. 20th.—Dripping, hats, turnips, stockings, £2 2s. 6d., 8/-. 21st.—10/11, 3/-, 5/-, 2/6, 6/-. 25th.—15/-, 9/9. 27th.—2/-. 28th.—6/-, 2/-, 29th.—White and brown bread and tea. 30th.—£3.

NOVEMBER.

1st.—6/-, 16/-, 2/-. 2nd.—5/-. 4th.—6/-, 1/-. 6th.—3/-. 7th.—Dripping, bread pudding. 8th.—8/-. 10th.—£1 10s., 1/-. 11th.—£1 1s., 6/-, 4/-, 6d., £1 5s., 15/-. 12th.—Coffee and sugar. 14th.—Pork and apples from Anstey. 15th.—2/-, 2/6. 18th.—Sack of potatoes, 6/-, 10/6, 5/-. 20th.—12/-, 5/-, 1/-, 1/6, £8 7s. 10d., being cash taken at Sale of Work, other amounts paid on other days; 2/-. 22nd.—5/-, 6/-, 2/-. 24th.—About 25 lbs. of sugar. 25th.—Hat and blouse. 30th.—5/4, £2.

DECEMBER.

1st.—Dripping, ginger cake, dripping again. 2/- 2nd.—6/-, 6/3. 3rd.—12/-, 8/6. 5th.—5/6, 1/- 6th.—10/-, 2/- 8th.—1/-, 12/7, 2/6. 9th.—6/-, 6/-, 16/- 10th.—£1. 11th.—Dripping, two loaves, sugar, rice. 12th.—5/- 13th.—3/-, 4/-, 6/-, 4/- 17th.—Some children's clothes, jacket and skirt. 18th.—3/7, 4/- 19th.—5/4. ^{*}20th.—4/-, pair of shoes, dripping, dripping again. 22nd.—7/-, 6/ 23rd.—2/3½, 3/ 24th.—Cheque for £3 3s., beef, pudding, cake, oranges, nuts, biscuits, in a separate box for each child. ^{*}This is the second time that the same two friends have provided our Christmas Dinner. ^{*}Toys for Christmas tree, dolls, sweets, fruit, grapes, oranges, apples, dates, cake, cake again, number of little cakes, box of 100 oranges. 25th.—10/-, 1/- 26th.—2/6. 27th.—£2. 30th.—6/-

JANUARY.

2nd.—£1 10s., 15/- 3rd.—6/-, 4/- 5th.—Parcel of clothing, dripping, some toys and a frock, 3/5. 7th.—6/-, 16/- 9th.—£2 3s., £1 1s. 6d., 2/6 (sent through post without any name).
 We have been marvellously delivered to-day. Last night the funds were all exhausted and £2 required to make up rent, for which the Lord directed me specially to pray. Nothing came by the first post, but by six o'clock in the evening £3 7s. had come in, thus the Lord gave us more than we asked or thought. 10th.—A peck of flour, 11³/₄d., 4/-, 12/-, 4/-, 3/2. 11th.—5/-, 1/- 12th.—Dripping, flaked rice, coat, 5/- 13th.—1/-, 6/-, 6/-, 4/2. 15th.—Frock. 17th.—5/-, 2/- 19th.—8/- 21st.—6/- 22nd.—2/6. 24th.—3 2⁴/₄, 6/- 25th.—5/- 26th.—8/- 27th.—5/-, 2/6. 30th.—On account of Sale, 6/6.

FEBRUARY.

4th.—6/-, 7/-, £1 5s., 15/-, 5/-, 1/-, 2/-, 2/-, 16/-, 8/-, 3/-, £3. 5th.—1/- 7th.—Baby was brought back from the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, and we were made glad at the decided improvement which had taken place with her. Dripping. £1, 4/- 8th.—1/- 9th.—2/-, 17/- 10th.—Sack of potatoes, coat and vest, pot of apple jam, 6/- 11th.—1/7. 12th.—Some bread, butter, jam and watercress. 13th.—Pot of marmalade, flowers, 3/10¹/₂, 10/-, 10/-, 2/6, 2/6, £1 4s., 14/6. 15th.—Pair of shoes, dripping. 17th.—Papers, stew, 6/- 18th.—Parcel of clothes. 20th.—Parcel of clothes. 21st.—Parcel of clothes. 25th.—Parcel of clothes, dripping. 27th.—Two brown loaves. 28th.—4/-, 6/-, £4.

MARCH.

3rd.—4/6. 4th.—16/- 9th.—10/- 10th.—£2, £1 5s., 15/-, 5/-, 6/- 11th.—1¹/₂ lbs. 2/- tea, 5/-, 1/- 13th.—4/-, bedstead, mattress, palliase. 14th.—4/-, 5/-, parcel of underclothing. 15th.—Parcel of clothes, dripping, stockings, dripping again, pair of shoes, papers, stockings. 17th.—6/-, 2/3. 23rd.—7/6, 6/- 28th.—£2, £4. 30th.—10/-, 4/- 31st.—6/-, 1/-

APRIL.

3rd.—16/-, 2/-, 1/- 6th.—10/-, 4/-, 16/-, dripping. 7th.—£1, 12/-, 1/- 8th.—6/- 9th.—4/-, 1/3¹/₂, 5/- 11th.—3/-, 2/- 12th.—3/6. 13th.—7/6. 15th.—6/-, 8/- 16th.—1/- 17th.—Eggs, 4/- 18th.—8/-, 3/-, 7/6, boots. 20th.—Broth. 21st.—6/-, 4/-, 12/-, £2 5s., 12/- 22nd.—10d., £1 1s., 15/-, £1 2/1¹/₂, 10/- 25th.—6/-, 5/6, 2/1, 6/- 27th.—6/-, 10/- 28th.—8/9¹/₄, 15/-, 3/-, 10/-, 2/3, 2/-, 1/5³/₄, 4/2. 29th.—2/6, £9, 1/4. 30th.—6/-, 4/-, 1/-, 15/-, 9/7, 4/-

I have not included in the above the gifts which were specially sent for the Sale of Work; these you will find specially marked in the List of Contributors of Gifts

All the children over five years of age are educated at the Board School in Woodford. The girls are kept until they are 16 years of age, when they are drafted out into service. One has already been sent out and is doing very well. The boys will be kept until they are 14 years of age, when they will be drafted out into some trade or business which will best suit their abilities.

Every Saturday evening between the hours of 6 and 8 is set apart specially for relatives and friends to visit their children, which time must be strictly adhered to unless special permission is obtained. The Homes are open to visitors every afternoon between the hours of 3 and 5.

Our Third Annual Sale will be held on Thursday, the 17th December, commencing at 3 o'clock, and I should be glad if friends who are sending things for same this year will kindly let me have them not later than Monday, the 14th of December. During the year we have received £2 1s. specially towards our Building Fund, and we are making it a daily matter of prayer that the Lord will raise up friends to help us in providing a permanent Home, and as I stated in my last Report only those funds shall be used for this purpose which are expressly given for it. If any donors would like their gifts put to any special purpose, if they will kindly say so their wish shall be carried out.

We are entering upon the fourth year of our work, and we are bound to thank God with all our hearts and the friends who have so kindly helped us in answer to our prayers for all that has come in during the past year, and it is with great hopes and expectations that we look forward to this year realising that as we commit our way unto Him and trust also in Him he will give us the desires of our hearts.

Yours in Christian bonds,

HERBERT W. WHITE,

Hon. Director.