

The Home for Destitute and Motherless Children,

(UNSECTARIAN)

CRESCENT ROAD EAST, SOUTH WOODFORD.

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1st May, 1906.

DEAR FRIENDS,

The sixth year in the history of the above, which has just drawn to a close has been full of interesting events, and we are glad to again be able to bring to the notice of our friends the remarkable way in which God has answered prayer, not in one direction only, but as will be seen by the report from all points of view. Not that we have been exempt from testings and trials, for these at times we certainly have had, but even for these we praise God, as they have been the means of proving, without question, the truth of His word, which says, "That all things work together for good," etc. (Rom. viii., 28); and also of revealing to us our utter helplessness apart from Him and our absolute dependence upon Him.

The following is the account (as promised in last report) copied from the Woodford papers respecting opening of our new buildings on May 8th, last year:—

"On Monday afternoon last the large room of the new wing which has recently been added to the Home for Destitute and Motherless children in Crescent Road, East, South Woodford, was crowded to its utmost capacity by neighbours and friends interested in the work. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. T. Inskip, M.A., Vicar of Leyton, who was supported by Dr. and Mrs. Flegg, Mrs. Charles Barclay, Miss E. L. Fowler, Mr. H. W. White, and others.

"The new buildings which have recently been erected adjoining the old premises in which the work has lately been carried on, are in every way well adapted for their purpose, the rooms being large and airy, and conveniently planned. At the back is a large piece of land of between three and four acres, part of which will be used for growing vegetables, etc., while the remainder will be laid out as a playground. The proceedings having been opened with the singing of a hymn and prayer, the Chairman said he was pleased to come and shew his interest in this Home, which was being conducted on the same lines as Müller's Homes at Bristol. One could not help realizing how very great was the need of the work, that they were inaugurating afresh that afternoon; how many sad hearts and lives there were among the little ones who they felt ought to know something of the happiness and brightness of life during their childhood. They rejoiced in this work because they felt it was a Christlike work. Both for the believer and the outsider, it had a value of its own, in that it was based on the principle of faith. There was no elaborate canvassing or appealing for funds, or anything substantial to rely upon except God, to whom they looked day by day for their daily needs. Like Mr. Müller, Mr. White could say, 'Hitherto hath the Lord not failed us.' If there was need for further extension, they would not be anxious about the ways and means as they realized that the same God who bade them go forward would also supply what was necessary. Such a work as they were engaged in there was an answer to the question as to whether, when the Master came, He would find faith amongst His own people; and when outsiders were asking whether there was anything in the Gospel of Christ, such Homes as these, where God's people were conducting work on faith lines, could be pointed to as object lessons. This alone presented a problem for the unbeliever, and propounded a question which it would be very difficult for him to answer. The difficulties of belief might be great, but the difficulties of unbelief were far greater. To believers such a work as that helped to confirm their faith, and to the unbeliever and man of the world it shewed what God could accomplish. Although that work was only a small work, they were not to think the less of it on that account. Large Institutions like Müller's Homes and Dr. Barnardo's Homes had small beginnings, but whether this work remained a small one or grew to larger dimensions, its character would be the same. He thought they should set no limit as to what God would accomplish through them, but be ever ready to follow along the road whither he was leading. The children who were brought up in that Home would go forth into the world with a knowledge of what faith in Jesus Christ could do. In conclusion, the Chairman said he was glad to be able to stretch out a helping hand to those engaged in this work. He had received a letter from the Vicar of that parish, Dr. Smythe Palmer, speaking in very cordial tones of Mr. White and his work. Mr. White had just entered the bonds of holy matrimony, and he was sure all present would unite with him in wishing Mr. and Mrs. White every happiness in their life, and every blessing in their work.

"Miss Hutchin, one of the Founders of the Home, gave a brief and interesting account of how she was led to take up this particular work. Being anxious to do some definite work for her Master, she sought Divine guidance, and was eventually led to take charge of a child who had no mother, and whose father had deserted it. Soon after, another child was added, when a small cottage was taken in Latchett Road, and by the end of the first year the number had increased to six. During this time the donations contributed by friends went to pay the rent, rates, &c., and that she supported herself and children by her earnings at dressmaking. From this time each year marked further progress in the work.

"Mr. H. W. White gave a somewhat detailed account of the way in which he was led to take up and carry on the work of the Home. During the early part of 1899, he had a great desire to work for God in the Foreign Mission field, but failing to find an opening, he began to think what he could do for the poor neglected children of the slums, towards whom his heart had always yearned. About the end of 1899 he was brought into contact with Miss Hutchin, and although he did not know what she had in

"her mind, they were led to exchange confidences as to the desires they each had to do work for the Master amongst destitute children, with the result that they agreed to join forces in the work. The work had gradually grown from that time. With regard to funds Mr. White said they did not appeal for help or advertise the work. They looked to God to supply their needs, and they had had some marvellous answers to prayer, both in regard to the supply of funds for the Home and workers to assist with the work. Mr. White having detailed some of these answers to prayer, proceeded to say that a Report and Balance Sheet, duly audited, was printed each year and sent out to those who helped in the work. They had been led to take up Mission work in connection with the Home and Bro. Aylott was conducting the services. They were going forward to a larger responsibility, and yet they hardly regarded it as such, as their responsibility was to obey God. They felt that as He had been with them in the days that were past, He would be with them in the days that were to come. They were praying that He would send them more children, and that he would provide them at an early date with a little seaside cottage where the children could be sent when ill to recruit their health. The work had been in existence five years and their receipts during that time had been as follows:—First year, £54 15s. 2d.; second year, £214 7s. 7d.; third year, £204 16s. 6d.; fourth year, £246 15s. 8d.; fifth year, £332 13s. 11d. In addition to money they had received gifts in kind, clothing, furniture, &c., for which they were very thankful.

"Dr. F. A. Martin Flegg said it had given him great pleasure to attend the children as Hon. Medical officer. During the five years there had been very little serious illness, and there had only been two deaths. There was nothing now of a serious nature at all. This was all the more remarkable considering that for the most part the children came from bad homes, and had been much neglected. He was glad the Home had been enlarged, because it would give the children more air space, and this would be a great benefit to them. As the audience could see for themselves, the children were looking very well, and they were well looked after. When the children first came to the Home they generally looked miserable and dejected, but they soon brightened up under the influence of the Home.

"Mr. J. A. Aylott made a brief statement as to the Mission Services held.

"Mrs. Charles Barclay, of Hertford Heath, followed with an address full of inspiration and encouragement to the workers in connection with the home. She said that now, as in old Testament times, those who were engaged in the Lord's work, might rely upon it that the angel of His presence always went before them to lead and open up the way, and it was for them to follow. Sometimes the angel stopped the way, if the opening was not of the Lord, and it was equally important for them to be ready to stand still or retrench when so guided. Referring to the motto over the entrance to that building, 'Have faith in God,' Mrs. Barclay said that where God's work was carried on in faith, God Himself always reminded His people of His work so that it should not languish. Personally, she was brought into contact with an enormous number of good works, and it was almost impossible not to forget some of them, but God had never allowed her to forget the work of that Home. She recognised the fact that His voice had over and over again said to her, remember those Homes. A friend of hers was unable to be present that afternoon, but sent her a postal order for 5s. towards the work of the Home, which she desired her to place in the collection box, but she understood that it was against the principles on which that Home was conducted to make collections, so she would hand it to Mr. White. Before concluding, Mrs. Barclay suggested that as that Home was for motherless children, those who were in the habit of making a birthday present to their mothers when in the flesh, could not do better than apply the money that would have been so spent in helping the work amongst motherless children.

"In the evening a meeting was held presided over by Mr. V. G. Levett, of Muswell Hill, and was addressed by Mrs. Barclay, who dwelt upon the removal of difficulties 'little by little,' which, she said, would happen in the work of the Home, if the workers continued their life of faith and obedience to the Divine will. The Rev. J. Jermyn, in a sympathetic speech, part of which was devoted to charming stories for the little ones from the Home who were present at both meetings, said that the aspect of the work that struck him was the mothering element. Councillor Shepherd made an address of the greatest public interest. If anyone, he said, were at all sceptical about the work being done and the answers to prayers received, let them get into touch with Mr. White. He believed that the work in Crescent Road was going to be the means of starting something of a revival in Woodford, and that the parish would be blessed. There had been some unfavorable reports about the Homes and they had not received the justice due to them. Upon hearing these the Woodford Council had asked their Medical Officer to visit the Institution. He had done so, and his report was as favorable as it was possible for any official to give. The bright healthy faces of the children were a striking commentary upon Councillor Shepherd's testimony. During both meetings the children gave some suitable choruses and Scripture recitations."

I am afraid that space and time will not permit of my giving in exact detail all the items as they have come in during the year, but the following will give you an idea as to the way the Lord is answering our prayers respecting our daily needs. We have received during the year nearly 50 parcels of clothes which have come to us on more than one occasion just after we had been praying for them containing the very garments specially prayed for. ✕ Our hearts have been greatly cheered on hearing that friends have been led to start working parties which have had splendid results. One party making 41 pinafores and 12 overalls (all sizes); another, 5 dresses, 15 pinafores, 5 shirts, 15 pair knickers, 1 coat, 1 pair stays and 6 petticoats; another, 2 night shirts, blouse and petticoat (this is the 4th or 5th time we have received the like parcel from the same friends); another, 4 pair knickers, 1 dress, 1 blouse, 1 hat, 3 feeders, 6 pair stockings, petticoat, 3 boys' shirts, sweets, 2 dolls and 2 picture books; another, 19 garments made by a Sunday School class; another, a large parcel of flannelette garments, &c., &c. Other friends have given patchwork quilts, curtains, blankets, &c., and numerous parcels of second hand clothing.

Food too, has been sent in, and the following are some of the items. ✕ Numerous basins of dripping, coming at times just at the right moment, rabbits, alive and dead, 3 dozen tins cocoa, tea, raisins, sultanas, currants, flour, haricot beans, rice, biscuits, sugar, etc.; 5 turkeys, 6 lbs. pork sausages, 2 hams, fish, leg of mutton and two sheep's heads, rice puddings, 150 mince pies, scones, plum puddings, tarts, a large number of oranges and apples and a quantity of sweets were also received. The proceeds of two harvest festivals from the neighbouring churches were also sent, including 4 dozen bananas, 12 lbs. grapes, 15 lbs. apples, 58 lbs. bread, 4 lbs. beans, 43 lbs. potatoes, 5 lbs. carrots, 13 cabbages, 9 large marrows, 3 cucumbers, 1 bottle honey, 2 lbs. tomatoes, 4½ quartens flour and 25 lbs. potatoes, 3 lbs. onions, 3 lbs. carrots, 12 marrows, 9 beets, 6 turnips, 1 lb. beans, 2 cauliflowers, 1 melon, 8 cabbages, 7 parsnips, 5 loaves with some apples, grapes, and cut flowers.

✕ The following incident is worth notice. We had been specially praying for a typewriting machine, as the correspondence, etc., was growing, and a friend told me he knew a friend who had a second-hand one which he would sell cheaply. The gentleman was asked to bring same round for inspection, which he did; but when he saw for what purpose it was required he very kindly gave the machine to the Lord's work.

✕A cricket set, pads, swinging rope, table games, and quite a quantity of toys have been sent in during the past year.

✕A friend has kindly come on several occasions from Seven Kings to train the children in singing, and has formed a singing class for Monday evenings.

✕Two other friends have kindly given up two evenings a week to drill the children.

✕On several occasions during the year, friends have entertained the children with magic lanterns, phonographs, &c., and at times brought with them delicacies for the children. Another sister remembers the birthday of each child by sending them, through the post, a card. For these acts of love we cannot but praise God, who so disposes the hearts of others to help us in brightening the lives of His little ones.

Now with regard to the cash items I must just state a few. We commenced the year without any funds in hand, and by the 9th May had received over £20, and by the end of the month £39. Included in this are several amounts sent in by those whose hearts the Lord had touched, but who were unknown to us. Towards the end of June our need was very great, and we were praying very definitely for funds, and asking the Lord to give us a token even that evening. This was past ten o'clock and scarcely had we risen from our knees when a knock came at the door. Upon opening same we found no one there, but on the mat lay a plain envelope containing 6s. The next day £1 2s. came in, and the day following £4 3s. Later on we were again in need and £4 17s. was sent in 7 donations. Again we were quite at our extremity, and on the Sunday a friend came and put a £5 note into my hand. I mention these, but there have been many others from 1s. to £10 arriving when the till was quite empty. The honor and glory belongeth unto Him. As will be seen by the Balance Sheet we received during the year £453 6s. 11³/₄d., which brings the total, since the start of the work (six years), to £1,506 16s., and £120 13s. 0¹/₄d. larger than any other year. This of course does not include any gifts in kind, clothes, toys, &c., or the produce from our own ground and poultry.

It will be necessary to again repeat that the Home is mainly for destitute and motherless children, who are admitted after their case has undergone strict enquiries and we are well satisfied as to the genuineness of the need. Children are admitted without any sectarian distinction. Applications for admission are dealt with in the order in which they are received. Orphans and motherless children having the preference.

The visiting hours for relatives and friends of the children are every Saturday between 6 and 8 p.m. (which time must be strictly adhered to unless special permission is obtained), and for visitors, whom we shall be pleased to show over the Home, any afternoon between 3 and 5.

This time last year we had 39 children. We now have 60 under our care, 18 of whom have openly declared themselves on the Lord's side. This is more than encouraging to us, as it is our great desire to win them all for the Master.

Will friends kindly check the number and amount of their receipts with the printed list, and also see that they receive a numbered receipt for all money sent, bearing the stamp of the Home and the signature "H. W. White," to whom all gifts and donations should be sent.

In closing we would again thank our many friends who have in any way assisted this work, and would remind them that the *Word* says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me." Thus the blessing is shared by all who have helped, no matter how small the help may have been. (Deut. xxviii., 8.)

Yours in Him,

HERBERT W. WHITE,

Hon. Director.

HOME FOR DESTITUTE AND MOTHERLESS CHILDREN.

Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st May, 1905, to 30th April, 1906.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Donations	74	16	2 ¹ / ₂	By Balance of last account			0 0 11 ³ / ₄
„ Subscriptions	66	1	6	„ Rent, Rates and Taxes	134	16	10
„ Boxes	37	1	4 ¹ / ₂	„ Provisions	203	10	8
			177 19 0 ³ / ₄	„ Furniture and Linen	24	3	5
„ Sale of Old Clothes, Iron, &c. ...			8 4 11	„ Printing, Postages and Stationery	6	4	9 ¹ / ₂
„ Repayments on account of cost of board and lodging of children...	176	13	0	„ Sundry Articles of Clothing, etc., purchased for Children...	31	5	5
„ Do. do. per Mr. and Mrs. H. W. White ...	90	10	0	„ Wages	30	16	6
			267 3 0	„ Incidental expenses, including fares, sundry repairs, etc., etc.	10	2	3 ³ / ₄
				„ Fuel	9	12	2
							450 12 1 ¹ / ₂
				„ Balance carried forward			2 13 10 ³ / ₄
			£453 6 11 ³ / ₄				£453 6 11 ³ / ₄

I have examined the above Accounts with the books and vouchers, and certify the same to be correct.

14, OLD JEWRY CHAMBERS, E.C.

19th June, 1906.

ALBERT WILLMOTT, *Chartered Accountant,*

Honorary Auditor.

No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	No.	£	s.	d.	
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