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The Home for Destitute and Motherless Children,

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Crescent Road East, South Woodford.

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R E P O R T .

DEAR FRIENDS,

Another year has passed away in the history of our work wherein we can but praise God for His bountiful goodness; for in some small measure we have realised the truth of the following text: "All things whatsoever ye ask believing ye shall receive." With an increased number of little mouths to fill we have had to make, as it were, a greater demand for our supplies, and as in Luke 12, xxiv., we read He feedeth them, and in verse xxviii. of the same chapter, He will clothe them too. So we have found that our greater demands have been met by Him, and if we have been used as channels through which these temporal blessings have flowed, in that we have been enabled to pass them on, God be praised, for we know that our Master accepts whatsoever is done as done unto Himself.—Matthew 25, xl.

The Home is for Destitute and Motherless Children, who are admitted after their case has been brought before us and strict enquiries have been made and we are well satisfied as to the genuineness of the case. As we have stated in previous reports 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 necessaries of every day 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 printed reports are not sent out as an advertisement but in order that the friends who so kindly help may be able to see how their gifts are dealt with.

This time last year we had 17 girls and 14 boys, 31 in all. We now have at the end of our fourth year 40 children in all. We were enabled at Easter to open the third house opposite, and are praying that by the end of the present year we may have two others built and joined to our first two so as the work may be altogether. We shall then have room for over 60 children. Miss F. Hutchin, Auntie to Miss R. A. Hutchin, has joined us in the work and is proving a source of real help both in experience and Christian example. Before this report goes to print Mrs. Carter, from Shepherd's Bush, will also be a worker here.

For some time past we have been wondering what to do with the boys when they shall become old enough to leave school. The girls are sent out to service, or to some other business most suitable to them, but with regard to the boys the position seems more difficult as they would not earn enough to keep themselves for some years after they leave school. After careful consideration we have been led to establish a tea and coffee business under the name of the "Crescent Tea and Coffee Co.," with the idea of drafting the boys, who would be suitable, into this, should they be willing, where we trust there will be plenty of scope for their improvement. ALL the profits to go towards the HOME.